

The 95th Division Journal

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Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio, Friday, Aug. 21, 2026. Front Row: Kevin Chang, Nancy Broadway, Margaret Jamison, June Ann Albino and Cynthia Meyer. Row 2: Dan Foust, Kay Grosinske, Marsha Flora, Kim Kowalczyk, Mike Bever, Diane Bever, Nancy Bubba, Carolann Weisel, Ron Heisterkamp, Susan Feely and Julie Schuette. Row 3: Jim Broadway, Clif Twaddle, Kathy Twaddle, Bill Soderberg, Kristin Whittington, Roselle Calarino, Lorna Earnest, Tanya Chang, David Meyer, Steve Bubba and Mike Flora. Photo by 95th TD Public Relations

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Mike Flora

Dear Friends,

Our 76th Association reunion in Dayton was a great success with over 90 individuals attending our Formal Banquet, Saturday, Aug. 22. Our guests included two World War II veterans, Ceo Bauer and Jim Walker, both of I Co., 377th Reg., commanding general of the 95th Training Division (IET) BG Stephen Case, CSM Stephen Raney,

Maj. Linda Gerron, Staff Sgt. Dae Yoo, 2025 Drill Sergeant of the Year Adam Vlasicak and the 95th Color Guard.

One of the highlights of our reunion was visiting the National Museum of the United States Air Force. While walking through the museum and viewing the many historic aircraft, I noticed a light-weight observation and liaison aircraft, known as a Grasshopper, suspended from the ceiling in the World War II Gallery. Iron Man Dominick Critelli was a mechanic and crew member who flew on missions across the Moselle river at Uckange, France, in 1944. For his heroic actions, Staff Sgt. Critelli received the Air Medal. He dropped food, water, medical supplies and ammunition to the stranded 1st Bn., 377th Reg. They had been cut off on the east bank of the Moselle while attempting to create a diversion. The diversion was successful and provided the 2nd Bn., 378th Reg. with the opportunity to establish a bridgehead at Thionville. This, in turn, allowed

the 2nd Bn., the 95th Reconnaissance Troop and the 10th Armored Division, to cross the Moselle and attack from the east bank of the Moselle as they drove south to help encircle Metz.

Since we heard of his presence in Normandy and his playing of the saxophone in the Netherlands in June 2024, Dominick Critelli has been on our radar. We again heard about him when he performed at a New York Rangers hockey game, and BG Case was able to meet him in Nashville this past spring. However, we had been unsuccessful in contacting Dominick directly until, through David Meyer's perseverance, he was able to contact and arrange a meeting with this 105-year-old veteran of the 95th ID. A few days after our reunion, David met with Dominick, and their recorded interview will be available in the future on our website.

Our visit to Carillon Historical Park on Friday, Aug. 21, introduced us to the many inventions created in the Dayton area: the Wright Brothers' airplanes, NCR cash registers, the first electric automobile starters, the stepladder, Freon for refrigeration, the Yellow Pages and microfiche. We learned about the 24 classified engineers and over 600 WAVES who helped crack the German Enigma code by using one of NCR's earliest computers. Many enjoyed the relaxing train ride through the park and ate lunch in a rail car in Culp's Cafe. We watched a working linotype machine in the print shop, visited a replica of the Wright Brothers' Bicycle Shop and saw the 1905 Wright Flyer III.

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Our keynote speaker at the Formal Banquet on Saturday evening was BG Stephen Case. He delivered a thought-provoking view of the challenges and changes facing the 95th Training Division. We all came away with a greater respect for the 95th leadership and soldiers as they navigate their paths forward.

Terry Earnest presented a clear, informative, as well as captivating, history lesson entitled “The Lorraine Campaign — Patton’s Most Difficult Challenge and the 95th Division’s Introduction to War.” A considerable amount of research went into Terry’s presentation. Terry touched on aspects of the battle that personally affected each of us in attendance.

On the business end, Clif Twaddle has been tracking down the descendants of veterans whose audio interviews need release forms. We now have 45 audio recordings on our website, and there are more being processed. Retired MG James Archer continues to assist David Meyer by updating and organizing a spread sheet indicating which elements of veterans’ recordings still need to be completed. Our veterans’ audio recordings can be located in the Foundation section of our website 95divassociation.com under the heading “Media” then “Audio Archive.”

Sincerely,

Mike, President

95th Division Legacy Association



BG Stephen P. Case (right), commanding general of the 95th Training Division - Initial Entry Training, stands with World War II veteran Staff Sgt. Dominick Critelli next to a restored Taylorcraft L-2M Grasshopper liaison aircraft during the Army Aviation Warfighting Summit held Apr. 15-17, 2026. “It was a profound honor to meet and speak with one of the living legends of our division,” Case said. “Staff Sgt. Critelli embodies the spirit and legacy of the Iron Men of Metz, and his presence reminds us of the responsibility we carry to uphold their standard.” Photo by Maj. Linda Gerron

★★ Victory Belles ★★

Hello, Victory Belles!

It was so nice to see so many of you at the Dayton reunion in August. We had a wonderful time together. You all did your usual amazing job with contributions to the raffle. A number of people (Victory Belles and others) brought items and told stories to help us all remember how the Association fosters fellowship among us and honors the legacy of the Iron Men.

The wives of the Iron Men were an integral part of the Association from the very beginning. They supported and assisted their husbands in doing the work of running the Association and of planning, organizing and implementing the reunions. For many years, Saturday mornings at the reunion meant the men got coffee and sweetrolls before heading into the business meeting and the women met for brunch. In late 2008, Jim Anderson and his wife Betsy formalized the ladies’ group. They gave us our name (Victory Belles) and logo. The Iron Men had always had great respect for their ladies and the effort they put into making the Association and reunions successful. They wanted to formalize the group to recognize this.

In 2010, after the Andersons retired, Association President James Archer asked Mary Beth McCarthy to lead the group. She did so very capably for 11 years, through 2021. This year she passed, and we honor her memory. Let’s all take a moment to reflect on what we have learned from the Greatest Generation, the Iron Men, their wives and others. Then let’s work to preserve their legacy and maintain the bonds of friendship we have built going forward.

Susan Feely



A special table was set at the Victory Belle Luncheon in honor of former VB leader, Mary Beth McCarthy. Photo by Marsha Flora

Top Left: While touring Carillon, Bill Soderberg reads about National Cash Register's invention of the teller machine in Dayton.

Top Right: Kathy Twaddle, David Meyer and Dan Foust help assemble name badges for the reunion. Photos by Marsha Flora



Carillon Historical Park celebrates the creativity and inventiveness of the residents of Dayton from the Wright Brothers in the early 1900s though today. Tanya Chang, Kevin Chang and Kim Kowalczyk check out the NCR exhibit. Photo by Marsha Flora

Iron Man Jim Walker and daughter Janice Howman join others in a tour of Carillon Historical Park by train Friday, Aug. 21. Photo submitted by Janice Howman

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Top Left: Margaret Jamison joins others riding the carousel at Carillon Historical Park. Photo by 95th TD Public Relations

Above Right: During their visit to the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Iron Man Jim Walker and his son-in-law, Tim Howman, examine a map of the invasion in Normandy, June 6, 1944. Photo submitted by Janice Howman

Bottom Left: Billie Bauer, with her uncle Ceo Bauer, are ready to head up the ramp to see a space shuttle training cockpit on display in the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Photo by Marsha Flora

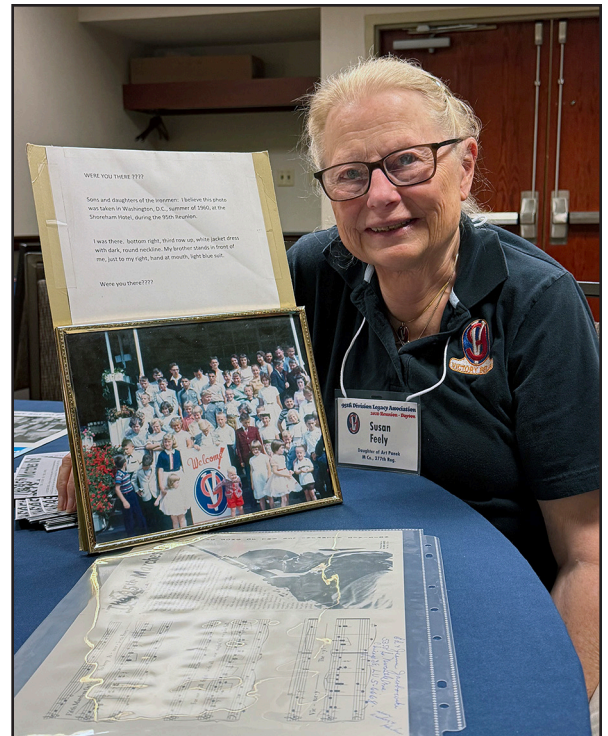
Ceo Bauer and Jim Walker, both veterans of I Co., 377th Reg., talk with CSM Raney and BG Case following the Formal Banquet Saturday, Aug., 22. Photo submitted by Janice Howman

Carolann Weisel was thrilled to win a commemorative 250th Anniversary Blenko glass piece during the Victory Belle raffle, Saturday, Aug., 22. Photo by Marsha Flora



Middle Left: Iron Man Jim Walker is introduced at the Formal Banquet. Eighteen members of the Walker family attended the banquet. Photo by Marsha Flora

Bottom Left: Iron Man Ceo Bauer is with BG Case and CSM Raney after the Formal Banquet. Photo by Mike Flora



Susan Feely remembers family vacations were planned around 95th reunions during her childhood. She brought a photo of the children of Iron Men taken in 1960 at the reunion in Washington, D.C. Susan is the blonde pictured at the bottom right, third row up with the white jacket dress. Photo by Marsha Flora

Daughters Margie Dash and Kim Kowalczyk and granddaughter Tanya Chang reminisce about life growing up with Iron Man Joe Januszkiewicz, Cannon Co., 379th Reg., as the key note speakers for Metz Hour on Sunday, Aug. 23. Sisters Kim and Margie described themselves as the bookends with Kim as the oldest and Margie as the youngest in Joe and Jo Januszkiewicz's family of seven children. Tanya is Kim's daughter and the oldest of the grandchildren. They fondly shared both amusing and serious anecdotes about their father and grandfather and how Joe's faith as well as his experiences in WWII helped shape their own lives and morals. *Photo by Marsha Flora*



Nancy Broadway reads the name and a short biography of Iron Man Pasquale Catalano as Jim Broadway lights a candle in remembrance of the only known Iron Man to have passed since the 2025 reunion. Nancy also remembered friends of the 95th who passed away in the past year. *Photo by Marsha Flora*



Following the Saturday luncheon and raffle, Victory Belle attendees gathered for a group photo. *Photo by a DoubleTree by Hilton server*

NORMANDY 2027

DISCOVER THE D-DAY BEACHES & FOLLOW THE 95TH'S ODYSSEY

June 2–8, 2027

For the first time, the C.L.V.M.A. is pleased to organize an exclusive one-week journey through Normandy for members and families of the 95th Division Legacy Association.

After the unforgettable time we shared in Metz in November 2024, we are delighted to have another opportunity to bring the 95th Infantry Division family together in France.

From Wednesday, June 2 through Tuesday, June 8, 2027, our group will stay in Bayeux, in the heart of Normandy and only a short distance from the D-Day beaches. From there, a private bus will take us each day to some of the most important sites connected with D-Day and the history of the 95th Infantry Division.

Our journey will naturally take us to Omaha Beach, including Colleville-sur-Mer, Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer, where we will have the opportunity to better understand what American soldiers faced on June 6, 1944.

This week will also allow us to follow in the footsteps of the 95th Infantry Division during its first days in France. We will visit Mandeville-en-Bessin, where the Division camped after arriving in Normandy and where a special ceremony with the village mayor is planned. Nearby, in Trévières, we will visit the church where a stained-glass window honors the 95th Infantry Division—a lasting reminder of the connection between the Division and the people of Normandy.

Another particularly meaningful moment will be our visit to the Brittany American Cemetery at Saint-James, where we will pay our respects at the grave of the first 95th Infantry Division soldier to lose his life during the Division's European campaign.

The program will also take us beyond the history of the 95th. We plan to visit Mont Saint-Michel, the D-Day Experience Museum, the Normandy Victory Museum and Château de Colombières. We are also planning a special group lunch or dinner with WWII reenactors along with a few surprises that we prefer to keep secret for now.

Of course, anyone who joined us in Metz in November 2024 knows that our gatherings are about much more than visiting historic sites. The friendships, conversations, laughter and shared moments between American families and their French friends were a large part of what made Metz so memorable. Our hope is to bring that same spirit to Normandy in 2027—remembering history and those who served, while also enjoying the simple pleasure of being together.

We will generally return to Bayeux in the early evening, giving everyone the freedom to enjoy the town and make their own dinner arrangements.

Travel to Bayeux will be organized individually. Most participants will probably fly into Paris and then travel by train to Bayeux, a trip of approximately two and a half hours. Renting a car is another possibility. Once in Bayeux, transportation for all scheduled visits and excursions will be provided by private bus.

All participants will be required to stay at the same hotel in Bayeux, which will serve as our home base throughout the week and allow the group to depart together each morning. A special group rate will, of course, be negotiated with the hotel, and full booking details will be provided once arrangements are finalized.

The trip will have a set itinerary and a set price. The package will include bus transportation in Normandy, all scheduled excursions and lunch. Hotel accommodations, dinners, airfare, train tickets and transportation to Bayeux will not be included. Payment for the tour package will be required in advance.

Participation will be limited to a maximum of 65 people, with places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some of you who attended the reunion in Dayton added your contact information to a list indicating you were interested in receiving additional information about the 2027 Normandy trip. Tanya Chang has shared this information with us. If you have not already indicated your interest in joining us, please make yourselves known by sending an



Our 2027 tour of Normandy will take us to the location the 95th Infantry Division came ashore on Omaha Beach on Sept. 14, 1944. Photo by Marsha Flora

email to clvma95th@gmail.com. This is important, as information about the trip will not be posted on Facebook or on the 95th Association/Foundation website.

We will use this initial list to communicate directly with interested participants. The official registration form, together with the finalized itinerary, pricing and additional practical information, will be sent by email in January 2027.

So, if Normandy 2027 sounds like an experience you would like to be part of, please make sure we have your name and email address.

From the beaches where the liberation of Europe began, to the villages that welcomed the men of the 95th Infantry Division, this will be a week of remembrance, discovery and friendship.

After the wonderful memories we made together in Metz in 2024, we look forward to welcoming the 95th Infantry Division family back to France. This time, Normandy is waiting for us.

June 2–8, 2027 — We hope you will join us.

Frédéric & Théo MULLER, C.L.V.M.A. 95th ID US



Reenactors gather in Mandeville-en-Bessin June 2, 2024 for the dedication of the 95th Infantry Division plaques. The plaques commemorate the encampment of the 95th Infantry Division from Sept. 14 through Oct. 9, 1944. Our Normandy tour will take us to Mandeville where we will participate in a ceremony with Mayor Pierre Lefevre. *Photo by Marsha Flora*

Remembering 95th post-WWII soldiers and friends and members of the Association

by Nancy Duno Broadway

Recently, the 95th Division Legacy Association has mourned the loss of two post-WWII veterans of the 95th and three friends of the Association. Pierre-Philippe Leclercq was recognized in the previous issue of the *Journal*.

CMS (RET) DARRYL COHEN

Darryl Cohen was a dedicated servant to his country and community. He was a brilliant man and served as command sergeant major under MG Jim Archer. He served in the U.S. Army reserves for 30 years, but he didn't stop there. He continued to serve our country as an Army civilian, contributing to Army and National Safety and Environmental initiatives through his work. He was a constant supporter of the 95th Association and Foundation.

ELISABETH GOERGEN

Elisabeth Goergen, the wife of Roger and mother of Maryline and Pascal Goergen. The entire Goergen family have been Friends of the Association for decades. Elisabeth was incredibly grateful to the American veterans for all they had done to save her country. She traveled to the United States to 95th reunions and greatly supported her husband and son's work in creating the museum at Fort Queuleu in Metz.

MAJOR DARRELL JOLLY

Darrell Jolly passed away in September 2025 at 45 years of age. Along with being a drill sergeant and instructor with our own 95th, he rose through the ranks to become a major and was a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Major Darrell Jolly also served as the Chief of Operations/Operations Officer for the 489th Engineer Battalion in North Little Rock, Ark. He was a highly decorated combat veteran.

MARY BETH MCCARTHY

Mary Beth was the widow of Iron Man Dan McCarthy IV and mother of Association board member Dan McCarthy V, Ann Mejia and Dannie Knight. For over 10 years, Mary Beth was the leader of our Victory Belles. She was a dedicated member of the Association for many years. Along with being a proud wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Mary Beth was an accomplished teacher to children of all ages as well as a Debate and Forensics Club Coach, taking her teams to win competitions at the state and national levels.

departed comrade

Pasquale Catalano, 103, Brookfield, N.Y.
Battery B., 359th Field Artillery



Pasquale Catalano

Pasquale Catalano was born May 23, 1922, in the mountains of Abruzzo, Italy. He passed away Dec. 21, 2025. The first-born of Donato and Liberata Catalano, Pasquale had four siblings.

Pasquale was raised in a tiny communal town. At age 11, he was chosen to join the Opera Nazionale Balilla (Mussolini's Youth Groups). Following faulty directions in the metropolis of Chieti, he as well as a Fascist officer bringing his daughter, arrived at the testing site for the last in a series of tests, too late. Providentially, Pasquale's mother was so mad at him that she would not allow him to take that last test, and he did not qualify.

At age 13, Pasquale's mother sent him by ship to work with his father in America. Although it was three years before the American child labor laws were codified, he began attending school. In January 1938, he graduated high school from PS 48 in the Bronx.

In November 1942, Pasquale was drafted into the United States Army. He rose to the rank of Sergeant of Battery B, 359th Field Artillery Battalion, 95th ID. Pasquale served as part of the famous Red Ball Express which was a vital American truck convoy system during World War II that operated

supplying rapidly advancing Allied forces in Europe after the D-Day invasion. He also fought in the Battle for Metz. He earned the following medals: Good Conduct, American Theater, WWII Victory, European-African-Middle Eastern, W/3 battle stars and a Purple Heart. In later years, Pasquale said of his military experience, "I wouldn't buy it for a penny, but I wouldn't trade it for a million dollars!"

In November of 1945, after his Honorable Discharge, Pasquale returned to the Bronx and opened his own auto-body shop but was quickly invited to work for the Home Insurance Company verifying auto damage. For over 20 years he worked in Manhattan at another insurance company's headquarters. He traveled nationally to inspect other branches for uniformity and compliance.

Pasquale took note of the good-looking Executive Secretary of the *Herald Tribune*, rushing to and from work, named Carmela Menta. They dated and married Feb. 24, 1962. Together they made their home on Long Island and had three healthy children: Marco, Rachele and Claudia.

Pasquale came to live in the hills of Brookfield with daughter Claudia, son-in-law Jonathan Haar and their family over two years ago. He enjoyed playing a smaller accordion called a concertina, going hunting, splitting wood (which he did until 100 years old), his daily reading of the New York Post, fixing things and being always willing to tell everyone what they should be doing.

In addition to a large extended family in Italy and in America, Pasquale is survived by sister Neliana, son Marco, daughter Claudia, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

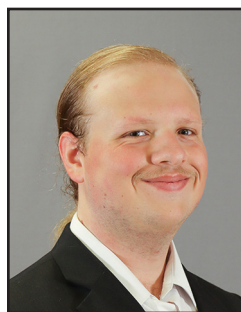
2 recipients awarded scholarships in 2026



Gabreille Olson

Two students each received \$5,000 scholarships this year from the 95th Division Foundation. Gabreille Olson is the daughter of Captain Patrick Olson. He was a captain in the 3rd Brigade, 378th Reg. at Fort Sill. Gabreille attends New York University. Her field of study is Arts and Humanities with a major in Performing Arts.

Gabreille writes that "the values of unity, acceptance and compassion that musical theatre emphasizes are ones that I wish to carry with me throughout life. I've loved growing up alongside this amazing art form, and I want to continue that growth into adulthood. I'm pursuing higher education to discover who I am as a performer and to learn how to apply my strengths and connections to a professional career."



Jordan Six

Also receiving a \$5,000 scholarship from the Foundation is Jordan Six. Jordan is the grandson of William Bailey. Bailey served in the U.S. Army from 1965 through 1998. He was a soldier in the 402nd Field Artillery Brigade. He ended his service in the 95th Division as a command sergeant major.

Jordan currently attends Oklahoma State University, studying Science Technology with a major in Mechanical Engineering. Although Jordan originally aspired to becoming a physician, as he grew older, he realized he had clear talents in subject matters that involved creativity, critical thinking skills and problem solving. He decided to enter the field of biomedical engineering where he can make solutions that help and heal people by designing and realizing cutting edge medical devices.

Tips for researching 95th WWII veterans

by Nancy Duno Broadway

If you are looking for information regarding a loved one or friend who served in the 95th Infantry Division during WWII, here is some information that may be helpful in your search.

Morning and After Action Reports may provide a narrative of a soldier's service history (where they were, at which time and in which battles they were engaged) based on their unit activity.

One location to search is in the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis where Morning Reports (MR) are housed. They may be sorted by company, battalion and regiment. These reports give the day to day and administrative status of the actual service member by name and/or serial number, so this is one way we can follow the veteran's service journey. It is important to note, that these Morning Reports have been digitized and are available for public viewing online for the years 1941-1944. The staff at the archives have informed one of our members, that the remainder of the war years (1945-1946) will be made publicly accessible by the end of the year 2026. The NPRC website is: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

An additional site where military records are stored is the National Archive located in College Park, Md. This Archive site holds all of the WWII operational information to include the After Action Reports and begins at the battalion level on up to the upper echelon. The required format of the records held here are those that are "operations-related" and soldiers aren't named. One exception we found was the orders for medals do include names and serial numbers.

Also held at the College Park, Md. location are the following documents:

- Maps and overlays with coordinates
- Intelligence wrap-ups
- Images
- Photos (some with captions)
- Field Orders

While the Morning Reports in St. Louis are accessible online and available to view and download, the After Action Reports and other military records are only available at the National Archives in Maryland.

We are presently working with a group of volunteers to preserve, organize and reproduce each document, most of which are now over 80 years old and are quite fragile. The 95th Archive Preservation Task Force plans to ensure these historic documents from the College Park location as they pertain to the 95th ID will be uploaded onto

95divassociation.com.

We are very much looking forward to making the After Action Reports and other records from the National Archives in College Park, Md. accessible.

This is one small way we can honor and remember the service of our fathers, our grandfathers and our uncles whose courage and sacrifices must never be forgotten.

The photos below were scanned at the National Archives in College Park, Md. by Théo Muller, one of the volunteers of the 95th Archive Preservation Task Force.



This homemade field piece, especially designed for street fighting, was built by T/5 Dale P. Curtis, Co. F, 2nd Bn, 379th Reg., 95th ID of Granville, Ohio. Using scrap pieces, he reconverted a .50 cal. machine gun and equipped it with a 20 power scope. The gun was used for street fighting in Saarlautern, Germany, and was commended by all who saw it in action. Wallerfangen, Germany, 1/26/1945.



June 22, 1945, men of the 95th ID board their ship at LeHavre, France, which will take them home for 30-day furloughs and redeployment to the Pacific. Fortunately, the war ended before they could be deployed.

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**The 77th Annual Reunion of
the 95th Division Legacy Association**
is being planned for
the end of September/beginning of October 2027
in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Check the website and future Journals for updates.