It's that time again!! Mark your calendars now, the 68th annual reunion of the Association will be September 7-10 at the Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri.

According to visitmo.com, "Kansas City, known as the Heart of America, is often referred to as the City of Fountains, as it’s home to more fountains than any other city in the world, save Rome, Italy.

You’ll find an incredible variety of things to do in Kansas City, as well as plenty of great things to see. From professional sports to dazzling nightlife, historical attractions to great music venues, world-class museums to Kansas City barbecue,

there are lots of things to do in Kansas City. You can’t help but feel at home when you Visit KC."

The reunion team has been busy planning and it’s sure to be a great event. See page 16 for reunion details and a registration form.

Guests who register by July 21 will save $10 per person. After the 21st, registration costs will increase. The deadline to register for the reunion and reserve a hotel room is August 11, 2017. Timely registration allows your reunion team to provide a better reunion experience.

Come see everyone and catch up on the happenings from the last year. Hope to see you at the 68th reunion.
In late September 2016, the Iron Men of Metz, friends and family, met in my fair Valley, Roanoke, Virginia, for the 67TH Reunion of the 95TH Infantry Division Association. In addition to a trip to a local winery, we paid our respects at the National D-Day Memorial and dedicated a Willow Oak Tree to the Victory Division and to all those whose sacrifice cracked the ‘Atlantic Wall’ at Normandy on June 6, 1944. Most importantly, we honored comrades who have left us and joined with those whose common experiences have forged a bond of fellowship that can’t be broken.

September 7-10, 2017, we will meet, again, for our 68TH Reunion in Kansas City, Missouri. Your attendance is critical to a successful event and to the future direction of the Association. As you are aware, we have been successful in sustaining attendance for several years with a good mix of Veterans, family, European friends, descendants, and some current 95’ers. The locations of the reunions have been carefully selected for interest, travel advantages, and with a considerable effort on keeping costs down. The importance of our Hospitality Suite has played a large part in our planning.

This year is the 100TH Anniversary of our entry into WWI, ‘the War to end all wars.’ We know how that worked out. Many reading this had a father or grandfather who fought in this war and everyone agrees that its aftermath gave rise to conditions that led to WWII. Depression, Fascism, Communism and incredible weapons technology advancements created the horrible caldron that necessitated the activation of the 95TH Infantry Division, whose Service led to our Association. The National WWI Museum is our major focus in Kansas City, to honor our forefathers and to renew our camaraderie. This beautiful City is also home to the world-renowned Nelson-Atkins Museum, just around the corner from our Reunion hotel. Kansas City is also in the footprint of the 95TH Division (IET), so I hope to get more support from the current Division, as we invite BG Bassford back, once again, as our special guest.
You will also read in this edition of the *JOURNAL* about our proposed new Constitution & By-Laws, to be voted on at the Business Meeting. Much effort has gone into these documents and we hope your positive vote will set our Association up to meet the needs of our evolving membership and to clearly state our purpose for being, so that we may have a vision for the future and have a role to play in future generations. Your presence in Kansas City to discuss these documents and to cast your vote is, without doubt, the most important business meeting in many years. Please read them carefully, in advance, and follow our guidance on providing feedback. I look forward to seeing you in Missouri, so that we may secure the future and provide your Officers and Executive Council with the framework to preserve our beloved organization.

In closing, may I also invite you to carefully read about the 95TH Division Scholarship Endowment being spearheaded by the 95TH Division Foundation and our own Cee Bauer. Following on the heels of its successful campaign to raise funds for our stunningly beautiful Monument on the *Walk of Honor* at Ft. Benning, this living legacy to the Victory Division is a fitting tribute that will help prepare, in time, future leaders in the tradition of the *Iron Men of Metz*. Please consider a donation!

Best wishes to all,

Jim

James E. Archer
President, 95TH Infantry Division Association

This past Memorial Day, the French paid tribute to the young men and heroes buried at Lorraine American Military Cemetery who sacrificed their lives for freedom and peace. They also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the United States’ entry into World War I. Ms. Amy P. Westling, Consul General of the United States, quoting President Thomas Jefferson in her address said, “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” The crowd was struck by its profound relevance to the present. (*Courtesy Françoise LeClerq*)
Some of you will recall discussions at previous reunions about updating the governing Charter & By-Laws of the 95TH Infantry Division Association. As we know, the Association was founded by the Soldiers of the WWII Victory Division, The Iron Men of Metz. The genesis of these discussions was the need to formally expand the membership base of the Association, to include descendants, women, Soldiers of succeeding generations, and all who have a love for the 95TH. Subsequently, ideas concerning continuing purposes for an Association, as we move into the future, came into play.

These ideas include exploring whether or not the organization should continue to be fraternal, with the primary purpose of conducting annual reunions, or also consider expanded activities to preserve its Soldiers’ legacy, provide a resource for those seeking historical information, and to try to increase the relationship with the 95TH Division Foundation, to work toward preservation of our monuments, just to name a few.

At the heart of all of this discussion is the need to cultivate a new generation of active members, including post-WWII veterans of the Division and current Soldiers of the 95TH Division (IET). To survive, we must be organized to meet the needs and interests of those who follow the Iron Men.

With important inputs from Executive Council members, Clif Twaddle and I have drafted a Constitution & By-Laws for your review and comment. These documents envision establishment of “Charter Groups,” which will focus on key constituent populations, so we may better address their needs and interests. We also anticipate aggressive use of social media and web resources to stay in better touch with members and friends abroad, using today’s technology to keep us more closely connected and to reduce costs.

The name of this Association will be ‘The 95TH Division Legacy Association.’ Adoption of this name and its Constitution & By-Laws would constitute a direct successor organization to the ‘95TH Infantry Division Association.’ However, its goal is NOT to displace the traditions of our current Association or its Greatest Generation members! The name change recognizes their sacrifice and the battle streamers they earned, by preserving the Infantry ‘badge’ for their original Association and their comrades. We will continue at reunions and other activities to honor them. MG Twaddle and his Soldiers would expect nothing less.

We DO expect to take those steps necessary to transform the Association to one that can survive to future generations and works less on an ad hoc basis and in a manner which invites a much broader membership to participate in its activities. The ‘Legacy’ focus will bind future members to the Association and serve as a rational platform for preservation.

Please read these documents carefully! Feel free to comment directly to Clif or I between now and Friday, July 21, and the Executive Council will consider your comments. At the Business Meeting at our Reunion in Kansas City, Missouri, members present will vote on this proposal with an up-or-down vote (no amendments from the floor). Your presence at the 68TH Reunion is essential. I look forward to seeing you, there.

Kind Regards,

Jim Archer
DRAFT Constitution

Article I. Name
The name of this organization shall be:

THE 95TH DIVISION LEGACY ASSOCIATION

Article II. Purpose
To organize an association that unites all past, present, and future soldiers of the 95TH Division, in all of its forms, beginning with the Soldiers of the original 95TH Infantry Division (and its 95TH Infantry Division Association), their families, and friends of the Division in a national organization dedicated to the preservation of its history, traditions, and fellowship. Specific objectives include:

A. Honor, perpetuate, and memorialize the achievements and legacy of the 95TH Division and its soldiers in conjunction with the 95TH Infantry Division Foundation.
B. Maintain and strengthen the bonds of comradeship shared by its men and women and to unite and promote fellowship among current 95TH Division soldiers and their families, veterans, descendants of veterans and friends of the Division throughout the world.
C. Grant charters to any group of members at large who will agree to accept the terms set forth in the By-laws of the 95TH Division Legacy Association.
D. Sponsor and foster national and local reunions, publish an official Association periodical, maintain an official Association website, and support other means of communication to include social media tools.
E. Encourage mutual benefits and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Association and the 95TH Division (IET), United States Army Reserve.
F. Provide a forum for sustaining member contact in a way that celebrates member successes, promotes member interests and welfare, and strives to achieve the bonds forged by the original Iron Men of Metz.
G. Promote National Defense, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article III. Membership Requirements
A. Active Membership. Those persons who are current in annual dues payment are considered to be Active Members.
   1. Any person who has served, honorably, in the 95TH Infantry Division or in any of its subsequent organizations or attached units, who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Association Constitution and By-laws, shall be eligible for active membership.
   2. Any other person who feels a sentimental attachment to the 95TH Division or its Association, who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Association Constitution and By-laws, shall be eligible for active membership.
B. Lifetime Membership. Lifetime Members of the 95TH Infantry Division Association shall be ‘grandfathered’ as Lifetime Members of the 95TH Division Legacy Association. Otherwise, there will be no Lifetime Membership Program in this Association.
C. Honorary Membership. Any person who by act or deed has demonstrated a special devotion to the 95TH Division may be appointed to honorary membership by the President with the advice and consent of the majority of the members of the Executive Council.
D. Ineligible for Membership. Any person who has been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States shall be ineligible for membership in the Association.

Article IV. Officers and Executive Council
A. Officers. There shall be six (6) elected officers: a president, two (2) vice presidents, a secretary, a public affairs officer, and a treasurer. There will also be a Chaplain, appointed by the President, subject to
the approval of the Executive Council. All officers must be active members. The Officers are responsible for conducting the day to day activities of the Association.

B. Executive Council. There shall be an Executive Council, composed of Seven (7) active members. The Executive Council is the primary source of governance for the Association by ensuring that the Officers and Active Members adhere to the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws. It will meet, periodically, to formulate policy and to approve the business practices of and provide guidance to the Officers. The Executive Council will meet in person at least once per year, normally prior to the Association Reunion.

C. Roles and Responsibilities. Roles and Responsibilities of Officers, the Executive Council and others are defined in the Association By-laws.

Article V. Meetings

A. Meetings of the Members. Business Meetings of the members may include:
   1. Standing Meetings. The standing meeting of Active members of the 95TH Division Legacy Association shall be held, normally annually, in conjunction with each Association Reunion at a time and place designated by the President.
   2. Special Meetings. A special meeting of Active members may be called by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Council.

B. Meetings of Officers and the Executive Council.
   1. The Officers and Executive Council shall meet, as required, as designated by the President.
   2. Meetings of the Executive Council may also be called by the Chairman of the Executive Council.
   3. Meetings may be conducted in person or via teleconference.
   4. Meetings announcements should provide at least 30 days’ notice when travel is involved and at least two weeks for teleconference meetings.
   5. The President will schedule a meeting of the Officers and Executive Council 3-6 months prior to the Reunion and Standing Meeting to finalize reunion plans and to set an Agenda for the membership meeting. Several trips and/or conference calls will likely be needed with various persons in preparation for this annual gathering.

C. Quorum.
   1. Meetings of the Members. A quorum shall consist of one half of the Active members in good standing who are in attendance at the current Reunion or Special Meeting.
   2. Meetings of the Officers and/or Executive Council. A quorum is four (4) members of the Executive Council. Officers normally don’t vote except in matters of advice as requested by the President.

D. Voting.
   1. Each Active member present at a regularly called meeting of the Association shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
   2. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
   3. Amendments to the Constitution shall require, for approval, the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Active members present at a Standing meeting.
   4. All other matters of business, including elections of Officers, amendments to By-laws, and on such other matters as may be brought properly before a meeting, shall require for approval the affirmative vote of a majority of the Active members present.

Article VI. Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active members, present and voting, at any official meeting of the Members after notice of such action has been posted on the Association website and published in the Association JOURNAL for a period of at least 90 days. Any assets remaining after dissolution expenses have been paid shall be distributed only to a successor non-profit or other non-profit organization, as determined as part of the dissolution proceedings. The Executive Council will have oversight of dissolution activities and ensure the wishes of the membership are carried out.
DRAFT BY-LAWS

Article I. Roles and Responsibilities of the Officers and of the Executive Council; Elections; Terms of Service; Compensation; Removal from Office

A. Roles and Responsibilities of Officers.

1. Officers. The Officers of the Association shall be responsible for day-to-day operations of the business of the Association. This includes responsibilities such as maintaining contact with the membership through such tools as the JOURNAL, a website and social media, providing current news, promoting the growth of the Association through contact with the current 95TH Division and European groups supportive of the legacy of the Iron Men of Metz, collecting dues and planning reunions and meetings.

2. President. The President shall:
   a. Have the power to call meetings of the active members of the Association.
   b. Preside at all formal meetings of the Officers and of the Association.
   c. Recommend to the Executive Council any action which he/she considers necessary and proper to the welfare of the Association.
   d. Execute, on behalf of the Association, any contracts or other instruments which the Executive Council has authorized to be executed.
   e. Subject to the majority approval of the Executive Council, make appointments of officers and members of the Executive Council to serve for the remainder of vacated officer/member positions’ terms.
   f. With the approval of the Executive Council, grant Charters to groups of active members, requesting formation of such a group.
   g. Appoints the Association’s Chaplain.

3. 1st Vice President. The 1ST Vice President shall:
   a. In the absence of the President, assume the roles and responsibilities of the President.
   b. Coordinate the overall timeline and insure that all necessary planning steps are laid out and addressed by the Reunion Committee, to ensure a successful Reunion and annual Business Meeting of the Association.*
   c. Provide oversight for an on-going History Committee, which will coordinate acquisition of historical references, documents, and records (which may be a virtual library), maintain a liaison with the Memorial, work with the Foundation to maintain Monuments, and work with descendants and others who are seeking information about the Division and its Soldiers.*
   d. Perform other such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.

4. 2nd Vice President. The 2nd Vice President shall:
   a. In the absence of the 1st Vice President, assume the roles and responsibilities of the 1ST Vice President.
   b. Chair a Membership Committee to create and execute a meaningful approach to growing membership.*
   c. Chair a Social Media Committee, with the Public Relations Officer as Vice-Chair, to coordinate all levers of communication and maximize use of all of these elements to benefit the Association.*
   d. Perform other such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.

NOTE: *Identified functions may be assigned by the President to either Vice-President, based upon skill sets, workloads, and interests of the incumbents.
5. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall:
   a. Perform all administrative duties necessary to carry out the purposes and policies of the Association.
   b. Maintain a Correspondence file and a Document file.
   c. Maintain a current contact record for each active member and for recent and other prospective members as far as is practicable.
   d. Record minutes of all meetings of the active members of the Association, meetings of officers, and joint meetings of Officers and Executive Council.
   e. Be responsible for correspondence for annual notification on dues and follow-up on those delinquent, with information provided by the Treasurer.

6. **Public Relations Officer.** The Public Relations Officer shall:
   a. Assemble, publish, and distribute the *JOURNAL*, THE Association’s periodic newsletter.
   b. Direct the development and maintenance of an effective and functioning website and such other social media tools as are deemed beneficial to the Association.
   c. Promote the Reunion in advance of and during the event through contact with local media and community leaders and organizations.
   d. Support Outreach to those eligible to be members, including spouses, widows, descendants of veterans, soldiers and families currently affiliated with the Division, and friends of the Division throughout the world.
   e. Perform such other tasks as may be assigned, from time to time, by the President.

7. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:
   a. With input from the President, prepare an annual budget by the end of each calendar year for review, finalization, and approval by the Executive Council.
   b. Receive and account for all funds of the 95th Division Legacy Association.
      i. Keep all vouchers and receipts for all expenditures and funds received. He/she is authorized to spend $100 or less, by check or electronically, for items budgeted by the Association.
      ii. Obtain the written approval of the President for expenditures in excess of $200.
   c. Maintain proper accounting records in conformance with generally accepted accounting practices.
   d. Produce quarterly financial statements with receipts and expense details, balance sheet, and comparisons against the budget for review and approval by the Executive Council. The end-of-year statement will be as of December 31 and will be submitted to the Executive Council for review and approval.
   e. Maintain the number of years of financial data and records required by law.
   f. The Treasurer shall be bonded by a suitable company and in such sum as approved by the Executive Council.
   g. Complete tax returns, secure the President’s signature, and file them, as required by law. Discuss any issues encountered with the Executive Council. Maintain the Tax ID Number assigned, along with required copies of past returns.

8. **Chaplain.** The appointed Chaplain Shall:
   a. Minister to the needs of members and friends of the Association in times of sorrow, celebration, and remembrance.
   b. Conduct outreach to the members and friends of the Association through the *JOURNAL*, the website, and social media in an appropriate, non-denominational way.
   c. Assist in the development of the religious activities of the Association, especially at annual reunions, organizing Catholic and Protestant church services, sermons and music, and providing prayers at meals and ceremonies.
   d. Advise the President and provide religious and social context for planned activities.

B. **Election of Officers.**
   1. The Chairman of the Executive Council shall appoint a nominating committee of not fewer than three (3) members of the Executive Council to prepare a slate of candidates for Executive Council review and approval.
2. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of the election. If there is more than one candidate for an office, voting will be by secret ballot.

3. Election of active members to be officers shall take place at an annual Business Meeting of the Association, normally at the time of the Reunion, by vote of all active members present.

4. In the event that the Reunion and Business Meeting can’t be held, the Executive Council will convene and determine whether or not to reschedule the Business Meeting. If cancelled, the Executive Council will notify the membership, communicate the approved candidate slate and provide a period of thirty (30) days for additional nominees to be sent to the nominating committee. Following this period and no more than ninety (90) days from the originally planned Business Meeting date, the Executive Council will convene to elect new officers. All positions for which there are multiple candidates will be elected by secret ballot. The election result will be communicated promptly to the membership.

5. Vacancies occurring between elections. The President is empowered to nominate active members to replace Officers who have vacated their positions before completing their term of office. The nominee(s) will be presented to the Executive Council for approval.

C. Terms of Office – Officers.

1. The term of office for Officers shall be for the period of time between Association Reunions, normally for a period of two (2) years.

2. In the event that the Business Meeting can’t be held, the current officers will continue to serve until a new meeting can be called or until it is cancelled and the Executive Council elects a new slate of officers.

D. Term Limitations. The President shall not serve for more than two (2) terms, consecutively. Term limitations do not apply to other Officer positions.

E. Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive Council.

1. The Executive Council shall:
   a. Be comprised of seven voting members, including the President.
   b. Be the primary source of governance for the Association by ensuring the Officers and Active Members of the Association adhere to the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws.
   c. Adopt policies and recommend for the consideration of the Active Members any action which it considers necessary and proper for the welfare of the Association.
   d. Consider proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws, which may be proposed by any Active Member, thoroughly vetting the pros and cons of the suggested changes, and preparing them for a vote by the Active Membership at the Business Meeting. Proposed changes must be received by the Executive Council at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual Business Meeting. All proposed changes will be considered at the Business Meeting unless withdrawn by the Active Member who proposed the change.
   e. Arrange for an annual financial audit of the Association’s financial records by a qualified independent auditor and ensure that recommendations are implemented, as directed.
   f. Review the proposed annual budget prepared by the Treasurer and adopt a final budget by not later than the end of the first quarter.
   g. Annually review the Constitution and By-laws to ensure that all Officers, the Executive Council, and Active Members are adhering to established procedures. Deviations from required protocol will be addressed and corrected.
   h. Approves proposed Charter Groups and ensures that each conducts its affairs consistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the Association and consistent with the dignified legacy of the 95TH Infantry Division.
   i. Review the existing dues structure for Active Members, annually, in time to announce any changes for the following calendar year at the Business Meeting.

2. Four (4) members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business by the Executive Council.

3. The Executive Council Chairman will make provisions to ensure documentation of Executive Council minutes.
4. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Council. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall carry out the responsibilities of the Chairman.

F. Membership in the Executive Council.
   1. To be eligible to serve, a person must be an Active Member in good standing in the 95TH Division Legacy Association.
   2. The President is a voting member by virtue of his/her office.
   3. Election of Executive Council Members. There shall be six (6) elected members of the Executive Council. The President is the seventh and final member.
      a. Terms of office shall be staggered so that two (2) positions’ terms expire each year.
      b. The current and/or outgoing President will nominate Active Members to fill vacancies on the Executive Council created by expired terms of office. Those nominated are subject to approval by the remaining members of the Executive Council.
      c. Other than the President, no active member currently serving as an Officer may be on the Executive Council.
      d. Election of active members to be members of the Executive Council shall take place at an annual Business Meeting of the Association, normally at the time of the Reunion, by vote of all active members present.
      e. Nominations may be made from the floor, as well, at the time of the election. If there is more than one candidate for a position, voting will be by secret ballot.
      f. Should any member of the Executive Council be unable to serve the full period of the term, this is to be reported to the President, who, subject to the approval of majority of the Executive Council, shall appoint an Active Member to serve for the unexpired portion of the retiring Council member’s term.

4. Honorary Members – Executive Council. The Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major of the 95TH Division (IET) are non-voting honorary members of the Executive Council and will be notified of meetings and welcome to participate. In addition, all past presidents of the Association are honorary members, serving in an advisory, non-voting role.

   a. The term of office for elected members of the Executive Council shall be for three (3) years, from election through three (3) consecutive reunions.
   b. In the event that the Business Meeting of the membership can’t be held, the current members whose terms have expired will continue to serve until a new meeting can be called or is cancelled. Nominated candidates will be submitted to the membership, along with the Officers’ slate, and elected, as described in Article I, B, 4, above.

6. Term Limitations – Executive Council. Members of the Executive Council shall not serve for more than three (3) terms, consecutively.

7. Executive Council Leadership.
   a. The Executive Council of seven (7) members shall select from its number an individual to serve as Chairman and another to serve as Vice chairman.
   b. The President can’t serve in any of these capacities.
   c. These positions will be selected annually by the Executive Council, establishing its own rules for selection. There are no limits on how long a member of the Executive Council can serve in a leadership role.

G. Compensation. All Officers and members of the Executive Council shall serve without compensation. Expense stipends may be considered in extraordinary cases, only at the discretion of the Executive Council.

H. Removal from Office of Officers and Executive Council members. Officers and Executive Council members may be removed from office for failure to perform the duties prescribed for the office, conduct unbecoming an officer, conviction of a felony, dishonorable separation from military service, dishonesty, or conduct prejudicial to this Association. Five (5) ‘yes’ votes to remove by the Executive Council, if an Officer is being considered, or four (4) votes to remove, if a Council member is being
considered are necessary for removal. The accused shall have the right to be heard, in person or in writing, to contest the charges/penalty or to have others to speak in his/her defense.

**Article II. Charter Groups.**

A. The President shall, with the approval of the Executive Council, grant to any group of active members at large a charter from the Association, authorizing such group to conduct itself as a subsidiary of the Association and conduct activities in an independent manner.

B. Terms of Membership in such Charter Group are established by the group and membership in the 95TH Division Legacy Association does not entitle any of its members to membership in the Charter Group; provided, however, that no person other than active members at large of the Association may be a member of any chartered group.

C. Members of Charter Groups are subject to all conditions of membership in the 95TH Division Legacy Association.

D. The Charter Group may select a name of its own choosing, but must submit that name to the Secretary of the Association for approval to avoid duplication and to ensure suitability of the name in association with the 95TH Division Legacy Association.

E. Charter Groups may conduct meetings/business at the annual Association Reunion and may secure access to the JOURNAL, the website, and social media for publicity and to enhance the role of the chartered group.

F. A membership of not less than ten (10) active members shall be required to obtain a charter from the Association.

G. Charter Groups may establish dues for its activities.

**Article III. Statement of Policy toward Previously Existing Groups.**

H. All members of the 95TH Infantry Division Association in good standing at the time of the formation of the 95TH Division Legacy Association shall be deemed members in good standing of the 95TH Division Legacy Association. It is the intent of the Association to continue to build on the legacy and fellowship achieved by the original Iron Men of Metz.

I. The 95TH Division Legacy Association recognizes the total independence of unit associations which grew out of the bond of comradeship in World War II, but shall encourage cooperation between itself and these unit associations, working together to preserve shared legacies.

J. The 95TH Division Foundation is a totally independent organization, dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Division. The 95TH Division Legacy Association intends to preserve and expand the relationship previously established with the 95TH Division Foundation and to fully support the Foundation in its mission.

K. The Victory Belles was previously established as an Auxiliary for spouses in the 95TH Infantry Division Association. This organization will continue as the first Charter Group of the 95TH Division Legacy Association.

**Article IV. Dues.**

A. Dues for all Active Members shall be established by the Executive Committee, annually, and any changes will be announced at the annual Business Meeting. Dues are for the period January – December 31, each year.

B. Current dues structures will be posted on the website and also in each publication of the JOURNAL. Both the website and the newsletter will also provide information, on a continuing basis, about becoming a member, conditions of membership, and paying dues.

C. Those who are on Active Duty or in the Active Reserve of the Military will pay 50% of the rate paid by regular members for the privilege of membership as long as they are in that status.
GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN TO PRESENT, PAST, & FUTURE VICTORY BELLES

We are getting close to time for enjoying again camaraderie with our friends at our 95th Division Association annual Reunion. We will be meeting September 7-10 at the Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. We are getting excited to see you once again.

Our Victory Belle Luncheon last year was most enjoyable. We were especially entertained and informed by Regine Archer who told us about her life as a young girl in Belgium during WWII. We certainly came away from her speech realizing how different her life was from ours during WWII. Additionally, we enjoyed a very successful raffle of beautiful crafts and a delicious meal. Of course, we all had delightful conversations with others.

This year we are offering an interesting theme based on the Harvey Girls which were so popular during the war and afterwards on the civilian side. Our guest speaker, Renard Hagerman, will express her involvement with a Harvey House after the war, and also tell us some of the history of the Harvey House in the Midwest. Of course, we are all looking forward to the RAFFLE to which I am hoping that you can find some crafts which you would like to donate. You can just send me the craft if you wish as I will be driving to Kansas City or bring it the day of the Reunion and get it to me at the hotel. Just use the address listed below. Please let me know if you are sending it, however.

We will have a meal consisting of roast pork with all its accompaniments at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday September 9, 2017, and are planning to have some background music of the era to entertain our musical ear while we enjoy this delicious food.

We are striving once again to collect recipes to publish a Victory Belles recipe book. If you have a story to go with the recipe, please write the story. I have already received some recipes and stories for the book, but we need more to make the book complete. Please bring your favorite recipe or send it to one of the addresses listed below. We are going to try to get all of them into book form after the Reunion and have the book published by some method depending upon the response.

Hopefully you will find these activities and the food so appealing you can’t resist the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie along with the activities and food on September 9 in Kansas City.

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DUES REMINDER!!!
IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2017 DUES, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR VICTORY BELLES. CHECKS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

95TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 1113, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73101
DUES REMINDER!!!

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2017 DUES, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUES ARE $30 FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP AND $15
INVITE SOMEONE NEW TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION!!!
Jay Graff was grateful when his aunt gave him his grandfather’s WWII diary as a keepsake. The journal brought curiosity and started Graff on a journey to meet other soldiers who had served with his grandfather. He could never have predicted where that journey would lead him.

In 2016, Graff’s aunt found the journal in old artifacts and passed it down to her nephew. Graff and his son, Jared, were enthralled with the diary which was in pristine condition. Inside was meticulous handwriting and colorful artwork chronicling the daily life of a young, field artillery soldier.

Jared said the journal is his most prized possession. He is fascinated by the detail of each day and what his great-grandfather went through in WWII. Like his great-grandfather and his great-great grandfather, Major General Fay B. Prickett, Jared wants to be in an armored division for his career in the military and the journal has only served to fuel a burning desire to not just be proud of his ancestry, but to live up to it.

Graff decided he wanted to try and find soldiers who had served with his grandfather. He wanted to try and learn a little more about what his grandfather went through, but also wanted to provide inspiration to Jared, who was interested in joining the military and attending West Point.

As Graff pored over the book, he found what he believed was the name of his grandfather’s unit in a letter from General George S. Patton which was neatly folded and tucked into the back pages. The letter, addressed to Commander, Maj. Gen. Harry L. Twaddle, 95th Infantry Division, commended the unit for their service during WWII.

Graff turned to the internet and within no time found the 95th’s presence. In fact, soldiers of the 95th were gearing up for their 67th reunion in Roanoke, Virginia. He was certain the reunion would present a unique opportunity so he immediately reached out to planners and he and Jared were registered to attend.

Graff said he “really did not know what to expect when Jared and I attended this event. I thought I knew everything about my grandfather’s military service, but I had absolutely no idea that he was part of the Iron Men of Metz. Jared is a huge WWII buff and knows so much about the war and to have him be able to meet, talk to, and listen to these brave soldiers and their families was truly special to him.”

The Graffs arrived in Roanoke and brought with them the prized journal. They attended their first event, the Friday night dinner buffet. It was open seating. They picked a table and took their seats. The room filled up quickly and only a few seats remained. An Iron Man of Metz, one of the last to arrive, was wheeled in and placed at their table.

As introductions were exchanged among guests at the ta-
ble, Graff learned the Iron Man at the table was Dr. Frank Taylor who had served in the 358th Field Artillery. It was quite the coincidence since the Graffs and the Taylor family were the only reunion attendees associated with the 358th and it was Taylor’s first time to ever attend a 95th reunion since his WWII service.

Graff was excited about the chance seating because his intent was to possibly meet someone with information on the 358th. Graff began sharing the precious journal, proudly showing off its delicate pages of history. Taylor said, "the only person I really remember from the 358th was Captain Roberts," to which Graff immediately said, “that is my grandfather.”

Taylor told Graff that Capt. Francis Roberts had been his company commander. Graff certainly could never have expected that when he came to the reunion he would actually meet a soldier who served under his grandfather. Graff said, “the most amazing experience [at the reunion] was having the connection with Dr. Taylor.” To see Taylor’s facial expression when he learned that Graff was the grandson of his company commander is “something I will never forget,” said Graff.

Graff said the journey that started with the journal gave his son, Jared, the “time of his life. He is normally a very reserved young man, but he felt so comfortable and told me that he loved hearing the stories and seeing the veterans and that it has given him even more drive to get to West Point and serve the country that he loves so much. We will be there every year from now on...and we are looking forward to the trip to Metz in 2019.”

Francis J. “Fran” Roberts was in his last year at West Point when Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor. Following graduation in May 1942, he was off to war. Roberts reported as a field artillery officer to the 95th Infantry Division at Camp Swift, Texas. He took part in the famous assault and capture of the fortress city of Metz, and the assault on the Siegfried Line. He was a company commander, a high risk position, most commanders lasted an average of 30 days.

By late December 1944, Roberts was in the Ardennes and the Battle of the Bulge. Shortly after that, the 95th Division Artillery was attached to the 84th Infantry Division. Later, after campaigns in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, Roberts, then a major, found himself one of the first Americans to enter the concentration camp at Niederhagen. He received the SS death books of the camp, routing them to higher headquarters through intelligence channels.

In 1946, Roberts was ordered back to West Point to teach combat. He was later ordered to temporary duty with the U.S. Navy as a result of a personal request from Adm. Nimitz, chief of naval operations, to Gen. Eisenhower. He served aboard the USS Catocin and USS Taconic as an intelligence and plans officer. While attending the Naval Gunfire Support School, Roberts made the highest score ever achieved by a student.

In 1949, he was back at West Point, this time as an instructor. Then came Korea, and he command ed the 159th Field Artillery Battalion, and later plans and operations Staff Officer at Headquarters I U.S. Corps.

He returned to West Point in 1956 as graduate manager of athletics and director of athletics. During his last season, Army was ranked first in both AP and UPI polls after defeating Notre Dame on the gridiron.

Roberts became Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Command in 1968. The following year he moved to Vietnam to become commanding general, II Field Force Vietnam Artillery. It comprised 12 battalions of artillery, and provided artillery support for all operations.

After retirement, Roberts became dean of cadets at the New York Military Academy, and later the eighth superintendent.
REUNION ACTIVITIES IN KANSAS CITY, MO

**Thurs., September 7, 2017**  
**Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza**  
One East 45th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Direct (816) 753-7400

Guests should make your reservations as soon as possible by calling the hotel directly at the number above or using the special group link blow.

*95th Infantry Association Hotel Reservations*

**Deadline to reserve your room is Friday, August 11, 2017.** Standard King and Double rooms are available at $119 per night exclusive of taxes (rate includes two breakfast vouchers per room, per day). To get the group rate, those reserving rooms must state they are part of the “95TH INFANTRY REUNION.” All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.


Thursday is a free day with no planned activities. Time to look around and see who has made it to Kansas City for another great 95th Reunion. *Hospitality Room* will open at 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 8, 2017**  
**The WWI National Museum and Memorial**  
10:00 a.m.

The National Infantry Museum is a place to remember. Experience 239 years of the Infantryman's service and sacrifice in immersive exhibits that put you in the fight for the last 100 yards.

**The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**

A gathering place for people to share and contemplate the greatest creations of humankind. Free admission gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy, appreciate and understand the finest visual arts.

**Dinner Buffet**  
6:00 p.m., Holiday Inn  
$35 per person

Enjoy a casual meal and comradery with old friends and new acquaintances.

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**  
**Victory Belles**  
Luncheon  
Noon, $30 per person

Luncheon for the ladies. Come enjoy fun and fellowship with some great entertainment and door prizes.

**Business Meeting**  
1:30 p.m.

During the business meeting, members present will vote on proposed Constitution and By-Laws with an up-or-down vote (no amendments from the floor).

**Banquet**  
6:30 p.m., $39 per person, all inclusive

This dinner will be more dressy and will include Military Honors, a Guest Speaker, and special Presentations in honor of the Iron Men of Metz and succeeding generations of America’s warriors.

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**  
**Protestant and Catholic Services**  
9:00 a.m.

**Metz Hour**  
11:00 a.m.  
Memorial Services to remember fallen comrades. This year's speaker to be announced.
KANSAS CITY, MO — REUNION REGISTRATION

Member Full Name ____________________________________________________________

Spouse Name __________________________________________________________________

Guest Name ___________________________________________________________________

For additional guests, attach a list.

Address ________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip ________________________

Email _____________________________________________ 95th Unit ____________________

Reunion Fees

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS AUGUST 11, 2017.
(Note: Registration is required for all members, spouses and guests)

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*Funds hospitality room and other incidental expenses;
** For those not attending the Victory Belles luncheon.

Form of payment:  
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Name on Card_________________________________________ Exp. __________ Security Code_________________

Credit Card Number___________________________________ Billing Zip Code: ________________________

Signature_________________________________________________ Date_____________________

Mail completed form and check to P.O. Box 1113, OKC, OK 73101 or scan and email to jennifer.cottenmack@gmail.com.
Robert “Bob” Goza, Jr., 378th Anti-Tank Co.
Bob was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 9, 1944. He served as a cannoneer in the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland, and was honorably discharged April 22, 1946. When he returned home from service, he worked for MFA, Jackson CO-OP Center and Kasten Implement Company before working as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service over 23 years, retiring in 1986. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Betty.

James F. “Jim” Stitzinger, Sr., G Company, 378th Regt.
Jim died April 27, 2017, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Elizabeth and was survived by his four children. He was proud to be a veteran who served his country in the European front. He was a devoted husband, father, businessman, and entrepreneur, as well as a spiritual mentor of numerous men, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was a great steward of land acquisition who loved his family farm.

John W. Balchunas, 379th. Regt.
John died at age 99. After his service with the 95th during WWII, he worked for the United States Postal Service where he retired. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie Chole, who he was married to for 53 years. He is survived by his sons and seven beautiful grandchildren.

Fletcher Bolling Cox, Anti-Tank Company, 377th. Regt.
Fletcher died September 24, 2016, at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Nancy. He was passionate about his commitments, having been an instrument-rated pilot, and having grown up in Scranton, Pa., a major rail crossroads, imagining in his youth being a train engineer. After WWII, he was a writer and editor.

Dean L Hultz
Dean L. Hultz died March, 26, 2016 at the Allen County Regional Hospital in Iola, KS. After serving in the 95th, Dean returned to Selma, Kans. where he farmed until his retirement in 1985. Dean earned a Bronze Star during WWII. Dean was a Lifetime Member of the Kincaid VFW. At age 87 he mowed the lawn at his church weekly. He enjoyed woodworking, sports, travel, and family. His wife, Doris passed away in 2003. He is survived by three daughters, Bonnie, Joyce, and Linda.

Peter Hans Skala, HQ, 377th Regt. (attached to G Company, 377th Regt.)
Peter was born in Vienna, Austria Sept 3, 1924, and died in London, UK, April 13, 2017. He served as a first lieutenant (Infantry) 1942-1945 and received the Silver Star, Purple Heart, City of Metz medal and the Chevalier medal of the French Legion of Honor. Peter received his Bachelor and Master of Arts at Yale University in 1947 and 1949 respectively. He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren.

Frank passed away May 24, 2017. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 9460 Stratford, Conn. Frank loved to travel and especially loved his 95th Reunions which he would travel to every year. During WWII, he was a riflemen. He loved going for walks at the mall and socializing at the food court with other former vets and friends. He loved his crossword puzzles, music, and watching the NY Mets, NY Jets and golf. He is survived by his son and daughter.

Julius “Jerry” Rabinowitz
Jerry died July 30, 2016. He was survived by his beloved wife, Joyce, his two children and four grandchildren. Jerry volunteered regularly at the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry where in impacted the lives of peoples. A fellow pantry volunteer described Jerry as a “truly remarkable human being, overflowing with life, wisdom and kindness.” He said that Jerry shared antidotes about his service to our country and other wonderful stories from his life and was an inspiration.
The Foundation has created a scholarship endowment and is looking for donors.

95th Division Scholarship Endowment
WE NEED YOU!

The 95th Division was first formed in 1918 as an infantry division of the United States Army. Today it exists as the 95th Division (Initial Entry Training), a component of the United States Army Reserve headquartered in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In 2016, the 95th Division Foundation established a scholarship endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for descendants of soldiers who served in the 95th Division. The initial contribution to the fund provides a minimum scholarship of $2,000 per year to one eligible student. The scholarship will be awarded to descendants who are graduating high school seniors and plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or vocational training in the United States.

“Our goal is to grow the fund to be able to provide more scholarships to deserving students,” said Douglas Dollar, Ed.D., Major General (Retired). “Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to help more of our families’ students achieve their dreams through the pursuit of a post-secondary education.”

Gifts to the 95th Division Scholarship may be made online at occf.org/onlinegiving or by completing this card and mailing with your contribution. Be sure to note the gift is for the 95th Division Scholarship Endowment. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation can also help you make a gift through your will or trust, or with assets such as real estate, appreciated securities, life insurance policies or retirement plans. See reverse side for details.

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Name ____________________________
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Enclosed is a contribution to the endowment fund for:

95th Division Scholarship Endowment Fund

In the amount of $__________________

Your contribution is fully tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to: Oklahoma City Community Foundation

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95th Division Scholarship Endowment Fund is administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Please send your contribution and this card to: P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1146.

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