

MANCHU DRAGON TALES



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

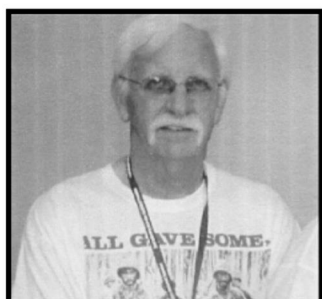


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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our reunion for this year has come and gone. The attendance was good and overall everyone seemed to have a good time. It is always good to see smiling faces from our friends and comrades. There were some new faces for first time attendees. Welcome

aboard. We voted again to sponsor the flowers at the memorials in D.C., donate money to the Indianhead scholarship fund, and send money to the 4/9 support group for families at Ft. Lewis. We have not had an Honorary Col. Of the Regiment for a few years. Our last Col was Col Johnson. The military criteria for such a position are very stringent. There is a great deal of red paper work that is involved. Max Tadlock was appointed to Honorary Col. of the Manchu Association. Max will serve and represent our association with great honor. Thank you for taking this position, Max.

We had the privilege of meeting a Wounded Warrior. Cpt. Flip Klein spoke at the Basic Training graduation at Ft. Benning as well as at our reunion. His wife, Jessica, is such a Warrior herself. She spoke at the Women's luncheon.

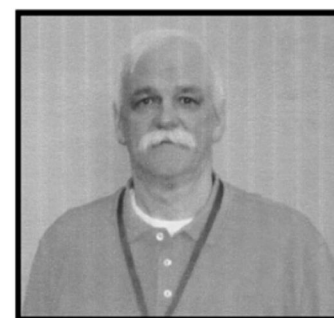
It is always good to have laughs with our friends. We love our WW and Korean Vets. They help set the standards for our regiment as well as for our association. Manchu's like Frank Kraft and Joe Johnson have really been an influence for me as your President. I love you guys. I don't want to slight any others because you mean a great deal to me and to the Manchu's, too. Friendships among fellow Manchu's are hard to describe.

This past September we lost our Parliamentarian Darrel Heiliger. I did not know him personally but I know some of you did. Rest in Peace and Keep Up the Fire. Jack Woodall has agreed to take over this position.

I was asked where we went on vacation this past

COMMENTS AND UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARY

Well another reunion has come and gone ,the Manchus had a good showing this year and we discussed a lot of topics between the membership and executive board.Most of the discussion dealt with how to maintain our association with new members from the younger manchus and how to get them to join and become contributing members.



We also elected Max Tadlock as the new Col.of the Association congrats max,we are looking for a SGM.to fill the open slot if anyone is interested let us know.I am also looking for pictures from the members to download on the website so you can either send them and I will send back to you or send them to my E-mail address and I will put them on for you.

The exec board voted to make Cpt. Ed "flip"Klein a life member and his wife Jessica an honorary member,Ed was badly wounded in Afghanistan and is recovering at Walter Reed in D.C.best wishes from the Manchus for his recovery.

We also talked about using a outside company to distribute our merchandise in the future I will keep you all informed of their decision when it comes about.

We are still in contact with Mike Campbell in Sackets Harbor,N.Y.home of the Manchus at Madison Barracks on topics that pertain to the 9TH Regiment the town still wants us to have some type of reunion at that town we are looking into a future reunion there.

We also have plates with the 2nd Division and Ninth logos on them (see picture)on sale, limited edition so if you want one don't delay, thanks to Chuck Groff for the effort of having them made up. Also on Nov.12 there is a special ceremony in Washington,D.C.

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ORGANIZATION REVISED & OFFICIAL

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Honorary SGM of the Regiment	OPEN
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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 DEVOTIONAL

I just returned from visiting Belgium and Germany. I prayed over the graves of our Military men and women, and our Allied friends laid to rest many years ago.

The many cemeteries from WW I & WW II are kept very meticulous. I felt God's peace, that they are reverend, from our friends in these countries. They who have honored and respected the ones who gave all for us and for them.

With God's blessing, this Veterans Day will hold deeply, the gift of Freedom. My heart was saddened, but knowing the true meaning of "Rest-in-Peace, will be in my heart forever.

Keep up the fire and keep up the peace.

Chaplain 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).

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summer. I thought I was boring you but so many asked at the reunion. We left Bloomington, Illinois the 5th of July and stopped in southern Indiana at Santa Claus. Looked allot like Christmas. From there we visited Ft Knox and toured the Patton Museum. After that I found the area on post where my basic training company was. It has all been demolished and a huge Command Center occupies the area. While spending 3 days in Nashville, Tn. we went to the Opryland hotel, which everyone should see. My wife took so many pictures of all of the flowers. We visited the Country Music Hall of Fame. We ate at Margaretville restaurant. Good place to eat. You can hear all kinds of music depending on which bar you would stop at. In Pensacola we went to the Navy Air Museum. Great museum. We stayed in Navarre Fla. at a great RV park. Visited the area attractions and ate at many of the good eating establishments. My wife got to visit with her sister in Grayton Beach. Good family reunion. On our way home we stopped in Bloomington, Indiana to watch our granddaughter play in the National softball tournament. Her team won the National for 12 year olds. We were so proud of her and her team. What away to end our summer trip.

Don't know where next trip will take us. If our congressmen don't get it together we may be staying home.

How about our WW 2 vets that entered the memorial after it was closed? I told some people never under estimate our vets. I was proud of these guys. It is too bad that vets have had to fight for everything we get. It has been said before, we were good enough to defend our country but why don't they take care of us. In my opinion anyone who served in the U.S. military is an American Heroes.

Hope you all have a good Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!

KEEP UP THE FIRE!

Roger Dyson

LAST ROLL CALL

- Laverla Pieper July 18, 2012
- Michael Delia May 9, 2012
- Darrell Heiliger August 17, 2013
- Donald Hyland June 9, 2013
- Col. Joseph Macklin May 14, 2013
- Col. Norbert Smith August 27, 2013
- Ferman Sullens May 2013
- Joseph Szymanski July 3, 2012
- Charles Stebbins May 17, 2012
- Donald Whalen April 30, 2013

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honoring LT.Henry Schenk of the 3rd Battalion 9th Inf.who was KIA in 1953 he is being honored by Mr.James McEachin who was with Lt.Schenk and is a life time member of the ninth and second div.The ceremony is presented by Cpt.Zacharia Fike of Purple Hearts Reunited and is one you should get to see, very prestigious in its own right, hats off to Cpt.Fike and James McEachin for this endeavor.

I hope all of you enjoy Nov.11 and get to reflect on those who really sacrificed their lives for this great country and to remember our buddies that gave all they could for a democracy that I hope sustains itself no matter what continues in this nation.

In closing if you are in need of anything don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Keep Up The Fire

Larry

DO YOU KNOW?

Veterans and the New Health Care Law
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) sent out a letter a few weeks ago to veterans explaining their options under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The new law will not change VA benefits. If a veteran is enrolled in VA healthcare, that coverage meets the standards for the ACA's insurance requirement. Most uninsured veterans are eligible for VA health care. However, not everyone who has served in uniform qualifies for VA health care such as Reserve or National Guard vets who served on active duty for training purposes only. Veterans who are not eligible for VA, and their families, could go to the Health Insurance Exchange. Another option, gaining Medicaid coverage, is limited in states that are not expanding the program. Here are some ways to enroll in VA care or determine your eligibility: (1) visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll; (2) call 1-877-222-VETS (8387); and (3) visit your local VA health care facility. For more information, visit VA, the Affordable Care Act and You webpage at ww.va.gov/health/aca/. For more updates on VA benefits programs, visit the Military Advantage blog.

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

NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT

(MANCHU) ASSOCIATION

5226 Blue Roan Way
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Return Service Requested

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 \$ _____
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 _____

Make check payable to "9th 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!