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Hello from Brad Mitton: Guten abend, fellow 709th members. Another year has gone by and it seems as though they are going by much too fast. My birth certificate and social security card both say that I turned 80 on September 2nd but I am still arguing that. I have to admit that some days I do feel it though. Both Gina and I have been having a lot of health problems but like all good MP’s we are hanging in there and living one day at a time. The memory is failing fast but I do remember to send in my dues and I hope you all do too. It is amazing that we have been able to hold the dues at the same rate of \$10, undoubtedly the cheapest of all veterans’ organizations. Thanks for that have to go to Curt and Caron, God Bless them and all the hard work they put in.

I am determined to make this year’s reunion, come Hell or High Water; I am really looking forward to that trip to the MP Museum at Fort Leonard Wood. I am going in for a knee replacement in March but I am sure that I will be up to by then. Both Gina and I hope that you all are well and hanging in there and we hope to see a really good turn-out in St Louis. With all our best wishes, Brad & Regine Mitton.

Curt’s Corner: Here we are trying to get through another winter up nord in Wisconsin. I would have got this newsletter out earlier but the winter has frozen up about everything including my typing hand. Well here goes, we had another great reunion in Myrtle Beach last October. Eighty seven members and guests showed up at the Landmark Hotel. I want to say thanks to Walt Johnson who really helped take care of the hospitality room. Also thanks to Louise and Kim Stack for their efforts and especially Louise who made the great banquet center pieces. Those that were at the reunion will receive a photo cd album put together by our 709th photographer Rick Miller –Thanks Rick for all your efforts and time to do the photo shoot.



Rick Miller and Walt Johnson

The banquet was a great time. I believe we had one of the best reunion dinners. I heard no complaints this year. The Honor Guard and bugler were from VFW Post 10420 and they did an outstanding job. After the dinner we read the names of the 709ers who passed away. Then we had a short game of jeopardy narrated by Kim Stack (thanks Kim) which we enjoyed. New members were introduced and the top 5 prizes were drawn. Right after that we returned to the hospitality room for refreshments and a good ol’ fashioned gossip fest. I want to thank all who attended for making this reunion a special one. I was very fortunate to have a new member Lee Trossback and his wife Jo Ellen attend. I served with Lee in Butzbach over 40 years ago. I hope I will see them at our future reunions.



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Ray Ambers made the local newspaper in La Porte, Indiana over Veterans Day when he was featured for the paper. Ray, like many 709ers, is still serving his country today. Ray served in WWII and Korea. Ray is on the Rifle Squad for all the memorial services in his community. Ray told the newspaper, "I would gladly go back in the Army right now if they would take me to go to Iraq." I wonder if Charlotte (Ray's wife) has talked to the Army about this. Well thanks to all you 709ers out there who are still serving their country and community.

Next years reunion will be in St. Louis, Missouri at the Marriott St. Louis Airport. The date is October 1-4, 2009. This reunion will be offering a first time bus trip to Fort Leonard Wood to see the MP Museum and MP school. The tentative plan is to do this on Friday October 2. I

will have more information on this when you receive your reunion packet that will be sent out in May to all dues paid members. I am really glad to hear Brad will be back with us to do the MC part of the banquet. I know he enjoys it and certainly he is a top entertainer in his field. So let's see if the 709th can break 100 members in attendance for the 2009 reunion. This will be the first reunion west of the Mississippi River. Hopefully, many of our members west of this great river will come to this reunion. This is a chance to see a great city and visit with old friends.



As usual the OL' Norwegian looks forward to it.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.709thmpguardian.org. Thanks to Rich Holland who keeps our website operating.

Treasurer's Trove: It's time for dues again. The 2009 dues remain at \$10.00. Please check your mailing label for current address and paid dues information. If your address, e-mail address, or phone number has changed, please include a note with your dues. Thank You.

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Do you know when you last paid your dues? Check your mailing address label.

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