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THE LAMPETTE

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1. THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I welcome you, our members, friends and readers, to the winter issue of *The Lampette*. This edition covers the events that have taken place since our last publication in July.

The summer started out with a very sad occasion when COL Allen J. Nadler, a former President, and long-time Secretary and Director of our Association, passed away on 23 July. MG George E. Barker officiated at the military service in Calverton National Cemetery. COL Nadler's presence on the Board is sorely missed, as he always had a positive and guiding influence in our deliberations and decisions. COL Nadler was eulogized during our Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service in November.

On 17 August, a number of our members and friends participated in the annual MG Francis T. Donohue Golf Tournament at West Point. The tournament is organized and sponsored by the Armed Forces Reserve Family Assistance Fund (AFRFAF). Member attendees included MG Evo Riguzzi, COL Lou Sudholz, LTC Joe Schroder, CW5 Bob Neglia and SGM Tony Filosa.

The 77th Sustainment Brigade held its annual Dining Out on 11 September at The Hamilton Manor in Hamilton, N.J. The event was hosted by the Commander of the Brigade, COL Deborah L. Kotulich, and CSM Sammy C. Sablan. I attended the event along with COL Edwin G. Logan and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. The Dining Out provided us with the opportunity to meet COL Kotulich, who recently assumed command of the Brigade, as well as other members and guests of the 77th.

A 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony was held in the 77th Memorial Grove at Fort Totten on 13 September, honoring the six 77th soldiers who were lost at the World Trade Towers on 11 September 2001. The ceremony was sponsored by several units located at Fort Totten. MG Barker was the main speaker. The Association was well-represented by members and their guests.

The Association's Annual Meeting was held during the Fall Luncheon at the Swan Club in Glenwood Landing, L.I., N.Y. on 14 October. After a brief business meeting, the election of Directors was conducted by our Association's Secretary, Mr. Malcolm R. Schade, and the proposed slates of Directors were elected unanimously for their respective terms. The program included a featured speaker, our member COL Arthur DeRuve, who spoke about the military and its influence in our nation's history from its beginning to the present time. COL DeRuve's presentation, eloquently delivered without any notes, was very well-received by those in attendance. COL DeRuve splits his time between New York and Florida and tries to attend Association meetings at both locations.

On 1 November, our 39th Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service was held in the Fort Totten Chapel and our 13th annual Wreath Laying Ceremony was held in the 77th Memorial Grove. The Memorial Service

honors all those who have served in the 77th and have passed-on, and the Wreath Laying Ceremony honors the six 77th soldiers who perished at the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001. MG Barker was the primary speaker in both the Chapel and the Grove. CH (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer officiated during both services. Rabbi Stadtmauer has participated in our annual Memorial Services for 38 of the 39 years in which they have been held.

13 November was a very happy occasion when the 389th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion was welcomed home from their active duty assignment in Afghanistan. The 389th is commanded by LTC Thomas P. Sullivan, a Director of our Association. Kaine Hall was filled with families and friends of the returning Soldiers as well as other members of the military, including COL Deborah L. Kotulich, Commander, 77th Sustainment Brigade, and the former CSM of the Brigade, SGM Sammy C. Sablan. Directors and other members of the Association were present. It was my honor personally to participate in the ceremony.

It was recently announced that SGM Sablan is scheduled to retire from the Active Army during March 2016. As mentioned, SGM Sablan until recently was the CSM of the 77th Sustainment Brigade, and he also is a Director of our Association. He is currently assigned to the 99th Regional Support Command at Fort Dix pending his retirement. SGM Sablan, during his tenure, did much to impart the history and traditions of the 77th to the Soldiers in his command, and he encouraged them to uphold the reputation of the 77th in all that they do. It was through the efforts of SGM Sablan that the Association has been assisted by units of the 77th with much needed support for our Memorial Services, both at Fort Totten and in Central Park. SGM Sablan expects to return to the San Antonio, Texas area upon his retirement, and we wish him every success in his future career.

Our 2016 schedule of meetings and events is being published elsewhere in *The Lampette* and will be updated, if necessary, on our web site. Please notate your calendars accordingly so that you will be able to attend these events. Looking further ahead, the year 2017 will mark the 100th anniversary of the organization of the 77th Infantry Division. It would be great to have a celebration of this important time in our history. We will be looking over the coming year at various ways to do this, while keeping in mind that we have limited resources from which to draw. We need your help with ideas and suggestions, and will keep you informed as planning progresses.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the loyal support of our Directors who help to ensure that we carry on with the traditional things that we do: Memorial Services, Spring and Fall membership meetings, representation at events, continuous publication of *The Lampette* and maintaining the web site. Speaking of the web site, please take note of how it continues to improve in content, format and photos. Mr. Schade has been the prime mover and supplier of much of the new detail and photos appearing on the web site, and we are grateful to him for those, and many other, contributions to the Association.

Best wishes to all of our members, guests and friends for a Very Happy and Safe New Year in 2016.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Consistent with recent years, our expenses for the fiscal year ended 8/31/2015 exceeded our receipts by \$398.99. However, this modest operating deficit represented an improvement over the preceding fiscal year. Our principal sources of revenue continue to be the raffles conducted at our social events and the donations of our membership. Donations totaling \$359.00 during the 2015 fiscal year declined in comparison with the preceding fiscal year. However, we were fortunate to receive additional donations totaling \$815.00 during September, which will be recorded in fiscal 2016. We greatly appreciate all financial assistance regardless of the amounts provided.

Our three largest categories of expenses in fiscal 2015 were our annual memorial service, web site and printing/postage. Unfortunately, postage rates will continue to rise, although we achieved some reduction of this expense during fiscal 2015 by using email as much as possible. We would appreciate receiving as many new email addresses as possible from those who currently are on our "snail mail" roster, as well as prompt notification of all changes to both kinds of addresses whenever they occur. Other than the initiation fee for new members, we are a non-dues-paying organization and we have no intention of changing this policy. We will continue to manage expenses carefully, but still need to count upon the generosity of our membership.

77th INFANTRY DIVISION ROA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED 8/31/2015 AND 8/31/2014

	Y/E 8/31/15	Y/E 8/31/14
ASSETS		
JP Morgan Chase Bank		
Checking	3,336.61	3,744.24
Savings	11,426.95	11,418.31
TOTALS	14,763.56	15,162.55
FUND BALANCES		
General Operating Fund	10,857.05	11,235.42
Memorial Funds	3,906.51	3,927.13
TOTALS	14,763.56	15,162.55
RECEIPTS		
Interest	8.64	26.44
Donations	359.00	586.00
Raffles	705.00	930.00
Socials – Excess Receipts Over Exp.	268.00	66.24
Initiation Fees from New Members	150.00	100.00
Memorial Grove – Net	N/A	- 25.50
Memorabilia Sales – Net	-2.00	63.60
TOTALS	1,488.64	1,746.78
DISBURSEMENTS		
Rental of P.O. Box	128.00	124.00
Postage/Printing	415.91	732.29
Web Site	484.50	522.32
Memorial Service	725.62	825.47
Misc. Supplies	133.60	222.81
TOTALS	1,887.63	2,426.89
NET RECEIPTS / EXPENSES	-398.99	- 680.11

3. FUND RAISING:

The 77th Infantry Division ROA is offering for sale 77th Infantry Division wine glasses etched with the 77th “Liberty” patch. The wine glasses are one for \$8, two for \$15, and four for \$25. 77th Infantry Division baseball-type hats are available in various colors for \$15 each. Also available are Memorial Bricks, at \$125 each, installed in the 77th Memorial Grove at Fort Totten. Each brick can be inscribed with up to three lines, and each line can contain up to a total of 20 characters and spaces. Order forms are available at our web site at: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/forsale/index.html> .

4. MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Our member, **MG Evo Riguzzi**, recently informed us that he and **COL Mary Westmoreland**, both former members of the 800th MP Brigade, participated in the annual Veterans Day Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of the Diocese of New York at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. This year’s Mass was on 8 November 2015 and celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan. The US Navy was the specially honored service. MG Riguzzi and COL Westmoreland represented the US Army at the Mass, and led the procession of veterans up the central aisle. An article and photo about this event can be viewed on our web site at: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/HonoredMembers.html> .

5. 77th SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE DINING OUT 2015:

On 11 September 2015, four members of our Board of Directors attended or participated in the Seventh Annual Dining Out of the 77th Sustainment Brigade at The Hamilton Manor, Hamilton Township, New Jersey, hosted by COL Deborah L. Kotulich, Commander, 77th SUS BDE.

Besides COL Kotulich, the Official Party included COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., Association Director and President; and COL Edwin G. Logan, Association Director and Treasurer. It also included the following additional members of the 77th SUS BDE: Brigade CSM Sammy C. Sablan (who is also a Director of our Association) and SPC Emmanuel Frank.

COL Sudholz was a guest speaker during the "Opening Remarks" portion of the event. Numerous members, spouses and guests of the Brigade were in attendance.

The other Director of our Association who attended was Mr. Malcolm R. Schade.

A copy of the program and photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at:

<http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/aboutus/77thSustainmentBrigade.html> .

6. 9-11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AT FORT TOTTEN:

On 13 September 2015, a Remembrance Ceremony hosted by the 1st Mobilization Support Group to honor the six Soldiers of the 77th Regional Readiness Command who perished at the World Trade Center on 9-11-01 was held in the 77th Memorial Grove next to the Ernie Pyle USAR Center, Fort Totten, NY.

Beginning in 2002, our Association has sponsored the 77th Memorial Grove as a way to honor all of the Soldiers of the 77th Infantry Division and its successor organizations. On 3 November 2002, a polished granite monument, which had been purchased by our Association, in the center of the Grove was specifically dedicated to the memory of the six WTC Soldiers: LTC William Pohlman; CPT Michael Dermot Mullan; CPT Mark P. Whitford; WO1 Ronald P. Bucca; SSG Frederick J. Ill, Jr.; and SGT Shawn Edward Powell. Five of these were employed in their civilian capacities by the New York City Fire Department at the time of their deaths.

The 2015 ceremony, which was held in front of formations of NYC Firefighters and Soldiers from various units, was led as Master of Ceremony by MSG Jeffrey Browne, USAR. It featured remarks by MG George E. Barker (Ret), Former Commander, 77th ARCOM, who is a long-time member of our Association, and COL Robert S. Cooley, Jr., Commander 1st Mobilization Support Group, and Center Commander, Fort Totten.

An Invocation was offered by CH (LTC) Gregory Distad, 1st MSG, and a Benediction was offered by CH (CPT) Blessing Jacobs. Also participating in the ceremony were a Color Guard of the 354th MCB; an Honor Guard of the 3rd Brigade HHC; the 319th U.S. Army Band, led by SFC Patricia Flowers; and the New Generation Choir.

Attending the ceremony on behalf of our Association as guests were the following Directors: COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., President; COL and Mrs. Lawrence M. Bellman; COL Edwin G. Logan; LTC and Mrs. John W. Peterkin; and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. Also attending from our Association were LTC Glennie L. Millard; LTC Lisandro L. Murphy, USAR; and SFC Ronald I. Peters.

A copy of the program and photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at:

<http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/911ceremony.html> .

7. ANNUAL ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FORT TOTTEN:

On Sunday, 1 November 2015, our Association held its 39th Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service in the Post Chapel at Fort Totten. This Memorial Service specifically remembers Soldiers of the 77th Infantry Division and its successor units, as well as other veterans who have been long-time friends of our Association, whose passing has come to the attention of the Association during the preceding year. Since 2005, these Soldiers have specifically included members of the 307th Infantry Veterans Society. In addition, the Memorial Service honors all other members of the 77th family who have served and currently are serving their country.

We were pleased that the Memorial Service this year was attended by numerous family members and friends, some of whom traveled considerable distances, of the Soldiers being remembered, as well as by many members and other guests of our Association.

The Service began with a welcome by our President, COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., who also introduced the other participants and read the Last Roll Call. His introductory remarks were immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by the Congregation.

The Invocation, Scripture Reading, Prayer and Benediction were offered by CH (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer. Dr. Pam Phillips accompanied herself on the piano and sang *Ave Maria* and *The Lord's Prayer*, in addition to playing a Piano Prelude and Postlude.

The Keynote Speaker was MG George E. Barker, Former Commanding General, 77th Army Reserve Command, who is a long-time member and supporter of our Association. His Remarks focused on the important role of families in supporting those who serve in the Armed Forces, and the special role of the Reserves in defending our country.

Eulogies of the following departed members of the 77th family were delivered by MSG Jeffrey J. Mott, who is a Director of our Association: MAJ Madeline C. Braisted, CW4 Dennis Louis Christman, LTC Shirley Hayes, MAJ Alexander R. Kissel, COL Allen J. Nadler, CW4 Leonard E. Polikoff, SGM Herbert Schulze and CPT Sheldon Stern.

In addition, eulogies of the following departed 77th Soldiers who were members of the 307th IVS were delivered by COL Lawrence M. Bellman, who is Vice President and a Director of our Association: SGT George A. Ashworth, COL Theodore Spear Bell, PFC Joseph H. Godowsky, TSG Robert S. Prince, T/5 Albert Sackin, LT Leroy A. Werst, LTC Adam Fay Wilson and SGT Gerald J. Zach.

Personal remarks by other participants, and by a friend who was among the Congregation, supplemented two of the eulogies.

A Trumpeter of the 319th U.S. Army Band, SGT Joseph Young, USAR, rang a chime and played TAPS during the Last Roll Call.

Immediately following the Memorial Service in the Post Chapel, our Association held its 13th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the 77th Memorial Grove next to the Ernie Pyle USAR Center, Fort Totten. This Grove, which contains several memorial trees, memorial benches, and numerous memorial bricks, was established by our Association in 2002 to honor all members of the 77th. In that year, we also dedicated a polished granite monument in the Grove to six members of the 77th Regional Readiness Command who perished at the World Trade Center on 9-11-2001.

Numerous members of the Congregation from the Memorial Service attended, including LTC Edward S. Twaddell, III, USA, Commander, 1st Battalion, 307th Regiment (Fort Dix, New Jersey); and Battalion CSM Timothy J. Jackson, USA, 1st Battalion, 307th Regiment.

After Introductory Remarks by COL Sudholz, MG Barker offered Remarks regarding the significance of the Grove and the sacrifice of those six Soldiers on 9-11-2001. Chaplain Stadtmauer offered a Prayer for Soldiers and a Prayer of Remembrance. COL Bellman and CW4 Bernard M. Kaplan, another Director of our Association, presented the Memorial Wreath. Dr. Phillips led the attendees in singing *God Bless America*, and SGT Young played TAPS.

Immediately after the Wreath Laying Ceremony in the 77th Memorial Grove, an informal Reception for all participants and other attendees, with refreshments, was held in the MG John W. Kaine Memorial Hall, on the first floor of the adjacent Ernie Pyle USAR Center.

A copy of the program and photos of these events can be viewed on our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/Ecumenical_Memorial.html.

8. 389th CSS BATTALION WELCOME HOME CEREMONY:

On 13 November 2015, a Welcome Home Ceremony was held for members of the 389th Command Sustainment Support Battalion, 77th Sustainment Brigade, who are assigned to Fort Totten. These Soldiers, and other elements of the 389th, had been deployed to Afghanistan since January 2015 in a mission to assist in the return or dismantling, or turnover to the Afghan Armed Forces, of U.S. military equipment and installations

in that country, and to provide logistical support to the U.S. and coalition military personnel who remain in that country as part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The ceremony, which was held in MG John W. Kaine Hall, Ernie Pyle USAR Center, Fort Totten, was hosted by COL Deborah L. Kotulich, Commander, 77th SUS BDE. Numerous family members and friends of the returning Soldiers had assembled in Kaine Hall prior to the ceremony, waiting to greet their loved ones. Also assembled to greet the returning Soldiers were members of the VFW and American Legion, who had provided refreshments for the Soldiers, family members, friends and other guests. The returning Soldiers were also greeted upon their arrival by a corps of Breezy Point (NY) Bagpipers and Drummers, and by officers of the New York City Police Department.

The returning Soldiers included LTC Thomas P. Sullivan, Commander, 389th CSSB, who had led the deployed Soldiers in Afghanistan. LTC Sullivan is also a Director of our Association. Also returning from Afghanistan was Battalion CSM Brian R. Ladlee, 389th CSSB, who also has been a loyal supporter of our Association. After arriving at Kaine Hall, the returning Soldiers mingled with family members, friends and guests prior to the commencement of the formal ceremony.

Besides COL Kotulich and LTC Sullivan, the speakers during the ceremony included Deputy Commissioner Catherine R. LaPorte, NYC Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs. In addition, an Invocation was offered by CH (CPT) William H. Allen, IV, 389th CSSB, who accompanied the deployed Soldiers to Afghanistan. Chaplain Allen previously participated in our Association's Annual Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Fort Totten on 2 November 2014.

The ceremony included a formal uncasing of the 389th Unit Colors and HHQ Company Guidon, symbolizing the resumption of command of the Battalion at Fort Totten from its Rear Detachment. The ceremony also included the presentation to the returning Soldiers of Welcome Home Warrior Citizen Awards by COL Kotulich, LTC Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner LaPorte and COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., President of our Association.

Besides COL Sudholz, attending the ceremony on behalf of our Association as guests were the following other Directors: COL Seymour Kaplan; COL Edwin G. Logan; LTC John W. Peterkin; SGM Sammy C. Sablan, 99th RSC (former Brigade CSM, 77th SUS BDE); and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. Also attending as a guest was Association member SFC Ronald I. Peters.

Photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at:

<http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/aboutus/77thSustainmentBrigade.html> .

9. ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN:

Each issue of *The Lampette* features a 77th Medal of Honor recipient and their citation. The sixth in the series follows:

Rank and organization: Dwite H. Schaffner, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, 306th Infantry, 77th Division. Place and date: Near St. Hubert's Pavillion, Boureuilles, France, 28 September 1918. Entered service at: Falls Creek, Pa. Birth: Arroya, Pa. G.O. No.: 15, W.D., 1923.

Citation: "He led his men in an attack on St. Hubert's Pavillion through terrific enemy machinegun, rifle, and artillery fire and drove the enemy from a strongly held entrenched position after hand-to-hand fighting. His bravery and contempt for danger inspired his men, enabling them to hold fast in the face of 3 determined enemy counterattacks. His company's position being exposed to enemy fire from both flanks, he made 3 efforts to locate an enemy machinegun which had caused heavy casualties. On his third reconnaissance he discovered the gun position and personally silenced the gun, killing or wounding the crew. The third counterattack made by the enemy was initiated by the appearance of a small detachment in advance of the enemy attacking wave. When almost within reach of the American front line the enemy appeared behind them, attacking vigorously with pistols, rifles, and hand grenades, causing heavy casualties in the American platoon. 1st Lt. Schaffner mounted the parapet of the trench and used his pistol and grenades killing a number of enemy soldiers, finally reaching the enemy officer leading the attacking forces, a captain, shooting and mortally wounding the latter with his pistol, and

dragging the captured officer back to the company's trench, securing from him valuable information as to the enemy's strength and position. The information enabled 1st Lt. Schaffner to maintain for 5 hours the advanced position of his company despite the fact that it was surrounded on 3 sides by strong enemy forces. The undaunted bravery, gallant soldierly conduct, and leadership displayed by 1st Lt. Schaffner undoubtedly saved the survivors of the company from death or capture.”

Anyone having 77th artifacts who wishes to donate them to the Association should contact BG Bob Winzinger. Any items would be welcome, including pictures, plaques, military insignia, patches, paintings, magazines, newspapers, articles, other publications, flags, guidons, military gear and anything else associated with the 77th Infantry Division, ARCOM, RSC and RRC. His contact information is BG Robert J. Winzinger; 8178 Ibis Pointe NE; Leland, NC 28451; generalwin@aol.com and 845-596-3494 (cell).

10. REQUEST FOR TRAVEL TIPS:

The following request for information for our web site is being distributed at the request of COL Larry Bellman, Member of our Information Technology Committee:

"For those who view our website, please note that we have a special section called "Travel Tips", located under the "Links & Info" tab. It lists interesting travel tips, and solicits vacationer reviews (good, bad or otherwise) as well as travel deals. There is a write-up there about the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, as well as some other places of interest.

From our large membership group, you folks probably have traveled throughout the world and could share with us some of the interesting spots, deals, and tips you have personally experienced. Many of our members are or soon will be of the age to have the available time to travel and would welcome your suggestions.

Therefore, we are once again requesting information that you can share with your brother soldiers by allowing us to post it on our web site."

The following is a link to that page of our web site:

<http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/travel/traveldeals.html> .

11. POTPOURRI:

CaptionCall® Phones - Many of our members may suffer from a medically diagnosed hearing disability, whether from age, illness, injury, loud working conditions, military service, or otherwise. Did you know that there is a federally funded program known as the Captioned Telephone Service, administered by the Federal Communications Commission under the Americans with Disabilities Act? It provides free equipment, installation, training and ongoing support, anywhere in the U.S., for the use of special voice telephones which also display to the hearing-impaired person a contemporaneous written transcription (caption) of what the other party is saying.

Medically eligible participants in this program must already have a high speed internet connection, in addition to a standard telephone connection, but everything else is free. Telephone calls made through this service are routed through one of eight U.S.-based CaptionCall® centers, where trained Communication Assistants use voice-recognition software to transmit captions of the words spoken by the party with normal hearing to a large screen on the special phone used by the hearing-impaired person. Although the service was originally designed for use with a landline telephone connection, a mobile application for the Apple® iPad® 2 or later also reportedly is available.

Participants in the free program must provide a professional certification of their need for Captioned Telephone Service and only registered hearing-impaired persons are allowed to use the special phone with captions enabled. Detailed information about this helpful service can be viewed at the following web site: <https://www.captioncall.com/> . There also is a toll-free telephone number: 877-557-2227.

“About Us” - As part of the educational and historical missions of our Association, we recently revised the “About Us” page under the “About Us” tab on the menu bar of our web site. For your convenience, here is a direct link to that revised page: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/aboutus/aboutus.html> .

12. FLORIDA DETACHMENT:

MG Dick Colt will start planning the annual luncheon after the New Year. Tentative plans are that the luncheon will be held in March on a date to be determined.

13. COMMANDING GENERAL UPDATE:

Our third Commanding General to be featured is MG George E. Barker. MG Barker is enjoying his retirement with his wife, Dr. Pam Phillips, spending time in NYC and at their home in the Hudson Valley in upstate N.Y. He remains active on four non-profit boards. His two principal projects are the Veterans Memorial Park which he spearheaded in his hometown of Rector, Arkansas, and serving as Chairman of the Arkansas State University Center for America’s Wounded Veterans.

The recently dedicated Veterans Memorial Park is complete with nine flagpoles, a six-foot bronze statue of a WWII American soldier, and local granite boulders lining the walkway to the pavilion.

The Center for America’s Wounded Veterans opened in 2009 and MG Barker presides as Chairman to raise scholarship money to educate wounded veterans and provide them with much needed medical support. For the past six years, the program has served over 1,500 wounded veterans returning from service in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Center is also proud to report that there have been no suicides among the veterans in the program.

MG Barker is also co-founder of Helping Hands Foundation in Rector, AR, helping local school children, and he serves on the Foundation Board of Mutual of America in New York City. He and his wife attend and support every 77th Infantry Division ROA event and look forward to their continuing participation. We particularly appreciate Pam’s magnificent voice and the grace and dignity she brings to our Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service.

An article and photos regarding the Veterans Memorial Park in Rector, Arkansas can be viewed at the following page of the official web site of the City of Rector: <http://www.rectorarkansas.com/veterans-memorial-park.html> .

14. DATES TO REMEMBER:

Spring Luncheon at the Swan Club	18 May 2016
Ceremony in 307 th Inf. Regt. Mem. Grove, Central Park	11 June 2016
Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting at the Swan Club	16 October 2016
Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service at Fort Totten	6 November 2016

15. TELEPHONE CONTACT:

Should you wish to contact us by telephone, you may call COL Richard Cochrane at 631-244-0160. He will pass along your message.

HAVE WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAYS!

LOUIS H. SUDHOLZ, JR.
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