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We will soon be standardizing the front page of our quarterly Newsletter. With good membership support we will, over time, come to more fully enjoy the useful benefits of the Newsletter as an organ of needful and interesting communication.

NEWS FROM THE CACTUS PATCH is truly an arm and a "tool" of our Association. As you read its pages you can always be assured that its contents have been prepared with your interest in mind.

Note the listing of your officers on the left, Full names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided where available. You are encouraged to call upon them at any time. Would you also like for us to publish a Division Phone Directory? We do have this in mind.

As of right now, our "NEW" organization is beginning to settle down to a logical and cyclical routine. Officer and Committee functions are being defined, the results of which will be made available in the new Constitution and By-Laws which is under preparation. A presentation of the proposed constitution and By-Laws will be made at the September Reunion, 25-29 September 2002.

OUR CURRENT OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE

REUNION REPORTS
LISTING OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MBRS
PHOTOS IN SUPPORT OF NEWS
HONOR ROLL of DECEASED MBRS
FEATURE STORIES
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Presidents Report 01 May 2002

OUR PURPOSE IS:

To maintain an Organization of Comrades and their Descendants from the 103d Infantry Division of WW II.

To hold annual reunions and honor deceased members, especially those who made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields of Europe.

To preserve this vital part of our history for future generations.

Our member number records at first issue of News From the Cactus Patch.

Roster 103d Master Living	2,189
Roster 103d Master Deceased	1,249
Roster 103d Lost Members	882
Battle Deaths	<u>842</u>
TOTAL	5,162



Roster 103d Assoc Mailings	142
Total Publications mailed approximately	2,400
Total pieces mail returned	215
Total Reg Mbr dues paid as of 05 01 02	254
Total Assoc Mbr dues paid as of 05 01 02	15
Completed Descendants Forms Received	143
Descendants Listed on those forms	400

We hope that our quarterly publication of NEWS FROM THE CACTUS PATCH will enable those many members that are unable to attend the reunions to keep up with their comrades and the information about our Division. YOUR DUES PAYING SUPPORT IS REQUESTED AND NECESSARY FOR YOU TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THIS NEWS. We expect our membership to reach at least 500 this year.

103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II
2002 REUNION

Date: 25-29 September 2002
Dallas Addison Marriott Quorum Hotel
14901 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75240
Near intersection of Beltline and Dallas Toll Rd
Reservation Phone No 800 811 8664
Hotel Phone No 972 661 2800
103d special room rate \$74.00
Cut off date for reservations is 04 September 2002
We have reserved all Company Hospitality Suites
(Contact Mel Wright for special rates and details)
Hotel has recommended SUPER SHUTTLE
(For transportation from both airports currently \$16.00/person)
DFW and LOVE FIELD
The hotel is about same distance from both airports
We expect in excess of 600 attendees



The continuous building of our Rosters and the monument planned by the TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND will go a long way in preserving our history for future generations. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

B. Melton "Mel" Wright

HELP HUNT FOR LOST MEMBERS

The following Members did not receive their copy of the first issue of *NEWS FROM THE CACTUS PATCH*. Their mail was returned. If you know the whereabouts of any of these members please give their current mailing address to Mel Wright so that their listing will be correct in our master records.

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 Anderson Richard E.
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Avery	John W.	WI	409 AT	1998
Barclay	William	CA	103 Sig Co	2001
Beasley	Tommy D.	AR	409 Sv Co	1985
Beblavi	Carl P.	CO	410 Co E	1998
Brooks	Edward C.	NY	411 Co G	2001
Brown	Wilbur	NC	410 Med	2001
Burak	Frank J.	MI	411 Hq Co	1990
Cannon	Otis A.	LA	409 Co K	2001
Chandler	Carry W.	AR	410 Co H	2002
Conley	Clayton	AZ	328 Eng	2001
Cummins MD	James	TX	411 Co K	2001
Cunningham	Ray V.	IA	409 Co H	2002
Delmas	Edward F.	IL	411 Co A	Unknown
Dioguardi	Joseph	MA	411 AT	1998
Fuhr	Boyd F.	NM	411 Co G	1996
Gardner	Melvin T	IA	Unknown	1997
Grauman	Otto	NV	803 Ord	2001
Heumann	Eugene P.	MO	103 MP	Unknown
Hrdlovich	Joe	MI	409 Hq Co 3rd Bn	2001
Kallod	James J.	ND	409 Co D	1999
Lambert	Edgar J.	FL	409 Co A	1998
McKenna	John L.	NJ	411 Co G	2002
Osler	Robert D.	TX	409 Co G	1999
Perkins	Clifton	TX	411 Co C	2001
Sherf	Paul F.	MI	410 Co D	2001
Sliechter	Bill M.	OK	410 Co M	1998
Tisler	Raymond	MI	411 AT	2001
Tyminski	Stephan	MI	Unknown	2001
Vanderby	Ray	IL	103 Sig Co	2000
White	William R.	PA	103 Div Band	Unknown
Whittle	Paul		103 FA Hq Bty	2001
Wilford	Stafford	OH	411 Co L	1993

**PERHAPS YOU'RE TOO YOUNG
TO HAVE EVER HEARD,
ABOUT THOSE HERO SONS,
OF THE HUNDRED AND THIRD.**

**ALSO KNOWN AS THE "CACTUS MEN",
WHO WERE MOSTLY BOYS WAY BACK
THEN
BUT THEY MET HEAD ON THE NAZI HERD,
THOSE "CACTUS MEN" OF THE HUNDRED
AND THIRD.**

**YES, THEY WON THE WAR, BUT AT WHAT
COST?**

**STILL SEARCHING FOR – THE BOYS THEY
LOST,
AND GRIEVING FOR THOSE THEY LEFT
INTERRED,
THOSE "CACTUS MEN" OF THE HUNDRED
AND THIRD.**

**NOW, MOST ARE AGED MEN TODAY,
WITH SCARS THAT NEVER REALLY FADE
AWAY-
BUT SURE, THEY'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN,
CAUSE, THEY'RE HUNDRED AND THIRD
"CACTUS MEN!"**

Jack Benson

*An Obituary Suggestion
Honoring our 103d Deceased Comrades*

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Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Born ____/____/____ Died ____/____/____
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e-mail: _____
SS No. _____

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Born ____/____/____ Died ____/____/____
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Date Submitted: _____
By: _____

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOME CORRECTIONS TO THE FIRST Edition, "News From the Cactus Patch":

1. Re: Page 12, "From Doug Stellner" - Delete middle sentence in last paragraph commencing with "Your contributions will assure..." and ending with... "France".
2. Re: Page 6, second paragraph. The Official name of our organization is 103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II.
3. Re: Executive Secretary. Official name should be: Richard S. Moore, Ex Sec., 103d INV DIV ASSN of WWII
His address: P.O. Box 466, Decorah, IA 52101-0466.
4. General Melton "Mel" Wright was in Co G, 411th Infantry.
5. Re: Editor of NEWS FROM THE CACTUS PATCH. Official name should be: Harold M. Branton.
Address: 1288 Newsom (P.O. Box 77), Shongaloo, LA 71072. Telephone: (318) 846-2687.
E-mail: HMBRANTON@Netscape.net
6. The effective date of the new name and organization is: 01 January 2002.

FROM Roland Prieur. Superintendent, Epinal Cemetery, Epinal, France, via Doug Stellner: Roland has visited with our Reunions and always welcome. He describes the MEMORIAL DAY ceremonies at the cemetery and at St. Lo, France. "As for Epinal" he relates, "everything was beautiful, NO RAIN! Two flights of US fighter aircraft flew over the cemetery. Robert Thriet, of Saulcy-sur-Muerthe, assisted by a young french soldier, placed the Co A, 411th wreath at the monument; the local chaplain carried the VFW wreath. It was a great day, Sunday, 26 May 2002.

Then came the rain that night as I hastened to St. Lo, 700 km away to the west, a Normandy D-Day battle site, to join others in receiving President Bush for a MEMORIAL DAY ceremony. President Bush gave a very warm address, praising those who fought and died during the World War II invasion event. It was my very great pleasure to shake hands with President Bush, Mrs. Bush a charming lady, and with French President Jacques Chirac and Mrs. Chirac. A WONDERFUL DAY indeed.

It is now my pleasure to wish the 103d Division Association a successful and happy Reunion in DALLAS.

FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL'S COOK, Ralph Sharp. He tells of his many "accidents" in service. One of those accidents was becoming a cook...at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. "The cook got drunk one day," he said, "and I had to fill in. Look, I was drafted into the Army in St. Louis, Missouri on 25 November 1942 and arrived at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana on 7 December 1942, Pearl Harbor Day. I was called a "filler". In January I started training for rifleman with the 103d, got to be a squad leader and feeling pretty good until I wound up as a cook - in camp and on maneuvers - no training, no experience, no nothing, just cooking, 74 days out in the swamps of Louisiana in August/September 1943.

While out there, I began cooking for the Division Headquarters - 420 officers and men, and on to Camp Howze, Texas. Cooking. When we left Howze to Camp Shanks, I had to cook there, too. Then I cooked aboard that little ship called "Sea Tiger" all the way to Marseilles, France.

About two weeks after landing at Marseilles, I was asked by the General's aide to be the cook for the Generals mess - 7 officers. The job included some scrounging, and I did a lot of that. I cooked all the way through the combat time to the end of the war.

Major General Charles Haffner was very easy to cook for, and would usually express appreciation.

Major General McAuliffe was more particular about his eating. He would eat nearly anything, but a certain way. He liked his eggs over-light, when I could find them. Now as to his meat: he liked his meat cooked very little, very very little. Almost raw. The others could not eat meat that raw.

Brig. Gen Pierce, Asst Div Commander, wanted his plate arranged just so and with one egg, overlight, and 2 pancakes. Always the same. He wanted that egg just right or he would send it back, up to three times, until he got it his way.

By the way, do you know my boy Dean?



FROM SIMON DARGOLS, formerly with the Cavalry Recon (Mech.) Current address: 45 Boulevard Sout, 75012 Paris; France. Photo below, Simon is the bareheaded man at left rear. He now lives in France, and has for a long while, and cannot be with us in Reunions. But he is very active in 103d memorial activities in Europe. A great host. He would like to communicate with his buddies stateside.

"On 27 April 1945", he relates, "and before reaching Innsbruck, we discovered the concentration camp at Landsberg. There were several concentration camps thereabouts. They were horrible."

You will be interested to know that just on 7 May 2000, a "NEVER AGAIN" plaque was erected on the site.

Also, the curator of the site is: Anton Posset, Pappelstrasse, 8 D 86899, Landsberg/Lech, Germany.

Please let me hear from some of you fellows. Simon

ED GRUZIN'S LETTER OF 02 FEB 2002 TO OUR LUKE MARTIN

Ed recently became an Associate Member and plans to attend our Dallas Reunion.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your effort in trying to locate the names of the Soldiers from the 411th who liberated me means a great deal to me. It took many years for me to find out which U.S. Army Unit gave me freedom.

I was incarcerated in Concentration Camp Kaufering camp number 1 near Landsberg. (One of the 11 camps in the Landsberg area). I was transferred there from Lithuania in July, 1944, at the age of 16. The German SS and their Lithuanian helpers murdered many of my Family members. The only crime I committed was; I was born Jewish.

We worked 12-hour shifts building an underground Messerschmidt Aircraft facility, with very little food or winter clothing. People died from Typhus and hunger. We received one slice of bread, which was moldy, and a little soup and one potato for our daily rations. There were no bathing facilities or medical help for the sick.

On April 25, 1945 the German SS took all prisoners who could walk on a death march. I was too weak to walk. I was infested with lice and was emaciated from hunger. The SS gards did not bother with me, my father and others who were near death.

On April 27th 1945 a miracle occurred, we heard some gun fire and a while later the gates swung open and we saw soldiers of the U.S. Army entering the camp. We could not believe that we were free. They gave us fresh bread. I never saw such white bread in my life. When I was in prisoned, I was praying to be free and have enough bread to eat. My prayers came through.

I noticed an SS officer who was taken prisoner by the U.S. Army in his shiny boots . I told him to take off those boots and I give them to my father in exchange for my father's wooden clogs. The Nazi did not comply with my order; an American soldier pointed his rifle in the Nazi's direction, that took care of my request. My father who was near death could not put on those boots. I helped him, as he tried to stand up he collapsed. I wish I knew the soldier's name. I am sure he would remember the incident. This was the only revenge I took upon those murderers of my family and other innocent people.

U.S. Military Ambulance took me to Bad Woerishofen for healing. I stayed there for 3 months. After I recuperated I started searching for the rest of my family. The Red Cross informed me that my mother was murdered in Stutthof Concentration Camp and my brother was murdered in Kovno Ghetto, in Lithuania. Many years later I found out that my older brother was alive and that he returned from a different Concentration Camp in Germany to Lithuania to search for us. Instead he got stuck behind the Iron Curtain for all those years. It was not until 1992 that we were reunited in the U.S.A. After 48 years of separation we did not recognize each other. The last time I saw him he was 18 years old and now here is a man in his 60's with a family of 9 people. This was a reunion that I will never forget. I thank God that he and his family are here and they made a new life for themselves in the greatest country in the world.

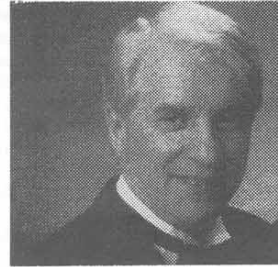
I immigrated to the United States in 1949, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Being an Americal Soldier was the fulfillment of my life. Can you imagine how much pride and honor I felt in wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army that gave me freedom, new life and hope.

I would appreciate if you would publish my letter in your album at your reunion, so that my liberators for the 411rh can read it and get in touch with me. I would like to thank each and every one of them for what they have done for me 57 years ago. I owe so much gratitude to those GI's who saved my life. Had they arrived a few days later I would not have been here to write this letter.

I hope that the world we live in will never forget what happened during WW 2 to the Jewish people. No day or night goes by that I do not think about that tragic part of my life. I hope that after I speak or correspond with my liberators I will have some closure.

God bless you

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 Approve and recommend your support of this piece of our History

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DESCENDANTS OF 103rd DIVISION MEN OF WW II

Please accept my contribution to build a MONUMENT that will honor men of the 103rd Infantry Division and their Support Units. It will preserve their History for future generations.

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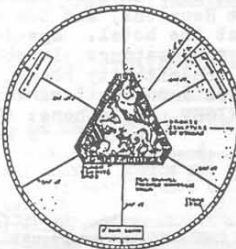
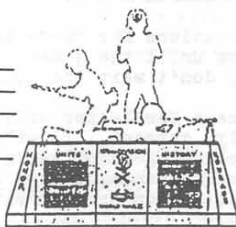
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 Born _____ Died _____
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 Phone No: _____
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ARMY UNIT

WIFE (Mother of children) (Show maiden name)

Name _____
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 Date Submitted: _____
 By: _____

CHILDREN

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TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND

All reports concerning the Texas WW II Historical Monument, to be built in Gainesville, Texas are exciting and upbeat. The Mayor and town leaders have joined the 103d INF DIV planners in enthusiastic expectations. The monument will bring honor, pride, and recognition to the State of Texas, to the City of Gainesville, and to the members and supporters of the 103d Infantry Division of World War II.

Someone has asked of the purpose of such a monument. The answer is simple. Monuments and memorials provide objective definition to the cultures and humanities of a people. Achievements of past generations of Americans are presently viewed with patriotic pride and even reverence. This monument, a military portrayal, will be viewed by present and future generations of Americans and perceived as a reflection of past sacrifices, boldly given and advanced to preserve our way of life - our faith, our culture, our ideals and our nation.

The forms above, in miniature, have been designed to work either together or separately. Donations may be made on the one, and genealogical data provided on the other. The first is for funding the memorial; the other is for generation of data and information for the documentation of 103d INF DIV veterans and their families.

For your use, full size forms are provided as inserts in this Newsletter. To participate in this noble project, please fill out the forms and forward to:

TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MEMORIAL FUND
 9737 Warwana Road
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WELCOMES THE GUESTS OF THE
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SEPT. 25 - SEPT. 29, 2002

AT A SPECIAL RATE OF \$74 PER NIGHT.

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RESTAURANTS.

REUNION TIME AHEAD 25 - 27 September 2002

A brief of the basic planning leading to our September Reunion has been presented by our President, "Mel" WRIGHT on Page 1. The brochure flyer at left confirms the data, and adds a listing of the local amenities of the DALLAS Addison Marriott Quorum Hotel.

Reservations for rooms is now available. You will have until the 4 September cut-off. However, don't wait too long.

Our next Newsletter will be mailed out in late July, current. It will bring full details of the planning committee's administrative needs, the Reunion agenda, a map, banquet announcements and registration prerequisites.

In the near days be thinking about individual unit Reunions, and the accommodations to be needed at the hotel. Special arrangements can be made for meetings, luncheons or private dinners, hospitality rooms. Ideally, requests (activities and solutions) should be addressed to "Mel" WRIGHT. Telephone: (713)465-0814
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