

# MANCHU DRAGON TALES



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

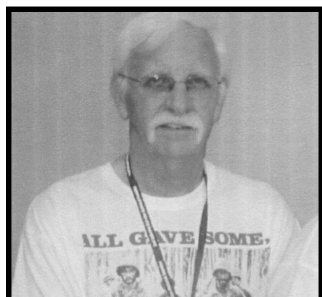


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### COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello fellow Manchu's.

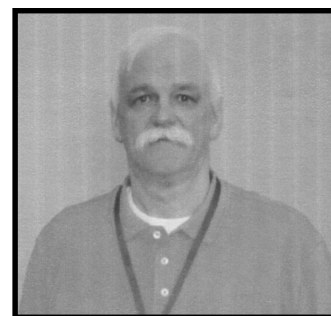
Our reunion for 2012 is now history. I was not able to attend this year. Our Vice President Chuck Groff filled in my absence

along with Sec/Treas Larry Ritter. Thanks for handling this. Larry told me the numbers were way down for our reunion as well as for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ID reunion. It was voted on to donate \$1000.00 to the Bill Creech Scholarship fund. A donation to the families of active Manchu's was also voted on.

Another item discussed was the new Manchu website. Earlier I may have said that this was the official site for our group. It was voted on by the members to change the title of the site. It was voted on to change the site to be The Manchu Association. We do not have the right to change this site because it does not belong to the association. It is owned by Larry Ritter. He paid for and has put this site together. So we do not have an official site but I am looking into this and it will be addressed at next year's reunion. If you have any input about a web site, feel free to contact me via e-mail. My new e-mail address: [dmzmanchu9@gmail.com](mailto:dmzmanchu9@gmail.com) Larry's site is a great site so take the time to look at it. Willy has a great site so look at it,

### Comments and Updates From the Secretary

Well another reunion has come and gone and I left it with mixed emotions some good memories and some bad. It was good to see some guys I hadn't seen in 43 years which made this reunion a good thing. On the negative side some members came with one thing in mind to take down our association with their petty arrogant ideas that made no sense at all. I'll leave it at that because whatever was voted on will never come to be ever.



So to move on to relevant issues we will be sending the family readiness group in Ft. Lewis a \$1,000.00 for their relief fund and we will be sending another \$1,000.00 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ID scholarship fund again.

The saddest thing at the reunion was only (7) members were in attendance at the meeting, We need to see more people if we are to function as an association, the officers will remain the same as before. Other things relevant to the association were how would we establish a raffle for the replenishment of general funds

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## 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 .....	Darrell W. Heilinger
Historians	Raymond A. Tarabusi & Rolfe L. Hillman, III
Honorary COL of the Regiment .....	OPEN
Honorary SGM of the Regiment .....	OPEN
4/9 Manchu Liaison .....	Ronald K. Price
Public Information Office .....	Robert (Willy) G. Dixon
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,** Darrell W. Heilinger; **Membership:** Roger Dyson; **Reunion,** Charles Craig; **Sunshine,** Rev. Charles H. Woods; **Budget,** Dante H. Degni

## MANCHU DEVOTIONAL

OH Lord, guide us and bless us, as a nation founded upon freedom and democratic principles, we sometimes have disagreements which divide us. The principle is our pride in the military, their selflessness, their service, and their sacrifice, and with Gods help, thier ever vigilant to keep us safe from harm and free to disagree. Keep up the fire and keep up faith.....Amen

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**

too. Both do a great job featuring the history of the Manchu's.

I have been talking with Ron Price, our liaison with the 4Bn. We have been discussing how we can get more people involved from both groups. I know that the 4Bn was with the 25th ID. We are trying to bring our groups together regardless of division. We also have Manchu's that served with the 7<sup>th</sup> ID and other units. We want to bring us all together as one Manchu Association. Ron and I know this is a hard project to get accomplished but as true Manchu's we can Keep Up The Fire until this is accomplished.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Bn Manchu's just had their reunion in Portland, Oregon. They attended the ceremony at Ft Lewis for the 4Bn that was deployed again. Thank you for representing the Manchu's. I know they had a good time with the troops as well as the families.

As your President, I cannot tell you how I feel. The pride and satisfaction it gives me to know that the MANCHU'S are among the elite of our country's fighting infantry units. I speak to different groups and I try to represent the Manchu's in an honorable fashion. Goose bumps appear when I am introduced as the President of the Manchu Association. I feel that when they do the introducing they are giving all the glory to the Manchu's and not me. I am proud of my military service but even more so because I was and I am still a MANCHU.

**KEEP UP THE FIRE!**

Roger Dyson

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**Comments and Updates From the Secretary**

and scholarship funds if you have any suggestions to this query please refer to the president Roger Dyson.

Another topic that was brought up for discussion was our involvement with Madison Barracks in Sackets Harbor, New York, our unit was stationed there for many years and a lot of our monuments are still there including the Ninth cemetery and the Town would like us to consider having a reunion there. I have been there many times and find it a great site as part of our tremendous history, something to ponder.

I would like to personally thank Chaplain "OBIE" Obrien for showing up and giving a great devotional and invocation for the meeting, it was great to break from the norm of not being able to speak of God and Country in which you find in many unspeakable circumstances today. Well enough of that, as always if you have anything that is pressing on your minds contact me via E-mail or by phone.

We are divesting all of our merchandise and I have (10) 2xx polo shirts that the President has authorized to sell for half price (\$15.00) first come first served. We also have a few more items for sale give me a call or e-mail me for what we have left.

I am in the process of putting our website on a new format it will be up soon if you have tried to go to the guest book it was out of commission so that is why I've changed servers it will be online by the time you get this newsletter it is still (manchuassociation.org) I hope to hear from you.

One final thing is I was just notified of the passing of one of our true heroes from WWII his name is Mark Griffin and will sadly missed please read the short obit in this newsletter. As always LJR

## COVER UPS

I have been contacted to help in finding any info concerning a Special Ops unit that served in Korea. The code names were: The Ghost Walkers or Hq-Hq. These soldiers did not wear any dog tags or have any i.d. on them. Their duty does not show on any DD-214 or any other military records. These men are now trying to get medical help at the VA but without any records they are not even considered. A person was told that this was still a classified op so leave it alone. This is a bunch of bull. If you have any knowledge of this group feel free to contact me. We need to help our fellow soldiers get what is owed to them. I do know that there was a Special Ops in Nam code name Black Cowboys. If you know about this group let me know.

This is another of our military cover ups. Look how long it took them to admit Agent Orange was used in Viet Nam and even longer to admit it was used in Korea along the DMZ. It took the vets of the Viet Nam era to complain about this to get any action in Washington. I did not get a Silver or Bronze star or a Purple Heart. I did get one thing but did not ask for it. That was exposure to Agent Orange. Thank you Washington.

Roger Dyson, President

## DID YOU KNOW?

First off I'd like to wish all my "Manchu brothers and sisters" a very joyous upcoming holiday season. Enjoy your family and friends but please keep those Manchu's serving in Korea, Afghanistan and in Washington at Fort Lewis in your thoughts. Remember how you felt when off serving in a far from home local. They all could use our prayers and best wishes.

Now some advice to all our younger Manchu's, this is a reminder to keep a record of all sick call appointments along with any copies you might receive pertaining to those appointments. This might not make sense now but 20/30 years from now when that knee you wrenched way back when while on active duty acts up and your looking for help in filing a claim with the VA. There are many guys looking for someone who can verify specifics about the incident listed in various magazines.

Are you a veteran on the Korean war? Would you desire a certificate from the government honoring your service during 1950 and 1953? If you have access to a computer go to the following web site to obtain said certificate: <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/committee.html> once in, click: recognition request.

Chuck Groff

Keep Up The Fire

Chasgroff@aol.com

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## LAST ROLL CALL

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**Mark Griffin**, born January 24th, 1926, passed away September 29, 2012.

Mark was an U.S. Army Retiree. He served on the battle field in World War II and was on active duty during the Korean and Viet Nam wars.

Mark was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Distinguished Unit Citation for his efforts from D-Day + 1 through the Battle of the Bulge.

He's survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Lucy Griffin, and his son, Richard Griffin.

Mark loved his family and friends with all his heart.

This true american hero will be missed.

SFC, Mark Griffin 1926-2012.

Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War 2 Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal(Germany), National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation.

### **Charles E. Hunt**

Born March 25, 1929

Passed away September 12, 2012

Served with M Company 1951-52

He will be missed.

### **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.  
Larry Ritter,  
3962 Rt. 9 Apt. 401,  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

## 4/9 Manchu Female Engagement Team

The first concept of a FET was largely based on the Marine "Lioness" teams of Iraq, which had been successfully utilized to search female Iraqis for concealed weapons and contraband items during a wide variety of missions. Since then the teams have evolved into an important resource that can reach the local Afghan communities in ways that have not been done before. Because the FETs often patrol with infantry units, physical fitness is a priority.

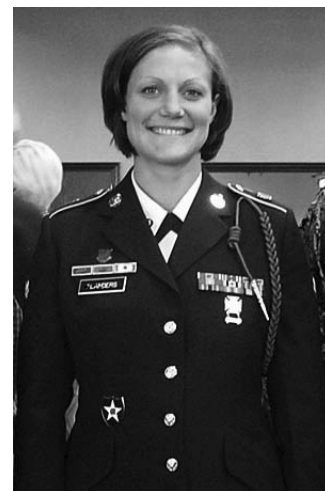


In March, the Raider Brigade had a unit-wide FET assessment and selection where all qualified female soldiers (E1-O1) participated in hopes of becoming part of the program. The selection process was incredibly grueling - APFT, 9-mile ruck march, land navigation, infantry tactics, an obstacle course, and many mental challenges were incorporated over a 3-day period. Over 70 women participated, but only 30 were selected and these 30 are spread across the BDE to support each battalion.

The 4-9IN currently has 6 FET members. 1st Lt. Shasta Lewis is the 4/9 FET OIC; SGT Jessica Archuleta is the NCOIC; we have 4 Soldiers. We went to the National Training Center with 4-9 last June in order to train with the infantry platoons, learn their operating procedures, and become integrated with the Manchus. Since then, we have received language and culture training, and have become part of the battalion completely as we prepare to deploy with the unit.

The FET provides support by interacting with a key demographic that would be otherwise unapproachable by infantry men and their Afghan National Army counterparts: the women. We want to engage, find, understand and bridge the gap with the local populations within Afghanistan.

SPC Charese Bartlett is the first 4/9 FET member (and first female Manchu) to complete the Manchu Mile and earn the Manchu belt buckle. SPC Bartlett has done a tour in Iraq and will be deploying with the 4/9 to Afghanistan.



**NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

**(MANCHU) ASSOCIATION U. S. ARMY**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE BY THE NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT (MANCHU) ASSOCIATION. Please mail your order to 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
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_____	#3-Manchu Brass Coin, 1 ½” in Diameter .....	\$ 7.00
_____	#4-9 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Partial Coat of Arms Patch, 3 X 4” .....	\$ 6.00
_____	#5-9 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regulation Size Insignia Pin, 1 X 1” .....	\$ 6.00
_____	#6-9 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Coat of Arms Pin .....	\$ 6.00
_____	#7-Manchu Cap, Lt Blue Embroidered w/Brown & Silver Muskets and White Lettering .....	\$12.00
_____	#8-Manchu Tee Shirt , Black w/Insignia on Upper Left Chest M, L, XL,.....\$10.00, XXL ..... \$14.00	
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_____	#11-9th Infantry Pin 9/16” .....	\$2.50
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_____	#14-9th Inf Regt Polo Shirt, Embroidered Crossed Rifles..... L, XL \$23.00, XXL \$29.00	
_____	#15-Manchu Polo Shirt, White w/Red Logo above left pocket (M,L,XL,XXL) .....	\$25.00
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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Current Rank: Specify if Active Duty or Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name (First, Middle & Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Military Status: Specify if Active Duty or Retired \_\_\_\_\_

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 LIFE ..... \$100.00\*

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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ASSOCIATE MEMBER ..... \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LIFE MEMBER ..... \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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