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Kathy Twaddle captures an image of a bust of her grandfather-in-law, MG Harry L. Twaddle, in the Education Area of the newly opened 95th Division Memorial at Fort Sill, Okla., April 11, 2014. MG Twaddle was the Commanding General of the 95th Infantry Division from the 95th's activation through service in World War II. For nearly a year, members of the 95th Division Foundation, the 95th IET and volunteers have worked to refurbish the Memorial with LED lights, reprinting of photographs and more in anticipation of the Association's Reunion May 16-19. *Photo by Marsha Flora*

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from the president



James E. Archer

Dear Friends,

It is my sincere hope that each of you is keeping warm and safe as we get through the winter season and look forward to spring and the 70th Reunion of the Soldiers and friends of the 95th Division. Your Association has been quite active since the Harrisburg gathering in September. With a short turn-around time before we meet, again, at Lawton/Fort Sill, May 16-19, the officers, Executive Council and volunteers have been busy coordinating with the reunion hotel, the Chamber of Commerce, bus companies and the Army at Division Headquarters and on Fort Sill. Without the dedication and expertise of this intrepid group, we could not hope to accomplish the task. In addition to a short window to complete preparations, as reported in the previous *Journal*, several of our members have worked with the Foundation leadership to repair UV light and other damage to copies of photos and frames in the Memorial (our 95th Division museum) and to work with the Division's leadership to replace the original lights with LED lights to reduce the chance of a recurrence of fading in the future. This effort includes engaging a professional printing company in Oklahoma City to reprint the photos from digital files using special archival inks and papers to better ensure print quality and durability. The prospect of completing this project before the reunion is good. Everyone with an interest in preserving the Legacy of the 95th Infantry Division and the formations since WWII is indebted to the Foundation for this investment and will hopefully support its future efforts.

Regarding the Reunion, it is imperative that you take action now, to secure your place at the Hilton Garden Hotel. The deadline for reserving rooms at the Association rate is Monday, April 21, 2019. I am also concerned that we will run out of rooms, so I encourage you to book your room(s) now. In this edition of the *Journal*, there is also an Association Registration Form for the Reunion itself. We are asking that you complete and forward your registration soon, so that we might be able to cross-reference those coming to the Reunion against the list of those who have secured rooms. Planning the number of buses, meals and hospitality depends upon registrations received. This reunion will allow us to engage the current Division and its new leadership team and to strengthen our bonds with them for the future.

Another highlight of the Lawton/Fort Sill Reunion will be a ceremony to award the French Legion of Honor to a number of our Iron Men of Metz. Thanks to the incredible work of Don and Dianne Barriger, I have the following news to share. First, in March, Iron Man John Little will be awarded the Legion of Honor near his home at Fort Rucker,

Ala. At our Reunion in May, Floyd "Kid" Shaffer, Ceo Bauer, and Paul Klemmer will be honored with the Legion of Honor at our annual Banquet. We were so happy to experience "Red" Whittington's award in Kansas City and are ecstatic that these three men will join "Red" and others as recipients. There are also two more Iron Men whose applications are said to currently be in Paris for review and approval. There is a chance that their awards may be received before May. If so, we hope to honor Frank Bever and Eldon Knuth at the same time. This ceremony, alone, is reason enough for you to join us in Lawton/Fort Sill!

We have also been doing some preliminary planning for the 71st Reunion. Since 2019 is so busy for us, the 2020 Reunion will take place somewhat later in the year—probably around September. After discussions in Harrisburg and since, we have selected Williamsburg, Va. for the Reunion site. This brings us back to the East Coast to experience Colonial Williamsburg and, perhaps, nearby Jamestown and Yorktown. And, for families, Busch Gardens is nearby. In an election year, while getting closer to some of the sites of our Nation's birth, it will be an incredible time to reflect on our many blessings and the importance of our Democracy.

Regarding the contemplated trip to France in November to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation, things are proceeding more slowly than I would hope. I have gotten some specific feedback concerning activities at Thionville—sponsored by the Moselle 1944 Association (usually a week prior to activities in Metz), and limited information concerning the City of Metz and town of Crehange celebrations. What I am lacking is a start and end date for the activities most of us have been traditionally involved in—the minimum necessary information to make airline reservations. I have made specific inquiry through one of our friends to the Lorraine Etats-Unis Association, outlining the initial minimum-needed information for each of us to plan. I was hoping to get this feedback prior to publication of this *Journal*, but I am still waiting, as of this date. I will get this information to you just as rapidly as I receive it to assist in your planning. Indeed, it's time to move.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to a letter from the Executive Director of the Foundation (Doug Dollar) and from me, as your Association's President. We are jointly reaching out to you to thank you for all of your past support for each organization—your attendance at Reunions, your continuous dialogue, your passion and caring for all in the 95th Family and your financial support. This letter is not intended to simply take up space in the *Journal*. The appeal, within, is sincere and necessary if each organization is to continue to accomplish its missions. You have always been there, from the beginning and to the present day. Thank you for all you do and for your sincere friendship.

Kind Regards,

Jim

President, 95th Division Legacy Association

Victory Belles

Hello to All Present, Past, Future Victory Belles,

Just a few short months ago, I had the pleasure of being together with you in Harrisburg for the 69th Reunion, and what a great time was had by all. I am looking forward to May 16-19 for a repeat performance in Lawton/Fort Sill for the 70th Reunion. I hope to see many of you at the Victory Belle's Luncheon on Saturday, May 18 at 12:00 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lawton.

As was briefly explained in the Winter 2018-2019 *Journal*, the Victory Belles do not require dues any longer. Of course, a Luncheon ticket is necessary for all of us. As one segment of the program for the Luncheon, General Archer has volunteered to fully explain the function of a Charter Group, which is now our status within the 95th Infantry Division Legacy Association according to the new Constitution.

The cuisine to be served at the Luncheon includes crusted chicken in sherry cream sauce, caprese salad, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, sauteed zucchini and squash with pimento and carrot cake. We hope to have a musical background for our lunch.

The highlight of the time together is our raffle of beautiful items brought in by all of you. It seems that all of you have chosen such wonderful items for this event. It is such a nice feeling to get one of these lovely items. On the practical side, this fundraiser is our only revenue since we no longer collect dues for membership.

I hope all will come and join us in Oklahoma, May 16-19. I certainly am looking forward to seeing all of you! If you have any questions, feel free to call me or Susan Feely, my assistant.

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An Important Message from your Foundation and Association: May We Count on Your Help?

Dear Friends of the 95th Division,

As you know, due to past efforts of the Iron Men of Metz, we have been fortunate to have two organizations to celebrate and perpetuate the memory of comrades and the history of the 95th Division. These organizations have mostly unique, but complementary objectives in serving everyone who treasures the 95th Division.

The 95th Infantry Division Association (renamed the 95th Division Legacy Association two years ago) is the oldest of the two organizations, founded in 1950 by our WWII Veterans, whose primary function has been and continues to be for the fraternal aspects of service in the Division—publishing a periodic newsletter, *The Journal*, modeled after the one first published at Camp Swift, Texas, in 1942 and conducting an annual Reunion for camaraderie and for remembrance of comrades lost.

Many of you will remember about 10 years ago, that the officers who so faithfully served the Association for almost 60 years felt that it was time to “fold the colors,” and retire the organization. An intrepid group of Iron Men did not let this happen and some 10 years later, the Association continues to plan, organize and carry out successful reunions. In more recent years, the Association has added a website and a Facebook page and is currently updating its address book to improve communications with its members. And, the leadership has maintained important contact with our many friends in France as we periodically travel to Lorraine to celebrate the Liberation by our heroes.

Recently, the Association adopted a new Constitution and By-laws, formally memorializing the admission of post-WWII members, to include females, descendants, retired post-WWII 95'ers, current members of the Division, European friends, and, virtually anyone with an interest in the Victory Division. It is set up for continued success for future generations, if its community of friends so desires.

The 95th Division Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was founded to preserve the legacy of the 95th Infantry Division. It began as a “Museum Committee” that created

what is now known as the 95th Division Memorial, which is beautifully displayed with artifacts, pictures and reference materials at the 95th Training Division (IET) Headquarters at Fort Sill, Okla. This Memorial's central focus is on those from the Division who made the supreme sacrifice in WWII—it is not just a place to view the exploits of the Division, but to honor and remember comrades who died in service to their Country. The Memorial is currently being renovated to improve protective lighting and to restore some of the picture reproductions.

In the early years, the Foundation secured recognition for the Division with a Highway Sign Program in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas and a bridge named for the Division in Columbus, Indiana. More recently, thanks to the hard work of Iron Man Ceo Bauer, a beautiful Monument was dedicated to the 95th Division on the “Walk of Honor” at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Ga. Later this year, two memorial benches, honoring MG Harry L. Twaddle and Medal of Honor recipient, SSG Andrew Miller, will be installed on this monument pad, completing this site. The Foundation also took over responsibility for the care of a monument at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., first dedicated by members of the Association in 1991 and restored it to its original condition and rededicated at a Reunion in 2018.

The Foundation is also awarding an annual scholarship (from 2018 forward) to a descendent of any 95th Division Veteran—a living legacy to the memory of those who served in the Division. Most recently, the Foundation has committed to funding a plaque, honoring the 95th Infantry Division, to be installed at the new National Museum of the United States Army, at Fort Belvoir, Va.—ensuring that the Iron Men of Metz are duly remembered as one of the great Divisions in our Army's storied history. The Foundation has built an exceptional, almost unique record for preserving the Division's legacy.

Many of you, though not everyone, are aware of the distinctions between these two organizations. However, it

bears restating for the benefit of all and to make an appeal for your support. The 95th Division Foundation has invested more than \$100,000 in the furtherance of its objectives in the past few years, either in the establishment of monuments and memorials and their upkeep or in creating an endowment for the Scholarship program. As a result, its reserve funds have been significantly depleted and are in need of your support to be in a position for considering any new projects, to properly maintain all the tributes already established and to increase the endowment set up for the Scholarship. All donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. It is due to your generous donations that the Foundation has been able to be so successful—not just in honoring our WWII Veterans, but those who have continued to serve. Your Officers and Board of Directors are volunteers and serve at no cost to the Foundation.

The 95th Division Legacy Association plans to continue its very successful Reunions and is working to improve its communications tools so that we may keep you up-to-date and in touch with each other. With regard to the Association, the important element is your annual dues payments. The current dues are \$30 a year (\$15 if you are Active Military or Reserve). The funds cover our operational costs—to include publishing *The Journal* and incidental costs, such as postage, software, etc. Your Officers and Executive Council are, also, volunteers and serve at no cost to the Association. An appeal in the previous *Journal* was encouragingly successful in increasing our dues collections—thanks to all who have paid, so far, for 2019. We hope to hear from many more of you.

Increasingly, the Association's periodical and web resources will be a voice for both the Association and the Foundation, as the needs of each organization are of interest to the same audience. Both organizations have always been able to rely on your continued devotion and generosity. We will continue to update you on this joint quest—to replenish the reserves of your Foundation and to renew your membership in your Association. We thank you in advance for taking the time to read this appeal and for your timely response.

Sincerely,

Douglas O. Dollar, MG (USA Retired)
Chair and Executive Director
95th Division Foundation

James E. Archer, MG (USA, Retired)
President
95th Division Legacy Association

The 95th Division Memorial on the Walk of Honor at Fort Benning is one of several projects funded by the 95th Division Foundation. Photo by Marsha Flora



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70th Annual Reunion Registration

Lawton/Fort Sill, Oklahoma May 16 - 19, 2019

Note: Registration is required for all members, spouses and guests.

Member's Full Name _____
 Company/Regiment _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Guest's Name _____
 Address _____
For additional guests, attach a list.
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____

ITEM	NUMBER		COST	TOTAL
Registration*	_____	X	\$25.00	\$ _____
Friday, May 17:				
Bus to Fort Sill, OK	_____	X	\$22.50	\$ _____
Lunch—Hilton Garden Hotel	_____	X	\$24.00	\$ _____
Dinner—Hilton Garden Hotel	_____	X	\$32.00	\$ _____
Saturday, May 18:				
Bus to Armed Forces Day Parade	_____	X	\$22.50	\$ _____
Victory Belles Luncheon—HGH	_____	X	\$21.00	\$ _____
Lunch—Hilton Garden Hotel**	_____	X	\$21.00	\$ _____
Banquet—Hilton Garden Hotel	_____	X	\$39.00	\$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

*Funds Hospitality Room and other incidental expenses
 **For those not attending Victory Belles Luncheon

Please list anyone in your party who has _____
 food allergies, needs a gluten-free diet, is _____
 vegetarian, or has other special needs so we _____
 can pass this information along to the chef.

Payment

___ **Check** (Payable to the 95th Infantry Division Association.)
 ___ **Credit Card** Circle one: Visa, Master Card, American Express
 Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____
 Credit Card Number _____ Security Code _____
 Billing Address (if different from above) _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed form and check to 95th Infantry Division Association, P.O. Box 1113, Oklahoma City, OK 73101

departed comrades

James M. Anderson, 94, Swarthmore, Pa. HQ, 95th Division

James Moser Anderson passed away peacefully Jan. 6, 2019. Jim was born on a farm in Oakland Township, Butler County, Pa., Oct. 22, 1924. The farm was founded by his great-great grandfather, John Moser, who had served as both an enlisted man and officer in the Revolutionary war. Jim was the son of Paul Walter and Susan Jean Moser Anderson and brother to his late sister, Lois. Jim spent his formative years in northwestern Pennsylvania, first in the farm town of Eau Claire, and later in Franklin, where he became an Eagle Scout. Jim first came to Swarthmore as a student at the college in 1943, but he was drafted late that year. He was eventually sent as a replacement to the 95th Infantry Division, then attacking Metz. Here, due to commercial driving experience, he was lucky to be chosen as a liaison driver rather than serve as an infantryman. Liaison drivers had some, but fewer, exposures to danger than linemen. Jim returned to America in late 1945 and was released from active service as a corporal. Here, he turned to road construction as a worker and engineer's assistant, while serving as a technical sergeant in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Jim eventually enrolled at Carnegie Institute with the goal of becoming an architect. At Carnegie Jim joined ROTC and the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. War was raging in Korea. Jim was appointed a reserve engineering officer in late 1950. During one of his detours through Pittsburgh, his sister Lois set him up for a blind date with Elizabeth "Betsy" Wright. Eleven days after their first date, they were married. Late that wedding night, they boarded a train for Seattle, where Jim would sail for Korea to join an engineering battalion. While in Korea, Jim earned the Bronze Star. After a year in Korea, Jim came home to join his bride. They restarted their lives in Franklin. He and Betsy welcomed their first son Sam in 1953. But Jim wanted to attain an engineering degree, so the family returned to Swarthmore six weeks after Sam's birth. Their daughter, Susan, and second son Joe quickly followed. Jim completed his degree in 1956, and moved to Illinois to work for Caterpillar. After getting laid off in the next recession, Jim entered active duty for a time. He then decided to learn the curtain wall and monumental window business. This led him to Decatur, Ala., where their last child, Tom, was born. Jim and Betsy returned to Swarthmore permanently in 1960. In addition to his regular job, Jim served for three years as a company commander in the Reserves. In the mid-sixties, following a vacation abroad, Jim founded his own business importing European construction materials: monumental windows, venetian blinds, and eventually, awnings. Some of these businesses died off, and others were handed off to his children. In retirement, Jim and Betsy

filled their passports with stamps and engaged in useful works. Jim was a trustee of Swarthmore Methodist Church for a while, as was Betsy. Jim also served as President of the 95th Division Association for a number of years. In his last years, during times of remembrance, Jim also spoke publicly about his own, and others', experiences of war. Commonly, this is something only the elderly can comfortably do. He joins Betsy, his beloved wife of 65 years, who died in 2016. Jim is survived by his children: Samuel James Anderson (Marie), Susan Jane Anderson Hunter (Kevin Black), Joseph Paul Anderson (Jennifer), Thomas Robert Anderson, as well as five grandchildren.

Robert L. Miller, 97, Hinton, W. Va. Co. A, 379th Regiment

Robert Lee Miller passed away Feb. 3, 2019, after a long illness. Born Oct. 19, 1921, in Hinton, he was the son of the late Arthur B. and Delia Jane Meadows Miller. A squad leader in Co. A, 379th Reg., he was awarded the Silver Star for retrieving a wounded soldier under fire at the bunker, Bois le Dame, outside Metz in November 1944. He also earned the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge and was seriously wounded and forced to return to the States. Most recently, Bob was awarded the French Legion of Honor. Bob was a retired employee of Summers County Hospital, and he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hinton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughter Barbara, son Gary, grandson Quentin G. Miller and eight brothers and sisters. Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 73 years, Dorothy Ann Tipping Miller, two sons, Maj. Terry L. Miller (Nancy), Robert W. Miller (Diana) and daughter-in-law, JoAnn Miller. He also had eight surviving grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was buried at Greenbrier Burial Park, Hinton, W. Va. Feb. 9, 2019.

REUNION HOTEL REGISTRATION

Hilton Garden Inn Lawton-Fort Sill
135 NW 2nd Street, Lawton, OK 73501
Phone: 580-280-2100, Select Option 0, Ask for 95th Div.

Rooms are available on Wednesday, May 15. The group rate (95th Division Legacy Association) is \$113.35 with taxes and complimentary breakfast for all registered guests. A limited number of rooms are available, so call soon. *The cutoff date for this rate is Monday, April 21, 2019.*

May 16-19, 2019

**95th Infantry Division Association
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95th Division Legacy Association Annual Dues - 2019



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 \$30 _____

Active Duty/Active Reserve \$15 _____

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