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MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSN., INC.

HAPPY DIVALI!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HANNUKAH!



## Seasons Greetings



AH NARDE KOS! Once again, my esteemed Kos, I greet you in our traditional MARAUDER fashion. Remember in our initial issue of the BURMAN NEWS, it was my extreme pleasure to inform you that henceforth, we would greet one-another (MARAUDER to MARAUDER), with the AH NARDE KOS. It's a somewhat sacred expression, used by those little Burmese of varying tribes who fought so hard and gallantly with us. It means a lot of things; deep feelings for the other guy; never saying anything to hurt or humiliate the other guy; taking the rap for him if you had to; almost like 'death before betraying your comrade'. And so, because we were, still are, and always will be a select group by virtue of being MARAUDERS, you greet a fellow MARAUDER with AH NARDE KOS!

Although news is still scarce because we MARAUDERS would rather fight than write, we'll play it by ear and try to get together the second newsletter of this year, in compliance with our edict of opting for a BURMAN NEWS per quarter.

Reunion time has come and gone, and whether you attended the West Coast edition or the larger East Coast gathering, the same MARAUDER camaraderie still prevails after 34 years. 320 MARAUDERS and members of their families attended our reunion at the Radisson-Farncroft Hotel & Country Club at Danvers, Mass., Aug. 31 thru Sept. 2, 1979. Although some of the other groups stationed in CBI during WW II have lengthier, more elaborate programs, our gang opted as they always do, with a minimal amount of business sessions and more fun-fests between ourselves. MARAUDERS attend reunions to do just that - have a large and pure family reunion! We are so closely knit, we are as a large clan visiting when we get together. If I may sound prejudiced by using the term MARAUDER too frequently, it is because I AM prejudiced, and I AM one of the gang. When you consider how small a group we have left from the small group we started with, (3,000) you wonder how it is possible to come up with such a staggering number of attendees at not one, but two reunions si-

multaneously.

One of the highlights of this year's Eastern reunion was a first for our MARAUDERS -- the presentation of an Award of Merit to the Honorable Peter Rodino, Congressman from New Jersey. The award was accepted for Mr. Rodino by Mr. Frank Rizzo, Democratic Secretary from the state of Massachusetts. Honored guests in attendance included Lt.Col. S. Willford and Sgt.Maj. Jan Schlavin of the 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry (Rangers) from Hunter A.F.B., Georgia; Lt.Col. E. Hawkins from Camp Merrill at Dalomega, Georgia; and Gen. S.K. Hu, Representative of the Taiwan government. Next year, this group will converge on Atlanta where it is hoped the unification of East & West will take place.

The West Coasters attracted 85 this year and we're sure the long distance involved in traveling to the East Coast prevented many of this group from attending the Danvers reunion.

A bit of nostalgia for us former East Coasters who have migrated far away from our source of plentiful, fresh, ocean fish and crustacean delicacies reigned when we attended the New England Lobster Clambake. Smoooooth dance music, conducive to the dancing of "our times" abounded, although most of the guys would rather have fought a few of our battles over again, than to venture out and attempt a bit of terpsichore.

### REUNION(S) '79

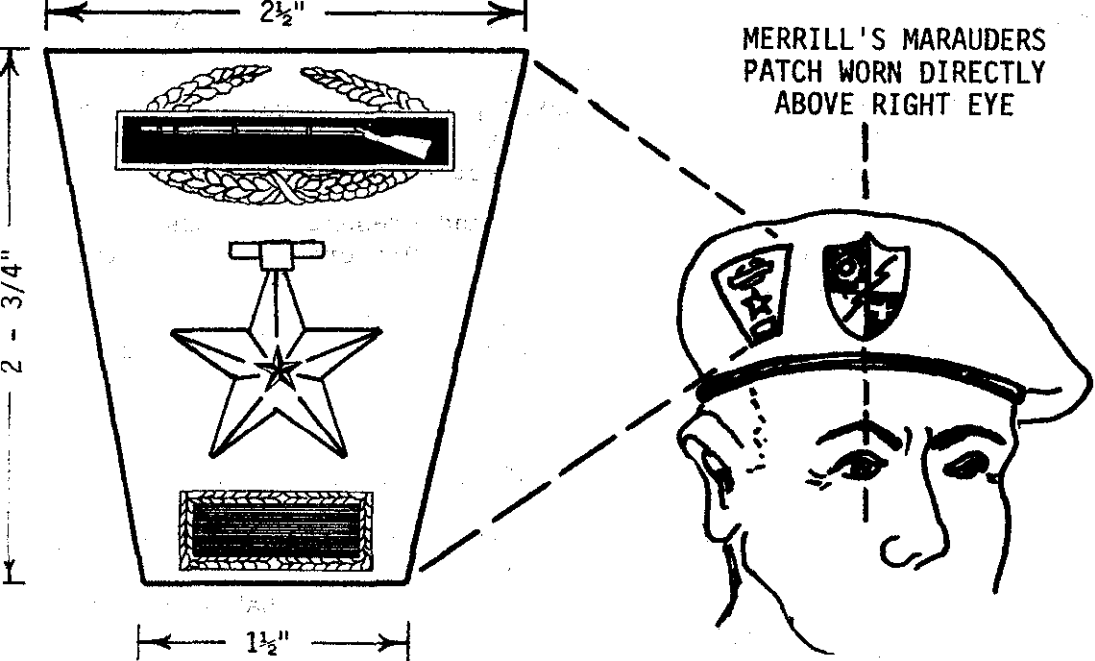
Attendance: MASS. -- 320 Marauders & Guests  
CA. -- 85 Marauders & Guests

HIGHLIGHTS: A clambake where the lobster outnumbered the guests, and the music both during and after dinner proved that the MARAUDERS did NOT leave their legs in Burma!

And, as always, the genuine feeling of comradeship. And too, my personal pleasure in meeting, after so many years, old buddies Dr. Paul Armstrong and Dave Quaid, combat photographer, both still plying their professions. It was a good and warm feeling to be with old buddies.

Many thanks to Ralph Kuroyen, Tom Henderson, Phil Piazza, and all of that great, hard-working committee for a job well done!

Stan Pliska, who attended the West Coast reunion to bring them details of our Incorporation, reported back with greetings to all of you. Hopefully again soon, we'll get together in another 'slam-bang' reunion



THREE MEDALS ATTACHED TO  
AND MOUNTED ON COMBAT TEAM  
COLORS.

(Attached to beret behind  
MARAUDER patch, and po-  
sitioned above right temple)

We've seen many MARAUDERS wearing their beret in varied manners, and with many different types of decorations and medals adorning it.

Since we MARAUDERS are a very select and unique group, it would benefit all of us to wear our beret in the same manner. With this in mind it is hereby suggested that the above be adopted as a uniform way in which each of us should wear the MARAUDER beret.

The Combat Team color will serve as the background for mounting (top) Combat Infantryman's Badge; (center) Bronze Star; and (bottom) Presidential Unit Citation.

We're currently obtaining prices for reproducing the three medals above, in cloth, and in the proper size to fit the Combat Team color material which is to be their background.

## BUSINESS MEETING: MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSN., INC.

In this, our second edition of the newsletter, I will attempt to encapsule those things which have taken place this year in our newly Incorporated 'old' outfit. This can best be accomplished by reporting those items covered at the business meeting on Sunday in Danvers.

- \* A proposal adopted that all former, and present officers of the Association would constitute the Board of Directors of the newly-formed non-profit corporation.
- \* Tom Henderson was accepted as a member of this Board.
- \* Ralph Kuroyen was accepted as Chairman of this Board for the ensuing year.
- \* Tom Martini retired as Historian.
- \* Ray Lyons was elected as Historian.
- \* Tony Colombo proposed Don Heiks (of Arizona) as Service Officer. The proposal was accepted.
- \* Ralph Kuroyen offered a suggestion that the next reunion give some thought to including a children's package.
- \* Three sites were proposed for our next meeting - Labor Day weekend 1980. They are as follows:

<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Hotel:</u>	<u>City &amp; State:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Dave Hurwitt	Royal Castle	Atlanta, GA	\$165 couple
Tom Martini	Marriott	Indiana	\$205 couple
Tony Colombo	Sheraton	Scottsdale, AZ	\$135 couple

The Royal Castle was selected and David Hurwitt accepted as Chairman.

## PATCHES & THINGS.....

Unfortunately, the patches arrived late -- mid-October -- and I have mailed out all of those orders taken at the reunion, substituting patches for large pins in some instances. The reason for this is that pins are in very short supply and as yet, the source of supply and price still need to be established. I'm working on it and hope to have them soon. In addition, I am submitting the following inventory so that you are aware of the status quo:

PATCHES:	910	ROCKERS:	150
BERET'S: (Large) 11	(Medium) 11	(Small) 3	
LAPEL PINS: 33	LARGE PINS: 18	DECALS: 50	

BOOKS: -0-

I am in the process of finding out the availability of all items we need and will order them as soon as possible. In the meantime, I'll be glad to fill any request possible from existing supplies --- on a first-come basis.

MAIL CALL --- MAIL CALL!

Tom Martini writes: "As you know, I've been trying to get the Postal authorities to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the Marauders. I have just received a letter from them indicating that at their last meeting, (Oct. 19) this proposal was, once again, turned down."

"All Marauders, as well as honorary members, are urged to contact their Congressmen, 2 U.S. Senators, and Mayors, and ask that they support Hon. James G. Martin, 9th District, North Carolina, in his request to the CITIZENS STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Room #5520 L'Enfant Plaza West, S/W Washington, D.C. 20260, to issue a commemorative stamp honoring Merrill's Marauders."

We also enjoyed hearing from:

- FRANK JOHNSON                      Glendale, MO
- LESLIE R. FLATT                    Forest Park, GA
- DAVID N. PAYNE                    Falls Church, VA
- ED MACHIN                          Syracuse, NY
- DOMINIC PERRONE                 Washington, D.C.
- VERNON PEARSALL, SR.          Philadelphia, PA
- D.R. SISSON                        Russellville, AR
- HECTOR ROCIN                      Desoto, TX

....and Marauder JOHN W. REDLY, of Dobbs Ferry, NY & Puerto Rico, was married on 3 November 1979.

THANK YOU Marauder LOU DE MARINO, and Confederate Air Force Col. RICK MAZOLA for your help in getting out the past 2 issues of the BURMAN NEWS.

\* \* LAST SALUTE \* \* \*

THE NEW YORK TIMES,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1979

**Alex Minewski, 61, a Painter  
With a Broad Subject Range**

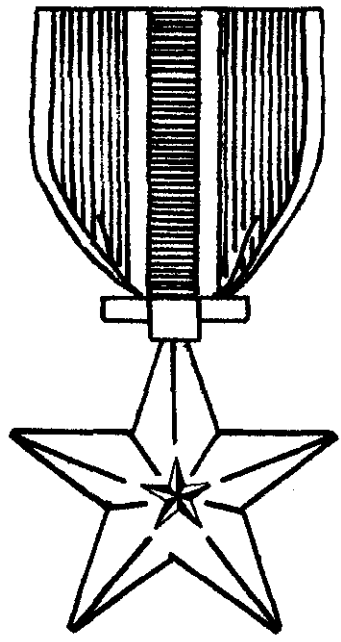
Alex Minewski, an artist, died Aug. 2 at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston N.Y. He was 61 years old and lived in New Paltz, N.Y.

Mr. Minewski had one-man shows at the Contemporary Artists Gallery and Washington Irving Gallery in New York City and in his native Detroit. The Colleg Art Gallery of the State University campus in New Paltz last year presented a retrospective of his paintings, which were largely representational and included still lifes, portraits and landscapes in a variety of media, principally oils.

The artist studied at the Art Students League of New York, where he worked with Hans Hofmann. He won awards from the Detroit Institute of Art and a research grant from the State University of New York.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie.

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