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HONORARY COLONEL, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT

Friends and Comrades

“RAMROD!” ... “RAMROD!” .... “RAMROD!” ..... The cheers from Soldiers standing in formation rose into the hot, humid air ... echoed off the surrounding pine trees ... and resonated back through decades of faithful and valiant service to the Nation since 1808. ... Our Regiment **is back!** ... The process that began in the Spring with activation and deployment of D/2-2 Infantry is complete. ... The Army’s active rolls again include a battalion of the Second Infantry Regiment ... “HUZZAH!” ... “HUZZAH!” ... “HUZZAH!”

The Second Battalion’s activation on Fort Polk’s Honor Field opens a new chapter in our history. It’s easy to predict that 2–2 Infantry’s story will be significant and impressive. The Soldiers are positive and upbeat. The Army’s program to provide personnel and equipment is on schedule. The battalion is blessed with a strong cadre of combat veteran leaders. LTC Coombs and CSM Abbott know what it takes to be a combat-ready light infantry battalion. And, they know how to get there. They have a smart, realistic training plan. (I am particularly impressed by the effort to send junior leaders to Ranger School, an investment which will pay large dividends.) Fort Polk is a good place to implement the demanding training an infantry battalion needs. 2-2 Infantry and these Ramrod Soldiers have a bright future.

Among the many courtesies we received was being included on the Battalion’s rolls as “plank holders,” linking us veterans to today’s Warriors. The ceremony was a unique experience for me, one I will not forget.



HCOR Bill Mullen, HSGMOR Top Olmsted, with 2LT Ellert

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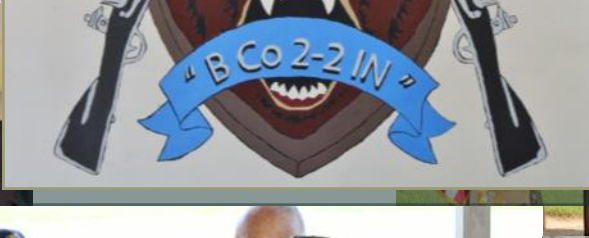
The past, present, and future of the Second Infantry Regiment will be memorialized in the monument commissioned by our Regimental Association, being erected now at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia. We will dedicate our monument during the Society of the First Infantry Division Reunion in Atlanta, June 8 – 12, 2016. This will be a unique event for us; I hope that each of you can be there to share in the celebration of our legacy.

I will participate in the National Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on 11 November. Like you, I will remember with pride the friends and comrades who meant so much because of the way they lived.

Finally, as we enter the holiday season, I wish you and your families all the blessings of the Season, now and throughout the New Year.



# ACTIVATION CEREMONY





## BOB "FO" DOUGLASS

PRESIDENT, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

My Fellow Ramrods and Associate Members,

As we are about to celebrate another Veterans Day, I would like to wish each and every one of you to have a safe and Happy Veterans Day.

I am proud to announce that on September 3, 2015. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment once again uncased its colors. It has been activated under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Polk Louisiana. It is under the command of LTC Aaron Coombs and CSM Thomas Abbott. We are lucky once again to have two more exceptional leaders for the Regiment.

My wife Merriam and I, along with HCOR Bill Mullen, HSM Top Olmstead, John Kerins, Bill Stafford, Michael Keohane, Israel Tames



and his commander Ramona Tames had the opportunity to attend the ceremony. And once again all of us were treated like Royalty. We met with Officers, NCO's and many of the soldiers with Bravo Company and at that time Captain Farrar who introduced us to some of Bravo Company soldiers while they were training and practicing for their Expert Infantry Badges. Later we met with Regiment leaders in a sit down meeting. It was a great and successful day. You can rest assured that the Ramrod tradition will be carried on with all of these Officers, NCO's and fine young soldiers. Already many of the new Ramrods have become Life Members of the Association and are planning on attending the Reunion at Pigeon Forge next May 12-15, 2016.

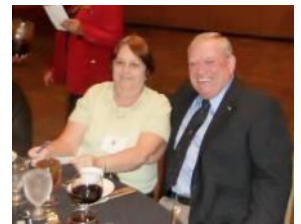
As for the Association we have had some changes also. Doug Tabb who was our long time Treasure has resigned because of personal reasons. Jim Leslie our current Vice President stepped up and filled in. He transferred our account to Chase bank and is presently working to get our 501c status. A special thanks goes out to Jim. Pam Leslie has agreed to accept the position as our new Treasure. Anyone who knows Pam knows that she will do a great job. Thank you Pam for accepting this position.

Also John Kerins has agreed to step up and put together some Ramrod articles, that everyone will the opportunity to purchase. He has been dealing with different suppliers.

I also would like to thank John for stepping up as we have

had many of our Ramrods requesting items to purchase.

As many of you know that last year at the Division Reunion we lost Joe Foy. Joe was a permanent fixture at all of our Ramrod Reunions both Pigeon Forge and Division. Joe always had time to talk with everyone and he knew no strangers. It is with sadness that I must announce that we have lost another permanent fixtures from the Division Reunions, that is Rich McCusker, August 25, 2015. He lost his battle with cancer. Rich was a great Ramrod. He filled in as our Chaplain at some of our Reunions. He and his entire family were at the Reunion in Orange County, California. Rich and I visited and he was very happy that he was able to bring his family. And they also attended our Memorial Service. Rich will surely be missed by all of us.



So as I keep saying and will always keep saying to everyone. You need to keep up with your checkups and pay very close attention to any of your test results. You are the one responsible for your health and no one else. When they found my Prostrate Cancer my Primary Care doctor told me that he felt that all was ok. But I told him I want to be biopsied again. And guess what they found it. It was early enough for surgery and removal of my Prostrate, so far so good. I will never forget what my father always told me "Bartenders drink their mistakes but Doctors bury theirs".

All of us Viet Nam Vets were exposed to Agent Orange, and there is so many diseases and cancers connected with the exposure of Agent Orange. They are always adding more almost every year. In the spring newsletter I gave a website for Agent Orange; <http://www.publichealth.va.gov> and I suggest that everyone visit this website.

Our monument is moving forward our co-chairmen Jim Leslie and Rich Maling who are really doing a bang up job. If all goes as planned the dedication will be next year during the Division Reunion in Atlanta. I would like to see many Ramrods there for the Reunion and dedication. If not the Reunion in Pigeon Forge. If you can't attend both, then please try to attend at least one of them.

In Closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And never forget to keep your head down and your powder dry.

# PATRIOT BALL



# MUD RUN







## 2-2 IN "RAMROD" QUARTERLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2015



Maj. Wall, Col. Jones, BG (R) Bill Mullen, and LTC Coombs review the Battalion Formation

LTC Aaron Coombs and CSM Thomas Abbott, SR recently activated the 2<sup>D</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>D</sup> Infantry Regiment within 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (LI) at its new home of Ft Polk, LA, with the help of HCOR BG (R) Bill Mullen and HCSMOR 1SG (R) Don "Top" Olmstead and other 2<sup>D</sup> Infantry Regiment Veterans. From the onset of their time in command, LTC Coombs and CSM Abbott have focused on establishing a unit culture consistent with the traditions and legacy of 2-2 IN; a battalion built on a culture of priorities: **LEADER DEVELOPMENT, READINESS, AND TAKING CARE OF SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.**

2-2 IN officially activated on 03 September 2015 with 345 Soldiers; the battalion proudly stood in formation as seven 2-2 IN veterans signed the plank holder's activation ledger with their active duty brothers, officially recognizing its formation. The 2-2 IN activation ceremony served as an opportunity to highlight the Battalion's proud legacy and performance in combat through the display of the Unit Campaign Streamers and the reading of the Regimental history. On behalf of the entire Ramrod Battalion, LTC Coombs and CSM Abbott extend a sincere thanks and appreciation to all the active and retired veterans of 2-2 IN for their support on the momentous day.



Distinguished Veterans of the 2<sup>D</sup> Infantry Regiment who were present in support of the 2-2 IN Activation Ceremony



Soldiers from 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT, A Co., 2-2 IN navigate their way thru a station of the Obstacle Course

LTC Coombs and CSM Abbott have placed significant emphasis on leader development. Continuous development of tactically and technically sound leaders is a prevailing theme throughout the organization, from the lowest Private, to junior NCOs, and especially the young Officers. Almost immediately, the battalion began a comprehensive Pre- Ranger and Ranger School candidate assessment program aimed properly identifying and training Soldiers to complete the arduous school. With seven Soldiers already completing the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (LI) Pre-Ranger program and 10 more to attend next month, the battalion continues to move towards the goal of filling the ranks with confident, qualified Rangers.

As we look to the future, 2-2 IN continues on the path to being an elite light infantry battalion. In preparation for the upcoming Expert Infantry Badge competition, the Soldiers of the battalion are training and meeting pre- requisites to master individual infantry tasks. Over the past several weeks, these Soldiers have spent countless hours at the range building to expert qualification, honing in their tactical acumen through combat focused training lanes, and perfecting their proficiency with a map, compass, their wits and confidence in the conduct of day & night land navigation. The attention to detail, focus on the mastery of individual skills and equipment, and quality repetitions will build a solid foundation of proficiency as the Battalion looks forward to its upcoming collective field training density in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (January – March 2016). As of 27 October, the Battalion is manned at 519 of 653 authorized Soldiers and Leaders, with HHC, A, B, and support company J stood up and manned, and C and D (weapons) Companies establishing capacity for their activations on 19 November 2015. The Battalion is equipped at 50% of its authorizations, with equipment continuing to flow in weekly. The current forecast is to be both manned and equipped to over 90% in time to begin squad and platoon field training in February.



Soldiers from J Co. 2-2 IN inventory new received equipment

Overall, the past several months have been busy for the newly formed battalion. As the ranks continue to fill with capable Soldiers and leaders, 2-2 IN will continue to reinforce the culture of excellence as the prevalent theme in the organization. It is only a matter of time before 2-2 IN cements itself as the premier Infantry battalion within the Brigade and throughout the Division.

## FIRST DIVISION BOARD MEETING, LOMBARD, ILL.

BY JIM LESLIE, VP AND DIVISION BOARD MEMBER

This meeting is held once a year at the Division convention. I will cut to the chase and tell you there are a lot of unhappy members who do not like the direction the convention is heading. What I mean by this is in regards to the membership turnout and the high cost of the fees incurred from the hotel management.

As with all CP's including the 2nd Regiment, many have asked for and have not gotten lower room rates, control of our CP's as opposed to the hotel controlling them, meaning that we prefer to buy our own food and liquor and not pay over the top hotel pricing. It has gotten to the point where some CP's are moving offsite to hold their own mini conventions.

I can now tell you the Division has listened and has

gotten our point and is moving forward under excellent new leadership. General Ron Watts has taken over and has asked General Bill Mullen to help with the new planning. I can assure the membership they have heard our feedback and requests and will comply.

I will give a better and more complete report in the spring newsletter once things are firmed up. I can report that the Division is strong financially and offers a lot of support to its members, including scholarship funding.

Support of the Division convention is a must for all members, which must continue and will continue. If you have any questions, please call or email Jim Leslie, (810) 989-9866, [gripfast@ameritech.net](mailto:gripfast@ameritech.net).

## 2016 PIGEON FORGE 2D INFANTRY REGIMENT VETERANS REUNION

BY CHUCK AND KAREN MUNDAHL, REUNION COORDINATORS

The 2016 2nd Infantry Regiment Veterans Reunion will again be in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

The dates will be May 12-15, 2016. We will mail registration forms to all who attended last year. The registration form will also be on the 2nd Infantry Regiment's web site after the first of 2016.

<http://www.secinfreg.org/events/events.htm>

Everyone is welcome!! We have a really good time. Good food, new friends, good conversation!!

We are looking for someone to take over hosting the reunion for 2017. We were willing to host for 2 years. Hoping to find someone who wants to keep this reunion going!!

Hope to see everyone in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Chuck and Karen Mundahl

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY RICH MALING, CHAPLAIN, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Psalm 19:7-11:

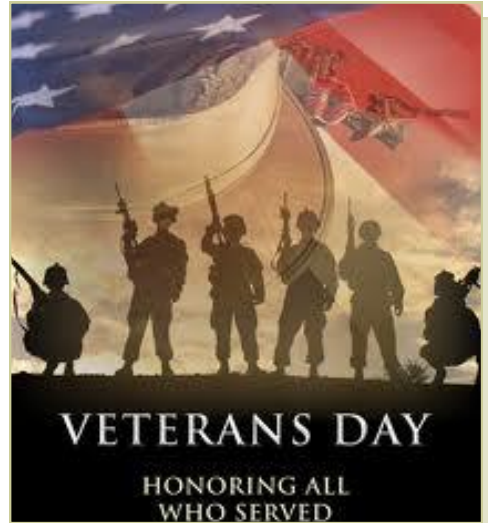
*The law of the Lord is perfect,  
converting the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;*

*The statutes of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;*


*The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
The fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring forever;*

*The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
Yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

*Moreover by them Your servant is warned,  
And in keeping them there is great reward.*



## SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT MONUMENT



**SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
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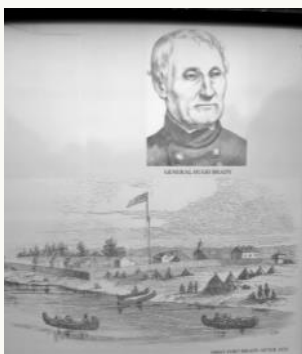
## SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT TRIVIA . . . ROAD TRIP TO MICHIGAN

BY LARRY GRZYWINSKI, HISTORIAN, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

This past August, my wife Kathy and I took a trip to Michigan. We had not been to Mackinac Island and beyond in quite a while. I thought that as long as we are there why not visit each place in the state where the 2d Infantry Regiment had been located?

We traveled up the western side of the state, along the shore of Lake Michigan. Our first stop was for lunch in Saugatuck. We ate in a very old hotel restaurant situated right on the lake shore. From there, we traveled to Ludington where we spent the night. A car ferry links Ludington across Lake Michigan to the docks in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The following day, we traveled on to Mackinaw City, passing through Traverse City, Charlevoix and Petoskey - all small to medium cities on the lake that have the look and feel of the New England coast.

The next morning, we took the ferry to Mackinac Island where we visited FORT MACKINAC. The fort is on a high bluff overlooking Lake Huron and the passage to Lake Superior. There are quite a few of the original buildings there and we toured all of them. Various companies of the 2d Infantry were periodically stationed at the fort from 1826 to 1846. Additionally, we walked up a winding road through the woods to visit the post cemetery where three 2d Infantrymen are buried.



After our stay in Mackinaw, we went further north to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. It is located right at the Canadian border. In June 1822, Colonel Hugh Brady was directed to advance with six infantry companies, to Sault Ste. Marie and construct a stockade and barracks upon the land ceded by the Chippewa Indians by the Treaty of 1820. Colonel Brady with Headquarters and Companies A,

B, D, I and K – a total of about 250 troops, left from Buffalo, New York for Sault Ste. Marie on the steamboat Superior. Upon arrival, he erected the buildings which have since been known as old FORT BRADY. The fort is no longer in existence because it was built on very low ground along the Saint Mary River and has since been washed away. The site is a park,



where a plaque describing the fort's history can be found. It also contains a portion of a reconstructed stockade wall. Companies of the regiment were stationed at the fort at various times from 1822 until 1845.

From old FORT BRADY we proceeded a short distance to the new FORT BRADY which is located on much higher ground. This fort was built in 1893, whereupon the old fort was



abandoned. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the 2d Infantry Regiment was stationed at new FORT BRADY from August, 1922 until March, 1941. When war broke out in Europe in 1939, soldiers from the 3d Battalion were assigned to guard the Soo Locks on the Saint Mary River, which divides the US and Canada, and are the connection between Lake Superior and the rest of the Great Lakes. The soldiers guarded the locks 24 hours a day for 2 years until the battalion was transferred to FORT CUSTER, Michigan. In 1941, the 3d Battalion provided soldiers who formed the cadre of the 702<sup>nd</sup> Military Police, which took over guarding the locks. The fort is no longer a military post it is now the Lake Superior State University (LSSU), with many of the fort buildings being used by the

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school. It is in one of the buildings on LSSU campus (*Dr. Lou and Mae Lukenda Alumni House*) that hanging over the fireplace is a panoramic photograph of the 3d Battalion of the 2d Infantry and also two photo's of company personnel of the 3d Battalion.

Following our visit to the two FORT BRADY sites, we headed south to visit 2d Infantry Regiment, World War II veteran, Joe Rahie who resides in Sterling Heights, a suburb of Detroit. We arrived in Sterling Heights just after lunch and stopped at the complex where Joe lives. He was very



surprised to see us because I did not tell him we were coming. I have known Joe for going on 10 years, however this was the first time we've met face-to-face. We had previously only communicated via email, telephone and snail mail.

Joe was the individual who got me involved in the regiment's history. He was the National Historian for the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, which the regiment was with in WW II. Over the



years he has provided me with a wealth of information and documents. Joe joined the Army in April 1941 and was assigned to Company M, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment. Company M was a heavy weapons company and Joe attained the rank of staff sergeant with 81mm mortars. He was wounded in September, 1944 and returned to his company

where he remained until returning to the US. He discharged in July, 1945 and worked as a supervisor for the USPS. Joe is a terrific guy, he is 95 years old and still going strong. I hope to share stories about Joe at another time.

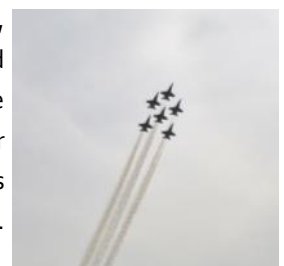
After our all too brief visit with Joe, we visited FORT WAYNE, which is in Detroit along the Detroit River. The original 1848 limestone barracks with later brick additions still stands, as does the 1845 star fortification. On the fort grounds, outside the original star fort are additional barracks, officer quarters, a hospital, shops, a recreation building, the commissary, a guard house, a garage, and stables. Unfortunately, access to the site was closed the day we arrive and we could only view it from outside the fence. Beginning in 1922, the 2d Battalion was stationed at the fort then Headquarters in 1929. They remained there until January, 1941 when the entire regiment was moved to FORT CUSTER, Michigan.



After that stop, we began our trek homeward. Along the way, we did not stop at FORT CUSTER since we had visited there several years ago. We noted that it had been greatly reduced in size, and what is left is used by the Michigan National Guard. Additionally, a national cemetery is located there. The 2d Infantry was located at FORT CUSTER from Jan/Feb 1941 until it went to Iceland in February/March, 1942.

Besides the sites we visited companies of the 2d Infantry Regiment were also stationed at FORT WILKINS, 1845-1846, which is located east of Copper Harbor on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula. FORT GRATIOT, 1834-1845, located in Port Huron and DETROIT BARRACKS (Detroit), 1845-1846, FORT WILKINS is a historic state park, FORT GRATIOT is complete gone as is DETROIT BARRACKS.

All and all it was a great trip and a thrill to visit Joe Rahie. We traveled over 1000 miles and saw many locations other than those mentioned here. As an aside, just after leaving Detroit we stopped at a rest area east of the city. While there we were treated to a super air show put on by the Blue Angels as part of the Wayne County Fair. What a finish to a great trip!







## TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE FLOYD C. FENNER, 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION 2D INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1ST BATTALION, COMPANY C

PART 1 OF 2 ARTICLES

BY JIM LESLIE, VICE PRESIDENT SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



**BASIC TRAINING** - FLOYD FENNER was drafted at age 25 into the United States Army on March 25, 1941. He was married to his wife Virginia and was employed at Chrysler as an automotive parts packer. He was sent to Fort Wayne in Detroit, Michigan and then sent to Basic Training with the 2nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan where he soon realized that he was to become an infantryman. Floyd said that while the barracks were new, they had to sleep directly on sawdust floors. Training was hard and Floyd, when asked if he liked his new army life, responded with "No, I do not like this type of lifestyle". His main training consisted of rifle and bayonet, hand grenade, and small squad tactical field problems. Near the end of his training cycle the 2nd Infantry Regiment was sent on two large field maneuvers in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Kentucky. Floyd stated that he felt like he slept on every hard rock while on maneuvers. At this time, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion Company C. After the maneuvers were completed, the regiment was alerted for movement to overseas. On February 19, 1942 the regiment sailed for Reykjavik, Iceland and arrived on March 3, 1942.

**ICELAND** - Floyd stated that the rumor was the Germans would invade Iceland to establish a German naval base. The Germans had already sent a landing party to see if it was feasible. The 2nd Infantry Division's mission was to defend 40 miles of coastline (west sector) and 60 miles inland, covering the entire western half of the island. The 1st Battalion was garrisoned at Ulfarsfel subsector. Military life in Iceland was strange and interesting to Floyd. The town was heated with hot water by a local geyser. It was strange to see no smoke out of the houses. There was not a lot to do and Floyd never went into town. From February 1942 to August 1943, most of his duties were guard duty and unloading ships and boats. It was strange to him to be able to play ball until midnight due to the constant daylight. One of the most beautiful and outstanding sights for Floyd was seeing the Northern Lights. He said "it was just beautiful". He did learn how to ski on a 200 foot glacier. It was the first time he had ever used skis and found it very exciting. It also snowed every day on his 4 man tent and one man had to shovel the snow off all the time so the tent would not collapse. He was in Iceland for eighteen months and they were told the reason they were there in the northern part was to try to make the Germans think they were going to invade Germany on the northern front.

**TRAINING IN IRELAND AND ENGLAND** - 1st Battalion arrived in Gouruk, Scotland on August 17, 1943 and then they went by train to England. New equipment and crew-served weapons were issued. Furloughs were granted for the first time in 17 months. While he was in England, word came down that the 2nd Infantry was going to become mechanized. So Floyd stepped up to become a driver. Only 3 people showed up for the job and all 3 were picked to become drivers. He was assigned to a jeep and his new job was to drive high ranking officers around and deliver military orders and supplies.

The 5th Infantry Division realized that very soon they would be heading to France in a combat role. The generals of the division felt it was wise to instill more training so they would be combat ready. The training dealt in the following areas: small unit tactical exercises, raise the T/O strength by adding new men to the division, squad and platoon leadership schools, upgrading marksmanship, company and battalion tactics, knowledge of German soldiers and their weapons, and battalion attack against fortified positions with air and artillery.



During the period of August 1943 to June 1944, the 2nd Infantry Regiment was combat ready. The alert came at 2400 hours on June 29, 1944 for overseas movement. Leaves were cancelled and personnel were sealed in their barracks. On July 6, the regiment sailed from Belfast, Ireland harbor at midnight. On the 9th, the convoy arrived off the coast of Normandy, due east of St. Mere Eglise, France at 2205 hours. The 2nd Infantry Regiment landed on Utah Beach D-Day plus 30. The regiment headed inland to the Hedgerows and the sound of gun and artillery fire. Fame and glory awaited them.

Private Floyd Fenner's jeep takes on a new role with the addition of a 50 caliber machine gun. Floyd moved forward with Company C off the Normandy Beach 20 miles inland into northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and central Europe (Germany).



PART 2 CONTINUING THIS ARTICLE WILL  
APPEAR IN THE SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER.

"NOLI ME TANGERE"



## SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT VETERAN TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

BY JIM LESLIE, VICE PRESIDENT SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Floyd C. Fenner was born August 13, 1915 in Kimball, Michigan. On August 16, 2015, there was a gathering of over 50 people at his home to celebrate his 100th birthday. Family and friends gathered on this wonderful August day underneath a large tent to celebrate this milestone. He had a large cake with one birthday candle which he blew out as



everyone sang "Happy Birthday". In addition, there were three generations of family veterans at his party. The picture shows Floyd Fenner along with his son-in-law Ed Polouich, who served with the 131st Aviation Company in Phu Bai, Vietnam from April 15, 1965 to April 9, 1966, and also his grandson Ken Polouich who served with the 24th Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Regiment in Desert Storm from July 25, 1989 to July 25, 1993.

It is the author's belief that Mr. Fenner is the oldest living 2nd Infantry Regiment veteran alive today. He served from March 1941 until the regiment came home in 1945. His DD-214 shows five battle stars on his European ribbon bar which is the most any 2nd Infantry Regiment veteran could have won in battle. He was also awarded the Purple Heart for combat wounds as well as the Combat Infantryman's Badge.



If you would like to send **Mr. Floyd Fenner** a note or a belated birthday card, his address is **1024 Delaware St, Marysville, MI 48040.**



**SOCIETY OF THE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION**

<http://www.1stid.org/reunion.php>

**2016 Reunion**

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Atlanta, Ga.  
June 8-12



**2017 Reunion**

Westin Kansas City  
Crown Center  
July 26-30



**Ramrods Reunion  
12—15 May 2016**

The reunion is open to all who are currently serving or had served in the Battalions of the 2nd Infantry Regiment, their families and guests.

Please check the website in the future for information and to download the registration forms:

<http://www.secinfreg.org/events/events.htm>

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