



NEWSLETTER OF THE 31ST US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL TOWNSEND - GUEST SPEAKER AT REUNION 2022 BANQUET

General Stephen Townsend will step down as CG of Africa Command and retire from active duty in August 2022. He has graciously accepted the Association's invitation to be the guest speaker at our Reunion banquet on 17 September. General Townsend, then LTC Townsend, took command of 4-31 in summer 2000 and deployed with major elements of 4-31 into combat in Afghanistan in October 2001. His words and his presence at our reunion will add to what looks to be another great Reunion of Polar Bears. (See the LTC Townsend's Article on page 4)

Pro Patria!

REUNION 2022 HAS A FEW CHANGES IN THE ITINERARY

After planning and coordinating the itinerary for Reunion 2022, a few changes had to be made. The time and location of the OSUT company graduation ceremony that we were planning to attend on Friday September 16th has been changed and it is no longer feasible for our members to attend. In its place, Fort Benning has scheduled a "Rangers in Action Demonstration" at Victory Pond. We will then go to the Infantry Museum where members can enjoy lunch at the museum restaurant and visit the museum. The return to the Marriott will be completed via a shuttlebus running from 1300 to 1700 hours. This will make for a full day on the 16th, and while it is a change it will be interesting and fun. Arrangements are being made for POVs to be authorized to enter Fort Benning, but that will entail having vehicle driver's approved and cleared by Post MPs.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR REUNION 2022!

Time is running out to be at Reunion 2022. Rooms at the Columbus Marriott are in short supply. Some of our members may have already been turned down for reservations. While the Association has been trying to negotiate additional rooms, the sales staff at the Marriott has not been responsive. There are still a good number of rooms available at the Hampton Inn Fort Benning. The Association has a contract at the Hampton for \$124 per night and the hotel breakfast is included. The Hampton Inn is next to the Infantry Museum. Shuttlebus service is being arranged between the Hampton Inn and the Marriott in Columbus. As the itinerary shows, the arrival dinner and the banquet will be held in the Columbus Trade Center which is next to the Marriott. There are still some seats available for the Ft. Benning Post Tour on Thursday the 15th and for the tour to the Little White House on Saturday the 17th. **See you at Reunion 2022!**



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Reunion 2022- Columbus/Fort Benning, GA – SEPTEMBER 15-18

REUNION 2022 – DAY ONE - (Thursday: September 15, 2022)

0900 - 1700 **Arrival** — Registration Desk/Welcome – Columbus Marriott
1000 - 1700 The Association Hospitality Room – Chattahoochee-Fountain Room
1000 - 1500 Fort Benning Bus Tour with Lunch at a Brigade Mess Hall
1530 - 1700 Board Meeting
1730 - 1830 **Welcome Cocktail Reception– Iron Works Trade Center – Sycamore Room** (Cash Bar)
1830 - 2030 **Arrival Dinner - Buffet Dinner – Iron Works Trade Center – Sycamore Room**

REUNION 2022 – DAY TWO - (Friday: September 16, 2022)

0700 - 0800 Breakfast served in Houlihan's at the Marriott and in lobby at the Hampton Inn
0800 - 1100 QM Store – Empire Mills Room - Open
0900 - 1600 Registration Desk & Welcome Table - Open
0815 - 0830 Load Buses and move to Victory Pond, Fort Benning
0900 - 1030 "Rangers in Action Demonstration"
1000 – 2100 Hospitality Room – Open
1030 - 1115 Move to the Infantry Museum
1130 – 1300 Lunch at the Infantry Museum
1300 – 1600 Visit the Infantry Museum (Buses will shuttle to hotel every 30 mins starting at 1300 hrs.)
1700 - 2100 Company Dinners

REUNION 2022 - DAY THREE- (Saturday: September 17, 2022)

0700 - 0930 Breakfast served in Houlihan's at the Marriott and in the lobby at the Hampton Inn
0900 - 1700 Registration Desk & Welcome Table - Open
0900 - 2100 The Association Hospitality Room - Open
0900 - 1000 **31st Infantry Memorial Service**
1000 - 1130 General Business Meeting
1000 - 1530 Tour to Little White House or Callaway Gardens
1130 - 1300 Lunch – You, of course, are on your own
1130 - 1500 Quartermaster - Open
1500 - 1530 **Raffle Drawing & Silent Auction** (Last chance to bid in Silent Auction)
1830 - 1835 Reunion Dinner Posting of the Colors & Invocation – **Trade Ctr – Dining Gallery**
1835 - 2030 Dinner – then Announcements. Introduction, and Guest Speaker - General Steve Townsend (Ret.)
2030 - 2200 Shanghai Bowl Ceremony and Formal Toasts of the 31st US Infantry Regiment

REUNION 2022 - DAY FOUR - DEPARTURE DAY (Sunday: September 18, 2022) - Goodbyes

REGISTRATION FORM REUNION 2022 – COLUMBUS, GA
31st US Infantry Regiment Association
September 15-18, 2022

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 Columbus Marriott 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>	x # <u>Participating</u>	=	<u>Event Cost</u>
Reunion Registration	\$40	x _____		\$ _____
Reunion Arrival Dinner	\$35	x _____		\$ _____
OUST Grad/Infantry Museum	\$15	x _____		\$ _____
Tour of Fort Benning	\$20	x _____		\$ _____
Tour of Little White House	\$45	x _____		\$ _____
Reunion Banquet	\$50	x _____		\$ _____
Grand Total				\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **31st US Infantry Regiment Association**

Mail to: Don Carden 8507 Covina Court Chesterfield, VA 23838 (new address)

Marriott Hotel: Rooms may not be available Cost is \$149/night + Breakfast included

Reserve room at (706) 324-1800 Columbus Marriott, 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

Ft. Benning Hampton Inn: Cost is \$129/night Breakfast included. Reserve room at (706) 324-1800

Hampton Inn Columbus/South Fort Benning, 2827 South Lumpkin Rd, Columbus, GA 706 660-5550

The Association will pay \$10 per night to reduce the hotel cost to \$139 and \$119 per night respectively and is attempting to have city and state taxes waived.

Suspense date for Hotel and Reunion 2022 Reservations is August 31, 2022

AN OLD LETTER FROM A 4-31 COMMANDER

The March 2001 Newsletter #21 contained a letter to the Association from the then commander of 4-31, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Townsend. CSM Dan Wood joined 4-31 as the Command Sergeant Major in August of 2000. CSM Ret Wood is now the Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment. LTC Townsend's letter, reproduced below, was written not long after the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

LETTER to the 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION from LTC STEVE TOWNSEND, COMMANDER, 4-31st INFANTRY, FORT DRUM, NY



Dear Members of the Association, after completing a whirlwind first six months in command of the 4th Battalion at Fort Drum, I'd like to bring you up to date on what your active-duty Polar Bears have been doing. Shortly after taking command in June, I was privileged to accompany the Battalion's color guard to the annual reunion of The Chosin Few where I got to meet many Polar Bear veterans and participate in the ceremony awarding the Navy Presidential Unit Citation to elements of the 31st and 32d Infantry for actions at the Chosin Reservoir in 1950. Soon after, our Soldier of the Year, Sergeant (then Specialist) Jeffrey Karasiewicz, from Company A, was selected by Major General Campbell as the 10th Mountain Division's Soldier of the Year. He clearly upholds the finest traditions of the Polar Bears, an example we can all be proud of.

In August, CSM Dan Wood and his wife Kelley joined the battalion, just before we deployed to the toughest and most unforgiving terrain on Fort Drum (commonly known as "Dinosaur Land") for Exercise Commando Peak which started with a battalion air assault and a long foot infiltration, followed by live fire training at night with all of our weapons in squad and platoon attacks. CSM Wood next led our color guard to the Association's annual reunion in San Antonio. Later, our NCOs and Soldiers really showed their mettle in testing for the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge, some of the Army's toughest badges to earn. Polar Bear medics earned 2 of only 10 EFMBs earned in the entire Division while our Infantrymen earned 110 EIBs--65% of the 2d Brigade's total.

In October, we went back to the field for Exercise Polar Peak, 10 days of concentrated training that included another battalion air assault, more foot infiltrations and fighting in urban conditions. Again, much of our training was conducted at night with live ammunition to include grenades. That was our final preparation for Exercise Mountain Peak, a Division-level exercise to test the entire 2d Brigade Task Force to which the Polar Bears belong. In 8 action-packed days, the Polar Bears conducted 2 battalion-sized air assaults, 3 company-sized air assaults, and a deliberate night attack on a small city. You can be proud of the performance of your Polar Bears. We were constantly reminded of our nickname during the exercise when temperatures fell into the low 20s on several nights when we operated without our rucksacks!

In late November and early December, the Polar Bears fired all our weapons on Fort Drum's ranges, including mortars and antitank missiles. We also qualified nearly 40 leaders in advanced demolitions techniques in superb training conducted by Sappers from our attached Engineer Platoon. Finally, the battalion's officers and Senior NCOs gathered for our annual Dining-In that included the Shanghai Bowl Ceremony. Just before taking well-deserved Christmas leave, the battalion gathered on a bitterly cold morning for an awards formation and to remember those who came before us. Our training plans will take us back to the field in mid-January, leading up to our Brigade Task Force deployment in April to some of the best training the Army offers--the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

To the Veterans of the Association--rest assured that the Polar Bears of today are ready to do whatever the nation may call upon us to do--and to carry on the legacy that all of you have created for us with your sacrifice and service. **Pro Patria!**

LTG (Ret.) Robert L. “Sam” Wetzel to be Honored at Reunion 2022

When planning for Reunion 2022 the Association leaders planned to honor our Honorary Colonel, LTG Sam Wetzel at the reunion, in fact, Fort Benning/Columbus area was chosen as the location for our reunion in part because it was Sam’s home and it would make his attendance a bit easier. So while Sam’s departure makes it impossible to do in person, we will pay tribute to “Sam” as best we are able at and during our reunion in September. The Association is in debt to Sam for all the guidance, support, and actions that he has taken over so many years as our “Honorary Colonel.” He was a critical ingredient in making the 31st US Infantry Regiment Association the strong and vibrant force of old Polar Bears that it is today. God Speed Sam, and rest in peace!

AN AMERICAN ARMY FIRST AND FOR THE POLAR BEARS AS WELL

Born in Los Angeles in January 1919, Young Oak Kim was the son of Korean immigrants. Knowing his patriotic duty at the age of 22, Young Kim enlisted in the US Army in January 1941 and was later selected for Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. He was the only Asian American in his class. In February 1943, as a 2nd LT Young Kim was assigned to the 100th Infantry Battalion, a separate battalion, of Japanese Americans from Hawaii. His commanding officer, knowing the historical conflicts between Koreans and Japanese, asked LT Kim if he would like a transfer. LT Kim stated that they were all Americans and were going to fight the war together. And they did just that. The 100th Battalion became part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1944. The 442nd fought valiantly in Italy and France to become one of the most decorated units in U.S. military history. In Italy LT Young Kim was awarded his first Silver Star and Purple Heart for actions near Santa Maria Oliveto. As a 1st LT at the battle of Anzio, he volunteered to capture German soldiers in a daring daylight intelligence mission. He and another soldier crawled more than 600 meters, with little to no cover, directly under German observation posts and captured two prisoners and obtained information that significantly contributed to the fall of Rome. For his actions, 1st LT Kim was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross as well as the Bronze Medal of Military Valor from Italy. As a Captain, Young and the 100th as part of the 442nd fought and liberated the towns of Bruyeres and Biffontaine France. Wounded in Biffontaine, he was awarded his second Purple Heart and for his actions the Croix de Guerre from France (upgraded in 2005 to France’s highest military honor the French Legion of Valor).

After WW II, Young Kim returned to Los Angeles and started a successful business. But when the Korean War broke out in 1950, he rejoined the Army. In 1951 he arrived in Korea and commanded the “Benedae” South Korean guerrilla unit. Captain Kim took part in the U.N. Forces drive into North Korea and was awarded his second Silver Star and a Bronze Star. He was promoted to Major and became the first Asian American to command a regular US combat battalion in a war. That battalion was the 1st Battalion, 31st US Infantry Regiment which was part of the 7th US Infantry Division. While in command his battalion was the only frontline U.N. military unit to adopt a Korean orphanage. The battalion supported the orphanage with 500 war orphans in Seoul with supplies and monetary support to ensure their survival. He served in the Army in various assignments in Germany, the United States and again in Korea from 1963-1965 as a military advisor to the Republic of Korea. While an advisor he worked on revision of the Defense Plan of Korea. He was promoted to Colonel in 1965 and retired from active duty in 1972 after a distinguished 30-year military career. With his distinguished service, Colonel Kim has brought honor to himself, to his country, to the Army, to the Asian American community, and to the Polar Bears.



Receiving one of his many combat awards

AMERICA GEARS UP FOR WW II

The paragraphs in italics below are extracts from *Empire of Wealth* by John Steele Gordon. Sometimes its good to reflect on what America and Americans were able to accomplish besides our military combat actions that were part of America's effort to win WW II. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the United States dramatically increased military production. The operation was coordinated by Donald Nelson, who had been the executive vice president of Sears Roebuck. He gave up a salary of \$70,000 a year to work for the US Government who paid him \$15,000 to be the head of the newly created War Production Board (WPB).

"In the first six months of 1942, the US Government gave out more than \$100 billion in military contracts, more than the entire gross national product of 1940. In the war years, American industry turned out 6,500 naval vessels; 296,400 airplanes; 86,330 tanks; 64,546 landing craft; 3.5 million jeeps, trucks, and personnel carriers; 53 million deadweight tons of cargo vessels; 12 million rifles, carbines, and machineguns; and 47 million tons of artillery shells together with millions of tons of uniforms, boots, medical supplies, tents, and a thousand other items needed to fight a modern war."

"The Ford Motor Company alone produced more war materiel than the entire Italian economy. By 1944 its Willow Run plant was turning out B-24 bombers at a rate of one every sixty-three minutes. Henry J. Kaiser, who at first knew so little about ships that he referred to the front and back instead of bow and stern, brought techniques of automobile mass production to shipbuilding. He reduced the time needed to build a liberty ship – the standardized freighter of seventy-two hundred tons and thirty thousand parts – from 244 days to 42. A total of 2,710 were produced during the war, each, in President Roosevelt's words, 'a blow for the liberty of the free peoples of the world.'"

America was, is, and will continue to be a great country even if some of our countrymen today seem more interested in finding fault in our history than looking for the good. America and Americans have faults of course, but America is still the land of the free and the home of the brave and we have **Polar Bears** to help keep it that way.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR

America has been at war with terrorism for over 20 years and many of our military units have been deployed many times to defeat the threat of terror and keep America safe. In 2022 to many Americans, the Vietnam War is ancient history or even forgotten history. So a few facts and numbers may be in order to keep a perspective. 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the official Vietnam era from August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975. 2,709,918 Americans served in uniform in Vietnam. Veterans represented 9.7% of their generation. 240 men were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War. The following statistical information is important enough to bear repeating:

- The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.
- 58,148 were killed in Vietnam
- 75,000 were severely disabled
- 23,214 were 100% disabled
- 5,283 lost limbs
- 1081 sustained multiple amputations

America let's not forget! Pro Patria!

TAPS



Deceased members identified since Newsletter # 102, May 2022

PRE-KOREAN WAR

Richard J. Eyman, T/5, Sacramento, CA, died Jul 25, 2020, HHC, 1st Bn and Rgt, 1946

KOREAN WAR

George T. Fukumae, CPL, Berkeley, CA, died Jul 25, 2020, Co I, 3rd Rgt, 1950

Charles Tynes, CPL, Gloster, MS, died Apr 8, 2022, Hvy Mortar, Rgt, 1950-1952

Correction in name in NL 102:

Donald M. Ruthenberg, CPL, Winfield, TN, died Dec 27, 202, HHC, 1st Bn, 1952

VIETNAM

Joseph Gill, SSG, Cornwell-on-Hudson, NY, died Apr 2, 2022, Co B, 6th Bn, 1969

Robert C. Grant, SFC ret, Cranberry, PA, died Apr 20, 2022, Co A, 6th Bn, 1969

ASSOCIATE

Riley S. Cox, Bailey, CO, died Jan 27, 2022, son of PVT Walter J. Cox, medic w/ Co I, 3rd Rgt, 1942-1945

NOTE: No deceased members reported from the World War II, Post-Korean War and United States eras

NEW MEMBER

Arthur, G. "A.J." Brong, Jr., LTC, Homestead, FL, Co B and HHC, 4th Bn, 2004 - 2008

REINSTATED MEMBER

John M. Spiszer, COL Ret, Germany, Co B, 1985-1987, HHC, 4th Bn, 2002-2005, Battalion Commander

MILITARY PAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN - ?

It is a fact that today's U.S. soldiers are paid more than ever before. However, remunerating those in our country who take on the responsibility of fighting for and maintaining our freedoms, and potentially giving their all in that effort has always been a question of too little for so much commitment. Privates in 1776 earned \$6 a month plus a bounty at the end of their service. That would equate to \$179.16 in 2020 dollars. Unfortunately for soldiers, Congress could not always pay on time and soldiers sometimes went months without any pay. Pay started at \$5 a month at the start of The War of 1812 but was raised to \$8 at the end of 1812. This was in addition to bounties ranging from \$31 and 160 acres of land to \$124 and 160 acres of land. That \$8 translates to \$151.16 in 2020 and bounties ranged from \$528.10 to \$2,112.4 for terms of five years to the duration of the war. In the Civil War, Union privates were paid \$13 a month which translates in \$263.45 again measured in 2020 dollars. Confederate privates received less than \$11 per month, but since the Confederate States of America established their own currency rapid inflation made their situation worse and worse. During WW I in 1917, a private was paid \$30 per month which would equate to \$619.07 in 2020 dollars. The minimum pay for an E-1 in 1952 was \$78 a month which would equate to \$777.46 in 2020 dollars. Soldiers deployed to Korea received a pay bump and foreign duty pay increase of \$8 a month. Pay for E-1s was not increased between 1952 and 1958. In 1964 the nominal start of the Vietnam War; soldiers were paid \$83.20 which is equivalent to \$760.42 in 2020 dollars. Jumping forward to the War in Afghanistan and the Iraq War pay was better. In 2003, privates with at least 4 months service deploying to Iraq received \$1,150.80 a month which approximates \$1,210.95 in 2020 dollars. I guess, the old adage is still true if your life objective is to become "Rich," soldiering is not the best way to get there.

(Data in this article was extrapolated from a published article written by Logan Nye in 2016).



SITREP FROM 4-31 POLAR BEARS



In July the Polar Bears of 4-31 started a well-deserved Summer Block Leave which was preceded by an intensive 2-week field training exercise (FTX) on the steep mountain slopes of Camp Ethan Allen, Vermont focused on building proficiency at the platoon level. In addition to the FTX during the quarter, soldiers of 4-31 had to focus on a train-up of basic skills and techniques in land navigation, medical care, patrols, and weapons fundamentals in preparation to qualify for testing conducted by the 10th Mountain Division for the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB), Expert Soldier Badge (ESB), and Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) (E3B). The train-up resulted in 334 Polar Bears meeting the initial requirements to participate in the final testing for the respective badges. Specifically, the battalion qualified 303 EIB candidates, 21 ESB candidates, and 10 EFMB. As a result of their participation in the final testing, 57 Polar Bears successfully passed all of the required and punishing standards and were awarded their respective badges.

In a Change of Command Ceremony on 17 May, LTC Christopher Rowe, commander of 4-31, relinquished command to LTC David Simmons. Concurrently, CSM Jerry Heim handed over responsibility to CSM Jacob Smith. During the 3rd Quarter, at the company level, B Company and HHC conducted changes of command and in three companies (C, D and HHC) new First Sergeants were installed.

Following E3B qualification, soldiers of 4-31 aided the 10th Mountain Division in a "Warfighter" training exercise. Warfighter is a Corps & Division wide exercise with the intent to practice Division-level Military Decision-Making Process, allowing Battalion staff to exercise mission command, stressing communication and planning systems at different echelons. For 24 hours a day, the Polar Bears spent two-weeks under the direction of LTC Simmons and his Command Staff roleplaying simulated war scenarios to hone command and control skills.

And finally, at long last, the renovation of "George" our large sculptured Polar Bear that stands in front of battalion HQ has been completed. The unveiling ceremony of the new-and-improved "George" is scheduled at 1000 hours on August 12, 2022. A number of former Polar Bears from the Association are slated to attend! ***Pro Patria!***

A Note from the QM: Over the years, the Association has absorbed product price, sales tax, and shipping price increases. It is with regrets that these increases must finally be passed on to members. The prices listed below are the new current prices which were first published in the May Newsletter.

31st INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERMASTER STORE ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Address: _____

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

Cat #	Description	Price	Qty	Total
B 102	Book, 31st Infantry Regiment "America's Foreign Legion" in Peace and War (Includes shipping) <u>Do not include this item in shipping cost at bottom of form</u>	\$ 40.00	X ____ =	_____
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 ____ =	_____
C K 01	Khaki CAP! same as C RB 01 above but in Khaki and all embroidery is subdued.	\$ 24.00	X ____ =	_____
CK	Cap, Khaki; Same as CRB above except in Khaki with subdued embroidery on the right side. (Philippines Div., 7th Inf. Div., 196 Light Inf. Bde., 9th Inf. Div., 10th Mt. Div.) (circle the patch)			
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 <u>White only</u> . 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 ____ =	_____
MS 01	Shanghai Bowl Cup, silver, reproduction of original. (Includes shipping do not include at bottom)	\$ 165.00	X ____ =	_____
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 ____ =	_____

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Orders \$25.01 - \$50.00, add \$8.00; Orders over \$50.00, add \$9.00 to the subtotal line above: **SHIPPING** \$ _____

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First Name Nickname Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address City State Zip Code Phone Number

E-mail Address Alternate E-mail Address

Please fill in as much information about your service/connection with the 31st Infantry Regiment as possible:

Battalion _____ Company _____ Platoon _____

Highest Award Earned

Rank & Duty Position when serving with the 31st Regiment

Where did you serve with the 31st?

Period served month/year to month/year?

Philippines _____ _____

Japan _____ _____

Korea _____ _____

Vietnam _____ _____

Iraq _____ _____

Afghanistan _____ _____

Other Overseas _____ _____

USA _____ _____

If currently on active duty, rank: _____. If retired from the military, retired rank _____.

Life Membership

Active Duty ___\$25

Age 49 & under ___\$60

Age 50 – 59 ___\$45

Age 60 & over ___\$35

Associate ___\$25

Member (family)

Make your check out to **31st Inf Regt Assn** and mail it to the Membership Chairman:

Jim Tierney, 1484 Loretta Drive, Penn Hills, PA 15235.

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