



MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

“On this day in history...”

This welcome message is written seventy-seven years after the day the Imperial military forces of Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and its other military resources in Oahu and the Philippines on December 7, 1941. Many of our World War II veterans are no longer living, and our nation has turned its attention to new topics, great and otherwise. As such, it is up to us—the Pups, Friends, and supporters of the 104th

Infantry Division of WWII—to preserve their legacy, making this history of bravery and sacrifice available for future generations. We do this by keeping the NTA traditions of gathering each year and remembering the fallen. We also share memories and fellowship with our Veterans and their families. History has shown that, as time goes on and eyewitnesses pass, the information shared as part of the education of our youth becomes increasingly scant, often reduced in significance. World history competes with popular culture and is typically not dominating the

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MISC. NEWS & INFO

96-Year-Old Timberwolf Honored at Fort Lewis, Washington

June 15, 2018

My name is Judy Bezjac. I am the battalion representative for the 555 AAA, which was permanently attached to the 104th Infantry Division during WWII. First Lady Laura Bush’s father, Harold Bruce Welch, was the master gunner of the 555 AAA in the headquarters battery. (My father, T/4

Andy Bezjac, was his comrade operating the motor pool in the HQ Battery.) As a result, the 555 AAA was invited to a Veterans Day breakfast at the White House in 2006.

Leo Thoennes, a TW Vet who lives in Federal Way, Washington, sent the following message a few days ago, which I think other NTPA members will find interesting. The 555 AAA battalion commander, Colonel Sayward Farnum, promoted Leo to 2nd lieutenant during WWII:

“I went on the DC honor flight in April. As a result, I found that the 104th is still active at Fort Lewis. The general in charge found out about me, and last Saturday, he invited me to the fort. I did not know what to expect, but it turned out it was to honor me! They did some military stuff, and at the end, gave me a Timberwolf statue. My son, John, took this picture. (By the way, the general also invited me to another event at Fort Lewis later this summer.)”



Fort Douglas Military Museum Update

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush! Though we are still looking at several possible options as a repository for our Timberwolf treasures, we do have a museum that is ready to accept our donations now—the Fort Douglas Military Museum in Salt Lake City. Several of you brought

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Presented to Mr. Leo Thoennes in recognition of outstanding service as a platoon officer for the 555th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion from Sept. to June 1945. 104th Training Division (LT), JBLM, WA

2018 REUNION PHOTO GALLERY



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**"...we, the Pups,
 are tasked to
 maintain the
 history of the
 104th for future
 generations..."**

We gladly accept this honorable duty and have maintained this role with all of our hearts and minds. Our 2019 reunion in Warwick, Rhode Island (near historic Boston),

national stage in the United States and in many other nations. Thus, we, the Pups, are tasked to maintain the history of the 104th for future generations, providing a role model from a generation that confronted and prevailed over the greatest threat democracy ever faced.

will be the 73rd reunion of the Timberwolves. We will remember and honor our Veterans and share information on our museum-exhibit development on the career of General Terry de la Mesa Allen and his leadership of the 104th. The history of our nation began in Massachusetts, and we look forward to seeing you all there as we make history in the coming year.

With every best wish,

—Andrew Lane, NTPA President
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(1) Pups Pat & Jack Vallely; (2) [L-R] overseas Friends Ester Eenhuizen & Ton Bruijstens with Pup Peggy Gouras; (3) 106th Friends, the Wood family; (4) sixteen-year-old Benjamin Jackson presenting his WWII research project at the reunion (he's campaigning for greater emphasis on history curriculum in schools); (5) WWII's famous *Memphis Belle*, on display at the Wright-Patterson USAF Museum; (6) TW Bryce Thornton & his wife, Helen; (7) Pup Bill Smart & his wife, Donna; (8) Renee Buchanan & Pup Nell Bartells; (9) NTPA Photographer, Art Luque, with TW Bob Huber; (10) Pups LTC (Ret.) Kent & Bonny Smith; (11) reunion attendees at the gravesite of the Wright family (made famous by Orville & Wilbur; see also picture 20); (12) NTPA Tour Coordinator, Mary Jamieson, chatting with NTPA Historian, Kathy Clark; (13) Veterans who served on the *USS Missouri*; (14) [L-R] Annie & Beatrice Keeber, of the 106th; (15) [L-R] NTPA President CPT Andy Lane & SGM (Ret.) Lyle Wold; (16) Grandpup Matthew Cox with his father, Pup Stephen Cox; (17) [L-R] TW Joe Koepfinger in the Foxhole with 106th Vet Anthony Rand; (18) NTPA Ritual Coordinator, Marilyn Shinavar, & Marilyn Lytle; (19) 106th Friends Leon & Elaine Goldberg; (20) the Wright family gravesite at the Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum [gallery continued on page 15]

items to the reunion, which will make their way to Utah soon, along with several items from others already sent. NTPA Historian Kathy Clark and I were not able to go to Salt Lake this fall but will make the trip sometime soon.

We urge you to consider donating. If you have questions or want to give "temporary custody" instead of a gift, feel free to call the museum to discuss it: 801-581-1251. (You will actually be able to speak to a *person*!) The curator is Beau Burgess. You can also visit the museum website (FortDouglas.org), where you can go to the "donate" tab for more information about how to donate and receive acknowledgement: <https://www.fortdouglas.org/donate>. (Ask for the donation form to be emailed or mailed to you.) If you prefer to use the USPS, here's the museum's mailing address: 32 Potter Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84113.

Remember that Fort Douglas is connected to the 104th in several ways: (1) General Terry Allen was born at Fort Douglas; (2) it was the original home of the 413th Infantry Regiment (the 414th and 415th regiments originated in Pocatello, Idaho, and Casper, Wyoming, respectively); and (3) the 104th Frontier Division was organized there in 1921. Clearly, this is a good place for a national repository of Timberwolf history. Plus, Salt Lake City is easy to visit once the display is up and running.

Again, thank you for considering sending as much as you are willing to share. This is a great way to preserve our history for generations.

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer
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2018 General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award

Once again, in November of 2018, Timberwolf Robert Huber traveled to West Point to present the annual General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award for excellence in military science. This year's recipient was Cadet Charles Keith.



"Timberwolf" Sign Off


Did you know that the Secret Service code name for President George H. W. Bush was "Timberwolf"? This is the final security-detail message the Service posted for him: "Timberwolf's Detail concluded at 0600 hours on December 7, 2018, with no incidents to report at the George Bush Presidential Library—College Station, Texas. Godspeed, Former President George H. W. Bush. You will be missed by all of us."



2019 Overseas Battlefield Tour Scheduled

The NTPA is proud to announce that a 75th Anniversary Battlefield Tour is in the works for October 21–November 1, 2019 (see page 11). The tour will start in Brussels and end in Berlin. The full itinerary and more details will be posted on our website in the near future and will also appear in our June/July issue of the *HOWL*. Contact: Mary Jamieson, NTPA Tour Coordinator, mejameson@aol.com.





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*The Definitive History of the 104th Infantry Division
in World War II*

Hello to all! We are thrilled to announce that the 2019 reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick Hotel in Rhode Island from Wednesday, September 4th to Sunday, September 8th. As usual, all are welcome and encouraged to come early and leave late.

For early arrivals, we will be looking into options of self-guided tours, including one to Battleship Cove (BattleshipCove.org) to visit the *USS Massachusetts*. For those staying late, other options are being explored, with more details provided later. This year, we will be joined by the 106th Infantry Division, and our friends of the *USS Missouri* hope to join us again next year.

You will notice a couple of changes for this year's reunion:

- We will be ending on Sunday instead of Monday. This works better for many people who need to get back to work, and it also coordinates well with the 106th and their schedule.
- We are combining the Business and General Meetings into one comprehensive but condensed event. It will be held in the afternoon before the Beer Bust and after the

tour. This gives us more time to enjoy the area and to socialize. The Memorial Service will be held separately as usual but on Saturday morning.

We will again do the Raffle at the Beer Bust, which seems to have a life of its own! Feel free to bring gifts to donate. We love it when everyone gets something; so the more that is donated, the more fun is shared.

As for the hotel, breakfast and free parking are included, with a free hotel shuttle from T. F. Green Airport. Should it become necessary to fly into Boston rather than T. F. Green (Providence/Warwick), NTPA board member Jack Vallely (jackvallely@yahoo.com) can email you a list of several alternate transportation options available from Logan Airport (Boston).

As always, we are very much looking forward to another year of renewing our bonds with old and new friends as we continue to honor our Veterans. We hope to see many of you in attendance. Please make your plans early!

—*JeNeal Ann Granieri*, Treasurer & Site Committee Chair
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TW TRACKS IN HISTORY

Schophoven and Pier

By 10 December, the 104th Division controlled the east bank of the Inde River. All that stood between the Timberwolves and their immediate goal, the Roer River, about three miles ahead, was a broad, flat plain and three small villages on its west bank. The villages, from north to south, were Schophoven, Pier, and Merken.

At 0745 on 10 December, the 414th Infantry jumped off, 3rd Battalion for Schophoven and 1st Battalion for Pier.

Initially, 3rd Battalion met little resistance (by the records) but came under heavy fire as it approached Schophoven, and it stopped to reorganize. The next day, American planes bombed and strafed the village. Third Battalion tried again. After gaining another 100 yards, it was pinned down by machine-gun fire. No further advances were made until the 13th.

Companies A and B of 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, struck out side by side across the flat plain toward Pier, behind a rolling wall of fire from the 386th Field Artillery. According to most written records, the advance went reasonably well until they reached the outskirts of Pier. In the memories of the people who were there, however, the story is very, very different.

It is difficult to write a coherent history of the battle for Pier. Much of what happened is obscure. Men became

separated from their units and from each other. Some were wounded or killed from enemy fire or mines on the approach. Others took cover in ditches alongside the road or in any available hole. Some reached the outskirts of town. Others went deeper. Communication lines were impaired. The Germans were defending with everything they had—machine guns, mortars, artillery, 88s, sniper fire, tanks.

Malcolm Ivey, 414 A, remembers starting across the open field toward Pier “just as day was breaking.... We had to stop and wait for our artillery to lift, and at one time, we were under both German and American artillery fire. The Germans lifted their fire, but as soon as all German troops were cleared of the field, they opened up on us in earnest. By that time, it was completely daylight.”

Ed Ritzer, 414 B, was crawling in a ditch alongside the road. “[Tanks from 750th Tank Battalion] came along side of us and drew enemy fire. Several tanks were knocked out. Some tankers escaped out hatches. Instead of hitting the ditches, they ran back down the road; and many were killed or wounded.”

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Phil Wilens, 414 B, was stuck in a shell crater in the field. He doesn't remember how he came to have a radio, but he became a link between 1st Battalion command post and the town. He writes, "I soon became aware of what was going on in the town, because an A Company lieutenant in the town was attempting to call Battalion and Lt. Col. Clark was attempting to make contact with anyone in the town, but neither of their radios was able to receive the other. My radio was able to make contact with both of them.... I found myself relaying messages and reports and orders through the day."

John Miller, 414 B, made it into houses on the edge of town. He remembers German self-propelled guns going up and down the streets, knocking down houses. Some men with him had just gone into a basement when a German self-propelled gun fired on the building, flattening the building and trapping them inside.

Roy Clever, 414 B, writes, "A German self-propelled gun rolled up to the house we were in and fired point-blank into it. [The] ground shook, dust made it impossible to see or breathe. Any way out was blocked. No air and no light. We remained in that basement all night and into the next day. Many of the men I knew...were killed or wounded during those days."

Following is a sampling of 10 and 11 December reports from 414th Regiment and its commander, Col. Touart, to 104th headquarters and General Allen.

Mid-afternoon: "Have foothold in Pier, very weak tho. Have lost three tanks from 88 fire.... Bringing up C

Company from the left to try and reinforce present force.... Have heard that more enemy infantry is moving into town. Pretty rough—too much firepower at present against us."

Late afternoon: "Hand-to-hand fighting in the town. Elements of A, B, and C in there but don't know the strength of any of them."

Evening/night: "Have parts of two companies buried in building. Think they are okay (in cellar) but can't get out."

"Building one of our companies is in is on fire. Have communication with them and no bad effects yet. Eighty-five casualties at last count in both battalions."

Morning 11 Dec: "One company up there in burning building in pretty bad shape; sending another company to help them."

Shortly before noon, 12 December, when Colonel Touart reported to Division "that Pier is in our hands and he is concentrating on Schophoven," Companies A, B, and C from 1st Battalion and E and G from 2nd Battalion were holding Pier.

My father, Lt. Col. Bob Clark, commanded 1st Battalion 414th. The evening of 11 December he wrote my mother, "Yesterday and today have been about the worse two days I've ever spent in my life."

He worried about Pier for *the rest of his life*.

In the next issue: Schophoven and Merken...

—Kathy Clark, Historian
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Chaplain's Corner



Editor's note: the following excerpts are reprinted from the "Chaplain's Corner" in the January 2010 *HOWL*, which detailed the reunion to Portland, Oregon, in 2009. TW Art Sorenson is mentioned as one of the reunion organizers, and sadly, he's among those listed in this edition's "Last Bugle Call." Art passed away on November 21, 2018, at his home in Lake Oswego, Oregon (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/arthur-sorenson-obituary?pid=190832886>).

Personal greetings to one and all, and God's peace. Your chaplain is grateful to all 365 of you who put up with the discomforts and frustrations of travel to come to our reunion in Portland; that traveling business doesn't get any easier as we grow older: lines at airports, cramped seats on planes, hauling baggage around, changed schedules, and all of that. So, thanks again for coming. Thanks also to Art and Betty Sorenson, along with Jim and Carolyn Fenner, for planning and preparing our meeting and [for] hosting it too....

We've recently passed by our winter holy days and holidays—Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's—and I hope they were enjoyable to you, and that they also brought some

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NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2019 REUNION—ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please note how many people will be participating in each event, and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of a check or money order. Your canceled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2019 (a 3.5% charge will be added to the total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **August 1, 2019**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing it.** Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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Friday (9/6): MYSTIC SEAPORT 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	\$70	X	=
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Saturday (9/7): Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.) 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM			
Grilled New York Sirloin Steak	\$45	X	=
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**NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION
9th ANNUAL / JOINT REUNION with the
106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

**CROWNE PLAZA PROVIDENCE-WARWICK
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND
SEPTEMBER 4–8, 2019**

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Wednesday, September 4

Reunion Registration open	2:00 PM–6:00 PM
NTPA Board Meeting (tentative)	4:00 PM–5:00 PM
106th IDA Outgoing Board Meeting	5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Meet & Greet with 106th	6:00 PM–7:30 PM
Foxhole (Hospitality Room) open	7:30 PM–9:30 PM

NOTE: Souvenir sales hours will be posted in the Foxhole.

Thursday, September 5

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	6:30 AM–10:30 AM
BOSTON CITY TOUR / FREEDOM TRAIL	8:30 AM–4:30 PM
Foxhole (Hospitality Room) open	5:00 PM–9:30 PM

Friday, September 6

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	6:30 AM–10:30 AM
MYSTIC SEAPORT	10:00 AM–4:00 PM
NTPA Business & General Meeting	4:30 PM–6:00 PM
Foxhole (Hospitality Room) open	4:00 PM–9:30 PM
Beer Bust (w/ 106th)	7:00 PM–12:00 AM

Saturday, September 7

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	6:30 AM–10:30 AM
106th IDA Memorial Service	9:00 AM–10:00 AM
NTPA Memorial Service	9:30 AM–11:00 AM
106th IDA New Board Meeting	3:30 PM–5:00 PM
Cash-Bar Reception	6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Banquet Dinner & Dance (w/ 106th)	7:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sunday, September 8

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	6:30 AM–10:30 AM
Farewells and Departures	

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

BOSTON CITY TOUR / FREEDOM TRAIL

Thursday, September 5:

Explore the history of America's oldest ship—the *USS Constitution*—through participatory exhibits, computer simulations, and art and preservation galleries. As time permits, tour “Old Ironsides” herself, and visit the museum store for mementos. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own at Quincy Market, also called Faneuil Hall Market-place. There are more than 100 stores, pushcarts, and restaurants, and plenty of entertainment. Continue on a guided driving tour of Boston, seeing some of the most famous sites along the Freedom Trail, including Boston

Common (the forty-eight-acre park where the British mustered for Lexington and Concord); the site of the Boston Massacre; the Old North Church, where Paul Revere’s two lanterns were hung (“One if by land, two if by sea”); and other points of interest.

- **8:30 AM—Board bus at hotel**
- **4:30 PM—Back to hotel**
- **\$60/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission)**
- **Lunch is on your own.**

MYSTIC SEAPORT

Friday, September 6:

Discover the fascinating world of nineteenth-century seafaring America. This re-created village is complete with educators and role players to teach you about the coastal community. Stroll through gardens, wander in buildings, and climb aboard tall ships. Just make sure you save time for shopping and lunch on your own, as there are numerous restaurants and shops in the village.

- **10:00 AM—Board bus at hotel**
- **4:00 PM—Back to hotel**
- **\$70/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission)**
- **Lunch is on your own.**

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. *Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.*
2. *Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.*

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Group Name: National Timberwolf Pups Association & 106th Infantry Division Association

Reunion Dates: September 4–8, 2019

Rate: \$119 + tax (*currently 13%*). Rate includes daily hot breakfast and will extend 3 days prior to and following the reunion dates, based solely on hotel availability.

Cut-off Date: 08/01/19 (*Reservations made after this date will be processed based on availability and at a higher rate.*)

Cancellation Policy: Reservations must be canceled 48 hours prior to your arrival date to avoid a charge of one night's stay plus tax.

PARKING & SHUTTLE INFORMATION

The Crowne Plaza offers complimentary parking for reunion attendees and their guests. The hotel also offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from T. F. Green Airport, which is located 2.32 miles away. Parking is available for up to 25 RVs, with a nightly charge of \$50 plus 13% tax if the RV is occupied overnight. Hook-ups are not provided.

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ScoutAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and by the week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com for more details and to make reservations.

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spiritual inspiration, and comfort and joy too. And renewed hope for the future.

There was a Broadway show some years back called *Stop the World—I Want to Get Off*. I never saw the show, but I

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think we can have that feeling sometimes; there’s too much going on in the world, and too fast....

“If God is good, why does He permit these things?” we say.... Personally, I have no ready answer to that question. I know that in the Hebrew scriptures, the long-suffering Job said, “Even though He kills me, I will trust in Him,”...so, like Job, I’m a believer.... As Scripture says somewhere, I could “take [those suffering in the world] to my heart.” And the heart knows ways [to help] that the mind doesn’t....

Back home, we’re confronted with political and economic issues and controversies about healthcare, unemployment, financial institutions, and ongoing wars in various

places. And at [the time of] this writing, sports fans are looking forward to the Super Bowl, some of them hoping that Peyton Manning will continue to show his stuff, and others hoping that the Saints will go marching in. We’ll see. Up here in New England, we’ve been getting genuine winter weather, but we’re used to that. I hope your weather has been manageable....

Sometimes, I get that “over the hill” feeling, I lose relatives and friends, I feel the personal “energy crunch.” I realize that it may be time to “let go” of some things and activities; I may do a lot of walking down memory lane—both good and bad. So, I try to remember the good things and the good people who have been in my life, and be grateful. “Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness,” Saint Paul says. “Focus on that.” I’m trying....

[In the NTA,] we’ve all made friends over the years, we’ve shared memories, and we’ve grown old. We can thank God for all that; and as Glen [Lytle] has sometimes reminded us, we’ve done a lot better at sticking together than many other outfits....

Love and prayers, and talk to you later,
Father McCarty

Note: This excerpt is reprinted from the January 1995 *HOWL* (Vol. 51, No. 1; page 3). It is the second of two speeches delivered by the mayor of Standdaarbuiten, Holland, during the Timberwolves' 50th anniversary return to Europe in October 1994.

Standdaarbuiten Mayor Addresses Timberwolves

Talk given by Mayor Charlotte Ubaghs on Saturday afternoon, October 15, 1994, in the town of Noordhoek.

Dear guests, veterans of the Timberwolf Division, citizens of Noordhoek en Standdaarbuiten, ladies, and gentlemen.

It's a pleasure to welcome you all at this reunion in Noordhoek. You will remember that our municipality is made up of the villages Standdaarbuiten, where you were this morning, and Noordhoek, where you are now. The battle for Standdaarbuiten, with the crossing of the Mark River, was fierce and costly, but the battle for Noordhoek was equally ferocious. It was here that the Germans kept their tank squadron and fought to the bitter end.

The open area in front of this school, where we are gathered now, was once the site of a large and prosperous farm, [which] was totally destroyed fifty years ago. It was also here that the people of Noordhoek assembled after the battle to be evacuated to Oudenbosch, after the destruction of their village. It was right here [that] they climbed into the US army trucks.

Most houses of Noordhoek are built on the shoulders of the dikes, and they offered the Germans good cover. On the rear of the dikes, the enemy was well protected. The dike to the right is the *buitendijk* (outer dike), where fighting continued to the end. Halfway [along] this dike, the Germans had their main defense line in strongly built underground positions—up to 100 meters long and established. The Timberwolves had to work their way up to the dike, through the wide-open polder, against the Germans, who were well protected behind the dike. They fought to the last before withdrawing toward Klundert and Moerdijk.

After five days, the people of Noordhoek emerged from their cellars and hiding places, thankful that it was over. They were, however, not in a festive mood when they saw the destruction of their village and their properties. [But] it was now a different world. They were standing face to face [with] a different kind of soldier: soldiers who had liberated [them] from the Germans; soldiers who were not enemies; soldiers who were giving away chocolate and cigarettes; soldiers who were [their] friends.

That is now, almost exactly fifty years ago. Since then, almost two generations have passed. Few traces of the war are left. Houses have been rebuilt, [and] Noordhoek has prospered. But those days in early November 1944 still live in the memory of Noordhoek; and the people of Noordhoek will *never* forget their valiant liberators, the 104th Infantry Division—the Timberwolves. They will never forget *you*.

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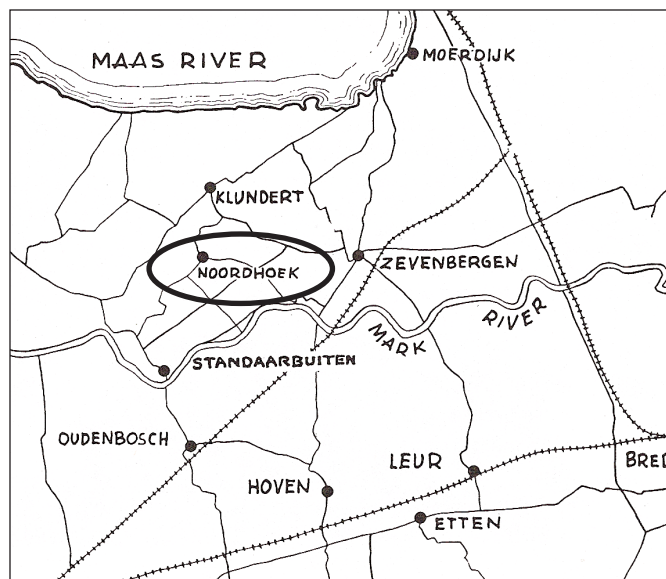
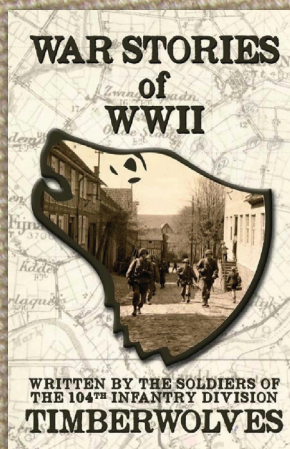
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Preliminary Tour Itinerary: Oct. 21–Nov. 1, 2019

Note: this itinerary is based on the division history, *Timberwolf Tracks* [see the ad on page 4]).

DAY 1: Monday, Oct. 21—IN AIR

Book your own flights from the USA to Brussels (BRU) airport in Belgium. (Or you can arrive earlier to have more time independently in Belgium.)

DAY 2: Tuesday, Oct. 22—ARR. BRUSSELS

Rest and recover from your flight at our excellent four-star hotel. (HOTEL: Novotel Brussels Airport, Belgium)

DAY 3: Wednesday, Oct. 23—BRUSSELS & BREDA

Today is the 75th anniversary of the Timberwolves' momentous "Baptism of Fire" in Breda. Our Dutch friends take us through the battlefields from the Belgian–Dutch border up to the Breda–Roosendaal highway. Grand Welcome Dinner with all our dear Dutch friends as our guests. (HOTEL: Golden Tulip Keyser Breda, Netherlands)

DAY 4: Thursday, Oct. 24—BREDA

Our Dutch friends show us the Timberwolves' "Battle of the Dykes" battlefields, where they finally captured the land between the Mark River and the Maas. Enjoy some free time for shopping and sightseeing in the attractive, pedestrianized center of historic Breda. (HOTEL: Golden Tulip Keyser Breda, Netherlands)

DAY 5: Friday, Oct. 25—BREDA & COLOGNE

A fascinating drive right across typical central Holland, briefly through Belgium to Germany. On our way, we solemnly honor in our own private wreath laying ceremony the Timberwolves in Henri-Chapelle American military cemetery. Then we continue to the historic, originally Roman military city of Cologne. (HOTEL: Cologne Marriott, Germany)

DAY 6: Saturday, Oct. 26—COLOGNE & AACHEN

An action-packed day as we track the Timberwolves' ferocious battles between Aachen and Cologne. This is where Peter and Marieke Wollschläger live, between Frenz and Inden, in their old Frenze Muehle mill, with Timberwolf names carved on a windowsill and war damage still evident. Our friend Albert Trostorf, the mayor of Merode and a local battlefield expert, is our guide again. (HOTEL: Cologne Marriott, Germany)

DAY 7: Sunday, Oct. 27—COLOGNE, PADERBORN & DUDERSTADT

See where the Timberwolves crossed the River Rhine (near the famous Remagen Bridge ruins), then joined other Allied forces to successfully capture Germany's

most important industrial area, the Ruhr Pocket. After Paderborn, we go to the picture-postcard-pretty Duderstadt (near the old Cold War Iron Curtain), a favorite stopover of the Timberwolf Vets in earlier times. (HOTEL: Hotel zum Löwen, Duderstadt, Germany)

DAY 8: Monday, Oct. 28—DUDERSTADT & HALLE

A day of momentous and terrible history. First, we cross the former Communist Iron Curtain, then we visit the Nazi Mittelbau-Dora prison camp, discovered first by the Timberwolves on April 10, 1945. From there, we continue to historic Halle, Handel's birthplace. Dinner with our friends Matthias and the Count von Luckner Society. (HOTEL: Dorint Charlottenhof Halle an der Saale, Germany)

DAY 9: Tuesday, Oct. 29—HALLE

Today, we sightsee in and around Halle as we track the Timberwolves' final combat movements from Halle to their official meeting with our then Soviet Allies on the River Elbe. Matthias and the Count von Luckner Society will arrange our program, most likely including a grand festive dinner with the prestigious Halloren Salt Guild, founded in 1524. (HOTEL: Dorint Charlottenhof Halle an der Saale, Germany)

DAY 10: Wednesday, Oct. 30—HALLE & BERLIN

We finally depart Halle and the Timberwolves' WWII battlefields to go to Berlin. It is a journey full of historical interest, including Frederick the Great's elegant, military city of Potsdam and the upscale Berlin suburbs by the Wannsee Lake, with the House of the Wannsee Conference in which the Holocaust was planned. (HOTEL: Excelsior Hotel Berlin Charlottenburg, Germany)

DAY 11: Thursday, Oct. 31—BERLIN

Today, we have a full sightseeing tour around one of Europe's most brilliant cities, including the famous Reichstag Parliament building, with its spectacular glass dome. There's some afternoon leisure time and then our grand Farewell Dinner. (HOTEL: Excelsior Hotel Berlin Charlottenburg, Germany)

DAY 12: Friday, Nov. 1—DEP. BERLIN

Time to go home, but "Nothing in Hell can stop the Timberwolves"; and we are sure you will all be back again sometime.

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TOUR PRICE: \$3,450 per person sharing a twin room (supplement for single occupancy) for a group size of 20+. For a group size of less than 20, the tour price will be higher per person. Ten is the minimum group size. (Stay tuned to our website for more details and/or contact Mary Jamieson, NTPA Tour Coordinator: mejameson@aol.com.)

Note: Esther presented this story during ceremonies at the 2018 Dayton Reunion. We asked her to write it down so that she could share it with the entire Timberwolf family.

The Sunset March: Remembering Those Who Fought for Our Freedom

The Waal Crossing is the name of the operation involving the crossing of the Waal River by troops of the US 82nd Airborne Division on 20 September 1944 near Nijmegen, in the Netherlands. The main objective of the crossing was to capture the road bridge as well as the rail bridge north of the city of Nijmegen, as part of Operation Market Garden.

At 15:00 on 20 September 1944, parachutists of 3rd Battalion, 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) of the US 82nd Airborne Division crossed the river in boats made of canvas, led by Major Julian Cooke. The 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment—all units of the US 82nd Airborne Division—as well as the tanks of the Irish Guards of the British Guards Armored Division, supported 504 PIR as it made the crossing. During the first crossing, more than half of the 260 troops involved were either wounded or killed. A total of 48 Allied soldiers lost their lives, but eventually, the bridges were captured and the objective achieved. By midnight, both bridges had been taken and British XXX Corps was able to cross the river and to establish a bridgehead.

The Sunset March is a daily tribute to the Allied soldiers who fought for the liberation of the Netherlands, especially to those soldiers who lost their lives. In 2013, the city of Nijmegen completed the construction of a new city bridge called *Oversteek* (The Crossing). It was constructed close to the area where members of the US 82nd Airborne Division crossed the Waal River as part of Operation Market

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Garden. The recently completed bridge has been installed with forty-eight pairs of exceptional streetlights in honor of those who died during the crossing. At sunset, these sets of streetlights are lit up pair by pair at a slow marching pace. The total duration of illumination of all these streetlights is almost twelve minutes.

Each and every night, a military Veteran walks the Sunset March at sunset. Since the bridge opened in October 2014, over 1500 marches have taken place. Everybody who wants to participate can join the march. As the lights are turned on, they walk along at a pace with the lights being lit. To finish the Sunset March, they walk silently down the stairs of the pedestrian bridge to a monument on the bank of the Waal for a final ritual: a Veterans' salute in front of the monumental slab, the names of those Allies who were killed during the Waal Crossing engraved on its front.

—Esther Eenhuizen



**NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1, 2018–December 31, 2018**

BANK BALANCE on JANUARY 1, 2018	
Checking account	\$ 5,905
Savings account	\$12,867
TOTAL	\$18,772

DEPOSITS	
Dues	\$ 3,836
Book sales	\$ 1,512
Reunion income (sales/raffle)	\$ 2,890
Donations	\$ 225
Interest	\$ 11
TOTAL	\$ 8,474

EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS	
Printing (TW Tracks, War Stories)	\$ 4,886
HOWL production & mailing	\$ 3,921
NTA web fees	\$ 338
General postage/shipping	\$ 228
General operating expenses	\$ 1,130
Veteran support (West Point, etc.)	\$ 1,326
TOTAL	\$11,829

BANK BALANCE on DECEMBER 31, 2018	
Checking account	\$ 6,228
Savings account	\$ 9,189
TOTAL	\$15,417

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Though our bylaws state that membership begins in January of each year, we will accept dues at any time. (You may find it easier to pay your dues for the next year at the annual reunion, for example.) Please fill out the form below, and mail it with your check (payable to the **National Timberwolf Pups Association**) to this address: **NTPA • 1749 9th Avenue • San Francisco, CA 94122 (Attn: JeNeal)**. **PayPal access** is also available on the **NTPA website**: <http://www.timberwolf104inf.org/membership--contact-us.html>

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- This is a _____ membership renewal _____ new membership
- I wish to receive the *HOWL* as part of my membership. _____

If you have any queries about membership, please contact our treasurer via email, phone, or post: JeNeal Granieri, jenealann@att.net, 415-412-3279 or 415-661-6753 (see mailing address listed above).



*At the going down
of the sun
and in the morning...*

We will remember them.

Compiled by Sandra Eberhard (webpup@bellsouth.net)

Edward F. Acton 415 Cannon	George A. Jackson 415 F	Vincent L. Quattrochi 415 C	Harold Scroggy Unit unknown
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Paul Franklin 415 HQ 1st Bn	Ralph Mann 415 G	Robert Richmond 413 B	WIFE OR WIDOW
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Robert Hatlen 414 M	Richard Keith Miner 414 I	Albert Rivoire 104 MP	Jean Ford 414 AT (Walter)
Jim Henderson 413 D	Merlin Morasch 329 Med C	Joseph Romportl 929th FA HQ	

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 (21) [L-R] Pups (& brothers) Mike & Jerry Lacy with Friend Harvy Snider; (22) Pup Patrick Casserly & NTPA Treasurer, JeNeal Granieri; (23) author Larry Lewis, who presented his book, *Sadie's Boys*, at the General Meeting; (24) TW Steve Jeziorski & family; (25) [L-R] Pups James & Mary Davis with TW Keith Zimmerman & Pup Nancy (Zimmerman) Weber; (26) Pups MSG (Ret.) Gary Nienhuis & MSG (Ret.) Grace Hsu at the Memorial Service; (27) [L-R] overseas Friend Esther Eenhuizen, longtime TWs Friend Millie Didlake, mystery Friend (no name tag!) & Pup Sandra Park O'Neal; (28) Pups Jerry & Joanie Lacy; (29) TW Joe Koepfinger & his wife, Madeline; (30) Pup Jim Capone & his wife; (31) a happy Beer Bust raffle winner; (32) Pup Jan Wilcox & her lil' Pup; (33) *USS Missouri* Friends in dress uniform for the Banquet; (34) Pups John & Marva Warmington; (35) [L-R] Pups (& sisters) Priscilla McNamara & Dorothy Meyer; (36) Frances Francis extinguishing the 413th candle at the Memorial Service; (37) three Wives of the 413th—[L-R] Marilyn Lytle, Frances Francis & Renee Buchanan; (38) [L-R] TW Vets Keith Zimmerman, Joe Koepfinger, Bob Huber, Bryce Thornton & Steve Jeziorski; (39) Earl Richards, our adopted WWII Vet/Friend from New Mexico; (40) Pups Kathy Clark & Melissa Morasch [*Photos courtesy of NTPA Photographer Art Luque & available for purchase (see the ad on page 12)*]

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Assembling attendees for a reunion photo can be a military mission in itself! (Unless you're a cardboard cutout like that of TW Vet Joe Capone [415 E], towering above the back row in Dayton, Ohio, last year—he was already at attention and ready to move out at a moment's notice [thanks to his son, Pup Jim Capone].☺)

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