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DAVID RHOADES 1931-2023

David and Shirley Rhoades were childhood sweethearts in 1946. In 1949 David joined the Johnstown, Pa. National Guard as part of the 28th Division. David rose through the ranks and loved the Army. He was deployed to Germany as part of the Cold War efforts to keep the Axis powers in-check in Western Europe. Now, as a Staff Sergeant in the 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion David and his best friend, CPL "Jerry" Edelestien, were repairing a track on their M48 when Jerry volunteered to trade tasks with David. A round hit, Jerry was lost and David was badly injured. Jerry, in-effect, saved David's life. The word volunteer was burned into his everyday life. David was a candidate for OCS but his injuries to his legs would prevent him from continuing to serve the Army he loved. David and Shirley moved to State College. Just up the road from their first home was a hamlet in Boalsburg where there was land and stone monuments dedicated to fallen Soldiers from the 28th Division's earliest battles. David had found his place to volunteer and honor his dear friend. During the 50's and 60's, Memorial Day remembrances at Boalsburg were not unlike a family reunion with camping on the grounds with food and fellowship. Shirley speaks often of the times when she, David and Helen Sajer would prepare food from the tailgates of their cars to provide participating Troops with a meal. If a bench needed fixed, David would repair it. If an exhibit needed painted, David would paint it. If he couldn't find anyone to donate materials, he somehow managed to scrape together the money to do something with practically nothing. Fast forward through the years when the Military Museum was built. The volunteer pool declined but the need for recognition of the fallen never escaped David. He helped organize the modern day 28th Division Memorial Ceremony into what it is today. Shirley and David fabricated the wreaths for all the stone monuments and the crosses in the ceremonial cemetery used to honor each unit in the 28th with fallen Soliders. This past year, David and Shirley were recognized for over 70 years of service at the Annual Memorial Service in Boalsburg. We lost David this past June 22nd but we all have his most enduring achievement staring at you when you enter the Boalsburg Museum grounds, the 14" guns from the deck of the Battleship Pennsylvania. How David was able to almost singlehandedly obtain permission, transport and install these huge monuments should be an additional entry in the dictionary under: "Volunteer".

2021 Executive Council

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President Message

Dear 28th ID Association Members and Friends

I hope that you are all enjoying the wonderful summer weather that we have been having as well as enjoying the delicious local produce that is available during this season of the year. As I enjoy the warm temperatures and sunny days, I have been reflecting on what I do and why I do it. I have come to realize, once again, that much of what we all do is driven by the question, “what’s in it for me?” In answering this question, I realized once again, that most of us join organizations or participate in activities that reflect our interests and enhance our lives. While I think that self-interest is an understandably powerful reason for joining and participating in an organization such as the 28th ID Association there is also an equally important and compelling reason that is, to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I believe, therefore, that the purpose of the 28th ID Association transcends any of our personal needs, concerns and agendas. The reason that I believe this is because the Association undertakes programs and activities that benefit and nurture others. The Association helps us remember the heritage of those who served before us, assists the Soldiers and their families who are serving today, in Pennsylvania and across the world, and helps to prepare coming generations for meaningful service to their communities and their country.

So, as you read this newsletter, you will see that the Association is undertaking new initiatives to be relevant to the present, respectful of the past and hopeful about the future. You will see that the Association is a vehicle through which we all have the opportunity to step out beyond ourselves in service to others, and to belong to an organization whose objectives are greater than our own an, organization that seeks to make a difference.

Yet, I know that what I have written may seem like “pie in the sky.” Perhaps it is, but I have come to realize over the years that, without a vision, without a purpose, without a heart for others, we all just remain enclosed in our own small spaces entrapped by our own concerns and agendas. I think that we can all be more than just the sum of our lives; we can be part of something much larger. I beseech of all you – as you read this message to engage in the ongoing mission of the 28th ID Association as we celebrate the life, work and history of the 28th Infantry Division.

Sincerely,
 Rodney K. Miller, President
 28th Infantry Division Association

NEWSLETTER LABEL The newsletter address label has information about your membership due date. If you look at the top left of the label it will have a date. That date is when your dues are due. If it is blank you are a life member. While you are there check your address information and notify us as soon as possible if there are any changes.

12/31/2023
 John Doe
 1400 Calder Street
 Harrisburg Pa. 17105



28th ID Association Scholarships

Each year the 28th ID Association provides money for several scholarships for our Division Soldiers. It is a way in which the members of the Association help invest in the future of our currently serving Soldiers. The Association currently has 4 scholarships that they offer to members of the 28th Infantry Division.

The scholarships are:

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| MG John Frederick Hartranft | Memorial | \$500 | Scholarship |
| SSG Chandler H. Capps, Jr. | Memorial | \$500 | Scholarship |
| SSG Walter K. Chmiola, Jr. | Memorial | \$500 | Scholarship |
| CSM Richard L. Fonner | Memorial | \$500 | Scholarship |

We have awarded two scholarships for the 2023 Fall Term . There are two scholarships available for the 2024 Spring Term. These scholarships are only available to 28th Division Soldiers. If you are interested please contact the Education Center at Fort Indiantown Gap or the Association Office at the Harrisburg Military Post Building 9 for an Application. **Scholarships can be used for Associate, Bachelor or Trade School Programs.**



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The enclosed membership form can be an easy way to join or renew your membership. You will see on the new form the dues are the same for every member. It gives you the option to donate to the Memorial fund or the Scholarship Fund, if you wish. Life memberships are also available. The cost is listed on the application form. As always with a life membership you never pay dues again. **If you renew your membership you only need to place your name on the form and any changes that have happened over the past year. Example: address, phone number, email address etc.** Life members please provide us with any changes when they occur.

Memberships run with the calendar year from January to December. Under most cases your membership dues are good for one year. If you join during the first nine month of the year your membership is good until that December. If you join at the end of the year your membership is good until the following December.

If you are deployed, you will be exempt from dues for that year. You must notify us by mail or e-mail and we will extend your membership by one year.

Each newsletter has an application insert for your convenience We also take new applications and renewals on line at our web site. www.28thinfantrydivisionassoc.org

28th Association History Program

Want to help collect 28th Infantry Division history? Dr. Walter Zapotoczny will conduct a class on doing interviews with Soldiers for the collection of history. The class will be held at the Association office located in building 9 at the Harrisburg Military Post on Sept 7, 2023. The class will start at 10:00 AM and class material will be provided. If you would like to attend call the Association office at 717-497-0765.

MARCH FOR THE FALLEN

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 Fort Indiantown Gap/Anville, Pa.



28 Mile MARCH/14 Mile MARCH

5K RUN/WALK

REGISTER AT <https://bit.ly/USOMFTF>

28TH DIVISION INTERVIEWS



Capturing and collecting stories from the veterans not only helps to preserve their memory, but also serves to help shed light on the important role these men and woman played in our country.

The 28th Division Association collects, preserves and makes accessible the firsthand recollections of U.S. military veterans who served with the 28th Infantry Division from World War II through more recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions, and from Gold Star Family members.

The stories help future generations hear directly from veterans and better understand what they saw, did and felt during their service. The recordings become part of the Association archive and with the permission of the veteran, the recordings are made available to the public through a link on the Association's new website.

As the DMVA database becomes available, family members, researchers, historians, and students will be able to learn about what you and your unit did while you served.

To participate, email the Association at info@28thinfantrydivisionassoc.org or call 717-497-0765 and someone will contact you about scheduling an interview.

PENNSYLVANIA WOUNDED WARRIORS, INC.



OUR MISSION

HELP RESTORE WOUNDED WARRIORS TO GOOD PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH



We are an independent statewide non-profit 501(c)(3) organization providing support to Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors and their families and Veterans in Crisis. Our unpaid staff consists entirely of volunteers who donate their time and expertise on behalf of Pennsylvania's veterans. A very small percentage of our budget goes to administrative costs. We are not affiliated with nor a part of the national organization Wounded Warrior Project and we do not receive any funds from them. Our ability to help Pennsylvania veterans is financially supported by generous donations from individuals, local, civic and business groups, schools, churches and individual veterans organizations such as VFW, American Legion, DAV, Vietnam Veterans, etc.

We do not use a paid telemarketer, direct mail or fundraising consultant. Our only fundraising event is our annual Wounded Warrior Gala held in October to honor our veterans. This allows our volunteers to dedicate their time completely to helping our wounded warriors and veterans in crisis transition through difficult times. Therefore, we welcome any individual or organization interested in sponsoring a fundraising event to contact us. We will provide them with our brochures/ posters and help publicize their efforts through our facebook site and public appearance.

Tax exempt donations may be sent to:

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc.
1013 Mumma Road, Suite 203
Wormleysburg, PA 17043

We also accept credit card payments thru PAYPAL

Email: info@pawoundedwarriors.org (general info)

help@pawoundedwarriors.org (request assistance)

Contact Information

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc.
1117 Country Club Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
717-761-4017 Fax 717-260-3622

Website: www.pawoundedwarriors.org

Text: Donate **PAWW** To: 91999

THE 28TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL FORM

NEW MEMBER DEPLOYMENT RENEWAL

DATE RETURNED _____

Renewal application, please provide
any changes or new information.

NAME _____ SSN _____

Last

First

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Last Four Digits

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ PHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NEWSLETTER AND UPDATES SENT TO YOUR EMAIL? YES ____ NO ____

SPOUSE NAME _____ DATES OF SERVICE _____

UNITS OF AFFILIATION _____

\$15.00 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES \$15.00

ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR THE MEMORIAL FUND AMOUNT \$ _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AMOUNT \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

CIRCLE APPLICABLE CATEGORY: ACTIVE / RETIREE / FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION / OUTSIDE US MEMBER

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

AGE 45-49 \$300.00 AGE 50-54 \$250.00 AGE 55-59 \$200.00 AGE 60-64 \$150.00 AGE 65+ \$100.00

SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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28TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

1400 CALDER STREET BUILDING 8

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or PHONE US AT 717-497-0765

SUMMER CAMP AT 28th HHBN

The 28th Infantry Division Association was invited to visit the HHBN of the 28th Division summer camp at Fort Indian-town Gap. We talked to the Soldiers of the Battalion about the mission of the Association and the our programs that the Association offers. We told them how important it was for Soldiers to support the Association so we, the Association, could support them. We support all men and women Soldiers of the 28th Division who served or are serving with honor and their families both living and deceased. The programs we have include, but not limited to, the Scholarship program, awards for outstanding service, support of the Family Support, collecting history of the Division, TAPS for our fallen Soldiers and providing information to families about their loved ones who served in the 28th Division. These are just some of the programs we provide.



MISSION OF THE ASSOCIATION
 Support the men and women Soldiers of the 28th Infantry Division and their Families

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COMING SOON !

The Association is working on a new Website. It should be finished by the End of the Year. It will provide members with up to date information and activities for the Association. The new website will also include a new Association Store. The store will have new features that include a new order system which will include credit card payment along with current check or money order payment. The website and the store will be available on your smart phone and your computer. The new site ID will be short and easy to remember. We will provide more information as the project nears completion.



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SHOPPING PASS: This is a **25% Off*** discount Shopping Pass. Customers donating \$5 to your organization receive an In-Store Only Shopping Pass valid during this one-day event.

\$5 DONATIONS: Each pass is \$5 and your organizations keeps 100% of this donation!
If 20 members sell 20 passes each, your organization just raised \$2,000!

REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD: Scan the QR code on the shopping pass for a chance to win. One customer from each store will receive a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card!

EVENT DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 **STORE HOURS:** 8 am - 11 pm

**Exclusions apply*

CALL THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT 717-497-0765 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE IN BUILDING 9 AT THE HARRISBURG MILITARY POST OPEN ON TUESDAY 10-2

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