



The President's Message

Fellow Ozarks:

As in all organizations, the vice president steps in the president is unavailable. Inasmuch as President Doane had some personal family matters to attend to, Bob Eastman asked me to prepare a message for the Ozark Notes.

The following is a report of the 102nd Infantry Division Association's Final Reunion.

My wife Dolores, daughter Pamela and I arrived in Cincinnati on Sunday August 24th. We signed up for a tour each day except Thursday, when we passed on riverboat gambling at the Argosy Casino to take a side trip to historic Lebanon, Ohio, and had lunch at the Golden Lamb Hotel after browsing in the various art, antique and specialty shops.

Jerry Greer and his committee (Leonard Bosserman, Noel Bosserman, Evan Larkin and Carol Weaver) did an outstanding job organizing the reunion. All of the tours went off smoothly, and no one missed the busses departing from or returning to the hotel. The hospitality room was in full swing from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-registration was handled by the ever-dependable Ed Blackburn. We salute the ladies, Naomi Robenstine, and Kathy Skrinjar, who manned the Registration Desk this year as well as many previous reunions.

At the banquet on Saturday, we had 415 Ozarks and guests present to take part in the final reunion of the 102nd Infantry Division Association. The Colors were posted by the VFW. Bob Eastman and I had the privilege

of conducting our annual Memorial Candlelight Service in honor of departed Ozarks. General Reed announced the 20 Scholarship awards. The Monday Night Big Band provided excellent music for those who danced and those who just enjoyed listening to all the old familiar tunes.

We are sad that this was the final reunion, but we

are happy to have had the opportunity to rekindle friendships with our war buddies and develop new relationships within the Ozarks over the past 64 years. when

Joseph R. Vavra, Vice President
102nd Infantry Division Association

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OZARKS CELEBRATE HISTORIC 60 YEARS IN FINAL REUNION

The 60th and Final Reunion of the 102nd Infantry Division Association was a mixture of joy and sadness — joy for the opportunity to visit once more with comrades from WWII (and their families) and sadness that there will be no more reunions.

The business of dissolving the association and making sure the Memorial Scholarship program is continued as long as possible was handled by the Executive Committee and Scholarship Committee. A story elsewhere in this issue of the Notes gives more details about the Scholarship Trust and the transfer of association funds to the Trust account.

In the business meeting, Past President Richard Riemer moved that existing association officers have their terms of office extended for the few months that will be required to complete the legal dissolution of the association and the orderly establishment of the Scholarship Trust. It was approved by the membership in a unanimous voice vote.

Mini-Reunion in Branson Discussed

Bob Enkelmann, who operates a travel service out of St. Louis, Missouri, announced that he is planning a mini-reunion in Branson, Missouri, in the fall of 2009 for Ozarks and family members who are interested.

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ZEROING IN ON YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

By Joe Vavra

I was drafted in March of 1943. After Basic Training (Combat Engineers) and a tour (two terms) of ASTP at Catholic University in Washington, DC, I was sent with many others to Camp Swift in 1944. I was assigned to the Third Platoon, Company C, 406th Regiment as an assistant BAR man. From Camp Swift, the division went to Fort Dix and Camp Kilmer before shipping out to Europe on the Sea Tiger. My tour of duty with the Ozarks ended on November 20, 1944 when I was wounded in Geronsweiler.

After a short hospital stay in Paris and Wales, I was shipped to Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington, and O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri for further treatment. I was discharged in April of 1946. I married Dolores Kipta in 1945. We have two daughters, a granddaughter and one great-granddaughter so far.

I went to Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and pursued a career in Civil Engineering, working at Shell Oil, Wisconsin Electric Power and Sundstrand Aviation. I was also self-employed in the construction industry for several years.

In addition to serving as vice president of the association, I am the 406th Regimental Coordinator and C Company Coordinator/Newsletter Editor.

My wife Dolores and I have enjoyed many of the 60 Ozark Reunions. Our first was in St. Louis-1950, then Detroit-1952, Chicago-1953 and Harrisburg-1974. From 1988 until the Final Reunion we attended all but Hampton Beach-1995 and San Francisco-1997.

A LOOK BACK IN "NOTES" FILES

1989

A new book "How to Locate Anyone Who Is or Has Been in the Military" lists all major veteran and military organizations and how to contact.

1991

The Association has adopted a new policy in the collection of the annual \$10 dues. For the first time in its history, the Association is sending out a dues statement.

1992

Frank Alfiero, resigns as Secretary-Treasure of the 102nd Association. Frank is only the second individual to hold this post in the 44-year history of the association. He took over in 1984 upon the death of Abe Mitchell, who became secretary-treasurer when the Association was formed in 1948. Frank served during a period when the association enjoyed its greatest growth.

Minutes of Membership Meeting At Final Reunion in Cincinnati

The regular membership meeting of the 102nd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. was held at the Sheraton Cincinnati North Hotel, Cincinnati, MO, on the 30th day of August 2008 at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

President Doane F. Blair called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Joe Vavra.

The president called on Bob Enkleman to read an e-mail from Jan and Army Senden of Schindveld, Holland. This couple has attended 102nd Association Reunions. They are two of the caretakers of the graves of 102nd Division soldiers buried at the Margratten Military Cemetery in Holland. They expressed sadness on seeing the association's dissolution, but said they understand the reason it is being done. They also said they will be forever grateful for their liberation from Nazi occupation by the Ozarks. Enkleman also mentioned a possible mini-reunion in Branson, Missouri in 2009.

The president announced that Past President and Historian Richard L. Riemer will be Parliamentarian for the meeting. President Blair introduced the members at the head table.

Riemer was asked to discuss the dissolution process. He reported that the Executive Committee had met and that, in accordance with the by-laws, all active members of the Association had been advised of the proposed dissolution. He said the Committee is proceeding with the dissolution process. The State of New Jersey will be consulted and asked for instructions on action that will meet its requirements. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service will be notified of the dissolution.

Riemer also announced that a TRUST to be known as the 102nd Infantry Division Association Memorial Scholarship Trust is in the process of being established. This Trust will be accepted as a tax exempt entity by the Internal Revenue Service. The purpose of the Trust is to manage the scholarship funds, select qualified applicants, and award scholarships to those selected. The Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee were Robert Enkleman, James Alspaugh and General Wilson Reed.

The scholarships awarded for 2008 will be paid from the Association funds. When all financial obligations of the association have been met, the remaining funds will be transferred to the 102nd Infantry Division Association Memorial Scholarship Trust.

Any and all unforeseen expenses, taxes, fees that may arise after the funds have been transferred will be paid by the Trust.

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Tap

Blyskal	Michael S.	Tinton Falls, NJ	405-F	04/02/08
Cree	John	Elizabeth, IN	407-H	12/02/98
Davis	Herman V.	Dayton, TN	102-Sig	12/02/98
Huffman	Madison B.	Bassett, NE	802-Ord	08/01//02
Jackson	William	Washington, DC	407-C	08/07/02
McDonald	Milton	Natchitoches, LA	407-1	07/09/08
Milbee	Paul	New Haven, CT	405-1	05/27/08
Smith	Col. Norman	Middleburg, VA		407-1
Stoddard	William R.	Taylor, SC	327-Med	02/01/02
Wilson	John	Geneva, IL	407-K / L	09/12/08
Youngquist	Arthur	Stratford, CT		405-1
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OZARKS FINAL REUNION

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He said he will provide a package deal that will include hotel accommodations, transportation for tours, shows featuring nationally popular entertainers, most meals, a trip to the veteran's museum, and a trip to the Branson Belle Showboat, as well as a farewell sit-down dinner.

Details about the mini-reunion, including price, will be listed in a brochure expected to be available early summer 2009. Meanwhile, those interested can call Enkleman at 1-800-280-0222 or send an email to robertenkelnmann@sbcglobal.net.

WWII Ozarks shared lots of stories in the Hospitality Room each night, at meals, or on buses enroute to tour sites. They talked about the boredom of a static front line in foxholes, bunkers or cellars. They talked a little about advancing against enemy fire in attacks or defending against enemy assaults. They also talked about good times — the rare trips to showers, an occasional pass (if they were lucky) to Paris, Switzerland, the Riviera or London. Family members listened attentively as veterans shared their memories.

Associate member Barbie Bowman suggested that some of the younger associates establish a new 102nd Infantry Association. However, no action was taken on her suggestion as a hotel fire alarm sounded. When a second alarm sounded moments later, President Doan Blair declared the meeting adjourned and members evacuated the meeting room. A few minutes later the hotel staff announced that it was a false alarm — no fire.

Ozark Scholarships Statistics

Over 100 applications were sent to 27 American States and 2 Canadian Provinces.

45 Applications Received:

From Young Women 23

From Young Men 22

45 Sponsors Were From:

Special Troops 3
Field Artillery 5
405th Regiment 10
406th Regiment 11
407th Regiment 13
327th Medical 3

CROSSING THE ROER GET-TOGETHERS

For 29 years, George Hagerty (927FAHQ) chaired the planning and production of an annual "Crossing the Roer" memorial get-together in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. General Wilson Reed was usually a keynote speaker at the gathering, and Ozarks from around the U.S. met to remember that mornin^g of February 23, 1945.



The division history "With the 102d Chairman George Hagerty Infantry Division Through Germany", describes that morning as follows:

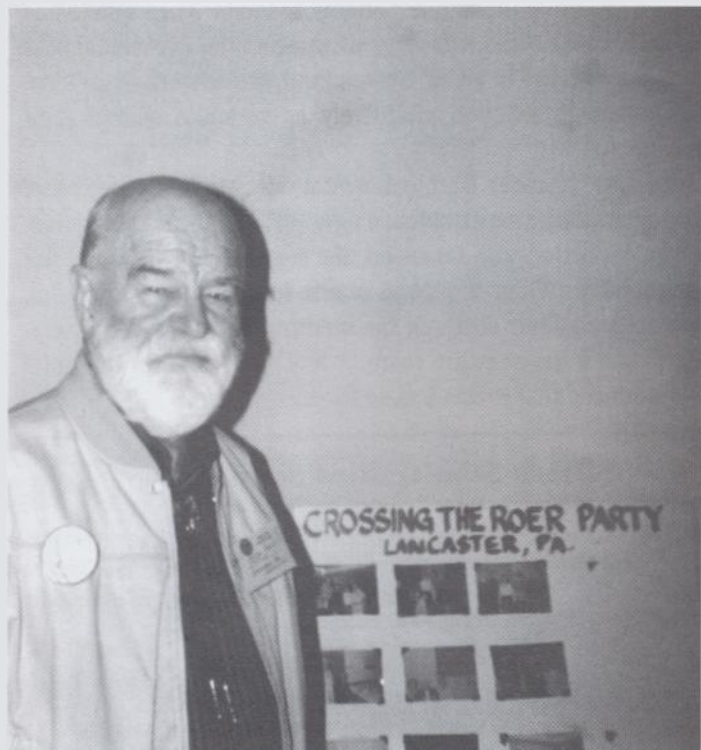
"The valley of the Roer was ablaze with the fire of exploding shells and tracers. One wondered how anything could live under the glare of artillery muzzle flashes and the brilliance of bursting shells. The din-deafened troops scurried down the steep bank to waiting boats. Clouds of smoke and the aroma of burning powder drifted over the valley in ever-increasing volume. The long expected offensive was actually under way."

The memorial meeting was always held in February. The first one was in 1974, and the last one was in 2003. It regularly drew large numbers, considering the location and time of the year. One participant said "war-time experiences, latest news of comrades, and pitchers of beer were always plentiful."

Several Ozarks living in Pennsylvania assisted Hagerty, including the Fenstermachers and the Emerichs.



AN OZARK WALKS INTO THE WWII PAST



General Wilson Reed delivered a keynote address at many of the Crossing the Roer Gatherings.



FORMER FOES — During visits to the Ozarks battlegrounds in the 1980s and 90s, American and German soldiers met in peace and talked about those days of fighting in the Roer Valley. Shown above are (left to right) Sgt. Franz Schmitz, and Lt. Hugo Denkhaus, 10th ^{SS} Panzer Division; General Bill Douglas, 102nd Infantry Division, and General Heinz Harmel, 10th SS Panzer Division.

Mini Ozark Reunion in 2009 Is Proposed by Enkelmann

A mini-reunion for Ozarks and families is being developed by Bob Enkelmann, 405-H. Bob, who operates a travel service, is developing a package in Branson, Missouri, and says he already has about 100 who have expressed interest.

Some of the attractions he is considering for the package include:

Veterans Memorial Museum, which features uniformed mannequins with faces of real veterans from each state. "The face of the combat infantryman from the state of Florida is Jim Brooke, a fellow Ozark who was my buddy in H-405," Enkelmann reports.

A selection of shows in Branson. Bob says "The Twelve Irish Tenors, is one of the best shows of the 100 in Branson and would likely be in the package if details can be worked out.

Tour of the Stone Hill Winery, which includes a tour of Cream Sherry production, Spumante bottling process, wine-tasting and a unique gift shop.

A reunion cruise on the Showboat Branson Belle. It includes fine entertainment and an excellent meal.

A closing dinner at The Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks. It is a rustic lodge with a unique history and fine dining.

Bob points out that planning the reunion starts with finding a hotel with the proper amenities and good room rates. When plans are complete, Bob will send information to those who have expressed interest. You can get on that list by sending an e-mail to Enkelmann at robertenkelmann@sbcglobal.com or you can call him at 800-280-0222. His mailing address is 9800 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63126.

A FIRST TIMER LOOKS BACK AND SHARES HIS FEELINGS

By Joey Oliver

As a "first timer" attending the 60th and Final Reunion of the 102nd Infantry Division Association, everything was fresh and new to me — the names, the faces, the stories and even some of the jokes. Driven by a desire to share time with my dad at an event that made his face light up whenever he talked about it, I was not sure what to expect. Would I be trapped with a bunch of cynical old men filled with bitterness who felt underappreciated by younger generations? Not even close.

From my first encounter in the shuttle ride from the airport, my first new veteran friend had that same sparkle in his eye and big smile on his face as I had seen in my dad, and the same cadence in his voice as he and his wife talked enthusiastically. What I found were some of the brightest, most hospitable, fun loving, positive, highly successful and proudest family of people that I have ever had the pleasure and privilege of being around. Some of the bodies may not have been as nimble as they once were, but the minds were sharp, the memories vivid, the sense of humors keen, and the aura of respect overwhelmingly prominent.

As I tried to visualize the personalities that I met digging trenches in the frozen ground from foxhole to foxhole, or sweeping for land mines, or lying motionless in the mud wondering if they would see their next birthday, the obvious became even more apparent to me. This experience not only shaped their lives, maturing them beyond their years, whether they wanted it or not, but the experience shaped all of our lives — both as part of their immediate families touched directly by these remarkable men and as citizens of this great country they so successfully represented and whose rights and freedoms they upheld.

All of us have so much for which to be thankful. I have always been thankful for my dad. I am truly blessed to be his son. And I have always been thankful for his service to his country and all of the others unknown to me who served with him. Now this family of brave men has a face for me, and what a handsome and glorious face it is. My memory will always include the eyes that smiled on me, the handshakes that so sincerely greeted me, the pride evident in the numerous widows, children and grandchildren in attendance, the stories of wartime letters and snapshots, the birthdays celebrated and the birthdays that could only be remembered, and the overall genuine excitement of being together one last time to "enjoy yourself, renew old acquaintances, meet and make new friends".

To borrow from one of the more clever TV commercials of our current day, allow me to summarize my feelings this way —

A visit to the National Museum of the United States Air Force.... priceless.

Attending a Major League baseball game with your 84-yearold dad.... priceless.

Hearing a 15-year-old sing the National Anthem in honor of her grandfathers priceless.

Being a proud member of the Ozarks family.—PRICELESS.

Thank you for being there, then and now. May God continue to bless you.

2008 OZARK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Names of the 20 Ozark \$1,000 Scholarship winners for 2008 were announced by General Wilson Reed at the closing ceremony of the 60th and Final Reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio. General Reed is chairman of the association's Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Winners	Sponsor	Unit
Bethany Leigh Brakemeyer.....	Charles Rudolph.....	406-B
Erik James Cook.....	Keith O. Parkin.....	407-C
Christopher Michael Creech	Donald Grovert.....	405-AT-C
Leigh Marie Davis.....	H. George Jacquin	405-K
Peter McNamee Dolan	Lloyd (Red) Reynolds	407-L
Amy Elizabeth Doucette	Kenneth L. Toombs	406-K
Nathaniel Bryant Gibson.....	John Bryant McCord	379 FA
Melissa Beth Gutworth.....	Robert Gutworth	407-1
Christine Katherine Harb	James B. Harb	407-L
William Davy Hurlbut.....	William Arthur Davy	405-M
Camille C. Koopman.....	Rev. James Groerich	406-G
Katharine Aubrey Maller	Robert R. Maller	406-1
Julian Heckman Mark	Thomas R. Mark	407-A (Med)
Madeline Sue May.....	John Milton May, Sr.	406-E
Chelsey Rae Panchot.....	Melvin A. Marswek	405-HQ-1
Leah Pelzel.....	Vierling Blum	406-HQ-1
Miranda Michele Romeo	Tony Romeo	405-HQ-3
Sara Elizabeth Shaffer.....	Stanley G. Berger	407-K
Andrew C. Shepherd.....	Charles J. Shepherd.....	407-L
Allison Lynn Wightman.....	Robert Eugene Wightman	406-AT

Ozark Scholarship Trust to Administer Program

A Trust to be known as the 102nd Infantry Division Association Memorial Scholarship Trust is in the process of being established. Past President Richard Reimer announced at the membership meeting on August 30. It will manage the scholarship funds, select qualified applicants and award scholarships in the future.

Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee are Robert Enkleman (405-H), James Alspaugh (406-1) and General Wilson Reed (102 HQ).

The Trust will function much as the Scholarship Committee has in the past as the 102nd Infantry Division Memorial Scholarship Program, Alspaugh commented. The Trustees will be responsible for the Trust, but they will continue to consult with members of the committee, he added. Alspaugh has served as committee secretary, has been the contact for applicants for scholarships, and has overseen the process of selecting scholarship winners.

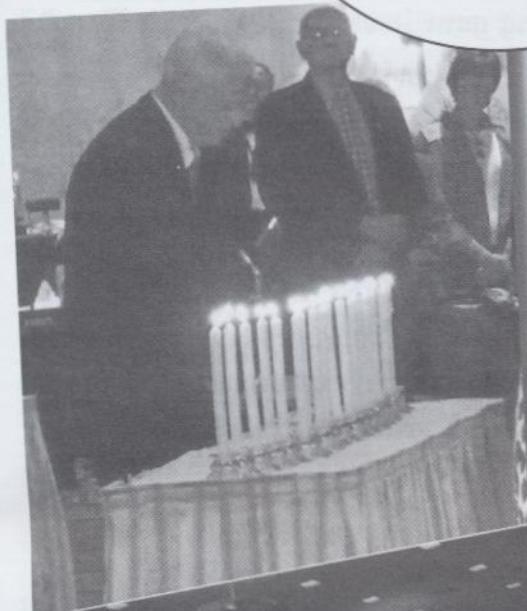
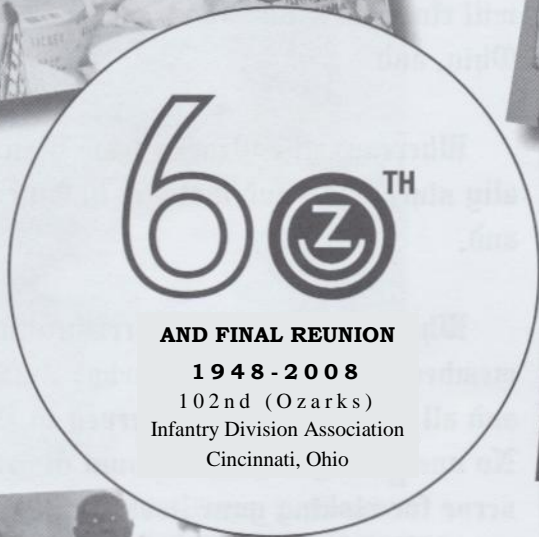
The committee will continue to rely on the present judges, who have been asked to continue to serve. In addition, he said, there will be ex-officio members who will advise and carry out special duties of legal, financial, and communication nature.

These ex-officio members were officers of the soon to be dissolved association.

Members of the committee are Gen. Reed, chairman; Enkleman, assistant chairman; and Alspaugh, secretary. Judges are Robert Joy (379 FA-C), Bill Kamsler (405 HQ), John Ledbetter (405 HQ2), W. G. Bill Reist (407-K), and Lynn Freeman (406-A). Ex-Officio members are Richard Ditton (405-L) and Ralph Baringer (406 HQ2).

The committee currently has one opening for a judge, Alspaugh said. He invited anyone interested in serving in this capacity to submit a short resume, which should list experience in evaluating personnel. If interested, contact Gen. Wilson R. Reed, 6383 Vale Street, Alexandria, VA 22312-1436.

Applications for scholarships, and instructions, qualifications, etc continue to be available from James A. Alspaugh, 4311 E. 5511 St., Tulsa, OK 74135-4830 or via email at JAALSP@aol.com.



102nd Infantry Division Association

FINANCIAL REPORT

8/21/07 to 8/24/08

OPERATING FUND

INCOME

Dues	\$ 9,363.00
Donations	7,274.45
Down Payments Reimbursed	1,478.50
Transfer (Cashed CD)	7,311.26
Interest (Checking)	9.02

TOTAL \$25,436.23

EXPENSES

Accounting Fees	\$ 3,957.50
Computer Services	7,181.25
Printing	10,899.17
Reunion Down Payments	1,478.50
Postage	772.44
Miscellaneous	498.91
Store (Product & Refunds)	305.93

TOTAL \$25,093.70

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INCOME

Donations	\$ 7,739.25
Memorials	375.00
Store	983.00
Interest (Checking)	<u>10.72</u>

TOTAL \$ 9,107.97

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$20,000.00
Postage	36.15

TOTAL \$20,036.15 TOTAL ASSETS AS OF

8/31/08

Operating Checking (Less outstanding check)	\$ 9,122.37
Scholarship Checking (Less outstanding check)	\$ 8,632.78
Certificate of Deposit 18986	\$77,362.75
Wm. R. Douglas Money Market	\$76,268.77
TOTAL	\$171,386.67

Submitted by Ralph

Beringer, Jr. Treasurer

Proclamation

Congress of the United States

Whereas, August 20, 2008 marks the date members of the 102nd Infantry Division Association will close their 60th and final reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio, and

Whereas, the Ozarks have been meeting annually since 1948 and last met in Cincinnati in 1988, and,

Whereas, on this day of celebration, we thank the members of the 102nd (Ozarks) Infantry Division, and all the veterans who served in World War II. No one can express the amount of gratitude you deserve for risking your lives during World War II and your commitment to freedom here in the United States and around the world. Your fellow citizens realize the value and significance of your service, and

Therefore, be it resolved, the men of the 102nd Infantry Division be recognized as true heroes. They have the sincere appreciation of a grateful nation for serving with selfless dedication and honor to help maintain the security of our nation during a critical time.

Jean Schmidt

Member of Congress

August 30, 2008

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The Historian has traditionally been responsible for the OZARK NOTES. After the untimely death of Hope Emerich, Bob Eastman and Del Oliver were recruited to oversee its publication. Letters, photographs and materials should be submitted to Del Oliver, 1223 Greenbrier St., Jackson, MS 39211-2737



FOURTH GENERATION FIRST TIMER—Reagan Stephenson, in her mother's lap, attracted a lot of attention when she appeared in the Hospitality Room with a First-Timer badge. She had no comment, but her mom, Angela, and her great grandfather, Elton Oltjenbruns, said she was having a great time, loving the attention.

U.S. Capitol Flag Presented To Ozarks by Host City

An American flag which was flown over the U.S. Capital building was presented to 60th Reunion Chairman Jerry Greer at the banquet on August 30, 2008,

The flag was presented to Greer by Venus Kent of the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Greer said he is hopeful the framed flag will be displayed in the Military Museum in Branson, Missouri. This would be appropriate since the 102nd existed on paper in the Army Organized Reserve allocated to the states of Missouri and Arkansas in the heart of Ozark country.

A letter framed with the flag says-,

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. "This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on April 21, 2008."

(The significance of this date is that the Ozarks last day of combat was April 21, 1945.)

"At the request of the Honorable George Voinovich, United States Senator, this flag was flown for the 102nd Infantry Division Association (The Ozarks) on the occasion of their 60th and final reunion."

Stephen T. Ayers, AIA
Acting Architect of the Capitol

A LOOK BACK IN "NOTES" FILES

1996

Keeping up with all reported deceased in the Ozark Notes TAPS section is a growing problem. From now on the Notes will publish only names of deceased Ozarks whose date of death falls in the last five years.

1997

Thanks to George Rohrer (406-M), the 102nd Infantry Division Association now has an internet home page which has proven to be of interest to many members.

1998

Company L of the 407th, announced a WWII scrapbook of its personnel and families and hopes to make a video of the material as a lasting memento.

1999

Widows, children, grandchildren and friends outnumbered 102nd veterans two to one on this year's tour group to Europe for the 55th anniversary of WWII.



4 GENERATIONS ENJOY REUNION TOGETHER—Elton Oltjenbruns (327 Med-A) celebrated the final reunion with his family, including a fourth-generation First Timer. Shown with Elton are his wife Eunice, daughter Jeri Jones, front right, granddaughter Angela Stephenson, who is holding her daughter Reagan Stephenson. Elton is the Association Coordinator for Special Troops.

MINUTES OF FINAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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There was discussion from the floor as to whether or not the Internal Revenue Code was being followed to insure the Trust would be tax exempt. Mr. Riemer stated that he was satisfied this was being done and that he would get the ruling from them. He also stated that copies of the 12 pages of the actions taken will be sent to all the present Executive Committee and to all other interested parties.

The Secretary read the minutes of the August 2007 General Meeting. Past President Bob Smith stated that the minutes were in error — that he had voted "no" on the motion to dissolve the association. The secretary was instructed to amend the minutes to show this correction. Motion by Bob Enkleman to accept the minutes as amended was seconded by Ed Blackburn, and the motion passed.

The treasurer, Ralph Baringer, was asked for his report. Ms. Mel Baringer gave the report for the treasurer. A copy of that report is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

General Reed was asked for a report from the Scholarship Committee. He announced that 20 applicants had been selected and that they would be receiving checks of \$1,000 each in the next few days. The names of the recipients will be announced at the banquet this evening.

He also announced that there may be sweeping changes in the number of scholarships awarded and the amounts of the scholarships awarded in the future. He also reiterated that the funds to be transferred to the Trust will be spent as required by the Trust.

Jerry Greer, the Reunion Chairman, gave his report, introduced and thanked his committee for their assistance in making this reunion such a success.

Past President Robert Eastman spoke about the Scholarship Trust. He announced that the Trust will maintain the existing membership roster and that there will be no new

names added. Changes will be limited to (a) change of address and/or telephone number or (b) removal of a name due to the death of a member now listed on the roster or if the Postal Department returns a newsletter as being undeliverable.

Eastman also said that a newsletter would be sent to everyone on the roster, probably twice a year, giving information as to how and where to obtain scholarship applications, the number of scholarships to be given, and the amount of the scholarships. He also reported that a final Memorial Issue of the Ozark Notes will be printed and mailed as soon as the information can be compiled.

Riemer moved that the existing association officers have their terms of office extended for the few months that will be required to complete the legal and orderly establishment of the trust and the dissolution of the association. He asked for a vote by acclamation, which was done by voice vote.

Ms Barbie Bowman, an Associate Member, spoke to the group. She said that she had attended some 15 reunions and was sad that the association was dissolving. She also made a plea to have the younger members continue the association or establish a new 102nd Infantry Association. Before there could be any discussion of this suggestion, the hotel fire alarm sounded and those in attendance began evacuating the meeting room. When the second alarm sounded, the president declared the meeting adjourned. (It was a false alarm.)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Ditton, Secretary

Pay 2008 Association Dues; Keep Getting Ozark News

If you have not paid your 2008 dues to the 102nd Division Association, please do so ASAP, urges Secretary Dick Ditton.

Members who fail to maintain active status in the association will be removed from the membership list and will receive no further communication from the Ozark Association, Ditton explains.

If you have not mailed your 2008 dues, only \$10.00, please do so. Mail your check to:
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A LOOK BACK IN "NOTES" FILES

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2002

The sudden death of President Alfred Richley shocks the Association. He was the first president to die in office. He had just over a month to serve.

2007

At the final event of the 2007 Reunion in St. Louis, Major General David L. Evans, 80th Training Command, revealed that the 102nd Division is being called out of "mothballs" effective October 1, 2007. It will be part of the 80th Training Command and will be based at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Current Company / Battery Rosters Available from Unit Coordinators

The 102nd Association is continuing to make available to each active member an up-to-date list of all living members of his company or battery as of August 2008. The lists are compiled from Association records and are the work of 102nd Association Secretary Richard Ditton.

This has been a tremendous effort by Secretary Ditton, as well as the five Assistant Division Coordinators. All deserve much credit for their work.

To get your list of members, look in the table at the bottom of this page and find the column where your company or battery is

SPECIAL TROOPS	FIELD ARTILLERY	405 REGIMENT	406 REGIMENT	407 REGIMENT
Elton Oltjenbruns Asst Div Coordinator	Richard Dunning Asst Div Coordinator	Donald Lussman Asst Div Coordinator	Joseph Vavra Asst Div Coordinator	Arnold Meyer Asst Div Coordinator
Hdqs & Hdqs Co.	Div. Artillery Hdqs	405 Hdqs Co.	406 Hdqs Co.	407 Hdqs Co.
Quartermaster Co.	379 FA Hdqs Batt.	405 Service Co.	406 Service Co.	407 Service Co.
802 Ordnance Co.	379 FA Service Batt.	405 Med Detach	406 Med Detach	407 Med Detach
102 Signal Co.	379 FA Batt. A	405 Antitank Co.	406 Antitank Co.	407 Antitank Co.
102 Cavalry Recon	379 FA Batt. B	405 Cannon Co.	406 Cannon Co.	407 Cannon Co.
327 Med Bn Hdqs Co.	379 FA Batt. C	405 1st Bn Hdqs Co.	406 1st Bn Hdqs Co.	407 1st Bn Hdqs Co.
327 Med Co. A	380 FA Hdqs Batt.	405 Co. A	406 Co. A.	407 Co. A
327 Med Co. B	380 FA Service Batt.	405 Co. B	406 Co. B	407 Co. B
327 Med Co. C	380 FA Batt. A	405 Co. C	406 Co. C	407 Co. C
327 Med Co. D	380 FA Batt B	405 Co. D	406 Co. D	407 Co. D
327 Eng Hdqs Co.	380 FA Batt. C	405 2nd Bn Hdqs Co.	406 2nd Bn Hdqs Co.	407 2nd Bn Hdqs Co.
327 Eng Co. A	381 FA Hdqs Batt.	405 Co. E	406 Co. E	407 Co. E
327 Eng Co. B	381 FA Service Batt.	405 Co. F	406 Co. F	407 Co. F
327 Eng Co. C	381 FA Batt. A	405 Co. G	406 Co. G	407 Co. G
548 AAA Hdqs	381 FA Batt. B	405 Co. H	406 Co. H	407 Co. H
548 AAA Batt A	381 FA Batt. C	405 3rd Bn Hdqs Co.	406 3rd Bn Hdqs Co.	407 3rd Bn Hdqs Co.
548 AAA Batt B	927 FA Bn Hdqs	405 Co. I	406 Co. I	407 Co. I
102 Band	927 FA Hdqs Batt.	405 Co. K	406 Co. K	407 Co. K
102 Div MPs	927 FA Service Batt.	405 Co. L	406 Co. L	407 Co. L
	927 FA Batt. A	405 Co. M	406 Co. M	407 Co. M
	927 FA Batt. B			
	927 FA Batt. C			

located. Then contact the Assistant Division Coordinator whose name is at the top of that column.

(Complete addresses with telephone numbers of the five Assistant Division Coordinators are printed on page 2 of this issue of the Ozark Notes. Write, phone or email to obtain your copy.)

There is no charge for these lists. It is a way of parting with long-standing friends and having each leave with a lasting memento of their years of comradeship in the 102nd Infantry Division Association.

FAREWELL MESSAGE

The last page of the Division History -- "With the 102nd Infantry Division Through Germany" — has a meaningful farewell message and pledge. Your editor suggests we adopt it as our farewell message for this final issue of the Ozark Notes.

"The 102nd Infantry Division had seen history in the making and had made history. In future years Ozarks will think back to those long years of training, the grueling convoys, the wet weeks in green Normandy. A corner of their hearts will always hold memories of the hospitable Hollanders and their spick-and-span coal-mine baths.

They will marvel at the courage which forced green troops swarming over Tiger Royals in the thunderous battle of Immendorf. They will recall with pride and a twinge of regret for fallen comrades, their great victories — the Roer crossing, the push to the Rhine, the Wesergebirge, the dash to the Elbe. They

will recount with a pang that such things should happen in a civilized world — that over 4,000 enemy fell against them, that 147,000 more were captured. They will reflect on the miseries and destitution of a once proud people, now humbled amid their ruins and dead. And they will become more determined that those immortal words stemming from an earlier conflict shall assume a new prophetic meaning, not only for 'this nation,' but for the world,

(....that from these honored dead we take an increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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MEMORIES



JUBILATION —GI's fortunate enough to have leave in Paris at the right time whoop it up after buying the special edition of the Paris Post carrying the banner headline "JAPS QUIT". It was a time of jubilation for war-weary American soldiers training to be a part of the invasion of Japan. It was a memorable moment. (Photo by T3c G. Lempeotis 8/10/45. From Government Archives)