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103d INF DIV WW II

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It was a great experience being elected president of the Association. I want to thank you for providing me the privilege of serving you during the year 2006.

Among the several topics that I wish to touch on is the 2006 Reunion. That event will certainly be the most interesting and inspiring of the year. Planning is already on the way. Announcements heralding the event are included in this Newsletter.

In other communications, I have addressed the subject of dues and dues payments. Dues are important and are discussed in the following pages.

It is of interest to all to support and utilize our museum and archives in Gainesville, Texas. A brief discussion on how we may maximize the opportunities found in the museum is also in this letter.

The excitement of unveiling our new monument in Gainesville on Veterans Day, 11 November 2006, has seized us all. The Monument Fund Committees, I am advised, have passed the planning stage, and the engineers are ready to work the monument's base. The monument man, in bronze, is at the foundry. See pages 11 and 12 for more information. Funding, with donations coming in, is virtually certain. Next will be the completion stage.

Another initiative that we launched this year is the program we named ROLL CALL. It is a long ranging plan to find and place every man who ever served in the 103d Infantry Division of WWII. When and if we find them (they are lost *out there on patrol*, we assume), we wish to place them in an historical setting they so richly deserve. Next, we hope to persuade them to rejoin us, their buddies, before we all get caught up in time. Listen to ROLL CALL in this issue of the NFTCP.

As I close these notes, let me assure you that a truly outstanding reunion event awaits you in Dallas and Gainesville. It is designed to be a family affair. We want the children and grands to experience their dad and granddad. We want the children to touch the monument and to remember that a bronze heart is embedded in the chest of the little CACTUSMAN.

Harold Branton, President
103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II

THE BIO-PHOTO PROGRAM

JERRY PASSMORE, our Official Photographer, has a mission. Along with his loyal wife Bea, he/they have accepted the task of taking a photo and preparing a brief bio-sketch of each member of the Association attending the Reunion—all volunteers, of course.



Jerry and Bea are aware that the Division Association has a presence in the Morton Museum in Gainesville, Texas. They are also aware that the Association historian, Harold Branton, has organized files for recording biographical data furnished by our members. The entry into the files, accompanied by a photo(s), is a perfect way to project our stories to future generations.

The individual member bio folders in the archives will be organized by Units, to the Company and Battery level. Future researchers will easily find the file of an individual by simply referring to a key listing of all personnel recordings.

So, Ladies and Gents, please step right up to Jerry's and Bea's Photo Booth at the Hotel, in or near the REGISTRATION ROOM, and make your own presence known to the future. Family photos are also encouraged. Great!

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES DATA

Membership and dues, together, indicate the status of the health and strength of our Association. Similarly, the data from the combined factors guide and assist the secretary/treasurer in the performance of his/their duties. Tasks involve: maintaining the MASTER LIVING ROSTER (MLR), the HONOR ROLL, the DESCENDANTS Roster, the DECEASED Roster, and the LOST Roster and providing membership analyses; and the posting of dues, receipts, dues paid, dues unpaid, and financial recordings. Some of the data encountered are of interest to all of our members.

For example, in June 2003, the MASTER LIVING Roster carried a listing of 2,861 members total. Of these, all known descendants were included and were, therefore, on the mailing list for the newsletter (NFTCP). Most of these descendants had not paid dues to become Registered Associates.

In February 2006, the unregistered descendants were transferred out of the MLR and posted to the DESCENDANTS Roster. We do not want to lose them; we deeply desire that they become our Registered Associates.

On 3 April 2006, the Registered members totaled 2,046. Yet, some of these members have not paid dues in four, five, or more years. It is notable that in the year 2005, only 941 members paid dues out of a membership of 2,048. In 2006, thus far, 726 members have paid dues out of a membership of 2,060.

The plea here, Comrades, is obvious: Please help the Division Association with your support and assure the credibility of our group that we have long enjoyed.

Summarized by your Editor



HONOR ROLL

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| ALEXANDER, Ernest D. | 409 AT | LEPLEY, Lorin | 103d Div |
| ALLEN, C. J. | 103d Rec | LINDIG, Ernst | 410 Co F |
| ARNDT, Harold H. | 411 Co E | LONG, Holly | 409 Co K |
| ARQUILLA, Londi J. | 411 Co A | McCULLOUGH, Frank O. | 103d Div Band |
| BANDROWSKI, Stephen | 384 FA Bty C | MELSON, Oscar, Jr. | 411 Co A |
| BECHER, Frank T. | 103d Div | MILDREN, Larry J. | 409 1stBn Hq Co |
| BEHNKE, Paul J. | 384 FA Bty C | MINARIK, Julius | 410 3d Bn Hq Co |
| BIRKETT, Chandler | 409 Co K | MOHR, Richard | 411 Co I |
| BLAINE, David G. | 411 Co G | MOORE, Claude C. | 103d Div |
| BOHMER, Roger | 409 Co D | MORRISON, Harry W. | 409 Co E |
| BOWEN, William "Chick" | 411 Co E | OWEN, David | 103d A&I ASTP |
| CASTILLO, Ygnacio | 410 Co C | PARTYNSKI, Thaddeus | 411 Hq Co |
| CARTER, Don E. | 409 Co B | PATER, Ralph H. | 409 Co E |
| CHICK, William B. | 411 Co E | PERKOVICH, Lou | 409 Co K |
| COMBS, George F. | 409 Co D | PERRY, Herman H. | 409 Co B |
| DAVENPORT, James "Sam" | 410 1 st Bn Hq Co | PIRAINO, Dominic | 411 Co L |
| DIANTHERO, Joseph | 103d Div | POLLOCK, Charles S. | 103d MP |
| DIEDRICHS, Edward F. | 328 Engr (C) | RAVESCHOT, George | 103d Hq Co |
| DONALDSON, Don | 382 FA Bty B | REID, Norman T. | 803 Ord Co |
| DUBIN, Irving | 328 Med Bn | REYNOLDS, Elbert B., Jr. | 410 Co I |
| ELBERT, Phillip E. | 409 Co F | RIFFE, Peter H. | 382 FA Bty A |
| FARRAND, Howard W. | 410 Co I | RISIUS, Edward D. | 410 Co M, Can Co |
| FAY, Clarence J. | 103d Sig Co | SALO, Raymond W. | 411 Co E |
| FRAZIER, Quentin | 411 Co G | SCHUTT, Gene W. | 411 Co C |
| GEORGE, Keith | 411 Hq Co (I&R) | SCOTT, C. J. | 103d QM Co |
| GIEWEDIK, Walter A. | 328 Med Bn Co B | SHELTON, Richard K. | 410 Co E |
| GOLBE, "Al" A. | 411 Co F | SIRIANI, Roy C. | 409 Regt |
| GRAVES, James W. | 409 Co D | SLACK, Arza R. | 409 Co F |
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| HOLKA, Arthur B. | 384 FA Bn | THEUS, Albert A. | 411 Co F |
| HOUGH, Robert M. | 411 Co C H | THORNTON, Hubert A. | 383 FA Bty C |
| JACKSON, Marcellus G. | 382 FA Bty B | TOPEL, William F. | 409 AT |
| KASPER, William | 103d Hq | TOWNE, David R. | 103d Div |
| KREZER, Wilbert C. | 409 Co E | WALLACE, Elvis D. | 409 Co K |
| KULA, Walter | 103d Div | WAINRIGHT, G. C. | 103d Div |
| LEDGER, Asa | 103d Div | | |

ROLL CALL

How many times have we stood in formation for ROLL CALL, wondering who was AWOL? How many times have we counted heads after a battle action, wondering who is missing? Do you remember the names and faces?

Operation ROLL CALL, now launched, chaired by our Secretary/Treasurer, Al EUCARE, endeavors to find and return all known 103d Infantry Division veterans “back to our lines.” It is estimated 40,000 men have worn the Cactus Patch on their shoulders.

On this note, it is instructive to recall a patrol action during the war when, on 15 March 1945, in Zinswiller, France, then 2nd Lt Mel WRIGHT was on order to find and bring a lost patrol back to our lines. His and his squad’s adventures in successfully accomplishing the mission are related in issue No. 1, NFTCP.

The point in reviewing that episode suggests emphatically the purpose of Operation ROLL CALL. To find and bring back our Comrades who are “out on patrol.”

Operation ROLL CALL consists of three parts, each with a motive.

PART ONE: To search, find, and contact approximately 1,400 men on the Association’s MASTER LIVING ROSTER (MLR) who have not paid dues for a while, some up to five years.

PART TWO: To search and find 6,000 men who were once active in the Assn. but now on the LOST ROSTER. The Internet will help.

PART THREE: To search for our old Buddies in as many public records as are available.

The operational aspects of ROLL CALL opens up some discussion.

Notably, PART ONE will consist of contacting those members who have not paid dues for several years leading up to 2006. That phase of the

operation is underway at the present time. The first initiative will be a personal letter sent by our President, Harold Branton, who is sincerely emersed in the ROLL CALL concept.

The Chairman, Al Eucare, who is even now organizing volunteer teams down to the Company and Battery level, will project the second initiative. *Grass roots searches* by Company and Battery personnel will be reported upwards continuously. Al’s plan is to provide the small unit teams a listing of men who were formerly in their units.

PART TWO Operation will be *a broader range people search*. Each volunteer searcher is to seek first in his own backyard, and when a lost member is found to encourage him to rejoin his unit and his buddies before the sun goes down. And then, secondly, the searchers will reach out to regional assignments to find those whose units are not known. The last portion of PART TWO will engage public services: telephone, internet, newspapers, and veterans’ organizations.

PART THREE Operation will be *a search through public documentaries*: Army WWII Field Operations Records Center, College Park, MD; US Department of Veterans Affairs Records; State Veterans Affairs Records; County Record Centers; others.

A merging of efforts and achievements should yield significant successes in locating numbers of our Comrades out there, Lost on Patrol.

What then is ROLL CALL? It is a muster of Cactus Veterans to review and share in the knowledge that each contributed to restore to the world the freedom that we almost lost to mad men. Additionally, each of us in a way contributed to the strengthening of democratic ideals and the development of an advanced economy and culture that is a model for the world.

That is the legacy that is to be nourished and perpetuated.

Al EUCARE, Chairman ROLL CALL

REUNION ***** 2006 ***** DALLAS



Here we go, back to TEXAS again, to the same hotel as in 2002, the Marriott Quorum in Dallas. And we have a jam-packed agenda awaiting you. Included is a rollicking welcome party, TEXAS STYLE, on Thursday afternoon; the Business Meeting on Friday morning; and a grand tour of Gainesville on Saturday afternoon and evening.

First things first, a great CACTUS VICTORY WELCOME PARTY, 4:00 pm –6:00 pm Thursday, 9 November 2006. Some old friends of ours are to provide live music and entertainment: the RANCH HANDS, led by Joe Walenta, and the Dancing Girls CLASS ACT TAP Company, led by Janice Coffee and Mary Sue Thornton. The same folks who were with us in 2002. All just like Texas Family. Say HOWDY!



From there on, just follow the schedules. Don't miss anything at all. This is a BANNER YEAR for our Association. REGISTRATION opens early Thursday morning and will be open throughout, for your convenience.

Big Events: Business Meeting, Friday morning. Banquet Friday night, SPECIAL: The CELEBRATION ORCHESTRA, led by Nick Mehl, all old friends from 2002, will give us swooning music and vocals of the 40's and 50's. Dan (clarinet) and Dave (trumpet), sons of Cactusman George Cason, are in there for us. Again, Family. Say HOWDY to these folks, too.



Big Event: On Saturday, we tour Gainesville, Texas, Dedicate the new monument, "CALL TO DUTY," and afterwards proceed to enjoy a big bountiful Barbecue out at the local VFW Post.

Sunday: Fold tents and return home, knowing that we have left a part of ourselves in all.

103d INF DIV ASSN of WWII 2006 REUNION

103d INF DIV WW II



MONUMENT DEDICATION REUNION 2006

9—12 November 2006

Marriott Quorum Hotel Dallas/Addison

14901 Dallas Parkway, Dallas, Texas

(972) 661-2800

Reservations 1-800-228-9290

***Please plan to arrive early Thursday, 9 November 2006.**

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY ***8 November 2006***

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| Registration | 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm |
| Hospitality Room | 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm |
| Board of Directors Meeting: Presidential Suite | 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm |

THURSDAY ***9 November 2006***

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| Registration | 8:00 am to 6:00 pm |
| Hospitality Room | 9:00 am to 11:00 pm |
| CACTUS "VICTORY" WELCOME PARTY | 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm |

*Live entertainment by the Ranch Hands
and the Dancing Girls Class Act!*

Unit Dinners in hotel or at restaurants. See Rabbit Wilson
for special Hotel arrangements: (972) 237-1426.

FRIDAY ***10 November 2006***

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| Registration | 8:00 am to 4:00 pm |
| Hospitality Room | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm |
| Business Meeting: Hotel Main Ballroom | 10:00 am to 12:00 noon |
| Banquet: Hotel Main Ballroom, <u>Celebration Orchestra</u> | |
| Cocktails | 6:00 pm |
| Dinner | 7:00 pm |
| Program and Dancing | 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm |

SATURDAY ***11 November 2006***

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| Hospitality Room | 9:00 am to 10:00 pm |
| Bus Trip to Gainesville, Texas | Departure: 2:00 pm from Hotel |
| | Return: 9:00 pm to Hotel |
| Monument Dedication Program | 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm |
| VFW Barbecue Dinner at VFW Post, Gainesville | 5:30 pm |
| Buses depart Gainesville | 7:30 pm |
| Buses arrive back at the Hotel in Dallas | 9:00 pm |

***NOTE: All rooms for Wednesday, 8 November, have been taken. Please make hotel reservations for Thursday, 9 November, through Sunday morning, 12 November.**

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REGISTRATION ROOM

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Wednesday 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

TRANSPORTATION DATA

From Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport

Take I-635 East exit at Dallas North Tollway, and go North, 1 ½ miles to Beltline exit. Travel time is about 30 minutes.

From Love Field

Take Mockingbird East exit at Dallas North Tollway, and go North five miles to Beltline. Travel time 20 minutes.

Traveling from East Texas

Take I-20 West to Terrel, TX. Take Highway 80 West from Terrel to I-635 North. Follow I-635 North (will become I-635 West) to the Dallas North Tollway. Exit on the north bound Tollway and follow approximately 1 ½ miles to the Beltline exit.

Travel from Arkansas

Take I-30 West to Dallas. Take I-635 North to the Dallas North Tollway and go north. Exit Beltline.

Traveling from San Antonio/Austin, TX

Take I-35 North to I-35E North, to I-635 East to Dallas North Tollway, go North to the Beltline Road exit.

Traveling from Houston, TX

Take I-45 North to downtown Dallas. Follow signs to I-35E North. Just North of downtown Dallas exit onto Dallas North Tollway. Follow Tollway approximately 13 miles to the Beltline exit.

Traveling from Tulsa, Oklahoma

Take I-35 South to Denton, TX. Take I-35 E South towards Dallas and exit onto I-635 East. Follow I-635, exit Dallas North Tollway, go North and exit at Beltline.



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HOTEL DATA

Dallas Addison Marriott Quorum Hotel
14901 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, Texas 75254

Near intersection of Beltline and Dallas Toll Road

Reservation Phone: 1 (800) 228-9290

Hotel Phone: (972) 661-2800

(NOTE: When making reservations, please mention 103d INF DIV Group.
Rooms for Wednesday night, 8 November, have been taken.
Make reservations for Thursday through Sunday morning.
Please make your reservations as early as convenient.)

103d special room rate: \$82.00

Cut off date for reservations is 1 November 2006

Our Association has reserved Hospitality Suites for Company size reunions.
To arrange for one, contact Harold Branton at (281) 399-1118.

If you are coming to Dallas by airplane, the Hotel has recommended **SUPER SHUTTLE** for transportation from both Dallas/Fort Worth and Love Field Airports. The price is currently **\$18.00** per person. For a group van rate call **1-800-258-3826** or local at **1-972-329-2000**. Group van is **\$70.00**; groups of up to ten people may ride, each person paying prorata of the \$70.00. (For example, seven people may ride @ \$10.00 each.) The Hotel is about the same distance from both airports.

See you in Big D!

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MONUMENT DEDICATION

REUNION 2006

Dallas, Texas 9—12 November

REGISTRATION

CAP (w/ the Official 103d INF DIV WW II Monument No. _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
Dedication Reunion 2006 Logo exactly as shown above)

REGISTRATION FEE (per adult person) No. _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____
(Includes CACTUS "VICTORY" WELCOME PARTY)

BANQUET DINNER, Top Sirloin Beef..... No. _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER, Breast of Chicken..... No. _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

GAINESVILLE BUS TRIP No. _____ @ \$32.00 = \$ _____
(Includes VFW Barbecue Dinner in Gainesville)

GAINESVILLE VFW BARBECUE DINNER... No. _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____
(Accompanied children 12 and under eat free)

50/50 TICKETS (as many as you like)..... No. _____ @ \$ 1.00 = \$ _____
(Tickets will be in your packet at the
Registration Desk. Absentee winners, okay!)

DONATION TO TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT
Please be generous toward this Noble Legacy..... \$ _____

TOTAL..... \$ _____

Please make checks payable to 103d INF DIV ASSN of WWII and mail this form to:
AI EUCARE, 6708 Lansdale Street, District Heights, MD 20747. Tel: (301) 736-2324.

To help us keep our records accurate, please print the following data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Your UNIT: _____ Wife's or Guest's Name: _____

Type of Membership: _____
*If you are an Associate member, please give the Name,
Relationship, and UNIT of your sponsoring Member:

_____ Regular Member

Sponsor: _____

_____ Associate Member*

Relationship: _____

UNIT: _____

Please complete and return this form to:
Your prompt return will significantly
help our staff. Thanks!

AI EUCARE
6708 Lansdale Street
District Heights, MD 20747

DUE no later than
October 27th!

MAIL CALL

FROM: Mr. Fred REEVES, Chapter 130, Disabled American Veterans:

"Enclosed please find a check from the members of Towas Bay, Michigan, Chapter 130 DAV, toward your efforts (to build a Memorial Monument). We support your member and ours, Pancho Manuel FERNANDEZ (Co I, 411)."

FROM: Mr. John T. Poole, 409 Co C:

"Our good friend, George J. DAVIS, 409 Co C (POW), had a skiing accident in late February 06, and as a result will be wheel chair bound for the rest of his life. At present, George can be reached at VA Medical Center, Attn: George Davis, 130 W. Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468."

FROM: Mr. Parey P. Branton and wife, Georgie, of Shongaloo, LA, in a letter bearing a significant donation to the Monument Fund in honor of Parey's brother, Harold BRANTON, 409 Co G, declared:

"We feel privileged to have a part in honoring our World War II veterans of the 103d Infantry Division. We remember all of our brave young men and their sacrifices...and we shall never forget them."

FROM: Mrs. Mutelle B. Thompson, of Springhill, LA, in a letter bearing a significant donation to the Monument Fund, stated:

"Please take this donation and use it to help build the monument for the 103rd Infantry Division. My husband, deceased now, served with the 2nd Infantry Division in Europe. So I understand. GOD BLESS."

FROM: Past President Dick BALL, with a small Cactus delegation, attended the recent annual National Commemoration of the "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE" held in the nation's capitol. Dick reports that the march and display of the colors of the divisions that opened concentration camps in WW II were very impressive. The 103d Infantry Division colors were displayed prominently. We thank Dick and the group for representing our membership.

FROM THE MONUMENT FUND

A miniature replica of the Cactusman Monument is to be made available to members of our Association at a greatly reduced price. Personal orders may be made, starting NOW. By letter, place your request/order for a miniature 103d monument, the Maquette. Write your check for \$1,000 to TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND. Attach the check to your letter and mail to TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND, 9737 Warwana Road, Houston, Texas 77080. There will be a small S&H charge. ***Start a family heirloom now. Family histories are made by special events. This 18-inch tall bronze will tell the world that you, a true member of the greatest generation, served to save the world from evil men.*** Do not pass this opportunity.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

A Message from Chaplain Walter Modrzejewski: We speak of Military Readiness, Social Readiness, and Readiness in many applications. There is a spiritual readiness for which every living soul must prepare for. "We must be ready NOW, because the time of our passing is uncertain. The best time in all this world to make peace with our GOD is NOW. '...therefore be ye also ready.'" Matthew 24:44

REPORT DEATHS TO:

**Harold Branton, President
2635 Roman Forest Blvd.
New Caney, Texas 77357**

Please furnish a copy of the obituary if at all possible for our records. Every member of the Association has a file folder in the Archives for a brief record to posterity. Many thanks.

FOR YOUR CACTUSMAN OBITUARY

In the event of the death of a Cactusman, may we suggest that you include in the obituary that:

***"In lieu of flowers, please make donations to:
TEXAS WWII HISTORICAL MONUMENT
FUND, 9737 Warwana Road, Houston, TX 77080.
The Monument Fund is building a monument
honoring all men who served in the division during
World War II."*** Many thanks.

847 INFANTRY DEATHS

in combat

FROM 103d INF DIV of WW II

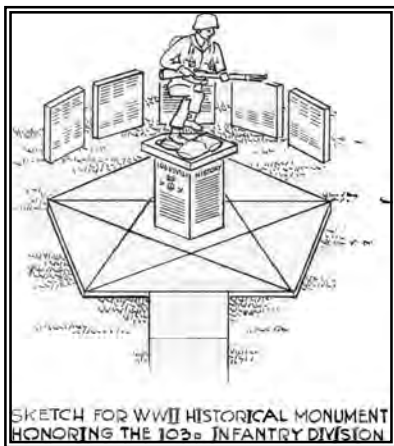
Plans to memorialize them are being made by the TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND and the 103d INF DIV ASSN of WW II.

A Historical monument honoring men of the 103d and their support units is currently underway and scheduled for dedication 11 Nov 2006. It is to be located at the Texas Travel Information Center on US-I-35 just north of Gainesville TX. This center is across the fence from the WW II CAMP HOWZE. To preserve our history for future generations it will include detailed information of the ORGANIZATION, BATTLE RECORDS and HISTORY. It will also feature a 1 and 1/2 times life size Bronze 103d Infantryman created by our world-class sculptor Edd Hayes.

For 7 Years a small group of veterans have been working on this project and have collected over \$80,000.00 from the 103d veterans and their friends. The only expense made was payment to the IRS to establish a 501 (C-3) tax exempt Corporation.

Our purpose has been to preserve this vital part of our history for future generations at a prime location for maximum public exposure. This project has the blessing of the Gainesville VFW, State VFW, local city officials, Morton Museum, local civic clubs, and the Texas State Historical Commission.

The Architects plan for adding the names of those that made the supreme sacrifice calls for 5 black granite panels at the rear of the statue upon which those 847 names will be inscribed.



This Legacy to our Fallen Comrades will require that we raise an estimated additional \$24,000.00 by mid 2006, and we are seeking your support for this honorable cause. All contributions are tax deductible.

BECOME A PART OF THIS NOBLE VENTURE BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TODAY:

Donors are invited to the Dedication scheduled for 11 Nov 2006.

Make donations payable to: TX WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND.

Send to: **VFW Post 1922**
P.O. Box 212
Gainesville, TX 76241

or **TX WW II HIST MON FUND**
9737 Warwana Rd.
Houston, TX 77080

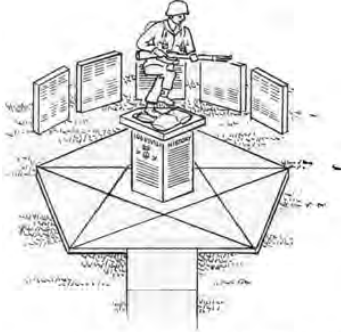


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Phone: _____ **e-mail** _____



SKETCH FOR WWII HISTORICAL MONUMENT
HONORING THE 103rd INFANTRY DIVISION

\$5,000.00 NON MEMBER DONATION INCENTIVE

An anonymous member has agreed to match donations, on a dollar for dollar basis up to a maximum of \$5,000.00, from anyone that is not a veteran member of the 103d. This will apply to donations received on or before 4 July 2006.

He was in the Hospital when we departed from Camp Howze and did not make the ship but wants to express his thanks for what we did. His gratitude is especially extended to those that made the supreme sacrifice.

We are grateful for his generous offer to help preserve our history and ask each of you to seek outside donors to help us complete this noble venture. I have, for example, received donations from my dentist, stock broker, friends, neighbors, children, relatives, and even members of my wife's bridge club.

Your help is needed for us to complete this wonderful monument and leave our legacy for future generations. We are fortunate to have been granted a prime location.

Get someone to make a Donation Today!
Copy Page 11 to use as a Donation Form.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

Names of all contributors will be included on a computer database for our Historical Records.

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