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Congratulations! This will be the 100-year anniversary of the 32nd Division Veteran Association. Plans are being made for the reunion to be held in the Sparta, WI area August 9-11, 2019. Side trips are being planned. More information will be in future issues.

Since this is such a special occasion we want to invite all personnel who wore the Red Arrow for one day, active duty, National Guard, or attached to attend. Please invite anyone you know who served with the 32nd to attend. They do not have to be a member of the association as long as they served with the 32nd as outlined above.

The Executive Board is holding monthly meetings to make this the best reunion we have ever had. Your board members are traveling as much as 150 miles to attend these meetings and represent you and your ideas.

This reunion is your reunion. The Board welcomes your input. If you have any recommendations, comments, or suggestions, please send them to any Executive Board member or Officer as listed in this newsletter. All recommendations will be considered by the Board.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the reunion. God bless you, thank you for your service and remember, as it says in our Creed, "The spirit of the 32nd Division never dies." Let's all show our spirit and attend.

Respectfully,
Frank Schultz

"Les Terribles"

TAPS

9-May-81	Braunbeck	Carl F	WW2	
3-Aug-09	Zschernitz	Louis	WW2	CO D 1/128 INF
11-Jan-14	Roeseler	Mangin E	WW2	Co C 2/127th INF
24-Apr-14	Biederman	Donald M	WW2	G 128 INF
6-Oct-14	Sparhawk Sr	Robert J	BC	HHC (WAUSAU)
13-Dec-14	Sanders	James W	NG	E CO 725 ENGR
31-Oct-15	Gibbs	Anne	WW2	1/127 INF
10-Jan-16	Bailey	Ray A	WW2	B 128 INF
20-Mar-16	Kramer	Laurel C	WW2	A 1/121 FA
21-May-16	Le Texier	Debra J	OIF	Associate Membership
11-Oct-16	Mrozinski	Michael	WW2	Med Co 128, 32nd Band, C 132 Tank
15-Nov-16	Kresh	Joseph C	WW2	B 1/128 INF
16-Dec-16	Fiscus	Laverne	BC	B 3/121 FA (WIFE OF JOHN)
21-Dec-16	Killerlain	Gerald F	WW2	
3-Jan-17	Hanson	Robert	BC	HHB 3rd Rocket BN 121 FA
10-Mar-17	Erdahl	Ervin D	BC	HHC 2/128 INF
28-Apr-17	Boyles	John W	WW2	MED 126 INF
2-Jun-17	Edwards	Darrel W	WW2	HHC 127 INF BN
25-Jun-17	Rewey	Ron	BC	C/S 1/128 INF
4-Aug-17	Rone	Robert H	BC	A 2/127 INF
21-Aug-17	Nibbelink	Fred	WW2	E 1/128 INF
23-Aug-17	Sylvester	Milford D	WW2	A 128 INF
26-Nov-17	Dorsch	MAJ (Ret) E.J.	NG	B 128 INF
3-Dec-17	Trinrud	Philip	NG	G 126 INF
9-Dec-17	Hanson	Vilas L	NG	HHC 2-128 INF
3-Jan-18	Smetana	Patricia	WW2	B 3/127 INF
8-Jan-18	Jastrzembski	Stanley	WW2	Co B 732 Ord
14-Jan-18	Fries	George	WW2	HHC 732 ORD
8-Feb-18	Vogel	Valentine	NG	A 128 INF
17-Mar-18	Woodliff	Charles M	NG	HHB 1/120 FA
18-Mar-18	Reiter	John T.	NG	135 MED
25-Mar-18	Kokke	Mrs Monica	WW2	HHB DIVARTY
21-Apr-18	Curran	Edward	NG	HHC 32 DIV
25-Apr-18	Blaskowski	Edmond E	WW2	AT 127 INF
12-May-18	Penney	Norman	WW2	132 SPT BN
13-May-18	Campbell Jr	John A	BC	B 2/127 INF
21-May-18	Null	Orval E	WW2	CN 126 INF
31-May-18	Gemmill	Lloyd A	WW2	G 127 INF
15-Jun-18	Harsch (PP)	Walter	WW2	A/128
18-Jun-18	Kanter	Arthur T	BC	HHB 120 FA
25-Jun-18	Parker	Glenn E	WW2	126th INF
17-Jul-18	Brumberg	Morris A	WW2	32 SIG CO
9-Aug-18	Fokakis	George T	WW2	C 2/128 INF
19-Sep-18	Wolf (PP)	Charles D	WW2	H 128 INF

Welcome, New Members!

Gene	Szymkowiak	Stevens Point	WI	1-120 th FA Bn
Robert C.	Klinger	Florence	AZ	1-120 th FA Bn
Pete B.	Poeschl	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	2-127 th IN Bn
Justin	Nelsen	Sun Prairie	WI	SCT/1-128 th IN Bn
Joseph	Vierkandt	Amery	WI	SCT/1-128 th IN Bn
Peter E.	Seaholm	Saint Augustine	FL	1-120 th FA Bn
Eric A.	Lent	Black River Falls	WI	WNG Museum
Bruce M.	Fredrickson	Eau Claire	WI	1-128 th IN Bn
Stephen C.	Ziegahn	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	1-120 th FA Bn
James D.	Sylte	Eau Claire	WI	Spt Co, 1-128 th IN Bn
Bradley O.	Venaas	Eau Claire	WI	1-128IN/1-120FA Bn
Gary R.	Thompson	Wautoma	WI	HQ 32d Bde
Lloyd A.	Byington	Wonewoc	WI	B 105 th CAV
Grant R.	Pickard	Clayton	WI	Co B 1-128 th IN Bn
Andrew S.	Ratzlaff	Appleton	WI	HHC 1-127 th IN Bn
William J.	Matchefts	Green Bay	WI	127 th IN Bn
Joane K.	Mathews	Sun Prairie	WI	HHC 32 ^d Bde/132 Spt Bn
Donald C.	Smith	Genoa City	WI	126 th FA
Mark R.	Hoberg	Monticello	MN	1-128 th IN Bn
Duane	Jensen	River Falls	WI	1-128 th IN Bn
James	Killian	River Falls	WI	1-128 th IN Bn
Jon	Zink	Appleton	WI	Co A 1-128 th IN Bn

DONATIONS

Thank
You!

\$100 from Shirley Erdahl in memory of Ervin Erdahl, her loving husband of 61 years.

\$10 from Melvin J. Mumper

\$10 from Melvin F. McLaughlin

\$100 from Roy & Barbara Randorf, "in loving memory of Clayton Randorf, my father, who served with the HQ Battery, 129th FA, Red Arrow Division during WWII and a proud past member of the 32d Red Arrow Veterans Association."

\$100 from Jay Sakwinski

\$50 from Virginia A. Bolt in loving memory of her husband, Martin H. Bolt.

We very much appreciate and welcome donations of any amount to help offset our operating costs - mainly publishing and mailing of the newsletter. Thanks much! Editor Van De Loop

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"Les Terribles"

Secretary/Newsletter Editor Message

The 32d Red Arrow News is published and mailed twice each year in June and November. *Please keep your address updated.* You may mail me at 820 Elm St., Wis. Rapids, WI 54494 or e-mail me at cajohn3360@hotmail.com with address updates, death notices, newsletter articles/posts or general inquiries.

I'd like to thank my predecessor, Ed Hansen, for his years of faithful service to the 32d RAVA. Ed set the bar high for future Secretaries and I trust I will carry on in continued satisfaction of the entire membership, as did he.

I'd also like to thank Neil Sorenson for his many years of service to the RAVA, that most recently as longtime newsletter editor. I am finding it a yeoman's task and have a new-found appreciation for what Neil did for us for so many years. Thank you, Neil!

Finally, in the next newsletter watch for news on our developing partnership with the boys in the 7th Australian Division club down under.

John W. Van De Loop, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Treasurer Message

First of all, allow me to introduce myself. I am your new Treasurer as of 1 Sep 2018. My name is Dan Sailer and I retired on 30 Jun 16 after 39 years of service to the WIARNG, to include an overseas tour with the 32nd IBC in 2009 and other tours assigned to 32nd units in my past. I truly look forward to serving you and the 32nd RAVA in the future and consider it an honor. Be assured that your association finances are solid, the books underwent an audit in September 2018 and were found to be in good order. In future newsletters I will provide more of a current financial status update; for now, I will say we enjoy annual income from new memberships and donations that closely support expenses. This positive growth keeps our association finances stable to sustain future initiatives. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the 32nd RAVA, hope to see you all very soon!

Dan Sailer, Treasurer

Hospice notice

One of our own, Clem Van Zeeland, is currently in home-hospice and would like to hear from his buddies in the 32d RAVA. He can be reached at (920) 358-7336. Cards can be sent to W5454 Colin St., Appleton, WI 54915-7260. We and Clem's family thank you.

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings to all you readers,

"Old Timers" reunion this past year was interesting as usual. Lt. Col. Dave Sands was our bus Tour Guide. We visited new locations, including the new base housing units on South Post. Retired Brigadier General Charlie Scharine, who has been our leader for many, many years, was unable to attend due to health reasons. He is replaced by Mike Salfai.

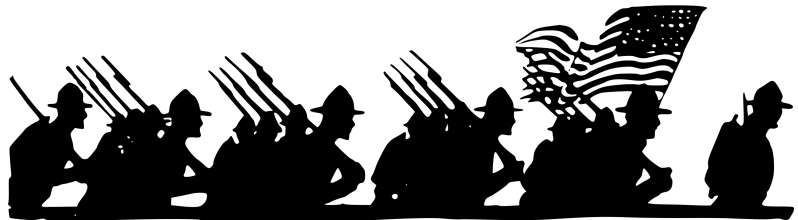
The RAVA Reunion was held at the Avalon Hotel in Chippewa Falls. Not a big turnout, but a very nice, fun group. The guest speaker was, Retired CSM. Ralph R. Rosemore, Jr. Wow! What a story he had to tell! He started out as a truck driver. Later on during deployment, he was B.G. Gilland's driver and had many leadership roles, leading to being C.S.M. At times his talk was humorous and then at times, sad. His delivery was such, that no one listening, would even think of taking a nap. He also had high praises for the Wisconsin troops.

The Sunday A.M. memorial service was held outside with Ted Welch as conductor.

Next year's 100th Anniversary Reunion will be in Sparta, 9-10-11 Aug.
Frank Schultz is the incoming president.

God bless all of you and your families!

Jerry
(Gerald Smith)



Historian

From Your Historian.....

If you have paperwork or other military items that should be archived, please contact me. I will handle this as I work with The Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison which will preserve these items and makes them available for research.

Please inform your family of this so that memorabilia of The Red Arrow is not just thrown out after your parting. Your family will be thankful for your planning ahead of time.

Contact Ken Wiesner, 1006 Durango Drive, Hartford, WI 53027- Phone: 262-457-4524

Lest We Forget

One hundred and one years ago the 32nd Division was born on the dusty training fields of Waco, Texas. One bloody, hard-fought year later the "Red Arrow," the now world-famous symbol of the Division, was also born. Representing the achievements of the 32nd Division over the course of the past several months the Red Arrow seemed the obvious choice in the fall of 1918. Farm boys and store clerks from Wisconsin and Michigan had been tested under fire. They had faced a battle-hardened enemy and "impenetrable" fortifications....and had won. They had advanced under artillery and machine gun fire, through gas and mud, time and again breaking through the German lines and continuing the advance. The result was heavy casualties. In the few months spent fighting in Europe during World War I, the 32nd Division suffered almost as many casualties as the Division endured during the years of service in the Pacific during World War II. This sacrifice, however, helped end a seemingly endless war.

Ironically the 32nd Division was not supposed to fight as a division but rather supply troops to the divisions already arrived in France. This quickly changed with the German Spring Offensive of 1918. The 32nd went into the line at Alsace, a quiet sector, which gave them a taste of combat. Soon after, the Division found itself alongside the French in heavy combat. During the Battle of the Marne (the Aisne-Marne Offensive), and again in the Oise- Aisne Offensive the Division earned respect and the nom-de-guerre "Les Terribles" from the French.

The final and most difficult test came in September during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Although the 32nd had broken through the line on several occasions it was here the greatest test was faced, the infamous Kriemhilde Stellung, considered one of the strongest points along the Hindenburg Line and a key objective of the Offensive. The 32nd Division had once again pierced the line and opened the path for the breakthrough of US forces and the eventual collapse of the German Army. It was here the name "Red Arrow" was truly earned.

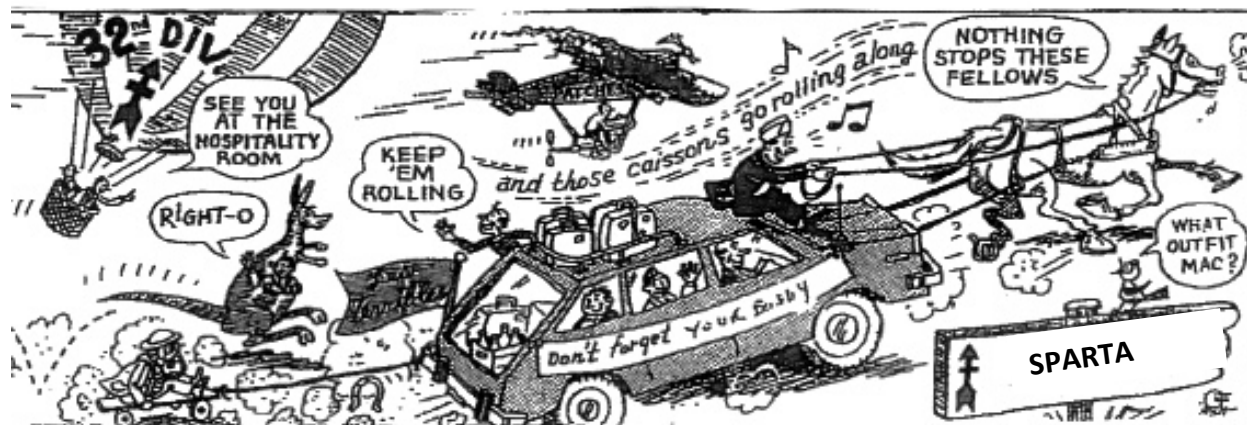
A little over a year after its creation the 32nd Division had adopted a name and a symbol that to this day represents valor, honor and sacrifice. A simple barred-arrow cut from red cloth, often crudely, began appearing on the uniforms of the men soon after fighting ceased, a simple symbol with a powerful story. The boys of 1917 had become the men of 1918

**Submitted by: Mr. Eric Lent, Associate Member and Curator,
Wisconsin National Guard Museum**

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THE 100th Reunion!



Mark your calendars! Planning is underway for the 100th National Reunion of YOUR association! We will meet in Sparta, Wisconsin on the weekend of August 9-11, 2019. Plan on joining us for a weekend of camaraderie and remembrance as we celebrate the 100th year of our Association. We are close to the 32d IBCT HQs and the Wisconsin National Guard Museum, both at Camp Williams; Fort McCoy and their museum and attractions in La Crosse. There will be a business meeting and a banquet. Let any one of your Association Officers know what events you would like to see.



***Watch for signup information in the Spring newsletter.
Hope to see you there!***

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**Ladies of the Red Arrow
Application for Life Membership
\$5.00
(Please Print)**

**Name (Last, First,
MI):** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip+4:

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

**Please indicate (circle) Wife, Widow,
Mother, Sister or Daughter of a Red Arrow
Man with Honorable Service.**

Veteran's Name: _____

Unit served with: _____

Currently Receiving the Red Arrow News:

YES NO (Circle one)

**Send application and check for \$5.00
payable to 'Ladies of the Red Arrow
Veteran Association' to the Ladies
Secretary: Nancy Pfannerstill. 4830
North Iroquois Avenue, Glendale, WI
53217-5420**



VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is an American holiday honoring military veterans. Both a Federal and State holiday in all states, it is celebrated on the same day as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world. It falls on November 11th, the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the Great War - or World War I as it has become known.

In 1954 - after WWII and the greatest mobilization of men and women in the Nation's history, and at the urging of veteran's service organizations - Congress changed the wording of the Act of 1938 from 'Armistice Day' to 'Veterans Day'. With approval of this legislation, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contribution to national security and to underscore the fact that all who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

Looking for information regarding benefits you may have earned? Then <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/> is your one-stop shop for info for loans, insurance, burial benefits, education and everything in between.

Looking for more benefits? See what the Wisconsin Department of Veteran's Affairs has to offer. They have many benefits that supplement and compliment those already offered by the Federal Government. Check it out at <https://dva.wi.gov>

In financial difficulty?
The VA helps Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the *Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension* benefit programs. To see if you qualify, visit <https://benefits.va.gov/pension/> on-line or ask your county VSO for assistance.

Have a suggestion for the Newsletter? Send it to the Editor at cajohn3360@hotmail.com We are always looking for ways to improve and get you the information you seek! Thanks!



THE PRIDE OF THE RED ARROW CARRIES ON

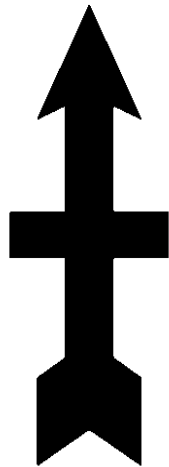


**OLD TIMERS CLUB
72nd ANNIVERSARY
June 7-13, 2019**

APPLICATION
FOR

OLD TIMERS
CLUB

32nd INF DIV/BDE



MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please Print!)

(FIRST) (MI) (LAST)

(STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX)

(CITY) (STATE)

(ZIP+4)

(HOME and/or CELL PHONE)

(E-MAIL ADDRESS)

Check all that apply:

Member of 32d Inf Div/Bde
from _____

World War II _____

Berlin Crisis _____

Afghanistan/Iraq _____

National Guard _____

Other War Time _____

Unit served with _____

Send \$1.00 for Life Membership

Mail to: 32nd Old Timers Club
c/o Charles W. Williams
P.O. Box 208
Edgerton, WI 53534-0208

For more info call: (608) 774-8198

Please Send me Information on
Purchasing Old Timers Shirt _____

**Copy this form and send to an Old
Timer Buddy of yours and ask him to
join!**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Use this form - be sure your old address is on the reverse.

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST MI LAST

STREET or PO BOX CITY STATE ZIP

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MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM

Copy and share this form with your fellow Red Arrow comrades

32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association Application for Life Membership

Circle One: \$10 - Served with the Red Arrow \$50 - Associate Member
(Please Print)

NAME (Last, First, MI): _____

STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP+4: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

\$10 Membership - Circle one: WWII, Berlin Crisis, Cold War - NG, Desert Storm, Afghanistan -OEF, Iraq- OIF, 32nd Sep Inf Bde, 32nd IBCT

Unit(s) served with: _____ Dates: _____

\$50 Associate Membership - Affiliation with/Attachment to/Interest in the 32nd:

Preferred Newsletter Delivery Method (Circle one, please): US MAIL E-MAIL

**Make check payable to' 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association' and send to:
Red Arrow Veteran Association, 820 Elm Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**



"Les Terribles"

**32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association
820 Elm Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**PLEASE NOTIFY THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY IF
THE LISTED ADDRESSEE HAS PASSED AWAY.**

32nd Division Creed

To foster and perpetuate the spirit of comradeship which has been the greatest single factor in the success of the 32d Division, and to perpetuate in act and deed, by strong Americanism, the memory of our dead comrades, who by their supreme sacrifice, have permitted us to return in honor. The spirit of the 32nd Division never dies. As we gained every objective and demonstrated our ability to lead and carry on in spite of War's constant demand for tremendous effort, so we must gain our peace time objectives and unselfishly develop ourselves in Civic leadership to become outstanding citizens.

“Les Terribles”