

Dear Veterans of "The Battle of the Bulge"

This next June 2013 will be the 70th year that the "US Veterans Friends of Luxembourg" will conduct their Celebrations in Honor of the Veterans that Fought in the Battle of the Bulge. These Celebrations last usually 6 days where they honor Monuments of veterans or Units that Fought in that Historic Battle as well as traveling all over Luxembourg through the Battle Fields so you have a chance to see that Beautiful Country from one side to the other during the week you are there.

We are the Guests of the Grand Duchy of Lux. On his Birthday and the National Holiday June 23rd to be a guest at his Birthday Ceremony at the Great Cathedral along with invited Heads of States of Europe. The Ambassadors of European Country's and their Ladies all dressed in Long Morning Suits and Coats and the Ladies in their long Dresses and Hats to match is a day for you to remember all your life.

The number of Veterans and Family members will again this year be held to 50 people. The USVF of Lux. furnishes a modern bus for all to ride over Lux. for all the days, and visit the different Villages where the Monuments are to be Honored and flowers placed to honor the men that served in those Units. Usually the village will honor us with a very tasty meal at lunch or evening dinner. As we travel from Village to Village and through the WWII Battlefields, if there is a Veteran on the Bus they usually are telling about their experiences

Common Soldier

caunchy, and his hair was falling fast, service men, telling stories of his past. light in and the deeds that he had done, ies- they were heroes, every one.

s, to his neighbors, his tales be- an buddies listened, for they knew

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ldier, and his ranks are growing thin, ind us we may need his like again.

in conflict, then we find the soldiers oubles that others often start.

or; while he's here to hear the praise, omage at the ending of his days.

n a paper that would say, "Our Coun- Soldier passed away".

Sent by: Helen Miller

in that area. This gives you an idea where you are and what happened in that part of Lux.

One of the great things about this trip is that for the 6 days you do not have to worry about Transportation, driving on strange roads, or meals while we travel over Luxembourg. That is all taken care of by the planning of the USVF of Lux. Members. There is a small fee to you of around 175 Euros per person that covers the cost of the Bus-Meals- and the travel all over Luxembourg for the 6 days. "All Veterans of WWII DO NOT" have to pay the fee—they are FREE!! They do ask that any Veteran over 83 years of age have a family member act as a caregiver. Just in case there might be a medical decision that might have to be made while in Lux.

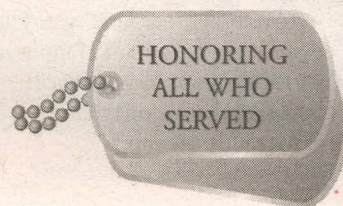
If you are interested in making this trip next June, I suggest you get your name on the list to go as soon as possible. To date; I have 33 people that have made their request to go already. The dates this year will be between June 16th and June 25th. The actual dates of the Celebrations will be made by the USVF of Lux. by Dec. 1. Which will give you plenty of time to get your Air Tickets and plan your trip. I will make your Hotel reservations when you confirm with me you want to make the trip. We all stay in the Euro Hotel in Gonderange, Lux. If you make your request to go after the 50 places have been filled, you will be placed on the waiting list in the order your names come in. Then if we have a cancellation due to health reasons you will move to the TO GO LIST as your names come up.

Contact me by phone or E-mail to place your reservation to go. I have worked with the people in Lux, now for over 12 years and am the US Contract for the USVF of Lux. Group. All Reservations or Requests to go are made through me at this time.

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Sincerely,
Gerald Virgil Myers



a young Frenchman who they liberated from one of the horrible deathcamps - this one near Hanover. This young fellow was weak and skin and bones, but wanted to join the 35th and continue the fight! I gather he made a pest of himself, but because he spoke German, French, Russian, and other languages, it was decided to make use of him. From what the veterans were saying, I think his offer turned into something official, and he was used in various situations. When the fellows talked about him, they wondered what ever became of him.

During the last 2 months, France has been featuring documentaries about D-Day, the liberation of various towns and villages, and the acts of French Resistance Fighters. Survivors were interviewed and LO AND BEHOLD there was a man in his early 90s who spoke about being liberated from a camp near Hanover by GIs, and his nagging them to let him join the US Army. I was so excited to see and hear this man, as I realized it had to be the same individual.

Have any of you continued contact with him? If not, are any of you interested in establishing contact with him? If so, I could possibly call the station and get info about the documentary. I think it would be great if both sides could make contact again - that is, if this is something you want.

I'm willing to do what I can.
Best regards,

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be able to go to the States this year, because a lot of Franco-American activities have been planned this summer.

In June, we went to Stuttgart (Germany) to attend the Change of Command at the 52nd SIG BN which has a partnership with a French Signal Bn in Orleans.

On July 4th, we attended Independence Day ceremonies at the American Embassy in Paris.

In August, we expect the visit of people from the 52nd SIG BN to share the Ceremonies of the Liberation of Orleans, by the 137th Inf Regiment from the 35th Inf Div, in 1944.

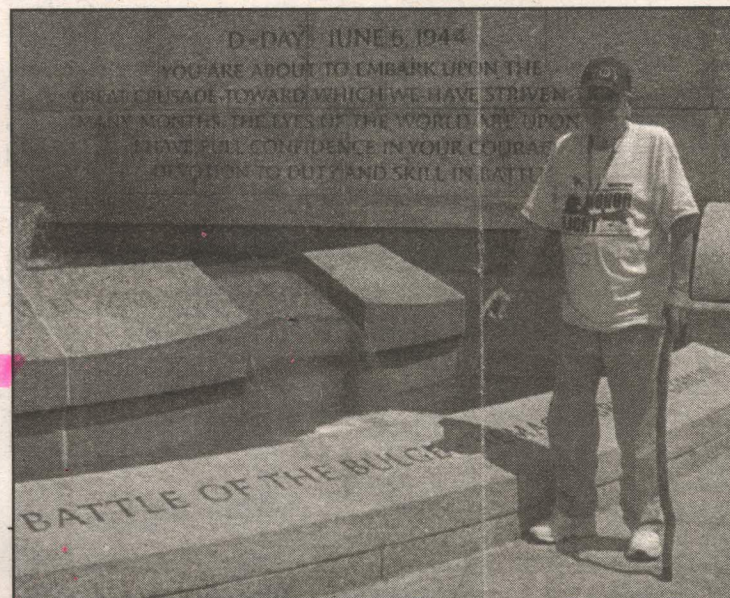
In September, we expect friends from California to visit normandy beaches.

We wish you a great success for this 2012 Reunion.

Sincerely,
Claude Rozet
President of the Franco-American Association

ATTENTION

Deadline for the
Oct-Nov-Dec
issue of the
Santa Fe
Express
is 1 December



Robert W. Miller at the D-Day Memorial. See poem on left.

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Chairs

34-35, KIA 9/30/44

34-35, KIA 01/25/45

ation survived false starts and natural disasters that changed its planned venues. Finally, when an unused agricultural building became available, the group decided that to create a museum in that. Using an enormous amount of elbow grease and ingenuity, they opened the museum on VE-Day, 2011. Although the museum is charged with displaying all aspects of WWII in Lorraine, there is a great deal in it to bring a smile of recognition to a Santa Fean.

A real jeep of the era is attended by a mannequin with a dragon wheel patch on his



Maurice and Andree

shoulder. One of the 12-inch models in a group of vignettes has a similar patch on his shoulder. A model jeep with a three-star flag carries "Gen. Patton" and another vignette contains a tankful of the "Black Panthers." A showcase of insignias from the units that fought in the Lorraine Campaign is centered with the Wagon Wheel patch. The entrance to the museum contains various marks of appreciation from the 35th Division for the hospitality and research provided by the Espace association.

Paula's final day in Lorraine was devoted to a tour of the 35th Division battle sites along the Seille River. The most ea-

Despite the joy of renewing friendships and viewing new tributes, Paula shared the heavy cloud hanging over the Espace association. In late June, thieves stole the bronze plaques attached to the Bridge at Flavigny. Remaining untouched was the large 35th Division stele that marks the bloody battle preceding the liberation of Nancy. Fundraising to replace the plaques is underway. More information will be provided in the next Santa Fe Express.

Our 35th Division European friends are preparing for visits from other American 35th Division Association members. In September, Mike and Chuck Mike Dwyre, sons of Col. Douglas G. Dwyre, will begin their tour in St. Lo and then follow the footsteps of the 35th across Europe. Col. Dwyre initially



Paula Evans Baker at Prouve Exhibit in front of poster for Museum's film "Sweet Lorraine, Suite Lorraine," holding Prouve Catalogue.

commanded the 161st FA Battalion, later becoming acting Division artillery officer. He received the Bronze Star at St. Lo and the Silver Star at Montargis while with the 161st. The Dwyre brothers will be hosted by various groups in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

In September, Roberta Russo, daughter of PFC Harry A. Krantz will be in Belgium and Luxembourg to visit the battlefield where her father earned a Bronze Star for his heroism on January 25, 1945. Krantz was an aid man with Company C, 2nd Platoon, of the 134th Infantry Regiment. Patrick Beck and Daniel Reiland from Luxem-

(See separate article in this issue of the SFE for more information on Kevin's visit.)

Virgil Myers and Vic Muller of the 80th Infantry Division Association reports that this year's USVF-Luxembourg Friendship Week was the best ever. Vic Muller reports that on "The fifth day we went to the 'Lycee Classique' (high school) in Diekirch where senior high school students from three different schools met the American Veterans. This meeting was supported by the Luxembourgish Minister of Education, Mrs. Mady Delvaux-Stechres, who was present. It was a large group so they split them up into three different areas with three veterans in each group. The students were fascinated by the veterans and asked lots of questions for at least an hour. At the end the students thanked them very much and shook their hands. I know the veterans enjoyed the session."

The US Veterans Friends Group has indicated that they are going to have celebrations in 2013. To date, 26 people have committed to going next June. Attendance is limited to the first 50 people so if you have an interest in going to Luxembourg next year, you should get your name on the list now.

The overseas support groups provide an invaluable service to 35th Division veterans, families and researchers. One way of thanking them is to be a sponsor and pay their Association dues. Dues of \$20 may be designated for "International Mail" and sent to the Executive Secretary, 35th Division Association, P O Box 5004, Topeka KS, 66605.

