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### REUNION 2021 – QUAD CITIES HERE WE COME !

The year 2020 has been a bust. Old Soldiers could not overcome the fury of COVID-19, but never fear 2021 will be our year. After a poll of Association leadership it was quickly decided that Reunion 2021 should once again be planned for the Quad Cities area. While the status of the virus and its effects in 2021 may still be unclear, it seems reasonable that the medical risks associated with holding a reunion in September 2021 should be low. The decision to hold Reunion 2021 in the Quad Cities area was fairly easy. The hotel agreed to offer the same rate, the local Visitors Bureau enthusiastically supports our Reunion and the leaders of the Association believe that the reunion should be held in the mid-west. So, Charlie and the Board of Directors all shout: **“You All Come to Reunion 2021 in the Quad Cities on the Mississippi. You Hear!”**



### A YEAR WE WISH TO BE A THING OF THE PAST

This is a year we all want it to be a memory of things of distance memories. We all have so much to be thankful for and we have to count our memories and blessings, It has been a year of firsts for most of us and a year that we can look back and say we're glad it's over. It is a year we will never forget. The only year I can relate this one to is my year in Vietnam and remembering counting the days until it would be over. As I look back, that year in Vietnam was a year that helped mold my life and make me the person I became. It was not easy, but we all endured. Vietnam was a year when I forged friendships that have lasted a lifetime. It was a year that helped me become a leader and to grow a family and business that I cherished for a lifetime. We will be able to look back years from now and see the things we have learned in times filled with uncertainty and unknowns. As I look back over my life, I have learned it is times like this one, with little or no control, where I learned the most. Life is so fragile and yet I have so much to be thankful for. It is a time when I believe that we must all really count our blessings.

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I encourage everyone to get out and vote. This year is a year where more than ever we need strong leadership in our nation. We are in a war within our country. A war where our first responders are criticized on every front. We must not allow few in our nation who will not accept legal and authorized authority to take away our God given rights to protect our properties and families. Whatever it takes to vote; get out and vote. We have fought and many given their lives to protect our freedom. This year, for sure, take the time to **VOTE!**

I am thankful we can count on getting together in the same place and the same agenda as planned for our 2020 reunion. Everything has been planned and rescheduled for our Reunion 2021 from Sept 18 to 21, 2021. hope you will be making plans to join us in the Quad Cities Davenport and Bettendorf, IA, and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois. **Commander - Charlie Tapp**

## **A Polar Bear Remembers Korea**

### **Sam Wetzel LTG (Ret.)**

June 25 was the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. The list of 31st Infantry Regiment Soldiers killed in action (KIA) in that conflict - over a thousand - extends across 20 single-spaced pages in the Regiment's history. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Retired Lieutenant General Sam Wetzel, earned his first CIB as a platoon leader in Korea. Below is his recollection of the end of hostilities in Korea:

I was an Infantry Lieutenant assigned to Korea right near the end of the Korean War. I arrived in April 1953 in the 279th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division on Sandbag Castle in what is now the DMZ opposite the North Koreans. One night I took out a small recon patrol of four men to go behind the North Korean lines and report on their locations. The next night all hell broke loose. The North Koreans attacked up the ridge leading to the California 40th Infantry Division in the Punchbowl. I called in Artillery and mortars on that ridge to help the 40th, but my small recon patrol was getting hit from both sides. We just "buried" in the ground where we were. The next day the North Koreans were pushed back. That night we were able to work our way back to our position in the line.

On the 4th of July 1953 it was raining like hell. Five of us in an advanced party of our 3rd Battalion had moved up to contact and coordinated with the South Korean unit that occupied the combat line and positions our battalion had been ordered to relieve. That night I slept on a floating air mattress on Christmas Hill, one of the positions that the South Korean unit occupied. Those positions opposed the Chinese forces in that sector. I woke up about 0300 hours and to my surprise I watched the South Korean unit our battalion was ordered to replace pick up in mass and leave their positions headed south. For the next 24 hours the five of us had an entire battalion sector opposite the Chinese! Fortunately, nothing happened during those 24 hours. The next night our battalion arrived to occupy the positions. The position where my company was deployed was way down from what is now the DMZ. The Chinese could see right down our throats and every day at 1600 hours they registered their mortars on our company position. One night that July, the Chinese attacked a battalion of the 179th Infantry Regiment just west of our position in an all-night attack. One company in the 179th lost all their Soldiers except one officer and four men.

On July 27, 1953 I was given the mission to take twenty men on a combat recon up into the Chinese positions to discover their trench lines. At 1800 hours, just as we were about to conduct the mission, I was ordered not to go since it was announced that the Korean War was now officially to end (Cease Fire Truce) at 2200 hours that night. From 1800 to 2200 both sides, the American and the Chinese, fired all their ammo so they would not have to carry any ammo off their positions. That four hours turned out to be a really late 4th of July celebration! Then at 2200 dead silence! The next day we cut paths through the mine fields. On the hill in front of my company position, the Chinese put up a big banner in block English saying, "Communist Congratulations." As we were leaving the area going back down the hill to the south, the rumor was that we were going to Indochina (Vietnam). I took command of Company L, 279th Infantry just before we left.

## REUNION 2021 - QUAD CITIES – SEPTEMBER 18-21

### ITINERARY FOR REUNION 2021 - 31<sup>ST</sup> US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

#### **DAY ONE: Saturday 9/18/2021**

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 9/19/2021**

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 Conf 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 9/20/2021**

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 Caption & Dance Cruise.  
Meet at dock by 16:30 Address: 2501 River Drive Moline, IL 61265.

#### **DAY FOUR: Tuesday 9/21/2021**

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 Conf Center  
18:30: Posting of the Colors & Invocation, Dinner & Guest Speakers Grand Ballroom. 2nd Fr Conference Ctr.  
20:30-22:00: The Shanghai Bowl Ceremony and Formal Toasts to the 31<sup>st</sup> US Infantry Regiment. Grand Ballroom. 2nd Floor Conference Center.

#### **DEPARTURE DAY: Wednesday 9/22/2021**

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

**See you at the next Association Reunion – Reunion 2022!**

Place and dates TBA based on member votes and changes to the Association Constitution.

**REGISTRATION FORM REUNION 2021 - Rock Island, IL**  
**31<sup>st</sup> US Infantry Regiment Association**  
**Sept 18-21, 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Battalion of the 31<sup>st</sup> 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>=</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 _____		\$ _____
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

Make checks payable to: **31<sup>st</sup> US Infantry Regiment Association**  
**ATTN: Joe DeAngelis 3035 S. El Rio Dr., 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street**      **Free airport / Hotel Shuttle**  
**Rock Island, IL 61201**      Moline Airport serviced by all major carriers. **www.holidayinn.com/rockisland**  
**Reserve Room at (309-794-1212)**  
**Suspense date for Hotel Reservations and Reunion 2021 Reservations is Sept 1, 2021**

## Virus! - What Virus?



Now most of our members are “Old” Soldiers, but that does not mean that we are not now or were not then up to date on the rules that COVID-19 would engender in 2020. As this picture from 1969 shows, Soldiers from 6-31 were already practicing “Social Distancing” in the Delta in South Vietnam. Now, there were some rules that we could not follow like washing our hands with soap and water often or wearing masks in close quarters. Besides, I don’t think anyone thought that a cloth or paper mask was going to help you survive anything in Vietnam. But we did on many occasions wear flak vests and almost always wore steel helmets and there were times when we kind of knew that those health protections might even have helped. The problem was there were not very many Polar Bears in 4-31 and 6-31 that thought that a virus was the most dangerous thing they might encounter in Vietnam. My! My! How times have changed!



## The 4th Battalion SITREP



The Polar Bears of 4-31 have been training for their deployment to Afghanistan over the past several months. The Soldiers of the 4th Battalion have exceeded all expectations throughout a rigorous training cycle. The Polar Bears conducted an intense and realistic Field Training Exercise (FTX) during the months of June and July. Following the successful completion of the Platoon live fire portion, the entire Battalion conducted a 25-mile foot march across the Fort Drum Training Area. At the end of the foot march an awards ceremony and breakfast were waiting for the exhausted, but motivated, Polar Bears. Immediately following Platoon Live Fires and the 25-mile road march, the Battalion prepared for and conducted a Company Live Fire Exercise (CLFX), Company Situational Training Exercise (CSTX), and culminated training with a robust Mountain Peak exercise in October that saw the battalion conduct two different air assault missions in support of the brigade. As expected, our Polar Bears are trained to be the most lethal and professional battalion in the 10th Mountain Division.

Looking ahead, the Polar Bears are once again called upon to serve our nation abroad. Later this fall, 4-31 IN will return to Afghanistan in support of U.S. and partner operations. The Soldiers of America’s Foreign Legion are currently preparing for pre-deployment block leave and quarantine due to Covid-19 prior to departure. This will be the 9th time the 4th Battalion will deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).



## **TAPS**

**Deceased members identified since Newsletter # 96, July 2020**

### **PRE-KOREAN WAR**

Frank G. De Marco, T/SGT, Delray Beach, FL, died Sep 13, 2018, HQ, Rgt, 1946-1948

### **KOREA WAR**

Donald G. Bartling, SFC, Herman, NE, died May 20, 2020, HHC, Rgt, 1951-1952  
Robert E. Baxter, SGT, Anoka, MN, died Jun 12, 2014, Pioneer & Ammo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1952  
Edwin Bettis, CPL, Skaneateles, NY, died Jul 20, 2020, Co G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 1950-1951  
Carl A. Brandon, CPL, Rolling Meadows, IL, died Oct 3, 2019, Co H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 1952  
John M. Chiles, SFC, Waco, TX, died Jul 7, 2020, Co I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1952-1953  
Eddie W. Cox, unkn, Fairdale, KY, died Nov 13, 2014, Co I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1953  
William R. Crum, SGT, Newman, IL, died Oct 6, 2014, Co I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1953  
Donald Deem, PFC, New Philadelphia, OH, died Jan 1, 2017, Co B, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1952  
Richard E. Falk, SFC ret, Hamilton, MT, died Jul 10, 2020, Co L, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1952-1953  
Joseph G. "Joe" Fisher, SGT, Farr West, UT, died Aug 19, 2020, Co B, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1952-1953  
William "Bill" Meanor, MAJ ret, Charlotte, NC, died Jun 3, 2020, Co B, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1950-1951  
Anthony Pomposelli, CPL, North Providence, RI, died Aug 15, 2020, Co D, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1949-1950  
Ruben Rivera, unkn, Brooklyn, NY, died unkn date, 2009, unit and period unkn  
William J. Russell, SGT, Round Pond, ME, died Jun 20, 2014, unit unkn, 1953-1954  
Jay Rye, SGT, Porterville, CA, died Jan 5, 2006, unit and period unkn  
Ronald I. "Ron" Smith, SFC ret, San Jose, CA, died Apr 6, 2019, Co K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1951-1952  
Maurice A. Strange, PFC, Rohnert Park, CA, died Apr 11, 2019, Co I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1951-1952

#### **Correction in city in NL 96:**

James A. Nielsen, T/SGT, **Houghton Lake**, MI, died Dec 8, 2018, Co D, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1950-1953

### **POST KOREAN WAR**

Robert S. Lewis, 1LT, Venice, FL, died Aug 21, 2020, Co E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 1953-1954  
Andrew A. Logue, PFC, Mount Kisco, NY, died Sep unkn day, 2019, unkn unit, 1957-1958  
Russell L. Ramsey, SSG, Minneapolis, MN, died Oct 23, 2019, Co C, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1968-1970

### **VIETNAM**

Thomas G. Rodriquez, SGT, Leavenworth, KS, died May 16, 2020, HHC, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1966  
Bryan E. Underwood, PFC, Bessemer City, NC, died Jul 21, 2020, Co A, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1965-1967

#### **Correction in state in NL 96:**

Richard A. Stephenson, SP4, Lakeland, **FL**, died Jun 5, 2020, Co C, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1969

**NOTE:** There were no deceased members reported from WW II, the USA, or Associate Members



## NEW MEMBERS

Arthur E. "Gene" Grimm, SP4, Wabash, IN, Co C, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1968-1969  
Desirae M. Sanderson, CPT, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Bn S-2, Carthage, NY, Jan 2020 - Present  
Brian C. Stephenson, Winter Haven, FL, son of Richard A. Stephenson, SP4, Co C, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1969  
Randy W. Stephenson, Coden, AL, son of Richard A. Stephenson, SP4, Co C, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1969  
Scott P. Stephenson, Lakeland, FL, son of Richard A. Stephenson, SP4, Co C, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1969  
Tyler S. Townsend, CPT, Fort Drum, NY, HHC, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, Oct 2018 – Aug 2019

## TAYLOR A. LE SUEUR, JR. - BATAAN POW

Tanner Christy was in the Midwest, cruising some second-hand shops, when he came across an old Purple Heart with the name of the recipient engraved on the back: "Taylor A. Le Sueur, Jr.". The find lit a fire in Christy - Who was this American service member? What war did he earn this award in, and in what unit? When Christy found that Le Sueur had served in the 31st Infantry Regiment in the Philippines during WWII, he contacted the 31st U.S. Infantry Regiment Association. This is Le Sueur's story:

Taylor Alexander Le Sueur was born May 10, 1922 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. After his 18th birthday and graduation from high school, He enlisted in the Army on November 5, 1940. He was assigned to Company D, 31st Infantry Regiment, the precursor unit of the 4th Battalion 31st Infantry Regiment, now stationed at Fort Drum. When war broke out between the United States and Japan on December 7, 1941, the 31st Infantry Regiment was garrisoned in Manila. General Douglas MacArthur, a Military Adviser to the Philippines Government, had prepared a defense centered around the 31st Infantry Regiment. The Japanese began their attack on December 8, 1941. Ground troops landed on December 10, and by the 22nd the Japanese 14th Army had forced General MacArthur to retreat to the Bataan Peninsula.



To give his troops time to set up a defense following their retreat to Bataan, MacArthur ordered some of his units, including the 31st Infantry Regiment, to fight a delaying action against the Japanese. When the regiment rejoined the defensive line three days later, it had suffered heavy casualties from its engagements with the Japanese. Even so, the 31st Infantry Regiment and the other units were able to hold out for four months. But finally, on April 9, 1942, the surrender of U.S. forces resulted in the fall of Bataan.

Taylor Le Sueur was one of approximately 1600 Polar Bears sent on the Bataan Death March, forced to endure the roughly 60-mile trek from Bataan to the San Fernando railroad. During their march the prisoners were deprived of food and water, and endured beatings, stabbings, sweltering sun exposure, and even being intentionally run down by trucks if they faltered. At the San Fernando railroad the prisoners were loaded into stifling, cramped box cars and shipped to Capas. There they were offloaded and forced to walk nine miles to Camp O'Donnell at Tarlac, Luzon, an Army post converted to a POW camp.

Le Sueur was then sent to Old Bilibid, a POW camp located in Manila. From here on December 13, 1944, two years after the Japanese invaded the Philippines, he was put aboard the *Oryoku Maru*, one of the notorious Japanese hell ships. These ships, carrying allied POWs, showed no markings to indicate who the passengers were, although international law required it. This particular ship was to sail to Japan, but it was attacked and sunk before it had even left Philippine waters. Of the 1620 POWs on board, about 270 lost their

lives. The surviving prisoners, including Le Sueur, were placed on another hell ship, the *Enoura Maru*. It sailed for Japan on December 27, 1944. The prisoners suffered horribly from the cramped confines, lack of nutrition, and filthy conditions. On December 31st the *Enoura Maru* reached Takao, Taiwan. The ship sat in the harbor with its prisoner cargo for nine days. On January 9, 1945, aircraft from the USS *Hornet* attacked the ship sitting at anchor. One of the bombs unfortunately killed 250 of the 1280 prisoners on board, and wounded hundreds more. Despite the wounded, the POWs were not removed from the ship until January 12, 1945. Eventually, more than 300 prisoners died and were buried on shore. Taylor Le Sueur, Jr., whose Purple Heart Tanner Christy had found, was one of the men to die when the *Enoura Maru* was attacked at Taiwan. He was twenty-two. He is memorialized on the Walls of the Missing, Manila American Cemetery, the Philippines.



#### **THERE WAS A WAR IN VIETNAM AND THERE WAS STILL A WAR IN KOREA**

While the 4th and 6th Battalions of the 31st Infantry were in combat in the Vietnam War, the 1st and 2nd Battalions stationed in Korea were also in combat. History books state that the Korean War ended in July 1953 when a Peace Accord was signed creating a “Truce” between North and South Korea. What the books don’t show is the fact that in many of the years since that paper was signed Korea has been a combat zone. Between May 1967 and January 1968, there were more than 300 attacks in the U.S. sector, killing 15 U.S. Soldiers and wounding 65. Because U.S. troops were routinely in combat there, the Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Pacific Command requested that the area between the DMZ and the Imjin River be designated a hostile fire zone. DOD approved that request and the Secretary Defense stated: The men serving along the demilitarized zone are no longer involved in Cold War Operations. They in every sense of the word are involved in combat ....” Hostile fire pay, \$65 a month, became effective on April 1, 1968. Receiving it required at least six days a month North of the Imjin River. Soldiers from the 31st Infantry had their share of rotations into that zone. Soldiers nevertheless felt ignored amid their country’s preoccupation with Vietnam. Williams Holinger, Operations Officer (S-3) of the 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry in 1968-69 expressed that frustration in his novel, *The Fence Walker*. “If we’re killed on a patrol or a guard post, crushed in a jeep accident, or shot by a nervous GI on the fence, no one will ever write about us in the “Times” or erect a monument or read a Gettysburg Address over our graves. There’s too much going on elsewhere; what we’re doing is trivial in comparison. We’ll never be part of the national memory.” Holinger was right, but most U.S. Soldiers know that the task of defending freedom around the world is seldom fully recognized by those who are protected.



# 31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERMASTER STORE ORDER FORM

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cat #	Description	Price	Qty
<b>Total</b>			
B 102	Book, 31st 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 X	=
C 100	Coin, Commemorative, 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (if you order 10 or more the price is \$8.00 each).	\$ 10.00 X	=
C100AT	Airtight capsule for 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative coin	\$ 1.50 X	=
C100EB	Easel, black <i>both the black and clear easels are for Airtight capsule with 100<sup>th</sup></i>	\$ 1.50 X	=
C100EC	Easel, clear <i>Anniversary Commemorative coin or the Commemorative coin alone</i>	\$ 1.50 X	=
C RB 02	Cap, Royal Blue, 31st 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; 7th Infantry Division; 196th Light Infantry Brigade; 9th Infantry Division; 10th Mountain Div) on the right side. <b>Circle the patch you want.</b>	\$18.00 X	=
C K	<b>NEW CAP!</b> same as C RB above but in <b>Khaki</b> with a waving U.S. flag on the left side and a combat patch (Philippines Division; 7th Infantry Division; 196th Light Infantry Brigade; 9th Infantry Division; 10th Mountain Division) on the right side. <b>Circle the patch you want).</b> All embroidery is subdued.	\$18.00 X	=
SP	Shirt, Polo/golf w/31st INFANTRY REGIMENT and polar bear crest on left chest, <b>no pocket</b> <b>Please circle color and size.</b> 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 100th Anniversary logo in <u>White only</u> Size: S, M-(Sold out), L, XL	\$ 31.00 X	=
	Size: 2XL \$ 33.00 X	=	Size: 3XL
		\$ 35.00 X	=
ST	Shirt, Tee, w/31st INFANTRY REGIMENT and polar bear crest on left chest, <b>no pocket</b> <b>Please circle color and size.</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT and polar bear crest on left chest above pocket. <b>Please circle color and size</b> Size: S, M, L, XL	\$ 30.00 X	=
	Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Red, White, Texas Orange, Burgundy, Size 2XL	\$ 32.00 X	=
	<b>or Denim</b> Size 3XL	\$ 36.00 X	=
MS 01	Shanghai Bowl Cup, silver, 2007 reproduction of original. (Includes shipping)		
Do not include this in shipping cost at bottom of form		\$165.00X	=
DCL 01	Bumper sticker, 31st Infantry crest (Polar Bear), 4-3/8" tall, 4-1/4 wide	\$ 3.00 X	=
PN 01	Pin, 31st Infantry Regimental crest (Polar Bear), regulation size, facing set.	\$ 8.00 X	=
PN 02	Pin, 31st Infantry Regimental crest (Polar Bear), lapel/hat pin. 7/8" tall, 3/4" wide	\$ 4.00 X	=
PN 73	Pin, Combat Infantry Badge, lapel/hat pin. 3/8" tall, 1-1/4" wide	\$ 3.00 X	=
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	=

**Shipping Charges** – add to your order: Orders under \$10.00 add \$2.50; For orders \$10.01 - \$25.00 add \$6.00; For orders \$25.01 - \$50.00, add \$7.00; For orders over \$50.00, add \$9.00.

**SUBTOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHIPPING** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Grand TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

For Credit Cards (American Express, Discover, Master Card, or Visa) or Debit card (with Master Card or Visa logo) please include

NAME (on card): \_\_\_\_\_ CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SECURITY CODE (on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE (where credit card bill is mailed to): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail the order form and payment to: Dale Mills 337 Carillon Lane, Macon, GA 31210-9711**

## Association Officers

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