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**103d INF DIV WW II**



**President's message**

The Past two reunions have been very special. The visit to the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC and the dedication of our own Memorial in Gainesville have special meaning to all Cactusmen. Both were brought about by persistent efforts of our comrades in arms.

The reunion in St. Louis, MO, Sept 5-8<sup>th</sup> will primarily be one of enjoying fellowship with our buddies. There will be a variety of tours of interest for those that are not familiar with St. Louis.

In 2005, Harold Branton and wife Elsie visited me here in southeast Texas. We toured Golden Triangle Veterans Memorial Park (11 acres with 9 static displays, 3 statues, Tower of Honor, pavilion, 3 bedroom house, and maintenance facility). I have been involved in this VFW project for about 12 years. Three times as Post Commander and 8 years as Park Chairman.

I was asked if I would accept the nomination of VP 103d Assn. for the year 2006. I accepted, realizing that this would probably mean more responsibility in the future. Little did I realize that Hurricane Rita would take so much of my time. She took the F4 off the pedestal, damaged the Tower, took out the lights, and damaged the pavilion. I had these responsibilities while Mel Wright kept me busy on the Gainesville project. We are still in the process of repairing the Tower.

While in Dallas, Ray Casey, military reunion planner discussed the advantage of using a planner with Chan Rogers, Harley Richardson, Al Eucare, and me. We decided to use his services for the St. Louis reunion and possibly later (proposed Cincinnati and Oklahoma City). Hopefully, these services will reduce the workload on a bunch of old men (and family) and assure continuation of reunions while the Associates gear up to assume the responsibility for future reunions.

Please read over the reunion events and send in your registration as soon as you can. There is a deadline of July 27, but please do not put it off until the last day. The deadline affects our room commitments. We have planned a great program and having the reunion in a central mid-west city may bring in more of our fellow veterans.

Al Eucare maintains the roster which contains considerably more information than just the address.. It is important that you contact him when you have an address, phone number, area code or an e-mail change. His address and phone number are on page 1. Many times we find out about address changes by our mail out returns. Some of these do not give us a forwarding address. We do not want to drop you from the roster. Sometimes the search for your new address is difficult if not impossible.

Unfortunately, Tom Swope, our NFTCP Editor has developed some health problems and cannot serve so I am searching for help. We need someone who knows desktop publishing, can put it together, can edit what others have written and then e-mail the final copy to our printer for publishing and mailing. Any volunteers????

Our Museum. The working relationship with the museum in Gainesville does not appear to be feasible at this time because of space limitations. Harley Richardson has a working relationship with the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City and he reports that the 45<sup>th</sup> is receptive to incorporating our memorabilia and historical records into their facility. Our identity would be in a separate section. Our exposure would be considerably greater at this location than in Gainesville. The 45<sup>th</sup> Museum has a lot of static displays that provide interest to the general public. What are your thoughts???

The 103d Infantry Division Association of WWII is happy to announce a proposed trip to France in 2j008. If you have an interest in a return trip, please contact Harley Richards, 2129 Wilburn, Bethany, OK 73008, ph 405-789-2279 or [HRICH6686@aol.com](mailto:HRICH6686@aol.com). Associates participation would be greatly appreciated.

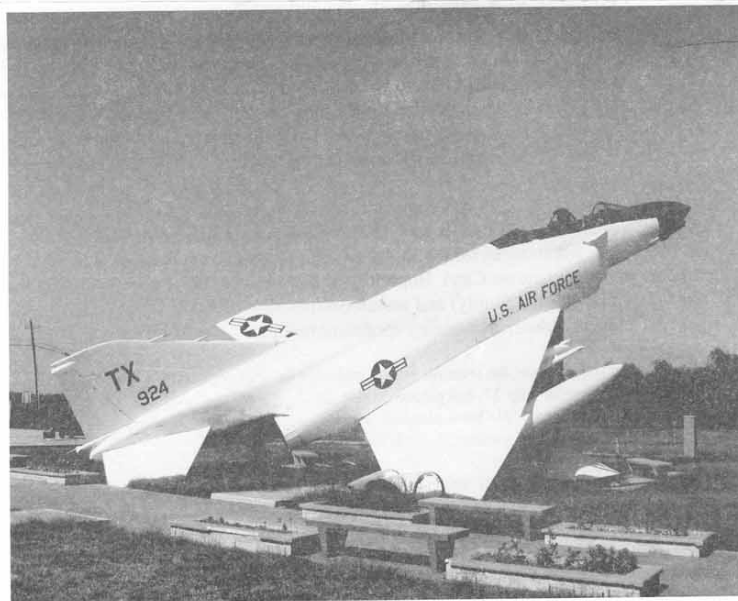
Harold Branton will continue to receive your responses to the Bio/Photo program. A copy of the form is provided in NFTCP No. 12.

SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIS,  
An old buddy,

James E. (Jim) White

103d INF DIV ASSN of WWII

Hurricane Rita had no respect for veterans





## 103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II

## HONOR ROLL

Here listed are the death "notifications" received  
since publication of NFTCP No. 14 Dec. 2006

ARGOS, Tallis "Sparky"	409 HQ Co. 1st Bn	LABOMBARDE, Philip D.	409 Co. B
BISSONETTE, Don	410 Co. C	LUKSICH, Frank E.	411 Co. D
CASHMORE, Floyd R.	411 Co. I	LUZZI, Joseph T.	411 Co. D
GUNDERSON, Philip W.	103rd Sig. Co.	PLUMLY, Francis L.	409 Co. E
JONES, Thomas W.	409 Hq Co.3d Bn&Co.K	SHIRLEY, Elwood	410 Co. M
KNARR Jr., Harry M.	409 Co. E	THROWER, Vernice J.	409 Co. I

### WORLD WAR II STATISTICS

(From Life WWII published by Time Inc. 1990)

**Battle Dead 15,000,000**

**Civilian Dead & Missing 40,000,000**

**Wounded Military & Civilian 35,000,000**

**Homeless 28,000,000**

**Imprisoned 35,000,000**

**Orphaned 5,000,000**

**Exterminated 11,000,000**

Gen. J. L. Devers in a report published by The War Department stated that 65 infantry divisions, five airborne, 16 armored, one cavalry, and one mountain division saw action (there were an additional six Marine Divisions). Sixty-eight of the combat divisions saw action in Europe. Only one active division did not see combat-it was stationed in Hawaii. The Army deployed 20 divisions in the Pacific.

From the VFW magazine of May and September 1995. Seventy-eight per cent of the casualties in Europe were Army ground forces. The infantry, by far, absorbed the greatest percentage of casualties: 80% of Army killed in action. While only 14% of the Army's total overseas strength, the infantry suffered 70% of all battle casualties. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (which the the103d relieved when it first went into combat) had 5558 battle deaths and 18,776 wounded in action. The Army had 137,770 KIA and Air (part of the Army during WWII) KIA was 36,320 in Europe.

In the Pacific, Army ground forces sustained 35% of all battle deaths. The Marines sustained 16,025 battle deaths and 59,362 WIA. The Army sustained 23,211 KIA and 74,990 WIA. The Navy had 31,032 KIA.

### **It's Not Too Late, But . . . .**

It must have been around 1960 when my parents announced that we were going on a trip to a Family Reunion. My immediate words of disappointment and objections fell on deaf ears as my mind immediately flashed to the numerous Aunts that would try to hug and kiss on me. "YUK!" Under considerable protest, I was dragged to the family car and off we went. I was 8 years old.

The only thing I now remember about that reunion was when my Mother took my hand and said that she had something to show me. After a seemingly long hike, probably about a block, to the town park, she centered me in front of a granite monument as she backed away. With very little patience, I scanned the inscription on the monument when my eyes locked onto what she'd brought me to see. I turned to my Mom and said, "Mommy, why is my name on that rock?" She explained that it was a tribute to the boys of this community that didn't return from WWII. To this day, I remember the empty feeling in my chest. I followed this with a flurry of questions, which only an 8 year old can muster up. Most all were answered by, "We don't know!" It was then that I first learned about my Uncle and namesake, T/Sgt Zack T. Sigler. I was instructed not to mention the monument or Uncle Zack to anyone at the Reunion. (I learned later that this was due to the family's pain and sorrow that always came with remembering his death.) Though I found this very odd at the time, I soon returned to my self appointed tasks of mischief, but the moment continued to haunt me and the empty feeling never went away. I continued to ask my parents about my uncle throughout my adolescence. All I could find out was that he suffered a leg wound in battle and he was buried somewhere in France. That's IT!!

Over the next 40+ years I continued to ask questions of various family members, but the answers were always the same. I tried on many occasions to search various data bases without success. On March 13, 2003, I received an e-mail from a friend that was sarcastically thanking the French for their support (lack of) and reminding them of the WWI and WWII American soldiers that were still on French soil. Also attached was a listing of all the American Military Cemeteries in France. Was this my big break? This one e-mail changed my life. As a result of the knowledge provided in this e-mail, I found the whereabouts of my uncle's gravesite along with his Division (103d) and Regiment (409<sup>th</sup>). This information propelled me on a quest for information that persists to this day.

My good fortune remained in tact as I found the 103<sup>rd</sup> Division website and arbitrarily sent an inquiring note to the e-mail address of a James White of the 409<sup>th</sup>, B Company. Jim responded immediately with information and identified my uncle as a member of D Company that was KIA in Selestat, France. To greatly shorten this story, I've now attended four D-Company Reunions, one 103d Reunion, made various trips to Gainesville, TX and his home town in Kansas. I've also been fortunate in achieving my goal of paying my respects to my Uncle Zack at Lorraine American Cemetery in France in 2005. I've seen the house where he was killed and learned about his fight for survival on that fateful morning of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1944.

It's been 4 years since I found my Uncle. The quest for information has been tedious and frustrating, yet rewarding. Being able to talk to the D-Co survivors has been rewarding beyond my wildest expectations. They have become some of my most cherished friends. My task has grown from preserving the memory of my uncle to preserving the memory of D-Co, to preserving information of the 409<sup>th</sup>, to preserving information of the 103d. These tasks led me to the 103d Association as an 'Associate' member.

Though I can't say exactly why this mission has consumed me so, I believe that it's because of the injustice that had unintentionally befallen a G.I. who had sacrificed his all. This specific GI happened to be my uncle and had been all but forgotten over the generations by aging family members. Though my initial task was to fill in the blanks of my own personal questions, it soon grew into the mission of making sure that he will never be forgotten. That, I'm proud to say, is accomplished!

I offer you this piece of advice;

If you are a Veteran of WWII, please take the time to record your experiences. Begin with your day of induction to the day you were discharged from service. No detail is too small. Record names you remember, towns you were in, feelings you felt, injury's you sustained, chain of command, funny stories, serious moments, etc., etc. I don't ask this of you for my personal benefit. I ask that you do it for love of your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all your descendants throughout the ages. They are the ones that will someday want to know. Don't put them through what I've had to go through. Help them to find information about their Grandpa. Don't be the forgotten G.I. No matter how small you feel your role was in WWII, it will be paramount to your loved ones. Trust me on this one!

If you are a descendant of a WWII Veteran, ask your questions NOW! Find the photos, the letters home, the discharge papers and record the stories while the resources are available. Trust me when I tell you that this will not be easy, but your successes will be extremely rewarding. However, your window of opportunity is quickly closing and your time is short. There are stories about my uncle that are now unrecoverable due to the passing of his closest buddies. I fear those stories are lost forever. I'm greatly saddened by this, but I'm forever grateful for the stories that have been revealed to me by those still available. Do it for your kids and their kids. I can almost guarantee that they will wish you had done this. It's not too late, but it soon will be!

If you have any information pertaining to a 409<sup>th</sup>, D-Company G.I., please contact me at (316) 686-5741.

In closing and just for the record, that empty feeling in my chest almost 50 years ago is now filled with the love, pride, respect and admiration of a man that I never met. I only hope that I can make him as proud as he has made me. Thank You, Uncle Zack! YOU ARE MY HERO!

Steadfast,  
Zack Sigler  
409<sup>th</sup>, D-Co Historian

If you have a similar experience or have something of interest that you feel should be included in the News from the Cactus Patch please send it me for consideration. It will be given to the Editor (when we get a volunteer for the position). Jim White

## Significance of 103<sup>d</sup> WW II Monument Location

**A little known fact** concerning the quick reaction of the Allied counter-attack on the German offensive action, which became known as the "*Battle of the Bulge*", was how the American army actually responded to the initial German attack. Historical military records were set by the manner in which the American army responded with massive power in such quick time.

**By sheer coincidence**, Eisenhower was actually meeting with his principle generals for dinner in Reims at the time of the initial report of the "major" offensive by the German army on the night of December 16, 1944 and, furthermore, he was fully aware of the location and the intensity of the coming action, which had been learned by having broken the German code thru "Ultra". The details were obtained by the interception of messages to confirm the attack, which became "The Bulge". Eisenhower could not respond prior to the actual commencement of the attack, without telegraphing to the Germans that "we had their code"! Eisenhower immediately ordered a big "chess movement" on the battlefield which set a modern day record for movement of entire divisions up to 100 miles in less than 12 hours while all were engaged in combat.

**The main German attack** came at the "seam" between the American First and Third Armies, in Luxembourg, commanded by LTG Courtney Hodges and George Patton. Eisenhower ordered both Patton and Hodges to stop their advance into Germany and move 3 entire divisions each to the point of the German offensive. Furthermore, they were both to re-shuffle their Army lines so that the vacant areas would occur at the "seams" of the outer ends of their respective fronts: i.e. at the First and Ninth Army juncture and the juncture of the Third and Seventh Army. Eisenhower also ordered Simpson (Ninth Army) and Patch (Seventh Army) to cease their offensive and cover the vacancies in the line created by the First and Third Armies at their mutual seams. The end result of this shuffling of divisions was to cause several divisions to move by motor trucks as much as 100 miles in 12 hours, and this set an historic record for movement of troops on the battlefield as entire divisions were moved by motor truck overnight as much as 100 miles. The 103<sup>rd</sup> Division was one such division when it moved from the vicinity of Wissembourg, France, seventeen kilometers west of the Rhine River in Northern Alsace to Diffenbach, France in the Saar, 15 kilometers southeast of St Avold. (These were specific locations for G/409)

**In 1919, Major Eisenhower led a convoy** of then the latest motor trucks and vehicles in the army inventory that traveled from Fort Belvoir, VA to the Presidio on the California coast at San Francisco. This was an experimental mission to determine the effectiveness of movement of troops by motor vehicle. This convoy carried two army "tractors": tracked vehicles designed and included in the army inventory to move artillery pieces about the battlefield of WW I. While Eisenhower considered the experimental convoy proved that cross country moves were feasible, it must be considered, that up to 200 miles of the total trip was on unpaved roads, and that without the tractors the trip could not have been completed. Also note: we did not have; a) dual wheel vehicles, b) tandem axle vehicles, or c) 4 wheel drive vehicles. We were the only army in the world to have vehicles with all those features in WW II.

**When Eisenhower became President**, he ordered the Bureau of Public Roads to plan a system of highways for the United States that would be similar to the autobahn system he observed in Germany. The Bureau engineers proposed that the existing highway net be widened and made "limited access"! Eisenhower sent Bedel Smith, his WW II Deputy, to Germany to study the autobahn's planning and design evolution and construction. Upon his return and report to the President, the BPR bureaucrats were ordered "to get with the program" and the The Interstate Highway and Defense System was funded and ordered to begin in the fall of 1956 ALL on new location.. Note that we just celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this system. As a side note, I spent about 75% of my career in planning and design of the system and probably accounted for over \$1.5 billion in today's value, including the original Boston Central Artery (1950's) and its replacement as the "Big Dig" (1990's), where the entire highway was put underground.

**Placing the 103<sup>d</sup> WW II Monument** at the TxDOT Travel Information Center on US I-35, Gainesville TX was a coup that is unparalleled in placing monuments in strategic locations; it will be seen by thousands of people every day and they can get out of their cars and walk up to it and touch it. Also, the Information Center hostesses have the 103<sup>rd</sup> Casualty Reports as a reference to advise all visitors more detail on the men KIA or those WIA. The monument is only a half-mile away from the old Camp Howze Training Grounds.

The following is from the Texas Military Forces Museum web site

### 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Written by Greg Colmar @hotmail. Com

#### Capture at Selestat

"Last night I read an article about a 103d division soldier captured at Selestat Dec. 1, 1944. Very interesting he was marched across Rhine and told to dig. He was put on truck with semicircular rings and trucked and American planes attacked column of trucks. They jumped off trucks and hid in basement of houses. At Breisach they were humiliated spit on and thrown atones at. One man struck in face with stick. Someone yelled out let's show them we are American soldiers! They threw their shoulders back, heads held high and marched shouting marches. Later he was walked to a POW camp a long march and they all had on like wooden clogs. A guard hit the guy in the head and he turned around and hit him in the face. The guard fell and he jumped back in line and the line closed up and protected the soldier. Thke guard could not find him! At another prisoner of war camp Dec. 17, 1944, they were next to a railroad siding that was being bombed. All 400 in a room only built for 100 were praying for their wives, mothers, fathers, and brothers and sisters. Soft sobbing and a lot of it in the room. This guy's war diary is exceptional and last night was first time I saw it."

#### Train Ride into Reich

"This soldiers train ride was at first not as bad as others I had read about, but got worse as it went. The old German guard in his 50's or 60's was real nice and rode in tkhe trains and he would spend all night talking real soft to the American interpreter. At one point though planes came over the trains the doors were opened the guards bailed out and ran to field and laid down. The doors were shut and locked with Americans captured at Selestat in them. (They had kept the group together) Well the machingun of the German guard was left under a blanket. When they re-opened the trains somehow the machine gun got caught in the door and fired killing the American interpreter instantly. The old guard said "Gott Nein!" and clutched the young man and sobbed like a baby."

The writing above is an indication of the impressions other have about reading what old timers have to say about their experiences. He further states that this was from Charles Rahn's War Diary of his capture at Selestat. The title is "Hande Hoch" and can be found on the internet by using the search engine Charles Rahn Selestat. Charles Rahn served with Co. D 409<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. and is deceased. He was from Detroit, MI. Entered service 12/9/42 and began service with the 103d at Camp Claiborne, LA.

The diary is about 80 pages long. The interpreter that was killed on the train was Carlton F. Neumeister, Minnesota, from Co. B 409<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. The story lists others that were POWs with Charles. For those of you that know Bruno Bragagnini from Co. B you will understand the references made to his bargaining ability. After the war Lt. Dana Riser, Co. B 409<sup>th</sup> had to testify that Neumeisters death was accidental.

# 103d INFANTRY DIVISION 2007 REUNION EVENTS

## **EVENT A: ST. LOUIS CITY TOUR**

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-3:00pm)**

This city tour is a great way to get an overview of this very diverse city. You will learn, "there is more than meets the Arch". Visit the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis whose interior is covered with 83,000 square feet of mosaics, the largest such collection in the world. Stop at *Laclede's Landing*; a nine block historic area whose old warehouses are home to many night spots, shops & restaurants set amongst cobblestone streets. No visit to St. Louis is complete without a stop at the 630-foot *Gateway Arch*, which is also home to the *Museum of Westward Expansion*. Take a tram ride to the top of the Arch or just relax and enjoy a film on how it was built. The city tour includes a visit to the Missouri History Museum. Here you will find an extensive collection which tells the history of this region from earliest times to the present. There will be time for lunch on your own at the *St. Louis Station*, an urban marketplace with several restaurants and shops.

**Please note:** The cost of the Tram is \$10 per person, and is not included in the price of the tour. The tram ride is not wheelchair accessible, and is not recommended for those who suffer from claustrophobia or fear of heights.

## **WELCOME RECEPTION**

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm-5:00pm at the hotel)**

Join your friends for a reunion celebration featuring an informal reception at the hotel. This is a great chance to see who is here this year while enjoying some beer, wine & light hors d'oeuvres. Don't miss this first opportunity to catch up after the city tour.

## **EVENT B: HISTORIC ST. CHARLES TOUR & OPTIONAL AMERISTAR CASINO**

**Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)**

Located just 30 minutes west of downtown St. Louis, St. Charles is the oldest city on the Missouri River, founded in 1769. St. Charles served as the State's first capitol. Explore *South Main Street*, the preserved historic district with more than 100 shops, restaurants and cafes, all set along the cobblestone streets lined with gas lamps. The *Frenchtown* area, known for its antique shopping, has 58 historic buildings of French Colonial and German architecture. You may choose to visit the *Lewis & Clark Museum* or the *Miniature World Museum*, or try your luck aboard the expanded Ameristar Casino – for real Las Vegas style gaming action. There are many restaurants available for lunch on your own. For those that enjoy the slots and the table games, you may consider spending some time at the Ameristar Casino. This floating casino offers some of the finest gaming and entertainment in the Midwest, the casino offers over 3,300 slot machines, and 100 table games including poker. For dinner you can select from one of seven cutting edge restaurants offering everything from a buffet to seafood and great steaks.



**EVENT C: PADDLEWHEEL DINNER CRUISE**

**Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm-10:30pm)**

Enjoy a relaxing two-hour riverboat cruise with dining and live entertainment. . *Special arrangements can be made for companies to sit together on the cruise, this is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with your companies.* The climate controlled glass-enclosed dining room allows for spectacular views of the world-famous Gateway Arch and the beautiful St. Louis skyline. Select from a variety of meal options, including Prime Rib, Chicken Champagne, or Vegetarian Manicotti. All dinners include tossed salad, potato, vegetable, fresh rolls and butter, coffee and iced tea and the chef's special dessert. After dinner, stroll the decks for a fantastic view of St. Louis at night, this is a perfect way to spend time with your friends and family. Please make your entrée selection on your reservation form.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (8:00am at the hotel)**

Association Business meetings will be held at the hotel. Check your itinerary at registration for room locations. There is no need to pre register for the meetings.

**EVENT D: GRANT'S FARM TOUR**

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (11:30am-3:30pm)**

Grant's Farm is a 281-acre wildlife preserve, and historical site located just south of St. Louis. This is St. Louis' second most popular attraction. Owned and operated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Grant's Farm is home to hundreds of exotic animals from around the world. The tour begins with a tram ride through Deer Park to view up-close bison, elk, antelope, zebra & more. Besides the animals, there are many other interesting exhibits and sites to see. The Farm takes its name from our 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant. In the 1850s, Ulysses S. Grant farmed a portion of this farm. The land, which later became the ancestral home of the Busch family, today is preserved as a living symbol of the family's love for animals and Anheuser-Busch's commitment to wildlife conservation and preservation. Lunch and refreshments will be on your own at the *Bauernhof Courtyard*.

**BANQUET DINNER**

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm at Hotel)**

Join all of your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 6:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

**TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

**Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses** caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses up until three (3) days before the start of your reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

**Notes**

~Tours may be cancelled if a minimum of 30 people per bus is not met. In this case, full refunds will be given.

~Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours.

Is there someone from your military days you'd like to see?  
They may be at the ...

## 103d INFANTRY DIVISION 2007 REUNION St. Louis, MO ~ September 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### Welcome to St. Louis

St. Louis, Missouri was defined as a world-class city when they hosted the 1904 World's Fair. St. Louis' key role in the development of America's west is evident today in this city of diverse attractions and cultural experiences. St. Louis' history extends from the fur trade, Lewis and Clark to the World's Fair and beyond. Today, the city offers many diverse museums, restaurants and wonderful shops. The 2007 103d Infantry Division Reunion will provide many opportunities to experience the best of St. Louis. The reunion tour program will begin on Thursday with a city tour featuring the *Gateway Arch*, and the *Museum of Westward Expansion*. Friday afternoon will be spent in historic St. Charles, once the state capital and home to many floating casinos, shops, restaurants and museums. Friday evening enjoy the view from the comfort of your authentic paddle wheel dinner cruise. Special arrangements can be made on board for Units to be seated together. The 103d Infantry Division reunion will provide many wonderful opportunities to catch up with your friends and family while exploring the place where the ice cream cone, iced tea and hot dogs were invented.

### Hotel Information

The reunion officially runs from Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. You will be staying at the full service *Sheraton Westport Hotel Plaza Tower* which is located at 900 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146. Your room rate includes an enhanced continental breakfast served daily in your hospitality room. You will also receive a special discount on lunch & dinner at the hotel restaurant, *Lucerne*.

### Reservation Information

The room rate is just **\$99.00** plus tax per night. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available two days prior and two days after, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at the following number **888-627-7064**, then **press 2 to be transferred to Plaza reservations**. Be sure to ask for the 103d Infantry Reunion rate. You may also make your reservations on-line at the following web site address [www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/103rd](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/103rd). You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations NOW, you may cancel your hotel room up to 24 hours prior to arrival and not be charged. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or July 27th, 2007, whichever comes first.

### Airport Transportation & Parking

If you are flying to the reunion, the Sheraton Westport Plaza hotel offers complimentary shuttle service from the St. Louis Lambert Airport (STL). Upon arrival at the airport, call using the free courtesy phone in the Baggage Claim area. For those of you driving, the hotel offers plenty of free parking. Follow I-270 South, exit at Dorsett Rd. Turn left on Dorsett. Get in right lane, go one block, turn right on Progress Parkway. Proceed one mile on Progress Parkway to stop light. Continue straight into *Sheraton Westport Plaza*.

Travel safely and ....

***Meet me in St. Louis!*** Page 10

# 103d INFANTRY DIVISION RESERVATION FORM

Mail this completed form with a check payable to:  
Military Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

**REGISTRATION FEE -- Everyone Please Pay:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$15 p.p. =   
(Includes Welcome Reception)

**EVENT A: St. Louis City Tour:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$35 p.p. =   
Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-3:00pm)

**WELCOME RECEPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$0 p.p. =  Incl  
Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm-5:00pm at the Hotel)

**EVENT B: Historic St. Charles Tour & Optional Ameristar Casino:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$29 p.p. =   
Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)

**EVENT C: Paddlewheel Dinner Cruise:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$59 p.p. =   
Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm-10:30pm) *SELECT* Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$59 p.p. =   
*OR* Chicken Champagne \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$59 p.p. =   
*OR* Vegetarian Manicotti \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$59 p.p. =

I would like to be seated with my Unit. My Unit is \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT D: Grant's Farm Tour:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$28 p.p. =   
Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (11:30am-3:30pm)

**BANQUET DINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$36 p.p. =   
Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm at the Hotel) *SELECT* Roast Sirloin of Beef \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$32 p.p. =   
*OR* Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$32 p.p. =

**50/50 Raffle Tickets** (as many as you like) \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$1 per ticket =

**Annual Dues:** (If not already paid) \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$15 p.p. =

**Tour Cancellation Insurance:** (Protect your money) \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$8 p.p. =

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$**

## >>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact during the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate your type of Membership: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ OR Associate: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an Associate member, please give the name, relationship, and UNIT of your sponsoring Member:

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due by July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007.** Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a \$10 per person, late fee. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds will be made after this date, unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. There is a \$5 per person refund processing fee. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. For a written confirmation please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. Tours require a minimum of 30 people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.

Date Rec'd:	Check #	Amount\$	XCL #

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Mail this complete form with a check payable to the

103D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Telephone, etc.

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