

Food and Commercial Workers Union until his retirement. He was transferred to HQ because he spoke fluent German.

**William F. Hutt (86)**

(F Co., 102nd Infantry Regiment)

Waterbury, CT

William passed on Monday, January 11, 2016. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, and moved to Connecticut in 1937



where he graduated from Naugatuck High School. He was with the 43<sup>rd</sup> in Germany. He remained active in Veterans Affairs throughout his entire life. Bill was a gold circle member of the Wounded Warriors Project, a member of the VFW, NRA and American Legion. He was a history buff, and a great story teller, who loved all things military. Bill went on to work at Uniroyal Chemical for 49 years. He attended The Paier School of Arts, and was a gifted artist, created exceptional work, and traveled extensively in the U.S.A. and overseas. He loved all aspects of nature; hunting, fishing, hiking, he was a great outdoorsman. He was a longtime member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Naugatuck, as well as Blessed Sacrament Church and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, both in Waterbury. He is survived by his wife Joyce, his brother John, a son-in-law and daughter-in-law, Carl R. and Carolyn F. Cicchetti, two step grandsons, six step great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

John Jones, son of member Harlan Jones (see page #1 obituary) sent in a photo in Theater of some of the Texas boys from his dad's H Company, 2nd Battalion, 103rd Infantry Regiment.



H Company, 2nd Battalion, 103rd Infantry Regiment WWII.

Front row, (L to R) William J. Coe, Cleo Hollinquist, Osborne, Earnest Rutledge.  
 2nd row (L to R) Paul McGilvry, Lloyd Parker, Avery Miller, Harold O. Fincher, Thomas R. Holt, Coy Embry, Trevino, Lt. Polk  
 Back row (l to R) Harvey E. Hopgood, Ricks, Floyd Parker, Haran E. Jones, Bobby Joe Craver, Emmett Nutt, Earl Mustain, Wesley Hall, Kervin "Tex"



Members of the 172nd Infantry Regiment, Warner Kaserne, Munich Germany, 1951 (L to R) Mark Cutler, Ray powers, Francis Brown, Dave Edgecomb, George Lakta, Bill Ball. Photo received from member Howard Curtis of Montpelier, VT.

## IN MEMORIAM Cont'd

### REV. Joseph E. Horgan (99)

(103rd Field Artillery)

Johnston, RI

Reverend Horgan passed away on June 17, 2016.

Born in Chelsea, MA, he graduated from Immaculate

Conception High School in Revere. He attended Catholic University before joining the National Guard. He rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and was aboard the USS President Coolidge when it sank off the island of Espirito Sancto in the Pacific. He was ordained a priest in 1954 at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. He retired in 1986.



### Hillis Parks (85)

(G Company, 169th Infantry Reg)  
Felicity, OH

Hillis passed away on Friday, January 10, 2014. He retired

from Hilton Davis Chemical Company and proudly served

with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division during the Korean War in Germany. He is survived by his wife Jearldean "Jewell" Parks and children Eddie, Pamela and Glen, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



### Roger Dale McKean (88)

(1st Platoon, 102nd Infantry Reg)  
Poland, IN

Roger passed away Saturday, August 20, 2016. He was born in Riley, Indiana and graduated from Van Buren High School in

1946. He served with the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in Augsburg, Germany.



Herb Mosher (192nd Field Artillery Battalion) sent in an article about how the 43rd ended up in Germany.

When North Korea invaded South Korea in June 1950, it was determined that reinforcements would be needed in Korea. At the same time, the Pentagon needed additional strength in Germany to deter a Soviet invasion. As a result, four National Guard Divisions were activated in September of 1950. Those were the 28th, 40th, 43rd and 45th Divisions. The Pentagon decided that the 40th and 45th Divisions were to be dispatched to Korea and the 28th and 43rd Divisions were to be deployed to Germany.

My research found that the decision which Divisions went where was based solely on geography. The 40th and 45th Divisions were from the west, whereas the 28th and the 43rd were from the east coast. It was cheaper to send the east coast units to Europe and ship out the west coast units to Korea.

We in the 43rd lucked out and avoided service in Korea mostly. When the 43rd was activated in 1950, it was only at 2/3 strength. Draftees were sent to the 43rd in November 1950, and took Basic Training with the Division.

In February 1951, after Basic training was completed, about 1/3 of the draftees were taken out of 43rd units and sent as replacements to Korea. Many were killed or wounded, so the 43rd did not entirely escape that war.

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Bienvenido M. Alarcon posted this note on our 43rd Veterans Facebook page about our 70th annual reunion in 2016:

Congratulation to your joyful and always historic reunion. I am Bienvenido M. Alarcon, 80 years old. I was only 9 years old when you and the 1st Cavalry Division liberated my hometown of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippines on 12 March 1945 after 20-day battle for Antipolo.

I have two sons and 4 grandchildren. My daughter-in-law, Florenda, and four grandchildren live in Los Angeles. Anjelica, one of my grandchildren is in her third year college in Syracuse University in New York. While I am here in Antipolo, writing our history as an expression of thanks to Almighty God for saving our family from so much hardship and dangers during the three and half years of Japanese occupation and our historic evacuation. God bless you all and GOD BLESS AMERICA.

The City of Antipolo (Filipino: Lungsod ng Antipolo) is a city in the province of Rizal, Philippines located 16 miles east of Manila.

