



84th Railsplitters Bugler

Newsletter of the 84th Railsplitters Association, LTD

August 2017



Upcoming Special Events

- 25 Aug 2017** VET Fest (Friday)
08 Sep 2017 RAD-Fort McCoy (Friday)
16 Sep 2017 Steak Fry Cookout (Saturday)
11 Nov 2017 Veterans Day (Saturday)
Feb 2018 Valentine Dinner



2017 Annual Dining Out

On May 20, 2017, the Association held its annual Dining Out gala at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove, WI. The attendees were entertained with the music of Ron DeVillers' Band; Ron was the former bandmaster of the 84th Division Band.



2017 Annual Meeting of the Membership

On June 15, 2017, the Association held its Annual Meeting of the Membership (bylaws and the Feds require a meeting). New and current board members were elected which will keep the Association viable and strong. Our guest speaker, Edgar Hansen, CSM USA Retired, enlightened us with current and recently passed operations in the middle east.

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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

Sympathy cards were sent to:

The Family of: **CSM Donald Ruhkick** (his wife **Roberta** passed)

The Family of: **1SG John Recklies** (his wife **Karen** passed)

Send your encouragement to Nora Gramins and 1SG Holger Machwitz as they continue to recover.

Mary

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. www.shopmyexchange.com
TREA

"It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary." Winston Churchill



From the President's Desk

Greetings Fellow Railsplitters'

Now that the State Fair is behind us it's sad to say that summer is coming to an end. I certainly hope it was a good one for everyone. Enjoy what is left of it. Get in that last camping trip and play another round of golf. With that in mind, don't forget about the War Memorial Golf Outing on September 9, 2017 and the Colonel Bill McKeown Memorial Golf Outing on October 1, 2017. Both events are for a good cause and well worth attending.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new board members Peter Mulock and Ron DeVillers. I look forward to working with you and I hope you enjoy the ride. I also want to welcome Mary Opplinger to the board. Mary has graciously agreed to take over the Bugler editor duties due to the retirement of Gerald Wold. Jerry has done an excellent job for us over the last 9 years and he will be missed. Anyone interested in participating on the board should please inform any board member of your interest.

Our next event this year will be the annual Steak and Chicken Fry which will be held Saturday, September 16th at the Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449 on North 124th Street in Brookfield. As you know, this is also our annual fund raiser which helps our organization contribute to many Veteran groups around the city. So, come out, enjoy seeing and talking to the many soldiers you served with and donate to a good cause. Enjoy what is left of the summer. Stay healthy and read the Bugler for next year's events.

Dean P. Orley COL (USA Retired)
President 84th Railsplitter Association, LTD

McCarthy confirmed as Under Secretary of the Army-will serve as Acting Secretary

WASHINGTON August 3, 2017

The U.S. Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to confirm former Army Ranger Ryan McCarthy as the next Under Secretary of the Army. President Donald J. Trump nominated McCarthy in June for the position.

He will succeed Karl Schneider, senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army. Responsibilities of the Under Secretary include the Army's budget, business transformation, acquisition modernization and energy-efficiency initiatives.

BACKGROUND

McCarthy graduated from the Virginia Military Institute. He also earned a master's in Business Administration from the University of Maryland. He served in the 75th Ranger Regiment during the early days of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Early in McCarthy's career, he worked at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. He later became a staff member at the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He also served as an assistant to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

McCarthy joined Lockheed Martin in 2011, where he worked on programs including the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II. He most recently served as the vice president of the sustainment program for the F-35 program. www.army.mil

Civilians beware!

Amazon.com Inc. could be declaring war on your gastrointestinal tract. The infamous Meal Refusing to Exit — er ... Meal, Ready to Eat — may soon make its way to the civilian populace courtesy of the corporate Goliath, according to a recent report by Reuters.

The online retail titan plans to tap into technology that has been clogging the bowels of service members since the MRE's inception in 1981, when it replaced the antiquated canned wet rations used from the Civil War all the way through Vietnam.

Recent military efforts endeavored to improve the taste of MREs used by service members, and with the backing of Amazon, it's expected that production rate and quality of the non-refrigerated goods will soar. armytimes.com

"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." Theodore Roosevelt

New 84th Training Command CG, CSM



Major General A. Ray Royalty, CG



CSM Lawrence C. Arnold

Major General A. Ray Royalty is currently serving as the Commanding General for the 84th Training Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky as of August 2017. Major General Royalty was commissioned into the Infantry upon completing his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Active duty assignments have included time with the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 75th Ranger Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), 1st Infantry Division, and the Pentagon.

MG Royalty is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff College, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. In terms of civilian education, Major General Royalty holds a Master of Arts degree in Computer Resources and Information Management from Webster University; a Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University; a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the Army War College; and a doctorate from The George Washington University in Human and Organizational Learning with an emphasis on the dynamics of national and organizational culture.

CSM Lawrence C. Arnold was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1984, he joined the United States Army and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

CSM Arnold has served in various assignments including the Military District of Washington Military Police Company, Fort Myer, Virginia; HQ LEC, 716th

Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas; 249th Military Police Company, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; HHC, 194th Military Police Company, Fort Knox, Kentucky; CSM of the 304th Military Police Battalion, 290th Military Police Brigade; CSM of 724th Military Police Battalion, 290th Military Police Brigade; CSM of 1st Brigade, 78th Training Division; CSM of the 78th Training Division; and currently as the CSM of the 84th Training Command. CSM Arnold has served in every leadership position from team leader to CSM, and twice as a company 1SG. While serving in the above duty positions, CSM Arnold has participated in three mobilizations and operational deployments to Afghanistan.

Dear Splitters of Rail,

See the invitation to the War Memorial's Vet Fest (Summerfest for vets and their friends). Great music. Great food. Great friends. And admission and parking are free!!!!

VET FEST AUG. 25, 2017
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

CELEBRATE SERVICE ★ WAR MEMORIAL CENTER

LIVE MUSIC ON FITCH PLAZA
MILITARY ARTIFACT SHOW
FOOD TRUCKS! MESS HALL FOOD
BOOK SIGNING & TALKS

The War Memorial Center is excited to announce this year's celebration of service, **VetFest** on Aug. 25 from **5 - 10 pm**. The event is free and open to the public.

War Memorial's Fitch Plaza Transformed into Military Base Camp

- Live Music with Boomer Nation
- Mess Hall Food
- Food Trucks
- 50/50 Raffle
- Military Artifact Trunk Show
- 9/11 Memorial Talk with Mark Fox (6, 7 & 8 pm)

And don't forget our 3rd Annual Golf Outing (Sept 9) to sponsor the MIA/POW Exhibit. Thank you.
Skip

2017 Colonel's Cup Golf Outing

The annual Colonel's Cup Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017, at the Brighton Dale Links in Kansasville, WI. This event honors the memory of William (Bill) McKeown, COL USA Retired, who was a past president of the Association. The timing, cost etc. have not yet been set. For more information contact: colonelcupmckeown@gmail.com

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)

Fort McCoy, WI – **September 8, 2017**, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sign in begins in Bldg. 905 at 7:00 a.m. followed by the program at 8:00 a.m. Coffee, water and donuts will be available during the morning session. The afternoon Benefits Fair will be held in Bldg. 1122, Rumpel Fitness Center from noon – 3:00 p.m. Please let us know if you plan to have lunch at McCoy's by circling yes or no: I will have lunch at McCoy's YES NO. The all-you-can-eat buffet is \$9/with water; \$10.50/with a soft drink. For additional information, please call **800-452-0923**. Submit registration no later than **September 1, 2017**. You may also submit your registration via email at: usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil
Mail Registration to: Retirement Services Office
35 South M St.
Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5152

ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL



Running around Lambeau Field

Green Bay, Wisconsin, holds many runs during the year. This May, we participated in the Cellcom Green Bay 5K run/walk that takes you into Lambeau Field, around the track, and finishes just outside of the stadium. It had serious runners, us, strollers, and walkers. It was more comfortable than freezing during a previous January playoff game. The half marathon was held the following day.

The Green Bay Packers are developing a commercial area near the stadium. This is becoming a tourist destination, to go along with all that Lambeau Field has to offer.



Independence Hall



The Liberty Bell

In early August, with the grandson off on vacation with his parents, it was time for a well needed vacation to Europe. We took a KC-135 tanker from Scott AFB, IL, with the hope of catching a McGuire AFB, NJ, flight to Lakenheath AB, England, or Ramstein AB, Germany. No luck, so we stayed on base that night.

The next day we rented a car on base and headed for Philadelphia (I find traveling over high bridges challenging, so I tend to find one that won't raise my blood pressure). After staying near the airport, we spent the next day visiting historical sites. Many sites are within walking distance (it was a Sunday and we found street parking). The Liberty Bell is housed in a new building across the street from Independence Hall.



The City Tavern

The harbor is an easy walk and a nice stroll. We had lunch at the City Tavern, a very historic place, with many colonial period appetizers, entrees, and beers. You experience authentic 18th century American culinary history. The staff is in period dress and enlighten patrons. We drove back to McGuire AFB, and stayed overnight.

The next day, we took a C-17 to Fort Campbell, KY, rented a car, and drove back to Scott AFB, to pick up our car. The following day we returned the rental at St. Louis International.



We headed west to Whiteman AFB, MO, east of Kansas City. Whiteman AFB is home to B-2 stealth bombers. Like vampires, the B-2s normally only come out at night. We went farther west and ended up north of Kansas City, KS, at Fort Leavenworth. This post started as one of the frontier posts on the Missouri River. For decades, this has been the home of the Command and General Staff College. Also, there is a great park dedicated to Buffalo Soldiers.



The Buffalo Soldiers Memorial on Fort Leavenworth

The following day found us headed back to our home of record. (Maybe we will try for the Christmas markets in Germany?)

Happy Traveling!

World Travelers Jerry and Lisa

Military Installations with Lodging Nearby the 25 Vineyards and Wineries Listed as Ranked by Yelp Starting with #25:

Brooks Winery – Amity, OR: Camp Rilea is about 100 miles northwest
 Beneduce Vineyards – Pittstown, NJ: Picatinny Arsenal is about 40 miles north
 Taylor Brooke Winery – Woodstock, CT: New London Sub Base is about 50 miles south
 Oliver Winery – Bloomington, IN: Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center is about 35 miles south of the winery and Camp Atterbury is about 40 miles north
 The Cottage Vineyard and Winery – Cleveland, GA: Camp Frank D Merrill is about 26 miles west
 Barnstormer Winery – Rock Stream, NY: Niagara Falls ARS is about 150 miles northwest
 Glen Manor Vineyards – Front Royal, VA: Fort Belvoir is about 67 miles east
 Windham Vineyards and Winery – Windham, NY: US Military Academy, West Point is about 95 miles south
 Hawkins Cellar – Dundee, OR: Camp Rilea is about 95 miles northwest

Zephaniah Farm Vineyard – Leesburg, VA: Bethesda NAS, MD is about 40 miles southeast
 Ports of New York – Ithaca, NY: Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA is about 130 miles southeast
 Clearview Vineyard – Warwick, NY: US Military Academy, West Point is about 33 miles northeast
 Blue Ridge Winery – Saylorsburg, PA: Tobyhanna Army Depot is about 25 miles north
Von Stiehl Winery – Algoma, WI: Sherwood Point Cottage is about 20 miles north and Rawley Point Cottage is about 35 miles south (Coast Guard)-if you have spent any time in Door County, WI, you have probably tasted their wine
 Hermosa Vineyards – Palisade, CO: Buckley AFB is the closest military installation over 250 miles to the east.
 Palmaz Vineyards – Napa, CA: Travis AFB is about 25 miles east
 Ecluse Wines – Paso Robles, CA: Camp San Luis Obispo is about 35 miles south
 J Rickards Winery – Cloverdale, CA: Petaluma CG Training Center is about 42 miles south
 Pride Mountain Vineyards – St Helena, CA: Petaluma CG Training Center is about 32 miles south
 Espinosa Vineyards and Winery – Escondido, CA: Miramar MCAS is about 17 miles south
 B Cellars Vineyards & Winery – Napa, CA: Travis AFB is about 40 miles east
 Kastania Vineyards – Petaluma, CA: Novato Coast Guard Facility is about 10 miles south and Petaluma CG Training Center is about 15 miles northeast
 Hendry Vineyards and Winery – Napa, CA: Travis AFB is about 30 miles east
 Vineyard Grant James – Ramona, CA: Miramar MCAS is about 30 miles southwest
 Vincent Arroyo Winery – Calistoga, CA: Petaluma CG Training Center is about 38 miles southwest
militaryliving.com

www.84thdivalumni.com (website)

Mission of the 84th Railsplitters Association, LTD
 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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“Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer.” Ronald Reagan

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