

The 1978

*Re - Union Bulletin*

The 776th  
TANK DESTROYER BATTALION



"The Vandals"





## C A M P A I G N S



### T U N I S I A

16th March '43 - 9th May '43



### N A P L E S - F O G G I A

16th September '43 - 21st January '44



### R O M E - A R N O

22nd January '44 - 9th September '44



### R H I N E L A N D

30th October '44 - 21st March '45



### C E N T R A L E U R O P E

22nd March '45 - 8th May '45



## P R E S I D E N T I A L C I T A T I O N

"A" and "C" Companies — 63rd Division — Seigfried Action

"A" Company — 2nd Battalion, 114th Infantry — Schalbach, France

"C" Co., 1st Platoon — 1st Bn., 114th Inf. — Enchenburg, France



## U N I T M E R I T O R I O U S S E R V I C E P L A Q U E

Headquarters Company



## C O M M E N D A T I O N S

1st Armored Division

34th Infantry Division

2nd Division Infantry Moroccan

Combat Command "B", 1st Armored Division

85th Infantry Division

91st Infantry Division

5th United States Army





## Minutes of 1978 776th T. D. Reunion

Chet Vosburg opened the meeting by thanking his committee for all the help in putting the 1978 reunion together.

Minutes of 1976 reunion were read. Then a discussion was held on the 1980 reunion site. Invitations from Iowa and Colorado were issued and vote taken, the majority voted to go to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1980. Henry Jackson and Maurice Rochlitz are heading the 1980 reunion.

Don Anderson gave a report on the reprint of the Informal History of 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion. There are still a few books available.

The James P. Barney, Jr. VFW Post at Cripple Creek, Colorado was discussed and the group at this meeting decided not to endorse the post as a group.

Jack Berger asked if we were interested in going overseas in 1982.

The election of officers was next and Chet Vosburg asked that his name not be placed in nomination for an office. Officers elected by unanimous ballot are President: Clancy Byrne and Vice President: Don Anderson; Secretary: Betty Liegl.

As the meeting came to a close, a free will offering was taken for your secretary in the amount of \$184.32. She thanks you all for the gift.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Liegl, Secretary

## 1978 REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

Includes \$225.00 received from St. Paul Reunion, all registration fees, interest from savings account, & donations from Jack Berger, Myron Richins, Elmer Wipf, Lois Hubred, Sig Johnson, Alphonse Michels, Pete Roberts, Frank Young and cost of bulletins (\$5.00) from the advance registrations which were refunded.

### WHERE YOUR MONEY WENT

Fargo Holiday Inn (including tax & tip)	
Thursday - Hors d'oeuvres at \$1.00 ea. ....	\$145.21
Friday - Luncheon at \$5.00 ea. ....	1,008.53
Saturday - Dinner at \$8.00 ea. ....	1,718.08
	<b>\$2,871.82</b>
Entertainment	
Friday - The Kitchennaires. ....	\$75.00
Saturday - The Escorts. ....	185.00
	<b>\$260.00</b>
Table decorations (candle rings, etc. later given as prizes) ....	51.38
Candy, peanuts, etc. for nut cups. ....	33.81
Postage. ....	78.00
Name tags for gals. ....	20.86
Door prize (Sarkalati). ....	23.00
Refunds. ....	241.00
Misc. administrative expenses. ....	53.83
Henry Jackson - 1980 reunion. ....	225.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES. .... \$3,858.69**

Balance available for printing of reunion bulletin (estimated by Betty to be \$4-\$5 per copy) & transfer to treas. \$1,936.73  
You will be advised of total bulletin cost at a later date.

Our original guestimate for registration fees was to charge a guest only the actual cost (Thurs. \$1.00; Fri. \$5.00 & Sat. \$8.00) for a total of \$14.00. Each Vandal was charged this same amount plus an additional \$9.00 for bulletin and administrative expenses. Adjustments were made where the Vandal or guest did not arrive in time for all activities. Our goal was to come as close to breaking even as possible. As it turned out, the good attendance resulted in a lower pro-rata share for entertainment and administrative expenses than originally estimated. The profit, of course, goes into the general treasury.

There was no charge for pictures printed in bulletin, projector and films (Joe Slatkoski rented the 8mm projector), envelopes, paper and printing in connection with advance registration information, motel lists, agenda, etc., or miscellaneous office supplies used in connection with registration.

From the "FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH DEPARTMENT": The undersigned also had an assignment with the 1960 reunion in Fargo. It is noted that the registration fee at that time was \$4.00 per Vandal, which included the noon luncheon, reunion bulletin and miscellaneous expenses. The dance was held at the American Legion Club and the band for that evening cost \$60.00. A profit of \$200.08 was reported.

Submitted by Chet Vosburg



## To all Vandals and Guests:

Thanks for visiting Fargo and your help in making this another reunion to remember. The good times of this reunion, as well as past reunions, could only come about because of the Vandal's desire to keep alive the spirit of friendships developed while in the service and since that time expanded to include all members of the family.

We are well aware that it takes time, effort and your cash contributions to keep this organization alive and healthy. Our thanks to those who have contributed to this end by attending this latest reunion as well as to those who contributed by direct donations.

A special thanks to Betty for her continued efforts in keeping us informed (she says keep those cards and letters coming, folks), other members of the 1978 reunion committee who made this event a reasonably smooth operation, Wade Idol and Ed Hendrickx for running errands for me, and a very special thanks to our old friend Milan Simich who volunteered his services at the registration desk. His ready smile and greeting was the message all of us on the reunion committee had hoped we could convey to each of you.

I also wish to thank the following firms and individuals for contributing door prizes: North Dakota Blood Services, First Federal Savings & Loan, First National Bank, Ralph's Bar - Moorhead, Holiday Camera Shop, Dayton's West Acres, Metropolitan Savings & Loan, Singer's West Acres, Zale's Jewelry - West Acres, Milan Simich. Also, thanks to Ed Hendrickx and Milan Simich for their contributions to the grab bags made available at the registration table. And, finally, a thank you to the Fargo Army Recruiting Service for assisting us with the film and projector for our Thursday evening activities.

From the "I WISH IT HADN'T HAPPENED DEPARTMENT". My apologies to Betty for failing to present the scroll to Clarence Byrne at the business meeting (I couldn't find it and how it got in Ross Baker's room, I will never know). In any event, the scroll has been forwarded to Clancy and it read, "I finally got it all together, but now I can't remember where I put it."

I have enjoyed playing a small part in the operation of the Vandal organization during the past two years, I am looking forward to continuing golf and bridge lessons at Colorado Springs in 1980 and renewing old friendships over a brew or two.

The welcome mat is always out at 2309 9th Street North in Fargo and hopefully Alice and I will see some of you prior to 1980 at Colorado Springs.

Good luck & best wishes to all,  
Chet Vosburg

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If you are still interested in the jewelry or the photo album offered by Johnnie's Specialty at the reunion here is his address. Remember mark the envelope Tank Destroyers or T. D. for quick reply.

Johnnie's Specialty  
G. L. Johnson  
321 E. Main  
Melrose, Minn. 56352

## Greetings from Vandals

I want to wish everyone in attendance or not God's Blessings, good health and much happiness. May your days for the reunion be full of sunshine and brightness. I am very sorry I will not be able to attend in person, but will surely be there in spirit.

I have been out of the hospital for two months, but so far have not responded to the doctor's care. He seems to think it will take a while yet. It all started last September. Some sort of a virus. After the two, one month hitches in the hospital in 1977 and the last one April 1978, they have finally arrested the virus.

I still have the cough that I had, but not as much coughing as before. Now to build up my appetite. I am a lively 88 pounds now, but on top of that I have to have oxygen at my side.

I wish I could be with you all. Harry G. Lang - Co. A

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Telephone call from John Caywood. Hello to everyone and have a good time. Have been in the hospital for a few months. Am at home now and have to have a nurse at all times.

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Ed Scheiman, Cleveland, Ohio. Can't make it because of airline pilots strike.

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Paul Slater, Hettinger, N. D. Can't make it but Hi to everyone.

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Had a very minor operation. However, infection set in, so I am still taking treatments, so I must cancel the trip. Have a nice time. John Love, Co. B.

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Sorry I can't make it to the reunion. I know I will be missing a good one. The best to all of you. Lloyd and Elda Hegle, Yakima, Wash. - Co. B.

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Thanks for the beautiful flowers, letters, cards and prayers for the last couple of years. Your being here in 76 gave Omas the will power to try for another reunion in 78. We made all plans to be at this reunion. Omas bought a 23 foot motor home to make the trip in.

Have a wonderful time for us. My thought will be with you, and I know Omas will be there in spirit. We all know the 776 TD BN was Omas' first love. I tagged along because I too found more love, friendship and close communication with the men and families of the 776 TD BN than any place we ever went. I love each and every one of you and will be thinking of you all. God Bless you - will see you in 80. Pete Roberts, Wichita Falls, Tx.



Hope everyone has a wonderful time. May not be there in body, but am there in spirit. Hope you have a successful reunion and girls think of me when you go to the mall. Love you all. Marie Davis, Sherman, Texas.

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How sorry I am to be writing this letter. Norma and I have been looking forward to this reunion in Fargo for so long, and now we will not be able to make it. I retired in September 1976 and we have been having a ball living in a 5th wheeler and traveling around the country. We both enjoy the paper so much and have meant to send a donation for ages - so instead of sending us a refund, use it as a donation for all the past overdue postage with our best wishes. When we were in San Diego, I called Woody Tout and we had a real good visit. Best wishes and we will see you for sure in 80. Frank Young, Ridgecrest, Ca. (Your pictures were placed on bulletin board).

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I am writing with regrets that I will not be able to attend the 1978 reunion in Fargo. Due to the airline strike, the flight schedule would be too early for me, due to my work schedule. I would appreciate it very much if you will keep my reservation fee, after sending a bulletin of the reunion. The balance, put in the "kitty fund" as a donation. I will be with all of you in my thoughts and to a very successful reunion. A big hello to everyone. Lois (Joe) Hubred, So. Milwaukee, Wis.

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To all that are attending the reunion. We want to say a big hello to everyone, have a real good time, enjoy good health and have a pleasant and safe trip home. Needless to say, we would like to be there in person, but due to circumstances beyond our control, this will have to do. So - have fun and may God bless you all. Ed and Agnes Ira, Walton, Or.

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Telegram - Sorry we cannot be with you. We will make the next reunion. Gene and Lela Egelston.

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Thanks for sending the history. I'm very sorry we won't be able to attend the Fargo reunion. We expect to be moving into a new home that week. Best regards to everyone. B. F. Peters. Austin, Texas.

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It's a rainy morning in Anchorage, as I am trying to write this. I had planned to be there, but things did not work out. I retired from my regular job the last part of March this year, and I thought I would have lots of time then but am busier than ever. We had such a wonderful time in St. Paul and we are still thinking and talking about

it. So we will send you the warmest greetings and wish you all the best of everything. Carl & Shirley Gunnarson, Anchorage, Alaska - Co. A.

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It is with regret that I write to inform you that we are compelled to cancel our trip to the 1978 Reunion in Fargo. Because of the circumstances here on the farm, I feel it best that we forego the reunion this year. One of these years we hope to "retire" and really relax to enjoy another reunion. In any case, please convey our regrets, and tell the "Gang" hello for us. Best regards to all. Robert Bunce and Robert Young, Pocatello, Idaho.

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Greetings to all: Company C - I have held off writing this letter until the last week before the reunion. At this time, I find it impossible to be with you. My commitments with the American Legion, traveling the state as I do, my schedule is too tight to take off at this time. I wish to all a very successful reunion, a special hello to all of Company C - I will be thinking of you all as you gather together. Leo Maynard, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Dear Don: First let me say that I think I can connect a smiling faced blonde headed, 28 (or so) young man to your name and I think I remember you from long ago. You may remember the difficulty that C Company found itself in near Maknassy, Tunisie during the onset of 776th fighting experience. I was the young 1st Lt. sent in to help them in that affair.

But, more of that when we get together, hopefully, in Fargo - and back to your letter of March 27th (which I will count on you to send along to Chet to keep him informed). I have for a long time had in mind to memorialize James P. Barney, Jr. by lending his name to a VFW Post. The opportunity came about this spring as I began to formulate a post in Cripple Creek, Colorado. All that is required to form a VFW Post is to gather 25 people who are willing and sufficiently patriotic minded to pay \$10.00 each and are qualified by overseas service for VFW membership. From experience, I know that 90% of the VFW total membership of nearly two million have never been in a VFW Post. This 90% is the main strength of the VFW and pays most of its way, so I figured that if I could get 15 or 20 Vandals to join my new charter and send their proxies enabling me to vote for them in the naming of the post and approving the sponsorship of the post by the 776th, then they (776th members) would prevail in the post election to be held on the night the post was installed.

I then contacted Betty Liegl, who sent me the "Tiger Tracks" with most of the addresses of former 776'ers. I mailed each of them the original letter (which, I take it, you did not receive) and the VFW received a couple dozen applications from 776'ers for membership and their proxies. Next, I called Mrs. Ann Barney and asked her approval of the use of the name, James P. Barney, Jr., as the



name of the Post. She was delighted and thought it a great honor. I must say that a VFW post may not be named after a living person - and then only once.

This afternoon I am going to Cripple Creek and determine a slate (the first) of officers of the new post. Next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Cottage Inn, Cripple Creek (April 25) the new post will be instituted with many VFW dignitaries present, the officers elected and the name voted upon. I expect the name James P. Barney to be the name. This attaches no liability or responsibility to either Ann Barney or the 776th TD BN Association. Considerable interest has been generated in the 776th, Colonel Barney, etc. within the townspeople. You will hear more from me further with more about the Post, Cripple Creek, etc. Perhaps I can get to Fargo for one day, as I have a conflicting appointment which prevents full time attendance then. Ken Mirise, VFW Commander District 5, 1112 Morningstar Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906.

Dear Vandals,

It was just great to have you in Fargo! We trust that your memories of the 1978 Reunion will be pleasant ones and that all of you are making plans to visit Colorado Springs in 1980.

We won't apologize for the weather since it got worse after you left! As some of you may have seen on the news, we had a series of tornadoes in the surrounding area which did considerable damage.

Your 1978 Reunion Committee is completing its work and will have some information of interest to you available for the Bulletin.

It was especially nice to have Lois Laffoon, Carol Scovel and Lavonne Wahlund with us. Please keep coming and bring others with you.

Our guests were most pleasant company and we look forward to their continued attendance.

Please give your great cooperation to the Colorado committee, especially by way of advance registration. See you there!

Don Anderson

## THE SUNDAY FORUM

Fargo-Moorhead

Entertainment and The Arts  
Home and Garden

June 25, 1978

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### 776th tank unit schedules reunion

The 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion will hold its 12th reunion at the Fargo Holiday Inn next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Activities planned include a review of World War II combat films and social hour the evening of June 29, a luncheon and business meeting at noon June 30 and a banquet and dance the evening of July 1.

Current officers are Chet Vosburg, Fargo, president; Don Anderson, Moorhead, vice president, and Mrs. Albert (Betty) Liegl, Central City, Iowa, secretary-treasurer.

The first reunion was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1956.

The forerunner of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion was a Provisional Antitank Battalion of the 76th Field Artillery Brigade composed of Idaho and North Dakota National Guard units. North Dakota units were from Lisbon and Minot.

The battalion had an outstanding combat record in World War II during its 550 days of actual combat.

### Attendance by States

North Dakota 42	Ohio 2
Minnesota 30	Wisconsin 2
Washington 8	Arizona 1
Iowa 6	Kansas
California 5	Maryland
Idaho 4	Massachusetts
South Dakota 3	Michigan
Colorado 2	New York
Illinois 2	North Carolina
Missouri 2	Oklahoma
Montana 2	Oregon
Nebraska 2	Texas
	Utah

## THE FORUM

FARGO MOORHEAD

Monday, July 3, 1978

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### WW II battalion elects officers

Clarence Byrne, Rigby, Idaho, was elected president of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion during its reunion last week in Fargo.

Other officers elected were Don Anderson, 1509 9th Ave. S., Moorhead, vice-president; and Betty Liegl, Central City, Iowa, secretary-treasurer.

More than 250 persons from 25 states attended the reunion.

The next reunion will be in 1980 at Colorado Springs, Colo.



## Attendance at Reunion

### HQ - 28

Bryan Barnard  
Walter Brueggemann  
Clarence Byrne  
Harold Carnahan  
William Cunningham  
Virgil Drake  
William Faut  
Lloyd Fikejs  
Robert Fischer  
Alfred Gortmaker  
William Gutknecht  
Conklin Hansen  
Willard Horkley  
Henry Jackson  
Stephen Karwowski  
Al Liegl  
Chris Mostad  
Jerome Neis  
Gottfred Olson  
Henry Ries  
Leon Sanford  
Milan Simich  
Stanley Stiles  
Clifford Szarkowski  
Henry Walton  
Bert Wible  
Henry Wobbema  
Arthur Zimmerman

### A - 21

Kenneth Backlund  
Donald Beberg  
Jack Berger  
Norman Black  
Glenn Bovill  
Marion DeKock  
Melvin Heere  
Ed Hendrickx  
Etlar Henningsen  
August Heyne  
Wade Idol  
Alf Johnson  
Norman Lunde  
Elmer Sarkilahti  
Elden Scott  
Orville Skar  
Dyle Smith  
Paul Sundberg  
Martin Tobiassen  
Lou Wadle  
Al Zeeb

### C - 13

Louis Barone  
Elmer Bornsen  
Edward Ethen  
Bill Folven  
Elmer Johnson  
Megaard Larson  
Orville Polzin  
Ralph Sanders  
Fred Shepp  
Eric Sundeen  
Sherman Westby  
Elmer Wipf  
John Wipf

### B - 42

Don Anderson  
Vernon Anderson  
Eddie Adolf  
Ross Baker  
Harold Bartley  
Barney Brunton  
Joe Calvert  
Fritz Carroll  
Joe Corcimiglia  
Lester Decker  
Fred Eberle  
John Ehli  
Leonard Fahlgren  
Ralph Faller  
Harold Gall  
Ray Grundhoefer  
Ernest Hines  
Reuben Jodsaas  
Sig Johnson  
Wayne Kiser  
Lois Laffoon  
Chester LePien  
Ralph Ljunggren  
Eddie Lukes  
Eldon Martin  
Addis Metzдорff  
James Montgomery  
Emil Olwick  
Merlin Park  
Wallace Rasmussen  
Maurice Rochlitz  
Jake Sackmann  
Stanley Schillerstrom  
Orville Schjeldahl  
Joe Slatkoski  
Elmer Thomason  
Johnnie Truesdell  
Chet Vosburg  
Lavonne Wahlund (Jacobson)  
Roy Weisenhaus  
Howard Wilson  
Willis Wollin

### RECON. - 22

Lyle Arneson  
LeRoy Arthur  
Ed Backman  
Al Baumgart  
Walter Birkholz  
Ervin Cremers  
William Dempsey  
Don Jones  
Lawrence Lang  
Alphonse Michels  
John Nicholls  
Orlando Nickell  
Eldon Post  
Leslie Racine  
Nyle Rasmussen  
Ray Rasmussen  
Myron Richins  
Eldon Scharff  
Carol Scovel  
Martin Stefanik  
Tom Yocum  
Robert Vik

# THE FORUM

FARGO-MOORHEAD

Saturday, July 1, 1978

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## World War II unit rekindles comradeship with Fargo reunion

By MARY PRIOLA  
Of The Forum Staff

An unusually devoted comradeship brings veterans of World War II's 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion together every two years for a reunion. The battalion, nicknamed the "Vandals" for its "Seek, Strike and Destroy" motto, is completing its 12th three-day reunion today at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

The reunion "helps to keep alive the spirit of comradeship among the men who shared their lives together during the dangers of combat," according to Don Anderson of Moorhead, co-sponsor of the event.

The first reunion was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1956, after Albert Liegl, of Central City, Iowa, and Bryan Barnard, of Swanton, Md., got together for the first time since the war, and decided they would like to see their comrades and families. Liegl's wife, Betty, took up the challenge of contacting members for the first reunion. Since then, Mrs. Liegl has kept up current addresses of the men through her newspaper, "776 Tiger Tracks."

The attendance of 250 (veterans and wives) out of 1,000 original battalion members shows the closeness of the group.

The bulk of the battalion is made up of men from North Dakota, Minnesota and Idaho, with scatterings of reinforcements from across the United States. This concentration of members in the upper Midwest increased the attendance of reunions held in the central area. This is the third reunion held in Fargo.

At the informal affairs, hours are filled with memories of the good and bad times of the campaign through Africa, Italy, Ger-



Liegl



Mrs. Liegl



Vosberg



Barnard

many, France and Austria.

The war brought the men together as friends, and its nostalgia brings them together again. "I thought I had forgotten WWII," said Chet Vosberg, of Fargo, past president of the reunion board, "but it all came back to me when we watched the war films last night."

Most of these men went through basic training together and continued through the war together. Their main weapons, tank destroyers, used in support of infantry, have been replaced. "They (missiles) are a much more superior weapon, but they can't replace the comradeship and togetherness we had," said Liegl.





**Marie and Bill Cunningham, Florence and Henry Jackson**



**Jerome and Mrs. Neis**



**Betty Liegl, Albert Liegl, Gottfred Olsen, Goldie Olsen**



**Henry Walton, Dust Bowl Johnson**



**Chris and Mrs. Mostad**



**Donald Jones, Leon Sanford**





**Our Host in 1980 seated - Henry and Florence Jackson, Maurice and Mrs. Rochlitz.**



**Norman Lunde**



**Joe Calvert & Leon Sanford**



**Mike Richins, Tom Yocum, Ervin Cramers , Eldon Post, LeRoy Arthur**



**Willard and Mrs. Horkley**



**Stan Stiles, Dorthy Barnard, Bryan Barnard, Betty Liegl**





**Martin Tobiassen, Etter Henningson**



**Walter and Mrs. Brueggeman**



**Henry and Mrs. Wobbema**



**Nyle and Mrs. Rasmussen**



**Stephen and Mrs. Karowski**



**Tobiassen's registering at reunion table. Don Anderson and Daughter Cheryl.**





**Bryan Barnard, Joe Slatkoski, Henry Jackson**



**Tom and Stella Yocum**



**Albert Liegl, Steve Karwowski**



**Mrs. M. Stefanik, Mrs. L. Arthur**



**Visiting**



**Ross & Vesta Baker, Alice & Chet Vosburg**



**Remember when?**



**Velma and Clancy Byrne (New reunion president and "The Madam", she tells me!!)**

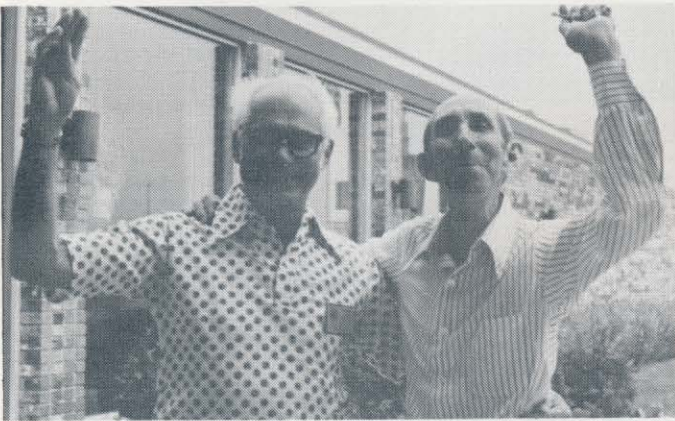




Helen and Steve Karwowski wearing T-Shirts they made.



Albert Liegl, Milan Simich, Leon Sanford



Milan Simich, Doc Wible



Betty Liegl (Banner made by Mrs. Dennis Liegl)



Albert Liegel, Stan Stiles



Mr. & Mrs. Marten Stefanik, Mrs. Lloyd Fikejs, Mrs. Wade Idol



Don Anderson



We are going shopping. Betty - I've go a dollar. Florence Jackson - I've a dollar & change. Dot Barnard - WOW!! a hundred dollars to spend.





**A COMPANY** - Front row left to right: Berger, Lunde, Sunberg, Backlund, Scott, Wadle, Zeeb. Second Row: Black, Johnson, Heere, Skar, Sarkilahti, Heyne, Dyle Smith. Third row: Beberg, Tobiasson, Hendrickx, Idol, Henningsen, Bovill, DeKock.





**B COMPANY** - Front row left to right: Schillerstrom, Lukes, Corcimiglia, W. Rassmussen, Metzдорff, Sackman, Decker, Fritz Carroll, Olwick, Ehli. Second row: V.L. Anderson, E. Hines, Schejeldahl, Grundhoefer, Truesdell, Park, H. Wilson, S. Johnson, Eberle, LePien, Rochlitz, R. Weisenhaus, D. Anderson. Third row: Brunton, Ljunggren, Gall, Calvert, Fahlgren, Montgomery, Simich, Slatkoski, Baker, Kiser, H. Bartley, Faller, Vosburg.





**C COMPANY** - Front row left to right: Schepp, Ralph Sanders, Sundeen, Barome, Elmer Johnson, Folven. Second row: Bornsen, J. Wipf, Westby, M. Larson, Ethen, Polzin.





**RECON. COMPANY** - Front row left to right: E. Post, L. Lang, Racine R. Rassmussen, N. Rassmussen, Nickel. Second row: Michels, Scharff, Richins, Dempsey, Baumgart, Arthur, Stefanik, Third row: Cremers, Don Jones, Birkholz, Yocum, Arneson, Backman.





**HDQ. COMPANY** - Front row left to right: Barnard, Liegl, Byrne, Carnahan, Conklin Hanson, Wobbema. Second row: Horkley, Fikejs, Szarkowski, Wible, G. Olson, Karwowski, Cunningham, Mostad, Sanford. Third row: Henry Jackson, Zimmerman, Faut, Gutknecht, Simich, Brueggemann, Fischer, Stiles, Gortmaker.





A - Front row left to right: Backlund, Idol,, Heere, Laschkewitsch, Tobiasen. Second row: Skar, Bovill, Hendrickx, Scott, Sarkilalhti, Heyne. Third row: Smith, DeKock, Sundberg, Black, Beberg.





**B - Front row left to right: Johnson, Ljunggren, Rassmussen, Himes, Wilson, Park, Brunton. Second row: Lukes, Baker, LePien, Vosburg, Schjeldahl, Rochlitz, Montgomery, Grundhoefer, Gall, Slatkoski. Third row: Schillerstrom, Decker, Kiser, Calvert, Eberle, Laffoon, Carroll, Fahlgren, Anderson, Truesdell, Sackman, Metzdorff.**



HOLIDAY INN  
OF  
FARGO



C - Front row left to right: Mrs. E. Johnson, Polzin, Schepp, Sanders. Second row: Bornsen, Folven, Barone, Sundeen, Larson.





R - Front row left to right: Arthur, Post, Baumgart, Lang. Second row: Racine, Cremmers, Mrs. N. Rassmussen, Kempsey, Yocum, Backman, Stefanik. Third row: Nickel, Scharff, Birkholz, Arneson, Michels.





H - Front row left to right: Liegl, Olson, Gutknecht, Hansen, Fikejs. Second row: Horkley, Barnard, Wobbema, Brueggemann, Karwowski, Gortmaker, Zimmerman, Faut. Third row: Murrison, Fischer, Carnahan, Cunningham, Byrne, Jackson, Szarkowski.



## DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE 776th

Ira E. Amerman 12-7-1961  
 Alvin E. Anderson  
 Andrew C. Anderson  
 Frank W. Andrasak 3-25-1961  
 Willima D. Austin  
 Andrew Bakalar, Jr. 11-1976  
 Clarence B. Bakken  
 Gilbert H. Bangs  
 James C. Baker 4-8-74  
 Col. James P. Barney, Jr. 9-1-1977  
 Eugene Bartlett 3-3-1976  
 Duane Baukol  
 Charles Bennett  
 Walter A. Binsz  
 Paul Bonderenko  
 Raymond E. Boyd 12-1969  
 John C. Britz 11-6-1960  
 Harold Brown  
 Lonnie Bruner 12-1975  
 David Bucholz  
 Elbert R. Burton 4-2-1977  
 Francis Callahan 2-25-77  
 Edmund R. Carlson  
 Anthony Casciello 10-12-1977  
 Frank Childs  
 Harry W. Cota 6-19-1968  
 Clyde L. Covington  
 Harry Curran  
 Henry Curran  
 Edmund J. Czernicki 2-1971  
 Robert W. Darling 8-30-1973  
 James B. Davis 10-15-1972  
 Irwin C. Devitt  
 Jacob DeVries  
 Ralph E. Dilday  
 Charles L. Diven  
 Vincent Dohney 2-5-1973  
 Leonard Dorsch 11-18-1975

Alan T. Dorsey 8-13-1961  
 Leander W. Ege  
 Selmer M. Eliassen 1950's  
 Ted L. Erbstoesser  
 Andrew C. Estes  
 William G. Erickson 6-23-1968  
 David E. Evans  
 Harley P. Garner  
 Ira M. Gaulke 1963  
 Perry J. Goodwin  
 Harold Granlie 10-13-1977  
 Ross Grimes 11-1974  
 Homer Grove 10-1975  
 Elmer Gullickeson 7-1968  
 Cheslie Hakenson 9-28-1975  
 Sammie E. Hallford 9-4-1976  
 Louis Hamblin  
 Chester L. Hankins  
 Clifford Hauge  
 James W. Hayes 6-8-1976  
 Lindsay Hayes 6-18-1971  
 Henry Heil 5-19-1972  
 John J. Hennessy  
 Json C. Hensley 1952  
 Andrew Herman 11-11-1976  
 Robert Hines 5-17-1977  
 Henry A. Hoines 11-28-1971  
 Joseph C. Hubred 2-21-1971  
 Joseph L. Hulbert  
 Glenn A. Huseby  
 Ronald H. Hutchens 6-3-1976  
 Leonard F. Ira  
 Burnett Ives 9-7-1976  
 Orville Jacobson  
 Wallace A. Joyce  
 Henry G. Joyce  
 Pius B. Kraft  
 Jake M. Kramer 11-1970

Ralph P. Kuhnert  
 Ledrue Laffoon 4-11-1976  
 Clem Landaker  
 Harold W. Langford  
 Lewis A. Large 1-7-1973  
 Clifford I. Larson 1978  
 Leland E. Larson 3-4-1972  
 Edward Leathan  
 Orville R. Lee  
 Verlon E. Lemmon 9-13-1977  
 Arnie Lindgren 9-7-1974  
 Curtis Lowry  
 Rudolph E. Mallon 1-19-1976  
 Maj. R. R. Martin  
 Nicholas Masica  
 John C. McCann 1-11-1974  
 Mayo McCulloch 12-1970  
 Stanley McCulloch  
 Reese McCulloch  
 Frank Meek  
 Ralph O. Mikelson  
 Henry Moen  
 Dr. Harlan Monroe 1972  
 Co. Dwight E. Moorhead 11-1965  
 Olen Nation 6-4-1976  
 Edwin N. Nelson  
 Oliver P. Nelson  
 Thorvald C. Nelson  
 Charles N. Newman 2-11-1972  
 Russell Nyvall  
 Ernest R. Olson 7-1970  
 Orville M. Osborne  
 J. D. Owen  
 Jesse L. Owens 9-30-1975  
 Harold W. Peihl 12-1950  
 Edwar R. Peterson  
 Kenneth Peterson 2-1973  
 Melvin Peterson

Lloyd G. Reitan  
 Joseph F. Randash 4-13-1973  
 Leon R. Riddle 1969  
 Lawrence Reiger 12-1971  
 Don A. Riggs  
 Omas T. Roberts 6-8-1978  
 Rawleigh W. (Pete) Roberts  
 12-31-1953  
 Rowland B. Rohrer 8-9-1976  
 Victor J. W. Rwetiz 10-1975  
 John J. Schimmel 10-4-1973  
 Eugene Scovel 3-23-1976  
 James Severson 1976  
 Warren M. Shearer  
 Stanley A. Shurson  
 Anthony Shutto  
 William I. Siler  
 Colgate O. Sorlie  
 Claude L. Speer 7-1970  
 Bud Stoddard  
 Kenneth H. Stone  
 Alfred Strand 10-31-1977  
 Virgil M. Thomasson  
 Chester Thompson 7-15-1969  
 Ted J. Thompson  
 Harold Thorn  
 Leonard Toso 12-1971  
 Stephen Turk  
 Albert Ulich  
 Robert T. Veach 3-2-1974  
 William Vedaa  
 John Vratarics 5-2-1976  
 C. B. Warn 5-19-1975  
 John C. Welch 1963  
 Ralph Welsch  
 William T. Willingham 1-1975  
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