



### Message from the Pups

Following the success of our wonderful reunion in Albuquerque, we commenced preparations for our next reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota. Our November research trip was a huge success, and we have made many new Timberwolf friends in the “Land of 10,000 Lakes.”

We learned that although Minnesota may have a cool climate, its people are very warm. The reunion week should be very special, with highlights that include the international attraction of the Mall of America, a scenic riverboat cruise, and a city tour.

Among the many features that make Minneapolis so special is the Minnesota History Center exhibit on “The Greatest Generation.” This multimedia exhibit includes collections and displays from the 1920s through the ’60s, with reenactments by historian actors. We are very

fortunate to have arranged for a special presentation by one of its stars on the day of our General Meeting.

Please note that, due to space restrictions, “TW Tracks In History” could not be included in this edition but will return in the June/July edition.

Thank you to each of you on behalf of the Pups for giving us the honor of representing this important organization. Honoring our Veterans, remembering our history, and sharing this legacy with future generations is our goal. The success of this mission is due entirely to the dedicated support of each of you.

We look forward to seeing you in Minnesota this August.

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# 2013 Albuquerque Reunion Photo Gallery



(1) Rene Buchanan & Dutch friend Pete Van Oers; (2) Dancers at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center; (3) Belgian friend Ben De Staercke & TW John Tyrrell; (4) TW Wife Edna Cramlet; (5) Attendees by the statue outside the cultural center; (6) TW Lawrence Case & Pup Rick Rowland; (7) A good Foxhole discussion with Belgian friend Vincent De Saedeeler; (8) TW Frank Strebel celebrating his 90th birthday at the Beer Bust; (9) Dutch friends Henk & Jose Oostvogel; (10) General Hardin & NTPA President Andy Lane; (11) Pup Jerry Lacy speaking at the Memorial Service; (12) NTPA officers Joy Luque & JeNeal Granieri; (13) Ladies Luncheon attendees; (14) the Karst family; (15) Barbara & Mike Lacy; (16) 47th New Mexico Honor Guard at the Memorial Service; (17) Barbara & TW Jack Schaefer; (18) Pups Betsy & Rosemary Murphy; (19) CSM Loera, TW Milt Gilbert & Gen. Hardin; (20) Pup Sandra Park O'Neal & TW Friend Millie Didlake; (21) Attendees at the NM Veterans' Memorial; (22) TW Bob Huber & Pup Marilyn Giglio Shinavar; (23) TW Art Milbrandt; (24) TW Simon Kaplan & NTPA Historian Kathy Clark; (25) Dutch friend Corne Lauwerijssen, Pup Jim Songey & TW Howard Songey; (26) TW Russell Buffett; (27) TW Robert Bassemir & family; (28) TW Leonard Martin; (29) TWs at the Memorial Service; (30) MG Moffett & TW Tom Hobson.

## 2013 NTPA Reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico August 28–September 2

This past Labor Day, resting beside the majestic Sandia Mountains and the flowing Rio Grande, our Timberwolf Veterans, Pups, honored guests, and overseas friends gathered in Albuquerque for the 3rd Annual National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion. In usual fashion, the long weekend kicked off with friendships reunited and forged anew, and continued with area tours ranging from historic Old Town to the artisans and chapels of Santa Fe. Stories and memories were made, histories shared, and truly touching and engaging presentations given.

A city tour and a tour of the Pueblo Indian Cultural Center made Thursday, August 29, a truly memorable day to start the 2013 reunion. Our first stop was a beautiful yet sobering experience—a visit to the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park, where monuments from many military conflicts were displayed in a peaceful, outdoor setting. Next on the agenda was Old Town, the original site of the city of Albuquerque. Founded by the Spanish in 1706, the streets of Old Town were alive with history and bustling shops. The day ended with a tour of the Pueblo Indian Cultural Center. Residing solely in New Mexico, the Pueblo Indians have a unique and fascinating culture and story, which are exhibited in the center. Performers also entertained us there with Native American song and dance.

Friday continued with yet another adventure as our tour buses departed for a trip to Santa Fe, the “City of Holy Faith.” Taking the scenic route known as the Turquoise Trail, we travelled through the majestic Sandia Mountains, as well as through several revived ghost and mining towns. Sites to see included the San Miguel Chapel of Loretto, site of the miraculous staircase, and St. Francis Cathedral. The final destination on our itinerary was a visit to the Bataan Memorial Museum. The museum honors New Mexico’s “citizen soldiers” since 1598, and is dedicated to the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery regiments who fought at Bataan and Corregidor until they were ordered to surrender. Arriving back at the hotel in the late afternoon afforded time for Timberwolf souvenir sales, cold drinks, and lively discussion at the Foxhole, which remained open and busy nearly all hours. Friday came to an end with dinner and entertainment at Villa de Capo on the famous old Route 66.

Our weekend began the memorable ceremonies to honor our Timberwolf Veterans and celebrate our continued association through the NTPA. The ladies enjoyed their brunch while the men enjoyed the Gentlemen’s Canteen, then we all gathered for the General Meeting. NTPA

President, Andy Lane, led the ceremony, with Brig. General Kurt Hardin providing the military direction. After proclamations from both the New Mexico governor and Albuquerque mayor, we were treated to a history of the WWII code talkers by Judith Avila, coauthor of the award-winning book *Code Talker*, featuring the history of Albuquerque resident Chester Nez, an original of the twenty-nine Navajo chosen to develop the code. Peet van Oers, from the Holland group Friends of the Timberwolves, followed with a moving tribute to the Timberwolves, and the day concluded with the annual Beer Bust, complete with musical interludes led by our own singing Maj. General T. K. Moffett (accompanied again by guitarist Sgt. Lou Walker of the Colorado National Guard).

Sunday morning’s solemn Memorial Service was said to be “the best ever” by some, including the youth of both Holland and Belgium, Esther Eenhuizen and Vincent De Saedeleer, who stirred emotions with their own poetic accounts of what their freedom means to them, the hard-fought battles to ensure it, and thus the significance we all share in remembering the cost. (You will find their moving and eloquent speeches contained in this *HOWL* and on our web page.) Pup Jerome Lacey also provided profound reflections, representing “one of the 180,000 children whose fathers were killed in WWII.” Time-honored songs were sung to tunes provided by The Dukes of Albuquerque, and the traditional Candle Ceremony proceeded with reverence for our fallen Veterans.

Taking a well-dressed, musical, and comedic turn at our Banquet Dinner, we continued to celebrate our Veterans and friends that evening. But we were chased by time as always, and the reunion came to an end all too soon. After a breakfast on Monday morning to fill our bellies and hearts for the year ahead, we departed our host city for home. It was indeed another memorable reunion to add to the honored history of our Timberwolf Veterans.

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## Chaplain's Corner

I'm writing these lines on December 28th, so at least by the calendar, I can wish a Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year to you all. And I hope you've had a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas.

These holidays—and Holy Days—are a welcome spark in the darker days of winter, even though they are usually busier days. In that connection, I say thanks to the Wolves and Pups who have sent Season's Greetings to me. And a big thanks for the get-well card that you all signed and sent to me from the reunion back in September. I also say thanks to all the individuals who sent cards and good wishes; they were most appreciated.

I sometimes mention the national and international problems we're living through; and in this regard, we've recently been aware of our congress trying to reach a livable budget agreement, our courts seeking to maintain a just balance between individual privacy and national security in the computer age, and our executive branch trying to map out a path through the shifting sands of the Middle East.

Sure, plenty of issues, plenty of problems. Sometimes we have personal problems and "issues" too—so, what to do?



I don't claim to possess divine wisdom, but I'd advise: Don't panic, be calm, and get as much information about the problem as you can. Then reflect calmly on the issue, in the light of what you know. Next, discuss the matter with some trustworthy person whose judgment you respect. Lastly, "take the matter to prayer," reflecting on it in the presence of God, and asking only for the knowledge of His will for you and the power to carry that out. And pray for peace.

Finally, a word about my health. As you probably know, I got knocked down by a serious case of pneumonia in late July. Two successive weeks in the hospital—more pills, oxygen, "special care." Home from the hospital in September and into the "health center" here for the next couple of weeks, I eventually got back to my own room to continue recuperating. That recuperating has been very slow: I'm still using the walker; am low on energy, falling asleep when I don't intend to; and I haven't got much of an appetite. Outside of that, I'm bursting and blooming with health.

Again, I'm sorry I couldn't make it to Albuquerque but am glad that the reunion went well. And I certainly hope and intend to be with you next year.

Happy New Year to all. May your football teams win, and be sure to take care of your health.

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 General John R. (Jack) Deane, Jr.

*Editor's note: The following obituary was reprinted from the Durango Herald (August 1, 2013; Cortez, Colorado). An extended obituary can be found at the West Point Association of Graduates website: <http://apps.westpointaog.org/Memorials/Article/12855/>. The photo is from TW Joseph J. Giglio's wartime collection (courtesy of Pup Marilyn Giglio Shinavar). On the back, Joseph wrote, "My colonel [Deane, right] and I receive papers telling us our division will soon be on its way to the States."*

Gen. John Russell Deane, Jr., died Thursday, July 18, 2013, in Bangor, Maine. He was ninety-four.

Known as "Jack," he was born to Gen. John R. and Margaret Wood Deane on June 8, 1919, in San Francisco.

He grew up following his father's military career from post to post. Father and son both fought in World War II. By age ten, Gen. Deane had decided to be an Army officer himself. As his final step, he enlisted in the 16th Infantry in 1937. He entered the US Military Academy at West Point in 1938.



"Jack felt his enlisted service was probably the most important year of his professional life," according to his family. "He learned about soldiers and what motivated them."

On June 6, 1942, he married Elizabeth Heard near San Francisco. The couple had five children together before the marriage ended in divorce after forty years.

Gen. Deane was commissioned in 1942. Assigned to the 104th Division, which became famous for its night-fighting prowess, he advanced

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*At the going down  
of the sun  
and in the morning...  
We will remember them.*

Donald J. Anderson George Allen 413 AT	Marshall Ferguson 415 Serv	John P. Knox 555 AAA Bn Btry D	John W. Rheney 413 G	Howard Williams 414 A
Lee Ansell 414 C	James R. Ferguson 415 A	Albert J. Kotz 929 FA Bn HQ	Bud Ritzer 414 B	Kermit Wolfe 414 L
Bob Ballard 414 HQ 1st Bn	Warner A. Finney 104 Signal Co	Frank Kulikowski 386 FA Btry C	Albert A. Sako 413 K	Joseph Vacca 386 FA Btry C
Al Barrett 104 Signal Co	Shirl Flemming 414 F	James Kyker Unit unknown	Robert O. Sannem 415 M	Arlin Yarber 413 B
Frank Barth 414 I	George Flenner 415 F	Louis T. Liarakos Unit unknown	Charles Shotts 415 I	<b>WIFE or WIDOW</b>
Herbert Berg 414 E	Herbert Foreman 413 HQ 1st Bn	Robert Longyear 413 HQ	Marvin Shurtliff 413 A	Ona Ruth Blood 413 A (Nile)
Jack Bouldin 329 Med Detach B	Raymond A. Frasene 413 HQ	Glen E. Lytle 413 K	Curtis Sloan 414	Rosemary Bowlin 415 E (Paul)
Marvin Brettingen 555 AAA Bn HQ Btry	Warren Freidinger 415 HQ 1st Bn	William MacCrellish, Jr 415 M	Richard Slottow 415 A	Geri Burden 415 E (Bill)
Michel Brice Unit unknown	Charles Fulton 415 D	Jack Mahoney 413 I	Lee Smith 555 AAA Bn Btry D	Joyce Case 415 I (Versel)
Oliver Briney Unit unknown	Ralph Gillotti 692 TD Bn C	Jack F. Maxwell 415 G	M G Smith 413 I	Alta Dobson 414 Cannon (William)
Joseph Cannon 415 HQ 1st Bn	Keith Greko 104 Band	Herbert Meyer 414 AT	Albert Spinelli 413 I	Rachel Gilbert 413 K (Milton)
Bernard Cohen 385 FA Serv	Peter Halas 413 A	Wilbur Mielke 555 AAA Bn Btry B	Harold N. Taylor Unit unknown	Margie Hearn 555 AAA Bn Btry C (J.D.)
Arthur Cooper 555 AAA Bn Btry D	Elmer Hall Unit unknown	Edward Molitor 555 AAA Bn Btry A	George Timko Unit unknown	Muriel Leu 104 MP (wife of Lou)
Theron "Bill" East 413 E	John Head 415 F	Robert Earl Morgan Unit unknown	Earl W. Thoman Unit unknown	Eleanor Meyer 414 AT (Herbert)
Gen. John R. Deane, Jr. (ret) 415 HQ	Merle Hicks Unit unknown	Alexander Nameth 413 K	Paul W. Thompson 414 F	LaVerne Thoennes 555 Btry B (Leo)
Aldo DeTomasi 415 C	Clifford Hoffman 386 FA B	Charles Norris 415 AT	Robert Thorson 415 F	<b>CORRECTIONS</b> With apologies for the errors in the June 2013 <i>HOWL</i>
Clifford Dietz 414 H	John Head 415 F	Clyde Price Unit unknown	Marion Richard Waggener 415 H	Samuel Boratko 385 FA HQ (corrected unit)
	George Katz 104 HQ	Hermon Price 415 I	Virgil Walker 415 L	William Joseph Brady 104 QM (first name omitted)
	Merle D. Kelly 415 E	Stanley Pokrzywa 414 HQ	Wilbur Wassmund 555 AAA Bn Btry A	
		Walter Porter, Jr. 414 A	Chester Watters 4143 HQ 2d Bn	
		Kenneth Reinhardt Unit unknown	Avary White 415 K	
		Robert Renner 104 Recon	Lee Wickstrom 929 FA HQ	

## Remembrances

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from second lieutenant platoon leader in 1942 to lieutenant colonel and battalion commander at twenty-five, in early 1945.

It was the beginning of a thirty-five-year career that would see him serving in significant planning, intelligence, and direct command roles. Gen. Deane achieved the rank of four-star general before his mandatory retirement in 1977.

Gen. Deane received numerous medals, including two Distinguished Service Crosses, three Silver Stars, a Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart.

“Jack was in Berlin when the Berlin Wall was erected,” according to his family. “During the first day of its construction, he went through every entry point into East Berlin at least once to demonstrate that the United States would not be denied its right of access to all parts of Berlin.”

Gen. Deane finished his career as the commander of the Army Materiel Command, where he was responsible for the purchase of all Army equipment and supplies, with an annual budget of more than \$15 billion. Upon his retirement, Gen. Deane founded a consulting company advising on the development of technologies to meet weapons requirements.

In 1986, he married Carolyn Baze in Perth, Scotland. They have lived in Gouldsboro, Maine, for the last eighteen years.

Gen. Deane is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children Margie Deane Gray (Durango, CO), Nancy Kreitler (Edwards and North Palm Beach, FL), Elizabeth H. Deane II and Christopher R. Deane (both of Glendale, AZ), and John R. Deane III (Panama City Beach, FL); nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

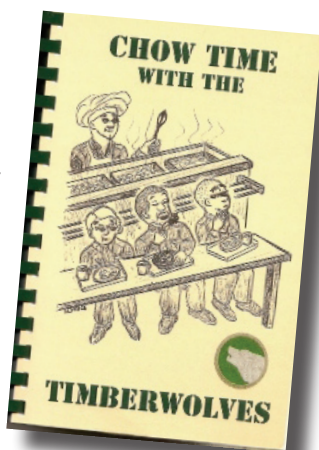
Memorial contributions may be made to Code of Support Foundation, 2050 Ballenger Avenue, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314 (571-527-3234, [www.codeofsupport.org](http://www.codeofsupport.org)). A memorial service [was] held Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at West Point.

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### Remembering Dr. Herman Price

By Sandra Eberhard

I never met Dr. Price personally, but in early 2000, when my sisters and I were doing the Timberwolves cookbook and I asked for stories about food during the war, Dr. Price sent a story that included an illustration at the end of it. I decided to write him a letter to see if



he would do the cover illustration and the illustrations for the dividers. I think I took him by surprise, but he did them. They were so neat, and he also suggested the names for the food sections—which we used. Later, when he wrote his own memoirs (*There's Something Funny About That*), he added illustrations, mentioning the fact that *Chow Time with the Timberwolves* was the “experience that served as training ground for embellishing this memoir.” (In the book, he also mentions TW Grandon Tolstedt, with whom he went to medical school after the war and who has also penned books.) Dr. Price and I continued to write to each other occasionally, and I will miss him. I still have the original illustrations.

Dr. Price served with 415 I and has three stories in the *War Stories* book.

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### A Note on Glen Lytle

By Andrew Lane, NTPA President



The June edition of the *HOWL* will include a longer tribute to TW Glen Lytle, but for now, I'd like to at least say, on behalf of the NTPA board, that we all share a feeling of sadness at Glen's passing on January 29. Glen was a force that guided and held the NTA together for so many years; and Glen and his wife, Marilyn (along with the rest of the NTA board), contributed greatly to the NTPA, making it possible for us to carry the reunions and tours forward for future generations. May we all find comfort in knowing that Glen was able to enjoy the role of honored guest at our past three reunions—reunions that continue so many of the traditions that you, our World War II Veterans, began in the NTA. Thank you, now and always, for your service and sacrifice.

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<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>							
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## NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 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

### 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  
**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

### 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 to see the WWII Exhibit, "Minnesota's Greatest Generation." 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

(Thursday tour cont.)

- **\$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.

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

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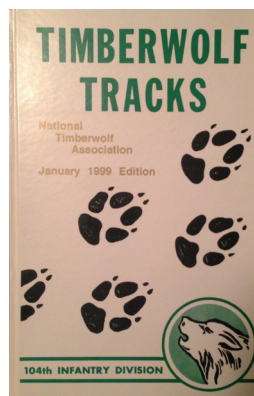


TW Bob Huber (left), NTPA President, Andrew Lane (right) [Photo courtesy of Cpt. Bradley Vance of West Point]

### 2013 General Terry Allen Award

In addition to preparing for our next reunion, the National Timberwolf Pups Association has continued its mission to honor the legacy of the 104th Infantry Division of World War II. On November 9th, TW Robert Huber presented the General Allen Award to West Point Cadet Brian Schultz before the entire academy at the Army–Kentucky game. This award is given to the highest achieving fourth-year cadet in the area of military science. (Coincidentally, Bob's arrival at West Point fell on his ninetieth birthday, making it an especially memorable day.)

### Tracks Reprint In the Works



The National Timberwolf Pups Association is preparing to reprint *Timberwolf Tracks* with an updated 2014 Addendum. If you think you might want a book, we would appreciate it if you would please send a postcard to Kathy Clark, P.O. Box 52, El Verano, CA 95433 or an email to [kpclark@vom.com](mailto:kpclark@vom.com). This does not commit you to buy a book, but it will help us decide how many copies to print. Thank you.

### Call for Content

We would like to do a tribute article to Gold Star Mothers in the June 2014 edition of the *HOWL*. If you have a story and/or photograph to share, please send it to the *HOWL* editor by April 15th: Jen Weaver-Neist, [jen@damerocketpress.com](mailto:jen@damerocketpress.com) / 6858 SE Langwood Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123. (Note: the best images are high resolution—at least 300 dpi and 100 percent—and saved as a “pdf” or “jpg” file.)

## Notes from the Reunion Site Committee

The Site Committee had a very successful visit to Bloomington, Minnesota, to prepare for our upcoming reunion. Our hotel, the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul, is nicely situated, providing free transportation to and from the airport, and a complementary shuttle to the nearby Mall of America. In addition, the train to the Minneapolis and St. Paul downtown areas is only a short walk away, as is the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, offering trails for a fabulous outdoor experience.

We are very pleased with the hotel's services and rooms, and feel certain that a good time will be had by all. Among the perks is a large room for the Foxhole and a very nice onsite restaurant, which will be set up for breakfast daily. Our new "traditions" will also continue, with the Men's Canteen and Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday and some entertainment afterwards.

Another new tradition is the Beer Bust raffle! Last year, we were lucky to have enough prizes for almost everyone (many thanks to those who contributed), and we encourage this year's attendees to please donate items again (the best kind can be easily packed for those who fly).

When we checked into local attractions, we felt that people would enjoy the Twin Cities tour, which will be offered twice. The first day will include a stop for lunch and an afternoon at the Minnesota Historical Museum, where there is plenty of seating in and around the museum's restaurant, and a nice outdoor area for those who want to take a little break. One of the comments last year was that

there wasn't enough time in the afternoon at the museum in Albuquerque, so we have asked that the Twin Cities Tour be extended at least an hour so people can enjoy the site. There is nothing planned for Thursday evening, so the afternoon can be more leisurely than before.

On Friday, we hope to have the Twin Cities Tour in the morning, freeing the afternoon for people to enjoy their own activities. We heard that the riverboat tours are fabulous, so we will be offering an evening boat tour that night, which will include dinner.

One of our NTPA members, Rene Buchanan, lives close to Minneapolis and is excited to share suggestions to make your visit more memorable, especially for those of you who can add a couple of days before or after the reunion to explore. Stillwater, for example, is a quaint little city on the St. Croix River with lots of antique stores and a score of dining choices. Please contact me if you'd like to get in touch with Rene for more ideas.

The main purpose of the reunion is to get together with old and new friends to share stories and each other's company. Everything else is just frosting on the cake! That said, we feel sure that this reunion will be another great and enjoyable one. We do hope that you can attend.

Thanks so much for all the inspiration you give us.

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer & Committee Member  
jagranieri@sbcglobal.net

## Membership Form

Annual dues for the association are \$20 and a nominal \$10 for Veterans and/or their spouses. Our bylaws state that membership in the organization begins in January of each year, but we will accept dues at any time. And we certainly encourage people to pay their dues for the next year at the reunion if they wish.

Please fill out the dues form below, and kindly indicate if there is an address change since our general mailings will not be first class and thus will not be forwarded. You can keep us updated by sending information either to Paul Murphy at the website or to JeNeal Granieri at jagranieri@sbcglobal.net or at the mailing address below.

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## Treasurer's Report

I am very happy to report that we again had a very successful year. We hope to maintain the support of all of you to continue our efforts to honor and maintain the heritage of the 104th Infantry Division / Timberwolves.

—JeNeal Granieri, Treasurer  
jagranieri@sbcglobal.net

### NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION

Statement of Income and Expenses  
January 1, 2013–December 31, 2013

#### CASH ON HAND on JANUARY 1, 2013

Checking Account	\$7,519.00
Savings Account	\$9,426.00

<b>TOTAL on January 1, 2013</b>	<b>\$16,945.00</b>
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#### DEPOSITS

Dues	\$2,910.00
Reunion Sales/Donations	\$6,431.00
Book Sales	\$1,928.00

<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$11,269.00</b>
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#### EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS

HOWL Production and Mailing	\$6,369.00
Fees: NJ Filing, NTA Dissolution, Bank	\$ 110.00
Web Costs: NTA (\$23/month)	\$ 276.00
NTPA (3-year contract)	\$ 260.00
Operating Expenses	\$4,760.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,775.00</b>
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#### BALANCE ON HAND on December 31, 2013

Checking Account	\$7,000.00
Savings Account	\$9,439.00

<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$16,317.00</b>
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## 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. (Please include "TW" in the subject line.)

### Search for an Unknown Timberwolf July 9, 2013



I was wondering if someone might be able to help identify this young man with the 104th Infantry badge on his uniform. The photo was found among a large collection of family photos belonging to my husband's grandfather, Dewey Russell Myers, Sr., who was born in the North Carolina mountains but spent most of his life in the Portsmouth, Virginia, area. His wife was Hazel Lane, so if the young man turns out to be a Lane, it would be from her side.

The photo is in a cardboard frame that says "Clifford; Albany, Oregon," and I'm guessing he was stationed at Camp Adair. Possible last names could include Myers, Lane, Green, and Dula. The Myers family is from the Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee areas.

He has the Timberwolf badge and the rank of the Technician 5th Grade badge in use between 1942 and

1948. He also has a medallion on his breast pocket that appears to be an iron cross with a bar hanging from it. I cannot find anything about this item.

Any help at all would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

—Laura Myers, lmyers@sprynet.com / 410-864-8746

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### Timberwolf Replacement Training July 25, 2013

I am Ken Giorno, an amateur historian and a lifelong student of things martial. Many years ago, I had a neighbor who was a Timberwolf who joined the 104th when it was already in action in the ETO. I recall him saying that they had a great system for replacements within the division. Before dumping them into the line (as was the usual case), General Allen developed a two-week training program that was conducted by combat NCOs. This program taught and trained the new replacement in everything he really needed to know, as the "teachers" had literally just walked off the line. My neighbor said the adjustment to combat and to his fellow GIs was minimal due to this course, and he thought it saved many lives.

My problem is that over the years, I have been unable to find any information on the course other than a simple mention here and there. What I seek is as much information

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on the replacement training program as is possible to include a syllabus if one's available.

Thank you greatly in advance. ANY assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Take care and stay safe,

—Ken, kilogulf59@frontier.com

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### Seeking Answers About TW Uncle, KIA December 13, 2013

I am looking for more information about my uncle W. "Jack" Bundy, who was part of the 415th, Co. F. Born January 22, 1925, in Hamlet, North Carolina, he enlisted in the army on June 7, 1943, two weeks after graduating high school. He went and trained at Ft. Hood, Texas, and Camp Carson, Colorado. He was then sent to NYU, where he completed a degree in basic engineering and radio operations for the army.



One day while training, his appendix burst. The doctors were able to remove it but told him that he would be put on bed rest and then light duty at the camp, until he could fully recover. During that time, his company was called up to go to Europe, and Jack told the doctors, "No, I want to go and fight with

my friends," whom he had been with since boot camp. So the doctors released him to go overseas.

Jack fought through Holland, France, and Germany. His last letter, written on November 17, 1944 (the day he died), stated that they were in a German pillbox. While traveling through the Hurtgen Forest, Jack and a few others were cut off from the rest of the company. They sent Jack to try and find the radio to call for help. About thirty minutes later, he was found shot dead. He was buried at the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery in Belgium for three years

before he was transported in December 1947 to Raleigh National Cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

I also wanted to note that Jack was engaged to a girl named Rose, whom he met in New York before he shipped off overseas.

Thanks,

—George Kemp, muffisdad@comcast.net / 904-731-9369  
2503 Stein Street, Jacksonville, FL, 32216

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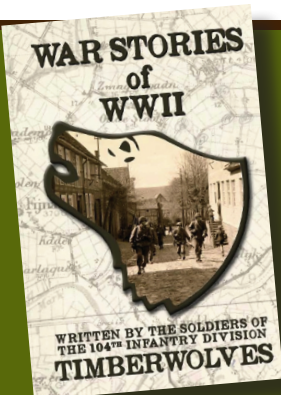
### The Wheels of War December 2013

Along with fifty-one bottles of Rhine wine and nine bottles of Champagne, with which we stocked our jeep during World War II, we acquired a bottle of Kimmel (or was it Kommel?), a caraway-flavored form of dynamite. But the most astonishing prize was a bottle of what looked like vodka with a two-inch-long, off-white, fat grub in it. One man, who was versed in the world of spirits, opined that the grub was added to impart a distinctive flavor. In any event, we decided it was more prudent to take our chances with the German military.

Our forward observer crew was one man short of the four specified in the Table of Organization. I suppose the fourth man was to handle the 50-caliber machine gun that our jeep was originally equipped with. It was mounted mid-ship on a pedestal. However, it was soon removed because it was never fired. Some who had fixed it reported that it made the jeep bounce around so much that you couldn't hit a bull in the sit-upon at fifty feet (pardon the sanitized army expression). So, the fourth-man space became our liquor closet.

At the end of hostilities, we occupied a rural settlement soon to be turned over to the Russians. One last party drained our liquid assets. Good thing too because we were finally assigned a fourth man, who found room in the empty corner of the jeep!

—Richard E. A. Lyon (414)



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*Editor's note: The late General Deane was very generous, giving the NTPA a number of stories for inclusion in our newsletter—several of which are still waiting for upcoming issues. This story is a continuation of "Let's Get 'Em," which appeared in the last HOWL (June 2013). And we are so grateful for the unique opportunity to preserve the history of his service and that of the 104th in his own words.*

While I was running Operation Rusty, I lived at an estate called Luisenhof. It bordered the western side of Camp King in Germany. I lived there in relative splendor, with two or three other officers, for about two years. The home had belonged to a senior executive in I.G. Farben, a major German corporation headquartered in Frankfurt. It was comfortably furnished and large, probably seven bedrooms and servant quarters.

We had a "house mother," Frau Leverkus, who was an American by birth and came from a prominent Philadelphia family. She had married Herr Leverkus, the owner of a large chemical company, in 1910 and thus lost her American citizenship. Her nephew, an American intelligence officer stationed at Camp King, had brought her from her home in the town of Leverkusen near Cologne to oversee the operation of Luisenhof. Coming with her was her cook and a maid. The cook was marvelous. She could make a feast of the rations we were issued, and the maid relieved us of the chores of making our beds, doing laundry, etc.

This was an interim job for Frau Leverkus. She was actually there to live in relative comfort, with food to sustain her until she could regain her status as an American citizen and return to Philadelphia. Her husband had died early in the war. When she left us, she brought her German niece, Frau Jutta von Gruschwitz, to take care of the house and its American occupants. She, too, was a widow.

Every evening while I was there, we dressed for dinner, which was preceded by an hour of interesting conversation and sherry. These grand ladies presided over this hour and dinner.

At one point, a former German general, Lieutenant General Beierlein, was quartered at Luisenhof while he wrote an account of his actions during the war. He was a guest of the army's historians, though he did not share our evening sherry nor did he eat with us. He had a back bedroom, sort of out of the way from the rest of us. In fact, we rarely saw him.

One evening, I felt an urge to talk to Beierlein. I went to his room, and we chatted about the war and his role. I found that he had been a corps commander, and his corps was a major part of the force trapped by the encircling movement of the Seventh Corps (from the south) and the British forces (from the north) that created the so-called Ruhr Pocket.

After several evenings of discussion, which I found fascinating, I mentioned that my battalion had the mission to keep the entrapped forces from breaking out of the Pocket along a major road leading from the Pocket. I did not tell him that I was very apprehensive about my mission.

I had a battalion of about five hundred men. We were facing the possibility of fighting some part of a force of probably more than fifty thousand men. They had armored units; our only antitank weapons were four relatively ineffective 37mm antitank guns, which could only knock out the German's light armored vehicles, not their tanks. Also, we had bazookas (handheld, antitank rocket launchers). These were very effective, but the gunner had to be within fifty yards or so of the target to hope to get a hit. Because of earlier, excellent results with the bazookas, my battalion loved them and probably used them more successfully than any other unit in the army. Still, you had to be very close to the target. And out there in the open, where we were located, this posed a problem. There weren't any buildings to provide cover at our position, just woods and open fields.

Beierlein was interested and sought more detail. In the next few days, I secured maps that covered the area and took them to one of our evening sessions. I pinpointed our position on the perimeter of the Pocket. As we discussed his situation and mine at that time in the war, I told him of our encounter with a force just north of our defensive position. I described what had happened in considerable detail.

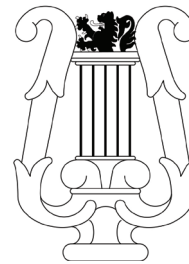
When I finished, he told me that he had felt the corridor I was defending offered the greatest possibility of success in any attempt to break out of the Pocket. Therefore, he had sent that force, the one Maudlin and I and Company G had encountered, to make a reconnaissance of the area. He said that the few soldiers we had not captured had returned and reported to him that a formidable force was located at the point he felt might offer escape. In their opinion, there was no chance that a breakout could be effected there.

I marveled at the great, good fortune we had when the supply column of the 3rd Armored Division stumbled onto Beierlein's force and created the situation in which we had acted so decisively.

—John R. Deane, Jr.  
General, US Army (Ret.)

## Search for Missing German Flag

Village Flag Missing Since WWII  
September 24, 2013



(Far left) flag front,  
(middle) flag back,  
(far right) the lyre

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am turning to you with an unusual request. Before I explain, I need to give you some background information: After the end of World War I, in 1920, a few young men from the village of Pier in North Rhine-Westfalia, Germany, founded a choral society called “Sängerbund Pier.” They planned to welcome the soldiers coming home from captivity with a celebration. That occasion took place on the 18th of April, 1920, and was well received by the people.

In 1922, the members of the society ordered a flag that was consecrated on the 21st of May, 1922, in a ceremony. The front of the flag is blue and white, and shows a lyre in a laurel wreath, representing the coat of arms of the village of Pier and the church. The writing “Sängerbund Pier” completes this picture. The reverse is white, and shows the coat of arms of Pier and the seal of the mayor of Pier. Additionally, there are four historic dates of the village (873, 1381, 1556, 1919) and a saying: “Heil Du mein Dörfchen—Du liebliches Pier—Perle der Dörfer—und Rurlandes Zier.” The flag was fastened to a long flagpole; and fixed at the upper end was a lyre of sheet metal.

Unfortunately, both our beloved flag and the lyre were nowhere to be found after the end of World War II. All our efforts to find them, to our great disappointment, came to nothing. Only the flagpole was found in the attic of a house in Bonsdorfer Street in Pier and has since been lovingly restored.

Now our last hope is that both the lyre and the flag were saved by an American soldier in 1944, maybe taken home by him to protect them from destruction. In the chronicle of our village, we found some information on the events in December 1944...that the 414th infantry started an attack on the villages of Schophoven and Pier on the morning of December 10th.

If it is possible for you to find out more on the whereabouts of our flag and lyre, we would be so grateful and happy.

Yours sincerely,

Franz Jürgen Scharnickel, Chairman of the MGV  
Sängerbund 1920 Pier  
Address: Meroedgener Str. 6, D-52459 Inden, Germany  
Tel: 0049 2465 / 1729  
Email: F.Scharnickel@gmx.de

## Our Friends Overseas

At the 2013 reunion in Albuquerque, our annual gathering was made even more special by the attendance of eight of our overseas friends, two of which made presentations at the Memorial Service. The following is the poem that Esther Eenhuizen read at the service. She originally wrote it to honor the Timberwolves at the 2013 May 4 Remembrance Day celebration in the Dutch village of Standdaarbuiten. Some of our Vets and their loved ones had the opportunity to attend this service as part of last year's battlefield tour.

*Horrible years of suppression  
happened long before I was born,  
when our town was ruled by evil  
and people's lives were torn.*

*But finally the end was near—  
Allen's men came through the night;  
young and far away from home,  
yet determined to win this fight.*

*Nothing in hell could stop them—  
Mark River had to be crossed!  
Freedom was returned to us,  
but do we realize at what cost?*

*Defined by war, back home they went,  
but their buddies were here to stay.  
They gave their lives for us to live.  
We owe them this Remembrance Day...*

*When the echoes of the battlefields,  
where life's highest price was paid,  
sound louder still when we are still  
as our promises are made:*

*To honor this great generation,  
an inspiration to us all;  
to always share their story  
long after the last bugle call.*

*Today, when past meets present,  
in freedom we look ahead.  
As long as we remember,  
as long as we never forget.*



Hi everybody,

My name is Vincent De Saedeleer, and I live in Belgium. In 2009, I started the Timberwolves Remembrance Group Belgium. We are a small group that is mainly focused on re-enactment, and we've gotten more and more involved with the historic aspect of the Timberwolves over the years. Several of our group members have also adopted graves of fallen Timberwolf soldiers at Henri-Chapelle Cemetery to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank several groups of people for what they do or have done during the past seventy years.

First of all, the Veterans. Thanks to what the Veterans did almost seventy years ago, we can live as free people in Europe. These brave soldiers sacrificed their lives and their tomorrows for our future, and for this, we cannot thank you enough. You really are the Greatest Generation.

I would also like to thank the Timberwolf Pups organization for keeping the memory alive. You guys make sure their legacy lives on and will never be forgotten. Your work is more important than you think. A lot of Pups are able to meet the soldiers that their father, uncle, or grandfather shared foxholes with. They all went to hell and back. A lot of Pups are also able, because of you all, to know what kind of person their family member was. Their historic actions changed their whole life.

But I would especially like to take this moment to thank our beloved Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves. These wonderful people started in the early '90s with the research of the 104th Infantry Division to know who actually liberated their hometown. Thanks to their ongoing work, the history of the Timberwolves will be never forgotten.

The organization does so much. They teach the school children of the surrounding towns what happened in the war so that future generations will keep in mind what it took to be living as a free man. During the years, they've made sure that the Timberwolves tours and several personal visits of Veterans and family would bring them to their "holy grounds," as I call it. They made an everlasting bond with the Veterans and Pups over the years that anybody who is not involved could never understand.

Thanks to our Dutch friends, future generations like the Belgian Remembrance Group are able to keep the memory alive. You were most appreciated by us; and from the start, you helped us with research of the Division. You lead us on the good way, and for this, we will be in your debt.

The Timberwolves Association has grown from a Veterans organization to a wonderful family we are now a part of. This Family is not like any other family; it's a family of friends and relatives that appreciate everyone and will try to help everybody as much as they can. The only way to compare this Family is with fudge: mostly sweet with a few nuts in it.

This Family does not know how much it means to each member. Thanks to everybody, people like Peggy Gouras are able to find the grounds where her great-uncle went missing in action and fulfill her grandmother's search; Don and Mike Davis didn't have a hard time with their quest to follow their dad's footsteps; and Veteran John Tyrrell was able to pay his respects to his fallen comrades in arms where he was wounded, and close a chapter in his life that he never mentioned before to his children. These examples and countless others would not be possible without everybody included in our International Timberwolf Family established by the actions of our brave Veterans.

Thank you all for what you have done; I cannot thank our Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves, Timberwolves Pups, and beloved Veterans enough for everything. Thank you for having us as a part of this Timberwolf Family. We and future generations will forever be in your debt.

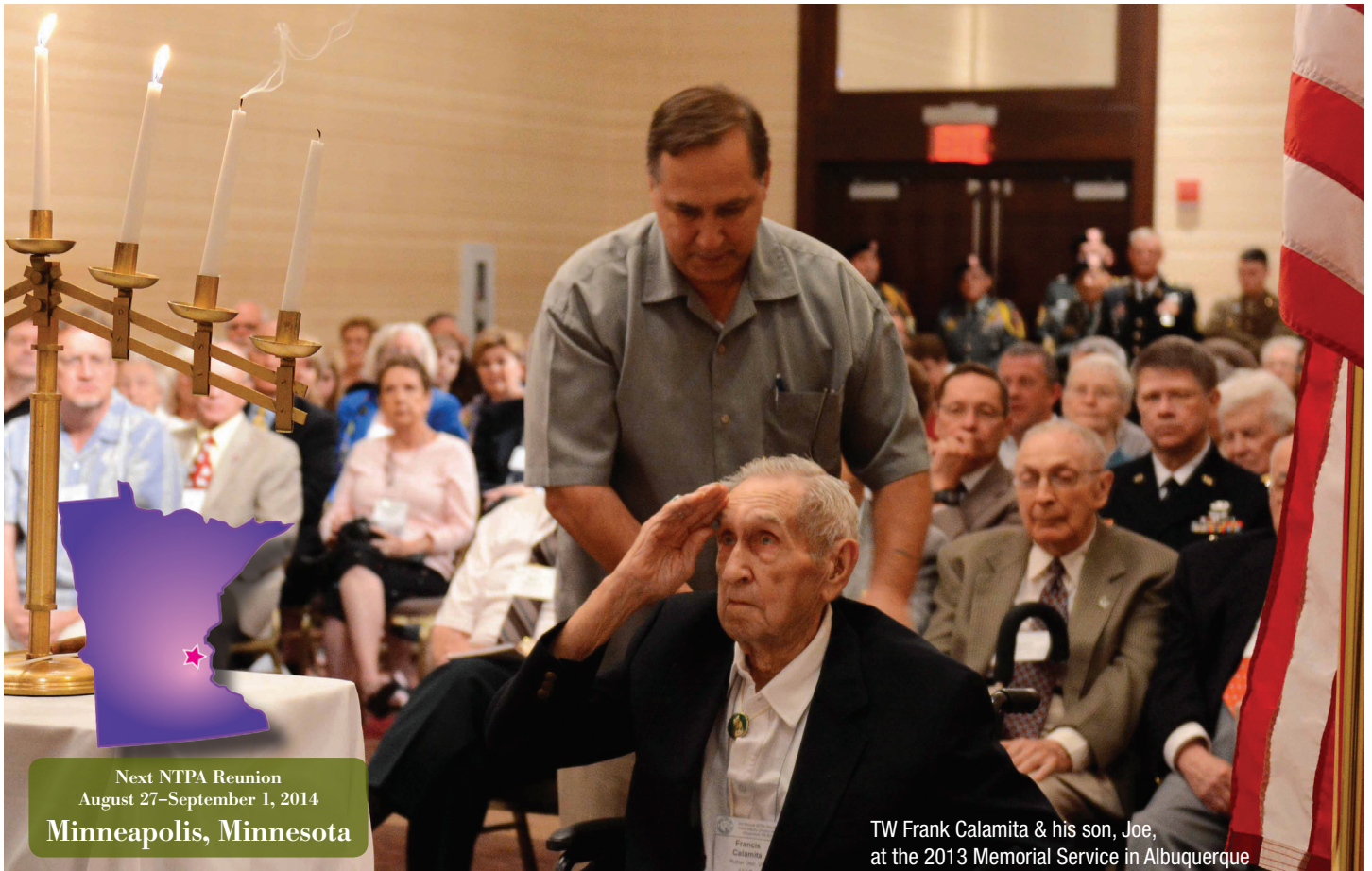
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TW Frank Calamita & his son, Joe,  
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