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Special Points of Interest

- **Remember:** You are responsible for updating your retire pay file information at DFSA-CL within one year of the event if you marry, remarry, have a child are widowed or divorced and need to make or update a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election. See the latest Army Echoes newsletter for current address locations.
- **Not receiving Army Echoes?**
- **Retired Receiving Pay** contact: DFAS @ (800) 321-1080
- **Gray Area Retired Contact:** USAHRC @ (800) 325-2660

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The Alumni Needs Your Help and Ideas

To All Alumni members:

I am asking that you take a few minutes to think about some activities you would like to see the Alumni participate in. Things like a Brewers game? A trip to a Casino? Anything that you believe would be of interest to **YOU**, and other members. These are just ideas we are looking for. Your board will look into each suggestion and check out the cost, time involved, and needed resources for the event. Your input is what will keep this Alumni going. We have only two major events (our annual Dining In/Out in April, and out Steak Fry cookout in September). We would like to have other events but we need your help. Bring those ideas to the attention of any of the Board members with your

thoughts. Contact information is on the back page of every newsletter.

We are also looking for individuals willing to serve on the Board. This does not take up a lot of your time. We have meetings at the same time we mail out the newsletter. Board members serve for a three year period. Terms are staggered so three new directors are elected each year rather than the whole board. Believe me when I say, it is not time consuming. New members means new ideas, and fresh thoughts and perspectives. Please consider serving on your Alumni board, we welcome all. Thanks in advance, and I'll see you at the membership meeting.

MSG (Ret) Kenn Ziebell

Milwaukee Brewers Do It Again!

As a way to pay tribute to the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and to continue participation in the Mission: Welcome Home program, the Milwaukee Brewers will continue "Stars and Stripes Sundays."

Each Sunday at Miller Park during the 2006 season, the Brewers are offering two FREE Terrace Level

tickets to active, reserve, national guard and retired military personnel. The offer applies to all branches of the military service. Active and retired military personnel must present valid Armed Forces identification which entitles them to two FREE Terrace Level tickets redeemable at windows 7-12 at Miller Park on the day of the game only.

The Presidents Corner

Our Annual Meeting date of 6 June is an auspicious and memorial date in world history. This was the day, "D-Day", that the Allies in World War II assaulted and breached the Axis seawall along Normandy shores into France. They swept across France and into Europe until the Axis powers were finally crushed. While "D-Day" is synonymous with the invasion of Normandy and has captured the imagination of countless authors and movies such as *The Longest Day*, *Saving Private Ryan* and *Band of Brothers*, it was just one of thousands of other D-Days launched at an H-Hour during World War II. Our "Greatest Generation" was perhaps best immortalized, and a nation was reminded of their great accomplishments, by then President Ronald Reagan's comments on the 40th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy on 6 June 1984.

Our Own proud heritage from the 84th Infantry Division began almost five months later when the division crossed over Omaha Beach in late October with the entire division assembled in France by 4 November. Within weeks from arriving in England the division was engaged in combat that would begin with breaching the

Siegfried Line, the Ardennes, crossing the Roer to the Rhine Rivers, and ending at the Elbe River and linking up with the Russian Army.

Now we are engaged in a War on Terror that once again finds America's sons and daughters engaged in a protracted and difficult conflict far from home. Many are comrades from former 84th Division units or members of the 84th USARRTC. They are becoming the new generation of heroes that will take their places with their older comrades at future Alumni gatherings, reunions, Memorial Day and Veterans Day services.

Strike Hard

This will be my last message as your president.

All my best,

Sincerely

Glen A. Armstrong
COL, AUS-Ret.
President



Great Time Was Had at the Dine In/Out

Saturday, 22 April 2006, Western Racket Club, was the location for the Annual 84th Division Alumni Association, Ltd. Dine In/Out.

MAJ David Rhoads, Deputy, Training Development Directorate, 84th USARRTC, Fort McCoy, was our guest speaker. He provided us with a presentation on his experiences while serving in Kuwait this past year with the 143rd TRANSCOM, USAR. MAJ Rhoads also provided a collection of mementos and other artifacts he had collected during his tour.

MAJ Dwight Davies was Mr. Vice for our affair this year. He did an excellent job of taking care

of many matters of protocol and adjudicating many "Points of Order" during the evening.

BG Alan Grice represented the Command Group from the 84th USARRTC. BG Grice provided all in attendance with a very pointed and interested summery of current and future missions for the 84th USARRTC. The Army Reserve has many 'transformations' initiatives under way but it appears that the Railsplitters patch will still be worn for the future.

All present had a great evening of great food, fun and entertainment.

OPERATION: TAKE A SOLDIER TO THE MOVIES

OPERATION: TAKE A SOLDIER TO THE MOVIES was started to improve the morale among the troops stationed in war zones around the world. Soldiers in war zones literally had "nothing to do" when not working. This is a way of providing them with a "Saturday Night at the Movie" experience. Each movie package to the troops contains:

- Letter of support from the donor with their mailing address
- New or used DVD
- Artificially sweetened powdered drink mix packets i.e. Crystal Light or Kool Aide (no tubs)
- Movie theatre style candy (no chocolate)
- Microwavable Popcorn

"On behalf of the 7/158th AVN REGT, I would like to thank you very much for the movies. They are very well appreciated. The soldiers could not believe that the folks back home would send movies and candy, they are used to getting foot powder etc. We are forming a movie library now thanks to you, the soldiers here are combining the movies in the morale tent and you can come in and check one out anytime, they are also putting in some of their own. We will pass this on to the unit that replaces us in 2006. The candy and the popcorn was really a big hit. You actually feel like you are at a movie. I can't say thank you enough. Thanks to your organization, for a brief time (during movie) we are not here. Enclosed are some pictures of the soldiers." SSG George Bowyer

We have reached the point where we need more Help !. We have a number of new units in Iraq, etc. that have heard of our

project and sent us e-mails asking to be included in our program and we can't get them the movie packages because we are short of the items that go into the package. When school was in session we had many schools take on our project for one of their service projects. Now that school will soon be out for the summer, we don't have the supply to meet the requests. At present we have about 500 soldiers, marines, etc. that we can't send movie packages because we don't have all the items needed for a complete package.



We need the following:

DVD's (new or used)

Artificially sweetened powdered drink mix packets

Movie theatre style candy

Letters from back home.

We have an adequate supply of popcorn, but it's the other items that are in short supply.

Please spread the word to all you know, and ask them if they can help us out so that we can fill these orders. You'll help bring a smile to another 500 of our military sons and daughters.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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