



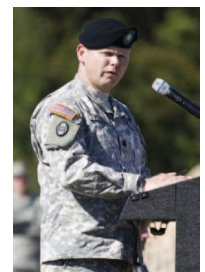
OHA Participates In 30th HBCT Change of Command Ceremony

On Sunday, Lt. Col. Randy Powell replaced BG Lusk as the brigade commander in a ceremony held in a field behind the Clinton Army headquarters. Soldiers stood in formation wearing the Army's black beret. Some members of the cavalry squadron wore the black Stetson hats of cavalymen. Also on the field were members of the Old Hickory Association, living history re-enactors dressed in World War II uniforms who served to remind the gathering of the 30th Infantry Division's service during WWII. In addition to being on the ceremony field, the Old Hickory Association had erected in the Armory's drill hall a very impressive display of WWI and WWII militaria which was enjoyed by a great number of the National Guard soldiers and their guests. The members of the OHA that were on hand to explain what the items were and to answer any questions were: Neil Trivette, Jay Callaham, Dan Jutson, Mike Owens, Robbie Lamb, Walt Sowinski, Ken Hyatt, Oliver Hyatt, Tyler Owens, Chuck Eatmon & jeep and Charlie Noble. It should be noted, that soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division received six (6) Medals of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, in World War II and twelve Medals of Honor (12) in World War I.



Lusk, who commanded the brigade for five years, recalled the days earlier in his military career when guardsmen went to "summer camp" and did not expect to serve in combat. "We weren't going anywhere," Lusk said. "The prospect of going to a National Training Center rotation was about as close to a combat deployment as we thought we would ever experience." The 9/11 attacks changed all that, he said. Now the brigade has had two combat deployments in the past seven years and has had a dozen soldiers killed in combat. Lusk was the brigade's executive officer on the 2004 deployment and commander on the 2009 deployment. On the second Iraq deployment, guardsmen "took the counterinsurgency fight to the enemy,"

Lusk said. "It was village by village, people by people, American to Iraqi, that we were perhaps able to relieve some anxiety of a nervous population and buy time for a fledgling democracy," Lusk said. The brigade sent task forces to provide security and assistance in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, to Arizona to augment the border police and we've responded to floods and hurricanes in our State. On October 1, Lusk became the State's Adjutant General, the senior uniformed official in the N.C. National Guard, with about 12,000 members. Incoming Brigade Commander Powell, has been selected for promotion to Colonel, was the brigade's deputy commander. He began his Guard service as a 17-year-old enlisted cavalry scout and then became an armor officer. Powell commanded the combined arms battalion which has its headquarters at the Fayetteville armory. "We have 3,800 plus reasons to get it right," Powell said. "The reason is our soldiers." *Article by Henry Cuningham - Additions and clarifications by Walt Sowinski*





Marion Sanford's OLD HICKORY Memoir



The following is a memoir that is being written by Marion Sanford at the request of his family. Marion Sanford served in the 30th Infantry Division's 30th Reconnaissance Troop during WWII. We met up with him at the 2010 Nashville, TN 30th ID Veterans of WWII reunion where he shared some of his wartime experiences with us. The following is Part One of a three (3) part series which will appear in our newsletter.



This is my Old Hickory memoir. I entered the Army of the United States on September 2nd, 1942 and was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas Cavalry Replacement Center for basic training where we trained with horses. We were told we were to be the last unit in WWII to train with horses.

The Cavalry, at that time, was the pride of the Army but basic training was not easy in the horse cavalry. We started our training off with learning how to drill the correct way and look really sharp. We'd been training for about a week when the Captain came out and said that we were going to have a parade. He then said, "I don't expect you to look like a bunch of Marines, I want you to look like the United States Cavalry – that's even better than the Marines." So, we continued our training, working pretty hard at drill for the first few weeks of basic so we could meet the Captain's expectations.

Finally, we got to go to the firing range which was exactly 4 miles from our barracks. We would get up at 3:00 o'clock in the morning, have breakfast and then run out to the firing range. We'd leave there at 11:00 o'clock, run back in and to eat lunch and after lunch we would run back out to the range where we'd stay until about 5:00 o'clock. We'd march back to the barracks to have our evening meal and after we'd finished eating, we then had to clean all our weapons. Once we'd done all that, it was 10:00 o'clock before we finally got to bed. We followed that routine for another three or four more weeks...training, training all the time!

I remember one morning, as we walked out of the mess hall, there was a pile of fruit there on the table and I picked up an apple and put it in my pocket. We were out there on the range doing nothing at the time just waiting to pull targets. I reached into my pocket and pulled out my apple. There was a guy there named Battenfield and he was a Pfc, but he was our acting Cpl. He said, "Trooper, don't you eat that apple." Well, I looked at him and I went right ahead and ate that apple. Needless to say, it cost me... on Sunday morning, I got assigned to do KP which meant I had to get up at 3:00 o'clock in the morning. My punishment didn't end there because I got to do the stable detail on the next Sunday. This nonsense went on, not just for me, but for a lot of other guys too... acting Cpl. Battenfield made a pretty good name for himself.

It gets cold in Kansas in October sometimes, so we would wait until the very last call and then we'd jump into our boots, pull on our overcoats and run out for reveille every morning. One particular morning, I noticed our 1st Sgt was there which was odd because he wasn't usually at reveille but he was there that morning. We all were nicely lined up and he opened ranks and said, "Gentlemen, remove your top coats." Well, we took off our top coats and we stood out there in the cold for about 30 minutes dressed only in our underwear. I promise you that was the last time we didn't get completely dressed for reveille...the Army always has a way of getting things done their way. We were out one evening on a field problem and it was very cold...it probably was in December and when we came back in about midnight there was hot chocolate in the mess hall for everybody. Those of you who remember, the old coffee cups were almost like a soup bowls. They handed me hot chocolate but I dropped it on the floor and broke it. The 1st Sgt yelled out, "Get that man's name, rank and serial number" and when pay day came, I owed the US government six cents for that broken cup...of course I paid the six cents and continued on with my basic training.

After about 13 weeks, I managed to graduate from basic training and went down to headquarters. They asked me if I planned to go to OCS and I said, "I might, but I don't know" so they said, "Well, we would like for you to go to mechanic school for wheel and tracked vehicles." I told them OK I would. It was near Christmas and all the Cadre went home for a week but the rest of us were stuck at Fort Riley with nothing to do. President Roosevelt had asked Irving Berlin to write a song and "White Christmas" became that song. We must have heard "White Christmas" a thousand times while we were stuck in our barracks. The only fun we had that week was to go to town to see a movie and that was our Christmas at Fort Riley, Kansas. You might say that that was one Christmas that was not the most enjoyable. Immediately after Christmas, we went back to the school and I thought that I could do like I'd done in high school - just slide through. Well, after that first week, the Lt called me in and said, "Trooper, your scores show that you're capable of doing better than this. If you don't pick this up this week, I'm going to give you a rifle and you'll be leaving here and going somewhere and it won't be home." Each evening, from 7:00 to 11:00 o'clock we had a place where we could go to study.

The Army was really throwing it at us as much as they could. Many, many nights after that I would be sitting in the latrine which was the only place where there was a light. I'd be still studying at 1:00 o'clock in the morning which helped me make it through the wheel and tracked vehicles course. By February, we had finished the mechanic school course and were graduated. Remember acting Cpl. Battenfield? Well, before we left Fort Riley, we all paid him a visit and promised that if we ever ran into him again, we would have a very special greeting for him. Of course, we never did see him again after that. The thirty of us who had been selected after graduation left Fort. Riley, Kansas, got on a train and all we knew was that we were headed east and then headed south. Once the train arrived at its final destination, we found that we were at Camp Blanding, Florida. They told us that we would be joining the Old Hickory Reconnaissance Troop...each infantry division in WWII had a cavalry troop for recon and we were about to become thirty new additions to the 16,000 men of the 30th Infantry Division.

While on the way to Camp Blanding, we had stopped in Jacksonville for a bit and well, you know how boys are... they take a drink and do something really dumb and most of my group got pretty well soused! So, when we were trying to get off that train, this Lt. came out to greet us and asked, "Is anybody in this crowd not drunk?" Well, this little ole country boy in the back holds up his hand and says, "I hadn't had a drop, sir." So then the Lt. says, "Well, Ok trooper, you'll be doing KP in the morning, because the rest of these guys won't be in any condition to do it." So much for being a "goody two shoes."

So now, we were members of the Old Hickory Division at Camp Blanding, Florida. They said, "Since you guys already had Basic training, you can start helping to give Basic to the rest of these troops. We started off running with the 238 guys in the Old Hickory Reconnaissance Troop. It was hard work because it's not easy to run in sand and that's what we had in Florida. So, when they asked me if I wanted to go back to advanced mechanic school, I decided it would be a good opportunity...much better than running in sand. So in April, I went back to the Cavalry Replacement Center at Fort Riley for advanced training. I got into the advanced course and actually, it was real easy, because I had studied a lot of it to begin with. I went through that course and then they wanted to send me to a tank school for 3 or 4 weeks. They said, "We've got a 2 week course in blacksmithing" and that two weeks was one of the best things I ever did. I learned more about iron in those 2 weeks than I thought I'd ever know. It helped me my whole life because I learned what kind of iron was strong and what was not. I also took a couple of weeks of arc welding and that was also one best courses I took. All this schooling took me up into the middle of the summer and it was time to rejoin the Troop.



The troop had finished basic training and had gone to the maneuvers at the Headquarters of old Camp Forrest at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Remember, we had started off with 238 guys but they only wanted 149 and the Army wasn't there yet. The Tennessee maneuvers were all over middle Tennessee, Murphreesboro, Fayetteville, Tullahoma and all over the place. The Army didn't have enough real weapons to go around so made our own...we went to a slab pile and cut us out a rifle and we used pine logs for anti-tank guns. When I caught up with the Troop on the Tennessee, maneuvers, I arrived very late at night. The next morning while going out for breakfast, I met the Captain and he said, "Good morning, Cpl." That's how I found out that they had promoted me to Cpl while I was at the Fort Riley schools. We trained hard during the maneuvers. We went through the obstacle course, where they fired machine guns over your head while you crawled under a barbed wire course ...actually it was a lot of fun. You got up at 3:00 o'clock in the morning, ate breakfast and got ready to go into the field. You got two sandwiches for lunch and you knew one was probably going to be bologna and the other one was going to be peanut butter and jelly but he evening meal was going to be cooked meal. We would train night and day until Thursday evening and then we were through until Monday morning. Of course, we slept in the woods, we had no tents so we slept on the ground. On Sunday, the 1st Sgt would come out and walk through our area and yell, "Alright, men, get up and get yourself ready, we're all going to church. We'd go to the closest church and a lot of times the people there would ask some of us to go home with them for lunch. We all got some really good home cooked meals a lot of those times.

The Tennessee maneuvers were over in late November or early December and we wound up near the Cumberland River just across from Kentucky. We were told that there were a lot of things that we had to throw away, that we had to dispose of among which was a keg and a half of 8 penny nails. The Captain came by and told me to get rid of those nails. I said, "Yes, sir." but I just couldn't throw them away. I put them on the back of a jeep and took them up to a farm house and asked the farmer up there if he could use these nails. He said, "I sure hadn't got any, so you bet I can." We busted the wooden cases open and poured the nails out on the floor of his house. We then burned the cases so nobody would say he stole them from the Army. Later, the farmer came back to where we were camped and asked me how many is in my group. I told him I had ten men in my section. He said, "We're inviting your 10 to have a meal with us this evening." We all went to that meal and that farmer had every kind of food that you could think of and it was a really, really good meal.

We were still at Camp Blanding, still working hard and we were beginning to come together as a unit. Our chemistry was good and we got to where we really enjoyed the special training we were now getting. We'd go through the week, training hard and on Saturday we'd get a pass to go to Tallahassee. We could do whatever we wanted to do but a pass to Tallahassee wasn't that good because there were too many sailors in town that you couldn't walk around very easily. Our 1st Sgt could really play the piano and he could play anything you could name. A lot of times, he'd start playing and we'd hang around and listen and sing until daylight the next morning. Then the 1st Sgt would say, "Okay, men let's go get some breakfast." We had a friendship that was building while we were training and our unit was getting better and better! *More to come in the next newsletter.*

UNIT NEWS

Hey Gomer ... You Still Have Time to Pay Your 2011 OHA Dues So Do It NOW!

Jim Higgins is standing by to get your dues. At last count, we have 29 guys that have paid their dues to be counted as full paying members. So how about you? If you don't pay your dues you don't get the newsletter and you don't have any OHA participation rights. So if your name is not listed below, you need to get on the ball....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. 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 fee.



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| 4. Ashley Parker | 14. Don Shupe | 24. Tyler Owens |
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OHA Honors Vets At The Triad Honor Flights

OHA members had another great time at the October 6th Triad Honor Flight. Jay Callaham, Ken Hyatt, Clint Yarbrough and Walt Sowinski were on hand to extend a warm welcome to the vets and to cheer them on to their DC trip ... Oliver Hyatt was also there to assist the OHA team and to lend a hand. Jay Callaham states that, "we always meet some fascinating folks among the veterans as well as families. We had a former paratrooper who remarked that "the first time I ever flew in an airplane was in the Army - and then they made me jump out of it!" Another guy was telling us how he spent his 18th birthday by going to the beach - at Normandy! One vet came up behind me and rapped my on my MP helmet, saying "I always wanted to do that to an MP!" We even had a performance by "the Andrews Sisters", an entertainment group out of Winston-Salem, who looked the part and produced a really good sound."



Our job is to meet and greet, help them out of the cars and assist them in any we can. The morning duty is the best time to be able to chit-chat with them because the crowd is small. Most of us turn out as MPs and "harass" them a bit which they do get a "kick" from and usually elicits a choice comment or two. The morning uniform can be pretty much whatever you want to wear - wools, HBTs, helmets or soft caps, Ike Jacket or 4-pocket. For instance, Ken Hyatt has kitted out as a U.S. Navy SP to be able to welcome some of the WWII U.S. Navy veterans who have taken these flights. The evening return uniform is always wools with '41 jacket, tie, overseas cap, leggings, pistol belt with empty mags in the pouch, an empty .45 holster and 1st Aid pouch. You'll need to be there NLT 1900 and plan to stay until around 2130 - 2200 - depending on whether the plane is on time and how long it takes go bring the vets through the receiving line. The evening return is the really big show with big noisy crowds that produce lots of cheers, hoots and hollers. It was a good time, as always so you really should try to be there for at least one Honor Flight. Article submitted by Jay Callaham

The photo (shown left) is of Mike Owens father who took an October 7 Triangle Honor Flight to DC.

Allison Woods Living History and Reenactment - OHA After Action Report 17 - 19 September, 2010



I have long wanted to attend this event either as a participant or a spectator, just to see how a time line reenactment would work. Well, I can say, it works pretty darn well! Our friends in the Western NC based 82nd / All-Americans (504PIR, 325GIR, and their alter ego impression 29th ID) have been to the site for the last three years and highly recommended it. This year they also hosted four members of the OHA. Talk about easy to find, the re-enactor entrance to Allison Woods is a single turn and three miles off I-77.

Said to be part of a land grant from about 1744, the Allison family has held this property for over 250 years and are staunch Confederates. Nine years ago, they began hosting a WBTS event that was expanded in 2008 to include a WWII battle and a more extensive time line of military impressions and camps.



Ron and daughter Hunter, along with K-9 Casey, arrived at the site near Statesville, NC in the early evening on Friday. Registration was quick and friendly, they charged us the early registration price of \$8 and showed us the way to our camp ... good folks! We drove right up to the 82nd bivouac and set to work putting up a couple of tents. The 82nd must have had around 20 troops and were joined by one other 82nd group, British paratroops (including member Sean Foster), and some crazy Russians that camped nearby but didn't participate in the fighting. Member of Allied vs Axis Historical Foundation brought four vehicles from Fayetteville, including

that smoky German half-track, a Kubelwagen, a 1944 Opel Blitz, a White half-track, a 1944 Willys MB, and a WC-54 Ambulance. Other vehicles were present including a Harley Davidson set up in a period repair shop. The 82nd assembled a nice, functional field kitchen to feed the men over the weekend. Altogether it made for a very comfortable and great camp set up!

The first action was a night patrol that began long after the sun set. This gave an opportunity to train and also made us more familiar with the surroundings, especially, for some of us, the bottom of a huge ravine just a few feet from the main road. Sustaining no casualties, we returned to camp amid the jeers of some drunken Russian in the Vietnam re-enactor area (I'm still not sure what he was doing there) as we continued the patrol through their camp. Everyone turned in fairly early and we're ready for the next day.



In the morning, after mess call, we made another patrol, this time led by Hunter and Casey. These patrols are for training and to keep the troops occupied, but also to attract spectators to our camp. The WBTS area is by far the largest camp, and they are adjacent to the huge food vendor, sutler area, and spectator parking. That makes it a little difficult for spectators to know we even have a camp at the other end of the field. After the patrol we were joined by Robbie Lamb and Ken Triplett who quickly set up their gear. In the early afternoon, the men boarded our transport (a newer model troop carrier), Hunter joined Robin Gienewski in her ambulance, and we headed out to the battlefield. The scenario called for a few "dead guys" and some wounded, so these men were preselected and the battle began. The German forces were already on the field and had dismounted from their vehicles to engage the British paras. We were brought in at the pivotal moment



and sweep in with four jeeps/troops and on foot. The engagement was short but decisive. As one of the wounded, I was taken from the field by my own daughter in the ambulance as the GI's pursued the fleeing axis soldiers. A few of us returned to the site of our recent victory in order to watch the hour-long WBTS battle. Clearly larger in number, and with infantry, artillery, and cavalry on both sides, the scenario was unnecessarily long but worth watching since the Confederates were victorious. The day continued without much incident, and after a lengthy "Lantern Tour" and some jollification in camp, we all retired for the evening so that we could be rested and fresh for the next day.



Sunday began with breakfast and then a religious service led by one of the more interesting members of the 82nd. Chris Newcomb is an ordained Episcopal priest, a Physician's Assistant, and a line soldier in 82nd as well as the 101st out of Knoxville. Talk about schizophrenic! A jeep hood served as the altar and the service included communion but no offering (thank goodness). Things were slow on Sunday morning but after a quick lunch, we loaded back up for the battle with a reduced number of troops. The battle was about the same as Saturday, still a lot of action packed into a relatively short span of time. Lacking any leadership from the 82nd, Robbie Lamb stepped up to lead our squad. We managed to capture more prisoners this time and paraded them past the spectator line along with the captured Opel Blitz.

On Sunday, Ken, and I talked about how nice it would be for the entire OHA to come next year. Our camp would really augment this event, since there was no regular infantry there and our 30th Division memorabilia, weapons displays, etc. would be a great addition. Also, wouldn't it be cool to have our own troop carrier (hint to Don Shupe)? After snooping around on the wood line (you can guess why), we even discovered power and water connections, which could be a benefit. While the 82nd has long been a supporter of this event, I think the OHA could become a key participant in the future. It is certainly in our recruiting and outreach area, and convenient to the SC and Western, NC contingent. So put it on your calendars for next year, 16 -18 September, just before International Talk Like a Pirate Day! For more information, visit <http://www.allisonwoodslivinghistory.org>
Article submitted by Ron Crawley with minor modifications by Walt Sowinski

'The Thomasville Blues'

The OHA's own Jay Callaham attended this book signing event and augmented the signing with his usual awesome display of World War I memorabilia along with some photos from the book. More than 60 years after his grandfather's death, the book's author, Jim Little finally got to know him as he researched the lives and times of 1st Lt. Robert O. Little and his fellow soldiers in Thomasville's Company L. First Lt. R.O. Little (middle) is shown at Camp Glenn near Morehead City during training before being shipped off to France to fight in World War I. Jim was only 2 years old when his grandfather died, but a journey of discovery that began a little more than a year ago resulted in a book, **"Fathers of the Greatest Generation: The Thomasville Blues."** It chronicles the 10 years, from 1909 to 1919, the Chair City's N.C. National Guard unit existed. It also touches on other area National Guard units as well, including Company A, the Lexington Rifles.



Little had heard stories that his grandfather served on the border with Mexico as tension mounted there in 1916, that he was gassed when he fought in World War I, that he came home to work as a postman, but Little became interested in finding out more after serving as parade chairman for the Thomasville Memorial Day celebration in 2009. Little talked with his cousins. One had a number of photos of R.O. or photos taken by R.O.. She also had a diary he kept for a few years after the war but the only reference to World War I was an entry noting that he had been denied compensation for health problems that arose from being gassed during his trench warfare.

Little researched microfilmed copies of local paper, The Dispatch, which had published letters from local soldiers, spent time at the N.C. Archives and History in Raleigh, made a trip to the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Maryland as well as to the World War I Monument and Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. He discovered that their service was a decisive factor in ending World War I. Company L and Company A,

became part of the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division as National Guard units were incorporated into the U.S. Army. The 30th is known as the "Old Hickory" division, named after Andrew Jackson, and included former National Guard units from North and South Carolina as well as Tennessee. Little discovered that the local men began training in 1917 and shipped out to France in May 1918. "The war had been in a kind of stalemate until America entered it with fresh troops which helped to win the war. "Of course, you'll never hear that from the British or French." His research at the World War I Monument and Museum revealed that the 120th Infantry (including units from Thomasville, Lexington and Asheboro) was actually under British command. These boys were the ones who broke the Hindenburg Line. The British say it was a British operation but our guys were at the forefront of that line...they spearheaded it.

Old Hickory Pin - Ups

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Upcoming Events

October 30, 2010

Triad Honor Flight

AM & PM Event

Greensboro, NC

Contact: Walt Sowinski

November 5 -7, 2010

Great War Fall Offensive

Newville, PA

Contact: Jay Callaham

November 13, 2010

History of the American Soldier

Guilford Courthouse NMP

This is a US (and pre-US Colonial)

only timeline event. One day only.

Setup starts at 0830 over at 1600

Contacts: Walt Sowinski

Jay Callaham

November 13-14, 2010

Soldiers in Iredell County

Timeline event at Ft. Dobbs

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December 11, 2010

Hurtgenwald Tactical

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It's That Time Again Guys...

64th WWII Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration

Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA

The registration form and all event information is posted in the Old Hickory Association files section of our yahoo group website. You know the drill so start getting your gear ready to move out. All paperwork needs to be filled out and sent to the proper authorities pronto. We have a reputation to uphold because Company K has always set the standard for all of the participating living history units. Let's make sure we maintain that level of excellence. That is all, carry on.

FIG WARNING ORDER 1: Unit leaders/Unit representatives: Thanks to all who have trained throughout the year and are coordinating unit participation at the Gap event for 2009. The reputation of Company K for tactical effectiveness and unit efficiency and accuracy has grown over the years. We all look forward to another terrific event. Please give this message/information the widest distribution for planning purposes.

Company K Mess Hall Plan: (NOTE: This Mess Hall is for **Company K members only** plus selected members of the BN/RGT staff. It is not associated with the meal plan offered by the Battle of the Bulge coordinators).

- A. Combat Caterers (Pat Callahan) have agreed to operate the mess hall at the Battle of the Bulge reenactment in January 2009 (coordinated Jan 2008).
- B. **Cost per meal: \$6.00**
- C. **Surcharge** for each participating member: **\$1.00 per meal.**
- D. **Meal Sequence:**
 - 1. Dinner -Thursday 29 Jan
 - 2. Breakfast -Friday 30 Jan
 - 3. Dinner -Friday 30 Jan
 - 4. Breakfast -Saturday 31 Jan
 - 5. Dinner -Saturday 31 Jan
- E. **Determining costs:** \$6 (per meal) + \$1 (surcharge) x number of meals.
- F. **Maximum cost:** \$35 for all 5 meals and the surcharge.
- G. **Method of payment:** Make checks or money orders (consolidated unit payment recommended) to COMBAT CATERERS.
- H. **MAIL:** meal reservations and payments to: Les Albers, 8297 Lindside Way, Springfield, VA 22153. I'll consolidate the requests and send it to Combat Caterers (Pat Callahan).
- I. Get reservations and payments to Les by Wednesday, 7 January 2009.
- J. Units are asked to provide participation estimates by Wednesday, 10 December via email.
- K. Contact info for Les Albers: home phone: 703-455-1405 (leave a message) or email: alberslh@aol.com.
- L. Head count will be run by the Company Clerk (army30th@hotmail.com)
- M. Kitchen Police: will be coordinated by the Company Clerk from the roster of participants.
- N. Leaders KP: Officers will be prepared for KP duty on Saturday night.
- O. This Warning Order is for widest distribution and action as appropriate.
- P. Mess hall bldg number: Awaiting confirmation.



Did'nt he say "Nuts" at the Bulge?

Continued success to all, Les Albers

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP CHECKLIST

This checklist has been compiled to help you get ready for the Battle of the Bulge Reenactment at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. This is a basic list and has more things than you might have or will be taking. There are some duplicates such as rain gear, etc. but it will give you some idea of what you may need. You will also want to bring more of certain items if you have them such as shirts and pants. You can go through and check off items as you pack them to make sure you have everything. If you have any questions on specifics you should ask your squad leader or an NCO.

1. Uniforms

A. Basic uniform, to be worn around the barracks, mess hall, and flea market.

M-1937 Wool Shirts M-1937 Wool Pants

Waist belt, khaki with an open face black buckle

Overseas Cap, with 120th Infantry Regt insignia

Field Jacket, '41, '43 or Winter Combat (Tanker's) Jacket

Undershirts, white or OD, tank tops or T-shirts

Underwear, white or OD, boxer or boxer briefs (NO BRIEFS OR THONGS!) Socks, wool or Cotton,

Boots, Service, Roughouts, and Double Buckles

Fatigue Uniform, Denim or HBTs, can be used for KP or other duty or can be worn if you don't have extra wools.

B. Field Uniform, items for wearing in the field.

Jeep Cap or Toboggan

Scarf, Gloves or Mittens

Field Jacket, Mackinaw, or Overcoat

Sweater, Sweater Vest or High Neck

Long underwear, tops and bottoms, white gray or OD, Crew Neck Tops

Rain Gear, Rain Coat or Poncho

Overshoes or Shoe Pacs



Boots, Service Shoes, Roughouts, Double Buckles and Leggings .

C. Dress Uniform, to be worn on Saturday night to the USO dance. All should be cleaned and pressed with correct insignias and proper decorations.

Dress Coat, 4 Pocket Tunic or Ike Jacket.

Shirt, Wool or Suntan

Boots or Shoes, polished

Insignia, Collar Brass and Crest... if you have any questions about what is correct ask an NCO.



Wool Trousers

Cover, Overseas Cap w/ insignia or Service Cap and Tie

2. Field Gear

A. Infantry Equipment

Cartridge Belt with First Aid Pouch, with bandage

Canteen, Cup and Cover

M-1928 Haversack, with meat can pouch

Bayonet, 10" or 16" with correct scabbard

Entrenching tool, T-Handle, M-1943 E-tool, or pick mattocks with correct carrier

GP ammo bag or Lightweight Gas Mask Bag

Bandoleers with Blank Ammunition, En Bloc Clips,

Rations, Hogan Quartermaster Reproductions or other suitable items to resemble C or K Rations

M-1 Helmet, Correct Color and sewn on Chin strap, with Correct Liner

M-1 Garand Rifle with Correct Leather or web Sling, and functional blank adapter.

Blanket, Shelter Half or Poncho to fill out Haversack.

B. NCO Equipment

Whistle, Brass or plastic with correct chain

Compass and pouch

Wire Cutters

Pistol Belt

M-36 Suspenders

Carbine with appropriate Magazines and ammo pouches

M1911A Pistol & appropriate Magazines and ammo pouches

3. Barracks Impression

A. Bunk

White sheets, two flat single sheets

Pillow and white pillow case

Blankets, two WWII army blankets

B. Other Items for Barracks Impression

Footlocker

Barracks or laundry Bags

White Towel and face cloth

Razor, safety with blades

Shaving Kit or Toiletry Roll

Two (2) padlocks, for wall locker and foot locker

Personal medications.



**3rd Platoon – Whenever
there's a dirty detail!**