

MANCHU DRAGON TALES



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



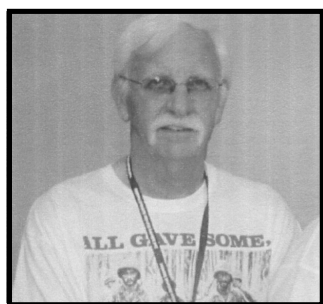
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<http://www.manchu.org/regiment/association.htm>

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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this time to wish you a belated



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope yours was as good as mine. As I am writing this article I look out my window and watch the snowfall. This makes me think of the winter

of 1969 on the DMZ. We were disgruntled about going out on patrol, stakeout, fence duty, or bridge patrol. I guess we were all down emotionally because we knew what was going on at home with the holidays. We made do with the packages from home, but you could only eat so many chocolate chip cookies. I received rum balls and they were the hit of the hooch. We all have memories that we will never forget.

Something I have been doing is going to the airport when I hear of a soldier coming or going.

I thank them for their service and talk with them and their families. It makes them feel good and me too. I even take my 16 year old granddaughter with me. She really enjoys this.

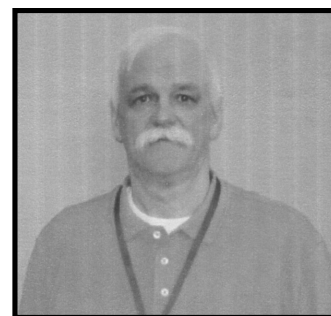
If you live near an airport take time to do this. Wear your Manchu hat or shirt and show our colors. See how rewarding it is. I remember the day I came home and who was there to greet me. Do you?

Larry Ritter and I have been talking of new ideas and plans for the association. We have been in touch with the different Manchu groups and

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Comments and Updates From the Secretary

Well my first few months as Sect/Treas has been great in a number of ways. I have gotten to know a few more of the members threw E-Mail or on the phone and correspondence. We



also are getting new members from 1969 from the 2/9th. Roger and myself have been in touch with the 4/9th and will be going to their reunion at Washington, D.C. this year. Look for those dates in this newsletter. We have two new officers on the organization board Sgt. At Arms Mike Ardoin and Chaplin Rev. James L. O'Brien glad to have you guys on board. I would like to thank the members that have renewed their dues so far, keep them coming. We are sorry we can only carry members (3) years without paying your dues, the best way is to become a lifer is to pay a hundred dollars or the way most are doing it is by installments and then you never have to worry about it again, so please think about it. Right now there are over 175 members that are in arrears starting from 12 years to 4 years without paying your dues. We are offering an amnesty if you start paying this years dues. If we don't hear from you within (2) months time we will have no choice but to drop you from the roster so we hope you take advantage of this one time offer. Enough said about this.

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ORGANIZATION REVISED & OFFICIAL

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| President | Roger Dyson |
| 1 st Vice President | Wally Baxendale |
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| Honorary SGM of the Regiment | OPEN |
| 4/9 Manchu Liaison | Ronald K. Price |
| Public Information Office | Robert (Willy) G. Dixon |
| Honoary Distinguished Member | Richard Coutermarsh |

MANCHU ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Association President; **Members,** Association 1st Vice President, Association 2nd 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. Heiliger; **Membership:** Roger Dyson; **Reunion,** Charles Craig; **Sunshine,** Rev. Charles H. Woods; **Budget,** Dante H. Degni

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

As we look out our windows, we can see the snow drifting down, gently and still, like a token of Gods peace. We know that all across this wide world the same snow falls upon the ETERNAL RESTING PLACE OF FALLEN COMRADES. Those who have won that peace and freedom for all of us. With their vigilance, their honor, and their last full measure of devotion. In this New Year let the Hand of God be everlasting and protective of our brave men and women who are under arms and to those who have answered the call of duty to stand guard over this Peace of ours now and forevermore.

KEEP UP THE FAITH!!!

Chaplain James "Obie" O'Brien

Membership Dues for 2011

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, 125 Maine Rd.
Plattsburgh, NY 12903-4004

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

For the July 2011 newsletter

All info to the secretary by June 12, 2011

All info to the printer by June 19, 2011

Newsletter mail date - June 25, 2011

All information can be transmitted to me by the following:

US Mail: Larry Ritter, 125 Maine Rd.
Plattsburgh, NY 12903-4004

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4TH/9TH COLORADO REUNION 2010



The 13th reunion of the 4th Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment was one of the best. Nearly 300 Manchus and Manchu Family members were on hand at the Doubletree Hotel in Colorado Springs.

This year we were honored by the presence of a large contingent of currently serving 4/9 Manchus.

Making the trip from Ft. Lewis, Washington were battalion commander Lt. Col. Mark Bieger and his wife Amy, CSM Richard Liehrdahl and wife Laurie, SGM Lee Baleme and wife Wendy. In addition a six member Color Guard (SGT Michael Lewis, SGT Joshua Morrison, SGT Joshua Nielsen, SPC Caleb Jenkins, SPC Robert Moritz and PFC Michael Bockbacalao) was on hand to post the national and battalion colors at the Saturday Night Banquet. Another special guest at the reunion was Captain James "Bud" Corbin who performed his showstopping original composition The Fighting Ninth detailing the history of the regiment. The battalion had only just returned several weeks earlier from a successful deployment to Iraq where they distinguished themselves as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. You can read all about their deployment at <http://www.manchuwarriors.org/2009-2010/>

The organization for this reunion was outstanding thanks to the services of our Armed Forces Reunion. This is the fourth year that AFR has handled the administrative end of things for us. They put together a good list of outside excursions. The tour of the Royal Gorge, Garden of the Gods and Air Force Academy were all well attended and by the looks on the smiling faces much enjoyed.

HONORARY DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Life member Richard Coutermarsh and Mrs. Coutermarsh were both honored by the Secretary of the Army by becoming Distinguished Members of the Ninth Infantry (See Certificates). We at this Association applaud Richard and Laura for this high achievement.



*IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO REGIMENTAL CONTINUITY,
TRADITION AND ESPRIT DE CORPS*

By Order of the Secretary of the Army

MR. RICHARD A. COUTERMARSH

is granted and assigned the distinction of

Distinguished Member

of the
**9TH INFANTRY
REGIMENT**

BRYAN R. OWENS
BRIGADIER GENERAL, USA
CHIEF OF INFANTRY

NEW COMMAND

The new command of the Homecoming 4th 9th from Iraq now stationed at Ft. Lewis has been in touch with me and are as follows:

Battalion Commander LTC James Doohan
Battalion Command Sgt Major Jeff Sweezer

We have opened up a dialog with them and will be featuring anything that happens in the battalion. I will keep you posted.

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trying to pull everyone together. We sent a member to the 4/9th reunion in Colorado Springs this past September. They are having their reunion this year in Washington D.C. If you live in the D.C. area or will be traveling out there at that time stop by and visit with them. There are so many young Manchu's and we are trying to get them involved. If you know any of them refer them to us. If you really feel like doing something good for them, pay their first year dues. They are our members of the future. I have talked with a group from the Atlanta area as well as Houston. Hopefully we can get them involved. We are looking into our roster. There are members that have no forwarding address as well as those whose dues are past due. Some are probably deceased but unless a family member contacts us we have no way to know. If you know of any deceased members from the past 2-3 years let our Secretary know.

This year's reunion will be in St. Louis, Mo. It will be here before we know it. Put this on your calendar and try to attend. It is so rewarding to see people from year to year.

Keep Up The Fire!

Roger Dyson
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PRESIDENT TAKES TRIP**SECRETARY/TREASURER***Continued from Page 1*

We lost a great MANCHU warrior in December Colonel Harry Clark Jr. Col. Clark was a much decorated hero in two wars, you may read about him in this newsletter.

I have been in contact with the new Batt.Commander Lt.Col. Ron Minty for the 2nd&9th Reg now stationed in Korea and things are heating up, if you keep up with current affairs.

LTC.Minty has just become a Life member with us and with the 2nd Div.Welcome on board Ron. Again I look forward to serving this great association in any capacity that is needed LJR
Keep Up The Fire!

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LIFE MEMBER HAS CUSTOM FLAGS AND CRESTS FOR SALE

The canvas size is 14" x 14" that costs \$100.00. Above that it is additional \$25.00 per inch. The canvasses that I have done are:

4th Bn crest (1 on Hand done)
9th regimental crest (1 on Hand done)
Manchu Dragon (different versions)
9th Regimental Flag (1 on hand done)

General instructions that have to have because am paying for canvas and yarn up front, is money up front. Also they need to know getting canvas framed is their responsibility. Also can do other pictures and or unit logos just have to be clear when artist blows them up to do the picture to canvas.

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4515 Woodduck Ave
Juneau, AK 99801
Home: 907-789-4764
Cell: 907-321-3522
Email: gcm109@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

MIKE ARDOIN A CO.2/9th 1969-1970 "Z" VET
 MATTHEW MALONE HHC 2/9th 1984-1987
 NEDLEY NESS A CO. 2/9th 1969-1970 "Z" VET
 JAMES "OBIE" O'BRIEN 1967-1970

MSG (RET) GEORGE P.DAVIS C CO. 4/9th 1969-1970
 LTC RONALD MINTY JR. BATTALION COMMANDER 2/9th PRESENT
 LTG (RET) JACK D.WOODALL 2ND DIV.HQ 1978

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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|---|----------|
| ROBERT COLTRAIN | \$10.00 |
| CURTIS LINT | \$ 20.00 |
| WILLIAM PRESCOTT | \$ 10.00 |
| JOHN CARLEY | \$ 20.00 |
| JOSEPH COPPOLA | \$ 30.00 |
| FRANK KRAFT | \$100.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF KEN TOEPPE AN AMERICAN PATRIOT | |

REUNION

**Our 90th Reunion will
 be in St. Louis,
 Missouri on
 August 29, 2011.**

LAST ROLL CALL

COL.(RET) HARRY A.CLARK JR.
 8265 CAMPOBELLO DRIVE
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78218-2410
 PASSED AWAY DEC.14,2010

WILLIAM HOYLE
 2500 5370th STREET #126
 FEDERAL WAY, WA. 98003-7630
 PASSED AWAY NOV.24,2010

COL.(RET) CHARLES HAYWARD
 10470 MT. SHADOW ROAD
 MARSHALL, VA. 20115-2352
 PASSED AWAY DEC. 16,2010

WILLIAM ROBERTS
 240 LANE 9
 DEEVER, WY. 82421-9752
 PASSED AWAY DEC.13,2010

Harry Clark Jr.

Colonel Harry Ainsworth Clark Jr., U.S. Army (Retired), passed away on December 14, 2010, at the age of 93. He was born in North Andover, Massachusetts on March 21, 1917, to Colonel (Medical Doctor) Harry A. Clark Sr. and Grace Urban Clark. He and his sister, Barbara Clark Humphreys, grew up as "Army brats," accompanying their parents on assignments to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, Newport, Rhode Island, The Philippine Islands, Marfa, Texas and Fort Bliss, Texas. Colonel Clark graduated from Austin High School in El Paso, Texas in 1934, and the New Mexico Military Institute Junior College in 1936. He accepted a commission in the Cavalry, U.S. Army, in 1939, and served his initial active duty assignment at Fort Meade, South Dakota. There he met and married Frances Smith Tully, the daughter of Colonel (later Brigadier General) and Mrs. Joseph M. Tully, Commander of the 4th Cavalry Regiment. During World War II, then Major Clark, age 25, served as the Squadron Executive Officer of the 24th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Group. While he was away his wife and her mother moved back to San Antonio, their hometown, to await their husbands' return. During combat operations in France, Major Clark was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart.

In July 1944, he was awarded the Silver Star for leading a successful attack against a

German unit defending a bridge. During the, then Lieutenant Colonel Clark, commanded the 2d Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment (nickname - "Manchus") in the 2d Infantry Division. He was awarded a second Silver Star for his actions on the night of March 1st, 1953, when he led a counterattack against a Chinese Army force that had overrun several American defensive positions. At a critical moment in the fight, while under intense artillery fire, he entered a burning bunker and pulled a wounded soldier to safety. On the night of March 16th, 1953, he led another counterattack against a Chinese Army force that had penetrated the front lines of his battalion. His heroism inspired his battalion to repulse the attack and restore the front lines. He was severely wounded in the fight and was awarded a second Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor. He was evacuated to a field hospital, then to Japan, and finally to Fort Benning, Georgia where he spent eighteen months recuperating from his wounds. His injuries left him unable to lead combat arms units, so he became a

logistician and held key logistical positions for the rest of his distinguished career. He was promoted to Colonel in 1961, and went on to serve as the III Corps G4 (Chief of

Logistics for the largest armored corps in the U.S. Army) at Fort Hood, Texas in his last assignment on active duty. He retired from the Army in 1968, and settled in San

Antonio. In retirement, Colonel Clark earned a Master of Arts Degree in history from

Trinity University, and then taught American History at San Antonio College for about fifteen years. He thoroughly enjoyed his years as a professor and his many days playing golf with friends at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved music and poetry, and although

Alzheimer's disease stole his short term memory, he never lost his ability to sing his favorite songs and recite limericks and poetry. At every family gathering, he delighted us all with "The Old Armchair" and "The Yarn of the Nancy Belle." Our family has lost a beloved patriarch and the nation has lost a courageous and selfless Soldier. Colonel

Clark is survived by his wife of 68 years, Frances T. Clark, of San Antonio, their eldest daughter Catherine C. Wiles and her husband, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Roger L.

Wiles, of Enid Oklahoma; son Harry A. Clark III and his wife, Augusta, of San Antonio; son Lieutenant General (Retired) Robert T. Clark and his wife, Karen, of San Antonio; daughter Sarah Johns and her husband, Tommy, of Sandpoint, Idaho; son Colonel

(Retired) Stephen M. Clark and his wife, Ellen, of Fairfax, Virginia; son Colonel

(Retired) David L. Clark and his wife, Ja Young, of San Antonio; son Thomas J. Clark and his wife, Marilynne, of Houston; eighteen grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

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 9th Inf Regt (MANCHU) Association, 10 Santa Lucia Ct., Clifton Park, NY 12065-5007. When writing your check, please add \$7.00 for packing and postage, except for the Membership Roster. Thanks.

| Quantity | Item Description | Unit Price |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| _____ | #1-Manchu Patch, Blue & Gold, 1 ¾ X 3 | \$ 4.80 |
| _____ | #2-Gold Plated Belt Buckle, Ring & Hook, 2 ¼ X 2 ½" | \$14.00 |
| _____ | #3-Manchu Brass Coin, 1 ½" in Diameter | \$ 7.00 |
| _____ | #4-9 th Infantry Partial Coat of Arms Patch, 3 X 4" | \$ 6.00 |
| _____ | #5-9 th Infantry Regulation Size Insignia Pin, 1 X 1" | \$ 6.00 |
| _____ | #6-9 th 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 |
| _____ | #9-Manchu Brass Belt Buckle, w/Ring & Hook, 1 ½ X 2" | \$14.00 |
| _____ | #10-Manchu Brass Belt Buckle, w/Clasp Fastener for Web Belt, 1 ½ X 2" | \$18.00 |
| _____ | #11-9 th Infantry Pin 9/16" | \$2.50 |
| _____ | #12 Black Canvas Belt - 45" x 1½" | \$5.00 |
| _____ | #13-Manchu Insignia Decal, 3 ¾ X 3 ¾", _____ Inside, or _____ Outside | \$1.50 |
| _____ | #14-9 th 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 |
| _____ | POSTAGE..... | \$7.00 |

Order Total Enclosed _____

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:

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 RE-ENROLLMENT FOR YEARS= \$ _____
 ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR YEARS= \$ _____
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 SUB-TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NEW MEMBER PROCESSING FEE \$4.00**

*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 _____

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 125 Maine Rd. Plattsburgh, NY 12903-4425, and Keep Up The Fire!

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