2008 REUNION AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

2008 ROSTER
As announced in my September 30, 2008 letter to all on the roster, The February 2008 newsletter is not going to be the FINAL 11008th GROUP NEWSLETTER as previously predicted. And this one in November 2008 is also not going to be the last. The REALLY, REALLY last issue will be printed in November 2009 or at some other appropriate date after the FINAL REUNION at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, now anticipated some time in the later part of 2009.

This current publication combines the usual newsletter content with the annual roster update. This combination layout will be used in 2009, also.

Past newsletters have normally included articles “Submitted By The Troops”. I had none on hand but I came across an item in the “American Valor Quarterly” magazine published by the American Veterans Center with its two divisions dealing with World War II and Vietnam. The article is about the establishment of an annual Andrew J. Goodpaster prize intended to honor the achievements of “Soldier Scholars”. So as my submission, I am including a portion of the remarks made by the first recipient of this award on December 11, 2007. I added some photos and comments concerning General Goodpaster’s attendance at our 2004 reunion, shortly before his death in 2005.

Please note that in the roster listings I have eliminated entries in response to requests to do so and whenever I received letters back from the postal service saying undeliverable and with no forwarding address. In most instances when no response was received (but presumed delivered) I included the remark, “[NO RESPONSE - OCT '08 LTR]”. If anyone knows of the circumstances of any of these people, please advise me.

I ask all of you on the roster to keep in touch with each other and provide me with significant info for inclusion within the last combination newsletter and roster.

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The vet attendees were:
(I to r seated) Art Kalish, Frank Bottoni, Paul Bossis (his 1st reunion with our group), Art Hoover, Louis Ehritz, and
(I to r standing) Harry Boyko, Max Jonah, Frank West, and Pat Currier

THE 2008 REUNION STORY
by Frank, Ray & Helen West

This year's 48th & 235th Reunion was held in Washington D.C. Thursday September 11, 2008 thru Sunday September 14, 2008. We stayed at the Comfort Inn Pentagon in Arlington, VA. The nine WWII Vet Attendees are as seen and named in the photo caption above. There were 28 attendees in total, consisting of the 9 vets with 19 immediate and extended Family Members.

Thursday 9/11 was a day of arrivals and get togethers to catch up on the year's events. Later that day we met in the Halsey Conference Room (Command Center) at 5:30 PM for the arrival of a featured speaker from the 'Friends of the WWII Memorial'. Rolland Kidder, Executive Director of the Friends of the National WWII Memorial INC.
Rolland also made arrangements with the Head of the Parks Department for the WWII Memorial, Lance Hatlen, to meet with our group on Friday 9/12 for a VIP Tour of the Memorial. On Friday the group awoke to an American Breakfast compliments of the Comfort Inne Pentagon and embarked on a Tour Bus we had rented from American Limousines Inc. to take us on a 4 hour excursion of the WWII Memorial and surrounding area.

We were met at the WWII Memorial by Park Rangers Sandra Tennyson and Peter Burgess. These Rangers were assigned to our VIP Group and guided us thru the Memorial starting from the Atlantic Side. The Park Rangers explained the design and meaning of each of the components which make up the Memorial in it's entirety. Our WWII Vets were dressed in black Army tee shirts and black hats with gold trim, compliments of Scott Currier who made countless trips to Local Army recruiting stations prior to the reunion. The men posed along the way for Group Pictures. At one point we noticed there were at least 75 or more by-standers who were taking pictures as well. They came over to shake the hands of our Vets and thank the men for what they had endured to preserve our Country and the Freedom it stands for. A few remarked that our WWII Vets and Citizens of that time period were indeed “The Greatest Generation”.

After the guided tour our group went on to visit other sites in the immediate area. Our Tour Bus Driver ‘Maurice’ shuttled our group to the Korean War and
Vietnam Wall Memorials and to the Lincoln and FDR Memorials as well. After we gathered all of our party members, our visit ended with a Bus Tour of the Major Buildings and Monuments in D.C.. We had a marvelous time!

When we got back to the Hotel we freshened up a bit and went to the Halsey Room Command Center for our Meeting at

headed out to the D.C. area to visit the sites. Our Saturday Evening Banquet was catered by the Hotel in the Patton Room. After dinner, Taps was played and the men came forward each to light a candle in remembrance of his fallen/deceased friends. Then we saluted the flag as we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4:00 PM. Discussion and questions were entertained and it was unanimously decided that next year’s reunion will be held at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, the home of the Army Engineers.

Following, we had a Greek/Italian catered Dinner, relaxed and talked the rest of the evening in the Halsey Command Center.

Saturday was a free day. After another American Breakfast provided by the Hotel, different groups

Saturdays entertainment was a spoof of Sonny and Cher played by Raymond West and Scott Currier respectively. Everyone enjoyed the show. We retired to the Halsey Room where we sat around to talk and relax, until we parted company with long goodbyes and thanks for another successful get together.

Sunday at breakfast everyone said their goodbye as they started their journeys home reflecting on a wonderful time held by all. This year’s reunion was unique in that we did not have a Host residing in Wash-
tions, directions and guidance with regards to tour information and keeping us in an abundant supply of ice. The free hotel shuttle bus was a valuable resource to provide transportation to the Washington METRO Transit System (Train-n-Bus-n-Airport).

We hope to see reunion 2008 attendees and others next year at Fort Leonard Wood!

Washington D.C. Instead the entire reunion was put together by members using the computer and telephone. In recognition of their efforts we would like to acknowledge Raymond and Frank West, Scott and Dawn Currier, Cathy Ott-Bottoni, Karen and Maealine Bottoni, and Max Jonah for their suggestions and input.

This was indeed a great reunion! Everyone in Washington D.C. was gracious and bent over backwards for the group in providing discounts & freebies and being just plain nice!! Our group encountered nothing more than a warm reception. The hotel staff was courteous and extremely helpful providing assistance with room setups, accommoda-
ATTENDEES - 2008 REUNION

Harry Boyko - daughter Kathy & husband Craig McCarthy
Paul Bossis - wife Elizabeth & son George
Frank Bottoni - wife Maelaine, son Jim, son Bob,
daughter Karen, daughter Cathy
Pat Currier - son Scott & daughter-in-law Dawn
Louis Ehritz - wife Vivian & brother Walter
Art Hoover - wife Ella & daughter Lynda Lippert
Max Jonah - wife Helen
Art Kalish - companion Lynn Giever
Frank West - wife Helen & son Ray
PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP

THE INAUGURAL ANDREW J. GOODPASTER PRIZE AND LECTURE

General Andrew J. Goodpaster is one of the U.S. Military’s towering figures of the 20th century. A recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star for valor during World War II, he would go on to serve as staff secretary for President Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, and Superintendent of West Point. He was universally admired for his intellect, devotion to duty, fairness, and sense of decency.

Despite his battlefield heroics and rise through the ranks, General Goodpaster was at heart a scholar. Having earned graduate degrees in Engineering and International Affairs from Princeton, Goodpaster was most proud of his scholarly achievements, and was often regarded as the epitome of the “soldier-scholar.”

From its founding, General Goodpaster was a strong supporter of the World War II Veterans Committee and the American Veterans Center until his passing in 2005. His advice in those early years helped ensure that the Center would not merely survive, but thrive, and we owe him a debt that can never be repaid. To honor his legacy, the Center inaugurated the Andrew J. Goodpaster Prize and Lecture in 2007, honoring achievements of other “soldier-scholars.” Made possible by the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, this prize and lecture is our way of spotlighting the finest in military scholarship and honoring one of our military’s most noble soldiers, helping to ensure that his legacy will live on.

The inaugural Goodpaster Prize was presented to Dr. Lewis Sorley. A 1956 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, his service included leadership of tank and armored cavalry units in Germany and Vietnam. He retired a Lt. colonel and has gone on to write several books, including Honorable Warrior: General Harold K. Johnson and the Ethics of Command, Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of His Time, and the Pulitzer Prize-nominated A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America’s Last Years in Vietnam. His recent work Honor Bright: History and Origins of the West Point Honor Code and System was released in July 2008.

The American Veterans Center congratulates Dr. Sorley on his outstanding work, and is proud to print his remarks, delivered on December 11, 2007 in Washington, DC.

I am grateful for this opportunity to talk with you about a topic of great contemporary relevance. That topic is principled leadership. I will begin with General Andrew J. Goodpaster, in whose honor this lecture series is being inaugurated. My other examples will also be drawn from the military realm, for that is what I know best, it has been the focus of my scholarly endeavors, and it is where my heart resides.

I read once that a biographer should show rather than tell. I have always liked show and tell. In these remarks I will try to mostly show. In these examples of principled leadership you will find qualities I am sure you expect—integrity, courage (both physical and moral), decency, selflessness and reliability among them. But there are other attributes, perhaps less often thought of in connection with warriors, that are also part of the story. These include compassion, kindness, consideration and sensitivity.

GOODPASTER

First, then, to Andrew J. Goodpaster, whose lifetime of dedication and service has inspired this memorial. He got off to a good start, graduating second in his 456-man West Point Class of 1939, which was itself one of West Point’s most distinguished, rising quickly as young officers during World War II and thereafter serving at very significant levels for many years.

General Goodpaster’s intellect made him a natural for the Corps of Engineers, in which he was commissioned upon graduation, and in it he proved as brave as he was brainy, earning the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, and two Purple Hearts while leading a combat engineer battalion through desperate fighting in Italy.

After the war he earned a Ph.D. at Princeton. His “utilization” tour for that schooling was four years at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe). A well-known journalist, with perhaps only a little hyperbole, observed that as a colonel Goodpaster was given a blank sheet of paper and told to create NATO. Colonel Goodpaster did in fact personally draft General Order Number 1 by which the newly activated SHAPE assumed operational control of allied forces dedicated to defense of Western Europe. He also became a close associate of and a trusted aide to Dwight Eisenhower, subsequently serving him as staff secretary throughout the Eisenhower presidency. General Goodpaster’s long tenure in that key position stemmed from the universal perception that he was an honest broker, a man to be trusted, one who was invariably fair and discreet and who had the total confidence of the President.

No one was surprised when, an appropriate number of years later, General Goodpaster followed his former boss by becoming SACEUR (Supreme Allied Commander, Europe) in his own right, holding that position for five critical years. First, though, he served in another demanding post, deputy commander of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. I will tell you of one
episode which illustrates how he brought to bear the full weight of his professional integrity in that difficult environment.

Field commanders in Vietnam were continually vexed by what many viewed as unreasonable restrictions on conduct of the war. Besides what were known as “rules of engagement,” prescribing how the forces and their weaponry could be employed, there were the major geographical restrictions which placed enemy sanctuaries across Vietnam’s borders with Laos and Cambodia off limits to allied forces.

MACV’s leadership was determined that, however disadvantageous, these orders would be scrupulously observed. At a given staff meeting another senior officer, in fact the MACV chief of staff, took the occasion to suggest some deviousness — deliberately keeping up border violations, which had thus far been infrequent accidental incursions, “until,” he proposed, “they become the norm.” General Goodpaster reacted very strongly to this suggestion of willful disobedience. “I don’t think our government can or will get into the Cambodian business by the by-products, side effects, of a pattern of violations,” he counseled. Persisted the other officer, a major general: “My thought is that this is what we would force by getting into accepting this as the norm.” General Goodpaster, this time in a harder tone: “I must say my reaction right now is that that’s an improper course on our part, it’s an improper thing to do, and we can’t be drawn into playing that kind of a game.” And they were not.

General Goodpaster often spoke forthrightly of what officers should be like, and what we have a right to expect of them. The Association of the United States Army has a lecture program named in honor of General Lyman L. Lemnitzer. I was present on the evening of the inaugural presentation in that series, when the speaker was General Goodpaster. He cited “wise and effective American leadership” as “the major reason for success in WWII and the Cold War,” and spoke of the essentiality of “respect for American-style civil-military relationships” under both good and not so good civilian leadership.

Commanding the NATO armed forces was a task demanding principled leadership of a high order, along with well-honed diplomacy. One of the perennial problems was making progress toward burden sharing so that the various partner nations were carrying their fair shares of the load. General Goodpaster often characterized progress in that realm as being a lot like a wonderful sporting event for English ladies called the slow bicycle race. The object was, while riding one of those old-fashioned bicycles with a very large front wheel, to go as slowly as possible without being disqualified by going out of your lane or putting your feet down. This required extreme feats and gyrations of balance at near-immobility. It was an apt analogy. The personal relationships General Goodpaster established with NATO leaders, military and civilian alike, and the respect and admiration those officials had for him, were key elements in his considerable ability to influence the alliance during his tenure.

General Goodpaster also brought to the command in Europe a realistic understanding of the multiple constituencies he served. At one point, when the Air Force offered to upgrade the aircraft assigned to him, his executive officer explained that the new model would not require refueling stops and would thus be able to get him to Washington much faster. Responded General Goodpaster, “I don’t want to get to Washington any faster.”

At the heart of his strength as a leader was one fundamental trait, uncompromising integrity. This, and his unflagging willingness to serve, resulted in his being called out of retirement to become Superintendent at West Point in the wake of a very serious honor crisis. Moreover, he accepted the assignment even though it carried only three-star rank, this after he had served for many years wearing four stars. Here his essential modesty was on display, as was his customary placing of service before self.

There are many stories from his days back at West Point that illustrate the kind of man General Goodpaster was, and the kind of example and influence he brought to bear — exactly, I might say, what was needed at that crucial juncture. I like one rather simple story about a stained glass window given by the West Point Class of 1944 as a thirtieth reunion gift to the Military Academy. The window was installed above the main entrance to the Cadet Mess, and featured powerful lights that shone through the glass at night, producing a dramatic display. Part of West Point’s agreement in accepting the gift was a commitment to turn on the lights and illuminate the window every night.

Three years later, when the nation faced an energy crisis, the Department of the Army issued stringent conservation guidelines. At West Point the Post Engineer ordered an end to outdoor illumination — including the Class of 1944’s stained glass window. In due course a member of that class saw what had happened and complained to the Superintendent. General Goodpaster called the appropriate staff member into his office, along with the Post Engineer. The conversation was brief. “Is it true that we promised to illuminate the 1944 window at night?” General Goodpaster asked. “Yes, sir, we did,” said the staff officer. “A promise is a promise,” General Goodpaster replied. “We will continue to illuminate their window.”

End of meeting.
General Goodpaster was still serving as Superintendent when, on 20 January 1981, Iran released 52 American diplomats and military personnel who had been held hostage for 444 days. When they returned to the United States, these people and their families were taken to a place where they could have some quiet time together before having to deal with the press and the public. The place chosen was West Point. Goodpaster greeted the former hostages and their families with these reassuring words: “You have been delivered from evil, and you are now safe at a place of great strength and beauty.” One can only imagine the impact of that simple statement, so typical of the man who delivered it.

Lt. General Goodpaster as Superintendent of West Point. General Goodpaster came out of retirement following the notorious cheating scandal of 1976 to restore a sense of honor to the academy. When he retired from the academy in 1981, Goodpaster’s rank was immediately returned to the four stars of a full general.

<<<--- The General addressing the 2004 Reunion Attendees.

General Goodpaster (seated, 4th from left,) ill with cancer, made a special effort to attend the 2004 reunion with the men he had served with in WWII and with whom he had maintained contact over the years. He died a few months afterwards in May of 2005.
The General participated with all the fine activities arranged for by Frank and Maeline Bottoni at the reunion in Portage, Wisconsin.

He thoroughly enjoyed the contacts and conversations.

Frank Bottoni had arranged for some reunion attendees (including General Goodpaster) to be involved with a local radio station's program during which people would be interviewed by the host and listeners could call in and ask questions. The listening audience were informed of the reunion, the unit's involvement in WWII and of General Goodpaster's career, including his role on the Eisenhower White House staff.

At the time, the Iraq war's initial military action had been completed and the extensive looting by civilians was going on with nothing effectively able to be done by the limited American military forces on hand. The General was asked about this horrible situation. He was very diplomatic by not citing the lack of U.S. planning for this situation but rather describing how General Marshall's general staff early in the WWII fighting in Germany was planning for possible insurgency fighting after formal surrender. Since Bavaria was the most likely area for this to happen, the troop dispositions in the final fighting were planned to be those best able to confront the insurgency and guerrilla operations should they occur.
Peggy Arnold

By Paul Arnold

Margaret “Peggy” Arnold, wife of Paul E. Arnold, died on June 1, 2007 after a 14 month battle with cancer and was buried on her birthday June 4, 2007. Peggy and Paul were married for almost 19 years. During their marriage, they were able to join Paul’s comrades for the annual reunion of the 235th Engineers quite a few times.

Peggy always looked forward to these reunions to hear all the stories everyone would tell on Paul and for the friendships that were reintroduced from the war to the present times.

Peggy is survived by Paul, her three children and a granddaughter and Paul’s three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Arthur Bouchard
By Elizabeth Bouchard (Art’s daughter)

Art was born May 2, 1924 in Watervliet, NY, to Anna Wallingford and Wilfred J. Bouchard, the middle child of five boys. Private First Class Arthur J. Bouchard volunteered for the army and entered the service on January 5, 1943, after graduating from Catholic Central High School, Troy, NY, in June 1942. Art went through basic training at Camp Upton in Temple, Texas. He became a member of the 48th Combat Engineers, Company C. He served as a Demolition Specialist in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Art received an honorable discharge from the service on October 23, 1945 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Art was in Germany when the war ended. His unit wrote a book called We the 48th. Art illustrated the cover, the inside page and the maps.

One of the most disturbing memories Art shared, which bothered him for many years, was seeing so many hungry people. Art said starving people used to go to the soldier camps at night and rummage through the garbage. Art said the soldiers in his unit were forbidden to give away food, This bad memory stayed with him for a long time.

He also said they (at least the young privates) were never told about the concentration camps, so when they first began to hear about these atrocities and came upon survivors, it was a terrible shock.

Art’s brothers, Wilfred Jr., Francis and Joseph Bouchard also served during WWII. Wil and Fran were in the army in Europe, and Joe was in the Navy. The youngest brother, Robert, grew up in time to serve in the army during the Korean War. Art’s brother-in-law, Joseph Gilmartin, served in the army in the Pacific. Our family was blessed to have everyone come home.


Betty passed away on January 30, 1995. They raised five children: Joseph (wife Laurie), a teacher, Edward (wife Jenny), a radiologist, Elizabeth (nicknamed Lisa), a librarian, John (wife Barbara), a land agent, and Michael (wife Melissa), an attorney. Art and Betty have seven grandchildren: Matthew (22), Jessica (21), Madeline (14), Alexander (13), Grace (11), Christopher (10) and Nicholas (3).
Betty Deubner

By Max Jonah


Dubbie and Betty were standard attendees at all the reunions since the 1960’s up to 2001, the year of Dubbies’s death. Betty stayed on at Fort Myers, Florida for a while after Dubbie died but eventually rotated among family members in Dayton, Ohio and other locations until her death in 2007.


Anthony Morous

By Max Jonah

Tony Morous started coming to the reunions about 1999 at Florence, Kentucky after losing his wife to a long illness. He was a colorful character who drove in from the West Coast (Gig Harbor, Washington) always in a high-powered sports car and video-taped everything going on. (He taped from his car en route showing his speedometer in some clips registering 100 mph.) He developed serious heart problems but lived with them for several years. He met Rita Hastey (a native Greek, see photo) who shared several happy years of companionship with him before he died. This included a trip to Greece where she served as an expert guide.

Thanks Rita.

Anna Marie Saraniero

By Max Jonah

Ed Saraniero submitted the poem (printed on the next page) among other items when Anna Marie died on February 21, 2008. He had been her prime care giver for years. We shared many phone calls during this sorrowful and difficult period for him. I have heard nothing from him since March. He did not respond to my October letter to all on the mailing list. His phone has been disconnected. If anyone knows of his current circumstances, please advise me.
Anna Marie Saraniero

Soft and gentle in all her ways
She peacefully submitted to all that was allowed
accepting her suffering without anger or complaint
She suffered not alone
but invited Ed into her 'yes' to God
Together they embraced God’s Will
He as her protector and her voice
She as the inspiration of his prayer

There was a sweetness about Annie that made us love her
There was a fragrance of holiness that drew us near
for her eyes spoke volumes of the love that filled her heart
We could sense that her heart was hidden in God
and from their union.... grace flowed to all

Early one day God lifted her from her bed of pain
so she could dance in the fields of Heaven
so she could taste forever the love she was created to know

Though we will miss her smile and the sound of her laughter
Though will miss the joy she was always able to bring
The love she has planted within us will remain
it will cover our hearts like a warm blanket
it will heal our wounds and give us hope
it will continue to bloom in us
no matter how dark our winters
or how sad our days
She who lives now in God
is with us in a new and wondrous way

Ilona Frances Weise
on the death of Anne Marie Saraniero
7-11-08
Roy and Margaret Sarf

By Fred Blake and Max Jonah

Roy Sarf passed away June 10, 2008, at South Florida Baptist Hospital in Plant City, Florida. Roy was born November 14, 1914, in Snicarte, Ill. He served with the U.S. Army 1108th Engineer Combat Group, 235th Battalion (European theatre) in World War II. He was the Battalion Supply Sergeant until about six months before the end of the war in northern Italy. He then became the First Sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a loyal Cubs fan. He graduated from Bradley University and earned his master’s degree in mathematics from Rockford College. He was a math teacher for more than 40 years. He also enjoyed woodworking and fishing. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Ora Sarff and Gerta Lieu Sarff; brothers, Asa Sarff and Walter Sarff; and sister, Elsie Parrott.

Margaret Sarf, died on June 13, 2008, just 3 days after Roy’s death. She died in the LifePath Hospice in Sun City Center, Florida. Margaret was born October 30, 1926, in Challderville, Ill. She was a secretary at Wauconda High School. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Dick and Sadie Dick; husband of 57 years, Roy A. Sarff; and brothers, Raymond and Floyd Dick. 100, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

Roy and Margaret are survived by their son, Brian Sarff; daughter, Lisa English; granddaughters, Krystina Sarff, Samantha Sarff and Jennifer Smith; great-grandsons, Tyler Smith and Blake Duncan; daughter-in-law, Cindy Sarff; and niece, Gerta Jean Griffin and Margaret’s sister, Marilyn Stone.

Vernon Snodgrass

By Vernon Champlin (grandson of Vernon Snodgrass)

It is with a very heavy heart that I report that the greatest man I have ever known passed away in the early morning of March 15, 2008. Vernon C. Snodgrass, husband to Viola Snodgrass of 65-years passed away in his sleep to reunite with many of his 1108th Engineer Combat Group, 48th Battalion, Co. B to sing praises to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Snodgrass of Joplin, Missouri, formerly of Liberal, Missouri, began his military service at Camp Wolters, Texas and later toured North Africa and Italy with the 48th Battalion, Company B. He was wounded at San Pietro, Italy (outside of Cassino) on January 12, 1944 about the time of the 1108th’s attack on Mt. Porcia. After recovering from injuries, he was re-assigned to the 337th Quartermasters in Leghorn, Italy for the remainder of the war. During his service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the WW II Victory Ribbon, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the Purple Heart, and the EAME Theater Ribbon with three bronze service stars. He was a 50-year member of the American Legion Post #289.
Vernon was born May 4, 1921 in Liberal, MO to Walter Heber and Ina Alice (Bowman) Snodgrass. He graduated from Liberal High School. He married his school sweetheart, Viola Florence Lamke on September 23, 1942 at the First Christian Church, Nevada, Missouri, and for the past 65-years have remained inseparable.

Vernon was employed at the A.M. Wimmer Grocery Store in Liberal before being drafted into the United States Army, and later returned to work after being honorably discharged. In 1956 he and Viola purchased the store changing the name to Snodgrass Grocery where they remained serving the community until their retirement in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Viola of the home; one son, Larry Snodgrass of Golden City Missouri; one daughter, Selma Champlin of Miami, Oklahoma; one, brother Clarence Snodgrass of Joplin, MO; one sister, Neva Rouse of Camdenton, MO; three grandchildren, Vernon Champlin of Colorado Springs, CO, Eric Snodgrass of Lamar, MO and Nikki Probert of Belton, MO; and a whole community of friends and neighbors.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Herbert Snodgrass and one sister, Alberta Rigby.

He was a faithful servant of our Lord, Jesus Christ and a member of the Liberal United Methodist Church.

Vernon Snodgrass was an honorable man who represented the greatest generation with integrity, loyalty and love for his family, friends and Nation.

—if anyone knows about the passing of one of our people, please report the particulars to MAX JONAH (941) 925-7462.

Everyone is invited to submit photos and comments on those who have passed on. The material will be printed in the final newsletter of November 2009.
Bill & Lorraine Agan, 235th: They congratulate the Editor for continuing the good work with the Scoop. They have had a great summer and hope for a good winter.

Brenda & Bob Armstrong (daughter of Bill Spears), A 48th: They say they hope to make the Fort Leonard Wood event. (Get Sandy and Jerry to come, too).

Paul Arnold, A 235th: Paul is very interested in Paleontology. He sends newspaper clippings of important fossil finds in the East Tennessee State University's Gray Fossil Site which is not far from his home. Scientists across the globe are awaiting reports from researchers at the site on these latest finds. Paul, you are fortunate to have something you are very interested in so near you.

David & Pearl Boggs, A 235th: They send thanks for the newsletter. They regret not getting to the reunions but enjoy reading about them. David (with his artificial leg) is still doing exercises and getting around in his wheelchair and walker.

Paul Bossis, B 235th: Paul sent thanks (with check) for all the recent newsletters and roster sent to him after he learned of our existence and joined us. He and his wife and son attended their first reunion in September, 2008 and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They are looking forward to the next one in Missouri.

Frank & Maealine Bottini and four of their kids, A & Hq 235th: Washington, DC in 2008 was wonderful. We enjoyed meeting old friends and meeting new ones. Paul Bossis and wife were a delight to get to know. Hope more make it next year. In addition to the WWII memorial (which the whole group toured) Frank and Maealine visited the Holocaust museum, the Viet Nam wall and the Korean War sculptures. Four of their children also made the trip and did the tours. Jim and Bob are Marine veterans. Bob, a Viet Nam vet (same time frame when Max Jonah was there) found the names of three buddies on the wall who were killed. Karen is a U.S. Navy retiree. Jim took most of the photos of the 2008 reunion included in this newsletter issue. [My second son was in cancer surgery during the reunion. Bob Bottini, who had the same surgery a few years ago, provided much appreciated comfort in our conversations about the surgery and also anecdotes about our mutual time in Viet Nam.]

Pat, Scott and Dawn Currier, A 48th: They are going to be there at Fort Leonard Wood next year.

Walt Ciaglo, Hq 235th: Glad to stay on the list. Of the great group of engineers I served with, I'll forever be proud.

Bertha (wife of Edward) Douglas, 1108th: I am so happy the newsletter-roster will continue. I am so thankful for the effort you put into this very informative paper. You are in my prayers.

Louis (Lum) Edwards, B 48th: Hope you and your wife are doing OK. We are doing as well as we can. Lum's health is not good.

Hubert Fosbindler, C 48th: Best wishes to everyone. [I believe Hubert is our oldest member. By my estimate he has hit the 100 mark. Hubert, please advise if I'm right or not.]

Leon (Lenny) & Dorothy Genis, Hq 235th: Lenny's passionate reaction to the newsletter-roster Editor's letter announcing the printing of two more newsletters (November 2008 and November 2009) was that he could now propose a tribute to Ted Post, someone he has admired greatly since their service together in the 235th Engineers. I have placed Lenny's submission on the next page, augmenting his text with some graphics used in previous articles, including a major one which featured the 235th's theatrical production “By Pass to Berlin”. That production played in theaters to an estimated 62,000 people, American and British, and in an abbreviated form to hospital patients. (See pages 20 through 26 of the February 2004 issue of the "Scoop from Group").

George Heinz, Jr, B 48th: Max, good to hear from you. You report that the next reunion will be at Fort Leonard Wood. After I got back after the war, I went back to work at Caterpillar Tractor Company. I was asked by Caterpillar and the Army to start up the 403rd Engineer Battalion headquarters outfit. So I stayed in the Reserves as 1st Sergeant. Back into the Army I went in late 1947. We went to Fort Leonard Wood and opened it up. I have good memories of that. [George, why not show up next year. I went to Camp (not Fort) Leonard Wood in 1942 for basic training. You can show me things that have changed.]
From Lenny Genis

Personal tribute to my friend and mentor Ted Post who has played an invaluable part in my life for decades.

It is hard to forget how Ted and I with our small group watched the bombing of Casino a short distance away. During our off duty hours we spent much time discussing many subjects in general. He inspired confidence in me to bring out positive facets in my thinking which guided my future.

Ted’s budding career in the New York theater was put on hold by WWII. But his pre-army days were always fascinating to a theatrical buff like myself. As a private he was helpful in guiding our group in general, and the unit’s newspaper with a catchy name “Engine-Ear” was his creation. His contributions continued when he was asked to use his talents to direct a musical “Bypass to Berlin” which was unique, the troops played many roles and it was a morale booster.

His exploits brought praise and led him to the highest echelons in the 5th Army. This included the British 8th Army. During a trip in response to a request by 4th Corps (expected to lead to Ted’s further theatrical involvement), a tragic accident occurred, a dear friend and showman assistant, Sol Cherkoff, was killed. Ted was severely injured.

I have tried to follow his illustrious career, in TV and films. Hundreds benefited from his directorial ability. One morning after an academy awards event, a group of experts gathered to discuss opinions. John Simon, a known critic who is still active today, was asked his thoughts. He responded, “the best film was not even nominated: ‘Go Tell the Spartans’ a Burt Lancaster and Ted Post vehicle”. The movie came into New York daring a newspaper strike and was thus given only a short review by the New York Times. The film was finally recognized as a classic; to this day it is regarded as such.

Ted, thank you again. Love to Thelma and family

P.S. The Post’s moved to California, but prior to that many moments occurred when he was welcomed to Broadway and accomplished much.
Art & Ella Hoover, B 235th: Thanks for your letter regarding our Reunion in Washington, D.C. and the proposed one for next year at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. We had a good trip, all our flights were on time and the wheel chairs provided really made it easier to get Art from Point A to B. He isn’t much on the walking anymore. Art had a new Pace Maker installed Oct. 10. He has had one since Dec. 2000. The new one has given him a little more pep and he does not get pooped out so quickly. I hope your son is recovering from his surgery and is doing well. Hope this finds you and Helen doing well--enjoy the winter in your warm haven--I hate winter--wish I was in Florida or Arizona.

Robert & Mary Jorgenson, B 48th: Thanks for all the newsletters over the years. I have enjoyed them. I miss talking to Al Kincer. I’m in treatment for bladder cancer, doing well so far.

Art Kalish & Lynn, C 48th: Looking forward to next year. Had a great time in Washington, D.C.

Barry Luff (grand nephew of Joe Specker), C, 48th: You guys still having reunions never cease to amaze me. You are truly America’s Greatest Generation!

Ginny (wife of John) Mailey, B 48th: Thank you for all the work you do on the “Scoop.” Love to you and Helen.

Baxter and Donna Nash, C, 235th: I have fond memories about all of you. My deep appreciation of you and many others who have faithfully carried on is undying. It’s just that I cannot continue to participate, due to my aging both physically and mentally and my wife similarly. It’s just one of the many realities we all face, sooner or later. My warmest regards to all.

Joe & Kathryne Pessa, Hq, 48th: Thank you for your letter. I am enclosing your card to indicate that I would like to receive your newsletter and updated roster. I wish that Kathy and I were in better physical shape so that we could travel. It’s not easy to get around in your nineties. I can still walk, talk, see and hear and I thankful for that. Best wishes to you and Helen. May God bless you both.

Ted & Thelma Post, Hq, 235th: Here’s to the 235th, an irreplaceable experience.

Harold & Marion Qvern, Hq, 48th: Well I got your card and letter. I sure don’t want to miss out on the “Scoop” so I’m sending my check. My wife and I went out to Denver, CO about a month ago to see my sister. While there I called Herman Volsteadt at Bonesteel, SD. So on the way home we stopped and visited with him and his wife for a while. We went out for supper as soon as we got here. I had not seen him for 63 years. The last time was in Germany. It was sure nice to see one I was in Service with. We both drove trucks together. I have no idea about the reunion yet.

Wilson & Kathleen Recves, B 48th: If we are still alive and well we plan to make it to Fort Leonard Wood.

Gregory & Eleanor Richards, Hq, 48th: Keep me on the list and keep us posted by the “scoop” on any activities that come along. I always feel the world has forgotten us old soldier veterans. Keep up the good work as long as you can. Thank you again. Greg Richards, 48th bulldozer operator, 1943-1945.

Edward Scibolt and his family, B, 48th: Hope you both are well and that the latest tornados missed you. [They did.] Some people just can’t give up on the reunions. I sure can’t make any more. My right leg is hurting most of the time and I am sick of taking pills for it. If you do go next year, say hello to all for me. Your old friend, Ed.

Marjorie (Wife of Wilford) Stagner, C 48th: I am finally moving to Texas. I hate leaving my home. I’ve lived here in St. Louis for 45 years. I have a lot of memories of here but I’ll take them with me. Keep in touch and if you are ever my way, drop in. God bless you all and I love you. [New address in the Roster section.]

Leland Van der Veer, Jr., A 48th: I really am sorry that I cannot attend the “LAST REUNION”. I am in an adult home and am on oxygen. I am so short of breath that I cannot do much of anything. The doctors say I have “lung fibrosis”, no known cause or cure. The treatment is to use oxygen. No one knows how long I have left. Just hang in there!

Ed & Josephine Wenzel, A 235th: Josephine reports That Ed, now over 93, has been in a nursing home for eight months. It’s a nice place and they take great care of him. His mind is good. He likes seeing all the ball games. My son and I visit him a few times a week. My legs are bad so my son helps out and my niece cleans for me. Hope you are Ok. [Josephine enclosed a newspaper clipping shown on the next page.]

Leslie & Pearl Youngmeyer, B 48th: Nice to get the letter from you about the final reunion. Thanks Max. We will be
there unless I hit another bump in the road. Six weeks ago I felt a little disoriented, and after four Weeks of tests the doctors discovered that the ureters going from kidneys to my bladder were plugging, so after three surgeries in one week, I now have plastic ureters, and very blessed not to be on dialysis, or incontinent. Needless to say I am not working at Great Dane any more, but I am still on their payroll on disability. I can't imagine how long that will last. Maybe they will make me come back to work. We hope things work out for the Missouri reunion. Pearl has been real well, the past year. I guess it was finally my turn.

JOSIE AND BILLY WENZEL

Wenzel — 60th Anniversary

NORWAY — Josie (Opolka) and Billy Wenzel recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a party given by nieces and nephews at the Opolka home on Norway Hill.

Following Billy's return from World War II, Billy and Josie struck up a friendship that has endured through the years.

With Fr. Erasmus Dooley of St. Mary Catholic Church of Norway officiating, the couple was wed on Jan. 18, 1947.

After a wedding trip to Detroit, Billy and Josie made their home in Vulcan.

The couple has one son.

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Arthur Attleson - Feb 7, 2003
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Leland O. Banker - Dec 28, 1999
Vernon Bauck - 1987
Harry Bayes - Jan 14, 1989
Carson Beatty - Aug 6, 1989
Arthur V. Becker
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O. O. Bennett - Oct 21, 1992
Earl A. Berg
Ernest C. Besper - Sep 2, 1989
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Howard Boehme - Apr 4, 1999
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Arthur Bouchard - Apr 2, 2003
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Julian S. Carr - Feb 2, 2001
Clifton Carter - May 4, 2003
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George Fischer - Jul 24, 2000
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Joseph Foley - Apr 1, 2007
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Walter Fritz - Nov 2004
Harry Froom - 1966
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Leonard Galassi - Nov 1996
Leonard Gallagher
Cecil Gartner
Robert Germain - May 27, 2006
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Eugene M. Gilleo - Jun 2, 1997
Walter Givin - Jun 10, 1990
Bob Glaser
Johnny Glorioso
Fabian Godell - Feb 5, 2001
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Harold P. Baker - NV
Norman Bakken - WI
Julius J. Banks - WV
Raymond J. Barker - KY
Peter J. Bidey - PA
Robert Boniphant - OH
William E. Brayton - WA
Victor H. Brill - MO
George Brounce - PA
Bruce M. Carswell - CA
Frank J. Cascio - FL
Thomas Cassidy - IL
Ernest K. Clifton - KA
Frank Colamino - CT
Frank Colistra - NY
John O. Colonna - TX
Claude Costephens - MO
Melvin D. Dietzel - MI
John J. Dorchinez - CO
Daniel Duffy - MA
Guy Edlin - IL
Benjamin Finn - MA
Lawrence J. Gaissert - VT
Steve Gaydos - WI
Eldo Grimm - TX
Charles Hayes - IL
Robert Henry - WI
Robert Hill - VA
Edward J. Jankowski - OH
Arnold Johnson - PA
E. J. Johnson - MI
Frank J. Jones - TN
Robert A. Kellum - TX
Lloyd Lingle - CO
Joseph Marcon - MN
G. P. McCarthy - TN
Hjalmer Makela - MN
Howard R. Mardin - CA
Geo. R. Mattson - MI
Walter N. Maus - MN
Rev. J. B. Murray - PA
Leo O'Neill - IL
Henry Ochsendorf - OR
Walter Pade - FL
Isadore L. Pikula - MN
Gordan Pope - Puerto Rico
Jack V. Price - CA
Delbert R. Quinn - VA
Ralph Rashid - IL
Harvard Reynolds - SD
Robert Reynolds - NY
Lewis Rockford - MO
Tony Rotonda - NY
Henry W. Schroeder - NY
Morris B. Sprott - CO
A. Stronsider - PA
M. J. Toshner - WI
William Wallace - TN
Howard Webb - NC
Fred Wright - KY
Ted Zangara - IL

Dropped From Roll By Request
If anyone knows of death of the following, please notify Max Jonah.

Anthony Acure - 48th Co A
Melvin Baker - 48th Co C
Robert Costley - 48th Co B
Francis Cunningham - 48th Co C
Charles Danner - 235th Co C
Ronald Hudic - 48th Co B
Don James - 235th Co A
Zignont Karwoski - 48th Co A
Edward J. Labate
Arno Lamb - 48th Co C
Alban Leiker - 48th Co B
Edwin C. Lindly - 48th Co B
Renaldo R. Meza - 48th Co A
Marvin Michelke - 235th
Jerry Pribby - 48th Co A
William Rosensteel - 48th Co C
Otto Scheerer - 235th Co A
Samuel A. Soono - 235th
Dwight Smith - 235th Hq
Vernon Sorensen - 48th Co A
Ernest Tenario - 48th Co B
Glover White - 235th Hq

If you find any corrections, additions or know the whereabouts of any of the 'lost in the mail buddies', please send to:

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History of our Reunions

Peoria, Ill., contributed about 25 men to the 48th Engineers. Fourteen of these went overseas, 11 in "B" Company and 3 in "C" Company. With these numbers, it was likely that reunions would begin in Peoria and indeed they did.

Wilford Stagner attended all reunions up to his death in 1998. His wife, Marjorie, has continued to remain the only person to have attended all the full reunions.

Ken Selz handled the mass mailings for all the hosts up to 1996. Max Jonah has provided the membership data base services since.

1959 - Peoria, Illinois Hosts & for Peoria Reunions
1962 - Peoria, Illinois
1963 - Rockton, Illinois Local gathering. No details
1964 - Peoria, Illinois
1965 - Rochelle, Illinois Local gathering. No details
1966 - Chicago, Illinois 23rd joined 48th in 1966
1968 - Chicago, Illinois Chuck and Florence Hanus were
1970 - Chicago, Illinois the prime movers for the next five
1972 - Chicago, Illinois reunions (dressy affairs), helped by
1974 - Chicago, Illinois others. The move to Chicago made
the reunions more accessible to the expanding roster.

1975 - Washington, DC Mark Reardon promoted gathering
Gen. Goodpastor's retirement to honor our illustrious WWII
as NATO Forces Commander 48th Battalion Commander.
1976 - St. Louis, MO Wilford Stagner, Vern Westermann
1978 - Dayton, Ohio Ken Selz, John Mailey, R. Deubner
1980 - St. Louis, MO Wilford Stagner, Vern J Westermann
1982 - San Antonio, TX Al Kincer, Jim Morrissey, John Miller,
Manuel Gomez.
1984 - Bloomington, MN Harry Jirak & Clarence Krava
1986 - Hot Springs, AR Dallas Lynch, Olen McKnight,
O.O. Munson, Bill Snyder
1987 - St. Louis, MO Al Kincer & Others started mini 48th
(48th mini) gatherings in odd numbered years.
1988 - Alexandria, VA Joe Pessa, Max Jonah, Joe Foley,
Mark Reardon
1989 - Nashville, TN Bill Snyder, O. O. Munson, Robert
(48th mini) Sykes and wife, Mika. (Mika provide
hot sausage breakfasts.) Bill Snyder
made major effort to reach men not
on roster. Brought 46 Company A
men to their first reunion. This started
other "recruiting" drives to reach
people not on the roster.

1989 Ft. Myers FL Roscoe Deubner
(235th mini)
1990 - Lake Tahoe, NV Ted Byler & O. E. Bennett. (Ted had
been proposing Lake Tahoe at
several reunions to get closer to the
West Coast people.)

1991 - Dayton, Ohio Ken Selz
(48th mini)
1991 - Ft. Myers, FL Roscoe Deubner
(235th mini)
1992 - Nashville, TN Bill Snyder, Fred Blake
(48th mini)
1993 - Chicago, IL Joe Foley

1994 - Tulsa, OK Bill Munson, Dallas Lynch and others.
This was a bigger than usual re
union with many tours and events.
1995 - Dayton, Ohio Ken Selz
(48th mini)
1996 - Lake Tahoe, NV Ted Byler and family. At this reunion it
was decided to run the full reunions
every year rather than every even
numbered year.
1997 - Sarasota, FL Max and Helen Jonah. (this was the 1st
reunion on the beach.)
1998 - Springfield, MO Used a commercial reunion
organization to run the reunion.
1999 - Florence, KY Bill Spears and his extended family.
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2001 - Sioux Falls, SD Eugene Pearson & his Family
2002 - Florence, KY Bill Spears and his extended family.
2003 - Florence, KY Bill Spears and his extended family.
2004 - Portage, WI Frank & Maeline Bottoni and family
2005 - Dayton, Ohio Bob Mitchell And daughter Connie plus
Ken Selz and Bob Cole
2006 - Port Huron, MI Pat Currier and Son Scott and
Daughter-in-law Dawn
2007 - Port Huron, MI Pat Currier and Son Scott and
Daughter-in-law, Dawn
2008 - Washington, DC Ray West (son of Frank &
Helen West) and the Curriers.

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