

The 95th Division Requisition

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This is our once-a-year request for funding to help the two groups that support our 95th Division veterans and their legacy. The 95th Division Legacy Association, responsible for communications and reunions, is asking for your annual dues payment. The 95th Division Foundation, responsible for memorials and scholarships, as well as preserving the history of the 95th Division, is a tax-exempt organization and is asking for donations.



Together, the 95th Division Legacy Association and the 95th Division Foundation provided 95th Division hats for members of the C.L.V.M.A. as a token of appreciation for their ongoing efforts in preserving the history of the 95th Infantry Division and for planning and hosting a program for the family and friends of the 95th (and, of course, our 101-year-old veteran, Iron Man Geo Bauer) traveling to the Metz area in November 2024. We retraced the paths of the 95th Infantry Division from Metz to Saarlouis, visited villages liberated by the 95th and paid our respects at the American Lorraine Cemetery at Saint-Avoid and the Luxembourg American Cemetery. We learned the history of our fathers, uncles and grandfathers as we toured the various battle sites and military fortifications. We renewed friendships and met new French friends throughout our journey. *Photo by Marsha Flora*

Association News

by Clif Twaddle, President, 95th Division Legacy Association

Who are we?

The 95th Division Legacy Association is the organization that's responsible for social events such as our annual reunions and 5-year trips to join the French liberation commemorations. Our mission is to strengthen the bonds of the 95th veterans (and their families) from all eras. We do this by organizing annual reunions and providing communication services (Facebook, a website and periodic publication of the *Journal*).

What did we do in 2024?

The Association's 74th annual reunion was held in Oklahoma City last spring. A highlight was our Friday visit to the Memorial at the 95th Division headquarters, our Foundation-supported museum that honors the soldiers of the 95th. This wonderful collection of photos, maps, articles and memorabilia effectively tells the stories of the Division, from its initial formation in 1918 through the WWII campaign in Europe, the subsequent campaigns in the Middle East and on into its current mission. If your future travels should take you into Oklahoma, I hope that you will detour down to Fort Sill and experience this yourself.

In November, many new and old members joined us for a chilly but well-attended trip to France, where we joined commemorations for the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Metz region. Our French hosts were wonderfully well-organized, and we had an event-filled trip. Local schoolchildren were as engaged as their grandparents. A recurring message was that you don't really know the value of freedom until it's been taken away, and the French remain sincerely grateful to the Americans who helped liberate their country. Look for photos and stories in the Spring issue of the *Journal*.

What is being planned for 2025?

The Association is now in the planning stage for our next annual reunion. We'll be gathering in New Orleans this fall for a visit to the National WWII Museum. Named by TripAdvisor as the #1 Attraction in New Orleans, this Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won and what it means today—so that all generations can understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. We last visited there in 2011, and the Museum has at least doubled in size since then. The next issue of the *Journal*, mailing in early March, will have further information. Details will also be posted, as they become available, on our website (www.95DivAssociation.com) and Facebook page.

How can you help?

This publication is intended as a once-a-year reminder for the dues that help your organization to function. Your dues

cover the printing and mailing of our newsletter, the *Journal*, as well as reunion planning expenses and ongoing operational costs. Dues have been unchanged since 2009, a credit to the multiple leadership teams that have served us over those 16 years. This year we're planning to replace our website, which is getting old and has become unreliable. We've applied for a grant which will cover most of the cost, but ongoing maintenance and support costs for the website are about to take a big jump. As a result, we've made the difficult decision to increase dues to \$45.

I'd like to thank you in advance for sending your 2025 dues this month. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to those of you who contributed a gift to the Association last year, and to encourage all of you to consider the Association in your gifting plans for the new year.

Foundation News

by Rob Geiger, President, 95th Division Foundation

The Foundation had a productive year in 2024 beginning with the restoration of the 95th Infantry Division Monument located at Fort Indiantown Gap in Annville, Pa. To our surprise, we learned that our monument was relocated by the Army to a site adjacent to the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum on base. After a site visit, it was determined that the monument required complete restoration. We also had decorative pavers installed around the monument which provide an appropriate presentation. If you would like to visit the restored monument, and the Museum, the address of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum is Building T-8-57, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5003. The Museum showcases items and weapons from the Civil War through the Gulf War, as well as items that depict the history of Fort Indiantown Gap.

David Meyer continues the process of creating transcripts and logs from the oral recordings he has obtained from 95th ID Veterans. The Foundation funds David's efforts.

The 95th Division Foundation awarded its 2024 scholarship to Hailey Hunt, from Grandfield, Okla. She is a freshman at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Hailey is the great-grandchild of a member of F Co., 378th Reg., 95th ID. Please remember that the Foundation is able to provide annual scholarships to descendants of 95th Division veterans with your financial support. Your continued donations are critical to the mission of the 95th Division Foundation.

In May 2024, at the annual reunion in Oklahoma City, the Foundation Board decided to move forward with creation of an entirely new website that will include both Foundation and Association information. Such a website will provide the means to launch an "Online Research Center." It is our plan

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95th Division Legacy Association

Annual Dues - 2025



Please complete a separate
application for each member.

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

95th Unit _____

If you are not a veteran, how are you connected to the 95th? _____

Annual Membership (\$45 per person) _____

If paying membership dues by credit card, complete the form below. Otherwise, please send a check.

Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____

Credit Card Number _____ Security Code _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail membership applications with credit card information or check to:

95th Division Legacy Association, P.O. Box 1113, Oklahoma City, OK 73101

95th Division Foundation

The Foundation had a very productive, but expensive, year in 2024. To continue our ongoing mission to preserve the legacy of the 95th Division, we need your financial support. Your donations allow us to continue multiple worthy causes such as the annual scholarship fund, maintenance of the 95th Division Memorial and Monuments and the new virtual research center with its many projects. The 95th Division Foundation is a 501.c 3 non-profit organization. Your donations are tax deductible. Please make your checks payable to the "95th Division Foundation," and send them to the following address:

95th Division Foundation c/o Mike Flora
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Fort Wayne, IN 46814

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On behalf of the 95th Division Legacy Association and the Foundation, Mike Flora (right) presents Pascal Moretti, President of the Moselle River 1944 Association with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation in the Moselle river area. November 8-13, the Moselle River 1944 Association hosted a group of family and friends representing the 95th ID, 90th ID, 5th ID, 10th Armored Div.

and 3rd Calvary in the Thionville area. Daily, the group visited and participated in ceremonies throughout the area. An important part of the ceremonies was the inclusion of local children. Not only did the children entertain us with songs, poems, dancing and artwork, they were taught the local history and the importance of remembering their liberators. The American guests were given books about the Maginot Line that were written in French in a comic book style to distribute to the local children. *Photo by Marsha Flora*

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to have a website designed and implemented to provide links to over a dozen key resources. This includes an online 360° tour of the Memorial museum at Fort Sill and will facilitate individual historical research of 95th soldiers. To help fund this project, a grant application was submitted in November to the Oklahoma Historical Society. We are optimistic that the Foundation will be awarded this grant in the first quarter of 2025. A huge thanks to Clif Twaddle for all his efforts in completing the grant application.

The Foundation, in conjunction with the Association, had several 80th Anniversary commemorative items produced to use in November. We had plaques, coins and 95th Division hats made which were presented to city and regional dignitaries and members of the C.L.V.M.A. In addition, we had a two plaques fabricated which were dedicated at a ceremony on June 2, 2024, in Mandeville, France, where the 95th encamped Sept. 14 through Oct. 9, 1944, after landing on Omaha Beach.