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## 103d INF DIV WW II



## President's Message

**IF THIS MAILING WAS FORWARDED TO YOU**, it means that we do not have your current address on our Master Living Roster. Earlier this year you received a mailout which included a request for dues payment. If you have not paid your \$15 please send a check made out to the Association (with updated address, if needed) to Al Eucare, 6708 Lansdale St., District Heights, MD 20747.

NFTCP #15 was bulk mailed on April 6, I received my copy a week and a half later. For some it took more than 6 weeks to get a copy. I am aware that some did not even receive their mailed copy. I have checked with the local Post Master and have had no response. I plan on informing my US Senator and Congressman of this problem with the mail service. This copy has gone out early, first class, because of the upcoming reunion and the need for a timely registration. Please note that registrations should (hopefully) be made by July 27.

I had asked Bob Hoff for assistance in finding a band for the reunion. He responded with information for the services of Joey James. This group has been playing our type of music for public and private events since 1958. The music performed is determined by the audience and not from a song list. When I contacted Mr. James, the group was in Florida playing. The group winters in Florida. They play a variety of music at a reasonable price. They are to play at the reception party and the banquet.

Irvin Bell (Co M, 410) has advised Harold Branton that a walking cane manufacturer in ALPHARETTE, GA is offering a free walking cane (\$30 value) to WWII veterans as a THANK YOU for their service. All Cactusmen are eligible for a cane. All you have to do is call the manufacturer (1-888-412-4992) and answer a few questions for proof of service. The walking cane will be shipped postpaid directly to your designated home address.

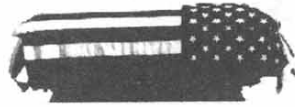
Our Master Living Roster has e-mail addresses for many of you. Some are not current. Some also reject mail that is not on their approved address list. Please up date your e-mail address with Al Eucare or me. PLEASE refer to the 103d Inf Div in the subject. This will keep us from deleting your correspondence as spam.

On the listing by Divisions of their KIAs and WIAs notice that there is an \* by the 103d. Several of us, working with Mel Wright found that we had more casualties (847) than listed by Shelby L. Stanton in his research after WWII published in "Order of Battle" by Presido Press, 1984.

On a sad note, we have been recently informed that a dedicated Associate has passed away. Andy Beck died as a result of leukemia. You may remember that he had brought a WWII jeep to most reunions.

Please use the services of your unit representative on the Board of Directors shown to the left.

Your old, but young at heart, buddy  
JIM WHITE -President



## 103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II

## HONOR ROLL

Here listed are the death "notifications" received  
since publication of NFTCP No. 15 April 2007

ANDES, Eugene	411 Co I	LEATHAM Jr, Charles H	103d ID
BEEMER, Elvin H	409 Co D	LEDBERTTER, Leroy	411 Co B
BERMAN, Bernard S	409 Co C	LINHARDT, Alvin F	103 ID
BEVILLE, John R	410 Co B	LITTLE, Harold A	383 FA BnHqCo
BURROW, John H	103d Sig Co	MARLETT, Jack	410 AT Co
DOUGLAS, Kenneth E	411 Can Co	MITCHELL, Raymond	410 3d BnHqCo
DUMLER, Alvin	409 Co H	NAYLAND, Ernest C	409 Co M
ENNIS, John C	409 3d BnHqCo	PHILLIPS, Cecil S	328 Eng Co C
ESHCOFF, James L	411 Co H	POINTER, John	410 Co C
GAVELEK, Frank	410 Co L	SMITH, Charles H	103d Recon
GIBBS, Donald S	409 3d BnHqCo	STECKEL, George	103d ID
GOULD, Jackson T	410 Co I	TOWNE, David R	103d ID
KOGUT, Stanley S	UNK Co A	WILLIAMS, George	410 Co C
KUSCHE, Roger	103d ID	YARBROUGH, Thomas C	409 2d BnHqCo

The Bill of Rights and Me, by Emily Diamond

Like a tree, the people of America rely very much on their roots. As seasons change, the leaves of a tree transform colors, and fall, but that doesn't matter. The roots are still there and that is what ultimately keeps the tree alive and working. Likewise in America, things may change, and we may be involved with different problems or have different presidents, but our roots are what have made us the free country that we are today.

One of the most important aspects of our roots here in America is the Bill of Rights. The first ten amendments are the seeds that the founder's planted to make the nation flourish. They promoted freedoms that at the time were alien to the people who were under rule of the British King for so long.

To me, the Bill of Rights is much more than just a document in a museum. It's even much more than the beginning of our country. It's a sense of hope, empowerment, cherished and embraced as one of the most sought after gifts in the world. Here, in America, we have that gift.

Freedom is our tree-trunk, holding up the branches through the sunny days and the hurricanes, keeping us steady during the good times and bad. Without the freedoms given to us in the Bill of Rights as the roots, and freedom as the trunk, America is the strongest, most beautiful country in the world. And it all begins in the roots.

U. S. Army and Marine Division Casualties WWII
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European Theater

Division	KIA	WIA
3d Infantry	5,558	18,766
4 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	4,854	17,371
29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	4,786	15,541
9 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	4,504	17,416
1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	4,280	15,208
45 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	4,080	14,441
90 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	3,930	14,386
36 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	3,637	13,191
83d Infantry	3,620	11,807
30 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	3,516	13,376
2d Infantry	3,488	12,785
80 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	3,480	12,484
34 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	3,350	11,545
35 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,947	11,526
79 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,943	10,971
8 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,820	10,057
28 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,683	9,609
5 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,656	9,549
88 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,556	9,225
3d Armored	2,126	6,983
26 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,112	7,886
101 <sup>st</sup> Airborne	2,090	6,388
82d Airborne	1,951	6,560
85 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,736	6,314
78 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,625	6,103
91 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	1,575	6,748
84 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,438	5,098
1 <sup>st</sup> Armored	1,428	5,168
17 <sup>th</sup> Airborne	1,382	4,904
95 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,372	4,945
4 <sup>th</sup> Armored	1,356	4,551
87 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,295	4,342
44 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,206	4,209
2 <sup>nd</sup> Armored	1,183	4,557
94 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,156	4,789
99 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,134	4,177
104 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,114	3,657
7 <sup>th</sup> Armored	1,098	3,811
102 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry	1,077	3,668
6 <sup>th</sup> Armored	989	3,666
100 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	984	3,539
63d Infantry	974	3,326
10 <sup>th</sup> Mountain	953	3,134
75 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	928	3,314
70 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	834	2,713

103d Infantry	821*	3,329
66 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	800	636
10 <sup>th</sup> Armored	774	3,109
12 <sup>th</sup> Armored	725	2,416
5 <sup>th</sup> Armored	710	2,442
9 <sup>th</sup> Armored	693	2,280
42d Infantry	638	2,212
92d Infantry	616	2,187
14 <sup>th</sup> Armored	560	1,955
76 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	523	1,811
11 <sup>th</sup> Armored	522	2,394
106 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	470	1,278
8 <sup>th</sup> Armored	466	1,572
69 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	383	1,146
89 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	325	692
71 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	278	843
65 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	260	927
13 Armored	253	912
97 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	214	721
86 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	161	618
20 <sup>th</sup> Armored	59	134
16 <sup>th</sup> Armored	5	28
13 <sup>th</sup> Airborne	0	0

PACIFIC THEATER

7 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,334	7,258
96 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	2,036	7,181
32 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry	1,985	5,627
27 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,853	4,980
77 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,850	5,935
24 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,689	5,621
25 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,497	4,190
43d Infantry	1,406	4,887
37 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1,344	4,861
23d(Americal)	1,157	3,052
1 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry	970	3,311
41 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	960	3,504
38 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	784	2,814
40 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	748	2,407
11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne	614	1,926
33 <sup>rd</sup> Infantry	524	2,024
81 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	515	1,942
6 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	514	1,957
31 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	414	1,392
93d Infantry	17	121
1 <sup>st</sup> Marine	3,470	14,438
4 <sup>th</sup> Marine	3,345	12,045
2d Marine	2,795	9,975
5 <sup>th</sup> Marine	2,414	7,159
3d Marine	2,371	8,045
6 <sup>th</sup> Marine	1,630	7,700

Extract from Narrative AFTER ACTION REPORT-409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment  
For the Month of December 1944

The campaign to capture Selestat (7962), begun 27 Nov, continued unabated on 1 December. Operations Instructions No. 18 from Division specified that the 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry would attack in its zone and seize its objective, which was the city itself. The 410<sup>th</sup> and 411<sup>th</sup> Infantries and Combat Command A of the 14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division advanced on our left; on our right was the 36<sup>th</sup> Division. The 1st Battalion was ordered to seize, occupy and establish two road blocks in the northern half of the city and moved out at 1305. The 2d Battalion, moving out abreast, was to maintain contact with the 36<sup>th</sup> Division. The 3d Battalion remained at St Maurice (704696) in reserve. Attached to our unit was Company B (less two platoons), 756<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion. Scherwiller (7665) was occupied in the afternoon. Mist in the zone of operations was heavy, obscuring targets and precluding observed artillery missions. The rains of the Vosges were behind us; the snow and cold of the open plains lay before us.

Shortly after midnight the 1st Battalion had advanced as far as the railroad tracks in the northern end of Selestat. Company B, with the 1st Platoon of Company D in support, had reached a point on the main road to town at about 2200 the previous evening. Small arms fire was heard to the front and the bazooka and riflemen of Company B moved up leaving the rear and flanks of the Company D Platoon uncovered. Company B launched an attack across the river, quickly infiltrated and captured and cleared the first six houses and posted security at the doors and exteriors.

Company D followed, one section occupying the first house on the right across the river, another section occupying a building opposite. A gun was set on the window covering the road.

At 0330 three tanks rumbled down the road and without further warning opened up at short range on the buildings occupied by our troops, pouring round after round into them. The tanks were the screen for enemy infantry in far superior numbers armed with automatic weapons. The occupants of the first few houses, representing most of Company B were quickly forced to surrender and herded away down the road. The Germans then turned their attention to the other buildings.

Several men of Company B ran out of their billet through the rear door and so close was the enemy upon them that the last man attempting to get away was captured. The others ran into an adjoining building. As the first man entered, a German sprang at him and grabbed his rifle. His companions came in close behind at the Germans who were there, three in number, surrendered. They were disarmed and made to lie down on the floor. A tank drew up and fired four rounds into the house. These were followed by four concussion grenades, but everyone remained quiet believing that if they could hold out until the next morning Companies A and C would come to their aid. The proved to be the case for at 1000, 2 December, T/Sgt L G Allen, 6924484, From Franklin, Tennessee, who was subsequently awarded a Silver Star, Missing in Action, for his participation in this phase of the fighting, came into the house with a patrol from Company A. Some of the men joined Company C in the attack while others remained behind to look after the wounded and guard the prisoners.

The men from Company D in the billet on the right side of the road had, in the meanwhile, also been attacked by two of the tanks and an unknown number of infantry. An attempt to give up was disregarded and met with renewed fire from the enemy. After the Germans ceased firing four of the Company D men and four riflemen escaped through a hole in the rear wall made by one of the tank guns. As they were running away from the house they turned and saw the Germans come up and capture the remainder of the men who were coming out. The eight men returned safely to Dambach la Ville (770695).

Pfc Harold F Bausch, 36288100, Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion, from Lancaster, Wisconsin, was the Company B aid man the night of the attack. When the enemy tanks first opened up he was in one of the rooms in the building. After the first few rounds he heard someone call for a Medic. He attempted to reach the wounded and get them to safety but another blast from the tanks smoked up the house and jarred him. When he surrendered he was marched

down the street with the rest of the Company, but the Germans removed him and an aid man from Company D from the ranks of the marchers and escorted them back to the house to attend the wounded. The walking wounded were marched along with the rest of the prisoners.

Two guards were placed over the Medics. At daylight Pfc Bausch sighted our tanks across the river. He left the other aid man to watch the wounded and escaped to get help. He then returned and remained with the casualties until Sunday morning, 3 December, when he helped evacuate them to the Battalion Aid Station.

About 15 of all the men in Company B who had crossed the river managed to escape.

NOTE: Of the 409<sup>th</sup> Inf Regt 218 MIAs for the month of December- 146 were in Selestat

From RIVIERA TO THE RHINE Printed by Center of Military History United States Army 1993

Page 458 "While the French armor moved south, avoiding the larger urban areas, the 103d Infantry Division entered Selestat on 1 December, accompanied later in the afternoon by units of the 36<sup>th</sup> Division. By the 2d, the two divisions had four battalions of infantry—well supported with armor and artillery—inside the city as well as other units surrounding it on the outside. But despite the overwhelming Allied strength in the area it took nearly three days to clear the city of German defenders, with the last resistance ending only on the afternoon of 4 December."

Page 343 "Relief for the tired 3d Division was on its way. Between 9 and 11 November the 409<sup>th</sup> and 410<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments of the fresh but untried 103d Infantry Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Charles C. Haffner, Jr., began replacing the 7<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The 103d was the second of the three divisions that Eisenhower had redirected from northern France to Marseille, where the 103d began unloading on 20 October."

Page 293 "Even before Truscott began his limited October offensive, VI Corps was feeling the pinch of a shortage of artillery and other types of munitions. On 2 October, for example, the 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry of the 3d Division reported that it was down to 300 rounds of 81mm. mortar rounds and was approaching the exhaustion of its M1 rifle ammunition. Severe rationing was the only answer. Throughout the 3d Division, for example, O'Daniel limited 60-mm. mortar ammunition expenditures to eight rounds per weapon per day and 81 mm. mortars to eleven rounds, 105-mm howitzers to thirty-two rounds, and 155-mm. howitzers to thirty rounds. During much of the early part of October, however, Seventh Army depots could not even furnish enough ammunition to meet these restricted rates. Even .30-caliber ammunition was sometimes critically short, and the 3d Division had to almost denude the support units of small arms ammunition to supply its rifle companies and machine-gun platoons. For several days, in fact, there was no M1 rifle ammunition to be found at the Seventh Army's expanding supply installations in and around Epinal. To preserve morale, Truscott prohibited the dissemination of information on overall ammunition allocations below the level of infantry regiment and artillery headquarters."

Page 344 "The cold, wet weather took an increasing toll on the mostly Hawaiian-born 442d infantrymen; combat losses, although heavy, were greatly outnumbered by nonbattle casualties—trench foot, severe colds, flu, and pneumonia being the most common illnesses. By 7 November the 442d was down to an average of thirty effectives in each rifle company, and one battalion had to be withdrawn from the front that day. By the 9<sup>th</sup>, when the rest of the regiment came out of the forward lines, one company could muster only seventeen riflemen fit for duty, and another only four. The 442d was virtually incapable of further operations."

#### Operation Northwind by Charles Whiting

Page 135 "Still the slaughter went on. That night the Second Battalion of the 411<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was brought up. On the morrow it would attack and relieve the "Lost Battalion." Hurriedly they were briefed on their mission and the enemy's strength—and it wasn't pleasant hearing. "The enemy's infiltration has enabled them to build up a line of

estimated company strength in which a number of automatic weapons are emplaced and which is outposted by machine-gun positions. In many places in this line enemy forces are dug in under the rocks on the slopes of hills and because of the accuracy of the artillery and rocket fire brought down when any attempt is made to dislodge these troops, it is believed that there are artillery observers in this line, providing the support fire so necessary for its existence.

At dawn on January 20, a day of snowfall and freezing wind, the men of the 411th Second Battalion prepared to move out. Their chances were slim. They were fighting not only a fanatical enemy, well dug in and armed with multiple automatic weapons, supported by artillery, but the appalling weather too. They kicked off in a raging snow storm and as the *History of the 157<sup>th</sup> Regiment* records laconically, "They were cut down!"

Hastily the battalion was reorganized, officers and NCOs shaking the shocked men into some sort of skirmish line. Once more, at noon, they set off again across the bare snowy fields, littered with their own dead, like bundles of abandoned rags, pocked here and there by smoking brown shell holes like a work of giant moles. They didn't stand a chance. As the 157<sup>th</sup> Regiment records yet again, "They were stopped cold." You will have to get the book to read the rest of the story.

#### U. S. Army ETO Combat Casualties By Campaign

Campaign	Dates	Ground KIA	Air KIA	Total KIA	% of all KIA
Rhineland	15 Sep 44- 21 Mar 45	45,649	4,761	50,410	28.9
Ardennes-Alsace	16 Dec 44-25 Jan 45	17,932	1,314	19,246	11.0
Northern France	25 July 44-14 Sep 44	15,583	2,261	17,844	10.2
Normandy	6 June 44-24 July 44	13,787	2,506	16,293	9.3
Central Europe	22 March-11 May 45	13,376	1,633	15,009	8.6
Rome-Arno	22 Jan-9 Sep 44	6,585	4,808	11,393	6.5
North Appennines	10 Sep 44-4 April 45	5,416	3,070	8,486	4.8
Air Offensive	4 July 42- 5 June 44	0	7,504	7,504	4.3
Southern France	15 Aug-14 Sep 44	2,777	4,524	7,301	4.1
Naples-Foggia	18 Aug 43-21 Jan 45	4,667	1,599	6,266	3.5
Anzio	22 Jan-24 May 44	5,538	0	5,538	3.1
Tunisia	12 Nov 42-13 May 43	2,529	309	2,838	1.6
Sicily	14 May-17 Aug 43	1,819	753	2,572	1.4
Po Valley	5 April-8 May 45	1,656	258	1,914	1.0
Egypt-Libya	11 June 42-12 Feb 43	0	997	997	.57
Algeria-French Morocco	8-11 Nov 42	456	23	479	.28
Total		137,770	36,320	174,090	

I received this from Zack Zigler, 'associate, with the following notation. "As I listened to the words, I realized how appropriate they are for all the men and women fighting to preserve our freedom and safety. They fight a different kind of terrorist, but the fight is the same and so are the consequences of failure. "

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Prayer for the Nation, June 6, 1944.

Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our Allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in the poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer.

Almighty God: our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success many not come with rushing speed, but righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and day without rest-until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, thy heroic servants into Thy Kingdom.

And for us at home—fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters and brothers of brave men overseas—whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them—help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great. I ask that our people devote themselves in a countenance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too—strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons; faith in each other; faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment—let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace—a peace invulnerable to the scheming of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil. Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen

# 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> (9:00am 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

<b>REGISTRATION FEE -- Everyone Please Pay:</b> (Includes Welcome Reception)	_____ people at \$15 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>EVENT A: St. Louis City Tour:</b> Thursday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> (9:00am-3:00pm)	_____ people at \$35 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>WELCOME RECEPTION:</b> Thursday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> (3:00pm-5:00pm at the Hotel)	_____ people at \$0 p.p. = <input type="text"/> Incl
<b>EVENT B: Historic St. Charles Tour &amp; Optional Ameristar Casino:</b> Friday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)	_____ people at \$29 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>EVENT C: Paddlewheel Dinner Cruise:</b> Friday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> (6:30pm-10:30pm)	_____ people at \$59 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
	<u>SELECT</u> Prime Rib _____ people at \$59 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
	<u>OR</u> Chicken Champagne _____ people at \$59 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
	<u>OR</u> Vegetarian Manicotti _____ people at \$59 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>I would like to be seated with my Unit. My Unit is _____</b>	
<b>EVENT D: Grant's Farm Tour:</b> Saturday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> (11:30am-3:30pm)	_____ people at \$28 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>BANQUET DINNER:</b> Saturday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> (7:00pm at the Hotel)	
	<u>SELECT</u> Roast Sirloin of Beef _____ people at \$36 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
	<u>OR</u> Chicken Marsala _____ people at \$32 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>50/50 Raffle Tickets (as many as you like)</b>	_____ tickets at \$1 per ticket = <input type="text"/>
<b>Annual Dues:</b> (If not already paid)	_____ people at \$15 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
<b>Tour Cancellation Insurance:</b> (Protect your money)	_____ people at \$8 p.p. = <input type="text"/>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$</b> <input type="text"/>

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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:  
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**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.

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