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### *Passing The Torch – Preserving the Legacy! 2015 Transfer of Archives & Website to The University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS October 7 – 10, 2015*

#### Following Article by Tom Swope, Vice President of Archives

It has been a lengthy search, but an agreement was reached for the perfect home for the 103<sup>d</sup> Association of World War II archives and website. Thanks to the tremendous effort of Tom Swope, Vice President of Archives and Executive Vice President Dr. Bob French, we found a university history department with a national reputation for excellence. The twist is that this is a family effort, so to speak. Dr. Kenneth M. Swope, Professor & Director of Graduate Studies at the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society, is Tom Swope's nephew and the grandson of Clarence O. Swope, B/409th. When first discussed, Dr. Swope was energized and determined to help make this happen; and that he did! The 103d Association could not have found a better match than having a descendant of one of our veterans taking a personal interest in insuring the future of preserving the legacy of all those who served with the 103<sup>d</sup> Infantry Division (Cactus). It is time to ensure that legacy is preserved and this October 7 – 10, 2015 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, veterans, their families, distinguished members of USM faculty and staff, and the public will come together to pass the torch.

Last November, Zack Sigler and Tom Swope met at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to deliver the first of 103<sup>d</sup> artifacts and documents to The McCain Library & Archives. This is the end of a long road for the 103<sup>d</sup> Infantry Division Association of World War II, but thanks to the generous support of USM, the story of The Cactus Division will live on. There were 28 boxes of materials donated. Official word of USM as the home of the 103<sup>d</sup> has not been released to the general public; however, Dr. Swope reports there is already interest from potential graduate students about studying the collection. The wealth of information in this donation will undoubtedly attract more history students to the university and provide a wealth of information for historians and researchers in the future. With the archive items collected by Zack and the wealth of information collected, compiled, organized and posted by Larry Wayne on the 103<sup>d</sup> website, every veteran and family member can be assured this division will not be forgotten.

In retrospect, it was 70 years ago this year that World War II ended; twenty years ago, Clarence O. Swope grandfather to Dr. Ken Swope and father to Tom Swope, passed away. This year also marks the culmination of 50 years the 103<sup>d</sup> Infantry Division Association of World War II has been meeting; thus they will meet to pass the torch and preserve the legacy. It is no coincidence that the efforts to bring this to fruition occur this year. It is a culmination of patriotic dedication to all those who fell during the heat of battle, those who have served and now are in the hands of God, and preserving the memory of a job well done. Thanks to all who made this happen!!

***MEET IN HATTIESBURG MISSISSIPPI OCTOBER 7-10, 2015  
TO PASS THE TORCH & PRESERVE THE LEGACY***

One of Hattiesburg's premier residents is The University of Southern Mississippi. Founded in 1910, USM has grown into a nationally recognized leader of academics and research. The 103<sup>d</sup> Association is honored to have this relationship with USM. The University of Southern Mississippi is home to 15,000 students from all parts of the world. A premier research university for the Gulf South, USM is also a Carnegie research university. The University maintains a close working relationship with Carlyle Barracks and the US Army War College, as well as the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. This is one of the nation's most prestigious Military History Departments. You will enjoy the displays at the McCain Library and Archives and The Dale Center for the Study of War and Society.

This year, the term reunion is passé. It does not adequately describe the historic event that occurs this coming October. First, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of veterans and families of the 103d Infantry Division World War II Association. Secondly, this event is hosted by The University of Southern Mississippi as they accept the historical archives, artifacts, and collection of documents on the Association website. This event is ***Passing the Torch – Preserving the Legacy***.

A truly patriotic experience awaits you at Hattiesburg's two military museums. The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, located at Camp Shelby just south of Hattiesburg, features more than 6,000 artifacts spanning America's military history. The museum displays interactive and life-sized dioramas such as the "live" WWI battle trench and a full-scale Vietnam medical mission. The African American Military History Museum, in Hattiesburg, is housed in one of the last remaining USO buildings created specifically for the African American military population. A walk through of this relic immerses visitors in a hands-on experience of valor and bravery exhibited by this pioneering group of soldiers.

So what about Hattiesburg? Ahhh, experience the charm of the old south where the short stay in Hattiesburg will give you an opportunity to experience some of the most extraordinary dining in the south. Hattiesburg is well known for its outstanding cuisine. Volumes have been written about the rich flavors in Hattiesburg, where a number of restaurants feature down-home southern cooking; a taste like you've never experienced unless you have traveled extensively throughout the lower 48.

**PLAN TO JOIN THE CEREMONY OF  
PASSING THE TORCH – PRESERVING THE LEGACY  
OCTOBER 7-10, 2015  
IN HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI**

**2015 HATTIESBURG CEREMONY**

**WELCOME TO HATTIESBURG!** This city is the epitome of southern charm and hospitality; a place where unassuming folk never meet a stranger. There you will find kitchens that cook up some of the south's most mouth watering dishes, and places that are steeped in history and culture. For the 103<sup>d</sup> Infantry Division Association this is a historic occasion where we celebrate the passing of the torch to the University of Southern Mississippi to preserve the legacy of all veterans of the Cactus Division. Come join us October 7 through 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** – Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations. There are no block reservations, so you will need to decide where you want to stay and then make your arrangements. The University of Southern Mississippi is our gracious host and they have recommended the Courtyard by Marriott. The Courtyard is the closest to campus and has special rates for those visiting USM. The Courtyard is also where the hospitality suite is located. The Courtyard offers a buffet breakfast for \$9.95, continental breakfast for \$6.95, or American breakfast for \$9.95. Lunch and dinner meals are not available at Courtyard; however there are many restaurants within walking distance and Hattiesburg offers a local restaurant delivery service. Parking at the Courtyard is complimentary. You can read about the amenities at the following site <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hbgcy-courtyard-hattiesburg/>

Other choices, which are competitive in price and rated as well as Courtyard, are found at this website [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g43810-Hattiesburg\\_Mississippi-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g43810-Hattiesburg_Mississippi-Hotels.html)

Remember, **Reservations are the responsibility of those attending.**

**AIRPORTS** - How do I get to Hattiesburg? By air, the closest full service airports are in Gulfport, MS which is approximately an hour and twenty minutes on US-49 going north; Jackson, MS, about an hour and a half on US-49 going South; Mobile, AL nearly two hours traveling northwest on US 98; and New Orleans approximately an hour and 45 minutes driving north on I-59.

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION** – There is **NO** shuttle service to Hattiesburg from any of the nearest airports. Thus, the least expensive and most efficient mode of transportation is a rental car for the period of your arrival to departure.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** – The following is a “working schedule” from our host, The University of Southern Mississippi. Between now and the October event, there may occur some tweaking of events on this schedule, however for planning purposes the dates are solid:



**THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

118 College Drive #5047 | Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

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**Working Schedule for Visit of 103<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (October 7-10, 2015)**

Wednesday, October 7

- Guests arrive and go to Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Hattiesburg—There will be hospitality room/suite at hotel

Thursday, October 8

- Morning: Visit campus; prepare for interviews
- Afternoon: Interviews with USM students (Will be deposited in Archives)
- Evening: Formal reception/roundtable Q & A with announcement of the donation and unveiling of the new website followed by optional dinner

Friday, October 9

- Morning: Business Meeting (Can have on campus)
- Afternoon: Optional Trip to Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby and/or display of the collection at McCain Archives
- Evening: Optional dinner

Saturday, October 10

- Morning: Display of collection at McCain Archives and/or trip to Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby
- Afternoon: Departures

## **CACTUS COMES TO SOUTHERN MISS**

**Dr. Steve Haller**

The 103d Infantry Division Association of WWII decided to donate its substantial archives to the USM Libraries Special Collections in late 2014. This research collection is of particular interest to the USM History Department of History/Dale Center for the Study of War & Society, which also worked with Curator of Manuscripts & Archives Steve Haller and the Association to bring the collection to USM. The History Department also acquired the Association's website content to host on the Center's USM website.

The 103d Infantry Division ("Cactus" Division) was activated in November 1942 and spent nearly two years training in Texas and Louisiana under the command of Major General Charles Haffner, Jr. The division was comprised of three infantry regiments (409<sup>th</sup>, 410<sup>th</sup>, and 411<sup>th</sup>) along with several supporting units (e.g., artillery, medical, etc.). In October 1944, the 103d landed at Marseilles, France and moved west through southern France and into the formidable Vosges Mountains. In December, the division crossed into Germany and assaulted portions of the German defenses known as the "Siegfried Line." In January 1945, Major General Anthony "Nuts" McAuliffe was reassigned after the Battle of the Bulge to command the division. By March, the 103d had successfully broken through the Siegfried Line and soon reached the Rhine River Valley. In April, the division continued its part of the Allied offensive and also liberated the Kaufering concentration camp (a sub camp of Dachau). The 103d next crossed the Danube River into Austria and linked up at the Brenner Pass over the Italian/Austrian border with the 88th U.S. Infantry Division which had come north from Italy. After Victory in Europe Day the 103d briefly performed occupational duties, and the division finally returned to the U.S to be inactivated in September 1945.\*

A devoted number of the Association's WWII veterans and their family members and friends accumulated, described, and preserved a trove of material over several decades. Association volunteers drove a van from Kansas to Hattiesburg last November with more than 20 large boxes, and other material has arrived in the mail. As of January 2015, USM has inventoried, accessioned, and re-housed the material into 31 archival boxes. More detailed archival processing, arrangement, and description that will be necessary will take place in the future. It is already clear to Steve Haller (who is also a veteran) that this archive offers an especially detailed look at the experience(s) of a U.S. infantry division and its members in World War II -- beginning with its stateside training, continuing with initial deployment to Europe, its campaigns and combat across southern France and into Germany, the end of the war in Europe, and return to the U.S. Numerous military records, personal records, maps, photographs, and some small artifacts document these activities -- sometimes down to the company level. A substantial number of post-war personal stories, memoirs, recollections, veterans' reunion materials, and books are also included. To further complement the archives, the Association donated its library of books and other printed items related to the 103d Infantry Division, its geographic areas of operations, its parent unit (Seventh Army), and the three infantry regiments and the supporting units that made up the division. The collection is expected to grow as others associated or familiar with the 103d Infantry Division of WWII learn more about this research collection.

“After a lengthy search for a home for the 103<sup>d</sup> archives and website, we are proud to establish this relationship with the USM Libraries, the USM Department of History, and The Dale Center for the Study of War & Society. The legacy of our veterans is in good hands and this would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance of Dr. Kenneth Swope, my nephew and grandson of 103<sup>d</sup> veteran, Clarence O. Swope.” (Tom Swope, 103<sup>d</sup> Vice President of Archives).

For more information, please contact USM Curator of Historical Manuscripts & Archives Steve Haller at [Stephen.haller@usm.edu](mailto:Stephen.haller@usm.edu).

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\*This brief overview is summarized from the U.S. Army Center of Military History’s full description (see <http://www.history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/cbtchron/cc/103id.htm>).

**Slightly Modified from USM LIBRARY FOCUS ARTICLE (spring 2015 issue)**

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### ***DONATIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI***

Veterans of the 103<sup>d</sup> and their families are invited to donate items to the 103<sup>d</sup> collection at USM. Dr. Ken Swope and Dr. Steve Haller have stated a particular interest in original photos and documents, including discharge papers and wartime letters. If you have a diary or memorabilia that is not already in the 103<sup>d</sup> collection, please consider preserving the legacy of these items through donation to USM. If a veteran or family members are interested in donating any items, or a monetary contribution to the USM to assist in preserving the history of the 103<sup>d</sup>, please contact Tom Swope at [swopetunes@juno.com](mailto:swopetunes@juno.com) or call him at (440) 255-7410.

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### **St. Die-des-Vosges France – 70 Years Later**

**By Julie G. Partynski**

In November, 2014, St. Die celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their liberation by elements of the 103d Infantry Division. There were four families associated with the Division who attended. Two of the families were there in memory of their relatives while two veterans and families made the long journey back to where they had fought so many years before.

We learned about the town, the history and how much the people of Saint-Die and surrounding areas love and appreciate their freedom; yet, how differently they think about the potential for this to happen again. It seems they are always looking over their shoulders, even 70 years later. It made me a bit sad. In the United States, we are an ocean away.

There is a new museum in Moussey planned to honor our men. We visited the Epinal Cemetery and met the kind people who tend to it with every cell of their being. And the volunteers who take time from their lives to make sure our fallen are honored. We participated in a parade down the streets of Saint-Die and saw the Tower of Freedom, a gift from the United States. There were press conferences, ceremonies, parades, honors, receptions, luncheons; all to honor our men!

Looking back on the events we celebrated, laughed, cried, told stories, sang, and appreciated all that had been done. We even learned a little French. We acquired a new family and made lifelong friends. Thanks, Dad.

## **THE GENERAL CHARLES C. HAFFNER, Jr. COLLECTION**

by

**Zack Sigler, 103d Infantry Division Archivist**

Frank Waldeck, C-Co, 411<sup>th</sup>, was enrolled at Notre Dame when his country called for his services. After the war's end, Frank settled in Lake Forest, IL. Ironically, this was the home town of Major General Charles C. Haffner, Jr., who commanded the 103d Infantry Division from activation on November 15, 1942 until January 5, 1945. General Haffner was succeeded by Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe. Over the years, Frank became friends with General Haffner's daughter Clarissa and her husband Harry. At last year's 103d Association Reunion in Gainesville, Frank informed me that General Haffner had a huge collection of WWII memorabilia, which included many 103d items, and they were in Clarissa's basement. Frank thought it was possible to add the collection to the 103d archives to preserve the memory and legacy of the 103d and General Haffner. I could barely control my excitement.

In early August of last year, Frank called and asked when I could get to Lake Forest. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, I met Frank and we proceeded to Clarissa's home in Lake Forest. We were met by General Haffner's grand-daughter Phoebe Turner. The memorabilia and archival information was staggering. There were photos, letters, uniforms, flags, and other personal items of the General. Phoebe, who is Clarissa's daughter, was reluctant to part with the collection until she and her siblings had a chance to go through it. Not only was that understandable, but we encouraged them to preserve as much of General Haffner's collection as they wanted for the family. Though leaving Lake Forest empty handed, I was very excited about viewing the collection and the possibility of adding much of it to the 103d archives that were going to the University of Southern Mississippi.

In December, Frank again called and asked when I could return to the Chicago area. I told him that I would be in the area over Christmas break. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we again met with Phoebe. She informed us that the family had gone through the collection and withdrawn what they wanted to keep. She told us that the remaining items were for donation to the 103d and she was excited they would end up at such a prestigious university for preservation of her grandfather's legacy. To our surprise there were many items that we had not seen previously, such as two foot lockers and what we thought was a cot.

Upon return to Wichita, I organized and cataloged all the items. To my surprise and delight, one of the footlockers was chocked full of folders and binders of 103d documents. There were standard operating procedures for the 103d, training circulars and policy, training memos, procedures for airborne training, regimental combat team exercises, inspection protocols along with various correspondence from various generals and officers. What we originally thought was a cot turned out to be General Haffner's field chair. Also included was an original 103d Cactus flag. It is thought to be the same flag that was used at the 103d Infantry Division review at Camp Howze and also at Innsbruck.

I can't begin to tell you in this writing everything included in the Collection. However, the items will be on display in October at the ceremonies prior to turning it over to the McCain Library at USM. I'd like to thank Frank Waldeck for his persistence and determination in obtaining these items for the 103d Archives. I'd also like to thank the Haffner Family for their trust in allowing us the honor of including General Haffner's collection with the 103d archives for preservation of his legacy.

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### ***DUES FOR 2015***

We do appreciate if you have already sent your dues. Thank you. However, if you have not sent in your dues for 2015, please send your check for \$25 to:

***103D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WWII  
611 CEDAR STREET  
PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS 60068***

***Remember widows of 103d veterans do not pay dues nor do veteran members of B/409.***

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### ***103D MONUMENT – A CALL TO DUTY***

At our 103d Monument, *A CALL TO DUTY*, located in Gainesville, Texas, there are five Granite slabs with Bronze Plaques. Thereon are the names of our 848 comrades that made the supreme sacrifice; 16 of them are marked with an asterisk indicating that their bodies were never recovered. Each slab is held in place by two stainless steel rods that fit into holes drilled into the bottom of each slab.

Some time ago it was reported by George Grounds, of the Gainesville TX VFW POST, that each slab had developed cracks in line with the stainless steel mounting holes and we hence reported this to Cold Spring Granite Company who also furnished the bronze plaques.

Through the efforts of Barry Sullivan, the Gainesville City Manager, all five of the granite slabs are in the process of being replaced. The new slabs will be polished on all sides. The old ones were not polished on the back side. Completion date of the work is unknown at this time. We send our deepest gratitude to Mr. Sullivan and the City of Gainesville for their patriotic efforts to maintain this monument to our fallen 103d comrades.

It is not widely known that in the final stages of this project, TXDOT required signing an Inter-local Contract that the City of Gainesville readily exercised. This made them the general contractor with THE TEXAS WW II HISTORICAL MONUMENT FUND furnishing the design, specifications and monument material. At the dedication ceremonies, November 11, 2006, the Monument was donated to the City of Gainesville, Texas and now belongs to the public. It's location at the TXDOT Welcome Center, on I-35, places the Monument right across the street from the location of Camp Howze, where soldiers of the 103d Infantry Division were trained in the arts of war. In this location, the Monument is visible to thousands of travelers who stop at the Texas Welcome Center.



Addison	Charles W.	409 Co I
Allen	James W.	410 Hq Co 1Bn
Angstadt	John H.	411 Co C
Ashcraft	William V.	383 FA Bty B
Bahorich	George F.	409 Hq Co 3Bn
Baker	Walter L.	383 FA Bty C
Boehning	Gordon	328 Med Co B
Bolding	James W.	410 Co M
Bonmarito	James	328 Med Co C
Born	John W.	411 Co F
Braymen	Wade	928 FA Bty A
Briggs	Robert O.	410 Co L
Brooke	Billie	410 Co B
Bryant	Alonzo B.	411 Co E
Cerniglia	Jack J.	383 Hq Bty
Ciangiola	Peter	409 Co E
Clowes	Kenneth R.	382 FA Hq Bty
Colton	Rex D.	411 Co G
Connors	Joseph P.	410 Co H
Crane	Milford Ray	411 Co F
Crites	Floyd	410 Co D
Currin	Arthur R.	410 Co E
Dalfino	Nicholas	103 Hq
Desposito	Frank P.	411 Co K
Dragovich	John A.	411 Co C
Durrance	John "Jack"	409 Co D
Ebel	Anton	411 Co F
Eisele	Robert F.	103 Sig Co
Enyedy, Jr	Gustav	409 Co L
Erney	Lawrence R.	928 FA Bty C
Ervin	J. Willis	411 Co D
Fagre	Ivan B.	410 Co G
Farber	John C.	411 Co B
Ferris	Armando	410 Co F
Galbraith	Leslie L.	411 Co M
Genovesi	Joseph	411 Co C
Girard, Jr	John W.	410 Co D
Glanz	Roland	409 Co B
Godbold	Norman J.	411 Co F
Griffin	Harrison D.	409 Co I
Gunberg	Dwight W.	409 Co K
Halsey, Sr.	Gene W.	410 Co C
Hawn	Victor	410 Co M
Heffernan	John	411 Co C
Hefner	Lloyd	409 Co G
Helms	Ray D.	328 Eng
Hendricks	Tink	410 Co B
Hess	Charles H.	410 Co F
Hoaglin	George F.	409 Co G
Hoff	Robert T.	411 Co I
Hoffman, Jr.	Henry R.	411 Co I
Holden	Oscar W.	409 Co M

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*(Flag photo courtesy of our deceased comrade Pierce Evans)  
His website PAPAN WEB remains as a legacy*


Hollander	William J.	103 Recon
Hughes	Robert Bruce	409 Hq Co
Kaufman	Bruce	411 Co A
Kelley	William H.	409 Hq Co 3Bn
King	Francis X.	411 Co E
Kopf	Arthur W.	411 Co M
Lancaster	Doyne	411 Co A
Lang	George	383 FA Bty B
Larsen	Ralph T.	409 Hq Co
Laura	Vincent F.	411 Co K
Lee	Wilmer R.	103 Sig
Louchart	Joseph	103 Sig Co
Lurie	Robert	409 Hq Co 2Bn
Lynch	Robert	410 Co H
Mann	Emerson A.	410 Co A
McDaniel	Jack E.	410 Co F
McGhee	Edwin	409 Co B
Melas	Nicholas J.	411 Hq Co
Metcalf	M. Aussie	410 Co I
Montgomery	Ralph M.	928 FA Bty C
Moore	Ransom J.	409 Hq Co
Murphy	John E.	384 FA Bty C
Murphy	Warren M.	410 Co E
Neely	John P.	410 Co F
Newsom	Lloyd "Buck"	409 Co K
Nowacki	C. Raymond	384 FA Bty C
O'Shurak	William H.	328 Eng Co C
O'Rouke	Dennis F.	409 Hq Co 1Bn
Palen	Mitchell	411 Co F
Paulson	Paul A.	410 Co K
Pollari	Robert W.	411 Med Det
Rauscher	John E.	411 Co F
Reeves	Robert "Don"	382 FA Bty C
Rodwell, Sr.	Douglas W.	410 Co A
Rudolph	Charles	409 Hq Co 1Bn
Ruhman	Clarence J.	409 Co C
Schnitz	Joel C.	409 Co C
Schott	Lester E.	328 Eng Co A
Seegmiller	Gillmer J.	411 Co E
Segerstrom	Henry T.	928 FA Bty A
Shaffer	Jack E.	410 Co G
Slish	Henry W.	410 Co B
Tinkle	James R.	410 Co A
Tobin	Robert E.	410 Co A
Wadkins	Raymond E.	409 AT Co
Walters	John E.	410 Co B
Welker, Jr.	W. Waite	411 Co B
Wilmoth, Jr.	Robert H.	928 FA Bty B
Wollam, Jr.	Robert J.	410 Co M
Young	Thomas P.	410 Co E
Zimmerman	Robert N.	410 Co D

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EVENT	NUMBER PEOPLE	COST PER PERSON	TOTAL ENCLOSED
REGISTRATION FEE		\$20.00	
DAY	ACTIVITY		
Wednesday – October 7	Arrival Marriott Courtyard – Hospitality Room at hotel		
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Saturday – October 10	Morning – McCain Archives Afternoon - Departures		
NAME (as you want it to appear on your badge)			
SPOUSE OR FRIEND'S NAME			
GUEST NAMES (if you need more room include another page)			
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YOUR 103D UNIT		TYPE MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE	
ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NAME OF 103D VETERAN RELATIVE			
ASSOCIATE MEMBER – YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO 103D VETERAN			
<b>PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM &amp; MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK FOR THE TOTAL</b> <b><u>BY AUGUST 15, 2015</u></b> <b>Francine Veilleux</b> <b>83 Durfee Street</b> <b>New Bedford, MA 02740</b> <b>Direct questions to Francine (774-644-2641) or e-mail her at</b> <b><a href="mailto:Francine.veilleux@gmail.com">Francine.veilleux@gmail.com</a> If needed call Bob French (508-207-7681)</b>			
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**WEBSITE UPDATE:** The website is going south! Not that we imply it is hosed, messed up, or anything negative. What we mean is that through the tremendous efforts of Tom Swope, his nephew Dr. Kenneth Swope at The University of Southern Mississippi, and untiring support from Dr. Bob French, 103d Association Executive Vice President, USM has agreed to host our website as part of the transfer of artifacts and memorabilia. This means the valuable historical data will be preserved for use by families of 103d veterans, historians, and researchers. Since the last update, we can report that all morning reports, from March 1, 1944 through July, 1945 are transcribed and now posted on the web. Tremendous job Zack Sigler!! Further, it is reported that the 103d Infantry Division World War II Association has the most complete website of any World War II division. Also, thanks to one of the Association members, the three Army General Orders awarding three battle stars for the European-Middle East-Asia Medal are on the site. The Campaigns are Central Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes-Alsace. We would like to thank all veterans and family members who submitted historical documents for posting. We look forward to the transfer to USM in October, 2015.

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** <http://www.103didww2assn.org>

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