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**William Temple posing with the Regimental Colors that were donated by LTC Hightower and are now on display in the 2-7 IN Memorabilia Room**

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1. To create and perpetuate a viable and cohesive national organization for the purpose of enjoying the camaraderie and unique membership, and in unison, voice concern for the protection of our cherished American ideals and our individual way of life.

2. To support the military policy that maintains reasonable but strong nuclear and conventional, combat-ready regular and reserve component forces, able to provide adequate national security for our nation and its people.

3. To foster the development of good citizenship, patriotism, and leadership in our American youth, the future of our nation.

4. To insure that posterity is constantly reminded of those instances of service, sacrifice, and dedication to the preservation of our nation’s liberty and freedom by celebrating those dates that recall the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces of the United States, and especially the 7th Infantry Regiment and its component units.

5. To encourage and achieve the mutual benefit and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Association and the active units of the 7th Infantry Regiment in the United States Army.

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Members, particularly Life Members who no longer have to pay the annual membership fee, are encouraged to donate toward the operating expenses of the Association each year. Send your contribution directly to our treasurer, Joe Washart, 504 Brooke Avenue, Magnolia, NJ 08049-1106.



A Soldier from 2-7 IN’s HHC Mortar Platoon “Able Thunder” moves into position for gunnery.

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# **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

*by Greg Cullison, Association President*



President Greg Cullison

**G**uten tag, Cottonbalers! I find myself writing this article in the Frankfurt Airport, one of the largest and busiest airports in the world, bustling with thousands of international passengers. Oddly enough, I am

sitting in the Terminal 2 Burger King, having the first Whopper I have eaten in over a year. The sign above me reads "Flame grilling since 1954." I am waiting for my flight to San Antonio for a week of meetings and my first trip to the USA since my family and I moved to Germany exactly two months ago.

I know that many of you have been stationed in Germany during your time in the 7th Infantry Regiment. I reflect back on the many stories I have heard about soldiers' service here, as well as all over the world. These were the stories told by my fellow Cottonbalers while we were sitting on the ramp of the Bradley at Ft Stewart and in Saudi Arabia. And these were the stories of Cottonbalers I have met at our reunions over the years.

It is the stories that unite us as Cottonbalers. Whether we served in the 7th Infantry Regiment during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Desert Storm, Iraq, or Afghanistan, we are all Cottonbalers. Reuniting with Cottonbalers we served with and meeting new Cottonbalers is the best reason to attend our Cottonbaler reunions. If you have attended any reunions in the past, you know

exactly what I am talking about. And if you have not, I strongly urge you to make time to attend the next one. We have reunions every two years, and we are planning the next one in June of 2019 in the beautiful and historic city of Chattanooga, Tennessee. More details on specific dates and activities will be published in future newsletters and on our website.

In the meantime, please see the article about the deactivation of the 3d Battalion of our regiment, occurring on 20 October at Ft Stewart. There will be a contingent of members attending the ceremony, and you are invited to join them. This will be a sad day for me and other 3/7 alumni, but the Army has chosen to take this step, and it will be a historic day for the Cottonbalers.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2019 in Chattanooga.

## **VOLENS ET POTENS**

Greg Cullison  
President ♦



**An Infantry Platoon from Bravo "Bushmaster" Company, 2-7 IN, as it conducts live fire gunnery on the range at Fort Stewart.**

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I want to add my best wishes along with those of our President Greg Cullison, and the Cottonbaler Newsletter Editor David Spanburg to all of our membership. I think we all need to salute David for his outstanding efforts in making the Cottonbaler one of the best military association newsletters that I have seen. The summer issue of the Cottonbaler Newsletter was one of the best issues ever! Thanks Cottonbaler!



Immediate Past President  
Dave Jensen

I think that it is important for us as an association to remain focused on our membership. I am very pleased to bring to your attention that from the summer of 2016 thru the summer of 2017 our membership grew from 441 members to 457 members. Unfortunately, this number was tempered by the loss of 22 WWII, and 8 Korean War Cottonbalers. That is a net gain of 46 new members. It appears, as you would expect, that our fastest growing groups are the Vietnam and Gulf War/Iraq Era Cottonbalers.

At the 31 May 2017 General Membership meeting in Savannah, we agreed to a plan to attempt to expand our membership with the use of the Cottonbalers on Facebook (our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/28462933742/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/28462933742/)), and by having a presence of our members at 3ID, 24th ID, Desert Shield /Desert Storm, and OIF Association activities. We need to do this to foster cross-membership in other groups that might have Cottonbaler affiliates. I am pleased to tell you that I will be speaking at the Desert Shield/Desert Storm reunion at Fort Stewart in February 2018. I understand that there is a strong contingent of Cottonbalers in this organization that might be interested in affiliation with the 7th Infantry Regiment Association.

Finally, I was tasked at the General Membership Meeting to look into getting an exception to Army Regulation 600-82, The Army Regimental System. The regulation currently limits the terms of Honorary Colonels of the Regiment. I have been in contact with an action officer in the Office of the Chief of Infantry to find out the protocols and procedures for requesting an exception to and/or an amendment to the regulation. I'll keep you posted.

As always, I want to remind all of our membership that is not too early to be contacting all Cottonbalers, members and potential members, about our next reunion in Chattanooga in 2019!

“Cottonbalers by God,” “Damn Fine Soldiers.”

Immediate Past President

Dave Jensen ♦



On the 29th and 30th July 2-7 IN hosted Families and Friends for Family Day Weekend.



**G**reetings to all of my fellow Cottonbalers from your Association Secretary,

Recently I sent out a very large mailing to everyone on our Cottonbaler roster who are annual dues payers. The response has been

marvelous and the dues checks continue to come in. I want to thank you for your response. Several of you have chosen to change from annual dues payers to Life Membership and I thank you that. For those of you who have not renewed your dues yet please send in your checks for \$20.00 so you can remain a member in good standing.

For those of you who choose not to renew, please use the self-addressed envelope to let me know so I can remove you from the roles. I hope you will not leave us but if you must remember that we will always welcome you back if you decide to "re-up."

Some of you have moved from one location to another particularly those of you who are still on Active Duty. Please do NOT forget to send me a note or an e-mail (xu-

anloc@aol.com) providing me your current address.

Remember when you are sending in your dues, that we invite you to also send in donations for the Boswell Scholarship Fund and for Operating Expenses. Simply identify how much you are donating to one or the other fund or both. These are deeply appreciated. Operating Expenses pay for the printing of the Magazine and mailing it out to all of our members. That is the major expense of our organization.

Just a reminder for all of you who are annual dues members, you may even consider becoming a Life Member for: \$100 (over 70); \$175 (60-70); \$250 (60 + under); \$200 (Active Duty E-8-O-3); \$150 (Active Duty E-7 and below).

Please send me your \$20.00 check payable to 7th Infantry Regiment Association as soon as possible so your membership will not lapse. Please remit your dues to:

Father Philip G. Salois, M.S.  
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May God bless you all!

Volens et Potens – Damn Fine Soldiers!

Father Philip G. Salois, M.S.  
 Association Secretary ♦

**Combined Membership Application and Donation Form**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service and Unit with 7th Infantry: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade achieved in military service: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category: Regular  Life:

Dues (See Rates in Box at Right): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Boswell Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to Operating Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: "7th Infantry Regiment Association"  
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<b>Regular:</b>	\$20/Year
<b>Life Memberships:</b>	
Over Age 70:	\$100
Age 60-70:	\$175
Up to Age 60:	\$250
Active Duty E8-O3:	\$200
Active Duty E7 and Below:	\$150



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for donations this quarter:

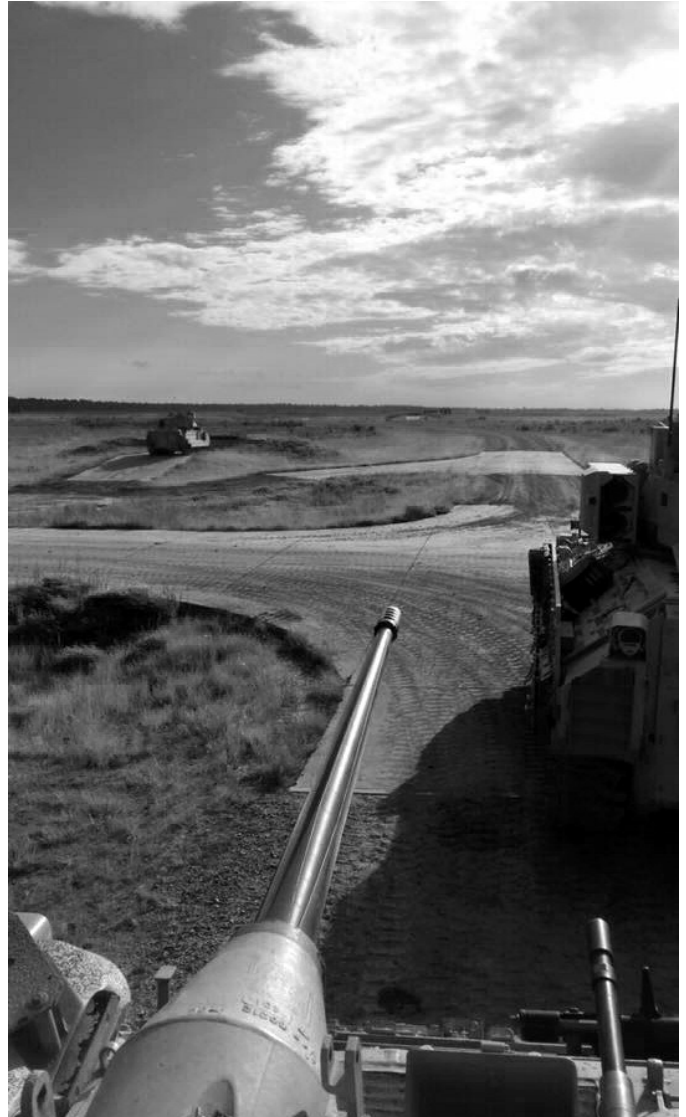
### **Boswell Scholarship Fund**

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**RIGHT: An Infantry Platoon from Bravo "Bushmaster" Company, 2-7 IN, as it conducts live fire gunnery on the range at Fort Stewart.**

## ***More Murphy's Quotes***

Friendly fire - isn't.

If at first you don't succeed, then bomb disposal probably isn't for you.

If enough data is collected, a board of inquiry can prove anything.

If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid. If only one solution can be found for a field problem, then it is usually a stupid solution.

If the enemy is within range, so are you.

If the Platoon Sergeant can see you, so can the enemy.

If you are forward of your position, your artillery will fall short.

If you are short of everything but the enemy, you are in the combat zone.

If you can't remember, the Claymore is pointed towards you.

If you find yourself in front of your platoon they know something you don't.

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“BE THOU AT PEACE”



~ *Departed Members* ~

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 Died: 11 June 2017

CORNER, RICHARD A.  
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 Died: 6 September 2017



CPT Connell assumes command of Headhunter Company,  
 2-7 IN.



**7th Infantry Regiment Association Financial Statement  
as of 19 Sept 2017**

Opening Balance (5/16/2017) .....	14,544.64
<b>INCOME,</b>	
Reunion .....	1082.00
Donations for Operating Expenses .....	160.00
Donations for Scholarship Fund.....	1,520.00
(\$1000 from reunion;400 in memory of Paul Mentis; 120 from membership)	
Membership Dues .....	435.00
Transfer from scholarship fund .....	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>8,197.00 .....</b>
	<b>22,741.64</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Scholarships.....	8,000.00
New checks.....	34.00
Reunion .....	667.40
Riverwood Writer LLC.....	300.00
Printshop .....	694.28
Postage – permit .....	225.00
Artisans – 7th Inf. Flag restoration .....	1,020.84
Website .....	87.80
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>11,029.32</b>
Closing Balance (9/19/2017) (\$2380 is Scholarship money) .....	11,712.32
Savings Account (9/19/2017).....	1,290.69
Scholarship Fund (8/31/2017).....	118,366.78

**7th IR MEMBERSHIP PROFILE**

As of 25 September 2017

**DUES STATUS:**

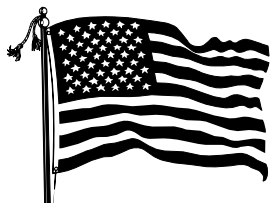
None due (LM, HON, CG, PM)	282
Annual renewals for 2015 - 2016	66
Members Not Paid Up	55
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>403</b>

**CATEGORY SUMMARY:**

Served with the 7th Infantry, Or attached or supporting units	376
Associate Members	9
Supporting Members	14
Honorary Members	2
Permanent Member	6
Color Guard Member	5

**PERIOD OF SERVICE SUMMARY:**

World War II	16
Korea	105
Belgian Cottonbalers ( <i>Belgium</i> )	14
Vietnam	59
Peace Time/Cold War	66
Gulf War/Iraq	117



## **“Cottonbaler” 2nd Battalion COMMANDER’S COMMENTS...**

**LTC Robert C. Stanton USA, CDR**

*From Able 6, LTC Robert C. Stanton Jr.:*

**G**reetings to the Soldiers, Families and friends of the Cottonbalers! This has been a very eventful quarter for the Battalion. The Cottonbalers are preparing for their upcoming autumn rotation to the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin CA. Our Companies have been working hard to ensure that our Soldiers are prepared to face any challenge once the Battalion departs for NTC.

In July, 2-7 IN Battalion leadership concluded the Leader Training Program (LTP) at Ft. Irwin CA in order to hone skills the Battalion’s battle staff requires and provide a unique opportunity to prepare for NTC. The Cottonbaler’s also conducted opportunity leave in order for Soldiers to enjoy a summer holiday and spend time with their Families. Upon their return, the Companies deployed to the field for Gunnery Tables, the first step in our qualification in preparation for the National Training Center Rotation in the fall. Companies executed crew gunnery, and Team and Squad Live Fires to ensure readiness going into our intense training cycle. On the final weekend of July Battalion conducted a Family Day Weekend for Families to get to see some of the vehicles that their Soldiers operate in the field. Over the course of Saturday and Sunday, we hosted fam-



**LTC Robert C Stanton (left) and CSM Robert Controne**

ilies in the field so that they would have a chance to see their soldiers conduct training, and experience the combat equipment that their Soldiers use on a daily basis. We wrapped the month up with two change of command ceremonies. For Deathrider Company CPT Diego Ramierez

assumed command from CPT Christopher Garkick effective 17 July. Matt Hepinstall assumed command of Assassin Company from CPT Matthew Connell effective on 20 July. Assassin Company continued to serve as the Immediate Response Company (IRC) for the XVIII Airborne Corps throughout the quarter.

In August, the Battalion continued a rigorous training cycle to evaluate readiness and ensure all Soldiers were at peak performance prior to NTC. The month began with a joint staff exercise with the rest of the Battalions in the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. For a week the staff conducted a 24 hour simulated operation. The staff planned missions and followed through with tracking and reacting to an unfolding operation. Companies conducted Platoon Live Fire exercises (Gunnery Table XII) in preparation for a Company Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX). In addition, the Battalion conducted its first training exercise, as a consolidated fighting Battalion in over a year during a Force on Force exercise against

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a live opposing force at the Ft. Stewart training area. Once again, we wrapped the month up with a change of command ceremony, this time for Headquarters Company. CPT Matthew Connell assumed command of Headhunter Company from CPT Donnie Bradford effective 28 August. Grateful to his continued service to the Battalion, CPT Bradford has since taken command of 2-7 IN Rear Detachment.

After much preparation, in September, the Cottonbalers concluded a successful CALFEX and began recovery operations immediately following its conclusion. From the 8th to the 12th of September Fort Stewart was evacuated due to the threat posed by Hurricane Irma. Preparation and evacuation procedures went very smoothly and I am happy to report that the Battalion suffered no significant damages or losses to our equipment and most importantly to our Soldiers and their Families. Upon their return the Soldiers of the Cottonbaler Battalion have been working diligently to ensure that all deadlines are met for the rotation of our Brigade through NTC. 2-7 IN also underwent a restructuring in accordance with the Army's new design for Armored Brigade Combat Teams. The Battalion lost one Armor Company, and now has a total of three Line Companies (two Infantry and one Armor Company),



**A Soldier from 2-7 IN's HHC Mortar Platoon "Able Thunder" moves into position for gunnery.**



**An Infantry Platoon from Bravo "Bushmaster" Company, 2-7 IN, as it conducts live fire gunnery on the range at Fort Stewart.**

one Support Company, and a Headquarters company. 2-7 IN's Steel Company was moved to 5-7 CAV. 2-7 IN's Deathrider Company has become Chaos Company, and Highlander has been reflagged as Immortal Company.

The Cottonbalers are preparing to conduct several missions over the next three months. Our primary objective is to conclude preparation and conduct a successful NTC rotation in October. We will ensure our equipment and vehicles remain in top condition in preparation for any future missions. 2-7 IN is willing and able to scale any obstacle and continue to meet our training requirements with characteristic skill and endurance. We express our continued gratitude to the support of the Regimental Association and we will continue to strive to carry on the traditions of service and excellence espoused by Cottonbalers past and present.

Please follow the Task Force and all of its accomplishments at [www.facebook.com/2BN7IN](http://www.facebook.com/2BN7IN). Every Day the Soldiers of this Battalion live by our motto: Willing and Able, Cottonbalers by God, Damn Fine Soldiers!

Able



CPT Ramirez assumes command of "Deathrider" (now "Chaos") Company 2-7 IN



2-7 IN's Commander (second on the left) receives a back brief from Company commanders prior to conducting the CALFEX during the final week of August.



On the 29th and 30th July 2-7 IN hosted Families and Friends for Family Day Weekend.



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## **“Cottonbaler” 3rd Battalion COMMANDER’S COMMENTS...**

**LTC Justin D. Harper USA, CDR**

**D**ear Cottonbalers  
past and present,

During four months of command, the Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment have continued their legacy of excellence as we set the conditions for conversion. On 7 June 2017, the battalion was honored to welcome CSM David E.

Banks as its Command Sergeant Major. CSM Banks has served in every leadership position from team leader to CSM and most recently as the Battalion Operations Sergeant Major for 1st Battalion, 325 AIR, 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. He is the right leader to infuse the best traditions of the 7th Infantry Regiment into our new unit

As many of you know, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment will be reflagging as 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment on 16 October 2017 and will hold a reflagging ceremony to celebrate the occasion on 20 October 2017 at Fort Stewart’s Marne Gardens. This conversion is part of the Department of the Army’s decision to make 2nd Infantry Bridge Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division into the U.S. Army’s 15h Armored Brigade Combat Team. The battalion’s light infantry companies will become two armor companies equipped with Abrams main battle tanks and one mechanized infantry company equipped with Bradley fighting vehicles. As we finalize our transition from the Cottonbalers to the Hell Hounds of 3-67 AR, the pride and legacy of the Cottonbalers will live on in both those remaining in the unit and those PCSing.

The battalion’s focus during our conversion to 3-67



**LTC Justin D. Harper (left) and CSM David E. Banks**

AR is on four areas, Soldiers, equipment, training, and facilities. Our officers and non-commissioned officers have done an exceptional job executing the integration of new Soldiers into their respective companies and setting the conditions for success as our armored vehicles arrive to the unit. Ensuring we have Soldiers and lead-

ers trained and certified on our incoming vehicles and weapons systems is paramount to our safe, smooth transition to a combined arms battalion.

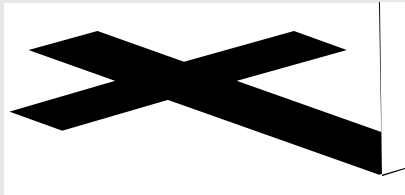
It has been a pleasure serving as the battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment and I am proud to be a Cottonbaler.

Cottonbalers by God, Damn Fine Soldiers!

LTC Justin D. Harper  
Commander  
3-7 IN



**2-7 IN hosted Families & Friends for Family Day Weekend**



## Chaplain's Corner

*Father Philip G. Salois, M.S.*

*7th Infantry Regiment Association Chaplain*

**M**y fellow Cottonbalers — Where has the summer gone? Am I the only one that feels that this Summer has simply flown by and now the autumn leaves are starting to show their colors and the winds are knocking them down cluttering my deck? Leaf-blowing season has arrived. As you read this we will be celebrating the second most important veteran holiday after Memorial Day and that is Veterans Day on November 11th. I hope you will engage in any veteran activities that are happening in your local communities whether it be parades or speaking programs. It is important for the members of your local community see you as a reminder of our service to God and Country. Isn't that more important than folks talking about standing for the playing of the National Anthem or "taking a knee"?

In the spirit of Veterans Day, how better to highlight our illustrious Cottonbalers than to honor two of them? Recently I received a wonderful article highlighting two of our fellow WWII Cottonbaler veterans, John Miller and Ross Brown. They along with other fellow WWII veterans were among those that took Hitler's Eagle Nest in Berchtesgaden. This article is reprinted from the July 25, 2017 issue of the Bay City Times in Bay City, Michigan. These men are our HEROES!!

CRUMP, MI--Retired and in their 90s, World War II veterans John Miller and Ross Brown vividly remember when they captured Berchtesgaden, Germany, in May 1945. The Bay County residents were recently interviewed by the History Channel at Miller's

home in Crump. The History Channel documentary focuses on the taking of Berchtesgaden during World War II and raising the 48-star U.S. flag at the "Eagle's Nest," which was the rarely-used home of Adolf Hitler. Miller said there were about seven crew members from the History Channel at his home the week of July 10 to film him and Brown regarding their experience. The crew members ranged from California, Texas, Tennessee and Detroit, Miller said. The crew photographed, filmed and interviewed the veterans for about an hour, Brown said. It's unclear when the documentary would air. Miller and Brown have grown close since 2008, when The Bay City Times interviewed the two for a story regarding their return visit to Berchtesgaden ([http://blog.mlive.com/bctimes/2008/05/old\\_glory\\_revisited.html](http://blog.mlive.com/bctimes/2008/05/old_glory_revisited.html)). Miller and Brown brought family with them to commemorate the conquering of the German village with a ceremony. "It was different," Brown said. "It looked different." Brown initially wanted to join the Air Force and Miller the Navy when they were both drafted into the Army at the cusp of World War II. "They're putting everybody in the Army now," Miller recalled being told. Miller and Brown were in separate companies of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division. They did not know each other during the war and only met afterwards as residents of Bay County. In 2008, Brown and Miller told the Bay City Times they were surprised when they were told with the rest of the men once they reached the main house that it belonged to Hitler. "Some of us got our pictures taken

at the entrance," Miller said. "They put up a sign that said "Hitler's House" and we stood next to it." Brown said he stood in the large reception room in the house with its panoramic window looking out over the mountains and valleys in the distance. "We looked



Ross Brown is pictured on the left and John Miller is on the right.

out the window and that was about it for us. We were young guys and didn't really think about it." Miller recalled Hitler's house and the Eagle's Nest, which included an elevator one "could put two semi-trucks through." "It looked like a place where the GIs would eat lunch," he said. Brown said he was standing as a guard in Salzburg, Austria, in the early morning when he was told to get in a truck to head to Berchtesgaden. "When you say go, you go," Brown said. "I was tired that day. I didn't get much sleep." When Miller's company approached Berchtesgaden, a tank collapsed a bridge over a creek. He said it took about five-to-six hours to escape. "Really, John, we took Berchtesgaden. You didn't get there in time," Brown joked with Miller. Hundreds took the hill that day. During the 2008 commemoration, only a few members of the 3rd Infantry Division were able to travel. Brown and Miller both were surprised that the two of them not only were able to travel but lived in Bay County. Miller was in the Army for 23 months before returning to the U.S., where he worked for Dow Chemical for more than 30 years. The 91-year-old resides in Crump, a small unin-

corporated town in Bay County's Garfield Township. Brown, 92, enlisted in the reserves after World War II and fought in the Korean War. He is a retired insurance agent now living in Monitor Township. The 101st Airborne Division was supposed to take Berchtesgaden,

Brown said. However, under the leadership of John "Iron Mike" O'Daniel, forward elements of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division conquered Berchtesgaden in a historic moment of World War II. And two Bay County residents were there to witness it. We honor these two men!!!!

Please pray for peace in our very troubled world – the Korean peninsula, the Middle East and all the victims of the recent Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. We don't want to forget all those killed in the massive earthquakes in Mexico either. There is never a lack of things for which to offer prayer. Have a blessed and holy Thanksgiving observance with your family and friends.

Volens et Potens

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