



MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

Greetings to all. In November of last year, the National Timberwolf Pups Association was honored to attend the 2017 West Point presentation of the General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award for outstanding achievement in military science to Cadet Sean O'Brien, a fourth-year student ("Firstie") from Niagara Falls, New York. The award has been presented every year since 1970, when it was endowed by the Veterans of the 104th Infantry through the National Timberwolf Association (see the pictures on page 9).

The General Allen Award connects the history of

the 104th to future generations of the US military. SSG Huber presented Cadet O'Brien with a signed edition of *Timberwolf Tracks* and shared eyewitness details of the liberation of the labor camp at Nordhausen. MG Moffett instructed Cadet O'Brien to read this book as he had when he took command of the 104th, to understand leadership under fire through 195 continuous days of combat.

Following the presentation of the award, the entire 104th delegation (including General Moffett's wife, Rita, and his two young granddaughters, Adalaide and Arabella Dowden) attended the Army versus Duke game

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HONORING TW BOB COBBE

We have lost another faithful Timberwolf. Bob Cobbe, B Company, 414th Infantry, attended TW reunions for more years than many of the pups have been alive. He went on four European tours and attended annual 414th B reunions. He worked at Harley-Davidson until recently, when his bad knee made walking almost impossible. Bob said even though many people thought his knee problem was a result of the war, it was really caused by kicking too many Harley-Davidson kickstands.

Bob fell in August and broke his hip. Surgery to repair it was successful, and he was transferred from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility. He did well for several weeks, but his condition deteriorated; and he died on October 22 at age ninety-two. He was buried in his military uniform with all his medals. Michelle, his longtime friend from work, tied his dog tags around his hand.

Because of Bob's great love for the Timberwolves, donations were requested to the NTPA instead of flowers. (Please see his obituary in this issue.) Any funds will be used to continue the annual reunions and publication of the *HOWL*.

It has been my great pleasure to know Bob. I will miss him personally and because he is another link to my father gone.

—Kathy Clark, Historian
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Note: The following is a shortened obituary from Legacy.com. To read Bob's full obituary, please visit: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nky/obituary.aspx?pid=187041658>.

Robert "Bob" Cobbe, 92, passed away peacefully at Hospice of Cincinnati on October 22, 2017. He was a lifelong resident of Hyde Park, Ohio.

Bob was born on April 13, 1925 to the late Elwood and Lucille Cobbe in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bob proudly served in the US Army with the 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division, Company B, 414th Infantry Regiment during WWII 1943–1946.... Among his numerous awards and medals, Bob's Bronze Star, earned during the European campaign, sits prominently in the center.

Upon his return from the war, he began working for Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati, where he remained a dedicated employee for the next sixty-five years. Every day, Bob



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2017 REUNION PHOTO GALLERY

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Note from the Editor My sincerest apologies for this very belated issue of the *HOWL*. I'm afraid I was one of the many infected with the flu this season, and it severely delayed our production process. Thanks very much for your patience, and know that we are putting measures in place to prevent something similar from happening in the future. Take care and stay well... *—Jen Weaver-Neist*

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at Michie Stadium in freezing cold and were televised at the 50-yard line for the presentation of the award before the entire West Point community. This was a rigorous event for all and involved travel from Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey in very cold weather. But the challenges to attend the ceremony were absolutely worthwhile, because the effort carries the story of the Timberwolves to the next generation.

There is irony that in our "information age" of 2017, there is so little known of the national unity and sacrifice of this nation in defeating the evils of Nazism and fascism. Surveys routinely confirm how little of this nation's history

in World War II is known to the public.

In keeping with this TW legacy, we hope to see you all at our next reunion in historic Dayton, Ohio. This reunion will be outstanding in every respect, as we continue to refine our collaboration with the reunion of the *USS Missouri* and expect to add more attendees representing other reunion groups.

With every best wish in 2018,

—Andrew Lane, NTPA President
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(1) [L-R] Pups John Holmes and Nancy Weber with TWs Keith Zimmerman & Bob Huber; (2) [L-R] Vet Earl Richards with a *USS Missouri* Friend; (3) Pups Bob & Nancy Bartell; (4) [L-R] our overseas Friends (& brothers) Corne & Stefan Lauwerijssen; (5) Pup Jack Vallely & his wife, Pat; (6) Pup Nancy Milwid-Reed; (7) *USS Missouri* Friends enjoying the Foxhole; (8) Bob & Deann Wertz of the *Missouri* crew enjoying historic Virginia City; (9) folks from the *Missouri* taking a breather in Virginia City; (10) an Old West prospector and his trusty donkey; (11) Pups Larry & Connie Luptowski with NTPA Historian Kathy Clark [middle]; (12) Friend Betsey Justice talking to Pup Jerry Lacy, with Pup Rosemary Murphy looking on; (13) NTPA Ritual Coordinator Marilyn Shinavar with Chaplain Sherman Baker and husband, Dale; (14) Murphy sisters Betsy & Rosemary with TW Bob Huber; (15) TW Keith Zimmerman & NTPA President Andy Lane; (16) Pup Stephen Cox with his father's medals and his son, Matthew; (17) [L-R] Gen. Terry Allen's granddaughter Mary Frances Pedraza & our overseas Friend Esther Eenhuizen; (18) waiting for the Lake Tahoe lunch cruise; (19) NTPA Treasurer JeNeal Granieri & Pup Kent Smith; (20) TW Joseph Koepfinger [gallery continued on page 15]

came to work with a smile on his face and ensured the safety of his coworkers, whom he considered family.

Bob had a passion for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles, was a gun collector, and an avid reader.

He leaves behind his family and friends at Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati and many other close friends. Bob

was truly a special man and a blessing to all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Timberwolf Pups Association, care of JeNeal Granieri, 1749 9th Ave, San Francisco CA 94122-4701.

2017 REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

NTPA Reunion in Reno, Nevada

September 6–11, 2017

The 2017 reunion was held in Reno, at the base of the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains. We shared the experience with the *USS Missouri* Association and had such a good time with them that we are going to join with them again next year in Dayton, Ohio. The camaraderie was enhanced by sharing a large Foxhole space in the hotel. We also shared the souvenir area with their "Ships Store," and a lot of us walked out with fun items from both groups.

Many shared experiences were discussed, and we were honored to meet two sailors who were on the *USS Missouri* when the Japanese surrendered in 1945. It was very uplifting to see our WWII Veterans exchanging stories and meeting with men who served in the Pacific Theater. Of course, with navy ships, the sailors span many years, so we met Veterans from Korea and Vietnam and their families, which was special for all.

The combined Beer Bust / Beer Bash was also an undeniable success. The *Missouri* folks brought some great raffle items, and with the combined efforts, the raffle was another fun shared experience.

We shared the tours as well. The best experiences were the tours to beautiful Lake Tahoe, where people could see the majesty of the Sierra, smell the fresh air, and for some, take the cruise around this huge mountain lake. Others spent time exploring the lakeside attractions.

The trip to Carson City, the small but very interesting capital of Nevada, and to Virginia City was a treat. We saw wild mustangs and the lovingly maintained and restored city (where silver was king and the Wild West was indeed wild), which included the chance to eat and explore in this unique historical area.

The last tour—the city and comedy-club tour—was admittedly problematic, with time schedules so off that some people opted to go back to the hotel early. This was unfortunate, but people still had the opportunity to eat at beautiful local restaurants right on the Truckee River. (Yes, this is the notorious river where people in the mid-twentieth century would toss their wedding rings when their quickie divorce took effect.)

The highlight was the banquet—also shared with the *USS Missouri*. Walking into the banquet room filled with so many happy and friendly people reminded us of the larger reunions we used to have. The food was great, and it was a truly satisfying and inspiring event, giving us the hope that we may continue to meet together at future reunions, sharing old memories as we create new ones in honor of our dear World War II Veterans.

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The advertisement features a central graphic with a green ribbon and a circular logo containing a map of the United States. Below this, the title "Timberwolf Tracks" is prominently displayed in a bold, black font, followed by the authors "By Leo A. Hoegh & Howard J. Doyle". To the left, the price "Only \$30" is shown in a large, bold font, with "incl. shipping" underneath. Below the price, a paragraph describes the book as the official 2014 Edition, now available in softcover, and includes an all-new Addendum by Timberwolf Pup and Historian, Kathy Clark, including recent Association activities. A smaller paragraph notes that sixty-eight years after the landmark printing, now is the chance to learn their brave history. To the right of the text, there is an image of the book cover, which features the title "TIMBERWOLF TRACKS" in green, the National Timberwolf Association logo, and several black paw prints. Below the book image, the text "104th INFANTRY DIVISION" is visible. At the bottom of the advertisement, contact information for the National Timberwolf Pups Association is provided, including the name of the contact person, Mary Jamieson, and the address in Hillsboro, OR. A note specifies that all checks should be made payable to the National Timberwolf Pups Association. The title of the book, "The Definitive History of the 104th Infantry Division in World War II", is printed at the bottom.

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The Definitive History of the 104th Infantry Division in World War II

Lucherberg, Part 1

By the evening of 2 December, the Timberwolves had fought through Lamersdorf, Frenz, and Inden, and firmly commanded the west bank of the Inde River in their sector. Next major goal: the Roer River.

Originally, VII Corps commander, General Collins, had intended to “pinch out” the 104th Division when it reached the Inde. That is, he would hold the division back, and order 1st Division to spread out along the front to cover a larger area while the Timberwolves followed behind in support. But Collins was so impressed with the division’s performance that he canceled those plans. Instead, the Timberwolves would fight side by side with the Big Red One to the Roer and beyond.

Reaching the Roer River required crossing the Inde River. And crossing the Inde River required capturing Lucherberg, a small village a mile east of the Inde. Lucherberg sits high on a craggy hill, towering over the surrounding landscape. From its heights, the Germans looked down on Inden, Frenz, and Lamersdorf to the west; on the flat countryside to the east, dotted with little towns like Pier, Merken, and Schophoven; and all the way to the Roer, about three miles distant.

Terry Allen charged Colonel Cochran’s 415th Regiment with crossing the Inde and capturing Lucherberg at night. Cochran assigned the job to Jerry Kelleher’s 3rd Battalion, supported on the south by Peter Denisevich’s 2nd Battalion. Kelleher considered the action suicidal. He told Allen he would order the attack only if it was preceded by a gigantic artillery barrage. When Allen objected, Kelleher threatened to resign. We don’t know what conversations followed between the two men, but we do know from the *929th Artillery Battalion History* (written 1 February, 1945) that “Division Artillery, augmented by fire from VII Corps, and 30th and 1st Division Artillery, laid down the heaviest artillery preparation in its history” ahead of the 3rd Battalion attack.

The battle for Lucherberg was hell for the men who fought it, but for historians, it is a dream. Foreseeing a terrible battle, the 415th took advantage of the delay at Inden to study the terrain and make a detailed attack plan. That plan, plus a study of the battle itself, is compiled in a fifty-page document, *Battle of Lucherberg, Germany* (available at the National Archives, College Park, Maryland), that became a study model in night fighting. An excerpt from that document, and the 415th S-3 [operations] periodic report for the first day of battle, can be found in *Nothing in Hell Can Stop the Timberwolves*.*

About 11 PM on 2 December, Company G and E of 2nd Battalion waded across the Inde River from Lamersdorf. Bayonets were fixed and hand grenades hung from their jackets. Per orders, their rifles were not loaded. If any weapon was fired, it would have to be German. Catching the enemy almost asleep, Company G entered a factory between the river and Lucherberg, and Company E quickly captured a castle south of that factory. Once on the objectives, the soldiers loaded their rifles.

At midnight, 3rd Battalion’s Company I, commanded by Lieutenant John Olsen, jumped off for the village itself. Olsen had sworn he would get into town. “We won’t be pinned down,” he promised. The men crossed the Inde on a mostly destroyed railroad bridge against scattered enemy fire, struggled through marshy ground, and tackled a barbed wire fence. Enemy resistance, minimal at first, increased significantly as the Germans woke to the Timberwolves’ approach.

The original attack plan called for Company L, under Captain Francis Hallahan, to follow Company I. But by the time Hallahan’s men reached the bridge, German fire was too intense. Twice, it pushed them back. Hallahan rushed his company south, looking for another crossing. It would be daylight before they crossed, noon before all the men joined Company G and Company F (which had crossed during the morning) in the coal factory, and several more hours before they reached Company I.

As Company I approached Lucherberg from the northwest about 2 AM, Olsen heard the Germans moving up

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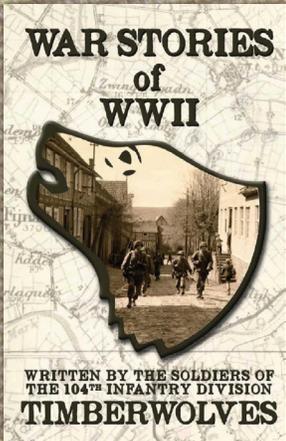
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additional weapons. He yelled to his men, "I'm making a rush to the town. Come if you like, or stay and be wiped out by artillery fire in the morning." He raced up the cliff-like hill and into the village. The men followed him. In small groups, they fought their way into several houses. The enemy surrounded the houses, and the situation became critical. Olsen radioed for help. Soon afterward, he was severely wounded as he tried to pass from one house to the next through an opening in the wall that connected them. Lt. Edwin Varela** took charge of the company.

Fierce fighting continued until about daybreak, when a German medical officer requested a truce so both sides could tend their wounded. Timberwolf leaders and the German officer worked out the details. Varela called to his men to hold their fire. The men came out of the houses, put their weapons aside as required by the truce, and began to care for the wounded. According to *Battle of Lucherberg*, "three German medics and one American soldier" carried Lieutenant Olsen into the cellar of one of the houses and "administered first aid."

All was going well until a German captain arrived with about thirty troops, some firing their weapons. The firing let up while the medical officer explained the truce. The captain did not approve. The two sides argued, with the German medical officer siding with the Timberwolf officers. Meanwhile, the captain's men began surrounding the

Americans and picking up their weapons.

The captain gave the Americans fifteen minutes to get out of town. By this time, most of their weapons had been confiscated, several Timberwolves (including Lt. Varela) had disappeared, and Lt. Olson had died of his wounds. The men who remained resumed the battle.

Company I, vastly outnumbered, now occupied one double house, one or two other houses, and a church area. The largest group—about forty-five men (not including casualties)—was in the double house with Lt. John Shipley, who had taken command when Lt. Varela disappeared. The Germans trained three machine guns on that house. They attacked with mortars and small arms. They did not yet know that the surrounded Timberwolves had two powerful advantages.

To be continued...

—Kathy Clark, Historian
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*To get a copy of *Nothing in Hell Can Stop the Timberwolves*, please contact Kathy Clark via email (above) or or phone: (707) 938-9757. / **Several spellings (Verelli, Verelle) are in the records. The *415th Combat History* identifies the officer as 2nd Lt. Edwin Varela.

NOTES FROM THE REUNION SITE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that our 2018 NTPA Reunion will be held in Dayton, Ohio, from Tuesday, September 4 through Monday, September 10. What is in Dayton, you may ask. Well, for starters, *we are!* This is another chance for us to get together and share stories with old and new friends in honor of our fathers, grandfathers, and beloved Veterans. Plus, this is a chance to experience Dayton together—a city with a lot to offer that is perhaps overshadowed by the better-known tourist attractions like Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Our hotel will be the Crowne Plaza in downtown Dayton, which offers a variety of activities within walking distance or a short ride away. It is always good to be in a convenient downtown location. (There is free shuttle service from the airport, and parking is free for those of who are driving or renting cars.)

We are again joining with the *USS Missouri* Association since we had such a good time together last year. We will share the Foxhole / Hospitality Room, the Beer Bust/Bash, Banquet, and the tours. (You can check out the tour descriptions in the reunion schedule on page 8.) As we look to continue our reunions and our mission, it is great to find another group who not only has the same goal but is wonderful to work with.

As usual, the tours will be memorable, with on highlighting the Wright-Patterson USAF Museum—an amazing place. The evening dinner-theater event should also be great fun and with super food. (Just note that there will be no transportation provided, as the venue is so very close. But the hotel's free shuttle service can easily accommodate those who need it.)

Bonus activity! This year, our reunion is at the same time as that of the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors (on September 7th and 8th) at the Dayton Convention Center, right next to the hotel. Maybe they will have some valuable Timberwolf artifacts, patches, and pins!

Some other outstanding activities and sights for you to take advantage of:

America's Packard Museum—A history of this iconic American automobile (<http://www.americaspackardmuseum.com/>). It is the world's largest Packard-only collection. Perfect for you car and history buffs. It is located in the Packard Dealership Building, built in 1917 (just a ten-minute walk from the hotel!).

- The Dayton Art Institute—One of the premier art museums in the country (<http://www.daytonartinstitute.org/>).

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2018 REUNION—ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

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2018 REUNION—SCHEDULE & TOURS

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 8th ANNUAL REUNION CROWNE PLAZA DAYTON—DAYTON, OHIO SEPTEMBER 5–10, 2018

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Wednesday, September 5

Reunion Registration open	2:00 PM–6:00 PM
NTPA Board/Committee Meeting	4:00 PM–5:00 PM
Meet & Greet with USS Missouri Assoc.	6:00 PM–7:30 PM
Foxhole open	7:30 PM–9:30 PM

NOTE: Souvenir sales hours will be posted in the Foxhole.

Thursday, September 6

Reunion Registration open	8:00 AM–8:30 AM
WRIGHT-PATTERSON USAF MUSEUM TOUR	9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Foxhole open	1:00 PM–9:30 PM
Reunion Registration open	3:00 PM–4:00 PM
Complimentary Welcome Reception (courtesy of the Crowne Plaza Dayton)	6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Friday, September 7

DAYTON CITY / CARILLON PARK TOUR	9:00 AM–3:30 PM
Foxhole open	1:00 PM–5:00 PM
MAYHEM & MYSTERY DINNER THEATER	6:20 PM–9:30 PM

Saturday, September 8

Timberwolf Pups Meeting	9:00 AM–9:45 AM
General Meeting	10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Foxhole open	1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Beer Bust (w/ USS Missouri Assoc.)	7:00 PM–12:00 AM

Sunday, September 9

Memorial Service	9:30 AM–11:30 AM
Foxhole open	1:30 PM–4:00 PM
Cash Bar	6:00 PM–11:00 PM
Banquet Dinner and Dance	7:00 PM–11:00 PM

Monday, September 10

Farewells and Departures

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON NATIONAL MUSEUM of the US AIR FORCE TOUR

Thursday, September 6:

The National Museum of the US Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The museum tells the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk to the Space Age. Exhibits include more than 300 aircraft and missiles, plus family-oriented and historically interesting aeronautical displays. The museum also features an IMAX theater showing movies each hour on the hour (the current cost is \$6/senior or \$6.75/adult but is subject to change). Have lunch on your own in the cafeteria on the second level. Buses will shuttle back to the hotel at regularly scheduled intervals.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 3:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$34/Person (Includes bus & escort)
- Lunch is on your own.

DAYTON CITY / CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK TOUR

Friday, September 7:

The birthplace of aviation, Dayton was once home to powered-flight inventors, Orville and Wilbur Wright. Your guide will narrate the significance of the many interesting sites along this tour, including the Oregon District, the city's oldest suburb; the Civil War Monument; the *Flyover*, an award-winning sculpture of

flight; the Korean War State Memorial; and Memorial Hall, where Veterans are honored and remembered. Learn the history of the Miami Valley from the first settlers in 1796 to the influence of such entrepreneurs as Patterson, Deeds, Kettering, and Frazee. These notables and others made immense contributions to aviation, the arts, sports, government, and industry. There will be a short stop at the Esther Price candy store, now a successful candy distributor, which opened fifty years ago in Mrs. Price's basement; then we will stop and visit Carillon Historical Park. Carillon Historical Park celebrates the history of invention, transportation, and pioneer life in Dayton and the Miami Valley. It is home to a variety of collections that document the area's history. While touring the park, you may wish to visit Newcom Tavern, Dayton's oldest standing building; view the Wright Flyer III; and board a 1903 Barney & Smith parlor car. Antique automobiles, a working 1930s print shop, and vintage bicycles are some of the other exhibits you will see along the way. Enjoy lunch on your own at Dayton's upscale shopping and restaurant district, The Greene, which features The Cheesecake Factory, Chipotle, Panera, Subway, and many other dining choices.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 3:30 PM—Back to hotel
- \$54/Person (Includes bus & guide)
- Lunch is on your own.

MAYHEM & MYSTERY DINNER THEATER at the SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE

Friday, September 7:

Spend an enjoyable and unique evening at the Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theater show at the Spaghetti Warehouse of Dayton, known for delicious, freshly prepared Italian food. Included in the price is salad, bread, a soft drink, your choice of entree (from five of their most popular dishes), dessert, tax and tip, and the show. The Mayhem & Mystery performance is spread out between the courses. You will get salad and bread first, before Act One begins; dinner with Act Two; and then dessert. This will be a fun and unusual evening for all. Actors may even interact with the audience. (Who knows? It is a mystery!) This unique venue is a convenient four-minute walk from the hotel, so no transportation will be provided. (The hotel does provide free shuttle service for those who need it.) Seating is at 6:30, and the show begins at 6:45. The performance ends between 9:00 and 9:30. (*NOTE: This tour is being directly organized by the NTPA and USS MISSOURI associations.*)

- 6:20 PM—Depart hotel for short walk to venue
- 9:30 PM—Walk back to hotel
- \$42/Person (Includes dinner & entertainment)

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.

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For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the nonrefundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off 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.**

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Group Name: 104th Infantry Timberwolf Pups Association

Reunion Dates: September 5–10, 2018

Rate: \$124 + tax (currently 13.25%; rate includes a hot breakfast for two guests per room per day during reunion dates)

Cut-off Date: 08/02/18 (*Reservations made after this date will be processed based on availability and at a higher rate.*)

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PARKING & SHUTTLE INFORMATION

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MISC. NEWS & INFO

2017 General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award



On Veterans Day, November 11, 2017, TW Staff Sgt. Robert Y. Huber (Ret.), NTPA President Andrew Lane, Major General T. K. Moffett (Ret.) and his wife, Rita, and two of their granddaughters attended the presentation ceremony of the General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award at the United States Military Academy, West Point. The award went to Cadet Sean O'Brien for achieving the highest grade in military science in his third-year studies.

Correction (with Apologies)

In the last edition of the *HOWL* (June/July 2017), the caption with the merged back-cover image of TW John

Tyrrell (414 E) was incorrect—John did not travel the Breda-Roosendaal Road as indicated. In his words: “While our first action that night was directed up that road, the 415th regiment was astride the road while the 414th was to their left and the 413th was to their right. Our platoon was the lead platoon of E Company at the head of the 414 column, and we advanced cross country to the area east of the road and the 415th. We crossed the road and into the field north of the road, where we ran into machine-gun fire that was very efficiently spraying the area. My assistant BAR man to my left was killed, and I was wounded and passed out, to be rescued later, which was the start of the long eleven-month journey to recovery and discharge.” (Though John was well taken care of by army medics, he was unable to return to his unit after this injury.)



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On June 17th and November 18th last year, the Portland, Oregon, chapter of the NTPA met over lunch to enjoy good company (and cake!) with TW Vets Ross Turkle, Mel Morasch, and C. T. Barton (pictured left to right); families; and friends at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel

near the Portland Airport. Attendance was impressive, with more than thirty at the summer gathering and similar numbers in the fall. Pictured here is the summer luncheon, which featured a restored WWII truck from the Military Vehicles Collectors Club of Oregon.



Chaplain's Corner

Editor's note: the following excerpts are reprinted from the "Chaplain's Corner" in the January 1995 *HOWL*.



May Almighty God grant His powerful blessing upon you and yours in this new year.

We write these lines as Christmas comes to a close and as the Hanukka celebration of rededication and long-lasting light lingers in our thoughts. We ask in all humility for Light—clear light, to see our way ahead in these confused and violent and contentious times. At some times, our vision fades, we wander in

the dark, we stumble. And we get tired. Rededication—a renewed feeling of commitment, of purpose, of knowing where we're going.

And with that renewed sense of dedication and commitment, that renewed vision and direction, we ask for courage

and perseverance, long-patience, and kindness: True Love. Of our Maker and Father, of those who agree with us, of those who don't agree with us.

And more light, Warm Light, to see further and deeper. And loving courage and confidence to move ahead, calmly, "with malice toward none," and caring kindness toward all.

That is my "Chaplain's Prayer."

I make that prayer because I feel that as we get older (who isn't?), it's often more difficult to take everything in, and make a calm and confident judgment about the world around us, [and] even about ourselves. About "What's the story?" About what to do.

Through one war (or more), and still, there's so much that seems "wrong" in the world, in our own country, [and] sometimes, in those who are very close to us. In ourselves, even. It can get discouraging. We'd like to shove it away. Get rid of it.

"[Let's] do the best we can and trustingly leave the rest of it up to God."

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But it's there—our world and all its problems.
"Let there be light," Scripture says, "and there was light."
So may it be for us now, at this time in our lives...

As we gather each year, there is a deepening knowledge and understanding of each other and also of those who have gone ahead of us to another life... And since these words are being written close to Christmas and the new year, it seems appropriate to be thankful to the God of understanding for the many gifts that we might be tempted to take for granted, like loyal friends, healthy and loving families, enough money to get along on, at least some periods of

peace in our lives, a younger generation with energy and capability to deal with new problems and carry on...

The end of the old year, the beginning of the new one, looking back and looking ahead...when we probably figure we can't control things that much, [let's] do the best we can and trustingly leave the rest of it up to God—the God of our believing and our hoping...

We're still here, alive and kicking...

With prayers and the Timberwolf still up,
Father McCarty



Compiled by Sandra Eberhard (webpup@bellsouth.net)

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

We will remember them.

Oliver Amundson
413 Med

George Dubell
414 G

Ralph Penman
555 AAA Btry D

Jerome S. Wood
929 FA Bn

Junior H. Asche
414 HQ

Peter Dwyer
415 G

Delbert Pennington
415 G

WIFE or WIDOW

Richard Betz
413 I

Morton Harloe
413 HQ 3d Bn

Alexander Prokopiak
415 G

Etta Champagne
Btry A 555 AAA Bn
(Gilfred)

Harley Cann
415 Serv

George Harokopis
386 FA Bn C

Ernest O. Richards
413 H

Catherine T. Ezell
Btry B 555 AAA Bn
(Wilfred)

Clifton Clarke
415 G

Jack Keen
415 E

Henry W. Schmechel
415 G

Vera Novak
415th HQ 1st Bn
(F. T. Novak)

Albert Clifton
415 AT

Lloyd John Kline
Unit unknown

Sidney Seidenman
415 K

Bob Cobbe
414 B

John J. Kristofik
414 M

John Sully
414 I

Stella M. Soehlke
413 A (Leonard)

Richard Ronald Dabrowski
413 C

Arthur Mason
104 HQ

John G. Szmanski
Unit unknown

Vera Wood
929 FA Bn (Jerome)

Arthur Diamond
329 Engr A

Ivan McQueen
415 K

Walter Tucker
415 F

This museum has an extensive collection of art spanning 5,000 years, with over 1,000 pieces displayed in their galleries and special exhibits as well (a seven-minute drive from the hotel).

- Carillon Historical Park—Celebrates the history of invention, transportation, and pioneer life in Dayton (<https://www.daytonhistory.org/visit/dayton-history-sites/carillon-historical-park/>). It has a variety of collections documenting the area's history, including the Newcom Tavern, a working 1930s print shop, and other interesting exhibits (a ten-minute drive from the hotel).

So plan on joining us in Dayton to honor our Veterans, to renew friendships in a common bond, and to keep the knowledge of their WWII contributions clear and present to current and future generations. And let's have a great time together in working toward those goals.

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer &
Site Committee Member
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A (MURPHY) PUP



I grew up knowing my grandfather, Lt. John E. Murphy, 386th FA, 104th Infantry Division, through stories and family histories, a grandpup before I knew the term or any reference to the Timberwolves. Grandpa passed away in 1971, before he met his grandchildren, and long after returning home from the European Theatre of Operations, where his band of brothers had fought for

195 days of combat to rescue and preserve freedom from a tyrannical evil. World War II had been a casual interest, text-book tales in grade school, and history specials paired with recalled accounts from my father, aunts, and uncles: a chicken coop in Holland where Grandpa found a lifeless German soldier, his wallet full of pictures of home; or a scar he carried from a mishap one night along the Red Ball Express. Saving Private Ryan was released in theaters and The Longest Day played in black and white, but I never made the connection.

A clarity came in 2006, when my Aunts went across the sea to retrace the Timberwolf tracks across Europe, part of a European tour of the National Timberwolf Association. The stories, experiences, and kindnesses they returned with suddenly became quite personal. This same year, I received a copy of the letters my grandfather had sent to my grandmother throughout training and the war, spanning the streets of Brooklyn to their marriage, safely shoeboxed in a closet for many years and lovingly transcribed by my aunt. Suddenly, my grandfather had a voice, familiar and sure, recognizable across forty years. I was fortunate enough—and compelled enough—to join the next tour in 2008 with the National Timberwolf Association...

Okay, so, my grandfather was a Timberwolf, but what's a Timberwolf?

My single-room request was paired with a latecomer to the tour, a Timberwolf Veteran named Cliff Park, 415th Infantry, Co. E. My first European tour would be with a man who had been there before, many times, since his first visit seventy years prior—a man who knew the fields and the buildings and the people—and I was quite terrified. It was a poorly placed anxiety, as I met Cliff and Bob Huber, Glen Lytle, Frank Strelbel, and the other Timberwolves and their families as the tour kicked off. In a moment, I knew an aspect of my grandfather that I could not have known otherwise. It was both familiar and comfortable, unique and wonderful—a true and vibrant companion to the written words he had sent home long ago.

In the years since, the NTA has since dissolved and the NTPA has carried their torch forward to perpetuate Timberwolf history. We have lost Cliff, Glen, Frank, and too many other Veterans as time crawls forward. Yet in that time, I have made dear friends on both sides of the ocean and count myself lucky to have shared in this story.

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NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1, 2017–December 31, 2017

BANK BALANCE on JANUARY 1, 2017	
Checking account	\$ 8,575
Savings account	\$10,666
TOTAL	\$19,241

DEPOSITS	
Dues	\$ 2,806
Book sales	\$ 1,955
Reunion sales/raffle	\$ 1,007
Reunion income	\$ 955
Donations	\$ 368
Interest	\$ 12
TOTAL	\$ 7,103

EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS	
HOWL production & mailing	\$ 5,121
NTA web fees	\$ 338
General postage/shipping	\$ 430
General operating expenses	\$ 924
Veteran support (West Point, etc.)	\$ 758
TOTAL	\$ 7,571

BANK BALANCE on DECEMBER 31, 2017	
Checking account	\$ 5,670
Savings account	\$13,102
TOTAL	\$18,772

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)**. **PayPal access** is also available on the **NTPA website**: <http://www.timberwolf104inf.org/membership--contact-us.html>

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- This is a _____ membership renewal _____ new membership
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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).



We have an NTPA Facebook page that is a collection of master historians, and we continue our reunions while so many other groups falter. I believe that to know and participate in this Timberwolf history is to know the wonders of a grand family history—brothers in arms bound by hoops of war—and so, too, we pups are bound, and grandpups, and on, and on. I know my grandpa, Lt. John E. Murphy, far better for it; what he now teaches me, I cherish. And I am proud to be accounted his grandson and a pup of the Timberwolf Division, with all of you. It truly is a remarkable thing.

—Paul Murphy, Webmaster
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OUR FRIENDS OVERSEAS

Timberwolf Pups Visit the Netherlands!

Saturday, October 21, 2017, Pups Richard Wilson and Al and JeNeal Granieri visited the Friends of the Timberwolves. After a train ride from Amsterdam to Roosendaal, they met the Friends at the Timberwolf museum in Achtmaal. Cees Jacobs gave them a tour of the museum, showing them all the new additions. After lunch, it was time for a battlefield tour of the area, and we followed the footsteps of the Timberwolves from Achtmaal and Zundert to Standdaarbuiten. We had dinner at the former mill, and by then, it was time to leave for the train station again.

Though it was a brief visit, we all made the most of it, happy for any chance to celebrate our overseas connection!

Wishing you all a wonderful 2018
from the Netherlands...
—Esther Eenhuizen



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(21) [L–R] Pups Bonnie Smith, Priscilla McNamara & Dorothy Meyer; (22) Pup Peggy Gouras & TW John Tyrrell; (23) Pup Doug Morasch checking out the hotel casino; (24) SGM Lyle Wold (Ret.) & his wife, Terri, at the Beer Bust Raffle; (25) NTPA President Andy Lane emceeing the joint NTPA/Missouri raffle (with NTPA Treasurer JeNeal Granieri in the background); (26) [L–R] Pups Don Davis & Jerry Lacy; (27) *USS Missouri* Friends who served on the ship in the 1940s; (28) [front row] Candle Ceremony participants; (29) TW Jim Henderson speaking at the Memorial Service; (30) TW Paul Franklin; (31) TW Frank Calfa, Sr. & Pup Frank Jr.; (32) overseas Friend Esther Eenhuizen dressed up and ready for the Banquet; (33) [L–R] Pup Al McDonnell enjoying the Banquet with a *USS Missouri* Friend; (34) another *Missouri* friend & our NTPA Photographer Art Luque [right, in a rarely seen moment in front of the camera] [Photos courtesy of NTPA Photographer Art Luque & available for purchase (see the ad on page 12)]



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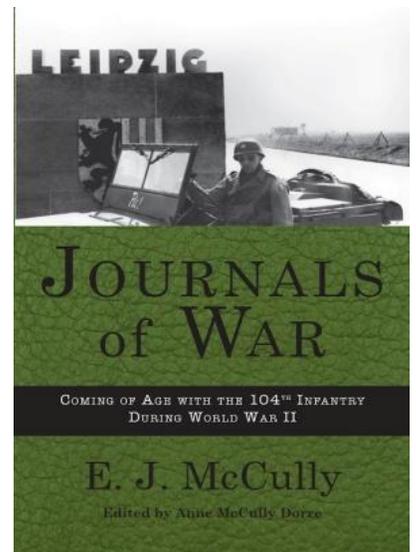
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Veterans of the 104th with Maj. General T. K. Moffett at the 2017 NTPA Reunion in Reno, Nevada ([L-R, back row] Jim Henderson, Keith Zimmerman, Bob Huber, John Tyrrell, Joseph Koepfinger; [L-R, front row] Frank Calfa, Sr., MG Moffett, Paul Franklin).

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