



NEWSLETTER OF THE 31ST US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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REUNION 2022 WAS A GRAND EVENT

Much preparation went into the 2022 Reunion at Columbus/Ft Benning, GA and it was a grand affair enjoyed by approximately 140 members and family members. At the Reunion, the Association took time to honor our past revered "Honorary Regimental Colonel," LTG Sam Wetzel, who completed his final mission and passed on in January 2022. At the General Membership Meeting the Association elected a new leadership team. In addition, Ivan Barker has taken over the reins as our new Quartermaster replacing our long serving QM Dale Mills. During the Reunion attendees were able to tour Ft Benning, see the "Rangers in Action Demonstration,"



General (Ret.) Stephen Townsend

participate in M1 Tank

and Bradley Fighting Vehicle battle simulators at one of Ft Benning's large simulation centers, visit the Infantry Museum and our 31st Infantry Polar Bear Monument at the monument park behind the museum. Those present at the Reunion banquet had the opportunity to welcome the Regiment's new "Honorary Colonel" General Stephen Townsend who received the Department of Army Order assigning him to that position. The General Membership voted to hold the 2023 Reunion in September at Watertown/Ft Drum, NY. The dates are Thursday September 14 to Sunday September 17, 2023, with the Banquet in the Commons on Ft Drum. The February Newsletter will contain the details.



A/6-31 Vietnam Vets (Left to Rt: Dan Rose, Jim Tierney, George Lazzevi, Dean Hess, and Mike Mandersheid) Visit 31st Infantry Regiment Monument, Ft Benning

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NEXT COMMANDER OF 31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Association's current Commander Charlie Tapp now has a designated successor—Dan Wood. Dan will move up from Vice Commander on January 1, 2023. The new commander and our new Vice Commander, AJ Bong, were elected to their offices at the General Membership Meeting. Dan also serves as the Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the 31st Infantry Regiment. Dan Wood will be the first Association Commander from the post-9/11 generation of Polar Bears. When the World Trade Center collapsed in flames, Dan was Command Sergeant Major of 4-31. He and the battalion commander, then Lieutenant Colonel Townsend, began deploying the battalion to Afghanistan shortly after the 9/11 attack. When Dan retired from active duty in 2008, he was CSM of NORAD/USNORTHCOM.



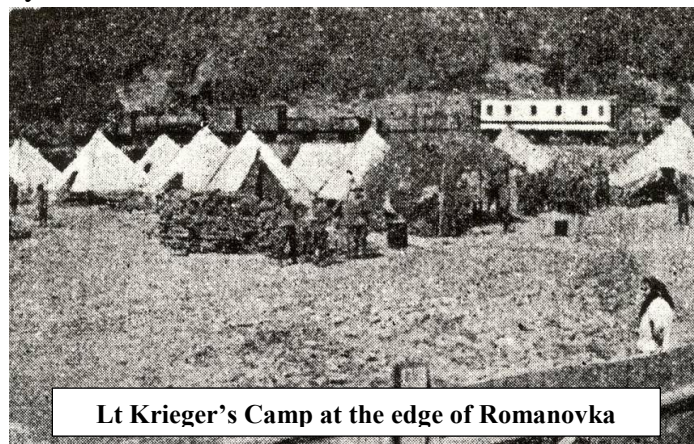
THE COMBAT BAPTISM OF THE 31st US INFANTRY REGIMENT

Every fighting force that is deployed to a combat zone has to undergo its “Baptism of Fire.” On June 25, 1919, elements of the 31st Infantry Regiment had their first real major engagement. That battle was in Romanovka, Siberia. The battle at Romanovka was not the first combat action for elements of the Regiment. The first occurred on August 29, 1918, near Spasskoye, Siberia just north of Vladivostok shortly after the Regiment deployed to Siberia, but Romanovka was the first real action. The battle was a series of actions that tested the metal of the Regiment's leaders and soldiers.

The event that started the series of encounters that led to the battle at Romanovka was the capture, by Red partisans, of five soldiers from H Company who were fishing along the Suchan River on 21 June. The following morning it was learned that the Americans had been captured and were being marched to the small town of Novitskaya. The commander of the Allied Mine Detachment in the Suchan valley, Col Gideon Williams, received the report and immediately ordered a detachment of the 31st Infantry to go to free the captives. It should be kept in mind that the United States as part of a large International Allied Expeditionary Force to protect the Trans-Siberian Railroad and supply depots at Vladivostok was not at war with the Red Bolsheviks. The Battle at Novitskaya on June 22, 1919 was the first action that led to the larger battle action at Romanovka.

At Novitskaya, an American lieutenant in H Company and his orderly on horseback under a flag of truce entered the town and requested that the Red force release the captives. The lieutenant and his orderly were shot and died in the town. H Company of the 31st Infantry quickly assaulted the town from the north, while 110-man detachment from M Company approached and attacked from the south. The battle in the houses and streets raged most of the day with several more soldiers killed and wounded. H Company was able to capture the leader of the Red force, but the surviving enemy force with its American captives slipped away in the night. The forces sent by Col Williams did not pursue the enemy fearing the captives would be killed. Instead that night, he ordered his forces back to their base in Suchan six miles to the east.

While the action at Novitskaya ended on the night of the 22nd, another battle further west along the Suchan rail line, was about to unfold the evening of 24 June at



Lt Krieger's Camp at the edge of Romanovka

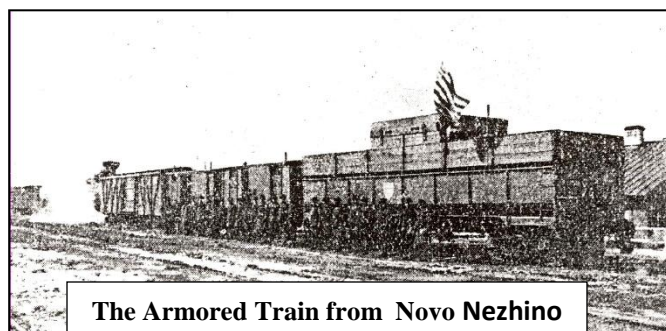
Romanovka. Lieutenant Krieger was ordered to take his platoon to secure the rail line at Romanovka on June 21st. However, Lt. Krieger had had some issues with the local population soon after his platoon arrived. Lieutenant Butler from A Company arrived at Romanovka late on the 24th with a 21-man detachment to reinforce the 51-man platoon of Lt. Krieger. Lt. Butler took command of the force. As soon as Butler arrived late in the afternoon, he was unhappy with the vulnerability of location of the camp selected by Lt. Krieger.

Lt. Krieger had established a tent camp on a field at the edge of the town below a steep bluff. A bluff that the unit left unsecured at night. As it was now getting dark, Lt. Butler decided to leave the tents where they were until morning. That night a Red partisan force of two companies crept to and occupied the bluff and at 0500 hours opened fire with deadly effects. As Lt. Butler was being awakened, the shooting commenced wounding Butler in the jaw and killing the lone guard on duty. Soldiers were shot in their sleep or as they scrambled from their tents. Lt.



Butler quickly ordered the soldiers to retreat to a cluster of log houses at the edge of town. Three PFCs suppressed the enemy fire with their BARs while the survivors ran across the open field to the cover of the buildings. The Red force advanced toward the town, but the effective fires from the BARs kept them at bay. Fearing that his battered detachment would be overrun, Lt. Butler asked for volunteers to attempt to make contact with E Company that was located at Novo Nezhino six miles away along the rail line. Ultimately, within in few hours a relief force of 77 soldiers from E and K Companies and a machinegun detachment arrived on an armored train. The arrival of this more heavily armed reinforcing force caused the Reds to break contact and flee.

The fighting at Romanovka ended on the 25th with some success, but 19 soldiers from A Company were killed and 25 wounded of which 5 died within 2 weeks. The battles with Red Partisans continued including another attack on Novo Nezhino on 26 June, but this time the battle experienced leaders and soldiers of the 31st Infantry had prepared fortified positions in the town and killed 30 partisans with only 1 American soldier wounded before the partisans hastily withdrew. The Polar Bears learned their battle lessons quickly.



EPILOGUE TO THE BAPTISM OF THE 31st

Our American Army has an unfortunate record of not properly training soldiers to be ready for the next kind of war or combat action that American soldiers may face. This was the case in the Revolutionary War in that we had no real US Army at the start of the War. The Army was not prepared for the War of 1812 nor was the Northern Army prepared for the Civil War. The Spanish American War was unexpected. WW I and WW II found the USA getting ready for war. While the Korean War found the Army flat footed, and scope and nature of the Vietnam War was a continuing challenge. The soldiers and leaders of the 31st Infantry Regiment sent to Vladivostok in August 1918 were no exception. What makes the American Army different from our enemies is the American soldier. Our free society creates individuals who love their country, innately have individual initiative, and willingly act to help others. This translates into soldiers who, while not always highly disciplined, have a level of combat initiative and willingness to fight to a degree not found in our potential adversaries. The three 31st BAR men in A Company at Romanovka took action that endangered them. Action, without orders, which supported their surviving platoon members and allowed the survivors to quickly run for cover. For their actions, PFCs Emmit Lunford, Roy Jones, and George Strakey were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC). Lt. Butler acted courageously as well and when he determined his unit needed reinforcements, he called for volunteers to breakout from Romanovka and get those reinforcements from Novo Nezhino. CPLs Valeryan Brodnicki and Leo Heinzmann quickly volunteered and sprinted through heavy fire to make that happen. At Novo Nezhino, a day after the actions at Romanovka the leaders and soldiers of the 31st were ready for combat actions to come. **Pro Patria!**

THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT L. WETZEL MILITARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Columbus State University (CSU) recently established an Endowment named “The Lieutenant General Wetzel Military Student Scholarship Endowment.” The Endowment honors our past Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. The Columbus, GA Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) gave \$30,000 to establish the Endowment. LTG Wetzel served as the Commander in Chief of MOWW from 2008-2009. While LTG Wetzel was commissioned from West Point, he had a tour as an ROTC instructor. He used lessons he learned from teaching when he commanded 4-31 in Vietnam in the Battle of Nui Chom Mountain. In that battle, Lt Kevin Burke was awarded a DSC and CPL Mike Crescenz awarded the Medal of Honor. Wetzel Scholars will be assessed on criteria that include their military service, CSU-specific academic merit and campus-related leadership.

When Charlie Tapp was informed of the Endowment, he met with the key people involved including members of LTG Wetzel’s family to determine if the Association should support the Endowment. He learned that the Endowment needed additional funds to meet the \$50,000 threshold required as a baseline before scholarships could be awarded from the Endowment. Charlie proposed to the Board that the Association donate \$5,000 to the Endowment and that Association members be encouraged to make individual contributions. The Board approved these recommendations, which were also approved at the General Membership meeting. The Association has made the \$5,000 contribution to the CSU Foundation from the Association’s investment account.

Individual contributions to the CSU Foundation for the LTG Wetzel Military Student Scholarship Endowment can be made using the form on page 5. Association members who desire to contribute should copy the form and send contributions along with the form to the address on the form.



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Deceased members identified since Newsletter # 103, August 2022

PRE-KOREAN WAR

Lox E. Ayers, SGT, Bostic, NC, died Jun 7, 2022, Co L, 3rd Bn, 1949

KOREAN WAR

George Easterly, CPL, New Cumberland, PA, died Aug 13, 2022, Heavy Mrtr, Rgt, 1953-1954

William H. Hopkins, SGT, Landover, MD, died Aug 20, 2022, Pioneer & Ammo Plt, Rgt, 1952-53

Dean E. Schoenwetter, SGT, New Berlin, WI, died Aug 3, 2022, Co C, 1st Bn, 1952

John V. Cauduro, SGT, Plano, TX, died Jul 8, 2022, Med Co, Rgt, 1952-1953

William A. Reynolds, SSG, Alice, TX, died Jun 21, 2002, HQ, 1st Bn, 1952-1953

Van R. Winn, SFC ret, Winona, TX, died Jul 8, 2022, HQ, Rgt, 1952-1953

Edward L. Yaskowiak, CPL, Cleveland, OH, died Apr unkn, 2022, Co L, 3rd Bn, 1950-1951

POST KOREAN WAR

Joseph Samples, 1LT, Acworth, GA, died May 1, 2022, Service Co, Rgt, 1956-1957

VIETNAM

William A Sproveri, SGT, Pittsfield, PA, died Aug 22, 2022, HHC, 4th Bn, 1968-1969

UNITED STATES

Don A. Phillips, COL, ret, Bowie, MD, died Sept 26, 2022, Bn Cdr, 4th Bn, 1998-2000

John E. Trapp, SSG, Wauwatosa, WI, died Jul 5, 2021, Co C, Bn unkn, 1976-1978

NOTE: No deceased members were reported from the World War II era

NEW MEMBERS

80th Anniversary of Bataan Death March, Orangeburg, NY

Israel Binongial, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, Co B, 4th Bn, 2022 to present
Zachary C. Erisman, SGT, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 2020 to present
Alan R. Garcia, CPL, Ft Drum, NY, Co B, 4th Bn, 2/2020 to present
Maxwell S. Grani, SSG, Ft Drum, NY, HHC, 4th Bn, 2018 to present
Finnegan J. Gruber, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 2022 to present
Tristen W. Hatch, PFC, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 2022 to present
Cullen J. Henderson, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, Co D, 4th Bn, unkn
Ryan G. Johnson, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, Co D, 4th Bn, 2022 to present
Kenneth T. Kamedula, SGT, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 2019 to present
Hulsey J. Lingafelter, PFC, Ft Drum, NY, Co B, 4th Bn, unkn
Connor J. Murray, CPT, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 6/2019 to present, C Co Cdr
James Nelson, SGT, Ft Drum, NY, Co D, 4th Bn, 11/20 to present
Ricky Nguyen, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, Co B, 4th Bn, unkn
Julian M. Pitts, SGT, Ft Drum, NY, Co B, 4th Bn, 2022 to present
Cesar Sanchez, SSG, Ft Drum, NY, HHC, 4th Bn, unkn
David J. Simmons, LTC, Ft Drum, NY, HHC, 4th Bn, 5/2022 to present, Bn Cdr
Piotr J. Walsh, PV2, Ft Drum, NY, Co B, 4th Bn, 2022 to present
Chase A. Whittaker, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, HHC, 4th Bn, 2019 to present

2022 Regiment Reunion, Columbus, GA

Rod, Bloom, N/A, St Paul, MN, friend of COL (Ret) Corson, Associate
Chico Carter, SGM, Ft Drum, NY, HHC, 4th Bn, 7/20 to present, 2022 Color Guard
Devon DeKowski, 1LT, Ft Benning, GA, Co A, 4th Bn, 9/20 to 8/22
Clolter Guion, SGT, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 11/19 to present, 2022 Color Guard
Devin Hillmon, PFC, Ft Drum, NY, Co A, 4th Bn, 9/21 to present, 2022 Color Guard
Jaidyn Mahome, PV2, Ft Drum, NY, Co A, 4th Bn, 4/22 to present, 2022 Color Guard
Devin Meade, SPC, Ft Drum, NY, Co A, 4th Bn, unkn to present, 2022 Color Guard
Aaron Shuldman, 1LT, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 4/21 to present
John Slawsky, SGT, Ft Drum, NY, Co A, 4th Bn, 1/19 to present, 2022 Color Guard
Jacob Thompson, 1LT, Ft Drum, NY, Co C, 4th Bn, 9/21 to present

THE LARGEST US ARMY POSTS/TRAINING AREAS

The six largest Army Posts/Training Areas are listed below. The information is taken from the AUSA Army Green Book 2022-2023 (For Infantry guys. Ft. Benning comes in eight at 182,464 acres after Ft. Hood at 218,880 acres):

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| 1. Ft Wainwright Fairbanks, AK | 1.6 million acres |
| 2. Ft Bliss El Paso, TX | 1.2 million acres |
| 3. Ft Irwin NTC Barstow, CA | 768,000 acres |
| 4. Ft Lewis & Yakima Training Area, WA | 327,00 acres |
| 5. Ft Polk (JRTC) Leesville, LA | 241,770 acres |
| 6. Ft Carson & Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, CO | 236,000 acres |



SITREP FROM 4-31 POLAR BEARS



Over the past quarter, the 4-31 Polar Bears focused on building teams, increasing lethality and honoring our unit history. The first major training events to kick off the 4th Quarter were a Fire Support Coordination Exercise (FSCX) and Company Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX) to prepare the Polar Bears for their upcoming Mountain Peak Exercise and Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation. Mountain Peak is a brigade culminating training event validating the battalion and brigade before the execution of a rotation at JRTC.

The FSCX required company leadership to plan and coordinate fires, both organic (60mm mortars), and external (81mm, 120mm mortars, and 105mm Field Artillery). After the FSCX, the Polar Bears focused on the execution of CALFEX. In the CALFEX, companies built capability employing Information, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) and Fires capabilities with support from AH-64s, Shadow and Black Hornets to support a ground maneuver assault on an urban objective. After the CALFEX, Polar Bears from A/4-31 “Able” and D/4-31 “Punishers” participated in the annual Mountain Fest Live Demonstration. During the execution of Mountain Fest, the Polar Bears had seventy-six soldiers representing the Battalion in multiple sporting events, the Division Live Demonstration execution, and Salute to the Nation. Of note, A and D Companies were showcased in their clearance of “OBJ Belvedere” which required the synchronization of ground maneuver with aviation and Field Artillery.



In August, the Polar Bears hosted members of the 31st Infantry Regiment Association for the first time since 2016 for a litany of events which included the ceremonial unveiling of the refurbished Polar Bear Statue, “George.” The Polar Bears completed the quarter with the completion of Tactical Skills Academy and Polar Bear Max. During the Tactical Skills Academy, soldiers across the Battalion trained on long range communication, constructing and crossing rope bridges, mountaineering, and CBRN training. Polar Bear Max are individual and team physical fitness competitions including weigh-lifting, 30-meter shuttles, and pull ups. *Pro Patria!*

EVERYONE SAW THIS – BUT DID YOU KNOW

Almost every older American saw this picture and every Vietnam veteran surely did as well. It was taken on February 1, 1968, shortly after the start of Tet 68. It showed the Chief of the South Vietnam National Police firing his pistol into the head of a Viet Cong officer named Bay Lop on a Saigon Street. The publication of this photo caused a public outcry in America and was used within the anti-war movement in the US. But what the public was not told was that the Viet Cong officer had just



killed a South Vietnamese Army Lt. Col Nguyen Tuan along with his wife, mother, and five of their six children. One son nine-year-old Haun Nguyen, escaped after staying with his dead mother for 2 hours. Haun was taken in by his uncle, a Colonel in the South Vietnamese Air Force. In 1975 Haun and his uncle escaped to the United States. After growing up in America, earning a Bachelor of Science and Master’s degree in electrical engineering from Oklahoma State University he received a direct commission in the US Navy.

In 2019 Haun Nguyen was promoted to Rear Admiral in the US Navy, the first Vietnamese American to hold that rank.

31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERMASTER STORE ORDER FORM

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| C 100 | Coin, Commemorative, 100th Anniversary (if you order 10 or more the price is \$6.00 each). | \$ 8.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| C100AT | Airtight capsule for 100th Anniversary Commemorative coin | \$ 1.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| C100EB | Easel, black both the black and clear easels are for Airtight capsule with 100th | \$ 1.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| C100EC | Easel, clear Anniversary Commemorative coin or the Commemorative coin alone | \$ 1.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| C RB 01 | Cap, Royal Blue, 31st INFANTRY REGIMENT, POLAR BEARS, and crest embroidered directly on cap a waving US flag on the left side and US ARMY embroidered on back. | \$ 24.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| C RB | Cap same as C RB 01 above with the addition of a combat patch on the right side (Philippines Div., 7th Inf. Div., 196th Light Inf. Bde., 9th Inf. Div., 10th Mt Div .) (Circle the patch) | \$ 24.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
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| SP | Shirt, Polo/golf w/31st INFANTRY REGIMENT and Polar Bear crest on left chest, no pocket Please circle color and size. Size S, M, L, XL White, Brilliant Blue, Navy Blue | \$ 32.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| | Size 2XL White, Brilliant Blue, Navy Blue | \$ 34.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| SP100 | Same as above with 100th Anniversary logo in White only. Size: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL Close out! | \$ 12.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| ST | Shirt, Tee, w/31st INFANTRY REGIMENT and Polar Bear crest on left chest, no pocket (Circle color & size) Size : S, M, L, XL Color: Light Blue, Navy Blue | \$ 22.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| | Size: 2XL Color: Light Blue, Navy Blue | \$ 24.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
| SLSVC | Shirt, Long Sleeve, Dress in various colors w/31st INFANTRY REGIMENT and Polar Bear crest on left chest above pocket. (Circle color and size) Size S, M, L, XL Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Red, White, Texas Orange, Size: 2XL Colors: Burgundy, classic Navy, or Denim | \$ 37.00 | X ____ = ____ | |
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| 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 ____ = ____ | |
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