

Old Hickory

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66th Annual 30th IDA Reunion A Huge Success!

The 30th Infantry Division Association 2012 National Reunion in Raleigh had great weather, great attendance and can certainly be counted as a great success. On Wednesday, OHA men, Neil Trivette, Mike Owens, Jay Callaham, Walt Sowinski, Dan Jutson, Chuck Eatmon and Aaron Clark showed up to set up our usual outstanding militaria display. CPT Kevin Hinton and MAJ Craig Jones got the bar set up



in the hospitality room so as to be able to properly welcome all the reunion guests as they began to arrive that afternoon. Held at our favorite Ramada Inn - Raleigh, the reunion again was hosted by the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team members of the 30th IDA. This year, the reunion included such 30th Brigade notables as COL Wilkins, MAJ Walls, LTC Morrison, SSG Nance, SSG Charlie Britt, CAPT Melissa Culbreth, the

30th IDA Chaplin and many other OIF veterans too numerous to mention. On a separate but important note, CAPT Hinton did a fantastic job of putting this year's reunion together and was formally recognized for his efforts at the Saturday night banquet. He was voted for and was presented with the Old Hickory Award by none other than the illustrious and internationally known "American Standards bathroom fixture designer" TECH 5 Hank Stairs.



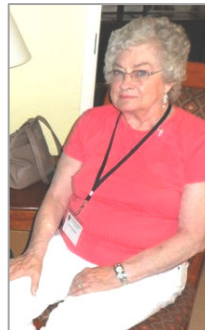
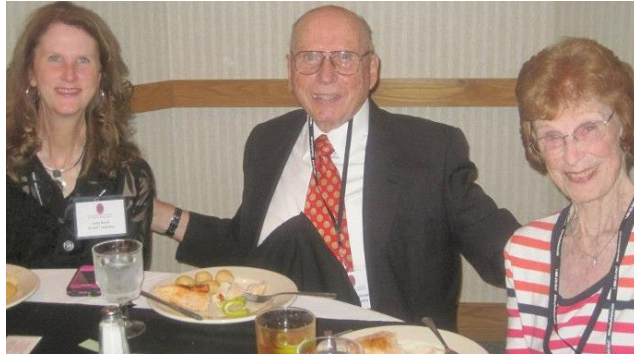
The "second shift" of OHA members who arrived to assist in the festivities were Ken Hyatt, Matt Koonts, Ray Oakes and Pat Grogan,. The OHA had two (2) rooms allocated for WWI & WWII militaria displays with the hospitality room in between the two display rooms. Mike Owens made sure the sounds of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman were available in the bar area which was always crowded and it goes without saying that no one went away thirsty. Once the hospitality room bar area was filled, the crowd spilled out into the "lower lobby area" outside of hospitality suite. Without a doubt, everyone had a great time visiting with old friends like Hank and Clara Stairs, Ed Middleton, George Small and Micki Klepper, Frank Deegan, John Cronan, the very lovely Grace and Libby Tyner, Dick Lacey, King Kenny, Emma Potter, Victor

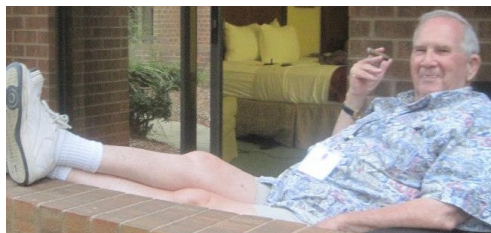


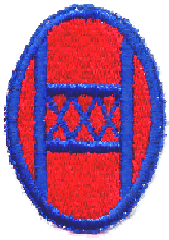
Neiland, Eugene & Margery Pflughaupt, Roger Casey, the Sibley's and Evelyn Kent, Lane and Ed Zatopek, the and Vince Heggen all the way from Belgium just to name a few.

OHA members were joined by 30th Brigade members to provide the necessary Color Guards for the Men's business meetings and Memorial Service. SFC Setera carried the National Colors, Mike Owens carried the 30th Old Hickory Regimental Colors, Aaron Clark and Ken Hyatt served as Color Guard escorts. Jay Callaham sounded the Posting of the Colors...played a Call to the Colors and sounded "Taps" at the Memorial Service. All of reunion attendees, the WWII veterans and the OIF veterans were very pleased with Jay's bugle contributions and have insisted that he continue to provide his services at all future reunions.

The reunion planning team delighted the entire assemblage with a Friday night "pig pickin" supper which was enjoyed by all of the attendees. Another Friday night highlight was the recreation of a USO dance atmosphere that was assembled by Emily and Robert Rudder. They dressed in 1940's civilian garb, decorated the dining area with 1940's USO type memorabilia, hung red, white and blue streamers, red, white and blue stars, red, white and blue sparkles and topped it all off with a huge crepe paper American flag on the back wall of the dining room. They did a fantastic job of emulating the 1940's civilians who welcomed homesick doughboys to a night of song and dance and a happy place to forget basic training. Once again, our own Roger Casey, was out on the dance floor showing all of us just "how it was done" back in the day. Without a doubt, it can be safely said that the 2012 reunion was truly a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the attendees







Some Very Special 30th IDA Reunion Thank You's



The OHA extends sincere and heartfelt thank yous to the following people: to **George Small and Mickey Klepper** who donated \$50.00 to our the OHA coffers as well as stuffing the bar "tips pot" with some cash, to **Emma Potter** for making and bringing her wonderfully sinful brownies and lemon squares for all to munch on and to the **30th IDA & 30th Brigade** for providing room accommodations, food and support for the attending OHA members.

The OHA also needs to highlight and honor the bartending services of **Kevin Hinton, Mike Owens and Matt Koonts** who kept everybody well oiled, to the **Brigade members** who arranged for and cooked the pig, to **Jay Callahan** for his bugle services, to **Kevin Hinton, Wes Morrison and Clif Wilkins** for their excellent planning and execution of the reunion event.



We offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to **Robert and Emily Rudder** for creating a fabulous "USO stage set" to host the reunion's USO dance on Friday night. all of the people for their work, dedication, patience and hands on help during the reunion. Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to **Michelle Hyatt** for providing many of the reunion photos which appear all through this newsletter. By the way "Troop," the site for the 2013 Reunion of the 30th Infantry Division Association has been decided and it will be at the same Ramada Raleigh as the 2012 Reunion on roughly the same dates. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss next year's reunion!

Frank Deegan Finally Receives WWII Bronze Star Decorations

Our Brigade buddies had a really nice surprise for Frank Deegan at the Saturday banquet. It seems that Frank had been written



up to be awarded two Bronze Stars during his service in late 1944 but he had never received those decorations. Well, that proved to be an unacceptable proposition to our pals of the OIF contingent of 30th IDA. In an very emotional filled award ceremony conducted by LTC Wes Morrison and COL Clif Wilkins, Frank Deegan was called forward to the podium to receive his Bronze



stars. LTC Wes Morrison read the citations outling what Frank Deegan had done to be earn the award and COL Clif Wilkins presented the long missing Bronze stars to Frank Old Hickory!





Old Hickory Mourns the Loss of J.C. Maxey



Mr. James Calvin "J.C." Maxey, age 91, of Tullahoma, TN passed away on Friday 29 June at Life Care Center of Tullahoma. He was native of Franklin County and the son of the late Willie and Leland Pollock Maxey. J.C. Maxey was a retired boilermaker at A.E.D.C., was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran having served in the 30th Infantry Division, Cannon Company 120th Infantry. Maxey was a Silver Star recipient but never talked about it, never would explain why he received the award and remained VERY humble about the whole issue. He always said that he had it real good being in the Cannon Company and he felt so bad for the infantry guys who had to be up on the line. One thing he did talk about was how he never had completed Basic Training because he was the CO's driver and the unit's best "scrounger." He enjoyed that his Captain always called him his Tennessee Hillbilly.

Maxey always came to the 30th IDA reunions with an "old timey" gym bag that was filled with bottles of "Jack Daniels" that he brought from home to donate to the hospitality room bar. He lived close by to the Jack Daniels distillery and his pals who worked there made sure Maxey could treat his 30th IDA buddies with the best "hooch" available. It was always a hoot for the bartenders to ask Maxey if the "gym bag was handy" so they could replenish the bar's supply of Jack. He always got a kick out of that but made sure that the Jack was only served to those who appreciated the



best. Maxey had many funny stories and he and his close friend, Beth Kidd, were always fun to talk to and have a laugh with. Maxey was also a regular and loyal member of his local VFW and American Legion where he was assuredly regarded as one of their finest members.

Maxey is survived by two nephews, Willie Maxey and Jerry Maxey both of Tullahoma, a great niece, Kelli Garner of Tullahoma, a sister in law, Maggie Maxey of Tullahoma, great nephews, Danny Maxey of Canton, GA, Brian Maxey of Tullahoma, three great, great nieces, and three great, great nephews. Services were conducted on Sunday at the Tullahoma Funeral Home followed by burial at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Maxey will be sorely missed by many people but he will never be completely forgotten. **OLD HICKORY**



Old Hickory Mourns the Loss of James C. Kelley, Jr.



CAMERON, NC: James Clyde Kelly, Jr. age 89 of Cameron died on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at his home. Funeral services were held 11:00 am on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at Cameron Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Whitney Wilkinson officiating. Following the service, burial was held in the Cameron Presbyterian Church cemetery with military honors provided by members of the Old Hickory Association and the NCNG Honors team.

A native of Moore County, North Carolina, born on October 11, 1922, he was the son of the late J. Clyde and Louise Forbes Kelly. He was a decorated Army veteran of WWII, serving in the 120th Regiment of the US 30th Division. His record includes the Battle Stars of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, Central Europe and Germany, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He gave a lifetime of service to the Cameron Presbyterian Church where he served in every office of church leadership. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 382, the and Democratic Party. He was a member and past president of the Vass Lions Club. He was preceded in death by: his first wife Irene Lurndal Kelly; one sister Jean Forbes Kelly and one brother Daniel Owen Kelly.



He is survived by his wife Kay Medlin Kelly; two sons Chuck (Sue) Kelly of Sanford and Mike (Sheree) Kelly of Carthage; one daughter Susan Kelly of Alexandria, Virginia; two step daughters Cindy Sutton of Ocilla, Georgia and Beth (Van) Crawford of Georgetown, S.C.; one sister Peggy Kelly Charles of Rutherfordton, NC; five grandchildren Heather, Brandon, Ashley, Shelby and Addie; one great grandson, Taylor; his beloved companion McIver. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday at Fry and Prickett Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Cameron Presbyterian Church, PO Box 68, Cameron, NC or First Health Hospice & Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

The OHA Provides Military Honors For James C. Kelly



Jim Kelly apparently always said when his time came, he wished he could be buried with full military honors. So, at the request of Mrs. Kelly, the Old Hickory Association hastily mobilized to honor Jim Kelly's wish. Jim's funeral service was held at the Cameron Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on Thursday, on August 16, 2012. Eight Old Hickory members were assembled to serve as pallbearers, to double as a firing detail and for Jay Callaham to sound Taps to complete a full military honor service. Three members of the NCNG Honors detail, two enlisted and one officer, had been contacted by the family's funeral director and they were tasked to execute the flag folding ceremony and to then present the casket flag to Mrs. Kelly. Dan Jutson, serving as the OHA squad commander, made sure that we all were able to execute our duties in a crisp and military manner. I am confident that Mrs. Kelly was more than pleased with our service. At the conclusion of the burial service ceremonies, the OHA members were invited to join the family in the church meeting room for lunch before driving back to their 30th IDA reunion duties. OHA members who participated in Mr. Kelly's funeral service were: Dan Jutson, Jay Callaham, Mike Owens, Walt Sowinski, Neil Trivette, Norm Klein, Aaron Clark and Chuck Eatmon.



Old Hickory Remembers Jack A. Pittman



Shown below is a copy of an email that Ron Crawley received just prior to the 65th Reunion of the 30th Infantry Division Association held in Raleigh. Ron contacted NCNG Chaplain Melissa Culbreth to insure that Mr. Pittman's name was added to the list of names that would be read at the Friday morning Memorial Service. The Pittman family also wanted the reunion attendees to know about and that they were welcome to view their Dad's memorial if their travels brought them close to the Halifax area.

Subject: Tribute to Jack A. Pittman

Date: 07 August, 2012

From: Carey Pittman - alex.pittman@att.net

Dear OHA Board of Directors: My father Jack A. Pittman was a long time member of 30th Infantry Division Association (Old Hickory) and often attended the 30th Infantry Division Association reunions. Sadly he passed away last October 28, 2011.

I don't know if you are aware but he was a three-time Purple Heart recipient and was also awarded the Bronze Star for his WWII service. My cousins have created a memorial to him displaying his medals and other WWII memorabilia. The memorial is on permanent display in the Halifax, NC Town Hall and is open to the public Monday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm. My Dad's memorial was welcomed and sanctioned by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Halifax. In addition to his military service, my father was the longest serving City Commissioner in the State of North Carolina, having served 42 years in the Town of Halifax.



I have attached some pictures of the memorial and thought you might like to pass this information on to your members at your upcoming reunion in Raleigh. Perhaps some of those who knew him might wish to stop in when passing through the area. I wish you a very successful reunion and thank you for passing this information along to the reunion attendees. Alex Pittman



OHA UNIT NEWS

Still Time To Pay Your OHA Dues

As of the posting of this newsletter, the following members (listed below) have paid their 2012-2013 OHA dues: Jim Higgins is standing by, patiently waiting to get your dues check in the OHA P.O. Box 1079 mailbox. At last count, we've only had 26 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 Gomer...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, it's a non-voting membership but members will also receive the OHA newsletter and unit updates.

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| 1. Daniel Jutson | 10. Tyler Owens | 19. Jim Higgins |
| 2. Neil Trivette | 11. Jaime Layman | 20. Pat Grogan |
| 3. Kent Triplett | 12. Ken Hyatt | 21. Robbie Lamb |
| 4. Walt Sowinski | 13. F.J. Hale | 22. Matt Koonts |
| 5. Don Shupe | 14. Joseph R. McKay | 23. Ray Oakes |
| 6. Aaron Clark | 15. Paul Gill | 24. Brian Illner |
| 7. John Hedgpeth | 16. Ashley Parker | 25. Rick Sneed |
| 8. Mark Burfete | 17. Jay Callaham | 26. Bob Guerrin |
| 9. Mike Owens | 18. Ron Crawley | |

The mailing address is: Old Hickory Association, c/o Jim Higgins, PO Box 1079, Wake Forest, NC 27588-1079. So, if you do not see your name listed above Gomer, it's time to write and mail your check or money order to Jim Higgins pronto. The mailing address can be found on the back page of this newsletter. That is all, carry on and be sure to do the right thing. Make checks payable to: The Old Hickory Association.

OHA Invited To Join The 30th Infantry Division Association

The 30th IDA is aggressively working to build their membership and they want everyone to know that they can join the 30th Infantry Division Association per the membership categories shown below. If you are not a WWII or OIF veteran, you can join as an Associate Member or as a Life Member. A 30th IDA membership is not mandatory for OHA members to participate in the reunions but it is an option to you for your consideration.

Mail Application for Membership
And Payment of Dues
SSG Charlie Britt
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Raleigh NC 27616
charlie.c.britt@us.army.mil.

I am inclosing Membership/Annual Dues of \$15.00 please indicate which year.

I am inclosing Associate Membership Dues of \$20.00 (spouses)

I am including \$125 for a Life Membership ____.

I am also enclosing a donation of \$ _____ to the General Fund to help subsidize the printing and postage costs for our less fortunate members.

I am also enclosing a donation of \$ _____ to the Memorial Fund to help promote the legacy of the 30th Division. Please send my

30th Division News to: (*Print Information Clearly*) **Please make checks payable to The 30th IDA.**

Name: _____

Spouse's Name _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ + _____

Wartime Unit _____ Phone _____

Email _____.



NC WWI Centennial Committee Update



In addition to a very significant as well as poignant Reunion of the 30th IDA in Raleigh, Dan Jutson and Jay Callaham were privileged to attend a meeting of the NC WWI Centennial Committee on August 17. I'm borrowing heavily from a note sent to a group of NC-based Great War historians and enthusiasts by Si Harrington, a retired Army LTC and retired Department of Cultural Resources employee for the following.



Mr. Jerry Hester of Winston-Salem, who was a speaker at the 30th IDA Reunion and attended the Saturday evening banquet, was also in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Hester has been nominated by Congress as the national coordinator for the American observance of the WWI centennial (he was the coordinator for the 70th anniversary). Mr. Hester has done a great deal of preliminary work and is already recognized by the British, French, and Belgian governments (and I presume the Germans) as "the" American go-to person for all things WWI centennial. The folks in Europe are getting into this big-time (as one would expect).

The good news is that he considers North Carolina as being at the tip of the spear in planning. Only New York is anywhere close to us. He also understands the value of living historians to the task of educating a largely ignorant public about the war and the sacrifices made by those who participated in it. The meeting was quite productive and it was a great thing to see many different departments represented - - with the folks attending and working with the committee in addition to their usual duties. Below are some notes from a previous meeting and some details you may find interesting.



Currently, there are tentative plans for a 100 man contingent representing each American Division that deployed to WWI to be sent to Paris to march down the Champs Elysees during the French commemoration. The WWI Centennial trip in 2018 -- should coincide with the French Centennial July 14, 2018 parade in Paris or the American Parade in Paris July 14, 2017. The Centennial Commission plans to organize and plan several major WWI trips during 2017-2018 with qualified Historians and well organized transport, accommodations with options for side trip to WWII sites.

In the photo of the NC WWI Centennial Committee shown above, Dan Jutson and Jay Callaham are still wearing their WWII U.S. Army uniforms they wore at the funeral of a WWII Old Hickory veteran, Jim Kelly, which occurred in Cameron, NC earlier that morning. *Article by submitted Jay Callaham & Walt Sowinski*

Here are some key dates and sites that are up for consideration by the Centennial planners:

- Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library & Museum, Staunton, VA. A possible "kick off" event for April 6, 2017 which was the American entry date for WWI.
- September 29, 2018 – the 100 year breaking of the Hindenburg Line, St. Quentin.
- Memorial Day, 2017 & 2018 American Cemetery, Bony, France. Honor the 30th Division WW I dead.
- July 14, 2017-- All American Parade, Paris with all US active & NG Division to be represented... would be great the 30th Division marchers wearing replica and present day Class A uniforms.
- July 14, 2018 WWI Allies Parade in Paris including 30th Division Color Guard wearing replica & present day Class A uniforms.
- New York City Ticker Tape WWI Victory Parade - November 11, 2018 with all US WWI Divisions represented. Suggested that we have a Color Guard in replica & present day Class A uniforms.
- NC WWI Centennial Parade with 82nd & 30th Division including a WWI vintage aircraft fly-by by USAF and USMC.

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This little darling was a key addition to the Friday evening USO dance. She, along with her Mom, Emily, and her Dad, Robert, portrayed 1940's civilian hosts to make the lonely GI's feel special and at home. Anyone who came to the dance could not fail to notice the fabulous red, white and blue decorations that Emily and her husband Robert installed in the dining area which turned it into a real USO setting! Hats off to Emily and Robert.

Upcoming Events

September 01, 2012
Matthews Alive Parade
Matthews, NC
Contact: Jay Callaham

September 28, 2012
Latta Plantation
Huntersville, NC
Contact: TBD

October TBD, 2012
Camp Bogdan
Training Weekend
Fayetteville, NC
Contact: TBD

October 19-21, 2012
Sons of Valor
Allison Woods
Statesville, NC
Contact: TBD

November 2-4, 2012
Great War Fall Offensive
Newville, PA
Contact: Jay Callaham

November 10, 2012
Guilford Courthouse
"History of the American
Soldier" Timeline Event
Greensboro, NC
Contact: Jay Callaham

November 9-10, 2012
92nd Veterans Day Parade
Warsaw, NC
Contact: Mike Owens
or Lori Smith
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