



Company I Poopsheet



Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne

SPECIAL EDITION

April 2004

EAGLE RECOVERS

Our beloved editor, Bob Hartzell, Ph: 419-447-0448 has been in the hospital the week of March 22-26, and hopes to be home by the weekend. He has been sick with the flu and became dehydrated. This just after the death of his wife, Marie, on March 14. Bob also was sick with pneumonia a few months ago, and that required about two weeks in the hospital. At home he is cared for by his daughter, Clara, and a grandchild. We send our love and sympathy to Bob and his family.

In July 2003, while caring for Marie, Bob slipped and fell, resulting in a serious head injury and a two-month hospital stay. He regrets not being able to print the Poopsheet in the past few months. Of course, we all understand and appreciate so much his devotion to seeing that we're all in touch over the years. Bob started a Poopsheet issue a few months ago and was unable to finish. Recently, I offered to type and mail the Poopsheet, So, with Bob's blessing and the information provided by him, this Special Edition comes from Betty Taylor Hill currently living in Houston, TX. The sister of Sgt. Lester A. Taylor from Tennessee who was with Co. I in Normandy and into Holland. He was killed at the battle near Best on September 19, 1944.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Monday

March 15, 2003

Marie Anna Hartzell, 78, of 313 Wentz St., Tiffin, Ohio 44883, died at 10:13 a.m. Sunday, March 14, 2004, in St. Francis Home in Tiffin. She was born Oct. 30, 1925, in Fostoria, to the late Urban and Agnes (Werling) Kirian. On June 12, 1948, she married Robert J. Hartzell in St. Mary Catholic Church, Tiffin. Surviving are: her devoted husband, Robert J. (Bob) Hartzell; three sons, Joseph (Jane) Hartzell, Peter Hartzell, and Stephen Hartzell, all of Tiffin; four daughters, Agnes (Warren) Welling of Woodville, Clara Hartzell of Tiffin; Dorothy (Robert) Robenalt of Tiffin; Helen (Robert) Guinther of Galion; 22 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Alfred and Lewis Kirian, both of Tiffin, John Kirian of Republic; and a sister, Helen Miller of Tiffin. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Factor. Mrs. Hartzell was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Tiffin; Rosary Altar Society; Secular Franciscan Order; For five years she prepared the

Altar linens and vestments at St. Mary's Church.

Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in St. Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. David M. Ross officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Visitation was held 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at Hannay-Traunero Funeral Home, 214 S. Monroe Street, Tiffin, OH 44883 (419) 447-3113.

A wake service was at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, the Rosary was recited in the Church fifteen minutes prior to the Funeral Mass.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Mary Church, or to St. Francis Home in care of Hannay-Traunero Funeral Home, Tiffin, Ohio.

www.traunerfuneralhome.com

YUTZEY, George O., 84, formerly of Johnstown, died Sept. 8, 2003, at Veterans Administration Hospital, Martinsburg, W.Va. Born Dec. 2, 1918, in Johnstown, son of the late Orange and Myrtle (Johns) Yutzey. Preceded in death by four sisters and a brother. Survived by wife of 61 years, Viona B. (Yoder); daughters, Norma J., wife of Jim Schad, Adamstown, MD; Loan E., wife of Richard Wyrwa, Woodsboro, MD; Joyce F., wife of Phil Nichols, Vienna, VA; and V. Jane, wife of Jeff Stull, Sterling, VA; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Brother of Ruth Reed, Johnstown. Mr. Yutzey was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army, earning the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for

being wounded in the Holland Campaign. He served in the 101st Airborne Division and took part in the Normandy Invasion. Bethlehem Steel Corp. retiree. He attended Garfield Street United Methodist Church. Committal, Mount Hope Cemetery with military rites by Menober Post 155. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Garfield Street United Methodist Church.

John J. Altomare, Baltimore, MD died in September 2003. Lydia, we send our love and sympathy.

Elizabeth Mobley, wife of Edward Mobley, Starke, FL died June 26, 2003. In a note from Ed's daughter, Barbara Slover, she said: "Elizabeth and Dad were married for 10 years. Most of these Liz was sick. She went on to be with the Lord in her sleep, was in no pain. This was a blessing for she and dad. Liz was in a nursing home a little more than a year. Several months after her death Dad met Clara Brewer, and they married in February. We were sorry to hear about Bob's wife. Thanks for staying in touch with us." Barb

RICHARD STEPHENS, Eugene OR died on January 23, 2003. We extend our love and sympathy to his family.

LISA GARCIA, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, the wife of Joseph Garcia died in March of 2003. We extend our love and sympathy to the Garcia family.

MRS JOHN (JUNE) BRANDT-COCHRAN - 1810 Paseo Raqueta, Palm Springs, CA 92262 EDITOR'S NOTE: Her mail is being returned to me marked "Deceased".

MESSAGES FROM 2003

JAYNE ETHERIDGE - 14 Hart St., Woburn, MA 01801 My name is Jayne Etheridge and my dad was Stanley Schecowicz, who was in Company I, 502nd Parachute Infantry. I've grown up reading the Company I Poopsheet. I am interested in a few items that you have available. A list of all the men who ever served in Company I Sterling miniature Paratrooper Wings and 101st Insignia combination pin - Company I Holland Invasion Roster - Copy of the Award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 101st Airborne Division - Pamphlet on how to receive your Medals and Awards. If you could forward them to me, it would be greatly appreciated. I was pretty young when my dad died. As I got older and was able to understand what he went through being a Paratrooper and the jumps he made, I am very proud of my dad. I would love to have these mementos to share with my son. Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses. EDITORS NOTE: I am happy to send the requested items to Jayne.

HARRY AND JOANIE NIVENS - 1130 Monroe Ave, St. Cloud, FL 34769 Phone (407)957-0098 We are so

sorry you were unable to attend the Snowbird Reunion (2003). It was just not the same without you. You were greatly missed.

Don't trust my memory to be correct, but listed below are those of Company I who attended the Reunion. John Farrell, Ed Mobley and his daughter and son-in-law, Earl Kelly and son Peter, Ivan and Ann Hershner, Joe and June Hennessey, Harry and Joanie Nivens and Harry's son Ted and daughter Sherry and Joanie's grandson, Brandon Rousch and girl friend Ryanne Chapman, Walter and Kay Murdock, Lew Dunch, Pat and Teresa Callery, Fred and Dolores Kraus, James S. Norris, Betty Hill (sister of Lester Taylor), Walter and Kay Murdock, and Joe and June Hennessey who also went on the cruise sponsored by the Snowbird Reunion. Our prayers are with you and your family. Hang in there.

WILFRED AND EVA MATTE
 125 Larkspur St.,
 Springfield, MA 01108
 Phone (413) 733-5948 We hope things are a little better, our prayers are with you and your family. It has been quite some time since you have heard from us. I'm doing alright, just turned 80. I've had several operations, but am slowly on the mend. Eva's cancer hasn't shown up as of yet, it's been 6 years. My sister died in June. Everyone has their troubles. We think about the 101st quite often. You never know when or where we'll show up. Enclosed is a donation to help with Poopsheet expenses. Keep them coming.

BOB AND ALICIA TRIPP
 Box 27, Heath, MA 01346
 Phone (413) 337-4964 I am beginning to have second thoughts about having hip surgery. I get around pretty good using a crutch. We recently spent some time in Florida. We were disappointed that we couldn't coordinate this trip with the Snowbird Reunion. We received a phone call from Earl Kelly updating us on all the Poop.

FRED AND DOLORES KRAUS
 4114 Murfield Dr. E,
 Bradenton, FL 34203 Phone
 (941) 753-8779 We missed seeing you and a few others that we expected to see, but who didn't show at the Snowbird Reunion (2003) We enjoyed being together with our buddies even though the weather was cold for Floridians. Hope your health improves and will be seeing you at the next reunion.

DONALD AND PATRICIA O'NEILL - 2312 Elfin Way, Sarasota, FL 34231 Phone (941) 923-0145 Just a brief note to give you an update and a thank you for all you've done for Company I. Pat's prognosis is 6 months to a year. Her lung lesions are slow-growing. I've been diagnosed with CHF, so we don't travel much anymore. Enclosed is a donation to help with Pooosheet expenses.

MRS. RALPH (PETRA) CASAS
 601 Lance Dr., Barstow, CA 92311 Phone (760) 256-1338 I was sorry to read in the Pooosheet that you

haven't felt well for several months. I hope and pray that the doctor will soon be able to diagnose your problem and take care of it. Your family needs you and so does your Company I family, so please take care of yourself. My prayers are with you and Marie.

In a Dec. 18, 2003 note: I hope Marie is still doing okay. This is my third year of widowhood and still, for me, the holidays will never be the same. Best Wishes, Petra (Pete) Casas

JOHN & LYDIA ALTOMARE - 1814 Palo Circle, Baltimore, MD 21227 Phone (301) 242-9649 We are sorry to read in the Pooosheet of your illness and sorry you couldn't attend the Snowbird Reunion. John didn't go either, but Earl Kelly did, and he called when he returned home. You and all ailing Company I people are in our prayers.

MRS. CHAMP (ASTRID) BAKER- 618 Wimbledon Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303 Phone (318) 443-3154 Sorry to read of your current ill health. Could be inner ear imbalance? My prayers for you and Marie. I always look forward to receiving the Company I Pooosheet. You are an inspiration to us all in keeping it going all these years - and many more I hope. I make copies of the Pooosheet and send them on to my children and grandchildren, and we have made many friends from the Company I Pooosheet. My great grandson is now taking an interest in his great grandfather Champ's para-

trooper experiences in WWII. Please send all the Company I items available listed above to my great grandson, Wade Hopkins, 2218 Culpepper Rd., Alexandria, LA 71301. My son, Champ Baker Jr., recently went to New Zealand for a speaking engagement, and his son, my grandson, Champ Baker III is now a doctor also, with residency in Pittsburgh, Pa. Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses. I'm doing fine, recent cataract surgery has left me looking at a much brighter world, and enjoying it more. EDITOR'S NOTE: I am happy to send the items requested by Astrid.

MRS. MIKE (MARY) CAVANAUGH - 954 Wyoming Ave, Forty Fort, PA 18704 Phone (717) 287 7983 Hope this note finds you well. You must stay well because we need you and the Company I Pooosheet to keep us together. Will you please send me a cassette tape of the D-Day jump and the list of all Company I men killed in action. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Marie and all our ailing Company I people. Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses. EDITOR'S NOTE: I am happy to send the requested items to Mary.

RAY AND JUNE DUNLAP
 P.O. Box 65, Fayette City, PA 15438 Phone (724) 326-4351 (In two notes from the Dunlaps) I read in the Pooosheet that you was unable to attend the Snowbird Reunion this year. I didn't make it either, my daughter was going to go with me, but she couldn't get

her vacation changed. I'm hoping this note finds you and your loved ones well. I saw this death notice of Lisa Garcia in our paper and I remembered you asking about Garcia. June and I are still getting around. Enclosed is a donation to help with Poopsheet expenses. Also enclosed is the newspaper obituary of Lisa Garcia.

MRS. BILL (MARJORIE) STEADMAN - 406 Union St., Gaffney, SC 29340 Phone (864) 489-4423 I was saddened to read about our Company I illnesses and deaths. Luckily, I have been in good health. I keep busy doing works of charity and helping with fund raising projects to help fund our charitable works. I frequently baby-sit my grandchildren, my daughters and a sister live close by. I am looking forward to a visit from Joe and June Hennessey who almost always stop here on their way home from Florida. You and your wife and all ailing Company I people are in my prayers.

MRS. NELSON (LONNY) STEPHENS - 238 Bayberry Lane, Kingston, MA 02364 Phone (781) 582-8275 I was sorry to miss the Snowbird Reunion this year and not being with our Company I friends. Maybe next year will be different. I read in the Poopsheet that you missed it too. I know all who did attend had fun.

CHARLES AND MARILYN OLSON - 201 Grant St.PH4, Sewickly, PA 15143 Phone (412) 749-0290 On February

6, I had a stroke which affected my entire left side, which is now somewhat better. I can now get around with the use of a walker. I also had back surgery and am now getting therapy which helps much. We hated to miss the Snowbird Reunion this year, but we are beginning to realize we can't do everything, but we keep trying, which is one of the characteristics of a Paratrooper.

In a later note: Charles has been released from the hospital and is able to get around the house with a walker after being afflicted with a stroke and other complications. He loves to be in contact with his buddies.

November 10, 2003, Dear Bob, we wish you a Happy Birthday and many, many more. Stay well, hope to see you at the next reunion in Florida. A lot of love from the both of us and stay well. Here's a buck for a beer from us. Have a Star Spangled Day! Ray and Marilyn Olson.

MRS JAMES (MABEL) HOWELL-Box 528, Aberdeen, MS 39730 Phone (662) 369-4395 It has been a year since Jim died, and I still struggle with coping. I hang on to what was important to Jim and his Company I friends were important to him, and they are important to me. Healthwise, I am in good shape, and I will attend a 101st reunion one of these times. I greatly need to keep in touch with Company I people.

Another note in 12/03 Do wonder how you are doing. Will call over the holidays.

Sure miss news-letters so I could keep in touch. Would love to go to reunion but not sure. Mabel Howell

DEANNA WOLF (daughter of Richard Stephens) - 660 Kildare St., Eugene, Or 97404 Phone (541) 689-7703 My father, Richard Stephens of Company I 502nd Parachute Regiment died January 23, 2003. He broke a hip in December, and he had prostate cancer. At the end, he had heart failure and his lung collapsed, but he was alert to the end. My dad loved to attend Reunions with his WWII Paratrooper buddies. He missed very few of them, and he always looked forward to receiving the Company I Poopsheet with news and information about his buddies.

ROBERT AND STELLE MOLSBERRY- 382 Glenwood Pines Ct., Grass Valley, CA 95945 Phone (530) 273-1698 Bob received a phone call from his old buddy, Manuel Gesulga, and they talked about old war times. They were both wounded on the same day.

In a Jan. 2004 note: Dear Bob and families, we miss your Poopsheet and all your news. We haven't heard from you in so long. Just too busy and worn out to do much of anything. Can only hope you are ok. We cannot say we are ok, but at our age, we just count our blessings God gives us each day. We are moving next door to have a live income and help us stay out of the rest home a little longer. My children help as much as possible, but we want them to have their own

lives so this may suffice until we have to do something else. You dropped out of our lives so suddenly, you must know you were and are one fine gent. We pray you and Marie are doing well. Just to tell you what a caring person you have been in our life. We send our prayers for all of those who have lost their loved ones. And, also God bless our soldiers in harm's way once again. Have heard from Ed Mobley, Mabel Howell, Petra Casas so far. Love, Bob & Stelle Molsberry

JOSEPH GARCIA - Falls Village, 330 Broadway East, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 Phone (330) 920-8229 My wife, Lisa, died in March from a heart attack and complications. I have had bad hearing for some time and as a consequence, I have moved to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio where I am living in an assisted living quarters close to where my daughter lives. I am putting all of my property in Pennsylvania up for sale. I also have heart trouble. I also greatly miss attending the reunions of our buddies.

IVAN AND ANN HERSHNER - 5427 37th St. N., Arlington, VA 22207 Phone (703) 538-4411 I recently heard of your injury and am anxious to know of your condition. You know we of Company I cannot do without you putting out the Poopsheet. We all pray that you will be better son.

JOE AND JUNE HENNESSEY - 32 Avenue B, Beacon Falls, CT 06403 Phone (203) 729-8803 We are praying for you

to get better. Give our love to Marie also. Please get well son Bob. We really need you.

In a Dec 2003 note: Hope all is well with you. Give Marie our love. Will call you Bob. We sure miss your letters. We're not up on anything since your accident. We haven't even received the National Magazine for months. Love, Joe and June Hennessey

EARL AND VIRGINIA KELLY - 3 Morgan Lane, Aberdeen, MD 21001 Phone (410) 272-3330 After the Snowbird Reunion I phoned Celso and Mary Garcia, Jim Howell's wife, Mabel, Ward Falkenberg's wife, Doris, Charles & Marilyn Olson. I just need to keep in contact occasionally with our Company I family. John & Lydia Altomare visited us, and we had good conversations. I called the daughter of Richard Stephens and shared with her some of my recollections of her dad. Altomare visits every Tuesday, and I heard from Charles Olson that he is in the hospital with an aneurysm in both legs and removed his entire bowel, and he is also on air. I just heard that Altomare is in the hospital with a heart concern.

VIONA B. YUTZEY - 3310 Paprika Ct., Adamstown, MD 21710 9/29/03, I have news to tell you. George passed away on Sept. 8. He was in the Vet. Hospital. He was there Aug. 15 for tests, but he was so sick, and then he went to be with the Lord on Sept. 8th. We married Dec. 6 1941, we would have been married 61 years. I sure miss George. I would like for

you to send me the Poopsheet, we sure enjoy reading the news. I hope Marie is doing better and do hope you are back also. I had a stroke in Dec., I am doing ok, but I still have many problems. Love you and God Bless You.

EDWARD C. THOMAS - 2771 Busby Rd., Oak Harbour, WA 98277 Phone (206) 679-0509 12/19/03 Dear Bob, we continue to pray for you and your family. May God Bless and keep you throughout the new year. Ed and Myung

WALTER AND KAY MURDOCK - 7220 Quartz Hill Rd., Placerville, CA 95667 Phone (530)626 7073 12/03 Hope you are feeling better. We'll miss the Snowbird Reunion in Feb. Had a fine time at the big Reunion in Reno in August. Walt is fine and enjoys going to Tahoe and Reno. The best to you, Kay & Walt Murdock.

MRS. NELSON (LONNY) STEPHENS - 23 Bayberry Lane, Kingston, MA 02364 Phone (781) 582 8275 To say we missed your putting out the Poopsheet is a vast understatement. One of my fondest memories is meeting you at the Snowbird Reunion in Feb. 01. I really enjoyed that time. I hope you are doing o.k. Of course I don't know what's going on, but my best wishes are with you.

*The Primary Contact for this newsletter is still:
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Tiffin, OH 44883
Phone: 419 447 0448*

WEDDING

Best wishes to the newly weds! The rain didn't spoil the high spirits of approximately 150 family and friends who witnessed the marriage of Edward "Ed" Moble and Clara Brewer on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2004 in Starke, FL. After their wedding, they enjoyed several days at a cabin on the lake near Camp Blanding where Ed was sent when he enlisted in the Army. They're at home in Lawtey, FL. Their new address is PO Box 648, Lawtey, FL 32058 and the phone no. is 904-782-1378.

EMAIL TIDBITS

Pat and Teresa Callery - 629 Park Ave., W. Hempstead, NY 11552

Phone (516) 486-7439
Email pcallery@optonline.net
 Recent email from Pat, he said they're sad they couldn't be at the Snowbird Reunion 2004 because Pat was on oxygen for most of each day. They are recently the proud great-grandparents of triplets and have enjoyed having them in their home while the parents completed a new home. In Pat's last email he says, "The triplets have left us and are in their new home now. Teresa has mixed feelings about their leaving, she misses them, but she doesn't miss the work. I hope to make the ceremonies in Washington for the WWII memorial in June."

Marvin and Charlotte Cartwright, Box 212, Elk Mound, WI 54739
Phone (715) 879-5241
Email challie@cvo1.net

In recent email from Charlotte: "Marvin says thanks guys for the phone call from Florida during the Snowbird Reunion. Marvin called Lola Calderhead recently, in Mansfield, Ohio. Her husband (Jim) was quite close to Marv in the service, being as their names were "Cald" and "Cart". Jim has Alzheimer's. He isn't doing so well, and we extend our love and support to Lola as she is his constant caretaker. Please keep them in your prayers. They are very deserving."

Here's an update on Marv, he is doing real well since the recent cataract surgery in one eye, and will do better when he gets adjusted to the new glasses. That is supposed to take a month or two. He can sure see better than before the surgery. Says things are so bright in that eye. He may have to have the other eye done in a matter of months. Time will tell."

Mabel Howell, widow of Jim Howell, Box 528, Binford Rd., Aberdeen, MS 39730
Phone (662) 369-4395 Email **kmhowell@Hiwaay.net**

In recent March 2004 email Mabel said: "I received a notice from someone in Florida, Frostproof I think. Informed us that Bea Gravelle passed away. Her husband was a good friend of Jim's and we did go by and see her once with the Hennessey's. Jim always sent her some pictures of the reunion even after Gravelle died some time ago. I heard yesterday. Marie,

Bob Hartzell's wife died after a long lengthy illness. I only met her once in about '93, and she was sick then with Alzheimer's. Been really a hard battle for she and Bob. Earl Kelly called, and we had a long chat about lots of the old buddies. I also got a call from Bob and Estelle Molsberry of Calif. which was great for Jim thought a lot of him. Mentioned him a lot in his book. They are fine now that they have built another house with all the handicap facilities."

"I called Joe and June Hennessey in Florida and Mary and Celso Garcia in New Mexico. Called and talked to Marge Olson in Pa, Ray Olson is in a care center as she has had a hip replacement and needs time to recoup. All in all it was a good day for me on the phone. Lots of tears and fond memories. As you know I only got to know these guys the last ten years, but grew to love them as they meant so much to Jim."

Betty Taylor Hill
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Phone (281) 497-9468

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The current mailing list is attached. Where you see a needed change, please let us know. Maybe Bob will allow me to help out next time he has a newsletter ready to go to press. I will happily accept any changes or information for a next issue. I love you guys and have enjoyed meeting many of you at the Snowbird Reunions. If you knew my brother, Lester A. Taylor, please let me know. Here are some of my pictures from the 2003 and 2004 reunions.

SNOWBIRD REUNION FEBRUARY 2003



L-R, Louis Dunch, Ed Mobley, Ray Hershner, Fred Kraus, Walter Murdock, Pat Callery, Kneeling, L-R, Harry Nivens, Earl Kelley, Joe Hennessey.



L-R, Ann Hershner, Barbara Slover (dau of Ed Mobley), Delores Kraus, June Hennessey, Kay Murdock, Joanie Nivens, Teresa Callery. Not pictured, Betty T. Hill



Our Dutch friends from Holland. Great to have them in attendance. They are members of the Society of Dutch Airborne Friends, and will be hosting the veterans and families for the 60th Anniversary celebration in Holland, September 2004.

SNOWBIRD REUNION FEBRUARY 2004



L-R: Harry Nivens, Joe and June Hennessey and Joan Nivens.



Harry and Joan Nivens with Clara Brewer and Ed Mobley in the hotel lobby.



Harry Nivens, Joe Hennessey and Betty T Hill



The dinner on Saturday night. Ann and Ray Hershner, June and Joe Hennessey, and Ted Nivens (son of Harry Nivens) and his friend, Cindy.



Chow line. Great lunches prepared by members and friends of the host chapter.



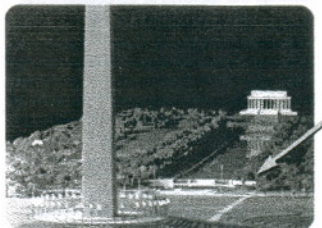
The atrium area for relaxing. We made a few phone calls on Saturday to the Co. I people who are usually there, but were not this year.

NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Authorization - President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32 on May 25, 1993, authorizing the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to establish a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., or its environs. It will be the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II and acknowledging the commitment and achievement of the entire nation.

Purpose - The memorial will honor the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial will be a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world. It will inspire future generations of Americans, deepening their appreciation of what the World War II generation accomplished in securing freedom and democracy. Above all, the memorial will stand as an important symbol of American national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and awesome power that can flow when a free people are at once united and bonded together in a common and just cause.

POOPSHEET EDITORS NOTE: This information is taken from the official website of the National World War II Memorial, www.wwiimemorial.com.



Model showing the location of the National World War II Memorial on the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

The first step in establishing the memorial was the selection of an appropriate site. Congress provided legislative authority for siting the memorial in the prime area of the national capital, known as Area I, which includes the National Mall. The National Park Service, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission approved selection of the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. President Clinton dedicated the memorial site during a formal ceremony on Veterans Day 1995.

Design - ABMC engaged the General Services Administration's (GSA) Public Buildings Service to act as its agent to manage the memorial project. The design submitted by Friedrich St. Florian, an architect based in Providence, R.I., was selected as one of six semi-finalists in an open, national competition. Leo A Daly, an international architecture firm, assembled the winning team with St. Florian as the design architect. The team also includes

George E. Hartman of Hartman-Cox Architects, Oehme van Sweden & Associates, and sculptor Ray Kaskey. St. Florian's memorial design concept was approved by the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission in the summer of 1998. The commissions approved the preliminary design in 1999, the final architectural design and several ancillary elements in 2000, granite selections in 2001, and sculpture and inscriptions in 2002 and 2003.

Fund-raising Campaign - 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 received more than \$193 million in cash and pledges. This total includes \$16 million provided by the federal government.

Timeline - Construction began in September 2001. The American Battle Monuments Commission expects the memorial to be completed in March 2004 and open to the public in April 2004. The memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004 -- Memorial Day Weekend.

ABMC - The American Battle Monuments Commission is an independent, executive branch agency with 11 commissioners and a secretary appointed by the president. The ABMC administers, operates and maintains 24 permanent U.S. military cemeteries and 25 memorial structures in 15 countries around the world. The commission is also responsible for the establishment of other memorials in the U.S. as directed by Congress.

The National World War II Memorial will be the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. The memorial, which will be established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, will honor all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms. The Second World War will be the only 20th century event commemorated on the Mall's central axis.

Tribute to a Generation

The memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Those who do not have tickets or who are unable to be in Washington for the events can participate in other ways:

- For those who do not have tickets but will be in Washington over Memorial Day Weekend, a non-ticketed viewing area on the Mall has been established that should accommodate about 10,000 individuals in seats and another 30,000 standing room attendees. This area will be on the National Mall (between Independence and Constitution Avenues) between 10th and 14th Streets, adjacent to the Smithsonian's National WWII Reunion described below. Communities and veteran service organizations are planning local tributes on dedication day—in stadiums, city plazas, and American Legion and VFW halls. A specially-produced broadcast of the noon pre-dedication "Tribute" event and the 2

p.m. dedication ceremony that follows will be available for viewing in these venues via satellite. Those wishing to learn more about viewing events in their areas should contact their local veteran service organizations such as the American Legion and VFW.

- **The History Channel and C-SPAN** have each agreed to carry the two-hour dedication ceremony "live" starting at 2 p.m. ET on Saturday, May 29th. These broadcasts will insure that virtually every American can pay tribute to the members of the World War II generation.

Other Options for Those Without Tickets

The memorial should open to the public sometime in mid-April 2004, so visitors may enjoy an early visit to the new memorial prior to the dedication weekend events. The memorial will be closed on Saturday, May 29th for the dedication activities. It will reopen as soon as is feasible later that evening.

World War II Registry

Honor members of the World War II generation by enrolling them in the World War II Registry, a list of individual Americans who participated in the war effort.

The memory of America's World War II generation will be preserved within the physical memorial and through the World War II Registry of Remembrances, an individual listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, is eligible for the Registry. Names in the Registry will be forever linked to the memorial's bronze and granite representations of their sacrifice and achievement.

The Registry combines four distinct databases that can be searched for names of those whose service and sacrifice helped win the Second World War.

The Registry includes the names of Americans who are:

- Buried in American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) overseas military cemeteries.
- Memorialized on ABMC Tablets of the Missing.
- Listed on official War and Navy Department Killed in Service rosters now held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).
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- Honored by public enrollment in the Registry of Remembrances.

POOPSHEET EDITOR'S NOTE: This Registry would be a very nice way of honoring your loved one who participated in this war. It is possible to register someone on-line at the official website: www.wwiimemorial.com and we have provided contact information below:

General Information

Write: National World War II Memorial
2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 501
Arlington, Virginia 22201

call: 1-800-639-4WW2

e-mail: custsvc@wwiimemorial.com

DEDICATION/TICKET INFORMATION

MAY 27 - 30, 2004

call: 1-800-297-1421

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SIXTY YEARS AFTER..... "REMEMBER SEPTEMBER"

In the current issue the last week of March 2004, and also in the 4th quarter 2003 issue of "The Screaming Eagle" magazine, this information is provided for all interested in going for the Dutch tour in Holland September 2004.

(At this time, from Co. I, we know Joe and June Hennessey and Betty T. Hill plan to go.)

You are responsible for making your travel plans to and from Holland and must let the tour director know of your plans.

Monday, September 13, We the Society of Airborne friends will meet our Liberators, 101st troopers and families at the Schiphol Airport. We will have transportation from Amsterdam to Eindhoven. Depending on the number of participants, we shall have one or more buses for transportation. As long as the guests arrive at about the same time we can wait for the group to assemble in Schiphol. Then we will go to the Eindhoven Hotel, where we have made reservations. The rest of the day will be free.

Tuesday, September 14, This is a day to meet with friends. We plan on taking all of you out to the Veterans home for a lunch. After lunch, there will be a tour of the city of Eindhoven.

Wednesday, September 15, We will visit the Island. This area has changed much is the past 5 years. We will also see Dodewaard, Opeusden, Zetten, Heteren, Valburg, Andelst, and Slijk Ewijk. We will also visit the famous Jam factory.

Thursday, September 16, We will have two Corridor towns to see. We will visit Son, where we will gather on the drop zone. Then we continue to Best, the museum and "Silent Wings". It will bring back some memories. At the statue for Joe Mann, we shall remember that war claimed the lives of so many of our dear ones.

Friday, September 17, This day is for St-Oedenrode, Veghel/Eerde and Heeswijk-Dinther. We'll meet the local people, see Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor's HQ's. We can visit the churches of Erde and Veghel, and the Castle

where the 501 dropped in Heeswijk. Saturday, September 18, The monument for the 101st Airborne Division lies on the entrance of Eindhoven, coming from Son. Every year, we remember the fallen comrades by mentioning their names while we lay flowers at the slope of the monument. Everyone present steps forward and lays a rose. From the beaches of Normandy, runners bring the torch of liberty to Eindhoven and present the light to the mayor, who lights the torch on Eindhoven Town Hall Square. In the meantime, thousands of people parade in front of the monument and gather on the square. A speech from the mayor and the national hymns end the ceremony. When the torch is lit, all the lights in the town also light up. A very spectacular sight (*even more so for this 60th Anniversary*).

Sunday, September 19, Get together and Farewell-dinner with the members of the Society of Dutch Airborne friends.

Monday, September 20, There will be a bus tour to Margraten/Bastogne. We will leave the motel to pay our respects to the fallen comrades resting in Margraten, U.S. Military Cemetery. We will lay wreaths, visit the graves and continue the bus tour to Bastogne. There we will visit the city and spend the night there.

Tuesday, September 21, Visit Bastogne, the museum, the American monument and the Mardasson.

Return to Eindhoven or continue to Normandy.

Holland program, September 13-21: \$450 - Meals and trips, Hotel in Bastogne included: Payable \$225 by May 15 and \$225* by July 15. Make a personal check to "Remember September"

For the visits in corridor towns: meals are include in this price.

Buses are for 40 passengers a minimum.

Hotel in Eindhoven (Eindhoven Hotel): (accepts credit cards) Breakfast is included.

Single room (one person): \$100 per night

Double Room (two persons): \$150 per night

Bastogne: Hotel Reservations will be made for you in Bastogne. However, the hotel requires a \$35* surcharge for single occupancy. (not included in the above \$450).

Flowers during the celebration and for all monuments we visit.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - Sunday, Sept. 26 Normandy ("Normandy Extension)
Hotels and trips (meals excluded) \$700.

If you are interested in the five day extension to Normandy you do not return to the Netherlands on the 21st but continue to Reims. **September 22nd until 25th**, Mourmelon le Grand, the military Camp where the 101st was between the Dutch and the Bastogne battles. Possibly a visit to the Piper Heidsieck Champagne Caves. Bayeux; St. Mere-Eglise, Carentan, Utah Beach, Omaha Beach, Gold Beach, Juno Beach, Sword Beach, and museums in the area.

Saturday, September 25, leave for Paris. City tour.

Sunday, September 26, your flight from Charles de Gaulle Airport Paris back to U.S.A. Or other plans you have made.

This invitation comes from The Society of Dutch Airborne Friends to all liberators and their families, and also any 101st airborne soldiers who did not participate in WWII, to give them the opportunity to visit the Corridor, Margraten and Bastogne together with the liberators of this area.

Matthew van Luyt, President
Tony Giesbers, Secretary

TOUR DIRECTOR, Willis Rohr says:

Airfare will vary for each departure city in the U.S. Ms. Debbie Linder can make reservations for you to travel on KLM/Northwest if you'd like. If you prefer to make your own reservations, you must let me (Willis Rohr) know the city of your departure, time of departure and arrival at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport on the 13th of Sept. You must be at the airport at a designated time for bus transportation to Eindhoven.

HOSTS: THERE ARE NO LONGER HOST FAMILIES UNLESS YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU KNOW THAT IS WILLING TO BE YOUR HOST. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO THE HOTEL (EINDHOVEN). ALL TRIPS BEGIN AND END HERE.

REFUNDS: There will be refunds for only the WWII members who feel that they are not able to travel and participate in the program.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SEPTEMBER TOUR, PLEASE CALL OR WRITE:

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POOPSHEET EDITOR'S NOTE: At the Snowbird Reunion, February 2004, Matthew van Luyt, President, of the Society of Dutch Airborne Friends, said this would be a tour focusing on the veterans who may not be able to get around as easily as in the past. We promise to take it slow and easy!

Please watch for these tour plans in "The Screaming Eagle" magazine 1st quarter 2004, as this has been taken from the past issue and may have had some updates.

EDITOR: If you want any of these items listed below, they are yours simply by asking for them, and they are yours at no charge.

Items available are: Company I picture taken at Fort Bragg in 1943 - Roster of names of the men in this Company I picture - Company I pre-Normandy Invasion Roster of May 1944 - Company I Holland Invasion Roster of September 17, 1944 - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the French Croix de Guerre with Palm to the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the Belgian Fourragere 1940 to the 101st - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm to the 101st - Copy of the Award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the Dutch Orange Lanyard to the 101st - Copy of the Award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 101st Airborne Division - Pamphlet on how you can receive your Medals and Awards - Sterling Miniature Paratroopers Wings and 101st Insignia Combination Pins, given to us to distribute to you by Mrs. John (Elmeda) Lachkovic-Hill - Company I cassette tape made in 1980, recalling the names of Company I men killed in action, and those who died since 1945 - Copy of the Citation of a Qualified Paratrooper given at Fort Benning, Georgia - Cassette tape of "D-Day Jump June 6, 1944" by NBC reporter Wright Bryant, as seen by him from Col. Robert G. Cole's plane - Copy of an 8-1/2-11 picture of a fully equipped paratrooper ready to make a Combat Jump - List of all Company I men who were killed in action, along with their date of death - List of all the men who ever served in Company I.