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Post Reports

Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD

Commander: Lee Hofmann

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Greetings to all,

It seems that our summer weather is fast coming to a close. I hope each of you has had the opportunity to enjoy your summer with friends and family. Our combined Post 1-72 and Veteran Corps picnic was a success. Thirty members, friends and family shared a day of camaraderie. This year we were honored by the attendance of WWII veteran, Henry Rey. It was indeed a pleasure to be in Henry's company.

Work on refurbishing the Veteran Corps Headquarters room at the 5th Regiment Armory, continues in full swing, with PNC Robert E. Lee Wisch leading the charge, in what I call his "labor of love" as we make further progress. I implore all our members to make every effort to attend either our Limestone Post 1-72 meeting, or that of the Veteran Corps, if indeed you are member. You will be treated to quite the pictorial history, as assembled by Bob.

Among the attendees, at our last meeting, was Mike Krauss, as many of you may know is the son of one our WWII past members, Sam Krauss. Mike was in town from his "home base" in South Carolina, and took the opportunity to join us. Mike, like his dad, is one of those kind of guys who brings fun wherever he goes, and it was a treat to have him amongst us.

Our next scheduled meetings take place on 21 October, and 18 November 2019. Please make every effort to be in our company, and share in the camaraderie while taking in all the pictures, and memorabilia assembled in the room.

Fast approaching is the 101st national convention of your 29th Division Association! We of Post 1-72 look forward to renewing, and "perpetuating old friendships". I look forward to meeting up with our friends, and comrades.

To my Limestone Post 1-72 comrades, we still show fifteen members who have not yet become "paid up" current, members. Men, please respond to the Finance Officer William Dehaven, and bring your membership status to "current". Your dues play a vital

role in helping our Post to keep alive "the spirit that never knew defeat".

Next Limestone Post 1-72 meetings are **21 October 2019 and 18 November 2019**.

Respectfully,

Lee Hofmann, Commander

Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL

Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy

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Coming from the Northeast, you learn, after a while on how to cope with blizzards and paralyzing cold snaps. Preparation was always key when I lived in Northwest New Jersey; you always made sure you had enough gas in the car, enough food in the house, enough insulation in all the right places in the house and maybe a generator in case the power gets knocked out. I definitely shared in some stock in the Campbell's Soup Company during those hard days up North. Now that I am living away from "Ice Station Zebra" and have settled in Southwest Florida, new challenges have reemerged; hurricanes and torrential rain. Our coast most recently dodged a "howitzer" of a storm in Hurricane Dorian, a category 5 monster with 200 mile an hour winds! Eerily, it hung on to our coast for several days after its devastating hit on the Bahamas. Many islands in the Bahamas were seemingly wiped off the map, as government and public help currently continue to flood in to assist with rebuilding efforts after such horrible misfortune.

Preparation and vigilance was the key to keeping Florida's coastline safe, although we might have had a similar fate had Dorian made landfall. It always helps to be prepared as best as you can, even if the circumstances are unknown. "Better safe, than sorry" as they say. Our Association shares in sending our thoughts and prayers to this beleaguered chain of islands, with hope for a strong recovery.

On local shores, we are preparing to open our doors to Florida West Post 2 once again this month at the comfortable and cooling

confines of the Sarasota Red Lobster. Our Post is relieved to see that we are getting some response from local recruiting efforts to increase our membership. While we are still struggling to draw new recruits, it is a good sign that we are getting a response. My goal still remains to help educate the public on who we are, why we are here and how we can perpetuate and uphold the grand legacy of the 29th Division. I was extremely encouraged to see younger members coming on board to help "carry the torch" well into the future! One young man in particular, Mr. Hunter Steimel. This young man worships the ground his great grandfather walks on to this day! I am speaking of none other than our Sgt-at Arms here at Florida West Post 2, Joseph K. Steimel, K/175th. Joe is a proud 29ner through and through and has been a loyal supporter of our Post for many years and the 29th Division Association at large. I am so proud to have him and now his great grandson at our Post here in Sarasota! Hunter's arrival brings hope to me and other members of our Post that our message will not be lost, but will carry on to hopefully inspire others to hold these stories of sacrifice and freedom sacred, for generations to come.

I am excited to open the doors once again this Fall and welcome new members and invite more to follow. Please continue to spread the word about our Post here in Florida and also to help strengthen our Association. The legacy of the Blue & Gray will never die . . . with your help!

Meetings are held at 12pm on the third Saturday every month. For information on lunch menu's or local vacation lodging please call the Sarasota Red Lobster: 941- 924-1297

Future meetings: 19 October, 16 November, 21 December.

*Sean P. Malloy, Commander
Eric G. Smith, Vice Commander*

Rudolph M. Price, Jr., Post 5, Norfolk, VA
Commander: John Lane

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Update on Armory Renovations: The Norfolk armory is undergoing a major renovation which includes the area of our meeting room. We were hoping that work would be completed in time to support our 9 November meeting but now it appears it won't be ready until after the first of the new year. We have packed up and removed all our items for safe keeping. When completed, it will take a little time to put our "new room" back together as we plan to reorganize the items in a more chronological arrangement. We will keep you informed of the status.

Our Post 5 meeting schedule has changed to twice yearly on the Saturdays before our Memorial and Veterans Day events. So since our meeting room at the Armory won't be available until next year, our 9 November meeting is cancelled as well. However, on that Veterans Day, Monday, 11 November at 11:00 am, we will have our traditional service at Forest Lawn cemetery. So our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, 23 May 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Norfolk armory.

Thanks for all your support for the 29th Division Association, Norfolk Post 5, and all associated events.

Randy Hess, Adjutant

HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

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Post 29 continues to grow as an organization, with a current total of 48 members. We encourage our members to attend the 29th Division National Conference located in Virginia Beach, 10-13 October.

Our next meeting is November 2nd at 1700, location TBD.

The theme is the Bosnia-Herzegovina / SFOR10 deployment from 2001-02. Members are encouraged to bring in artifacts and pictures from the deployment. We will have a short presentation, and members will have an opportunity to share memories.

Also in November, we encourage our members to support the 116th Regimental Muster in Staunton on November 9th. Location is the Stonewall Jackson Conference Center, 24 S. Market St, Staunton, VA 24401 (ph: 540-885-4848).

On December 7th, the 1-111th FA will host the Saint Barbara celebration at the Fort Magruder Hotel, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (ph: 757-220-2250). Lastly, on December 14th, Post 29 is laying wreaths in Richmond as part of "Wreaths across America". If you would like to volunteer, or if you would like more information on any of these events, please contact us at HQPOST29@gmail.com

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer

Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD
Commander: Frank Rauschenberg

Please mail dues to: **Jerome L. Day, Post 48**

P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158

Several veterans of the 110th FA have been asking about the having the Old Timers Reunion dinner again. I'm happy to report that Post 48 and Post 110th will host the annual Field Artillery Reunion and Old Timer's Luncheon on Saturday, November 23rd at 12 noon at the Pikesville Military Reservations. Guest speaker to be announced, plus updates on the future of the PMR.

This Luncheon event is catered for \$20.00. This luncheon has been a great way to reminisce with comrades that you served with.

Please mark your calendars to join us at the Field Artillery and Old Timers Luncheon on November 23rd. A head count is needed to insure there will be enough food for all. Please RSVP to Post Commander Ginsburg or me fm32@erols.com, at your earliest convenience. Looking forward seeing you and your comrades.

At the October 26th Post 48 meeting, we will have a guest speaker who will speak on Wreaths Across America. They will be laying wreaths at graves of veterans in cemeteries in Carroll County on Saturday, December 14th.

Comrades, please plan to attend this most informed event.

AYCE Crab and Chicken Feed

The Jerome L. Day Post 48, 29th Division Association has partnered with American Legion Post 31, Westminster in hosting an All You Can Eat (AYCE) Steamed Crab and Chicken feed as a fundraising event on **Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 1pm to 5pm at the Legion Post, in Westminster.**

There is a donation of \$40.00 a person to attend and enjoy plenty of delicious steamed crabs, fried chicken, side dishes and desserts. Please mark your calendar for this special event, supporting the American Legion and Post 48.

Help is needed for this event by Post 48 members. Please plan to arrive at the American Legion no later than 12 noon.

Contact Richard Stem, Post Finance Officer at 410-804-7699, Frank M. Rauschenberg at 240-367-6110 or the American Legion at 410-857-7953 for your tickets.

Celebrating America

Post 48 has participated in Celebrating America Summer Passport Event where children must visit at least 8 historical sites in Carroll County, including the Jerome L. Day Armory in Westminster. This was an opportunity for young people to see and learn about these historical sites in Carroll County. Prizes will be awarded to those children with the most visited sites that can be authenticated. An award ceremony will be held on October 20th at the Union Mills Homestead, Silver Run, MD. Post 48 will award a child a \$50.00 gift card who participated in this event.

I will keep you informed of upcoming events at the monthly meetings and by means of the *Chin Strap*.

As a reminder, the next scheduled meeting will be September 26th at the American Legion, Westminster, MD.

Dinner at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm and out by 8 pm. All comrades and their guests are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy some good veteran comradeship.

As always, I can be contacted by calling 240-367-6110 or E-mail, fm32@erols.com.

Frank Rauschenberg, Commander

Harry M. Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA

Commander: Morris Bennett

Please mail dues to: **Jeff Banik**

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Post 64 met on 4 September with 35 in attendance; consisting of, 4 -WW-II Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, Veterans from several branches of Military Service and guests; and of course, including many Awesome 29ers. Several guests were introduced including 2 new members and one prospective member.

After Prayer by Col. John Miller (standing in for Chaplain Talmadge who on appointment), the pledge and Preamble, a roll call of officers revealed all present with one exception. The Adjutant's minutes were approved as read. The Financial Officer's report was received and approved.

National Commander David Leighton gave a report concerning our upcoming National Convention October 11 – 13, 2019 in Virginia Beach. The ladies are still making preparations for the Hospitality Room, decorations and door prizes. He also stated that MG Epper-

ly will be the guest speaker at the dinner on 12 October. Some of the planned events is a visit to the SMR and a historical talk about the SMR and the role it played in WWII. He said that MG Williams will be attending and speaking to everyone at SMR. The deadline to attend is coming quickly.

Quartermaster Ken Cannon presented WWII D-Day Veteran, Chuck Neighbor with a replacement 29th Division hat. His previous hat was lost in his recent move from his apartment to the nursing room section of Brandon Oaks Facility.

Comrade Commando Roragen gave a K-9 report on an upcoming meeting with the new director of Virginia Veterans Care Center concerning K-9 Veterans Day on 13 March. They also will be meeting with the new members from AUSA. That's Army United States.

Maggie Hartley from the D-Day Memorial gave an update on the Honor Flight on 10 – 12 October and they still have a few seats left. She also gave an update about the speaker at the luncheon on 19 September and the planning event on 21 September for (K-9) POW -MIA Day 13, and 11 November for Veterans Day.

The Post sponsored a table at the Salem Red Sox Baseball Park on 31 August. We sold tickets for the M-1 Grand that will be giving away 11 July, 2020. We also gave away Korean War and Vietnam War hats to those who were in combat.

The post has a new Raffle for this year. It is an M-1 Garand. Raffle Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. The goal is to sell 3,000 tickets. It was reported that ticket sales are going slow. We need to pick up sales. The drawing will be 11 July 2020. The money from the raffle will be split 3 ways 1/3 to the Military Family Support Group, 1/3 to the Post Hat to Veterans and 1/3 to the General Post Fund. A prize for the member who sells the most tickets is being looked at. PNC King is working on that piece.

COL Miller President of AUSA told the post about some upcoming events, a town hall meeting with the VA Medical Center on 19 Sept at 1400 Hrs. Also the Salem VA Medical Center will hold a POW/MIA event on 20 September. The 85 Anniversary of the Salem VA Medical Center will be 19 October starting at 1000 Hrs. There will be a Veterans Day Program on 8 November at the Vinton War Memorial starting at 1900 Hrs.

The two new members were: Col. Don Clary, former Commander of Fort Pickett and former G-4 to the Post; and Chester D. "Budds" Brown. Maggie Hartley has an application for becoming a Post member later.

PNC Bill King won the 50/50 and returned his half back to the Post treasury as he has always done.

Great comradeship was enjoyed by all. Our next three stated Post 64 meetings will be 1130 hours, **2 October 2019, 6 November 2019, and 21 December 2019** at our Post 64 Annual Christmas Luncheon beginning at 1130 hours at Lakeland Masonic Lodge.

Morris Bennett, Commander

Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD

Commander: James Hutts

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P.O. Box 1882, Frederick, MD 21703-0882

Our Family Picnic on August 31st went off as planned with roughly 66 members and families in attendance. A great meal was

served and a good time was had by all. Due to several unfortunate circumstances, we did not have the Annual Memorial Service this year. Hopefully, we will be able to memorialize more of our former 29ers in the programs next year and thereafter.

There has been some confusion regarding the date for our annual Post 78 Crab Feed. I advertised last month that the feed was scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. I was later informed that the meal was scheduled for October 26th, and this new date was publicized in our local newsletter, the Cresap's Rifle. Unfortunately, and I hope you will forgive us, the original date of **OCTOBER 5TH WAS CORRECT**. I know for many of you who may have made plans to attend the later date, may not be able to make the change. We have mailed many notices through the USPS and along with this notification, hope you can still make your plans work. If necessary, you may contact me at 301-695-9558 *wilcoxj154@gmail.com* or Greg LaCoste at 301-514-1057 to inform us of your desire to attend. Please leave a message if you cannot reach us and we will return the call.

The Crab Feed will again be held at the Valley Post 9 AMVETS in Middletown, MD. The time is scheduled for 5:00 P.M. sharp and you should be there early to get good seating. The meal consists of fresh steamed crabs, home-made crab soup, fried chicken, potato salad, Cole slaw, cubed cheese variety and potato chips. Free beer and limited soft drinks will be available from a bartender. Other hard drinks and mixed drinks will be at your own expense. There will also be iced tea and lemonade. **We are again asking our ladies to provide some help with desert, by bringing cakes, cookies, pies, etc.** Fees for this event will again be \$25.00 each for Post 78 member and wife, with all other guests paying \$30.00 per person. Children 10 and under may eat for free. **To help avoid possible future increases, we are reminding you that you may not remove food from the premises. All food and drink must be consumed on site and not carried out. We will be closely monitoring this.**

Following these events, we will begin the planning for our "Christmas with the Veterans" program. See more about this in a future *Chin Strap* Report.

Upcoming meeting dates are scheduled for **October 9, and November 13 at the Talley Recreation Center (old armory) in Frederick at 7:00 p.m. There will be no December meeting.**

PNC John E. Wilcox, Adjutant

Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD

Commander: Howard Bond

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5 Shore Drive, North East, MD 21901-3327

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85. Please don't forget to pay your 2019 dues if you haven't already paid. Our Post 85 Honor Guard continues to perform Military Honors.

During our September Meeting Larry Campbell showed the shadow box of his father, Bruce Franklin Campbell. He was

with K Company, 116th and was involved in the 2nd wave of D-Day. Amazingly enough, his father made it to August before being wounded! His father and mother attended the 35th Anniversary of D-Day and visited St. Lo. He remembers they came home with a bunch of travel size bottles of Calvados.

The 29th CAB assisted with relief efforts from Hurricane Dorian by providing aircraft for the 449th CAB. Way to represent!! 29 Let's Go!!

Our next regular meetings will be October 2, November 6, and December 4, 2019 at the North East VFW. There will be coffee and donuts at 9:45 with the meeting starting at 10:00am. We are still working on a Harford County Meeting time. If anyone from the 29th CAB has a suggestion for meeting times at the Edgewood American Legion, please let me know.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Next meeting dates: October 2 and November 6.

*Respectfully,
Valerie Simmers, Adjutant*

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Commander: Jon Black

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102 Richardson Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613-1130

No report received.

New England Post 93, New England

Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino

Please mail dues to: **Neil Ungerleider**
34 Maple Avenue, Boxford, MA 01921-1424

It has been such a hot summer here, I'm sure waiting for the change to Fall. I'll get it by getting to New England for a Post Meeting the beginning of October. Neil will send out the email shortly with information of where and when and the cost of lunch. Hoping to see many of you!!

Michael Yannaghas has been busy all summer showing and teaching American groups about the 29th ID in St Lo during 1944. He is managing the Chapelle Madelene in St Lo which holds articles of both the 29th and 35th Infantry Divisions. Michael has also participated in 22 Ceremonies in and around St Lo just this summer. Mike van den Dobbblestein is also busy as a tour guide and has recently made a video with Paul Woodard about the 115th Infantry Regiment in the St Clair sur Elle area.

Charlotte Jeurgens has showed her movie "Sunken Roads" which she filmed in 2014 in Normandy, in Vermont last month and will show the film in San Diego on 28 September at the GI Film Festival. She has also found a distributor so we will see what happens next!

Please let us know of any activity you are doing to help keep the memories of the 29th Infantry Division alive so we can let everyone know.

See you soon! Stay well.

Fran Sherr-Davino, Commander

Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD

Commander: Jay Garrison

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Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Commander: Barent Parslow

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566 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482

We have not heard from the following members this year concerning their membership status: G. Bergelson, J. Bruce, B. Burns, L. Carter, S. Chontos, S. Daugherty, R. Dees, W. Eisenhardt, K. Gutknecht, R. Heinlein-Ewell, H. Hodges, R. Jones, R. Langille, H. Morris, S. Piper, W. Santora, G. Schaefer, B. Serazio, J. Starzyk, D. Talaber, and V. Villavicencio.

These members are urged to fulfill their membership obligations to prevent any change in their membership status.

No meetings scheduled.

Will Mund, Finance Officer

Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

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The Larkspur Post 110 sends greetings to all our comrades. We held our first meeting after a summer break on 11 September remembering that infamous day in American history.

Commander Ginsburg, who is representing the veteran and military history community, reported on the presentation that was provided at the 29 August meeting of the Pikesville Armory Alliance (the group that replaced Governor Larry Hogan's Commission to study and consider what to do with the National Guard armory in Pikesville).

Isaac Hametz of Mahan Rykiel Associates, working for the Alliance, presented the results of the August phase of the master plan and feasibility study that included two primary deliverables. The first deliverable was the development a Test Fit Framework that provided multiple physical scenarios for the entire property and evaluations of each against the preliminary program elements. Almost all of the "Test Fits" included facilities for the veterans groups and military history in the NCO Club.

The second deliverable was the study of financing mechanisms to compile financial resources, strategies and organizational structure for future implementation.

The next phase, scheduled to complete in October, will provide a preliminary master plan and feasibility analysis.

We will continue to provide updates on this very important program in upcoming issues.

The date for the Maryland Artillery Reunion (formerly the Old Timers Reunion) is set for 23 November at noon in the Pikesville NCO Club. The speaker is TBD. We will provide more information in the October *Chin Strap*.

Future meetings/events:

Maryland Artillery Reunion – **23 November**

Post Meeting – **13 November 2019**

Christmas Luncheon – **11 December 2019**

Frank Armiger, Post 110 Executive Director

All Correspondence with the Post, dues, etc., must be addressed to: Post 116, 29th Division Assoc. 566 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482

Post 116 met on 10 September as scheduled and reviewed several items. The 29th Division Association Convention was discussed and registration forms handed out. We learned that the 116th Regiment Annual Muster and 5K run online registration is now live on the 116th Foundation website.

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment provided this announcement:

116th Infantry Regiment: Making the History that Others Read About

The 52nd Annual Muster and Reunion of the 116th Infantry Regiment will be held in Staunton, VA on Saturday, 9 November 2019.

The Muster was started by members of the Regiment as a way to maintain the friendships they had forged in military service and to preserve the distinguished history of the Regiment. Today, another generation of veterans and their supporters continue to gather annually for the same purpose: maintaining friendships and preserving history.

The muster weekend includes an Open House at the Regimental Museum, a 5K Race, and a reception followed by a formal dinner and program. The theme of this year's program will be Remembering our history, the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. The cost is only \$50 per person and seating is limited – reserve your seat now.

For additional information please go to the 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation's website <http://116thfoundation.org/muster> or call the 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation at 1-540-248-0116.

The 116th Foundation reports its History Experience Tours for 2020 will be offered soon. There will be several tours offered: WWI AEF tour the last week of May 2020 and a WWII 76th D-Day trip in the first week of June 2020. A second Normandy D-Day trip the third full week of September 2020 and an American Revolution trip following the Southern Campaign the first week of October 2020. A Civil War Valley Campaign tour is in the works also, tentatively in early May 2020.

17 October 2019. The "C Company" 116th veterans meet for lunch about 1130 in Harrisonburg, VA the third Thursday of EVEN numbered months at Golden Corral.

21 October 2019. The Winchester 116th veteran's group meets every month on the third Monday at the Golden Coral in Winchester. Be there by 0900 to get an all-you-can-eat breakfast.

12 November 2019 **NEXT POST 116 MEETING** Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant, Exit #222 on I81, Staunton, VA starting at 1145 hrs. **The Post has changed its meeting schedule to every other month/bi-monthly** on ODD numbered months (September, November, January, etc.)

ANY Post 116 Member, former Stonewaller or 29er is invited, welcome, and encouraged to attend!

Jimmy Kilbourne, Finance Officer



MG (Ret) Carroll Childers, a former 29th Division Commander and BG (Ret) Pete Hinz, 29th Division Association Senior Vice Commander participate in a 75th D-Day Anniversary Ceremony in Vierville, France.

Congressional Gold Medal for WWII Rangers

The Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc. has a new project to get the U S Army Ranger veterans of WWII awarded the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM). This single 3.0-inch diameter National award, after being signed into Public Law by the President, will be presented collectively to the 368 members of the **29th Provisional Ranger Battalion**, 29th Infantry Division, which trained at the British Commando School at Achnacarry, Scotland, in February and May 1943. After this training, commando teams from the 29th Provisional Ranger Battalion conducted several raids on German facilities in the Channel Islands and in Norway. The 6579 veterans of the six, authorized and numbered WWII Ranger Battalions will also be honored with this CGM when awarded. These six battalions fought in every combat theater of WWII including North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Germany, and the Philippines. The CGM, after presentation to remaining WWII Rangers and families in Washington, DC by senior politicians and military leaders, will be permanently displayed at the Smithsonian. It may be loaned out to museums and institutions related to the recipients.

Records indicate a total of only 54 still-remaining WWII Rangers, all in their 90s, out of the almost 7000 who volunteered to serve. **Two of these remaining WWII Rangers served in the 29th Provisional Ranger Battalion.** The goal is to push this project as quickly as possible so that many of the still-remaining WWII Rangers will be able to participate in the national award ceremony.

Per the Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc., the award of the CGM is a legislative process that requires introduction in the House and Senate of same-worded bills, then approval of these bills by both bodies with 2/3rds majorities, and then approval by the President. After Presidential approval, the single CGM is designed, minted, and presented.

The Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc. states that **Senate bill S.1757** has been introduced by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) and co-sponsored by four Senators. Senatorial co-sponsors need to number 67 before the bill can move to the full Senate for a vote. The Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc. organization is seeking assistance from members of the 29th Infantry Division Association to contact their Senators and encourage them to support Senate bill **S.1757 by co-sponsoring the bill.** **"Co-sponsor"** is the critical word. You can go to: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1757/text> to see the text and co-sponsor details of the Senate bill S.1757. Work is on-going to get a bill introduced in the House with the same wording as the Senate bill S.1757.

If you want to assist in this effort to nationally recognize and honor the members of the 29th Provisional Ranger Battalion, then visit website <https://ronhudnell.wixsite.com/cgm-wwiirangers/documents> to get more facts as well as samples of call messages, emails, and letters that can be sent to your Senators. Please email Ron Hudnell, Board Member of the Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc. at RonHudnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. **Rangers Lead The Way!**

29th Division Association Supplies Available

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>POSTAGE & HANDLING</u>	<u>MAILED</u>
Book—Ever Forward 116th Inf. History (soft cover)	\$17.90	\$5.75	\$23.65
Book—29 Let's Go—29th Division History	\$29.00	\$5.75	\$29.00
Book—Beyond the Beachhead (Joseph Balkoski)	\$19.90	\$5.75	\$25.65
Book—115th Infantry in WWII	\$25.00	\$5.75	\$30.75
Book—Omaha Beach and Beyond (The Long March of Sgt. Slaughter)	\$25.00	\$5.75	\$30.75
Book—From Beachhead to Brittany (Joseph Balkoski)	\$28.00	\$5.75	\$33.75
Book—From Brittany to the Reich (Joseph Balkoski)	\$27.00	\$5.75	\$32.75
Book—Our Tortured Souls (Joseph Balkoski)	\$27.00	\$5.75	\$32.75
Book—The Last Roll Call (Joseph Balkoski)	\$25.00	\$5.75	\$30.75
Book—Fields of War, Battle of Normandy (Robert Mueller)	\$19.95	\$5.75	\$25.70
Book—Drawing D-Day (Ugo & Maxine Giannini) (soft cover)	\$43.00	\$5.95	\$48.95
29th Division Association Note Pads (5 1/2 x 8 1/2)	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$2.30
Crests—115th, 116th, & 175th Infantry Regiments	\$5.50	\$1.10	\$6.60
Pin—29th Patch Stick Pin	\$5.50	\$1.10	\$6.60
Decal (specify inside or outside)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00
Labels, gummed w/29th logo (sheet of 50)	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$1.50
Clear Plastic key ring w/29th Association logo	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.50
Lapel pin	\$3.95	\$1.10	\$5.05
Lapel pin, past post commander	\$5.00	\$1.10	\$6.10
Ladies pendant	\$7.00	\$1.10	\$8.10
Medallion (for plaques)	\$6.00	\$1.10	\$7.10
29th Division Wine Glass	\$5.00	\$1.10	\$6.10
29th Division Association pocket patch	\$6.00	\$1.10	\$7.10
Pocket patch holder	\$3.00	\$1.10	\$4.10
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