



The Bugle Call

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

News from the Trenches

By John H. Shetler, President

To all our members and friends of the 314th Infantry, 79th Division AEF

The past year has found the D&F 314th Infantry looking forward to help in our nations WWI Centennial Remembrance. You were advised of this in our last newsletter but want to remind everyone.

To help accomplish this goal, we have joined hands with the World War One Centennial Network, and were actually one of the first to become a member and support this new network created by Mr. Paul Cora of the East Coast Branch Western Front Association. Their website can be viewed at:

<http://www.ww1-centennial.org/>

Some of you may remember Paul speaking at our 2012 Memorial Day Service, providing a very good and thought-provoking speech. Through Paul's dedication and hard work the 314th Inf. AEF remains among the premier groups in a nationwide alliance spreading the word of the upcoming centennial.

What is also important for each of you to notice is that WWI Centennial Network is a partner with the US WWI Centennial Commission, enacted into law by our US Congress and President. This website can be viewed at

<http://worldwar-1centennial.org/>

Each D&F member or friend should feel honored and proud to be included in groups listed above and I offer a personal challenge to each of you. That you remember the sacrifice, made so many years ago, by a family loved one. It need not be of great commitment or expense to you but to simply remember and help spread the word to family and children. For that; is the true notion and reason of the original 314th Veterans organizing upon their return home.

We have had no concrete news from Ft. Meade about the 314th Memorial Cabin re-erection however, I can assure you it is not forgotten and stands front and center in our attention.

Sincerely,

John H. Shetler

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Save the Date!

2014 Memorial Program

May 25th, 2:00 PM

*Washington Memorial
Chapel*

Memorial Program - 2014

The Descendants and Friends are pleased to announce that our annual Memorial Program will be held Sunday May 25th at 2:00 PM. This will be the 96th Annual 314th Memorial Day Service. 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. Admittance is free and refreshments will be served after the service.

We are pleased to have art historian Mark Levitch as our speaker this Memorial Day. Mark is a researcher and writer at the National Gallery of Art and the founder and president of the non-profit World War I Memorial Inventory Project, which aims to document all of the World War I Memorials in the United States. He is the author of *Panthéon de la Guerre: Reconfiguring a Panorama of the Great War* (2006) as well as several articles about World War I art and visual culture.

He earned his BA at Yale, where he majored in political science, and his MA and PhD in art history at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a State Department intelligence analyst for European affairs for nearly ten years before starting his study of art history.

World War I Memorial Inventory Project

In the aftermath of World War I, Americans erected thousands of memorials throughout the country to commemorate US participation. Many were the work of the leading sculptors, artists, and architects of the day; others, such as simple honor rolls, were more modest but no less heartfelt. Sadly, as we approach the war's centennial, these memorials and their original purpose – to honor in perpetuity the more than four million Americans who served in the war and the more than 116,000 who died – have largely been forgotten. Many of the memorials have fallen into disrepair through neglect, theft, or vandalism.

The World War I Memorial Inventory Project is a volunteer-based effort to assemble a comprehensive, online record of World War I memorials and monuments in the United States. Its mission is to promote the documentation, preservation, appreciation, and interpretation of these memorials, and in so doing, to raise the profile of World War I in American public consciousness.

The World War I Memorial Inventory Project has been formally endorsed by the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. The World War I Memorial Inventory Project can be found at: wwi-inventory.org

Retiring the Printed *Bugle Call*

The Bugle Call has been a source of pride and announcement to all Descendants and Friends of the 314th Infantry for many years. Our members have worked hard to provide the newsletter to you, and we hope to continue to do so in the future, but via a different method of distribution.

As many other organizations like ours have done recently, we will be switching from printing and mailing our newsletter, to distributing via email. This will be the last hard copy mailing of our famous newsletter.

If you (or anyone you know) would like to receive future newsletters via email, please send an email to john16158@aol.com specifying the email address(es) we should add to our distribution list.

If you do not have an email address and wish to continue to receive periodic updates, please write to:

Joel Rentz
3609 Cinnamon Trace Drive
Valrico, FL 33596

Certainly this will save a few trees, but also provide the opportunity to provide additional periodic news and updates, separately from the newsletter.

Of course, please also continue to visit www.314th.org for new information.

Cabin Update



After the initial move back to Fort Meade in 2012, our Log Cabin Memorial continues to be safely stored on the installation. The future home is anticipated to be on the grounds of the Fort Meade Museum.

Fort Meade staff and the leadership of the Descendants and Friends of the 314th continue to work towards our combined goal of the cabin reconstruction.

Many of the artifacts are on display at the Fort Meade Museum. For more information on the Fort Meade Museum, please visit their website at: <http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/Museum/>

Progress and updates on the cabin will be available on our website at: www.314th.org.

www.314th.org

By Tony Patti

During the last year the www.314th.org website:

- Has grown to 248 web pages
- Received 62,777 visitors downloading a total of 481 Gigabytes of information
- You can download 57 books and booklets!



Cross of Lorraine
Insignia of the 79th Division

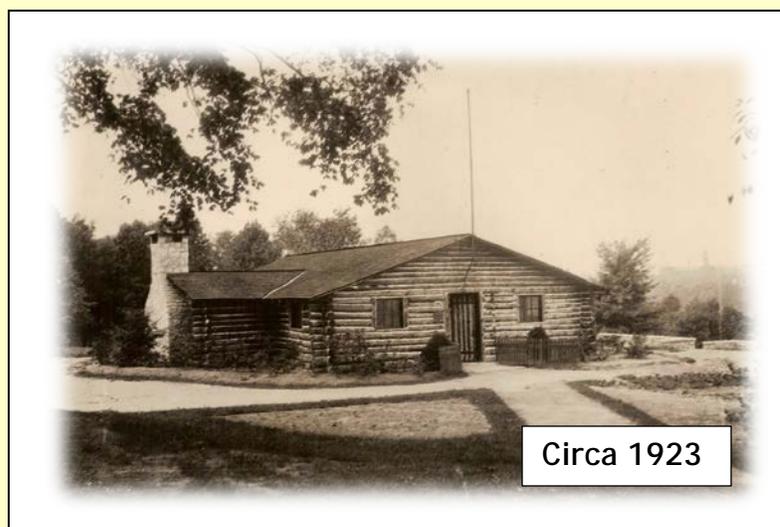
A few of the web page additions:

- “314th Infantry News” Newspaper - March 1932 (ten years after the log cabin moved to Valley Forge)
- 24 Volumes by the Center of Military History, on WW1 and the AEF (13,557 pages!)
- Learning Lessons in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF), also by CMH
- The database of men in the 314th has been enhanced (Kris Smith has contributed)
- A Machine Gunner's Notes: France 1918
- A third “Souvenir Views of Camp Meade” (this one by Sackett & Wilhems Corp.)
- THE SEVENTY-NINTH DIVISION, 1917-1919: Analytical study prepared in The Historical Section, The Army War College, 1924
- Lewis F. Robinson and Mary E. Robinson Letters 1970 and 1971
- Official History of the 313th Infantry
- Official History of the 316th Infantry
- Technical, Training Handbook Of The Browning Automatic Rifle Model Of 1918
- Manual For Noncommissioned Officers And Privates Of Infantry Of The Army Of The United States
- History of the Supply Company - 314th Infantry

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!**



Circa 1923

Humor

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".

Soldier Highlight



Frank S. Miller, Company C

Excerpts from his diary (1918):

Sept. 15- Not so much doing today although air raids are frequent. This is like a big woods camp- every place here has been shelled.

Sept. 21- At new camp- raids are more frequent and some gas. Mail came in 10 letters- they have made me a little homesick.

Oct. 1- Hiked all day from front back to camp with nothing to eat. Hope I can forget about this last few day as it has been worse than hell. We advanced about 13 mile. The 3rd Div. relieved us. (We captured Montfaucon).

For more information visit: www.314th.org (Diaries tab)

The Descendants and Friends of the 314th - Board of Directors

Incoming Board Members

Nancy Schaff, *President*
 John Shetler, *President Emeritus;*
Treasurer
 Joel Rentz, *Vice President;*
Memorial Committee
 Joseph T. Labrum III, *Secretary*
 Alfred Douglas
 Kris Bentz-Smith
 Jean Harlow
 Robert Krutsick
 Ray Jude Paski, *Memorial Comm.*
 Joseph Patti
 Tony Patti, *Website Editor*
 Robert Reed

The Descendents 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.

Originally organized as the Veterans of the 314th Infantry A.E.F. the veterans have since passed on. The current membership helps to continue this remembrance by volunteering their time and resources to serve on the Board of Directors, committees, and a multitude of other roles. Additionally, the membership gathers once a year to attend a Memorial Day service at the Washington Memorial Chapel located on the same grounds as the cabin once stood.

We wish to recognize and thank the following Board Members for their leadership and service to the organization:

John H. Shetler, outgoing President
 Frank Dube, outgoing Vice-President
 Ray Jude Paski, outgoing Treasurer

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.

The First 314th 'Board of Directors'

Camp Dix, N.J.

29 May, 1919

A Meeting of the officers of the 314th Infantry was held at Camp Dix, N.J. May 29th, 1919 to further perfect the organization of the 314th Society "The Veterans of the 314th Infantry," which was formed on the Princess Matoika to perpetuate the spirit and pleasant associations of the regiment in the service. The committee on organization reported through the president, Major Mayo the following nomination for officers to serve until the first convention or other assembly of the regiment.

Commander: Major Harry C. Duncan
 Adjutant: Captain William N. Way
 Personnel Adjutant Reg: Sgt. Major Raymond A. Blake

Lieut. Commander: Captain Harry Edwards
 Historian: 2nd Lieut. Lorenzo F. Woodruff

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Captain John C. Weinman
 Captain Raymond V. Nicholson
 1st Lieut. Benjamin Rau
 1st Sgt. John H. Reed
 Sgt. Joseph T. Labrum



These officers were unanimously elected.

**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
John H. Shetler
137 House Rock Road
Pequea, PA 17565

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: _____



John & Bonnie Shetler
137 House Rock Road
Pequea, PA 17565

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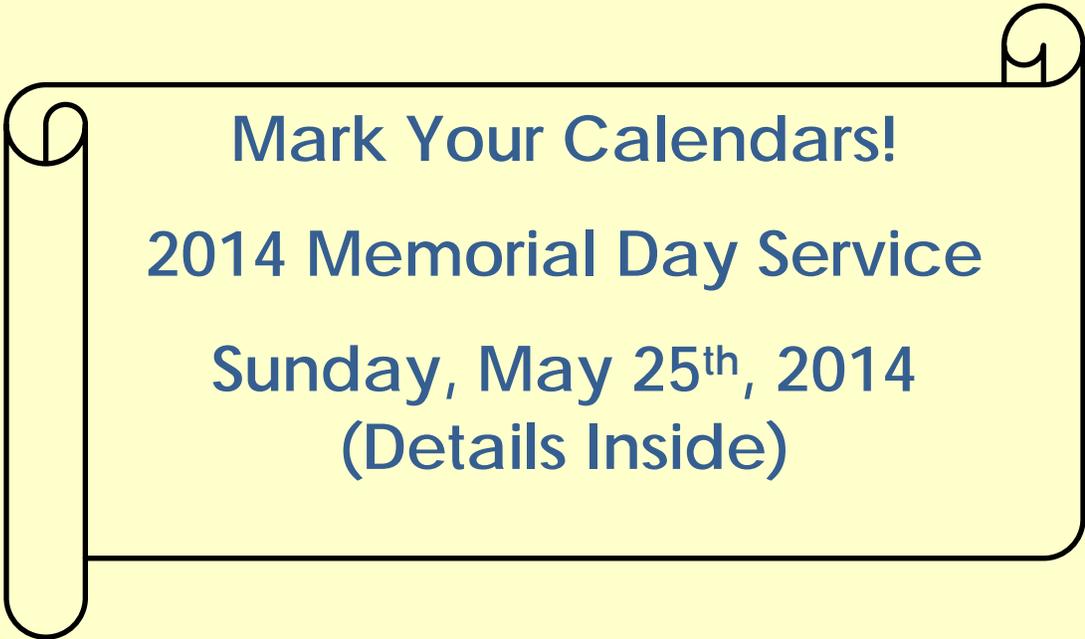
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