

Scholarship News

Constitution and By-Laws: The directors of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation have instituted a change to our Constitution and By-laws. We have changed the deadline date for submission of applications to the Foundation from May 1st to June 1st annually. This change was made to allow new applicants an extra 30 days to finalize their registrations at institutions of higher learning. The May 1st deadline was creating the problem of having to hold payment of scholarship grants until the applicant could provide the necessary addressing information. We pay grants to the recipients' financial accounts. New applicants may not have the number available to provide to us until after they are fully registered, which may take a few weeks after high school graduation. This change may not solve the problem completely, but it should help to improve our procedures.

Scholarship Finances: A speaker at the reunion, who is not affiliated with the Foundation, announced some Foundation financial information to the audience. Unfortunately, only half of the facts were announced. In accordance with our Foundation Constitution and By-laws, we must retain a portion of the money received in donations until we have invested \$300,000 dollars. The interest earned on this wished-for sum is to be used to sustain the Foundation into perpetuity. (In other words, to pay scholarship grants into the future and to enable the Foundation to be self-supporting.) We are a long way from that landmark. Until we achieve our goal, we must continue to solicit donations, and we must also conduct fundraising programs such as the biannual Raffle. Our financial records are posted on our website at 3idscholarshipfoundation.org.

Scholarship Foundation Raffle: We will send tickets for the 2015 Scholarship Foundation Raffle this fall. We are hoping to collect more prizes donated by our supporters. Any gift you wish to give as a prize will be most welcome. We have several Army-related books and DVDs, a beautiful tapestry (with an eagle and Army motif), some art work, an interesting and beautiful piece of lighted quartz art, a 3rd I.D. jacket, 3rd I.D. photo albums, a Mocking Bird feeder, and a queen size 3rd I.D. quilt. As stated in the last issue of the *Watch*, we are hoping to receive a donated weapon. We will publish a photo of the prizes received to date in our October issue—as well as the names of those who donated each prize.

2014 Scholarship Recipients: our directors and staff (Lynn Ball, Chairman; Jeff Danby, Trustee; Earl Killen, Trustee; Thomas R. Maines, Trustee; Marco Montoya, Trustee; Justin Valle, Webmaster; and Joe Ball, CFO) are proud to announce the nine recipients of our 2014 scholarship grants in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Following is a profile of each recipient. As you will see, these 3rd Infantry Division offspring are very deserving.

***** Photo #1 Scholarship

Sadie Dean-Jurney received the “**Award in Honor and Memory of Sherman Pratt.**” Her sponsor is her grandfather, Thomas H. Jurney, a physician who served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg Medical Department Activity Center as chief of MEDDAC clinics and chief of the department of medicine (1976-1978). Sadie is attending Texas State University, San Marcos, where she is pursuing a Bachelor Degree in criminal justice. Following graduation, she plans to attend the Police Academy in Denver, Colorado. Even though Sadie works to help pay for her education, she has maintained a very high grade point average. In high school, her community-service included helping to arrange AVIDS national night out where she also monitored games and distributed prizes. She assisted the children's shelter in finding clothing and provided (at her own expense) some presents for the children. She volunteered at Habitat for Humanity helping to put siding on houses, and she helped the Animal Defense League with the care and shelter of animals without homes. Her essay traces the history and successes of the 3rd Infantry Division from its inception in 1917 to present. She praises the Division and ends her

essay saying, “Without the Third Infantry Division, the United States would not be the thriving nation it is today.”

***** **Photo #2 Scholarship**

Gillian Farnan received the “**John L. Ray Award in Honor and Memory of Charlotte Middlebrooks Ray.**” Her sponsor is her grandfather, Bernard Farnan, 3rd reconnaissance Company, Korea 1952-53. Gillian is attending Suny Cortland, in Glen Cove, New York, where she is pursuing a degree in adolescent education/history, to be followed by graduate school. She ranked very high in her class and achieved the title, “AP Scholar,” as well as awards for excellence in Italian and American history and was named the “Knights of Columbus Student of the Month.” She is an active member in DECA which is a nationwide business and community service club. There, she served as attendance chairperson, competed in the sales demonstration portion of DECA regional competition (placed top 5) and DECA States (placed top 10), and later served as president of the local chapter. Gillian mentors and participates in elementary school activities and in community activities. In the area of sports, Gillian excels in Cross Country (captain and Superintendent Cup nominee), Basketball (co-captain), and Lacrosse (starting Varsity player and goalie). She also plays various instruments (Wind Ensemble). Her essay discusses the solidarity of people—especially Americans. She says, “We stand proud, under one great country, as one body of people. We provide for others.... We celebrate, mourn, and fight together side-by-side.” She explains what life was like for Americans during our various wars and how the people at home supported each other and our brave Soldiers. She sees our Soldiers as the backbone and heart of America. Gillian is proud of the people she knows who dedicated their lives to the service of our Country, including her grandfather. His sharing of war experiences has led Gillian to believe we cannot understand what our Soldiers experience by reading about them in books. We have to talk to them to get at the truth.

***** **Photo #3 Scholarship**

Brittany Griner received the “**Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher.**” Her sponsor is her father, Rhett Griner, 10th Field Artillery, OIF 2005-2012. Brittany is attending the University of Georgia, majoring in pre-med. Upon achieving her degree, she plans to attend the Medical College of Georgia. After medical school, she plans to join the Army as a plastic surgeon so she can do facial and body reconstruction for our wounded Soldiers. In sports, Brittany played volleyball and moved up to junior varsity. Her team won the state championship in AAAA volleyball. In club volleyball, her team placed at regionals twice. She has volunteered at her church, has tutored younger children after school, volunteered at the Gardens of Calvary assisting the elderly, and at Ronald McDonald house helping families struggling with their children’s health issues. Most recently, she participated in setting up the new library at Ft. Benning. Her essay discusses “the land of the free and the home of the brave” where people first established our country in the quest of freedom and equality. To Brittany, “patriotism is the love and loyalty that one has for [one’s] country.” She sees the men and women of the armed forces as “the patriots of our time that are fighting for the country that we all know and love.” In discussing “loyalty,” she says, “Without loyalty, America would not be the country it is today.” Gilliam explains her pride in growing up in a military family around loyal men and women who know what it means to “pay the ultimate price... My father taught me loyalty by demonstrating his loyalty to his country and to his profession.” She believes these lessons will enable her to become successful at everything she does in the future. She also ranks loyalty as the most difficult character trait to acquire.

***** **Photo #4 Scholarship**

Garrett Hoie received the award “**In Honor and Memory of the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees From Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950.**” Garrett’s sponsor is his grandfather, Keith E. Lerum, 58th Field Artillery, Korea 1951-53. Garrett is attending DePaul University where he is majoring in geography with a focus on urban planning. Garrett plans to continue his education in graduate school and hopes to work in urban planning or for a private development company. Garrett’s GPA is quite high and he has taken Advance Placement courses throughout high school. He played trombone in his high school band, helped transition the band under new leadership, participated in many musical projects and engagements, and played in a weekly band Bible study. Garrett was vice president of the school’s Polish society and taught Polish culture and language. He was heavily involved in the youth program and served as a group leader to develop the faiths of other teens. He volunteered every year at the Cox Classic to raise money for a camp for children with cancer and blood disorders, worked annually at his church’s vacation Bible school, and participated in the “Curesearch” walk in Omaha. In his essay, he mentions different views of patriotism that people hold and says, to him, “Patriotism is in the sense of duty and compassion that we show to our fellow Americans.” He sees this kind of patriotism clearly shown by our men and women in the military. He talks about the military men and women in his family: together they served in every branch of service during WWII. He recognizes the bravery shown by those who risk their lives to protect our people and ideologies. He discusses the sacrifices of those who helped the victims of 9/11. There was a coming together and support for the military that had not been seen for decades. Contributing to his own patriotism is the American spirit of compassion, strength, and freedom—a spirit of always trying to move forward in the face of trials. Through patriotism, “America will always be able to keep breaching a new frontier.”

***** **Photo #5 Scholarship**

Kaylee McGraw-Wright received the Foundation’s award “**In Honor and Memory of the 10th Combat Engineer Battalion.**” Her sponsor is her great grandfather, Dale McGraw, 9th Field Artillery, Korea 1952-1954. Kaylee is attending Eastern Washington University where she is studying nursing, with a minor in languages, and hopes to earn a “Forensic Nursing Certificate” to enable her to care for victims of violence. She served in leadership roles in several community-centered school organizations and helped to establish the “Creating a Nursing Program,” through Washington State University. Currently, she is focused on the position of “Community Advisor” with the Department of Housing and Residential Life and the Division of Student Affairs. She was recently accepted as “Peer Educator” with the Health and Wellness Team at her college. Kaylee’s essay on “Patriotism” opens with disillusion concerning the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and on the Boston Marathon. She believes these events have confused some people regarding expressions of patriotism. Flag waving and singing patriotic songs are not the only ways to show patriotism. Those citizens who gave blood in the wake of these disasters showed patriotism, as did the countless volunteers who rushed to help. She includes a quote from “The Digital Collegian”: “I believe an act of patriotism must accomplish something or [must be] by someone making a personal sacrifice.” Donating money and joining the Army are better expressions of patriotism than waving a flag. She supports her statements with quotations from John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King. She hopes we will all continue to wave flags and sing patriotic songs, while engaging in other forms of patriotism.

***** **Photo #6 Scholarship**

Matthew “Alec” Roach received the award **“In Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall.** His sponsor is his grandfather, Paul M. Roach, G Company 15th Infantry Regiment, Korea 1951-1952. Alec is attending Virginia Military Institute with focus on English, Arabic, and military history, combined with ROTC. Following a degree at V.M.I., Alec plans graduate studies and a career in the military. He has already achieved many high honors and successes in Lacrosse. In fact, he was voted “Leader of the Titans” for 2014—a title that requires demonstrated leadership, character, motivation, service, and team spirit. Alec plays clarinet, base-clarinet, tenor sax, and contrabass and has four years experience playing in marching band (officer) and concert band. He has worked with special needs children, is active in church and youth programs, and has participated in mission trips to Washington D.C., rural Kentucky, rural West Virginia, Charlotte, North Carolina; and inner-city Philadelphia. Additionally, he has worked at rescue missions for the homeless and with various Bible study organizations. Alec’s essay is a brief overview of the 3rd Infantry Division’s participation in all conflicts, with focus on “an old Soldier’s personal account.” He tells of his grandfather’s experiences during the Korea War, beginning when his grandfather and a buddy sat down on what they thought was a log on Christmas Eve, 1951, to eat jelly beans sent from home. At daylight, they discovered they had been sitting on a dead and frozen Chinese soldier. Alec then reviews his grandfather’s experiences: Hill 355, Outpost 200, and back to Hill 355 where the Soldiers of his company improved their defensive positions, thus turning Hill 355 into trench warfare when compared to the earlier operations in Korea. After leaving Hill 355, his unit went into reserve at Camp Casey and on to Kimpo Peninsula to assist the Marines in looking for infiltrators. His last assignment in Korea was at Outpost Kelly. He returned to his home in West Virginia and became Captain and Commanding Officer of his reserve unit. Alec speaks of the pride his “Paw Paw” has in having served with the 3rd Infantry Division.

***** **Photo #7 Scholarship**

Natalie Rosen received the award **“In Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason.”** Her sponsor is her grandfather, Morris S. Rosen, 39th Field Artillery during WWII (1943-1944). Natalie is attending Point Loma Nazarene University where she is earning credentials to enable her to work in a clinical nutrition practice offering therapeutic diet advice. She also wants to write in the culinary field. She has a proud background in academic achievements and community service, has received honors from the Rotary Club, and was named “Student of the Year.” She has assembled care packages for Operation Gratitude, an organization that helps veterans and active members of the military. Her essay opens with a scene involving her grandfather being wounded while laying telephone wire in rural Anzio. She believes her grandfather is an example of someone who lived the American dream to create a better life for his children and grandchildren. She then moves to the American dream today: our youth must remember the contributions of their ancestors and maintain a sense of national pride for what our country is. She mentions the media’s voice of doom which sounds like America is destined for destruction. These voices, she believes, discount the positive attributes of the nation—the freedoms we have today, the principles on which our Constitution is based, as well as our rugged individualism, our work ethic of the past, and the ambitious and extraordinary experiences of ordinary Americans like her grandfather. These make her proud to be an American. She emphasizes the fact that the gloom and doom promoted by our politicians and the media is damaging to America. She ends her essay with comments about the bravery of our soldiers, including her grandfather who participated in freeing prisoners from Dachau. Because he is Jewish, he was especially touched by the experience, and it led him to appreciate the freedom of

religion we enjoy as Americans. She says “her generation needs to defend the American dream by developing a strong sense of national pride through appreciation of our historic principles.”

***** **Photo #8 Scholarship**

Jared Luiz Stalder received the “**Memorial Award**,” which recognizes the recipients of memorials as well as the loved ones and friends who honored those who have passed away during the past year. These include: **Richard Sack**, presented by **Sue Sack**; **Richard Sack**, presented by **Peggy Malloy**; **WWI Veteran Sgt Stanley E. Young**, presented by **Kenneth Young**; **Charlotte Middlebrooks Ray**, presented by **John Ray**; and **Jerome Sapiro**, presented by **Mary Sapiro**, and also **Mary Sapiro**, presented by **Thelma Steele**. We thank the donors of these memorials and are proud to award this scholarship grant in memory of these loved ones to Jared. Jared’s sponsor is his maternal grandfather, Dennis Luiz, who served with the 15th Infantry Regiment during the Cold War (1970-74). Jared is attending George Fox University where he is studying ways to build engineering devices to give people independence who are suffering from illnesses such as muscular dystrophy. Jared recognized the need for such equipment while watching the problems his grandmother encountered while fighting muscular dystrophy. Jared played alto saxophone in his school band (lead chair) and was first chair in concert and jazz bands. He also plays drums, base, and sax on Saturdays and Sundays at his church. Through the National Honor Society, he mentored other students to achieve desired levels. He participated in Key Club, blood drives, and food bank campaigns, as well as in Boy Scouts, where he earned Eagle Scout and Bronze Palm awards. He also served in Scout Troop leadership positions for over 16 months. His sports are wrestling, cross-country, football, and track and field. His excellence in wrestling won him recognition as “Athlete of Choice.” Jared’s essay, “Patriotism,” focuses on the history of the Boy Scouts. He believes the Boy Scouts of America meet the expectations of loyalty to our Nation’s spirit. The Boy Scouts served as crowd control during the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson; during WWI they served as message runners and coast watchers, and they looked for those who did not report for duty—all in keeping with the Scout motto: “I will do my duty to God and my country.” Jared then discusses the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout and his pride in being selected as a member of “The Order of the Arrow.” Such scouts must prove their character, dedication, and integrity. In detail, Jared describes his 5-month project required to become an Eagle Scout—developing/building a half-mile trail around a park through thorny shrubbery. He believes these experiences have proven his view of patriotism: honor to country, service to citizens, and betterment of communities.

***** **Photo #9 Scholarship**

Rachel Syler received the “**Award in Honor of Our Active Duty Soldiers**.” Her sponsor was her father, James Darryl Syler, 3rd Infantry Division, who served in Giebelstadt, Germany, 1988-92, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 1995-96. Rachel is attending the University of Arkansas where she is earning a degree in business management. She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Sorority and of Leadership Walton, an organization which offers opportunities to members of the business college. She volunteers at a community center’s “Kid’s Night,” and her experience volunteering at Heifer Ranch enabled her to learn about poverty and hunger. Her essay about national pride begins by relating an episode that aired on social media. All those in the event were actors, except a Soldier who happened into a food establishment being serviced by a Muslim. The actors were exceptionally unkind to the Muslim (also an actor). After some efforts to encourage the Soldier to join them in their disparaging activities, the Soldier finally stood up for the Muslim. The video shows how pure that Soldier’s nation pride is and this was just one example of how great this county and its people can be. Standing up for and helping others shows patriotism. Rachel talks about racism and concludes that “racism is frowned upon

by the majority.” In using the Olympics as an example, she sees people’s interest and support of our athletes as another example of national pride. Further, people’s helpful actions surrounding the Boston Marathon disaster were “incredible.” Without our citizens’ national pride, America would not be the amazing country that it is. The Soldier in the video demonstrated this fact.

Thank You Note: Received from Alec Roach: “Thank you so much . . . for awarding me the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship in ‘Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall.’ My family and I greatly appreciate this honor. My grandfather . . . was especially proud that I received this scholarship. I, too, am proud to be selected for this . . . scholarship. Thank you, again.”

We extend a special thanks to those who have sent donations to the Society since publication of the last *Watch on the Rhine*, and we honor the memorial in memory of Mario Sapiro sent by Thelma Steele.

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