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Sign-In

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Formation

0730

Lunch

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1530

Sign-out

1600

Cover Photo:

Milton Shulman of Chicago, Ill., one of the few remaining World War II veterans from the 89th Infantry Division, 35th Company, from his tour around Europe, where he helped to liberate a Nazi concentration camp. Shulman joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC) at the age of 18.



Commander's Corner



Individual Readiness - It's Your Job!
By Colonel Anthony Naples

As members of the U.S. Army one of the things we know is that we belong to the best military in the world. One of the things that makes that so is the ability of Soldiers to be empowered to do their job, to do their duty as they see fit, and to take charge when necessary. In World War II, during the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, most battalions were commanded by Sergeants. Yes, Sergeants. All of the officers had been killed or wounded.

The only way this worked was because these Sergeants were ready, mentally, physically, tactically and technically. The key to that readiness was personal readiness. They were physically fit. They took care of their medical issues, and they trained on what

they knew they would need to know to survive.

One of the biggest issues we have today in the USAR is individual readiness. We have too many Soldiers who cannot pass the APFT. Too many Soldiers who cannot make height and weight. And too many Soldiers who are not MOS qualified, have not seen the dentist or gotten their flu shots. Soldiers, this is your responsibility! It is each Soldier's duty to make sure they are ready to deploy. It is each Soldier's responsibility to make sure that if their APFT is out of date that they take one. It is each Soldier's responsibility to be ready to deploy. You unit provides the tools, but you need to use them. It is your duty. If you do not want to do these things, then you are of no use to the Army and the Army Reserve. That's it in a nutshell.

I have started the process of separating the first group of Soldiers who do not want to do their duty to be ready. I challenge each and every one of you to do what you know is right. Do what you know you would be required to do the day you raised your right hand and took the oath. I need you to be ready to deploy. I need you working towards career progression. Do PT. Go to your dental appointments. Get your flu shot. Make weight. Sign up for NCOES or OES and then GO to the school. If you are doing these things, great! Keep it up! If not, no better time than right now to start. If you have any questions, see your supervisor.

ABOVE THE REST!



Army mess wagon serving hot coffee to a battery of artillery tafter a forced march to a position in the woods

In order to maximize each unit's value, every part of the armed service must operate at its best. No soldier can march, fight, and suffer hardship for long, unless he or she is sustained by the best food and drink available. Therefore, every possible effort must be made to have excellent service in the culinary department. Vast numbers of men are detailed for the service in the cooking, baking and transporting of food.

The bakers and cooks have their necessary instruments set up and in operation in the immediate rear of the trenches or as near as possible to the battle-lines. In the latter case, automobiles and wagons are set aside for regular and quick transport service of the food and drink to the men in action. Even for men in the trenches, a distant place for food preparation is arranged, with mammoth receptacles for carrying the soup and coffee. If steaming hot coffee and soup are bracing to the civilian, they are far more so to the soldier. These stimulating foods are often provided after fatiguing march and served piping hot.

One of the hardest jobs is making sure every soldier is nourished. Although it is common for soldiers to complain about their food, the truth is, having it when needed is always appreciated, if not formally acknowledged.

Command Sergeant Major's Corner

This month the 89th Sustainment Brigade will be conducting the annual Best Warrior Competition held this year at Camp Clark Nevada. The event, officially called the Department of the Army Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Best Warrior Competition, known as Best Warrior, or BWC for short, brings together noncommissioned officers and junior Soldiers from the Army Reserve major commands to demonstrate their proficiencies in skills critical to the success of every Soldier. Best Warrior events include a physical training test, a board

appearance, land navigation and a number of tasks deemed essential for survival on the battlefield, such as casualty evaluation and weapons marksmanship.

As a part of Best Warrior month the 89th Sustainment Brigade will be conducting Army Warrior Task training during Battle assembly Saturday March 2nd. ALL Soldiers WILL be participating in this training exercise, which will be conducted at the Marine Corps Obstacle course located on Richards Gaubaer. The Army Warrior tasks and drills are the fundamental

combat skills and key tasks required of all Soldiers - regardless of rank, component, branch or military occupational specialty - and serve as the foundation for all training, education and leader development. All Soldiers should prepare to be outside all day during Battle assembly and ready to be physically challenged.

Lastly I would like to encourage all Soldiers to attend the 89th Sustainment Brigade dining out on Saturday evening March 2nd. The history of the Dining-out has served the Army well as an occasion to meet at a formal military

function. It enhances the spirit of units, lightens the load of demanding day-to-day work, gives the commander an opportunity to meet socially with his or her subordinates, and enables the ranks to create bonds of friendship and better working relations through an atmosphere of good fellowship.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Battle Assembly!!

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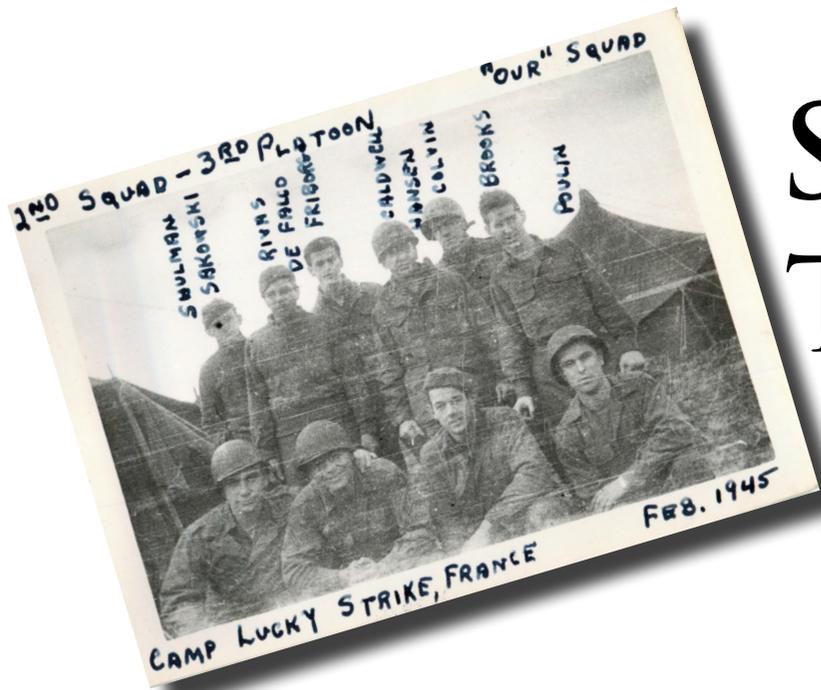
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STORMING THE GATES

Story by Cpl. Zeta Green

Photos courtesy of Milton Shulman

“THE WORLD MUST KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, AND NEVER FORGET.” – PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

“There were piles everywhere, piles of clothes, piles of shoes, piles of bodies.” For 89 year-old Milton Shulman, these are the images that come to mind when he remembers liberating a Nazi concentration camp during his time serving in the United States Army during World War II.

“We ‘liberated,’ if that’s the word, the concentration camp. It was one of the unforgettable experiences of my life,” Shulman said.

Shulman was an 18 year-old Soldier participating in the Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC). This program allowed him to serve his

country for a limited amount of time and then continue on to college.

In 1943 he transitioned to Active Duty where he went through his initial training and was sent to the European theater during WWII. He was in the 89th Infantry Division that eventually became part of Gen. George S. Patton’s 3rd Army. During this period of time Shulman experienced something that would stay with him for the rest of his life.

Shulman remembered coming upon the camp and initially noticing what many veteran’s describe

when talking about liberating the camps.

“The stench, the human stench of the concentration camps is what I remember,” Shulman said. He remembered hearing the people saying they had no idea, but he didn’t understand how they weren’t impacted by the stench of the camps.

Shulman didn’t have much direct interaction with the prisoners in the concentration camp, because he job involved guarding germany soldiers. Even without that interaction, the impact of this experience wasn’t lost on him.

“After a while I began to realize just what we’d been witness to, what we’d been able to help.”

Though they were there to help, Shulman said that they were under strict orders not to give the prisoners any food because they would eat themselves to death. This was difficult for some of the other Soldiers to abide by, said Shulman.

After seeing these images, Shulman promised himself that he

would never return to Germany.

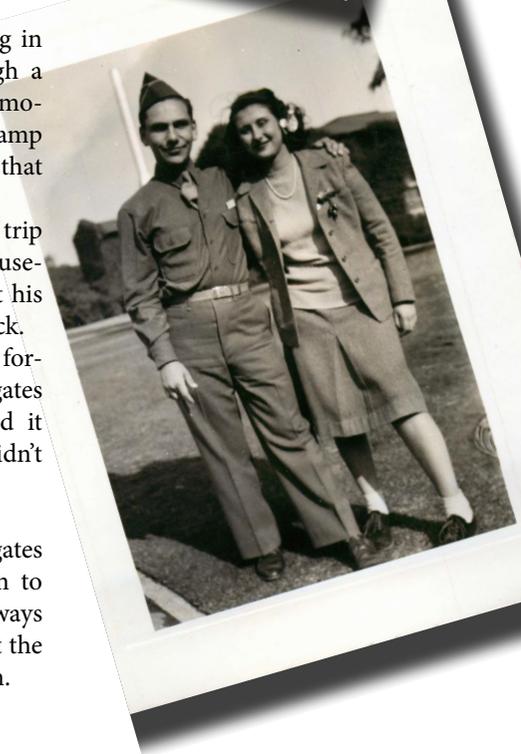
“When I left Germany for France, on the way home, I made a vow I would ever set foot in that blood-soaked soil of Germany. I haven’t,” said Shulman.

For many years after serving in WWII Shulman went through a time where he blocked his memories of that concentration camp and the disturbing images that were ingrained in his mind.

It wasn’t until he went on a trip to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., that his experiences came flooding back.

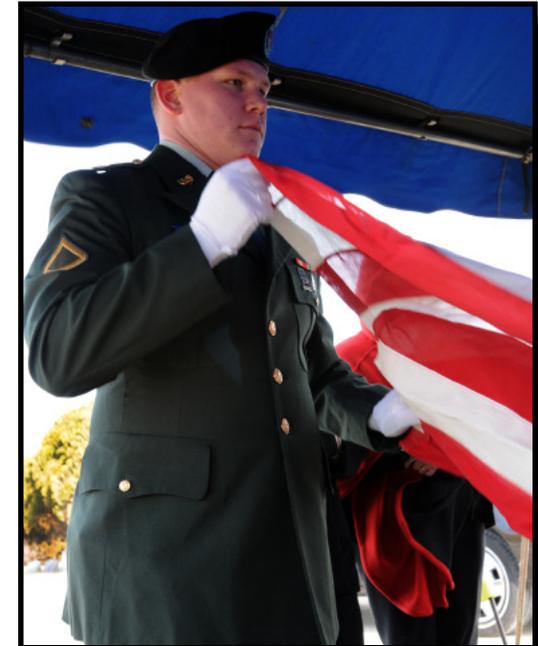
“Until then, it was like I had forgotten. It just opened up the gates of memory, maybe I blocked it out, I don’t know, but I sure didn’t remember it,” said Shulman.

For Shulman, storming the gates of his own mind helped him to realize that the past must always be remembered to ensure that the cost never has to be paid again.





Around the Brigade



Soldiers from the 89th Sustainment Brigade performed a funeral detail for Cpl. Chester Yowell who served in the 103rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command during World War II. Yowell participated in the Battle of the Bulge and helped to liberate at least one Nazi concentration camp. Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Symonds, Pfc. Kristina Elkins and Pfc. David Knifely performed the honors at the funeral for the Yowell family.



Pfc. David Knifely assisted Pfc. Kristina Elkins in folding the American flag during funeral honors help for Cpl. Chester Yowell February 2 in Kansas City, Kan. For Knifely the opportunity to perform funeral honors was very important to him.

REMEMBERING WHEN

