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# The ORION GALLIVANTER

## 1917 - 1919

*Dickebush Sector*

*Mount Kemmel*

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*Hindenburg Line*

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## 1940- 1945

*Makin*

*Majuro*

*Eniwetok*

*Saipan*

*Okinawa*

## 2001- Present

*Enduring Freedom*

*Iraqi Freedom*

*Noble Eagle*

## Felix Giuffre on Saipan

Submitted 1994

On July 7, 1944, the morning of the Banzai attack, I was in a foxhole on a hill and about 5:00 a.m., the screaming down at the bottom of the hill began and it sounded like Babe Ruth had hit a Home Run in Yankee Stadium. As I peeked out of my foxhole, I could not see much except a few feet below my foxhole a couple of Anti-tank guns were set up. I ordered the men at the 37mm Anti-guns to open fire with anti-personnel canister shells and they did so. Believe me, the shells quieted down the screaming. I also noticed at the same time that two of my buck sergeants with light 30 caliber machine guns near the 37mm guns as back up guns.

I ordered them to open fire at the screaming in front of the 37mm guns. In the meantime, I was firing with my M-1 Rifle at the advancing enemy. I fired so much at rapid fire that I noticed that one bullet from my rifle would crease two Japs. So after an hour or so, things quieted down but as dawn was appearing and my visibility was much better I noticed the two machine guns were abandoned and near by the two Anti-guns, the crews plus probably my two machinegun Sergeants were all killed by the enemy.

While, I observed all this, I was still firing at the enemy and my rifle jammed and would not eject the spent shell. I was kicking my bolt back with my foot to eject the spent shell and load a single shell into the rifle chamber, one at a time. To my good luck, I rose up from the foxhole and suddenly saw two Japs crawling to my fox-hole to finish me off so I pulled my trigger breach out of the rifle and threw it at one of the Japs and the rest of my rifle at the other one. This gave me a chance to take off in 10 different directions and join the rest of my Company in the plains where the fighting was thick and heavy. One of my buddies was laughing at me as he stood on one leg and knee with 2 sub-machineguns, one in each hand. So I crawled over to him and asked him what he was laughing at and he replied, "you have no gun, take one of these subs". When I asked him, where the ammunition was, he replied that that is what he was laughing at. He did not have any ammo. I took the gun and did not see this buddy again, but as God was on my side, I found another buddy lying on the ground dead with a submachine gun with magazines on his

belt. I quickly reloaded my sub-machine gun and believe me; I was feasting killing Japs all around me at close combat range.

This did not last long because suddenly my left leg buckled under me as I was hit in the calf. As I turned around and sprayed the area with bullets I received another gunshot wound in the right side of my chest. I changed my position and continued to fire at the enemy. Suddenly, I was wounded again in the back. I was able to change my position again looking out to the Ocean where one of our Navy ships was cruising near the shoreline.

Here I met my Top sergeant and he showed me the hole in my helmet and asked me if I would be able to swim with him and use our helmets as buoys but I said, no, because of the hole in my helmet and the sharks would finish me off. He left with a group of men and they began swimming to the Navy ship, but the Navy men on the ship began firing machine-guns at the swimmer for fear that the swimmer might be Japs. I don't know how many of the group who swam towards the ship made it. But the Navy did

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# Commander's Message

Greetings many friends;

Summer is here, time to get back outside and look for reasons to get together again with old friends for picnics and social events. While we are enjoying the time spent with family and friends it is appropriate to recognize that the Army's 231<sup>st</sup> birthday is the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. (also Flag Day) As veterans we can all feel some sense of pride and accomplishment at what the Army is accomplishing and specifically what the units within New York State are accomplishing. There are still many units that are currently on active duty in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle, and more that are preparing for activation. The soldiers that are serving now deserve our gratitude and those families affected by deployment certainly warrant our thoughts and prayers while we are enjoying the protection that those young men and women are providing.

More changes are in store for the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, there is a change of command that will take place at Ft. Drum on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July at 11:00. If you haven't received an invitation to the change of command and would like to attend please let your local post know and we should be able to RSVP for you no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. The outgoing commander is Colonel Daniel Maney and the incoming commander will be Colonel Brian K. Balfe. Along with the change of command there are several other announcements within the BCT many of whom you know. Our treasurer LTC Gary Yaple was recently named as the Deputy Commander of the BCT, and CSM William F. Wicks was assigned as the BCT Command Sergeant Major. Congratulations to all of them!

There has been a considerable amount of work leading to the movement of 27<sup>th</sup> Div. Monuments that are currently at Camp Smith, and it looks like they will be moved to the BCT Headquarters at Thompson Rd. in Syracuse. There has been a lot of work put into this and the members of the board feel that they would best be preserved and looked after by the current soldiers of the 27<sup>th</sup>. With the tempo of operations happening in the world they will be a nice link to the past for those current members.

The board of directors meeting is to be held again at Hafner's in north Syracuse on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be finalizing the plan for the annual reunion in Saratoga Springs, and we hope to fill position of vacant 3<sup>rd</sup> vice commander. To the membership I hope that your summer is a joyous one, and I hope to see you in the fall at the Annual Reunion.

Yours in friendship

Harold Jones IV

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**MEMBERSHIPS**  
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## Felix Giuffre on Saipan

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pick up my Top sergeant. I learned this about a year later when I met him on his honeymoon in New York City.

At this time, I picked up a rifle from a dead buddy and found 2 bullets still in the rifle chamber. As I was sitting keeping the rifle on the ready, I saw Tommy Baker coming by me limping very badly in pain from the heel of his foot which was shot off. He asked me if I had any ammunition and I replied that I had 2 bullets only, which I intended to use, one on the Jap and the other on myself to avoid being taken prisoner. I asked Tommy Baker, who was a member in my Company, where he was heading and he replied that he was going in to help Col. O'Brien up front and that was the last I heard from Pvt. Baker or Col. O'Brien

Later that evening, a Navy-landing barge rescued me where I was taken to the Hospital where I walked into a dark black-out tent. In the tent, two Doctors came in to examine me and other casualties and then told us we would be seen in the morning. Prompted by this news, I grabbed a Doctor by the arm and told him that I had 4 gunshot wounds and then I told the Doctor where they were. Believe me, I think the Doctor became more panicked than I and he headed me to a stretcher and rushed me to a great big Mash surgery tent where it seemed like hundreds of wounded soldiers were being treated and operated on. I remember that I was told to count to a hundred backwards and my clothing was being cut off of my body and then I passed out.

When I woke up, I was in a cot bed in another tent and I was told that I was out for 3 days and nights. Then a Jeep stretcher carrier evacuated me to a Hospital ship. On the way I met my Platoon Officer, Lt. Newton, who told me how glad he was to see me alive. He suffered a wound in the arm. I enjoyed the Hospital Ship (U.S.S. Lamaritan) and was treated very well.

Sometime later, we were shipped to New Caledonia, 8th. General Hospital. While I was being treated I was told by letter that Pvt. Baker and Col. O'Brien did not make it and that they were being awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. I was supposed to be awarded the Silver Star Medal but the Medals were awarded to most of the men killed in action and I was awarded the Bronze Star medal.

Also, General Ross decorated me with the Purple Heart Medal at the 8th. General Hospital.

From the 8th. General Hospital, I was transported on a broken down Dutch ship to San Francisco, California. I was placed in Lettennan General Hospital where after a couple of days, I saw Captain Butkas and he was doing well with his wounds. After a couple of days, I was flown to Newton D'Baker General Hospital in West Virginia and the a few days later was sent to Atlantic City, N.J. for a month of convalescing. While there, I was called to Army Headquarters and asked if I wished to stay in the Army and train men for combat. At this request, I replied "negative", because I had enough of Army life and had fear of going into combat life in Europe to fight in the cold freezing weather.

Today, I still have a bullet in my right lung and another in my spine from the 4 wounds that I received in the battle of Saipan. After receiving those wounds, the 27th Division was committed again to other campaigns and I would have rather gone back to the 27th. Division or get discharged rather than serve with another outfit. I was discharged on May 25, 1945.

I served almost 5 years with Company A of the 105th Inf Regiment, 27th Division.

I will always remain a Comrade.  
 Thanks for the Gallivanter

**Felix Giuffre**  
**105th. Infantry**  
**"A" Co. Platoon Sgt.**

### 80 PLUS CLUB



**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Anthony J. Klapat (Age 92)**  
**John Jack Ware (Age 86)**  
**Leon Vas Nunez (Age 95)**

# The Annual 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association Inc. Reunion

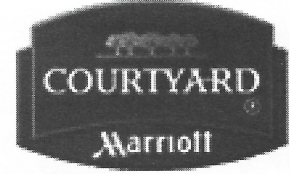
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Lodging, Friday and Saturday Night  
 Dinner Friday, All meals Saturday, and  
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 Friday Night Blinger: \$22/ Person  
 Saturday Morning B-Fast: \$13/ Person  
 Commander's Luncheon: \$25/ Person  
 Banquet Dinner: \$35/ Person  
 Sunday Morning B-Fast: \$13/ Person

Indicate Meals by Number of people on reservation card on back side of this flier.

**Room and Meal Payments: Make checks payable to the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association.**

Room reservations will be made by the Secretary, 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association as per the RSVP card received below. The Division Association will handle payment due to the Marriott. A special registration table will be set up by the Hosting Reunion Committee for registration, meal tickets and program package.

**\$10 Member Reunion registration fee due upon arrival.**

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27<sup>th</sup> Division Association National Reunion 29 September – 1 October 2006

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_

Two Double Beds -  smoking  non-smoking **OR**  One King Bed  smoking  non-smoking

Saturday Night Dinner Selection: Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

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## Schedule of Events

## Courtyard Marriott

**Friday, September 29, 2006**

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Blinger

**Saturday, September 30, 2006**

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Membership Meeting

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

12:00 PM Commander's Luncheon

Immediately followed by a Memorial Service

5:00 PM Cocktail Hour

6:00 PM Dinner, Banquet Room

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Farewells

The NEW Courtyard Hotel by Marriott is conveniently located in historic downtown Saratoga Springs and less than 2 miles from the race track. We're within walking distance to museums, restaurants, retail shops and the City Center.

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Turn Left onto Rock Street

Turn Left onto Excelsior

## Meals Only Reservation Card

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Please specify meals by quantity required in each box below:

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# MAILBAG

## Post 16

Post 16 of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association held its annual dinner meeting and elected the officers for the 2005-2006 year. The meeting was held jointly with members and guests from Post 4 of Amsterdam.

The following officers were elected and installed: Commander, Edward Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Anthony Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, George Brandt, Financial Secretary, Dwight D. Thompson, Assistant Financial Secretary, Pat O'Lucci and Chaplain, Gordon Williams. The Fulton County Veterans Council delegates are: Anthony Christiano, Melvin Brandt and Nicholas Cannizzo, Sr. The alternate is Paul Christman.

Information was provided on Veteran's benefits in brief and services that are avail-

able to Veterans, including information about the V.A. Medical Clinic in Fonda by Dwight Thompson.

## David Vas Nunes

In a recent trip to Miami to visit my Uncle Leo, he showed me a copy of The Orion Gallivanter. He pointed to the bottom right hand corner of page 3 in the March 2006 issue entitled "80 Plus Club." He laughed and said the two names of the men listed indicated they were 83 and 86 respectively and they were just kids. He asked why his name did not appear there since he was older than both. Leon Vas Nunes, a resident of Miami, Fl. was born on July 15, 1911. He will be 95 this July and he is in very good health and very mobile.

He has the distinction of holding 2 honorable discharges from the U.S. Army. You see, he served prior to the start of WWII and then he was recalled after Pearl Harbor and spent almost 5 years in the Pacific Theater. He always had such a great pride in having served his country, although he never considered himself a hero. He was a mess sergeant, assigned such by a captain when he was recalled. He was wounded in action and still receives a 50% disability from the army.

After retiring from being a merchant seaman, he volunteered at the VA hospital in Miami for over 30 years. He still visits the hospital and all his friends there. He will only accept treatment from VA doctors and he has indicated that if he ever needs to leave his home, he wants to reside in a VA home.

Would it be possible to make his day and print his name in one of your future issues. It would mean the world to him. Please let me know if you will and when. His older brother Emanuel was a Captain in the army during WWII stationed in Europe and his younger brother Henry served during WWII as an army Corporal stationed in England. Both these brothers are now deceased. Henry was my father and my hero. You may reach me at my e mail address above.

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** Consider it done, David! You are now a proud member of the 80 plus club! See page 3. Congratulations! Anyone else who has not been acknowledged, please

let us know.

## Larry McGuire

When the 27th Div went home in DEC 1945 Many members without enough points for separation were transferred to the 519 MP's in Yokohama Japan. Many had served with the 249th FA, 106 FA, and the 165th. Three Reunions have been held in recent years. The most recent on April 22nd and 23rd at The Chateau in Bloomington, Illinois. The next 519th Reunion will be held in Columbus, Ohio 2007. Larry McGuire 249th FA HQ Battery Okinawa/Japan 1945/46 21266 Redbud CT, Warrenton, MO 63383



## TAPS

**LeRoy Poyfair**—LeRoy Poyfair passed away November 27, 2005 in Gloversville, NY. He was a member of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division, 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Co. M serving from 1940-1945. He went to Alabama, Hawaii and later served in the Makin and Saipan Campaigns. He was a member of Post 16 of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association. He is survived by his wife Betty of 57 years. He was the brother in law of Harry J. Travis who was also a member of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division who died on July 31, 1993.

**William E. Siegrist**- William E. Siegrist died peacefully at his home November 30, 2005 with his family at his side. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1938-1945 as a member of Co C, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 27<sup>th</sup> Division. He served in the Pacific Theater and took part in the invasion of Saipan and Makin Islands. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star and numerous other awards

## New Members

Welcome Aboard!

**Mr. Robert J. Newkirk**  
**Mr. Roger Newkirk**  
**Mr. Warren Newkirk**  
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for valor.

He was born in NYC to Mary Doyle and Ernest Siegrist on April 13, 1923. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army, he married Margaret Limbach in the Bronx. He was a frequent visitor to the 69<sup>th</sup> Armory in NYC attending the Annual Makin Day dinner each year with his grandsons. For many years he marched with the 69<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Corp. in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

He is survived by his spouse of over 59 years, Margaret, sons George E. and wife Arlene, William and his wife Donna, Jerry and his wife Cynthia, his daughters Virginia and her husband William and Lorraine Davis, eight grandchildren, four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother George E. Siegrist, USN Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class killed in WWII.

### Irwin E. Roland

Irwin E. Roland passed away June 29, 2005 after a long illness of four years. He served in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Medical Division in Eniwetok, Saipan and Okinawa from March 3, 1943 – November 25, 1945. He is survived by his wife Evelyn of 59 years, two sons and one grandson. He loved the Gallivanter.

### Kathryn Ann Malatino-

Kathryn Ann Malatino (Kate) past away

on December 4th, 2004 at the age of 87 in St Petersburg Florida, formerly of Anniston, Alabama. Survivors include five Sons, Lonnie Malatino of Clearwater Florida (a Vietnam Vet) Thomas Malatino of Tampa Florida, Raymond Malatino of Orlando Florida, Tony Malatino of Lakeland Florida and Richard Irwin of Birmingham Alabama; two sisters, Dorothy and Hazel of Anniston Alabama; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Kathryn (Kate) born in Birmingham Alabama, was a founding member of Sacred Heart or Jesus Catholic Church & School in Anniston Alabama and a member of the Ladies Guild for more than 50 years. Executive Secretary, Board Member and founding member of the Anniston (Regar) Museum. Kate was a past president and officer of the 27th Division Association Women's Auxiliary and a member for more than 60 years!

Kate and "Lon" (also a past president and officer of the 27th Division Association) hosted several 27th Division Reunions at Fort McClellan and their home in Anniston-Oxford, Alabama. Their Southern Hospitality will never be surpassed and they established two monuments at both Fort McClellan and at the Anniston Regar Museum, that will long remember the Fighting 27th Division. We love you Kate and Lon-Thanks for the memories!

### Pasquale J. Niercadante

Pasquale J. Mercadante, 84, of Glovers-

ville died December 6, 2005 at Nathan-Littauer Hospital after a short illness. Born in Casale De Principe, Italy 1921, the son of Th 501r of ~Oiovanni and Raffacla FuscielloMercadante he was a United States Postal worker, where h~worked at the Oloversvil]o Post Office for more than 30 yeats, retiring many years ago,

A veteran of World War II who served in the US Army with Co G 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry he received the Bronze Star Citation. Mr. Mercadante was a member of the Catholic War Veterans #642, the Gloversville Council of the Knights of Columbus, Johnstown Moose Club, American Legion, and Post #4 of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association. He is survived by his wife Clementina.

### Frank R. Pusatere

TROY - Frank R. Pusatere of Donegal Avenue passed away after a brief illness on February 12, 2006, at St. Mary's Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Born and educated in Troy, he was the son of the late Rosario V. and Antonina Dinovo Pusatere. He was a decorated veteran of World War II and a survivor of the Battle of Saipan. He was employed by Watervliet Arsenal for over 30 years, retiring in 1976. He was a past president of the Wynantskill Kiwanis Club, an active member of the Tibbits Cadets and the O'Brien-Baker Post of the 27th Division Association. He was interned in Saratoga National Cemetery.