



**President's
Corner
February 2025**



Team,



Th New Year has come and gone Patriots! And I don't know where all that time went. Over the last several months many of our members have been sending care packages to our active-duty battalion Triple Deuce stationed in the Middle East. Hopefully, Skip can add the name and address for each of our companies that are deployed so you can participate in the Care Package sending. Make sure you keep it to personal hygiene items and hard candy or cookies – Nothing that might melt like chocolate.

As a matter of fact our 22nd Infantry France Organization sent packages to 3 of our companies in January! Thank you Loic, Julien, and Nickolas for your generous contributions. **Jim May** and **Skip Fahel** have also been rallying our Regulars in send multitudes of care packages also – Thank you to you and your teams!



Our next Reunion Adventure is a gathering in May 2026, so put it on your calendars Now so you can come and join in the fun. I know this newsletter finds everyone preparing their tax returns – Not my favorite time of year as it usually wipes out a weekend doing those tax forms – aargh. I pray for everyone's health and happiness this coming year. As Spring approaches and warms up, get out into the outdoors and cherish what mother nature has provided for us.

Remember to mark your Calendars and prepare to attend the 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion in Oklahoma City in May 2026! I don't want any excuses for not joining your brethren and fellow warriors in camaraderie and lively conversations remembering the past and discussing each other's futures and families!

Check out the new 22nd Infantry Webpage and please feel free to provide me some feedback: [22nd Infantry Regiment Society - 22nd Infantry, Veterans, Army](http://22ndinfantry.org).

Forward the URL for fellow soldiers that want to join the society: [Society and Membership \(22ndinfantry.org\)](http://SocietyandMembership(22ndinfantry.org)). We are putting together a duties and responsibilities handbook for all future officers within the 22nd Infantry Society to carry on our organization and traditions.

I think that gets everyone up to date from November 2024. I want to thank all of you for your service to this amazing country! Freedom is not Free, it is paid for with the blood of the current generation holding the baton to keep this country free.

One last item. I would like to thank **Rebecca O'Neal** for the donation to the Society by her grandfather, **MSG George W. O'Brien**. Rebecca was following the instructions in her grandfather will.

As always, I want to thank my heroes, the Vietnam warriors - without you, my life experience would be much different.

“Deeds Not Words”!!

Mark S. Woempner

George John Pascale

George John Pascale was born in Connecticut on October 13, 1948, the son of Mr. and **Mrs. Angelo R. Pascale**. He was drafted into the Army on May 21, 1968. At the time of induction he was single, listed his place of residence as New Haven, Connecticut, and his religion as Roman Catholic.

He deployed to Vietnam on November 9, 1968 with the Military Occupational Specialty of 11B20: Infantryman. Pascale was assigned to Company B 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry 4th Infantry Division.

He was wounded on April 5, 1969 and sent to the 6th Convalescent Center at Cam Ranh Bay for recovery.

After his recovery he returned to his unit. He was later killed while on a patrol. Earlier on the day he was killed, he performed an action for which he was awarded the Soldiers Medal. His citation read:

"Headquarters 4th Infantry Division General Orders Number 5324 dated 11 August 1969.

For heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam.

Specialist Four Pascale distinguished himself while

serving as a Rifleman with Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry, 4th Infantry Division.

On July 14, 1969, Specialist Pascale was a member of a patrol operating north of Landing Zone Bass.

As the patrol crossed a swiftly moving stream, a man lost his footing and was swept by the swift current downstream. Knowing that his comrade could not swim, Specialist Pascale braved the intense and dangerous current to save him. Fighting the current and floating debris, Specialist Pascale succeeded in pulling his nearly unconscious comrade to safety, and undoubtedly saved his life.

Specialist Four Pascale's personal bravery, initiative and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

Continuing on with the patrol that day, Pascale was killed when an enemy booby trap exploded at Grid Reference ZA032958, in Kontum Province approximately 3 kilometers north of Polei Kleng airfield.

George J. Pascale is buried in Beavertdale Memorial Park, New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut.

His name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. on Panel W21 Line 119.

Michael Belis, DMOR



2025 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2025 Scholarship. Requirements for scholarship:

A. Served with the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

B. Be a direct relation (son, daughter, or grandchild of person that served with 22nd Infantry Regiment. (To include legally adoptive child)

C. Be an active member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, with five (5) years of current active membership. Deceased must have had five (5) of active membership.

Applications should be received by July 31, 2025

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact Skip Fahel at eqf2231@gmail.com

Triple Deuce Deployment

During the Old Goats Squad visit with Triple Deuce at Ft Drum on ORG DAY discussions regarding supporting the Soldiers during the upcoming deployment took place. During those discussions it was revealed that the efforts of individual VN 222 and 22 IRS Members to meet the needs of deployed Soldiers during past deployments didn't work as planned. While "Care Packages" were sent, what was in those Packages was what the senders wanted during their deployments.

Times and conditions had changed and what was sent wasn't what was needed. A different approach was needed. That approach was for the Old Goats to establish a Point of Contact, PoC, with the Company they identified with and for that PoC to let the Old Goat know what was needed. Furthermore, in order to avoid confusion in sending what was needed it was decided that what was going to be sent would be sent to the PoC.



I identify with "G" Company, the Support Company. My PoC is 1SG Osias. It took a while for Triple Deuce to settle in, in fact, the result of the revolt in Syria has much of Triple Deuce staged as a reaction force in Kuwait. In my conversations with 1SG

Osias I informed him of the plans on how both VN 222 and 22 IRS would support the Battalion and how all he had to do was let me know what his Soldiers' needs were. It was about three weeks later that I received an e message from 1SG Osias in which he wrote that the Soldiers needed 'personal items.' I had no idea what 'personal items' referred to, so I asked for some details. The answer left me a bit confused and then upset. Upset

because the US Army is as incapable of thinking through an operation as it has ever been.

These deployed Soldiers had ZERO access to soap, shampoo, shaving cream, shaving razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and personal items for the four female Soldiers. (Gail provided the guidance for their needs.) It is more than apparent that the US Army doesn't understand that there are no PX facilities for deployed Soldiers to visit. QMC has been and remains as detached from Combat Elements as it has ever been.



So, with my temper in check, I went to the Dollar store and bought enough of the above listed items so that every Soldiers in "G" Company, all 65 of them, would have the 'personal items' they needed. Gail and I packed everything into 13 boxes and brought the boxes to the Post Office for shipping. The shipment arrived, 1SG Osias had the items arranged so that the Soldiers could take their

'ration.' The items for the female Soldiers were shipped in a box that was plainly marked. All 1SG Osias had to do was to hand that box to **LT Jordan**, which he did. So far, mission accomplished for "G" Company. Should they need more 'personal items' or anything else, they will receive what they need.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov, Co. 1968

PFC Brice W. Rhyne [Part 2]

A few years ago, Loïc Parent and I visited a museum in Northern France run by an acquaintance. He told us he had something that might interest us historically speaking... He was absolutely right! Among many other items, he had a testimonial from a soldier of the 1st Battalion - 22nd Infantry Regiment, recounting his landing on Utah Beach... exceptional !



Through this story (spread over several Newsletters), you will accompany **PFC Brice W. Rhyne** (HQ/1st Bn) during the first hours of D-DAY, with historical details [...], photos and more. Good reading !

... One shell hit right beside an LCVP which was returning from shore – so close that boat just went right around the rim of the hole it made in the water – didn't harm either of the two Navy men crew – only about 25 yards from us at the time !! (August 2024)



Lt. [Glenn W.] Breckenridge¹, Capt. [Morris E.] Brannigan [Branigin], Capt. [Ray H.] Sullivan, [Roland F.] Weiscarger, [Russel K.] Johnson, [Charles] Zeek, [Mervyn E.] Davidson, [Paul A.] Carnes, [Vere L.] Newcomb (Rhyne) aboard our boat with D Company. 25 yards off-shore our LCVP hit sand bar,

but our coxswain gunned it and we slid over – had a dry landing, just got shoe soles wet – other boats lodged on sand bar reef and men were half-swimmin' in to shore. First sight to greet our eyes : 75 or more Jerry prisoners enclosed in barbed wire entanglements which they had previously put on the beach – on old Jerry high ranking officer with helmet on, stalking around very arrogantly – Jerry enlisted men did not have helmets on, were cowed, many wounded and our medics were fixing them up. First, but far from last impression of War on seeing few Jerry prisoners War's almost over now with all these prisoners giving up !!! (Was I to learn better ??? !! How wrong first impressions are in combat – especially in infantry)



Theodore Roosevelt Jr.
(Utah Beach)

What a mass of frustrated men on beach—more of a mob !!! While following Capt. Brannigan along beach in front of sea wall saw and talked with General Teddy Roosevelt², Jr (our Asst. Division Commander and first General to land in France) – he asked the enlisted men how we made

out on landing, if we lost any men and how we felt – more interested in GI than officers it seemed !! Followed Capt. Brannigan along road made by bulldozers thru sea wall. Just walked with crowd up to little house with red tile roof [probably the famous Red House], and here Capt. Brannigan told us to wait while he contacted rest of company – German equipment and clothing all around house – could see many GI's who gave



¹ KIA 06/23/1944

² Died of a heart attack 07/12/1944

References sources : 1-22 infantry.org
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their along the sea wall – Capt Brannigan didn't comeback for quite a long while – probably at most a few minutes, and shells were coming closer to us, so decided to go with troops down same road leading in-land. We had landed 1500 yds below where we were supposed to and on the map we had, it showed a small house at the seashore just like the one we found, so figured it was safest and best to go with the crowd and contact the CP group later.

Found out we were going in-land with 2nd Bn, 22nd INF., so waited Major Edwards (Lt. Col. Now, 5/8/45, then 2nd Bn CO). He oriented Weiscarger, Zeek, Carnes, Davidson, Johnson and myself on the location of the 1st Bn – but on coming to road junction which out across to 1st Bn Zone, found that the Engineers were taking out mines by the score – were a little dubious about risking our necks as first to walk down that road. Roads in beach area had wire fence on both sides with signs reading Minen-Mine sand skull and cross-bones on them –saw one GI who got foot blown off by mine in open field. Open fields along road leading inland had high poles up with barbed wire crisscrossed from tops to snare paratroopers in case they landed there – none did that we could see. Also beaches were piled high with underwater and beach obstacles engineers had taken out. Many Jerry mortar shells came in on us while walking with 2nd Bn but no one hurt. Came to farm houses at road junction which led across to 1st Bn –here saw for first time swamp section were to cross later – GI's (1st wave) were threading their way across swamp in multiple dispersed lines – could hear Jerry snipers shooting at them – farm houses were hit by bombs and shell fire – French civilians were very sullen – more of a glare at us !!

Carnes and myself were afraid that Bn CO would have need of 610 radio, so we decided (all of us) to chance the connecting road to 1st Bn. Crossed much open space – more bulldozers and engineers—finally made contact with our group – much relieved !! Moved with 1st Bn up road toward Cherbourg—came to farm houses. Jerry

soldier, old white haired man, with hole thru shoulder size of half-dollar our medics treating him. Amer. GI in ditch opposite Jerry with hole thru thigh. Here turned left into fringe of swamp area. Rested for few minutes back of barn, then cut across to road—here hit first real enemy action in form of burp guns and mortars. Lay right on top of black top road, afraid of mines along ditches. Zeek and Red Stevens hit by small fragments from mortar shells—Red in hand, Zeek in lip. First casualties in Bn. Two wiremen ([John] Spejusk [Spejewski] and [Joseph L.] Kessler³) carrying reel of wire each, tried to catch couple horses to haul load, but tired themselves out so much, settled for small colt—when colt loaded with reel of wire on each side sagged in middle and wouldn't move—had piece of wire around neck for bridle, only move was backwards—boys took wire off and gave colt swift kick—just as well for our next move was thru the swamp and horse nor colt wouldn't have been able to make that anyhow—only humans and their heavy burdens (GI dog-faces, better name jack-asses). CP group was in red brick house where mortars were falling—woman milking cow in open field with shells falling all around—her last one—other two had already been killed—those crazy Frenchmen !! During



Joseph L. Kessler



S.M. Brumby

time laying on top of road and shells coming in Weiscarger called up front by Colonel [Sewell M. Brumby]—way he zig-zagged—we laughed about it later, much later !! Later on moving out, Lt Breckenridge, [Salvatore S.] Moffa and myself went forward to contact Colonel and ran into sniper with burp-gun. He cut grass over our heads like lawn mower – lay in ditch for half hour before he quit firing—and we could move.

Historical research is even more rewarding and enjoyable when you can exchange information with good people. That's why I'd like to extend my

warmest thanks to Michael Belis for his invaluable help over the years in my research into the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

To be continued...

Julien Woestyn

Vice-Président 22nd Infantry Regiment France
Deeds Not Words

¹ DOW 06/27/1944

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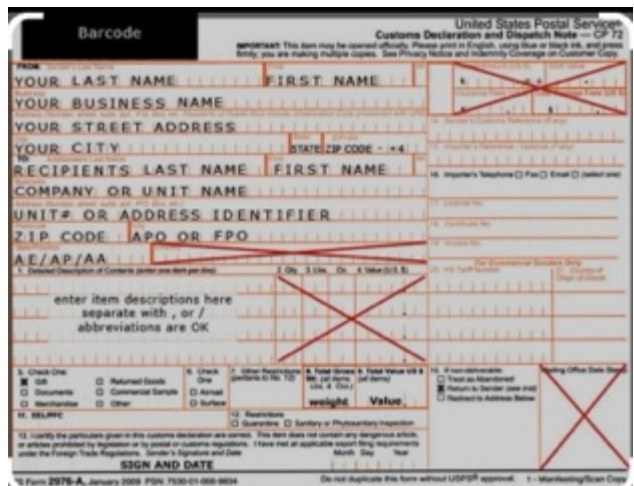
Mailing address for 2/22 deployment

If you have package for and individual, address to that individual. If you have a general package for the Company, send to the 1SGT. USPS Custom for required.

Hostile [1SGT Michael Franks]

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Anvil [1SGT Zachary Grado]
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TF Badger, A2-22
APO AE 09348
- Bushmaster [1SGT David Brooks]**
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando B2-22
APO AE 09330
- Chaos [1SGT Jacob T. Hollingsworth]**
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando C2-22
APO AE 09330
- Destroyer [1SGT Timothy Corry]**
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando D2-22
APO AE 09330
- Gambler [1SGT Darlson Osias]**
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando G2-22
APO AE 09330



Shoutout to the Triple Deuce Old Goats Society

A huge **thank you** to the **Triple Deuce Old Goats Society** for their continued support of Anvil Company while deployed. Their generous shipments of sweets and treats from home (and even from France) have

been a welcomed morale boost, bringing a taste from home (and a bit of European indulgence) to our Soldiers. It's always a great feeling to know that we have such a strong and dedicated support network behind us. We appreciate everything you do to keep our spirits high!

Forging Victory!!
CPT Andrew Lee
1SG Zachary Grado
Anvil Company

Tough Ruck 2025

Just a shout out prior to the weekend. Team 2/22INF will tackle 26.2mi in Concord MA, on April 20, 2025 to honor our fallen brothers and sisters from the military, police, fire, first responders and their families. Funds go to the families. Please consider, great cause. Deeds Not Words. Donate: Toughruck.org [runnersignup.com]



Tough Ruck 2024

Thing to do in OKC, May 2026 Reunion

Bricktown Canal
On one side of Bricktown is the Bricktown Canal, lined with more bars and restaurants like the San Antonio Riverwalk, and it has tour boats that take you out into a park with magnificent life-size statues of people, horses, and wagons portraying the 1889 Land Run. Bricktown also has a major movie theatre, a minor-league baseball stadium, and the Paycom Center, home of the OKC Thunder basketball team.

Also downtown is the Civic Center auditorium where concerts and Broadway musicals are performed, the Convention Center, where there is all sorts of events occurring year round, Scissortail Park, and Myriad Gardens, a spectacular botanical garden.

Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and Museum
Nearby is the OKC Bombing Memorial and Museum. And if you don't want to walk, there is a tram that loops around the downtown area and costs only fifty cents for seniors.

White-water Rafting in OKC
Just south of downtown is the Riversports area. The Oklahoma River has been landscaped (riverscaped?) into a beautiful stream for rowing teams, along with a white-water section for kayaking and rafting that will host some of the events in the 2028 Summer Olympics.

First Americans Museum
Across the river is the First Americans Museum, built by the Chickasaw Tribe to show the history and culture of all native Americans. Next to it is rising a resort with 5a giant indoor waterpark that should be finished by the time we have our reunion. National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

A couple miles north of downtown is the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, one of the finest museums I have ever visited, showing the history of the American West, Western movies, Country-Western singers, and rodeo stars, and it has a replica old West town and the finest collection of Western art you will ever see.

The city has many golf courses, as well, and they are inexpensive to play.

Just west of downtown is the Fairgrounds, where there are frequent rodeos and horse shows.

45th Infantry Museum

Northeast of downtown is the 45th Infantry Museum, honoring the men of the Oklahoma National Guard who fought in WWII.

Twenty miles south of downtown is the Osteology Museum, which displays the skeletons of almost every animal, bird, and reptile that exists, along with human skeletons. You have to see it to believe it.

Northwest of downtown about four miles is an indoor gun range with lanes up to 100 yards, and they rent guns, so if you have ever wondered what it is like to shoot an M-16, this is the place to go.

Best of all, the average room rates in downtown OKC are very low, compared to most big cities. I have previously organized a similar convention, so I know how to negotiate with the hotels for group rates, banquets, and buffets. As the date grows nearer, I will contact and inspect the various hotels to find the one with the best accommodations at the lowest rate. If you missed the latest reunion, or have never attended a reunion, this is the one to go to: easy access, low cost, and lots to do.

Dave Allin, DMOR

A Co/HHC 1969-70

Taps

Gary William Orum, from Wadsworth, passes away on January 5, 2024. Gary Served with B Company, 2nd Battalion 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam 1968-69.

Raymond E. Krnavek, of Mustang, Ok, passed away on December 22, 2024. Ray served with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th & 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam 1965-67.

Lest You Forget—What the 22nd Infantry Regiment Did for You:

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2. Gave you buddies who stuck by you
3. and hardship.
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MG (Ret) John F. Ruggles

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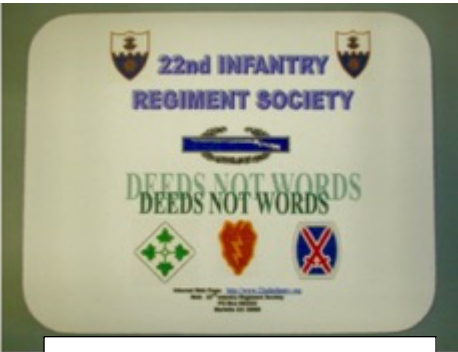
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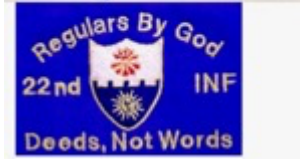
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