



NEWSLETTER OF THE 31ST US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE – REUNION 2020 IS POSTPONED!



On 14 July, the leadership of the Association was polled, and the outcome was a vote to postpone the 2020 Reunion in the Quad Cities area for this September. The decision came after the Regional Directors contacted many of the members in their region and received the support for attending our reunion based on the issue of the Coronavirus. Reports from the directors were essentially a negative vote for holding the reunion this year. Concerns were raised by a significant number of members who felt that it was too risky as

the spread of the virus had not diminished at the rate expected. Many members voiced a view that they were not planning to attend due to the risk and their view of their personal vulnerability. While there were many positive reasons to move forward, the leadership decision was based on what was believed to be in the best interest of our members and the Association. Now, the planning for our next reunion in 2021 starts in earnest. The leadership has discussed a plan that would slip Reunion 2020 to September 2021 in the Quad Cities area, but, planning is not final. The next calling will be: **“You All Come to Reunion 2021 as soon as the final plan is set. You Hear!”**

FROM THE COMMANDER -THE PANDEMIC RAGES ON

I hope all had a great celebration of the birthday of our great Nation. I want to thank all for the service to our great country. It is because of men and women like you that have and continue to make America great. Although we may be in distressed time, we all are still blessed to be in this great country. We had hoped so much to be in full reunion mode for September but due to all the issues with the Pandemic we are being forced to push out our reunion until September of 2021. All the venues are still on and hotel space on standby for September of 2021 provided we are past the issues of the Pandemic and it is safe to travel again. We are working on dates as of this writing but will shooting September 18-22, 2021. Stay tuned for finals on the reunion of 2021 and the great folks of the Quad city are sure to make it worth the wait. **Those who have paid registration will receive a refund from the treasurer.**

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One of the Original Polar Bears – Mike Ballerino

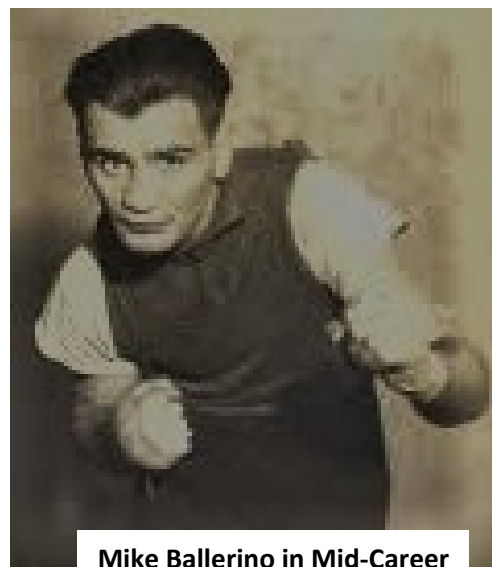
This is the second installment of a two-part story provided to the Association by Jerry Kleiman. Mr. Kleiman was one of the principal organizers of the large ceremony held at Orangeburg, NY in 2017 honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March. Mr. Kleiman conducted a personal research project on a one-time Polar Bear who became the Junior Lightweight World Boxing Champion. At the end of Part I, Mike had won his first significant bout and avoided 60 Days of KP and received a 10 day furlough.

The Story of Mike Ballerino – Part II

In boxing, careers are built by challenges. To become a successful pro and even a champion one has to move up the ladder by fighting better, more experienced fighters that improve individual boxing skills. You can't just go to the top rung when you are starting out, even though that is your ultimate objective. If you did, the experienced pro is likely to take you apart, beat you up and spit you out and possibly destroy your career. If a manager has a talented fighter, he has to tread lightly if he wants his boy to develop into a top pro or even champ – where the big money is.

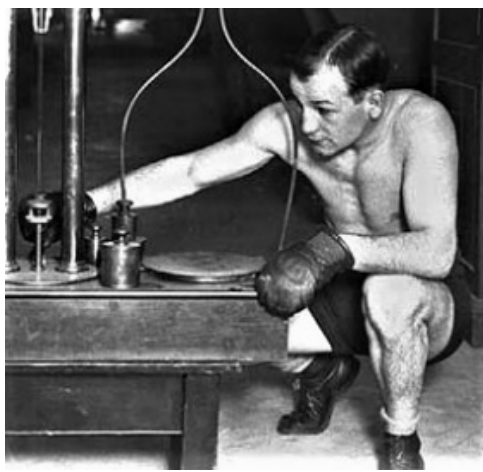
As mentioned, the Filipinos had many attributes needed for success in the boxing world. One up and coming boxer in particular who was known to the public as “Pancho Villa” had tremendous potential. His manager thought that Pancho Villa could really go places, but the dilemma was to find fighters in the Philippines that his boy could fight so that he could develop to the point where he would go the United States to fight, where the real money could be earned.

And along came this skinny Private Mike Ballerino from Fort McKinley and the 31st Infantry about the same weight and also showing much talent, but not yet a totally mature fighter. The two of them were matched together. Each man had the heart of a lion. Villa was crafty and extremely fast and Ballerino was tough, aggressive and never let up. Both men had power, but neither was considered a murderous puncher. Together in the same ring it was like fireworks on the 4th of July with non-stop action. The crowds loved it; the promoters saw it as a great way to draw crowds and revenues. And the managers understood that their boys had the chance to be challenged, each gaining experience that would prepare them for big-time fights.



Mike Ballerino in Mid-Career

So, they met again a month later and then again and again. In all, they had at least 9 fights against each other, although some say it could have been as many as 13, all within a 1-year period. Ballerino won once, to earn the Bantamweight championship of the Orient, they drew 3 times and the rest were won by Villa. Although all their fights were hard fought and competitive, no knockdowns were recorded. The fights were just good old rock'em, sock'em action. But at the end both boys were much more experienced fighters who were pretty much ready to challenge the best in their weight class division. And so, they did.



PVT Ballerino of Ft. McKinley became PVT Ballerino of Ft. Lewis Washington, leaving the 31st behind. He continued fighting actually in Ft. Lewis where professional bouts were held and other locations in the Pacific

Northwest. Within a short period, he was discharged and moved his operation to the east coast, settling down in Bayonne, NJ and growing into the Junior Lightweight Division. For the next 3 years, he moved up the ladder fighting the best in the weight class until in Sept 1925 he would knock out Steve (Kid) Sullivan in Philadelphia, PA to become the Junior Lightweight Champion of the World, a title he would defend 7 times before losing it.

In the meantime, Pancho Villa moved to the US and was able to wrest the World's Flyweight Championship from Jimmy Wilde on 18 June 1923 at the Polo Grounds in New York. It should be pointed out that this period is known and widely accepted as the Golden Period of Boxing.

Whereas Mike Ballerino, the Polar Bear from the hard streets of Jersey became a champion, he is not considered to be on the Hall of Fame level (although he is a member of the New Jersey boxing Hall of Fame). Pancho Villa, on the other hand, is considered to be in the pantheon of the sport and many consider him to be the greatest flyweight of All-Time. Unfortunately, while still champion and long before antibiotics were developed; he died of a dental infection. Yet, his reputation never died, especially in the Philippines. When brought back home he was accorded a funeral normally reserved for National Leaders. What's more, his reputation was so great that young Filipinos aspired to be the next Pancho Villa, to win a championship and the financial trappings that go along with it and to be able to walk through the streets of the native country, be recognized by all and to be called Champ.

One could easily defend the position that had it not been for Pancho Villa and his tremendous success in boxing that boxing in the Philippines would not have developed as it has. And at the same time, one could also comfortably defend the position that had Pancho Villa not met Pvt. Mike Ballerino of the 31st Infantry Regiment out of Ft. McKinley, that the Pancho Villa that is a boxing legend may not have developed into the fighter that he became. For that matter, without Pancho Villa, Ballerino most likely would never have become a champion. The fact that two future world champions met 9 or more times within a one-year period, early in each of their careers, was totally unprecedented in boxing and neither has it ever been repeated. Therefore, without Mike Ballerino the sport of boxing in the Philippines may well have never had champions like Ceferino Garcia, Flash Elorde and of course, a man who is considered the best pound for pound boxer of the last 20 years Manny Pacquiao.

After losing his title, Ballerino's career continued for a while, but as with many fighters, especially those who think that the best defense is a good offense, in a few years he retired from the sport. With no real civilian skills, he gravitated to carnivals, working as what is known as a "Canvasman" – who put up and broke down big-top tents – and finally becoming the Human Anvil. For a man who was one of the toughest of tough men in the toughest of all endeavors, professional boxing, one of his greatest assets was a hard head. One day, he was dared to have a brick broken on his head by a sledgehammer; he accepted the challenge. It was done and he survived at which point he was offered the position of Human Anvil in the sideshow of a traveling circus. Mike Ballerino once said that even though he had blown through the over \$400,000 he had earned as a boxer during the 1920s and even though he had to work carnivals after his retirement he had no regrets. Something that could never be taken away from him was that, once, his hand had been raised in front of the hysterically cheering crowd as the Champion of the World, and from then on, come what may, he would be known as "Champ".

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COLONEL (RET.) JOHN GRAY

Earned the Distinguished Service Cross at the Chosin Reservoir

The 31st Infantry Regiment and the Association are poorer because of the death of Col (Ret.) John Edward Gray. As a 1st lieutenant at the Chosin Reservoir with the



Regiment, he would earn the Distinguished Service Cross and one of his four Purple Hearts. He was born in Cleveland, Aug. 24, 1925 and died on Dec. 1, 2019. Initially he joined the Marine Corps, serving on the *USS Maryland*. During WWII in the Pacific, he participated in five campaigns against the Japanese. After WWII, he transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and resumed his education at Davidson College. He graduated in June 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree and received his commission as a Regular Army 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry.

After his attendance at basic officer courses the Korean War broke out, and Col Gray joined the combat there with the 7th Infantry Division. He served as 81mm Mortar Platoon Leader of M Company, 31st Infantry from the Inchon Invasion through the Chosin Reservoir Campaign. He also served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. After 30 years of military service, Col Gray retired from the Army at Mt. Ulla, North Carolina as a three-war veteran.

Col Gray's military decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star for Valor, the Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Corps of Engineers Silver de Fleury Medal, and the Republic of Korea Chungmu Distinguished Military Service Medal with Gold Star.

Col Gray authored a book entitled "Called to Honor," telling of his years of service. In retirement he was a member of the Army Chapter of The Chosin Few, where he served multiple terms as president. Because of his work, in 2000 the 31st Infantry Regiment was awarded the Navy Presidential Unit Citation for its actions at the Chosin Reservoir. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Sue Hamby Gray. They had five children, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Col Gray was interred with full military honors in the historic Salisbury National Cemetery in North Carolina.

The Story of the Oldest Living Member of Our Association – The Last 3 Parts

Composed by Ron Corson; Narrated and Lived by Farrell Lowe

The January Newsletter contained Part One of the story of Farrell Lowe, who in 2012 was the oldest living member of our Association. He served in the Regiment from 1932 to 1936. I began composing the story after an engaging telephone call with Farrell. Part One ended with Pvt. Lowe receiving an unusually rapid promotion to PFC. The "Chick" Lowe story to its conclusion continues.

PFC Lowe continued his duties in the Regimental Message Center, which was not only the communications center, but also the section that kept and filed Army Regulations, Regimental Regulations/Orders. In late summer of 1935, Chick was promoted to Corporal. Again, at that time in the Army of the 1930's, that kind of rapid promotion was a very unusual event. CPL Lowe's work in the Message Center gave him the opportunity to read all kinds of Army Regulations. One that got his attention was one that gave the rules that applied for Soldiers to apply for a commission as an officer in the US Army Reserve. So, in 1936, Chick completed the paperwork and applied for a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry Reserve. Chick told me he is certain it was through the machinations of First Sergeant Keyes and the SGM that the unheard-of request reached the War Department. Several months later, orders came back from the War Department approving his request, providing that he was conversant with the Manual of Courts Martial and that he could command a Company in close and extended order drilling. Chick passed the Courts Martial examination but knew that he could never pass command of a Company to the satisfaction of a panel of officers from the Regiment. He had never drilled except at the rear rank of a squad in F Company. In desperation, he requested a temporary transfer from the message center back to F Company. He talked with the F Company First Sergeant and he threw himself on the mercies of First Sergeant

Keyes. Keyes laughed and told Chick to tell the Post Adjutant that Chick selected F Company as his demonstration Company. Now in those days, they only “Soldiered” in the morning. The afternoons, as was common with the civilians, were designated for siestas. First Sergeant Keyes turned F Company out one afternoon and informed them of what Chick was trying to do. Apparently, a lot of the members of F Company remembered the “Raw West Point Deal” that Farrell had received as a member of F Company and seemingly welcomed the opportunity to “Show Off”. On the day appointed for the demonstration, Sergeant Major Screen had bleachers erected against the outer walls of the old walled city of Manila near Rizal Plaza. The demonstration company was located across the old sunken gardens approximately 50 yards from the reviewing officers. Another strange thing happened. The 31st Infantry Band had no apparent need of a special drilling, but when F Company appeared it so happened that the 31st Infantry Band was there also to “Practice”. Setting the scene, the band was playing, the flags were flying, the spectators were applauding and F Company with Chick in command, but the orders were being given by First Sergeant Keyes and F Company gave a great demonstration at close and extended order drilling. The reviewing officers’ vote was six yes and one no. Several months later, Chick received his order/identification card making him a 2nd Lieutenant in the Reserve Army. However, remember in those days active duty was active duty and holding a commission in the Reserve Army still made you just a CPL on active duty.

In 1936 CPL Lowe was still performing duty in the Regimental Message Center when another interesting thing happened. One of Chick’s responsibilities in the Message Center was the publication of the weekly Regiment bulletin. While it is hard nowadays to realize, his office had run out of mimeograph paper and had not received their monthly quota. In desperation, he went to the Sergeant Major and told him he was sure that General MacArthur’s office was well stocked. General MacArthur had been recalled to active duty and loaned to the transitional Philippine Government to train the Philippine Scouts and prepare them for the new Philippine Government to take effect in 1945. His office was only one block away from Chick’s and inside the old walled city. Sergeant Screen grinned and said, “it was worth a try”. Chick went over and talked to the Warrant Officer in charge of General MacArthur’s office. The Warrant Officer laughed at Chick’s predicament and said he would be glad to loan him a ream. Just before Chick left, the Warrant Officer asked him a question: “Have you ever heard the expression CYA?” Chick replied in the affirmative. The Warrant Officer said he wanted to cover his and would like Chick to talk to his supervisor, a Major, who was MacArthur’s Chief of Staff. Before knocking on his door, Chick noticed that the Major’s name was Eisenhower. Chick reported formally and pleaded his case. Major Eisenhower grinned and gave his approval. Oddly enough, this shortage happened for three months in a row and each month Chick went through the same procedure to borrow a ream of mimeograph paper which was dutifully replaced when their supply became available.

At the end of 1936, Farrell returned to the U.S. as a “salt water” corporal. This custom allowed personnel who had any of the ranks that they left behind with their unit to wear them while on the transport back to the U.S. to avoid duties that Privates were required to perform on the troop transport. In the 1930’s if you did not receive a promotion to the rank of E-6 you left your regiment as a Private. Farrell arrived at Fort McDowell on Angel Island in the San Francisco Bay. While awaiting further assignments, he received word that the Post Sergeant Major wanted to see him. The Post Sergeant Major had apparently received a letter from the 31st Infantry Regiment Sergeant Major, SGM Screen in Manila. The Post SGM offered PVT Farrell a job in the Post Headquarters and PVT Lowe accepted. What was unusual is that Chick was immediately given a PFC rating. Again, an outcome that was a bit unusual for the Army in those days.

It’s now 1937 and CPL Chick Lowe is performing admin duties at Post HQ on Ft. McDowell. About this time, a shortage of many typewriters and a large electrical transformer showed up in the Post Quartermaster office. The newly assigned Quartermaster, of course, refused to sign for property that was not there. In today’s Army a shortage would call for the appointment of a Survey Officer and a “Survey Report” completed to establish

accountability and liability. In those days, the Post Commander simply called for CPL Farrell report to him. His order to Farrell was direct, "Straighten out the Post QM problem!" Farrell tells me this task was easy. He found that the loss of accountability was simply slipshod work in the QM supply office. While fixing the problem, CPL Farrell came in contact with and became friends with SSG Fog the NCO in charge of the Commissary. SSG Fog told Farrell that he, Fog, was being transferred to Alaska, that an examination for QM SSG was upcoming, and that, if Farrell transferred to the Post QM, Fog would have Farrell assigned to the Commissary and Fog would school Farrell for the upcoming openings. Farrell transferred to the Post QM as a PVT. The new Post QM Officer told Farrell that he had a PFC rating that he could give to Farrell; one which Farrell gladly accepted. Farrell applied to take the SSG examination and he worked diligently with SSG Fog learning how to run a commissary. The examination papers arrived, the test was taken, and Farrell received orders from the Quartermaster General making PFC Lowe a SSG of the Quartermaster Corps. In 1938, Farrell was running the Commissary at Fort McDowell. Where some unusual practices in the old Army still went on such as the use of a covered wagon, a team of mules and two privates who took requests for items available in the Commissary for the use of married officers and non-commissioned officers. These telephone orders, in turn, were delivered by the covered wagon and mule team to the family quarters on post.

As you might know from Part Two of this story, CPL Lowe had been granted a commission as a 2nd LT in the Army Reserve while he was stationed in the Philippines in the 31st Infantry Regiment. Now In 1938, President Roosevelt was taking some steps to ready the Army for what would be an involvement of the U.S. in the European War. One aspect of this was accomplished by calling, on a voluntary basis, reserve officers to active duty for one year of training. Farrell received an invitation from 9th Corps Area HQ in the Presidio along with all other reserve officers. He filled in his request to be called to active duty, but after a few months, while orders were being received by other reserve officers; Farrell heard nothing. SSG Lowe visited 9th Corps HQ in the Presidio to enquire why his request had not been granted. The Warrant Officer in charge told him, confidentially, that he had received instructions not to call Farrell back to active duty. Farrell asked him why and he just nodded toward the office of his boss the "Major". Asking if he could speak to the Major privately, the Warrant Officer grinned and said, "Be my guest". Farrell said this was the only time in his military career where he was disrespectful to a senior officer. He told the Major what he could do with the Farrell reserve commission and walked out of his office, slamming the door behind him. Two weeks later, SSG Farrell was stunned to receive his orders to report to the reception center at Ft. Lewis WA for one year of active duty as a 2nd LT.

Chick Lowe was on active duty as a Lieutenant in the AG Corps at Fort Lewis. To avoid returning to enlisted status after one year, Farrell applied for and took the examination for Warrant Officer. He took the examination and was given a letter of acceptance as a Warrant Officer. There was only one grade in those days. In later years, three more grades of Warrant Officer were established. Farrell told me he has letters of acceptance to each of these grades; however, he also said he never served one day in any of these grades. Farrell remained on active duty for the rest of his military service.

Soon after arriving at Fort Lewis, Farrell had a Saturday afternoon off duty and wondered what an officers' club was like. He entered the officers' club and found the long bar in the front of the club was empty. The end of the bar faced the portion of the club where there was dancing and eating. Farrell said that he ordered a Coke and sat at the far end of the empty bar. He was listening to the music when he felt a tap on his shoulder. He turned his head around and the first thing he saw was eagles on the shoulder. He snapped to attention and looking up exclaimed "Major Eisenhower!" The Colonel grinned and said, "Corporal Lowe, I thought I recognized you!" After they had congratulated each other on their respective promotions, Colonel Eisenhower invited him to join with two more Colonels and a Brigadier General. After he had explained how they knew each other from the Philippines, they all had a chuckle. The General invited Farrell to join them Sunday afternoon at his quarters for

tea. There, he met Colonel Eisenhower's wife, Mamie, and for several months in 1941 he was entertained frequently at the Eisenhower's home. He said he has occasionally wondered what would have happened to him had he called on General Eisenhower in 1942 when he was at the General's HQ in London. He never contacted General Eisenhower as he felt the General would think he was looking for an assignment to advance his career. He had several opportunities over the years, but he never saw the General, who was later to become President of the USA, again.

In April 1942, now Captain Farrell Lowe arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland and was assigned to the Port of Glasgow, Scotland where he became the Port Officer controlling ships arriving from the US as America built up its forces for the invasions of North Africa and later Normandy. When the war in Germany ended, CPT Lowe was reassigned to Germany where he was promoted to Major and became the Port Officer for the Port of Bremerhaven. Farrell told me he thinks that he served longer than any other American in the European Theater of Operations. His continuous service there was from April 1942 until he left Bremerhaven, Germany at the end of November 1947 at total of 5 years and 7 months. Major Lowe was reassigned back to the good old USA in 1947. He was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington and in 1951 Farrell was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and became the AG at Ft. Lewis. In 1954, after more than 22 years of outstanding service to our country, LTC Lowe retired from Active Duty. Now, that's my story about a patriot, a Soldier, and the man who in 2012 was oldest member of the 31st US Infantry Regiment Association and I'm sticking to it! Ron Corson, Senior Director, 31st US Infantry Regiment Association



The 4th Battalion SITREP



Over the past several months the Soldiers of the 4th Battalion have truly learned to adapt and overcome. With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Battalion found itself going to minimal manning and canceling all major training events, most notably their scheduled JRTC rotation in April. As the restrictions on training were lifted, the Polar Bears have begun training harder than ever, most recently Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie Companies completed Team and Squad Live Fires, with the Delta and Hotel Companies beginning their Crew and Section Gunnery progressions. The Scouts and Mortar Platoons have been conducting STX and MORTEP spending the vast majority of their time in the field preparing for the upcoming collective training.

Looking ahead the 4th battalion will go on summer Block Leave through mid-July, immediately following leave they will spend two weeks conducting Platoon Live Fire Exercises (PLT LFXs), then conducting an Air Assault mission ending with a culminating event of a 31 Mile Road March to honor the Regiment and the heroes that came before. The 4th Battalion is also in the process of executing the contract to refurbish George. The expected rededication date is planned for the first of September as part of 10th Mountain Division's Mountain fest event, pending COVID-19 restrictions. The Battalion has reinstituted a program to ensure the Distinguished Members of the Regiment (DMOR) and Honorary Members of the Regiment (HMOR) are remembered. Beginning with the submission of the six Medal of Honor Awardees, these names will be added to a specially made book. That book will be on display in the battalion headquarters building along with the Shanghai Bowl and other 31st Infantry Historical artifacts of the Polar Bears. And last, the 4th Battalion is preparing for the possibility of a deployment in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT) at the end of the year, though a decision has not been made if the 4th Battalion is deploying. If 4-31 is tapped, all past Polar Bears can be assured that the Polar Bears are ready to support whatever mission this great country asks of them.



TAPS

Deceased members identified since Newsletter # 95, May 2020

PRE-KOREAN WAR

Arthur F. Cochran, COL ret, Lake Jackson, TX, died May 31, 2017, Co C, 1st Bn, 1946-1948

KOREA WAR

Patrick J. Back, SGT, Katy, TX, died May 30, 2013, Co M, 3rd Bn, 1951-1952
Franklin Burton, CPL, Peru, IN, died Jun 22, 2016, Co K, 3rd Bn, period unkn
John T. Burton, PFC, Knoxville, TN, died Dec 27, 2018, HHC, Rgt, 1949-1950
Donald Chandler, SSG, Silverlake, NH, died Mar 11, 2019, Co E, 2nd Bn, 1950-1951
Wilbur Cordes, SGT, Allison, IA, died Jan 20, 2020, Co M, 3rd Bn, 1952
Cecile Dozier, CPL, Milford, OH, died Apr 21, 2020, HHC, 1st Bn, 1952
Robert L. Dust, CPL, Goshen, IN, died Feb 21, 2020, HHC, 1st Bn, 1952
Thomas K. Galleher, COL ret, Hilton Head, SC, died Oct 12, 2014, Cos C, E, F, & M, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Bns, 1949-1951
James E. Graham, Sr., PFC, North Ft. Myers, FL, died Sep 30, 2015, unit unkn, 1951
Walter Green, Sr., CPL, Daniels, WV, died Apr 11, 2019, Tank Co, Rgt, 1952-1953
Owen "Wayne" Hendrix, CPL, Marshall, IL, died Jun 7, 2020, Co H, 2nd Bn, 1951
Kenneth E. Krul, CPL, Wyoming, MI, died Dec 29, 2013, Co G, 2nd Bn, 1951-1952
Gerard M. Martin, Brooklyn, NY, died Apr 4, 2020, HHC, 2nd Bn, 1951
James A. Nielsen, T/SGT, Houghton, MI, died Dec 8, 2018, Co D, 1st Bn, 1950-1953
Wendell L. Ownes, CPL, North Mankato, MN, died May 28, 2018, Co F, 2nd Bn, 1952-1953
Albert Parmer, CPL, Pasadena, TX, died Nov 13, 2018, unit unkn, 1953
George A. Rasula, COL ret, Seneca, SC, died Dec 1, 2019, Co K and HQ, 3rd Bn and Rgt, 1949
Ward W. Roney, Jr, SFC, Duvall, WA, died Jun 10, 2020, HQ, Rgt, 1952
Alton D. Rogen, CPL, Sherman, SD, died Jun 10, 2020, HQ, Rgt, 1952
William Searles, PVT, Norfolk, NY, died Jul 29, 2016, Co E, 2nd Bn, 1952-1953
Lewis D. Stuart, SGT, Randolph, NY, died Apr 1, 2017, I&R, Rgt, 1953
John E. Weinrich, CPL, LaSalle, MI, died Nov 4, 2019, HQ, Rgt, 1948-1951

VIETNAM

Jose Calica, 1st SGT ret, Mt. View, HI, died Jul 20, 2019, Co E, 6th Bn, 1969-1970
Russell A. Detter, PFC, York, PA, died Aug 2, 2019, Co C, 6th Bn, 1968
Vardell E. Nesmith, Jr, COL, Ret, Norfolk, VA, died Jun 26, 2020, Co D, 4th Bn, 1971
Jerry L. Savage, SGT, Water Valley, MS, died Nov 8, 2017, Co A, 6th Bn, 1968-1969
Herman J. Spoto, SGT, Pensacola, FL, died Jan 1, 2012, Co D, 6th Bn, 1967-1968
Richard A. Stephenson, SP4, Lakeland, PA, died Jun 5, 2020, Co C, 6th Bn, 1969

NOTE: There were no deceased members reported from WW II, the USA, or Associate Members and there were No New Members.

31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERMASTER STORE ORDER FORM

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

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 X	=
C 100	Coin, Commemorative, 100 th Anniversary (if you order 10 or more the price is \$8.00 each).	\$ 10.00 X	=
C100AT	Airtight capsule for 100 th Anniversary Commemorative coin	\$ 1.50 X	=
C100EB	Easel, black <i>both the black and clear easels are for Airtight capsule with 100th</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, 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	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 Division) 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 White only Size: S, M-(Sold out), L, XL	\$ 31.00 X	=
	Size: 2XL \$ 33.00 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)		
Do not include this in shipping cost at bottom of form		\$165.00X	=
DCL 01	Bumper sticker, 31 st Infantry crest (Polar Bear), 4-3/8" tall, 4-1/4 wide	\$ 3.00 X	=
PN 01	Pin, 31 st Infantry Regimental crest (Polar Bear), regulation size, facing set.	\$ 8.00 X	=
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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