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Seventh Biennial
Polar Bear Reunion
Eighth Reunion
310th Engineers Association

IN MEMORIAM
A Permanent Tribute to Our Valiant Comrades Whose Supreme Sacrifice is Our Constant Inspiration.

MAY 28 - 29 - 30, 1934
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who made the supreme sacrifice

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery
Memorial Day
By Edgar A. Guest

Sound taps once more for them who sleep
To symbolize the faith we keep.

Let every lovely rose-tipped stem
Blossom a memory of them.

This is the glorious morn of May
When tributes to our dead we pay,

But flower and flag and spoken word
Shall leave their honored dust unstirred

Unless we bring ourselves anew
Unto the task they died to do.

Bravely they died, 'Tis our's to give
The pledge that bravely we shall live.

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Dear Comrades:

Welcome to Detroit and to our Seventh Biennial Reunion. May it prove to be the most enjoyable reunion you have ever attended. Your Committees have worked hard and faithfully to provide for your comfort and entertainment. May you enjoy it to the limit.

Ours is a great organization, wherein the bonds of friendship are cemented by a comradeship as strong as our whole expedition was unique. We fought in a foreign land where our common language and common interests compelled us to be self contained groups. Our friendships were the stronger for our close co-operation. We had to depend on each other—only “team work” counted. So with our Association—it is not a one man organization. Only by working together in harmony, united as comrades, can we succeed.

Let us renew those friendships of our Service-days through three days and nights of fun and reminiscences. Let us honor our heroic dead on Memorial Day. Their sacrifices are our inspiration to keep alive their memories through our Polar Bear Association and our new organization, the Polar Bear Cubs.

“Welcome, my Comrades. “Eat, drink and be merry, For tomorrow you may die.”

Yours in Comradeship,

WALTER I. MCKENZIE,
President,
Polar Bear Ass'n.

TO MEMBERS 310TH ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION:

Dear Comrades:

As President of the 310th Engineers Association, it is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to welcome you to this Reunion where old comrades get together and renew the fellowship we enjoyed when we were all banded together in one great regiment.

It is my sincere wish and fondest hope that your visit here will be most enjoyable, that the ties of friendship and loyalty to our Association will be greater than ever before and that the old spirit of comradeship will prevail.

Let us pause and dedicate a portion of our services to those of our comrades who have passed to the Great Beyond and who have made the supreme sacrifice in order to help preserve the honor and glory of our great nation.

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Program

SUNDAY

12:00 Noon  Preliminary registration Book-Cadillac Hotel, 4th Floor.

MONDAY

9:00 A. M.  General Registration—including Cubs.
11:00 A. M.  Organization Meeting of Polar Bear Cubs.
2:00 P. M.  Polar Bear Handicap at State Fair Grounds—Woodward Ave. and 8 Mile Road, Guests of Detroit Racing Association.
8:30 P. M.  Exhibition Drill—Wayne County Council, V. F. W. Drum and Bugle Corps.
9:00 P. M.  Dancing and Entertainment, Music by Lou Hoffman's Orchestra.

TUESDAY

9:00 A. M.  Registration continued.
10:00 A. M.  Gold Star Mothers, Guests and Polar Bear Cubs visit Greenfield Village through Courtesy of Ford Motor Co. Busses leave front of Book-Cadillac Hotel at 10:00 A. M.
10:00 A. M.  Polar Bear Association Business Meeting. 310th Engineers Association Business Meeting.
2:00 P. M.  Polar Bear Association Business Meeting and election of Officers. 310th Engineers Association Business Meeting and election of officers.
5:00 P. M.  Polar Bear Cubs business meeting, election of officers and entertainment.
6:30 P. M.  Company Dinners and entertainment, Grand Ballroom Book-Cadillac Hotel.
            Hear Polar Bear Posts’ "Hungry Five."

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Governor

May 15th, 1934

Walter I. McKenzie, President
Polar Bear Association
561 Book Tower
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. McKenzie:
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome the members of the Polar Bear Association to Michigan for their seventh biennial reunion, and to assure all of the members of your Association that we are glad to have you meet again in our State. The State administration is happy to do all in its power to make your reunion a success.

Michigan is proud of the record made by its sons and the other members of your expedition and the brave struggle you made under such trying conditions in northern Russia. I sincerely hope you will have a thoroughly enjoyable reunion and will honor Michigan with your future reunions for many years to come.

Very sincerely yours,
WILLIAM A. COMSTOCK,
Governor

CITY OF DETROIT
Executive Office

FRANK COUZENS
Mayor

May 18, 1934

Mr. Walter I. McKenzie, President,
Polar Bear Association,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. McKenzie:
Permit me to extend to the Polar Bear Association a most cordial greeting of welcome to our City on the occasion of their Seventh Biennial Convention. Detroit may well be proud of the fact that with one exception all of your conventions have been held in this City. It is my sincere hope that your convention this year will be most successful and that your members will enjoy the hospitality of our City. A delegation such as yours coming here finds us sincere and willing to do everything possible to make your stay with us something that you will long cherish.

Sincerely,
FRANK COUZENS,
Mayor
Program (continued)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 A.M. Busses and automobiles leave Book-Cadillac Hotel for Memorial Services at White Chapel Memorial Park. Address—East Long Lake Rd. and Crooks Rd.

10:45 A.M. Polar Bear Association forms and marches to monument.
Memorial Service—Reverend Father Philip Lariviere, Chaplain, University Post No. 210, American Legion.
Remarks: President Walter I. McKenzie.
Presentation of Past Presidents, State Officials and other Honored Guests.

Poem: Edgar A. Guest.
Memorial Prayer: Rabbi Leo M. Franklin—Temple Beth El.
Memorial Address: Honorable William A. Comstock, Governor of Michigan.

Placing of Wreaths.
Memorial Prayer: Reverend Warren Wheeler Pickett, First Congregational Church, Detroit.

Salute: 125th Infantry.
Taps and Echo.

12:30 P.M. Busses and automobiles return to Detroit.

2:00 P.M. Memorial Day Parade, Polar Bears form on Washington Boulevard in front of Book-Cadillac Hotel and march to W. Columbia and Woodward Ave. to fall in Parade.

8:00 P.M. Grand Ball and floor show, Grand Ball Room, Book-Cadillac Hotel.

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Letters of Interest

TO ALL POLAR BEARS

May 14, 1934

Dear Comrades:

It gives me unusual pleasure to write this letter as I have now returned permanently to Detroit, which will give me a better opportunity to renew my friendships with those who live here and to attend all the reunions from now on, which is going to make it easy to see the out of town gang as well.

Although I spoke of the same thing in the letter I wrote at the last reunion, I can not help touching again on the wonderful spirit which has been shown by those responsible not only for this reunion, but for the two previous ones. I think it has taken more nerve and courage to put on these reunions in the face of such times as we have been going through for the past five years than it took to face anything that we were up against in Russia. I certainly appreciate it and hope all the rest of you do.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Sincerely yours,

J. BROOKS NICHOLS

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April 24, 1934

W. I. McKenzie, Esq.,
President
Polar Bear Association,
1535 Dime Bank Bldg.,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. McKenzie:

I am very much obliged for your kind letter and enclosure. The former has hereto remained unanswered on account of my absence in New York.

I am very sorry indeed that I will not have the pleasure of attending the next Reunion, but at that time I will be in Geneva. I shall hope for better luck upon a future occasion, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

C. H. L. SHANNON
Colonel—Secretary

CHLS:C
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Warsaw, Poland

Mr. Walter I. McKenzie,
Polar Bear Association,
Book Building,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Walter:

If a cruel fate prevents me from being in Detroit May 28-30, please properly salute all hands for me and tell them that my thoughts will be with each one of them throughout every hour of the reunion.

No organization has ever meant as much to me as the Polar Bear Association; I have never experienced as much gratification from any honor as that given me when I was made Commander; and there is nowhere on earth such a spirit of comradeship as that which prevails among the Polar Bears.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN CUDAHY

PELICAN POINT
Portland, Texas

Walter I. McKenzie, Esq.,
President Polar Bear Association,
1535 Dime Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan

May 9, 1934

My dear Mr. McKenzie:

Your most cordial invitation of the 24th ultimo to attend the reunion of the Polar Bear Association May 28-30, inclusive, is very much appreciated.

I regret that I will be unable to be present at the reunion.

I send my very best wishes to every member of the association. I hope this reunion will be as successful as those of the past; that you will have a good assemblage of members and a most enjoyable gathering.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE EVANS STEWART,
Colonel, U. S. Army (retired)

The Polar Bear Association desires to express its sincere gratitude to the Ford Motor Company for the eighteen Ford V-8 Courtesy Cars and Drivers for our 1934 Reunion.

R. J. VANDENBERGHERG
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COMRADESHIP, service and the desire to perpetuate memories of the North Russian Expeditionary Force, led a few members of the expedition, shortly after demobilization in 1919, to organize into a little group known as the "Polar Bear Club."

This Club functioned splendidly for a short time but its leaders soon wisely realized that its purpose could be served best by affiliation with a National Veterans Organization. A meeting was held, attended by several hundred comrades in the vicinity of Detroit, where it was decided to form a Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to be known as "Polar Bear Post" and membership restricted to Veterans of the North Russian Expedition.

The Post was instituted June 24th, 1920 with eighty-one (81) charter members, and Comrade Harry H. Mead was honored as its first Commander, followed successively by Comrades; Walter I. McKenzie, Joel R. Moore, Dwight Fistler, Adolph Anselmi, John C. Evans, Thomas L. Battle, Dr. James H. Howell, H. J. Reimold, Vernon E. Herrington, Walter Dondon, R. J. Vandenberg, Joseph T. Whalen, and at present, Fred W. Wolfe is serving as Commander.

Polar Bear Post quickly took its place as a leader in Wayne County and State V. F. W. circles, and due largely to the work of Comrade Walter I. McKenzie, Wayne County Council was organized. This was the first County Council in America and Comrade McKenzie has the distinction of being the first Council Commander in the V. F. W. Two other Comrades, Joel R. Moore and Vernon E. Herrington have also served in that office.

Comrade McKenzie also assisted in the foundation of the Servicemen's Bureau, of which he is still a director, and the Yanks Convalescent Camp at Union Lake. The Camp was abandoned a few years ago but last summer re-opened to a greater service as the Buddy Poppy Camp for children, and two Polar Bears, Vandenberg and Herrington, again were leaders in that movement.

In the State Department the Post has always had representation, Comrade Howell serving several times as Department Surgeon, McKenzie as Judge Advocate, Moore as Senior Vice Commander and at the present Comrade Vandenberg holds the office of Junior Vice Commander, and we hope will pass on through the chairs to Commander of the Department.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars maintains a National Home for Widows and Orphans, of its deceased Comrades, at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and Polar Bears can be proud that we rank among the first, in contribution for the construction and maintenance of it. This is probably the finest example of relief work undertaken by any organization, veteran or otherwise, and you would do well to visit this home and the seven children of Polar Bear Comrades there.

The Wayne County Council has a burial plot at Roseland Park Cemetery where comrades Frank J. Ryan, Leonard Tucker, Carl H. Jeussen, Glenn W. Leitzell, Fletcher Atkins and Missag Dedeian were laid to rest with full military honors.

Relief work has been carried on mainly through receipts from the Annual Buddy Poppy Drive, where again Polar Bear ranks among the first in leadership and sales. This fund has been expended through our relief committees, who have accomplished a great deal in these depression years, in both direct and indirect assistance.

This brief story is hoped to bring home to you a realization that Polar Bear Post not only functions for the personal enjoyment of its members, but is carrying out the ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the history and memory of our dead; to assist our widows and orphans; and to be of mutual help to one another.
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