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WWII veteran, Hilbert Margol (B/392nd F.A.) (center) at Dunwoody, GA Veterans Day program. Photo credit - Kate Awtrey for The Reporter newspaper, used with permission



Memorial wreath-laying at the 21st St Rainbow Viaduct, 167th Infantry, 42nd Division, Birmingham, Alabama. From John Craft, MAJ, IN, AL/ARNG, 1-167 IN XO/ADMIN Officer - Personnel in photograph from Left to Right: 1SG Jeremy Birchfield (HHC 1SG, Full Time Operations NCO); 1LT David Simmons (B Co, XO); CPT Joshua Mixon (S1); LTC Heath Lewis (BN CDR); MAJ John Craft (BN XO). Photo credit Mrs. Mary Simmons



Ken Marshall, son of WWII Rainbow veteran, Charles F. Marshall, C/122 Med Bn (RDVA Past National President) and Frances L. Marshall (RDVA Past National Auxillary President) lays Memorial wreath at the Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis War Memorial "In memory of the "Soldiers of the 42nd Division U.S. Army in World Wars I and II..." Photo credit to Frances L. Marshall, who for many years with her husband, presented this wreath.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR 42ND DIVISION "RAINBOW" FAMILY. Thank you for your membership donations which enable our Foundation to accomplish its mission of commemorating the deeds, sacrifices and traditions of the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division through memorials, education and preserving the Legacy of the 42nd Division. **REMEMBER,** we call your membership a "membership donation" because it is actually a donation to a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization and is therefore tax deductible. If you have made a Lifetime contribution, thank you. If you have made a one-year contribution, thank you and I hope you will renew or consider becoming a Lifetime member in 2017. Speaking of 2017, in August of this year the Division will be 100 years old! We will have a wonderful celebration, date to be determined, in Garden City Long Island, NY. Garden City is where Camp Mills was located and where the renowned 42nd Division was mobilized for WWI. This is a special ceremony and is not the Annual Reunion and Awards Banquet. That event will take place in the September time frame as usual in Troy, NY. Finally, please take a look at our website www.rainbowvets.org and see the new tabs on the left of the homepage. They provide information on both the WWI Centennial, the 42nd 100th anniversary and the Scholarship program (see articles below). **Happy New Year!**
RAINBOW, NEVER FORGET!
Joe Taluto
RDVF Chairman



Photo upper R – WWI Monument Garden City, Long Island, NY. L-R – COL George DeSimone (Acting Cdr NYG); Mbr 42d Div Assoc., Dino DeGasperi; Hank Zalak, Rafael Chireno; SSG Colin Stewart (Co. D 69th Inf NYARNG); SFC Robert E. Walsh (Co D 69th Inf NYARNG); Pat Alesia, President, 42d Inf. Div Assoc; Bob Anderson; Joe Schroder (behind Bob); Barry Ringelheim; Bill Vorlicek (Chairman, Downstate Chapter); & Joseph Borelli. Other attendees not in photo include Bert Cunningham, Historian of 69th Regt., who helped arrange the event with RDVF Memorials Officer, Paul Fanning, photographer.



Photo L – Gurpreet Singh, MAJ USARMY NG NYARNG (US), Douglas MacArthur Monument, US Military Academy, West Point., NY Photo credit, Singh Family
Photo R – Fort Drum, NY memorial, LTC Mike Bice, presenting wreath. Photo credit - Ms. Kelly Bessel, Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager for the 174th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Syracuse, New York



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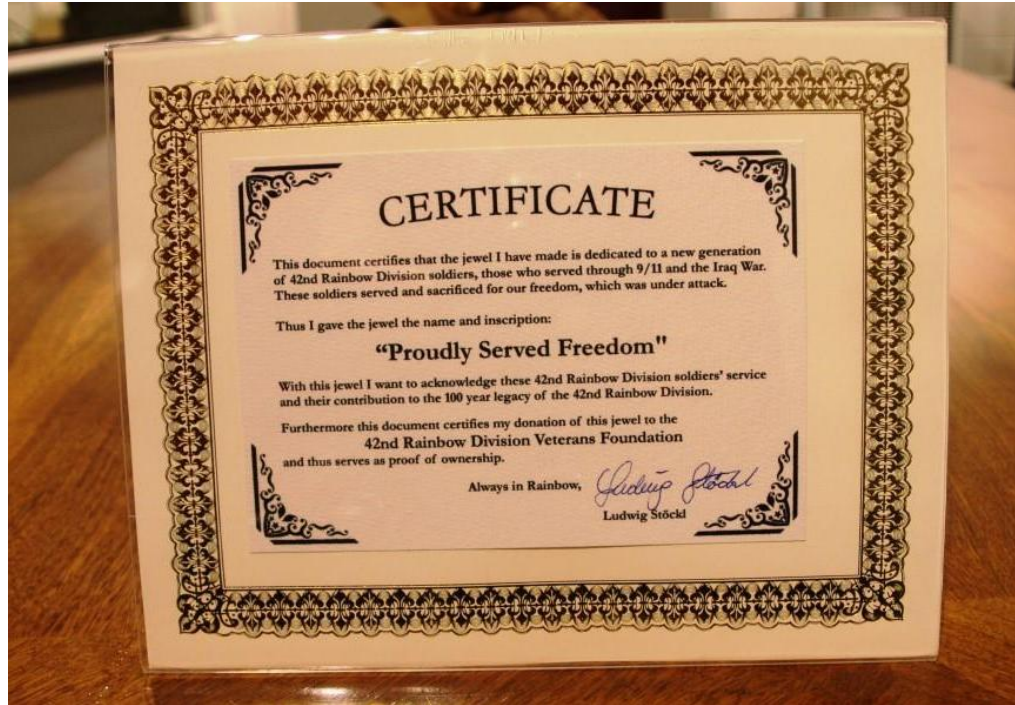
Almighty and Merciful Father, Grant us those things that will lead us forward to victory in this present war against terrorism. Refresh and strengthen, and give deep wisdom to our President and all those in roles of authority and leadership.

Unite our Nation in one resolve, and protect the foundations of our liberty.

In Your Grace bless us at this time with Your Holy and Life-Giving Presence, that we be enabled to do what must be done at this time. **Amen**

RDVF FRIEND MAKES GENEROUS DONATION

Joe Taluto, Chairman RDVF



Chairman Joe Taluto announced at the 2016 RDVF annual board meeting that Ludwig Stoeckl, a master jeweler who resides in Dachau, Germany and a long time friend of the RDVF, has done it again! He donated to the RDVF a beautiful handcrafted jewelry piece we call the Freedom Brooch. The Brooch was put on display in the new RDVF Heritage Room at the 42nd Division Hq in Troy, NY in September 2016. The Brooch is meant to honor those 42nd Soldiers who served during the War on Terrorism from 9/11 to the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars.

Ludwig previously donated another handcrafted jewelry piece called the Purple Heart Jewel in honor of Rainbow WWII veterans, particularly those that liberated the Concentration Camp at Dachau. The

Purple Heart Jewel is on display at the Holocaust Museum in Norfolk, VA. History of the Jewel may be viewed here - http://www.purpleheartjewel.com/pers_ls.html

Jeweler Stoeckl welcomes all comments and observations from readers and visitors to our RDVF Heritage Room, where it is on display in a case within an enclosed cabinet. He states, "The back of the jewel shows 50 stars, intentionally created to stand for the 50 states and America as a whole, an America who honors those who stand and served for her freedom."
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RDVF ESTABLISHES NEW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NAMING POLICY

Numerous donations to the RDVF Scholarship Fund have been made over the years. Without this support the scholarship program would not have grown. Donations to both the Foundation Operating Fund and the Scholarship Fund are acknowledged on the last page of each Reveille edition. This listing will continue no matter what amount is donated. It is the least we could do to recognize those so generous to our Rainbow family!

While donations to our scholarship fund are greatly appreciated in any amount, some donations have been exceedingly generous and worthy of recognition. Accordingly, we have created donor categories that recognize donations from \$1,000 to over \$25,000. Five donor categories have been established. **Diamond**, 25K or more donated, **Platinum**, 10K or more, **Gold**, 5K or more, **Silver**, 3K or more and **Bronze**, 1K or more donated. Only donations of \$1,000 or more at one time are accounted for in these donor categories. Donations are accumulative in \$1,000 increments, i.e. a \$1,000 donation at one time is a Bronze donor; a Bronze donor that makes two more \$1,000 donations becomes a Silver donor; a Silver donor who donated \$2,000 more would become a Gold donor, and so on.

Those that donate \$25K will have a Scholarship Award named for them in Perpetuity. Those that donate 10K will have an Award named for them for 6 consecutive years and 5K for 3 consecutive years. Donors are listed in the 5 categories above on our website and will also be recognized in the Annual RDVF Awards Banquet program each year. (Please see the Scholarship program tab at www.rainbowvets.org to see more details).

2017 RDVF SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The RDVF Scholarship Program has grown significantly over the years. Today's Foundation is dedicated to its continued growth. In recent years the RDVF has approved nearly \$20,000 per year in college scholarship money to the descendants of RDVF Members. Each year the RDVF Scholarship Committee reviews applications from eligible college-age students and selects winners and scholarship amounts. (Only undergraduate students are being considered at this time).

ELIGIBILITY – Applicant must be either a graduating high school senior who is accepted to a college, enrolled in college, and/or eligible to attend college in the fall and who is also: A descendant of a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy Member (A descendant is defined as: All spouses, children, spouses of children, descendants and spouses, and all blood and adopted relatives and their spouses); **OR** A current Soldier of the 42nd Infantry Division, in good standing. In addition, all applicants must be sponsored by a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy member who has been a member for at least the last three consecutive years, or is a "Lifetime Member". The applicant is responsible to find their own Sponsor and to coordinate that portion of the application process with them.

THE SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR can only sponsor one applicant per scholarship year. The sponsor must vouch for the applicant's eligibility in writing. Veteran and Legacy RDVF members can sponsor their own descendants as long as they meet the consecutive year membership criteria, or are Lifetime Members.

APPLICANTS must complete the Scholarship Application form included with these instructions and provide the following:

1. A letter of nomination from the Scholarship Sponsor which clearly delineates the Applicant's eligibility.
2. Official high school transcripts and/or official college transcripts as appropriate. SAT and/or ACT scores must be submitted separately if they are not recorded on the official transcript. Please note any Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors (H) Courses.
3. Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a school representative (teacher, professor, coach, counselor, principal etc.) The second letter can be a general character reference.
4. Essay – please articulate your interests and hobbies, intended major/and or interest in college. In your essay describe the manner in which past experience and/or proposed college program of study will contribute to the accomplishment of "Creating an enduring commitment to world-wide understanding, permanent peace, and respect for the rights of individuals in all nations." You may include courses taken, books read, relevant experiences, activities, service or

volunteer work that have reinforced your desire to influence society in keeping with the tradition and goals of the Foundation. Please include all leadership activities/awards that you may have held or have received. When preparing your essay, please review our website www.rainbowvets.org for history and information related to the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division and the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation.

THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS FROM MARCH 1ST THROUGH JULY 1ST OF EACH YEAR. Inquiries and completed applications with supporting material must be mailed or electronically submitted to: Michael Kelly, Scholarship Chairman 143 Milner Avenue Albany, NY 12208-1421 Tel: 518-489-4580 Email: mkelly5993@nycap.rr.com

THE POSTMARK DEADLINE for completed applications is July 1st. If mailing the materials please use a minimum 9x12 size envelope so that no pages are folded. Previous award winners are not eligible to apply. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each applicant utilizing a merit evaluation process, examining academics, extracurricular activities, committee member assessment and applicant essay. Individual scholarships have ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in past years; however, available funds dictate scholarship amounts and numbers each year.

A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION may be downloaded and printed here –

<http://www.rainbowvets.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/RDVF-Scholarship-Ap-Aug-2014.pdf>

THE RAINBOW DIVISION IN FRANCE:

Aisne-Marne 18 July – 6 August 1918

By Patrick J. Chaisson RDVF Historian

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the 42nd Division's first combat action during World War One. The Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation plans to honor our comrades' service with a tour of France, during which we will visit battlefields, memorials and museums that commemorate the Rainbow Division's First World War combat history. To help prepare for this trip, my next several columns will briefly trace the 42nd Division's contribution to victory in 1918. I also hope to describe some of the magnificent memorials left behind by those who survived. Our centennial tour in 2018 will, of course, visit many of these monuments.

The Aisne-Marne Campaign (sometimes called the Second Battle of the Marne or the Battle of Soissons) began in mid-July of 1918 when strong German assault columns struck Allied lines near Reims, about 50 miles west of Paris. Rainbow Division soldiers, fighting under the French Fourth Army, helped hold against these determined attacks.

Marshal Ferdinand Foch, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in France, saw this desperate German thrust as an opportunity to conduct his own counteroffensive. Accordingly, before dawn on

July 18th, two French armies struck the enemy's overextended flank near a key railroad junction at Chateau-Thierry.

Part of the French Sixth Army was an American outfit: I Corps, commanded by MG Hunter Liggett. The 42nd Division, pulled from its defensive positions near Champagne on July 20th, marched to join I Corps' attack northwest of Chateau-Thierry. By July 26th the Rainbow had relieved elements of the US 26th ("Yankee") Division and was advancing steadily toward the River Ourcq.



At a fortified strongpoint known as the Croix Rouge Farm, German



machine gun troops had been holding off American attackers for days. In a series of bloody bayonet charges, Rainbow soldiers of the 167th and 168th Infantry Regiments seized this position. "Croix Rouge Farm," said Father Francis P. Duffy of the neighboring 165th

Regiment "was the last stand of the Germans south of the Ourcq."

By July 28th, Doughboys of the 42nd had crossed the Ourcq River and were moving on Sergy. Here the enemy offered desperate resistance, launching counterattack after counterattack against the weary Yanks. The village of Sergy changed hands four times before Rainbow Division soldiers finally captured it on the morning of July 29th.

Along with the rest of MG Liggett's I Corps, the 42nd Division pursued retreating enemy forces north for over ten miles to the Vesle River. There the Germans dug in, and on August 6th the Allied counteroffensive ended. Three more months of battle would be necessary before an armistice signaled the end of fighting in France.

Combat duty during the Aisne-Marne Campaign cost the Rainbow 84 officers and 5,469 men killed, wounded or missing. Among these casualties was SGT Alfred Joyce Kilmer of the 165th Infantry, shot by a sniper on July 30th, 1918 at Muercy Farm beside the Ourcq River.



Kilmer, author of "Trees" and other poems, was laid to rest in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery along with 379 of his fellow Rainbow Division comrades lost in action. The 36-acre burial place at Oise-Aisne is one of eight permanent American military cemeteries on foreign soil, and

contains the remains of 6,012 American servicemen who died during World War One. This impressive memorial also houses a chapel, map room and a Wall of the Missing on which are engraved the names of 241 US soldiers whose remains were never recovered.

Appropriately, the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial (dedicated in 1937) rests on soil that was part of the Rainbow Division's zone of attack during July and August of 1918. It is a permanently-established military burial ground run by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Not far from Oise-Aisne American Cemetery is the Chateau-Thierry Monument, which commemorates the sacrifice of all American servicemen who fought in this campaign. Also of interest nearby is the Lt. Quentin Roosevelt Fountain, dedicated to the youngest son of former president Theodore Roosevelt who lost his life in aerial combat over France on July 14, 1918.



Rainbow Division played a crucial role in the Aisne-Marne Campaign of July-August 1918. It is fitting that the official United States World War One Centenary Commemoration, scheduled for July 28, 2018, should be held at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. Representatives from the RDVF and 42nd Infantry Division will participate in this event. Those members who wish to attend this Commemoration and take our history tour of France in 2018 should read upcoming issues of the *Rainbow Reveille*, or contact the RDVF Historian at Patchais@aol.com, for more information.

Photo One: Original 1918 Caption Reads: "Men of the 42nd Division Prior to the Marne. Several of these men were killed by artillery fire just 5 minutes after the photo." Photo courtesy author

Photo Two: Original Caption Reads: "Aisne-Marne – Soldiers of the 42nd Division prepare to fire cannon". Photo courtesy National Archives/ABMC

Photo Three: Original Caption Reads: "Aisne-Marne – Riflemen (42nd Division) firing at German emplacements". Photo courtesy National Archives/ABMC

Photo Four: Sergeant Alfred Joyce Kilmer, 165th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division, Army Expeditionary Force, 1918. Photo courtesy Wikipedia

Photo Five: The Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial, Seringes-et- Nesles, France. Photo courtesy ABMC

4-STAR GENERAL MARK W. CLARK WAS MY BOSS! From Louis E. Hubach, B/232nd Infantry, 42nd "Rainbow" Division



Photo General Mark W. Clark at presentation of the Army Commendation Medal to Sergeant Louis E. Hubach

At the end of fighting in May 1945 my Rainbow Division was assigned occupation duty in Austria. During the earliest days I was able to put my 2 years of high school German language to good use. In two separate assignments I was Interpreter for a team sent into high Alps Mountains by Jeep to two different jobs. First, since there had been rumors of Nazis hiding out in remote towns, we were trying to find them. Mostly the dreaded SS were our targets. All in all we located about 20 of them, and they were arrested. The other job consisted in going back to those same towns and trying to interview applicants for telephone operators. It was tough talking with all those pretty young Fräuleins!

After some weeks we were transferred to the City of Salzburg, famous for being the home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. During that time we were an Honor Guard Company available to parade for important Visitors. My job was an honor to carry the Stars & Stripes!

During that time I got a call from Company Headquarters to report for an interview. It was because of my German language. It turned out from the four U.S. Divisions in Austria that meant 12 Regiments, from each Regiment in the U.S. Occupation Forces in Austria. They asked for two candidates from each Regiment to report for an interview for a mystery job. Again, because of my "vast experience" of two years of High School German, I was one of two from the 232nd Regiment.

After preliminary interviews in Salzburg, a few, I'm not positive, but probably 6 of us were sent to Vienna, where Headquarters was located. To be brief, it was for the job of sole Bodyguard/Interpreter for 4-Star Commanding General Mark W. Clark. I was picked for the job.



Pfc. "Deutch" Hubach

The main duty was to ride “shotgun” in the General’s 7-passenger Cadillac Limousine! Wherever the General wanted to go, his driver, Ray Van Noy and I took him. From his Villa to office and back plus numerous evening engagements including one to the Villa of Marshal Ivan Koniev, Russian Commander in Austria. The Russian driver for Koniev was very protective of our driver, Ray, but his buddies tried unsuccessfully to put me under the table with vodka. It was fun since the trip was escorted up to the Russian border by our 8-motorcycle escort.

Most days were rather plain trips but it was fun. Incidentally, beside my .45 Automatic Pistol side arm, beneath my seat was a .45 Tommy gun which I never had to show.

The General’s car had a special license plate – chrome frame, red panel and 4 big silver stars. It was my job to be sure that was covered when he was not aboard.

We did take a few trips. After the war the Italians, who loved the General, gave him the train of 5 Special Cars, former train of Mussolini, Italian Dictator, including two built to load 4 cars. One trip was a vacation to Switzerland. The Swiss would not allow the train into their country, so we took the Cadillac. When we got to Berne, the General hired a Swiss driver and car to give us a rest. I was fortunate to find that an old college friend of my mother had married a Swiss man and they had a son, Robin. I had to take a Swiss train from Berne to Zurich. I stayed only a couple of days before going back to join driver Ray.

Another trip was to Rome, Italy, where the General had been invited by the Vatican to attend a Consistory of Cardinals, the first from the end of the war. We took the train, no outriders, just the General’s car going through the Brenner Pass into Italy. The Italian rail folks provided four locomotives to assure maximum speed through the Pass. It was fun as we stayed at the Excelsior Hotel, reserved for Majors and & higher rank, nurses on their own floor, and only two enlisted men, Ray & me! I went “on the town” one evening to a local USO club and ran into 8 of my old buddies from Company B, my company. Small world.

Since the General had been vacationing on the Isle of Capri, off Naples, we had to drive there to pick him up and bring him up to Rome for the Vatican Ceremonies. Ray and I did not get into the ceremony, but sat in the car talking to the Swiss Guards. The trip home was uneventful.

The only other trip was to a hunting-fishing lodge he had in Hinterstoder, Austria. It was a short car trip into the mountains. He took a guest along; they were old West Point pals. The guest was General Clark’s boss, “Ike” Eisenhower. They wanted minimum attendance while fishing, but asked me to come help them. Mainly, my job was to jump on the trout they caught, remove the hook, put the fish in their creel, re-bait the hook, etc. So, you could say that for awhile I was also bodyguard to “Ike”!

Lastly, we had a visitor from the states who was Ex-President Herbert Hoover, who was appointed by FDR to do a survey of the food and living conditions of the civilians, as he had done this after WWI. The General released his car, driver and me to chauffeur Mr. Hoover around for his visit of some days. That’s President #2!

My term with General Clark went from August 1945 to July 1946 when I was sent home. I had enjoyed living in his villa until his wife and teenaged daughter came to live for a while. I was sent back to the home behind the Villa, where Ray stayed.

While in Vienna, I was officially assigned to the C.G. Section, C.G. standing, of course, for Commanding General. There were 8 or 10 others also serving as Military Police and outriders with motorcycles and sirens. Those guys had a pet mascot dog. While they were away, they needed a dog sitter. An interesting First Lt. named John Eisenhower was their man. General Clark’s son, Bill, had also graduated in June from West Point so he got assigned to my Rainbow Division, but visited his father often. His main contribution that I saw was to take the General’s gift from the Italians of an Alpha Romeo sports car out for a ride and back into a pole causing our maintenance people to repair the aluminum body damage. Ray and I rode it a few times in the Vienna woods just behind the Villa.

Our meals were taken in the General’s kitchen where he had 2 Italian waiters, and the Executive chef from the Excelsior Hotel in Rome, and all of the best that his two Mess Sergeants could find from the Commissary.

It was a very unusual assignment, one I enjoyed thoroughly, and created many of my fondest Army memories.

Signed, Ex-Sergeant Louis E. Hubach, 15399642, who was grateful to make it home alive.

The sketch showing Sgt. Louis “Deutch” Hubach studying a German dictionary was sent by Louis Hubach – it is one of a number of sketches of members of Company B, 232nd Infantry Regiment created by PFC Edward F. Pepan. PFC Pepan later became Assistant to the Director of Public Information at Marquette University. His photo image, from the yearbook, HILLTOP (1962) is credited to the “Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Marquette University Libraries.”



A MEMORY OF 1945 VIENNA, AUSTRIA From William Barnett, I/222nd Infantry, 42nd Division

The October 2016 REVEILLE article about H.W. Prescott’s experience in Vienna in 1945 reminded me of a similar event while I was stationed there with I Co. 222nd Regiment.

My parents were friends of Eugene Ormandy who was the well-known conductor of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. In one of their telephone conversations it was mentioned that I was billeted in Vienna, and Ormandy asked if I might look up his sister with whom he had not been in contact for three or four years.



Sure enough, I received from my parents a packet of correspondence from Ormandy addressed to his sister with her last known Vienna address. That address was in the Russian zone, but I set out on foot to find it. I walked through the Russian zone with no problem whatsoever. At the given address I walked up to the second floor and knocked on the apartment door. After several knocks, a little lady peeked out. I tried introducing myself and say why I was there holding out the packet of letters, which was a better introduction than my four or five nouns in German. Although she seemed frightened to death and breathing heavily, she opened the door. I recall that the room had all the curtains drawn and was semi-dark. Through her tears she asked for my address in Vienna, which I gave to her, and left. The next morning she appeared at my billet with a stack of correspondence for her brother, and such profuse thanks and more tears, you can’t imagine.

Some years later, when Ormandy came to New Orleans as guest conductor of the New Orleans Symphony, my mother and I had dinner with him. His thanks were also profuse, and referred to me as his “savior mailman.”

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Above Photo credit: “Eugene Ormandy conducting” by Adrian Siegel, for the Philadelphia Orchestra



WWII veterans Sgt. William M. Barnett (R) and Technical Sgt. Alfred J. Mix (L) toast the occasion with champagne after each received the Legion of Honor Medal, France’s highest honor, from Consulate General of France in New Orleans, Grégor

Trumel during a ceremony at the World War II Museum on Wed. January 11, 2017. Photo credit: Michael DeMocker NOLA.Com/The Times-Picayune



My father, Captain Tillman L. "Buck" Wheat, Jr. passed away on October 4, 2016 at the age of 93. Dad was a WWII veteran, and served in the 42nd "Rainbow" Infantry Division, 222nd Regiment, 3rd Battalion, in various companies, including I, K, L and M. Dad served proudly in the Battle of The Bulge, and participated in the liberation of Dachau. He earned the Bronze Star

for bravery in battle.

Dad didn't talk much about his war experiences until about 40 years after his service ended. The Rainbow Reunion came to Houston in the mid-1980's, and being a Houston resident since 1959, dad and mom decided to go. It was an incredible experience for him, seeing his comrades-in-arms for the first time in nearly 40 years. I believe dad and mom made every subsequent summer reunion after that first one in Houston, until they were physically unable to make the trip. I believe the last reunion they attended was in 2007, at Virginia Beach, VA.

My daughter and I attended the summer reunion in 2006, in Kansas City, MO, and what an experience it was! We met dad's incredible friends, like "Red" and Pat McCormack, Bill and Phoebe Reid, Sam and Mary Ruth Harrington, Elliott and Darlene Dodson, Betty Coccetti and daughter Cindy, and Father Robert F. "Bob" Weiss. Immediately, my daughter and I had this incredible sense of being in the presence of family, and we thoroughly enjoyed spending four days with this great group of Americans from The Greatest Generation. Both my daughter and my son were able to attend the 2007 reunion with my folks. They still talk about the fine men and women that were such special friends of my dad and mom.

Dad's group of comrades started a Flower Fund, into which they each made periodic contributions. When one of the members had a life event, the "treasurer" of the fund would send flowers (typically) on behalf of the group. My father's ability to deal with the treasurer responsibilities ended about a year ago, and I discussed his situation with Father Bob Weiss, who was a great friend of my father, and who I had met at the Kansas City reunion in the summer of 2006. I sought Bob's input on what should be done with the remaining monies in the Flower Fund, and he suggested using them to help with publication of the REVEILLE. I believe my dad, and others in their close group, would agree. Unfortunately, most of these great Americans have passed away.



So, in the memory of my father, Tillman L. "Buck" Wheat, Jr., John "Red" McCormick, Bill Reid, Sam Harrington, Allen Coccetti, "Doc" Cox, Ben De Santos, Father Bob Weiss and all the others who served in WWII, defending our freedom, they would like to make this final Flower Fund contribution, with the remaining balance in the account, to the continuing legacy of the 42nd "Rainbow" Division, and the preservation of that legacy in the pages of the REVEILLE.

In celebration of the CENTENNIAL of THE GREAT WAR, we welcome all personal manuscripts and research of WWI "Rainbow" Division Soldiers, in honor of their service to our country in the cause of Liberty and Freedom.

Recently received from John O. Thomas and Carl and Martha Thomas is the well-researched history of their father, Oscar Burton Thomas (The First World War 1917 – 1919, who served in Company K, 167th Regiment. Thank you to the Thomas Family!

It is our privilege and honor to find, preserve and share Rainbow Division History.

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A Federal Commission has been established to guide WWI Centennial activities. You can read all about the Centennial and Commission by selecting the WWI Centennial tab on the left of the homepage at www.rainbowvets.org. The 42nd Division has been selected to host a ceremony in France in July of 2018. The RDVF is planning a trip to France to be part of the ceremony and to take in historic WWI sites and more! All are welcome to attend. Please see our "Save The Date" flyer posted on page 7 in this issue of REVEILLE.

IN HONOR OF A FALLEN "RAINBOW" SOLDIER OF WWI

Excerpts from "Uncle Albert", The Story of the Soldier in the Picture In Memory of Private Albert Anderson Myers, Company G, 167th Infantry Regiment, 42^d "Rainbow" Division, United States Army, World War I –

These are excerpts from the personal research of his great-nephew, Gene Garrison, a longtime member and supporter of the RDVF.



" ... (p. 15) In May 1999, I had an opportunity to spend a few days in France visiting the World War I battlefields, cemeteries and memorials. My visit was inspired by research on *Uncle Albert*, Pvt. Albert A. Myers, who died in France as the result of wounds received in the final days of World War I. Once I identified the divisions and regiments in which he served, and learned where those units were in combat on the days prior to his being wounded, I had to go and see those places. I kept daily notes of my activities and observations. They are now a part of the story of *Uncle Albert*.

(p. 16) ... Saturday, May 1, 1999 ...Verdun holds a place of sacred honor in French history. It was to be held at all costs during the "Great War". France spilled the manhood of its nation on this soil, with over 460,000 casualties and no measurable gain ... However, the history of the 1914-1916 Verdun battles between the French and Germans, and the French battlefields north of Verdun are not my reason for being here. My primary interest is in the American involvement, starting in the summer of 1917, and continuing through the Armistice in November, 1918. Specifically, I am interested in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne regions, as that is where Albert Myers' 42^d "Rainbow" Division fought.

(p. 17) ... I reached the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery about 10:15 a.m. Very quiet. No other visitors in sight. Being there, at last, was a moving experience. I'd crossed the Atlantic to a location in France I'd never been to before, to visit a 130-acre cemetery. Yet, since I've been reading about the World War I cemeteries and memorials for the past six months, it all seemed very familiar. I already knew its architecture and its major features. I knew the sculptures, the stained glass and the inscriptions that I wanted to see. ... I spent about two hours visiting the chapel, walking among the grave sites, around the pool, etc. One of the highlights was seeing the stained glass windows in the chapel that show the insignia (the shoulder patches) of the Army divisions that participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. I was especially interested in seeing the insignia of Albert Myers' two divisions, the 42^d "Rainbow", and the 81st "Wildcat". These two are side by side in one stained glass window.

... The emotions were powerful. I had now traced Albert and his Army units all the way from Camp Sevier, in Greenville, South Carolina, to this sacred spot in France. I saw the same "Wildcat" insignia in a stained glass chapel window in France that I had seen on a monument on Main Street in Greenville. I walked among the crosses, looking for 42^d and 81st Division members. There are probably many among the 14,246 buried here. There are nine Medal of Honor recipients in this cemetery.

Editor – Gene's personal research diary in this second edition, June 2000, is 44 pages in length. Uncle Albert was repatriated to his hometown, Greenville, SC in 1921.

Photo caption – Albert Myers at Camp Jackson, SC, 1918.



SAVE THE DATE

Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation World War One Centennial Battle History Trip to France



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21 - 31 July 2018

The RDVF is sponsoring a trip to France in July 2018 to commemorate the World War One Centennial and the conclusion of the Great War. Join 42nd Infantry Division veterans, family members and friends for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Highlights of our ten-day tour include:

- Participation in the Official U.S. World War One Centennial Ceremony at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
- Honored guests of the Rainbow Division Memorial (Croix Rouge Farm) ceremony and concert
- Guided tours of important American battlefields at Champagne, Argonne and Chateau-Thierry
- Visits to World War One museums, monuments and U.S. cemeteries
- Of course there's time for winery tours, visiting cathedrals and a free day in Paris, "The City of Light"

The RDVF is organizing this trip in cooperation with Fitness Travel France, Inc., a veteran-owned agency with years of experience providing European military history tours. Our professional guide, Brig. (Ret) John Smales, will lead you to where the Rainbow Division made history during World War One. Other features include:

- Comfortable lodging in scenic, historic French provinces
- Travel by modern motor coach (bus)
- Some meals included

Price plans include full (air to/from U.S. plus tour) and partial (just tour) Join us in France from **21 – 31 July 2018**. Save these dates now.

More information, to include a full itinerary and estimated cost, will be published during the summer of 2017. Visit the Rainbow Reveille (<http://www.rainbowvets.org/>) for up-to-date information on the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation World War One Centennial Battle History Trip to France.



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(L to R): Pat Naumann, Barbara A. Eberhart, Katie Eberhart, Dee Eberhart, Chuck Logsdon, Frank Burns, Barbara C. Eberhart, John LaVassar, Ruby Miller, Amanda LaVassar, Wilbur Miller, Casey Rettenmier, Judy Rettenmier, Roger Ford and Ross Rettenmier.



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DEATHS REPORTED SINCE OCTOBER 2016**

ARTMAN , Joseph F.	742 nd Ordnance Co.
BEALE , William L.	A/222 Infantry
BOWIE , Donald S. Jr.	HQ Btry, 42 nd Div. Artillery
CURRERI , Joseph L.	unit unreported
GARCIA , Segundino	I/222 Infantry
GORDON , Lazarus M.	unit unreported
HORN , Emery P.	B /242 Infantry
MATHIS , Guy Grayson	M/222 Infantry
MORGENSTERN , Conrad J.	unit unreported Infantry
OWEN , Tom	M/232 Infantry
PETTINATO , George P.	G/232 Infantry
ROSS , Irvin Arthur	B/232 Infantry
SEDLACK , John P.	Med/222 Infantry
SHAFNER , Sidney	I&R Platoon, HQ/222 Infantry
SMITH , Kevlin Walter	H1B/242 Infantry
WHEAT , Tillman L., Jr.	Cos. I, K,L,M/222 Infantry
ZIMMERMAN , Albert J.	unit unreported

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