

History of the Scholarship Foundation

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In October 2004, Jim Tiezzi assumed the position of president of Society of the 3rd Infantry Division U.S. Army. Jim had previously appointed a committee of 5 top-notch members to study the feasibility of starting a Society scholarship program. These members did an outstanding job of developing a scholarship program. The Executive Committee approved the program at the national reunion meeting. Details of the program will appear in future issues of the *Watch on the Rhine*.

President Tiezzi said in December, "I am pleased that the scholarship foundation is in the final stages of completing its constitution, and it's filing as a separate organization from the Society, under the I.R.S. 501 (c) 3 section as a not-for-profit foundation." Jim announced that Lynn Ball would chair the foundation board of trustees and she has accepted responsibility to establish the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Lynn assembled a board of trustees, a webmaster, and a financial officer. She wrote the constitution, funded the legal fees, and established the foundation as a stand-alone corporation with a date of 11/19/04. She registered the foundation as a 501 (C) 3, not-for-profit charity with the I.R.S. on 1/19/05. The Foundation is incorporated in the State of Texas. The Foundation's constitution establishes a corpus at \$300,000. It is expected that donations and investment income will fund future legacy grants and/or increase the amount of grants when the corpus has been reached.

The I.R.S. representative in Dallas recommended that the Foundation be registered as a 501(C) 3, not-for-profit public charity. There are some advantages as a public charity as opposed to a private foundation. The operation remains unchanged.

In February 2005, president Tiezzi announced that the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation was operational. Jim stated that the Foundation is a stand-alone corporation, and the Society of the 3rd I.D. Infantry Division, U. S. Army has no responsibility for the Scholarship Foundation and the Scholarship Foundation has no responsibility for the Society, outside of the previously agreed upon, which follows. The Society accepts donations to "a pass-through account," and forwards them to the Foundation on a regular basis. This is similar to dues and donations received and forwarded to the outposts. No member dues or Society donations are given to the Foundation. The Foundation appreciates this courtesy.

Since October 2004, there is space allocated in the Society publication and has proven to be an effective recruiting tool for the Society. The Foundation has a website, which can be found at <http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org> and a Facebook page.

Financial reports are prepared at or near the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and are posted to the Foundation website for a reasonable period of time.

Tax reports to the I.R.S. are completed and submitted annually. The State of Texas registration renewal is required every 4th year.

The Scholarship Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and tax charter are simply "The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc."

The first Board of trustees was: Lynn Ball, Chair; Tom Maines, Trustee; Jerry Manley, Trustee; John Shirley, Trustee; and Whit Mullen, Trustee. Their assistance during the startup of the Foundation is appreciated.

The Foundation staff and trustees are bonded.

The Foundation is entirely funded by donations from Society members, outposts, active duty, legacies, corporations, the general public, and investment income.

The Chair, trustees, and staff serve without pay, and are not reimbursed for most expenses.

The officers and staff serving at this time are: Lynn Ball, Chair; Trustees: Jeff Danby, Earl Killen, Jim Reeves, Justin Valle; Webmaster Justin Valle; and CFO, Joe Ball, as well as Trustee Emeritus Tom Maines.

The Foundation is proud to offer financial support on a competitive basis to qualified applicants who have obtained written qualification letters from a member of the Society. Legacy grants and sponsored grants for 2018 are provided by Tom Maines, Joe Ball, Dr. Bae Suk Lee, T.A. Smith, LTG William G. Webster(2), and the family of MG Maurice Kendall.

In even-numbered years the Foundation conducts a fundraising raffle of prizes donated by Society members. Winners of the prizes are selected in a random drawing. Prizes are then sent or mailed to the lucky winners. Following are the grants that are funded for the 2018 program.

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- "Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason"
- "Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of M. G. Maurice Kendall"
- "Award Honoring LTG William G. Webster and the Men and Women of the 3rd Infantry Division,"
- "Award Honoring Kimberly Shawn Grugin Webster, former First Lady of the 3rd Infantry Division."
- "Joe Ball Award honoring Lynn D. Ball, Chairman, Scholarship Foundation"
- "Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950"
- "Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. 'Rick' Richenbacher"
- "Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division"
- "Award in Honor and Memory of Sherman Pratt"
- "The Michele and T.A. Smith award honoring the 184th Inf. (4th BCT, 3rd ID) OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit."
- "Award In Honor and Memory of Abraham "Abe" Friedman."
- "Memorial Award" honoring friends and relatives who have passed away and were memorialized through donations to the Scholarship Foundation.

Also underway is the 2018 Scholarship Foundation fundraising raffle. All Society members will receive raffle tickets and a letter from the Foundation. We have over forty prizes and we will list them in the December *Watch on the Rhine*.

The Third Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation was created to serve the members of the Society. We are humbled by the support, help, and donations of our Society members. The Foundation is proud of our work in assisting our young people in their efforts toward higher education. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Foundation's success.