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We will have a bus tour to Plymouth Rock and to Plymouth Harbor to see a replica of the ship Mayflower and board the ship for a view of the interior of the ship and the quarters the Puritans endured on their trip to America.

If you so desire, you can make a private motor tour to the City of Quincy to visit the home of the second president, John Adams and the home of the sixth president, John Quincy Adams.

Also private trips to Salem, with the famous house of seven gables, and the beaches in Rockport and Gloucester are a short drive North of Boston, Cape Cod with beaches, shops and the sand dunes of Cape Cod National Seashore are a short drive South.

Our oldest universities, Harvard in 1663 and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1861, are close in Cambridge. There are 60 colleges and universities in and around Boston with close to 250,000 students attending regular sessions.

We will have a busy reunion with plenty to see and an opportunity to stay with your buddies in all the planned activities. Our hotel is located within three miles of the center of the City of Boston. We will have private buses available for the bus tours departing from our hotel and the hotel is central to public transportation so that private sightseeing is readily available.

We hope you can come early and leave late so you can see all that Boston and New England has to offer. Try and make this reunion a time to rehash your WWII experiences with your buddies as well as acquaint yourself and your family with all the history that we have to offer.

The hotel registration form and the reunion registration form is included in this issue and we request that you forward the forms before the cut-off date so we can plan the rooms and tours for those that will be our guests for the reunion.

From the editor . . .

Wow!! What a winter most of us have endured! It seems to me that it has gone on forever, and I am not one to complain about that over which I have no control! I guess maybe I am just suffering from cabin fever, because we were housebound for so many weeks.

On Friday night after Christmas, Harold began having black out spells, ended up in intensive care, sixty miles from home and underwent surgery for a pacemaker implant. With the ice, snow and below zero temperatures, travel to and from Lafayette was no easy task, so it was nice to finally get him home. He is now able to drive, feed the cats, get the mail and torment me! It seems so nice to be back to normal!!

Many thanks for sending articles for the Blood and Fire. Thanks also for sending pictures you are willing to share with the readers. Everything will be used as space permits.

If this issue seems to have fewer pages, it is because we are getting low on available funds in which to publish and mail the Blood and Fire. Yes, we do have the Certificate of Deposit in reserve for just such emergencies, but I don't want to remove funds from the CD before September, which is renew time. We save money by waiting until September, so maybe this issue will have to be a "tighten your belt" publication.

Donations from Life Members would help defray the cost of printing and mailing the publication, as would donations from all the members, but donations are just that, donations freely given without pressure from the editor or any of the officers of this Association.

Also, a forwarding address and/or a notice of death would be helpful when trying to save postage. I guess we have to have a broad mind and a thick wallet when it comes to our Blood and Fire publication. A broad mind might be accepting fewer pages with each issue and a thick wallet might have to come from the members!

Enjoy your copy of the February issue, and I hope "a whole bunch of people" will plan to be in Boston in August. All the information is included in this issue.

A Memo from the Secretary . . .

Donna LaCosse

Bob Capasso and his crew have their plans all made for the reunion in August - I just wish I was as prepared! It seems as though the older I get, the behinder I get, and all that spare time I was going to have "someday" is not going to happen!!

Thankfully things are falling into place once again. I am not moving any faster, but at least I am moving.

I had a very busy fall - sent out over 300 dues-due letters after putting the November issue of the Blood & Fire to bed, then spent December and January receiving responses, sending back dues cards and watching the near-empty bank balance grow!

I also spent some quality time with my husband after his pacemaker placement took place and that is why I am a little behind in my 63rd responsibilities.

To those members who have not responded to the dues-due letter, please do so as soon as possible. I hate
Deaths . . .

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DEATH OF SPOUSE


Rosemary Schlocker, wife of Leo M. Schlocker, Associate Member, died September 18, 2008.

Kathleen Slate, wife of Herb Slate, H 254, died November 18, 2008. He lives at 118 Hailsboro St., Gounervour, NY 13642.

Tillie Tirelli, widow of Louis Tirelli, C 253, died March 21, 2008.

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Ramada Inn
Boston update

The Ramada Inn is located at 800 Morrissey Blvd. in Boston, Massachusetts 02122. The telephone number is 617-287-9100 or 800-886-0056. It is located three miles from the center of the City of Boston and five miles from Logan International Airport. It is one mile from the University of Massachusetts Campus and the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum.

It is in combination with Comfort Inn in the next block and both have a combined total of over three hundred deluxe accommodation rooms equipped with voice mail, safes, irons and hair dryers.

If you are coming in to Logan Airport - after you have retrieved your luggage at the baggage area - pick up the direct telephone line to the Ramada Inn at the same baggage area and let them know your airline terminal name/number. Ramada Inn will give you the hourly schedule of the next complimentary shuttle bus that will transport you the five miles to the hotel.

There is also free scheduled shuttle bus service for the return trip back to the airport. Make a return reservation shortly after signing at the Ramada Inn so there will be sufficient transportation for the large number that will require transportation.

There is also free scheduled shuttle bus service every half hour to the public transportation lines for access to the center of the city and to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. There is free on-site parking, a family center, billiard, bowling, game room and outdoor pool.

Free deluxe continental breakfast, with an extended menu, is provided each day from 6:00 AM until 10:00 AM, on the first floor of the Inn. Free WiFi in each room, and free cable with HBO, fifty premium and business channels.

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Lost Sheep
Need To Be Found

We need new addresses for the following people. Listed below are the last known addresses taken from the returned November 2008 issue of the Blood and Fire. If you can help, please call, write or email the secretary/treasurer.

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Leeanna White, Associate, 2510 Lundman Dr., Hutchenson, KS 67502-1806. Husband John M., AT 254, Life Member 1020, died July 1, 1999.
Mannheim. I am the one with the carbine; (4) Miller was from Moonsey (Muncie ?), Indiana; (5) Garafano was my best buddy. We dug many a foxhole together! I have had no contact from him since the war's end; (6) Keener, I think, re-upped and became an officer.

I loved the outfit and am very proud to have been a soldier in the 63rd Infantry Division. I cherish my memories of the days with my old buddies, both the good and the bad and I love all you guys. God Bless.

Sal Genova

DINERS SHARE TABLE AT REUNION
The above picture was submitted by Associate member, Marilyn Combs. The group shared a table at the Indianapolis reunion last August. Seated are Lillian Mulcahy, Associate member and Otto Metzger, C 254. Standing (left to right) are Fred and Charlotte Sess, HQ 253; Patty Palumbo, Associate; Henry and Marilyn Combs, Associate; Stanley Rusinek, AT 254; Arthur Russell, H 254; Vin Stratton, 1/Lt. H 254, Chaplain.

August 2008 Reunion
Scottish Rites Cathedral in Indianapolis taken by Dick Mertes during the August 2008 reunion.

Soldiers & Sailors Monument in Indianapolis taken by Dick Mertes during the August reunion.

Indianapolis Speedway taken by Dick Mertes while on the city tour during the August reunion.

Gaylord Betcher, K 253, was 90 years young when this picture was taken on March 17, 2008.
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