



MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

REMEMBERING NTPA PUP, AUTHOR & HISTORIAN KATHY CLARK (1941–2024)

It is not easy to find the words to express the loss of Kathy Clark. Within our unique organization, we have so many truly gifted scholars, artists, and other professionals across a spectrum of fields in our ranks, yet Kathy was truly our brightest star.

Our world is dimmer now without her always exquisite brilliance. We are comforted by knowing that the legacy of her published work, so lovingly crafted by Kathy to honor our noble Veterans, lives on; its illumination can never be extinguished.

Deus Celeritas... —Andrew Lane, NTPA President

In January of this year, NTPA board members received word of Kathy Clark's passing after a prolonged illness. We are all still processing this news as we think back on the many contributions she made to not only this organization but to the original National Timberwolf Association, and to the 104th legacy itself. Even in her final moments, Kathy was immersed in the history and stories of our Vets. As Mary Jamieson noted, "Kathy was more of a Veteran than a Pup... I just cannot imagine the group without her." Here are some additional thoughts from the board:

- "I'm so sad and sorry to hear this news. Yes, Kathy was a giant Pup, and the Timberwolves are welcoming her with loving arms."

—Marilyn Shinavar

- "Kathy was one of the nicest people Pat and I have ever met, and she sure knew the Timberwolf history. She was the best! Wish we had known her as long as most of you have."

—Jack and Pat Vallely



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- “I am very sorry to learn of Kathy’s passing. She was a great listener and a dedicated historian. Over the decades, we all learned so much from her Timberwolf history and stories. What a wonderful legacy she leaves us.”

—Betsy Murphy

- “I’m also very sorry to hear of Kathy’s passing. As others have said, she was dedicated to the Timberwolves. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.”

—JoAnne Rajek

- “We are all most fortunate to be in the presence of an individual such as Kathy. Her passion and dedication to preserving and educating others on a critical part of history is commendable and one that only a few dedicate their lives to. May her memory be a blessing to her family and friends.”

—Joy Luque

- “Having the unhappy task of reporting Kathy’s passing to the board was a very difficult one. I want to second what everyone has said about this wonderful woman who was a good friend, a dedicated Pup, and an inspiration to us all.”

—JeNeal Granieri

- “As the *HOWL* editor, it has been a pleasure to work with Kathy these past 10+ years to deliver a *living* history to those who remember and honor it. Her words and knowledge set a standard for the newsletter and our mission alike—to take from the witnesses themselves and present their stories in such a way that these memories were experienced and preserved, all at once.

“May you have an infinite supply of pages and hours with our passed-on Veterans (especially, your father), Kathy, and *thank you* for all you’ve taught me in my own craft.”

—Jen Weaver-Neist

WAR STORIES OF WWII

Written by the Soldiers of the
104th Infantry Division

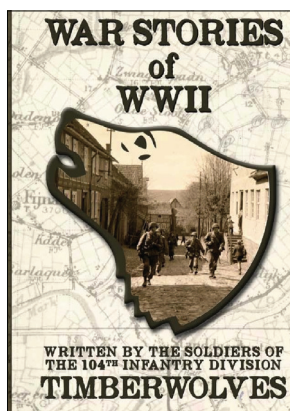
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If you have any remembrances to share, we are certain that Kathy’s family would love to hear them. Her sister Jan Grimes can be contacted at jjangrimes@comcast.net or via post: 498 Phillips Drive, Penngrove, CA 94951. Memorials can be sent to the NTPA (see JeNeal’s contact information on page 3) and to By the Bay Health, 17 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Larkspur, CA 94939. Kathy’s obituary is accessible online at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/pressdemocrat/name/katherine-clark-obituary?id=54386527>.

A memorial party was held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Temelec Hall, 220 Temelec Circle, Sonoma, California.

To order copies of Kathy’s book *War Stories*, please refer to the ad on the left. Stay tuned for more info on how to order her book *Nothing In Hell Can Stop the Timberwolves*.



HELLO TO EVERYBODY!

As we look forward to celebrating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II next year, I feel very grateful for the close bonds that have developed through the years as we've gathered to honor loved ones who served in the 104th Division, the Timberwolves—loved ones who fought in that war and who were part of what came to be known as the Greatest Generation.

It has been my pleasure and honor to be a part of the NTBA board as we have planned reunions every year (minus COVID years) since 2010, when we took the “sock on the jaw” and reins from the original NTA. All of us on the board feel that way. We are very proud that we have been able to carry on this legacy for so long.

Unfortunately yet expectedly, our organization has gotten smaller through the years, and the board has worked to modify our reunions to accommodate these changes over time. As long as we have Veterans to honor and the ability to host reunions, we have committed to doing so. We were so thrilled to have TW Bryce Thornton in attendance last September in Washington, DC, especially as we celebrated the opening of the National Museum of the United States Army in Virginia with a plaque honoring the 104th. That was a special treat for those in attendance! And we know he was happy to be with us to remember all of the men with whom he served.

At the annual board meeting in DC, our members came to the difficult conclusion that we will most likely not have annual reunions set up the same way as before, all things considered. As we make plans for the 80th anniversary reunion in 2025, some of you will be participating in the

once-in-a-lifetime battlefield tour in the Netherlands in October 2024—something that NTPA Tour Coordinator Mary Jamieson has been working hard to finalize (see page 7 for an update). This tour will take the place of the annual state-side reunion, and we already have enough interest to generate a good-sized group for that.

We hope to have our 2025 reunion in Oregon, with a focus on the Adair Living History Historical Interpretive Site (the former site of Camp Adair), which is currently under development. The Oregon Timberwolves and board of Adair Living History, Inc. (<https://adairhistory.org/about-us/>) are thrilled to have the opportunity to assist the NTPA with this task! Though the time of year, activities, and accommodations may be different from our usual event, we *will* have the familiar opportunity to gather together as a Timberwolf family to commemorate our beloved 104th Vets. It is something to look forward to!

Until you hear otherwise, we plan to continue our efforts with this organization and our support of the museum at Fort Douglas, Camp Adair, and elsewhere. We also encourage our Veterans and other members to continue to send pictures and updates for inclusion in the *HOWL*, as they foster our continued connection.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the September tour.

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, NTPA Treasurer &
Reunion Site Committee Chair
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OUR TRACKS GOING FORWARD

We're on the hunt for ideas as we plan for the future and look for ways to perpetuate our mission to honor the WWII Timberwolf legacy. Perhaps someone would like to assist in organizing gatherings? Do you have any suggestions or connections to share that could help with our ongoing goals? If so, please contact NTPA President Andrew Lane (andrewben.lane@gmail.com / 973.896.3521) or NTPA Treasurer JeNeal Granieri (jenealann@gmail.com / 415.412.3279).

Thank you!

NTPA MEMBERSHIP & DUES

We always welcome new members to the pack and wish to stay connected with existing members. If you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet, now's the time! Our fees remain the same—**\$20.50/year (\$10.50 for Veterans/Wives)**—and **you can pay via check** (made payable to “National Timberwolf Pups Association” and sent to NTPA • 1749 9th Avenue • San Francisco, CA 94122 [Attn: JeNeal]) **or online with PayPal** (<https://www.timberwolf104inf.org/membership-and-links.html>). Many thanks for your support. *Timberwolf up!*

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

So many of our Timberwolf fathers would not talk about the war, yet they carried it with them their whole lives. We, their families, are still searching for answers and trying to understand their experiences. I hope *Little Avalanches* will answer some of these questions and help to heal your hearts.

—Becky Ellis (BeckyEllis.net)

ABOUT THE BOOK

Little Avalanches is a gorgeously written memoir that begins where other war stories end—when the soldier returns home to raise a family.

As a young girl, Becky is forced to hide from phantom Nazis, subjected to dental procedures without pain medication, and torn from her mother again and again. Growing up in the shadow of her father's PTSD, she wants to know what is wrong but knows not to ask.

Her father, Sgt. Louis Boswell, won't talk about being a Timberwolf. He returns home with thirteen medals and becomes a doctor and well-respected member of the community but is haunted by the past. Seeing only his explosive and often dangerous personality, Becky distances herself from the man she wants to love.

Yet on the eve of her father's ninetieth birthday, Becky asks about the war. And he breaks seventy years of silence, offering an unfiltered account of war without glory. She finally sees how hard she and her father tried. How well they loved and hurt and ultimately saved each other. And compassion springs out of pain.



Because his story is incomplete without hers, and hers is inconceivable without his, Ellis offers both, as well as their year-long, aching conversation marked by moments of redeeming grace. *Little Avalanches* reminds us that we are profoundly shaped by the secrets we keep and forever changed by the stories we share.

Little Avalanches releases on March 12, 2024 and is available for purchase in bookstores or online at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. For more information, please visit BeckyEllis.net.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Becky Ellis is a Timberwolf Pup. She earned a BA in English Literature at UC Berkeley and has over twenty years of experience in the publishing industry. She teaches writing in Portland, Oregon, where she lives, plays, and has raised three daughters.

EARLY PRAISE

"The stories of the women and children who lived with these men (WWII Veterans) and suffered from their struggles are strikingly absent. *Little Avalanches* offers compelling insight into the childhood of an American girl whose father fought in World War II... We are offered a roadmap for the journey from victim to hero, from pain to compassion, and from isolation to connection."

—Karestan C. Koenen, Director of the Biology of Trauma Initiative at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

"We children of World War II combat veterans are all sisters and brothers of the same father... Becky Ellis has produced a masterpiece. There's no other book out there like this—a daughter-father story of pain, and then in the end, redemption."

—Dale Maharidge, nonfiction Pulitzer Prize winner, author of *Bringing Mulligan Home*, and host of the podcast *The Dead Drink First*

TIMBERWOLF RETURNS TO OPERATION PHEASANT

Note: This is a letter written on behalf of TW Frank Fabianski (104th Signal Company) by his daughter, Paulette F. Stith, as a follow-up to the last overseas update.

In your Summer/Fall 2023 edition of the *HOWL*, there was an article about the 2nd Armored in Europe providing commemorative events of WWII; that October (2023), they would be holding an event called “Operation Pheasant,” following the footsteps of the 104th Infantry liberating Belgium and the Netherlands. My father, who was 101 at the time, asked me to look into this event, having been a member of the 104th. He was very interested in finding out the details.

I sent an email to Esther Eenhuizen, who was the contact person. She responded quickly, and the details started to pour in. As I was getting this information, I did not think that my dad would participate in this trip, considering his age. But as more information became available, he embraced the idea and decided he was going to go.

A trip of a lifetime was arranged. The travel to many of the cities where he was during the war brought back a flood of memories of the time there, the friendliness of the local people, and the friends he lost at that time. He had the opportunity to meet the US ambassadors to both Belgium and the Netherlands. He was greeted by the Lord Mayors of all the towns he visited. He saw re-enactments of battles that drew thousands of grateful residents to watch and experience with their children and grandchildren. As the only member of the 104th that was able to attend, he was often given a standing ovation by the residents of these towns.

He was able to visit Margraten Cemetery, where thousands of Americans who died in this war effort are buried. This included visiting the grave of one of his friends who

died in a bombing where ten of his signal company died, and he was one of two who survived. It was an emotional but very heartwarming experience.

I want to thank the 2nd Armored of Europe and thank the NTPA for presenting the opportunity through your newsletter. My father, as well as myself, will never forget the days we were there and the gratitude of the people we met, who still remember and thank profusely the 104th for their liberation.

—Paulette F. Stith, TW Pup



A MEMORIAL SERVICE PRESENTATION BY KATHY CLARK, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT R. CLARK II, 414TH HQ, 1ST BN.

The Interim Pups Committee asked me if I wanted to talk about the *War Stories* book. But I have something else I want to talk to the Timberwolves about—something that's been eating at me since I started work on that book. I am absolutely in awe of what you went through, what you accomplished, how you stood it all. And it made me think way back to something from my college days.

In 1961–62, I was a junior in college, about twenty years old, and having a ball—college was fun. Most of you wouldn't know about that; you went to war instead.

That year, I was studying sociology and hanging around with a group of sociology graduate students. We were all reading and talking about books like *The Organization Man* and *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*, popular books of the day that complained about what was wrong with the new breed of working men. They were talking about you!

These men, so the books said, had lost the ability to think for themselves, to act independently. They wanted only to conform. They followed the crowd. They had become like sheep!

We read those books. And we bought that story. We bought it hook, line, and sinker. We would not be sheep like our fathers; we would be individuals. We would do our own thing. That was the way to be, we thought.

But you know what? We were wrong! We were so wrong! Those men who came back from World War II and were building our great nation... Those men were not sheep. Those men were wolves—Timberwolves!

You, and other Veterans like you, had learned lessons on the battlefield that we, your children, cannot even begin to comprehend. You faced death day after day. You watched your buddies die. Many of you were wounded, some severely. At times, you thought there was not a chance in hell you would live to see your next birthday. But through it all, you did your job. You did your job because not doing it would have let your buddies down.

You didn't judge your comrades on race or nationality or religion or political party. You judged them only on how they did their job, because how they did their job might make the difference in whether you lived or died.

The war ended. You were still alive. You asked yourselves, *Why me?* And you promised that, because you had been allowed to live, you would make your life worthwhile—so



Pictured with TW Simon Kaplan, a 414th member, like her father

that those men who died on the field of battle would not have died in vain. And you vowed never to forget them.

When you came home, you had your priorities straight. You went to school, you got jobs, you married and started families. And you didn't think about the war so much anymore; you were too busy living your lives. But always...deep down in your souls...the lessons of the battlefield stayed with you.

ATTENTION WWII VETERANS OF THE 104TH!

We would like the opportunity to honor you as a surviving member of this much-beloved and decorated Division. Would you please send us your picture and information (name, unit, age) so that we can feature you the way we did the TWs on page 8? If possible, pictures should be high-resolution PDFs (300 dpi at 100 percent), though we can work with a variety of formats.

For more information or to make your submission, please get in touch with *HOWL* Editor Jen Weaver (jen@damerocketpress.com / 503.313.7899) or NTPA board member Jack Vallely (jackvallely@yahoo.com / 508.788.1868).

Timberwolf up!

Return to 2011—1st Annual NTPA Reunion: St. Louis, Missouri

One of the biggest lessons you learned was the power of cooperation. When you ran this country, people talked to each other. Things got done. You made America better. You made it a good place for your children. And we, your children, took it all for granted. We thought that was the way things always were.

Now you have grown old. You think about the war every day. And you wonder, *Did I do the best I could? Should I have done something different?*

I say to you, Timberwolves, rest easy. You did your job well. You kept your promises. And you never forgot your buddies.

You will be leaving us way too soon now. We will miss you, Timberwolves, like we miss those of you who have gone before. We will miss your firm guidance. We will miss your ability to cooperate with one another.

I believe I speak the feelings of every Pup and Grandpup in the new National Timberwolf Pups Association—as well as those of many Pups and Grandpups here today—when I say we will never, never forget you. And we are going to do our damndest to make sure nobody else ever forgets you either.

Thank you. God bless.

UPDATE: 80 ANNIVERSARY TOUR OF THE TIMBERWOLVES' BAPTISM OF FIRE IN THE NETHERLANDS (OCTOBER 17–26, 2024)

Due to popular demand, we're happy to report that our 2024 overseas trip to the Netherlands is already at capacity! In the event that any spots open up between now and the May 19th registration deadline, however, we have started a waiting list of interested participants, who will be notified. Please contact NTPA Tour Coordinator Mary Jamieson if you wish to add your name to this list or to that of any future overseas tours: 503.780.5176 / mejamieson@aol.com.



[L-R] TW Vets Bob Huber, John Hobson, John Tyrrell & Bill Danner
visit the Standdaarbuiten Monument on the 2013 overseas tour

The Last Bugle Call



**At the going
down of
the sun & in
the morning**

We will remember them.

Richard Gibson
413 Cannon

Philip Wilens
414 B

Milton Humphreys
413 G

WIFE OR WIDOW

Lorenzo McCullough
104 QM

Natalie Goodkind
415 F (Leo)

John Logan Thorniley, Jr.
555 AAA Bn



A NOTE ON THE ORIGINAL 104TH WEBSITE

Recent visits to the old 104 website — www.104infdiv.org — may have been met with a “404 error” message, but rest assured! The information available on the original website has been transferred to our current website: www.timberwolf104inf.org, where it can be accessed along with current goings-on and related resources. If you have any questions regarding this transfer or other online issues, please feel free to contact our trusty NTPA webmaster, Paul Murphy: paul.fr.murphy@gmail.com / 631.877.7227.

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Timberwolf Roll Call



*Frank Fabianski
Signal Co.
101 years old*



*Dick Graff
415 HQ 2 Bn.
99 years old*



*Bryce Thornton
415 Anti-tank
99 years old*

The photo of Bryce was taken at the 2023 NTPA reunion in Washington, DC, at the 104th plaque dedication at the National Museum of the US Army.