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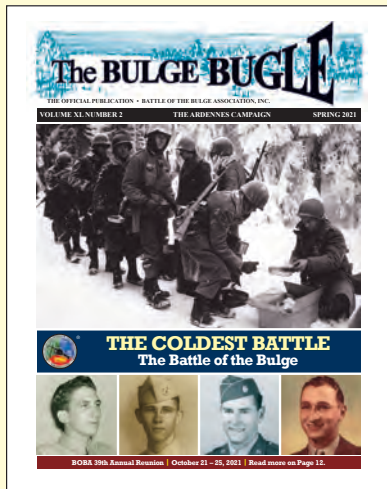
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ON THE COVER



Top Photo: “The Chow Line,” a US Signal Corps photograph, was taken in January 13, 1945 in St. Hurbert, Belgium. The photo shows men from Company I, 4th Platoon, Machine Gun section, of the 347th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division lined up in the snow for food.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! (Bottom Photos, left to right:) Victor Cross (87 INFD 345 REG B) is 95 years old and lives in Michigan. Tom Burgess (87 INFD 345 REG 1 BN A) is 95 years old and lives in North Carolina. Jack Stitzinger (87 INFD 346 REG 2 BN H) is 97 years old and lives in California. REST IN PEACE: Herbert McCullough (87 INFD 345 REG E) — photo sent by BOBA member Mark McCullough in memory of his father, Herbert, who passed away in 1980. Among his awards, Herbert received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and his Company E received the Presidential Unit Citation for capturing the town of Olzheimer, Germany, a key position on the Siegfried Line.

Read about the 87th Infantry Division on pages 8 and 22.

How to submit stories for *The Bulge Bugle*®

The Bulge Bugle® is published quarterly in the months that coincide with Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Please continue to send us your Battle of the Bulge stories! All members are reminded to submit stories about veterans you know who fought in the battle. Guidelines for submitting stories and photos are:

Stories and letters: Please send typewritten (not handwritten) text whenever possible, and limit word count to up to 500 words. We reserve the right to edit for length or clarity. Clippings/articles from recent newspapers or other periodicals must contain the name & date of publication, so we can obtain reprint permission. Original stories will be given preference over reprinted articles. NOTE: We cannot reprint from books or pamphlets, unless you are the author. **Stories or clippings will not be returned, so please do not mail originals you want to keep—send legible copies.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Mohor

MY FELLOW BOBA MEMBERS, I HOPE this finds you healthy, well and immunized by the time you receive your Spring issue of *The Bulge Bugle*® in 2021. As we approach this Memorial Day, I am reminded about all service members who lost their lives, especially the soldiers that died during the Battle of the Bulge. I am reminded also of the many veterans we have lost since, especially this past year. The Battle of the Bulge will forever have an impact on the family dynamic throughout generations, and BOBA continues to strive to perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices made so many years ago.



By the time you get this edition, our 2021 Board will have conducted three Board meetings virtually and by phone this year. I am pleased to report we are a “go” for having our Annual Reunion in Charleston, SC this October. Kudos to Barbara Mooneyhan and the South Carolina Chapter for their hard work in planning! For more details see later sections in this issue.

I also want to publicly thank and praise all the BOBA Board members, committee members and volunteers for their efforts. We now have a firm annual budget established that lets us see exactly where we need to be to stay strong moving forward. Regardless of this fact, if we do not increase our organization’s revenue stream through contributions, membership, donations, and other means, we are looking at about three years before we exhaust all funds of the organization. As current President and Board, we are working hard to do everything we can to prevent this from happening, but we need your help. We need more volunteers to assist the organization’s operations. We are looking for an Advertising coordinator for handling ads to help us pay for the cost associated with printing *The Bulge Bugle*®. This would be in the form of ads dedicated to loved ones that served, as well as ads that complement the organization’s purpose preserving the memory of the folks involved in the Battle of the Bulge. We need folks that know how to write grant requests. No one person can do this alone. Our Vice President of Membership is now open again. We are looking to find a willing volunteer to fill this position to grow membership in the post Covid-19 world. Thank you, Angela, for your past service as VP of Membership and your continued willingness

to serve on the strategic planning committee.

The longevity of the organization depends on us all being financially responsible. We appreciate all your extra donations that have been sent to help us! We have listed your generous donations, tributes and memorials on page 9.

Last Fall, the membership approved tiered membership categories which will increase our fee structure. The Strategic Planning Committee is actively working on a plan to implement this, which includes more digital communications, including updates to our website and eBlasts. Details will be forthcoming in the next *Bugle*. In the meantime, I am pleased to

announce the appointment of Carl Carraway as Webmaster and non-voting member of the Board to assist us in this endeavor.

As our Bylaws’ purpose of the corporation includes “...to perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices made by U.S. Military personnel during the Battle of the Bulge.” In that vein, I would like to highlight a special Bulge Veteran, Aircraft B-26B “Flak-Bait.” She flew over 207 Operational missions over Europe, having flown from 1943 to December 1946—for more than any other operational aircraft—including sorties in support of D-Day, and the Battle of the Bulge. She accumulated over 1000 patch holes from combat damage. After being preserved all these years, she has finally been reassembled and is, I believe, after undergoing additional renovations, being put on display at the National Air and Space Museum.

Currently, we are still accepting donations for a variety of causes, including the 28th ID Memorial being built near the National Guard HQ in Pennsylvania. Be sure to memo that the check is for the 28th Division Memorial. The Wreath Fund continues every year for our annual commemoration event in Washington, DC. Please, when you send a donation, note that it is for the Wreath Fund. Stay healthy everyone!

I would also like to share that our great BOBA was in the March 2021 (V16-II) Army Newsletter stating our inclusion in the **Circles of Distinction** at the new Army museum. Thank you all for becoming and remaining members of BOBA.

“We Support” 34th Field Artillery assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in WWII.

—John Mohor, President & CEO

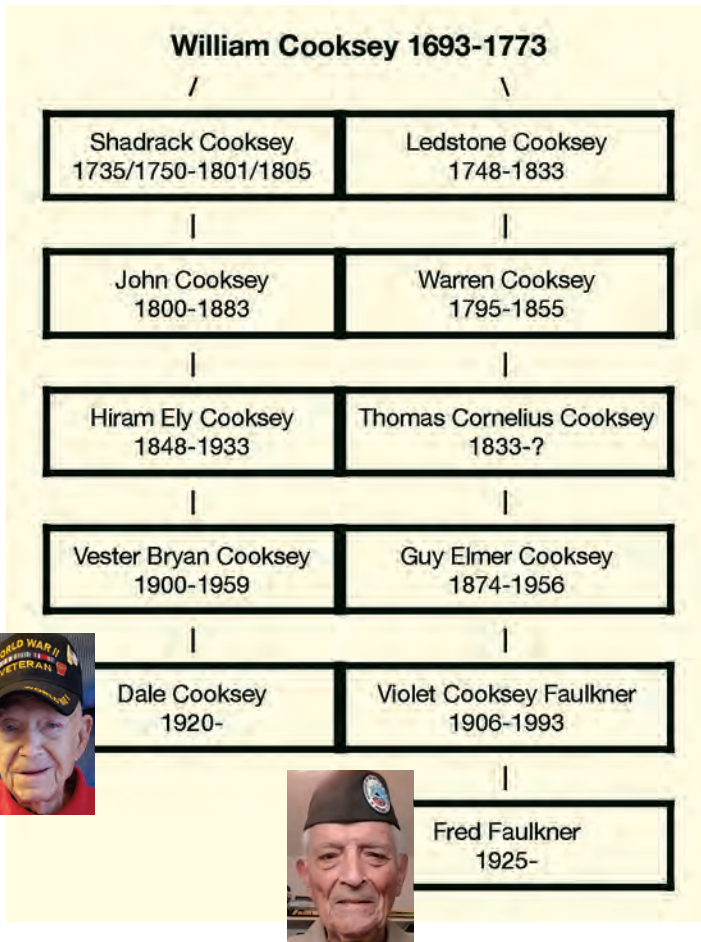


BOBA LETTERS

BOBA VETERANS RELATED!

Fred Faulkner, Bulge veteran living in Florida, picked up on the name Cooksey that I had mentioned—Dale Cooksey is another Bulge veteran living in Missouri. Fred in turn reached out to Dale and found out they are related! Both sides of the family served in the Revolutionary War. Fred has a copy of the original contract paying for passage from England to America in 1665 of his original family emigree to this country. Interestingly, the price for John, his wife and a female attendant (maid) was one bale of tobacco. Check out the family chart below that connects our amazing Bulge heroes!

Betsy Rose, *Bulge Bugle* Editor



LOOKING FOR INFO ABOUT LT. JULIUS HEBERT (KIA 1/1945, 90 INFD 258 REG B)

Dear John Mohor,

Many thanks for the “thank you” letter you sent me, for my modest donation made in honor of my brother-in-law, who was in the 94th division. I would like to make another donation in honor of my platoon leader who I really liked. I was his runner, and felt very bad when he was killed a few days after I was wounded on the night of January 12th, 1945 in Luxembourg. His name was Julius Hebert. I did not know much about his civilian life but never forgot him. How did I know that he was killed in action? I had sent him a V-mail from my hospital in England and it was returned to me marked “deceased.” [see photo, top right.]



If you could find anything about his family or where he was from, I would greatly appreciate it. Please excuse my poor typing, but it doesn't improve at age 95. I was just 18 in 1945.

P.S. You are doing a great job with BOBA.

Julian Lee Gelwasser, Veteran Member
(90 INFD 358 REG CO B)

From John Mohor: Thanks for your letter and compliments. Readers can find your full story online in the November 2016 *Bugle* on page 11 or on battleofthebulge.org > insert “Julius Hebert” in the search box. We hope that someone who sees it can help with more information. In the meantime, the BOBA office is also searching for info and will let you know if we are able to find anything. Thank you for your service, Julian!

A MEMBER'S THOUGHTS

If the country we love, honor, and defended still exists fifty years from now, surviving excessive censorship, possible “book burnings,” and demonizing our Founding Fathers and monuments, all the *Battle of the Bulge* magazines (*The Bulge Bugle*®) will be a treasure, indeed! Interested readers will be able to discover a vivid, personal, interesting, and accurate account of a very great battle of WWII.

Robert L. Croye, BOBA Member

From the Editor: Thanks for your appreciation and loyal readership of the *Bugle*!

NOW A PART OF THE HISTORY ARCHIVE

I received the Winter 2021 *Bulge Bugle*® today, and right there at the centerfold, is my article about my dad Ray Boyer! I am just tickled that it's a part of history, a part of the “archive.” Thank you so much for helping me along in the process.

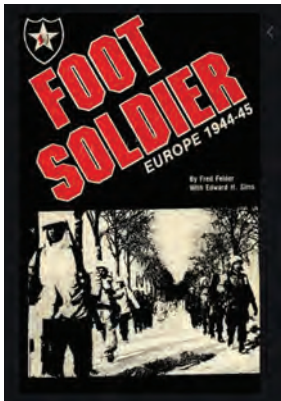
Carolyn Kramer, BOBA Member

From the Editor: Thanks, Caroline! This is the best part of the job. All members—please send in your stories, so we can preserve more memories!
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BOBA LETTERS

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SEARCHING FOR BOOK



My father John Kuziel was in the 2nd ID during the battle. He was in Charlie MacDonald's company and is mentioned by name in MacDonald's book *Company Commander*.

In the May 1986 issue of *The Bulge Bugle* (Vol. 5 #2, page 8) there is an ad for a memoir entitled *Foot Soldier* by Fred Felder with Edward Sims. Mr. Felder was also in the 2nd ID and so his stories are very interesting to help me to understand their experiences in the war.

For a long time I have been trying to get my hands on a copy of *Foot Soldier* but to no avail, and I am wondering if anyone could help me out in some way to get a copy? It is probably a long shot, but I am exploring every possibility. Any help and information you could provide will be greatly appreciated.

Bill Kuziel, BOBA Member



RESCHEDULED: ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 8TH ARMORED DIVISION

The new dates for "The Thundering Herd" reunion will be: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 20 - 21 - 22, 2021. The new deadline to register is: July 23, 2021. The group will tour the new Museum of the Army at Ft. Belvoir and attend a dedication of a Memorial Granite plaque to the 8th Armored Division, which will be on permanent display there. The reunion will also include a tour of DC to see the new Eisenhower Memorial, WWI, WWII and Korea memorials and related sites via local coach.

To register, visit www.8th-armored.org or contact Andy Waskie, BOBA VP of Chapters, and President of 8 ARMDD at 8thArmoredDivision@gmail.com.

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

Please notify us when you hear that any member of our organization has recently passed away, so that we may honor them in a future *Bulge Bugle*®. Also, kindly notify us of any errors or omissions. Please send notices by mail: BOBA, Inc., P.O. Box 330, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-0330; or by phone: 703-528-4058; or by email: betsy.boba@gmail.com.

We have been notified as of April 14, 2021 that these BOBA members have recently passed away:

Edward T. Bartkiewicz	2 INFD 23 REG 5 RANGER BN L
George F. Berlin	75 INFD 291 INF 2 BN HQ
Robert H. Britton	106 INFD 424 REG 3 BN L
Darrell B. Carter	99 INFD 393 REG 3 BN MED
William H. Cato	30 INFD 120 REG I
William Charis, Sr.	87 INFD 347 REG B
Louis J. Crusco	83 INFD 329 REG 3 BN I & HQ
Albert A. Darago, Jr.	9 USAF
Joseph R. Donovan	80 INFD 219 REG A
Donald Paul Fellows	76 INFD 304 REG 778 AW BN SP A
Frank F. Forth, Jr.	84 INFD 333 REG
Attilio J. Giannico	303 SIG OP BN
Joseph P. Horan	106 INFD 422 REG 1 BN HQ
Joseph Iacone	7 ARMDD 23 AIB A
Robert "Tom" Ingram	90 INFD 359 REG 2 BN F
Harry F. Martin, Jr.	106 INFD 424 REG L
Carl C. Miller	202 ENGR CMBT BN C
Peter Munger	30 INFD 120 REG E
Edward J. Murphy	3 CAV GP 3 CAV REC N TRP A
Leo F. Nencini	87 INFD 346 REG 3 BN HQ
John H. Roush	83 INFD
Monroe Leon Ruth	82 ABND 505 PRCHT INF F
Stanley J. Saltz	75 INFD 291 REG 3 BN HQ
Wilbur L. Spindler	84 INFD 333 REG
Robert D. Steffy	2 ARMDD 66 AIR F
Camille Tanqueray	Member, Historian in France
Joseph R. Vucich	78 INFD
Wardlaw M. Watson, Sr.	87 INFD 346 REG I

MEMORIES OF LT. COL. ALFRED SHEHAB

Arlington National Cemetery is gaining another good man. On December 12, 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Shehab, U.S. Army Retired, passed away at the age of 101. He was born September 18, 1919 in Cape May, New Jersey. He longed to be a soldier, finally enlisting in the Army and reporting for duty on January 10, 1942, just four and a half weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry in August 1942 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Shehab would join the 38th Cavalry Squadron (Mechanized) of the 102nd Cavalry Group (Essex Troop) in Belgium in September 1944 as a replacement officer. He was 25 years old.

When the Battle of the Bulge began, Shehab commanded a platoon that numbered about 30 men. They occupied a 1,300-yard front near Konzen, Germany where clashes with the enemy were frequent and deadly. The night of December 15, 1944, the men of the 38th Cavalry Squadron heard enemy planes overhead, as German paratroopers dropped from the sky, in preparation for the morning attack. Shehab grabbed an M-1 rifle and started shooting at the paratroopers, while other American soldiers sprayed the night sky with bullets from .50 caliber machine guns mounted on armored vehicles. Shehab captured a few of the paratroopers and enjoyed telling us that once the men in his platoon learned the paratroopers were each carrying a bottle of rum, they were all anxious to go out and search for prisoners! There was a seriousness to his war stories, often tinted with a subtle sense of humor.

He once wrote in an article that he would sometimes slip into Konzen at night and leave copies of the *Stars and Stripes*, just to let the Germans know that he had been there. He reflected on this behavior and said, “When you are young, you do things that you look back on and wonder how you survived them.”

During those first, confusing days of the Bulge, his platoon defended the area in front of the German town of Monschau. Shehab vividly remembered the early morning of December 16, 1944 when “the Germans opened



Lt. Col. Alfred Shehab (left photo); Shehab with Ruth Hamilton at the National WWII Memorial, Washington, DC (right photo.)

up with an intense barrage of artillery, mortar, and rocket fire. We holed up in our defenses, hoping not to suffer a direct hit.” After several harrowing days, two companies of the 94th Infantry Division reached his platoon and were surprised to find that Shehab, and his men were still holding the line. For their defense of Monschau, the 38th Cavalry Squadron received the Presidential Unit Citation. For his leadership and bravery, Alfred Shehab was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” Device for Valor. He received numerous awards for his military service, including the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre with Bronze Palms, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Battle Stars, and eventually the French Legion of Honor.

Alfred Shehab spent 20 years serving in the U.S. Army on active duty. He exhibited the strong bearing of an officer, and the kindness of a friend, for the remainder of his life. Many have described him as a professional soldier and dedicated cavalry officer.

Later in life, Alfred Shehab spent 20 years working for the Goddard Space Center of NASA and held leadership positions in a variety of organizations. In fact, he was called to Houston Space Center at the time of the Apollo 11 mission. Shehab was in Mission Control when the LEM for the moon landing came down—there was total silence. Then when Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon

and stated “That’s one small step for man... one giant leap for mankind” there was total pandemonium! He saw many other Space Program “firsts” during his years at Goddard. Over many years, he served VBOB and BOBA as Vice President for Military Affairs and as an elected Board Member. Shehab was also the President of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation. According to his friend and fellow WWII veteran David Bailey, “He was the voice of our organization for years at our annual December event in Washington, D.C.”

Shehab had been a member of the VFW Post 386 in Cape May, New Jersey. He also served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of World Wars (1998-1999). His time spent in these roles reflected a sense of urgency about educating the youth about WWII, what the American flag represents, and about the importance and the cost of Freedom.

Regarding his Battle of the Bulge experience he would say, “We had quite a fight on our hands. We were lucky.” Sir, you have fought the good fight, you have finished your course, and you kept the faith. Alfred Shehab touched the lives of many people and those of us who knew him were really the lucky ones.

—Written by Jim Triesler, BOBA Historian, with contributions from BOBA member Ruth Hamilton. For more memories and video interviews of Alfred Shehab, visit battleofthebulge.org and type “Shehab” in the search window.

★ REMEMBERING THE FALLEN ★

BOBA has been collecting stories of those who were lost during the battle, so if you are a descendant or comrade of the fallen, please share about the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, so that we can honor them.

THE RIFLE

By Andrew Biggio

Excerpts from Chapter Two: "The Golden Acorn," about Ernie Roberts, 87 INFD, 347 REG 3 BN M

December 29, 1944 — M Company arrived at the front lines of the fight in Belgium, just outside the town of Saint-Hubert. After a long and cold haul to the area, temperatures still had not improved. "It was ten to twenty degrees the entire time during the Battle of the Bulge," Ernie [Ernie Roberts] told me. "All we had was field jackets and raincoats."

Ernie's squad was tired and hungry. They took up shelter in a few homes and maintained a defensive position. While the other men in his platoon searched a barn for food and milked some cows, Ernie set up his Browning water-cooled machine gun in a second-story window. Daydreaming at his post, Ernie suddenly heard the distant sound of a vehicle's engine. Not knowing of any enemy in the immediate area, he assumed it to be a friendly vehicle. As it approached, Ernie did a double take. "There was a black Iron Cross painted on the vehicle. It was a halftrack full of German infantry."

The Germans began to jump out of the troop carrier and advance towards the homes. Unable to notify the rest of the platoon, Ernie leaned into the machine gun and opened fire. "I hardly let them get out of the vehicle."

Some Germans were able to fan out in different directions, but most were cut down as Ernie and other soldiers began firing. A few of the Germans attempted to make it back to their mounted MG-42 machine gun on the vehicle, but they were instantly shot dead.

"One German made it really close," Ernie said. In a last desperate effort, a German soldier sprinted towards the houses with a stick grenade in his hand. As he pulled back to throw it in a window, Ernie shot him square in the chest with a machine gun burst. He fell over lifeless with the grenade still in his hand, the snow around him turning red. "None of them made it to the houses," Ernie said in a more somber tone. "It was the first German I know for a fact I killed. It's the one that still bothers me."

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On New Year's Day, the division advanced further into the Battle of the Bulge, against freezing temperatures. Just outside the vicinity of Jenneville, Belgium, M Company again set up defenses in a series of homes. Ernie and his assistant gunner set up their machine gun in the window facing the area from which the enemy would most likely approach.

Several hours passed. M Company awaited orders. Ernie began to rest, but not before scavenging the area for food. When he returned to the room where his machine gun was positioned, his assistant gunner was gone. All that remained was the tripod. In fact, all the rooms in the home that his squad had once occupied were now empty.

"No one told me we were moving out," Ernie recalled. Confused, he peered out the window where his machine gun had been set up, and suddenly his heart dropped. Staring at him from the top of a hill in front of the house was a thirty-ton German Panzer tank.

Ernie froze as he realized that the tank's barrel faced the house he



Ernie Roberts (above) holding the signed M1 Garand rifle and (below) as a young soldier.



was standing in. With a quick flash, the tank shot a single shell into the home. The round went through both walls of the room he occupied. For whatever reason, the shell did not explode, but it still sent splintering plaster, wood, and concrete into Ernie's face.

"I immediately lost my hearing and could barely see." His teeth and jaw were loose and his mouth was bleeding. Ernie grabbed the tripod and jumped headfirst out the window,

falling in front of the tank. He threw the tripod over his back and ran towards a ditch. "I couldn't hear anything but I could feel the tripod vibrate violently."

Without his realizing it, enemy rounds ricocheted off the tripod he was carrying. He fled the enemy guns and sought cover in the tree line.

Separated from his unit, Ernie came across an African American tank battalion a few miles away. With blood, soot, and dirt covering his face and uniform, he was unrecognizable.

An African American captain thought he was a German at first and challenged him with questions. After the brief encounter, he was allowed to enter friendly lines and directed towards the 87th Division's new position.

Finally, a medic instructed Ernie to lie down. He covered Ernie's face with snow and began to treat his wounds. The following morning, Ernie was given the option to go back to England, but he rejected the offer. "I came here to fight a war," he told the medic.

After a few days of recovery, his hearing began to come back. He was suited with a new uniform and sent back to M Company two weeks later.

Read more about Ernie's harrowing story in the book The Rifle and how during the crossing of the Rhine, he was separated a second time from his unit and spent 3 days on his own. Of the original 200 members of M Company, only 10 remained. Ernie was one of them and received a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and a Silver Star for his service. He is 96 years old and lives in Rhode Island with his wife, Crystal.

To learn more and to get a copy of the book, The Rifle by Andrew Biggio, visit thewiirifle.com. Read more about the 87 INFD on page 22.





THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS!

We are so grateful for the generous donations received between January 2 - March 31, 2021:

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In Memory of Alfred Shehab
 (38 CAV RECON SQDN 102 CAV GP B)

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 (94 INFD, 2 Purple Hearts)

Thomas Goodrich
In Memory of SSGT Ward A. Goodrich
 (123 ORD AM MO CO 7th Army)

Ann K. Gray
In Memory of Dan Boden & Capt. Robert
S. Moyer (423 INF 1 BN HQ)

Roseann and Greg Hayes
In Memory of Francis Chesko
 (7 ARMDD & 148 CBT ENG BN)

Carol and Gary Higgins
In memory of Homer Braddock
 (544 ORD)

Charles Kizina*

Nancy Landis
In Memory of my Dad,
Edmund Mechavich (75 INFD)

Ken and Gail Larke
In Memory of Charles Harman
 (19 FABN BTRY C)

Carolyn Mamach
In Memory of John A. Sweet
 (106 INFD 423-H)

Mark McCullough
In Memory of PFC Herbert N.
McCullough (87 INFD 345 REG E)

Robert McKimmiss

Andrew Negra*

George* and Mary Rentz

Steve Savage
In Memory of George Greenhalgh
 (Chapter 55 Quartermaster, 702 TNK BN)

William Shoop*

Mary Ann Smith
In Memory of James Hampton Coates
 (285 FAOB, KIA Malmédy)

Mary Ann Smith
In Honor and In Memory of
VA Crater Chapter veterans

Frank Steinberg*

Rachael Mullins Stern

Christiane Tanqueray
In Memory of Camille Tanqueray

Mary Louise Vaught

DeNeele Walker
In Honor of Al Morfee
 (Big Red 1 INFD 16 REG 3 BN L)

Diana Williams
In Memory of Joseph F. Williams
 (4049 QM Truck Co, 3rd Army)

Joseph Wollet
In Memory of J.F. Wollet, Sr.
 (75 INFD 290 REG D)

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In Memory of John Bowen

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 National Archives Volunteer Association

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 Susan Diday
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The Battle of the Bulge Association® would like to thank Patti Kinard, wife of Rick Kinard, for listing BOBA in his obituary. Rick admired his father's service in the Battle of the Bulge, and Patti felt that Rick would have wanted to support our mission to help perpetuate the memory of those who sacrificed their youth in the battle. Memorial gifts were made in Rick's name by the following generous donors – thank you for your support!

In Memory of Richard "Rick" Zurn Kinard

Joan Bettinger
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Rick Kinard (top center) with wife Patti (left), Rick's mother Jane and his father Dick Kinard.



Rick's father, Richard "Dick" Zaun Kinard, served as a Technician 4 in 99 INFD headquarters in the Battle of the Bulge. He received 3 Bronze Stars and participated in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. He was also a member of the VBOB Chapter in Arlington.

*Denotes Bulge Veteran Member

SALUTING CEBA AND OUR BULGE BLUE RIDGE DIVISION HEROS!



On behalf of the 80 INFD Association, BOBA veteran member Bob Burrows (80 INFD 317-HQ) via Zoom and Chargé d’Affaires Casey Mace honored the Circle of the Battle of the Bulge / Cercle des Etudes sur la Bataille des Ardennes (CEBA) for their tireless efforts to help perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices made by those of the 80th Division in the Battle of the Bulge. Congratulations CEBA!



BOBA veteran member Norval “Dick” Williams (80 INFD 318 REG I) recently learned that his photo is hanging in the cellar of General McAuliffe’s headquarters, the Bastogne Barracks. The 80th Only Moves Forward!

★ OUR HEROES STAY BUSY! ★

TWO VETERANS INSPIRED SCHOOLTEACHERS

by James Triesler, BOBA Historian and Director of Education of VA War Memorial

The VA War Memorial wishes to extend their deep appreciation to BOBA veteran members Mr. Hal Urban (11th Armd Div) and Mr. Irving Locker (116 AAA Gun Bn 4th Div VII Corp) for their presentations in the program entitled “Teaching the Holocaust: Focus on American Liberators” on March 2 - 3, 2021.

The two-part professional development program highlighted the role of American Liberators during WWII. Designed by Echoes & Reflections (a partner of the VA War Memorial), the program was attended by teachers who are passionate about teaching their students about the Holocaust. To date, Echoes has worked with over 85,000 teachers across the US to train them how to teach their students about the Holocaust.



Hal Urban (11 ARMDD)

The teachers who attended were extremely grateful to Mr. Urban and Mr. Locker for speaking to them via a video conference. Mr. Urban’s Division liberated Mauthausen and Mr. Locker’s unit came upon the camp called Gardelegen just after the Germans had murdered all of the prisoners. Both Veterans shared their experiences and how the images have stayed with them for over 75 years. Their words left a huge impression on the teachers and now they are even more



Irving Locker (116 AAA Gun Bn 4th Div VII Corp)

motivated to teach their students. One attendee said: *It was such a privilege to hear from Mr. Hal Urban and Mr. Irving Locker. I have done many programs in the past decade-plus but this was one of my favorite due to the amazing opportunity to hear from actual witnesses to the history. I am grateful that the VA War Memorial invited them and I appreciated how giving they were of their time and stories. I know it will make a tremendous impact in my own personal classroom as well as my work with Echoes.*

The mission of the VA War Memorial is to honor veterans, preserve history, educate youth, and inspire patriotism in all. Our vision is to advance knowledge and cultural awareness throughout the Commonwealth and beyond by sharing and preserving veterans’ personal stories and America’s military past. Thank you, Mr. Urban and Mr. Locker for helping us with our mission and continuing our vision.

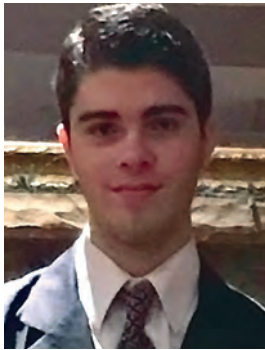
For more information, please visit www.vawarmemorial.org. Visit www.echoesandreflections.org to learn more about the Echoes program, which is free to teachers.

Photo: Philippe Bastin (Norval Williams)

YOUNGER GENERATION PERPETUATES LEGACY OF WWII

PRESERVING MEMORIES OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

by Michael T. Naya, Jr., BOBA member



Michael Naya, Jr.

Since 2016, I have been interviewing countless World War II veterans in the hope of preserving their memories in a book about their service one day. On February 13, 2018 I met and spoke to the late Richard W. Brookins, 28th Infantry Division (who is also known as “The American St. Nick” — see November 2016 issue of *The Bulge Bugle*®, page 10). In one of our many conversations he recounted, “Everybody was homesick, and you wanted to go home. You were doing this to get home and get your own freedom back. Every-

body had their own goal, and it was where you lived. Everybody always talked about what they had wanted to do once they returned home and their plans for the future.” As a founding member of the Genesee Valley Chapter of the Battle of the Bulge Association, Richard quickly asked me to join the Battle of the Bulge Association as a member, so that I would meet more veterans, gather more stories and have a great time. I am proud to say that for over two years I have been a member thanks to my friend Richard Brookins. Shortly after joining, BOBA allowed me to place a questionnaire for Bulge veterans in *The Bulge Bugle*®.

I received responses from BOBA members Daniel Santagata, Harry Miller, and several other members. Harry Miller enlisted underage in order to serve his country. At the age of sixteen he served in the 740th Tank Battalion. He recalled, “On the 19th of December they told us to send those tanks to Stoumont, Belgium, there they met tanks of the third Panzer Division. We knocked out the first three tanks and from then on the Germans retreated.”

Today, now 76 years later, memories of the Battle of the Bulge are

fading away rapidly. The last two Battle of the Bulge vets in my hometown, Alex Kuriawa and Raymond Colandrea, have since passed away. My most recent interview with a Battle of the Bulge veteran was with Henry Naruszewicz, now 105 years old.

I am wondering if any readers might know of any other Battle of the Bulge veterans who are willing to share their stories? *I am urging any Battle of the Bulge vets to write to me at: Michael T. Naya, Jr.; 734 Monmouth Ave; Kenilworth, NJ 07033*

For over four years I have been interviewing Great Depression Survivors, World War II and Korean War veterans. I have been doing this because I love history and one day I would like to write a book on the men and women from these events. I am an honorary member of the 5th Marine Division Association, 7th Armored Division Association and of the Kenilworth Rotary Club. I am lead and founding member of the Young Historians Program of the D-Day Squadron. The YHP’s goal is to educate children, teenagers and young adults on the history of WWII through surviving veterans, aircraft and educational outreach programs. *If any young BOBA members are interested in joining the Young Historians Program, please contact younghistorians@ddaysquadron.org.*

BOBA member Michael Naya, Jr. is 19 years old and a Kean University freshman majoring in history education. He hopes to become a high school history teacher. BOBA is very proud of our young members, like Michael, who show an avid interest in our Bulge veterans. Thank you, Michael!



Richard Brookins (28 INFD)

CALL FOR BULGE SOLDIER PHOTOS

Bulge Veterans: Would you like your photo to be included in a future *Bugle*? Or do you have an original photo of a scene from the Bulge? We would love to publish these to preserve them in WWII history! Also, if you have not already submitted a “Bulge Memory,” then please include that if you can. Thank you!

BOBA Members: Please send a photo of your ancestor to be included in a future *Bugle*. Keep their legacy alive by having it published in *The Bulge Bugle*®.



Eugene Harmack, Tec 5,
83 INFD, 329 REG, HQ CO

INSTRUCTIONS: Please include name, division and unit. (Ex: Edward Hughes 80 INFD 317 REG CO K). Also, if desired, include campaigns, medals and a “Bulge Memory.” Photos copied on a copy machine, or printed on a laser printer are not suitable for publication. Scan original photographs at high resolution (300 dpi), or take a cellphone photo, and send us the largest digital file possible. Printed photos will not be returned, so please do not mail valuable originals—send duplicates. Please include your e-mail address or phone number, in case we have to contact you.

Send material: (Preferred method) by email: betsy.boba@gmail.com, or by mail: BOBA, PO Box 330, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.



WELCOME TO CHARLESTON, SC

BATTLE OF THE BULGE ASSOCIATION® 39TH ANNUAL REUNION

October 21 – 25, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE: All attendees must pay the registration fee (see Registration Form). This covers expenses for office staff, programs, hospitality room, decorations, name tags, etc.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

Registration opens in the afternoon. Complimentary Wine and Cheese Reception in Cooper Hospitality Room in the evening and opening welcoming remarks.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

Board the motor coach with your personal guide to get acquainted with the historic, downtown area. See such landmarks as **The Battery, Charleston Harbor, Rainbow Row, the Market**, historic churches and other attractions around the Holy City.

In the afternoon, be guests of the **Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel)**. Established in 1842, it is one of six U.S. senior military colleges and has a Corps of Cadets of approximately 2,300 making it one of the largest uniformed bodies in the U.S. Awaiting post COVID-19 protocol, we anticipate interacting with the Corp on this beautiful campus located on the banks of the Ashley River. During WWII, The Citadel had the highest percentage of any American college student body serving in the military and all of 346 of its living graduates were members of the armed forces. Alumni served as members of the Flying Tigers and Doolittle Raiders; 280 died in the service of their country.

In the evening, dinner is on your own, or join us for delicious Lowcountry cuisine at the **Water's Edge Restaurant** on historic Shem Creek, which is known for their fleet of shrimp boats (individual pay).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

No trip to Charleston is complete without a horse carriage ride! Experience 25 – 30 blocks of Charleston's historic downtown district, see houses, gardens, mansions, churches & parks, learn about buildings, history architecture, flora & the people that make up the "Holy City" on this **Palmetto Carriage Works tour**. The oldest carriage tour company in Charleston, tours



Highlights of our annual reunion will be a motorcoach tour around downtown Charleston, enjoying sights such as beautiful architecture and gardens (top left); a dinner aboard the *USS Yorktown* (top right); and a cruise around the Charleston Harbor, seeing landmarks like Fort Sumter (bottom.)

offer a blend of knowledge, wit, humor and history and is exciting and ever-changing! Return to the hotel or remain downtown to explore on your own for the afternoon.

The afternoon highlight will include a **guided discussion by Jim Triesler**, Director of Education at Virginia War Memorial and BOBA historian, with the Battle of the Bulge veterans in attendance. This will be your opportunity to ask questions of these heroes and get first-hand responses!

At our evening dinner, we will enjoy sunset over the harbor and the Charleston skyline onboard the historic *USS Yorktown* (CV10) fantail. One of the 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during WWII for the U.S. Navy, she was named after the Battle of Yorktown of the American Revolutionary War. Commissioned in April 1943, the *Yorktown* participated in several campaigns in the Pacific Theatre, earning 11 battle stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. Late in her career, the carrier served as a recovery ship for Apollo 8 space mission. Located on the rear deck of the *Yorktown*, the fantail is an enormously popular venue. The overhead aft section of the flight deck provides shelter from the elements with views of the Charleston Harbor and Charleston's historic district. Feel free

to explore the hanger bays and the flight deck during this private time on board.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

Our morning begins with a 90-minute tour of the **Charleston Harbor** by SpiritLine cruises. This unique Charleston attraction offers a live-narrated fascinating historically accurate Charleston history lesson while you cruise the gentle waves of her harbor. You will see notable American landmarks, such as **Fort Sumter**, the aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown*, The Battery, the **Ravenel Bridge, Castle Pinckney** and other sites from the past and present. Box lunch is included.

Our **annual membership meeting** will be held at the hotel in the afternoon. Please be present and have your vote counted as the organization conducts important business vital to the continued success of our group.

Our reunion will conclude with the **annual banquet**, to be held at the Charleston Convention Center which is connected to the Embassy Suites Hotel with an inside walkway.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

Stay for additional days to see the rest of Charleston, or depart for a safe trip home.

BOBA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR REUNION: Thursday, September 30, 2021

There are two options for registering for the reunion: Complete this form OR register online at www.battleofthebulge.org (Click on the “Attend Reunion” and complete the Registration Form.) Registration for the reunion must be received no later than **September 30, 2021**. Please note that especially due to being a post Covid-19 coordinated and planned event, any reservation cancellations will result in a donation to the Battle of the Bulge Association in order to cover costs of bus reservations, as well as event fees. (See page 15 for hotel reservation information.)

Name _____

Additional Guests _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Birth Day _____

Email _____

Division, Regiments, etc _____

Check here if you need a wheelchair Check here if you will be using your own wheelchair Motorized? Yes No

IMPORTANT: Please indicate No. of Persons attending free events as well!	No. of Persons	Cost per Person	Total Cost
Registration Fee (all attendees must pay the Registration Fee)			
Adult (21 and Over)	_____	\$75	_____
Child (20 and Under)	_____	\$35	_____
Late registration fee after September 30 - add \$20 per person	_____	\$20	_____

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Evening Wine & Cheese reception in the Hospitality Room _____ Free _____

Friday, October 22, 2021

Bus tour of downtown Charleston with guide	_____	\$50	_____
<i>Box lunch by Groucho's Deli at Hotel:</i>			
Turkey Sandwich/Chips/Pickle/Cookie/Drink	_____	\$10	_____
Ham Sandwich/Chips/Pickle/Cookie /Drink	_____	\$10	_____
Greek Salad/Drink	_____	\$10	_____
Tour of the Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel)	_____	\$45	_____
Individual Pay Dinner at Water's Edge Restaurant on Shem Creek	_____	individual pay	_____

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Carriage ride tour of Historic Charleston	_____	\$65	_____
Dinner & sunset over the harbor onboard the <i>USS Yorktown</i> , Patriot's Point	_____	\$65	_____

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Charleston Harbor Tour and Box Lunch			
<i>Choose box lunch (included in tour):</i>			
Chicken Salad Sandwich/Pasta Salad/Cookie/Drink	_____	\$65	_____
Ham & Cheese Sandwich/Pasta Salad/Cookie/Drink	_____	\$65	_____
Membership Meeting	_____	Free	_____
Banquet at the Charleston Convention Center attached to hotel			
<i>Choose dinner entrees:</i>			
Lowcountry Shrimp & Grits	_____	\$65	_____
Grilled Cypress Chicken	_____	\$65	_____

TOTAL _____

**Mail this form and check (payable to BOBA) to: Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc.® P.O. Box 330, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-0330
Or, to pay with a credit/debit card by PayPal, register online at www.battleofthebulge.org, click on “Attend Reunion”**



2021 BOBA REUNION • CHARLESTON, SC

Thursday, October 21 – Monday, October 25, 2021

REUNION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

3:00 PM – 7:30 PM Registration (Cooper Room)
3:00 PM – 10:30 PM Hospitality Room Open (Cooper Room)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Wine & Cheese Reception sponsored by SC Chapter
& Welcome Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast at the Hotel Restaurant
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Registration (Cooper Room)
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Hospitality Room Open (Cooper Room)
9:30 AM Bus loads for downtown Charleston tour
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bus tour of historic downtown with step-on guide
12:00 AM – 1:00 PM Registration (Cooper Room)
12:30 PM Bus returns to hotel – box lunch provided by Groucho's Deli
1:30 PM Bus loads for tour of the Military College of SC (The Citadel)
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Tour of the Military College of SC (The Citadel)
5:30 PM Bus returns to hotel
5:30 PM Hospitality Room Open (Cooper Room)
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Registration (Cooper Room)
7:00 PM Dinner on your own (or accompany us to Water's Edge Restaurant
on Shem Creek for individual pay – registration required)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast at the Hotel Restaurant
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Registration – Hospitality Room open (Cooper Room)
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Hospitality Room Open (Cooper Room)
9:30 AM Bus loads for Carriage Ride downtown (anyone wanting to stay downtown,
Market is 1 block, restaurants close by – Uber back to hotel)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Carriage Ride downtown
12:00 PM Bus returns to hotel – lunch on you own
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Late Registration – Hospitality Room open (Cooper Room)
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Battle of the Bulge historical program featuring Jim Triesler & veterans (Wando Room)
6:00 PM Bus loads for *USS Yorktown*, Patriot's Point
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM Sunset & BBQ dinner aboard the *USS Yorktown* Fantail (hanger/flight decks open)
10:00 PM Bus returns to hotel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast at the Hotel Restaurant
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Hospitality Room open (Cooper Room)
9:30 AM Bus loads for Charleston Harbor Tour and Box Lunch
(leaving from Aquarium 11:15 AM or Patriot's Point 11:00 AM)
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Charleston Harbor Tour and Box Lunch
1:30 PM Bus Returns to hotel
1:00 PM – 10:30 PM Hospitality Room open (Cooper Room)
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Membership Meeting (Wando Room)
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Banquet at Charleston Convention Center Meeting Rooms 12 & 13 (connected to the Hotel)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast at the Hotel Restaurant
Depart or stay longer and enjoy the beautiful Charleston area beaches, plantations and other attractions!

See Highlights and Schedule Information on page 12 for more details.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS: BOBA OVERVIEW

"This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever famous American victory."

—SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, addressing the House of Commons following the Battle of the Bulge

It was one of America's greatest hours in the field of battle. And helped turn the tide of war.

Three powerful German armies plunged headlong into the rugged mountains and dense forests of the Ardennes determined to break the American line of defense, and trap the Allied Forces in Belgium and Luxembourg. They met fierce opposition the minute they engaged the thinly spread American line. And paid a heavy price for every inch of ground they gained. The battle raged for three consecutive days until powerful Allied reinforcements arrived to join the fighting, and keep the Germans from breaking through. The fighting then continued for four weeks in bitter cold and snow, and all the Germans could accomplish was to put a small bulge in the line. And at the end, the line held firm and the Germans suffered a terrible loss of men, tanks and planes.

Those who fought in the Battle of the Bulge will never forget it. On December 16, 1944, The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) was organized to make certain that it never would be forgotten. Among our activities, we visit the Ardennes battle area on group tours; we have dedicated memorials commemorating the battle and its veterans at Arlington National Cemetery; we conduct ceremonies, reunions and other events; and publish a newsletter 4 times a year. We have also maintained contact with patriotic groups in Belgium and Luxembourg who are interested in the battle, and in the liberation of their respective countries.

In order to more accurately reflect our evolving membership, we changed our name from "Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge" (VBOB) to "Battle of the Bulge Association" (BOBA) in 2017.

BOBA's objectives are to: perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices made by those who participated during the Battle of the Bulge; preserve historical data and sites relating to the battle; promote friendship among Battle of the Bulge veterans, their relatives and others interested in the battle; foster and maintain international relations and good will with all Allied countries who were a part of the battle; and support Chapters of BOBA.

BOBA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization which does not engage in any political, lobbying, or propaganda activities. Those who were in this historical battle never forgot. Let us recall it together and make it memorable for all time. Our dues are modest, the aims are high.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE FACTS

Where: The heavily-forested Ardennes region of eastern Belgium and Northern Luxembourg

When: Dec. 16, 1944 – Jan. 25, 1945

Who: More than 1 million men
• 600,000 Americans
• 3 American Armies and 6 Corps
• 500,000 Germans
• 3 German Armies and 10 Corps
• 55,000 British
• 3 British Divisions plus contingents of Belgian, Canadian and French troops

Casualties: German - 100,000; American - 81,000 including 19,000 killed; British - 1,400 including 200 killed

Equipment: 800 tanks lost on each side; 1,000 German aircraft

The Malmedy Massacre was the worst atrocity committed against American troops in Europe during the war.



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RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE OF \$129 PLUS TAXES:

Thursday, October 4, 2021

Hotel Information

Our hotel is next to the Charleston Area Convention Center and North Charleston Coliseum & Performing Arts Center, and we're across the street from Tanger Outlets. We offer a free shuttle to Charleston International Airport (CHS), less than two miles away. Enjoy our indoor pool, and join us for free made-to-order breakfast and our complimentary evening reception.

RESERVATIONS

Individuals must make their own reservation by calling **800-560-7782** and mention that you are attending the Battle of the Bulge Association (BOBA) 2021 Reunion. To reserve your room online, go to our website: battleofthebulge.org then go to "Attend Reunion" page and find "Click here to book your hotel room at the group rate for Battle of the Bulge." You must provide a major credit card to guarantee rooms.

HOTEL AMENITIES

- All suites hotel rooms (single or double)
- Free breakfast
- Free parking
- Complimentary airport shuttle (2 miles from CHS)
- Complimentary evening reception
- On-site fitness center and indoor pool
- Palmtree Grille serves up Low Country classics in an open-air Atrium
- Falls Lounge for beer, wine or cocktails
- ATM/Cash machine
- Porter/Bellman
- 6 Accessible Guest Rooms

BULGE MEMORIES

BOBA has been collecting memories and photos from veterans who were there so many years ago. If you are a veteran member and have not been featured in our magazine before, we want to hear from you!



Robert E. DeVinney

82 AB 504 REG 3 BN H



Before I went into Advance training, I had applied for the Army Air Corp. I was accepted. I had passed all of the requirements to be a pilot and awaiting orders to Santa Anna, California for advance flight training. But there were enough men in Flight school and they didn't need anymore. So by the convenience of the government, I was assigned to the 76th Division Cannon company at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Believing that the company would soon be deployed, probably to the Pacific, I volunteered for European service. I went to England via the *Queen Elizabeth*. At one of the large gatherings in England, an Airborne Officer was making a pitch for volunteers. The main thing I remember him saying was, "Double my pay"! So I volunteered for the Airborne and went near Leicester, England for jump school. There I completed my 5

required jumps to earn my wings.

From there I was sent to Sissone, France where the 504 Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division was recuperating and waiting to get needed replacements. As a replacement I was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, H Company of the 504, under Captain James Magellas.

One morning we moved toward the town of Cheneux, Belgium where we were to make a flanking attack on the town. We were hit hard with 20mm and machine gun fire. I was carrying a Browning Automatic Rifle. This was my introduction to the Battle of the Bulge. There were many more scrimmages with the Germans including the "SS."

Robert is 98 years old and lives in Michigan. His son, Bob S. DeVinney is also a BOBA member.



Benjamin Melvin Berry

78TH QM BN 3RD US ARMY

Ben served as Corporal Technician 5th Grade (Tech 5) in the 863 Quartermaster Fumigation and Bath Company which was originally called Company A, 310th Quartermaster Sterilization and Bath Company. He served from 1943-45 and participated in the Normandy Campaign and Battle of Northern France. From France he moved from Eupen, Belgium to Monschau, Germany in 1945.

During the first weeks in Normandy, the critical need for troops and supplies delayed the landing of bath units. Two companies, the 857th and the 863rd Fumigation and Bath, were scheduled to arrive on OMAHA Beach by D-Day plus 21, but they detailed one platoon of the 863rd Fumigation and Bath Company to XIX Corps on 9 July 1944. Because of the vulnerability and conspicuous silhouette of the bathing equipment, he requested that it be out of range of enemy artillery and carefully concealed from enemy air observation.

Whenever possible bath and laundry units were brought farther forward in the ETO, for example at Homburg Hant, France, one platoon of the 859th Fumigation and Bath Company served 1,500 men of the 80th Division daily within eight miles of the front lines. Although Ben's unit worked behind the front lines, he saw active combat during the Battle of the Bulge.

One note from his unit journal included on 12 Jan 1945, they received a message from 97th QM BN stating that the 7th Armored Division's tanks will be painted white while operating in the snow. Some



lighter notes from the unit journal included movies that were shown during their rest time: "The Falcon in Mexico," "Hail the Conquering Hero," "Casanova Brown," "Cover Girl," and "Larceny in Music." Everybody was particularly enthused by the playing and singing of "There's Going To Be A Great Day" by Hamel Scott.

Benjamin Berry is 97 years old and lives in Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Delaware Valley Chapter (4).

★
Roy Eldon House
99 INFD 393 REG B



House's shoe was located 60 years later in a foxhole by Eric Bitjelaar.

Roy Eldon House received the silver star for actions on the morning of December 16, 1944 in the opening volleys of the Battle of the Bulge. At the time he was a PFC with B company. Later in life he wrote up his memoirs and related them to a reunion of the 99 INFD in 1993 in Denver, Colorado. Below is an excerpt...

After returning from guard duty 12-4 am on the morning of December 16th, PFC House was drying his sock in the warming hut. At 5:30 am the Germans launched a massive artillery followed by ground troops along 18 miles of the American lines. He had just returned to the warming hut to dry his feet, socks, and shoes. His sergeant told him to take his BAR and an assistant and hold the line. He went out and "found a place behind a tree where (he) could fire with some protection...and saw a German platoon dressed in white camouflage coming up the hill toward me. I was fairly well concealed and was able to shoot 10-12 magazines and kill 10 or 12 Germans before I was shot through my left arm. I was bleeding profusely so sneaked backward and ran back to company headquarters where the first sergeant stopped the bleeding and bandaged the arm. Then he gave me a Colt 45 and had me take a prisoner about 18 years old back to the First Battalion Headquarters. Eventually I received the Silver Star for my actions in slowing down the German Unit and the Purple Heart for being wounded in the fight." After recovering from his wound, PFC House returned to his unit in the 99th which had suffered about 85% casualties in the Battle of the Bulge and participated in the remaining offensives of the War in Europe including the capture of the Bridge at Remagen. Germany surrendered on May 8th, 1945 and Victory in Europe was declared. As things were winding down after he was transferred to the 18th Infantry Regiment where he was put in charge of building a rifle range with around 150 captured SS officers.

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Roy visited the battlefield in 1990 with nearly 200 other 99th veterans to dedicate the monument in the twin villages of Krinkelt-Rocherath. He died in 2003 after a long battle with Alzheimer's and is buried in Littleton next to his wife, Mary Jane, of 53 years.

Fast forward to 2015, when his granddaughter Kristen House was googling the 99 INFD for her dad and came across the 99th Infantry Historical Society web page on the internet that listed him, PFC Roy E. House, by name (99thinfantrydivision.com/shoe-2) as owner of a shoe located 60 years later in a foxhole in the Ardennes. Eric Bitjelaar (website creator), while searching among the foxholes in the forests of the Ardennes, had come across a shoe that was intact. As he had done



previously with a canteen, he located a label consisting of a letter and four numbers, the way GIs identified their belongings, the first letter of the last name and the last four digits of their serial number. He consulted with Jean-Louis Seel eventually identifying it as belonging to House. Then a search through the daily records identified him as being wounded and evacuated on December 16th, 1944, the first day of the Battle of the Bulge. Armed with the name he began to search the internet and located Roy E. House's obituary from *The Denver Post* in 2003 that identified him as a Silver Star recipient along with his survivors.

His family has since been in contact and able to travel to a regimental ball in 2017 for the 393rd infantry division (now a training unit) at Fort Hood Texas. There, several veterans were honored, and a plaque was created illustrating House's honors earned at the Bulge.

—Submitted by House's daughter Nancy J. House

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My father was in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. He said to us, "We arrived on Dec 17th and started pulling soldiers out of Jeeps, trucks, tanks and buildings. Some were alive, some dead, while others were frozen solid or on fire. They are the real heroes."

—Submitted by BOBA member Patrick DeChristopher



Frank William Maresca

75 INFD 289 REG 2 BN F

Excerpt from the Memoirs of PFC Frank William Maresca from his 2012 book A Soldiers Odyssey...To Remember Our Past As It Was. (This is part of his story fighting near Croix St. Jehenne in the Ardennes Forest, Belgium, January 4, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge.)

“We humans can do strange things. One minute, we will throw all regard for life and limb aside and go to the aid of a fallen comrade. Then in the next minute, we will literally run over one another and dash for cover at the sound of incoming shells. Such is the struggle in all of us of love of bravery and courage, versus our self preservation.

“Well, such a moment of ‘run for your life’ occurred when ‘Screaming Mimies’ rose over our heads. The mist and fog covering us distorted their sound and we weren’t sure if they were going to drop down right on top of us. All we knew was that they were coming and there were a lot of them.

“Bad frozen feet and all, I dashed up the road a short way to where some very large pine trees were the densest. I figured they would make great cover from exploding shell fire. I was terribly wrong on this one!

“As I got near the edge of the tree shelter, shells began to explode to my left, behind me, and in the treetops ahead of me. I had unwittingly elected to run right into a barrage! On instinct I dove for the ground under the tree branches. The blasts from the exploding rockets caught me as I was getting ready to dive for cover. The first hit felt like someone wielding a tree trunk had hit me from behind. In addition it had blown my helmet off my head. Almost immediately after that, I felt like I was struck with a bunch of hot needles from below my shoulder blades all the way down to the calves of my legs. The blast also pushed me head first under the branches spread over the ground. Something in my head began banging on the sides of my skull like a bell clapper and I put my hands over my ears to shut out the sounds as a second round hit the treetops over me. It sent ice, snow, branches and tree needles by the hundreds down on me, sending more needles stabbing me in the legs and backside.

“All of this was followed by an ominous sound of cracking and splintering of trees around me. The trees above me cracked and began to fall down on top of me forming a lean to of branches and limbs. For all intents and purposes, I appeared to my comrades to have been entombed. In fact, I was able to find an opening to crawl through. I grabbed my helmet almost full of snow and my rifle which was buried underneath me. I saw no blood so I assumed I was okay. With my head still throbbing, I wedged myself through a gap in the fallen trees and looked out at the carnage that the German Mimies had made.

“I went down on my knees, and began to keel over when one of my buddies caught me and told me, ‘That’s it for you. You’re through. It’s over.’”



Private Maresca was evacuated to a nearby field hospital and spent the next five months recovering from his wounds to his back and legs, and frostbite to both hands and feet.

He returned from the war and spent many years sharing his stories and attending Battle of the Bulge Chapter #55 meetings with his fellow 75th Division buddy William Leopold. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the French Legion of Honor medal for his service during the Battle of the Bulge. He was able to travel back to Belgium in 2004 with many members of the chapter and many other WWII veterans.

Frank W. Maresca passed away on December 13th, 2018.

*—Submitted by Steve Savage,
BOBA Chapter 55 President*

VETERANS MEMBERS: SUBMIT YOUR BULGE MEMORY!



If you are a veteran who participated in this historic battle, **please share a photo, a memory, and/or thoughts** about the impact it has had. It can be a few sentences or short paragraph with a picture. We will

continue to share Bulge Memories in future issues of *The Bulge Bugle*®.

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We Salute These New Members!

We are happy to welcome these new members who joined BOBA between January 2 - March 31, 2021:

Gail Ahrens	IL	Maureen Hannan	MD	Mount America, George & Michelle Turak	PA
Carl Carraway	SC	John Hershey	WA	Sean O'Brien	VA
J. Kevin Chapman	IL	Thomas R. Hewlett	IL	Maria Slifer	PA
Christopher Churylo	NJ	Kevin Hinkle	PA	Angela Smith	AZ
Shana Coots	KY	Bonnie Hupton	NV	Susan Sparks	AZ
Mark Craig	CO	Michael A. Keane	NY	Harold Storey	GA
Patrick DeChristopher	AR	Sandy Kimmel	SC	Kostya Tokapeb	RUSSIA
James Drury	TN	Alisa Kosla	MA	Colonel John Topper	IN
William Gonnelli	DE	William Kuziel	NJ	Mark Wolfe	PA
Roland Grebinger*	NY	Joe Longo	NY	Brian Wood	MD
		Jessica MacKinnon	IL	Jan Wouters	NJ

*Denotes Bulge Veteran Member

We certainly are pleased to have you with us, and look forward to your participation in helping to perpetuate the legacy of all who served in the epic battle. You can help immediately by:

- Talking to people about BOBA to sign up new members
- Sending us articles to be included in *The Bulge Bugle*®
- Promoting our website: www.battleofthebulge.org
- Attending our annual reunions and DC events

Special thanks to members who have recruited new members:

Bob Burrows, Al Cleghorn, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Grebinger, Linda Miller, Barbara Mooneyhan and Jerold Wood

★ NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ★

Welcome Our Newest Member, Mount America!



Welcome, George and Michelle Turak of Mount America! Mount America is a nonprofit organization that serves Veterans, Active Duty and National Guard/Reserve Service Members, First Responders, their families, and the families of those who paid the ultimate price. Through their efforts and partnerships with other organizations, they develop and provide programs that help reconcile the physical and emotional effects of combat to foster hope, understanding, and success. Learn more at mountamerica.org.

PA Delaware Valley Chapter Vets Honored At Mount America: On January 25, 2021, Bulge veterans Benjamin Berry (T5 Quartermaster Corps, 3rd Army) and Jacob Ruser (4 INF 12 REG 2 BN MED) visited Mount America after the honor ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. They were entertained graciously by George Turak (Vietnam War vet) & Michelle Turak and held an honor ceremony for all veterans on top Mount America. Additional members of our PA Delaware Valley BOBA/VBOB Chapter were present with Ben and Jacob, including veterans Albert El (82 AB, Cold War vet), Andre McCoy (EM Marine Corps, Gulf War vet), Scott Sigman (Coast Guard vet) and Andy Waskie (Cold War vet).



VETERAN MEMBER VIDEO INTERVIEWS

Watch our veterans' videos on our website at:
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CHAPTER NEWS

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER (4)



Peter Munger
(30 INFD 120 REG)

BOBA is saddened by the loss of distinguished WWII veteran Peter Munger who died on April 8, 2021 at 95 years. Peter was a longtime, devoted member of our chapter and the national BOBA. On D-Day+30, Peter was assigned to the 30 INFD 120 REG, and to the I & R Platoon (Intelligence and Reconnaissance) in Normandy. In the ensuing 5 months, the I & R Platoon crossed through France and was among the first units to enter Belgium and the Netherlands. At the outbreak of the Battle of the Bulge, and after 11 months of combat, Peter was highly decorated with many medals including the Purple Heart, five Bronze Stars, and the Expert Rifleman Badge. He received the French and Belgian Commemorative 'Fourragere de Guerre' awards at the French Embassy in Washington, DC. In 1980, as a member of the VBOB Delaware Valley Chapter, he formed the Son's and Daughter's of the Battle of the Bulge Foundation to raise college grants for their descendants. The 30 INFD Association reunions were an integral part of his life culminating in 2019 with the invitation to return to the Netherlands to participate in the 75th Anniversary for the Liberation of Maastricht. Condolences to his wonderful family. We will miss Peter!

—Submitted by Andy Waskie, Chapter 4 President



SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER (7)

David Hubbard (HQ ADV SECT COMM ZONE SIG) was in Europe for more than 3 years during the war. He has been working with wood for about 90 years. Now 98, he continues to use his skills to positively impact military members and many others. In the last year, David has crafted, packaged and sent to the Remember Museum 39-45 in Belgium four boxes of his creations, along with personalized books, for distribution to visitors to the museum. Two more boxes await shipment to Belgium via Germany, but the border between Germany and Belgium is currently closed. The photo shows various items sent in these boxes. He also has sent thousands of wooden crosses to be distributed free to military members here in the U.S.

—Submitted by Rick Hurst

LEHIGH VALLEY PA CHAPTER (55)

Chapter #55 would like to honor and acknowledge all of our World War II veterans and members of our education program. They would spend much of their free time over the last 25 years telling their stories to school age children as well as adults in college. Many of these men and women have been with our chapter since the beginning in 1995.

Salute to our educators: Morris Metz, Peter Leslie, Ray Christman, Frank Maresca, Lionel Adda, Donald Burdick, Ennio Mariotti, Bob Frey, Jack Davis, Louis Vargo, Harold Kist, Nathan Kline, Mark Kistler, Ernie Leh, Clem Reed, Raymond DeRaymond, Carl Schroeter, Bud Fluck, Evangeline Coeyman, Marion Arner Jones, Bob Kauffman, Herbert Ridyard, Hank Kudzik, Rev. Ed McElduff, Quinton Snyder, Ferdinand Burger, and so many more — including the woman who kept it all organized, teacher Judy Greenhalgh.

So many of these men and women are now gone, but their stories will never be forgotten.

—Submitted by Steve Savage, Chapter 55 President/Treasurer
Find Chapter 55 by searching "Lehigh Valley Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge" on Facebook.



A few of the members of the education program of the Battle of the Bulge Chapter #55 at a past D-Day picnic.



The PA Delaware Valley Chapter meets in person on the last Wednesday of each month at the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. COVID-19 restrictions apply (social distancing and masks). Upcoming meetings are May 26th and June 30th. For information, contact Chapter President Andy Waskie at awaski01@gmail.com.

GATEWAY MO CHAPTER (25)

Our chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except Dec) at 1 PM at the Affton Elks Lodge #2635, 6330 Heege Road in St. Louis County, MO. If you are in town, feel free to join us, but call to verify beforehand. We met last month for the first time in five months because of the pandemic. We usually have one WWII vet present. In lieu of our May meeting, we will hold a Memorial Service on Saturday, May 8. For details, contact Dave Schroeder at (314) 961-7470 for more information. Also, visit our website: gatewayvbob.org.

—Submitted by Dave Schroeder, Chapter 25 President

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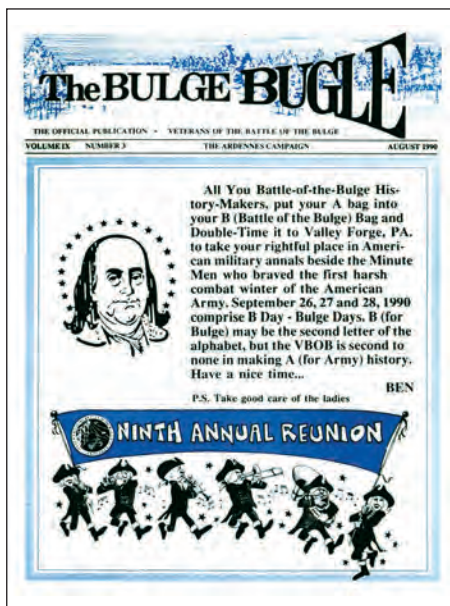
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87TH INFANTRY DIVISION LEGACY ASSOCIATION "GOLDEN ACORN"



BOBA is excited to feature the 87th Infantry Division ("Golden Acorn"), as many of our past and present BOBA members are heroes of this brave unit [see front cover, pages 3 and 8]. The 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association (incorporated in 2010) was created to preserve the historic World War II record of the 87 INFD which fought in the European Theater of Operations as part of General George S. Patton's Third Army; and to educate descendants of these U.S. Army veterans and the public about their significant sacrifices and contributions during this pivotal global war.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN WWII

Activated: 15 December 1942

Overseas: 17 October 1944

Major Operations: Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe

Days of combat: 154

Distinguished Unit Citation: 2

Awards: MOH-1; DSC-9; DSM-1; SS-364; LM-20; SM-41; BSM-1542; AM-49

Commanders: Maj. Gen. Percy W. Clarkson (December 1942 – October 1943); Maj. Gen. Eugene M. Landrum (October 1943 – April 1944); Maj. Gen. Frank L. Culin Jr. (April 1944 to inactivation)

Returned to US: July 11, 1945

Inactivated: September 20, 1945

After months of training, first at Camp McCain, Mississippi, then at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, the division shipped overseas on the Queen Elizabeth. They first entered combat in France's Alsace-Lorraine,



The 87th Infantry Division captured Koblenz, Germany.

and after extremely bloody fighting, crossed the German border in the Saar, capturing the towns of Walsheim and Medelsheim.

Caught up in the Third Army's historic counterattack in the Battle of the Bulge, the 87th Division raced off into Belgium—attacking the German Panzer Lehr Division near Bastogne at the towns of Pironpre, Moirey, Bonnerue, and Tillet. At Tillet S/Sgt. Curtis Shoup earned the Medal of Honor, posthumously, and Lt. Glenn Doman the Distinguished Service Cross.

Soon after breaching the Siegfried Line in the Eifel Mountains, the division crossed the Moselle River and captured Koblenz. Then the Rhine River crossing near Boppard and the dash across Germany which took them to Plauen, near the Czech border.

The 87 INFD returned to the States in July 1945 expecting to be called upon to play a role in the defeat of the Japanese, but the sudden termination of the war in the Pacific while the division was reassembling at Fort Benning changed the future of the 87th. The division was inactivated on September 21, 1945.

TO LEARN MORE: Visit 87thinfantrydivision.com to access a large collection of photos, personal accounts, newsletters, historical archives, and other resources to support their mission.

JOIN THE 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION LEGACY ASSOCIATION by contacting Tim Muilenburg at membership@87thinfantrydivision.com

ATTEND THE 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION LEGACY ASSOCIATION 2021 REUNION: September 9-11, 2021 in Savannah, GA. Please visit 87thinfantrydivision.com to inquire.

PLANS FOR THE EUROPEAN 87TH INFANTRY MEMORY TOUR 2022 are underway! The tour will be organized by BOBA member Jean-Pierre Paviot and the main part is similar to BOBA's 2019 75th Battle of the Bulge Commemoration Tour which Paviot also organized. Learn more at 87thinfantrydivision.com.

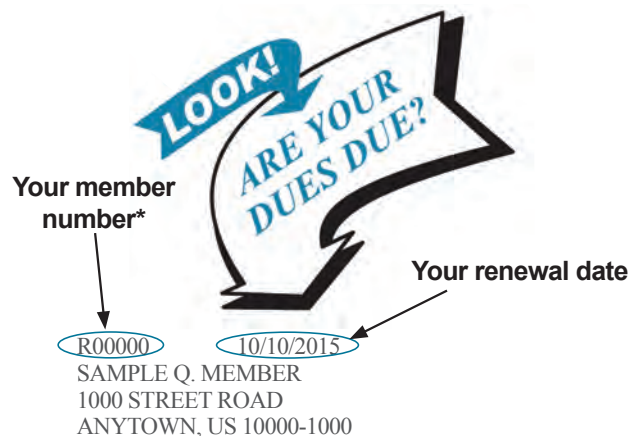
—Submitted by Gary Jones, editor of the Golden Acorn News



87 INFD Veterans: the late John McAuliffe (left) and Ernie Roberts. (Read more about Ernie on page 8.)

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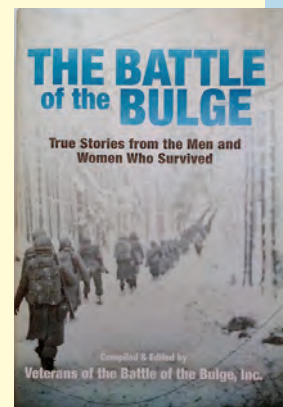
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