



## MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

*Thank you for your service...*

In this issue, among the Timberwolves we remember is longtime NTA Secretary-Treasurer Glen Lytle. Glen's primary focus was always upon service to his fellow World War II Veterans and their families. Under Glen's leadership, in addition to the annual reunions and battlefield tours, the NTA endowed academic scholarships and awards that will continue to inspire the leadership training of students preparing for a career in the military. In this manner, Glen's decades-long stewardship will also continue to guide and motivate future generations.

The NTA organization thrived under Glen's steady vision and is the inspiration for the National Timberwolf Pups Association. The NTPA expresses

its condolences to Glen's beloved wife, Marilyn, and family. Glen will live on in our hearts and thoughts, and through his example of volunteer service. (You can read more about Glen's life in the "Remembrances" on page 8.)

On a more personal level, Glen and all other past and present soldiers of the 104th inspired me to seek to join the military. My ambition to serve was encouraged by CSM Lyle Wold and General Kurt Hardin, and was finally realized when I received a direct commission as a captain in the New York Guard. I serve as a lawyer in the Legal Support Detachment at the garrison at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, New York. My work

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as a military lawyer includes, inter alia, preparing wills and related documents for deploying soldiers and Marines at Fort Hamilton and other military bases in New York State. My additional duties include receiving specialized training to support the mission of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the high-target jurisdiction of New York City.

Throughout my training and assigned duty, I've thought of the young men like my own dad, Morton R. Lane, a New York City native, who served in the 329th Combat Engineers, Company A. The soldiers of the 104th served our nation during the dark hours of World War II. They were called up and, by performing their duty, ended the dark shadow of fascism engulfing the world, forever changing the course of history for the better. My own role is far, far smaller, but I am

nevertheless honored to serve in a unit that supports the mission of our military in a minor but necessary role.

To all Timberwolves of World War II through the present day, I am forever grateful for your example of service, and I look forward to thanking you personally at the Minneapolis reunion in August. For now, however, in the pages of this newsletter, I join the board of the NTPA, a grateful nation—all members of the free world—when I say, Thank you for your service.

—Andrew Lane, NTPA President  
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## NOTES FROM THE REUNION SITE COMMITTEE

Just a friendly reminder to make your reservations and send in your registration for our upcoming Minneapolis reunion. Please register early, both for the hotel and the tours. All forms are in this *HOWL*, and we hope to see a lot of you there. If you have the time, come early or stay late to explore the St. Paul / Minneapolis area and perhaps take a side trip to enjoy the rest of this beautiful state. Fort Snelling, for instance, is an important landmark for US military-history buffs—one that, unfortunately, we were not able to book as one of our group tours (<http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/>). We have a lot of other fun activities planned, however, and encourage people to bring their Timberwolf histories, pictures, etc. to share. There may be new attendees who are looking for more information about their father's Timberwolf histories from those of us who have been in "research mode" for a while. We are also looking forward to another lively raffle and encourage people to bring packable gifts to share at this fun Beer Bust event.

Plans are starting for the NTPA Reunion for 2015 as well. New Orleans has always been high on everyone's list and did come in second at the last reunion, after Minneapolis. We know people like to know in advance whenever possible, so we asked AFR to see what they could do for us. The board is happy to announce that we have reserved the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans as the site of our 2015 Reunion. We will have to move the date a bit, since prices were higher for the Labor Day weekend (a very busy time for New Orleans). So, our reunion is set for the week of August 24–31. We do understand that the NTA also changed the date for several past reunions due to costs, so we feel this is well justified. Also, some people have mentioned that Labor Day weekend is hard for some families to manage, so this may open up possibilities for people who could otherwise not attend. We have also had correspondence from the World War II Museum asking if we have Veterans willing to give oral histories to them. Considering this, and the fact that this fabulous museum is a "must see" for everyone, we think that, even though it may be hot, New Orleans will be a wonderful place to set our next get-together. Price will be \$115 (including breakfast), and there are reasonable parking facilities nearby. So put this on next year's calendar, and we will get working on it as soon as we leave Minneapolis!

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer & Committee Member  
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NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 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 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 <http://www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2014>. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail or online on or before **July 30, 2014**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.**

**ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**  
**322 MADISON MEWS**  
**NORFOLK, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: TIMBERWOLF**

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Check # _____	Date Received _____
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CUTOFF DATE IS JULY 30, 2014						
			Price Per	# of Tickets	Total	
<b>TOURS</b>						
<i>Thurs. (8/28): TWIN CITIES TOUR &amp; HISTORY CENTER</i>	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM		\$57	X	=	
<i>Friday (8/29): TWIN CITIES TOUR</i>	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM		\$30	X	=	
<i>Friday (8/29): SUNSET DINNER CRUISE</i>	6:00 PM to 10:00 PM		\$69	X	=	
<b>MEALS &amp; MORE</b>						
<b>Saturday (8/30): Ladies' Brunch</b>	10:45 AM to 11:45 AM		\$18	X	=	
<b>Saturday (8/30): Gentlemen's Canteen</b>	10:45 AM to 11:45 AM		\$15	X	=	
<b>Sunday (8/31): Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.)</b>	6:30 PM to 11:30 PM					
Grilled Sliced Sirloin			\$38	X	=	
Roasted Chicken Breast with Apple Cranberry Stuffing			\$38	X	=	
<b>Monday (9/1): Farewell Breakfast</b>	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM		FREE	X	=	
Reunion Picture CD (prepared by Art Luque)			\$25	X	=	
<b>Registration Fee: Includes access to Foxholes, General Meeting, Beer Bust, Memorial Service, and Foxhole Breakfasts</b>						
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 7/30/14			\$45	X	=	
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED AFTER 7/30/14			\$55	X	=	
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>						\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME (for nametags) \_\_\_\_\_

TW UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST REUNION? \_\_\_\_\_ PUP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS?  YES  NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY.)

**TRAVEL BUDDIES**

Would you like to have a Travel Buddy?  Yes  No Would you like to be a Travel Buddy?  Yes  No

## 2014 REUNION—SCHEDULE & TOURS

### 4th ANNUAL REUNION, HILTON HOTEL MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AUGUST 27–SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

#### Wednesday, August 27

**Reunion Registration open** 2:00 PM–7:00 PM  
Foxhole 7:30–9:30 PM

*NOTE: Souvenir sales will be open during the main Foxhole hours, from one hour after start time to one hour before closing, and will be closed during tour hours.*

#### Thursday, August 28

**Reunion Registration open** 8:30 AM–9:00 AM  
*TWIN CITIES TOUR & HISTORY CTR.* 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

**Reunion Registration open** 2:00 PM–6:00 PM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM & 7:30–9:30 PM  
Catholic Mass (tentative) 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

#### Friday, August 29

**Reunion Registration open** 8:00 AM–8:30 AM  
*TWIN CITIES TOUR* 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM & 7:30–9:30 PM  
DeDakis Writing Seminar: Session 1 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
DeDakis Writing Seminar: Session 2 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

**Reunion Registration open** 2:00 PM–6:00 PM  
Catholic Mass (tentative) 4:00 PM–5:00 PM  
*SUNSET DINNER CRUISE* 6:00 PM–10:00 PM

*NOTE: The cost of the writing seminars is \$25 each (\$50 for both), which will be collected the day of the event. Please see the next page for more information.*

#### Saturday, August 30

Timberwolf Pups Meeting 9:00 AM–10:00 AM  
Ladies' Brunch 10:45 AM–11:45 AM  
Gentlemen's Canteen 10:45 AM–11:45 AM  
Entertainment for All 12:00 PM–12:45 PM  
General Meeting 2:00 PM–4:00 PM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00 PM–5:00 PM  
**Reunion Registration open** 4:00 PM–5:00 PM  
Catholic Mass (tentative) 4:30 PM–5:30 PM  
Beer Bust 8:30 PM–11:00 PM

#### Sunday, August 31

Memorial Service 9:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:30 PM–4:00 PM  
Cash Bar 5:30 PM–11:30 PM  
Banquet Dinner and Dance 6:30 PM–11:30 PM

#### Monday, September 1

Farewell Breakfast 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

### TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

#### **TWIN CITIES TOUR & HISTORY CENTER**

**Thursday, August 28:** Board the bus for a narrated tour of the Twin Cities! St. Paul (born of whiskey) resembles an East Coast city—a mix of old and new buildings along angled, hilly avenues. See the State Capitol, Cathedral of St. Paul, Rice Park, and Millionaire's Row, where Great Northern Railroad builder James J. Hill and novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald once lived. Then it's on to Minneapolis (born of waterpower) for a parade of sleek glass, stone, and steel towers along straight-forward streets sensibly based on flat land. See the IDS Center, Nicolet Mall, and the many cultural institutions that make Minneapolis such a city on the move. From there, we go to the Minnesota History Center, an interactive museum with both permanent and changing exhibits. You'll definitely want

Enjoy lunch on your own at Café Minnesota, which features a menu of sustainable, local ingredients and self-service dining, including a grill and entrée stations, deli items, and desserts.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus
- 5:00 PM—Back at hotel
- **\$57/Person** (Includes bus, guide & admission)
- Lunch on your own

#### **TWIN CITIES TOUR**

**Friday, August 29:** If you opted out of Thursday's tour, this is your second chance to enjoy three hours of the same unique sights and highlights in St. Paul and Minneapolis (see Thursday's tour description for more details). Then, at noon, you'll be free to return to the hotel; or perhaps you'll choose to be dropped off at the Mall of America for lunch and shopping on your own.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus
- 12:00 PM—Back at hotel
- **\$30/Person** (Includes bus & guide)
- Lunch on your own

#### **SUNSET DINNER CRUISE**

**Friday, August 29:** Join us for a special two-hour cruise from Harriet Island, St. Paul, up river through beautiful Mississippi River scenery. In addition to historical narration by the captain, you'll enjoy a fabulous dinner of baked manicotti, roast beef with bordelaise sauce, roasted vegetables, yukon gold potato spears, Caesar salad, breadsticks, dessert, and coffee. Experience an evening everyone will remember. Come aboard!

- 6:00 PM—Board bus
- 10:00 PM—Back at hotel
- **\$69/Person** (Includes bus, escort & dinner cruise)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

1. Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
2. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.
3. All trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

#### **CANCELAN AND REFUND POLICY for ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cutoff date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cutoff date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancelations will only be taken Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (excluding holidays).** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds are processed 4 to 6 weeks after the reunion. **Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.**

#### **TO REGISTER, YOU CAN...**

- **Go online** and pay by credit card:  
[www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2014](http://www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2014)
- **Fill out the form on the previous page** and send your check by mail: 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510, Attn: Timberwolf
- **Call us:** (757) 625-6401

**\*NEW\* REUNION OFFERING: WRITING SEMINARS WITH PUP & PROFESSIONAL WRITER JOHN DeDAKIS**

Have you ever wished you could document your war experiences or write the story of your father’s military tour? If so, how do you start? How do you stay organized? How do you get an agent and get published?

We are excited to announce a special opportunity for all reunion attendees. We are holding two writing seminars on Friday afternoon, August 29th, presented by TW Pup John DeDakis, former senior copy editor for CNN’s *The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer* and noted author.

**Session #1: Friday, August 29, 2014 (1:00 to 2:30 PM)**

**How to Write a Memoir (or a Novel) and How to Stay Organized:** Is your story fact or fiction—or maybe a little of both? This will be a practical session designed to help you identify and capture the essence of your story. We’ll discuss how to transform the nub of an idea into a book-length project, populated with interesting characters, a twisty-turny storyline, snappy dialogue, and an interesting setting. But there are a lot of moving parts when writing a book; the trick is to keep track of them as you do your writing work. In this session, we’ll also explore strategies for how to avoid getting discouraged when your creativity feels chaotic. (We’ll look at strategies for finding an agent and marketing the finished product in the next session.)

**Session #2: Friday, August 29, 2014 (3:00 to 4:30 PM)**

**Buffing and Polishing (The Art of Rewriting), and How to Get an Agent—and Get Noticed (Marketing Your Work):** You’ve finally finished your manuscript and now you’re ready to tell Oprah all about it. Not so fast. The best writing is REwriting. In this session, you’ll learn practical ways to put your writing on a flab-burning diet so that your copy is tight, trim, and hot (and all without even having to step onto a treadmill). A portion of this is a writing lab, so be sure to bring a pen and paper. But writing’s the easy part; the hard part is stepping out of your solitary comfort zone to convince someone else that they should read your book. This session will teach you how to attract an agent and how to market yourself using strategies that are tailored to your personality.

**Cost: \$25 for one session, \$50 for both (Payment is by cash or check at the door, the day of the event. Same-day registrants are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred. (Please see the form below.)**



*John DeDakis grew up in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and is the son of Maj. N. George DeDakis, who served in the 104th Infantry Division as the S-1 and S-4 Officer on Gen. William Woodward’s division artillery staff. After the war, John’s father practiced law for more than forty years and retired as a full colonel in the US Army Reserve. (He died in 1996 at the age of 88.) During John’s nearly forty-five-year journalism career, he was a senior editor at CNN and a White House correspondent who interviewed such luminaries as legendary film director Alfred Hitchcock, and presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. John served in the US Army during the Vietnam era, from 1971 to 1974, and was stationed for two years as a radio reporter in Frankfurt, Germany, at the headquarters of the American Forces Network, Europe (AFN-E). The author of three novels, John is currently working with Pittsburgh psychologist Joyce Wilde on a self-help memoir—Healing from Grief: A Conversation. John is also a writing coach and manuscript editor, and he teaches journalism at the University of Maryland, College Park.*

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

**John DeDakis Writing Seminars—Friday, August 29, 2014  
2014 NTPA Reunion in Minneapolis / St. Paul**

Name of Seminar Attendee	Pre-Registration for (Please circle one or both.)		Area of Interest (Please circle one or both.)	
	Session 1	Session 2	Memoir	Novel
1. _____	Session 1	Session 2	Memoir	Novel
2. _____	Session 1	Session 2	Memoir	Novel
3. _____	Session 1	Session 2	Memoir	Novel
4. _____	Session 1	Session 2	Memoir	Novel

If possible, please sign up in advance so we can have an approximate head count. You can do this by emailing Mary Jamieson at [mejameson@aol.com](mailto:mejameson@aol.com) or mailing this pre-registration form via US mail to: Mary Jamieson, 105 NE Milne Road, Hillsboro, OR 97124.

## 2014 REUNION—HOTEL INFO

### HILTON MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL AIRPORT—MALL OF AMERICA (952) 854-2100 or (800) 445-8667

#### Location

3800 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425  
(Just three miles from Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport [MSP]  
and one mile from the Mall of America)

#### Reservation Information

Call one of the numbers above and reference the National Timberwolf Pups Association.

**Group Name:** National Timberwolf Pups Association, Inc.

**Reunion Dates:** August 27–September 1, 2014

**Rate:** \$109 + tax (currently 14.28%). Rates are offered 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion dates, subject to space availability.

**Cutoff Date:** 07/31/14. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

**Cancelation Policy:** If cancelation is received less than 24 hours prior to the arrival date, the guest will be charged one night's room charge plus tax.

#### Parking & Shuttle Information

- The Hilton provides complimentary parking for all registered guests, and offers a complimentary shuttle service to the Mall of America and surrounding area.
- The Hilton also provides a complimentary airport shuttle to and from the Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport (MSP). When you arrive at the airport, please contact the hotel at (952) 854-2100 to let the staff know of your arrival. You will meet the shuttle van in Terminal 1 on Level T.
- The Lindbergh Group Transportation booth in this same terminal (also on Level T) supplies information, directions, and other assistance to travelers.

#### Wheelchair Rental

ScotAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Call (888) 441-7575 or visit [www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com) for details.

## LETTERS FROM THE PACK

If you have a letter on any subject related to the Timberwolves, including personal experiences, or you just want to let your buddies know how you are doing, please send your letters and questions to Kathy Clark, PO Box 52, El Verano, CA 95433, or [kpclark@vom.com](mailto:kpclark@vom.com). (Please include "TW" in the subject line.)

### **A Comment on German Lieutenant General Bayerlein March 25, 2014**

I was interested to read the second installment of General Deane's story in the *HOWL* ["Beierlein and the Map," January/February 2014 edition]. His reference to a German Lieutenant General "Beierlein" is probably Fritz Bayerlein, who had a prominent career during the war and

afterward. Photos show him to be a tough-looking guy, not too sociable—perhaps why he chose not to "break bread" with former enemies.

The mention of Frau Leverkus "wonders" me: what was the name of the prominent old Philadelphia family she came from? I'm from the Philadelphia area originally and might recognize some of those old names.

Best wishes,  
*Marshall L. Main*  
Age 89, 414th HQ

Editor's note: If you wish to learn more about Bayerlein, Wikipedia offers more information (including a picture): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fritz\\_Bayerlein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fritz_Bayerlein).



### **Mystery Solved for TW Family April 13, 2014**

I wanted to let y'all know that one of the Veterans who subscribes to the *HOWL* saw

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my bio of my Uncle Jack and his picture [in the January/February 2014 edition], and felt compelled to write to me. TW Jim Kresge emailed me in great detail the experiences he remembers when Jack was with the 415th Co. F. He was also there when Jack was killed, and we were finally able to have closure on the circumstances of Jack’s death; we now know the whole story. (All of Jack’s siblings are still living at the ages of 93, 91, and 81.) A copy of Jim’s letter follows.

Thanks,  
*George Kemp*  
Great-nephew of  
William Jackson “Jack” Bundy

I was a member of Co. F, 415, and I remember Jack Bundy and even recognize his picture. Jack was our radioman (carried a backpack radio, probably twenty pounds or so) and usually was close to the company commander. I do remember the incident of his death, but before discussing that, I would like to cover a bit of the previous history.

We shipped over to France in late August of 1944 and landed directly in France at a makeshift dock at the D-Day beaches. By that time our forces had taken Paris and were held up on the German border for lack of supplies. We camped in a French orchard; and our trucks and drivers were assigned to the Red Ball Express, driving 24/7, trucking supplies to the front. Some of the rest of us were assigned to guarding the trains against looters up to the front.

In October, the division was shipped by 40 & 8 rail cars to Belgium, where we were assigned to the British army to help drive the Germans back from Antwerp—so it could be used as a safe port. Our baptism to enemy fire was in Holland in late October; and within two weeks or so, we had fulfilled our assignment and were transported by truck to the town of Brand, Germany, on the outskirts of Aachen. There, we relieved the 1st Division (I think) and took up positions in the pillboxes on the Siegfried line, preparing for a

general attack on the whole front.

As I recall it, there were several postponements due to unfavorable weather (we wanted good flying weather so we would have good air support). Finally, after a week or more, all was set. There was a tremendous preparatory bombardment, both air and artillery, and then we started our advance about noon. We entered a rather dense forest (Hurtgen) and were pinned down almost immediately due to booby traps; mines; and deadly artillery fire using proximity fuses, which exploded in the tree tops, subjecting us to shrapnel and falling tree limbs. We dug in for the night and were immobile the next day until late afternoon, when my platoon was ordered to advance and take a German barracks. We advanced under cover of a railroad embankment and then thru an underpass, and across perhaps 100 yards of open field under enemy machine-gun fire. The building was unoccupied, and we took cover in the cellar. We were now under rather continuous enemy artillery fire and completely isolated from the company.

As it was beginning to get dark, Jack Bundy approached our cellar entrance with his radio but unfortunately was shot and killed only a few steps from shelter. My recollection is that he was instantly killed and did not suffer. Your letter to the *HOWL* indicates you thought he was with us in our taking of the site, but I am quite sure that was not the case. I believe the company commander was concerned about our isolation (with no means of communication), so he sent Bundy to us with the radio so he could evaluate our situation and act accordingly.

We were isolated from our company for I think two days before relief came, and we resumed our advance into the stiffly defended industrial Ruhr Valley.

I am sorry your uncle (and many others) did not survive the effort, but you can rest assured he did his best while he was with us. If I can be of any further help, please feel free to email or phone me. Please be aware that the

above was one of many difficult happenings, and individual memories are not always perfect at our rather old age.

*Jim Kresge*  
Pittsfield, MA

## **A Special Thank-You to the Retirees of the 104th**

**June 18, 2014**

On Saturday, May 18th, I had the honor of addressing the retirees of the 104th at their annual reunion dinner held at Spirit Mountain Casino in Willamina, Oregon. I spoke about the mission of the National Timberwolf Pups Association (NTPA) and I spoke of our shared legacy with the WWII 104th Timberwolves. On behalf of the NTPA, I invited their group to join us at our reunions and consider taking a battlefield tour with us. I was very warmly received. At the conclusion of the dinner, the 104th retirees donated half of the proceeds of their raffle to the NTPA. I received a check for \$150 from the group—what a nice surprise from a great group of Veterans! A big thanks to all the retirees of the 104th.

*Mary Jamieson*  
NTPA Tour Coordinator  
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## **It Takes a Village...**

**June 2014**

I just wanted to take a quick moment to acknowledge all of the people who help me to put together each issue of the *HOWL*. In particular, I thank the NTPA officers, the members of the NTPA board, and Pup Sandra Eberhard, who contributes “The Last Bugle Call.” It’s also wonderful to have the continued tradition of TW Father McCarty’s “Chaplain’s Corner,” as well as the voices of our overseas friends. In addition, I’m grateful for the efforts

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## Chaplain's Corner

Greetings to all.

I'm still recovering from the pneumonia (low energy, both physical and mental), so I haven't had the pizzazz to put together much of a "column." But I want to thank everyone who has sent me cards, notes, good wishes, and especially, prayers—I really appreciate all of them.



We've had a heavy-duty winter around here and not much of a spring. I'm glad we're finally getting some warm weather and sunshine.

I usually read the daily paper, looking for some good news, but as you know, it's usually more of the same: healthcare disagreements; gridlock in Congress; scandals; disagreements about climate change; turmoil in the Middle East; Vladimir

Putin and the Ukraine; fights about pipelines; cyber hacking; US loss at the World Cup; and around here, the Boston Red Sox leaving skid marks all over the place (though there has been a little good news in the field of medicine).

The recent and controversial "experiment" by Facebook showed that people who received a lot of "good" news felt

energized and encouraged and "outgoing"; people who received a lot of "bad" news felt "down," and somewhat discouraged and isolated. Feelings and emotions have their place but are very changeable. And in today's problem-filled world, we need something more solid and dependable than changeable feelings; we need *strength* and power.

The word "virtue" means "strength, power"; and theologians speak of three strengths or powers that relate us directly to God: the three "theological virtues" of faith, hope, and charity. And these virtues can be strengthened by exercising them. St. Paul says that "the greatest of these is charity," and that's true. But how can we love our neighbor if we ourselves are without hope?

So, ask the Lord to grant you the grace of a renewed, solid, and lively hope. Pray for that.

As for me, I'm "hoping" to be with you in Minneapolis, and I'm pretty sure I'll make it.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer.

Blessings,  
Fr. McCarty

## REMEMBRANCES

If you have a tribute or story you'd like to share in an upcoming *HOWL*, please send it to the *HOWL* editor using the following contact information: [jen@damerocketpress.com](mailto:jen@damerocketpress.com) / Jen Weaver-Neist, 6858 SE Langwood Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123. When possible, please include a high-resolution, digital—or physical—photograph (at least 100 percent in size, 300 dpi).

### Remembering TW Secretary-Treasurer Glen Lytle

Glen E. Lytle died Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at the age of ninety, and his committal service was held at 11:00 AM at Resthaven Cemetary in Wichita, Kansas, on February 4.

Glen began his career as an architect before going to work as the superintendent of central inspection and, later, the zoning specialist in the planning department for the city of Wichita. Upon his retirement in 1987, he worked for four years for Larksfeld Place retirement complex as a consultant during construction, then as the director of environmental services.

During World War II, Glen served in the 413th Regiment, Company K, of the US Army's 104th Infantry Division (the Timberwolves) in the European Theater (Germany, Holland, Belgium, and France). At the end of the war, 104th Veterans formed the National Timberwolf Association, with annual reunions being held for sixty-five years. Glen became active in leading the association in 1977 (with 4,000 members at its peak), serving as secretary-treasurer (CEO) for over twenty years (1991–2012). Devoting the majority of his time, he gave his best to this labor of love, helping Veterans and

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Glen and his wife, Marilyn, at the 2013 NTPA reunion in Albuquerque





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

*We will remember them.*

Clifford Alberson  
414 K

James R. Allen  
414 F

Tom D. Allen  
414 H

John R. Atkins  
Unit unknown

Edward Buzza  
413 L

Philip Cerbone  
Unit unknown

John F. Corso  
555 Btry A

Buford Daffron  
555 Btry B

Quinton M. Darr  
413 Cannon

Russell des Cognets, Jr.  
415 I

Robert Diehl  
Unit Unknown

Donald Ebsch  
413 C

Jack Gardner  
385 FA B

Raymond Garfield  
413 K

Louis Garguilo  
Unit unknown

James Griffin  
414 G

Leonard O. Hilliard  
929 FA Serv

Ray Huffman  
413 K

Jack T. Hutsell  
Unit unknown

Bernie Jones  
Unit unknown

William C. Kortlander  
415 L

Edwin LaSalle  
329 Engr

Lawrence W. Lyford  
413 C

Anthony Militti  
104 HQ

Cornelius J. Mullaney  
386 FA HQ

James Pippin  
414

Orville M. Proctor  
414 A

Richard Riis, Jr  
413 G

Arnold Rivin  
104 HQ

Albert Schwartz  
HQ QM

Gene Surdy  
387 FA HQ

James Wibby  
413 C

Peder J. Wilcox  
413 K

Everett Womack  
413 Cannon

Raymond Zander  
692 TD

John J. Zemanek  
329 Engr A

#### **WIFE OR WIDOW**

Ada Hebert  
555 HQ Btry (Woodley)

Charlotte Seidel  
414 F (Sheldon)

Mary Lou Zimmerman  
104 HQ (Keith)

CORRECTIONS  
With apologies for the errors  
in the Jan./Feb. HOWL

George G. Fleener  
415 F (corrected name)

Robert O. Sannem  
414 M (corrected unit)

family members in many ways (including the organization of nine tours back to the Division’s European battlefields).

Glen was born on January 6, 1924, and was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Martha; his brothers, Harry, Jr. and Jim; and his son, Glen Charles (“Chuck”). He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters, Marcy (“Dixie”) Smith of Grafton, Virginia, and Joni Nygren of Garden Plain, Kansas; stepdaughter, Janelle Edwards of Kansas City, Missouri; nine grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Memorials have been established with the First United Methodist Church (330 N. Broadway Street, Wichita, KS 67202) and the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice (313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202).

★★★★★

## I KILLED A MAN

By the late General John R. (Jack) Deane, Jr.

The regiment was moving up in Belgium toward Holland. Though the Germans were falling back, we did not know how far nor when they might stop and make a stand. I was the intelligence officer, the S-2, of the 415th Infantry Regiment of the 104th Infantry Division, and it was my job to find out.

I decided the best thing to do was to take the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon out in front of the regiment and find the bastards. The I&R platoon was Lieutenant Everett Pruitt’s platoon, but on occasion, I led it on patrols. The platoon was a marvelous unit, honed into a magnificent fighting machine.

Our regimental commander, Colonel John Cochran, was a student of warfare and a bachelor married to the army. He didn’t read novels; he read field manuals and military history. He believed strongly in the importance of intelligence to the commander. Accordingly, when he assigned Pruitt as the platoon leader of the I&R platoon, he gave him *carte blanche* on the selection of the men to fill the platoon. This was early on, soon after the activation of the 104th Infantry Division.

Pruitt was a world-class track star and a former member of the Pepperdine University 400-yard relay team, which had set the world record a year or two earlier. He was in superb physical condition; and he wanted physically fit, intelligent, self-confident men in his platoon. He believed college athletes would fit the bill, so his criteria for selection was that the candidates had a minimum of two years of college and had been members of a varsity athletic squad for their entire time in college. He had his choice of all the men assigned to the regiment. As he sifted through their records and held interviews, these criteria were uppermost in his mind.

Once he had assembled his men, he trained them with a diligence not found elsewhere in the regiment. His platoon could field a baseball team (or any other team) that would defeat a team assembled from the rest of the entire regiment. They could outperform any other unit in any phase of military tasks, and they worked together as a well-oiled machine. They were a team.

We took off late at night with the idea of returning just before dawn. There were twenty-four of us in six jeeps. We moved cautiously but with relatively good speed. After we had gone about two miles, the lead jeep stopped suddenly. I was in the second jeep and jumped out to see what was the matter. In the meantime, the rest of the platoon immediately dismounted from the jeeps and formed a perimeter out twenty-five to fifty yards from the road. They did this without command; it was a part of their training.

When I reached the lead jeep, I saw a German soldier in a foxhole beside the road. My adrenalin must have really started pumping because I reached down and pulled this guy right out of the hole.

One of my clerks in the S-2 Section was Marty Glick. Marty was a Jewish kid from New York who had been a music arranger for one of the big-time bands. His importance to us lay not in his musical abilities but in the fact that he could speak Yiddish, broken German, or a combination of both. Anyway, he could communicate with the Germans. We always took him on patrols when we thought there might be a need for his limited but effective linguistic abilities. I admired him, as he went with us despite the great fear of what would happen to a Jewish soldier if captured.

Glick determined two things immediately. The soldier I had pulled out of the hole had a companion who was sleeping at the bottom of the hole, so we pulled him out. Glick also found out that we were in the middle of the position of a German infantry company of about sixty men. Our mission was complete at this point. We knew where the enemy was, and it was the time to get out.

I ordered the platoon sergeant to get the vehicles turned around and ready to move out. Then I ran back to my jeep and radioed the regiment our location and our discovery of the German unit. I did not want to turn on my flashlight to read my map, but I had looked at it shortly before we came upon the Germans; I vaguely remembered the name of a nearby village. (I think it was something like Stupeln.) Since I could not remember clearly, I said we were near a village named something like Stoopnagle. I am not sure that did much good.

About that time, a shot rang out near the rear of our column. I went back to find out what had happened; and as I ran past a bank that rose up on one side of the road, I saw a German soldier on the bank, silhouetted against the sky, with a grenade in his upraised hand. I whirled and fired my carbine from the hip. I could hear—at least I *thought* I heard—the shot thud into his stomach. Not knowing whether I had

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## Pursuit to the Maas

After the ranks of the 415th 1st Battalion were decimated in the premature, unsupported crossing of the Mark River on 31 October, 1944, General Crocker, commander of 1st British Corps, orders a coordinated Corps crossing for the night of 2–3 November. The Timberwolves, forming the center of the line, will make the main effort, crossing near Standaardbuiten. The 49th British Division will attack simultaneously on the left; and on the right, 1st Polish Armored Division will force a crossing north of Breda in a separate action.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Plaisted, 104th G-2 (Intelligence), believes the Germans will continue their delaying action as they try to buy time to complete the evacuation of the bulk of their army to safety across the large Maas River, about five miles north of the Mark. He predicts that enemy “rear guard elements” will put up a weak defense but will withdraw once the strong points of Standaardbuiten, Zevenbergen, and Klundert have fallen.

General Allen assigns the main effort in the 104th sector to the 413th Regiment, which moves to the left flank of the division to cross the river west of Standaardbuiten, and will swing north and east in a left hook around the town. The 415th will send one battalion across at Standaardbuiten and another east of town. The 414th will feign a crossing farther east to distract the enemy and will support the other regiments with fire.

An hour-long bombardment by British and American artillery precedes the attack. The 104th artillery concentrates on Standaardbuiten. The German defenders, ordered to hold Standaardbuiten (and threatened with death if they retreat), later report that American artillery tactics were the most effective and the American bombardment was the worst they had ever encountered.

The Germans have destroyed the bridges across the Mark. As fast as the 329th Engineers can build footbridges, German artillery destroys them, so the engineers ferry the men of the 413th across in assault boats. On the other side of the river, the men wade through a wide, waist-deep canal. The ground is flat, marshy, and open. The assault is opposed mainly by small arms and mortar fire. During this action, Lt. Cecil Bolton earns the Medal of Honor, and the two men with him—Pfc. Martin Specht and Pfc. Wallace Worley—earn silver stars by knocking out two machine gun nests and an 88mm gun that are blocking the advance. By midnight, the Seagulls are across the river, have crossed the road leading into Standaardbuiten, and are moving through fields and past houses on the west side of town.

In the 415th sector, K Company, spearheading the advance, crosses in boats and sends back word: “Platoons are across; mopping up houses. Left platoon is past the sugar factory. Cleaned it out. Moving on up. Right platoon is about two houses past the sugar factory. Balance of platoons are across.”

Before midnight, the 3rd Battalion seizes Standaardbuiten against light resistance, compliments of American artillery. The town is in flames. “Found few enemy alive and quite a few dead,” is the report.

In the wee hours of 3 November, the engineers complete a nine-ton vehicular treadway bridge. As they begin work on a forty-ton-capacity Bailey bridge, enemy shellfire drives them back and destroys part of the treadway bridge. General Bryant Moore, assistant division commander, arrives to see what is taking so long and determines that the well-timed, accurate fire must be coming from an observer nearby. The engineers investigate and find a German officer with a radio hiding beneath the old destroyed bridge. The problem is eliminated, and work on the bridge continues.

Second Battalion, 415th, stumbling through sugar-beet fields east of Standaardbuiten that morning, discover Lieutenants Ernest Fox and George Squier, with about sixty-five men of the 1st Battalion, dug in inside a ditch where they have been hiding for three days. By afternoon, the weather has cleared sufficiently to allow spitfires of the Royal Air Force to bomb and strafe German strong points in the paths of the 413th and 415th.

The following day, British planes continue their attacks. The 415th advances on Zevenbergen, and the 413th attacks Klundert. Shortly after noon, the 414th Regiment crosses the Mark south of Standaardbuiten and heads north toward the Maas River.

First and 3rd Battalions, 414th, continue to march through the night of 4–5 November. Third Battalion encounters a heavily mined field and suffers casualties. Company I, advancing along a dike, is pinned to the ground by two machine guns, a light tank, and an anti-tank gun firing at close range. Casualties are heavy. Bob Lustig (414 I), using morning reports, observed after the war that his company had more casualties recorded on 5 November than on any other day of the war. Regimental records show at least 32 Company I casualties, of which nine are KIA.

A patrol from Company C reaches the Maas late in the afternoon and finds the bridge at Moerdijk—the last escape route for the German army—intact. Soon afterward, the Germans blow the bridge.

That day, the US First Army directs the 104th to move to the vicinity of Aachen, Germany, as soon as the Canadian Army can release it. The division moves to Germany on 6–7 November, less the 414th, which remains to help the 1st Polish Armored secure the town of Moerdijk. The 386th Field Artillery, and elements of the 329th Engineers and 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, stay behind to support the 414th.

Moerdijk is protected by a canal, 600 yards of flat flooded marshland, and an eight-foot concrete wall. The enemy is covering the western approaches with machine-gun and mortar fire from the wall and artillery fire from across the river. Second Battalion, supported by fire from the 3rd

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*(Made Possible by the Kindness of Strangers)*

The year was 1944, and the night was November 7th. Company E of the 414th Regiment, 104th Infantry Division (the Timberwolves), was dug in on the side of a soggy dike about five hundred yards from Moerdijk, Holland. The night was freezing and the shelling hard. Two twenty-year-olds—



A senior-year picture of Mabry from the Byrd High School annual, class of 1941

Mabry Mayfield, beloved son of John and Josephine Mabry Mayfield, and Charles Juday, a red-haired only child from Indiana—were huddled in their foxhole in the darkness. They were following orders to push the Nazis through to the other side of the village when an 88mm shell exploded in their foxhole, taking their lives and leaving behind families to search for their boys the rest of their days.

After my dad, John Hulvatus Mayfield, died, I inherited a typewriter case of letters that told the story of my grandmother's relentless search for her boy. She wrote the White House, and the president's

secretary replied. She wrote to generals (including General Terry Allen), congressmen, Timberwolves, and finally to the supreme allied commander himself, Dwight D. Eisenhower. They all expressed their sorrow and pledged to keep looking for Mabry.

Finally, with the help of Timberwolf Bob Spitler, who drew a map of the dike (his foxhole was located fifty yards from Mabry's), the army had a specific place to search. Along with this map, my grandmother sent dental records, hoping beyond all hope that her son could be returned to the family plot at Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport, Louisiana. The dike was searched, but no evidence of Mabry was found.

My grandmother then contacted a Dutch family who walked six miles to Zon Cemetery, looking for Mabry. They did not find him. I think my grandmother, like so many mothers of the missing, expected their sons to come walking in the door for the rest of their lives.

After doing some research, I found Bob Spitler, who became a living link for me like he had been for my grandmother. Unfortunately, sixty-seven years had passed, and time had erased the memory of the exact location of the foxhole.

In 2011, I had the privilege of going to Europe with a group of Timberwolf Veterans. We traced the footsteps of

Mabry starting at Cherbourg, France, where he arrived in early September. I was searching for evidence that Mabry had been there.

With the help of tour guide Mary Jamieson and the Dutch and Belgian Friends of the Timberwolves, we found this evidence on the Wall of the Missing in Margraten, Holland. There, at the top of the wall, in the company of over 1,700 names, it was written: William M. Mayfield 414 104 Pvt. Louisiana. Though Mabry's name was about ten feet off the ground, friends Vincent De Saedeleer and David Mylaert assisted me in holding Mabry's mother's picture next to the name of her son—a type of symbolic reunion.

I thought this was the closest we would ever come to finding Mabry. On a second trip to the Netherlands, with the help of author and battle historian Toine Velmut, we found the dike on which Mabry lost his life. After placing a bouquet of white flowers that Toine had so generously provided, I said a prayer of thanksgiving that my grandmother's boy had finally been found.

I reached down and gathered a handful of soil. Mabry had now become part of the land that he had helped to liberate. The soil of the dike in Moerdijk is rich and dark, made even richer by the sacrifice of promising young men who gave their all to return freedom to strangers in a strange land.

On November 7, 2013, exactly sixty-nine years to the day, my grandmother's boy came home. Her prayers of many years were answered. With the hard work and coordination of Courtney

Browning, proud daughter of a Marine, Forest Park Cemetery provided the homecoming ceremony for which Mabry's mother had hoped and prayed. Flags lined the street to Mabry's marker, and a tent and chairs were provided along with a display that Courtney carefully researched. Mabry had been a member of the Byrd High School ROTC, and they, along with the leadership of Lt. Col. Rick Roberts, provided a Taps player and a Color Guard. Members of the VFW District 12 arrived in WWII vintage uniforms to provide a twenty-one-gun salute and flag-folding ceremony.

When a Veteran goes to visit his fallen buddy at Henri Chappelle Cemetery in Belgium, the staff takes sand from Omaha Beach and sprinkles it into the letters of the



Peggy with Toine Vermunt on the 2013 overseas battlefield tour

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fallen soldier’s name on his marker as a way of paying tribute to the soldier. The sand makes the soldier’s name stand out on the white background.

Last Thursday, on the 69th anniversary to the day, Jimmie Adams, one of Mabry’s best friends from high



Mabry’s HS friend Jimmy Adams sprinkling Holland soil on Mabry’s grave

school, sprinkled the dirt from the dike in Moerdijk onto Mabry’s marker:

*William Mabry Mayfield*

*1924–1944*

*Moerdijk, Holland*

*And this man died an example of noble courage  
and a memorial of virtue to young men and all his nation.*

*Resting place known only to God.*

In the best way we could, with the help of friends and mostly strangers, we finally brought Mabry home.

A heartfelt thanks to Mary Jamieson, Vincent De Saedeeler, David Mylart, Courtney Browning, John Belushi, Eric Gipson, Lt. Col. Rick Roberts, Byrd High School ROTC, Forest Park Cemetery, VFW District 12, Claire Gates, Bess Black, Gail and Buddy Hankins, high school buddies Jimmie Adams and Carroll Goyne, John Prime of the *Shreveport Times*, Esther Eenhuizen, Toine Velmut, Ron Van Beek, Gordon Cotton, Rick Stone, Betsey Justice, the Timberwolves, and Jimmy Gouras for all of your help and support in finding Mabry.

Happy Veteran’s Day, with deep gratitude,  
—Peggy Gouras, Pup

## 104TH UPDATE

### Cadet Summer Training

The 104th HHC and subordinate commands are ramped up and in full support of Cadet Summer Training (CST)



at Fort Knox, Kentucky, throughout the month of June. This is the first year Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) and Leader’s Training Course (LTC) are combined at a single location (Fort Knox) as part of United States Army Cadet Command’s BOLD Transformation initiative. Brig. Gen. Kurt Hardin is now dual hatted as the deputy commanding general of USACC in support of this first rotation at Fort Knox. He is on orders throughout the summer to assist Brig Gen. Combs with this mission.

The 104th continues to develop and coordinate ongoing Cadet Summer Training committee support throughout the summer months, utilizing its forward element, Task Force Wolf. More information on CST can be found on the 104th Training Division Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/104thDivision>. The 104th public affairs officer will continue to post updates here, highlighting various aspects of the CST mission between Task Force Wolf, Cadet Command, and Fort Knox.

## OREGON'S NEW WWII MEMORIAL DEDICATED



The new memorial

On June 6, 2014, a group of Timberwolves and their families gathered together on the grounds of the Oregon state capitol in Salem to witness the dedication of the new Oregon WWII Memorial. Oregon's governor, John Kitzhaber, addressed those gathered, mentioning the significance of June 6, the seventieth anniversary of D-Day, and the fact that so many Allied lives were lost that day. (D-Day signaled the end of German dominance in Europe.)

Among the many honored guests and dignitaries present was the nation's oldest Medal of Honor winner, Robert D. Maxwell, from Bend, Oregon; and our own Art Sorenson was noted as a member of the Honorary Board of Directors of the Memorial Foundation. Special recognition was also given to the 104th Timberwolves on a plaque on the monument grounds.

Timberwolf Veterans and their family members



TW C. T. Barton (387 FA, Bat C) and family on the memorial grounds

from all around the country raised over \$5000 toward the building of the monument (and you can still make donations and/or share your WWII story at the memorial's website: <http://www.oregonwwiimemorial.com/>). A big thank-you to all who contributed. It was a great day to be a Timberwolf!

—Mary Jamieson, Tour Coordinator  
mejameson@aol.com



Dedication ceremony

## MISC. NEWS & INFORMATION

### USO Dance and Fundraiser a Success

In April of this year, the Adair Living History (ALH) group hosted a USO dance at the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. More than one hundred people attended, with many wearing clothing inspired by the WWII era (including some handsome GIs in uniform). The ALH is raising funds to restore two remaining WWII barracks from Camp Adair, one of which will be a historical interpretive center focusing on the camp. If you would like to make a donation or learn more about the project, please visit the ALH website: <http://adairlivinghistory.org/>.

(And here is an article about the dance from the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*: [http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/swing-dance-honors-wwii-era-at-camp-adair/article\\_f7b3ea14-be2f-11e3-8e1b-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/swing-dance-honors-wwii-era-at-camp-adair/article_f7b3ea14-be2f-11e3-8e1b-001a4bcf887a.html).)

### Death of Last Remaining Navajo Code Talker

Last year, at the NTPA Albuquerque reunion, we had the privilege of hearing author Judith Avila speak at our General Meeting about *Code Talker*, the book she coauthored with Chester Nez, one of the original code talkers from WWII. Chester was unable

to attend due to illness, and sadly, he passed away on June 4. Here is a link to the story on CNN's website: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/06/04/us/navajo-code-talker-obit/>.

### MG York Starts Organization to Fight "The Hidden Battle"

Many of you may remember Maj. Gen. York, who once served as a commander with the current 104th Training Division in the Northwest. Among MG York's latest duties is VetREST, an organization he founded after receiving one too many emails about soldier suicides.

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VetREST’s mission: “to help Veterans find peace from the hidden battle (PTS) by Finding the Wound, Feeding the Soul, and Fulfilling the Vision.” The organization uses multiple tools to accomplish this, including personal coaches/mentors, companion pets, and outdoor activities. To learn more, visit: <http://www.vetrest.org/>.

### American Battle Monuments Commission

The beautiful image on the back of this edition of the *HOWL* was provided

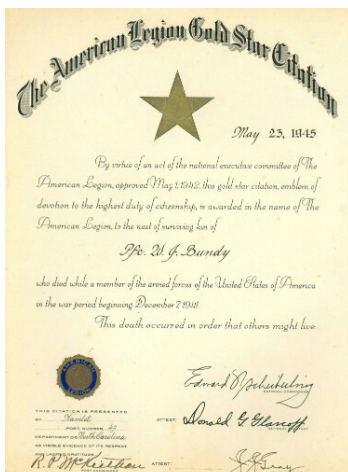
by the American Battle Monuments Commission, a government organization dedicated to the management and preservation of US cemeteries in foreign countries. If you are interested in looking for a family member’s grave or wish to keep tabs on ABMC’s latest news and activities, there are various outlets for you to explore.

- ABMC website: <http://www.abmc.gov/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/abmcpage>
- YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ABMCVIDEOS>
- Instagram: <http://instagram.com/usabmc>

- Mailing address: 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201-3367

## GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Editor’s note: In the last edition of the *HOWL*, I asked readers to contribute stories related to Gold Star Mothers, and the following is one of them.



The term “Gold Star Mothers” came from WWI, when the Women’s Committee of the Council of National Defenses suggested that women wearing the traditional mourning armband could add a gilt star for those members of the family lost in the war effort. Approved by President Woodrow Wilson, the new tradition included a banner that was hung in homes, churches, and other locations to honor those who were serving with blue stars and those who were killed with gold. This tradition continues to the present day, a reminder to all in the community of the service

and sacrifices made by soldiers and families alike. You can learn more about Gold Star Mothers, past and present, here:

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc: <http://www.goldstarmoms.com/whowere/history/history.htm>

Gold Star Mothers of the US Army: <http://www.army.mil/goldstarmothers/>

### A Mother’s Intuition

As you read in the last edition of the *HOWL*, my Great-Uncle W. “Jack” Bundy was one of the TW casualties (KIA on November 17, 1944). Another part of his story lies with his mother.

One night, Jack’s mother, Lena, had a dream that Jack was hurt: something had happened to him, and he was calling for her. She awoke at about two in the morning. Over the next day, she couldn’t shake the feeling that something was wrong. Her other children tried to calm her, saying they had just received a letter from Jack and that he was fine. A few days later, the soldiers came to her home to tell her that he was killed in action. When she saw his time of death, it was the same time she had awoken from the dream. She never got over it.

—Pup George Kemp, [muffisdad@comcast.net](mailto:muffisdad@comcast.net)



My great-grandmother Lena Gibson Bundy is located on the back row, first person on the left. I can also tell you that the third person in the bottom row is Anna Belle Billingsley. Mrs. Billingsley’s son Ernest Oscar Billingsley was also killed during the war. This picture was taken at the home of my great-great grandmother Effie Jane Gibson (Jack’s grandmother).

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of my editorial assistant, Stephanie Gustafson, who helped me with both editions this year; and I’d like to welcome aboard our new designer, Lorna Nakell, while acknowledging the work of our past designer, Jerry Soga. Last and perhaps best of all, let’s not forget

the fantastic contributions of you, our readers, too!

For me, the efforts required to assemble these pages is both a reminder of and an homage to the great community and dedication of the 104th—the firm foundation upon which the NTPA

is built. May we always honor our Timberwolves in a manner that suits this extraordinary legacy.

With much respect and gratitude,  
*Jen Weaver-Neist, HOWL Editor*  
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killed him, and being fearful that he might still throw the grenade, I ran up the bank and killed him.

That was when I discovered he was an officer. He had a Luger pistol, one of the most prized trophies of war, which I took (and was stolen from me some years later) before I continued to the rear of the column. By this time, a firefight was building to a crescendo.

I ordered the men to withdraw to the vehicles and quickly accounted for them all. Then I ordered everyone to mount up and get going.

Our original two prisoners had been killed in the course of this action, the German officer on the bank by the road lay dead, and we counted eleven other enemy losses. The number of Germans wounded was unknown, but we did capture another prisoner, whom we brought with us and was lying across the hood of my jeep. Our only casualty was our medic: a bullet struck him a grazing blow on his left cheek.

When we reached headquarters, the assistant division

commander, Brigadier General Bryant E. Moore, was there conferring with Colonel Cochran. They called me into the colonel’s tent and had me describe the events of the evening. Later in the day, I learned that General Moore had directed that I be awarded the Silver Star, my first decoration of the war.

General Moore was one of the heroes of Guadalcanal, where he commanded a regiment. I did not know it when I was with him in the 104th Division, but many years later, found out that he was from Ellsworth, Maine. Probably around 1990, after moving to Gouldsboro, Maine (about twenty-five miles away), I was driving up State Street in Ellsworth. As I was passing a school, I noticed the name: Bryant E. Moore School. I couldn’t believe my eyes. I stopped and went in. It was named after General Moore.

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Battalion, attacks the town and is driven back with casualties. A second attack meets the same fate. The field artillery cannot fire for fear of hitting the Poles, who are approaching the town from another direction. The morning of the 7th, 1st and 3rd Battalions are withdrawn from the line to leave for Germany. Second Battalion is preparing a third assault, this time together with the Polish Division, when it is also withdrawn.

On the morning of the 8th, when the 386th Field Artillery Battalion (followed by the 2nd Battalion, 414th) leaves for Germany, the division operation with 1st British Corps, Canadian Army, is over. The Poles capture Moerdijk later

that day. The Timberwolves are on to new adventures, but they have left behind good friends. Charles MacDonald in *The Siegfried Line Campaign* says the 104th losses involved 179 killed, 856 wounded, and 356 missing.

*To be continued...*

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## In Grateful Remembrance of Frans Withagen (May 31, 1955–June 4, 2014)

On May 31st, 1955, Frans was born as the eldest son in the family Withagen. Most of his life, he lived in St. Maartenspolder, just south of the Mark River in an area so well known by TW Veterans. He enjoyed a carefree childhood and did what all polderboys do: fishing, swimming, skating, etc. He attended school in Zevenbergen, and when the little ferry disappeared, he attended school in Oudenbosch. After he finished high school, he chose to become a teacher. When he completed the pedagogical academy, however, military service awaited him. Then, after his time as a soldier, he started working as a teacher on August 1st, 1978, in Putte, a little village in the neighborhood of Antwerp. From the very first moment, his heart was in his work. He stayed as a teacher in Putte until the last three to four years of his illness made it impossible.

Frans had many hobbies. He began to investigate the pedigree of his family, for example, meeting members of the local history clubs of Hoeven and Oudenbosch in the process. Most of his hobbies were related to the past, and there was much room in his heart for the Timberwolf Veterans and their families. Every time they visited Europe, Frans was very busy making the visit to Standdaarbuiten an unforgettable one. Together with others, he created a book of the Battle of the Dikes and Ditches in 2011 for the American guests. Frans knew Veterans don't talk easily about their experiences during war, but he wanted families to know the heroic role their father or grandfather played in crossing the Mark River during that last week of October and the first week of November 1944. He was always well prepared to receive the Americans and to tell that story. With the help of Charlotte Ubaghs, he formed the Herdenkingscomité Standdaarbuiten (Remembrance Committee Standdaarbuiten), a committee that keeps the remembrance of our liberation alive. But Frans also idolized soccer, a more modern pastime. He watched every match on television, sometimes several times. He knew the scores and rankings by heart.



On the 2013 overseas battlefield tour—Frans (right), Henk Koyen (middle), TW Vet Ross Turkle (left)

Frans's life was not always so easy and uncomplicated, however. He was deeply touched by the loss of his father and his younger brother Jan. And as the oldest, he took care of Jan's family. Above all, he took care of his mother. It is tragic that she had to lose two sons in her lifetime.

Four years ago, Frans learned that he had cancer. Though he nobly struggled for his life, as time went by, it appeared to be an unequal battle. Some weeks ago, doctors told him all hope was lost. Frans acquiesced his fate just as bravely. He arranged everything for those he was living with, and his archives had to be distributed. When all was in order, he was prepared to say farewell; and on June 4th, he passed away in a way he wanted—alone, without making it difficult for his family.

A very special and precious life has come to an end. May he live in our memories, and may the good Lord take care of him as he took care of the members of his family and clubs.

—*Toine Vermunt*, president Herdenkingscomité  
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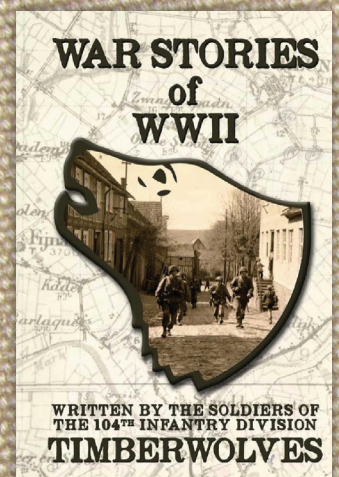
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### NTPA's 70th Anniversary European Tour: April 24–May 7, 2015



April 26, 1945, at the Elbe River SE of Torgau at Belgern: A patrol from 415D meeting the Russians as they crossed over the Elbe (Photo by PFC Wm. "Jamie" Jamieson)

I was delighted but certainly not surprised when Mary Jamieson told me that the Timberwolf Pups wanted to come back to Europe in 2015 for the seventieth anniversary of 1945.

Our previous tours have tracked the Timberwolves from start to finish in World War II—an extraordinary 195 consecutive days of frontline combat, in which they had always more than lived up to what General Terry Allen had demanded of them. ("Nothing in Hell must stop the Timberwolves!") We tracked them from Normandy, where they first entered Europe, to their successful baptism of fire in Holland; through the Siegfried Line around Aachen to the Roer River and Rhine, the southern pincer encirclement of the German Ruhr industrial area; to central Germany with Mittelbau-Dora and Halle; and to final victory and the end of the war, when they met the advancing Russians at the River Elbe in late April 1945.

This meeting between the Russians and the Americans on the River Elbe—a meeting in which the Timberwolves were very much involved—is an iconic event of 1945 that marked the end of World War II in Europe and has become one of the great iconic events of the twentieth century. The seventieth anniversary of this historic meeting will be celebrated in spectacular style in Torgau, on the River Elbe, during the last weekend of April 2015. This will be the highlight start of our 2015 tour.

The 70th Anniversary Tour will retrace the Timberwolf Tracks from this grand finale of World War II on the River Elbe all the way back through Germany, Holland, and

Belgium, and on to England. We will finish in London, celebrating in grand style with the Polar Bears and their families—the Veterans of the British 49th Infantry Division with whom the Timberwolves have such a special relationship. (The war started for the Timberwolves on October 25, 1944, when they were sent to relieve the Polar Bears, who were defending Wuustwezel, on the Belgian-Dutch border, against fierce German counterattacks.)

The following is an outline of our itinerary, which Mary and I have worked on together. I am currently finalizing the details and will provide a full tour brochure (with pricing) by the time of your reunion in Minnesota. Please tell Mary if you have any questions or special requests; I am always pleased to help. And I certainly look forward to seeing you once again on another Timberwolves European adventure.

—Patrick Hinchy, European Tour Manager, Milspec Tours



April 26, 1945: Members of the 415D patrol in Torgau talking with the Russian soldiers (Photo by PFC Wm. "Jamie" Jamieson)

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## TOUR ITINERARY

<p><b>Friday, April 24, 2015: USA / In Air</b> (You book your own flight to Berlin.)</p>	<p><b>Friday, May 1: Aachen, Breda</b> We'll do our own official wreath-laying ceremonies in Henri-Chapelle and Margraten American Cemeteries. I will arrange a US military Honor Guard to honor our Timberwolves as well as a special lunch stop at the Belgian M&amp;M's farm, with their fascinating private WWII museum.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, April 25: Arrive in Berlin</b> Everyone arrives individually this morning at our central Berlin hotel. Enjoy some free time in the city center. Then, in the afternoon, there is an exciting Berlin city sightseeing tour by coach, followed by the Grand Welcome Dinner.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 2: Breda</b> We're back once again with our great Dutch friends in Standdaarbuiten, Oudenbosch, and Aachtmaal. They will help me organize a wonderful program for you over the next three days. With Toine, Esther, and Frans (from Standdaarbuiten), we will cover the Timberwolf battlefields between the Mark River and the Maas.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 26: Berlin, Torgau, Halle</b> This morning, we drive from Berlin to Torgau on the River Elbe and join in the spectacular celebrations for the seventieth anniversary of the iconic meeting between American and Russian forces. Then we drive to Halle in the late afternoon.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 3: Breda</b> Peet and the Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves in Aachtmaal will 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'll also see the Oostvogel family. You have leisure time too for general sightseeing (e.g., in historic Breda, with its attractive, pedestrianized center).</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 27: Halle</b> Today is highlighted by a full Timberwolves program, which our great friends Matthias Maurer and the Count von Luckner Society will arrange for us in and around Halle. I shall ask if we can have another enjoyable festive dinner with the historic Halloren Salt Guild (founded 1524).</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 4: Dutch Memorial Day</b> Today, we join in commemorative ceremonies with the local Dutch people, who have always welcomed the Timberwolves into their hearts over the years and now welcome their Pups.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 28: Halle, Mittelbau-Dora, Paderborn</b> First we visit Mittelbau-Dora Concentration Camp, which the Timberwolves helped liberate. We'll see the huge subterranean works where V-1s, V-2s, and jet engines were produced. On the last tour, we followed part of the Timberwolves' southern pincer movement to encircle the Ruhr industrial area. This time, we'll continue this movement to Paderborn, where the Timberwolves met the 9th Army to complete the encirclement that trapped 300,000 German soldiers.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 5: Breda, Brussels, Eurostar to London</b> This is an exciting day in which we travel to the Belgian capitol, Brussels. After city sightseeing and free time in Brussels center, we take the special high-speed express train—the Eurostar—through the Channel Tunnel to London.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 29: Paderborn, Aachen</b> We see part of the huge Ruhr industrial area so important to the German war effort as we follow the northern pincer route in reverse to Aachen.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 6: London</b> A morning city sightseeing tour starts the day, followed by plenty of free time for shopping, more sightseeing, and perhaps a pint of beer in an English pub (I can make recommendations) before our Grand Farewell Dinner with our friends the Polar Bears, of 49th Infantry Division, and their families.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 30: Aachen</b> Spend a full day in the Aachen-Düren battlefields, which our good friend and local expert Albert Trostorf helped me arrange. Albert has already confirmed another visit to the Wollschlägers at Frenzer Mühle. They will be delighted to welcome us again. Perhaps lunch will be a BBQ in their garden. Have a look at their website: <a href="http://www.flugfritte.de/index.html">http://www.flugfritte.de/index.html</a>.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 7: London / Back to the USA</b> It had to come. It is time to say goodbye.</p>

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Sunrise at Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in Margraten, March 28, 2014

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