



## MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for staying the course with us as we all cope with a very difficult period in our nation's history.

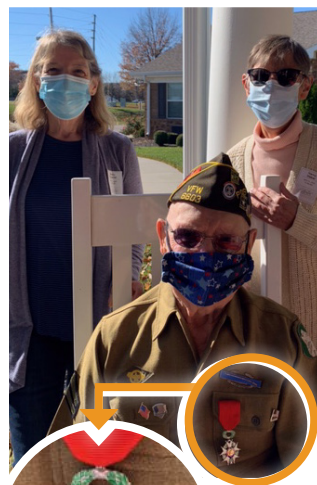
With optimism, we look forward to our reunion in Kansas City, Missouri, this coming September. We welcome all our Veterans, Family, Friends, and Guests to join us for several days of honoring our WWII Veterans, rekindling friendships and planning our future as an organization.

One of our missions is education—there has never been a greater need to preserve history for future generations than now. A pronounced casualty of current events has been setbacks in education on every level. As an organization, we are well positioned to address the gaps in history education particularly. We have the resources to both honor our Vets and to insure that their history is accurately preserved and available to all.

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## Misc. News & Info

### TW Vets Awarded Knight of the Legion of Honor Medal



NOVEMBER 11, 2020

THE FACILITY WHERE MY DAD, TW Keith Zimmerman, lives made it possible for my sister and me to present the French medal to him today for Veteran's Day. Since this is one of his favorite days of the year, he was especially pleased with it.

Here is some of the text from the French Consulate's letter to him:

*Created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, [the medal] is the highest distinction that France can bestow upon those who have demonstrated eminent civil or military merits for the country.*

*Seventy-six years ago, you gave your youth to your country but also to France, America's oldest ally. The French people will never forget...*

*Sincerely,*

*Guillaume Lecroix, Le Consul Général, Chicago*

*—Pup Nancy Weber*

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

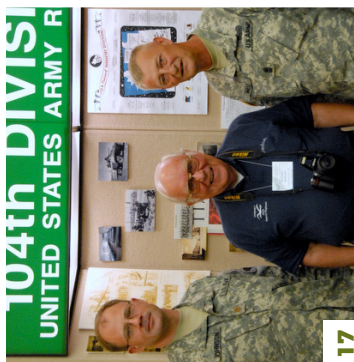
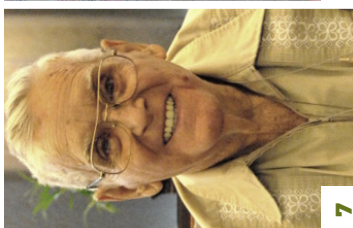
I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL EARLIER. I WAS AWARDED THE Legion of Honor Medal... I believe we were only in reserve for the Battle for Brest... In my application, I said we participated in the campaign for the liberation of Brest, so I am shocked by the award. Every long-term Timberwolf alive today should apply. I will keep you in touch.

*—TW Joe Allegetti*

Editor's note: If you are a Veteran interested in applying for the Legion of Honor Medal, please get in touch with NTPA board member Jack Valley ([jackvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:jackvalley@yahoo.com), 508.788.1868).

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Photo Gallery from Reunions Past



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## Message from the Pups, continued from pg. 1

**“We look forward to joining together this year to break bread, as one, in fellowship.”**

the annual presentation of the General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award at the US Military Academy at West Point.

We are so very grateful to be blessed with international friends in the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and Germany.

In addition to continuing the 75-year tradition of annual reunions, we have several projects in progress at this time, including contributing artifacts to museum collections, recording and publishing eyewitness histories, and

Together, we share the gift of freedom provided by the courage and sacrifice of our US military in WWII and in all the years that have followed.

Although the current storm is not yet over, we see a break in the bad weather coming soon. We are buoyed by recent positive developments and trust that soon, all will be well. We look forward to joining together this year to break bread, as one, in fellowship.

God bless America,

—Andrew Lane, NTPA President  
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From the 64th Annual NTA Reunion in Portland, OR (Sept. 1–7, 2009): (1) TW Peter Pirrello & Jane Young; (2) [L–R] TWs Ron Javornik, Raymond Pramuka & Ken Thompson; (3) TW Leigh Lydecker; (4) TW LeRoy Carson & his wife, Phyllis; (5) TW Dick Karst & his wife, Dolores; (6) [L–R] TWs Harold Demopoulos & James Bryan (7) TW Wallace Tallant; (8) TW Paul Nelson & his wife, Ele; (9) [L–R] TW Wife [name unknown], Friend Millie Didlake & Pup Marilyn Shinavar; (10) TW Frank Calamita & Pup Kathy Clark; (11) TW Al Milwid & his Pup, Nancy; (12) TW Donald Anderson & his wife, Adeline; (13) [L–R] TWs Simon Kaplan & Bud Ritzer; (14) TWs Glen Lytle, Clifford Park & George Bacon; (15) [L–R] TWs Frank Strebel & Robert Bassemir / From the 65th Annual NTA Reunion in Lombard, IL (Aug. 31–Sept. 6, 2010): (16) TW Richard Hagee & his wife, Dorothy; (17) [L–R] TW Alex Johnson (current 104th), Pup (& former HOWL Editor) Bill Jackson & SGM (Ret.) Lyle Wold; (18) TW Steve Jeziorski & his wife, Bernice; (19) Beloved TW Bob Cobbe; (20) TW Donald Warren & Wife [name unknown] [gallery continued on page 11]

## Fundraiser for a 104th Infantry Unit Tribute Plaque

MARCH 21, 2021

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 104TH INFANTRY DIVISION Unit Tribute Plaque fundraising account at the National Museum of the US Army is now operational and ready to receive donations.

Shortly after the board meeting on February 23, 2021, I completed and finalized the fundraising account. Before I notified you, I wanted to test the process and system. On February 25, 2021, I made the first donation: \$104.00 (symbolic).

Donations can be made by check or credit card, and the museum covers the PayPal fee. If you make a \$104.00 credit-card donation, it all goes to our fundraiser; and credit-card payments are posted sooner than check payments.

Take a look at our fundraising page at <https://armyhistory.causevox.com/Timberwolves>. It explains what we are doing to raise money for the plaque and how payment can be made. I am identified as the point of contact for inquiries.

Our overall goal is to raise \$5,000; and as of today, we are 8 percent (\$416) of the way there!

—Kent A. Smith

LTC (Ret.) US Army, TW Pup & NTPA Board Member  
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### DELAYS IN BOOK & NEWSLETTER DELIVERIES

Because of severe U.S. Postal Service delivery delays in some parts of the country, some of you have experienced exceptionally long waits for the Timberwolf books you have ordered from us (even months). It seems likely that we will have similar postal delays when the *Timberwolf HOWL* is mailed. Please accept our apologies in advance. If the situation continues, we may need to consider ways other than the U.S. Mail to reach out to our World War II Timberwolf family.

If you have experienced any sort of delay in your 104th deliveries, please use the contact info below:

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Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

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## WAR STORIES OF WWII

Written by the Soldiers of the  
104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

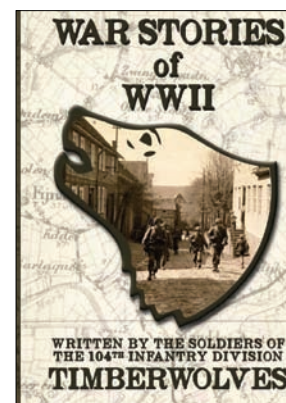
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### Hello and greetings to all!

AS I AM WRITING THIS, THERE IS GREAT HOPE THAT we can look forward to a successful, safe, and enjoyable reunion this September at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, and that life will be mostly back to “normal” by then. I think we will all be happy to celebrate this as we get together to renew old friendships and make new ones. How nice it will be to put the reunion dates—Wednesday, September 8th through Sunday, September 12th—on our calendars!

Everything should be much the same as was planned last year. In January and February, Kelli Goforth, our Armed Forces Reunion Rep, and I updated the tours and schedules for 2021. (I am hopeful that we can include the Truman Library, which was closed last year for upgrades and is closed right now due to COVID.) Our general schedule and meetings should remain the same, but more than likely, our tour offerings may be tentative until closer to the reunion. Stay tuned for the final arrangements, which will be published in our Summer/Fall issue of the *HOWL*. We still plan to join with the 106th for tours and the Foxhole, with a separate dining area for our banquet. We will

also work with the 106th to set up the raffle, which both groups have enjoyed at recent reunions.

An update on the Fort Douglas Museum project: I have been in touch with Beau Burgess, the curator, and like everything else, things are moving very slowly due to the temporary COVID closure and lack of available personnel. We are still hopeful that we can have a display ready by the 2022 reunion and are currently working on the design of this display. We will present it to the museum to help them with setting up something worthy of our beloved 104th Vets.

I know that it is very difficult for some to continue attending our reunions, as most of our dear 104th Veterans are no longer with us or can no longer attend themselves; but we do hope that the relationships we have made in our mutual quest to honor the memories of our Veterans and their accomplishments will make the decision to meet us in Kansas City an easy one. Will you join us as we gather to perpetuate the history of our fathers, uncles, and friends for the next generation and beyond?

Looking forward to seeing all of you in September!

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, NTPA Treasurer & Site Committee Chair

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## The Black Timberwolves: Part 2

**Editorial note:** Part 2 of this article has been reprinted from the June/July 2012 edition of the *HOWL*. Part 1 was reprinted in the *HOWL's* Summer/Fall edition last year.

AT THE END OF THEIR TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING, THE platoon joined the battalion. I had been back to the Training Center to welcome these soldiers, and I made it a point to talk to each of them individually. I found that all of them had been at least sergeants in their former units; some were master sergeants and one was a first sergeant. These men had taken a reduction in ranks—some to the grade of Private First Class—to have the chance to represent their race in a white man's world. They were inspired to advance the cause of the black race, and they wanted to erase the myth that black soldiers could not perform in combat as well as their white counterparts.

Shortly after they arrived, I had the opportunity to give the Black Timberwolves their first taste of battle. I was on the right flank of the entire division. We had finished a night attack and were on our objectives, far ahead of the 1st Division on our right flank. The 1st had not attacked until dawn and were having



difficulty reaching their objectives. One of their problems was that the Germans were placing effective fires on them from a small village out in front of my positions. I was ordered to capture it, and the mission looked like a platoon-sized job to me.

I took the company commander, Captain Carroll, and the platoon to a point in a forest from which we could see the village. En route, I explained to Captain Carroll and the platoon leader, Lieutenant Trog, that all I wanted them to do was observe the

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# The Last Bugle Call



**At the going down  
of the sun & in the  
morning**

**We will  
remember them.**

Solomon Epstein 104 Recon	Raymond R. Odorizzi 555 AAA Bn Btry D	Ross Young Unit Unknown
James R. Gallagher Unit Unknown	Peter Pirrello 415 K	Carl D. Zucher 415 L
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Leonard J. Martin 415 B	Robert F. Tresnak 414 L	
Mervin Medine 415 M	William A. Tucker 414 A	
Bernard Norwood 415 M	Charles Wenrich 413 K	

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# The Black Timberwolves: Part 2, continued from pg. 5

**“They went at full speed across the two hundred yards between the woods and the village, screaming their song.”**

platoon sergeant and the platoon’s performance; they were not to participate. I wanted to give the platoon sergeant the chance to win his spurs, and gain the respect and confidence of the men.

When we got to the edge of the woods, I called the platoon sergeant over and told him what I wanted him to do; then we accompanied him to where the platoon was hunkered down. I was pleasantly surprised. He issued a flawless five-paragraph field order—one that you might expect to hear at infantry school and [was] obviously taught to him by his platoon leader. He ended with the command, “Fix bayonets!” I had never heard this command before in the war nor did I ever hear it again.

The men fixed bayonets, and the sergeant yelled, “Follow me,” charging out of the woods and singing a song at the top of his lungs. And the men joined him in the popular wartime song—“Right in the Fuhrer’s Face”; I had never seen anything like it. They went at full speed across the two hundred yards between the woods and the village, screaming their song.

A combination of this unusual spectacle and their first sight of black soldiers completely unnerved the Germans. They were the victims of their own propaganda that black soldiers were monsters who killed ruthlessly, plundering and raping without regard to the rules of land warfare and the Geneva Conventions. [The Germans] began to pour out of the village, with their hands above their heads in surrender. The platoon numbered less than fifty men while the prisoners they captured were nearly twice their number.

Things could not have worked out better. The platoon was so proud of its success that it developed an esprit and a determination that made it one of the best platoons in the battalion, perhaps in the entire regiment.

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

# National Timberwolf Pups Association 2021 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 [www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2021](http://www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2021) (a **3.5% convenience fee** will be added to credit-card charges). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **August 13, 2021**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing it.** Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
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CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 13, 2021						
				Price Per	# of People	Subtotal
<b>TOURS</b>						
<b>Wed. (9/8): KANSAS CITY TOUR</b>	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM			\$ 39	x	= \$
<b>Thurs. (9/9): ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM</b>	9:45 AM to 2:30 PM			\$ 53	x	= \$
<b>Thurs. (9/9): NEW THEATRE &amp; RESTAURANT</b>	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM			\$ 92	x	= \$
<b>Friday (9/10): NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM &amp; MEMORIAL</b>	9:30 AM to 2:30 PM			\$ 57	x	= \$
<b>BANQUET</b>						
<b>Sat. (9/11): Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.)</b>	7:00 PM to 11:00 PM					
Chicken Marsala				\$ 47	x	= \$
Seared Salmon				\$ 47	x	= \$
Grilled Sirloin				\$ 47	x	= \$
Vegetarian				\$ 47	x	= \$
<b>ADDITIONAL EXPENSES</b>						
<u>REQUIRED:</u> Per-Person Registration Fee (covers various reunion expenses)				\$ 45	x	= \$
<u>OPTIONAL:</u> Reunion Photo CD (prepared by NTPA Photographer Art Luque)				\$ 25	x	= \$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u></b>						\$

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

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

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## 2021 Reunion—Schedule & Tours

### NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 10th ANNUAL / JOINT REUNION with the 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

HILTON KANSAS CITY AIRPORT  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 8–12, 2021

#### SCHEDULE of EVENTS

##### Wednesday, September 8

Reunion Registration open	8:30 AM–10:30 AM
KANSAS CITY TOUR	11:00 AM–4:00 PM
Reunion Registration open	4:00 PM–7:00 PM
NTPA Board Meeting	4:00 PM–6:00 PM
106th IDA Outgoing Board Meeting	5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Meet & Greet with 106th	6:00 PM–7:30 PM
Foxhole (Hospitality Room) open	7:30 PM–9:30 PM

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

##### Thursday, September 9

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	TBA...
Foxhole (Hospitality Room) open	8:00 AM–9:30 PM
Reunion Registration open	8:30 AM–9:30 AM
ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM	9:45 AM–2:30 PM
NEW THEATRE & RESTAURANT	5:30 PM–10:30 PM

##### Friday, September 10

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	TBA...
NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM & MEMORIAL	9:30 AM–2:30 PM
NTPA Business & General Meeting	4:30 PM–6:00 PM
Foxhole (Hospitality Room) open	4:00 PM–9:30 PM
Beer Bust (w/ 106th)	7:00 PM–12:00 AM

##### Saturday, September 11

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	TBA...
106th IDA Memorial Service	9:00 AM–10:00 AM
NTPA Memorial Service	9:30 AM–11:00 AM
106th IDA New Board Meeting	3:30 PM–5:00 PM
Cash-Bar Reception (w/ 106th)	6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Banquet Dinner & Dance (separate)	7:00 PM–11:00 PM

##### Sunday, September 12

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	TBA...
Farewells and Departures	

#### TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

##### **KANSAS CITY TOUR**

**Wednesday, September 8:** Kansas City is known as the City of Fountains, and you'll see why as we make our way through the area. Points of interest include Clark's Point in Case Park, Union Station, the Liberty Memorial (the only memorial dedicated to those who served in World War I), the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts (much like the Sydney Opera House in Australia), and Kauffman Memorial Garden. You'll have free time for lunch at Country Club Plaza, Kansas City's premier entertainment district. The plaza offers more than 150 shops and restaurants nestled within old-world architecture, among captivating fountains and expressive works of art.

- 11:00 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 4:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$39/Person (Includes bus & guide)
- Lunch is on your own.

##### **ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM**

**Thursday, September 9:** Journey back to 1856, when the Steamboat *Arabia* sank in the Missouri River with a wealth of treasures. Her excavation in 1988 uncovered a time capsule of remarkably preserved frontier supplies, including jewelry, china, cookware, clothing, and food. This international cargo is the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in existence, and the display keeps growing! Enjoy lunch at the museum's cafe or at the adjacent City Market. This historic area features a farmer's market as well as gift shops, restaurants, and galleries.

- 9:45 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 2:30 PM—Back to hotel
- \$53/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission)
- Lunch is on your own.

##### **NEW THEATRE & RESTAURANT**

**Thursday, September 9:** Spend an evening at the theater, where you'll enjoy a buffet-style dinner and a live performance. The New Theatre & Restaurant is known for top-quality entertainment and great food. (Stay tuned for more details about the show in the next HOWL...)

- 5:30 PM—Board bus at hotel
- 10:30 PM—Back to hotel
- \$92/Person (Includes bus, escort, dinner & show)
- Specialty drinks and desserts are not included.

##### **NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM & MEMORIAL**

**Friday, September 10:** Ranked the number-one attraction in Kansas City and the fifth-best museum in the US, the National World War I Museum & Memorial has been called a "national treasure"—America's only museum dedicated to sharing the stories of the Great War through the eyes of those who lived it. Upon arrival, we will participate in a brief memorial service outside of the Liberty Memorial Tower, which rises 217 feet above the main courtyard. After the service, you can tour the museum at your own pace, exploring interactive displays, thought-provoking films, eyewitness testimonies, and the largest collection of WWI artifacts in the world. Then grab lunch at the Crown Center Food Court nearby. (Note: The Liberty Memorial Tower is not wheelchair accessible and includes 45 steps.)

- 9:30 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 2:30 PM—Back to hotel
- \$57/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission)
- Lunch is on your own.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area 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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#### **CANCELATION AND REFUND POLICY for ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

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 (\$15 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 4:00 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. **PLEASE NOTE: Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.**

## 2021 Reunion—Hotel Registration & Travel Insurance

### HILTON KANSAS CITY AIRPORT—KANSAS CITY, MO

(816) 891-8900 or (800) 445-8667

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/missouri/hilton-kansas-city-airport-MCIAPHF/index.html>

#### LOCATION

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Located 5 minutes from the Kansas City International Airport  
and just 15 minutes from downtown Kansas City

#### RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please call one of the numbers above and reference the National Timberwolf Pups / 106th Infantry Division, or follow this link: [https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/M/MCIAPHF-TIMBER-20210905/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/M/MCIAPHF-TIMBER-20210905/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).

**Group Name:** Timberwolf 106th Infantry Division

**Reunion Dates:** September 8–12, 2021

**Rate:** \$112 + tax (currently 16.35%)

**Cut-off Date:** August 13, 2021 (Late reservations will be processed based on availability and at a higher rate.)

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### Crossing the Roer River

WITH THE ARDENNES BATTLE OVER, ALLIED HIGH command returns to plans for crossing the Roer River. D-Day is set for 10 February; but on the 9th, the Germans release discharge valves on dams upstream, and water behind the dams surges into the river.

Bob Nolan (413 I) writes, “The quiet little stream I crossed on New Year’s Eve is now a raging torrent.” (At that time, when Nolan had waded the river with orders to assess its condition, he’d observed, “The water comes only to my chest and is not too fast. The bottom is gravel but firm. I get to the other side without incident. I note that it will be easy to climb out at that point.”)

The crossing would have to be postponed. To surprise the Germans, the new date is set for 23 February, before flood waters were expected to subside. The plan places 413th Infantry on the right and 415th on the left to force crossings and seize an area defined as phase line A, a high ridgeline 1,000 yards to the east; the 414th Infantry would be in reserve. Conditions are too rough for foot bridges, so the soldiers would cross in boats. Each rifle company has fifteen or sixteen boats assigned to it.

A forty-five-minute artillery barrage begins at 2:45 am, preceding the crossing. *Combat History 413th Infantry Regiment* describes it as “the largest preassault barrage ever seen by men of the 413th... With the exception of Ernest Hemingway, a group of war correspondents in one of our observation posts decided to leave the front to the infantry when one rocket went off just over the river, barely clearing our lines.”

As soon as the barrage stops, engineers, two to a boat, load their infantry and shove off.

#### 415TH INFANTRY REGIMENT\*

FIRST BATTALION CROSSES SUCCESSFULLY. ONCE ACROSS, men from 1st and 2nd platoons of Company A set off to destroy machine gun nests harassing their company’s crossing sites. In the process, sixteen men lose their legs in a shu mine field.

Second Battalion, Company G, supported by 929th Field Artillery Battalion and 415th Cannon Company, makes it across.

But turbulent waters overturn Company E boats, and only one platoon reaches the east bank. Men are stranded in the icy-cold water for hours. Enemy machine-gun fire causes additional casualties. All eighteen engineers attached to Company E are wounded or killed. Company F, instead of following E as planned, moves to the G Company crossing site. Most boats make it across but with casualties.

Third Battalion 415th remains in reserve.

#### 413TH INFANTRY REGIMENT\*\*

COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, CROSSES SUCCESSFULLY against light resistance. “Eight boats [about 60 men] of Company C stuck on top of a check-dam and then upset.”† Only two of the three rifle platoons make it across.

Joe Allegetti (413 C) remembers, “It was “D-Day” for my company. We pushed our boats into the water, got in and took off. We had not paddled far when we got caught in the strong river current. I remember green tracer bullets from German machine guns streaming across the river at us. We heard mortar shells coming right at us. We panicked and stood up. We lost control of the boats. They capsized. All of us were in the bitterly cold water. The strong current pushed many downstream. I remember my platoon buddies screaming for help.”

One platoon of B Company crosses against small-arms fire. So many boats are lost or destroyed that more need to be brought up before the other two platoons can be ferried across.

Companies I and K, 3rd Battalion, successfully force crossings. Company L is held up by lack of boats. After Company E, 2nd Battalion, has two boats upset and two shot up, Company G moves to the 415 F crossing site. Second Battalion remains west of the river until late afternoon, when F Company crosses and begins mopping up behind the assaulting battalions.

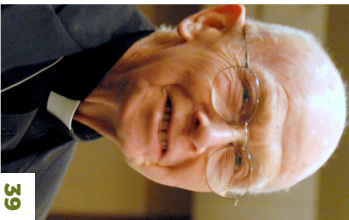
*To be continued...*

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\* *Combat History 415th Infantry Regiment* | \*\* *Combat History 413th Infantry Regiment* | † *The Last Offensive*, by Charles B. MacDonald

(21) [L–R] TW pals Mel Morasch & Dick Matthews; (22) TW & Wife at the annual Memorial Service [names unknown]; (23 & 24) TWs participating in the Memorial Service candle-lighting ceremony; (25) [L–R] TWs Lavell B., John Zemanek & Art Leu; (26) [L–R] TWs Art Sorenson & Joe Koepfinger; (27) [L–R] TWs Bill Cronin, H. M. Davidson & Lawrence Case; (28) TW Samuel Freshour; (29) TW Bob [last name unknown]; (30) [L–R] TWs Joseph S. & Robert Meredith; (31) Memorial Service attendees; (32) TW John Thomas & Pup; (33) TW Leo Harrington with daughters, [L–R] Jan & Carol; (34) TW Joseph Motzi with his wife, Barbara, and Pup Michele; (35) TW John Tyrell & family; (36) TW and Wife [names unknown]; (37) TW Donald Zimmerman & his wife [name unknown]; (38) TW Ernest Gustafson; (39) TW Father McCarty; (40) TW Bob Huber & Pup Mary Jamieson | Photos courtesy of NTPA Photographer Art Luque

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(Looking back on nearly ten years of gatherings and memories as the next generation shepherds on the 104th legacy...) More than 25 Timberwolf Veterans attended the 2nd Annual NTPA Reunion in Colorado Springs in 2012, pictured here at Fort Carson (formerly Camp Carson), where they did their combat training in the spring and summer of 1944, before going overseas.

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