



The 30th Infantry Division Association's 2008 National Reunion Will Be Held in Raleigh, NC From 13–17 August, 2008 – So Be There!

Listen up troopers...This is the first but not necessarily the last printed reminder for you to get sign up for the 2008 30th IDA reunion. It promises to be an even more successful event than last year. The Brigade folks now have some hands on experience with the process which we think translates to having more fun than we had in 2007! We are hopeful that we'll be conducting a Memorial Service at the State Capitol Senate Chambers just like we did last year...a very moving experience. We're also hoping to have the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team's equipment on display at the hotel and looking to have more Brigade veterans from the Operation Iraqi Freedom Chapter of the 30th IDA in attendance. They had a great time schmoozing with

their World War II buddies in 2007....who could forget Amanda Register's bar challenges or Lt. Hinton's (now Capt. Hinton) specific request for a bottle of Southern Comfort which we still have to serve him. Then there was Jimmie Nance, MSG Jerry Jackson, MSG Rick Jones who was always helping to get things done and the many other great guys who helped to make the 2007 reunion such a great party. So, guys, don't even think about skipping out on this one ... You just can't afford to miss this reunion! Now, let's get it in gear and mark your calendars to attend the 2008 30th IDA Reunion which is gonna be one of the best you'll ever experience...Sign up now!



**No Excuses Bucko...
Just Be There!**



The Doughboy Page



Great War Spring Offensive at Newville 18-20 April, 1918 (+ 90 years) - AAR

The 30th Division, AEF detachment consisted of myself as a Corporal in the 105th Military Police, attached to GHQ, AEF, and the uniforms and kit of Clint Yarborough and Brett Bondurant, who had generously loaned a good deal of their gear to a couple of my Rev War pals who wanted to try out WWI reenacting (and loved it!). They served with the 107th Inf. in the 27th Div.

We rendezvoused at my home Thursday evening to facilitate an early start on Friday morning – 0400. The early evening was spent getting the guys (Pat O’Kelley and Bert Puckett) fitted with the loaner gear, watching the 1939 “All Quiet on the Western Front” over a couple of beers, and early to sleep.

Friday morning, having loaded out the van the previous evening, we were able to get an early start, arriving in Newville, PA at about 1030. This gave us time to go through the outstanding “Friday Market d’Flea” where almost everyone there brings out all the militaria that they want to get rid of, and we have a HUGE blanket sale in the parking lot! A few professional vendors show up, but most is fellow enthusiasts with stuff from the Civil War to - - now, but mostly items pertaining to the World Wars. It’s amazing the kinds of things that turn up. Anyone need a light Maxim machine gun?

Afternoon arrived and it was off to Registration for trench passes and then into the trenches to get squared away in our bunker with the great fellows of the 107th Inf, 27th Division, “O’Ryan’s Roughnecks,” with whom the original 30th served in the US II Corps attached to the British Expeditionary Force under Field Marshall Haig. We formed up at 1800 for the safety talk and then the evening and night warfare commenced. I was informed that the AEF G2, Intelligence Officer, had suffered an automotive mishap and so I was tasked with his job



as well as running the MP Detachment. While we had a good deal of action in the wire and no-man’s land, only three prisoners were brought in for interrogation, one of whom had some fascinating documents on him which were sent up to GHQ, Allied Forces Command, with my intel report. The night actions at Newville are what make Great War reenacting special. The visual impact of no-man’s land being lit by flares, crawling in the wire with shell holes all around – never knowing when you might be face-to-face with the Sturmtruppen, grenades and mortar bombs falling around – it’s easy to have that “Magic Moment” of feeling like you’re getting close to being there.

Raids went both ways so it was a lively evening. We then retired to our racks in the 107th Inf bunker. Living underground in a bunker is another unique experience – quite different from barracks life.

Saturday morning reveille was the 1st Sergeant gently rousing us out of the racks, and we suited up for the morning inspection and long safety talk. We returned to ditch some excess gear, also leaving off our jackets due to the heat, and got into battle trim – then off to the trenches. A blaring air-horn opened the ball and a massive machine gun duel erupted. I returned to the GHQ area to start my duties as G2 and NCOIC of

the MP Detachment. It wasn’t long before we got a prisoner, brought in by the Canadians from a trench raid. He was a Wurtenburger, quite agitated and wouldn’t shut up.

My German is limited, but some others understood most of his gibberish to be complaining about being transferred from the Medics to a line unit. It seems that he had trouble with men under his care, from both sides, dying before they could be treated. He gave some good intel on his unit, griped about bad food and poor ammo, and he had his "Soldbuch" which had details of his background. We sent him to the cage. As the day progressed there was heavy fighting in the AIF/CEF sector (Australian and other Commonwealth troops) including gas attacks. The French and "Legion Russe" White Russians got frisky on their end of the line, so business in the POW pen picked up. One Hun had an admirable collection of graphic French postcards in his pocket, along with a nice St. Etienne revolver, and a couple of others had maps and even a unit roster on them. One fellow was from Colorado, but his parents made him go back to Germany fight for the Fatherland. It made for an impressive interim Intel report to GHQ.



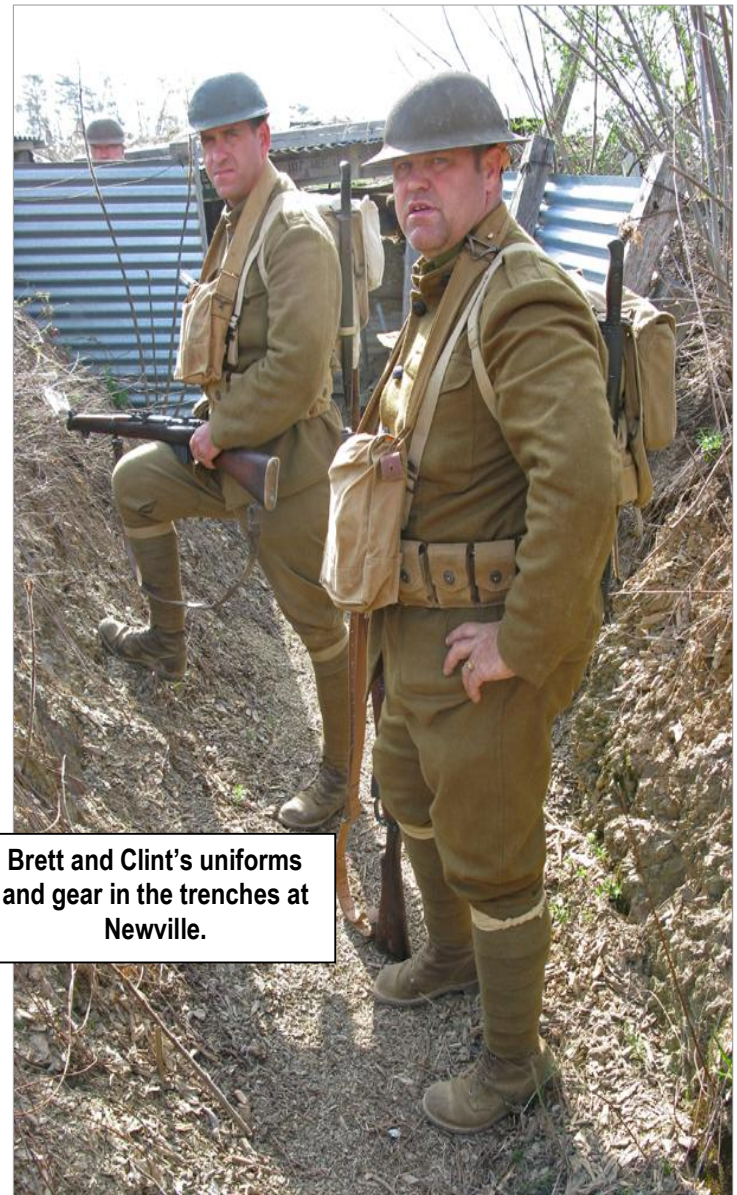
Late in the day, action ceased due to a real emergency – a fire in one of the covered way trenches in the German lines. It was near a machine gun position that was a gas-gun, and the spare propane and oxygen tanks were stored in that area. Everyone pitched in to quickly remove the tanks and then fought the fire, with the local volunteer fire department chipping in to finish the job. So, most of us took time out from the heat of the day to relax in our much cooler underground bunkers. The air horns again sounded the "Stand To" after the firemen departed and, as the peace negotiations had failed, we again repaired to our posts to do battle. As the sun went down, the Allied forces launched a major assault which came off pretty well in the BEF sector, but was a bloody mess over all. More POWs to process and a lot of work for the nearby Aid Station. Night progressed with action going both ways until the Armistice was called at 2300.

Then it was time to party, visit other units, and share fellowship.

Other memories: The greatly realistic play in the Aid Station with gas casualties being led, blindfolded from mustard gas eye damage, in lines with hand to the shoulder of the man in front. Frenchies dying while being treated or slipping away as others were triaged. The Salvation Army ladies loading us down with doughnuts that they'd made over a fire. The SUPER chocolate fudge, also made over the fire by the "Sallies," along with the lemonade and other goodies that they provided for the troops in their Rest Area. Dropping in on the Russian bunker and learning just how powerful the contents of those little thimble-sized shot cups can be after a while. Visiting with friends from other time periods who also do Great War. Good times were had by all in our group.

Other than the fire in the German trench, which, thankfully, did not cause any injuries or damage any gear, we did have two serious incidents. On Friday night, one of the Russian troops jumped blindly into a German trench, not knowing that they had made it a couple of feet deeper and installed firing steps since the last event. The result was a broken leg. The other was a twit who overindulged in alcoholic refreshment and later fell out of a top rack in his bunker. The result was a broken hip that required surgery. I've never seen that many bad accidents at a Great War event before and hope not to again. Our avocation can get dangerous enough without negligence or outright stupidity adding to the threat.

Pat and Bert had a great time and really appreciate the loans of gear. Pat is a retired combat veteran (Grenada – Desert Storm) Ranger and Special Forces SFC who now teaches JROTC, and Bert is another Ranger who is an Active Duty Command Sergeant Major in the 82nd Airborne, recently back from his second deployment to Afghanistan after a tour in Iraq. He also did the combat jump into Panama to go after Noriega.



Brett and Clint's uniforms and gear in the trenches at Newville.

Article written and submitted by Jay Callaham

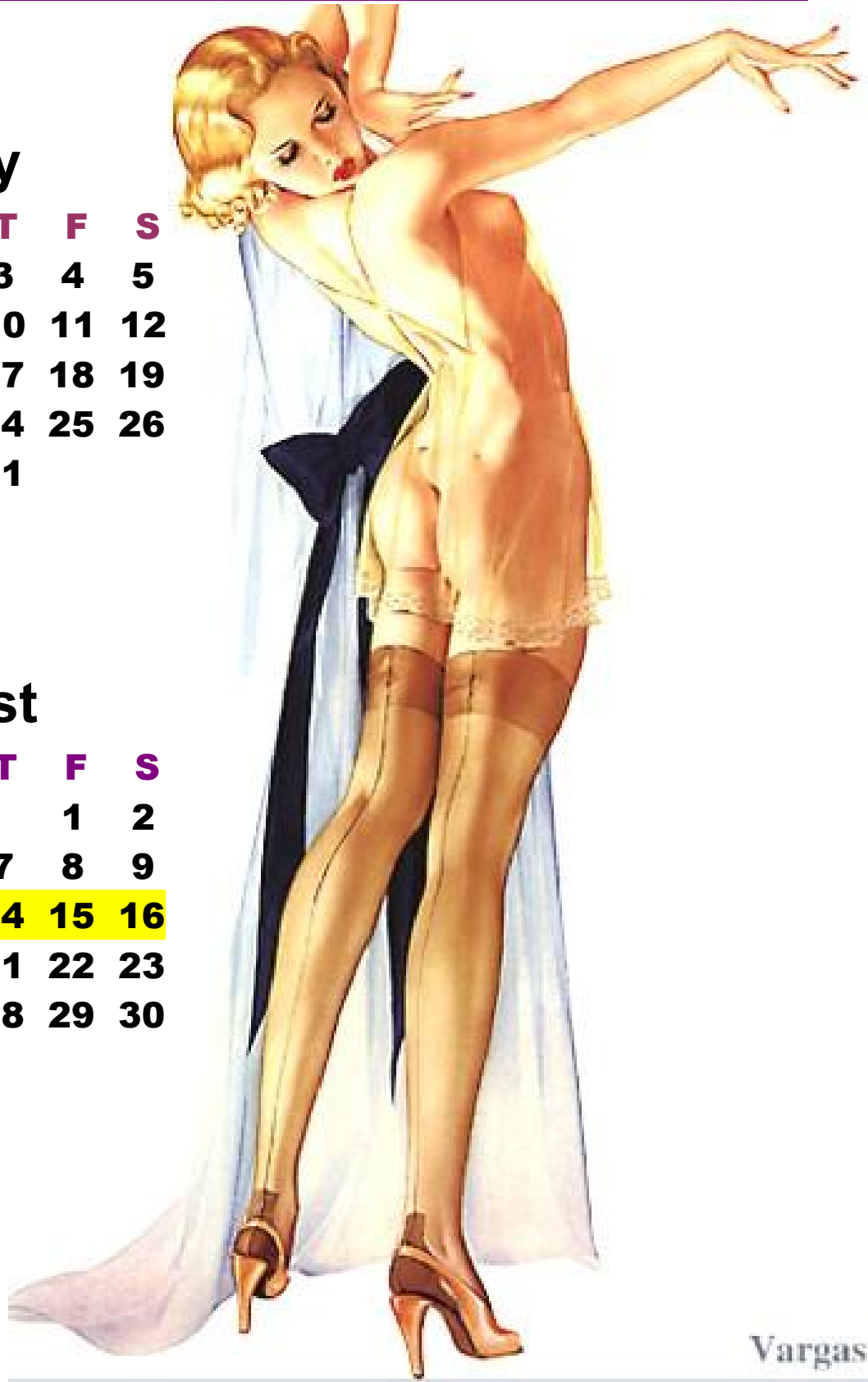
Old Hickory Pin - Ups

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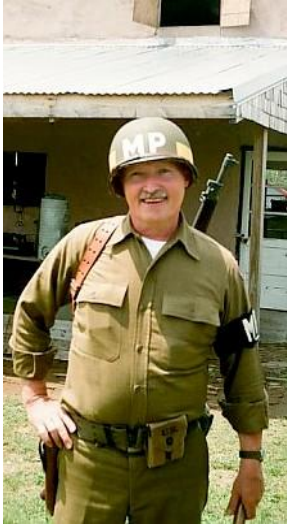
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Pics From Reading, PA 2008

I believe most of these pictures were taken by Shell Hyatt when she and Ken traveled up to the Reading Air Show in June of this year. I'm not sure who else attended from the OHA but this is always a great venue. The site is quite near Fort Indiantown Gap and the local townspeople really support this event. It's really more than an air show and if you've never been, it's worth your while to make up there at least once



UNIT NEWS

Here's The OHA Election Results - WOW!

The results of the election for the board of directors are finally in! The votes, of which there were not very many, have been tallied and have produced this result . Staying in their current positions on the board for the next two years are Neil Trivette, Walt Sowinski, Jim Higgins and Mike Owens. Joining the Board for the first time is Jay Callaham who will no doubt bring a tight focus to the WW1 faction of the OHA. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to the few members who took time from their busy lives to participate in this election. We had a very weak response from the membership which is unfortunate and causes the Board great concern. We're hoping the 2008 . 2009 season will produce a more motivated membership and the new Board promises to work tirelessly to accomplish that goal. The Board will be holding their organization meeting soon and will decide what post each elected individual will serve. Once that has been decided, the results will be posted in the next newsletter.

OHA Annual Business Meeting A "Success"

The Annual business meeting of the Old Hickory Association was held at 12 noon on Saturday May 31,2008, at the Grand Stands of the racetrack of the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. We had 10 current members attending this session which was decent turn out but not a great turn out . This is a great opportunity for you to talk about the future of the OHA and to discuss any topic which is near and dear to you. Plus, we've always held this meeting to allow you to get out of the house, away from domestic duties and a great chance to see old buddies and to spend lots of cash at the Raleigh Militaria Show!

Guys ... You Gotta Pay Your Dues NOW!

Jim Higgins is just panting to get you guys to mail in your dues. At last count, we've only had 19 guys pony up the cash to be counted as full paying members. So let's get with it because if you don't pay your dues you're don't get the newsletter, you don't have any OHA participation rights and you'll be branded a loser for life! So pay up Homer...here's the current rates: A **Renewal** of a Regular Membership is \$20.00 per year...A **New Regular Membership** is \$30.00 for the first year only and an **Associate Membership** is always \$30.00 per year, is a non-voting membership but members will also receive the OHA newsletter and unit updates. Newsletters are mailed six times a year. If you are unsure which category you fall into, just give ole' Jimbo a call at 919-556-1014 and he'll clue you in to the right price.



Kings Mountain National Military Park 2008



Members of the OHA attended the **Kings Mountain National Military Park's "Military Through the Ages"** event this Memorial Day Weekend. This event features a time line encampment and demonstrations of US military from the French and Indian War to the present, although with our modern military otherwise occupied, the time line this year stopped with the Vietnam War. **Bob Myers, Brian Illner, Ross Mashburn, and Ron Crawley** (along with Susan Illner, Hunter Crawley, and Chase Smith) provided a WWII impression while **Clint Yarbrough** was outfitted as a Korean War soldier. **Mark Burfete** also made a brief appearance on Saturday as an Army Surplus Store salesperson.

Disproving earlier assertions that paratroops and "real infantry" cannot peacefully coexist, the 504th PIR spent Saturday with us and added much

to the presentation with demonstrations of the M1 Carbine and M1-fired Rifle Grenade. Rounding out the WWII contingent was a member of the USS North Carolina Battleship Association , portraying a US Navy Corpsman in the Pacific Theater. Reenactors from other periods joined in to provide educational and crowd pleasing activities. The only impression missing was that of a WWI Doughboy. NPS employees counted 2,300 spectators over the two days, many of whom visited our bivouac, talked with the troops and viewed the four tables of equipment and memorabilia our group provided. The five firing demonstrations we participated in were very well attended. On Saturday evening we were treated to a first class meal courtesy of NPS and later joined our WBTS pards and Military History Club of the Carolinas (MHCC) friends around the fire. Conspicuously absent was the curious raccoon from last year although there was a whippoorwill that will catch a beak full of bird shot next year if he comes around singing all night long again! **Article submitted by Ron Crawley**



OHA Honors Veterans At The Memorial Day Ceremony in Raleigh!

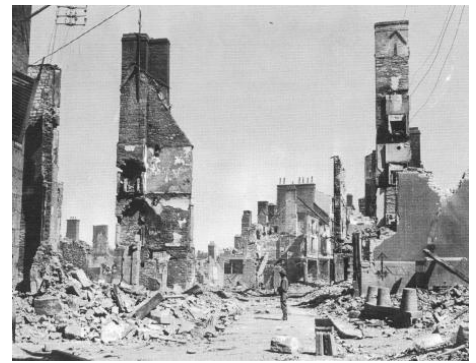
Once again, we barely had enough OHA members to honor the 30th ID Veterans and officiate at the placement of the wreath at the WWI 30th ID Memorial in Raleigh. As it turned out, we had just enough men to provide a three (3) man color guard led by Neil Trivette, a six (6) man firing party commanded by Jim Higgins, the wreath layer was Oliver Hyatt, taps was played by Chuck Eatmon with Don Shupe as the detail commander. Even though we were "light" on troops, our activity went off without a hitch with the firing party executing their charge with superb fineness...no "turkey shoot" for this crew! A full accounting of attending OHA members for the "Salute to the 30th Infantry Division Veterans" at the Old State Capitol grounds consisted of Walt Sowinski, Don Shupe, Brett Bondurant, Ken Hyatt, Jim Higgins, Mark Aman, Neil Trivette, Pat Grogan, Mike Owens, Paul Gill, Jaime Layman and Chuck Eatmon (Bugler). You all know we could have used more guys but we again we managed to provide a good show with what we had.



Dispatches From Mortain.....

As I type this dispatch, I just want to share with everyone that I am in France, headed toward Mortain and Hill 314 - photo is shown to the right. I plan to walk the hill, take lots of photos and bringing back a container of soil from the hill and of the defensive positions held by Co. K, 120th Infantry, 30th Infantry Division.

Just climbed to the top of hill 314. It's amazing, you can see for 50 miles. No wonder it was a key piece of ground. Got my picture taken in one of the foxholes that one of the artillery forward observers used...not the one Lt. Weiss used (they have a sign marking it.) Saw the monument to the 30th. Called Tommy Oglesby from the top of Hill 314 to ask him exactly where he and Layton Tyner stayed during the battle.



Got some pictures of the Church and the Town Hall, the only two buildings that survived the allied bombing of the village. According to Tommy, the air corps did not realize there were still GI's in town. Reported by Lt. Mike Fox, OHA





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Items For Sale

OHA Items:

Grey T-shirt w/OHA logo, S-XL \$10., XXL \$12.50

Golf Shirt, White or Grey, w/ OHA logo, S-XL \$22.50 XXL \$25.00

Grey Sweatshirt w/ OHA logo, S-XL \$18.00, XXL \$20.00

Ball Cap, Grey body w/ blue bill w/ OHA logo \$11.00

Prices do NOT include shipping. Brett says to "Order directly" from: Custom Embroidery Company
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Upcoming Events

July 4th 2008

Fourth of July Parade

Faith, NC

Contact: Don Shupe

August 13 - 17 2008

30th ID Assoc. National Reunion

Crabtree Inn

Raleigh, NC

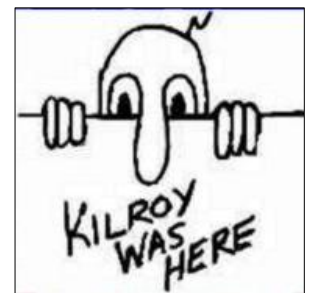
Contact: Walt Sowinski

Nov. 7- 9 2008

Camp Butner

OHA Training Weekend

Contact: Jim Higgins



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30th Infantry Division Reunion Registration Form

Listed below are the registration and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each meal and total the amount. Send that amount payable to: **30th IDA, OIF Chapter** in the form of a check or money (no credit cards will be accepted). **All reservation forms and payments must be received by mail on or before 1 August 2008.** After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

**30th IDA, OIF Chapter
c/o LTC Cliff Wilkins
85 Coachman Way
Sanford, NC 27332**

****Free Continental Breakfast is included each morning. Full breakfast will be available on Saturday morning for \$10.00**

<u>Registration Package</u>	<u>Price per person</u>	<u># of people</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee	\$30.00	_____	_____
Wednesday Reception	\$20.00	_____	_____
Thursday Dinner	\$15.00	_____	_____
Friday Dinner	\$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday Full Breakfast	\$10.00	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$25.00	_____	_____
Total Amount Payable to: <u>30th IDA, OIF Chapter</u>			_____

*****Total for all meals & registration fee is: \$125.00 per person*****

Please print name

First _____ Last _____ Nickname _____

Regiment _____ Company _____

Spouse (if attending) _____

Guest Names _____

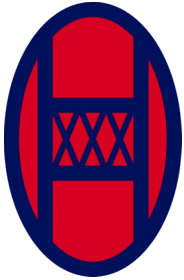
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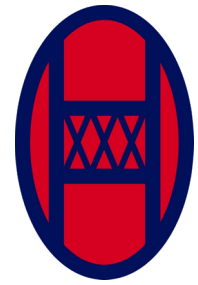
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Emergency Contact/phone number _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____



30th Infantry Division Association's 2008 National Reunion in Raleigh, NC



The Crabtree Inn offers various amenities including: outdoor pool, fitness center, and free continental breakfast. Parking is ample and complimentary. Please request any special accommodations when making your reservation.

**Reservations can be made by calling the hotel direct at 919-782-7525 or mailing the form below to the hotel.
WWII Veterans request first floor room when making room reservation**

*****Cut here and mail to the hotel*****

30th Infantry Division Association – Hotel Reservation Form
Reunion Dates: 13-17 August 2008

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Of rooms ___ # of people ___ Smoking ___ Non-smoking ___ Handicap Access

King Bed ___ Double Bed ___ ***Request First Floor Room _____

RATE: \$49.00 plus tax (12.75%) Rate will be honored until 1 August 2008.

GROUP CODE is: WWIIVE

CUT OFF DATE: 1 August 2008 is cut-off date.

Reservations made after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

___ AMEX ___ VISA ___ MASTERCARD

CARD NUMBER _____ EXP DATE _____

Signature (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: The Raleigh-Crabtree Inn, ATTN: Louise Garrell-General Manager, 3920 Arrow Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612
The Crabtree Inn is a locally owned hotel and was a Ramada Inn up until a few years ago. They have been very accommodating and flexible to the 30th IDA's needs and truly want our business. The NC National Guard routinely holds training conferences at the hotel.

The 30th IDA 2008 National Reunion promises to be a very nice event. The total for registration fee and all meals will be \$125.00. The final agenda will be in the spring newsletter. This will be the last opportunity for us to get together until 2010 since the 30th Brigade will be deployed in 2009. We look forward to seeing members, their families, and our friends from the Old Hickory Association.

****Dues Reminder** If you have not paid your 2007 or 2008 dues please do so without delay.**

Stay tuned. More to follow in the Spring Newsletter. Make your hotel reservations now.
OLD HICKORY!!!

Sincerely, Tom Oglesby, Reunion Chairman, 30th IDA
Cliff Wilkins, President, Operation Iraqi Freedom Chapter, 30th IDA

