



THE BUGLE CALL

314th Infantry 79th Division - WW1 May 2009

2009 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Valley Forge, PA.

The Washington Memorial Chapel will once again graciously host our annual service and reunion. While the economy has made a difficult time for many of us please make the effort to attend this year. We are very pleased and honored to have Professor Edward Lengel as our speaker this year. Some of you may remember that Mr. Lengel had contacted the 314th for information a few years ago, while he was working on a book about the Meuse Argonne Offensive. His book, *To Conquer Hell* The Meuse- Argonne, 1918 was released in 2008. It is the first in depth work done about the offensive and gives a very honest and informative view of what our fathers, grandfathers, and service people of our country endured.

Ed Lengel received his B.A. at George Mason University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in history at the University of Virginia. Since 1996 he has worked with the *Papers of George Washington* documentary editing project at the University of Virginia, where he is now Professor and Senior Editor. He is the author of numerous books and articles, including *General George Washington: A Military Life* (Random House 2005) and *To Conquer Hell: The Meuse Argonne, 1918* (Holt 2008). He is also the recipient, with the Washington Papers project, of the National Humanities Medal. Ed has also been interviewed on The History Channel and in The Washington Post. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lengel grew up in Morgantown, PA. and traces family roots back to the 1730's in the Berks county area.

The title of Ed's talk is "America's Citizen Soldiers." He will also be bringing some of his books along for sale for those who are interested.

This is a very rare opportunity for both the 314th and Ed to meet and share information- so please make an extra effort to attend this year and perhaps bring a memento or story about your veteran of the 314th to share with everyone and help spread the word.

News from the Trenches

For those who are not aware, in August 2008 the 314th Memorial Cabin collection was removed and transported to the Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle, PA. by the U.S. Army. The collection is being stabilized for preservation by the Army. It was felt this was a necessary step in preserving the collection by the 314th Board of Directors/ Washington Memorial Chapel/ Army in view of the fact that the cabin move has taken longer than anticipated. The collection is on a loan basis until details and the cabin move are worked out.

The World of Scouting has also removed their collection and the cabin is no longer open on weekends to the public. The 314th Memorial Plaque still resides with the cabin. Persons who wish to visit the cabin may call or write John H. Shetler, 137 House Rock Rd. Pequea, PA 17565 717- 284-3293 or call the Washington Memorial Chapel directly at 610- 783- 0120 to arrange a time for a visit.

Our move fund balance as of 2/13/09 was \$25,905.24. The 314th general fund balance as of 3/2/09 was \$13,500. New estimates for moving the cabin to the AHEC at Carlisle without the 314th re-erecting approximate \$40,000. To move and re-erect the cabin by the 314th approximate \$261,000.

An additional legal counsel has been retained by the 314th. Taras M. Wochok, Esq. to help facilitate negotiations.

News from the Web Site

Our web site continues to grow through the generosity of third generation son Tony Patti. During 2008 the web site had 20,591 “unique visitors”, a significant increase from 2007 which was 14,332, and a total of 45,158 visitors since 2005.

The web site now has 124 web pages, 1,894 images (photos and scans) and 1,963, 240,757 Bytes of information!

Tony would also like everyone to know that our web site information is backed up with two additional servers so if one goes down there is a back up. This is important as the amount of information available has grown to archive level for research and family related information about the 314th AEF.

The most popular web page on the site during 2007 and 2008 was the postcard page at:

http://www.314th.org/postcards.html

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Recent additions include the diaries of Frank S. Miller Company C, (provided by daughter Frances Kinderwater) and George E. Hentschel Company G, (provided by grandson Bruce Hentschel), *The Taking of Montfaucon* by James Cain, and our own story of Montfaucon, plus much more!

The web site also has a link to The American Battlefield Monument Commission for those families who have veterans buried overseas.

You may wish to visit at:

<http://www.314th.org/314th-Infantry-Killed-In-Action-ABMC.html>

or visit the home page at **www.314th.org** and click on **ABMC** in the heading block.

A Visit to the U. S. Army Heritage Center

Robert Rentz, Editor of the Bugle Call. Son of Irwin J. Rentz, 314th Infantry
Revised from May 2008 Newsletter

Last year with members of my family, we visited the U. S. Army Heritage Center, located along Interstate 81 just south of Carlisle, PA., very near the Army War College. It being Saturday in early Spring, the imposing main building was not open but the outdoor exhibits were excellently displayed and available for view. One is able to walk through a beautifully organized walk-way which winds through reconstructions of early forts, more recent buildings and the trenches of World War I. Smaller buildings depicted machine shops, barracks, and encampments of army units throughout our illustrious history. As one wanders through the WWI trenches, so often mentioned in my father's diary, one can get a feel of what the 314th Infantry men endured. The sound of machine guns and the stench of poison gas could almost be experienced. Rounding a bend in a the trench we came upon a locked door with the inscription "Headquarters - 314th Infantry". Since the grounds were technically not open we could only guess what might be behind that door, but could envision displays of the artifacts from the cabin at Valley Forge. It is our hope that our reconstructed Valley Forge Cabin will occupy part of these grounds, honoring our WWI ancestors as they fought to maintain our freedom and our democracy.

On May 16th 2009 the Army Heritage Center will be open beginning at 9 am for special programs and re-enactments. If you are able, please plan to attend, it will be well worth the time spent and the cost of the gasoline. Crowds will be large so come early

DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS OF THE 314TH AEF

ATTENDANCE AT MAY 24TH MEETING

We (I) will (will not) attend the Memorial Service on May 24th, 2009. Number of persons? _____

Please sign your name: _____

MEMBERSHIP FORM

We invite you to become or continue membership.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

We invite you to continue your membership until June 1, 2009.

Widows of WWI 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 larger	_____		

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 check payable to: Descendants and Friends of 314th

Contributions are tax deductible

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip _____

Email _____

Name and relationship of veteran _____