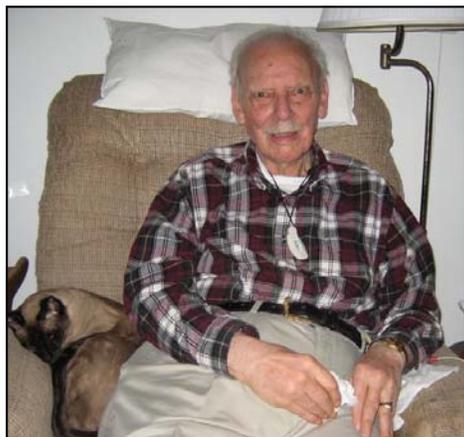


From the Regimental Historian and Archivist

Happy birthday: On 19 December 2008, COL (Ret.) Howard S. Levie celebrated his 101st birthday. He is the only member of our Regiment to reach the century mark--and now attains yet another historic milestone in reaching 101 years of age.

Born on 19 December 1907, Levie graduated from Cornell's law school in 1930 and practiced law in New York City until joining the Coast Artillery in 1942. He spent most of



COL (Ret.) Howard S. Levie, who served as a Judge Advocate from 1946 until 1963, celebrates his 101st birthday on 19 December 2008.

World War II in staff assignments in the Pacific. At the end of the war, Levie was heavily involved in the return of American and British prisoners of war from China, Korea, and Japan--and this experience so affected him that he remained in the Army and transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Department in 1946. While Levie soon emerged as *the* expert on the law governing prisoners of war, his authorship of the cease-fire agreement that ended fighting in Korea in 1953 earned him a lasting place in military legal history. Levie retired from active duty in 1963 after a truly stellar career as an Army lawyer, and then started a second career as a law school professor, first at St. Louis Univ. and then at the Naval War College. COL Levie lives in a retirement home in Portsmouth, RI.

Our history: Twenty years ago this month, Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., directed the establishment of a Center for Law and Military Operations. This center--popularly known by its acronym "CLAMO"--has evolved from an Army-only organization into a joint, inter-agency, and multinational center located at TJAGLCS.

The impetus for establishing CLAMO grew out of the emergence of operational law in the Corps in the 1980s. After the invasion of Grenada in 1983, an increasing number of Army lawyers recognized that Judge Advocates must orient their practice toward military operations if the Corps was to remain relevant in the Army. Then LTC David E. Graham, the principal Judge Advocate spearheading the development of operational law as a legal discipline, recognized that an organization was needed to examine legal issues associated with the preparation for, deployment to, and conduct of military operations. Graham convinced then TJAG MG Hugh R. Overholt that this organization should be established at TJAGSA in Charlottesville, and Overholt obtained the necessary legal authority from Secretary Marsh on 21 December 1988.

From the beginning, CLAMO was designed to be the focal point for gathering "lessons learned" in both the domestic and the overseas operational law environment. As a result, CLAMO has hosted seminars and

published monographs on Judge Advocates in military operations starting with Haiti in 1994 and the Balkans in 1995. Most recently, CLAMO has published a handbook on the Rule of Law.

Over the years, CLAMO has become a joint, interagency and multinational center, with military attorneys from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, as well as civilian lawyers from the Department of State. Military and civilian attorneys from Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom also are an integral part of CLAMO.

Graham was the Director of CLAMO until 2003. During this period, the following served as Deputy Directors of CLAMO: LTC Mark Martins (1995-1997), LTC John Miller (1997-1999), LTC Sharon Riley (1999-2001), LTC Stu Risch (2001-2003). CLAMO Directors since 2003 have been: LTC Pam Stahl (2003-2005), LTC Paul



Directors and Deputy Directors of CLAMO from 1988 to 2008: Back row, left to right: LTC Paul Wilson, COL Sharon Riley, COL Pam Stahl, COL Mark Martins, COL John Miller, COL Stu Risch. Front row: LTC Charles Poche, Mr. David Graham, LTC Mike Lacey.

Wilson (2005-2006), LTC Mike Lacey, (2006-2008). LTC Charles Poche is the incumbent.

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