



### MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

Dear Friends,

One of the missions of the NTPA is to educate future generations about the role of the 104th Infantry Division in World War II, and how the Timberwolves helped to change the course of history and preserve the freedom we enjoy today. This role brings us in 2015 to the historic city of New Orleans, a place that has long been associated with the Antebellum South, the birth of Jazz, Mardi Gras, and many other cultural icons. New Orleans is also home to the internationally recognized National WWII Museum, the city's newest number-one attraction.

The New Orleans location of this important archive came about because native Louisiana ingenuity made the D-Day landings at Normandy and the Pacific Theater island campaign a success. The shallow waters surrounding New Orleans were the source of inspiration for the flat-bottom landing craft developed by Higgins Boat Company and manufactured by the thousands during the war. These highly maneuverable wooden boats featured a drop-down hull that could deploy a load of infantry in nineteen seconds—far faster than conventional boats. This speed saved lives, and was the first step in conquering

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# 2014 REUNION PHOTO GALLERY



## 2014 NTPA Reunion in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 27–September 1

Excitement filled the Minneapolis air as Timberwolves, Pups, families, and friends attended the 4th Annual National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion this past Labor Day weekend. Minneapolis, located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, is nicknamed the “City of Lakes,” since twenty-two lakes can be found within its city limits. Camaraderie, adventure, entertainment, and culinary delights made a reunion in this beautiful city a particularly memorable experience.

As always, the Foxhole provided a cozy and informal meeting place. Beginning Wednesday evening, attendees gathered there, hoping to rekindle friendships or cultivate new ones. Breakfasts were eaten in the Foxhole as well. No matter what city the reunion is held in, the Foxhole remains the same, providing a special experience for all of us: precious time together after a year apart—or more.

Thursday and Friday, we boarded the buses for a Twin Cities tour. Tour guides provided very interesting information regarding the State Capitol and the Cathedral of St. Paul, as well as Rice Park and Millionaire’s Row. We were also able to share in the beauty of the majestic fifty-three-foot Minnehaha Falls. Thursday’s tour included an afternoon visit to the Minnesota History Center, which gave us the opportunity to partake in an awesome WWII exhibit on “The Greatest Generation.” Once again, we were reminded of the deep sacrifice and patriotism displayed by our Timberwolves.

Friday afternoon was left open for leisure time and a chance to explore more of the Minneapolis area. Some took a trip to the nearby Mall of America, an indoor shopping mall the size of seventy-eight football fields, while others went to Fort Snelling, a reconstructed fort and National Historic Landmark that was a short from our hotel. Even closer, within walking distance, was the Minnesota Wildlife Refuge, a natural area full of hiking trails, forest, and, of course, wildlife. And at the hotel, Pup and professional writer John DeDakis offered writing seminars that focused on memoir and the art of rewriting.

The sunset dinner cruise on Friday evening was a fun event! We enjoyed a special two-hour cruise from Harriet Island, St. Paul, up the Mississippi River. Beautiful river scenery, the crisp evening air, great conversation, and even some

singing on deck by both Vets and Pups made the night one to remember.

The weekend was one of tradition, carrying on the memorable ceremonies inspired by the NTA. On Saturday, the ladies enjoyed their brunch while the men lunched at the Gentlemen’s Canteen. Then both groups gathered together for a performance by a very entertaining WWII re-enactor who portrayed Virginia Mae Hope, a WWII Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) from Winnebago, Minnesota.

Next on the agenda was the General Meeting. NTPA President Andrew Lane welcomed all, General Kurt Hardin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and our national anthem, and Veteran Mel Morasch said a prayer. After reading the official state proclamation from the governor of Minnesota, our first speaker presided at the podium. John DeDakis, son of TW Major Gen. George DeDakis and a published author and journalism professor, discussed his early life as a Pup and other highlights that led to his writing career. Our next presentation featured excerpts from *The Typist*, a short documentary about Larry Tillemans, a WWII army sergeant, who worked as a court clerk during the Nuremberg trials after the war.

Saturday night’s Beer Bust gave us a chance to kick back and relax in the company of friends, old and new. Of course, the traditional performance by Major General T. K. Moffett was one of the night’s highlights.

On to Sunday morning...and a much more somber and emotional experience. Once again, the Memorial Service was a solemn reminder of our fallen comrades. Singing songs like “When the Lights Go On Again” and “My Buddy” brought tears to the eyes of many. The Candle Ceremony, and presentations by Bob Huber and John DeDakis, reminded us of the hard-fought battles to maintain our freedom and overcome grief.

The Banquet on Sunday night gave us yet another opportunity to wine and dine in the company of cherished friends, but the night ended all too soon and Monday’s Farewell Breakfast came way too fast.

And then it was over, for another year. Goodbye hugs, promises to keep in touch, and expressions of gratitude—it was another reunion enjoyed, cherished, and stored in the memory pages.

—Annie Borchardt, Secretary  
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(1) TW Bryce Thornton with his wife and daughter; (2) Priscilla McNamara, TW Robert Bassemir & Alan O’Shea; (3) the Mjoen family; (4) TWs Mel Morasch and Ivan Hogan; (5) Dale Shinavar & TW Jack Schaefer lighting a candle at the Memorial Service; (6) TW Bill Danner and overseas friend Esther Eenhuizen; (7) Steve Hunegs, Exec. Dir. of the Jewish Community Relations Council of MN and the Dakotas, WWII Vet Larry Tillemans & Joy Luque; (8) [L–R] Natalie Goodkind’s daughter, Nancy Milwid-Reed, Natalie Goodkind, Lyle Wold, Marilyn Lytle, Al McDonald & JeNeal Granieri; (9) Beer Bust musician Jim McCreary; (10) TW Keith Zimmerman; (11) TW Vets, other servicemen & Honorary Consul Marc A. Al of the Netherlands (back row) at the Banquet; (12) Frances Francis and Barbara Schaefer at the Ladies Luncheon; (13) Marilyn Lytle & daughter; (14) MN Historical Society WWII re-enactor, our Saturday entertainment; (15) TW Art Diamond & his wife, Ruth; (16) BG Hardin holding 104th battle streamers with NTPA President Andy Lane at the Gen. Meeting; (17) [L–R] Rene Buchanan, Dale Shinavar, Mary Jamieson, Annie Borchardt, Marilyn Shinavar, Earl Richards (our adopted Vet from New Mexico) & Millie Didlake on the Mississippi riverboat cruise; (18) Pup Jackie Groe & her mother; (19) MG T. K. Moffett (a.k.a. Elvis) melting another woman’s heart at the Beer Bust; (20) second- and third-generation Pups; (21) speaker, Pup, and author John DeDakis at the Memorial Service; (22) [L–R] Pups Nancy Webar & John Muskopf with TW Dale Muskopf, enjoying the riverboat cruise; (23) bagpiper closing the Memorial Service; (24) Minnesota family of TW Warren Fredrickson (414 G, KIA); (25) [L–R] happy Pups at the Banquet; (26) the Lacy family; (27) TW Bob Cobbe

# 2015 REUNION—ACTIVITY FORM

## 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, INC. in the form of a check or money order. Your canceled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at <http://www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2015> (a 3% charge will be added to the total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **July 24, 2015**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.** Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUTOFF DATE IS JULY 24, 2015			
	Price Per	# of Tickets	Total
<b>TOURS</b>			
<b>Thurs. (8/27): PLANTATION TOUR</b> 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM	\$79	X	=
<b>Friday (8/28): NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM TOUR</b> 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	\$53	X	=
<b>MUSEUM TOUR—WWII VETERAN PRICE</b>	<b>\$33</b>	X	=
<b>Saturday (8/29): CITY TOUR</b> 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM	\$37		
<b>EVENING DESSERT THEATER</b>			
<b>Friday (8/28):</b> Coffee, tea, dessert, and entertainment 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM	\$30	X	=
<b>BANQUET</b>			
<b>Sunday (8/30):</b> Banquet Dinner <i>(Please select an entrée below.)</i> 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM			
Herb-Marinated, Seared Chicken Breast	\$41	X	=
Grilled Hanger Steak	\$47	X	=
Grilled Louisiana Drum Fish	\$42	X	=
Reunion Picture CD (prepared by Art Luque)	\$25	X	=
<b>PER-PERSON REGISTRATION FEE (Covers various reunion expenses)</b>			
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 07/24/15	\$45	X	=
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED AFTER 07/24/15	\$55	X	=
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$

**(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WANT YOUR NAMETAG TO READ.)**

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PH. NUMBER ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

**(SPECIAL SLEEPING/ROOM REQUIREMENTS MUST BE CONVEYED BY THE ATTENDEE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL.)**

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (AS ON CARD) \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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.)**

ARRIVAL & DEP. DATES \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ • VIA  PLANE  CAR  RV • STAYING AT HOTEL?  YES  NO

For refunds and cancellations, please refer to our policies outlined on the reunion schedule page. **CANCELATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY–FRIDAY, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4 to 6 weeks after the reunion.

**NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION  
5th ANNUAL REUNION  
HYATT REGENCY—NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
AUGUST 26–31, 2015**

**SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

**Wednesday, August 26**

**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 27**

**PLANTATION TOUR** 9:00 AM–2:30 PM  
**Reunion Registration open** 2:00 PM–6:00 PM  
*NOTE: Additional registration hours will be posted, if necessary.*  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 7:30–9:30 PM

**Friday, August 28**

Timberwolf Pups Meeting 9:30 AM–10:30 AM  
**NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM TOUR** 11:00 AM–4:00 PM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 7:30–9:30 PM  
Evening Dessert Theater 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

**Saturday, August 29**

General Meeting 9:30 AM–11:30 AM  
**CITY TOUR** 12:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00 PM–5:00 PM  
Beer Bust 8:30 PM–11:00 PM

**Sunday, August 30**

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, August 31**

Farewells and Departure

**TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

**PLANTATION TOUR**

**Thursday, August 27:** A day learning about plantation life awaits. Learn the history of several local plantations, such as Ormond and Houmas House, and drive by Laura Plantation. Once at Oak Alley, built in 1839, experience a bygone area in one of the South's most beautiful settings. Marvel at the unbelievable view of a quarter-mile-long alley of twenty-eight magnificent oak trees, each over 250 years old. Perhaps the most photographed plantation ever, Oak Alley has been the setting for many motion pictures. Your guided tour will reveal the fascinating stories of the home and its interesting past. After the tour, enjoy a Cajun buffet outside, under a tent. Lunch includes a salad bar, soup, crawfish *étouffée* with rice, jambalaya, red beans & rice, vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, and water.  
*Note: The second floor of the house is only accessible via stairs.*

- 9:00 AM—Board bus
- 2:30 PM—Back to hotel
- \$79/Person (Includes bus, guide, admission & lunch)

**NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM**

**Friday, August 28:** Dedicated in 2000 as the National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as the country's official WWII museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era. From the Normandy invasion to the home front and the sands of the Pacific Islands,

you will see the courage, teamwork, and sacrifice of the men and women who won the war that changed the world. Explore moving personal stories and powerful interactive displays. New in 2013, visit the US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center, which tells the story of our nation's unprecedented industrial capability during the war years. For an additional cost, view the powerfully authentic 4-D cinematic experience, *Beyond All Boundaries*, narrated and produced by Tom Hanks, in the Solomon Victory Theater.

*Note: WWII Vets do not have to pay the museum admission price (see Vet's price below).*

- 11:00 AM—Board bus
- 4:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$53/Person (Includes bus, escort & admission)
- Lunch and movies on your own.

OR

- \$33 for WWII VETERANS (Includes bus & escort; admission is FREE)
- Lunch and movies on your own.

**CITY TOUR**

**Saturday, August 29:** Your tour of the Crescent City begins with a trip down historical St. Charles Avenue, complete with universities, parks, old oaks, stately charm, and an operational streetcar line. View the lovely Antebellum homes and Lake Pontchartrain, where some of New Orleans' finest newer homes are located, and stop at one of the city's unique above-ground cemeteries. Hear the stories of Hurricane Katrina and see firsthand the long-lasting effect it has had on New Orleans. Continue to the French Quarter (the *Vieux Carre*), where a blend of French and Spanish cultures intermingles with a modern lifestyle. Also witness the bustling seaport activities, which are such an important aspect of the city's economy. Enjoy free time at Jackson Square, the focal point of activity in the French Quarter, and explore the area with its gracious iron balconies and lovely courtyards. Lunch is on your own in Jax Brewery, an old landmark transformed into a modern complex of shops and eateries, or at one of the many fine restaurants in the Quarter.

- 12:00 PM—Board bus
- 5:30 PM—Back to hotel
- \$37/Person (Includes bus & guide)
- Lunch on your own.

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

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

**CANCELATION 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 nonrefundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations 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/timberwolf2015](http://www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2015)
- Fill out the form on the previous page and send it with your check by mail: Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510, Attn: Timberwolf
- Call us: (757) 625-6401

## 2015 REUNION—HOTEL INFO

### HYATT REGENCY NEW ORLEANS

(888) 421-1442 or (504) 561-1234

<http://neworleans.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

#### Location

601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70113

(Located just minutes from popular attractions like the Garden District, the Warehouse District, and the French Quarter)

#### Reservation Information

Call one of the numbers above and please remember to reference the National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion. Or you can visit [www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2015](http://www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2015) and click on the hotel reservation link to receive the discounted group rate.

**Group Name:** National Timberwolf Pups Association

**Reunion Dates:** August 26–31, 2015

**Rate:** \$115 + tax (currently 14.75%). Full breakfast buffet is included in rate for up to two people per room per day.

**Cutoff Date:** 07/30/15. Late reservations will be processed at a higher rate based on space availability.

**Cancellation Policy:** Must call 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival date to cancel reservations and avoid being charged for one night, including tax.

#### Parking & Shuttle Information

The Hyatt Regency New Orleans offers valet parking services (currently \$40 for overnight guests), and additional public self-parking is available in nearby lots. The hotel does not offer shuttle service to or from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Shuttle service is available from the airport to hotels in the Central Business District for \$20 per person (one way) and \$38 per person (round trip). All prices are subject to change. Ticket booths are located on the lower level near the baggage-claim area. For more information, to make reservations, or to verify pricing, please call (866) 596-2699 or visit [www.airportshuttleneworleans.com](http://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com). Taxicabs are also available on the lower level, outside the baggage-claim area.

#### Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and the week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit [www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com) for more information or to make reservations.

## 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 [kplark@vom.com](mailto:kplark@vom.com). (Please include "TW" in the subject line.)

### Any News on a Timberwolf?

TW Douglas B. Weaver and his wife, Preshia, are wondering if anyone has any information about TW Max Eisner. It has been a while since they've heard anything about him, and any updates would be appreciated. The best way to reach them is by phone: 575-622-6012. Many thanks in advance.

### TW Bob Huber's November, 2014

There was an honor's dinner/dance on November 8th near where I live in Pennsylvania. For the past thirteen years, this event has been held at Wilson High on the Saturday closest to Veteran's Day; and this year, it just happened to be on my birthday. It's a joint observance between the JROTC and the

local VA. Quite a memorable evening, with a buffet, dance band, and great vocalists. On the seventieth anniversary of our battles in Holland and Germany, I can well remember crossing the German border on my twenty-first birthday. We Timberwolves got there by trucks.

The day after the dance, NTPA President Andy Lane drove us to JFK International Airport, where there was entertainment, picture taking, and much honor (via special tributes) given to 300 of us Veterans and our families. Then we flew by JetBlue Airways to Reagan National Airport in DC for more tributes and entertainment, as well as a buffet. From there, we boarded buses to visit the monuments, including the latest: the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. This monument made me think of my good buddy who was wounded after crossing the Roer River. Bob Howlette was also an ASTPer, and we two Bobs wound up in the machine-gun section of 415C, training at Camp Carson. I got to phone him a few years ago, before he died.

After the monument tour, we flew back to JFK on the same JetBlue plane. It had been painted with a big yellow ribbon on the tail and "JetBlue Honors Veterans" on the fuselage. On the 21st and 22nd, Andy drove us to West Point for the

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Fortress Europe and in reaching the home islands in the Pacific Theater.

The museum is a network of several large exhibition buildings that portray the complex story of the events leading up to the Second World War and the war years that followed in a comprehensive, educational format surpassing all other WWII collections worldwide. The museum buildings each focus on distinct aspects of this historic period, including a theater building that utilizes a widescreen film narrated by Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks to create an unforgettable, multisensory experience

of sight, sound, light, vibration, and period artifacts. It is an event that should not be missed!

Arrangements are also being made to add interviews of the 104th Veterans, taken during our reunion, to the archives of the museum.

There are numerous other details to share, but instead of only reading, we want you to join us in experiencing these attractions yourselves.

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

To follow up on Andy's comments, the site committee is excited to report that the New Orleans Reunion will be full of sights, sounds, and a variety of activities.

The Hyatt Regency is fabulous, with lounges, and entertainment options. There is a Starbucks as well as a convenience/grocery store at the hotel. We have a great rate (\$115, plus tax) plus an included, full-buffet breakfast. This will be in one of the classy restaurants. We will be designating the "farewell breakfast" as a regular breakfast in this facility this year.

The French Quarter is an easy walk away, or you can take the trolley across from the hotel to Bourbon Street and all the way to Jackson Square. Several trolley lines lead to a variety of destinations. The cost for a day pass is only \$3. Well worth it.

We are arranging several tours, including the most important one—the trip to the National World War II museum. Then that evening, after dinner on your own in one of the many great local eateries, we will be offering an evening desert theater at the hotel, featuring local New Orleans jazz performers, fabulous dessert, and coffee.

Hotel services, meals, etc. may be more this year, due to the popularity of New Orleans, but we are working on keeping costs down and do not want to increase registration fees. With this in mind, we are making some adjustments this year. With all of the lunch options in New Orleans, we could not justify the per-person cost of \$22–\$25 for the Ladies

Luncheon and Men's Canteen. Therefore, we are encouraging people to consider doing the plantation tour, which provides lunch and a chance to connect with everyone. We will also be moving Saturday's General Meeting to 9:30 AM in order to accommodate the city tour and give you more time to enjoy New Orleans.

We hope you consider spending more time in New Orleans by extending your stay to take advantage of our great hotel rate, which holds for three days before and after the reunion. This is a great opportunity to explore more at leisure.

We are making every attempt to provide the snacks and beverages in the Foxhole that you are accustomed to. However, due to certain city laws and hotel policies, this will need to be modified. For example, there is a corkage fee for both beer and wine if we bring our own, so we are looking into the best solution, which may involve drink coupons or having a "corkage donation box" in the foxhole. We know that isn't everyone's prime concern, but we will keep working on it, as we have enjoyed providing beverages for you.

The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the airport, but there are other options as well as available parking, as you'll see on the hotel info page in this newsletter. Cars really aren't necessary, however, so unless you're driving to New Orleans, we recommend using local transportation instead.

Lastly, we do hope that you will at least make your hotel reservations early, even before you register with AFR for the reunion. The larger the turnout, the more rooms may be available to us. But the hotel needs to know sooner than later, as we do not want anybody left having to pay more if they register after July and rooms are not available. So get your hotel reservation as soon as you can, and then send in your reunion registration when your plans have firmed up.

We look forward to another great reunion.  
Let the good times roll!

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer & Site Committee Member  
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### Photo CDs by TW Pup Photographer Art Luque

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- 2010 St. Louis Reunion
- 2011 European Battlefield Tour
- 2012 Colorado Springs Reunion
- 2013 Albuquerque Reunion
- 2014 Minneapolis Reunion

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Mail to: NTPA  
1749 9th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
Attn: JeNeal Granieri





## Chaplain's Corner

Hello, all. I hope you're all enjoying good health—or at least “decent” health. As I think you know, I had been hoping to be present with you in Minneapolis for the last reunion, but the medical people here shot me down—wouldn't allow me to travel (especially to fly). I hope I will be able to do that next August and show up in Ferguson, Missouri.



As the months have gone by, we've had plenty of news to absorb, a lot of it bad news: sharply contested midterm election campaigns with “gender issues” mixed in, along with serious disputes about healthcare; and high racial tensions and protests after the shooting of a black teenager in Ferguson, Missouri. (And you can

probably point out other “domestic” issues and problems that our elected leaders are challenged to cope with.)

Our country has become a “world power” since WWII, and we are inevitably involved in complicated situations around the globe: continuing turmoil and bloodshed in the Middle East; tensions with Russia about Ukraine; problems regarding China and North Korea; and finally, serious concern about Ebola in West African countries and the possible spread of that disease, even to our own country.

We are aware of all these problems and are concerned about them, but as individuals, we feel that we are unable

to do anything about them—we feel powerless. I know I talk about prayer a lot, but as a chaplain, I feel that I have a right—even a mission—to talk about prayer again. One thing we can do is pray about them: pray for the people suffering from those “problems” and the people who work to help find solutions to them. If we feel helpless to do anything “practical” ourselves, we can still stir up our faith in God and our belief in the power of prayer; we can seriously ask God to strengthen and help all those people—to give them hope and to strengthen our own hope too.

Most of us are members of “Abrahamic” religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. They all trace themselves back to the patriarch Abraham. And just as Abraham persevered through long years in faith that God would give him a son, so we can persevere in faith that God will hear our prayers and grant us what we pray for—for others and for ourselves.

Chaplain's advice: set aside fifteen or twenty minutes every day for prayer, such as a passage from Scripture, familiar vocal prayers prayed slowly and attentively, or simply collecting yourself and sitting in the presence of the Lord.

I'm writing these notes just after those midterm elections, but by the time they reach you, it may be New Year's. So I'm wishing you'll have had a comfortable and enjoyable Thanksgiving, a happy and heartwarming Christmas, and a New Year with renewed hope and renewed life.

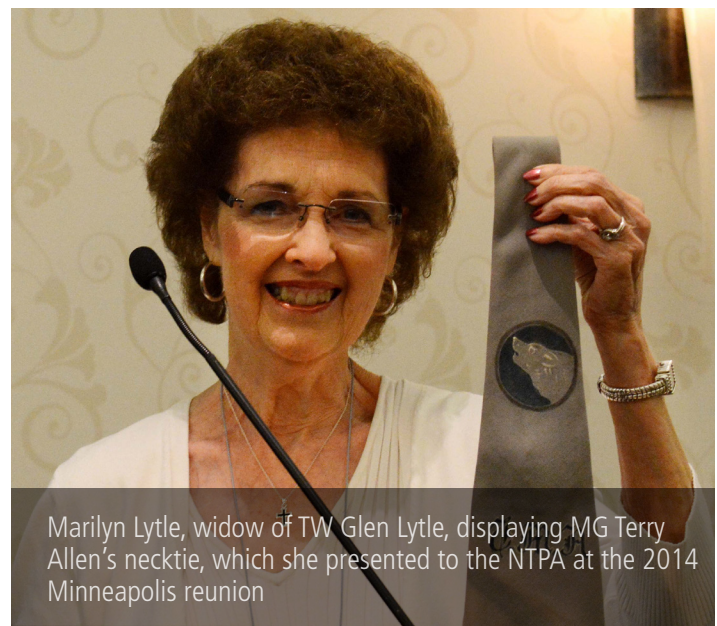
Best wishes and prayers,  
*Fr. McCarty*

*“Letters from the Pack” continued from pg. 6*

annual General Terry Allen Award presentation. This is for the cadet with the highest grades in tactics studies. We met at our host colonel's home for a light luncheon before the presentation to the lady cadet. Then we went to the parade ground, where the cadets passed in review and the Black Knights Parachute Team landed a jump. After that, it was off to the stadium for the noon game between the Army and Fordham (Army won, 42–31). At the end of the first quarter, about fifteen officers, cadets, and presenters marched onto the field. The award winners were publically announced and trophies presented.

In training at Camp Carson, General Allen introduced us to night fighting. This tactic certainly helped keep our casualties low in our 195 days on the front lines—a legacy and honor that continues to this day.

—Bob Huber



Marilyn Lytle, widow of TW Glen Lytle, displaying MG Terry Allen's necktie, which she presented to the NTPA at the 2014 Minneapolis reunion

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### Any WWII Pics of a TW Dad?

I received the [June/July 2014] *HOWL*; and as I was reading it, I came across the "Letters from the Pack" section. I thought I would share a few pictures of my father, David Bernard Rankin, who was in the 104th in hopes that someone out there may have additional photos of my father during



this great time in our country's history. And if so, would you share them with me?

My father died in 1995 and was a proud disabled American Veteran. I was able to receive all of his medals from the army, and I am in the process of building a

shadow box to pass down to my son (along with my own shadow box after retiring from the air force after twenty-three years). I would love to add any new pictures for my son to learn and love his grandfather.

Thank you in advance.  
—MSgt Gregg Rankin, USAF (ret.)  
greggrankin@outlook.com

### Seeking Camp Carson Photos

Company and 2nd platoon pictures were taken in late 1944 at Camp Carson. I would like to know how, if possible, I can again obtain copies at this time (seventy years later). Maybe someone who has them can make copies?

Thank you,  
—Joe Allegetti, 413 C  
jallegretti64@gmail.com

### Recent 104th Luncheon in Oregon

The NTA's District 10 held its biannual luncheon on November 8, 2014, in Portland, Oregon, and welcomed some more new faces. TW Veterans, family members, and friends enjoyed visiting and socializing with each other at the Shilo Inn convention center near the airport.

—Mary Jamieson, Pup & NTPA Tour Coordinator



October 2014 luncheon in Oregon (Pictured [L to R]: Vets Tom Kay, Henry Oseran, C. T. Barton, Mel Morasch, and Frank Van Valkenburg)

## OUR FRIENDS OVERSEAS

### Let Us Remember Friends of the Timberwolves...

Thousands of miles away, on foreign soil, many of our comrades lie in their final resting place. But they are not forgotten or neglected. Many of the people of Belgium and Holland remember; and even though the years have gone by, they try their best to keep the story of liberation alive.

I know of two children who are very active in visiting Margraten Cemetery and tending the graves of our fallen. In addition, whenever battlefield tours visit their area, they are there to help in whatever manner they can. They expressed to me the desire to receive letters or emails from Veterans or members of the Timberwolf family. Let's take a moment to send them a message of grateful thanks. Their contacts are below.

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OAP2@aol.com

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2910 Essen  
Belgium  
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An unknown soldier's grave at Margraten



(Left) Overseas friend Esther Eenhuizen in WWII-inspired garb in the Foxhole at the 2014 Minneapolis reunion; (right) Esther with TW Art Diamond at the 2014 General Meeting



## WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

The National Timberwolf Pups Association has received a generous gift from District I of the former National Timberwolf Association. TW Milton Gilbert, 413K, conveyed the gift on behalf of the District I Timberwolves of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, who sustained the “special bonds of warmth and mutual respect” that marked their years in service and the decades that followed. Milton served as NTA

District Vice President and most recently attended the 2013 NTPA Albuquerque Reunion with his son, Mark. The Pups are deeply grateful to all the Timberwolves represented by this gift, which will support the Pups’ mission “to honor the soldiers of the 104th Infantry Division by celebrating their accomplishments and by keeping this important history alive.”





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

*We will remember them.*

Compiled by Sandra Eberhard (webpup@bellsouth.net)

Aldridge, Charles  
413 Cannon

Aubrey, Richard A.  
415 H

Bass, Milton  
414 Med Detach

Beatty, William J.  
385 FA Btry C

Briggs, Thomas  
329 Med Bn C

Bryan, James  
413 AT

Burnett, Benjamin  
414 Med Detach

Copeland, Robert  
414 H

Davis, Gerald  
104 MP

Davis, Ronald  
385 FA Btry A

Denais, Dudley  
413 E

Evans, Wayne E.  
414 AT

Fasl, Joe  
329 Med Bn C

Frazee, Douglas  
413 A

Guichard, Lawrence J.  
Unit unknown

Holden, Elliot "Joe"  
413 Med Detach

Janusz, Raymond  
Unit unknown

Leen, Theodore  
413 HQ 1st Bn

Millar, William K.  
415 B

Milwid, Al  
415 F

Murphy, Elmer  
104 Recon

Pastore, Frank  
415 Serv

Ratliff, James  
386 FA A

Ridenour, Jimmy W.  
415 I

Schampan, Stanley R.  
415 E

Schumm, David K.  
415 F

Sharon, Loy F.  
104 MP

Strebel, Frank  
413 F

Tiffany, George B.  
414 G

Tower, Ray  
329 Med Bn HQ

Treese, Armel  
387 FA HQ

Ulrey, Donald  
104 HQ Arty

Wright, Jack R.  
413 F

**WIFE OR WIDOW**

Altschul, Kay  
555 AAA Bn HQ Btry (Henry)

Cronin, Veronica C.  
413 F (wife of William)

King, Mary  
415 C (James)

Medlin, Alma  
414 F (Charles)

Ridenour, Ruthanna Brant  
415 I (Jimmy)

Scardilli, Ann  
414 L (Christian Kuebler, KIA)

## TIMBERWOLF TRACKS IN HISTORY

### Move to Germany

Just over the German border near Aachen, General Omar Bradley impatiently awaited the arrival of the 104th Infantry Division. Bradley, under Eisenhower's directive, was preparing his Twelfth Army Group for the new Allied offensive, which the high command imagined would carry Allied troops to the west bank of the Rhine River and, if all went well, across the Rhine before Christmas. According to Bradley's plan, First Army, commanded by General Gilbert Hodges, would make the main effort in the Twelfth Army Group sector. VII Corps, commanded by General J. Lawton Collins, would lead the way in First Army.

The original date set for the attack, November 5, was postponed, because, as Bradley complained later in his autobiography, "So pressed were we for troops that the northern offensive had to be delayed for one week until we could reclaim a single division loaned [to] Monty while he cleaned up the Scheldt [the estuary connecting the port of Antwerp to the North Sea]." That division, of course, was the 104th, which was just completing its baptism of fire in Belgium and Holland attached to the Canadian First Army. Because of the work of the Timberwolves and their counterparts from other divisions, supplies would be flowing to front-line troops from the port of Antwerp within the month. The advance, which had been stopped for want of supplies, could go forward, and the 104th could move on to Germany. Other divisions could now join the fray. The Timberwolves had worked themselves into a job "for the duration."

General Collins of VII Corps recalled in his autobiography that about October 21st, "I had a telephone call from Bill Kean, Hodges' chief of staff, asking if I would like to have the 104th Division, commanded by Major General Terry de la Mesa Allen.... I replied that I would be glad to have him.

Allen had a reputation of being hard to handle and had been relieved of command of the 1st Division at the end of the Sicilian campaign. I had known him at the Infantry School as a rambunctious man but possessing great qualities of leadership."

On 7 November, south of Aachen, the 413th and 415th Infantry divisions began relieving the Big Red One, Terry Allen's old 1st Division. The 414th arrived from Holland two days later to complete the relief. The 104th would fight as part of VII Corps (Collins), which was assigned to the First US Army (Hodges), of the 12th Army Group (Bradley). The 1st Division, now to the right of the 104th, would make the corps main effort, with the Timberwolves protecting its left flank.

It was no coincidence that Allen's two divisions, the one he had led and the one he was now leading, would fight side by side. Collins had heard that the Timberwolf leader had "sworn that he would make his new 104th Division the equal of the 1st. With a view to stimulating both divisions," he wrote, "I placed the 104th in the line adjacent to the 1st."

The attack the Allied high command hoped would cross the Roer River and Cologne plain to at least the west bank of the Rhine River by Christmas finally began on 16 November. Almost one month and many casualties later, it stalled on the west bank of the Roer, about ten miles from where it began, after the Timberwolves had lost many buddies and struggled through what official army historian Charles B. MacDonald called some of the most vicious fighting of the entire war. The next installment of this history will cover some of the highlights of that fighting in places like Stolberg, Eschweiler, Putzlohn, Inden, Mullenark Castle, and Lucherberg.

—Kathy Clark, Historian  
kpclark@vom.com

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### A Tribute to Timberwolf Association Leaders, 929th Field Artillery Battalion Newsletter, February 1991, by Vern Gilbert

We must not fail to salute those Timberwolf men who started the Timberwolf Association in 1945, the pioneers; without their efforts this Association we all hold so dear would not exist. Let's name them once again, and, with the hope they will read this, tell them what we know they did for us.

Terry Allen started it, of course, and attended reunions for many years until his death on September 12, 1969. He had the foresight to know what the TW Association would mean to all of us. Leo Hoegh did the groundwork to organize the Association. Leo was the first national president and set up the first reunion in San Francisco. Leo was the editor of

Timberwolf Tracks, the 104th Division history, and Howard Doyle was his associate editor. We should refer to Leo Hoegh as our Number One Timberwolf—after Terry Allen, of course.

Robert R. Clark II was our first national secretary/treasurer. When Timberwolf Tracks was available in print in 1946, we obtained copies by writing to Bob, then in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Bob has been the vice president for Timberwolf District IX North for several years, and was our president for our 41st reunion in San Francisco in 1986. John Schofield wrote most of and printed the HOWL at his printing plant in Bridgetown, New Jersey, until recently. Our division newspaper has been essential for keeping us informed about each other and about each of the reunions. John's health no longer permits him to function as editor. The new editor, Bill Jackson, is a son of a Timberwolf, and has picked up the torch from John.

Leo Goodkind has maintained the Timberwolf roster

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through the years and has also performed as postmaster, using the roster to mail each edition of the HOWL to all members. Howard Bedney has been our Timberwolf secretary/treasurer since about 1949. Bob Clark was the first one and Howard the second one, taking over from Bob when he could no longer do the job (when he moved from Cedar Rapids to the West Coast).

These men have been important in keeping our Timberwolf Association alive and growing through the years. There are so many others—men and ladies—who have voluntarily done valuable work for us that space does not permit naming

them all. The district vice presidents have been essential in helping to keep Timberwolf friends in touch in their districts, and now the unit representatives are continuing to build on the special bonds of warmth and mutual respect that grew between the men in each unit from 1942 through 1945.

So to all these men and ladies, those named and those not named, we proudly salute you, and we thank you for being among the elite who have worked so long on behalf of all of us, the men and ladies of the National Timberwolf Association!



## 104TH UPDATE

### Update from the Current 104th: Timberwolf Transition

Brigadier General Kurt A. Hardin relinquished command of the 104th Training Division (Leader Training) to Brigadier General Darrell Guthrie during a change of command ceremony, September 6, 2014, at the Joint Base Lewis McChord parade field (near Tacoma, Washington). The ceremony and passing of the division colors was presided over by Major General Leslie Purser, 108th Training Command.

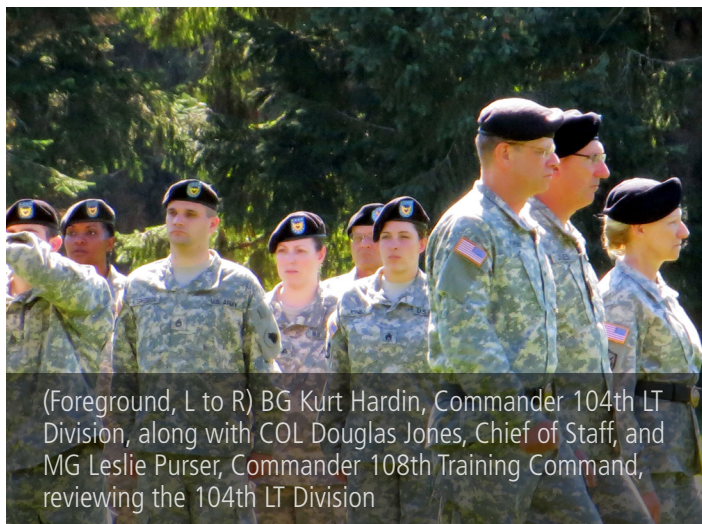
Brig. Gen. Hardin was joined by his wife and daughter, along with other family members as he bid farewell to the Timberwolf soldiers. He first joined the 104th Division in October 2001, when he served as the battalion commander of the 3-414th Battalion, and later as the brigade executive officer of the 8th Brigade and commander of the 1st Brigade (re-designated 2nd Brigade, 95th Division September 2007). Before assuming command of the 104th Training Division, Hardin served as its chief of staff. He now joins the industrious ranks of former Timberwolf commanders, three of whom were in the audience at the change of command: retired Maj. Gen. Daniel Hitchcock, retired Maj. Gen. Curtis Loop, and retired Maj. Gen. Jon Root. Brig. Gen.

Hardin's next assignment is the deputy commander, 79th Sustainment Command.

Brig. Gen. Guthrie, who resides in Lubbock, Texas, most recently served as the Chief, Civil Affairs Planning Team (USNORTHCOM) and has over twenty-nine years of active and Army Reserve service. "I am truly honored to assume command of the Timberwolf Division," stated the new commander in his address to those gathered. "The Timberwolves have a long and storied history, which I'm excited to now be a part. Today, we assist in the training and preparation of the Army's future officers. It is critical that each and every soldier and civilian focus on providing superior support as we execute missions in support of US Army Cadet Command (USACC), the United States Military Academy, US Army Chaplains Corps, and the four Army Training Centers."



BG Darrell Guthrie (with the 104th Division flag) and BG Kurt Hardin



(Foreground, L to R) BG Kurt Hardin, Commander 104th LT Division, along with COL Douglas Jones, Chief of Staff, and MG Leslie Purser, Commander 108th Training Command, reviewing the 104th LT Division

Brig. Gen. Guthrie's other past assignments include Commander, 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas; Deputy Team Leader, Department of State, Salah ad Din Provincial Reconstruction Team, COB Speicher, Iraq; Commander, 492nd Civil Affairs Battalion, Phoenix, Arizona; CJ5, Director of Plans and Policy, Combined Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; G5 Operations Officer, Multi-National Division—Southwest (United Kingdom), Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina; and Commander, A Battery, 3-1 Field Artillery, Bamberg, Germany.

—MAJ Alex L. Johnson

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION Statement of Income and Expenses January 1, 2014—December 3, 2014

CASH ON HAND on JANUARY 1, 2014  
 Checking account \$7018  
 Savings account \$9439  
**TOTAL \$16,457**

DEPOSITS  
 Dues & misc. small donations \$6918  
 Reunion income (sales, raffle) \$5953  
 Book sales \$1930  
 Donation from 413K \$2430  
**TOTAL \$17,231**

EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS  
 HOWL production & mailing \$7070  
 Postcard mailing \$650

EXPENSES (cont.)  
*Timberwolf Tracks* reprint \$4343  
 Bank fees \$36  
 NTA web fees \$338  
 Veteran event support \$1048  
 Merchandise \$1142  
 General postage \$330  
 Operating expenses \$2840  
**TOTAL \$17,176**

BALANCE ON HAND on DECEMBER 3, 2014  
 Checking account \$7570  
 Savings account \$9036  
**TOTAL \$16,616**

#### NTPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Though our bylaws state that membership begins in January of each year, we will accept dues at any time. (You may find it easier to pay your dues for the next year at the annual reunion, for example.) Please fill out the form below, and mail it with your check (payable to the **National Timberwolf Pups Association**) to this address: **NTPA • 1749 9th Avenue • San Francisco, CA 94122 (Attn: JeNeal)**

**DUES: \$20 per year (\$10 for Veterans/Wives)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

TW connection/unit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address change?  (Please checkmark if applicable.)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Please checkmark whatever applies below.)

- I am a  Vet  Widow  Pup  Friend
- This is a  membership renewal  new membership
- I wish to receive the *HOWL* as part of my membership.

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

## THE NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2015 EUROPEAN TOUR

# Touring Timberwolf History

## Itinerary



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

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

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

The "Pups" are fortunate to have MilSpec Tours again organizing our tour and Patrick Hinchy, longtime Timberwolf Tour Manager, leading us back in time. **PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2015.**

Mary Jamieson, 415D Pup  
NTPA Tour Coordinator



## MilSpec Tours

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

Patrick Hinchy  
Tour Manager



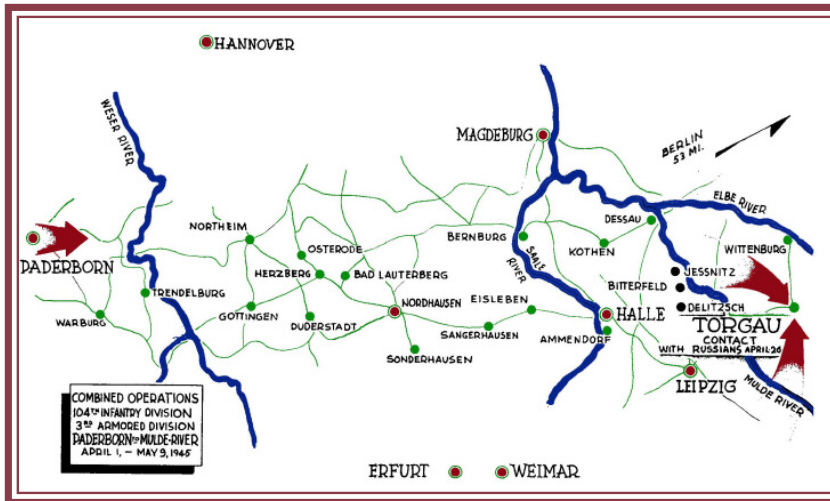
**Day 1. Friday, April 24, 2015: USA – Aloft.** Everyone makes their own flight arrangements departing today and scheduled to arrive in Europe tomorrow. (Meal Service Aloft)

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

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



## 2015 OVERSEAS TOUR



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B = Breakfast. L = Lunch D = Dinner





# 2015 Timberwolf Tour



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
JANUARY 31, 2015**

**April 24 - May 7, 2015**

Reservation Application

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

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

Payment Option (✓ one)

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

Insurance Option (✓ one)

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

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

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

- I will obtain my own insurance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- I desire:  2-in-a-room.  Single Room at \$799 additional cost  
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To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

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

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



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Company B, 413th Infantry Regiment

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

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

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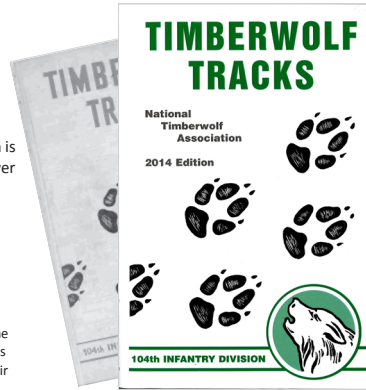
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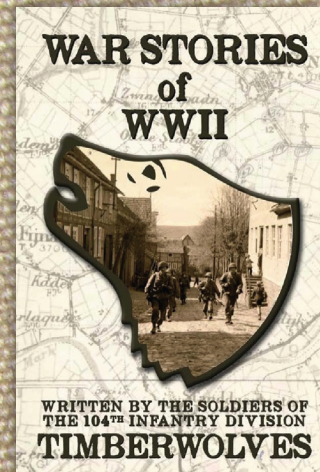
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(Foreground, L to R) Timberwolves Frank Streb, Bob Huber, and Tom Hobson on the 2011 European tour; (background) the 104th moving through Weisweiler, Germany, on November 27, 1944, after the village was taken by the Allies

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