



The Bugle Call

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

News from the Trenches

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

I would like to begin by sending a deep and heartfelt thank you to the members of the 314th Board. As we work towards the Centennial Commemoration of World War One it presents many opportunities for us to tell the rich stories of the men of the 314th Infantry. However, there is a great deal of work involved: maintaining correspondence, applying for grants, updating the website, keeping our finances clear, connecting with our partner organizations, supporting the Fort Meade Museum, and the main goal of the reconstruction of our beloved Log Cabin Memorial at Fort Meade. Without the tireless support that I receive from our Board, we would be an ineffective organization indeed - similar to a wagon wheel without any spokes. Please take a moment to look at our Board of Directors list on page 6 of this newsletter and remember that their names may not be on the emails that you receive, but they are all engaged in the many facets of our work.



Since our last Memorial Day Service, one of our long-time board members, Jean Stillwell Harlow, passed away. Jean has served in many roles over the past year, but most importantly as a friend to all. Her smiling face and thoughtful input will be missed. Jean was the daughter of CPT Thomas H. Stillwell, of the 314th Regimental Staff.

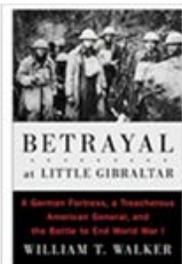
Save the Date!
2017 Memorial Program
May 28th, 2:00 PM
Washington Memorial
Chapel

Jean, please know that we are continuing the fight to open the doors of the Log Cabin Memorial once again - a building that your father stood proudly in front of at Camp Meade: www.314th.org/cabin-photos.html.

Sincerely,

Nancy Schaff, Granddaughter of CPL John Blazosky, Company L

Memorial Day Program - 2016



The Descendants and Friends of the 314th gathered at Washington Memorial Chapel on May 29th to remember the soldiers of the 314th and others who have served our nation. This was the 98th year that our organization has met on Memorial Day! Our speaker this year was William T. Walker, a longtime friend of the 314th! He has recently completed a new book: *Betrayal at Little Gibraltar: A German Fortress, a Treacherous American General, and the Battle to End World War I*.

We thank Bill Walker and his wife, Jan, for donating their time to attend our 2016 service!

We would also like to thank the following individuals and groups for their support:

- American Legion Post 901 provided a steadfast color guard
- 314th member and local historian, Ryan Conroy, provided a display of 79th Division artifacts
- Marc Hermann, WWI reenactor, provided doughboy guard for the day
- Aidan Shumoski, 10-year old volunteer for *Bugles Across America*, provided taps

We were fortunate to have excellent media support for the service, to include:

- A front page story on the Philadelphia Inquirer
- A story on the U.S. WWI Centennial's website
- An evening news segment on CBS 3
- An evening news segment on NBC 10



President's Note: *We wish to thank the Washington Memorial Chapel for their continued support.*

Cabin Update



Construction Sign

As you know, our Log Cabin Memorial was donated to Fort George G. Meade on September 30, 2012, exactly 90 years after the Veterans of the 314th dedicated it at Valley Forge. It has been in storage as we work towards a plan for reconstruction.

The architect plans were completed in 2015 and work began to make this important project a reality during the Fort Meade centennial commemoration of World War I. At the dedication, the 314th Infantry Log Cabin Memorial will become the official *Fort George G. Meade World War I Memorial*.

A group of dedicated staff at Fort Meade are working tirelessly on all details of the construction project; the cabin will be located across the street from the Fort Meade Museum. There is power to the site, the 314th has funded the construction sign and the construction fence rental.

We are prepared to start digging as soon as the Maryland Environmental Permit (MDE) is awarded. We are working through the final approval phase and hope to dig ground by the end of October.



Construction Fence

Information on how to support the cabin reconstruction is available at: www.314th.org

In addition to the cabin reconstruction, through our general operating fund, we are supporting the Fort Meade Museum in the redesign of the WWI displays that would highlight the 314th Infantry artifacts. We previously supported the professional conservation of the painting of COL Oury, the Regimental Commander.

In an effort to continue to tell the story of the 314th, this year we will support the conservation of the following items that will highlight the Fort Meade Museum's WWI Centennial display:

- USS Leviathan life preserver
- Overcoat
- Cotton Haversack
- 79th Division Welcome Home Banner
- Medical Detachment Flag



Welcome Home Banner
(before conservation)

www.314th.org

By Tony Patti

The 314th website continues to grow and now comprises 310 web pages (and 12 Gigabytes of content).



Cross of Lorraine
Insignia of the 79th Division

Below is a list of content added since the spring newsletter:

- <http://www.314th.org/wound-chevrons/wound-chevrons.html>
We are indebted to Nancy Schaff for finding and scanning these documents at the National Archives.
- [Memorial Day 2016](#)
- The [YouTube video](#) created by Nancy Schaff, embedded into the [314th home page](#)
- The [PayPal Donate button](#), linked to new bank account setup by Joel Rentz
- [Meuse-Argonne Offensive map showing daily positions of front line Map Room G-3, G.H.Q. May 24, 1919](#)
- [Combat instructions, A.E.F. no. 1348, War Plans Division, October, 1918](#)
- [The Times History of The War \(11,000 pages in 22 Volumes\)](#)
- [Put online and organized 532 PDF World War One files of The Nafziger Collection of Orders of Battle](#)
What is "Orders of Battle", see [Wikipedia](#)
- [Camp Meade souvenir folder #4](#)
- [General Pershing - Camp Meade - Admiral Maryland - 1917 medal](#)
- [French Medal World War One Battlefields by Marcel Lordonnois 1919](#)
- [Three French postcards 1919, from a member of Company C](#)
- [Article about Harold W. Lauchle by Carol Sones Shetler](#)
- [Irwin Rentz](#)
- [Edward Thibedeau, Chaplain - Officer's Record book](#)
- [Leon J. Roy](#)
- [Easter 1919 postcard \(front\) and \(back\)](#)
- [Philadelphia Bulletin September 8, 1921 Cartoon](#)
- [1927 Cabin Photo Postcard \(front\) and \(back\)](#)
- [The chronological 314th Historical Documents web page now includes several formative WW1 events during 1914 - 1917](#) e.g. Archduke Franz Ferdinand, sinking of the passenger liner RMS Lusitania, Bryce Committee Report, the Zimmermann Telegram.
- [Jean Harlow](#)
- [Judge Joseph T. Labrum](#)

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

President's Note: A very special thank you to Tony Patti for his generous donation of time to maintain and expand our website! The D&F 314th sincerely thanks him for this!



The WFA East Coast Branch Presents a Fall 2016 World War 1 History Symposium
Saturday November 19, Maryland War Memorial Building, Baltimore
Join Others for an Exciting Day-Long Program in World War 1 History!

Speakers include:

Historian **Mitch Yockelson**, author of *Borrowed Soldiers* (2008), presents his analysis of Gen. John J. Pershing's leadership of the American Expeditionary Force based on his latest book *Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I* (2016).

Bruce Gudmundsson, Director of the Case Method Project, will facilitate an audience-interactive case he designed based on the role of a First World War commander operating on the Eastern Front in 1917.

Edward Erickson, Ottoman Army expert and Marine Corps University Professor, adjusts the historical lens to the operational level by comparing both Turkish and British commands with his new book, *Gallipoli: Command Under Fire*.

Nick Metcalfe, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will provide an update on the efforts to preserve the memory of fallen British and Commonwealth soldiers buried in the United States.

Alexander Falbo, Case Method Project Teaching Fellow, will share his tour of Manchester, Mons, Arras, and Ypres with reflections on British and French commemoration of the war.

Registration required! To register, email: karl8@comcast.net

Additional Upcoming Events

World War I and American Art

The first major exhibition devoted to exploring the ways in which American artists reacted to the First World War. For more information: www.pafa.org/WW1

Location: The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (118-128 North Broad Street, Philadelphia)

Date: November 04, 2016 - April 09, 2017

Memorial Plaque Dedication to Dr. Matthew Olstein

Dr. Olstein interned at Metropolitan Hospital, and rose to become Senior House Physician. He was drafted in WWI and commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant, assigned as a medical officer with the 314th Infantry, 79th Division.

On September 26, 1918 the American Expeditionary Force in France launched what was, up to that time, the largest offensive action in U.S. military history, the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. On September 30, 1918 the 314th Infantry halted its advance with plans to move the unit to the rear for a rest. Under bombardment from German positions, Olstein was mortally wounded and died on October 1, 1918.

Location: Metropolitan Hospital and Medical Center (1st Ave and 99th Street in Manhattan)

Date: November 7, 2016

Time: 2 PM

For more information contact: nancy.schaff@gmail.com

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

Board Members

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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.

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 are always looking for new members and interested persons. For more information contact Joel Rentz at JoelRentz@aol.com. (Please include "314th Infantry" in the subject line of your email)

If you wish to become a member or renew your membership, please use the Membership Form on the following page. All contributions are tax deductible. Membership cards will be mailed after receipt of your completed Membership Form and contribution.



79th Division Helmut

The insignia of the 79th Division is a gray Lorraine cross on a blue shield with a gray border; it was adopted during World War I. Having distinguished itself at Montfaucon, in Lorraine, the division selected the Cross of Lorraine, a symbol of triumph since the 15th Century, as its insignia.

www.314th.org/artifacts.html

"These boys don't know how to retreat. They never even made a strategic retreat. When they went at a thing they just kept evelastingly hammering until they got it."

COL Oury, 314th Infantry Regiment Commander, talking about his men upon their return on May 17, 1919

Membership Form

We invite you to join or renew your membership!

Classes of Membership:

Active Duty Military	Free	_____
Contributor	\$10.00	_____
Family (list children)	\$20.00	_____
Patron	\$50.00	_____
Benefactor	\$100.00	_____
Sponsor	\$200.00	_____
Guidon	\$500.00	_____

Please mail this completed form with your check to:

Descendants & Friends 314th
 John Shetler, Treasurer
 137 House Rock Road
 Pequea, PA 17565

Please make checks payable to: D & F of the 314th Infantry
All contributions are tax deductible

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Name and relationship of 314th veteran (optional): _____

May we list you as a member on our website/newsletter as a donor? Yes No

Thank you for your support! Membership cards will be mailed after receipt of your completed Membership Form and contribution. Your membership dues go toward our annual Memorial Service and other projects to preserve the legacy of the men of the 314th Infantry. The Veterans of the 314th (now the Descendants & Friends of the 314th) have been meeting annually since 1919 - longer than any World War I group. We will keep you informed of other projects via future editions of "The Bugle Call."

The Descendants and Friends of the 314th is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The official registration and financial information of the Descendants and Friends of the 314th Infantry Regiment may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.