



87th Infantry Division Legacy Association

Ardennes Rhineland
Central Europe



Dear 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association member,

I wanted to wish you all a very Happy New Year, and hope that you all had a wonderful Holiday season.

Membership

This is our annual “beginning of the year” reminder letter to make sure everyone has their membership dues up to date. On the envelope that this letter came in, there should be a year listed below your address. That is the year that your dues are paid through. I have included a membership form, or you can also go to our website at www.87thinfantrydivision.com, and there is a link about halfway down the home page to renew or join via Paypal.

If you already threw the envelope away, or have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 319-270-3587.

Tim Muilenburg, Membership Coordinator

Golden Acorn News- Legacy Edition

The Association again plans to publish the *Golden Acorn News- Legacy Edition* quarterly during the 2018 year. It will be published in February, May, August and November. If you have not received the newsletter by the end of these months, please let us know so that we can correct your email/home address. We hope the veterans will keep us up to date on what they have been doing, and as always, any of their memories during the war, now over 70 years ago. Please send to barbstrang@cox.net or mail to Barbara Strang, 1338 E. Dartmouth St., Mesa, AZ 85203. As a reminder, the GAN-LE is included for free with your membership dues as an e-mail attachment. If you would like the GAN-LE printed and mailed to your home, it is an additional \$15 per year. Please send that money to Tim Muilenburg along with the attached membership form.

Barbara Strang, GAN-LE Editor

Reunion- 2018

The 69th Reunion program will begin on Thursday evening, October 18; on Friday, October 19, we will take a bus tour to the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and Jefferson Barracks Park and Museums with our memorial service at the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge monument and mixer at night; and on Saturday, October 20, our business meeting will convene with educational forums and dinner in the evening.

Hotel provided complimentary airport shuttle is available between 6:00am and 11:00pm daily every half hour automatically with vans holding 14. Complimentary hotel surface lot parking and parking garage are also available. In addition, you will have a \$3.00 discount on hotel breakfasts and lunch buffets in the restaurant.



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You can call the Sheraton West Port Plaza Hotel in St. Louis for reservations toll free at 888-627-7066. When calling the hotel for individual reservations reference the 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association. All reservations should be received by the Hotel no later than September 27, 2018.

You can also go to the following websites to make reservations:

[87th Infantry Division Legacy Association](http://www.87thinfantrydivision.com)

(OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/87thInfantryDivisionLegacy>

Tom Hewlett and Craig Stiegemeier, both Past Presidents of the Legacy Association, look forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

National WWII Museum Student Leadership Academy

The 87th IDLA will again sponsor a high school or college student to attend the Student Leadership Academy. Last year's winner was Olivia Doubleday, granddaughter of the late Spencer Reed. The Academy provides students with an opportunity to spend one week with the National WWII Museum's staff of historians, curators, and educators in an immersive WWII experience at the Museum. This six-night, seven-day program immerses students in the Museum's wealth of exhibits, artifacts, images, and documents, with structured Leadership Lesson Debates along the way. A ride aboard PT-305, the Museum's WWII combat-veteran PT boat, concludes the week. Students can also choose to enroll in an online course through Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, that will be instructed by a history professor and moderated by Museum staff. Assignments for the course will include discussions and papers on assigned readings. Assignments will be graded, and students who pass the course will earn three college credit hours. More information on the subject and rules for the essay contest will be published in the February Golden Acorn News.

Vince Kranz, email: delhawk@comcast.net

Veteran Interviews

A young man from France is interested in videotaping interviews with some of our veterans. My friend, Florent Plana, will be in the U.S. starting in February. He'll be traveling though Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois until sometime in May. The videos will be part of his Facebook page, World War II Veterans' Memories. He will also supply a copy of the video to the veteran and his family. Anyone interested in meeting with Flo, please contact him at florentplana@gmail.com. You can check out his Facebook pages Florent Plana or World War II Veterans' Memories.



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President's Message

I'm truly honored to serve as the 2018 president of 87th IDLA. I want to thank the Executive Board for their confidence in selecting me. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months as we prepare, not just for our next reunion in the Fall, but for the future of this great organization. Though I've only been in the Association since 2011, my late Dad was a lifelong member until his passing seven years ago. I'm so very proud to carry on the legacy of, not just my Dad, but all the veterans of the 87th.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in St. Louis this Fall!

Kathy D'Alleva, President
87th IDLA-Executive Committee

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If you have any questions on any of the issues in this letter, please feel free to contact me at membership@87thinfantrydivision.com, or call me at 319-270-3587.

Tim Muilenburg, Membership Coordinator

Son of Ivan Muilenburg, 549th AAA Battalion