

# Touring Timberwolf History Itinerary



True to the mission as stated on our National Timberwolf Pups Association (NTPA) web site, "The National Timberwolf Association is revered by all of the sons and daughters of the soldiers of the Division. These Timberwolf "Pups" share a bond with deep roots and its membership has a vitality

that together compels continuing the tradition of honoring the soldiers of the 104th Infantry Division and celebrating their accomplishments. It will be this Association's mission to ensure that future generations have an organization that is dedicated to keeping this important history alive and to honor its fallen."

And so ... we return to the battlefields of our fathers' youth and their time in the 104th Infantry Division to walk the ground that they did some 70 years ago. This year we will start in Berlin, celebrate the 70th anniversary of meeting the Russians at the Elbe River and retrace the advance of the Timberwolves in reverse. We will end in London for a visit with our Veteran Polar Bear friends from the British 49th (West Riding) Infantry Division on their hometown.

The "Pups" are fortunate to have MilSpec Tours again organizing our tour and Patrick Hinchy, longtime Timberwolf Tour Manager, leading us back in time. *Take advantage of the Early Bird Special!, Details are on the Registration Application.*

*Mary Jamieson, 415D Pup  
NTPA Tour Coordinator*



After my many previous tours over the years for Timberwolf Veterans, it is a real pleasure and honor for me to plan and guide another tour for their Pups, who have now so proudly and actively become the guardians of the Timberwolves' military legacy. This is the way it should be. Once again you are setting an example to your fellow "Baby Boomers," heirs to the legacy of what Tom Brokaw aptly named "The Greatest Generation." With the help and advice of our European friends and fellow Timberwolf enthusiasts, I know this is going to be one of our most exciting and memorable Timberwolves tours and I am looking forward to seeing many old friends again. To book the tour, you will find the MilSpec Tours Reservation Application Form and booking terms and conditions at the end of this brochure

*Patrick Hinchy  
Tour Manager*

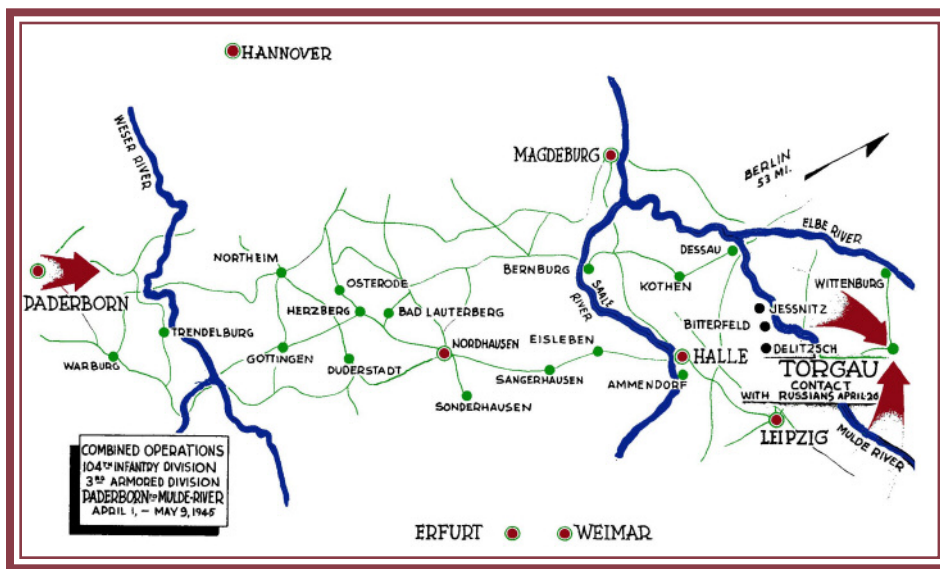
**Day 1. Friday, April 24, 2015: USA – Aloft.** Everyone makes their own flight arrangements departing today and scheduled to arrive in Europe tomorrow. (Meal Service Aloft)



**Day 2. Saturday, April 25: Berlin.** Individual morning arrivals and transfer to our hotel. Full instructions for an easy transfer from the airport to our hotel are included in your final tour instructions. Early this afternoon we have a half-day Berlin motorcoach sightseeing tour with a professional City Guide of this historic city, reborn as modern Germany's Capital with spectacular 21<sup>st</sup> Century architecture. Tonight, a Welcome Dinner and Tour Manager Orientation. (D)

**Day 3. Sunday, April 26: Berlin / Torgau / Halle.** After breakfast this morning, we board our coach and enjoy a scenic two-hour drive to Torgau, on the banks of the Elbe River; this was where U.S. and Soviet forces finally met up for the first time in late April, 1945. We participate fully in the "Elbe Day" Festival, the 70th anniversary celebrations of this historic meeting. For the Timberwolves, it was April 26, 1945, this day 70 years ago. Torgau was also the site of Stalag IV-D, POW Camp. In mid-afternoon, we continue on to Halle, captured by the Timberwolves in the culmination of a 175-mile drive over fifteen days in 1945. Halle suffered far less than other German cities in WWII thanks to negotiations between the Timberwolves' General Terry Allen and Halle's Count von Luckner. (B, D)





**Day 4. Monday, April 27: Halle.** A full day of touring Timberwolf battlefields around Halle with our great friends Matthias Maurer and the Count von Luckner Society. A festive dinner again with the Halloren Salt Guild [founded 1524] (B, D)

**Day 5. Tuesday, April 28: Halle / Paderborn.** We will be venturing into the famous Harz Mountains. We visit the site of Mittelbau-Dora V1 and V2 underground rocket factories and tour the Nordhausen concentration camp that the Timberwolves were among the first to discover and liberate. Later, continue on to Paderborn (B, D)

**Day 6. Wednesday, April 29: Paderborn / Aachen.** Enroute to Aachen, we have a sightseeing stop in Cologne, Germany's fourth largest city, that spans both sides of the Rhine River. We will have an opportunity to visit the famous Cologne Cathedral, seat of the Catholic Archbishop of Cologne. One of the most heavily bombed cities in Germany during the War, it has returned to its former glory. The Timberwolves played an important role in the capture of Cologne, forcing crossings at Duren, Birkesdorf and Huchem-Stammeln to seize high ground east of the Roer River, giving the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division an opportunity to close on Cologne. We continue to Aachen, a key objective just west of the Siegfried Line. It was in the Aachen sector that the Timberwolf Division relieved the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division on 7-8 November 1944.

**Day 7. Thursday, April 30: Aachen.** A full day in the Aachen-Duren battlefields with our good friend and expert Albert Trostorf. The Wollschlägers again welcome us to Frenzer Muehle. (B)

**Day 8. Friday, May 1: Aachen / Breda.** A busy Timberwolf day beginning with an Official Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Henri-Chapelle American Military Cemetery, less than ten miles from Aachen. In Thimis-

ter-Clermont a special stop at the Belgian M&M's farm with their fascinating private WWII museum. In Margraten we visit the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, then move on to Eindhoven and Breda. (B, D)

**Day 9. Saturday, May 2: Breda.** A full-day touring with our great friends Toine Vermunt and Esther Eenhuizen from Standdaarbuiten. We cover the Timberwolves' battlefields between the Mark River and the Maas. (B)

**Day 10. Sunday, May 3: Breda.** Peet van Oers and the Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves in Achtmaal once again

plan a special program for us in the Belgian/Dutch border battlefields area and give us a chow lunch at their Timberwolves museum. We also see the Oostvogel family. You have leisure time too for general sightseeing, i.e. in historic Breda with its attractive, pedestrianized center. (B, L)

**Day 11. Monday, May 4: Breda – Dutch Memorial Day.** Today we join our Dutch friends in Dodenherdenking (Remembrance of the Dead) commemorating and recalling Kingdom of Netherlands armed forces and civilians who have died since the beginning of World War II. (B)

**Day 12. Tuesday, May 5: Breda / London.** After hotel checkout, we coach to Brussels where we board the Eurostar Train for an exciting journey under the English Channel to London. On arrival at the St. Pancras International Station, we have a short walk to our hotel next to the station. (B)

**Day 13. Wednesday, May 6: London.** A day for independent London sightseeing. Patrick will provide advice and directions and arrange what you want. London is easily navigated by taxi or the famous Underground subway system. Historic sites include the Imperial War Museum, Churchill's War Rooms, the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London. Cultural sites abound with the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Tate Museum, the National Gallery, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace (advance ticketing required). Or take a ride on the London Eye for the best view of London. And then comes our Grand Finale. The Gala Farewell Dinner with our special British Friends, the Polar Bears of the 49th Infantry Division, and their families. (B, D)

**Day 14. Thursday, May 7: London / USA.** Independent transfers from St. Pancras station to either London Heathrow International Airport or London Gatwick International Airport for flights home to the USA.



# 2015 Timberwolf Tour



**Reunion Earlybird Special**  
**Register before Nov. 1,**  
**2014 and receive a**  
**\$150 per person discount.**

**April 24 - May 7, 2015**  
Reservation Application

**\$3,895 per person** (Price based on double occupancy - single room additional charge)

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) on the 2015 Timberwolf Pups Tour. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ representing \$400.00 per person deposit. (Please make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")

Payment Option (✓ one)

- Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed.
- Option B: I am paying a deposit only and will pay in full 90 days before departure.

Insurance Option (✓ one)

- I accept the travel insurance at an additional cost as noted below (circle amount):

Trip Cost Per Person	Age of Traveler & Cost						
	0-34	35-59	60-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$ 124	\$ 195	\$ 256	\$ 343	\$ 420	\$ 583	\$ 806
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$ 130	\$ 204	\$ 266	\$ 357	\$ 438	\$ 608	\$ 839

Please add the cost of your insurance to your \$400 deposit when submitting this registration form.

- I will obtain my own insurance.

## Tour Participants (please print names as they appear on your passports)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Your home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Any diet/health problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests/places to visit: \_\_\_\_\_

- I desire:  2-in-a-room.  Single Room at \$799 additional cost  
 Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

- Discover Card  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_

CSC Number: \_\_\_\_ 3 digits on back of card except 4 digits on front of AMEX

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

- I am applying before Nov. 1, 2014. Apply my \$150 per person Early Bird discount (tour cost: \$3,897 - \$150 = \$3,745)



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Company B, 413th Infantry Regiment

## Your Timberwolf Tour Includes. .

\*First-class and selected hotels with private bath (where available), 2-in-a-room basis. Single room additional cost. \*Breakfast daily plus table d'hôte lunches and dinners in accordance with the custom of each country and as noted in the itinerary. \*Mini-van or motorcoach transportation as required by the itinerary. \*Sightseeing as specified with English-speaking guide & appropriate admission fees. \*Porterage of one (1) suitcase per person, where available. \*Tips & taxes on all prepaid services. \*Professional Escort while on tour.

**Tour Prices Do Not Include:** Passports, any applicable visa fees, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hôte menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with lunch & dinner, customary, gratuities to Tour Directors, Coach Drivers & local guides, & any other expenses of a personal nature.

**Tour Prices are based** on a minimum of 25 tour participants as shown in the itinerary, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

**Airfares** if purchased as an option are subject to change without notice. Excursion airfares are often non-refundable and/or subject to cancellation fees. Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.

**Hotels:** Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. Single room reservations will be accepted with the understanding that we cannot guarantee single rooms will be available on all parts of your tour. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms.

**Deposits and Final Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours. Early Bird discounts will only apply to reservations received by mail postmarked no later than November 1, 2014 or received by Fax no later than that date.

**Baggage:** No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

**Passports and Visas:** A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are not required for this tour program.

**Smoking:** Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted on the motorcoach at any time.

**Cancellations** for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not later than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less a \$150 per person cancellation charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person cancellation charge plus any penalties assessed to MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

**Revisions and Refunds:** All changes must be confirmed in writing. A handling fee of \$75.00 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a tour reservation. All claims for refunds must be made within 60 days after termination of the tour and must be accompanied by a statement from the Tour Director, certifying exactly the services not taken. No refund can be made for

unused transportation where group tickets or vehicles are involved. No refund can be made for services not taken unless the services omitted cover 72 consecutive hours or more.

**Tour Participants:** In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.

**Responsibility:** MilSpec Tours and/or its agents act only in the capacity of agent for carriers, hotels, bus operators, and other suppliers of services and shall not be held responsible for any injury or for any loss or damage caused by accidents or events beyond their control, or by any action or negligence of attendants or third parties who are not in their employ and on their payroll. The tour operator and/or its agents can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air, sea or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels specified for others of similar category. The right is reserved to make minor adjustments in the itinerary. Prices are based upon current tariffs and are subject to adjustment in the event of change. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure. The issuance and acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions. In addition, transportation companies concerned shall not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their carriers. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of the tour and/or passengers. The itineraries shown are planned at the time of issue of this flyer, but are subject to revision should circumstances make it necessary. Such revisions will be shown on the individual traveling itinerary you receive before departure. © MilSpec Tours 2014

### Travel Insurance

Take advantage of our valuable insurance protection. You can enjoy the security of the following coverage:

#### Schedule of Coverages

• Trip Cancellation & Interruption	Up to Tour Cost
• Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day)	\$500
• Baggage and Travel Documents	\$1,000
• Baggage Delay	\$100
• Medical Expense	\$10,000
• Emergency Medical Transportation	\$20,000
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000

*This is a brief summary of the insurance plan offered. For a full description of the benefits, exclusions & conditions, an insurance brochure is available. Or, call Travel Guard International at 1-888-826-1300.*