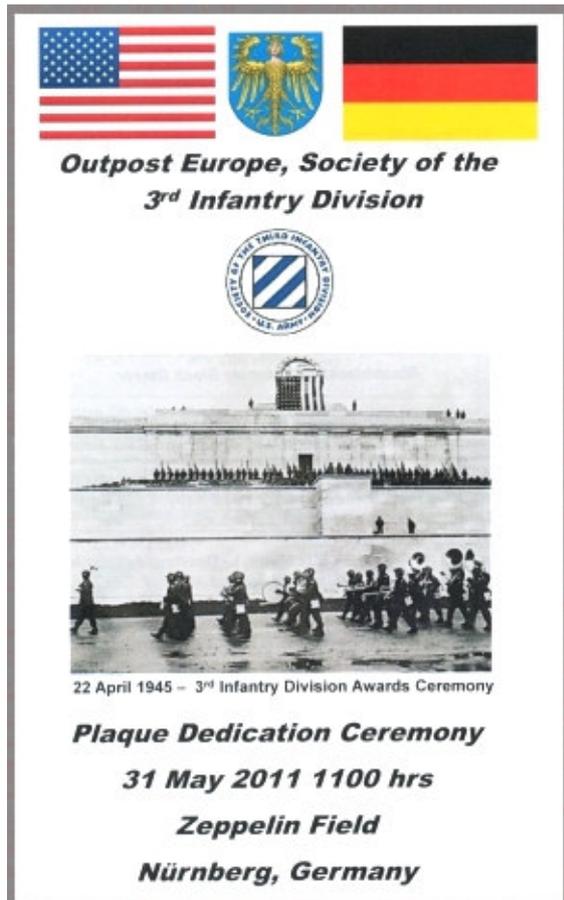




Dedication of the memorial plaque for the 3rd Infantry Division on May 31, 2011, in Nuremberg



Initiated by the Outpost 5845 Europe of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division a plaque was unveiled on the last day of May 2011 on the grandstand of Zeppelin Field, the site of the unit's victory parade after it had liberated Nuremberg from the terrors of Nazi rule 66 years ago.

At the event the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division was represented by the outpost's president, C. Monika Stoy (CPT, retired) and the veterans COL William E. Ryan, Jr. (87) of Virginia (15th Infantry), and Mr. John J. Miller, II (85) of Michigan (7th Infantry). They were welcomed by Nuremberg's Lord Mayor Dr. Ulrich Maly. Together they pulled the veil from the bilingual plaque which inscription reads as follows:

On 20 April, 1945, the 3rd and the 45th Infantry Divisions of the 15th Army Corps of the 7th US-Army liberated Nuremberg from the rule of the National Socialist regime.

The official victory celebration was held on 21 April, 1945, on the Main Market Square. At a further victory celebration of the 3rd Infantry Division on 22 April, 1945, on the Zeppelin Field, five soldiers were awarded the highest military honor for bravery in combat, the "Medal of Honor". US American soldiers were stationed in Nuremberg until 1994. Memories of those years of respect and friendship are still vivid today.

Among the American attendees of the ceremony was also LTC Todd Kelly representing the Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division, MG Robert B. Abrams, and COL Avanulas R. Smiley, Commander of the Garrison in Grafenwöhr.



Veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division: Colonel William E. Ryan, Jr., and John J. Miller, II
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Driver Bradon F. Roberts with the flag of the Outpost 5845 Europe of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Representing the Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division: LTC Todd Kelly and CSM Cedric Burns
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



CPT C. Monika Stoy, President of the Outpost 5845 Europe of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
(photo: Susanne Rieger)

After the dedication American and German guests had dinner at a nearby guesthouse. There they remembered the unit's POWs and MIAs with a decorated table symbolically left empty. Then they visited the Documentation Center in Congress Hall where Dr. Eckart Dietzfelbinger gave them a guided tour.

May 31 was not only an official event but an opportunity for Germans and Americans to get together on a personal level to exchange views and hence hopefully lay the footing for lasting regular contacts as a consequence from a shared past, present and future.



Color guard at the ceremony
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Colonel William E. Ryan, Jr.
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



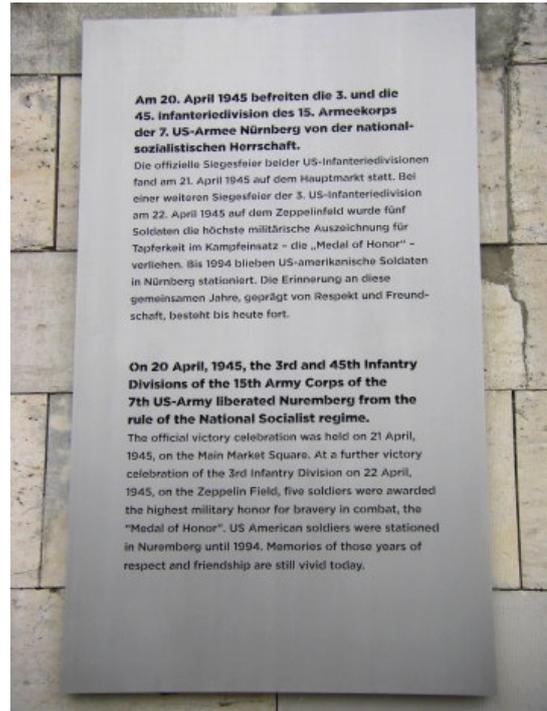
CPT C. Monika Stoy delivering her remarks
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



The unveiling of the plaque
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



**CPT Stoy, Mr. Miller and COL Ryan saluting,
to the left Lord Mayor Dr. Maly**
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



**The bilingual plaque on Zeppelin Field's
grandstand**
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



**American and German participants in the
ceremony posing for the photographers**
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



**Member of the color guard SSG Jimmy
Martin with his wife Tara and
their daughter Ayasia**
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Symbolic table for 3rd Infantry Division's POWs and MIAs at the dinner
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



***rijo's* Ms. Rieger (right) talking to Mrs. Ludwig on the way to Congress Hall**
(photo: Wilhelm Ludwig)



Dr. Eckart Dietzfelbinger guiding the guests in the Documentation Center
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



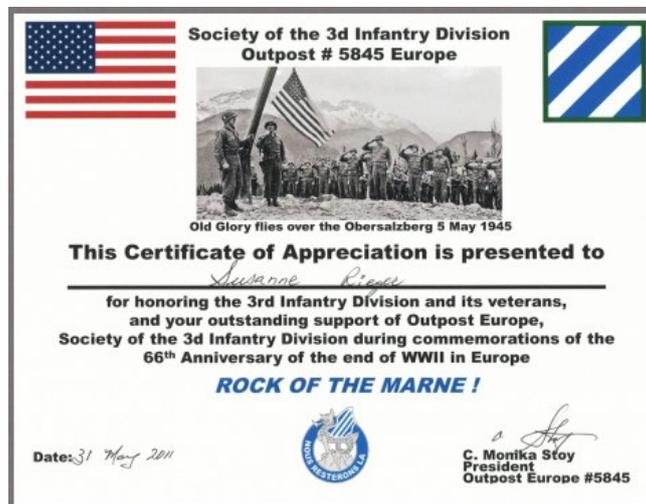
Americans and Germans at the viewpoint inside Congress Hall
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Little Ayasia exploring the site
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Mr. John J. Miller, II
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



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