Governor Carey and General Gerald C. Kelleher



Governor Hugh L. Carey pays off a World War II-era bet to General Gerald C. Kelleher. Governor Carey and General Kelleher were in the army together, in the 415th Infantry, 104th Division.;In 1945, they made a bet on who would reach Nazi-occupied Cologne first. They wagered a case of beer and a steak dinner. The Governor paid the General back with 11 cases of beer, and a map of the area in Germany. There was also a reception with other members of the 104th division. Of General Kelleher, Governor Carey said he was "the finest soldier I ever met in the uniform of the U.S. Army.";They are at the Executive Mansion in Albany.

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