

MANCHU DRAGON TALES



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

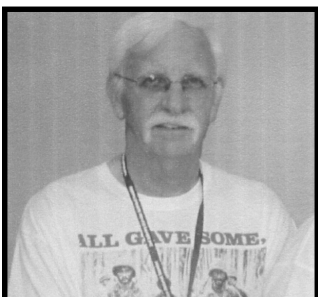


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<http://www.manchu.org/regiment/association.htm>

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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow MANCHUS,
What an unusual winter we had in the Mid-West. There times it was warmer here that it was in parts of the South. I

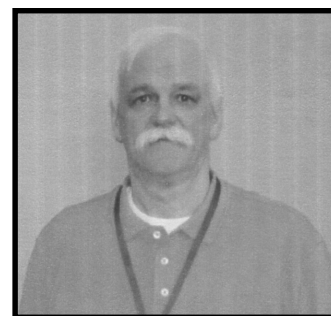
am not complaining. I can remember the winter of '69-70 on the DMZ of Korea. It was snow and cold and nowhere to get warm. I remember one morning we were leaving the fence but we could not find Freddie. We had a heavy snow that night. We finally saw this snow covered man brushing off the snow. It was Freddie. He could sleep anywhere. Cold winters and those frigid monsoons. I was fortunate to be in country for 2 monsoon seasons. Cold one minute and hot the next.

This has been a good year for the MANCHU Association. Our new website is up and running. Parts are still under construction but it is getting there. Take a look and tell us what you think. We just donated money to the Memorial Day Foundation. They will place flowers on the memorials in D.C. for us. What a great thing to do. We are looking into new challenge coins since we are about out of the old ones. I am still

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Comments and Updates From the Secretary

Well hello again Manchus I hope everything is well with all of you as this new year progresses on. The biggest news for our group is that we are finally on our own



website for the 2nd Bn 9th Regiment (manchuassociation.org) and to reiterate what the president Roger Dyson has written it is open to all Manchu Regiments and to all VETERANS of all conflicts, so I hope you visit and take part in what's available to you. It is in its infancy so there are a few tweaks going on as we speak but with the help of Don Lopez and James Wemette (who have been instrumental in this happening GREAT JOB GUYS) we will try to Keep Up The Fire so to speak.

I guess the next topic to get into is the upcoming Reunion that takes place in Reno, Nevada on August 23rd to the 26th this is a good time for us to get together and reminisce about old times I hope you will think about coming. I continue to hear from many vets that have many experiences that should be recorded for our history sake I

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ORGANIZATION REVISED & OFFICIAL

President	Roger Dyson
1 st Vice President	Wally Baxendale
2 nd 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 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. Heilinger; **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

In the year of our Lord, 1868, America set aside Decoration Day, in Honor of the Six Hundred Twenty Five Thousand fresh graves. One for every eight men of Military age, who had fallen in our young country's bloodiest wars.

Today we call it, Memorial Day and with God's Blessing, we will keep it, in Honor of not just who fell in the war between the states, but all the graves of Men and Women, who have laid down their lives to keep us Strong and FREE.

On this day, we are reminded, that is their Honor and Example, that we shall keep up the Fire, keep up the Faith, and keep up their Valor ever new in our Hearts, and Memories.

Amen

Chaplin: James "OBie" O'Brien

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

looking into new hats. We gave money to the Manchu families at Ft. Lewis and to the 2nd I.D. scholarship fund. I think we have had a productive year.

This is election year and if anyone would like to run for office let Larry Ritter or I know. I have enjoyed the Presidency and proud to have served such a great organization. I am willing to stay on as your President. It has been so rewarding for me to represent the association. When I am introduced at vet functions as the President of the MANCHUS it brings chills to my body. We have such a great history and in one way or another you and I are a part of that history. My Grandkids even tell people that their Grandpa is the President and Grandma is the First Lady. Ha-ha!

We need to look into getting our younger MANCHUS involved. I think they are like we were and just did not want to join any group. If you have any ideas please let us know.

I do have some ideas for the next year and I will keep you informed. If you have any ideas for the DRAGON TALES Newsletter let us know. If you want to write an article about your MANCHU experience feel free to share it with us. Have you shared your experiences with your family? Believe it or not, they do want to know.

Roger Dyson
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E-Mail: dmzmanchu9@frontier.com

Comments and Updates From the Secretary

encourage you to use our new web site to write some your memories of old friendships that you fondly recall as we will record them and I speak mostly for our remaining WWII and Korean Vets we need your stories.

The association continues to thrive under our present administration and new members are signing up on a regular basis a lot of guys from the sixties and seventies. I hope this continues in the future. As Roger has written in his letter we need to see new blood in our association that statement sounds crazy to me as I don't think of any of the Z vets as being old yet oh well enough for now be sure to look at bill drakes novel on his experiences on the website very interesting to say the least.

KEEP UP THE FIRE LARRY R.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

3962 RT. 9 APT. 401
PLATTSBURGH, NY 12901
(518) 310-1170

ATTENTION:

My name is James Scarlett and I am trying to find Donald Farthing. We were together in Korea from 1952-1954. We were in B Company 1st Bn 9th Reg 2nd Div. If anyone knows Don or where he lives please call me at 615-361-1210 anytime.

Thank you

AID AND ATTENDANCE PENSION

This month I'm going to help you understand the benefit from the VA for "Aid and Attendance". This program is strictly a financial need basis for the veteran.

The "aid and attendance (A&A) pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies.

To qualify for A&A it needs to be established by your physician that you require daily assistance by others to dress, undress, bathing, cooking, eating, taking on or off of prosthetics, leave home etc. You do not have to require assistance with all of these. There simply needs to be adequate medical evidence that you cannot function completely on your own.

The A&A pension can provide up to \$1,704.00 per month to a veteran, \$1,094.00 per month to a surviving spouse, or \$2,020.00 per month to a couple*.

A veteran filing with a sick spouse is eligible for up to \$1,338.00 per month*. Many families overlook the A&A pension as it pertains to veterans who are still independent, but have an ill spouse. Keep in mind that in this situation, if the spouse's medical expenses completely depletes their combined monthly income, the veteran can file as a veteran with a sick spouse.

Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper veterans application for pension or compensation. (form 21-534 surviving spouse) (form 21-526 veteran.) This application will require a copy of your DD-214 or your separation papers, medical evaluation from a physician, current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out-of-pocket medical expenses. I suggest you use a certified trained "Service Officer" from any of the military organizations, i.e. VFW, AL, DAV, etc. When filing a claim for A&A.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A&A PENSION:

Any war time veteran with 90 days active duty, 1 day beginning or ending during a period of war, is eligible to apply for A&A improved pension. A surviving spouse (marriage must have ended due to death of veteran) of a war-time veteran may also apply. The individual applying must qualify both medically and financially.

To qualify medically, a war-time veteran or surviving spouse must need the assistance of another person to perform daily task, previously indicated.

Your DD-214 or separation papers must be included along with the proper veterans application for pension and compensation. Again it is my suggestion to use a certified "Service Officer" from your military organizations when applying.

To qualify financially, an applicant must have on average less than \$80,000 in assets, excluding their home and vehicles.

AID AND ATTENDANCE PENSION

To request a copy of a DD-214 visit
WWW.VETREC.ARCHIVES.GOV.

Most of above info available at
WWW.VETERANAID.ORG.

Next issue we will continue with more info on this topic. Questions, you can find my contact information by going to our new web site WWW.MANCHUASSOCIATION.ORG and click "V.A. faq". Please indicate "do you know" in subject matter so I can respond or contact your service officer to discuss.

**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
9th regimental crest
Manchu Dragon
9th Regimental Flag

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.

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

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

91st ANNUAL REUNION OF THE SECOND (INDIANHEAD) DIVISION ASSOCIATION

ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA - RENO, NEVADA

AUGUST 23,24,25,26 2012

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 # _____

ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT - 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET, RENO, NV. 89502 800-723-6500

** NEED TO SPECIFY 2ND INDIANHEAD ASSOCIATION TO GET SPECIAL RATE OF \$109.00 PER NIGHT **

RATES ARE GOOD 3 DAYS PRIOR TO 8-23 AND 3 DAYS POST 8-26. RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE IS 8/1/2012

<i>Mandatory member, spouse and guest registration cost.</i>	Number of Attendees	Cost Each	Total
<i>Includes free continental breakfast for those staying at Atlantis Resort.</i>	<input type="text"/>	\$20.00 ea.	<input type="text"/>

Date/Time	Function	Number of Tickets	Cost Each	Total
Thursday August 23rd. 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Early Bird Dinner - Meatloaf w/mushroom gravy	<input type="text"/>	\$30.00 ea	<input type="text"/>
Friday August 24th. 10:00am - 4:00pm(Approximate)	Bus tour of Reno Area 46 Person limit - 1st. Come 1st served	<input type="text"/>	\$55.00 ea	<input type="text"/>
Saturday August 25th. 11:45am - 3:00pm	LUNCHEON/AUCTION SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY ALL WELCOME!!! Grilled Chicken Fettuccine	<input type="text"/>	\$25.00 ea	<input type="text"/>
Saturday August 25th. 7:00pm - 10:00pm	Muster Dinner (Select entrees wanted) Chicken Piccata Roast Pork Loin	<input type="text"/>	\$33.00 ea	<input type="text"/>
Sunday August 26th. 6:00pm - 11:00pm	Social Hour 6:00pm - 7:00pm Grand Banquet 7:00pm - 11:00pm (Select entrees wanted) Twin Fillet Medallions Northwest Salmon	<input type="text"/>	\$37.00 ea	<input type="text"/>
	50/50 Drawing	<input type="text"/>	\$5.00 ea	<input type="text"/>
	Quilt Raffle Drawing (Winner need not be present)	<input type="text"/>	\$2.00 ea	<input type="text"/>

REGISTRATION TOTAL

Complete this form and return to National Hq. with payment no later than July 23, 2012. After that date, registrations will be accepted on space available only. **Cancellation Policy: No refunds after August 2, 2012.**

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 June 1, 2012**

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 91ST REUNION.

PO Box 218

Fox Lake, IL 60020

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

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, 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.

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:

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:
 3962 Rt. 9 Apt. 401, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, and Keep Up The Fire!

Return Service Requested

Plattsburgh, NY 12901
 3962 Rt. 9 Apt. 401,

(MANCHU) ASSOCIATION
NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 BALLSTON SPA, NY
 PERMIT NO. 61