

84th Railsplitters Association

Newsletter

The Bugler



Season's Greetings Railsplitters!

Another year has come and gone, and as we say hello to 2026, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible success of our recent Steak Fry/Fundraiser. This year's event was held at the Hoepner-Horn Bros VFW Post 5716, located at 17980 Beloit Rd. in New Berlin, on September 13th. The turnout was truly exceptional, with attendance exceeding all expectations.

Contributions and donations at this year's fundraiser surpassed those of previous years, a testament to the generosity and commitment of everyone involved. After tallying all expenses, the combined efforts from dinner fees, silent auction, door prizes, and the 50-50 raffle resulted in raising over \$4,800. This overwhelming support made the event a record-breaking success. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and dedication. Thank you so very much for making this year's Steak Fry/Fundraiser an unforgettable and impactful occasion.

There have been a few personnel updates:

- SFC Bill Krieger resigned as Treasurer for personal reasons; COL Skip Pochowski will serve in this role for the next year.
- Mrs. Mary Orley stepped down from overseer of the Sunshine Club, and Mrs. Jan Berzowski – the club's founder - is taking over.
- On 7 December, LTC Ron Moe, our webmaster who helped connect us with the 84th Division/Training Command community and others interested in the 84th and its history, passed away unexpectedly. LTC Keith Cowan has accepted the challenge to fill these "big shoes".

Our website's outreach is exemplified by our recent engagement with a fellow servicemember, who facilitated contact with an 84th Infantry Division Soldier scheduled to celebrate a centennial birthday on 26 January. This newsletter provides additional details regarding how you may connect with Private First Class Ted Zamorski.

I always like to highlight the importance of recruiting because our continued success depends on our membership growing. Every member is encouraged to reach out to family or friends who served in the 84th and invite them to join us at one of our events. We also offer a referral program: for each new member you bring in and sign up, you'll receive an extra year added to your membership. If you or any interested Soldier have questions, please feel free to contact me at goldgrl123@hotmail.com.

Events we will be hosting in 2026 are:

- Annual Valentine's Dinner – 14 February 2026, at Meyer's Restaurant, 4260 S. 76th St. Greenfield, WI. Invitation is attached.
- The Annual Meeting/Elections will be on Thursday, 11 June, and
- The Steak Fry is on 12 September at the Hoepner-Horn Bros VFW Post 5716.

Be sure to mark your calendar.

Thank you for your continued support! I'm looking forward to seeing you in the new year, until then... stay safe... stay healthy and STRIKE HARD!

Goldie M. Schuh, Command Executive Officer (Retired)
President, 84th Railsplitters Association, LTD

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In Memory...

On December 7, 2025, our support team suffered a significant loss with the unexpected passing of LTC Ron Moe. After dedicating over 20 years to service in the military and culminating in the G-1 Section of the 84th Division, Moe retired but remained active within our community.

More than 14 years ago, COL Skip Pochowski invited LTC Moe to become our Webmaster—a position he accepted without prior experience or formal training. Under his direction, our website developed into an outstanding resource for those seeking information for 84th Infantry Division personnel, its history, and places where memorabilia could be archived. It also serves our Association's members, offering access to current and past newsletters, announcements, and other reference materials, as well as enjoyable facts.

Ron was known for his quiet nature and genuine enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with fellow computer enthusiasts. Preferring to work behind the scenes rather than seek attention, he showed remarkable dedication, often updating the website overnight so new content would be available before most began their day. As both a Soldier and a person, Ron was generous and selfless, always helping others without expecting anything in return. His absence will be deeply felt by all of us.

Here's to the year that has gone, With its share of joy and sadness, And here's to the year to come, May it have a full measure of gladness.



CSM Clarence Brunner resigned from the 84th Railsplitters board. A small luncheon was held to honor his many years of service. He was a founding father of the association and has been involved ever since.

POP QUIZ

A famous fictional member of the Army Air Forces is Capt. John Yossarian, a 28-year-old World War II bombardier in what Joseph Heller satirical novel?

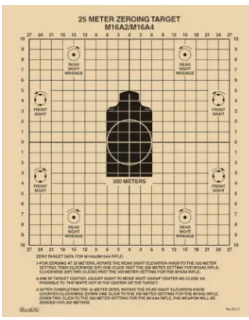
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*Thank you
for your
service!*

Tom Abts shows off his president's award wearing his new 84th Railsplitters jacket. Tom stepped down from the 84th board after serving since 2021.

A Day at the Range



From A to Z!



Marksman? Sharpshooter? Expert?



Hurry up and wait!



The clock strikes twelve, the old year fades, New dreams arise in brighter shades. With hope in hand, we step anew, The world awaits-its skies are blue.

Sunshine Club

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those who recently passed away:

COL William Spitznagle LTC Gary Gwidt LTC Ronald Moe SFC Barbara Shepherd

Get Well Wishes for:

COL Dean Orley, LTC Lori Kunstman, MAJ Steve Kassens, CW5 Dennis Olczak, CSM Larry Mueller,
SGM Carol Ridgely, Mrs. Issy (Skip) Pochowski, Mrs. Keith Cowan,
Mrs. Melissa (Jack-deceased) Woller, Mrs. Patt (Allen) Cottrell, Mrs. Karen (Chuck) Clark and
SGM (Ret) Larry & Nancy Kritz on the passing of their son, Kyle

Remember to send any information, or correspondence for Get Well, Encouragement, Sympathy, etc. to our
new Sunshine Club coordinator: **Jan Berzowski (262) 468-4928 or janberzowski@aol.com**



Two more Railsplitters took the Honor Flight! Please send pictures of your Honor Flight!



Frank Parker (right) with his sponsor, Matt



Al Cottrell (right) with his sponsor, his son, David.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne!



The War Memorial's 2026
 Veteran of the Year,
Glen "Rusty" Armstrong
 and Horseshoe Bend,
 Arkansas community
 Citizen of the Year,
Lori Kunstman.

So Proud!



Help celebrate PFC Zamorski's 100th Birthday!

PFC Tadeusz "Ted" Zamorski was one of four men on his street to be drafted into the War Department—he was the only one to come home. Some World War II vets don't like to talk about the war, but PFC Zamorski talks with his neighbor, CPT Michael Lacome, who relayed a little bit about the 99-year-old Railsplitter.

It was hard times during the war. They would hunt deer and bring it to the cook. The cook was a fellow Polish American who owned a turkey farm in Vermont. In the middle of the night, he and the other Polish American soldiers would be woken by the cook and enjoy special meals. He also got hot meals after getting deloused a couple times; it was the best because they got new uniforms and the hot meals.

But the barrages by the 88s (German 88mm anti-tank/aircraft guns) were devastating. They would have to dig down and then horizontally to hide during those bombardments.

To this day he has the utmost respect for the Wehrmacht and said they were fierce fighters.

An SS officer surrendered to him crying and saying he had two girls and not to kill him. He still has the officer's collar tabs. He really only fought the German Army. His unit stopped at the Elbe and said that they had to hand over the SS to the Russians while they kept the Heer (the Army of the Wehrmacht). The SS had a medical outbreak and they would throw chocolate and cigarettes at the SS thru the wire as they felt very bad for those men.

PFC Zamorski talks of the good and bad of war. When he was in the North of Germany and they came upon an oil refinery that was pristine when everything was bombed and destroyed. But he also has some guilt about being the only one to come home—he lost half of his unit to injury and death.

He does refuse to talk about the 9mm Luger with a holster that he has. It has the former owner's name written in it. He will talk about almost anything, but that.

He received the German Occupation Medal and a bronze star for valor. He is now a retired, Exxon engineer; a widower who visits his wife's grave almost every day for the past 30 years. He is, was, and always will be an 84th Railsplitter.

This is where I'm calling on my fellow Railsplitters for help. Let's show this gentleman just how much we appreciate his service and help him celebrate his birthday by sending him birthday cards. His milestone birthday is January 26th, but that doesn't mean you have to wait until that date to send him a card. Let's get started NOW! On behalf of the Association, we have sent attire and memorabilia for him to wear on his special day!

Birthday cards can be mailed to:

PFC Ted Zamorski
88 Princeton Ave.
Rahway, NJ 07065



PFC Ted Zamorski and CPT Michael Lacome.





Grillmasters!



2025 Steak Fry



You really don't want to bid against Robert...you'll lose!





Carol and her beautiful quilt!



He does not look happy!



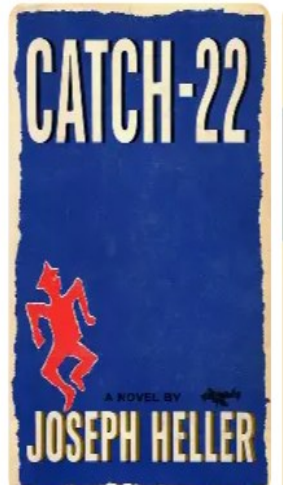
Too busy eating to smile for the camera!



Greeted by smiling faces!



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Humor noun

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Definition of humor

1a: that quality which appeals to a sense of the ludicrous or absurdly incongruous : a funny or amusing quality // Try to appreciate the *humor of the situation*.

