### JUNE/JULY 2017



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS**

H ELLO TO ALL VETS, PUPS, AND FRIENDS. We hope you are planning to join us in Reno, Nevada, from September 6 to 11 for this year's reunion. Remember you can come early and stay late at great hotel rates if you would like to spend more time in the Wild West. Most of Nevada is still unspoiled and open; and you are also very close to California if you want to venture that direction. Distances may seem far in miles, but getting there is fast!

The Reunion Site Committee is working hard to ensure that we have another great reunion. We welcome all newcomers and hope to see many old friends. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we are sharing the venue with the men (and families) from the USS Missouri. Andy met them last year at our Washington, DC, reunion and found them to be a good fit for us, so we pursued working together this year. And it is different from the combined gathering with the 106th last year since these Missouri veterans span from World War II through Vietnam. We are happy to share our reunion with them (including the Beer Bust) and hope you'll look through your "re-gifting" items to see if anything might be worthy of the raffle. It looks to be fun event, as does the entire reunion.

Make your reservations as soon as you can. It is easy to reserve the hotel online, which also avoids the \$10 phone-reservation fee. When you type in the entire web

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### HONORING FATHER MCCARTY

### From the Editor:

This is the twelfth edition of the *Timberwolf HOWL* that I've had the privilege of working on and the fourth edition in which a new "Chaplain's Corner" from Father McCarty has not appeared. Instead, we've gone back to the archives to continue this longstanding tradition. For those other eight editions, however, no matter the state of his health or energy levels, Father McCarty always found a way to continue his commitment to the spiritual life of this organization. He and NTPA board member Marilyn Shinavar were a great team, working together to make sure his contribution made its way to my hands–and ultimately, to you. Sharing his genuine approach and unique humor, perspective, and experience is an honor and an inspiration, even if those writings are now from days past. To him and to all those who knew him, I wish the same peace, love, and kindnesses that he always passed along to his NTA and NTPA readers. May his legacy continue on for many years to come.

-Jen Weaver-Neist, HOWL Editor jen@damerocketpress.com

Note: the following obituary has been reprinted with permission from JESUIT magazine.

**J**ESUIT FATHER Paul T. McCarty died on May 28, 2016, at Campion Center, Weston, Massachusetts. Fr. McCarty was born on June 13, 1924, in Waltham, Massachusetts, the fourth of seven children.

He entered Boston College in 1942 on an accelerated wartime program but was drafted into the army infantry the following May. He served in Normandy, Belgium, and Holland, where a severe case of trench foot disqualified him from further fighting; and he spent the rest of the war in administrative posts in Paris.

Discharged in 1946, he returned to Boston College, where the example of his diverse Jesuit teachers first gave him



the idea that he might have a Jesuit vocation. After graduating in 1949, he spent eight years in various occupations

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address (listed with the hotel info on page 6), it sends you right to the Timberwolf page—and completing the reservation is simple. If you do call, be sure to name the National Timberwolf Pups Association, and give the dates. Also, be sure to send in your reunion activity form (page 4) to Armed Forces Reunions by August 3 (the cut-off date to avoid late-registration fees). AFR has planned some wonderful tours for us and will need to know the number of registrants for each tour. (See the schedule and tour descriptions on page 5).

A fun way to travel west would be on Amtrak's California Zephyr (https://www.amtrak.com/california-zephyr-train), which goes from Chicago to Oakland, California, and has a stop right in downtown Reno–a block from Harrah's Hotel. This would be in homage to the way our Veterans traveled so very long ago, albeit in very different different circumstances and in a different direction!

For those of you driving west on Highway 80, Reno is about an eight-hour drive from Salt Lake City, which was the birthplace of the 413th Regiment at Fort Douglas in 1922.

We encourage you to go to Reno's website (www.reno. com) to see all the other activities beyond what we have planned for you (like the National Automobile Museum), and prepare to have a fun time in a vibrant part of the Old West.

Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion!

-JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer jagranieri@sbcglobal.net

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before the idea of a vocation crystallized, when a Jesuit family friend asked him what he was going to do with his life. Fr. McCarty entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1957, at the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues in Wernersville, Pennsylvania.

After first vows, in 1959, Fr. McCarty went to Weston for philosophy studies. He taught for three years at Fairfield Prep (1961–1964), then returned to Weston for theology studies. He was ordained at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, on June 10, 1967.

For ten years, Fr. McCarty was primarily involved with high school ministry, as teacher and student chaplain, first in the Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, New Jersey, and then at Cheverus High in Portland, Maine.

In the course of this ministry, he earned a master's degree in religious education in summers at Fordham University. In 1980, he spent a year doing clinical-pastoral training at a well-regarded program in Methuen, Massachusetts. The rest of his active ministry was spent in more directly pastoral work, first in New Mexico, where he worked in a parish

in Gallup (1982-1984) and then as pastor and prison chaplain in San Mateo (1984-1985). The ministry he liked most, though, in part because it was culturally challenging, was the eight years he spent at the Passamaguoddy Indian Reservation at Pleasant Point, Maine (1985–1993). He pronounced Final Vows on June 29, 1989, at St. John's Parish, Bangor, Maine.

In 1993, he moved to Campion Center, where he served as assistant minister, worked in a number of parishes, helped the Marianists in nearby Framingham with their ministry to priests, continued to chaplain the association of his former infantry buddies, and for several years, wrote the obituaries of deceased New England Jesuits. He kept active between bouts of illness even as he turned ninety, playing the drums and doing stand-up comedy at Jesuit Community entertainments. His gentle, patient personality persisted to the end.

As spring arrived in 2016, he weakened noticeably. He died peacefully in the early evening of May 28.

### **MISC. NEWS & INFO**

### Timberwolf in DC Memorial Day Parade

NYONE WHO saw TW Dick Graff (415 Hq Co, 2nd Bn) Aat the Timberwolf reunion last September knows he still looks smart in his wartime Ike jacket, complete with Timberwolf patch and Combat Infantryman Badge. Dick was in uniform again for this year's National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC (pictured below, by wreath). The parade is an annual event organized by the American Veterans Center and World War II Veterans' Committee.

> Grandson Looking for Info About His TW Grandfather

Y GRANDFATHER, Glenn Watterson, was a sergeant in the Multiple Company B, and was taken as a POW on October 31, 1944. My grandpa never really talked about the war, so I'm trying to piece together his time there. The only story I remember him telling me was that his whole platoon was blown to pieces by a German tank battalion. He said he lost seventeen men that day and lived with survivor's guilt. I know he spent time in Stalag 3B and 4B, and was captured along with a "Hobson" and "Hez" (two guys in his platoon). I am wondering if there is anyone who remembers my grandfather or can tell me more about what happened that day.

Thanks for keeping the history of the Timberwolves alive.

-Justin Watterson, justinwatterson@hotmail.com

This was his third year in the parade and his second riding the "Spirit of '45" float. The Spirit of '45 organization, which sponsors the float, "is an alliance of organizations and individuals working to preserve the legacy of



Sawatzky, history teacher at Rocky Run Middle School in

Chantilly, Virginia. For the last five or six years, Dick has

been conducting presentations and meeting with groups of

students at the school to discuss his wartime experiences.

from the school. Each carried a placard bearing the name and

picture of a deceased World War II Medal of Honor winner.

While Dick rode, his daughter marched with students

# Good News for Military Records in Massachusetts

**I** was recently able to get a long-sought-after copy of my Uncle Joe Vallely's (413 L) DD214 from the Military Records Branch of the Massachusetts Adjutant General's Office. Massachusetts is currently the only state that has completely digitized its Veterans records from 1940 to present, and it has records (such as Joe's DD214) that were lost in the 1973 St. Louis fire. There may be other Massachusetts Vets and their families in our group looking for similar information that could use this resource.

Address: Military Records Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, PO Box 309, Milford, MA 01757 Phone: 508.422.1993 / Fax: 508.422.1997 Email: military.records@state.ma.us Website: http://www.thenationsfirst.org/nationalguard-museum---archives.html

-Jack Vallely, jackvallely@yahoo.com

### Remembering Art Lueptow (414 H)

**O** N APRIL 14, 2017, my father, TW Arthur James Lueptow passed away in Oakwood, Georgia (http://www.legacy. com/obituaries/gainesvilletimes/obituary.aspx?page=life story&tpid=185118780). Dad and my mom, Doty, attended the Timberwolves reunions each year from 1990 until 2012, and treasured the good times and the friendships nurtured there. I am their oldest daughter; and my husband, Jon, and I brought my parents to about six of these reunions. The annual Memorial Service was always a very moving time for both of them. (The only other time we saw Dad cry was when he renewed his vows on his fiftieth wedding anniversary.)

-Linda Shiehr, Pup

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### TW TRACKS IN HISTORY

### Inden

IN THE early morning darkness of 28 November, 1944, the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, advanced over flat, muddy ground toward the little city of Inden, just north of Lamersdorf, on the banks of the Inde River. Most of Inden lay west of the river. Three bridges crossed the river to a smaller section on the east side. The soldiers' mission was to capture Inden and establish a bridgehead across the Inde as a jumping-off place for 415th Infantry's attack on Lucherberg. It would be a march into hell.

The plan seemed reasonable enough. The battalion would march straight east in columns: C Company (commanded by Cpt. Ralph Gleason), followed by B Company, followed by A. When they reached the main north-south highway through the shallow Inde Valley, the column would turn south, B Company would pull abreast of C, and side by side, they would enter Inden from the north. A Company would follow B.

C Company reached Inden first and entered the city without opposition. The enemy woke up. Men of B Company, still on the outskirts, were pinned down with machine-gun and mortar fire. Unable to extricate themselves until dark, they suffered heavy casualties. Company A took a wrong turn and wound up just north of Inden, in Altdorf, with the 30th Infantry Division. The mistake was soon discovered, but enemy fire held the company in Altdorf until dark. C Company struggled alone throughout that first day as the Germans fought to hold every inch of ground. Third Platoon reached the center of town, where it was attacked by enemy infantry and tanks, including up to five Tiger tanks. Second Platoon seized the northernmost bridge and occupied a group of nearby houses.

After dark, 3rd Battalion sent reinforcements. Most of I Company, intended to relieve B Company, wandered into

Altdorf, where it was stuck until the following night. Only one platoon reached Inden. Company A arrived from Altdorf. One platoon joined Cpt. Gleason, who was in a factory west of the river with his first platoon,

That night, the Germans surrounded the factory...

part of the second, and about twenty German prisoners.

That night, the Germans surrounded the factory, forced their way into the lower floor, and drove the defenders upstairs. Three times, the Germans pulled back under a flag of truce, demanding that the trapped group surrender. Two times, the Americans refused. The third time, with casualties climbing and the building falling in around their heads, they had no choice.

As related in *History of the 413th Infantry Regiment*, "Cpt. Gleason's radio messages had been growing weaker and could only be heard by the SCR 300 carried by Lt. Pete Branton of I Company, which was also defective and could not answer back. A group of silent men listened to Cpt. Gleason's last message, unable to offer any assistance." Around midnight, tanks and infantry attacked other 2nd Platoon men holding the bridgehead east of the river, cutting them off from the rest of the company.

The next day, the depleted American forces fought to

regain the ground they had lost during the night. The 750th Tank Battalion tried to come to their aid, but nothing could reach Inden in daylight. That afternoon, 30th Division, able to communicate with both the 104th Division and troops in Inden, relayed this mes-

sage: "Situation in Inden obscure and mixed up. The platoon guarding the bridge seems to have disappeared, although it is not certain at this time as to just what happened to them. The main difficulty is that they have no route of supply; have not had food or water the past twenty-four hours."

Communications were so sporadic those first two days that little solid information was coming out of Inden. The *History* and *Timberwolf Tracks* lay out basic facts of the battle, but much of what happened on those days is known only to the men who lived them.

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WRITTEN BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE 164" INFANTRY DIVISION

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Mary Jamieson 105 NE Milne Road Hillsboro, OR 97124 Joseph Allegretti, a sergeant in C Company, recalls the fighting in Inden as the most vicious he ever experienced: "I didn't include the following information in my story ["Nothing In Hell Can Stop the Timberwolves"] because I never saw it written elsewhere. I believe C Company got into Inden without a shot fired; at least we in the 2nd Platoon did. But when we were deep into the town, we

"It felt like the Germans had set a trap for us." were attacked from all sides. It felt like the Germans had set a trap for us. There was gunfire from most of the buildings. We scrambled back in the direction that we came from. We regrouped, and that was the beginning of what I call my worst nightmare." [Joe would like to hear from any

413 C men who were in Inden: jallegretti@nycap.rr.com.]

On the 30th, two companies of 750th Tank Battalion, plus light tanks carrying men from Company B, tried to reach Inden simultaneously from three directions. The tanks were either knocked out or withdrew, and once again, B was pinned down in open fields until nightfall. Company K sneaked into the town that night to join the remnants of Companies C, A, and I.

In the morning, tanks attempted to lead Company L into Inden. The tanks did not make it, but the infantrymen, suffering heavy casualties, reached the northern part of the city. Men from 3rd Battalion intelligence section managed to guide one tank at a time into town. Company G arrived following its fight in Lamersdorf, and what was left of Company B returned. Now all rifle companies from 1st and 3rd Battalions plus Company G from 2nd Battalion were in Inden, and the Timberwolves held the northern half of the city.

That day, Lt. Col. William Summers, 3rd Battalion commander, was placed in charge of all troops in Inden with orders to capture the city quickly, because his battalion was scheduled to jump off from Inden for Lucherberg the following day. Summers resisted all pressure to cross the river prematurely. He sent a runner with the following message: "As of 1600 situation...is essentially the same as yesterday.... Enemy to east firmly entrenched with infantry and tanks.... Crossing of river with enemy holding entire south part of town would be disastrous...."

Progress was slow on 2 December and casualties heavy, but by late afternoon, all organized resistance in the city west of the Inde had been overcome. Only isolated pockets remained. K and B Companies mopped them up after dark. That night, the Germans withdrew across the river, destroying the bridges behind them, and 3rd Battalion, 414th Infantry, relieved all troops east of the river. The stunned men of the 413th ate their K rations in silence, marveling that they had survived the worst fighting they had ever seen.

Charles B. MacDonald, in *The Siegfried Line Campaign*, citing the 104th Division Combat Interview file, writes, "In

### NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2017 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/timberwolf2017** (a 3.5% charge will be added to the total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **August 3, 2017**. 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.

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Thurs. (9/7): LAKE TAHOE SCENIC TOUR	9:00 AM	to	4:00 PM	\$45	Х	=
Friday (9/8): CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY TOUR	9:00 AM	to	3:00 PM	\$48	Х	=
Friday (9/8): EVENING TOUR of RENO & COMEDY SHOW	4:30 PM	to	11:00 PM	\$59	Х	=
BANQUET						
Sunday (9/10): Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.)	7:00 PM	to	11:00 PM			
Pan-Seared Bass				\$45	Х	=
Prime Rib of Beef				\$45	Х	=
PER-PERSON REGISTRATION FEE (Covers vari	ous reunion	expe	enses)			
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 08/03/	17			\$45	Х	=
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED AFTER 08/03/17				\$55	Х	=
Reunion Photo CD (prepared by NTPA Photographer Art Luque)				\$25	Х	=
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### NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION **7th ANNUAL REUNION** HARRAH'S RENO HOTEL & CASINO-RENO, NV SEPTEMBER 6-11, 2017

### SCHEDULE of EVENTS

### Wednesday, September 6

Reunion Registration open	2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Meet & Greet with USS Missouri Assoc.	6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Foxhole	7:30–9:30 PM
NOTE: Souvenir sales hours will be listed in	the Foxhole.

### Thursday, September 7

Reunion Registration open	8:00 AM-8:30 AM
NTPA Board/Committee Meeting	8:00 AM-8:50 AM
LAKE TAHOE TOURS	9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Reunion Registration open	4:30 PM-5:30 PM
Foxhole	1:00–9:30 PM

### Friday, September 8

CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY TOUR Foxhole EVENING TOUR of RENO & COMEDY SHOW

### Saturday, September 9

Timberwolf Pups Meeting General Meeting Foxhole Beer Bust (w/ USS Missouri Assoc.)

### Sunday, September 10

Memorial Service Foxhole Holik WWII Records Seminar Cash Bar Banquet Dinner and Dance

### Monday, September 11

Farewells and Departures

### **TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

### Thursday, September 7: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE of the FOLLOWING TOURS)

### LAKE TAHOE LUNCH CRUISE

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Lake Tahoe on your way to the MS Dixie II, one of Lake Tahoe's largest and most sophisticated cruise vessels ever. The MS Dixie II has spacious interiors, picture windows, and a state-of-the-art climate-control system. Some of the many highlights of the narrated tour: Emerald Bay, the Lake's most photographed spot; the dazzling vistas of the Sierra; Fannette Island; and the unique Vikingsholm Castle. Discover The Sunken Treasures of Lake Tahoe, a film shown at no extra charge on every MS Dixie II daytime cruise. Travel 500 feet below the surface of Glenbrook Bay to tour the legendary steamer Tahoe, the majestic vessel that cruised Lake Tahoe for fifty years before being sent to the bottom by her owners; see underwater canyons and amazingly colorful formations that have never been viewed before; and cruise through ancient petrified forests hidden by the lake for centuries. The trip includes a catered (hot) barbecue lunch in Emerald Bay.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 4:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$133/Person (Includes bus, guide, cruise & lunch)

### LAKE TAHOE SCENIC TOUR

Named "America's Best Lake" by USA Today, Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine Lake in North America and one of the most

beautiful-deep and wide, bluer than blue, and surrounded by the majestic Sierra Nevadas. We will take in all of this amazing scenery on a guided bus tour, circling the entire lake. Enjoy time on your own in South Tahoe, where you can eat at numerous restaurants, test your luck at one of the casinos, or go on a gondola ride at the Heavenly Ski Resort. The 2.4-mile gondola ride will leave you breathless as you take in panoramic views of Lake Tahoe. On your way up, stop at the observation deck-a 14,000-square-foot midstation platform located at 9,123 feetwhich offers spectacular views of the Carson Valley, Desolation Wilderness, as well as Lake Tahoe, shore to shore.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 4:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$45/Person (Includes bus & guide)
- · Lunch is on your own.

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

4:30 PM-11:30 PM

9:00 AM-9:45 AM

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

7:00 PM-12:00 AM

9:30 AM-11:30 AM 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

2:00 PM-4:00 PM

6:00 PM-11:00 PM

7:00 PM-11:00 PM

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

1:00-5:00 PM

### CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY TOUR Friday, September 8:

Begin a tour of Carson City, Nevada's state capital, and Virginia City, a thriving ghost town. In Carson City, you will drive by some of its historic homes and buildings before stopping at the Nevada State Museum. Virginia City is the gaudiest, headiest boomtown of the Old West and the place where Mark Twain cut his literary teeth. Miraculously, the town looks much the same as it did in the 1860s, from the wobbly saloons built on stilts to the welltrodden boardwalks of the main street. Visit old mansions, quaint shops, churches, and museums. Lunch is on your own at one of several local restaurants.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus at hotel
- 3:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$48/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission)
- · Lunch is on your own.

### **EVENING TOUR of RENO & COMEDY SHOW** Friday, September 8:

Enjoy a guided bus tour of the "Biggest Little City in the World" as you hear tales about Reno's famous eccentrics and drive by a few of the area's unique homes. See the \$40 million outdoor stadium in the heart of downtown, home to the Reno Aces (northern Nevada's first-ever Triple-A baseball team). Then explore one of the many local restaurants for dinner before rejoining the group for a show at the Reno Comedy Center.

- 4:30 PM—Board bus at hotel
- 11:00 PM—Back to hotel
- \$59/Person (Includes bus, guide & show)
- Dinner 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 cut-off 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 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. Cancelations will only be taken Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (excluding holidays). Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancelation 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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### **RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Please call one of the two numbers above and reference the National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion, or visit http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=REN&groupCode=S09TPR7. <u>NOTE</u>: All reservations made by telephone will be assessed a fee of \$10 plus the current sales tax (per reservation). This fee does not apply to reservations made via the internet.

Group Name: National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion

Reunion Dates: September 6–11, 2017

Weekday Rate (Monday–Thursday & Sunday): \$59 + tax & fees (currently 13.5% + \$12 per room per night) Weekend Rate (Friday & Saturday): \$99 + tax & fees (currently 13.5% + \$12 per room per night)

<u>NOTE</u>: The resort fee of \$12 per room per night includes unlimited local phone calls, 2 guest admissions per day to the fitness center and pool, and basic Wi-Fi access for 2 devices per room per day.

**Cut-off Date:** 08/03/17 (*Reservations made after this date will be processed based on availability and at a higher rate.*) **Cancelation Policy:** To avoid incurring a penalty (one night's guaranteed guestroom rate plus tax and the \$12 fee), all cancelations must be made no later than 72 hours prior to the attendee's scheduled arrival date.

### PARKING & SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Harrah's offers a complimentary airport shuttle to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Shuttle services begin 4:30 AM from Harrah's, with the last shuttle departing the airport at 12:30 AM. The shuttle departs Harrah's at the top of the hour and departs the airport on the half hour. Seating is subject to availability and is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please call (775) 786-3232 for more information. Upon arrival at the airport, proceed to D Doors North of the baggage claim. When you see your shuttle, you are welcome to board. Harrah's also offers free parking for hotel guests.

### WHEELCHAIR RENTAL

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

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the five-day fight, two American battalions [413th 1st and 3rd] lost 319 men, 40 of them killed and 156 missing. Inden was nothing but rubble."

Lt. Col. Gerald Kelleher, commander of 415th 3rd Battalion, was a close friend of Terry Allen's from 1st Division in Africa and Sicily. Back on 30 November, as the battle raged in Inden, he received a call from the general. Parley "Pop" Allred, radio operator in the battalion command post, remembers the conversation going something like this [as told in *War Stories of WWII*, pages 224–225]:

"Hello, Terry. What do you want?"

"Well, Jerry, I want you to take the town of Lucherberg by morning."

"My hell, Terry! That place is heavily fortified, and there are enemy troops all over the place! I will try, but I want a heavy artillery barrage set down before we attack." "Colonel, that will cost too much money and we can't afford it."

"I don't give a damn if it costs fifty thousand dollars and only saves one life, General! It's worth it!"

"Colonel, you do what I have told you to do."

"General, is that an order?"

"Yes."

"Okay, General, but you be down here tomorrow to accept my resignation. And don't tell me I can't, because you know very well I can. Good-bye!"

Tune in to the next issue to find out what happened next...

-Kathy Clark, Historian kpclark@vom.com

### The News from Standdaarbuiten

T THE end of October 1944, the Timberwolves had to  ${f A}$ cross the Mark River to liberate Standdaarbuiten. Close to the river was a big building that was used for the storage of sugar (in Dutch, we call it the Suikerentrepot). This building marks one of the locations where the Timberwolves crossed the Mark. In the picture of the two soldiers, you see this building in the background; and the aerial picture shows the damaged building (toward the center, on the upper bank of the river) after the liberation.

The Suikerentrepot was restored after the war, and has been used for storage and other purposes ever since. Almost ten years ago, the building was sold; and the new owner, Adrie Kuijstermans, has plans to redevelop it in order to save this historical building for future generations.

The Suikerentrepot doesn't just tell the story of the sugar industry that used to be the major source of income for the region; it also still shows the scars of the war. Even with the restoration, these scars will remain visible to remind everybody of the battle that was fought here and the price that was paid for our freedom.

The aerial picture also shows two bridges (marked A and B). One is the original bridge that was there before the war, and the other is a temporary bridge that was built by the army. Sometime in the 1970s, the original bridge was badly damaged by a ship and removed. For a while, a ferry took people back and forth across the river; but eventually, a new bridge was built in a different location, and the ferry disappeared. The new owner of the Suikerentrepot has decided to bring the ferry back to attract more people to this interesting location. The ferry will take tourists and

> cyclists to Oudenbosch and back to Standdaarbuiten. To honor the men that crossed the Mark River at the same spot over seventy years ago, he decided to name the ferry De Timberwolf.

> The Friends of the Timberwolves were present when the ferry made its first crossing. A minute's silence was held to remember our liberators, and then the Friends of the Timberwolves raised the

> memory of the Timberwolves!

-Esther Eenhuizen



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**Editor's note:** the following excerpts are reprinted from the "Chaplain's Corner" in the June 2001 *HOWL*.

### **C** REETINGS TO all, and best wishes!

I hope this edition of the *HOWL* will find all the Timberwolves and their families in good health (as good as can be expected at our age) and good spirits (which maybe we have a little more control over).

I say "Thanks" to all of you who have been keeping me posted on happenings in the lives of our members: mini reunions, family additions, health challenges, changes of address, chance meetings and planned meetings, deaths among ours, and whatever else touches the lives of our men and their families.... Since the last issue of the *HOWL*, we have lost several men from our ranks and the wives of others.... Other men and women of our Timberwolf family have been coping with serious illnesses and other ongoing health problems.... While we can't identify them all by name, we do commend them to God in our prayers. Also, we can send a card or a letter, or make a phone call. Signs of interest and care like these are appreciated and helpful.

Personally, I've been pretty fortunate as far as health and sickness are concerned.... The only little thing going on now is that the middle finger of my right hand "curls up" at night when I go to sleep. When I wake up in the morning, I can flex it and straighten it out after a little while. The MD says this is due to a contraction of the tendon that

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runs through the palm of the hand.... Obviously, this is no big deal....

Suffice it to say that, for all of us, the "process" [of aging] is still going on and the effects being felt. One of



those effects—at least in my case—is "lapses of memory," forgetting things. I've done that once or twice since last winter...and felt the embarrassment that goes along with it. I hope you're not having much trouble with that.

Out here in New England, we had plenty of winter weather from November on, and plenty of snow. Spring has come late (although we had a few summer-like days sprinkled into it), and at this

writing, we're still getting some cool and wet weather....

Pete Branton and his committee have been busy for many months, making extensive and careful arrangements for our upcoming reunion in Atlanta. I think that we may have a bigger turnout than we did in Little Rock, and I'm looking forward to the tours being offered. Atlanta and the surrounding area are studded with points of his-

torical interest...and the city itself is a shining example of wise urban planning.... Pete and his coworkers have prepared a great feast for us [at the annual Banquet]; all we have to do is show up and enjoy the meal—and the company.

One final word of prayer: Yes, we are getting older. May our Lord

and God bless us and grant us a share of his wisdom. May he help us to accept our diminishments and our limitations with a good grace. May he help us to be patient with others and with ourselves. May he, in his divine power and goodness, help us to live in hope, in love, and in peace.

> Amen. Father McCarty



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

We will remember them.

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Ron Javornik 413 I Art Lueptow 414 H

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Richard K. Miner 414 I

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Harry North 414 L Fred Squyres 413 K

Kenneth Thompson 415 Cannon

James S. Wasilewski 415 1st Bn HQ

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(Foreground & upper right) TW John Tyrrell (414 E). (Background) October 28, 1944: After the Timberwolves liberate Zundert, Holland, they advance with the 1st Canadian Army on the Breda-Roosendaal

Road into offensive positions to secure Rijsbergen. (John traveled this route with other members of the 104th, in the column on the right.)

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