



## MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

**I**T is a privilege to address our honored Veterans and all of the membership of the National Timberwolf Pups Association.

The 2016 reunion in Washington, DC, was both a success and a milestone for our organization: we shared the beautiful venue with two other military reunions—that of the 106th Infantry Division of WWII and the *USS Missouri*. We made new friends and learned of the distinguished service of these other units.

The plans are already in place to share the hotel venue for the 2017 reunion in Reno, Nevada, with the

reunion of the *USS Missouri*; and our 2018 reunion will include the 106th. This consolidation of reunions is the economic model for the future and insures that the reunions to honor our WWII Veterans of the 104th will continue for future generations to attend.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this September 5th–11th at Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

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# 2016 REUNION PHOTO GALLERY





## 2016 NTPA Reunion in Washington, DC

September 7–12

THE FIRST reunion I attended after my father passed away in 2007 was in Washington, DC, in 2008. In the eight years since then, the reunions have been very poignant, enjoyable, and educational—2016's included.

This year, we broke with tradition and held the reunion the weekend after Labor Day, which also coincided with the fifteenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

On Wednesday evening, we had a meet and greet with the 106th Infantry Division in the Foxhole. It was very enlightening to learn about the shared history between the 104th and the 106th from the Veterans themselves. To hear about POW experiences directly from the 106th Veterans was a privilege.

After the breakfast buffet on Thursday, the first tour of the reunion took the attendees to Fort Meade and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). The Holocaust museum is always a poignant reminder of the terrible death and destruction that can be inflicted on our fellow human beings. It is also a reminder of what our Veterans witnessed when liberating Nazi concentration camps. Other attendees took a free day to visit memorials near the hotel (e.g., the Air Force Memorial and the Pentagon's 9/11 Memorial) and then took public transit to see the museums on the Smithsonian Mall.

Next on the schedule of events was the General Meeting on Friday. NTPA President Andrew Lane welcomed everyone and went over some business matters. Randall Wood, President of the 106th, a WWII Veteran and former POW, recited the POW's Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrew then introduced our featured guest, Agi (Laszlo) Geva, who is a Holocaust survivor and a volunteer at the USHMM. She gave a very chilling account of her life story that mirrored the experience described on the museum's website ([ushmm.org](http://ushmm.org)): "It unites personal experience with history in a way that is extraordinary in its immediacy and power."

Friday night, Veterans and families boarded a bus for the Kennedy Center to watch the hilarious murder mystery show, *Shear Madness*. And on Saturday, a DC driving tour was offered. It included the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Memorials as well as other memorials and buildings of interest in our nation's capital.

Saturday night's Beer Bust was much appreciated after the long day and included the excitement of the raffle, with many donated gifts (even some with an international flavor).

We were welcomed to the Sunday morning Memorial Service by TW Bob Huber. The US Army Color Guard presented the Colors and we pledged allegiance before the ecumenical service was led by Chaplain Matthew Whitehead, a US Army Captain from Arlington National Cemetery.

The Memorial Service speeches by our Veterans were very moving, with Bob Huber sharing "Memories of My Buddies," and Wes Gaab following with "Impressions of War" and Dick Graff with "One More Sunrise." Then overseas friend Esther Eenhuizen shared her touching war poem with the audience—now an honored reunion tradition.

After the candles for each of the 104th's units were snuffed out by Veterans, Pups, and Widows, the song "My Buddy" brought tears to our eyes.

The Banquet Sunday evening included a great dinner and delightful entertainment with an actor portraying a 1940s radio announcer, complete with the old-style microphone and crackly radio sounds.

Monday morning brought the reunion to a conclusion with fond farewells and promises to see each other at next year's reunion in Reno.



Upon hearing about our need for a wreath to place at the WWII Memorial, a group of high school girls from Boonton, New Jersey, responded with a reusable wreath and this note: *Dear Veterans: We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for serving our country and protecting our freedom. Your courage, sacrifice, and selflessness are greatly appreciated and always will be. This wreath is a small token of our gratitude and appreciation, although we know nothing will ever be sufficient enough to express our gratitude and appreciation for all that you've done for our country. We hope you enjoy the wreath, and thank you again for your service!*

—JoAnne Rajek, Sales Coordinator  
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(1) [L–R] TW Bill Danner with Davis Pups, Mike and Don; (2) 104th attendee, Judi Lockwood; (3) 106th members with their division flag; (4) the Idsteins and Lyons—new friends from the 106th; (5) TW Pups Rick & Carol Rowland; (6) TW Steve Jeziorski and wife, Bernice, with Pups, George and Stephanie; (7) Pup Nancy Weber and her dad, TW Keith Zimmerman, on their way to the Fort Meade tour; (8) [L–R] NTPA board member, Marilyn Shinavar, and Pup Eileen Goldberg; (9) more 106th friends enjoying the Foxhole; (10) Pups Nell & Bob Bartels; (11) TW Robert Bassemir & family; (12) TW Wes Gaab with the 104th flag at Fort Meade; (13) more TWs by the 104th flag; (14) TW Dick Graff, in uniform; (15) NTPA President, Andy Lane, addressing the crowd at the General Meeting; (16) guest speaker Agi (Laszlo) Geva, a Holocaust survivor, greeting the Vets at the General Meeting; (17) Agi's tattooed prisoner number; (18) NTPA Historian, Kathy Clark, with TW Bob Huber; (19) TW Bill Danner & SGM Lyle Wold (ret.); (20) Pup John Warmington... [gallery continued on page 15]

**W**ELCOME TO what has been called “the Biggest Little City in the World”—Reno, Nevada. This year, we are following Horace Greely’s advice and going west! We will be staying at Harrah’s Reno Hotel and Casino, right in the middle of downtown and within walking distance of the Riverwalk District, which includes many restaurants and shops, the National Automobile Museum (with priceless vintage cars, a movie, and displays of period artifacts, plus areas set up to look like the streets of the various decades), the Amtrak station, and the Reno Arch. If you want a large casino experience, Silver Legacy, Eldorado, and Circus Circus are just across the street. For those who want to explore more, other large Las Vegas-style resorts are just a short drive down Virginia Street.

Harrah’s is a very nice hotel and easy to navigate. We think you will enjoy the fact that we will all be staying in the east tower with our Foxhole on the second floor, right as you walk out of the elevator. The prices are also great (see the info on page 8), with parking, internet, a fitness center and pool, and airport shuttle included.

For those of you who have the time, consider taking the Amtrak Zephyr to Reno—the scenic train route from Chicago to Oakland. The stop in Reno is just across the street from the hotels. (Tracks run underground, so there is no noise.) Travel like the Veterans did—on the train!

Please note: This year, breakfast will not be included, since there are many restaurants and eateries in the area that are less costly than the hotel could provide (it would have raised the cost of the room too much). We will look into bringing breakfast breads and perhaps coffee into the Foxhole.

Reno is in a beautiful part of the high desert and the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains, and we are offering fabulous day trips to take advantage of both. Mark Twain called Lake Tahoe “the fairest picture the whole world affords.” Two possible tours offer a drive through breathtaking scenery: a wonderful cruise on this spectacular lake and a tour around the lake, with great stops along the way and ending in Truckee, a wonderful little mountain town (see page 7 for details). You will be in the Wild West, so a visit to Virginia City and Carson City (the Nevada state capital, named after

Kit Carson) is essential. Virginia City was the center of the Comstock Lode, where silver was mined during the days of the old West; and during its heyday, it was the largest city between San Francisco and Denver. Carson City has stately Victorian mansions, a museum, and much more—all included in the tour. We are also working to have an evening tour combining a city tour with a performance in the Comedy Club or Pioneer center, with dinner on your own in the Riverside area.

Other activities include seeing the annual Great Reno Balloon Race—if you want to get up early to see the take-off—shopping at the outlet center in nearby Sparks, driving into the desert to see Pyramid Lake and other delights, plus Reno’s ample night life. Plenty to do.

We still plan on doing a raffle at the Beer Bust this year, so save those “re-gifting” items to bring with you.

Hopefully Reno is an easy trip for many that will allow for more attendees this year. Remember, even though our Veterans are leaving us, we have a bond with each other and a commitment to never forget the sacrifices made by our wonderful Timberwolves.

See you in Reno in September!

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### Photo CDs by TW Pup Photographer Art Luque

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- 2010 St. Louis Reunion
- 2011 European Battlefield Tour
- 2012 Colorado Springs Reunion
- 2013 Albuquerque Reunion
- 2014 Minneapolis Reunion
- 2015 New Orleans Reunion
- 2016 Washington, DC, Reunion

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## TIMBERWOLF TRACKS IN HISTORY

### Eschweiler, Weisweiler, Frenz, and Lamersdorf

**G**ENERAL ALLEN’s original plan called for the 413th and 414th Infantries to converge on Eschweiler from left and right flanks respectively, while the 415th went into reserve. But the Germans fought the 414th like hell for each little village in the southeast suburbs of Eschweiler. They were directing artillery fire from a hill in the 1st Division’s sector.

Inclement weather prevented Allied bombers from coming to the rescue. Until that hill fell, the Mountaineers were stuck fighting house to house, advancing yard by bloody yard.

So Allen changed his plans. The 415th Infantry would take responsibility for Eschweiler, and the 413th and 414th would converge further east on Weisweiler.

Late on 21 November, the Big Red One blasted the hill with artillery fire, and the Germans lost their observation.

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The next day, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 414th, fought through to their intermediate objectives. Third Battalion passed through the 2nd and drove hard for Weisweiler.

During the night, 3rd Battalion advanced to within 1500 yards of Weisweiler, where it was held up by heavy fire from a huge slag pile. The next day, Thanksgiving, Companies C and E attacked the slag pile and routed the enemy.

Third Battalion gained 900 yards against a determined enemy on the 24th. At dusk, the men, with bayonets fixed, crossed a half-mile field of sugar beets to an apartment area on the edge of the city. Officers of the four companies gathered in the basement of one of the houses to discuss their next move. Art Sorenson, 414 L, describes what happened:

"There were about twenty-five of us. The company commanders, their radio men, runners, and assorted headquarters company personnel. We were fixing a cup of coffee over our little gas stoves when, all of a sudden, shots rang out, and our guard at the top of the stairs was killed—Pfc. Joe Filippi. Then a couple of German concussion hand grenades landed among us.... The Germans assembled us in the street.... We were about twenty-five prisoners.... The German guards began to march us to the German rear area." [Read Art's full story in *War Stories*, pages 202–203.]

Charles B. MacDonald writes in *The Siegfried Line Campaign*, "The [3rd] battalion was particularly hard hit in rifle company commanders. On 24 November, when all three had assembled with the artillery liaison officer and a lieutenant from the weapons company for a conference, the Germans had captured the entire group."

Meanwhile, on the northwest edge of Weisweiler, when Captain Charles Glotzbach, sneaked his 414 B Company into a large power plant, he was startled to find the place swarming with an entire battalion of German soldiers. Glotzbach got his men down into the basement, and that night, called

twice for artillery fire on his own position. In the morning, Germans not dead or wounded, were ready to quit and running away. (See *Timberwolf Tracks*, pages 141, 143–144, for the *Newsweek* story.)

By noon on the 26th, the 414th had passed through and beyond Weisweiler. Late that afternoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, and Company E, 2nd Battalion, entered the village of Frenz, about 3,000 yards east of Weisweiler, against heavy artillery and mortar fire. VII Corps fired an artillery mission on the town, thereby reducing the resistance considerably.

Second Battalion, 413th Infantry, passed through elements of the 414th in Frenz on the 27th, heading toward Lamersdorf, a small village about 1200 yards north of Frenz. As the battalion commander, Lt. Colonel

Tom Neilson, stood in a doorway talking to the 414 C commander, Captain Bernard Barker, either a sniper's bullet or a piece of shrapnel struck Neilson, killing him instantly. Captain Roger Rees took over the battalion and the advance continued.

The Seagulls had to cross open fields where they were subject to the heaviest mortar and artillery fire they had yet experienced. The men dug in and waited for dark.

The next day they faced German tanks. American tanks were no match, but air support enabled the men to gain a foothold in the town. Despite tanks, heavy artillery, machine guns, mortars, and small-arms fire, the Americans forced the enemy back.

After dark on the 29th, the Germans withdrew across the Inde River, blowing the bridge behind them. The Timberwolves had taken another hard-won town.

*Next: Inden and Lucherberg...*

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*"We were fixing a cup of  
coffee over our little gas  
stoves when, all of a sudden,  
shots rang out..."*



[Photos are from the 1999 edition of *Timberwolf Tracks*, pages 137 (left) and 139 (right).]

*Eschweiler Crumbled*



*Cautious advance through Eschweiler's sniber-filled streets.*



## 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](http://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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**CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 3, 2017**

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b>TOURS</b>			
<b>Thurs. (9/7): LAKE TAHOE LUNCH CRUISE or (choose one)</b> 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	\$133	X	=
<b>Thurs. (9/7): LAKE TAHOE SCENIC TOUR</b> 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	\$45	X	=
<b>Friday (9/8): CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY TOUR</b> 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	\$48	X	=
<b>Friday (9/8): EVENING TOUR of RENO &amp; COMEDY SHOW</b> 4:30 PM to 11:00 PM	\$59	X	=
<b>BANQUET</b>			
<b>Sunday (9/10): Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.)</b> 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM			
Pan-Seared Bass	\$45	X	=
Prime Rib of Beef	\$45	X	=
<b>PER-PERSON REGISTRATION FEE (Covers various reunion expenses)</b>			
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED <u>ON OR BEFORE</u> 08/03/17	\$45	X	=
REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED <u>AFTER</u> 08/03/17	\$55	X	=
Reunion Photo CD (prepared by NTPA Photographer Art Luque)	\$25	X	=
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$

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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**

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

**Thursday, September 7**

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

**Friday, September 8**

<b>CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY TOUR</b>	<b>9:00 AM–3:00 PM</b>
Foxhole	1:00–5:00 PM
<b>EVENING TOUR of RENO &amp; COMEDY SHOW</b>	<b>4:30 PM–11:30 PM</b>

**Saturday, September 9**

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

**Sunday, September 10**

Memorial Service	9:30 AM–11:30 AM
Foxhole	1:30 PM–4:00 PM
Holik WWII Records Seminar	2:00 PM–4:00 PM
Cash Bar	6:00 PM–11:00 PM
Banquet Dinner and Dance	7:00 PM–11:00 PM

**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 feet—which 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.**

**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 well-trodden 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  
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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 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. **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.**

## 2017 REUNION—HOTEL INFO

**HARRAH'S RENO HOTEL & CASINO—RENO, NV**  
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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>. *NOTE: 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)

*NOTE: 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.)

**Cancellation Policy:** To avoid incurring a penalty (one night's guaranteed guestroom rate plus tax and the \$12 fee), all cancellations 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

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

## MISC. NEWS & INFO



### 2016 General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award

ON NOVEMBER 19, 2016 Timberwolf Robert Huber presented the General Terry de la Mesa Allen award to West Point Cadet Russell Wanke in recognition of his being the outstanding "Firstie" (4th year student) in Military Science. Military Science trains West Point Cadets in the basic skills of being a soldier in the United States Army. Cadet Wanke is looking forward to his first assignment as an Infantry Officer following his graduation.

### New Sequel and One in the Works

A 279-PAGE softbound sequel to Timberwolf War Stories of WWII (ad on page 14) is now available: *Nothing in Hell Can Stop the Timberwolves*. Cost is \$20, including shipping. For orders or questions, please contact NTPA

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**NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Income and Expenses**  
**January 1, 2016–December 1, 2016**

**BANK BALANCE on JANUARY 1, 2016**

Checking account	\$ 6,521
Savings account	\$14,578
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,099</b>

**DEPOSITS**

Dues	\$ 3,385
Book sales, misc.	\$ 1,574
Reunion income (sales, raffle, etc.)	\$ 2,932
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,891</b>

**EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS**

HOWL production & mailing	\$ 5,034
NTA web fees	\$ 338
General postage/shipping	\$ 1,199
General operating expenses	\$ 786
Veteran support (West Point, etc.)	\$ 1,685
Merchandise	\$ 702
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,744</b>

**BANK BALANCE on DECEMBER 1, 2016**

Checking account	\$ 8,604
Savings account	\$10,664
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,268</b>

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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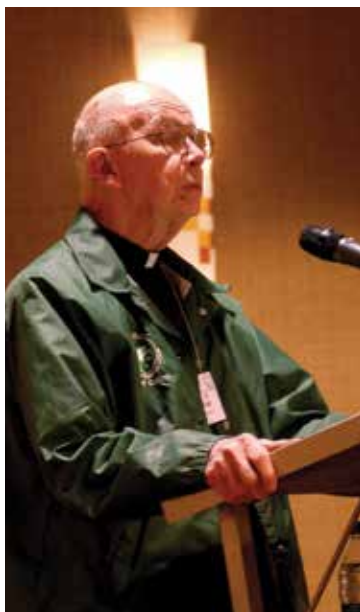
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- I am a \_\_\_\_\_ Vet \_\_\_\_\_ Widow \_\_\_\_\_ Pup \_\_\_\_\_ Friend
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ membership renewal \_\_\_\_\_ new membership
- I wish to receive the *HOWL* as part of my membership. \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Chaplain's Corner



Editor's note: the following excerpts are reprinted from the "Chaplain's Corner" in the January 1994 *HOWL*.

**B**EST WISHES to all, and greetings of the season as we pass Hanukkah and approach Christmas—at least as these lines are being written.

We hope that all of you who attended the reunion in Scottsdale had an enjoyable time, thanks to the steady work and attention to detail of Matt Vanderstad and his committee. The

responsibilities of planning, arranging, and presenting the many elements of the reunion...is no lightweight job. So, thanks and congratulations to Matt, who carried on carefully and generously in spite of some health problems and extra stress that burdened him shortly before and during the reunion itself. We hope he's coming along well now....

Considering the age most of us are at, I wouldn't be surprised if there are others who had dealings with doctors lately. We hope all are doing well and will keep that intention in our prayers....

I am writing from my new address—Champion Center—in Weston, Massachusetts. After a lot of prayer, reflection, and consultation, I decided it was time for me to leave the somewhat isolated situation I was in on the Indian reservation in Maine. So, when a veteran missionary of thirty-one years in Jamaica, West Indies, showed interest in coming to work with the Indians, I took it as a sign that it was okay for me to leave. He came in September, and we spent a couple months together there—so I could "show him the ropes." In mid-November, I came down to Massachusetts to take

up residence in this big house, which is a former seminary building but now serves two functions: a health center for ailing and infirmed priests, and a retreat and renewal center. I also went to work in a parish in nearby Concord (a historic spot in the American Revolution).

A couple weeks after I got here, I was driving home from parish duties in Concord when I ran into someone I'd never met before—a lady driving a green Volvo—at about forty miles an hour. Dark and stormy. High winds. Poor visibility.... I was soon taken to a nearby hospital, got X-rayed and CAT scanned, and talked to by a surgeon.... The surgeon who operated on [my fractured knee cap] said I'd probably be able to navigate on my own in five to six weeks; so if I'm lucky, I ought to be back to work at St. Bernard's Church in Concord after New Year's.

Meanwhile, I'm a little behind on my work.... Still, there are seventy or more other people in this house, so I'm enjoying the opportunity to talk to somebody else besides myself, and I may even get around to reading a book or two (after I get this room straightened out).

***"So, when a veteran missionary of thirty-one years in Jamaica, West Indies, showed interest in coming to work with the Indians, I took it as a sign that it was okay for me to leave."***

I remember talking at Scottsdale with a few men about being in tight spots or being shelled or being pinned down at various times during combat. Sitting for a few moments in that car after the collision reminded me, in a way, of sitting (or crouching) in a foxhole on the side of a dyke in Holland while a German SP gun was whaling away at one of our antitank guns. A lot of rounds were a little short, and I was getting bounced around that hole like a ping-pong

ball. [I was] shook up, man, and saying, like, "What the he#@ is going on here...?"

As I said up above, Hanukkah and Christmas come close together, and something they have in common is light. I hope and also pray that there will be light in your life this New Year, and that the Lord of All will beam down the light and warmth of his love and his peace on us all.

Best wishes and prayers,  
Father McCarty





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

*We will remember them.*

Compiled by Sandra Eberhard ([webpup@bellsouth.net](mailto:webpup@bellsouth.net))

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Historian Kathy Clark at PO Box 52, El Verano, CA 95433 or at [kpclark@vom.com](mailto:kpclark@vom.com).

Kathy's next project is a book of Timberwolf wartime letters. If you are interested in participating, please send Kathy copies of your letters (not originals) or contact her via one of the above addresses.

## 2017 Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division



FOR THOSE Timberwolves and Pups wishing to reunite with the Golden Lions and Cubs, the 106th reunion will take place from September 13–17 (the 13th is their board meeting) at the Park Inn by Radisson in Kissimmee, Florida (in the Orlando area). (A notice regarding our 104th reunion will be placed in the 106th's next newsletter as well.)

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visiting group and coordinate as needed. If you have any further questions about the 106th reunion, please feel free to contact me.

—Jack Valley

508.788.1868, [jackvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:jackvalley@yahoo.com)

## Next Overseas Battlefield Tour



ALTHOUGH THE NTPA may not have a battlefield tour planned currently, we are working on putting together a document that will help families plan their own “Following In Their Footsteps” 104th tour. The document will include suggested tour stops, local overseas Timberwolf contacts, Timberwolf monuments, and special items of interest to Timberwolf families. The document will be available on the NTPA website soon ([www.timberwolf104inf.org](http://www.timberwolf104inf.org))!

—Mary Jamieson, Tour Coordinator  
[mejameson@aol.com](mailto:mejameson@aol.com)

## HOWLs Past

THE FOLLOWING is an image from the January 1994 *HOWL*—the same newsletter from which Father McCarty's words were taken for this issue's “Chaplain's Corner” (on page 10). You may remember the reunion in New Orleans that year as well as our reunion there in 2015. Lots of good memories...



NEW ORLEANS SIGNING — Members of the National Timberwolf Association and the 49th Reunion Committee and Officers were on hand recently to sign the contract with the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans for this year's Reunion. Participating were: seated, from left: Glen Lytle, National Secretary-Treasurer; and Stacey West, Sales Manager, Fairmont Hotel. Standing, from left: Angelo Mariano; David Gissel, 1994 President; Baptiste Puissegur; and Raymond Areaux, 1994 Vice President.

## Timberwolf Tracks 2016



This year was the eleventh edition, and we had almost 200 participants. The starting point is always the Military Museum in Achtmaal, and all the routes also end there as well. (The museum is open to the participants and anybody else who is interested.)

In the middle of all the routes, there is a point of rest; and for the past few years, we have had a unique WWII vehicle there: an original Army Red Cross donut GMC truck from a friend of ours. Of course, “our girls” were there, serving coffee, tea, and cookies to the participants just as they would’ve during the war. We also have some WWII vehicles that ride all the routes as support vehicles.

All the Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves are a great help to our event, and we hope we can continue to organize it every year in the future.

—Ronald van Beek, Friends of the Timberwolves

## WWII Initiatives in the Netherlands

WE WOULD like to share some information with you about two initiatives in the Netherlands. The first is called the “Faces of Margraten.” The United Adopters of American War Graves’s main goal is to decorate as many graves and names on the Walls of the Missing with a personal photo of the soldier to put a face with the name. In doing so, the foundation hopes to finally give a face to our liberators more than seventy years after the liberation of the province of Limburg and the Netherlands. The foundation will place the photos around May 4 and 5, when the Netherlands commemorates their war dead and celebrates the liberation of the country in 1945. More information can be found at the foundation’s website: [www.thefacesofmargraten.com](http://www.thefacesofmargraten.com).

The second initiative is called “Lichtjes op oorlogsgraven” in Dutch, which means “Lights On War Graves.” For over

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ON OCTOBER 16, 2016, the Friends of the Timberwolves foundation from Zundert organized commemorative marches and a bicycle route in honor of the WWII liberators of the community—the 104th Infantry Division. The marches were 10 and 20 kilometers long, and followed the tracks of the 414th and 415th Infantry Regiments. The bicycle

route was 30 kilometers long and passed through the whole Division’s area.

This event was very small the first time, with only the Friends of the Timberwolves participating in a march of 20 kilometers. After doing this two times, the idea arose to organize it for everybody who was interested. Two years later, we expanded the event with the shorter march and bicycle route, and next year, we will also offer the bicycle route as a march.





twenty-five years, people have put candles on every grave at the Canadian War Cemetery in Holten (a town in the Netherlands) on Christmas Eve. Last year, Dick Jansen decided to try and get as many people as possible to do the same in their own town or city. That Christmas Eve, candles

were placed on graves at 140 war cemeteries across the Netherlands. This year, that number reached over 200.

The sacrifices that were made for our freedom must never be forgotten.





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(21) 106th Vet Newt Weiss; (22) Pup Jim Harowicz with TW Theodore Harowicz; (23) Pup Al McDonnell & TW Wes Gaab; (24) a whole gang of trouble; (25) Pup Jim Capone at his dad's table (Joseph, 415 D) in the Foxhole; (26) TWs Wes Gaab & Bob Huber; (27) TW Theodore Harowicz & family; (28) our overseas friends Esther Eenhuizen & Corne Lauwerijssen after participating in the 15th annual 9/11 5K run; (29) Pup Jack Valley & his, wife, Pat, at the Beer Bust; (30) Pup William Estes showing off his raffle prize; (31) TW Joseph Koepfinger & Jim, his Pup; (32) TW wife Jean Graff with NTPA board member Betsy Murphy; (33) Pups Wayne & Marcia Lutz; (34) [L-R] NTPA Webmaster, Paul Murphy, with Pup Bruce Germond; (35) Pup Nell Bartels extinguishes a candle in the annual Memorial Service tradition as TW Bob Huber looks on; (36) Shirley Estes (wife of the late Norm Estes, 414 F); (37) the TW memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and (38) members of the NTPA board ([L-R] Art Luque, Andy Lane, JeNeal Granieri & JoAnne Rajek) laying a wreath there; (39) Rev. Gary Ferris going back in time as part of the Banquet's entertainment; (40) the unstoppable and beloved Millie Didlake [Photos courtesy of NTPA Photographer, Art Luque]







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Veterans of the 104th (Timberwolves) and the 106th (Golden Lions) at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. The combined 2016 reunion in Washington was not only a first but a successful joint venture—one the two groups look forward to repeating at future reunions across the country.

*[Photo courtesy of NTPA Photographer, Art Luque]*