

# MANCHU DRAGON TALES



## NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT (Manchu) Association U.S. Army

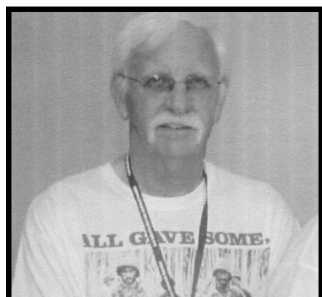


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### COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



This has been a busy year for me. I have spoken at some veteran meetings and some churches. On Christmas Eve, I had the privilege of singing at the home church I grew up in. This was the first time in over 40 years. I was invited

back to sing and speak at regular church service in May. It was good to see old friends. Our small church did not have very many boys go into the service during the 60's. They supported us even though some of them did not agree with the war. My Dad and Mom had all 3 of us boys in the Army at that time. They were our flag waivers.

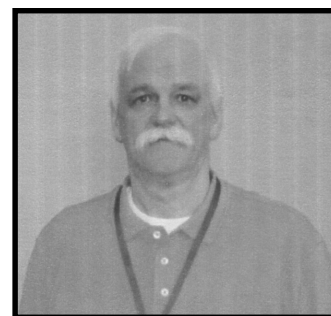
This has been a good year for the Manchu's. We donated money to have flowers put on the memorials in D.C. on Memorial Day. This makes me feel good when I get an e-mail from someone that had seen our name on flowers at one of the memorials. We have donated money to the scholarship fund of the Indianhead Association.

Larry Ritter and I have been discussing membership at different times. If anybody has any ideas how to get our members active please let us know. Our group is not any different than the VFW or Legion. We need to get our younger Vets involved. If you know of someone who was a Manchu give them an application and even pay their dues for them. Larry has been busy going through our membership roster sorting out deceased members who are still getting newsletters. If you know of any deceased member let us know.

We have a new on line store where some merchandise can be ordered. As of now we have 2 t-shirts black and or white with silk screen logo; 2 polo shirts black and or white with embroidered

### COMMENTS AND UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello again from sunny Florida, the first topic at hand is the Reunion in Omaha, Nebraska. You can see what is going on in this newsletter all the information is included so you need to act soon. The next all



important topic to discuss is people moving and not contacting me with a NEW ADDRESS, I am not a mind reader and am tired of trying to run down people that are too busy to do a simple task, as of this newsletter we have had to put over a hundred people on the do not mail list and ninety-eight percent of these members are life members, this is a sad statistic! It cost the Association fifty cents for each returned newsletter so you can see why we cannot mail these out anymore.

We now have an online merchandise store that I'm sure you already know about, we will be adding new items in the future so I hope you use this store, we can thank the president Roger Dyson for all the hours of hard work trying to get this online for us, thanks Roger!

We continue to look for new members to keep this Association going for a long time and that means young bucks that are getting out of the service. If you have contacts let us know or tell them about our websites; [manchu.org](http://manchu.org), [manchuassociation.org](http://manchuassociation.org), [imjinscout.com](http://imjinscout.com)

That's all for now see you at the reunion.

Keep Up The Fire

Larry

## ORGANIZATION REVISED & OFFICIAL

President .....	Roger Dyson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President .....	Wally Baxendale
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President .....	Charles Groff, Jr.
Sec/Treas .....	Larry Ritter
Chaplain .....	Rev. James L. O'Brien
Sergeant At Arms .....	Mike Ardoin
Parliamentarian .....	Jack Woodall
Historians .....	Raymond A. Tarabusi, Rolfe L. Hillman, III and Larry Ritter
Honorary COL of the Regiment .....	OPEN
Honorary SGM of the Regiment .....	OPEN
Honorary COL of the Association .....	Col. Max Tadlock
4/9 Manchu Liaison .....	Ronald K. Price
Public Information Office .....	Larry Ritter
Distinguished Member of Regiment.....	CPT Rich Coutermarsh

## MANCHU ASSOCIATION

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Association President; **Members,** Association 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Past **Presidents,** Gil Blue, Ken Toeppe, 1SG (Ret), William Ditzhazy; **Past Secretaries/Treasurers,** Dante Degni, CSM Riley Miller, Oscar Fettig, Raymond Tarabusi, Wayne E. Stephens; and the following **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Constitution and By Laws,** Jack Woodall; **Membership:** Roger Dyson; **Reunion,** Charles Groff; **Sunshine,** Rev. James "OBie" O'Brien; **Budget,** Larry Ritter

## MANCHU DEVOTIONAL

Remember these days; Memorial Day, D-Day and July 4th. These days made us a great nation. A great nation under "GOD". Our money says, "In GOD we trust". This is what we fought for, this is what some gave their lives for, and with GOD'S inspiration, we will never forget.

Keep up the Fire and keep up the Faith.

Chaplin James "OBie" O'Brien

### 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).

**Comments From The President** (Continued)

logo; a black baseball cap with gold embroidered logo [this is not the crossed rifles as offered before]. Be sure of your size before ordering because these are special order items and CANNOT be returned. We are trying this to see how it works.

It seems that whenever our troops are deployed we wish that doesn't happen. We all know what it is like to be sent to a far away country to fight for something we really don't know anything about. We get our troops pulled out and then all of a sudden we send them back in again. Why do we have to play these games? Why don't they let us just go in and kick \_\_\_? You can't make these decisions if you never served in the military. One of my pet peeves is the t-shirt that read "Southeast War Games 2<sup>nd</sup> Place". We did not lose that war we WON it the politicians can say they lost it. Our troops of all ages are all WINNERS. Give them all an Atta boy!

Hope to see you in Omaha this September.

Keep Up The Fire!

Roger Dyson

**LAST ROLL CALL**

**James F. Perry Sr.** (LTC Inf- R) died from the complications of a heart attack on Good Friday, 18 April 2014. He lived in Bettendorf, Iowa.

He was a member of the 2-9th infantry Regiment during the Korean War. He was awarded 2 silver stars, 2 bronze stars, two purple hearts and three ARCOMs during his 20 years of service to our country. Both Silver stars, Bronze star with V, and purple hearts were awarded during his time with the 2-9 inf. He entered Korea with the 2nd Inf division (early 1950) and fought up and down the peninsula. He was with the 2-9 Inf when the Regiment fought through the Gauntlet at the Kuni-Ri pass. He served as the 2-9's, Asst S-3, S-3, XO and BNCO during his time with the battalion. He spent 18 months in combat with his battalion.

He retired from the US Army in 1962, and went to work for DOD at the Rock Island Arsenal...retired from there in the early 90's. He was a great guy and will be missed by his friends, family, and church. He is buried in the Rock Island Arsenal, Veterans Cemetery, in Rock Island, IL.

**DO YOU KNOW?**

"That there are five ways to establish Service-Connected Compensation."

Q: Am I qualified for Service-Connected Disability?

A: If you are suffering from a disability that occurred or worsened while you were on active duty you may qualify. You must be able to prove that your condition is related to your service through a statement from a qualified medical provider.

**Direct Service Connection:** you must have a disease, injury, illness or occurrence in service that produces a chronic, debilitating condition.

**Presumptive Service Connection:** you must have served in certain locations. An example is exposure to Agent Orange

**Secondary Service Connection:** a service-connected condition is shown to be the cause of another disability.

**Aggravation:** If you enter active duty with a pre-existing condition and if it becomes worse, or if it is aggravated by a service-connected condition, there could be a basis for Service-Connection.

**U.S.C. 1151 CLAIM:** This is when negligence and/or misconduct occur in a VA health care facility, resulting in a chronic, debilitating condition.

Remember when filing a claim use a "Certified Accredited Service-Officer" in your state: all military organizations have them, VFW, Legion, DAV, etc.

Don't forget the reunion is fast approaching; get your reservations in soon. See you in Omaha.

Chuck Groff

KEEP UP THE FIRE



You can get decorative license plates like the one above by contacting Chas. Groff or Larry Ritter. Other designs maybe available. The plate costs are \$15.00 shipping is \$6.00. Delivery takes 2-3 weeks.

For more information call 312-307-6169 or 813-501-8408

## 93rd ANNUAL REUNION OF THE SECOND (IDIANHEAD) DIVISION ASSOCIATION

DOWNTOWN DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

SEPTEMBER 16TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20TH 2014

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST REUNION-YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISABILITY OR DIETARY RESTRICTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHERS ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOTEL CONFIRMATION # \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*DOUBLETREE - DOWNTOWN 1616 DODGE STREET OMAHA, NE 68102\*\*

\*\*REGISTRATION CALL: 1-402-346-7600, 1-800-222-8733 OR doubletree.com\*\*

\*\* NEED TO SPECIFY SID OR SECOND INDIAN HEAD TO GET SPECIAL RATE OF \$89.00 + TAX (18.16%) PER NIGHT \*\*

\*\*RATES ARE GOOD 3 DAYS PRIOR TO 9 - 16 AND 3 DAYS POST 9 - 20. RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE IS 8/31/2014\*\*

COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE FROM THE AIRPORT BY THE HOTEL

PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRAL CITY GARAGE FOR \$4.00/NIGHT OR ATTACHED 1ST NATIONAL BANK GARAGE FOR \$7.00/NIGHT

Mandatory member, spouse and guest registration cost.

Number of Attendees Cost Each Total

Includes free continental breakfast for those staying at DOUBLETREE (2 meals per room).

	\$20.00 ea.	
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Date/Time	Function	Number of Tickets	Cost Each	Total
Tuesday Sept. 16th 6:00pm - 9:30pm	Early Bird Dinner ITALIAN SAUSAGE LASAGNA WITH ROASTED VEGGIES		\$29.00 ea	
Wednesday Sept. 17th				
09:15am	Bus departs for tour of POW/MIA Accounting Command Center Tour		\$15.00 ea	
12:30pm	Bus departs for tour of Father Flannagan's Boys Town Tour		\$15.00 ea	
Thursday Sept. 18th 11:45am - 3:00pm	LUNCHEON/AUCTION SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY ALL WELCOME !!! GRILLED HERB CHICKEN BREAST		\$25.00 ea	
Thursday Sept. 18th 7:00pm - 9:30pm	Muster Dinner (Select entrées) GARLIC & THYME CRUSTED CHICKEN ROASTED PORK LOIN		\$32.00 ea \$32.00 ea	
Friday Sept. 19th. 7:00pm - 11:00pm	Social Hour (CASH BAR) 6:00pm - 7:00pm Grand Banquet 7:00pm - 11:00pm (Select entrées) GRILLED SIRLOIN STEAK SEARED SALMON		\$36.00 ea \$36.00 ea	
	50/50 Drawing		\$5.00 ea	
	Quilt Raffle Drawing (Winner need not be present)		\$2.00 ea	

REGISTRATION TOTAL

Complete this form and return to National Hq. with payment no later than Aug. 30th, 2014. After that date, registrations will be accepted on space available only. **Cancellation Policy: No refunds after September 10, 2014.**

REUNION BOOK: If you would like to have a message/memorial/ad in the reunion book, indicate size of the ad.

On a separate page, submit the message or information you want printed. Reunion ad due no later than July 1, 2014

FULL PAGE = \$200.00 1/2 HALF PAGE = \$100.00 1/4 PAGE = \$50.00 1/8 PAGE = \$25.00 AD TOTAL

REGISTRATION AND/OR REUNION BOOK TOTAL-MAKE YOUR CHECK FOR THIS AMOUNT

Mail Completed Registration Form AND Check to:

2 IDA Hq.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 2 IDA REUNION.

PO Box 218

Fox Lake, IL 60020

Contact Bob Haynes at 224-225-1202 or 2idahq@comcast.net with any questions.

**2 IDA 2014 REUNION OMAHA, NEBRASKA****9/16/2014 – 9/19/2014**

This information is for all those attending the reunion:

- There are going to be two tours; one can go to either but not both as the times conflict. Bus fare for either is \$15.00 per person. There is a place on the registration form to place your bus payment. We are allowed only 50 people to go to the POW/MIA Lab Center at Offutt AFB. **Those wanting to go to the POW/MIA Center must call me or email me as I need to keep track of the number of attendees.**
- **The bus times on the agenda and the registration forms are departure times, you must be on the bus and ready to go! Don't get left behind!** Buses are equipped with wheel chair/electric cart lifts.
- I would suggest that anyone wanting to go on either tour should take the bus. There were some issues last year for some of those that drove their cars!
- The hotel is located downtown and there is plenty of shopping and restaurants for those don't want to go on the tours.
- The hotel has a free airport shuttle that runs every half hour. They start running at 05:00am and stop at 12:00am. They pick up at gate #8 only!!!
- The hotel shuttle WHEN AVAILABLE will shuttle attendees anywhere within four miles of the hotel at no cost.
- There is a \$3.00 fee per person for the Boys Town tour payable at the door. It IS NOT included in the bus fare.
- There is a lunch at the POW/MIA Offutt AFB tour for \$13.25 per person. The lunch IS NOT included in the bus fare.
- Again, the hotel phone number is 800-222-8733 in case you need the number.

Hope to see many of you there to enjoy the festivities!!!

Bob Haynes – 2 IDA Secretary/Treasurer

224-225-1202 or [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net)

A "SECOND TO NONE" WELCOME  
TO THE 93rd. SECOND (INDIANHEAD) DIVISION REUNION  
OMAHA, NE. September 16th through September 20th. 2014

<b>Tuesday September 16th.</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
12:00pm - 6:00pm	Reunion Registration Opens	3rd Floor Lobby
12:00pm - 6:00pm	2 IDA Merchandise Sales Opens	Nebraska Room
12:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Room Opens	Missouri/Iowa Room
6:00 pm - 9:30pm	Early Bird Dinner W/Guest speaker	Winnebago/Flanagan Room
<b>Wednesday September 17th.</b>		
7:00am - 8:30am	Free Breakfast (2 Per Room)	Signatures Restaurant/Lobby Level
11:00am - 11:00pm	Hospitality Room Opens	Missouri/Iowa Room
9:15am	<i>Bus departs hotel to Offutt Air Force Base for POW/MIA Accounting Command Center Tour</i>	
10:00am - 12:00pm	Tour of POW/MIA Accounting Command Center Identification Lab	
12:15pm-1:15pm	Lunch at Patriots Club (\$13.25 pay on your own)	
1:25pm	Bus departs AFB to hotel	
12:30pm	Bus departs to Father Flannagan's Boys Town	
1:45pm - 3:45pm	Tour Father Flannagan's Boys Town (\$3.00 admission fee on your own)	
4:15pm	Bus departs back to hotel	
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Reception - Soft Drinks and snacks provided - <b>CASH BAR</b>	Main Lobby
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Korea Cold War/DMZ Veterans Meeting	Capitol/Dodge Room
<b>Thursday September 18th.</b>		
7:00am - 8:30am	Free Breakfast (2 Per Room)	Signatures Restaurant/Lobby Level
8:00am - 10:00am	2 IDA Executive Board Meeting	Kansas Room
8:30am - 10:00am	Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting	Wyoming Room
10:15am - 12:15pm	9th Inf. (Manchu's) Executive Board Meeting	Dakota Room
11:00am - 11:00pm	Hospitality Room Opens	Missouri/Iowa Room
11:45pm - 3:00pm	Auxiliary Luncheon and Auction ( <b>ALL WELCOME</b> )	Ballroom West
4:30pm - 6:30pm	9th Inf. (Manchu's) General Business Meeting	Dakota Room
4:30pm - 6:30pm	Registration Open	3rd Floor Lobby
4:30pm - 6:30pm	2 IDA Merchandise Sales Open	Nebraska Room
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Muster Dinner w/Guest Speaker	Winnebago/Flanagan Room
<b>Friday September 19th.</b>		
7:00am - 8:30am	Free Breakfast (2 Per Room)	Signatures Restaurant/Lobby Level
8:30am - 11:30am	2 IDA General Business Meeting	Winnebago Room
Followed Immediately By Meeting Of Executive Board Members		Winnebago Room
9:00am - 11:30pm	Auxiliary General Business Meeting Followed by Auxiliary Officers Installation/Memorial Service	Lewis/Clark Room
11:00am - 5:00pm	Hospitality Room Opens	Missouri/Iowa Room
2:00pm - 3:30pm	2 IDA Memorial Service	Winnebago/Flanagan Room
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Social Hour ( <b>CASH BAR</b> )	3rd Floor Lobby
7:00pm - 11:00pm	Grand Banquet w/Guest Speaker	Winnebago/Flanagan Room
<b>Saturday September 20th.</b>		
7:00am - 9:00am	Free Breakfast (2 Per Room)	Signatures Restaurant/Lobby Level

**Have a Safe Trip Home and Hope to See You All in San Antonio Next Year!!!!**











### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MANCHU ASSOCIATION ONLINE STORE

We wanted to let our members know that we now have new clothing apparel available. Go to the website and click on the new icon. You will be dealing directly with our supplier and shipment will be sent to you. We will be adding more merchandise as we progress with this site.

WEB SITE: [manchuassociation.org](http://manchuassociation.org)

## Manchu Apparel

View: All Tees Polos & Shirts Jackets Hats

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<b>\$20.00</b> <b>Cotton Short Sleeve Color Tee</b> Short Sleeve Color Tee	<b>\$19.00</b> <b>Cotton Short Sleeve White Tee</b> Short Sleeve White Tee	<b>\$28.00</b> <b>Drive Polo</b> Drive Polo	<b>\$28.00</b> <b>Drive Polo</b> Drive Polo

# NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT

## (MANCHU) ASSOCIATION

5226 Blue Roan Way  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT (MANCHU) ASSOCIATION

Current Rank: Specify if  
Active Duty or Retired

Full Name (First, Middle & Last)

Military Status: Specify if  
Active Duty or Retired

Mailing Address, Including your 5 + 4 digit ZIP Code

Telephone Number(s)

e-mail Address

Unit(s) Assigned as a Manchu

Dates of Assignment as a Manchu

Highest Rank as a Manchu

#### MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND CALENDAR YEAR DUES:

REGULAR-PER YEAR ..... \$15.00  
ASSOCIATE-PER YEAR ..... \$15.00  
ACTIVE DUTY-PER YEAR ..... \$10.00  
LIFE ..... \$100.00\*

#### PAYMENT ENCLOSED FOR:

ENROLLMENT FOR ..... YEARS= ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
RE-ENROLLMENT FOR ..... YEARS= ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR ..... YEARS= ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
PROCESSING FEE ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER PROCESSING FEE ..... \$4.00\*\*

SUB-TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Life Membership may be paid for in a single payment, or up to four annual payments of \$25.00 each.

\*\* This fee will cover the costs associated with purchasing, preparing and mailing enrollment documents, as well as the printing and mailing of a Manchu Association Membership Roster.

Credit \_\_\_\_\_ for this New Enrollment

In addition to enrolling me in the national Manchu Association, also sign me up for the Second Indianhead Division Association, as follows:

REGULAR MEMBER ..... \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
CURRENT ACTIVE DUTY ..... \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE MEMBER ..... \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
LIFE MEMBER ..... \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to "9<sup>th</sup> Inf Regt (MANCHU) Association," and mail together with this completed application to:  
5226 Blue Roan Way, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544, and Keep Up The Fire!