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NEWSLETTER OF THE 31ST US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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31st US Infantry Regiment Association Reunion September 14-17, 2023

ACT NOW For Reunion 2023 – Watertown, NY

We urge all who have been waiting to act, hesitate no longer. We don't want anyone to miss out on being able to lodge together and enjoy time with family and friends at the Hilton Garden Inn. Use the phone number or link below to make your reservation today. Also, be sure to cut out the reunion registration form below and mail it with your check to our Association treasurer so you can ensure your place at the table for our delicious meals together. We need your voice and vote at our general membership meeting where we will be filling important leadership positions, fine-tuning our Constitution and Bylaws, and choosing the location for next year's reunion.

The Reunion Schedule is included below to facilitate your planning to tour some of the most picturesque scenery in the Northeast. So begin your research now of the 1000 Islands region, Sackets Harbor, Alexandria Bay, Lake Ontario, and nearby locations in the Adirondak Mountains and Canada. Of course, if you have yet to visit Fort Drum, you will be delighted by the 4-31 Battalion Headquarters where you may view Regimental artifacts, "George," the Polar Bear statue, and then move on to the 10th Mountain Division Museum. Reach out to old comrades and plan a link-up in Watertown this year. Maybe this is the year you invite family members to join you to get a taste of our rich Polar Bear heritage. We need you to act soon.



**31st US Infantry Regiment Association
Reunion Registration Form
September 14-17, 2023**

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: _____ Assigned Post: _____

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

Will you be staying at Hilton Garden in Watertown? Yes / No (Circle)

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

Reunion Activity	Cost per Person	X # Participating	=	Event Cost
Reunion Registration	\$45	x _____		\$ _____
Reunion Arrival Dinner	\$45	x _____		\$ _____
Reunion Banquet	\$60	x _____		\$ _____
Grand Total				\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **31st US Infantry Regiment Association** ATTN: Don Carden 8507 Covina Ct.
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Hotel Information: Hilton Garden Inn Watertown/Thousand Islands 1290 Arsenal St. Watertown, NY 13601.
Cost is \$139.00/night with tax and a Hot Breakfast every morning; **Reservations: 315-788-1234**

The Suspense Date for guaranteed Hotel is July 28 and Reunion Reservations is September 1, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn Watertown/Thousand Islands: 1290 Arsenal St. Watertown, NY; Cost is \$139/night for single or double occupancy; \$149/night for triple; and \$159/night with 4 guests. Breakfast included.

Group Name for Registration: 31st Infantry Association Reunion; **Group Code:** 31INF

Reservations are being accepted now. Call 315 788-1234 or use the booking link below.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ARTGIGI&arrivaldate=2023-09-14&departuredate=2023-09-17&numAdults=2&numChildren=0&numRooms=1&srpCodes=31INF>



REUNION 2023 - HILTON GARDEN INN - WATERTOWN/FORT DRUM, NY SEPTEMBER 14-17

REUNION 2023 – DAY ONE - (Thursday: September 14, 2023)

0900 - 1700 Arrival – Registration Desk/Welcome – Library Boardroom
1000 - 1700 The Association Hospitality Room – Climb to Glory & 1812 Headquarters
1000 - 1500 (recommended “on your own” tour) Clayton Antique Boat Museum/Sackets Harbor/Alexandria Bay
1200 - 1500 Quartermaster (QM) Store Open – Black River Boardroom
1530 - 1700 Board Meeting – Adirondack Mountain Ballroom
1730 - 1830 Welcome Reception – Thousand Islands & Lake Ontario Ballroom (Cash Bar)
1830 - 2030 Arrival Dinner – Buffet Dinner – Same Location

REUNION 2023 – DAY TWO – (Friday: September 15, 2023)

0700 - 0930 Breakfast in The Grille Restaurant (included in rate)
0900 - 1100 QM Store Open – Black River Boardroom
0900 - 1600 Registration Desk & Welcome Table Open – Library Boardroom
1000 - 2200 Hospitality Room Open – Climb to Glory & 1812 Headquarters
1000 - 1100 Membership Business Meeting – Thousand Islands & Lake Ontario Ballroom
1215 - 1330 Lunch – Local Restaurants
1330 - UTC (recommended tour option (Boat Trip, Visit 4-31 HQs, or 10th Mtn. Div. Museum)
1730 - 2100 Company Dinners

REUNION 2023 - DAY THREE- (Saturday: September 16, 2023)

0700 - 0930 Breakfast in The Grille Restaurant (included in rate)
0900 - 1700 Registration Desk & Welcome Table Open – Library Boardroom
0900 - 2100 Association Hospitality Room Open – Climb to Glory & 1812 Headquarters
0900 - 1000 31st Infantry Memorial Service – Thousand Islands & Lake Ontario Ballroom
1000 - 1530 (recommended tour option – 10th Mtn. Div. Museum or Sackets Harbor Battlefield
1130 - 1300 Lunch – Local Restaurants
1130 - 1500 QM Store Open – Black River Boardroom
1500 - 1600 Last chance for Raffle/Silent Auction tickets and bidding – Hospitality Room
1830 - 1835 Reunion Dinner - Post Colors & Invocation – City Center Ballroom & South Hall
1835 - 2030 Dinner – After Dinner: Announcements and Guest Speaker Remarks
2100 - 2200 Shanghai Bowl Ceremony, Formal Toasts, Retirement of Colors

REUNION 2023 - DAY FOUR – (Sunday: September 17, 2023)

0700 - 0930 Breakfast in The Grille Restaurant (included in rate)
0930 - 1200 Departure and Goodbyes



SITREP FROM 4-31 POLAR BEARS: QUARTER 3



Summer is here for the Polar Bears!

Quarter three has been a busy time for the Polar Bears! In May, the Polar Bears got busy and inspected, loaded, and shipped their equipment out from Fort Drum to meet them in Kuwait for the upcoming deployment. The Polar Bears alone, took up over a third of the entire Brigade's equipment, ensuring we'll have plenty to work with upon arriving in country! While all the packing out was taking place, the Polar Bears worked to refine individual soldier skills by taking part in our Sister Brigade's Expert Infantry, Field Medic, Expert Soldier (E3B). After two weeks of training, and a grueling week of testing many Polar Bears walked away with their badges. To close out May with a bang, the Polar Bears, and several members of the 31st Association came together for the 4-31 Infantry Battalion Ball in Alexandria Bay.

After months of getting ready for their upcoming deployment, the Polar Bears took June to celebrate a job well done and acknowledged excellence from across the Battalion. The Polar Bear Honor Week consisted of a combative tournament "Polar Bear Fight Club," the unveiling of the new Honor Room and battalion redesign, as well as the annual "Pitmaster" BBQ cook-off competition. The Polar Bears closed out Honor Week with a Battalion Organization Day during which leaders hailed the newest Polar Bear leaders and bid farewell to outgoing leadership. The Battalion then took some well-deserved leave back home before they gear up and head out on their upcoming deployment.

Through the period of July and August, the Polar Bears will deploy to Camp Beuhring Kuwait for the next nine months. While the rest of the Battalion is standing by in Kuwait as the CENTCOM Crisis Response Task Force (CRTF), A/4-31 IN will be working closely with our Department of State counterparts at the US Embassy compound in Bagdad Iraq providing security for the Embassy. The Polar Bears will remain busy training, traveling, and preparing to respond to the emerging crisis within the CENTCOM region.

POLAR BEARS IN ACTION



Polar Bear Fight Club
Battalion Combatives Tournament



Polar Bear Pitmaster
Competition
Winner: A Company Team



INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Reunion Updates

The special reunion room rate remains available after the suspense date of **28th of July** for reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn. This date has been set by the Hotel relating to how long they will block out the 75 rooms they have set aside for us. If you choose to make reservations on any date following July 28th and there are rooms available, you will still be given the reunion rate.

The point of contact for volunteers for the welcome table and raffle sales is our reunion co-coordinator Judy Bettis. Additionally, Judy will be coordinating for items donated for the raffle. She can be contacted at 315-685-3944; you may also contact her by email at judy.bettis1944@gmail.com. Thanks to all who have sponsored soldiers for our dinners on Thursday and Saturday night. The cost is \$50 for 1 soldier for 1 dinner. Your contribution/check can be mailed to the Association Treasurer, Don Carden.

HISTORICAL

Pork Chop Hill

Newsletter #67 described the struggle to retain Pork Chop Hill and Out Post (OP) Dale. The saga continues, describing events up to the war's conclusion. This edition ends our series on the Korean War but we'll periodically include anecdotes from members that further illuminate that bloody era of our history.

From June 10 to June 18, 1953 the fight for positional advantage centered on a shell-blasted OP named Harry. Harry was just another bunker and trench complex atop a barren 1,200 foot high hill among the many in central Korea, but its importance was greatly disproportionate to its size. Harry controlled access to the strategic Hang San-ni Valley's northern entrance. If Harry had been lost, the peace process might have changed at Panmunjom because its capture would have given the Chinese a salient pointed toward Seoul, unhinging the UN line. To prevent that from happening, the 31st Infantry rotated one or two companies to OP Harry each night to "hold at all costs." To provide some perspective, 1,200 feet is twice the height of the Washington Monument, a healthy trek for riflemen who slogged up and down the steep slope, rain or shine, in the dark to avoid letting the Chinese know when companies were being rotated.

Harry was only 350 yards from Chinese positions atop higher ground on a series of ridges called Star Hill. The Greek Battalion that had held the OP before being relieved by the 31st called Harry "The Death Place" because it was regularly blasted by Chinese mortars and artillery whose observers could see every move GIs made there. Captain John Holdorf, Commander of E Company at the time, remembers Harry as "a barren, scorched, and forbidding looking place that had death written all over it."

On July 6, the Chinese came across the valley again in a coordinated attack against Pork Chop Hill. They penetrated the position repeatedly in five days of bitter fighting, but the 31st held on. By the fifth day, both sides held portions of the hill, and neither could dislodge the other. On July 10, all UN forces were ordered to withdraw from the position, ceding to the Chinese the most bitterly contested piece of real estate in central Korea.

The last action of the war for the Polar Bears came on 26-27 July 1953 at OPs Westview and Dale overlooking the Chorwon Valley. The OPs were held respectively by K and I Companies of the 31st Infantry. Their defense was the last battle of the Korean War, not just for the 31st Infantry, but for any unit. Westview is a low, bald knob connected to Old Baldy by a saddle ridge. It was only large enough to accommodate a platoon, but the Chinese were determined to take it. They came charging up the hill three nights before the ceasefire, lugging huge boxes of ammo, giving every indication that they intended to take the hill and keep it. Pouring wave after wave up the hill, they took

half of it, but L Company counterattacked, driving them back in close quarters combat with grenades, small arms, and occasionally rifle butts or entrenching tools. When their grip on the last section of trench was broken, Chinese survivors scurried across the barren 200-yard-long saddle back to the “safety” of their lines. There, they were hammered by artillery. For the next two nights, they probed Westview again and again, losing more men in the process. On Monday, the defenders, some of whom had scarcely slept for four days, felt sure the Chinese would come again. At 9:45 PM, the order came to cease all firing. A minute later, an OP warned, “They’re coming, the Chinks are coming down.” No one fired. Weapons that would have been used without hesitation any night before remained silent. There was no shouting, no jubilation, only a few muttered prayers and handshakes between men who had seen too many comrades carried from the battlefield. Suddenly there was peace. Although there would again be incidents along the demarcation line after China’s departure five years later, for now the Korean War was over.

Col. Young Oak Kim – Former Commander 1-31 Inf. (Korea)



As a follow up to Newsletter 105, Col. (U.S. Army, deceased) Yong Oak Kim was the 120th member added to the Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame.

The Hall recognizes outstanding military and civilian leaders who have served at Fort Leavenworth and made significant contributions to the achievement, tradition, or history of Fort Leavenworth and the Armed Forces.

Dr. Edward Chang, professor of ethnic studies and founding director of the Yong Oak Kim Center for Korean American Studies at the University of California at Riverside and Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle Jr., reveal the shadow box that will be placed in the Ft. Leavenworth Hall of Fame honoring Col. Yong Oak Kim.

This story can be found at <https://www.cgscfoundation.org/fort-leavenworth-adds-2-to-hall-of-fame/>

ASSOCIATION COMMANDER’S UPDATE

Greeting all. We are on a short final approach to the reunion in Watertown, New York. As you may have noticed above, we urge you to make your hotel reservations and send in your reunion registration as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

The board is in the final stages of updating our Constitution and Bylaws and we look forward to presenting these changes to you in Watertown. Another highlight of the September General Membership meeting will be to vote on where we will meet in 2024 and beyond. If you would like a voice in this decision please be present and be heard. Further, we will hold a confirmation vote for numerous leadership positions within the Association and need your input. Thank you to those who have stepped forward in response to vacancies noted in the last newsletter.

Further, thank you to those who have become newsletter boosters and sponsored a warrior for the reunion! Assistant positions are open in the following areas: newsletter editor; adjutant, and membership.

Pro Patria.

Dan

TAPS



Deceased members identified since Newsletter # 106, May 2023

PRE-KOREAN WAR

William H. Broms, 2LT, Niles, IL, died Oct 21, 2022, HHC, Rgt, 1946-1947

KOREAN WAR

Richard J. Haase, SFC, Hartford, SD, died Mar 26, 2023, HHC and Co E, 2nd Bn, 1951-1952

Clayton V. Pearson, PFC, Rock Falls, IL, died Apr 21, 2023, HHC, 2nd Bn, 1950-1952

Bill G. Rowland, MSG ret, Paragould, AR, died May 16, 2023, Co I, 2nd Bn, 1950-1951

George E. Owen, SGT, Oregon, IL, died Sep 2, 2022, Co K, 3rd Bn, 1952-1953

Harry E. Potts, SGT, Owings Mills, MD, died Mar 16, 2023, HQ, 2nd Bn, 1952

Launcelot E. Soult, Jr., MAJ ret, DuBois, PA, died Jan 12, 2021, HHC and Co B, 1st Bn, 1952-1953

POST KOREAN WAR

George L. Parks, unkn, Decatur, IL, died Nov 19, 2022, I&R, Rgt, 1954-1955

VIETNAM

Jimmy J. Apel, SGT, Sweetwater, TX, died Jan 22, 2023, Co A, 6th Bn, 1969-1970

Paul A. Edwards, PFC, Staffordsville, KY, died Mar 24, 2023, Co C, 4th Bn, 1967-1968

Charles E. Fishe, SFC ret, Evans, GA, died Mar 26, 2023, Co B, 6th Bn, 1968-1969

Kenneth W. Leavell, SP4, Castle Rock, WA, died Feb 28, 2022, Co A, 4th Bn, 1970-1971

ASSOCIATE

Carl E. Schoenmann, Winchester, TN, died Mar 17, 2023, Brother of Glenn S. Schoenmann
died as POW in Korea, remains returned 62 years later

HONORARY MEMBER

Charles G. Roberts, SGT, Chipley, FL, died Jun 21, 2021, 3rd Bde Avn, 9th ID, 1969-1970

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

NEW MEMBERS None

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)	\$ 40.00	X ____ = ____	
	Do not include this item in shipping cost at bottom of form			
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 directly embroidered	\$ 24.00	X ____ = ____	
	on cap a waving US flag on the left side and US ARMY embroidered on back.			
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	\$ 37.00	X ____ = ____	
	Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Red, White, Texas Orange,			
	Size: 2XL Colors: Burgundy, classic Navy, or Denim	\$ 39.00	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 ____ = ____	
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Polar Bear Max

Winners: Battalion Physical Training Competition

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<u>Old Address</u>	<u>New Address</u>	<u>Mail To:</u>
_____	_____	Jim Tierney, Membership Chairman
Street or P.O. Box	Street or P.O. Box	1484 Loretta Drive
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City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip	

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

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Active Duty __\$25
Age 49 & under __\$60
Age 50 – 59 __\$45
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Associate __\$25

Member (family)

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

31st Infantry Regiment Association
Jim Tierney
1484 Loretta Drive
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