



To view the artifacts donated from the veterans and families of the 314th, please visit the Fort Meade Museum.

www.ftmeade.army.mil/museum/

“These boys don’t even know how to retreat. They never even made a strategic retreat. When they went at a thing they just kept everlastingly hammering until they got it.”

Colonel W.H. Oury, Commander

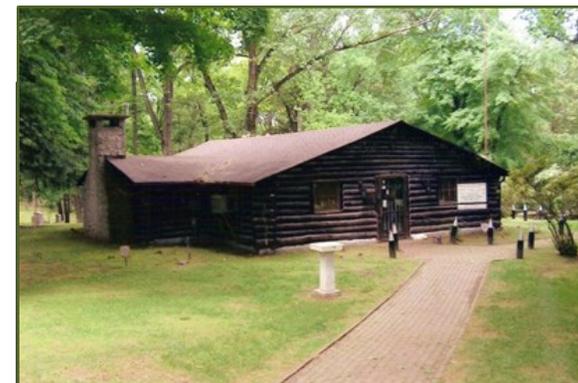
Descendants & Friends

- The Descendants and Friends of the 314th are a group of people dedicated to honoring and preserving the story of their fathers, grandfathers, and family members in World War I.
- As they returned from war, aboard the Princess Matoika, the unit formed the organization to continue the brotherhood that they formed during the war. Originally organized as the Veterans of the 314th Infantry A.E.F., the veterans have since passed on.
- The only known World War I organization that has continuously met, without interruption for the past 96 years (since 1919).

For more information, contact:

Nancy D. Schaff, President
Descendants & Friends 314th A.E.F.

Phone: 443-907-7588
E-mail: nancy.schaff@gmail.com



Descendants & Friends of the 314th Infantry Regiment American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F)

The Descendants and Friends of the 314th are a group of people dedicated to honoring and preserving the story of their fathers, grandfathers, and family members in the First World War.

www.314th.org

Log Cabin Memorial



- Originally erected at Camp Meade (now Fort Meade) in 1917 by the men of the 314th as an Officer's Club and assembly room. It was constructed from local materials, including trees they cut down themselves.
- In order to preserve the cabin as a memorial to their fallen brothers, they raised funds to purchase the cabin from the War Surplus Department for \$50.
- The members then deconstructed the cabin, carefully numbering each log and stone, in order to rebuild it exactly as it had been.

- The cabin was moved to the grounds of the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge. The men then carefully reconstructed the cabin, formally dedicating it (1922) to honor the 362 men of the regiment who made the supreme sacrifice. The cost to move and reconstruct the cabin was \$4,160.
- On the 90th anniversary of the dedication, the cabin was gifted to Fort Meade to preserve it as an eternal national WWI memorial.
- A restoration company deconstructed the cabin, carefully numbering each log and stone, and moved the materials to Fort Meade, at a cost of \$46,890.
- The deconstructed cabin remains in secure storage at Fort Meade until funds can be secured to reconstruct this unique and important World War I memorial.



*Cross of Lorraine
Insignia of the 79th Division*

Unit History

- Organized as part of the 79th Infantry Division A.E.F. the men of the 314th were trained at Camp Meade, MD.
- The regiment saw extensive combat in the Meuse Argonne Offensive earning the name of "Cross of Lorraine" for their defense of France.
- They captured the town of Malancourt and assisted the 313th Infantry the following day in the capturing the town of Montfaucon.
- The 79th Division was moved in place to participate in the third phase of the Meuse Argonne Offensive; the 314th drove forward and captured the towns of Crepion, Waville, and Moirey. The following day the unit captured Buisson Chaumont, Hill 328.
- They then advanced against Cote de Romagne and stopped firing at 11AM, the time of the armistice. At war's end that day, the 314th made the greatest drive of the offensive into German lines, east of the Meuse River.
- The regiment continued training, passed a review by General Pershing, shipped home, and was discharged at Camp Dix, NJ in May, 1919.