

CAMPAIGNS

World War I: Lorraine-Champagne-Aisne-Marne-St. Mihiel-Meuse Argonne
World War II: Central Europe-Rhineland-Alsace-Ardenne
War on Terrorism: Operation Noble Eagle – Operation Iraqi Freedom –
Operation Enduring Freedom – Operation Spartan Shield

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We wish all in our Rainbow family a healthy and prosperous 2022. The Foundation has embarked on a program to increase our membership, especially among the ranks of the current Division soldiers in the Headquarters and across the subordinate brigades. To this end, the RDVF sponsored the 42d Infantry Division Dining Out and Hail and Farewell in Albany, NY in December 2021. With the full support of MG Thomas Spencer, the Foundation addressed the Division training meeting and the dinner about the benefits of joining the RDVF. In addition, several of our Board members have volunteered to become RDVF ambassadors to travel throughout the Northeast to visit Divisional units and sell the Foundation.

Rainbow, Never Forget! Paul Genereux, RDVF Chairman

These two photos show part of a larger display of Rainbow Division history on view at the event described above. Photos by CW3 Albert Thiem NYARNG

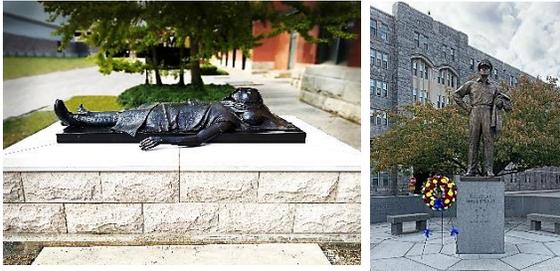


Photo Ten – Oise-Aisne American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, FR ceremony 11 November 2021; Superintendent Hubert Caloud, USMC (Ret.) at podium.



Photo One – 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the American Unknown Soldier: 11 November 2021, a reenactment in Chalons en Champagne FR honoring the story of his selection by an American Soldier who served in combat with the 2nd Infantry Division and recorded for us by photographer Béatrice Dahm. The story is found on the Arlington National Cemetery website as “A Humble Sergeant: Edward F. Younger and the Unknown Soldier.”

Photo Two – “Return from the Argonne” memorial dedication at Union Station, Montgomery Alabama on 11 November 2021. This sculpture by James Butler, R.A. honors all Alabamians who fought in World War I. The story appears at Croixrougefarm.org.

Photo Three – RDVF wreath honoring General Douglas MacArthur placed at his statue at the United States Military Academy, West Point NY by LTC Gurpreet Singh CBRN Chief Deputy Commander, 2nd Homeland Response Force, 42nd Infantry Division.

Photos Four and Five – On 6 November 2021 the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the WWI Camp Mills monument at Garden City, NY, birthplace of the 42nd “Rainbow” Division was attended by Bert Cunningham, 69th Veterans Corps historian, retired BG Pat Alesia, President of the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division Association, members of the NYARNG 69th Infantry Regiment Veterans Association, 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division Association, Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation, Inc., and the Garden City Fire Department. The Color Guard and Honor Guard Firing Party were provided by the 11th NY Regiment Volunteers; singing of the National Anthem and playing of taps were provided by Col Louis Dileo, 11th NY Regiment USA-V. Photos by NY Guard Cpt Mark Getman.

Photo Six – On 11 November 2021, Wreath placed at the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Memorial located at the NJ ARNG Readiness Center at Fort Dix, NJ by LTC (Ret) Robert F. Vicci who also took this photo.

Photo Seven – Fort Drum, NY Veterans Day wreath was attended by Cpt Jedidiah Bengert, Sgt Matthew Keiper, Sgt Mason Schloop, Msg Robert Hooker, Cpl Devon Willard and Col Michael Bice; photo by Kelly Bice.

Photo Eight – Macon, GA memorial honoring the WWI 42nd Division unit, 151st Machine Gun Company; wreath created and photo taken by Jean and Hall Florists.

Photo Nine – Memorial wreath at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis War Memorial “In memory of the Soldiers of the 42nd Division U.S. Army in World Wars I and II...”; photo and presentation by Ken Marshall, son of WWII Rainbow Veteran, Charles F. Marshall, C/122 Med Bn (RDVA Past National President) and Frances L. Marshall (RDVA Past National Auxiliary President).

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CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

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Almighty God, Who hast never been discouraged by men or events, save us by a larger outlook from the things that discourage us, so that even if we stumble, we may not utterly fall. May we, with good humor and perseverance, labor for the triumph of the good among all men. In Thy Holy Name, we pray. Amen



*Arthur Knehr, National Chaplain
HQ 149th Machine Gun Battalion (4th Pennsylvania)
42nd "Rainbow" Division, WWI*

FATHER FRANCIS PATRICK DUFFY – An American Hero

(May 2, 1871 – June 27, 1932)

from Hubert Caloud, Superintendent,
Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
American Battle Monuments Commission
Seringes-et-Nesles, France



Although he survived WWI Father Duffy was one of the most revered members of the WWI 42nd "Rainbow" Division. Although many visitors do not know it, the northern half of New York City's Times Square between 45th and 47th Streets – is named in his honor. A statue located in front of the steps of the TKTS booth portrays Duffy standing in front of a Celtic Cross. Already well known in theological circles, Duffy gained wider fame for his involvement as a military chaplain during World War I, when the 69th New York ("The Fighting 69th") was federalized and re-designated the 165th U.S. Infantry Regiment. For his actions in the war, Duffy was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC), the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM), the Conspicuous Service Cross (New York State Medal), the Legion d'Honneur (France) and the Croix de Guerre (France). Father Duffy is the most highly decorated cleric in the history of the U.S. Army.

Following the war he wrote *Father Duffy's Story* which grew out of a manuscript originally started by Sgt Joyce Kilmer, the poet converted to Catholicism who had joined the regiment and had become a close friend to Duffy. When Kilmer was killed in France, he was working on a history of the regiment's involvement in the war, which Duffy intended to continue, but Duffy was prevailed upon to include his own reminiscences. For those interested it is very detailed.

My neighbors next door, Charles and Claire live on the Meurcy Farm scene of fierce fighting in July-August 1918. For many decades the farm was owned and worked by the Damery family. During the 1918 fighting a member of the Damery family hid inside one of the buildings and observed the fighting which included hand-to-hand combat between German and American soldiers. After the war Father Duffy returned to France and visited Meurcy Farm gifting a copy of his book to the member of the Damery family who was inside the buildings during the fighting. Inside are both their autographs.



When Charles' family bought the Meurcy farm from the Damerys he renovated some of the rooms in the house. One of the things he found while doing this was the copy of Father Duffy's book he had presented to the Damery family. It had been read countless times, its spine broken etc. But most interesting were the notes he had written in French inside the book about passages in the book. Examples like, if Father Duffy said, "Here, we killed 8 Germans," he wrote, "I counted 14 bodies" etc. A priceless treasure even without the notes.

Recently Charles had the book reprinted which included the notes on the pages. Inside are both their autographs Charles was kind enough to give Mat and I copies.

Quite a gift Quite a story! We speak his name
“Father Duffy” – An American Hero



First two photos are contributed by Bert Caloud.

Photo One – Father Francis P. Duffy, 165th Regiment (69th NY)

Photo Two – Mathieu Baudoin and Bert Caloud holding the copy of “Father Duffy’s Story.”

Photo Three - Sonny L. Kilmer at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery grave of his relative, SGT Joyce Kilmer on 11 November 2021; photo by Béatrice Dahm

A Timeless History of Faithfulness

from Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
SEMPER FIDELIS



There are many stories of courage and valor to be told in the history of Oise-Aisne, as many as those whose final resting places are there.

Among the 6,012 American war dead and 241 names on the Wall of the Missing, are headstones for U.S. Marines, described by Superintendent Hubert Caloud, “... We have 117 Marines buried here mostly killed during the Battle of Soissons. Nearly all were members of the 4th Brigade, (Marine) 2nd Division; members of the 5th Marines on 18 July 1918 and 6th Marines on 19 July 1918. But there are others, including some killed during the Battle of Belleau Wood....”

In this brief space is a story of friendship and faithfulness, not only between two Marines, members of American fighting units in World War I but of Joanne McGloin, the granddaughter of one of them who, in honoring her family’s generations-long history of service to their country, also pays tribute and gratitude to them both each year, one at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia U.S.A and the other at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, France.

Joanne’s grandfather, Captain Joseph Murray (photo right on the above montage) wrote of his friendship with Captain Lester Wass (photo left) and recounted in detail circumstances of the battles they faced together in an article published long ago in a Gloucester MA newspaper. Here, in his own words, is a brief

glimpse of this story, which will be reprinted in entirety in the February 2022 issue of RAINBOW TRAIL (ask REVEILLE editor for details).

“Nearing the road out of Vierzy...the companies were ordered to advance just beyond the road and lie down hidden in the wheat while scouts were sent out 100 yards ahead. Wass and I went ahead a little bit. He was battle worn but his gloom was gone. He seemed like his former self only more buoyant and in a truly exalted mood. Together we bent over to study the map, our bodies shielding it ... there was a terrific ‘whang’. I felt Wass trying to throw himself in front of me. I felt myself slipping although I knew his arms were still around me ... it was not until sometime afterwards that I learned, in the hospital, that Lester Wass, having bandaged me up and having seen me safely to the rear went on alone, but only for a little way.

There had been another deafening explosion.

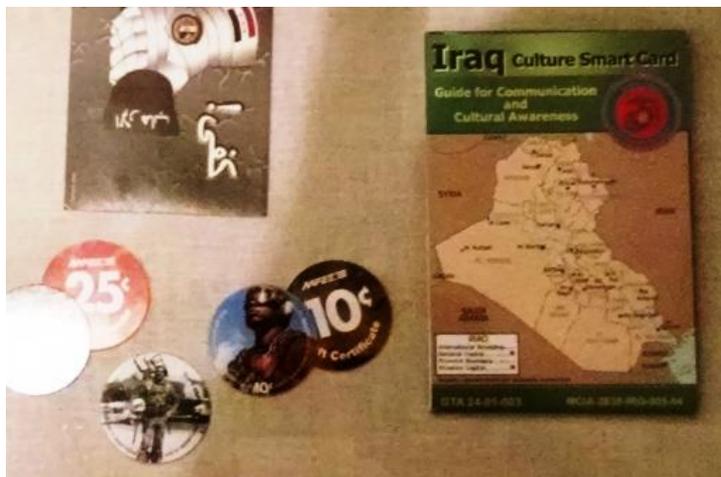
Wass, at last, met face-to-face the shell that bore his name.”

This montage of photos is created by photographer Béatrice Dahm, from photos provided by Joanne McGloin, who also sent much material from her own research. Thanks also to Bert Caloud for this partial history, which will be further explored in RAINBOW TRAIL. Joanne wrote, “I have never had the pleasure of meeting Bert. I visited Wass’s grave in July 2018, a day Bert was away but he contacted me the following day to ask about my connection to Wass. Bert is a national treasure – caring for the cemetery and connecting people who share interests.”

WAR TROPHIES

By Patrick J. Chaisson
 RDVF Historian

As part of a New Year’s resolution to reduce the clutter in my house, I recently cleaned out a drawer full of stuff. Alongside old cell phone chargers and appliance receipts, I discovered several small cardboard disks brought back from my service with the 42nd Infantry Division in Operation *Iraqi Freedom*.



We used these disks, each measuring about 2 inches in diameter, instead of coins whenever we shopped at Army and Air Force Exchange Service PX facilities in theater. Called “pogs” after the children’s collectibles, they were more convenient than pennies or quarters but couldn’t get wet. That normally did not present a problem, as we were stationed in the desert after all. These pogs might be the only souvenirs of my time in Southwest Asia that I still have left. Yet collecting war trophies is something soldiers have done since armies were first

formed. It is an almost-instinctive need to obtain solid evidence of one's service, a way to show others that "I was there".

Our historical collection at the Rainbow Division Headquarters in Troy, NY, contains a few "bring-backs" from World War One and World War Two. I enjoy showing off the aluminum mess kit carried by Private Joseph J. Jones Sr. of the 165th Infantry Regiment (69th New York) while he was fighting in France in 1918. On the outside, Jones etched his name, unit, and campaigns in which he participated – a wonderful and unique record of this soldier's time in the Rainbow Division.



We also exhibit several keepsakes donated by Second World War veterans. My favorite is a Christmas card made in Europe for "Rainbowmen" to send home for the holidays. Additionally, we have on display Allied Military Government currency – both German and Austrian – used by U.S. soldiers after the war.

(Unlike the pogs we had in Iraq, which were only good at a PX facility, the Allied money used by Rainbow Division occupation troops could be spent at civilian establishments in town.)

Our collection includes a World War II German Army belt buckle, with "Gott Mit Uns" (God With Us) inscribed on the front. I don't know its history – who acquired this item or how he got it. I do know two things: first, soldiers captured while carrying enemy equipment were often beaten or executed; and second, soldiers often collected souvenirs despite this danger. The subject of war trophies gets even more complicated when some G.I.s coming home from Europe tried to bring contraband back with them. Weapons were the biggest problem: Army inspectors did occasionally find machine guns smuggled in soldier baggage. Pistols were harder to confiscate; some veterans have even told me they were allowed to take back a handgun or two.



There is another concern to keep in mind whenever we deal with Nazi memorabilia. These items, especially anything that bears a swastika, are symbols of an evil regime – one that brought suffering and death to millions. We cannot and must not glorify the Nazis.

Which leads us to an interesting story. Not long ago, our friends Linda Anderson and Bonnie Anderson Hariton contacted the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation (RDVF) seeking some advice.

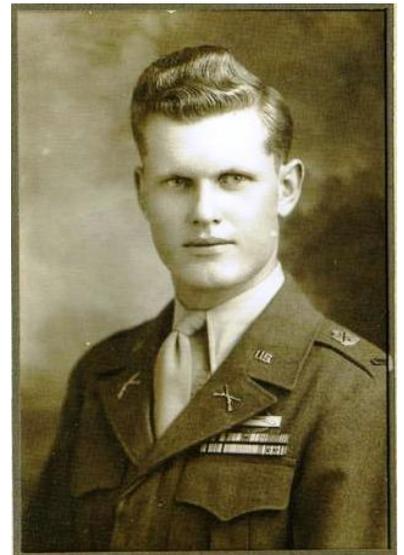
It seems they had recently uncovered over 50 pieces of Adolf Hitler's silverware brought home after WWII by their father, Lt. Kermit Anderson of Company K, 232nd Infantry Regiment. According to Linda and Bonnie, this silver set was hidden in the cellar of Nazi Party Headquarters in Munich, Germany, in May 1945. They also told a local reporter there was enough of it for everyone in Lt. Anderson's company to receive several pieces – each emblazoned with a unique Nazi monogram.



The Anderson sisters worried, however, that modern-day disciples of Hitler's twisted ideology would want these items. They determined to donate the silver set to a museum where it would be kept safe and interpreted in a manner that did not ennoble the Third Reich.

As family members of a Rainbow Division soldier, Linda and Bonnie contacted the RDVF for our thoughts on the matter. We immediately put them in touch with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington D.C. The good people who work there knew Kermit Anderson's division helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp, and understood what his daughters wanted to do with Hitler's silver set.

While USHMM chose not to receive these items, they did provide the Andersons with a list of reputable museums that would treat their donation appropriately. Happily, the history museum in Aliceville, Alabama, recently accepted Lt. Kermit Anderson's silverware collection and will put it on display this coming March. Memorabilia from Anderson's long Army career will accompany these unique war trophies.



Those who can make the trip to west-central Alabama should know the Aliceville Museum is located at 104 Broad St. NE in downtown Aliceville. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For information call 205-373-2363.

Photo One - These cardboard disks, which soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division used as currency in Iraq, are now part of the historical collection at Division Headquarters in Troy, NY.

Photo Courtesy Pat Chaisson

Photo Two -Returning "Rainbowmen" brought home many war trophies following the end of World War II. Some of these items, on display at the Division Headquarters, include Austrian and German occupation money, a Nazi belt buckle, and a Christmas card.

Photo Courtesy Pat Chaisson

Photo Three - Linda Anderson, left, and her sister Bonnie Anderson Hariton, right, recently donated more than 50 pieces of Adolf Hitler's personal silver to the Aliceville Museum in Alabama. Their father, Lt. Kermit Anderson of the 42nd "Rainbow" Division had received a share of silver in May of 1945 after it was found in the rubble of Nazi party headquarters in Munich. Photo Courtesy Linda Anderson

Photo Four - A detail of the silver set found in the rubble of Nazi party headquarters in Munich by members of the Rainbow Division in 1945. It was emblazoned with a Nazi monogram that had been designed by Adolf Hitler. Photo Courtesy Linda Anderson

Photo Five - Kermit Anderson joined the US Army at age 15, received a battlefield commission while in combat with the 42nd Infantry Division, and continued his service after World War II, retiring with the rank of Major. This is Lt. Anderson shortly after he returned to the United States sometime in 1945 or 1946. Photo Courtesy Linda Anderson

Allach to Austria on the Rainbow's Trail

(April - May 1945)

Robert B Munson

After the Rainbow crossed the Danube River on April 26, 1945 (see Oct 2021 Reveille), its advance sped up as it continued to the southeast. Here, I again joined the Rainbow Trail, more specifically that of the 232nd Infantry Regiment in which my dad served. I continued traveling with Steve, a Royal Air Force Officer and a colleague from US Africa Command HQ in Stuttgart, and this time we covered about 110 miles to the Austrian border.



Soldiers from Co G, 232nd Infantry Regiment in Zorneding, May 1945 (Robert M. Munson is front, left)

We started the day just north of Munich as the Rainbow approached the city. Here, the Rainbow's 222nd Infantry Regiment liberated and witnessed the horrors of the Dachau Concentration Camp. Our first stop of the day was in the Munich "suburb" of Allach where we found the 232nd's likely assembly area from 29 April – 2 May 1945 as they liberated the smaller Dachau sub-camp in Allach (see Oct 2020 Reveille). This assembly area was just a field, nothing special, although on this spring day we saw the usual small stands where one can pick and buy strawberries, flowers and asparagus.

From Allach we dove into Munich and crossed the city, not easy through the dense traffic (even on a Saturday) and confusing street pattern. With Steve's able driving (even on the wrong side of the road for him) we emerged on the other side of

the city, following the 232nd's line of advance. When the 232nd came through Munich, the other two Rainbow regiments had already occupied the city, liberated thousands of slave workers, and then quickly moved on. For the Rainbow, Munich only slowed the division down.

Steve and I also did not stop in Munich – that itself could be an adventure of several days. This city is one of the most dynamic in Germany and it would be hard to find anything from 1945 and its total destruction during the war. A few numbers help to describe how the Allied air forces "prepared" the city for the Rainbow's occupation. Between 1942 and 1945, British and American bomber forces attacked Munich 73 times. They destroyed over 45% of the buildings in the city; most of the rest were damaged to some extent. Only 2.5% remained untouched! This leveled urban landscape must have reminded the soldiers of the destruction they saw as they passed through Worms and fought into Würzburg and Schweinfurt. Other than photographs, one of the few reminders of this destruction is the artificial hill built from the cleared rubble in what would become the Olympic Park for the 1972 games.



Zorneding, 2021

About 6 miles east of Munich we stopped in the small town of Zorneding for lunch. I was especially interested in this town since my dad spent quite a bit of time there (albeit mostly after the German surrender) and I have photos from his time here. We drove around the town and like many others in economically vibrant areas, one finds few reminders of the past other than noteworthy buildings such as the church.

We moved east through the towns where the 232nd's command post had set-up briefly: Zorneding to Straußdorf and then over the Inn River. We continued to Schonstett, Pittenhart and ended our day in Tittmoning on the German-Austrian border. From 2 to 5 May 1945, the 232nd Regiment had covered more than fifty miles from Munich to the border and had been slowed down by the German army unraveling. Hugh Daly's history, *42nd "Rainbow" Infantry Division* (1946) summarizes it best: "There was no resistance now, but only the tremendous job of rounding up prisoners and evacuating them to the rear."

Near Tittmoning, the Rainbow Division went into an assembly area and was here when the war ended. In my research I haven't found the specific location of the assembly area, but the geography implies that the division must have occupied the fields on the hill above the town.

This was the end of our Rainbow Trail for the day, so Steve and I took some time to explore Tittmoning, an especially scenic town set in the side of the hill along the small Salzach River which forms a portion of the German-Austrian border. We drove across the bridge into Austria but returned as to not

defy any COVID regulations. In any case, the customs booths on both sides of the border were empty, as they have been for many years, so I don't think anyone would have cared.

We then went into the town itself, entering the *Stadtplatz*, literally "city square" through a small, one-lane gate beneath a tower at the end of the square. Tittmoning was unique in that this square was enclosed by colorful 4 and 5 story buildings around all four sides, with a variety of shops and restaurants, as well as the "requisite" monument in the center.



We walked down some of the small streets near the *Stadtplatz* and found the Catholic parish church St. Laurentius. In the church yard we discovered a memorial to the town's



**St. Laurentius Church, War Memorial
Tittmoning, 2021**

losses in both world wars. The long list of those killed or missing ranged in age from 19 to 56 and brought back the cruelty of the war. Some of these men might have fought against the Rainbow and could have shot at my dad – albeit they were carrying out their duty for their country. I understand it from that perspective, but from my own history of serving in the US military and working closely with Germans, both in Germany and

abroad, I have mixed feelings about the history. We have come a long way in the last 75 years. The afternoon in Tittmoning finished our trace of the Rainbow trail. We started where the division crossed the German-French border in the west and finished 450 miles later as the Rainbow celebrated the war's end on the Austrian border. One of the few things my dad told my mom about his service in the Rainbow is that he had marched across Germany and didn't want to do it again. This is a beautiful country, but I certainly agree!

To Never Forget is to remember the spirit and the sacrifice so well preserved by our country's history as lived and recalled by those men and women who know first-hand the challenge and the cost.

FROM M. Manning Marcus
42nd Division Headquarters WWI
President, National Association
Rainbow Division Veterans
1935



Probably no organization reflects the pattern of American life today as accurately as does this Association. Hence, a year of close contact with veterans of the Rainbow Division of every degree, station, and condition throughout the country has been a series of interesting experiences. Any attempt to interpret these experiences within the bounds of this page must necessarily be of a most cursory character, as the pattern is too complex and puzzling. However, a few observations seem to be in order.

Every section of the country has its problems. They affect every phase of the business of living, as well as that of earning one. Approached from any angle, it is found they have primarily an economic base. Because of these problems, voices have been heard for changes of every character – change in the social order– change in the industrial system – change in the governmental structure – change in the Constitution itself.

Whatever the problems, whatever the merits or demerits of the changes proposed, judged by veterans of the Rainbow Division, the essential character of Americans has not changed. They are just as liberty-loving, just as alive to their rights, just as independent in their thought, as they ever were. The Rainbow rank and file are spread throughout the whole land, and veterans of our Division sit in seats of the mighty. What they think and what objectives they have cannot help but be representative of the thought and objectives of all patriotic citizens. The thought and objectives of Rainbow men are centered on how to attain the best welfare of the nation as a whole, which means the continued preservation of our liberties, our property rights, and our right to the pursuit of happiness in our own way.

The world being what it is, our problems do not end at our borders. Rainbow men have noted, not without some concern, the amazing developments abroad. When treaties, alignments, rapprochements, ententes cordials, spheres of influence, change with the days, it must be the part of practical Americanism to be alive to the necessities those developments have engendered. These necessities are absolute preparedness in the form of an Army of the first class, a Navy of the first class, and Air Forces of the first class. Anything short of these apparently would be meaningless.

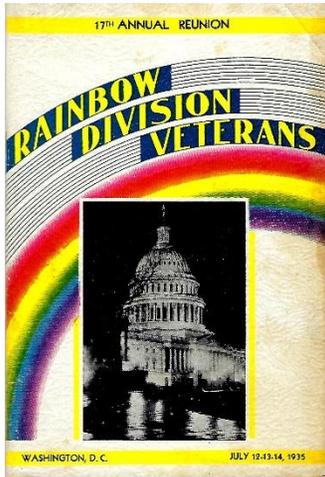
With citizens of the type of veterans of the Rainbow Division alive to the problems of the day, with their efforts to solve them justly and intelligently, with their desire for the continued preservation of those things Americans hold dear, with their willingness to add to the sacrifices they have already made in peace and war, let no one doubt that the Republic will endure now and forever.

M. Manning Marcus

GREETINGS FROM THE (RDVA) PRESIDENT

M. Manning Marcus

On the Occasion of the 17th Annual Reunion (1935) of Rainbow Division Veterans - Washington, D.C.



Once again, from far and near, we have assembled in annual reunion. The compelling reason is to be with our buddies of the more strenuous days. The cares of the present we leave behind. For these three days, to the exclusion of all else, only two things count

1. To perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division.
2. To keep alive the memory of our departed comrades.

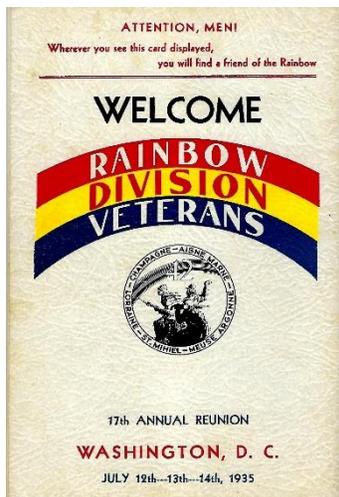
Our reunions take on an added lustre with the passage of the years. There are many organizations that have reunions, but in all the universe there is nothing like a reunion of the Rainbow.

Washington, the capital city of the nation, has been host to many organizations, but this year it is Washington's distinction to be host to one of the most notable it has ever entertained – the Rainbow.

The Division's military history of course ended with our muster out in the spring of 1919, but enough water has since flowed under the bridge for the Rainbow Division as citizens to make some civic history. Can any Rainbower fail to contemplate with pride the records of those who have headed our organization?

There are:

Our Permanent Honorary President, the present Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, the distinguished *Douglas MacArthur*; the Ohio infantry colonel, the learned Federal jurist and National Guard Division Commander, *Ben Hough*; the former city administrator and now National Guard Bureau chief, *George Leach*; the Medal of Honor infantryman from New York, the legal luminary, "*Wild Bill*" *Donovan*; the plain-spoken engineer, now Assistant Secretary of Commerce, *Monroe Johnson*; the hard-boiled, artillery top sergeant, now distinguished newspaperman, *Fred Crawford*; the much wounded shavetail, now classy advertising man, *Howard Smith*; the great priest and humanitarian (a saint to all of us), the late *Father Duffy*; the artillery buck private, now eminent, platinum-tongued lawyer, *Barre Blumenthal*; the resourceful infantry commander, Director of Public Safety, "*Alabama Bill*" *Screws*; the hard-working New York supply officer, successful motorbus executive, *Jack Mangan*; the soft-spoken, tenacious machine gunner, big bank boss, *Cooper Winn*; the demon artilleryman, transplanted Californian from Illinois, *Larry Gibbs*; the best division intelligence officer, counselor-at-law and former Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, *Noble Judah*; and last, but not least,



the Ohio regimental signalman, more recently Attorney General and Governor of Michigan, *Wilber Brucker*.

RAINBOW DIVISION MILESTONES 2022

With our gratitude and respect, we wish a Happy Birthday this year to



4 February

(L) **James A. "Jim" Derry**, Anti-Tank Company, 242nd Infantry Regiment WWII – 102 years.

20 April

(R) **Henry Clayton Rooks**, Cannon Company, 242nd Infantry Regiment WWII – 103 years.

Photos contributed by his daughter, *Glenda Patterson*, who appears in photo below with her father on the occasion of his 102nd birthday in 2021.



JANUARY

By *Dee R. Eberhart*

I Company, 242nd Infantry, 42nd Division WWII

*January, the coldest month,
in the Ardennes and in Alsace.*

*We from the North
well knew cold,
feet aching and numb
but hearthside warmth always waiting.*

*During our war's coldest time,
without heat, without fire,
not even tiny smokeless fires,
immobilized by cold and
those sharp-eyed hidden watchers;
they called for fire which brought no warmth,
just showering shrapnel, up or down.*

*Only the few knew the fear,
the despair and endless cold,
driving deep into the soul.
Cold and ice claiming the wounded
and those whose feet had long since died.
Infantry now blown away
by furious blasts of that
sweeping, driving Northwind.*

*Survivors forever silent
about that hidden, lurking thing,
hoarded, guarded and held close,
as if it were a precious pain.
Never tell; never share
that which cannot be explained,
of those distant faint and shrouded figures,
coming again across the snowscape;
chill in the blood; ice in the heart;
a peaceful exit never promised,
from January's lasting frozen hell.*

„Erzählen Sie vom Holocaust ...
Bitte erzählen Sie ihnen davon,
denn das geschehene Grauen
zu kennen und zu wissen,
dass es geschehen kann,
ist ein Weg dafür zu sorgen,
dass es nie wieder geschieht.“

Livia Bitton-Jackson,
Häftling im KZ Dachau: 1944-1945



Greetings received
from the Dachau
Memorial Site
January 2022.
Translation –

*“Tell them about the
Holocaust...please tell
them about it because
knowing the horror
that happened and
knowing it can happen
is one way to ensure it
never happens again.”*

*Livia Bitton-Jackson
Prisoner in KZ
Dachau: 1944-1945*

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BREEN , Vernon C.	H3B/222 Infantry
DAVIS , John Herbert	unit unknown
DAWSON Garnett B.	unit unknown
DOBBS , Elbert J.	E/222 nd Infantry
DRESSER , Robert H.	L/222 nd Infantry
GETTYS , Forrest Clifford	42 nd DivHQ
GLOSSON , Emmett S.	Btry C/542 nd FA
HIGHTOWER , Robert Norris	42 nd DivHQ
KAERICHER , Clyde W.	242 nd Infantry
LYONS , John H.	HQ/232 nd Infantry
TALIAFERRO , Harry Monroe	542 nd FA
TUSTIN , Robert Lewis	A/232 nd Infantry
WYCOFF , David W.	H1B/232 Infantry

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