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**GRAFENWOEHR, Germany** – More than 140 Soldiers from the New York Army National Guard’s 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team took charge of the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine during a transfer of authority ceremony August 8.

The New York Soldiers, collectively known as Task Force Orion, will ensure the combat effectiveness of Ukrainian military personnel training on systems and equipment issued under the United States’ Presidential Drawdown Authority. This marks the second time the 27th IBCT has assumed the JMTG-U mission, making it the first and only unit in the JMTG-U’s history to do so.

“It is absolutely great to have [Task Force Orion] back here,” said Brig. Gen. Joseph Hilbert, commander of 7th Army Training Command. “We remember what you did on your previous rotation. You left an impact on all of us here in 7th ATC. You left an impact on the Armed Forces of Ukraine that you trained then, and you’ll leave an impact on them that you train now.”

Task Force Orion assumed the JMTG-U mission from Task Force Gator, a unit established from the Florida Army National Guard’s 53rd IBCT, which deployed in November 2021 to Combat Training Center-Yavoriv in western Ukraine.

Task Force Gator began its mission conducting ongoing multinational partnering and advising operations in order to further develop CTC-Yavoriv into a self-sufficient, brigade-level combat training center. The unit was ordered to leave Ukraine for Germany in February 2022, prior to Russia’s unprovoked and unjustified invasion.

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Our prayers go out to our fellow citizens impacted by Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian. The devastation in Southwest Florida is truly catastrophic with further damage through North and South Carolina. We know many of our Rainbow Family live in the affected areas.

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Dear BG (R) Paul Genereux, 5 October 2022

I would like to cordially invite the members of the Rainbow Division Veteran’s Foundation (RDVF) to join us for the 42d Infantry Dining Out being held at the Hilton Albany on 2 December 2022. The venue address is 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207. Guest Arrival and Social hour will be 1700 – 1815 hours, Introductions, Dinner, and Presentations will be 1815 – 2100 hours, and dancing with music from 2110 – 2230 hours.

Please use the enclosed 42d Infantry Dining Out flyer for the RDVF members to use for their RSVP to this invitation. The flyer pricing is based on current or retired rank. For civilian members (Non-military status) the fee will be \$75.

I look forward to seeing the RDVF membership in attendance to our Dining Out!

“Rainbow! Never Forget!”



THOMAS F. SPENCER  
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The RDVF has been invited to join the 42d Infantry Division at their Dining Out on December 2, 2022 in Albany, NY. See details in our email and also in this edition of the Rainbow Reveille. The Annual Meeting will be held 0900, Saturday December 3, 2022 at the 42d Infantry Armory, 137 Glenmore Rd, Troy NY 12180. All are invited to attend.

I am stepping down as chairman of the RDVF after 4 years in office. A new chairman and slate of officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting. It has been an honor to serve the Foundation and work with our very talented and active Board of Directors.

**RAINBOW! Never Forget!**  
Paul Genereux, BG (R) RDVF Chairman

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## CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Earnie Owen, RDVMF Chairman, 2009 – 2012

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**Loving God**, we approach You in all humbleness. While many things in our world cause sadness in many places, still we look to You for hope. And we have hope, and know that it is not in vain. Our confidence is in Your all-knowing view of this world. Nothing man can do, will be a surprise to You. While man was created as a free moral agent, and he can do good or evil, we are reminded that bad things can happen to good people. Our view of the world is skewed by what we observe going on. You, on the other hand, not only see what is happening, but You know the end of all things. This is why we must resolve within ourselves, to always stand for those things that are right and good. As Rainbow family, soldiers, veterans, and Rainbow supporters, our prayer is for Your mercy, grace and protection, for this America that we so love. **AMEN**

## NOVEMBER 11



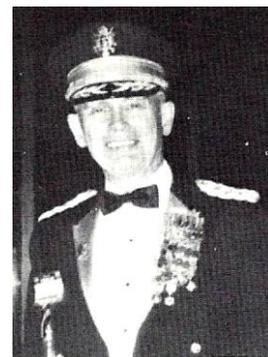
(Left) - From the War Diary of George E. Leach (1923), Commanding 151st Regiment Field Artillery, 42<sup>nd</sup> "Rainbow" Division (1st Minnesota):

*"Monday, **November 11th** the Armistice is signed and at eleven A.M. the firing ceased. Nothing impressed me so much as the absolute silence. In the evening the soldiers fired all of the German Rocket dumps and each man built a little fire for himself out of the debris, but with it all there was very little excitement. The band played in the afternoon for the first time in weeks."*

(Right) - COL, then-Captain, Carlyle Woelfer, commander of Company K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 222<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division WWII and in 1985, RDVA President.

*"**November 11** is the traditional **Veterans' Day**, when our Nation pauses to honor its veterans. I hope that each Rainbower who could, took part in a memorial ceremony somewhere. Did you put out your flag? As wartime veterans, we, of all Americans, should make the effort to remember those with whom we soldiered, as well as those who have served our Country in war and peace. By participating in a Veterans' Day observance and/or memorial service, Rainbowers are performing the second part of the Preamble to the Rainbow Constitution:*

*'To keep alive the memory of our departed comrades.' It is our duty!*



*We have much to be thankful for, especially our Country and the privilege of having served it as proud and loyal citizens and as Rainbow Soldiers."*

## SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

The TF Liberty Veterans Lunch met for the first time since before COVID-19 struck. From Left: Rob Giordano, Pat Clare, Dennis Martinez, Paul Conte, John Willsey, Floyd Goska, Mike Burdick, Ken Geib, John Betor, Floyd Burgher, Al Theim, Mike Kelly, Pat Chaisson, Jim Lettko, John Andonie, Eric Durr, and Mike Natali.

*Photo courtesy COL Dennis Martinez; submitted w/caption by Patrick Chaisson.*



[**Task Force Orion** continued from page one] Command, to support ongoing training and exercise support activities, including Operation Assure, Deter and Reinforce, conducting missions across Europe in more than 18 locations and 12 different countries.

In April 2022, Task Force Gator reestablished operations in support of the JMTG-U mission, training Ukrainian military personnel in the Grafenwoehr Training Area.

“We started this mission in Ukraine, completed an unexpected and hasty move to Grafenwoehr, and worked through a lot of change. But one thing has remained constant: our commitment to Ukraine,” said Col. Jerry Glass, Task Force Gator and 53rd IBCT commander.

Since April, more than 1,500 Ukrainian soldiers have been trained on 15 different programs of instruction at the Grafenwoehr Training Area.

With the arrival of Task Force Orion, JMTG-U remains postured to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine wherever the mission leads.

“Our mission’s success is measured by our ability to increase the proficiency of our Ukrainian partners in their lethality and their survivability, as they defend their country against Russian hostilities,” said Col. William Murphy, Task Force Orion commander. “Each one of us understands this and is prepared to take every task assigned with the utmost professionalism and proficiency. We know the urgency of this mission and gravity of what the Ukrainian people have at stake.”

**(U.S. National Guard photo by Sgt. Spencer Rhodes)-** A U.S. Army Soldier assigned to Task Force Orion, 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New York Army National Guard, wears the Combat Training Center-Yavoriv Advisor patch above the 27th IBCT patch during the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine Transfer of Authority ceremony in Grafenwoehr, Germany, August 8, 2022. Task Force Orion assumed the JMTG-U mission from Task Force Gator, 53rd IBCT, Florida Army National Guard, and will continue to ensure the combat effectiveness of Ukrainian military personnel training on systems and equipment issued under the United States’ Presidential Drawdown Authority.

## LOCKERED “BUD” GAHS’ RETURN TO HIS TRAIL OF THE RAINBOW

By Erin Faith Allen



In August of 2022, after two years of delay from the pandemic, we were finally able to bring PFC Lockered ‘Bud’ Gahs of the 222nd Infantry Regiment back to his battlefields in France and Germany, and the areas he lived and worked in during the Occupation of Austria.

### PART I, Day 1:

Our first stop was the beautiful and mighty Marienberg Fortress in Würzburg, Germany.

During the first week of April 1945, Bud and his comrades in the Antitank Company of the 222 Infantry Regiment were in positions just under the turrets. Their 57 mm guns fired out over

the city from high up on the fortress walls. A few of the men would be awarded Bronze Stars for Valor because of their courageous contributions during the battle.

Bud shared his memories of the battle with us as we took in the views. Würzburg is an incredibly beautiful city - back in ‘45 when Bud and the guys were here the city lay in ruins, flattened by combat.

Our next stop was a field in Germany where Bud and his men took a strafing from an ME 109. After wounding a few of the men in the company, the pilot was shot down and lay dead in the field. He was eventually brought to a nearby cemetery and buried as an ‘unbekannter’ or unknown. At the cemetery Bud took a moment in memory of the fallen pilot.

It was a tremendous honor to accompany Bud on his journey and we are so grateful to our friends in France and Germany who helped us provide Bud his wish to return after all these years. The details of the Antitank Company, 222nd Infantry Regiment will be shared in an upcoming book currently being written by the author of this article.

**[editor: Bud’s Trail of the Rainbow will continue in both the January and April issues of Rainbow REVEILLE 2023]**

## REMEMBERING THE LIBERATORS

By BG (R) Paul Genereux

Most Americans have heard of the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C. A visit there is truly a heart-wrenching experience, with personal stories of the victims and survivors. It also depicts the truly industrial scale of death in the Nazi’s “Final Solution.” There is another, less well known, museum that highlights the role of the 42d Infantry Division in the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp in April 1945.

The Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia is easily accessible off I-95. It houses artifacts of note from the Rainbow Division in the Liberation section. The Rainbow Patch is prominent in several exhibits.

### The Uniform and Awards of SFC Morton Marks:



SFC(ret) Morton Marks is a Richmond native who, with his friend and comrade Ted Parker, sat for an oral history recording at the Virginia Holocaust Museum on August 1, 1997. He and Ted recounted their experiences in Central Europe and especially the events leading up to the liberation of Dachau. SFC Marks’ awards include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct medal, and others. The interview can be viewed on You Tube under “Morton Marks

and Ted Parker.”

### Hitler’s Silverware donated by SSG(ret) James “Pete” Pettus:

In late April 1945, SSG(ret) James Pettus, K Company, 3d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, was ordered to guard the Braun Haus, the first Nazi Party Headquarters, in Munich. Though the Braun Haus was mostly destroyed, SSG Pettus and his squad found underground bunkers and a trove of Nazi artifacts, including Hitler silverware, urns, goblets, and fine china. When ordered to resume





the advance with his unit, SSG Pettus only took the souvenirs he could carry, in this case, 8 pieces of Hitler's silverware. SSG Pettus' awards included the Bronze Star with "V" device for actions in the battle for Würzburg, Germany in early April, 1945. Pete Pettus was elected President of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association in 2001, and remained active in the RDVA and RDVF until he passed over the Rainbow in September 2017.

### Gold and Jeweled Commemorative Purple Heart:

This diamond and gold replica of the Purple Heart was created by Dachau, Germany resident and master jeweler, Ludwig Stoeckl. He created it to honor the victims of the Nazis and the sacrifices of the 42d "Rainbow" Division in the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp. The 29 diamonds represent the date, April 29, 1945. The Purple Heart was donated to the 42d "Rainbow" division and the Virginia Holocaust Museum in June 2008. Ludwig Stoeckl has been a friend of the 42d Infantry Division and the Rainbow Division Veterans' Foundation for many years. He



frequently represents the RDVF at the annual commemoration ceremony at the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial site each April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Virginia Holocaust Museum is undertaking a modernization program to update the exhibits. The Liberation section was not affected as of this summer. However, work is scheduled in the near future. The Virginia Holocaust Museum can be reached at 804-257-5400 or [www.vaholocaust.org](http://www.vaholocaust.org).

### Medical Care in the Rainbow Division 1917 – 2005

By Patrick J. Chaisson, RDVF Historian

The term "quiet professionals" perhaps best describes those Rainbow Division soldiers who bind our wounds, keep us healthy, and comfort the dying in their last hours.

They are called "Doc", "Medic", and a dozen other affectionate nicknames. Usually armed only with a Red Cross armband, these heroes have one duty: to venture out onto the battlefield, treat their comrades' injuries, and get them to medical care.

The subject of military medicine is an enormous one. Space prohibits us from discussing such vital missions as dentistry, public health, field sanitation, and even veterinary services. The Rainbow Division soldiers who perform such tasks deserve great credit indeed for maintaining our fighting soldiers' strength and well-being.

Instead, we will look at what many consider the Medical Department's most critical role: casualty evacuation. Military commanders have known for years that the quicker a critically-wounded soldier receives surgical treatment, the more likely he or she will survive.

Today this concept is called "The Golden Hour", those vital 60 minutes between battlefield and operating room that often makes the difference between life or death. Throughout the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division's history, medical personnel have done their

very best to win this race against the Grim Reaper. It is a story worth examining.

During World War One, the Rainbow Division formed two echelons, or levels, of medical care. Closest to the front line, regimental-level aidmen acted as "first responders". Working alongside infantrymen pressed into service as litter-bearers, these trained medics operated treatment facilities known as battalion aid stations.

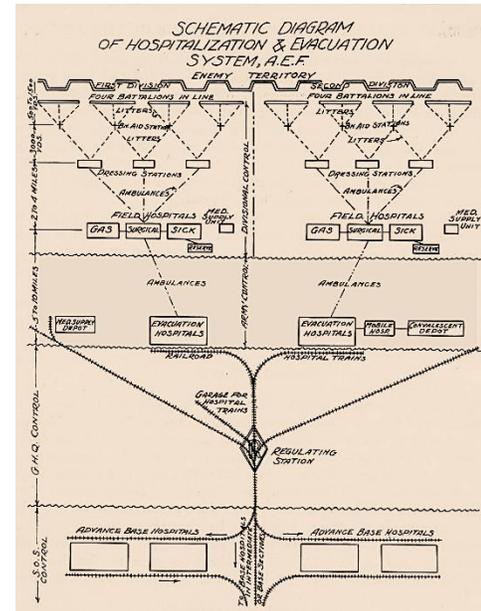
A typical battalion aid station (run by a commissioned officer who was also a doctor) positioned itself about 300 yards behind the front line. In addition to providing basic care, the battalion aid station staff "triaged" or sorted casualties according to the nature of those soldiers' wounds.

Some were coded "minimal", or walking wounded. Other troops, listed as "delayed", had more serious injuries but could wait. The "immediate" category meant just that – without urgent treatment the patient would die. Those unfortunates labeled "expectant" were unlikely to survive, and could only be made comfortable with pain-killing drugs.

The second echelon of medical care in the WWI-era Rainbow Division belonged to an organization known as the 117<sup>th</sup> Sanitary Train. (Think "wagon train" not "freight train" in this case). Just a few hundred yards behind each battalion aid station, this unit established a dressing station. Consider it a bus stop where ambulances collected the badly-wounded and drove them back to a field hospital (usually 2-4 miles behind the lines).

The 117<sup>th</sup> Sanitary Train's four field hospitals treated 22,260 patients during the Rainbow Division's 174 days of combat in 1917-1918. See Photo One for a line drawing of the U.S. Army's evacuation chain during World War One.

When in 1943 the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division was reactivated for



duty in World War Two, it did so under a significantly-altered table of organization. The Sanitary Train went away, replaced by a single medical battalion. In the Rainbow Division, this was the 122<sup>nd</sup> Med. Bn. Each infantry regiment kept its medical detachment, though, as did the 42<sup>nd</sup>'s field artillery, engineer, signal, and service-support commands.

The basic principles of medical care didn't change much from how things were done in World War One. Medics and field surgeons (a military term for any officer-physician in charge of a treatment facility) still maintained battalion aid stations, though

aidmen now often went forward to support the rifle companies. And litter-bearers continued to transport wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station.



Patients requiring additional attention, however, fell under the 122<sup>nd</sup> Med's responsibility. Its three collecting companies ran wheeled ambulances and/or specially-modified jeeps forward to evacuate those triaged as "immediate" and

deliver them to the Rainbow Division's clearing company. Once they received a medical evaluation at the clearing company, the most seriously-wounded went on to a nearby field hospital for follow-on treatment.

Injured soldiers were less likely to die during World War II, mostly due to technology. Jeeps, armored "half-tracks", and wheeled ambulances sped injured Rainbow Division troops back to expert care – often within that magic "Golden Hour". The ready availability of blood plasma and penicillin also contributed to this increased survival rate.

When elements of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Div. went to Iraq as part of Task Force Liberty in 2004-2005, the unit's organization looked very different from that of the World War II-era Rainbow Division. Regiments were out and brigades were in. Each combat arms battalion now had its own aid station and surgeon, while every maneuver brigade controlled a medical company known as "Charlie-Med". The division's order of battle no longer included a medical battalion.

Armored M996 and M997 HMMWV ambulances replaced the vulnerable jeeps and "cracker-box" evacuation vehicles of old. But the Iraq war's most significant change to medical evacuation flew onto the battlefield. We refer, of course, to the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.



Imagine an infantryman in Iraq wounded by small arms fire or an improvised explosive device. His buddies, some of whom are specially-trained Combat Lifesavers, apply first aid until the company medic arrives. Within minutes, a medical evacuation helicopter comes in for a landing. The casualty is then loaded aboard and immediately brought to a state-of-the-art field hospital where some of the world's best trauma surgeons work furiously to save life and limb.

Minus a few rare exceptions, every Task Force Liberty soldier who was hit in Iraq received medical care within the 60-minute "Golden Hour". Sadly, not all of them survived despite the best efforts of American combat medics, helicopter crews, and surgical trauma teams. That is the harsh reality of war.

Nevertheless, it is proper to recognize the courage and dedication of those Rainbow Division soldiers who save rather than take lives. Many veterans owe their lives to these "quiet professionals" who we remember simply by their nickname: Doc.

**Image One** This is a schematic diagram of the hospitalization and evacuation system used by Rainbow Division soldiers in World War I (Source: The United States World War One Centennial Commission)

**Image Two** This illustration shows a combat medic evacuating a casualty across a snowy field during World War II. Notice the layers of wool blankets placed over the patient to ward off shock. (Photo: National Archives)

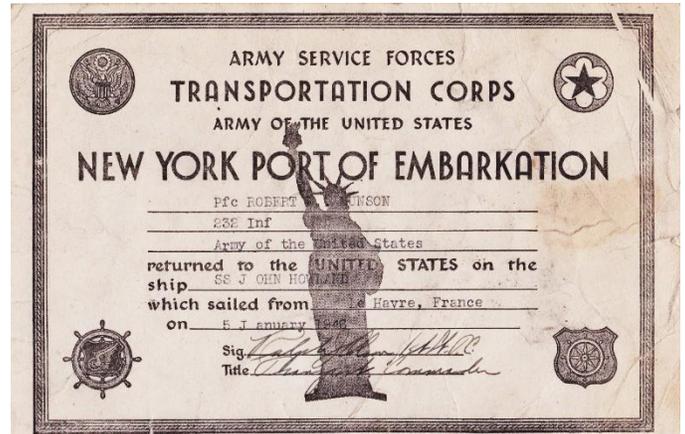
**Image Three** Casualty Collecting Point at a partially demolished house, Europe 1944. (Photo: National Archives)

**Image Four** A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, lands in Iraq, 2008. (Photo: NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs)

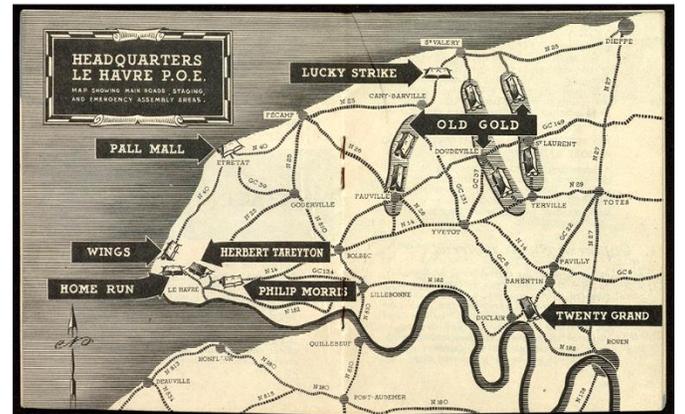
## One End of the Rainbow Trail: Le Havre

By Robert Munson

PFC Robert Munson of 232<sup>nd</sup> "G" Co served with the Rainbow from northeast France across Germany to occupation duty in Austria. While I have no direct stories from him (my dad), the countless articles, books and others' recollections helped me put together his experiences during the war. However, I only knew that he returned to the US in January 1946 via Le Havre, France from the Embarkation Card he saved. Patrick Chiasson's story "Forty-and-Eights, Cigarette Camps, and That Slow Boat Home" in the July 2022 *Rainbow Reveille* motivated me to find out more.



My daughter Amy, though, provided the final push. I work for the US Army in Germany and Amy graduated from high school in June and planned to attend college in Dublin, Ireland. To get there, Amy and I decided to drive across northern France from our new home in Bonn in order to take a ferry from Cherbourg, France to Ireland. This led us through Le Havre so I didn't want to miss the opportunity to learn more.



In preparation, I researched the Le Havre camps. These camps, built around the city and named after popular cigarettes, first served to deploy American troops into Europe and then,

post-war, bring them home. Not knowing my dad's specific story, we concluded that the largest one – "Camp Lucky Strike" – might be the best bet.

East of Le Havre we left the Autoroute A29 and drove north towards the coast and the small town of Saint-Valery-en-Caux. I had found the camp's location at a former German airfield on a 1942-era map. The Army needed a large, flat area to construct the camp, so if we found the airfield we would likely find where the camp stood.



Amy, at the ready to take photos, sat beside me as we turned to the south down the D925 highway (N25 on the map) towards Cany-Barville with the airport somewhere to our right. We happened to slow down and saw a small sign "Route Americaine" pointing down a small, narrow road. This was our lucky strike! We turned down the road and, in the distance, saw a square brick structure with an American flag. We passed the structure, looked back and saw this sign on its rear side (my translation):

#### *Camp Lucky Strike*

*This structure served as a police post to 150,000 soldiers  
From the American Army  
Based in the municipalities of St.-Sylvain, Paluel,  
Vittefleaur and St-Riquier-es-Plains  
From November 1944 to February 1946*

*Recognizing the Liberators  
8 May 1945 – 8 May 1995*

Amy and I had found what might have been the only surviving trace of the camp – a foundation turned into a memorial. 150,000 soldiers had passed through what had again become a quiet field with Normandy cattle and crossed by a bicycling path following the "Route Americaine".



From the memorial we headed back to the main road. I wanted to follow N25 the route to the port as perhaps the soldiers did in 1946 -- D925 is the modern equivalent. It is probable that in 1946 convoys of soldiers would have used the same route. As the

soldiers left the camp to go to the ships, it must have been a long, slow bumpy ride. The convoy's discomforts would probably not have fazed many of them for they had experienced much more in the past months and were now heading home.

I don't know what my dad thought as he was going to the port, but I had my own similar experience returning home from my deployment in Iraq. Leaving Baghdad, the flights hopped to Qatar then to Italy, Germany, Ireland and finally – many, many hours delayed, back to the U.S. We waited everywhere, wondering when we would take off again. Finally, we arrived at BWI airport too late for a hotel. We shaved in the airport restrooms and waited for the morning flights to take us, finally,

back to our families. The reunions made up for the discomforts along the way.

Back on the D925 highway we headed south. From the relatively flat, open Normandy countryside we descended on a winding road into the town of Cany-Barville. As we drove through the town's center, we certainly passed many of the same buildings as the soldiers did in 1946.

From Cany-Barville Amy and I headed west another 12 miles on D925 to the coastal town of Fecamp. Switchbacks brought us down the hills into the center of town, near where the town's small river flowed into the English Channel. We turned the other way, got lost in the small streets, but eventually found D925 again to head south towards Goderville. Once again we ascended the hills and crossed onto the flat Normandy countryside. The road was again straight but it did not seem as if we were moving very fast so we gave up on our map and simply followed the signs to Le Havre. Even on the pretty-good roads in 2022, our journey seemed to take a long time.

Finally coming into the outskirts of La Havre, congestion, confusion and traffic greeted us. As my dad passed through in 1946, the French were beginning to rebuild the destroyed buildings and restore life to the area. We soon found our hotel on the periphery of the once vibrant warehouse/harbor district. We had sat many hours in the car so Amy and I decided to walk down to the port. We passed straight through what had been a huge, active industrial area constructed along large basins which brought boats directly to the warehouses. It looked downtrodden now; nevertheless, the whole area lived and breathed with motion, people and confusion.

We continued towards the oldest section and could imagine how the soldiers might have seen similar chaos. We were seeing the city recovering from the modern "destruction" due to economic changes vs. in 1946 they would have seen wartime damage. Now the warehouses and docks were being redeveloped to serve the future in a different way – we walked through a huge shopping center which had once been a long string of warehouses. We saw a hollowed-out warehouse with only its side skeleton of concrete supports and its roof of steel beams remaining. This had been re-christened and replanted as the "Winston Churchill Memorial Garden."

Amy noticed the smell of fish in the city, especially as we got closer to the old center, and I noticed the diversity. The city was full of life, but as far as I could tell, few were tourists. Instead, we saw large numbers of French-Africans. In 1946, the American and British troops going through the town would have been the diversity in the war-torn streets.



We saw several large, disused basins. The city still had lots of contact with the water, the boats were, though, sitting further out. Across the middle of the long Vauban Basin stood a new, modern bridge. It seemed puzzling why, but we crossed it and realized that it connected the new and the old. Similarly, Le

Have in 1946 connected the end of the Rainbow Trail for soldiers who had fought, suffered and seen their friends killed, with their homes in America ... finally.

**Image One:** PFC Robert Munson's Embarkation Card

**Image Two:** Le Havre and the Cigarette Camps

**Image Three:** "Route Américaine"

**Image Four:** Memorial to the Camp

**Image Five:** Amy crossing the Vauban Basin at the end of the Rainbow Trail

## 2022 RDVF SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Greetings, Friends,

Another Scholarship season has passed and the 2022 Scholarship Awardees are officially named. This year's recipients are quite the 1<sup>st</sup> class group of young Americans. Among them are several children of our RDVF membership, a currently serving Soldier from the 1-258 FA and a Gold-Star sister. We are so proud of them all as their submissions were diverse, well written and backed by some very impressive academic transcripts.

The Scholarship Committee this year was comprised of the following volunteers and RDVF members:

**Patrick Chaisson**, Retired AGR Cavalry Officer  
**Tammy Hicks**, Public High School Master Teacher  
**Kelly Fancher**, Strength Manager, Joint Force HQ-NY  
**Myles Beecham**, Retired AGR Administrative NCO  
**Chris Ciccone**, Board Recorder

These folks are true professionals and each applied a thorough and thoughtful review of the student's GPA and essay submission in order to provide me with their consolidated order of merit findings. As usual, they did a fantastic job and I can't thank them enough for the work they provided to support this important program. This year, the Scholarship Committee recommended and the RDVF Board of Directors approved 12 Awards totaling \$24,500 to the following:

*MacArthur Award (\$5,000)*

**Jack Tomaso**

*Stillman F. Sawyer Award (\$3,000)*

**Dage McNitt**

*Ted Simonson Award (\$2,500)*

**Lexandra Cobin**

*The News Corp-Robert T. Kennedy Award (\$2,500)*

**Sophia Tagliaferro**

*The Major General Joseph J. Taluto Award (\$2,000)*

**Gabriella Fisher**

*Lon and Colleen Peck Award (\$2,000)*

**Katherine Kenny**

*Edward and Lillian Kaiser Award (\$1,500)*

**Dylan Kenny**

*Walter and Virginia Duhasek Award (1,500)*

**Aiden Balog**

*222d Infantry Regiment Award (\$1,500)*

**Nicholas Funari**

*242d Infantry Regiment Award (\$1,000)*

**Autumn McCoy-DeEsch**

*42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Association Award (\$1,000)*

**Michaela Clare**

*Ted Johnson Award (\$1,000)*

**Donovan Jensen**

We're very proud of this program and as we wrap up this scholarship year, we want to remind our members to encourage their college-aged descendants and our currently serving 42<sup>nd</sup> ID Soldiers to prepare for the next application round. To apply for a scholarship, an applicant must be either a graduating high school senior who is accepted to a college, enrolled in college, and/or

eligible to attend college in the fall and who is also one of the following:

A current Soldier, in good standing, assigned to the following 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division units:

27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (27<sup>th</sup> IBCT) (NY ARNG)  
44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (44<sup>th</sup> IBCT) (NJ ARNG)  
86<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (86<sup>th</sup> IBCT) (VT ARNG)  
42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (42<sup>nd</sup> CAB)(NY ARNG)  
197<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (197<sup>th</sup> FAB) (NH ARNG)  
26<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (26<sup>th</sup> MEB) (MA ARNG)  
369<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade (NY ARNG)

A descendant of a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy Member (A descendant is defined as: All spouses, children, spouses of children, descendants and spouses, and all blood and adopted relatives and their spouses.)

An immediate Gold Star Family Member of an OIF/OEF Soldier (or a more recent Named Operation) who died in service under the command of a 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division unit. (Mother, Father, Sibling, Spouse, or child). This unique category is allowed to compete for subsequent awards.

As reported before. Another soon-to-be released scholarship program from the RDVF is one that will focus on the financial support to our currently serving Soldiers who are seeking professional certifications in lieu of a four-year undergraduate degree. We all know that our serving Soldiers are balancing their family-life and regular jobs against a high operational tempo in their military training and multiple deployments. Anything we can do to help provide these men and women with the support they need to achieve their personal military goals while furthering our RDVF mission, just makes good sense. To that end, the Scholarship Committee proposed and the RDVF Board approved the development of the Rainbow Assistance for Vocational Education (RAVE). This program will be funded as a one-time award for each approved Soldier application. Applications will likely be reviewed by the committee on a rolling basis instead of an annual board. To remain consistent with the Scholarship program, previously awarded RDVF Scholarship or RAVE recipients are not eligible to apply again. To encourage future access to RDVF programs, events and web-content, Soldiers who are RAVE recipients will be granted a complimentary one-year membership in the RDVF. The specific application process is in development and we will formally announce this program very soon.

I thank each and every one of our RDVF Members for the ongoing and steadfast support to this very important program. I also commend and thank the forward-thinking leadership of the RDVF Board of Directors who are always looking for ways to support and promote the mission of our great organization.



"Rainbow!" Never Forget!  
Gary S. Yaple  
Scholarship Chairman

FORT BELVOIR, VA:  
Command Sergeant Major (Retired) John Willsey inspects the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry (Rainbow) Division Unit Tribute plaque located along the National Museum of the U.S. Army's Path of Remembrance during his visit to the Washington DC area in October of 2022.

Photo courtesy of John Willsey;  
Caption by Patrick Chaisson

**WWII RAINBOW MEMORIAL LIST**  
**Deaths Reported Since July 2022**

**GREEN**, Richard Hugh Occupation Austria MP Platoon  
**HOUDEK**, Thomas E. Co. G/232 Infantry  
**POINTER**, James Luther Co. C/222 Infantry  
**RAGONE**, Robert Co. E/242 Infantry  
**REATH**, A. Norman Cos. A&B/232 Infantry  
**VANDIVER**, Jack H. unit unreported  
**VITALE**, Donald S. MedDet/242 Infantry

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Contributions 10 July 2022 – 10 October 2022

**Scholarship Operating Fund**

John J. Bobb – 100. *In memory of John A. Bobb, Medic/242*; Fred Coleman IV – 25. *In memory of F.W. Coleman III, HQ/232*; Michael J. Kelly – 100.; James H. Wandzilak – 50.; James Miller – 50. *In memory of Dee R. Eberhart, I/242*

**Scholarship Endowment Fund**

42ID Rainbow Division Association – 1,000. *In memory of 42ID Deceased Veterans*; Hilbert Margol – 100. *In memory of Frank Burns, I/242 and 100. In memory of Howard Margol, B Btry 392 FA. ; Melanie Remple – 200. In memory of Marlene Krein and 100. In memory of Dee R. Eberhart, I/242*; Patti D'Aurora – 25. *In memory of Andrew P. Senecal, AT Co/222*; Charles Podhaizer – 54. ; Renee Cobin – 50. *In memory of John Schneider, 42ID MP Plt*; Bill and Donna Priebe – 70. *In memory of Wilbur L. Priebe, K/242*

**A MEMORY of SERVICE**

**Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941**

from the Memoirs of Sergeant Donald J. Carner, Battery F, 251<sup>st</sup> CA (AA) with service in the Fiji Islands and the Island of Bougainville; **LATER**, volunteering for the Infantry, assigned to Camp Gruber, OK. On November 25, 1944 now a member of Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 232<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 42<sup>nd</sup> "Rainbow" Division, his ship left New York Harbor as part of Task Force Linden.

*Left: Machine Gunners C Co., 232<sup>nd</sup> Inf. 42<sup>nd</sup> "Rainbow" approx. 22 March 1945. Don Carner front row, center.*

**DECEMBER 5, 1941** I made Corporal on Friday, December 5, 1941. Having a weekend pass, myself and several others went to Honolulu. Our truck let us off at the Army and Navy YMCA but we did not try to reserve a cot for the night at this time. Honolulu was full of service men from all services. We remarked that we had never seen that many in town before. On Canal and Hotel streets, the sailors were in block-long lines. I believe it was the Honolulu Theater showing Charlie Chaplin in the movie, "The Great Dictator, so we went there to get tickets for the 10:00p.m. show only to find out that it would not be shown as they had a preview of a new picture.

We decided we would go back to the YMCA and reserve our cots for the night and then go see the show Sunday.

Well, we found out that all the beds were sold out. We checked two other places and they too were filled. We decided that we would take the last truck back to camp, then Sunday morning go back to Honolulu. **DECEMBER 7, 1941**- Sam Hurd, one of our Battery's cooks, came into the barrack saying, "Last call for breakfast!" I asked him what we were having – pancakes, says Sam. I told him to save me a couple, I would be right there. As I lingered there an extra minute, loud explosions brought me to my feet. The noise was coming from Pearl Harbor area to our east. Black smoke began rising up and we were beginning to see aero bursts from anti-aircraft guns. Then our camp came under fire as Japanese aircraft made strafing runs over our barracks. I shall never forget the big grin on the round-faced Japanese pilot as he flew approximately fifty feet over us...We mounted our .30 and .50 Cal. Guns on trucks and hooked up our 37mm behind them. This was around 9:00a.m. the time of the second attack. We were on the road, headed for Pearl."

