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As always, we will open with Ray Rudolph's familiar newsletter greeting, so,
Dear Red Bulls, the Ladies, and Friends:

Pat **Skelly** will not have telephone access June 17-28: traveling for Norwich University graduation, then the 100th Infantry Battalion (Nisei) Reunion.

Celebrating and Preserving Our History and Achievements

At the reunion on **Friday**, July 13th, it will be **Red Shirt Day**, a Red Bull Shirt if you have it. But even if you are not at the reunion, please join us in spirit as a Red Bull that day celebrating our history and achievements.

As our numbers diminish, the Association and Chapter Newsletters become more important as a tool for sharing your histories. Please send copies (only) of your documents and recollections to us – address on the masthead of this newsletter. We'll give publication priority to computer and e-mail files and images.

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Recent Death Reports:

M/Sgt. Carl "Dutch" **Snyder** of Headquarters and L Companies, 133rd Infantry, passed away on 17 May 2007 in New Tripoli PA. He was buried with military honors. Dutch, a current Trustee and the 2001-2002 Chapter President, was a member of the the Chapter since 1994.

Capt. Stanley **Vengen** of Headquarters and 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, passed away on 26 March 2007 in East Brunswick NJ. He was buried with military honors. Stan was a member of the Chapter since 1988. He is survived by his widow, Phyllis.

Benjamin D. **Mitchell**, Jr. of A Company, 133rd Infantry passed away on 14 January 2007 in Sumter SC. He became a member of the Chapter in 1988 and is survived by his widow, Evelyn.

Oris M. **Gentry**, a Red Bull of Culver IN, passed away on 23 November, 2006. He was a former member of the Chapter, and is survived by his widow, Evelyn.

John C. **Miller**, of Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry and Culver OH has been reported as deceased. We have no date or detail. John, the 1992-1993 Chapter President, was a member of the Chapter since 1986.

*"May they have no more hills to climb,
nor cold, nor rain, nor mud, nor enemy fire,
and may they now rest in Peace."*

Reverse Drawing Winners

Preliminary winners, \$25. each, in our **2007 Reverse Drawing**, have thus far been Marion **Rudolph**, Walt **Nowotarski**, James E **Roehm**, Marilyn **Andrews**, Joseph **Bartholomai**, Ed **Regan**, Alvin **Hezlep**, and Bill **Glaesser**. There are still two more preliminary drawings to go. This program helps support Chapter operations.

Entries are still being accepted toward the 2007 Grand Prize. Send a check for \$25. marked "2007 Reverse Drawing". If you are entering for another person, give their name as well.

The **2008 Reverse Drawing** can also be entered at this time, with the usual ten \$25. preliminary prizes in the months leading up to final drawing at next year's reunion.

Online News

The most recent newsletters of both the National Association and the Tri-State Chapter are now online at

<http://www.34infdiv.org/tristate/0706.pdf>

and additional copies of the reunion and membership forms can be printed from there

The Red Bull **1st Brigade Combat Team**, currently deployed in Iraq, has an excellent and frequently updated website at:

<http://www.redbullweb.com/>

Their tour of duty has been extended by four months, until approximately August. Some 25 soldiers have been lost.

June 4, 1944 ... June 4, 2007

As this Newsletter is finished, it is the 63rd anniversary of our liberation of **Rome**. (D-Day was still future history.)

2007 Tri-State Reunion – Pittsburgh – July 12–15

The Holiday Inn – GreenTree in Pittsburgh, site of our 1998 and 2001 reunions, will once again be our host. Additional copies of the registration forms may be printed from the Association website, or obtained by contacting Pat Skelly or Ray Rudolph.

The Hotel Registration Deadline is June 23rd.

Our 2007 Tri-State Chapter 33rd Annual Reunion opens with the usual Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening, July 12th, and ends with the Memorial Service and Breakfast on Sunday morning, July 15th.

THURSDAY, July 12

- Registration and Hospitality Room
- Ice Cream Social

FRIDAY, July 13

- Registration and Hospitality Room
- Continental Breakfast
- Officers, Trustees, Past Presidents Breakfast and Meeting
- Regular shuttle runs which will take you to Station Square,
- from there you can get to Molly's Trolley or the DUKW Tour;
- Dinner with Cash Bar, Reverse Drawing, Silent Auction, 50–50 Raffle.

SATURDAY, July 14

- Registration and Hospitality Room
- Continental Breakfast
- Annual Business Meeting
- BBQ Lunch and Pool Party
- Banquet with Cash Bar, Dinner Theater Entertainment

SUNDAY, July 15

- Memorial Service
- Buffet Breakfast
- Officer's Wrap-up Meeting

Please write or call Ray **Rudolph** – 1460 Anderson Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15209; (412)486–6536 – if you are interested in following reunion activities:

- The Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening, July 12 (please send \$7. per person now to Ray **Rudolph**);
- Shuttle transportation to and from Station Square on Friday. (\$5. donation requested);
- The Molly's Trolley tour of Pittsburgh (list price);
- The DUKW ('Duck') tour of the river and riverfront (list price).

We will also somehow squeeze two extra features into our schedule for this reunion:

- We have a photo 'retrospective' on Carl "Dutch" **Snyder** which includes his April 2005 and April 2007 trips back to Italy.
- Pat Skelly will offer copies and a discussion of his final Masters degree project, *World War II Military Chaplains in Combat*. It features Father Albert **Hoffman** of the 133rd Infantry Regiment and Pastor Israel **Yost** of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Nisei) which was a part of the 133rd Infantry from Salerno to Rome.

Members, family, or friends who can only attend a few activities should contact Ray **Rudolph** or Pat **Skelly**.

All officers, trustees, and past presidents are asked to attend a Friday morning breakfast business meeting at 8:00 a.m. They are also asked to join in a 30-minute officers wrap-up meeting after the Sunday morning breakfast.

We will again take pictures for a reunion book this year. If anyone with a digital camera wishes to contribute their images to the pool, we will download them to the 'official' computer at the end of the reunion. The reunion book will be published in the Fall. It's an internal project, so it will go at roughly cost. At this point I'm hoping to bring it in at about \$10.-\$12., largely controlled by the number of color photo pages.

2007 National Reunion – Des Moines – Sept. 6–9

The National reunion will again be at the Holiday Inn, 4800 Merle Hay Rd. Registration and program details are now on the Association website <http://www.34infdiv.org/>

New Locations and Directions

Ray **Rudolph** would like to hear your ideas for the future direction of the Chapter.

- What cities should the Chapter consider for future reunions?
- Could you be part of the local host team if we have a reunion in your area?
- Would you be interested in monthly or quarterly luncheon meetings if they were within an hour's drive of your location?
- Would you be interested in a day-trip by bus or van to the World War II Memorial in Washington DC?
- How can the Tri-State Chapter better serve you?

