



The Bugle Call

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**A Newsletter for and by the Descendants and Friends of
314th Infantry 79th Division, WWI**

Memorial Program - 2012

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The Descendants and Friends are pleased to announce that our annual Memorial Program will be held Sunday May 27th at 2:00 PM. The service will be held in the nave of the Washington Memorial Chapel as in past years. The Chapel is located along Route 23 about two miles west of the Valley Forge exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the Log Cabin Memorial and continuous remembrance with the help of the Washington Memorial Chapel. Please make the extra effort to attend. Admittance is free and all are invited and welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the service in the Patriot Room next to the nave.

Our speaker this year will be Mr. Robert Johnson, Director of the Fort George G. Meade Museum. Mr. Johnson has served as Director of the museum for the past 25 years. Prior to his work with Fort Meade, he has also worked as an Exhibit Specialist at Fort Hood, Texas, and an Exhibits Preparator at the University Museum, Southern Illinois University. Mr. Johnson studied at Southern Illinois University, earning the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts in History; Bachelor of Science, and Secondary Education; Graduate Degree, History.

We look forward to an interesting and informative talk about Fort Meade, once Camp Meade, where the 314th Infantry and 79th Division formed and trained in preparation for deployment to France during World War One.

Save the Date!

2012 Memorial Program

May 27th, 2:00 PM

Washington Memorial Chapel

News from the Trenches

By John H. Shetler, President

This past year was filled with many challenges with getting the legal documents in order to everyone's agreement and satisfaction. The Washington Memorial Chapel (WMC) and the D&F 314th worked together to see that the best possible outcome could be achieved. On behalf of the Veterans and the D&F 314th Inf., a sincere thanks is extended to everyone involved in the process. My personal thanks is extended to Judge Joseph T. Labrum of the 314th Memorial Committee for his forward, positive thinking and upholding the highest ideals not only of the 314th, but of each individual person along the way.

On Nov. 15th 2011, 314th legal Mr. Taras Wochok filed a joint petition with the Montgomery County Orphans Court seeking termination of the Agreement of Trust 1979, thus allowing the WMC to gift the 314th collection and offer the 314th Memorial Cabin to the US Army/Ft. Meade as a gift, provided the army would accept it.

On March 9th, 2012 the Court approved the petition and signed a decree allowing this to proceed.

On March 16th, 2012, the WMC signed the gift form for the 314th collection and on March 23rd received word that the Meade Museum accepted the collection gift. This also includes the 314th Memorial Name Plaque and any remaining artifacts still at the cabin. Meade will, of course, need time to affect the transfer of the collection from the US Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, PA. where it has been in protective storage. As more details of the collection and the Memorial Plaque come about, we will update folks by newsletter and/or our website - www.314th.org.



Log Cabin Souvenir Mirror

The WMC had previously sent a letter March 29th, 2011 to Ft. Meade offering the cabin as a gift and this was made part of the court petition. Ft. Meade and the US Army Museum system have a period of three years to accept the cabin. In the interim, the WMC has expressed interest in the continued use of the cabin and will work with the 314th Memorial Committee/D&F to ensure its use and preservation. If the army finds it cannot accept the cabin then the remaining terms of the 1979 Agreement of Trust will remain in place and the D&F will need to work with WMC to provide help in preserving the cabin.

As of 12/30/2011, 314th monies in various funds totaled \$46,253.19. The move of the disassembled cabin to Meade will cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000 not including insurance, permits, and legal fees.

Or if the cabin stays at Washington Memorial Chapel, it will need a new roof system and enhancements for visitor friendly access. I am making a personal appeal to each and every member to either renew your membership or give whatever you can to the 314th Cabin Move/Preservation fund as we move forward to the centennial of World War One.

Our tax free status remains in effect for the Federal 501(c)3 and we are still registered with the PA State Charitable Organizations – voluntarily, under #33800.

This issue is dedicated to Mr. Robert Rentz, past editor of The Bugle.

www.314th.org

By Tony Patti

Our www.314th.org website celebrated its 10th birthday on September 27, 2011!

The website now contains:

- 187 web pages
- 3,649 photographs and scanned images
- 17 books and booklets which you can read online or download.

These total 4 gigabytes, to tell the story and sacrifices of the 314th Infantry Regiment.

The Historical Documents outline lists 143 chronological events, linked to historical source documents, starting with a draft registration, proceeding through the training at Camp Meade, each Station in France, and continuing through the more than 50 Annual Reunions.

Some of the recent web page additions to the website include:

- Historical and Pictorial Record of the Maryland Cantonment at Camp Meade
- Souvenir Views of Camp Meade (includes first known photo of the Log Cabin)
- “Over Here” Preparing for “Over There” at Camp Meade
- “Infantry Soldiers Handbook” owned by Purley B. Campbell, the Cook of 314th Co. B
- Cpl. George J. Druding - Company G - KIA September 27th, 1918
- October 23, 1918 photograph of General Joseph E. Kuhn, Commanding General 79th Division
- Full text of the German Armistice (as presented by President Wilson to Congress)
- 1922 314th Directory, including Veterans’ home addresses
- John W. Kress (MG Company) 1962 book “The Great Adventure”

If anyone has other information they can provide to add to the website, including especially about our Veterans, and old cabin photographs, that information would be most welcome! You can email them to Tony Patti at tonyspatti@comcast.net.

President’s Note: Tony very generously provides our website at no cost for all to view and explore. The D&F 314th sincerely thanks him for this and we look forward to another 10 years!



Pat

Mascot of Company "B" 314th Infantry

*The original Log Cabin
Memorial Dedication*

*was held on
September 30, 1922*

The Descendants and Friends of the 314th

The Descendants and Friends of the 314th are a group of people dedicated to honoring and preserving the stories and sacrifices of their fathers and grandfathers in the First World War. Originally organized as the Veterans of the 314th Infantry A.E.F., the veterans have since passed on.

Our current membership helps to continue the Log Cabin Memorial along with the co-operation of the Washington Memorial Chapel on whose grounds the 314th Cabin remains. We are always looking for new members and interested persons.

For more information contact John H. Shetler at JHShetler@comcast.net
(Please include "314th Infantry" in the subject line of your email.)

If you wish to become a member, please use the Membership Form on the following page.
All contributions are tax deductible.

Board Members:

John H. Shetler, President
Frank Dube, Vice President
Jean Harlow, Secretary
Ray Jude Paski, Treasurer & Memorial Comm.
Joseph T. Labrum Jr. Esq., Memorial Comm.
Joel Rentz, Memorial Comm.

Al Douglas, President Emeritus
Joseph Patti
Robert Reed
Robert Krutsick
Joseph T. Labrum III

314th Continues to Span the Generations!



The Descendants & Friends are very pleased to announce our newest member (to our knowledge), Mr. Declan Joseph Haylon. He is the great grandson of William P. Berry, Company I and son of grandson William Berry Haylon, Niantic, CT.

Declan was born on March 2, 2012 and as our newest member has gained HONORARY membership into the D&F 314th for the year 2012. He holds this honor along with fellow members and brothers Caleb and Malachy, all fourth generation.

We are very pleased to have any and all second, third, and fourth generation continue the remembrance!

Membership Form DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS OF THE 314th AEF

We invite you to become or continue membership!

Classes of Membership:

- Widows of WW1 Veterans (Free) _____
- Students under 18 years \$2.00 _____
- Contributing Member \$5.00 _____
- Family or Supporting \$10.00 _____
- Patron \$25.00 _____
- Benefactor \$50.00 _____

Endowment Gifts: \$100.00 _____ (or more)

Checks should be made out to: DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS OF THE 314th INFANTRY

Please mail this form with your check to:

Descendants and Friends 314th c/o
Ray Jude Paski
602 Arch Street
Spring City, PA. 19475

Please make checks payable to: Descendants and Friends of the 314th Infantry
Contributions are tax deductible.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Name and relationship of veteran: _____

Cabin Moving and Preservation Fund

Descendants and Friends 314th Infantry AEF
Persons wanting to contribute to the Cabin Moving and Preservation Fund
Please use the form below

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (optional): _____

Email address (optional): _____

Additional
information: _____

If you would like to help preserve the cabin for future generations
please make your check payable and send to:

“Descendants and Friends of the 314th Inf. AEF”
c/o John H. Shetler- President
137 House Rock Rd.
Pequea, PA. 17565

Your contribution is tax deductible under 501(c)3. Monies received will
be used solely for moving and or preservation of the cabin and
collection.

Humor: Cartoon by Wally Wallaren



Private Abian A. "Wally" Wallgren worked as a cartoonist for the Philadelphia Public Ledger and Washington Post before the outbreak of WWI, when he served in France with the Fifth Marines of the First Division.

Wallgren's cartoons appeared in every issue of *The Stars and Stripes*, poking fun at army life, satirizing the absurdity of army regulations, and highlighting the differences between the army brass and the frontline soldier.

Numerous trips to the war front gave him material for his cartoons and first-hand experience about what soldiers considered humorous.

This, and other cartoons, can be found on our website at: www.314th.org. Look under the tab on the top bar labeled "Interesting".

History: The Philadelphia Inquirer, June 14, 1959

Officially, it was the 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Force. What it really was for the most part, though, was a group of civilians suddenly become soldiers.

There were city guys from Philadelphia and Allentown and Providence, R.I. There were coal miners from the anthracite belt and farmers from central Pennsylvania. There were men with Pennsylvania Dutch accents thicker than shoo-fly pie, Marylanders who talked interminably of terrapin soup and crabcakes, men from New England who used few words.

They were citizen soldiers, swept into the crucible of the First World War. Beginning in August, 1917, they gathered at Camp (now Fort) Meade, Md., to be forged into a fighting unit. When the regiment sailed from New York in the sundown of July 8, 1918, aboard the liner, *The Leviathan*, bound for France and for battle, it was ready.

Early in the morning of Sept. 26, near the town of Malancourt, the 314th went into action. From then until the armistice on Nov. 11, it had few respites. By the time the firing ceased, the 314th had made the deepest penetration of German lines of any unit of the A.E.F.

The outfit came home in the spring of 1919, minus 362 of its members, killed in battle. By May 31, the 314th had been demobilized. It was, however, only a military demobilization. For the men of the regiment have stuck together in an organization called Veterans of the 314th Infantry, A.E.F.

To read the full article, go to: www.314th.org. Look under the tab on the top bar labeled "News".