

MANCHU DRAGON TALES



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

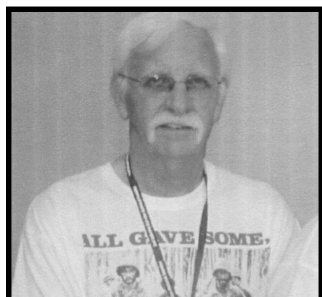


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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow MANCHUS,

I am hoping spring is not far off here in Illinois. It has been a long winter. Do you remember the winter when you were stationed in Korea or

Alaska? I can't forget it.

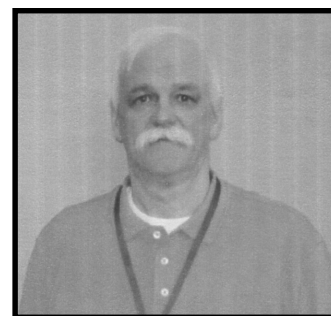
Last year's reunion in Omaha was a good one. There were 17 of us in attendance. We voted to donate money for the flowers for memorials in Washington and give \$1000.00 to the 2nd ID Scholarship fund. We discussed donating money to support our troops. In the past we had sent money to the 4/9 but it was decided to see about supporting the 2/9 that is still in Korea. Larry Ritter and I have been looking into this. I think that the 4/9 is still at Ft. Carson.

The on line merchandise store did not work out. Larry is working out details with a new company. One discussion was on how to get new active members. This is a problem with many veteran groups. Any suggestions would be welcome.

This has been a trying year for my family. Two weeks after our Omaha reunion my 93 year old Dad passed away. My Mom just turned 90 and is doing well. She fell 2 days after the funeral and broke her foot. She spent 2 months in an assisted living home. She is back in her home. My Brother and I take turns checking on her. I know that many of you have had the same experience. Dad was not a Veteran but was a Big Flag Waiver. Thanks for all of

COMMENTS AND UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARY

Once again welcome from sunny Florida, sorry we haven't been putting out a newsletter, there just wasn't a lot going on. The reunion in Omaha Nebraska seemed to go very well, Roger will have some things to say about it in his commentary. We did get over twenty new members regular and life. (names are in this letter) a big thanks goes to SGM Robert Cobb who is with the 2/9th in Korea for a lot of the members that signed up, he said more will follow thanks again SGM!



If you haven't been on the website (manchuassociation.org) a lot has transpired since my last newsletter. I have added all the morning reports for World War One, World War Two, and the Korean War there is so much history in these documents and if you served in one of these wars you might like to read what happened to the ninth on a daily basis. Also Don Lopez has graciously donated to the regiment his domain of imjinscout.com, we are transferring to the Manchu site as we speak it will give us all the history from 1799 up to date. Thanks Don.

In June the chaplain rev. O'bie O'brien and myself are going to the D-day ceremonies at Omaha Beach this year representing the ninth. This should be a great time, they are supposed to be honoring some men who fought on D-day from the ninth who landed with the 1st infantry on that day. It's a real good story that not a lot of people have heard about, they are mentioned in the book

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MANCHU DEVOTIONAL

I have watched many programs, that have interviewed the survivors of WW II, Korea, Viet Nam, and the Middle East. What I have learned from these programs, every survivor talked about watching their buddies back and protecting their comrades. Until you have been in that situation, you cannot walk in their shoes. Those who "have not: will never know. I will be in Normandy, France, June 5th & June 6th. I will pray for those who did not make it back and for those who did. Keep up the Faith and Keep up the Fire. God Bless America. Chaplin James :Obie: O'Brien (Viet Nam Survivor)

Chaplin James "OBie" O'Brien

**New Merchandise Store
Now Open!**
Go to www.manchuassociation.org

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)*

the prayers, cards and emails.

I spoke at different churches this past year. Had the privilege of speaking and singing at the church I grew up in. This is always a treat for me. No matter where I speak I always try to represent the Manchu's in a true military way. I am always blessed when young children take the time to Thank Me for my service. Young people bless my heart. I loved it when a young soldier came to me and told me that he was in one of my services as a young boy. He said that I was the influence that made him enlist in the Army. Yes, he is in the Infantry but not in the 9th.

This year's reunion is coming up fast. We are going to San Antonio in September. I am looking forward to seeing the Alamo and other attractions. The 2016 reunion will be in Springfield, Missouri. I tried to get the committee to have it in Bloomington, Illinois and the Manchus would host it. Maybe another year you can come to my town. Hope to see you in San Antonio!

I salute all of our Manchus.

KEEP UP THE FIRE!

Roger Dyson

Comments and Updates From the Secretary*(Continued)*

"Keep Up The Fire" by Al Castillio.

Another big thing that has transpired, we have a viable merchandise online store to purchase our shirts, hats and tees it should be up and running in two weeks .

So I hope all is well with everyone, enjoy the summer!

Larry R. Kutf

UP COMING EVENTS 2015**2nd ID Assn's Mid Atlantic Branch Reunion**

May 13, 2015 in Lancaster, PA

Contact: A.J. Fojt 703-330-1965

2nd IDA Mid West Branch Annual Reunion

July 10-11, 2015 in Madison, WI

Contact: Joe Marcil jama@tds.net
phone 262-539-2089

DO YOU KNOW?

For any information concerning veteran's benefits or your rights as a veteran go to www.va.gov and see about the new Vantage Points for veterans and the new improvements that are out this month.

NEW MEMBERS**REGULAR MEMBERS**

SFC TRENT BROWN
SGT KENDALL CHAPMAN
SSG THOMAS CLARK
PFC CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS
SPC JOSEPH FLYNN
SPC JEROD HATHAWAY
PVT WADE HORTON
PFC CHRISTIAN KOCA

SGT TOBY LANE
SGT LEROY MATHIS
SSG JUSTIN MCGEHEE
PFC WILLIAM RATHJE
SFC DAVID THORNTON
SGT ANDREW SCHLANGER
SSG MATTHEW SIMPSON

PFC BRYAN WINN

LIFE MEMBERS

MELVIN C. LOPEZ
COL. JAMES F. PERRY, JR.
EARL BLOUSE
THOMAS R. PETERS
EDWARD L. BELL
SGM ROBERT H. COBB

ALL OF THE ABOVE MEN ARE ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE 2/9TH IN KOREA

LAST ROLL CALL

MWO Edward C. Ney passed away on March 14, 2015 in El Paso Texas where he served as Chapter president of the National Association for Uniformed Services. Ed was a lifetime member of the 9th Inf., having served in Korea where he won a Battlefield Commission as 1st Lieutenant. Ed served tours in the Vietnam War with the 1st Cav Div. receiving numerous Air Medals and other awards for valor.

Ed retired from active duty in 1995 with the rank of Master Warrant Officer after over thirty years of service, the majority of which was spent as an Air Defense specialist in Europe and in the United States. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in the spring.

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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

PAYMENT ENCLOSED FOR:

CALENDAR YEAR DUES:

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

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 "9th Inf Regt (MANCHU) Association," and mail together with this completed application to:
5230 Blue Roan Way, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544, and Keep Up The Fire!