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30th Annual Reunion Comes to a Close

This years reunion started with the official evening "Welcome Program" which consisted of dinner and welcome remarks from the President of the 28th Infantry Division Association, SFC Morganna VonHaeger. Following the meal, the Association's annual business meeting was conducted followed by socializing with friends, old and new.

Thursday's primary event was a trip to Gettysburg to celebrate the 150 anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Participants enjoyed a visit to the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center which features relics of the Battle of Gettysburg and multi-media presentations. After lunch, a licensed battlefield guide provided a tour of the battlefield. The trip ended with dinner at the American Legion Post 26 in Dillsburg.

Friday consisted of guided tour of the post and an afternoon picnic indoors at the Community Club. The very popular band concert featuring the 28th Infantry Division Band was held at that time.

The annual Memorial Service was held at the

Pennsylvania Veteran's Memorial in the National Cemetery on Saturday morning. A social hour and annual banquet was held in the evening featuring music from the 28th Infantry Division Band and an address from BG Wilbur Wolf.



2013 Reunion Veteran's Banquet

About the Enclosed Cards

Enclosed in this issue of the newsletter, you will find a Change of Address card and a Death Notification card.

If you should move please let us know with the Change of Address card so you will continue to receive your newsletters. If you have a summer and winter address we would like to know that too,

as well as the months you are at each location. If you know of a 28th Division Soldier who has passed please let us know with the Death Notification card so they can be recognized at the Memorial Service during our annual reunion.

Thank you for helping in this way as it makes our job

easier and saves money on return postage.

Thank you to all who have sent us info on the passing of a Soldier. Anyone who has served with the division and who has passed away will have their name read. We are relying on our members to help us remember our fallen.

2014 Executive Council A Message From Our President

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Dear Members,

As we near the end of 2013 I look back at the events, over the past year, that we have worked so hard on. In March Gwenn Underwood and I participated in "Guard Day" at the Capitol Building, May was Boalsburg, July Senators game and buffet, September was the Reunion along with the dedication of the 28th Inf Div GWOT memorial and also the Ride for Remembrance in October. "Friends Helping Friends" at the Harrisburg Boscovs and November the Guard Day at Twin Ponds in Harrisburg for some ice skating.

There have been numerous changes in the 28th Inf Div Association.

The office was moved from building 3 to building 8. This was a move to a nicer facility. We grieve the loss of Steve Shayter who contributed a lot to the 28th ID Association. He will truly be missed.

Ride for Remembrance, 28 September 2013. Valerie Pritchett from ABC 27 News was our MC for this event. We enjoyed riding through the country side on a course designed for us by the American Legion Riders from William H. Nauss Post 143. The ride started at the Lickdale American Legion Post 910 and ended with food and friendship at Jonestown American Legion Post 883.

We participated in the Annual Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends"

Day on 22 October. This day is an opportunity for non-profit organizations to raise funds by selling tickets to the event. No expense is required of the organizations that participate. The tickets sold for \$5 and the Association keeps the entire amount for every ticket they sell. Patrons that purchase the tickets get a 25% discount shopping pass, refreshments and the chance to win

door prizes. The proceeds from this event went to benefit the 28th Infantry Division Association's.

We also welcomed back our Secretary, Kris McKay, and Past President Damian Smith from their deployment to Kuwait this fall.

We are very fortunate to have volunteers working behind the scenes doing mailings, processing membership renewals, working the fund raisers and events.

Gwenn Underwood, Executive Director, spends many days working the day to day operations. Carolyn Malfara is our resident media guru and spends a great deal of time coordinating. Thank you all who have contributed to our success.

I am honored to be President of the 28th Infantry Division Association and I look forward to another busy but fun year coming. I thank all of you who have contributed to this past year and I wish you all Happy Holidays.

Roll On!
Morganna vonHaeger, President
28th Infantry Division Association



President SFC Morganna vonHaeger

Greetings From Our New Vice President

Hello. My name is Cathy Pristas. I live in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. I am married to Mike Pristas for the past 24 years. We have two daughters and 6 grandchildren. I retired from the US Army in 2006 with 26 years and 10 months of service. I was a para-legal NCO and an Administrative NCO. After retiring I went back to work as a civilian doing what I did while on Active Duty. I worked as a Yellow Ribbon Coordinator and then went

to the State Family Program office working as a Family Readiness Support Assistant. This position works as a conduit between Family Readiness Groups and the Commands. If you have not noticed, my love for the military keeps bringing me back. I decided to return to school to earn my degree in the Associates of Arts Human Service Management.

As you can see, I do not have a lot of time for hobbies. Our grandchil-

dren are very active in sports, so that is where my husband and I spend a lot of time when not working. When I do have a little time, I like reading and cooking.

I have been a member of the 28th Association since two years into the beginning. My love for the 28th Infantry Division is part of me. They are truly my second family.

28th ID Blanket for Sale

The 2-104th CAV is selling a fringed 28th Infantry Division blanket with its campaigns.

The blanket size is 54"x70" and the cost is \$50.00 (+\$5.00 S&H). To order your blanket contact SSG Anthony Varner -- anthony.s.varner2.mil@mail.mil or 610-929-8130 x114.

The profits from the sale of the blanket are going to expansion of the 9/11 Memorial, which can be seen at Division Headquarters.



Reunion Lost and Found

A navy blue sweatshirt was found after the reunion. It has a Naval Academy emblem on the left chest.

If you are missing this item or know who is, please contact Executive Director Gwenn Underwood so she can mail it out to the owner. You can reach her at gwennu45@gmail.com or at 717-944-6721.

The Association Needs You!

This has been a hard year for the Association. We have had two Executive Council members pass away, two council members have had poor health limit their ability to volunteer and carry out many of their duties that they have preformed in past years and two members that were away on deployment.

Our office is run by volunteers.

Everything we do needs someone to do it! We need people to help with membership registrations, inventory and shipping of items from our store one day a week in our office in Harrisburg. We need people to help with mailings a few times a year. And we need people to serve on the Executive Council as voting members. To be a voting member on the Executive Council, you need to be

someone that is serving or who has served with the Division. The other volunteer opportunities can be anyone that has an interest in the welfare of the Association. If meeting new people and helping to support members of your National Guard family is something that you would like to volunteer to do, contact our Executive Director, Gwenn Underwood.

Association Sponsors Free Guard Day

Once again, the 28th Infantry Division Association was pleased to sponsor its Third Annual Guard Day at Twin Ponds. This fun FREE event is open to ALL National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, retirees and their families and friends.

Several members of the management team at Twin Ponds have family members serving in the military and are pleased to provide us with ice time for our event each year at no charge in support of our local military. Some are the

mother's of deployed marines and are especially glad to be able to honor our veteran's on Veteran's Day with this annual event.



3rd Annual Ride for Remembrance

On September 28, 2013, the Association held its Third Annual Ride for Remembrance in memory of all the casualties of the War on Terror since 9/11.

ABC27's Valerie Pritchett, an Air Force child and a rider wife, was our Master of Ceremonies again this year.

The American Legion Post 833

provided us with a terrific after ride picnic.

Our route this year was laid out and led by the Legion Riders from Post 143 in New Cumberland and featured a scenic tour through Armstrong Valley in northern Dauphin County and some nice sections through some of the State Game Lands.

The proceeds from the ride benefit our Memorial Fund which is used for maintenance and construction of 28th ID monuments.

Our 4th Annual Ride will be held in September, 2014. Keep a look out for our upcoming announcement about the date.

Photos by Leo Malfara



This year, we had a special t-shirt designed to remember our Soldiers which listed all of their names.



Association Secretary, Kris McKay, shows our display board to riders, telling about our ride and our Soldiers.



Association President, SFC Morganna vonHaeger helped lead the ride with Mike Davies.



Bike cam on Fishing Creek Valley Road through PA State Game Lands.

Reunion Memorial Service

Each September as part of the Annual Reunion, the Association has a memorial service at the Indiantown Gap Cemetery on Saturday morning of the Reunion. The memorial is to remember all the members of the division that

have passed away during the previous year.

Chandra Capps Kendall, the historian for the 28th Infantry Division Recon and daughter of S-Sgt Chandler H. Capps, Jr read our

TAPS list. Division Commander BG John Gronski was on hand to dedicate the Global War on Terror Monument. Association President, SFC Morganna vonHaeger was our Master of Ceremonies. Next year's memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

The 28th Infantry Division Association was very pleased to be able to support the 28th Infantry Division Global War On Terror monument.

Here is our Executive Council presenting a check for \$4000 to BG Gronski and CSM Kepner to help with the cost of constructing the Global War on Terror memorial. It honors the 42 soldiers that the Division as lost since 9/11. The new monument is housed at Division Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Congratulations to 2013 Our Scholarship Recipients

Even with the Montgomery GI Bill, many Soldiers still lack the financial means to pursue their greater educational goals. The 28th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Fund was established to help bridge the gap and allow our Soldiers access to additional educational opportunities by helping them cover educational expenses.

Thanks to the hard work of a handful of volunteers, starting last year, three annual \$500 scholarships were given on behalf of the Association through the Pennsylvania National Guard Scholarship Awards Program.

Applications are available in the spring from the Pennsylvania National Guard Scholarship Fund, Building 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pennsylvania with a deadline for submission of June 30th.

The scholarship is open to all 28th Infantry Division members or the children of members who were either killed in action or permanently disabled while on active duty.

Our first scholarship is named after our first Division Commander. This year's recipient of the **MG John Frederick Hartranft, 28th ID Association Scholarship** was SPC Joseph Bacorn, D Co., 1/109th IN and F Co., 228th BSB.

SPC Joseph Bacorn attends PSU, University Park, and wants to pursue a career in Government as a lawyer or other government official. SPC Bacorn has been an Army National Guard member since 2009 and deployed to Kuwait as an Armed Personnel

Escort. SPC Bacorn has served in numerous leadership positions and received many recognition awards in college and the military. As a bicycling enthusiast, he plans to ride across the USA or hike the Appalachian Trail to raise money for disabled veterans.

Our second scholarship is named after our President that founded the Annual Benefit Dinner and our Scholarship Fund. This year's recipient of the **SSG Walter K. Chmiola, Jr., 28th ID Association Scholarship** was PFC Emily Grimes HHC, 1/104 AVN.

PFC Emily Grimes attends the Pennsylvania College of Technology majoring in Health Sciences. PFC Grimes plans a career as a Dental Hygienist and enjoys working with patients of all ages educating them about proper nutrition and dental techniques. PFC Grimes' military MOS as a 15P (Aviation Operations Specialist) has provided her with a totally different life perspective in Aviation related experiences.

Our third scholarship is named after a World War II 28th ID Recon veteran and long time member of the Association. This year's recipient of the **S-Sgt Chandler H. Capps, Jr., 28th ID Association Scholarship** was SPC Jared Bauriedl 556 MI-CO.

SPC Jared Bauriedl Attends California University of PA, majoring in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement and eventually will be pursuing a career in Homeland Security. SPC Bauriedl aspires to further his education and plans to earn a Master's Degree. He reigns from military lineage and

service to include his great grandfather, grandfather and father, therefore instilling a committed military desire to serve for 20+ years and become an officer.

The Association hosts an Annual Benefit Dinner and Chinese Auction each spring to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The next benefit dinner will be on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Community Club at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Interested benefactors can also donate directly to the scholarship fund by sending contributions to:

28th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Fund
c/o 28th ID Association
1400 Calder Street, Building #8
Harrisburg, PA 17103-1297

This educational endowment can also be remembered in estate planning to be assured that charitable gifts will be used in accordance with the donor's philanthropic wishes. The 28th Infantry Division Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



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Association Loses Active Volunteer

Association Executive Council member and office volunteer, Stephen J. Shayter Jr., 80, of Swatara Twp., passed away Saturday, October 5, 2013 in the Harrisburg Hospital.

He was born January 2, 1933 in Steelton, PA., he was predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Eldeline J. "Peg" Shive Shayter and his parents, Stephen Shayter and Anna Saich Shayter.

Steve was survived by four sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Steve worked in Wyoming in-

stalling power lines until the Korean War started in 1950, he returned home, married his wife P Peggy and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

He spent 4 months with the 3rd Armored Div., Fort Knox, KY., and



then sent to Europe and was assigned to the 112th Inf. Regt., 28th Inf. Division. He went to Signal School for 3 months, returned and operated Regimental Radio until he returned home and was released from active duty in February 1954. He graduated from the former

Swatara Township High School and was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Harrisburg.

He was an active Life Member of the 28th Infantry Division Association. He attended most all of the Association functions, promoted events and kept inventory of our 28th Infantry Division Association items in our store.

He was also a member of the Lawnton American Legion Post 998, a life member of the former Steelton VFW Post 710, and the Hummelstown VFW Post 1687.

Steve's family has invited Association members who would like to honor Steve to make memorial contributions to the 28th Infantry Division Scholarship Fund in his memory.



Around the Office

By Executive Director MSG(R) Gwenn Underwood

- **It is our goal here at the Association to keep our members up to date on all of our activities. Please help us do that by keeping your contact information current and notifying us of any changes in your address.**
- We also keep a record of anyone that has served with the division who is deceased for our annual memorial service. Please notify us when one of our Soldiers passes on.
- You no longer need to mail a check to the Association to renew your annual membership. Membership Renewals as well as new memberships can now be done online at our web site at: **www.28thInfantryDivisionAssoc.org**
- For the most up to date Association happenings, make sure you join us on Facebook. We currently have over 1000 followers that keep tabs on our events through our Facebook Page or check our web site at : 28thInfantryDivisionAssoc.org

5th Annual Benefit Dinner and Chinese Auction



Come to our **FUN**draiser!

Saturday April 26, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Cocktail Hour with Appetizers - Buffet Dinner with Entrees of Roasted Turkey and Herb and Peppercorn Pork Loin

FTIG Community Club
Annville, PA

- Sports Memorabilia and Tickets
- Dinner Gift Certificates
- Art Work
- Museum Passes
- Baskets of Cheer
- Celebrity Items
- Weekend Getaways
- Adventure Activities
- And so much more!!!!!!

Tickets are a donation of \$55 each or \$100 a couple

For more information call SFC Morganna vonHaeger at 717-783-3234— Carolyn Malfara at 717-320-3121

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Proceeds of the dinner to benefit the Association's Pennsylvania National Guard Scholarship Fund

2014 Calendar of Events

Spring Date TBD Time TBA

Annual 28th ID Association 5K Run - Date and Location TBA

April 26, 2014 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

5th Annual 28th ID Association Benefit Dinner
FTIG Community Club
Annville, PA

June 1, 2014 12:00 pm

Annual 28th Infantry Division Memorial Service
28th Infantry Division Shrine
Boalsburg, PA

Sept 3 - 6, 2014 Varied

31th Annual 28th Infantry Division Association Conference and Reunion
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA

Sept Date TBD 10:00 am

4th Annual Ride for Remembrance
American Legion Post 883 (East of FTIG)
Jonestown, PA - **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

Nov 8, 2014 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Free Guard Day at Twin Ponds
Twin Ponds East
Harrisburg, PA

**We the office staff, Executive Council, and
volunteers of the
28th Infantry Division
Association
want to wish all our members,
their families and our friends a
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.**

God Bless and Good Health for 2014!

The 28th Infantry Division Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL FORM

Name _____ SSN _____
Last First MI Last Four Digits

Address _____ Spouse's Name _____
Street Address, Apartment, etc.

City State Zip Date of Birth _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Status _____ Dates of Service _____
(Active Guard M-Day) (Retired) (Former Guard) (Other)

Active Duty: WWII _____; Korean War _____; Viet Nam _____; Desert Storm _____; Kosovo _____; Iraq _____;
Afghanistan _____; Home Land Security _____; Other Conflict(s)/Campaign(s) _____

Unit(s) of Affiliation (Indicate all units that you have served with): _____

ANNUAL DUES:

M-Day Soldier (E1 to E5) \$5.00 _____ M-Day Soldier (E6 to E9) \$10.00 _____ All Officers \$13.00 _____
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Life Membership is available. Call 717-787-9385 for more information.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Essential personal file information for historical records/inquiries)

Highest Rank Held _____ Your MOS _____ Wartime Service: Yes ___ No ___

Place entered on Active Duty _____ Training Center(s) _____

POW: Yes ___ No ___ Where _____ Wounded: Yes ___ No ___

Any Additional information you wish to add (ie: Decorations, awards, etc.): _____

Note any special events or actions which you may recall and why: _____

List any members in your squad, platoon, and company and their location (if known): _____

Place of Discharge: _____

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28th Infantry Division Monument at FTIG - Photo by Joan Pape

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New Year**