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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Years Day, 2005

First, let me wish you all a very "Happy New Year". May God bless you all with good health, happiness, and success in all you do in 2005.

As I write this message, my memories take me back 60 years when on this date, January 1st 1945, the 103d was fighting the Germans on the western flank of the Seventh Army. We had been moved there after the Battle of the Bulge began on the 16th of December to replace the 6th Armored Division which was sent up north to help the Third Army defeat the Germans and contain and destroy the German forces in the Bulge. It was on the 8th of January that we received word that General Haffner was forced to return to the States because of health problems. Three days later, General McAuliffe took over command of the Division. We had spent Christmas and New Years Day on the western flank of the Seventh Army and on January 15th the Division was ordered east to our previous combat area. There we spent the rest of our time in France in heavy combat with a long period of defensive action on the Moder River line and eventual combat up and through the Siegfried Line.

We had a great reunion in October at the Hyatt Westfield in Schaumburg, Illinois. Of course the best part of any reunion is getting together with old friends that we had shared good and bad times with as members of the 103d Division. There were always small groups in the hospitality room bringing themselves up to date on their comrades and reminiscing about the good and bad days in camp and combat. There was also good and enthusiastic attendance at the general meeting and the Saturday night banquet. The field trip to the 1st Infantry Division museum was a special experience with our walks through full size WW I trenches, the Omaha Beach site, and the bamboo forests of Viet Nam. It was a huge museum with artifacts and displays of the combat experiences of the 1st Infantry Division.

The reunion next year will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Crystal City, a section of Arlington, Virginia adjacent to Reagan National Airport and directly across the Potomac River from Washington DC. This will give those of you who haven't been to see the WW II Memorial a chance to visit this outstanding memorial to those serving their country in WW II. You will find elsewhere in this newsletter more details on the 2005 reunion. If you have any suggestions for the reunion program or activities there feel free to pass them on to me.

We still have a lot of 103d veterans out there who don't realize that we have an organization and reunions. So spread the word. Have them get in touch with me or any of the staff. Urge your 103d comrades who haven't been to a reunion to make the 2005 one their first.

Richard T. Ball, President 2005

2004 REUNION

The 2004 Reunion was held October 6-9, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois. Approximately 300 Cactus Patch Veteran's attended. As always, there was a congenial Hospitality Room, that remained open from 8 AM until 11 PM every day, with great beverages and snacks. We also had a separate room for the purchase of 103d memorabilia, books, and provide the opportunity for registration. Wednesday was the Board of Directors meeting, which focused on the creation of a slate of officers for 2005. Thursday had our traditional Cactus Welcome Party, with live music from "The Banjos" during the afternoon, with the evening reserved for unit dinners and parties. On Friday, we had a morning bus drive to the 1st Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny, the home of Robert McCormick, who was an artillery officer with the "Big Red One" during WW I. He created this private museum to honor the division's legacy from WW I through the current conflict in Iraq. The WW II exhibits, especially the full scale dioramas of Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge were especially impressive. Friday evening was reserved again for unit dinners and parties. Saturday was our annual business meeting, where we elected our 2005 officers, selected the site of our 2005 reunion, and honored our fallen comrades. There, a French citizen who was one of the very young men liberated from the concentration camp at Landsberg read a moving speech about what it meant to him to be finally free, due to the efforts of the men of the 103d. We also honored two individual members as Cactus Men of the Year, Harold Branton and Dave Blustin. Their citations appear below. In addition, Harold Branton had received a very special bit of nostalgia from Jean Craddock, the widow of Roger Craddock, Company Commander, G Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. It was a captured Nazi flag, with the names of every member of the company written on it, as well as the names of all of the company's dead and wounded during combat. Roger had had it made at the end of the war, and had kept it stored all these years. The flag will become a part of our Division's history at the museum in Texas. Our grand finale, the banquet, was held Saturday night with great food, spirits, and live Dixieland Band Music. WELL DONE to all who helped make our reunion such a success.

If you have any pictures from this years reunion, please send them to Dave Leslie, Editor, **News From The Cactus Patch** at the address on page 1.



CACTUS MEN OF THE YEAR

This year, two members of the 103d Infantry Division Association were selected to receive recognition as "Cactus Man of the Year" and "Associate Cactus Man of the Year". The citations, quoted below, reveal how much the Association owes these individuals for their dedication and service.

Harold M. Branton "Cactus Man of the Year"

"For the past several years you have been instrumental in the assembling of information, writing, formatting, and publication of "News From The Cactus Patch" newsletter. Without your competent attention to this Association newsletter we would probably not have been as well informed and delighted as we were by the material presented in that publication. It was always a publication well received and enjoyed by all. We thank you for your efforts and commend you for your success in publishing a very quality newsletter.

In addition to your duties as Editor of the Division newsletter you have been of commendable service in other activities of management. Your able and productive assistance in arranging the reunions in the past several years is to be also commended. Without that assistance reunions would not have been as successful as they have been.

You have always been there to assist others in accomplishing the many things needed to be done to make this organization a big success. We owe you a great deal for your efforts and we thank you for them. The special plaque presented to you at the 2004 reunion is a token of our appreciation for all you have done for the 103d Infantry Division of WW II."

"During the past year you have given generously of your time and talent in performing many duties for the benefit of the 103d Infantry Division Association. We understand that your father was a member of the 103d Infantry Division during World War II and your interest in our association is due primarily to your love and respect for your father and pride in your father's association with the Division.

Despite the time requirements of your business, you have taken the time to tend to the financial and administrative tasks of the Division in an excellent and commendable manner. Collection of annual dues and reunion registration payments were a major part of the tasks you so ably performed. Paying all duly authorized bills was another task you so willingly took on. Forwarding the names and information on new members and reunion attendees for inclusion in the records of the Division was another time consuming task.

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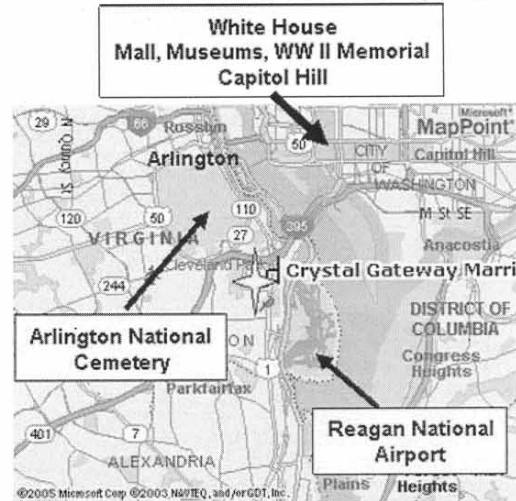
2005 REUNION

The 2005 Reunion is set and you should be looking at your calendars and setting aside the dates. The reunion will be October 6th through October 9th of 2005. The Division has reserved hotel space and gotten a special rate with the hotel for these dates, as well as for anyone who might want to stay beyond the 9th for a couple of days to see Washington.

The reunion will be held at the
Crystal Gateway Marriott
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202
Phone: 1-703-920-3230
Fax: 1-703-271-5212

The hotel itself is located very close to the Crystal City stop for the Washington Metro subway system and adjacent to Washington's Reagan National Airport. The walk from the hotel to the subway stop is all indoors. The hotel also has a van that can take you to this subway stop or other areas nearby. Room rates will be \$99 per night for single, double,

or quad occupancy (compared to the government and corporate rates of \$153 per night), and parking is only \$4 per day. Suites may also be available on request. To make your reservation, call the hotel at the number listed above and tell them you are a part of the 103d Infantry Division Association reunion.



The hospitality suite will be open from October 6th through October 9th. The board meeting will be held at 6 PM on October 7th. Registration will be open from 9 AM October 6th through the evening of October 9th. The General Business Meeting will be at 10 AM on October 9th with the banquet at 6 PM on October 9th. There will also be a reception at 2 PM on October 7th.

We will have two tours scheduled this year. The first will be a VIP Veteran's Tour which will include the World War II Memorial, the Viet Nam War memorial, and the Korean War Memorial, as well as some additional memorials of interest to Veterans. The second tour will be one that stops at many of the most famous sites in Washington DC. Allow time for site seeing on your own, especially of Arlington National Cemetery (only two subway stops away) and Old Town Alexandria Virginia, one of the oldest cities in the United States and a wealth of small shops and good restaurants.

The next newsletter will have additional information on the reunion as well as the reservation form.

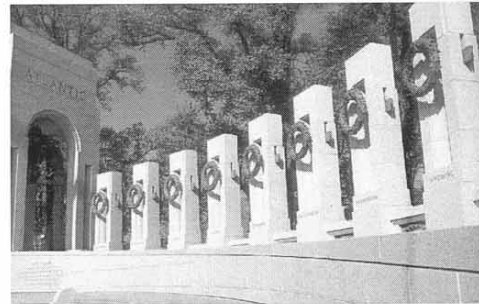
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL



The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people. The Second World War is the only 20th Century event commemorated on the National Mall's central axis. The memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004 and was dedicated one month later on May 29. It is located on 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, and is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west. The memorial is now operated by the National Park Service and is open to visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In 1993, the Congress passed legislation authorizing the building of a National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., or its immediate environs. The authorizing legislation was signed into law by the President on May 25, 1993. The responsibility for designing and constructing the memorial was given to the American Battle Monuments Commission, an independent federal agency created by law in 1923. The memorial will honor all who served in the American armed services during World War II and the entire nation's contribution to the war effort. The following summary highlights key events in the history of the project.

The World War II Memorial Advisory Board was established through 1993 legislation to promote donations to support construction of the memorial to be located on the National Mall, and to assist the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) in site selection and design. President Bill Clinton appointed the board members on September 28, 1994.



Atlantic Campaign Pavilions, WW II Memorial

Three members died prior to the May 29, 2004 dedication of the memorial: William C. Ferguson, Sr., a WWII Tuskegee Airman; Bill Mauldin, an award-winning political cartoonist best known for "Willie and Joe," two weary, trudging WWII foot soldiers; and Sarah McClendon, a national newspaper reporter and columnist who volunteered for the WACS during WWII and earned an officer's commission.

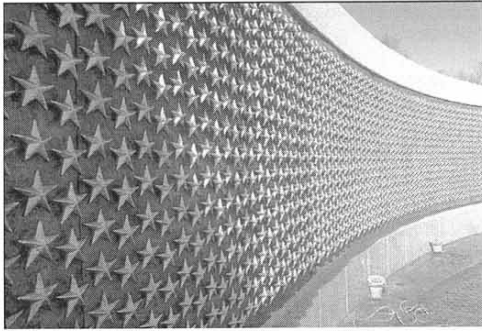
The memorial is funded primarily by private contributions. The fund-raising campaign was led by National Chairman Senator Bob Dole and National Co-Chairman Frederick W. Smith.

Senator Dole, a World War II veteran seriously wounded on the battlefield and twice decorated with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, was the Republican nominee for president in 1996 and the longest-serving Republican Leader in the U.S. Senate.

Frederick W. Smith is chairman, president and chief executive officer of FedEx Corporation, a \$17 billion global transportation and logistics holding company. He is a graduate of Yale and a former U.S. Marine Corps officer, and serves on the boards of various transport, industry and civic organizations.

The memorial design creates a special place within the vast openness of the National Mall to commemorate the sacrifice and celebrate the victory of WWII, yet remains respectful and sensitive to its historic surroundings. The vistas from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial and the site's park-like setting are preserved, and the double row of elm trees that flank the memorial have been restored. Above all, the design creates a powerful sense of place that is distinct, memorable, evocative and serene. Within a commemorative area at the western side of the

memorial is recognized the sacrifice of America's WWII generation and the contribution of our allies.



A field of 4,000 sculpted gold stars on the Freedom Wall commemorate the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives. During WWII, the gold star was the symbol of family sacrifice.

The following inscriptions are some of those inscribed in the National World War II Memorial.

Announcement Stone:

HERE IN THE PRESENCE OF WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN, ONE THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FATHER AND THE OTHER THE NINETEENTH CENTURY PRESERVER OF OUR NATION, WE HONOR THOSE TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICANS WHO TOOK UP THE STRUGGLE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND MADE THE SACRIFICES TO PERPETUATE THE GIFT OUR FOREFATHERS ENTRUSTED TO US: A NATION CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY AND JUSTICE.

Flagpoles

AMERICANS CAME TO LIBERATE, NOT TO CONQUER, TO RESTORE FREEDOM AND TO END TYRANNY.

103D DIVISION VETERAN HELPS PRESERVE VETERAN'S HISTORY AND HONOR THEIR SACRIFICES

A number of 103d Division veterans attended the dedication of the National WW II Memorial. Among them was Joseph De Luca, Jr. The following was submitted by Elton Boyer, also a WW II veteran, and the Commander of the 555th Honors Detachment, about the dedication and some of Joe's work with the 555th Honors Detachment, a group of veterans dedicated to keeping the story of America's sacrifices for freedom alive, as well as honoring America's veterans by providing a military

honors at funerals and special occasions. Joe's story is one that will resonate with many 103d Division veterans who do similar work in their communities.

Joseph De Luca Jr, Co C 411th Infantry Regiment, 103d Infantry Division was a guest of the Library of Congress for the dedication of National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. With this invitation came a request that Mr. De Luca make two presentations about his war time experiences with the 103d. Both hour long presentations were video taped for showing on the History Channel.

Joe's trip to Washington started several years earlier with a Painesville, Ohio radio station interview regarding his WW II Experiences. The producer of this radio program, Tom Swope whose father, now deceased was also a 103d Division veteran, became involved in the WW II memorial Dedication and suggested Joe as a presenter for the dedication. The Library of Congress agreed.

Joe has been active with the VFW and American Legion in his hometown of Wooster, Ohio, since right after the war. He is one of the members of the Rifle Squad and Honors Detachment who support military funerals locally. In 2000, a new National Cemetery was opened nearby, the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Joe, and other members of the local veteran's organizations, organized the 555th Honors Detachment to provide a fitting military tribute to the veteran's who are buried there as a part of their funeral.



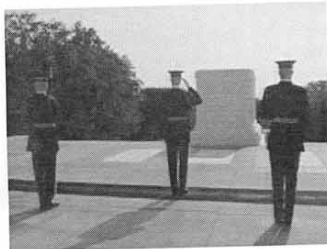
Joe has established quite a following of students at John R. Lea Middle School with his yearly participation in their school's "Living History" program. This year, he also was involved in a field trip of 150 students from the school to the national cemetery, where the students placed a barbed wire wreath at the POW Memorial there. The director of the cemetery was so impressed with the symbolism

of the wreath that, with the permission of the school, it is now on permanent display at the visitor's center.

If you know of another 103d Veteran who is helping preserve the history and honor the sacrifice of veterans, or working with school groups to keep the history of WW II alive, please contact the editor of **News from the Cactus Patch**, Dave Leslie, at the address on page one.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

On the evening of Tuesday, November 16, 2004, a group from the 103d Infantry Division Association met and dined at the Alpine Restaurant in Arlington, Virginia for fine food and conversation. The group traveled the next morning to the Tomb of the Unknowns, where, after the formal Changing of the Guard at the tomb, they proceeded down the steps from the adjacent Amphitheater and received the wreath from the Army Honor Guard representative. Dick Ball and Dick Pearson then stepped forward and placed the wreath in front of the tomb. The Association group, along with the attending Honor Guard troops, was then called to "Present Arms" as taps was played by the Honor Guard Bugler. The 103d Infantry Division Association Group then walked back up the steps to the Amphitheater and the ceremony came to an end. Later, after the Honor Guard soldier removed the wreath from the grave in reparation for a subsequent wreath laying ceremony, we recovered the wreath and placed it on the grave of our combat Division Commander, General Anthony McAuliffe. It was a very impressive ceremony announced ahead of time by the Honor Guard spokesman with a calling of silence of all the spectators, of which there were many. It was a nice day. After the ceremony, the group had a fine buffet luncheon at the Officer's Club at the adjacent Fort Myer post. Those present were Richard Ball (Btry B 382d FA BN), Mike Toohig (Co B, 411 Infantry Regt), Raymond Barrett (Btry B, 382d FA BN), Richard Pearson (Co F, 410 Infantry Regt) and daughter Patti, Bruce Hughes (HQ Co, 409 Infantry Regt) and wife Maureen, Bill Schneck (Co F 411 Infantry Regt) and friend



Miriam, and Karen Swanson-Woolf, daughter of Carl Swanson (Btry C 384th FA BN. William Sawchuk, son of Bill Sawchuk (HQ Co 3d Bn 409 Infantry Regt) was also able to join us at the buffet luncheon.

TRIBUTES FROM THE NEXT GENERATION

We have decided to put a new column into the Cactus Patch. In this column, we invite the next generation, the sons, daughters, or grandchildren of 103d Division veterans to share what their Father or Grandfather's service meant to them and how they were influenced in their own lives by the sacrifices made on their behalf. This edition has a short, moving tribute from the sons and daughter of John F. Donlan, Jr. who served in the 103d Division Signal Company. Here is their tribute to their father.

As part of the "Greatest Generation" my father was greatly affected by W.W.II. He grew up on the East Side of St. Paul during the Depression and seldom had an opportunity to leave Minnesota. He had taken a Ham Radio operating class in high school and was assigned as a radio operator with the 103rd Division. Taking that "extra class" opened up a whole new opportunity for Dad in the service, and kept him safer in battle. We were often encouraged to try new things because it could provide us with a "golden opportunity" just like his radio class did.



My father also developed a "love for travel" from his days in the service and he continues to travel constantly at 79!!! We all inherited this desire to see the world and I have passed this on to his grandchildren. He has never wanted to sit at a cabin up North on his vacations when there are so many exciting places to explore.

Dad attended Notre Dame University on the G.I bill after he was discharged and received a degree in Chemical Engineering. Thus, he passed on his love for "Higher Education" and each of his five children, and both grandchildren have college educations. John Donlan wouldn't be the well traveled, educated man he is today had he stayed in East St. Paul after high school. Instead he served his

country with pride and honor and became a better person for it. Thanks Dad!!!!

Love Sharon Allison, Ted Allison, Colleen Allison, David Allison

When writing about the World War II generation, and in particular my dad, the first thing that comes to mind is a sense of service. For many of them, World War II was a defining moment in their lives. They were mostly young – I believe my dad was only 19, fresh out high school when he went into the army ASTP program. For myself, I can't imagine going through what they did when I was that age. They all had to grow up fast, coming out of the depths of the depression and then serving in this great cause.

I have attended two of Dad's reunions, and also have had the privilege of hearing stories from several of my dad's friends who served in World War II. The one common trait they all have is that sense of service-when they were in the military service, and also when they got out, they "got on with it". They rushed through school, got married, went to work, and raised their families. This commitment to service is truer for their generation than any other, I think. Service to family, country, community organizations and church; it was all done with a sense of duty, almost in a matter of fact way.

In looking back, it should be noted that this was great, selfless generation of men and women. My dad has set a great example and is an inspiration for us with his many acts of service and volunteerism in his community. I believe that was formed out of his experiences in World War II. Dad wrote in his diary that, upon coming home by troop ship at the end of the war, as the ship sailed into Boston harbor, there was a sign posted that read "Well Done!" I couldn't say it any better, except to add a heart-felt, great big THANKYOU!!

Michael and Kari Donlan

It is said that the 20th century will go down in history as "The American Century". With that being the case, I have no doubt that the World War II generation will go down in history as the generation that made so many of America's successes possible.

The World War II generation spent the majority of their childhood in the midst of a ten-year economic depression. They learned many hard lessons in that time, yet they also learned about the importance

of family and community. Shortly after the depression ended, they were called into service to fight the forces of fascism and imperialism. They did their duty with unfailing determination, and won the struggle for freedom. After defeating their adversaries, they helped rebuild their countries through the Marshall Plan. The World War II generation also started the Peace Corps, put a man on the moon for the first time, built the U.S. into the world's number one economic power, and won the Cold War. John Kennedy's statement that his fellow Americans should "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" is precisely the way the World War II generation has lived their lives.

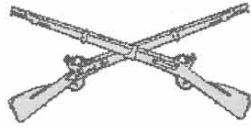
Tim Donlan, son of John Donlan,

When I reflect on what the World War II generation has meant to our country's freedom and way of life, it is difficult to imagine how our lives would be today without their many sacrifices. Having a father who served as well as meeting and talking to veterans over the years has given me an appreciation for how much they have meant to my and future generations. What strikes me as being most impressive about these men is the selfless way in which they put off their futures of college, careers' and family, to heed the calling of not only their country, but the world. With the knowledge that some of them would not come back, they put their lives on the line in order to preserve the liberties that our country was founded on and continue to enjoy today. I can recall at the 103-d infantry's 50th reunion in France in 1994 at a visit that we made to a military cemetery for U.S. soldiers. To see all of the headstones of the men who would never return to be someone's son, brother, husband or father was a very powerful thing knowing that their sacrifice made possible for me to be standing there. To say thank you is not enough. My generation must not ever forget and strive to emulate what the World War II generation has meant to our country. We must never forget and pass down those values and virtues to the generations after us.

Dan Donlan

If you would like to share a brief story about the impact that your 103d Division Father/Grandfather made on your life, please send it to Dave Leslie, Editor, *News From The Cactus Patch* at the address on the first page. And e-mail is always appreciated.

**103D INFANTRY DIVISION "STARS" IN
EXCITING NEW DOCUMENTARY**



"Five Hundred Fighting Miles: The Soldiers' Memoirs" has completed production and editing and is now available. This touching account of the lives of the men of the 103rd by Shawn Sagady is a half hour documentary shot at the 2003 reunion in Las Vegas.

For those who order copies at this year's reunion, they are being shipped as the newsletter goes to press. Anyone who would like to order a copy now and in the future may do so. Prices and ordering instructions are below.

Shawn Sagady is the stepson of Dave Leslie, board member and current editor of The Cactus Patch. Shawn is a 26 year old inspired filmmaker who has had a passionate interest in World War II for most of his life. Dave's dad, Bob Leslie inspired Shawn with his stories, heard at family gatherings in Pennsylvania. Dave had been involved in a leadership course where he developed a project to get the 103rd publicly recognized and its story "told". Serendipitously, Dave's vision, Shawn's inspiration and Bob's unrelenting talent for story telling has led to the completion of this great documentary.

Shawn and his crew shot over 24 hours of video footage and interviewed more than 25 103d Division veterans in creating this video. He and his crew donated over 1,000 hours of work to make the video a reality. And over two dozen veteran's and their relatives donated in excess of \$2,500 to get the initial production shot. The film is dedicated to the more than 880 men killed in combat while serving with the 103d Infantry Division.

Future plans include bringing the piece to television and contributing it to the Library of Congress's Oral History Project where the tales of the 103d can be shared world wide.

In addition to purchasing copies for your own use, consider contributing copies to libraries or schools in your community to bring this special piece of history to life for others.

After production costs have been met, a portion of all proceeds from the documentary will go to the 103d on an ongoing basis.

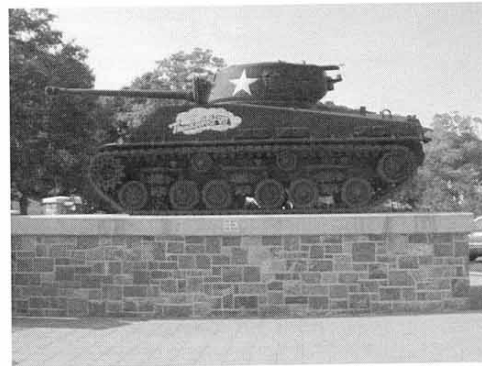
To order your copy, send an order form (included) to:

Dave Leslie and Shawn Sagady
5195 Avenida Playa Cancun
San Diego, CA 92124

The cost for either DVD or VHS is \$20 plus \$5 for shipping and handling.

OTHER REUNION NEWS

There are a number of organizations associated with the 103d Infantry Division that hold their own reunions. Many of the battalions, companies, and batteries hold their gatherings during the Division Reunion, but a number of them also hold independent reunions. **News From The Cactus Patch** would like to be the forum for reporting about your reunions. So, if you have any news from your unit gatherings, please send it to Dave Leslie, Editor, at the address on page 1.



WW II Sherman Tank of Creighton W. Abrams who became Army Chief of Staff, Visitor's Entrance, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point

HONOR ROLL



103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II
(Deceased reported after NFTCP issue No 7)

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THE MARINE

We all came together,
Both young and old.
To fight for our freedom,
To stand and be bold.

In the midst of all evil,
We stand our ground,
And we protect our country
From all terror around.

Peace and not war
Is what some people say.
But I'll give my life,
So you can live the American way.

I give you the right
To talk of your peace.
To stand in your groups,
And protest in our streets.

But still I fight on,
I don't bitch, I don't whine.
I'm just one of the people
Who is doing your time.

I'm harder than nails,
Stronger than any machine.
I'm the immortal soldier,
I'm a US MARINE!

So stand in my shoes,
And leave from your home.
Fight for the people who hate you,
With the protests they've shown.

Fight for the stranger,
Fight for the young.
So they all may have,
The greatest freedom you've won.

Fight for the sick,
Fight for the poor.
Fight for the cripple,
Who lives next door.

But when your time comes,
Do what I've done.
For if you stand up for freedom,
You'll stand when the fight's done.

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