



NEWSLETTER OF THE 31ST US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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Yes Virginia: "The 2020 Reunion is Still a GO!"

While the country and the world deal with the Corona Virus Pandemic, the Polar bears are pressing forward with our 2020 Reunion planned for 19-23 September in the Quad Cities of Moline, IL; Rock Island, IL; Bettendorf, IA; and Davenport, IA. Looking ahead it appears promising that most of the USA will be open for business sometime this summer and most of the worries of the pandemic will be over by the time of our planned reunion. A promising point is the low count of cases of the virus in the Quad Cities area. But because the future cannot be fully known, our Commander and the Board of Directors has set 15 July 2020 as the final date for a "Go or No Go" decision just in case the virus or potentially dangerous effects are still on the horizon. Be assured, if you have signed up and paid for the reunion and the Association cancels the 2020 Reunion all your money will be returned. Regional Directors have been asked to reach out to members in their regions to ensure that everyone has the latest word. In addition, the July Newsletter will have the final status on the reunion. So, keep the dates 19-23 September on your calendar and get ready for another reunion of current and former Soldiers of the 31st U.S. Infantry Regiment and their families at Quad Cities.



In September, You could be here looking at the Mississippi

You All Come, You Hear, but in the Meantime Stay Safe!

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

We are in one the most difficult times in American History; but the Infantry always comes through when the times are unknown, and outcomes are unsure. We are facing some challenging times and I trust all have dug in for the crisis. It is the lessons we learn when we are going through these times that I believe will allow all of us to come out ahead and learn from one of the most contagious virus seasons in modern history. We all have learned and practiced social distancing, and how to wash our hands. We all have probably washed our hands more in the last couple of months than in the previous year. We all are ready to get America back in business and somewhat of normal. I trust that all have stayed safe and well. The leaders of the 31st Infantry Regiment Association are moving forward and planning for when this pandemic is a thing of the past. We will use what we have learned during this time but are full steam ahead on planning for the reunion. I have been in contact with the Quad City Visitors Center during this time and even though they all are working from home they are still working. They like all of America are looking forward to normal and a bustling mid-western reunion. All the venues are anxiously waiting to welcome the 31st to their proud cities. The mayor is looking to be there for our welcome barbeque. I hope all are making plans to be there and feel their friendliness. We believe our timing between flu seasons is perfect and all will be ready to travel and meet our brothers and families for a great reunion. Don't miss this opportunity to be together.

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31ST U.S. INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION 2020 REUNION ITINERARY

DAY ONE: Saturday 9/19/2020

12:00-17:00: Registration open. Lobby. 2nd Floor Conference Center & QM Store Open Salon 1, 2nd Floor
12:00-17:00: Association Hospitality Room open. Retreat Room. 2nd Floor Conference Center
16:00-20:00: Visit Quad Cities info booth Hallway 2nd Floor
16:00-21:00: Dinner and time to explore on your own

DAY TWO: Sunday 9/20/2020

07:00-09:30: Breakfast Served in the Rock Island Ale House
10:00-11:00: 31st Infantry Memorial Service. Salon 1 & 2. 2nd Floor Conference Center
13:00-14:30 Board Meeting location TBD
11:00-21:00: Association Hospitality Room open. Retreat Room. 2nd Floor Conference Center
11:30-13:30: Lunch and time to explore on your own
17:30-20:30: Welcome Cocktail Reception & BBQ Dinner - Grand Ballroom. 2nd Floor Conference Center

DAY THREE: Monday 9/21/2020

07:00-09:30: Breakfast Served in the attached Rock Island Ale House
09:00: Association Hospitality Room opens. Retreat Room. 2nd Floor Conference Center
09:00-12:00: Registration Desk & Welcome Table open. Lobby. 2nd Floor Conference Center
09:00-10:30: General Membership Meeting Salon 3, 2nd Floor Conference Center
11:00-13:00: Lunch on your own
12:30-16:30: Rock Island Arsenal Tour. Meet in Lobby on the first floor by 12:15
15:00-15:30: **Raffle Drawing & Silent Auction Final Hours**
Registration Table. 2nd floor Conference Center
17:00-21:00: "Celebration Belle" Dinner & Dance Cruise. Meet at dock by 16:30
Address: 2501 River Drive Moline, IL 61265

DAY FOUR: Tuesday 9/22/2020

09:00-11:00: John Deere Pavilion & Store. Meet at JDP by 8:45.
Address: 1400 River Drive Moline, IL 61265
17:30: Reception and Cocktails – Grand Ballroom 2nd Floor Conference Center
18:30: Posting of the Colors & Invocation, Dinner and Guest Speakers
Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor Conference Center
20:30-22:00: The Shanghai Bowl Ceremony and Formal Toasts to the
31st U.S. Infantry Regiment. Grand Ballroom. 2nd Floor Conference Center

DEPARTURE DAY: Wednesday 9/23/2020

09:30-Whenever: The Goodbyes.

Note 1: If you are registered at the hotel, a hot meal is included every day

Note 2: Unless noted, all evening activities, off-site activities and Company Dinners are on your own

Note 3: Free time can be used for exploring the area or for Unit Dinners

Will you be at our next Reunion? Place and dates TBA based on member votes and changes to the Association Constitution. Stay tuned!

REGISTRATION FORM REUNION 2020 - Rock Island, IL
31st U.S. Infantry Regiment Association
September 19-23, 2020

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Company & Battalion of the 31st Infantry: _____ When: _____

If active duty, Current Rank: _____ Post stationed at: _____

Served in Combat Zone: Yes / No (Circle) If Yes, where: _____

Will you be staying at Holiday Inn Rock Island Yes / No (Circle)?

Have a car at the reunion? Yes / No If needed, are you willing to assist in local driving? Yes / No

<u>Reunion Activity</u>	<u>Cost per Person</u>	<u>X # Participating</u>	<u>= Event Cost</u>
Reunion Registration	\$40	X _____	\$ _____
Reunion Arrival Dinner	\$27	X _____	\$ _____
Rock Island Arsenal Tour	\$15	X _____	\$ _____
Celebration Dinner Cruise	\$60	X _____	\$ _____
Reunion Banquet	\$40	X _____	\$ _____
John Deere Factory Tour	\$15	X _____	\$ _____
Grand Total			\$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

31st U.S. Infantry Regiment Association Attn: Joe DeAngelis 3035 S. El Rio Drive, Meridian, ID 83642

Hotel and Travel Information: Total Cost is \$85.00/night including tax and a Hot Breakfast every morning
Holiday Inn & Conference Center Quad City International Airport (MOL)
226 17th Street Free airport / Hotel Shuttle
Rock Island, IL 61201 (Moline Airport serviced by all major carriers.) www.holidayinn.com/rockisland
Reserve your Hotel Room by calling: (309-794-1212)
Suspense Date For Hotel Reservations and Reunion 2020 Reservations is **SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**
NOTE: If you are registered at the hotel, a **HOT BREAKFAST is included every morning.**

ONE OF THE ORIGINAL POLAR BEARS – MIKE BALLERINO

This is the first installment of a two-part story provided to the Association by Jerry Kleiman. Mr. Kleiman was one of the principal organizers of the large ceremony held at Orangeburg, NY in 2017 honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March. Mr. Kleiman conducted a personal research project on a one-time Polar Bear who became the Junior Lightweight World Boxing Champion.

THE STORY OF MIKE BALLERINO – PART I

When you think of all the Filipino boxing champions such as Manny Pacquiao, you may not associate them with the 31st Infantry Regiment, but had it not been for one of the original Polar Bears, a good case can be made that the trajectory of professional boxing in the Philippines would never have skyrocketed as it did.

One of the original Polar Bears was a Private from Asbury Park, New Jersey. His name was Mike Ballerino. Born November 22, 1903 to Italian-born Michael, a boot black, and Maria, the mother of 9, Mike was orphaned by 12 and left school after 3rd grade, becoming a newsboy or ‘newsie’. Newsies were young street urchins who sold newspapers on the street corners to earn several cents a day. By 1917, World War I had descended on the U.S. At this point in time Army recruiters weren’t prone to be overly suspicious. So, scrawny, undersized Mike enlisted in the Army by pretending to be 2 and 1/2 years older than his actual age. Before long, he was a member of Alpha Company, 31st U.S. Infantry Regiment stationed in Manila. In 1918, the 31st Infantry Regiment along with Mike was deployed to Siberia as part of an Expeditionary Force comprising troops from England and Japan. Ironically, the American troops were theoretically under the command of the overall commanding officer of the force who was a Japanese General.

The Siberian mission’s objectives were not clearly defined. Although the Armistice took place on November 11, 1918, the fighting and hostilities between Germany and the allied British, French, and Americans far to the east continued. Some of the reasons given for sending troops were to protect military supplies, to keep portions of the Trans-Siberian Railroad open, and to protect Allied commercial interests, but as time went on the 31st Infantry troops were fighting the Bolshies and bandits, especially in their mission to guard railroad tracks between the mining areas of Siberia and its capital and major port of Vladivostok. On 25 June 1919, the biggest battle of the engagement took place at the small town of Romaneska where 23 Soldiers from Ballerino’s Alpha Company were killed. But by 1920 Americans at home had lost their enthusiasm and the Army decided to bring the boys home, with “Home” being Manila. By early April of 1920, the 31st was back, and to celebrate their return, in April, the city of Manila held a big party for them, in which Filipino cuisine and large quantities of beer were served. This in spite of the U.S. Law called “Prohibition” which took effect in January, 1920 and was to be administered throughout the U.S. and all of its territories. The only exception was the Philippines, where this law never went into effect. Although the 31st had been called the “Thirsty-First” by some, perhaps the term the “Not-So-Thirsty-First” would have been more appropriate.

The Regiment as a whole was stationed at Camp McKinley to do garrison duty. Times were relatively placid for the years following Siberia. With time on their hands, sporting events became important for keeping the troops physically active and healthy sporting events were held. One sport that was considered especially useful for soldiers, to increase their courage, stamina and manliness was boxing, and willing men were trained by NCOs with experience and know-how. There were also competitions between the different units that were stationed on the Island and throughout the Pacific. A championship won by a unit’s member was considered a victory for the whole unit. It was a big deal. One of the men who learned to box while a member of the 31st was young PVT Mike Ballerino. Perhaps it was the experience of being a poor orphan

who had to hustle to make a nickel to buy a modest meal and fight to protect his paper selling corner from other newsies who were older and bigger than him. Mike showed from the outset that he was aggressive and tough. He was ready to mix things up and fear was not in his vocabulary. Pain—he had dealt with it his whole life so that pain couldn't deter him in the ring. Small, fast and strong with the heart of a lion, he excelled in the regimental and divisional competitions. Finesse didn't seem to interest him. Of course, he had to learn the rudiments of self-defense to avoid unnecessary punishment, but basically was a straight-ahead fighter to whom retreat was a dirty word.

The word about Mike the boxer leaked out to the Manila promoters. Professional boxing was a major developing sport in the Philippines and Filipinos love to bet. Their true national pastime is cockfighting and they love to wager on which bird will live and which will not. American entrepreneurs and hustlers brought professional boxing into this atmosphere, when the Philippine Islands were annexed as a U.S. Territory in 1903. The Filipinos fell in love with boxing as spectators and as participants. Warriors in their own right, Filipinos loved the challenge, plus, if they excelled, it gave them the opportunity to escape from the poverty that engulfed most of the population. The same was true for PVT Ballerino and when he was offered the chance to fight in a professional bout in Manila he was all for it. However, he needed permission from his commanding officer, who balked at the idea. Somehow, with a lot of persuasion by the promoter the Lieutenant in charge told Mike that he had changed his mind, with the proviso that if he lost he would have to do KP for the next 60 days; if he won he would be given a 10 day furlough. Mike won. **To be continued.....**



Mike Ballerino the Sharpshooter Printed LA Express Oct 21, 1925

THE 4TH BATTALION HAS A NEW COMMANDER

4-31st Infantry had a Change of Command executed with short notice when LTC Wallace was reassigned to the 10th Mountain Division Headquarters to be the G-3. This move to Division Headquarters occurred as the HQ prepared for an April deployment to Afghanistan. A deployment which was delayed due to the pandemic. The new commander LTC Chris Rowe was the lucky officer who took the reins of the Polar Bears earlier than expected. LTC Rowe's bio is below:

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Rowe



LTC Chris Rowe was born in 1977 in Palatka, FL. He attended Florida State University and was commissioned through the Army ROTC program as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army in 2001. He has spent most of his career in separate Brigades. He has served in the 1-506th (AASLT) while stationed in Korea; the 1st BDE, 25th ID (SBCT) while stationed at Fort Lewis, WA; the 173rd IBCT (ABN) in Vicenza, Italy, and the 2nd Cavalry Regt (SBCT) in Vilseck, GE. His broadening assignments include service in the Third U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Joint Base Myer / Henderson Hall, SAMS Planner at U.S. Army Europe HQs, Chief of Plans at

the Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, MD, Aide de Camp to the United States Security Coordinator to Israel and the Palestinian Authority – Jerusalem, and Chief, Initiatives Group for the HQDA G-3/5/7. LTC Rowe's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, 2 sets of foreign jump wings, and the Order of St Maurice. He has been married to Stacy Rowe since 2002; they have two children: Anna 14 and Jesse 9.



From the 4th Battalion

BIG GEORGE IS GETTING A FACELIFT

1LT Camon Davison, Battalion Historian, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment



Driving around Fort Drum, New York there are many unit icons that are readily visible, but no unit icon leaves the same lasting impression as George - an 8 foot tall statue of the ferocious Polar Bear and the beloved mascot of "America's Foreign Legion" since its days in Siberia from 1918 to 1920.

Sculpted in the 1950s to honor the 31st Infantry Regiment, George has moved from post to post always serving as a symbol of the brave men and women who have fought and died as Polar Bears. When the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment was re-activated in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum in April 1996, George came along and has stood outside the Battalion's Headquarters braving the rough North Country winters for 25 years as a defining feature of the Fort Drum garrison.

Though at home in the snow of Northern New York, the weather has worn George over 60-plus years of service. Upon returning from the latest deployment to Afghanistan in the summer of 2019 the battalion and most of all its Family Readiness Group (FRG) leaders took on the task of preparing to give George a much-needed facelift. With the tireless fundraising efforts of the FRG and the immense support of the 31st Association, George's facelift is on track, and there is a plan in place to ensure George is maintained regularly into the future. Originally planned to begin in late April, the spread of COVID-19 has forced it to be delayed, but it is currently scheduled to begin in late-July to August with an unveiling and rededication ceremony hopefully taking place around the Regiment's birthday in August. Stay tuned to the battalion Facebook page and the 31st Association for updates.



Big George Standing Tall During a Fort Drum Winter

A Special Note: LTC Rowe informed the Association that thanks to the support of the Association, our members, and the Soldiers of 4-31, the unit now has all the funds that they need to pay for the restoration of Big George.



TAPS

Deceased members identified since Newsletter #94, February 2020

WORLD WAR II

None

PRE-KOREAN WAR

John D. Ferguson, T/5, Wilmington, NJ, died Apr 13, 2020, Svc Co, Rgt, 1946-1947

Arthur Mercier, SGT, Anjou, Canada, died Feb 2, 2020, HHC, Rgt, 1949

KOREA WAR

Roy Allen Bedford, 1 LT Ret, Fayetteville, NC, died Jun, unkn, 2019, Co B, 1st Bn, 1950

Robert Breda, SGT, North Riverside, IL, died Feb 20, 2020, HHC, 1st Bn, 1951-1952

Douglas I. Clark, 1LT, Vancleave, MS, died Jun 23, 2019, Cos G and H, 2nd Bn, 1952-53

Roman Cruz, 1st SGT ret, University Place, WA, died Jan 18, 2019, Co E, 2nd Bn, 1952-1953

Robert J. DelConte, CPL, Hartsdale, NY, died May 14, 2019, unit unkn, 1953

Robert Disher, SFC, Holland, OH, died Mar 30, 2019, Co I, 3rd Bn, 1952

John L. Dufour, CPL, Cumberland, RI, died Oct 12, 2015, Co F, 2nd Bn, 1953

Harold Dupre, SGT, Opelousas, LA, died, Nov2, 2019, Hvy Mtr, Rgt, 1951

Richard Estrada, SSG, San Antonio, TX, died Oct 21, 2017, SVC, Rgt, 1949-1950

Joseph W. Farris, 1LT, Vincennes, IN, died Mar 22, 2020, Co I, 3rd Bn, 1953

Jerry R. Finley, SGT, Larkspur, CA, died Aug 24, 2019, Tk Co, Rgt, 1951-1952

Daniel A. Fritz, 1st SGT ret, Pahump, NV, died Oct 27, 2019, Hvy Mtr, Rgt, 1950-1951

Harry F. "Doc" Grant, PFC, Rockport, ME, died Nov 14, 2018, unit unkn, 1952

John E. Gray, COL ret, Mt Ulla, NC, died Dec 1, 2019, Cos H & M, 2nd & 3rd Bns, 1950-1951

Harold E. Johnson, CPL, Garrett, IN, died Sep 12, 2012, Co E, 2nd Bn, 1952

Albert F. Killian, SFC, Opelika, AL, died Jan 2, 2018, Co L, 3rd Bn, 1952

Joseph T. Krasny, CPL, Bethel, CT, died Jan16, 2020, Co K, 2nd Bn, 1951-1952

Dominic Loperfido, MSG, Neptune, NJ, died Jun 9, 2018, Co A, 1st Bn, 1950-1951

John M. Murphy, SSG, Underhill, VT, died Feb 23, 2019, Co C, 1st Bn, 1952

E. Edward Murray, Sr., MSGT, Tallahassee, FL, Jul 25, 2019, Co G, 2nd Bn, 1952-1953

Earl J. Norton, Jr, CPL, Rogers, AR, died Feb 21, 2019, HHC, 2nd Bn, 1951-1952

Robert E. Olsen, SGT, Salem, NY, died Jul 16, 2019, Hvy Mtr, Rgt, 1950-1951

Hollis E. Pantalion, SFC ret, San Antonio, TX, Feb 27, 2020, Hvy Mtr, Rgt, 1949-1951

James A. Patrick, SSG ret, Columbus, GA, died Jan 26, 2020, Hvy Mtr, Rgt, 1953

Jack W. Perkins, CPL, Sauquoit, NY, died Aug 9, 2013, Co C, 1st Bn, 1952

Russell B. Potter, CPL, Crossville, TN, died Oct 29, 2018, Co A, 1st Bn, 1950-1951

Robert E. Roberts, PFC, Douglas, MA, died May 25, 2011, Co A, 1st Bn, 1952
 Charles A. Rose, CPL, Minneapolis, MN, died Jun 18, 1989, unit and period unkn
 Raymond J. Rutkowski, CPL, Seven Hills, OH, died Nov 13, 2013, Co C, 1st Bn, 1952
 Daniel "Silver Fox" Sankoff, SGT, Lehigh Acres, FL, died Apr 7, 2019, HHC, 3rd Bn, 1951-1952
 Glenn E. Smith, COL ret, Barboursville, WV, died Dec 4, 2019, HHC, Cos I and M, 3rd Bn, 1952-1953
 Albert J. Snyder, SGT, Cumberland, MD, died Jul 29, 2019, Co I, 3rd Bn, 1951
 Richard O. Starbird, 1LT, Bellingham, WA, died Jun 8, 2003, unit unkn, 1951-1952
 Joseph Tamayo, 1st SGT ret, Mt Holly, NJ, died Feb 11, 2020, Co M, 3rd Bn, 1951 (5 assignments in 31st Inf)
 Robert W. Trumbull, SFC, Seaside, OR, died Aug 27, 2012, SVC, Rgt, 1951-1952
 Vernon M. Whiteside, SFC, Norton, MA, died Mar 21, 2016, HHC and Co F, 2nd Bn, 1949-1951
 Blair J. Willard, rank unkn, Lewisville, NC, died Apr 15, 2013, unit unkn, period unkn
 Robert K. Wilson, rank unkn, Peoria, IL, died Jun 19, 2016, unit unkn, period unkn
 Harold H. Zoch, CPL, Grand Prairie, TX, died Nov 7, 2019, SVC, Rgt, 1950-1952

POST KOREAN WAR

Thomas Coyne, PFC, Palatine, IL, died Nov 17, 2019, Co M, 3rd Bn, 1955

VIETNAM

Maurice L. Beauregard, SSG, Lexington SC, died May 29, 2019, Co B, 4th Bn, 1969-1970
 Williams A. "Doc" Flaherty, rank unkn, Highlands, NJ, died Jan 25 2020, HHC & Co C, 4th BN, 1966-1968
 Larry J. Kalinowski, SGT, Jefferson, OH, died Apr 21, 2016, Co C, 6th Bn, 1970
 Brian E. Kitching, SP4, Epsom, NH, died Nov 8, 2017, Co B, 6th Bn, 1968-1969
 Joseph R. Palermo, SGT, Boardman, OH, died Jan 3, 2020, Co B, 6th Bn, 1968-1969
 John H. Tarnish, SGT, Hamburg, NY, died Jun 10, 2019, Co C, 4th BN, 1968
 Paul A. Terry, SGT, Baldwin, NY, died Oct 17, 2019, HHC and Co A, 4th Bn, 1967-1968

Correction: error reporting a death in NL #94 TAPS (USPS reported following as deceased in 2015)

Harry L. Lower, 17133 Bennett Road, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273-9789, Co D, 6th Bn, 1969-1970 (is back on the rolls)

UNITED STATES

None

ASSOCIATES

Edna E. Kilgore, Estill Springs, TN, died Dec 14, 2019, sister of PFC Glenn S. Schoenmann, died as POW, Dec 1950
 Doris Kinsella, Moonachie, NJ, died Jun 14, 2019, widow of CPL Phillip Kinsella, Jr., Korea 1951-1952
 Mary Wright Neil, North Charleston, SC, Feb unkn, 2018, husband, unit and period unkn
 Margaret Wolfe, Falls Church, VA, died Sep 1, 2018, widow of SFC Lee R. Wolfe, Korea 1950-1953

Correction: error in posting a death in NL #94 TAPS (incorrect first name):

Ruthven E. Reagan, MAJ Ret, Claremore, OK, died Jan 26, 2011 (Brother of Knowlton Reagan, KIA, Jan 1942).

NEW MEMBERS – Welcome!

Matthew T. Boise, MAJ, Adams, NY, HHC, 4th Bn, Jul 2018 – Present

Daniel P. Fields, 1st SGT, Brownsville, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, Present

Mark C. Sellin, SP5, Lansing, IL, HHC, 6th Bn, 1969-1970

31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERMASTER STORE ORDER FORM

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Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cat #	Description	Price	Qty	Total
B 102	Book, 31 st Infantry Regiment "America's Foreign Legion" in peace and war (Includes shipping) Do not include this in shipping cost at bottom of form	\$40.00	___ =	_____
C 100	Coin, Commemorative, 100 th Anniversary (if you order 10 or more the price is \$8.00 each).	\$ 10.00	X ___ =	_____
C100AT	Air Tight capsule for 100 th Anniversary Commemorative coin	\$ 1.50	X ___ =	_____
C100EB	Easel, black <u>both the black and clear easels are for Air Tight capsule with 100th</u>	\$ 1.50	X ___ =	_____
C100EC	Easel, clear <u>Anniversary Commemorative coin or the Commemorative coin alone</u>	\$ 1.50	X ___ =	_____
C RB 01	Cap, Royal Blue , 31 st INFANTRY REGIMENT, POLAR BEARS, and crest embroidered directly directly on cap and US ARMY embroidered on back.	\$15.00	X ___ =	_____
C RB	Cap same as C RB 02 above with the addition of a waving U.S. flag on the left side and a combat patch (Philippines Division; 7 th Infantry Division; 196 Light Infantry Brigade; 9 th Infantry Division; 10 th Mountain Div) on the right side. Circle the patch you want.	\$18.00	X ___ =	_____
C K 01	NEW CAP! same as C RB above but in Khaki with a waving U.S. flag on the left side and a combat patch (Philippines Division; 7 th Infantry Division; 196 Light Infantry Brigade; 9 th Infantry Division; 10 th Mountain Div) on the right side. Circle the patch you want). All embroidery is subdued.	\$18.00	X ___ =	_____
SP	Shirt, Polo/golf w/31 st INFANTRY REGIMENT and polar bear crest on left chest, no pocket Please circle color and size. Size S, M, L, XL White, Light Blue, Navy Blue	\$ 29.00	X ___ =	_____
	Size 2XL White, Light Blue, Navy Blue	\$ 31.00	X ___ =	_____
SP100	Same as above with 100 th Anniversary logo in <u>White only</u> Size: S, M (Sold out), L, XL Size: 2XL	\$ 31.00	X ___ =	_____
	Size: 3XL	\$ 35.00	X ___ =	_____
ST	Shirt, Tee, w/31 st INFANTRY REGIMENT and polar bear crest on left chest, no pocket Please circle color and size. Size S, M, L, XL Light Blue, Navy Blue	\$ 16.00	X ___ =	_____
	Size 2XL Light Blue, Navy Blue	\$ 19.00	X ___ =	_____
	Size 3XL Light Blue, Navy Blue	\$ 21.00	X ___ =	_____
SLSVC	Shirt, Long Sleeve, Dress in various colors w/31 st INFANTRY REGIMENT and polar bear crest on left chest above pocket. Please circle color and size. Size S, M, L, XL	\$ 30.00	X ___ =	_____
	Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Red, White, Texas Orange, Burgundy, Size 2XL	\$ 32.00	X ___ =	_____
	or Denim Size 3XL	\$ 36.00	X ___ =	_____
MS 01	Shanghai Bowl Cup, silver, 2007 reproduction of original. (Includes shipping cost)	\$165.00	X ___ =	_____
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PN 02	Pin, 31 st Infantry Regimental crest (Polar Bear), lapel/hat pin. 7/8" tall, 3/4" wide	\$ 4.00	X ___ =	_____
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PN 74	Pin, Combat Infantry Badge, regulation size, 1-1/4" tall, 3" wide	\$ 4.00	X ___ =	_____
PN 82	Pin, Purple Heart, lapel/hat pin. 1-1/8" tall, 5/8" wide	\$ 3.00	X ___ =	_____
PN 85	Pin, Silver Star, lapel/hat pin. 1-1/8" tall, 5/8" wide	\$ 3.00	X ___ =	_____
PN 71	Pin, Bronze Star, lapel/hat pin. 1-1/8" tall, 5/8" wide	\$ 3.00	X ___ =	_____

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