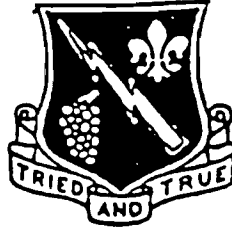


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W.H. Crews, Editor

SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION UPDATE (See related article under President's corner.)

BANQUET.

Those members that did not have the opportunity to make a banquet meal selection when remitting their reunion registration form will be able to choose their entree when registering at our desk upon arrival at the hotel. Choices are: Roast Prime Rib or Baked Cornish Hen.

REFUNDS.

Those members eligible for a \$10.00 per person refund for the "Cruise Boat" should have received their refund from the Treasurer. If your refund has not been received, please notify the Secretary.



**Newsletter
Deadline**

15 MARCH	15 SEPTEMBER
15 JUNE	15 DECEMBER



NEW REGISTRATION FORM

Due to the changes in the banquet, a new registration form is included in this newsletter as page 9. If you have not registered, please do so now.

REUNION LOCATION.

Location: The Holiday Inn I-10 is located in Metairie, LA at exit #225 off Interstate 10, less than 20 minutes from downtown New Orleans and the French Quarter. A ten (10) minute drive from the New Orleans International Airport.

Room Rate: Special room rate at \$60.00 per room per night for up to four people per room. All guest room rates are subject to a current 11.75% hotel tax.

Reservations: Reservation cards were mailed along with the last newsletter. Make your reservation early and forward them to the Hotel, or phone in the reservation. All reservations must be made by March 17, 1995 on which date the unused portion will be turned back to the Hotel for use by the public. We have 125 rooms set aside and they are expected to go fast.

Your attendance at our Annual Reunion will give you an opportunity to visit the vibrant, friendly and inviting city of **NEW ORLEANS** with it's great cuisine, jazz, low priced tours, and shoppers paradise. For those who have never visited New Orleans, here is a splendid opportunity to see first hand why so many people extol its virtues.

CAMPGROUND

On base campground at New Orleans Naval Air Station (NAS) is available for members driving their RV's to New Orleans. Reservations may be made by calling (504) 393-3448. Paul Muuss visited this campground and indicates that it has the best facilities.

DOOR PRIZES.

As in the past, "Door Prizes" will be awarded at the reunion. Members are encouraged to provide door prizes to support this activity. Members can either bring door prizes to New Orleans or mail the articles to the hotel to be held for the 97th. Door Prizes are expected to be awarded in the CP room prior to the Banquet.

DUES (REPEAT)

As required under the Association by-laws, members are to be notified at least 60 days that their dues are to be paid on 1 Jan of the current year. This requirement was met with the September newsletter. If you have not paid your current dues, please do so now.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following Schedule of Events will be followed during our New Orleans reunion 19 - 23 April 1995.

18 April 1995 - Tuesday	Early Check in and Set up
19 April 1995 - Wednesday	Check in
1500 -	CP Opens - Regency I - (Smoking) Regency II - (Non Smoking)
1500 - 1700	Registration and Banquet Sign up - Hotel Lobby
	Free Time
20 April 1995 - Thursday	
0800 - 1000	Board of Directors Meeting - Bayou Room
1200 - 1700	Registration and Banquet Sign up - Hotel Lobby
1200	CP Opens - Regency I - (Smoking) Regency II - (Non Smoking)
	Free Time
21 April 1995 - Friday	
0900 - 1100	General Business Meeting - Regency III
1000 -	Registration and Banquet Sign up - Hotel Lobby
1300 - 1500	Board Of Directors Meeting - Regency Room All members welcome
1200 - 1700	CP Opens
1800 - 1900	Cocktails - NO Host - Cash Bar
1900 - 2000	Banquet
2000 -	Introduction of New Members and First time attendees - Admin Announcements - Awards - Presentations
2100	CP Re-opens
22 April 1995 - Saturday	
	Free Time
1200	CP Opens
23 April 1995 - Sunday	
0700 - 0900	Farewell Breakfast and Departures

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. There will exist vacancies as Vice President and two Board of Directors (Bd Dr) as of the New Orleans reunion. Members wishing to nominate persons to fill any of these vacancies are encouraged to submit names to the Secretary ASAP. Written permission of those nominated are required stating that: "They will serve if Nominated and Elected."



AREA COORDINATORS (THIRD REQUEST.) Members are asked to volunteer as Area Coordinators in their respective areas. Vacancies presently exist and others will become vacant in the near future. Persons interested in this most important position should contact our acting president Paul Muuss for further details.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

New membership rosters, both active and inactive, have been prepared by the Secretary and will be distributed by him to active members shortly. Others desiring copies of the rosters should send a SASE (.78) to the Secretary requesting same.

ATTENDEE'S AT THE MINI REUNION, MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. 5 - 8 MARCH 95

Jack and Sue Gross
Denver R. Barnes
Dave and Gloria Harris
George and Charlotte Van Deventer
Milt and Isle Highsmith
Charlie and Edith Hornsby
Robert and Mrs Carlton
F. "Mick" and Barbara Leblanc
Cecil and Hilde Lisenby
Ralph Cenicola
Joe Milici
Daris Pinkston and friend Sandy
Dave and Dee Radke
Mike Roberts
George Luketich
Jimmie and Irene Watson

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

167TH Signal Photo Company - Seeking anyone that served with this unit in Europe during World War II. Doing research on this unit and need information. Contact: Paul Belcher, 1210 Ridgemont Dr. Austin, TX 78723 Tel (512) 323 0923

SEARCHING FOR A LOST COMRADE. (REPEAT) Members wishing to locate an old buddy but do not have the address and telephone number should submit full name, last known address, city and state, and area of residence to George Zentner. George has access to a "PC telephone disk" that contains over 80 million names, addresses, and telephone numbers. Send your request along with a "SASE, business size" for return of any names that are listed on the disk.

ASSOCIATION "800" NUMBERS. (REPEAT) The Association now has its own telephone numbers. One of the lines provide direct 800 access. The numbers are: 1). 800-978-4270, Access code #97 must be used, 2) 804-464-9701.

Members are encouraged to use either of the above numbers when desiring information relative to the association. Cost will be the determining factor in maintaining the "800" service. A trial period through April 1995 is in place and if the cost is prohibitive, hours of use will be curtailed. e.g., Use of the "800" number after 1700 each day.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

As noted in the last newsletter the association has been granted permission to use the "Non Profit Third Class Bulk Mail" rate when mailing large numbers of pieces of mail. (Newsletters and Rosters.) As was anticipated the association saved over half of our postage costs. For example, the bulk mailing costs for the last newsletter were \$47.58 for 400 copies. However, a rash of "returned for address correction" were received. Each returned item costs the Association \$.32. Accordingly, the address correction notice has been removed and all members are requested to send address corrections directly to the editor and the Secretary to ensure that all mailing lists are maintained properly.

REUNION SITE 1997.

The reunion site for 1997 should be selected at the upcoming 1995 reunion to be held in New Orleans. Members that wish to present their proposals for this reunion should have their preliminary documents prepared in order to make a satisfactory proposal to the Board. Members should advise the Secretary of their plans and obtain the requisite procedures and check list from him.

OTHER REUNIONS

The First National Korean War Veterans Reunion will be held October 19, 20, and 21 in Virginia Beach, VA. For further information call Dick Kinsley, Military Reunion Coordinator at 1-800-VA BEACH.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

OPEN LETTER FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT (PAUL MUUSS)

We are in the final stages of putting together our reunion in New Orleans. I am sure that all are looking forward to this most happy occasion and I am hopeful that members will not be dissapointed. We have twenty (20) spaces reserved at the "New Orleans School of Cooking" on Thursday, 20 April 1995. The cost is \$20.00 which also includes lunch. The hotel will provide transportation for about \$5.00 per person. Sign up for this program when registering at our desk upon arrival. We also have arranged for ten (10) spaces on Saturday, 22 April for those that miss the Thursday class.

The "McIlenny Company" that produces "Tobasco Sauce" is located on Avery Island about three hours drive Southeast of New Orleans. Tours of the facility are scheduled 9 - 4 each weekday and 9 - 12 on Saturdays. This is an excellent one day tour and the facility has a fine gift shop and picnic area.

The hotel operates a free shuttle to the "French Quarter" on a preset schedule that is posted in the lobby of the hotel.

We plan on having music after the banquet on Friday evening. Since the banquet will be held in the same rooms as our CP, there is no excuse not to stay and dance!!! You'll hear music that is familiar and easy to dance to.

I am assured by the hotel staff that our Sunday morning breakfast will include "S.O.S." that we are all familiar with. I have advised the staff that everyone attending our reunion is an expert so the staff had better deliver.

We will have a rented vehicle available at the hotel. If any attendee wishes to make a short trip and does not have transportation, please contact Joe Milici, George Luketich, or myself.

Members attending the reunion are requested to remit their reunion and hotel registration forms by the deadlines (17 March - Holiday Inn, 1 April to the secretary.) But, if you decide at the last moment to attend, we will make the arrangements!!! I will be in New Orleans on 12 April. Members may leave messages for me at the Holiday Inn or contact the secretary before he departs for New Orleans (14 April 95.) The most important thing is that you attend!!! So don't allow a lost registration form or a late change in plans that would allow you to attend after the cut off date deter you. We are all members of the 97th Signal Battalion and we do not let our comrades down. Just give us a call and advise us when you will arrive.

Our new "800" telephone service is meant to open communication with the members. We want you to call if for no other reason than to find out what is going on in the association. Our secretary is happy to hear from you and your dues are paying for the line. So you have paid for a call whether you make it or not. Of course my line is always

open to you. Just call me at (719) 390 7274. Same number for my Fax line if that is more convenient.

We will have another newsletter out after the reunion to allow members that could not attend to know exactly what took place at our Board and Membership meetings.

I am really looking forward to New Orleans. If there is anything I can do for any member before you arrive, I'm only a phone call away. Please come up to me and introduce yourself while at the reunion and tell me how the reunion is going. Any ideas, comments and suggestions that would improve future meetings will be greatly appreciated.

Tried and True

Signed

PAUL MUUSS

CHANGES, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, ETC TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.

Make corrections listed below to your current membership roster of January 1995:

CHANGE FROM INACTIVE TO ACTIVE.

Robert A Carlton
1946 Neptune Dr
Augusta, GA 30906

Raleigh P. Nelson
1 Hill Farm Court
St Paul, MN 55127

Norman Bordley
213 Highland Ave
Trucksville, PA 18708

Thomas A. Unverferth
128 N. Cox St
Ottawa, OH 45875

George F. Ogden
52 T. Huxley Ln.
Missouri City, TX
77459

Francis X. Mahon
26 Bone Fede Place
Keansburg NJ 07734

Kenneth V. Mosher
RR 1, Box 146
Stronghurst, IL 61480

Changes
~~CHANGES~~

ADD TO INACTIVE ROSTER.

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Judy Poole
1710 Thors Rokk
Marietta, GA 30068
404 642 4193 69-72

Theodore F. Telcher
Elizabeth Telcher
2403 Landover Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34608
904 686 1616 42-44

Donald Umatom
4211 N. 93rd St
Omaha, NE 68134

James H. Partridge
Elana Partridge
68 Hill St
Leominster, MA 01453
508 537 2769 51-53
ROC, HF

Walter R. Stock
2750 Baur Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46220
317 251 2750 52-54
WOC

Claremce Stern
Rosie Stern
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Long Praire, MN 56347
612 732 6311

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Grahamville, NY 32740

David J. Murphy
398 Ridge Crossing Dr
Apt 8
Martinez, GA 30907

Mrs Sophie Gestwicki
1 Temple Sq Apt 307
Fredonia, NY 14063

Tommy W. Malcolm
1630 Park Heights
Miami, OK 74354

Frances J. Leblanc
930 Fairmont Blvd
Jefferson City, MO 65101

OTHER CHANGES

Richard V. Kurolvech not Kurlovech, Marston St not Martson St
James B. O'Kelley not O'Kelly
Denver Barnes ZIP Code 37912 not 38912
Tommy Malcolm 1630 not 1603 Park Heights
Royal Kirby Tel # is 410 757 3155
Andrew Whitton Tel # is 609 983 7587 not 7597

DELETE: Gilbert DeShelter, Mrs H.G. Annas, Robert Strunk

ADD to ASSC Roster: Kim DeShelter, Mrs Ardith Strunk

SICK CALL: Angelo "Greek" Demopolis, Charles Sturgis

LAST RETREAT

Joseph Lancto 1962
John F. Thornhill 1985



COOKBOOK

The "Tried and True" Cookbook is out!! Looks Great!!
Get your order in now!!! See page 11 for ordering info.

PLEASE
NOTE...

REUNION REGISTRATION
 97TH SIGNAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION
 19-23 APRIL 1995 - NEW ORLEANS, LA

RETURN NO LATER
 THAN: 1 APRIL 1995

BANQUET

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL 1995

MAIL TO: DAVE HARRIS
 3608 DUPONT CIRCLE
 VA BEACH, VA 23455

REGISTRATION FEE:
 \$3.00 PER PERSON
 (NON REFUNDABLE)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: 97TH SIG BN ASSN

NAMES (AS WILL APPEAR ON NAME TAGS)

MEMBER

SPOUSE

GUEST

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE #

MEMBERSHIP CARD # _____ YR _____ TROOP/COMPANY _____ FROM _____ TO _____

REGISTRATION FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>SELF</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REGISTRATION FEE:	_____	_____	_____	X \$3.00	_____
BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT:	_____	_____	_____	X \$25.00	_____
FAREWELL BREAKFAST:	_____	_____	_____	X \$7.00	_____
HOSPITALITY ROOM:	_____	_____	_____	X \$10.00	_____

I HAVE ENCLOSED \$ _____ FOR EVENTS & COST INDICATED \$ _____

IS YOUR 1995 MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID???? ENCLOSED??? \$ _____

MY PARTY WILL ORDER _____ ROAST PRIME RIB &/OR _____ CORNISH HEN FOR BANQUET
 SPECIAL DIET RESTRICTIONS?: _____

NUMBER IN PARTY THAT WILL ATTEND: PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT: _____

GOLF TOURNAMENT: _____ I WILL ARRIVE _____ & DEPART _____

NOTE: THE HOLIDAY INN IS A LOCATION THAT TOUR OPERATORS PICK UP & RETURN
 PERSONS THAT SIGN UP FOR SIGHT SEEING TOURS. TOUR ARRANGEMENTS CAN
 BE MADE IN THE HOLIDAY INN LOBBY.

CANCELLATION POLICY: HOTEL - 72 HOURS BANQUET - 72 HOURS

REGISTRATION FEE NON REFUNDABLE

HOSPITALITY ROOM: 72 HOURS

HOLIDAY INN
 6401 Veterans Blvd
 Metairie, La 70003
 (504) 885 5700

Good News! The "Tried and True" cookbooks filled with the favorite recipes of members, wives and friends of the 97th Signal Battalion Association have been received. We are very pleased with them and hope you will be also. Get your order in as soon as possible. One half of the cost of the books is due 37 days after the books are shipped. Please send in your orders so we will be able to meet this deadline. Please fill in the order blank and send with check to:

"TRIED AND TRUE"
Emerick and Louise Miller
2501 Laverne Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35810

We will see that your cookbooks are mailed to you as soon as we receive your order. Remember, any profit goes to the treasury of the 97th.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone # _____

Number books wanted _____ **at 10.00** **Total** _____

Shipping and handling per book 2.50 **Total** _____

Amount of check remitted _____ **Grand Total** _____