

Old Hickory Chronicle

Old Hickory Association Newsletter

March / April 2008

Time for Nominations for OHA Board Directors

All right, troops, the time has come to select some members to serve on the OHA Board. The hows and whys are explained in the copy directly below. You need to step and be counted since these guys will be calling the shots for the next two years. So, let's get on it. Let's get it done on time and with consideration.

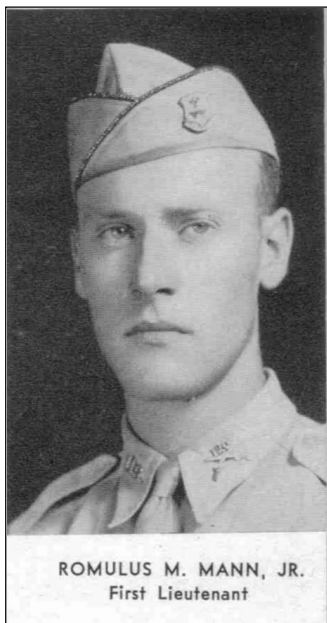


Nominations: Each **regular** member shall be eligible to nominate up to five (5) members for the Board of Directors. Regular members may nominate themselves. All nominations are to be returned to the The Board President, Neil Trivette, in writing, either by regular mail or by e-mail by March 28th, 2008. Neil's home mailing address is: Neil Trivette, 4021 River Rd., Boonville, NC 27011. e-mail is - ntrivette@triad.rr.com

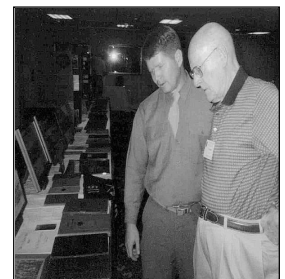
Each regular member **with at least two years of membership**, who is nominated by at least two current OHA members, will be eligible to stand for election to the OHA Board. The Board President, Neil Trivette, will contact each eligible member by April 11th, 2008 to ask if he is willing to accept the nomination and stand for election to the Board.

Elections: Each eligible member who chooses to stand for election to the Board will be asked to submit a brief statement for publication in the May / June newsletter describing his qualifications or reasons for running for the Board. This brief statement must be submitted to the newsletter editor by April 25, 2008. **Ballots:** Ballots with the names of all eligible candidates for election to the Board will be in the May / June 2008 newsletter. All ballots must be postmarked by May 23, 2008. **Notification:** Notification of the election results will be given at the Annual meeting held at the NC State Fairgrounds on Saturday May 31, 2008 at 12 noon and will also be published in the July / August newsletter.

OHA Loses Another Close and Admired Friend



Mr. Romulus Malcolm Mann Jr. of Winston-Salem passed away Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. Mr. Mann was born on Nov. 7, 1917, in Wake County to the late Romulus Malcolm Mann Sr. and Elsie Thompson Mann. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends. He worked at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for over 46 years, beginning as a leaf hanger in 1935 at the age of 18 and finishing in 1982 as a plant manager at Whitaker Park and the downtown factories. Mr. Mann served in the U.S. Army from 1940-1945, achieving the rank of major in the 30th Infantry Division "Old Hickory." Mr. Mann served in the 30th Division's 119th Infantry Regiment and its 120th Infantry Regiment. During World War II, he served overseas from February 1944 through September 1945. He landed in Normandy on June 12, 1944, doing combat throughout France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and fought in the Battle of the Bulge in 1945. He received two Bronze Stars and one Silver Star for his actions in battle. After seeing Mr. Mann's obituary in a local newspaper, Neil Trivette posted it on our yahoo group site. Clint Yarbrough saw the post, dug out a copy of his 119th History and looked for Mr. Mann's picture. One of the first photos he ran across is one of Captain Mann. Clint then, remembered that Mr. Mann had been a First Lieutenant in the 120th so he dug out his 120th, 1941 annual and found the photo of Mr. Mann as a First Lieutenant in Company H. Mr. Mann was a card carrying member of the Old Hickory Association for many years, attended the many national reunions and was always ready to talk with our members. Mr. Mann will be very much missed but certainly will not be forgotten.



OHA Unit News

OHA Needed For Greensboro Centennial Celebrations!

Hey guys, we've got a very interesting opportunity to show our stuff! I've met with a Mr. Greg Woodard and he's very interested in having the OHA as participants for this celebration. Greg is working hard to get us rooms, food and gas money because he really wants to have vehicle displays as well as our usual gear & weapons stuff. The event is scheduled for 12, 13 April 2008, in the downtown area of Greensboro. The city is celebrating its bicentennial with many types of displays including histories of the US Military. Our static displays can be set up in the County Court House on the main floor (located near the corner of W. Market & S. Greene Sts.) It's a great space, very secure and easy to access. A section of Greene street will be blocked off for vehicle displays. Greg is a friend of Jay Callahan's, retired on disability, and now heads up the local VFW Post. There will be many attractions for the whole family so it's not just a military event. The OHA Board sees this as a maximum effort so I need to know who's interested in attending. Please contact me ASAP so I can coordinate our participation with Greg and his committee. I'll have more info as soon as Greg provides more details however, in the meantime, let me know if you want to participate. Walt Sowinski will be the POC for this event.

CMP Eastern Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches

The second annual CMP Eastern Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches are set to take place at Camp Butner, NC on May 03 - 11, 2008. The event features both clinics and competitions and is hosted by North State Shooting Club (NSSC) and the North Carolina Army National Guard at Camp Butner, NC. Registration is now open and a complete 2008 Eastern Games Program can be found at <http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInfo.cgi?matchID=2950>. The matches are held on Range #1 at Camp Butner. Let Ken Hyatt know if you are interested in going. He plans on being there for at least one match. They also will have AMMO, Carbines, 03's and possibly M1's for your inspection to purchase from the Anniston Depot (CMP south). The ammo is cash and carry, the rifles are taken back to Anniston until you process your paperwork - then they ship to you the rifle that you selected. Contact Ken Hyatt if anyone is interested.

30th IDV Reunion Will Be In Fayetteville, NC- March 27-29... We Need To Know How Many OHA Members Will Attend

The 30th ID Veterans of WWII will be in Fayetteville, NC for their 2008 Annual Reunion. They will be using the Holiday Inn, Bordeaux as their reunion site which was the same site that was used three years ago. Neil Trivette and I will be visiting the site soon to see how much space we will have to set up our displays. In the meantime, we need to know who will be available to attend, when you can attend and if you will be staying with us at Ft. Bragg. MSGT Jones has agreed to secure WWII barracks accommodations for us so we don't have to pay for rooms at the Holiday Inn. This will save us some cash so we can spend our money at Frank Tower's Gift Shop. This is a maximum OHA effort so e-mail me your names, dates you'll be attending and if you'll be joining us in the barracks. We always say this and hopefully this time you'll do a better job of listening up. Time is marching on and we need to answer the call for our vets just as they did 64 years ago. Let's get with it and make your plans to be at the Fayetteville reunion for March 27, 28, 29 2008. The veterans will appreciate your attendance and you will be glad you came!

OHA Camp Butner Training Weekend Set For Nov. 7- 9, 2008

Well, guys, we're gonna try it again. Let's hope the weather cooperates, the membership sees fit to sign up and we finally get to spend some quality time together. Needless to say, the OHA membership has not had good luck over the last number of months in getting together. Whatever the reasons might have been, let's see if we can be successful this time. We've been fortunate to attract some new members and we hope they'll be able to attend this training event.

2008 FIG PHOTOS



Well, folks, the 3rd Platoon really did themselves proud up there at the FIG. Word has it that they had a great time, worked well in the field and managed to fire a few rounds at the dreaded Huns.

As you can see from these photos, they looked really sharp and I'm sure was one of the most impressive units at the event. Hank Stairs was pleased to have reviewed the troops and was kind enough to present the Old Hickory troops with a wonderful "care package" chock full of goodies, both edible as well as drinkable! For all of you who didn't make up there this year, you once again missed a really great time...
Well, maybe next year!



MORE FIG PHOTOS





Pre-Registration
30th Infantry Division Veterans of WWII
National Reunion 27 – 30 March 2008
Holiday Inn, Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC 28304



Name: _____

Wife or Companion (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Military Unit: _____ Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

**Registration Includes: Thurs. Evening Reception; Friday Breakfast; Friday Lunch; Friday Dinner;
Saturday Breakfast; Saturday Banquet & Hospitality.**

Please Note any Special or Dietary Needs: _____

Registration Cost will be \$135.00 Per Person. This includes All Taxes & Gratuity.

Make Checks Payable to: "30th I.D.V. 2008 Reunion Comm".

In the amount of \$135.00 x (No. of Persons) = \$_____ (Check Amount)

Mail check along with this form to:

"30th I.D.V. 2008 Reunion Comm."
c/o Frank W. Towers
2915 W. SR #235
Brooker, FL 32622-5167

Register **NOW!** Cancel Later if Necessary!!

(910) 323-0111 or (800) 325-0211

The Holiday Inn Bordeaux at Fayetteville, NC, is located at 1707 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304., and is easily accessible from I-95 and US #301. If you are driving, and are in doubt, please call the hotel directly for accurate driving directions. The Hotel has 290 guest rooms, all newly renovated, and equipped with: mini-fridge, remote control TV's, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, and coffee maker with supplies. The hotel offers amenities including an outdoor pool, and fitness center, complimentary auto parking and RV parking. Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are available. Please request these special accommodations at the time you make your reservation. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 Noon. Café Bordeaux is located on the ground floor, which serves breakfast & lunch. Wiley's Grille & Bar also on the ground level, has a unique atmosphere and serves fine dinners, and has been voted "Best Hotel Restaurant".

The Holiday Inn Bordeaux offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the Fayetteville Regional Airport. After arrival at the baggage claim area, call the hotel from a phone in this area, and the hotel will inform you of the next pick-up time. You may want to consider other transportation services, as space is limited on these complimentary services.

The Hotel does not allow 'live-in' parking for RV's. Should you require full-hook-ups, contact: Lazy Acres Campground, approx. six miles from the hotel. Reservations can be made at: (910) 425-9218.

*****CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL*****

30th INFANTRY DIVISION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
Reunion dates: 27, 28, 29 March 2008

Name: _____ Phone#: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date _____

Of Rooms _____ # Of People _____ Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____

Handicap Room: _____ King Bed _____ 2 Double Beds _____

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned. Make sure to get a confirmation # when making reservation by phone.

Rate: \$79.00 +tax (currently 12.75%) for King or Double. Rate will be honored three days before and after reunion dates, upon availability.

Cut-Off date: 26 February 2008 Reservations received after this date, will be processed on space & rate availability.

Cancellation Policy: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled by 6:00 PM on day of arrival.

All Reservations must be guaranteed by Credit Card, or 1st night's deposit enclosed.

AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER _____

Card Number: _____ Exp Date _____

Signature: Regardless of Payment method _____

Old Hickory Pin Up's

March

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This little honey is looking forward to some warmer weather after her dancing stint with Ray Oakes at the Saturday night USO dance at the GAP.



Dear Mom and Dad,

I completed my first week with the 30th Division. Most of the guys in this outfit are experienced combat infantrymen but there are a couple of replacements like me. There are two other men from South Carolina and many are "Tar Heels". My Squad Leaders seem like good men and are taking care of me (so far). One of them seems to be the butt of some joke about monkeys that I have not yet figured out. The other says he joined the army when he was only 15-years-old! The Platoon Sergeant is nothing like the yelling and ash-can banging ones from basic training. This one is pretty pleasant in the morning. But Dad was right about First Sergeants. Ours sure gave us a going over the other day about the barracks and was quite profane. I intend to steer clear of him! Our Lieutenant came up through the ranks and is a bit more familiar with us enlisted men than he probably should be, calling us by first names and eating in the enlisted mess hall. But he is all business in the field.

The one thing so far that I had not really expected was the fact that we have to buy all of our uniforms and equipment. I thought the Army provided for us but instead the men spend huge amounts of money at vendors that are set up on post. The junk they sell looks like it is 60 years old, most the food and sundry items are nothing more than blocks of wood in wrappers, and they are even allowed to sell to the enemy! Very strange.

Thursday was a leisurely day, just a formation or two. On Friday the officers had us on a ball field in the freezing cold (very windy) for hours practicing maneuvers, along with the other platoons. I had my first taste of combat on Saturday. Oddly enough, they loaded us on to buses to get to the main lines. The WAC officer who made us pile into the cramped buses with all our equipment was very rude and called us "pitiful". Once we unloaded (and trampled/soiled a rare butterfly garden) we climbed the huge hill we had just ridden down (welcome to the army) and then got right into the action. I can't say that I ever saw a German soldier and of the 8 shots I fired in 5 hours of fighting, only four of them were really aimed. I can only hope I was not shooting our own men. We fought alongside some real American heroes, the paratroops. They were quite fearless, constantly diving in front of our line of fire yet never seeming to take casualties. They certainly did a great job of keeping us away from the enemy but for some reason our officers didn't seem very appreciative. We all came back safely and celebrated our victory with a swell party on Saturday night. I will write more soon!

Your son, Ron

Editor's note: The above letter home to the folks was written by Ron Crawley. Ron is a new member of The Old Hickory Association and this was his first attendance at the Fort Indiantown Gap, PA "Battle of the Bulge" reenactment which is held yearly. We thought you'd enjoy reading his very creative letter home

Be
Sure
to send
in your
nominations
for

OHA
Board
of
Directors!



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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

123 Wooding Ave. Danville, VA 24541 ph. 434-799-3153

Tell them you are an OHA Member.

Reproduction Items:

WWII Reproduction Rations - Complete reproduction of WW2 K ration, C ration and D bars, as well as other such accessories as Foot Powder, Charms, PK Gum, fuel tablets, batteries and much more.

Catalog available. www.angelfire.com/nc/stug or mail to:

Todd Hogan, 225 S. Melville Street, Graham, NC 27253 or you can e-mail me at thogan@triad.rr.com

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7165 Adwen Street, Downey, CA 90241 Fax and Phone – (562) 927-6922

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Inquiry Line (831) 754-2351 <http://www.whatpriceglory.com/usunif.htm>

Upcoming Events

March 27 - 30, 2008

30th ID Veterans of WWII

National Reunion

Fayetteville, NC

April 12 – 13, 2008

Greensboro Bi-Centennial

Heritage Festival

Contact: Walt Sowinski

May 17, 2008...11am

Greensboro Bi-Centennial

Parade of Decades

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May 31st 2008

Annual Meeting

Fairgrounds, Noon

Raleigh, NC

July 4th 2008

Fourth of July Parade

Faith, NC

Contact: TBD

Nov. 7- 9 2008

Camp Butner

OHA Training Weekend

Contact: Jim Higgins



The June 2008 Reading Air Show Poster Boy

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