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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow MANCHUS,

Our 2011 reunion is now in the past. Our numbers were down but a good time was had by all in attendance. It was good to see old friends and to meet new ones. Larry Ritter was not able to attend because of health issues but Gil Blue stepped up to the plate and acted as secretary. Thanks Gil. I was able to decipher your writing of the minutes. Thanks, also goes to Wally and Chuck. One item that was agreed upon was to donate $1000.00 to the Indianhead Scholarship Fund. Two of our members said that their sons and grandson had received scholarships in the past and they were so thankful. I think this is something good for the Manchus to be involved with. We still have 2 slots open. One is the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and the Honorary Sgt. Major of the Regiment. As your President I am not able to fill these spots. These are not our association slots but are the actual regiment positions. I am looking into what paperwork is involved. If it was for the association we could take care of this. As soon as I hear anything I will let you know. We do have some interested parties.

The 2nd Division meeting was interesting because the 1st Vice President resigned before the meeting which threw the nominating committee into a hurry to find someone. Russ

Comments and Updates From the Secretary

Well here we are into another new year I hope everything went well with all of everyone's holiday. Everything is going well with the association and we are gaining new members from the sixties that finally realize that they are getting old and want to pursue relationships that occurred back when. We welcome them into our midst.

I continue to visit Madison barracks and keep in touch with Mike Campbell the owner of the barracks we are trying to establish a rapport with Mike and keep our hand in that relationship. I placed a wreath on a member of the ninth inf. Gravesite on Christmas day who was killed at the boxer rebellion. I hope we can someday have a reunion there.

I continue to talk with members and enjoy listening of their experiences that they faced in combat or particular things they can recall. It makes my job extremely rewarding. We are still thinking of going electronic and have not heard from a lot of people on this issue.

I also hope members are taking advantage of the VA and the benefits that belong to you but you must first file a claim to get the ball rolling don't procrastinate on this subject it's something that is there for your benefit use it! The 69 vets

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MANCHU MISSION STATEMENT

We members of the 9th Inf. Regt. (Manchu) Assoc.
United States Army, pledge to preserve the history
and name of “The Regiment”, and to support the
Constitution of the United States of America against
all enemies, foreign and domestic; to support our
Active Ninth Infantry Regiment (Manchu) soldiers
and the United States Army Regimental system.
We shall promote comradeship and esprit de corps
among our members; set examples of unselfish
patriotism, and memorialize the patriotic deeds of
the members of the 9th Inf. Regt. (Manchu).

MANCHU DEVOTIONAL

In the blessings of this new year, we lift up
the cup of kindness with our loved ones
and friends, as we come together in Peace
and Harmony to enjoy the season’s bounty.
With God’s blessing, we ought specially to
remember those brothers and sisters of
ours, UNDER ARMS, in far away lands,
who protect with their lives, and the peace
and harmony we enjoy.
Let it never be said of us that we are
unmindful of those called away by that
duty, from us and from thir loved ones.
Let our special prayers and blessings be
with them, in the far away lands, who are
never far from our hearts and thoughts.
KEEP UP THE FAITH, KEEP UP THE FIRE,
as our Lord looks over us in this new
season: "Happy New Year"

Chaplin: James "OBie" O’Brien

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

For the July 2012 newsletter
All info to the secretary by June 12, 2012
All info to the printer by June 19, 2012
Newsletter mail date - June 25, 2012
All information can be transmitted to me
by the following:
US Mail: Larry Ritter, 3962 Rt. 9 Apt. 401,
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
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THESE ARE SOME OF THE PICTURES OF MADISON BARRACKS AND THE 9TH INFANTRY CEMETERY
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

ANONYMOUS          $200.00  
1ST SGT. RAYMOND BITZER
SFC BENNIE LEONARD
BOTH FROM A CO. 1948-1949
DO YOU KNOW:
The VA has funds available for veterans on many levels, read on to learn about those you may qualify. Check with your local VA or SO.

Veterans are eligible for VA travel costs:

1. Veterans rated 30% or more for SC disabilities.
3. Veterans who receive a VA pension.
4. Veterans traveling for scheduled C/P exams.
5. Veterans whose gross household income does not exceed annual VA pension rate.
6. Veterans in certain emergency situations
7. Veterans whose medical condition requires special mode of transportation.
8. Certain non-veterans when related to care of a veteran. (attendants & donors)

Check with the benefits department at your local VA to see if you qualify.

Home Improvements and Structural Alterations:
The VA provides up to $4,100 lifetime benefit for service-connected veterans and up to $1,200 for non-service-connected veterans to make home improvements necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities.

Grants are made to the veteran for changes in his/her improvements and/or structural changes to their residence.

1. Allowing entrance to, or exit from, the veteran's residence.
2. Use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities.
3. Allowing access to kitchen or bathroom sinks.
4. Improving access paths and driveways to the home by the veteran.
5. Improving plumbing or electrical systems necessary for dialysis equipment.

Special Adapted Housing Grants:
Certain veterans and service members with service-connected disabilities may be entitled to a Special Adapted Housing (SAH) grant from the VA to help build a new specially adapted house, to adapt a home they already own or buy a house and modify it to meet their requirements. There are a number of requirements to qualify for this benefit, I suggest you contact the SAH office, at 202-461-9546 or via e-mail at brian.bixler@va.gov.

Remember my fellow "Manchues" I'm only giving you some information for you to obtain the benefits you have earned and have coming. Contact your SO or the "benefits" department at your local VA regarding your qualifying for any of the above.

Have a good winter and "Keep Up The Fire". Spring will be here soon. Keep our active Manchue soldiers in your prayers.

CHUCK GROFF
KOREA, DMZ. '69-'70

Membership Dues for 2012
Membership dues are $15.00 per year or $100.00 for a Life Membership. Payments are now due. Make checks payable to "9th" Inf Regt (Manchu) Association.
Send payments to: 9th Inf. Regt. (MANCHU) Assn.
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SECRETARY/TREASURER

are coming down with prostate cancer and other maladies from being dowsed with Agent Orange at an alarming rate.

We are in touch with the Manchus who are at Ft. Lewis they are training hard the association donated an honorarium over Christmas to their fund to help active members and their families who deserve the extra help it's a good thing.

Well that's all I've got for now stay healthy and fit and keep up the fire

KEEP UP THE FIRE  LARRY R.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
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PRESIDENT

Donovan stepped down and Mike Davino is the new President. This is the first time that all of the 2nd's officers are DMZ Vets. I guess that history goes around. WW 1 then WW2 then Korean and now the DMZ Vets. I am sure they will do a great job. We need to get the younger vets involved in both associations. Any ideas on how to do this would be appreciated.

Our vacation this year was different than planned. We were planning on following Route 66 from Illinois to the Grand Canyon. With all of the forest fires and smoke we changed our route. We did not get our kicks on 66. We went to Mountain View, Arkansas to a folk and bluegrass festival. We were able to hear some great music and musicians. From there we went to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Visited the Coca Cola museum [this is where Coke was first made]. Very interesting. We went to the National Battlefield on the hottest day. The temp was 100 degrees. At the Illinois memorial I was able to find my Great Grandfather and his brother's name on the bronze plaque. They fought with the Union there. Very emotional. From Vicksburg we ended up in Gulfport/Biloxi. What a great place. The temperature was hot [95-105 degrees]. Our campground was a mile from the gulf so it was an everyday event to walk in the water. They are still recovering from Katrina. There are still a number of empty lots on the gulf that have not been rebuilt. They do have a new VA hospital and Veterans home. We don't appreciate living in a part of the country that does not have hurricanes. My heart goes out to them.

Vacations are nice no matter where one travels. I think that there is so much to see in this great country. I am proud to visit all parts of the USA. We defended our country so to me it has a different meaning and probably to all of you. Don't know where our travels will take us next year but I am sure we will find something good. I forgot to mention that in Leland, Mississippi we were able to go through the swamp and museum of Kermit the Frog. This is his hometown. This isn't just for kids. Last year we saw the Wizard of Oz Museum in Kansas. Thanks to our 17 year old granddaughter we visit some interesting places.

Next year's reunion will be in Reno, Nevada. Make plans for it now. Hope to see all of you there. Remember next year is election year for the Manchus. If anyone is interested in running for an office let Larry Ritter or myself know. My term will be up next year but if no one is interested I would consider another term. It has been a great adventure for me to be your President this past year. I hope that I represent our association proudly no matter where I go. When I travel I wear one of three hats, the Army, 2nd Div, or our 9th Inf. Regiment. I hope you do the same.

I have been looking into setting up our own web site. Willy has been a great help in giving me some info on what needs to be done. I need your input into this. What are your thoughts about an electronic newsletter? This will take some time but I feel it would be well worth the effort.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE BY THE NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT (MANCHU) ASSOCIATION. Please mail your order to 9th Inf Regt (MANCHU) Association, 3962 Rt. 9 Apt. 401, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. When writing your check, please add $7.00 for packing and postage, except for the Membership Roster. Thanks.

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Mailing Address, Including your 5 + 4 digit ZIP Code

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Unit(s) Assigned as a Manchu

Dates of Assignment as a Manchu

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*Life Membership may be paid for in a single payment, or up to four annual payments of $25.00 each.
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In addition to enrolling me in the national Manchu Association, also sign me up for the Second Indianhead Division Association, as follows:

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LIFE MEMBER ..................... $200.00

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