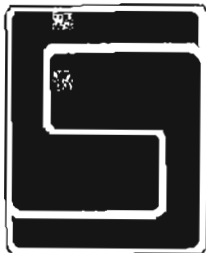


# FIGHTING 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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## bulletin

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GENERAL CHARLES L. BOLTE USA RET.  
GENERAL BOLTE, THE FIRST COMMANDER OF THE 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION SHOWN AS HE ADDRESSED THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FORT STORY, VIRGINIA, HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 25TH REUNION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Photo—Courtesy of Bill Matlach



## 69TH COLORS RETIRED

WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR THE COLORS  
OF THE 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION

30 SEPTEMBER 1972

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS  
FORMATION OF TROOPS - 1040

SOUND OFF  
HONORS  
INSPECTION  
NATIONAL ANTHEM  
ACCEPTANCE OF COLORS  
REMARKS  
PASS IN REVIEW  
PARTICIPATING UNITS  
HONOR COMPANIES AND COLOR GUARD:  
759th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION  
19th ARMY BAND

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The 69th Infantry Division was activated in May 1943 and assigned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. It departed for the World War II European Theater of Operations in November 1944 and entered combat in the Morichau Sector under V Corps of the Fifteenth US Army. The division participated in the assault that helped crack the Siegfried Line in Germany. On 25 April 1945, the "Fighting 69th" made the war's first American contact with the Russians at the Elbe River. Following VE Day, the division returned to Camp Kilmer, N.J. and was then deactivated on 16 September 1945.

On 2 April 1954 the 69th Infantry Division was reactivated at Fort Dix with a mission to train new soldiers. During the Division's stay at this command, hundreds of thousands of troops received basic combat, advanced individual and combat support training under its famed banner. The 69th Infantry Division was again deactivated on March 16, 1956.

Today's ceremony honors acceptance of the colors of the 69th Infantry Division at Fort Dix, its last home station.



## WELCOMING CEREMONY

THIS CEREMONY ARRANGED BY THE US ARMY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIRING THE HISTORIC COLORS OF THE 69th INF. DIVISION WAS AN EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED.

GENERAL CHARLES L. BOLTE, USA RET, THE ORIGINAL COMMANDER OF THE 69th INF. DIVISION, ACTIVATED THE DIVISION ON MAY 15, 1943, AT CAMP SHELBY, MISS. THIRTY YEARS LATER AT THIS CEREMONY AT FORT DIX HE PASSED THE COLORS TO MAJOR GENERAL BERT DAVID, COMMANDER FORT DIX WHO WILL ACT AS CUSTODIAN.

IT WAS HEARTWARMING TO SEE THE LARGE TURN-OUT OF 69'ERS, WHO, ON SHORT NOTICE AND IN A DRIVING RAINSTORM, MADE THE TRIP TO ATTEND THIS CEREMONY. ABOUT 145 MEMBERS, WIVES AND CHILDREN JOINED TOGETHER FOR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE POST OFFICERS CLUB. IT WAS A FITTING END TO A VERY MEMORABLE OCCASION.

VISITORS TO FORT DIX, N.J. MAY SEE THE COLORS AT THE WELCOMING CENTER.



STANLEY OLSZEWSKI  
OUR ASSOCIATION TREASURER REFLECTING  
ON THE BUDGET!?? FOR 1972-1973.



## 25TH REUNION NEWS

1972 REUNION IN NORFOLK, VA.  
HUGE SUCCESS

Many old friends were reunited this past August at the reunion held at Lake Wright. A show of hands at the men's business meeting, indicated about twenty 69th members attending for the first time. A complete list of attendees was mailed out to each person who registered, and if anyone would like a copy, just drop a line to George Phillips and he will mail one out to you. It seems that each year more and more of our members are coming earlier and staying longer at the reunions. This year, while the actual reunion did not start until Friday August 18, over 230 members attended the "Early Bird" dinner on Thursday night. This is the largest number we have had this early, and still the time went so fast. The committee, headed by Bill Beswick, 661 TD, had a full schedule of events prepared, and with all of the local sights to see and visit, everyone had a lot of varied enjoyment.

## Some Statistics:

- 342 Attended the Saturday Banquet
- 160 69th Division Members Attended
- 24 Guests joined the fun
- 48 Children and Grandchildren
- 79 Women paid dues to the Auxiliary
- 138 Paid their dues at registration including 59 \$10.00 contributing memberships.

Scholarship contributions at registration not including raffle tickets sold at the banquet, totaled \$494.00. This included gifts of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$22, and many of \$10.

Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. 24 golfers met at the Lake Wright Golf Course to play in the Tournament run by "Chuck" Herring, 269th Eng. Prizes were awarded at the Business Meeting. Bob Nickels 661 TD was Low Gross winner.

The Board of Directors meeting was held at 11:00 A.M. and 28 officers and directors attended.

Stanley Olszewski, Treasurer gave his financial report (See Annual Report on Page 5).

Irv Sarafan 769th Ord. gave a report on the Overseas Memorial program. It was moved and passed that in addition to the individual grave decoration placed each year on April 25, a wreath would also be placed in the chapels at Margraten and Henri-Chapelle cemeteries. It was also passed that arrangements be made with the American Battle Monuments Comm. for a service to be conducted by the US Military Chaplain, stationed at AFCENT Headquarters. A check for \$100 has been sent with instructions to proceed with the above arrangements.

A report on the Retirement of the Division Colors was made by President George Phillips. (See special article on page 2).

William Matlach E-273, Scholarship Chairman announced that Marcia Ray Moore, daughter of Thomas M. Moore M-272, Alamo Tennessee, was this years recipient. Congratulations, Marcia and Tom.

Howard Hoover 273-Med, Central Pa. Branch President, gave an excellent report on the many activities of the Branch. He also reported on the NEW SOUTH-CENTRAL BRANCH being formed in Hattiesburg, Miss. Van Pittman 69 MP's gave the directors a review of what had been accomplished to date and promised to keep the association posted as to the activities as they take place. Welcome, and if you fellows have as much fun as the 661 TD's and the Pa. Branch have you will be glad you all got together.

Mel Mellinger 661 TD reported on the activities of the 661 TD's. These men and their wives get together every Oct. in Charlottesville, Va. for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Bill Beswick, Assoc. Executive Secretary keeps in touch with all members. (48 TD members and their wives attended this years reunion).

Van Pittman 69 MP's gave us all a very inspirational welcome to return to Camp Shelby, and Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

All members who were not able to be with us at the reunion were remembered in the prayer offered by our Chaplain Harold Starry 2nd Bn Hqs. 272.

Board Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Friday afternoon three busloads of sightseers took off on a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base and the Botanical Gardens. About 130 persons were treated to a very unique and entertaining event at Fort Story, V.I. A Convoy of 40 cars took us to Virginia Beach where the US Army gave us a demonstration of the LARC operation, and how supplies are taken from ships at sea and landed and stored on the beach. After the

lectures we all mounted these sea-going craft, donned life jackets, and had a very enjoyable ride on the Atlantic Ocean.

Friday night everyone was on their own, and many took advantage of the good seafood which this area is famous for. Then at 9:00 P.M. night began. This is a time for fellowship. Everyone just sort of relaxes and catches their breath. We had music for dancing and a cash bar.

Taps at ? ? ? ? ? ! !

Saturday Morning at 10:00 the men held their annual business meeting. It was very well attended with about 110 members. The ladies auxiliary had a breakfast meeting and fashion show, and a report of their activities are to be found on a separate page.

The various reports were read by the Treasurer, and Secretary and a report of the Board meeting was given. Loar Quickle G-271 reported on the upcoming trip to the Caribbean in March of 1973 (See return sheet in centerfold). Loar is Chairman of the Board and is in a great way responsible for the success of the 69th Division Association. Loar made available, at no cost, all of the gifts raffled off at the banquet, and secured the Color TV at cost for the Scholarship Raffle. I could fill up a whole page and then some on the many things he has done for the 69th.

Clarence Marshall Div Hqs., Assoc. Membership Chairman was lauded for his untiring work on behalf of the 69th. The US Post Office would be proud to have this man work for them. He will go to any length to track down a former 69'r. Just see that he gets all those addresses he was promised at the reunion. Clarence reported that we have 4215 members on our mailing roster, and even with the loss through death, of many of our members, we are still showed a gain of about 100 members in 1971-1972. If you move or if your address as we have it is not correct, please notify Clarence. His address is 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pa. 15068.

Mr. Harold Say, Editor of the Stars & Stripes gave us a very nice talk, with a few good jokes thrown in. This is a fine paper printed as the "VOICE OF THE VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES". He writes "Dear George "In my opinion, you have one of the finest reunion groups I have ever met with. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with you and your colleagues. Any time you have a piece of news about the 69th or some other veteran activities send it to me."

Five members of the 777th TK Bn were introduced at the meeting. This is the first year since the very start of the 69th Association that the 777th joined us. It was simply due to the fact that they did not know they were part of the 69th. A hearty welcome aboard men, and we know from what you said that we can look forward to a large turnout of Tankers in Valley Forge Pa. in 1973. (Ed. Note, please get all of your names and addresses in to Clarence Marshall, and we will publish a list of 777th men in a later bulletin.)

Shorty Reynolds G271 requested that everyone please notify his Kate our wonderful "Sunshine Girl" of any changes of address. Kates address: 611 Watson Ave., Winchester, Va. 22601.

Past President Lester Milich 369 Sig. Nominating Committee chairman, gave a few comments on the preceding year and recommended that all present officers be returned for another year. Motion made by Past Pres. Sam Woolf F-273 to accept the recommendation, Seconded by Gordon Ingraham Div. Hq. and unanimously approved.

Mens Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

After lunch at 1:30 P.M. a convoy of 73 cars left Lake Wright under police escort and drove to Fort Story, Va. The annual Memorial Service was held under clear blue skies. The Army color guard carried the 69th banner along with "Old Glory". Chaplain Harold Starry led all 200 members in prayer in remembrance of our departed comrades. We were honored by the presence of General Bolte at the ceremony and the cover photo of this bulletin was taken as he addressed the group. President Phillips gave a short talk and then General Bolte and Bill Beswick placed a red rose wreath at the Post flagpole as Taps were sounded by the bugler. It was a very fine service held near the spot where the first settlers initially landed in America.

Saturday night was the big night. It all began with fellowship in various rooms and a cocktail hour at 7:00 P.M. Then 342 joined together for dinner. Bob Silberg Div Hqs. were MC and did a fine job all evening keeping things moving at a fast pace. Speeches were short and after dessert everyone danced to a fine orchestra (they must have been good because they were hired to play for another hour). Many groups and couples had their pictures taken by a local photographer. One of the highlights was the raffle. Tape recorder, radio, electric shavers, a



## SUNNY SOUTH — GRACIOUS HOST

## 1972 Reunion News (Continued)

beautiful camera and a color TV. All proceeds of the raffle went to the scholarship fund.

Taps ? ? ? ? ? ! !

Sunday Morning . . . Breakfast at the motel then packing and hugs and handshakes and lots of laughs and a few tears and 69'rs were on their way to the airport and in their cars to travel home after a wonder-week of sunshine and fellowship.

1973 REUNION VALLEY FORGE, PA.  
VALLEY FORGE HILTON

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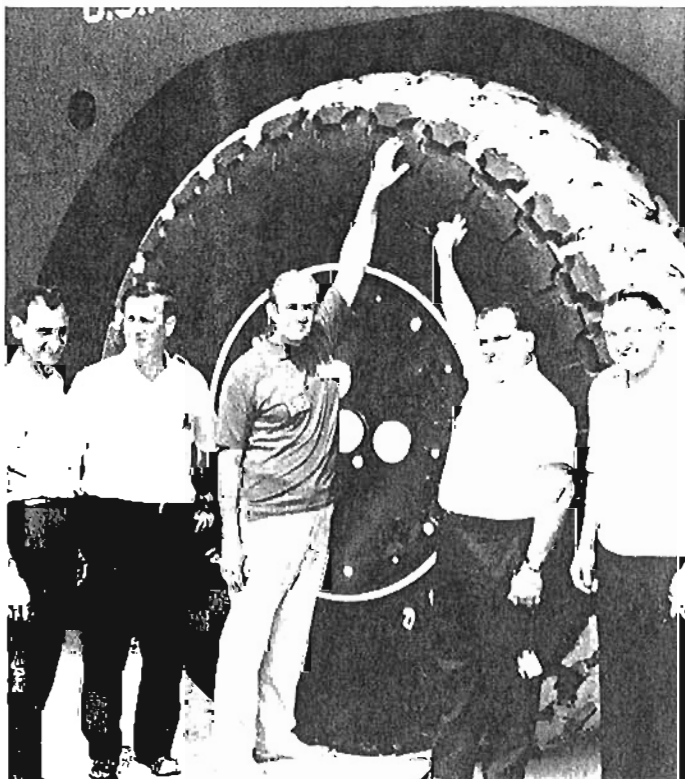
Jack Goldman Hq-273 writes:

... "Congratulations to all the fellows for making this past reunion such a tremendous success. I'm extremely proud that you chose Norfolk, my home town, for this wonderful event. That I was able to pitch in and help you get set up and rolling with other detail work was most gratifying to me. I loved every minute of it. I'm already anticipating the next convention in Valley Forge, Pa. and shall do all I can to attend. Shirley joins me in this wish. It was just great seeing all my old buddies and meeting so many new ones. This was one I'll never forget."

Sincerely,  
Jack

(Ed. Note: While Shirley is the golfer in the family, Jack "pitched" in and was a great help to Bob Silberg with the seating and also at the registration desk. I think he knows everyone in Norfolk and he pulled a few strings for us. Thanks Jack, and thanks to all the other volunteers who helped so much. And a special thanks to all the kids who were ready and able to assist.)

*Pictured below are: GARLAND O'ROURK, BILL BESWICK, RALPH BRAGG, 661 TD, NICK URBANO 879 ARTY and PRES. GEO. PHILLIPS G-271 . . . This is a LARC Wheel . . .*



## THE REUNION

To phrase it any other way but . . . SUCCESSFUL would be a mistake . . . The letters we have received, plus many many phone calls from the attendees and those that came to the "Honoring the Colors Ceremony" at Ft. Dix, N.J. in September gave testimony. We have a habit in reporting how successful all our reunions have been but many special things happened at Lake Wright this year, some planned and other extemporaneous that made this one extra-special. I will try to expound on some of them.

## THAT FOUR-STAR GENERAL

Let no doubt live in any member's mind that the appearance (which was a surprise) of GENERAL CHARLES BOLTE at our Memorial Ceremony at Ft. Story, Va. Saturday afternoon was probably the highlight of the Reunion. Our members respect this man beyond belief. They never tire listening to him or bragging about the tough training he put them through. His white horse, in conversation, crops up a thousand times at every reunion. This time General Bolte's youngest son accompanied him.

## A MAN NAMED SILBERG

BOB SILBERG, Hqs & Hqs Division, with a brand new format in voice control, after a lot of coaxing from many of us, had dinner on Wednesday evening before the reunion started, agreed to try his new voice out on us. He sang some Al Jolson songs with the band in the cocktail lounge of Lake Wright. Many of us could not believe how good a voice he had. It was toned down low from his army days and believe me he was exceptionally good. As it turned out, Geo. Phillips named him master of ceremony for the Saturday night Dinner Dance. An expert at work is all we can say. Many reunions ago we used to have successful group dancing etc. But this one was the most organized one we have ever seen. So many persons wanted to get into the act but there just was not enough room. Other years, the leader of the group screamed, enticed in many ways but could not get enough to make it go . . . Bob Silberg did it! Thank you Bob . . . He also did all of the table seating (a thankless chore) and did it alone . . . Once again, "Thanks, Bob!"

## YOUR PRESIDENT

Every member that ever met GEORGE PHILLIPS knows what a grand fellow he is. But there are things besides organizing the reunion going on that would amaze you. This man must have a reserve power laid aside someplace. He has brought a new dimension to the presidency. He refuses to say no to anyone that has a worthwhile suggestion. He will personally work on a project if no one else is available. He has typed reams of letters in the past year. He has written very very much for the bulletin. He has worked with the editor on full week-ends in shaping the bulletin. He travels to chapter or branch meetings, their picnics and dinners. And . . . funerals. George always lets another member know when they have done a good deed for the Association. He doesn't let it drop at a compliment, he urges him into doing more for the organization. He thinks nothing of calling (at his own expense) some member when he has just received a letter from him. He has done an outstanding job this past year and you can believe next year's reunion will even be better . . . George's goal is to beat the attendance of the Philadelphia reunion a few years back. He'll do it and there are a lot of hands waiting to help him. Many of our older members and many of the newer members are joining together to help make it a success. All of our members of the board, the officers and past presidents know what an outstanding president George has been, because he has kept them informed of developments of everything the association is doing. WON'T YOU HELP GEORGE? All he wants you to do now is fill out your reservation for next year's reunion. Send in your hotel reservation. We know the dates, if we are to get everyone in the Hilton at Valley Forge in 1973, the reservations must be in very early. Is that asking very much from a great guy???? It is better to reserve now and you can always cancel at a later time if you must.



## \$ FINANCIAL REPORT \$

## TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT

The year just completed 1971-1972 showed an increase of 90% in dues. Of the 1191 members who paid their dues 166 were contributing memberships of \$10.00. This is an increase of 608 paid and 62 as contributing memberships. The success of our association is due to the cooperation of all who pay their dues and contribute to the scholarship fund. It made it possible for us to publish three news filled bulletins last year. Of the \$4736 collected in dues, \$4415.84 was expended for Printing, shipping, and maintenance of the mailing roster.

Of necessity, due to manpower shortage, each and every member receives two dues notices. Please do not take offense if you have already paid your dues. It eliminates our having to cull 4215 of these notices at each printing. If, for some reason, you have paid and did not receive your membership card, just drop a note to:

Stanley Olszewski, Treasurer  
212 McClintock Street  
New Britain, Conn. 06053

Many members need new decals for their cars, check the appropriate box on your dues notice and Stanley will mail one along with your membership card.

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## 1973 REUNION — VALLEY FORGE HILTON

AUGUST 23, 24, 25, 26, 1973

## SIGN UP EARLY

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Nat Green G-271 writes:

"Our very first reunion . . . I had a wonderful time, and Rhoda did too. She can't get over what a nice bunch of fellows are in the 69th, and how lovely their wives are. We're looking forward to next year, and I hope some of my old Weapons Plt. buddies show up, as well as the gang that was in Virginia this year.

Thanks!! Seeing these men again after so many years was an outstanding experience. You all made us feel as if we never left home."

Thanks again,  
Nat

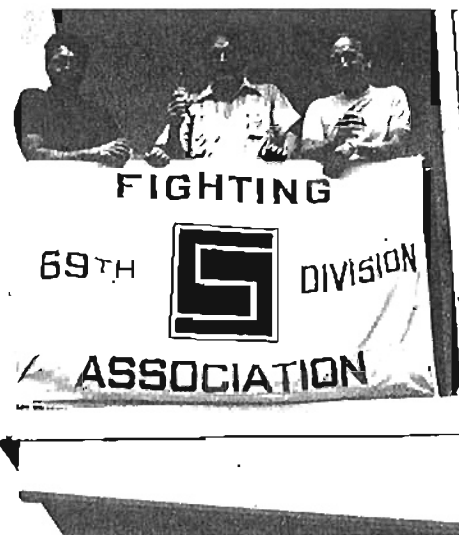
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Jack Jones A-271 writes:

"Just a note to thank you and all the rest of the reunion committee for the outstanding job you all did with with Norfolk reunion this year. Having worked with committees in the past I know how much hard work is involved. I have been to a number of reunions in the past but I don't think I have ever enjoyed one as much as this one. We have a nice teaching school in Hampton, Va., so Margaret and I invited her over for the banquet and dance. She continues to talk about what a fine group of people the 69's are and was amazed that after 30 years we could not get together and have so much in common and have such a good time. She is already looking forward to Valley Forge next year.

The only suggestion I would have for next year is to do it just like you did this year!"

Best regards,  
Jack



ON THE BALCONY OVER REUNION HQS. L. TO R. EARL WITZLEB E-273, BILL MATLACH E-273, & JOHN MORIARTY. 69MP

## 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AUGUST 1, 1971 - JULY 31, 1972

	TOTAL	OPERATING	SCHOLARSHIP
Cash Balance 7/31/71	\$ 9,530.27	\$ 2,274.87	\$ 7,255.40
Receipts 8/1/61-7/31/72			
Dues	3,074.00	3,074.00	
Dues Ladies Auxiliary	164.00	164.00	
Contributing Members	1,662.00	1,662.00	
Mdse. Sales	242.00	242.00	
Scholarship Contribution	1,547.00		1,547.00
T. V. Drawing	105.00		105.00
1971 Reunion Receipts	2,895.22	2,895.22	
1972 Reunion Deposits	686.00	686.00	
Interest on Savings	623.30	148.94	474.36
Total Receipts	\$10,998.52	\$8,872.16	\$ 2,126.36
Total Balance & Receipts	\$20,528.79	\$11,147.03	\$ 9,381.76
Disbursements 8/1/71-7/31/72			
Printing	\$ 825.06	\$ 825.06	
Shipping & Postage	705.00	705.00	
Bulletin Printing	2,001.38	2,001.38	
Fighting 69th Flags	115.41	115.41	
Mdse. Purchases	184.12	184.12	
Welfare Payment	250.00	250.00	
Scholarship Payment	500.00		500.00
T. V. Drawing Purchase	235.00		235.00
Flowers Overseas Cmtry.	67.00	67.00	
Mailing List Expense	884.40	884.40	
Administrative Expenses	237.93	237.93	
Bank Service Charges	19.05	19.05	
1971 Reunion Payments	2,710.50	2,710.50	
1972 Reunion Refunds	22.00	22.00	
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,756.85	\$8,021.85	\$ 735.00
Net Receipts over Disburse.	2,241.67	850.31	1,391.36
Balance 7/31/72	\$11,771.94	\$3,125.18	\$ 8,646.76
ON DEPOSIT 7/31/72			
Bank Balance New Britain Bank & Trust Co.			\$ 316.47
Bank Balance Peoples Savings Bank			11,455.37
Total Cash in Banks — 7/31/72			\$11,771.94

Respectfully submitted  
Stanley J. Olszewski, Treasurer  
Fighting 69th Inf. Division



## ROSTER OF REUNION ATTENDEES

## 1972 REUNION NORFOLK, Va.

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ALBERT SCHREIBER & CATHERINE

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M-271

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SAMUEL M. TALLEY & HELEN

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272nd REGIMENT

2nd BN. HQS.

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RAY STRAUSS & MARALYN

Rams Acres, Danby, Vt. 05739  
C-272

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F-272  
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JAMES S. HENRY & PEACH  
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G-272  
WILLIAM LILLEN & MIRIAM  
43-01 46th St., Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104

H-272  
RAYMOND E. PARKINSON & CONNIE, SUSAN, BARBARA, & JOANN  
536 Rita Drive, Odenton, Md. 21113

I-272  
EDMUND EGLINTON & TERESA, HEATHER & DAWN  
417 Tivoli Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239  
JAMES D. HERBISON & MARIE, NORA ANN & DAVID  
15 Paula Court, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12520  
ROBERT J. KURTZMAN & VIVIAN  
W. Maple St., Wilmot, Ohio 44689  
W. A. LASHBAUGH & JANICE  
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M-272  
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SERVICE CO.  
STANLEY J. OLSZEWSKI & WANDA & DIANE  
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B-273  
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D-273  
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ARTHUR MADDERSON & MABEL  
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Guests: MR. & MRS. WILLIAM LASCELLE  
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F-273  
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G-273  
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H-273  
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JOHN PONTIERI & LOUISE  
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GERALD RODELLI & ELEANOR  
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Guests: MR. & MRS. JOHN KOUBEK & JOHN  
GUY M. WINFREY  
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IRVING SARAFAN & SHIRLEY  
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JOSEPH W. SELB & VERA  
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HOWARD C. BAYERLE & INA MAE  
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Guests: MRS. ELIZABETH BAYERLE & HOWARD JR.  
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724th ARTY  
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79 Millard Hill Rd., Newfield, N.Y. 14867  
CLARENCE W. MILES & CARMELLA  
341 Northrup Ave., Mamaroneck, N.Y. 10543  
Guests: MR. & MRS. Z. CHRZESCIJANEK & JOSEPH

879th ARTY  
WILLIAM H. HARR & MARY  
931 Hoover Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45015  
NICHOLAS B. URBANO  
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Guests: JOHN & ROBERT URBANO  
BRUCE YOUNG & MARY  
1082 2nd St., P.O. Box 91, Perry Point, Md. 21902

880th ARTY  
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777th TK BN  
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PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE EXCUSE IF THERE ARE ANY MISSPELLINGS OR DELETIONS AS THIS LIST WAS MADE FROM THE REGISTRATION FORMS. SOME NAMES WERE NOT LEGIBLE; BUT EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO BE CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

GEORGE E. PHILLIPS

### THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM JO AND BILL BESWICK . . .

Dear Fellow 69'ers: I want to thank all of you that told me how much you enjoyed the reunion at Lake Wright.

The pleasure was all Jo's and mine, in being able to work with two such fine dedicated men as Loar Quickle and George Phillips. Seeing all of you enjoying yourselves was well worth the time and effort expended by my wife and myself, not to mention the same hard work done by George and Loar. I must never leave Jo out of anything I do. As soon as I said I must do something for the 69th, she was Jo on the spot.

We both just hope everyone had as much enjoyment as we did. Again we thank all of you.

Bill and Jo

## 661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

By Bill Beswick

Another August and another reunion has come and gone. Boy, what a short year that was. I don't know if anyone anticipates the reunions as I do, or wonders if any new faces will show up. But, I'm sure they must. We miss — GEO. STRALEY and his lovely wife, Dottie. She fell a day or two before the reunion and broke her hip. They had already made reservations at the Lake Wright. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

We had six (6) new attendees this year at Lake Wright. Clifford (Guerra) Bank, Rev. Edward Ettel, Joseph Purnell, Robert Nickles, Joe Jenei and their wives. Roscoe "Pop" Doeblor also attended, but he remains a bachelor, even though he was always known as "Pop" to the fellows of 1st Platoon, B Co., 661 T.D.S. And to all of us he shall remain "Pop"

LEM FORREST and SOLES HOWLET stopped by for just a minute, but no one saw them as they left before we returned from the tour and the LARC ride. We all were sorry to have missed them.

Arrangements were made for us TD' (42 strong) to have dinner together Fri. night during the reunion. The former C.O. of B Co., now Col. Bill King and his charming wife Cathy, were Host and Hostess for the most delightful evening. Truly a most gracious couple.



### CALIFORNIA ORGANIZING AGAIN

A letter from Col. GORDON INGRAHAM 32 Harbord Court, Oakland, Ca. 94618 indicates he is hard at work, promised at the Virginia Reunion in August, at getting many members together in Calif. to form or rather reform the Branch out there. It reads:

"Dear Loar: Just a quickie report on the West Coast — 69th Retirees getting off the dime business.

Had the N. Calif. and S. Calif. roster retyped alphabetically by cities and starting with the Northern Calif. had 5 copies photostated for use as explained below. Then got in touch with Maj. Bach, and Maj. Gen. John Harmony . . . and finally with attending Hugh Arnott's house on week-ends.

As a result, Bach, Harmony and I are awaiting Hugh's return (presumably) with his Mrs. from Scotland, scheduled next Friday . . . Sept. 22nd. As soon as Hugh gets squared away on his return, Henry Bach and John Harmony have, agreed the four of us should get together at Treasure Island, and then discuss ways and means.

There will be questions about a charter either for Calif. or S. & N. Ca. and should we include other states."

Yours, Noddy

Eds. Note! There has been a certificate for a branch in Calif. given by the 69th National Chapter to Hugh Arnott. If you wish to change the title of the Branch, I am sure it will be granted and a new certificate given.





## GOOD NEWS

MARSHA RAE MOORE  
WINS SCHOLARSHIP

After careful consideration by our Scholarship Committee, Marsha Rae Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore (M-272) of Alamo, Tennessee, has been selected as the winner of the 1972 69th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Award.

We had a number of very fine applicants competing for this year's award, but Marsha's straight-A high school record was next to impossible to beat. In addition to being an exceptional student, Marsha has been active in innumerable clubs, honor societies, and extra-curricular activities and has served as editor of the school annual publication, President of the Biology Club, Class President, and Football Homecoming Queen. She plays the piano and sings in the School Chorus and Church Choir. She is highly interested in the care of animals and has spent considerable time in the care and training of horses and dogs. Marsha plans to major in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Tennessee. Good luck to you Marsha, and rest assured that all of us will be following your progress with great interest.

As most of you know, the Scholarship Award Marsha won is offered each year to children of former 69ers. The total award is \$500.00, paid in four annual payments of \$125.00 each. For application forms, write to our Scholarship Chairman, William Matlach, 19 Barberry Road, West Islip, N.Y. 11795.

The scholarship program is financed by donations from our members. Please do not forget this worthy cause next time you pay your dues. As a matter of fact, why wait until then? Donations are always welcome and will be accepted at any time — we haven't returned one yet!



KATE REYNOLDS

If ever a lady in our midst ever needed praise, it is Kate . . . She has devoted untold hours to our system of sending birthday, anniversary, condolence cards to our members. The ladies auxiliary have praised her but this year one of our members got up and suggested before we close our meeting that we give a standing ovation to Kate for the wonderful way she has handled the greeting card sending. She received another ovation at the banquet from all persons attending.

Kate's husband Dudley (Shorty to all of us) stood in for the meeting ovation.

## ENGINEERS ONCE AGAIN ROARING

By Walt Goeben

Our 1972 Reunion is history now, and it will be remembered as one of the best. The location was wonderful, the accommodations excellent and the program as perfect.

The Early Bird dinner was well attended. Among the Early Birds were Walt and Ruth Holmlin and Jim and Marge Eibling. The turn-out was so great that they ran out of food.

We met GUY WINFREY for the first time since the war. He lives in Norfolk. He saw what he has missed all these years and really enjoyed himself. His wife could not attend due to illness but they both hope to attend the next year.

Stan and Ruth Auk celebrated their 31st Anniversary during the Reunion. (This time Stan cried) Ruth was ill the week before the Reunion, but she insisted on leaving the hospital to attend the Reunion. She told the doctor she would return after the reunion. Speedy recovery Ruth!

We missed BOB AND ELFRIEDA TURNER. Bob wrote that the doctor would not permit him to travel this year. They hope to see us next year in Valley Forge. Fast recovery Bob! Also missing were the BULLERS, MCGILLEN AND ROUPS.

On Saturday the Engineers had a cocktail party. General CHARLES BOLTE and his son and daughter-in-law were our guests at the affair. The General did not have his white horse, and so many engineers did not recognize him at first. He is much shorter without the horse! JON PONTIERI FIXED A SPECIAL "BBB" name tag for the General and he wore it. He had quite a time explaining it to the ladies. Believe me, he managed to do very well.

On Friday Morning, CHUCK HERRING held the 69th Golf Tournament. JIM EIBLING and WALT HOLMLIN were among the 24 participants to be up at 8:00 A.M. Jim is going to design a windshield wiper for WALT HOLMLIN's glasses to be used on hot days and "mornings after."

In the afternoon Chuck held a Golf Clinic. He still doesn't know how to hold a caddy.

CHARLES ELLIS and his wife were at their first reunion. Charlie took some of the boys on a tour of Virginia Beach.

The Banquet was a huge success. We had an overflowing crowd. MRS. ROBBIE MCGREGOR, who is 82 years young, was asked to draw one of the names for one of the Grand Prizes. She drew FRANK NEMETH's name and Frank won a \$200. camera. Mrs. McGregor has not missed a reunion as long as I can remember. She and her family, STU and DOTTY, were such gracious ambassadors of Southern Hospitality. JOHN HAWLEY and WALT HOLMLIN put our Bn. colors up for the Banquet.

FRANK NEMETH and CHUCK HERRING plan to set up an Engineers Hospitality room during the next reunion. Which is to be held in the Valley Forge Hilton. We will have a place to meet and we will have a fully stocked bar. Many of the Engineers gave Chuck \$10. at the banquet to start the project off. Anyone who wants to, can send \$10 to

FRANK NEMETH  
66 Gaping Rock Rd.  
Levittown, Pa.

Frank will make the arrangements at the Hilton and we'll have our private meeting place.

On Sunday morning we had a private breakfast for the Engineers. After that, we broke camp and headed for home.

Editor's note! It was good to see the revival of the Engineers this past year and we hope Walt Goeben, John Pontieri, Leo McGillen, Frank Nemeth and their leader, Walt Holmlin can stir up a few more to attend in Valley Forge. Believe me, we believe this will be the best since the first in NYC a way back and larger in attendance since Philadelphia. Just a reminder that we have been allotted 175 rooms at the Valley Forge Hilton on a first come first serve basis. Our cutoff date is three weeks before the Reunion next August. This means, reserve your hotel room now as well as 69th registration. WE MUST PLAN!!!!



# The Stars and Stripes

## The National Tribune

WASHINGTON, D.C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1972

### OUTSTANDING 69th DIV. STILL HITTING TARGETS

Like the famed Rainbow (42nd Division) of World War I, the 69th Division of World War II was made up of men from all over the United States. Last Friday and Saturday some 300 veterans of the 69th gathered for their annual reunion at Norfolk, Virginia. They came from all over the United States, and some from foreign lands. Some of them had never missed a reunion in 26 years.

The 69th's association might well be the envy of many other reunion outfits. For example, it has a healthy treasury, and is able to do constructive work throughout the year. It inaugurated a scholarship fund in 1954 to assist deserving children of 69th parents obtain an education. One of its aims now is to build this fund up larger so that its interest will handle scholarships in an increasing number.

Probably no reunion group exceeds the 69th in the number of its former officers who are active in the organization. It had some of the outstanding officers of the Army, who went on to high places before the end of World War II and in the days that followed.

The 69th did not get into the fighting war until relatively late in the conflict. The reason was that the organization was used to train and produce other divisions and to furnish officers and key enlisted men for them.

#### Trained Other Units

Col. Gordon D. Ingraham (Ret), who came from his Oakland, California, home to attend the Norfolk session, recalled those training days. He outranks all others in time served with the division, which was activated at Camp Shelby in May 1943. He became its chief-of-staff.

"When time after time other outfits were sent overseas, and we were selected to supply officers and men, then train new timber for the 69th, our morale went down," he recalled. "Our crowd wanted to go. Finally it got its orders in 1944. Our people were happy again."

The 69th was at Romsey and Winchester, England when the Germans lashed out with their final assault—the Bulge—in December 1944. The division was moved across the channel in ships and landing craft, then hurried to the battle area where it had an important hand in helping defeat the Germans. Its tank destroyer units played a major role in smashing up assaulting tanks.

Joseph L. Jenci, of Greentown, Ohio, was a sergeant in the anti-tank crowd. He was among those on hand for the Norfolk reunion.

Murray Galuten, of Armonk, New York, was another at Norfolk. His unit crossed the Atlantic on the transport John Erickson. When Galuten prowled over the ship, it seemed familiar to him. Finally he located its former name plate. It had been the Kongsholm. He had been aboard it in New York harbor to see some relatives off on a cruise in happier days.

#### Only Missed Two

Charles R. Euton, of McDermott, Ohio, who went overseas in Company F of the 273rd Infantry, has only missed two reunions since the 69th association was formed. His outfit crossed the Atlantic on the Marine Panther.

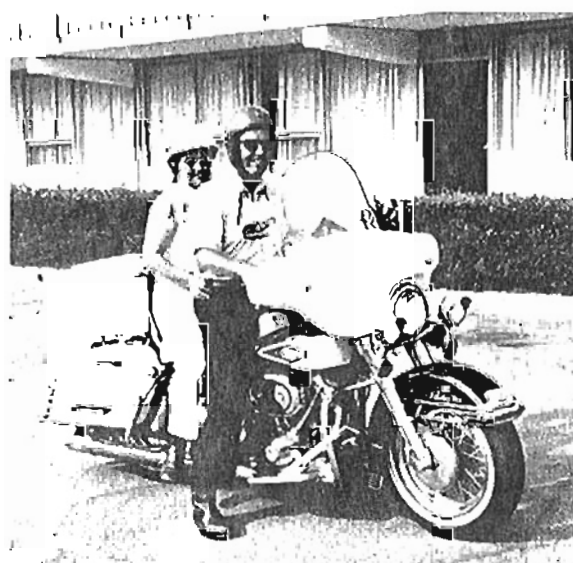
The 69th had a lot of officers who came from the ranks. Among these were Bill Lilien, of Sunnyside, New York, who was sent to officers' training school at Fort Benning. He wound up a lieutenant in

Company G, 272nd Infantry. He was on hand at Norfolk greeting old comrades.

Probably none at Norfolk enjoyed himself more than Col. Ingraham, who as chief-of-staff brought the 69th home to Camp Kilmer for demobilization. As a reservist, he retired in 1946, then accepted a commission in the Regular Army. He knows virtually every member of the association. On Saturday he was eagerly awaiting the arrival of General Charles Bolte, who as a brigadier was originally head of the division. He had sent a message that he would be on hand for the banquet Saturday night.

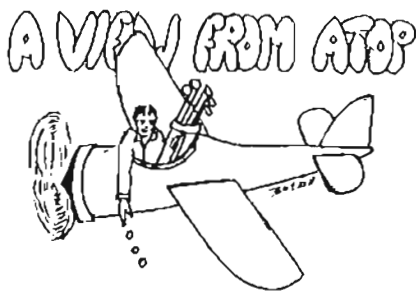
In his later years of service, Bolte became deputy chief-of-staff of the Army. Later he was promoted to four-star rank, retiring in 1955 as vice chief-of-staff. He was named to the President's commission to make recommendations on future policy, and the body came to be known as the "Bolte commission."

*Anyone complaining about not being able to make a reunion for one reason or another should take a hint from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stump, Sv-880 who rode all the way, on their motor bike, from Indiana, and had a ball!*





## ROVING REPORTER



By Irv Gotkin

In his travels throughout the country, your correspondent will be interviewing old 69'ers who have attended some measure of success in their chosen field.

"High above the teeming city of NY City, on the 36th floor of a modern glass skyscraper, JOHN L. HURST efficiently and quietly reigns as Gen. Mgr. in command of domestic operations of the giant durable goods conglomerate, Simmons Co.

As executive V.P., John is in one way or another involved with the far flung world wide enterprises and subsidiaries of the Co.

In addition to the bedding and convertible sofa-bed manufacturing facilities in this country and other parts of the world, there is the York-Hoover Casket Co., Griff Fabrics Co. Bloomcraft Co., A Juvenile Products Co. A Hospital Equipment Co. and an Upholstered Furniture Mfr. Co. All Subsidiaries of Simmons.

John, who was in personnel of Hqs. Co. 272, was a salesman with Simmons, prior to entering the army in '43. He joined our Div. at that time in Cpl. Shelby and fought with us until the end of the war. When our Div. was broken up to allow the men of 29th Div. to return home under our banner, John was sent to Cpl. Lucky strike, where he remained for a month before returning to the states.

Returning to his job with Simmons, he was eventually transferred to Atlanta, Ga., as Southern Mgr., and remained there from 1951 to 1958, working his way up the ladder to new and greater responsibilities. In 1958 John returned to the Elizabeth, N.J. facilities, in a top executive capacity, and eventually to the top level corporate offices at 280 Park Ave., in NYC, prior to joining Simmons. John attended Univ. of Georgia and NY University.

In his meteoric rise to executive VP, John has served in every important job capacity in the Organization. This most likely accounts for the admiration and respect he enjoys from those who serve under him.

When I entered his office for our noontime appointment, Carol who has been his secretary for the past 13 Yrs., (she is not superstitious) excitedly handed me the sport section of the New York Times which headlined the fact that John Hurst was leading in a Senior Golf Tournament in N.J., (I'm sure Isabel is first and Simmons Co. 2nd.) And he tries to play as often as possible. He is usually involved in a tournament when we hold our reunions.

Over lunch in the executive dining room on the 43rd floor of the building, we swapped stories and incidents and discussed buddies we knew in common. It was reminiscent of the Fri. night bull session at a division convention.

In saying goodbye to John as we waited for the elevator to arrive, I laughingly inquired whether his lovely wife, Isabel had played an important role in his rise to success. With a wide smile playing on his lips he replied with an old cliché, "you know Irv, behind every successful man stands a wonderful woman." ... Nuff Said! We all wish you continued success John L. Hurst."

Ed's Note: I believe John Hurst is a member of A-271 ... Irv thought he has been in another regiment. Then I could be wrong ... I remembered him being a good buddy of Jack Jones, A-271 ...

A letter to Loar Quickle from our good buddy ... and wife ... Mel Mellinger and his wife Ruth ... of 661st TD'ers.

Dear Loar: Just a few lines to say "Thank you" for coming to be with Ruth and I, in our hour of tragedy and sorrow. There is not enough words to tell you what it did for us. We are all back to our everyday living schedule. We feel and know that the meditation delivered by the minister at our son's funeral, helped to put us at ease

and take away our sorrow. Our daughter, June, took a real good liking to you and George Phillips. After you left for home, she came to me and said, "Dad, they are two great guys." I told her, they are the best. We will be looking forward to seeing you two guys and your dolls in Charlottesville next month. In case you want to get in touch with the Monticello Hotel etc."

Eds. Note! Ruth and Mel lost their 23 year old son who was studying to be a doctor. He sure had a lot of friends if the size of the funeral was a good yardstick. God bless both you and Ruth, Mel and the best of everything in the future. Both George and I believe you have one fine family and we too talked of what a nice daughter you two have in June.

*The picture below shows ANN and SCOTT GRESHAM, G-271 immediately after winning the Color TV. Scott was so happy he immediately made a substantial contribution to the Scholarship Fund.*



## WILLIAM BESWICK

After getting the 661st TD'ers in action Bill Beswick took on the chore of our association secretary. He also became the reunion chairman and made both jobs work. Any of you attending the reunion know there were many activities going on all the time. Bill suggested many of them, arranged tours, the memorial ceremony, touring with the committee all over the area, finding good places to eat and places for our members to do other things. He had a wealth of material available for those seeking other things to see or do. He drove over 90 miles on several occasions to make arrangements and find activities. He kept all of us informed too. It was another great performance from a nice guy ... Bill had 69th banners, flags and signs all over the place guiding 69'ers around. Those 69th signs along the expressways sure looked nice.



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