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

A Short Note about our President ...

Greetings to the Tri-State Members and Families:

Martin **Winkle**, our Tri-State Chapter President, has been ill since mid-January, and has spent this winter shifting between hospitals and rehabilitation facilities.

We are especially grateful to Martin's niece and her husband, Carol and John Ferry, who have been constant helpers for Martin and who have kept in close touch with us for online reports about Martin's progress and status.. These bulletins are being placed in a new online forum of the Association website – its 'link' address is the second one (<http://pub4 ...>) shown in the masthead above.

Pat Skelly,
writing for and about Martin

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Joe **Kolakowski**
- 2009 Carlisle (target) Reunion Lead:
Pat **Skelly**

Recent Death Reports:

Shizuya "Cesar" **Hayashi**, of A Company, 100th Infantry Battalion, 133rd Infantry, and Pearl City HI passed away on 12 March 2008. Hayashi was the last survivor among the twenty Medal of Honor recipients of the World War II 34th Infantry Division. See more about him elsewhere in this newsletter.

Norman W. **Morgan** of the 3rd Battalion, 133rd Infantry, and of Aspinwall and Cabot PA also passed away on 25 March. I thank William Jakovac of the Aspinwall American Legion Post for sharing the news with us.

Evelyn D. **Hoerner** of Plum PA and widow of Robert F. Hoerner, 34th Division Headquarters, also passed away on 25 March. They were members of the Tri-State Chapter since 1988.

Camilo **Morones** of Hillsdale MI and Cannon Company, 133rd Infantry, passed away last year. He and Ernie **Braman**, same unit, had a friendship that, like brothers, spanned the decades.

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

Reunion News ...

July 10th – 13th, returning to the Holiday Inn Greentree in **Pittsburgh**. The registration and program details are inside. Bill **Mauldin** rises again: our guest and speaker at the reunion banquet will be Todd **DePastino**, author of the recent biography, **Bill Mauldin: A Life Up Front**.

2008 Reverse Drawing

The first seven preliminary winners in the 2008 Reverse Drawing are

- Jim **Feutz** of Dover OH,
- Ed **Hess**, Sr. of Media PA,
- Robert **Polinsky** of Forest Hills NY,
- Louis **Vago** of Palm Beach Gardens FL,
- Ed **Hess**, Jr. of Media PA,
- Thomas **Wilson** of Doylestown PA,
- Joseph **Bartholomai** of Connellsville PA.

\$25. checks have now been issued to them, but Ed **Hess**, Sr., Robert **Polinsky**, and Ed **Hess**, Jr. have donated those winnings back to the Chapter. Thanks, guys!

Entries are still being accepted for the **2008 Reverse Drawing** until the day of the final drawing. Send a check (or cash) for \$25. marked "2008 Reverse Drawing" to the address on the masthead. If you are entering for another person, give their name as well.

You do not need to be present to win.

Membership Report: 264

Our present membership stands at 264, down from 279 at the end of 2007. This loss comes primarily from dropping those who had not renewed their membership since 2004.

In addition there are currently 20 copies of the newsletter sent as complimentary distribution – business, press, military, and potential new members.

New members are Carol and John **Ferry** of Seven Fields PA, who have been named as Honorary Members in recognition for their support to Martin Winkle.

Financial Report: \$7,416.

Our financial report for the prior fiscal year, ending December 2007, is still to be audited. The end of year bank balance was **\$6,449**.

As of this writing in early April, our bank balance is **\$7,416**.

The additional funds which have been donated by many of you to support Tri-State Chapter operating expenses have been the key to our financial stability, and have more than offset that loss of income when we opted to waive dues for the widows of our departed veterans.

This Newsletter is also found online:

The 'URL' is <http://www.34infdv.org/tristate/0804.pdf>.

Third Report on Reunions

Tri-State 2008:

I continue to work with Terri **Truchan** at the Holiday Inn Pittsburgh-GreenTree, where we return for our 2008 Tri-State Chapter reunion, **July 10–13**. We will have a setting and program comparable to that of last year for about the same price. The Registration form is included with this Newsletter mailing.

I will be in Pittsburgh on April 11th to meet with Terri as well as our local officers,; Martin **Winkle**, Joe **Kolakowski**, and Ray **Rudolph**.

Problems we encountered last year with meal options and with housekeeping have been resolved. All rooms on the first floor of the hotel were renovated this past Winter.

The guest speaker for our Saturday night banquet will be Todd **DePastino**, author of the recently published biography, **Bill Mauldin: A Life Up Front**. Our activities will include a book signing – **bring your copy or buy one at the reunion**. We hope also to have copies available of a new two-volume set of Mauldin's World War II cartoons.

We have made arrangements within the Chapter for our local transportation to off-site activities.

Please don't forget to bring items for our Friday night Silent Auction, which has been known to get loud at moments!

National 2008:

The 2008 National Association Reunion will take place in **Des Moines** and Camp Dodge IA on **September 4–7**; the hotel is again Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Northwest, on Merle Hay Road near I-35/I-80.

Tri-State 2009:

Work is continuing for a return to **Carlisle PA**, home of the Army Heritage Museum and the Military History Institute, for our 2009 Tri-State Chapter Reunion. The dates will be **July 16–19** – one week later than our normal pattern. The National Association has been asked to consider this as the site and date for their 2009 reunion as well.

Tri-State Refund Policy:

We will continue our practice of a full refund to any Chapter reunion registrant who has to drop out of our reunions because of medical problems. We all have our moments of stress, and the Chapter assures you that last minute medical cancellations will not be one of those moments.

Shizuya Hayashi, R.I.P.

Whoever is remembered in our "Taps" section was important to one or more of us. This time, for me, it was a soldier I met last summer; I talked with him, I talked with his daughter, Mimi Nakano: he was simply an Infantry Private, a "ground-pounder", doing the job he was trained to do, and protecting his comrades. Shizuya **Hayashi** was the last survivor among our twenty Red Bull recipients of the Medal of Honor. His was presented for action at Cerasuolo, that awful time in the mountains south of Cassino.

In case you don't recognize the background in photo below, it was taken while Hayashi was on a recent trip in a C17 of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Shizuya Hayashi.



Citation:

Private Shizuya Hayashi distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 29 November 1943, near Cerasuolo, Italy. During a flank assault on high ground held by the enemy, Private Hayashi rose alone in the face of grenade, rifle, and machine gun fire. Firing his automatic rifle from the hip, he charged and overtook an enemy machine gun position, killing seven men in the nest and two more as they fled. After his platoon advanced 200 yards from this point, an enemy antiaircraft gun opened fire on the men. Private Hayashi returned fire at the hostile position, killing nine of the enemy, taking four prisoners, and forcing the remainder of the force to withdraw from the hill. Private Hayashi's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.

Rank and organization: Private, U.S. Army, Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate).

Place and date: Cerasuolo, Italy, 29 November 1943.

Born: 28 November 1917, Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii

Entered service: March 1941, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Died: 12 March 2008, Pearl City, Oahu, Hawaii

Until another generation, another war, another soldier simply doing his job, there will not be another Medal of Honor recipient walking among the Red Bulls. Thank you for allowing me this editorial moment of remembrance.

Another Red Bull Picture ...

Someone had recently asked me if I had any photos of Red Bulls in combat which showed the division insignia. The first one I ran across fits with this page, because they are all members of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Nisei).

Now I just have to remember who asked for these pictures. 'Post-It' notes have a way of getting lost!



Little Notes in My Mailbox ...

Carroll Baber of Shawnee OK and A/133 writes,
"It is very doubtful I will make it to the 2009 reunion. We do plan on the 2008 [National] reunion since it will be in Des Moines. I will be 90 by then and am having lots of back problems, so anything can happen. Hope all is well with you. I enjoyed the newsletter.

Regards
Carroll Baber"

We have a new address for our Chaplain Emeritus and veteran of C/133:

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Laurinburg NC 28352

Art Haugen of Bella Vista AR and HQ/135 writes,
"We are all doing O.K. – The usual aches and pains – Our traveling days are limited now. Keep up the good work."

John Gorman of Endicott NY and HQ/133 writes, "Thank you for your good work."

In Closing, An Editor's Rambling...

I have placed on a digital CD a 700 page collection of documents which were a draft, but not published, history of the 135th Infantry Regiment in World War II. If you would like a copy – the CD, not the 700 pages – please contact me, Pat Skelly. My address is on the newsletter masthead. The introduction to that work is also online at URL

<http://www.milhist.net/goldstar/x2011/>