



# Tri-State Chapter 34th Infantry Division Association

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## Please note and then act upon the Membership Renewal and National Reunion Registration.

As always, we will open with Ray Rudolph's familiar newsletter greeting, so,

**Dear Red Bulls, the Ladies, and Friends:**

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### 2008 Reverse Drawing

The ten preliminary winners in the **2008 Reverse Drawing** were

- 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.
- Rosemary **Mayer** of Tonawanda NY.
- Edward **Regan** of Palm Harbor FL.
- Mary **Hamer** of Beaver Creek OH.

The several winners at the Reunion were:

- Ed **Hess, Jr.** of Media PA.
- Edward **Regan** of Connellsville PA.
- Edward **Rottmund** of Lancaster PA.
- Pat **Skelly** of Pocasset MA.

The Grand Prize of \$290. was taken by Ed Hess, Jr. That prize, and another \$70. from other winners over the year were graciously donated back to the Chapter in support of our operations.

Entries are now being accepted for the **2009 Reverse Drawing**. Include the entry in your membership renewal, or just send a check (or cash) for \$25. marked "2009 Reverse Drawing" to the address on the masthead. If you are entering for another person, give their name as well.

### New members

Jo Ann **Price**, daughter of J O Maxwell, K/135  
David **Bishop**, grandson of Carroll Knapp, L/133  
Carol and John **Ferry**; Carol is the niece of Martin Winkle, G/133  
Anne **Sauter**, daughter of Charles Hastings, 2ndBn/135  
John **Daurio**, son of Phil Daurio, F/135

## Membership Report: 258

Our 2008 year-end membership stood at 258, down from 279 at the end of 2007 year-end. This loss comes primarily from dropping those who had not renewed their membership since 2004. We may soon lose another 21, those who had not renewed their membership since 2005

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## Financial Report: \$5,567.

Our financial report for the fiscal year, ending December 2008, is still to be audited. A draft report shows that:

- Our end-of-year balance for **2007** was **\$6,448**.
- Our end-of-year balance for **2008** was **\$5,567**.

We took what seems like a hard hit, but it was not a problem of our making. The Holiday Inn **Greentree** is one of ten 'Kronos' hotel properties now in "**foreclosure** without redemption". Our Chapter was and still is owed **\$656**. I now consider it a 'bad debt'.

Without that hit, our funds would only have shrunk by 4% for the year. The bad debt by itself was a 10% hit.

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.

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## Italy in 2009? Ride the "Via Red Bull"

At our 2008 National Reunion an official Italian highway sign for the **34th U.S. Infantry Division "Red Bull" Road** was presented to the Association by Paolo Cecconi, the Mayor of Vernio, Italy.

This reconstructed road connects **Vernio** to the A1 Autostrada at **Barberino di Mugello**. It passes near our memorial at Torricella – Hill 810 – and will be officially dedicated and opened on **20 September 2009**.

Any Association members who will be traveling in Italy at about that time are invited as honored guests to attend that ceremony. Contact Pat Skelly for more information.



## Recent Death Reports:

Nathaniel **Levison**, died 23 July 2006, Fort Lee NJ, 1Bn/133, member since 2004, survived by Sylvia.

Matthew **Taraborelli**, Sr., died 23 August 2007, Havertown PA, L/133, member since 1984.

Marguerite **Hastings**, died 19 September 2007, LaRue OH, wife of Charles Hastings.

William J. **Higgins**, died 16 March 2008, Denver CO, I,F/135, member since 1988.

Ernest F. **Biasucci**, died 29 March 2008, Mineral Ridge OH, D/135, member since 1988, survived by Martha.

Martin W. **Winkle**, died 15 April 2008, Monaca PA, G/133, member since 1974;

Tri-State Chapter President 2006–07,  
Past President 1978–79.

Robert **Scheifley**, died 29 May 2008, Plantation FL, M/135, member since 1999.

Russell **Rutherford**, 29 May 2008, Landisville PA, I/168, member since 1990, survived by Marie.

Allan I. **Pohn**, 10 June 2008, Toronto Ontario Canada, H/135, member since 1994, survived by Esther.

Jacob "Jack" **Berman**, died 29 June 2008, Chestnut Ridge NY, G/168, member since 2002.

Eugene H. "Jim" **Lewis**, 12 July 2008, Remington IN, H/168, member since 1986, survived by Laverne;  
Past President 1998–99.

Paul **Lackland**, died 3 August 2008, Washington DC, A/185FA, member since 1995.

Jack **Schoelkopf**, died 19 September 2008, Ocean View DE, E/168, member since 2000.

John G. **Taylor**, died 5 October 2008, Newtown Square PA, L/168, member since 1993, survived by Alma;

Past President 1999–2000.

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**This Newsletter is also found online:**

The 'URL' is <http://www.34infdiv.org/tristate/t0903.pdf>

## Machiavelli: 27 Rules of Military Wisdom

Machiavelli had 27 Rules of military discipline which were described in his book *The Art of War*. Upon reading the book, you may find that many of them were very similar to rules that Sun Tzu and Clausewitz popularized both before and after Machiavelli.

*"I know that I have spoken to you of many things, which you have been able to understand and consider by yourselves; none the less, I have done this ((as I also told you today)) to be able to show you, through them, the better kind of training, and also to satisfy those, if there should be any, who had not had that opportunity to learn, as you have. Nor does it appear to me there is anything left for me to tell you other than some general rules, with which you should be very familiar: which are these:"*

\* What benefits the enemy, harms you; and what benefits you, harms the enemy.

\* Whoever is more vigilant in observing the designs of the enemy in war, and endures much hardship in training his army, will incur fewer dangers, and can have greater hope for victory.

\* Never lead your soldiers into an engagement unless you are assured of their courage, know they are without fear, and are organized, and never make an attempt unless you see they hope for victory.

\* It is better to defeat the enemy by hunger than by steel; in such victory fortune counts more than virtue.

\* No proceeding is better than that which you have concealed from the enemy until the time you have executed it.

\* To know how to recognize an opportunity in war, and take it, benefits you more than anything else.

\* Nature creates few men brave, industry and training makes many.

\* Discipline in war counts more than fury.

\* If some on the side of the enemy desert to come to your service, if they be loyal, they will always make you a great acquisition; for the forces of the adversary diminish more with the loss of those who flee, than with those who are killed, even though the name of the fugitives is suspect to the new friends, and odious to the old.

\* It is better in organizing an engagement to reserve great aid behind the front line, than to spread out your soldiers to make a greater front.

\* He is overcome with difficulty, who knows how to recognize his forces and those of the enemy.

\* The virtue of the soldiers is worth more than a multitude, and the site is often of more benefit than virtue.

\* New and speedy things frighten armies, while the customary and slow things are esteemed little by them: you will therefore make your army experienced, and learn (the strength) of a new enemy by skirmishes, before you come to an engagement with him.

\* Whoever pursues a routed enemy in a disorganized manner, does nothing but become vanquished from having been a victor.

\* Whoever does not make provisions necessary to live (eat), is overcome without steel.

\* Whoever trusts more in cavalry than in infantry, or more in infantry than in cavalry, must settle for the location.

\* If you want to see whether any spy has come into the camp during the day, have no one go to his quarters.

\* Change your proceeding when you become aware that the enemy has foreseen it.

\* Counsel with many on the things you ought to do, and confer with few on what you do afterwards.

\* When soldiers are confined to their quarters, they are kept there by fear or punishment; then when they are led by war, (they are led) by hope and reward.

\* Good Captains never come to an engagement unless necessity compels them, or the opportunity calls them.

\* Act so your enemies do not know how you want to organize your army for battle, and in whatever way you organize them, arrange it so that the first line can be received by the second and by the third.

\* In a battle, never use a company for some other purpose than what you have assigned it to, unless you want to cause disorder.

\* Accidents are remedied with difficulty, unless you quickly take the facility of thinking.

\* Men, steel, money, and bread, are the sinews of war; but of these four, the first two are more necessary, for men and steel find money and bread, but money and bread do not find men and steel.

\* The unarmed rich man is the prize of the poor soldier.

\* Accustom your soldiers to despise delicate living and luxurious clothing.

## 34th Infantry Division Association • 62nd Annual Reunion • July 15th – 19th, 2009 • Carlisle PA

This year's 62nd reunion of our Association is being hosted by the Tri-State Chapter, under President Phil Daurio (F/135). We are also working with the Northeastern Chapter of the 88th Infantry Division Association to enjoy a shared experience with 'Blue Devil' veterans who served with and alongside us in Italy.

Carlisle Barracks is very important in today's army as the home of the Army War College. But it is also important to us because it is a home for your history: the Army Heritage and Education Center, the Military History Institute, and the Army Heritage Museum.

### THE ARRANGEMENTS

**Lodging:** the Reunion Headquarters will be the **Comfort Suites Carlisle** – 10 S. Hanover St., telephone (800) 704-1188 - which will offer us rooms at the current military per diem rate, \$84. With taxes this comes to \$91. per room night. They were the site for the Tri-State Chapter reunion in 2005, and provided us with outstanding support. Breakfasts are complimentary. Parking in the Borough covered garage next door is available, \$3. per day with 'in and out' privileges; arrange this as you register. Please make your reservations early.

A **Hospitality Room** will be available Wednesday through Saturday, generally 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. except at mealtimes. Our memorabilia and historical documents will be displayed. Snacks and drinks (including beer and wine) will be available. It's your task to bring the conversation!

We will provide **van transportation** to and from the Harrisburg International **Airport** or the Harrisburg **Amtrak** Station. With our van, and assists from other attendees, we can also help you with in-town travel during the reunion. Let us know your requirements as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind that you need to do two things in order to join us in Carlisle:

- Make the **Hotel reservation** – Comfort Suites Carlisle, (800) 704-1188
- Send in your **Reunion program registration** – the form is included in this newsletter.

Final details and any updated information will be posted to our Association website ( <http://www.34infdiv.org> ) and in our next newsletter.

### THE PROGRAM

**Wednesday evening, July 15,** we will gather at the **Gingerbread Man** just around the corner from Comfort Suites. They have good bar/pub food, great sandwiches, delicious soups and chili, and a manager who has a deep appreciation for our history.. \$8 per person covers appetizers and your first drink; food and drinks after that will be settled with your server. This will be our first chance to socialize during this busy reunion, to meet new friends and come together again with old friends.

**Thursday, July 16th,** we have set up a day trip to the **Gettysburg National Military Park** with its new Museum and Visitor Center. We will travel by air-conditioned bus with restroom. The initial part of our visit will feature the film "*We are Met on a Great Battlefield*", the recently re-installed "*Battle of Gettysburg*" cyclorama, and the Gettysburg Museum of the

American Civil War. The Visitor Center also contains an extensive book and museum store. We will then head to a buffet lunch at the nearby Pike Restaurant and Lounge. In the afternoon we will be taken on a guided tour of the battlefield before returning to our hotel. \$50. per person will cover the bus, museum, lunch, and tour.

**Friday, July 17th,** we will take a bus over to the nearby **U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center** where the staff of the **Military History Institute** will greet us with a layout of the documents of our history – regiments, divisions, Fifth Army, battles and personal stories. We can also copy for you pages of the documents that speak directly to your own history, and guide you through the special displays that have been organized by the **Army Heritage Museum** staff. During our lunch break, their outstanding staff will share with you how they see your history. It's always valuable to learn how eminent military historians see your combat contributions. Lunch is on your own, either a box lunch from Courthouse Commons (near the hotel) or purchased at the staff snack bar. We can also see the **Military Heritage Trail**, with its reconstruction of a WW II barrack area, and the ongoing construction of the new **Visitor and Education Center**.

**Friday evening, July 17th,** our joint **dinner**, with subsequent Raffles, Silent Auction, and the Tri-State Reverse Drawing, will open with a cash bar at **6 p.m.**, then dinner at 6:30. The main course offerings will be Beef Tips Burgundy with Penne Pasta or Mediterranean Chicken.

**Saturday morning, July 18th,** will start at **9:00 a.m.** with the **business meetings** of our several organizations: the presentation and approval of reports, elections, and decisions on their future activities.

At **11:00** we will join together for a **Memorial Service** conducted by Chaplain (Col.) Clinton Wolf (Ret.) of the Iowa National Guard. It will include a remembrance of recently deceased members of both the 34th Infantry Division Association and the 88th Infantry Division Association, as well as any losses in our present and recently deployed forces.

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

Following the Memorial Service we will gather for a cold deli **luncheon** and then have the rest of the afternoon for relaxation and the sharing of memories.

**Saturday evening, July 18th,** will be our last formal gathering of this reunion, the **Banquet**, with cash bar at **6 p.m.** and dinner at 6:30. Following the presentation of colors, invocation, and recognition of our special guests, we will feast on Chicken Cordon Bleu or Comfort Suites' own Crab Cakes. As we start dessert and coffee we turn our attention to greet our new officers, present our keynote speaker (to be announced), have – we hope – a very special presentation, and then relax, sing, and dance to the music and voice of our musician, Danny Quinn, who performed for our pleasure here in Carlisle in 2005.

**Sunday morning, July 19th,** we will say once again our **farewells** after breakfast, hoping that we will meet again next year. Bon voyage, safe home!



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**Dues Payment, Donations, Reverse Drawing for 2009**

Tri-State Chapter dues are \$10. per year (January – December); dues are waived for widows.  
National Association dues are \$10. per year (September – August)  
Tri-State Chapter members are expected to be National Association Members.

Enclosed is:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership in the Tri-State Chapter  
Your present membership expires in December, \_\_\_\_\_  
This Chapter does not have a Life Membership program  
[ ] Check here if you need a Tri-State Chapter Membership Card.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership in the 34th Infantry Division Association  
[ ] I am a Life Member of the National Association Life Member, no dues owed.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ as a donation in support of Tri-State Chapter operations. **Thank you.**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ as a donation toward our National Association's Memorial Fund.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for my Reverse Drawing entries.(\$25. each).

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to **Tri-State Chapter**. Check # \_\_\_\_\_ **Again, thank you.**

**Membership Application, Updates**

(Current members need enter only their name and any information which is incorrect on our mailing label.)  
Please include your E-mail address if you have one. Thank you

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

34th Inf Div Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reverse Drawing**

\$25. per entry (see above), you do not need to be a member or to be at the reunion to be a winner.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] If I am one of the final names to be drawn, I want go all the way (no split).

or

[ ] I agree to split the Grand Prize when we're down to \_\_\_\_\_ names (choose among 2, 3, 4).

# ***REGISTRATION FORM***

## **34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION TRI-STATE CHAPTER, 34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION NORTHEASTERN CHAPTER, 88TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2009 REUNIONS, JULY 15th - 19th, at CARLISLE PENNSYLVANIA**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF YOUR GUESTS/FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY \_\_\_\_\_

### **REGISTRATION FEE AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST**

Wed-Sun. July 15 - 19 Fri., July 17 Sat., July 18	<b>REUNION PACKAGE:</b> Hospitality Room, Business and Social Meetings, Dinner: Raffle, Auction, Entertainment Memorial Service; Lunch; Banquet, Keynote, Entertainment
	NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ x \$100 = _____
Wednesday July 15	<b>GINGERBREAD MAN PUB, EVENING SOCIAL GATHERING</b> NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ x \$8 = _____
Thursday July 16	<b>GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK, MUSEUM, CYCLORAMA, LUNCH</b> NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ x \$50 = _____
Friday July 17	<b>U.S. ARMY HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTER, MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE</b> NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ No Charge
	TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

Registration fees will be refunded on cancellation up to June 28, or if medical reasons prevent your attendance.

### **REUNION PACKAGE PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2009**

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

**Tri-State Chapter**  
34th Infantry Division Association  
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**Call Comfort Suites Carlisle, (800) 704-1188, no later than June 14, 2009 to make your hotel reservations.**

Identify the 34th Infantry Division Reunion to receive our group rate of \$84 per night, plus tax.

These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay.

For further information: **Website** <http://www.34infdiv.org> **E-Mail** [skelly@34infdiv.org](mailto:skelly@34infdiv.org) **Telephone** (508) 524-3948