

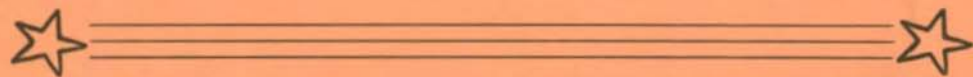


21st
National Convention



AMERICAN DEFENDERS
OF
BATAAN & CORREGIDOR, INC.

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We Dedicate This Program

TO OUR DEPARTED BUDDIES. IN THE MEMORY OF THEIR HEROIC DEEDS WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE IN THE WORLD SO THAT THEIR SACRIFICE WAS NOT IN VAIN. THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



The Cleveland Convention Committee

wishes to extend a warm welcome to all for this our 21st National Convention. The hours of work by the Committee was lightened by the realization that we would enjoy the companionship of our friends and have the opportunity of making new friends. We are happy to report we were able to sign up some new members in the Cleveland area.

We wish to thank all who have helped, especially the wives who have given so graciously of their time. It is our fervent hope that you will enjoy your stay in Cleveland.



It is with a great deal of pride that I look back on the past year. We have reached a new height in paid up membership and our mailing list for the Quan now exceeds 2,300 of our group. The untiring efforts of the men whom you elected as your officers have made this possible. We are indeed fortunate to have so many fine men from whom to choose. Unselfish devotion and limitless energy are our keys to success.

I wish to thank each of you for the splendid support given me. I am proud of our organization and I know each of you are proud. Your convention committee has done a remarkable job in making our conventions the huge success they always are.

I have a special thank you for my secretary and his ever delightful and hard working wife, Joe and Helen Poster. Continued support can only lead to continued success.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL ALVA REVISTA FITCH

Alva R. Fitch was born in Amherst, Nebraska, on September 10, 1907. He graduated from high school in Kearney, Nebraska, and was appointed to the U. S. Military Academy by the late Senator Howell of Nebraska, graduating in 1930.

General Fitch was stationed in the Philippine Islands at the outbreak of World War II. He commanded a separate Pack Artillery Battery in support of General Wainwright's forces, covering the withdrawal into Bataan.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions in delaying the Japanese development of the Mauban position.

Following the withdrawal of the Bataan forces to its final defensive position along the Orion-Bagac line, Fitch was given command of the Provisional Artillery Group supporting the 91st Philippine Army Division and protecting the China Sea coast along their flank. He retained this command until the fall of Bataan in mid-April of 1942. During this period, he was awarded the Silver Star for organizing and leading an improvised force to drive Japanese infiltrators from an area in rear of the 91st Division front lines and recovering the guns of a Philippine Army Artillery Battalion.

Major Fitch was captured a few days after the surrender of Bataan and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of the Japanese.

Following the war, he served for a year as instructor at the Command and General Staff School, and for two and a half years, as Military Attache to El Salvador and finally to all of Central America.

He was Executive Officer of IX Corps Artillery in Korea from September, 1952 to June, 1953, participating in White Horse Mountain and Triangle Hill Battles, and the Chinese Offensive in June-July, 1953. He was awarded the Legion of Merit.

While Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Belgium, General Fitch attended the Belgian Army Ecole de Parachutage and, at the age of 51, qualified as a parachutist.

He is at present Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Menu



FRESH FLORIDA CITRUS FRUIT COCKTAIL

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TEA

Banquet Program



Entrance of Gold Star Parents and Honored Guests

Honor Guard Presents Colors To Toastmaster

Taps Rendered By Color Guard Complement

Invocation.....ADB&C Chaplain, Father Baumann

Navy HymnArthur A. Bressi

Herman Hausman, Pianist

Toastmaster.....Robert W. Levering

Introduction of Guests.....

Principal AddressLieutenant General Alva R. Fitch

Benediction.....Father Herman Baumann

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