



84th Railsplitters Bugler

Newsletter of the 84th Railsplitters Association

April 2017



Upcoming Special Events

- 20 May 2017 Dining Out** (Saturday)
15 Jun 2017 Annual Meeting (Thursday)
08 Sep 2017 RAD-Fort McCoy (Friday)
16 Sep 2017 Steak Fry Cookout (Saturday)
11 Nov 2017 Veterans Day (Saturday)



The Valentine Chorus Line



Great Fellowship and Reunions

2017 Valentine Dinner

On February 18, 2017, the Association held its festive Valentine Dinner at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove, WI. The meal was wonderful, and the duo of Janice and Joe helped liven up the evening with song, dance and laughter. If you can join us for this or another event in the future, you are sure to have a great day of fellowship.

www.84thdivalumni.com (website)

Mission of the 84th Railsplitter Association
To promote better understanding of the US Army and Army Reserve by the general public;
To promote and develop patriotism and Americanism throughout the State of Wisconsin;
To maintain a well-managed association which will assist, aid and promote programs and objectives of the 84th Division;
To promote fellowship among former and present members of the 84th
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84th Railsplitters Association Sunshine Club

Mary Orley is our volunteer who graciously continues to maintain this supportive function by sending out sympathy and get well cards. Please forward any information or correspondence for Get Well, Encouragement, Sympathy, etc. to Mary Orley, either at her home phone number: 414-425-0256 or to her email address: maryo_44@yahoo.com

Since December, six Sympathy Cards and five Get Well Cards were sent out.

With great sorrow and sadness, we report the following members have passed:

COL Philip Freund
LTC William "Mike" Whitehouse
SGM Roy Schlagenhaft
SFC Sandra Jenkins

Members we are wishing a quick recovery while they are recuperating:

Dave and Nora Gramins
John Allen
Philip Pape
Robert Roth

New 84th Railsplitter Members

It's great to see our membership continue to grow.

Please welcome our new members:

LTC Ronald Moe	WI
CW3 Ronald Stedman	WI
CSM Gary Stadler	WI
ISG David Farrington	WI
MSG Julie Koss	WI
SFC Judith Vranich	WI
SSG Mark Matheus	WI
SSG Joyce Riebe	WI

It may sound corny, but what's wrong with wanting to fight for your country. Why are people reluctant to use the word patriotism?

James (Jimmy) Stewart, Brig. Gen. USAFR Retired, Actor



From the President's Desk

Greetings to all Fellow Railsplitters,
Hard to believe that summer will be here soon. Can't wait to get on the golf course again, although I am sure they are not anxious to see me.

The Valentine Dinner was our first event for 2017. Those that attended were entertained by the excellent duo of Janice Marie and Joe Scheibinger. They played many favorites and got many "volunteers" to join in and participate. A very good night of friendship and fun. An added pleasure was the beautiful long stem roses that were donated by *Rick's Floral Shop* in Sheboygan Falls. The ladies were delighted and they got to take a beautiful rose home. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Rick's.

Our next major event this year will be our annual Dining Out that will be held May 20th at the Western Racquet Club. Watch for the invite in this edition of the Bugler. In addition to the excellent food that evening, the entertainment will be supplied by the Ron DeVillers group. Many of you will remember that Ron was the conductor of the 84th Division Band for many years and played at all our major events. Come and say hello to Ron and enjoy many military favorite songs along with the new ones too. Join in the fellowship and fun of this event. Mark your calendar now.

June 16th will be our annual membership meeting and army celebration party. This meeting will be co-hosted with AUSA. We have arranged for a guest speaker that evening that I am sure you will want to hear. We will also conduct Board elections that evening. If anyone is interested in serving on the board please talk to any board member and let them know of your intention.

Saturday, September 16, 2017, is the date of our annual Steak Fry/Cook Out. This is always a fun event and your opportunity to visit with many of your fellow comrades and friends. This is also our annual fund raiser, which helps to raise money to support the various functions and organizations we donate to during the year, such as the War Memorial and the

Fisher House. Please set this date aside and bring lots of money for the various door prizes and silent auction items. Any donations to help make this event a big success would be greatly appreciated. We have our work cut out for us this year to make it another successful and profitable event.

I want to thank all the soldiers that are personally making the sacrifice to enable us to enjoy the freedom we have. As I have a daughter serving overseas, I realize the personal sacrifices they endure for us to have the freedom we have. Support our soldiers by wearing red on Fridays.

Thank you and enjoy the summer.
Dean P. Orley, COL (USA Retired)
President, 84th Railsplitters Association

Oath of Allegiance

When you first raised your right hand, whether it was for the first time, when you reenlisted, or accepted a higher commissioned office, you took the following or a similar oath of allegiance. Please reflect on the oath and what it meant to you, and what it means now.

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God." (*Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962*).

Army Secretary Nominee

President Donald Trump has nominated Dr. Mark E. Green, a medical doctor, Tennessee state senator and decorated West Point graduate, to be the 23rd secretary of the Army, the White House announced Friday afternoon. Green's nomination comes more than a month after Wall Street trader and billionaire Vincent Viola, Trump's previous pick for the position, removed himself from consideration Feb. 3, saying he was

unable to distance himself from his business ties to accept the post.

Green served in the Army as an infantry officer from 1986 to 2006, deploying twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan while on active duty, according to a published biography. He earned the prestigious Army Ranger Tab early in his career, and later served as a captain with the 82nd Airborne Division as a battalion supply officer and infantry company commander.

In the middle of his career, according to published biographies, Green asked that the Army send him to medical school, and subsequently earned a medical degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. One of his last tours on active duty was as flight surgeon for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

"His most memorable mission was the successful capture of Saddam Hussein," reads a biography featured on the Tennessee chapter of the Community Associations Institute. During his service, Green earned the Combat Medical Badge, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal with "V" device for combat valor, according to that biography. He was also recognized as Army Aviation Association Flight Surgeon of the Year. *Military.com*

Force Is About to Get Bigger

By the end of September, the Army's end strength will receive a boost of 28,000 soldiers above the original troop levels authorized for the current fiscal year. The increase was authorized as part of the fiscal 2017 National Defense Authorization Act and leaders say it is expected to markedly improve readiness. Leaders were informed of the increase in December.

"The No. 1 problem we have right now is that formations are manned at 95 percent," Lt. Gen. Joe Anderson, deputy chief of staff for operations, told the House Armed Services Committee. Compounding that problem, he explained, are other variables in soldiers' availability such as those who are nondeployable, retired, on permanent change of station or attending school, which bring formation levels down as low as 78 percent.

Across the force, the Regular Army will grow by 16,000 soldiers to an end strength of 476,000; National Guard levels will jump by 8,000 to 343,000 soldiers; and the Army Reserve will end the fiscal year with 199,000 soldiers, a bump of 4,000 troops. To achieve the higher end strength by Sept. 30, the Army will raise its accession mission to 68,500 and boost training resources. Enlisted retention is set to increase with incentives, and officer accessions and retention is expected to increase officer strength by 1,000.

Soldiers will go to undermanned tactical units and fill other gaps following recommendations of ongoing Army analysis. *AUSA*

Railsplitters Sponsor Vet Suicide Documentary

The following article was posted in the newsletter of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation in March.

"The War Memorial Center in Milwaukee hosted the city's encore screening of the documentary film *Almost Sunrise* on March 9, 2017. *Almost Sunrise*, which debuted at the 2016 Milwaukee Film Festival, follows the journey of Anthony Anderson and Tom Voss, as they seek to find hope, redemption and peace after struggling with depression related to their military service in the Iraq War.

Haunted by their war experiences, the two set off from the War Memorial Center, on a 2,700-mile cross-country trek by foot to California in the hope of reconciling their past with their future, and to ultimately find a way to save themselves. With veteran suicide at the alarmingly high rate of nearly 22 deaths per day, this film is an important conversation starter."

I wanted our readers to know that the 84th Railsplitters Association sent a donation of \$200 to help sponsor the film and the appearance of the two soldiers. Almost 200 attendees were captivated by the story of these two courageous troops. I think it is important that our organization continue to assist in worthwhile events/programs such as this, the Fisher House, War Memorial, USO, etc. Yes, we are still serving. Skip Pochowski

"Golf is a good walk spoiled." Mark Twain

100 Years After World War I: War to End All Wars Shaped Today's Army



Douglas MacArthur



George C. Marshall Jr.



George S. Patton Jr.

World War I did not make the world safe for democracy, as President Woodrow Wilson hoped when he asked Congress to declare war in 1917. As we now know, the war with Germany that started for the United States on April 6, 1917, did not end all wars. However, it made the U.S. a leading world power and created five important legacies that continue to shape our Army.

Among the war's lasting legacies:

- Compulsory military service and organization of state militias into an organized federal army deployable beyond the nation's borders happened because of the Selective Service Act of 1917.
- The concept of a planning staff, first introduced in the early 1900s by then-Secretary of War Elihu Root, matured under the leadership of Wilson's brilliant secretary of war, Newton D. Baker.
- Professional education and a systematic approach to training took root during World War I.
- Divisions became the module for deployment and employment.
- Three generations of officers gained important experience during World War I, managing mobilization or fighting in France. Their experience, informed by education and reflection during the interwar period, enabled them to raise, train, and lead the enormous Army that fought and won World War II. Col. Gregory Fontenot, U.S. Army retired *AUSA*

AAFES Welcoming Home All of America's Veterans with Online Shopping Benefit

After four years of coordination with the Departments of Defense, Army, and Air Force, as well as several other federal agencies, the Exchange will welcome home approximately 13 million Veterans on Nov. 11.

We are honored to offer this well-deserved benefit to those who raised their right hands, took the oath and served our Nation with honor. Extending an online exchange benefit to America's honorably discharged Veterans enhances the exchanges' online business to better serve all authorized shoppers. Additional authorized shoppers strengthen the exchange benefit through improved buying power as well as better pricing and assortment for every member of the military community.

TREA (thanks Dennis O.)

"There's no bigger task than protecting the homeland of our country." George W. Bush

How to correct your records in DEERS

To request a correction of your records in the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS), you must start with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command's Veteran Inquiry Branch. They will verify and/or correct your records at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). If your DFAS record is not corrected first, any change you make in DEERS will be overwritten by the information in your DFAS records. Start by contacting HRC at (888) 276-9472 or askhrc.army@us.army.mil. You'll need to complete a **Standard Form 180-15a2**, Request Pertaining to Military Records, and provide your birth certificate. *Army Echoes*

Retired Soldiers can live the installation life again!

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Fort Benning is one of the many installations with housing properties that has opened its on post housing to other eligible tenants, which now include Retired Soldiers and military veterans. The Villages of Benning, privately managed by Michael Management Services in Ft. Benning, Ga., announced in early May 2015 that the community has open on-post housing to meet the growing demand of retired service members, widowed spouses and Department of Defense and Federal Agency civilians who work on the installation. With nearly 4,000 on-post homes and the benefits of living on-post now rivaling that of neighborhoods in the surrounding areas, The Villages of Benning offers residents the luxuries often associated with living off-post while being conveniently located to the military lifestyle.

Visit www.villagesofbenning.com for more information about the Villages of Benning.

Army Echoes

ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL

Navy museum's World War II bomber honors Doolittle Raid

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Flying Army bombers off a Navy aircraft carrier, U.S. forces struck a symbolic blow to the heart of the Japanese Empire nearly 75 years ago. The daring mission, known as the Doolittle Raid in honor of its commanding officer, took place about four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and boosted the morale of anxious Americans.

Pensacola's National Naval Aviation Museum is paying tribute to the men who planned and carried out the April, 18, 1942, raid by refurbishing a vintage B-25 B Mitchell bomber as a replica of the one flown by Lt. Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle. The bomber will go on display outside the museum's Blue Angels Atrium on April 18 to mark the 75th anniversary of the raid.

"Even though the raid itself didn't cause real considerable damage to the enemy, it did create a major morale boost in the U.S. It showed that we were striking back," said Hill Goodspeed, the museum's historian. "At that point in the war, it was a very dark time for the U.S. Japanese conquest was widespread, so it represented Americans strike back, and it was a bright spot for people on the home front."

Melissa Nelson Gabrial, Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal

"I've managed to convince my wife that somewhere in the Bible it says, 'Man cannot have too many shotguns and fishing poles.'" Norman Schwarzkopf



The **National Naval Aviation Museum** is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum and one of the most-visited museums in the state of Florida. Share the excitement of Naval Aviation's rich history and see more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed both

inside the Museum's nearly 350,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

There's so much to see and do, you'll want to stay all day! Admission is free! Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's. For more information, call 1-800-327-5002.

www.navalaviationmuseum.org

Navy Blue Angels 2017 Summer Show Season Schedule

June

3 · 4 | Duluth, MN | Duluth Air and Aviation Expo

17 · 18 | Ocean City, MD | OC Air Show

24 · 25 | Latrobe, PA | Westmoreland County Air Show

July

1 · 2 | New Windsor, NY | New York Air Show

8 | Pensacola Beach, FL | Pensacola Beach Air Show

15 · 16 | Milwaukee, WI | Milwaukee Air and Water Show

22 · 23 | Idaho Falls, ID | Idaho Falls Air Show

29 · 30 | Oshkosh, WI | EAA AirVenture

August

5 · 6 | Seattle, WA | Boeing Seafair Air Show

19 · 20 | Chicago, IL | Chicago Air and Water Show

26 · 27 | Brunswick, ME | The Great State of Maine Air Show

2017 | PRACTICE SCHEDULE (Pensacola)

MAY | 2 · 3 · 9 · 10 · 16 · 17 · 30 · 31

JUNE | 7 · 13 · 14 · 20 · 21

JULY | 11 · 12 · 18

AUGUST | 9 · 15 · 16 · 22 · 23

www.blueangels.navy.mil/show

Air Force Thunderbirds 2017 Summer Show

Season Schedule:

June 10-11: Scott AFB, IL – "Scott AFB Air Show & Open House"

June 17-18: Youngstown ANG, OH – "Thunder Over the Valley Air Show"

June 24-25: Dayton, OH – "Vectren Dayton Air Show"

July 1-2: Traverse City, MI – "National Cherry Festival Airshow"

July 8-9: Gary, IN – "Gary Air Show"

July 14-16: RAF Fairford, UK – "Royal International Air Tattoo"

July 22-23: Great Falls, MT – "Flight Over the Falls"

July 26: Cheyenne, WY – "Frontier Days Air Show"

July 29-30: Fairchild AFB, WA – "Inland Northwest Skyfest"

August 12-13: Westfield, Massachusetts – "Westfield Air Show"

August 19-20: Selfridge ANGB, MI – "Selfridge ANGB Air Show/Open House"

August 23: Atlantic City, NJ – "Thunder Over the Boardwalk"

August 26-27: Dover AFB, DE – "Dover AFB Open House/Air Show"

www.afthunderbirds.com/site/show-season

Happy Traveling!

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