



Message from the Pups

On behalf of the Pups, thank you for the honor of letting us host the annual reunion in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico. This stunning landscape was the overwhelmingly popular choice identified by our polling in Colorado Springs at the most recent reunion. New Mexico reflects the rich diversity of landscape, history, and culture of our country. Our modern, Uptown hotel is also convenient to Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park, Old Town, and Downtown.

During our site visit, we were privileged to meet CPL Chester Nez (retired USMC), one of the original “code talkers,” the Navajo men who volunteered to develop an unbreakable code that was instrumental to our success in the Pacific Theater. CPL Nez has agreed to address our General Meeting, and we are planning many more special events that will make this a memorable time for all.

Shortly after the reunion in Colorado, I was honored to be asked to present the National Timberwolf Association’s General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award to the highest-ranking cadet at the U.S. Military Academy in the subject of military science. The award recipient for 2012 is Cadet Kiley Hunkler, class of 2013. In addition to her outstanding performance at West Point, Cadet Hunkler has been selected to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. The ceremony at West Point, conducted before a full stadium at the Army-Temple game, was a great tribute to our World War II veterans and General Allen.

We look forward to seeing you all in Albuquerque this coming Labor Day weekend.

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2012 Colorado Springs Reunion Photo Gallery



Caption: (1) [L to R] NTPA Board: Betsy Murphy, Rosemary Murphy, Mary Jamieson, Andy Lane, JeNeal Granieri, Joy Luque, Annie Borchardt, Marilyn Shinavar, Art Luque; (2) [L to R] TW Vets Bob Huber, Russ Buffett, Harvey Schneider; (3) [L to R] Mary Ann and TW Keith Zimmerman, Nancy Webber, and John Holmes; (4) Lee White, Timberwolf Pup and Honor Flight representative; (5) Netherlands friend Vincent De Saedeeler and TW John Tyrell; (6) Memorial Service speaker Peggy Gouras; (7) Father McCarty and 104th SGT Lisa Litchfield; (8) Oregon State University graduate student and oral history collector Mike Jager with TW Bill Danner; (9) TW Phil Wilens and his granddaughter Alexandra Curley; (10) TW Wes Gaab at the Purple Heart Memorial in City Park; (11) Overseas travelers Ben De Staerke, Esther Eenhuizen, and Vincent DeSaedelee; (12) SGT Lou Walker, Colorado National Guard, and MG T. K. Moffett (or is that Elvis?); (13) U.S. Air Force Academy Falconaires' saxophone section; (14) TW Simon Kaplan and the NTPA's official photographer, Art Luque; (15) TW friend Robyn Hathcock helping NTPA President, Andy Lane, "get into" the Raffle; (16) TW Wes Gaab starring with the Wynot Radio Theater group; (17) TW Bryce Thornton representing the 415th at the Memorial Service Candle Ceremony; (18) [L to R] TW Pups Carlos and John Pitt; (19) [L to R] Three generations of the Morasch Family: Doug, Doug's daughter, TW Mel, Melissa, and Melody; (20) Andy Lane and BG Kurt Hardin at the General Meeting; (21) TW Arlan Peters and his daughter waiting to go to Fort Carson; (22) Some Ladies' Brunch attendees; (23) A bus full of enthusiastic Fort Carson visitors.

2012 NTPA Reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado August 28–September 3

We truly “lived it up” at the second annual NTPA reunion in Colorado Springs, one of the highest cities in the United States. At an altitude of 6035 feet, this city stands over one mile above sea level. Founded in 1871 and situated near the base of Pikes Peak in the Rockies, Colorado Springs provided Timberwolves, Pups, families, and friends the opportunity to experience its unique history and beauty over the 2012 Labor Day weekend. More importantly, it gave us all a chance to reconnect.

The camaraderie was particularly evident Wednesday evening, as attendees reunited at the Foxhole. It hardly seemed possible that a year had passed that quickly. The room was alive with enthusiasm and excitement, and sometimes a little sadness.

After a brief Pups meeting on Thursday morning, it was time to board the buses and head to the Garden of the Gods. The more adventurous of us did some rock climbing that day, while others just watched in amazement. Hunger pangs then drove us to eat and drink at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post, followed by souvenir shopping there. The shop-a-thon continued in Old Colorado City, a quaint area just three miles west of Colorado Springs that’s known for its galleries, shops, and cafes. The grand finale of the day was a stop at the Veterans Memorial at City Park, where a Timberwolf memorial was particularly soul stirring.

Friday provided yet another exciting adventure as our group toured Fort Carson. The U.S. Army established Camp Carson to train and house troops involved in the WWII effort, and many Timberwolves were part of this process. The base has seen tremendous growth since that time, but many Vets still recall the days when they were young GIs in training at that facility. A visit to the museum at Fort Carson was first on the agenda, followed by a command overview briefing and a training overview. One particularly interesting aspect of the tour involved a model Iraqi village used for training purposes. But the most “full-filling” part of our day was a trip to the mess hall. As guests of the U.S. Army, we filled our plates and raised our glasses, dining alongside active-duty soldiers. It was quite an experience.

The ladies enjoyed a delicious brunch, while the men gathered together to munch at the Gentlemen’s Canteen on Saturday, September 1st. Both groups then assembled in the hotel’s garden atrium to enjoy the Wynot Radio Theater group. They transported us back to the days of old-time radio and provided a very amusing performance. The General Meeting followed, highlighted by a PowerPoint presentation by some of our European friends.

Saturday night saw us stomping our feet and clapping our hands to the jazz music of the U.S. Air Force Academy

Band Falconaires. The Beer Bust came next, with music provided by Sgt. Lou Walker of the Colorado National Guard, and was a very fun and social experience—as always.

Sunday morning was a solemn one. The traditional Memorial Service was held in a room with a breathtaking view of the mountains, and the music and color guard of the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division Band. Fr. McCarty provided scripture and a sermon, while we sang songs such as “God Bless America” and “My Buddy,” and participated in the Candle Ceremony. The fallen are gone but never forgotten; they live forever in our hearts. Guest speaker Peggy Gouras added to the emotional experience, discussing her heartbreaking quest for her uncle, a WWII Vet.

Later that day, we celebrated life itself, wining and dining at the banquet dinner, enjoying good music and good company yet again.

It ended all too soon.

On Monday, we came to breakfast to say farewell to our friends, and we were teary eyed but happy—sad because we had to say goodbye but happy for the experience of renewing friendships, of deepening bonds, of making more memories.

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Additional note: At the reunion, we were very fortunate to have Mike Jager taking oral histories from Veterans, as well as General T. K. Moffett and Esther Eenhuizen, among others. Here is a link to Bob Huber’s interview on YouTube, which will also lead you to the rest: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3j3Y_g_wc1k&feature=relmfu. For more info, please contact Mike by email or phone: mikejager040@gmail.com / 541-621-9059.

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Chaplain's Corner

December 2012

Greetings to all and prayers—prayers especially that we may come into the light and sunshine of God's grace in the forthcoming celebrations of Hanukkah and Christmas.

We may be relieved that the presidential election is over (and the pre-election campaigning too) even though some people may not be happy with the results. And we hope that the new Congress may reach some agreement on issues like healthcare, immigration, and taxes.

We have concerns aplenty—things to work for and pray for as we approach the season of gift giving, like a workable solution to hostilities and tensions in the Middle East, a straightening out of ethical issues in the financial industry and on Wall Street, an effective way to deal with drought conditions in the middle of our country, the successful treatment and healing for the wounded Veterans of our recent and ongoing military operations in the Middle East, the issue of global warming, the use of drugs in professional sports, and many more. There are many things to bring to our prayer.

But there is some good news too, especially for your chaplain. As you may know, I was pastor on a small Indian reservation in Maine for eight years, where I came to know more about a Mohawk Indian girl named Kateri (for Catherine) Tekakwitha. She lived in the middle 1600s and was baptized by French Jesuit missionaries. She spent much of her young life taking care of elderly people and children, while being very dedicated to prayer. She died at age 24, and many people said they were healed of sickness by praying to her for help. After all these years, she was canonized (declared a saint) by Pope Benedict this past October, and a great number of American and Canadian Indians were there to celebrate the "official" honoring of the first Native American saint.

You could try saying a prayer to Kateri.

On the personal side, I have been teaching English as a second language to some of the Haitians and Hispanics who work in this ninety-man residence, and I enjoy it.

Thanks to Sandra Eberhard and all the Pups.

Happy and Holy Holidays,

—Father McCarty



An NTA Update

The National Timberwolf Association voted to formally dissolve as an association effective December 31, 2012. The last action taken by the NTA Board of Governors before closing the formal minutes of the organization that began sixty-seven years ago was to establish a trust to honor the late Major General Terry de la Mesa Allen and the National Timberwolf Association Veterans of WWII. This trust will award scholarships to deserving Army ROTC cadets committing to a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, or U.S. Army. Through this generous gift and gesture, the values of the NTA and General Allen will live on through future generations.

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Messages from Timberwolves in the Field

In the last *HOWL*, we asked to hear from Timberwolves who are perpetuating the legacy of the 104th Infantry Division through speaking engagements and other activities. Here are some of the responses we received:

Hy Davidson, 413 G, Newport Beach, CA: "I have given talks at Corona Del Mar High School a couple of times. They present me a nice loose-leaf with photos, etc. I have enjoyed the kids and their queries." / **Joe DeVaux**, 413 G, Seattle, WA: "We live in a retirement complex with some 870 residents. We have been here fourteen years. Almost every Veterans Day, I'm asked to give a talk or make comments about my experiences as a machine gunner." / **Nelson O. "Bud" Horne**, 415 K, Chautauqua, NY (budhorne@gmail.com): "I have given two talks about the Timberwolves—one at the chapel of Tabor Academy in Marion, MA, where my son David teaches, and one at Classical Christian Academy in Montgomery, AL, where my son Don's children attend. I would be happy to give a talk anywhere near Chautauqua. I was...one of the 1 percent or so [in 415 K] who did not get killed or wounded, even though I was a first scout." / **Dr. Arlan Peters**, 415 C: "My presentations were made to University High School and University of Wyoming college students during my tenure as a professor at the university." / **Bob Tuttle**, 104th HQ, Austin, Texas (r.e.tuttle@att.net): "One evening, the telephone rang and a young lady asked me if I would share my experiences with her class at Lake Travis High School in Lakeway, TX. I told her I would be delighted. She told me I was about the ninth person she had called and the only one who volunteered. I went and told my story, and the entire class was very interested. They all looked at *Timberwvolf Tracks* afterwards... I also had photographs,

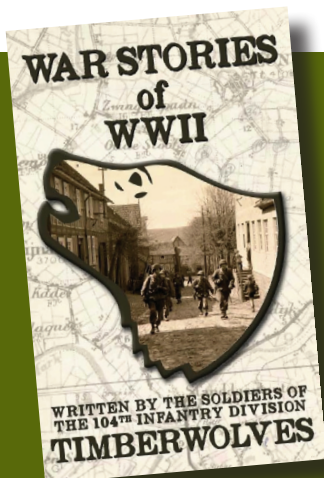
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The Last Bugle Call

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Greetings to all!

The site committee returned from a successful visit to Albuquerque and is pleased to report that preparations are well underway to organize another memorable reunion. Albuquerque is rich in Southwest culture and tradition—both Spanish and Native American—and also has a great tradition of supporting and honoring Veterans. There is much to see and do, including beautiful scenery, interesting museums, and shopping.

We are planning three tours/excursions, and although tentative, they will include a day trip to Santa Fe, which is a center for art and culture. For those who come a few days early, you may be able to see an opera performance in its famous outdoor theater. We also plan to include a visit to the Bataan Memorial Museum in Santa Fe as a tie-in to our goal to honor our military.

As usual, there will be a tour of the city, including Memorial Park and hopefully Kirtland Air Force Base, and an evening dinner event, which we plan to make unique and enjoyable. You can see all of the details in the registration materials from Armed Forces Reunions.

Last year, we tried something different by having a Ladies Brunch and Men's Canteen, followed by a little entertainment, with the General Meeting in the early afternoon. It was well received, so we are going to schedule similar events this year. This time, however, we will cater the Men's Canteen, offering better food! (And for a minimal charge.) And since the men enjoyed watching sports last year, we have also asked the hotel to bring in TVs so the gentlemen can watch sports while they eat.

We met and spoke with Navajo code talker Chester Nez and his biographer, and they have both agreed to speak to us at the General Meeting. He is the last survivor of the original code talkers, who developed the code that stymied Japanese forces and helped win the war in the Pacific. We are very grateful to have this opportunity to hear his story.

The Raffle has turned out to be a fun and interesting event. Last year, some people asked us if they could bring in some Raffle items, and the answer is definitely a big YES! We will have a much larger room for the Beer Bust and Raffle, and we can expand it to include your donations. Now may be a good time to put aside that gift you can't use and bring it to our event! Those things that pack easily are always the best. And the more raffle items we have the more fun it is. The first numbers picked will get the first choice as usual. More reason to buy raffle tickets!

The site committee is very excited to continue planning for this event, and we hope that you will put this on your calendar. Plan to bring children and grandchildren as well. We know most schools are in session then, but one or two days might be justified to honor our Veterans. (This said by a retired teacher!)

Hope to see you all in Albuquerque,
—JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer & Committee Member
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ribbons, etc. to show... And I enjoyed it as much as [the class] did." / **Frank Van Valkenburg**, 413 I, Vancouver, WA (FE2VAN@comcast.net): "A high school teacher here in Vancouver called me and asked if I would be willing to speak to one of his classes about WWII... I called Art Sorenson in Lake Oswego, OR, and asked if he would like to go, and he said yes. We appeared at the school before 8 o'clock to meet the first class... Ours was an off-the-cuff presentation, talking about the war in general and what it was like to be in infantry combat. We ended up talking to three different classes and having lunch with the teachers. Both of us enjoyed the day. I would do it again if asked, but I am getting pretty old now." / **Bob Huber**, 415 G, Wyomissing, PA: Bob sends a list of speeches and other veterans' activities that would exhaust a much younger man. In the last ten months alone, he has given presentations at a high school, three Lions Clubs, a retirement home, a church, and for several groups of seniors. Anyone who saw Bob in action at the reunion in Colorado can see why he is in demand as a speaker. He also writes a monthly WWII article for a local paper for seniors. / **Rip G. Rice**, Sandy Spring, MD (rgrice4ozone@aol.com): "Since

2009, I have given lectures to our local chapter of the American Legion, to local Lions Clubs, and to groups at the Brooke Grove Retirement Community, where we have resided since 2004. My subject is Hiroshima, 1945 and today, and why the two atomic bombs did NOT end WWII." (If Rip's intriguing talk captures your attention, he would be happy to send you a copy.) / And this from **Dick Graff**, 415 HQ, 2nd Btln, who started this search with his article in the last *HOWL*: "I talked to several more school groups this spring. In one case, a photographer from the local ABC outlet got several shots of me talking to a group of more than 200 parents and students... That school has had a WWII Day for the past eleven years. This year, they had ninety-two military survivors and eight others, like a fourteen-year-old boy who was in one of the concentration camps but escaped the gas chamber because of his age. I plan to be back to that school in 2013."

Way to go, Timberwolves!
—Kathy Clark, Legacy Coordinator
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NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION REUNION—ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

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or							
<i>Thurs. (8/29): CITY TOUR & INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER</i>	10:00 AM	to	3:00 PM	\$36	X	=	
<i>Friday (8/30): SANTE FE TOUR & BATAAN MUSEUM</i>	9:00 AM	to	5:00 PM	\$35	X	=	
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Saturday (8/31): Ladies' Brunch	10:30 AM	to	11:30 AM	\$18	X	=	
Saturday (8/31): Gentlemen's Canteen	10:30 AM	to	11:30 AM	\$12	X	=	
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2013 Albuquerque Reunion: Schedule and Tour Info

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 3rd REUNION, SHERATON HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

Wednesday, August 28

Reunion Registration open 2:00 PM–7:00 PM
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM & 7:30–9:30 PM

Thursday, August 29

Reunion Registration open 8:30 AM–9:00 AM
KIRTLAND AFB / INDIAN CULTURAL CTR. 8:45 AM–3:00 PM
CITY TOUR / INDIAN CULTURAL CTR. 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
Reunion Registration open 2:00 PM–6:00 PM
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM & 7:30–9:30 PM
Catholic Mass 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Friday, August 30

Reunion Registration open 8:00 AM–8:30 AM
SANTE FE TOUR & BATAAN MUSEUM 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00–5:00 PM & 7:30–9:30 PM
Reunion Registration open 2:00 PM–6:00 PM
Catholic Mass 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
Ladies' Brunch Reserv. Forms Collected 5:00 PM–5:30 PM
VILLA DI CAPO DINNER & SHOW 6:00 PM–10:00 PM

Saturday, August 31

Timberwolf Pups Meeting 8:45 AM–10:00 AM
Ladies' Brunch 10:30 AM–11:30 AM
Gentlemen's Canteen 10:30 AM–11:30 AM
Entertainment for All 11:45 AM–12:30 PM
General Meeting 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Reunion Registration open 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
Banquet Table Reserv. Forms Collected 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Catholic Mass 4:30 PM–5:30 PM
Beer Bust 8:30 PM–11:00 PM

Sunday, September 1

Memorial Service 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
Foxhole / Souvenir Sales 1:30 PM–4:00 PM
Cash Bar 5:30 PM–11:30 PM
Banquet Dinner and Dance 6:30 PM–11:30 PM

Monday, September 2

Farewell Breakfast 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

KIRTLAND AFB & INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

(This tour is limited to 40 people.)

Thursday, August 29: Start the day with a tour of Kirtland Air Force Base, home of the 377th Air Base Wing, whose mission is to continue to strengthen gains in the nuclear enterprise mission, to ensure expeditionary combat force readiness, and to make our mission partners successful. Kirtland is home to four centers of excellence: Nuclear Excellence, Special Operations / Combat Rescue, Directed Energy, and Space. After departing the base, we will make a short stop at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park before continuing on to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Their permanent exhibit, *Our Land, Our Culture, Our Story*, features a brief historical overview of the Pueblo world, and a contemporary exhibit featuring original artwork and craftsmanship of each of the nineteen Pueblos of today. Time will be allowed for **lunch on your own** at the Pueblo Harvest Café and Bakery, offering delicious options for lunch, from soup and salad to entrées.

- 8:45 AM—Board bus
- 3:00 PM—Back at hotel
- \$36/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission.)

CITY TOUR & INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Thursday, August 29: Discover the original site of Albuquerque, founded by the Spanish in 1706, with a visit to Old Town. At the plaza, your guide will give you a brief orientation, after which you will be on your own to browse among the approximately 140 arts and crafts shops, restaurants, and galleries. Most of the buildings are still of the Territorial or Spanish architectural style and provide a delightful step into the past. Next, we will make a short stop at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park before continuing on to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

- 10:00 AM—Board bus
- 3:00 PM—Back at hotel
- \$36/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission.)
- Lunch on your own.

SANTE FE TOUR & BATAAN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Friday, August 30: Sit back and enjoy the trip to Santa Fe, the "City of Holy Faith," via the scenic route known as the Turquoise Trail. Wind along the east side of the Sandia Mountains, and through the revived ghost towns and mining towns of Cerrillos, Madrid, and Golden. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe is the site of the oldest continuously operated community building in the United States. Private homes, public buildings, even gas stations and laundromats are adobe or adobe plastered. Your guide will conduct a walking tour of the historic section of Santa Fe, including the oldest church, San Miguel Mission; Loretto Chapel, site of the Miraculous Staircase; St. Francis Cathedral; the state capitol, and more. Following the tour, enjoy **lunch on your own** in one of the many local restaurants. Then we'll head to the Bataan Memorial Museum, which honors the New Mexico National Guard and the history of the Bataan Death March.

- 9:00 AM—Board bus
- 5:00 PM—Back at hotel
- \$35/Person (Includes bus, guide & admission.)

VILLA DI CAPO DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, August 30: Enjoy a fabulous dinner at Villa Di Capo Ristorante Italiano, where excellent food, great prices, and superior service are their reputation. Located in the J. A. Skinner Building, a registered historical landmark, and situated on the old Route 66, it represents one of the few examples of art deco design in Albuquerque. The building, built in 1931, was designed as the main store in a chain of family-owned groceries and has always been divided into two stores (now two dining rooms). After dinner, there will be entertainment (TBD).

- 6:00 PM—Board bus
- 10:00 PM—Back at hotel
- \$60/Person (Includes bus, escort & dinner show.)

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
2. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.
3. All trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

CANCELATION AND REFUND POLICY for ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cutoff date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cutoff date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable 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.**

SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN REGISTRATION FORM

SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN HOTEL (800) 325-3535 • (505) 881-0000

The Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown is located at 2600 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, in the newly developed Uptown Area. At this gateway to all of the sights, sounds, and experiences of New Mexico, guests have access to hundreds of boutique shops and fine-dining restaurants, as well as Old Town Albuquerque, where old and new intersect. If you are driving, please contact the hotel directly for driving directions. Check-in time is 3:00 PM; check-out is at 12:00 noon. And parking is complimentary.

Each guest room is equipped with a Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed; voicemail; high-speed, wireless internet (for a fee); a coffeemaker; a hair dryer; an iron and ironing board; and a complimentary morning newspaper. The hotel also features a fitness center, an indoor (heated) saltwater pool, a whirlpool, and a gift shop.

The Sheraton is a 100-percent nonsmoking hotel, with handicapped-accessible rooms available upon request. Please be sure to ask for these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation.

Onsite, **The ABQ Grill**, open until 2:00 PM daily, serves breakfast and lunch, and gives guests a chance to relax in a casual atmosphere while experiencing some of the best and unique dishes in New Mexico. **Sol Café** is open from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM, offering Starbucks coffee all day and a selection of breakfast items, salads, sand-

wiches, and other light fare. And **The Lobby Lounge**, open from 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM, gives guests a place to enjoy a drink while watching one of the lounge's big-screen TVs. Featuring a full menu, its original and creative dishes are available until 11:00 PM. Room service is also available from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

The Sheraton does not offer airport shuttle service to and from the Albuquerque International Sunport Airport. However, Sunport Shuttle provides service from the airport to the hotels in the Albuquerque area. Current rates are \$15 per person one way and \$28 per person round trip. The Sunport Shuttle check-in counter is conveniently located inside the airport on the baggage claim level, across from Southwest's baggage carousel 3. Please call 866-505-4966 to verify rates and make reservations.

If you are a guest of the Sheraton, there is limited parking available for RVs. Should you require full hookups, please contact Albuquerque Central KOA. They are located at 12400 Skyline Road, Albuquerque, NM 87123, about ten minutes from the hotel. Call 505-296-2729 for rates, reservations, and information.

If you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll-free number at 888-441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Vendors and schedules are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION REUNION—HOTEL RESERVATION FORM REUNION DATES: AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (_____) _____ ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEP. DATE _____

_____ # OF ROOMS _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____ HANDICAP ACCESS

KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS _____

If the room type requested is not available, the nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$104 + tax (currently 13%). Rates will be honored two days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUTOFF DATE: July 25, 2013. After this date, reservations will be processed on space and rate availability.

CANCELATION POLICY: Your deposit is refundable if your reservation is canceled by 6:00 PM on your arrival day.

Please call 505-884-2511. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or with the first night's deposit enclosed.

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CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

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**Post to Park:
The National Park Service to Preserve the
Military History of the Vancouver Barracks**

Hundreds of Clark County residents gathered on the grass of the historic Vancouver Barracks for the 2012 Memorial Day ceremonies to pay tribute to the servicemen of Clark County who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and to close the Barracks as a military installation. In addition to local, state, and federal government officials, command teams and soldiers from the 104th Training Division, the 95th Training Division, and the 88th Regional Support Command participated in the activities.

Long the home of the 104th Division, Vancouver Barracks made the final transition from a U.S. military facility to part of the National Park Service in a “Post to Park” ceremony. Established in 1849 by elements of the 1st U.S. Artillery near the vicinity of the Hudson’s Bay Company, the Barracks were designated a national monument in 1948 and a National Historic Site in 1961, and in 1996, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve was established with the Barracks at its core.

As part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Army Reserve elements stationed at the Barracks began the final process of moving to new homes. The Timberwolves of the 104th Training Division called the Barracks home 1946 until the summer of 2011, when the headquarters was moved



(L to R) MG Root, MG Hitchcock, MG Mattson, MG Loop, MG Regua, MG York, BG Hardin

to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Elements of the 95th Division also stationed at the Barracks have just recently moved to a new Reserve Center in East Vancouver.

Brigadier General Kurt A. Hardin, the current 104th Commander, and six former Timberwolf commanders were on hand as Brigadier General Alton G. Berry, Deputy Commanding General of the 88th Regional Support Command, ordered the National Colors lowered for the final time over the Barracks as a military installation before turning those colors over to Chris Lehnertz, Regional Director for the National Park Service’s Pacific West Region. The lowering of the flag was accompanied by a twenty-one gun salute from the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry re-enactors, who regularly assist in living history demonstrations on the National Reserve.

–Major Alex Johnson

Treasurer’s Report

I am very happy to report that we again had a very successful reunion and membership drive. And we hope to maintain the support of all of you to continue our efforts to honor and maintain the heritage of the Timberwolves.

–JeNeal Granieri, Treasurer
jagranieri@sbcglobal.net

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION

Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1, 2012–December 31, 2012

CASH ON HAND on JANUARY 1, 2012	
Checking Account	\$6,998.00
Savings Account	\$8,006.00
<i>(Cash transfer from Savings to Checking in May)</i>	<i>\$2,500.00)</i>
TOTAL on January 1, 2012	\$15,004.00

DEPOSITS

Dues and CD Sales	\$6,055.00
Interest on Savings	\$ 13.00
Reunion Income/Sales	\$6,362.00
<i>(Cash transfer from Checking to Savings in Oct.)</i>	<i>\$3,910.00)</i>
Donations / Misc. Income	\$ 575.00
Book Sales	\$ 175.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$12,970.00

EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS

HOWL Production and Mailing	\$5,960.00
Bank and NJ Filing Fees	\$ 25.00
CD Production	\$ 176.00
Other: Postage, Supplies, Service	\$ 930.00
Reunion Expenses	\$3,939.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,030.00

BALANCE ON HAND on December 31, 2012

Checking Account	\$7,519.00
Savings Account	\$9,426.00

TOTAL BALANCE \$16,945.00

Annual dues for the association are \$20 and a nominal \$10 for Veterans and/or their spouses. Our bylaws state that membership in the organization begins in January of each year, but we will accept dues at any time. And we certainly encourage people to pay their dues for the next year at the reunion if they wish.

Please fill out the dues form below, and kindly indicate if there is an address change since our general mailings will not be first class and thus will not be forwarded. You can keep us updated by sending information either to Paul Murphy at the website or to JeNeal Granieri at jagranieri@sbcglobal.net or at the mailing address below.

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION

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

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City _____

Apt. _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address change? _____ (Please check if applicable.)

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Phone _____

Please make check payable to: NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION

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

Check those that apply:

Vet _____ Widow _____ Pup _____ Associate _____ (not a Vet or Pup)

Renewal _____ New Member _____

Our Friends Overseas

Dutch Army Interested in the History of the Timberwolves

The 240th Service Company of the Royal Dutch Army had a field exercise in the Eindhoven-Roosendaal area (south of the Netherlands) in the second week of November. Half a day of that week was used to study the military history of part of that area: Standdaarbuiten. The topic of that morning was the formation of a bridgehead over the Mark River by the 104th Infantry Division on the night of November 2, 1944.

The main focus of the study was the history of 1st Lt. C. H. Bolton, 413th regiment, who received a Medal of Honor for his actions that night. Despite his wounds, he successfully led an attack on two German machine guns that were preventing his company to move forward.

To add a personal touch to this story, the Dutch army had been looking for someone to explain more about the liberation of Standdaarbuiten. They came across the website of the Friends of the Timberwolves and Ronald van Beek, then contacted the Remembrance Committee in Standdaarbuiten. That is how Toine Vermunt found himself in front of a group of soldiers on that cold morning of Friday, November 16. He told the group about the liberation of Standdaarbuiten, using personal stories from inhabitants and Timberwolf soldiers. The location of this lecture, overlooking the



the Mark River and the fields where sixty-eight years ago almost 300 soldiers lost their lives, made it all the more impressive. The Dutch soldiers were very interested in this piece of history, and they realized that the past week they had spent in the rain and cold was nothing compared to what the Timberwolves had gone through. Here in Europe, we will make sure that the history of the Timberwolves will continue to be told!

The Friends of the Timberwolves from Belgium and the Netherlands wish you all a wonderful, healthy, and happy New Year. Timberwolf up!

2013 Timberwolf Battlefield Tour

Following in their footsteps • May 1-15, 2013



Lt. William Chappell (2nd from left) and PFC William Jamieson (right) meet Russian Soldiers shortly after the 104th Infantry Division crossed the Elbe River and linked up with Soviet forces in 1945.

... And so we continue with “FOLLOWING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS, Part II, the German Battlefields” as we trace the footsteps and follow the path of the 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division some 68 years ago.

For the 2013 tour, we will start in Amsterdam, taking time to visit with our dear *Friends of the Timberwolves* in both Belgium and the Netherlands; reconnect with our British counterparts, the Polar Bears from the British 49th Inf. Div. in Wuustwezel, Belgium; and, honor the comrades we left behind in the cemeteries at Henri-Chapelle and Margraten.

Our tour of the German battlefields will start as we head for Aachen, and traverse central Germany, following in the footsteps of the Timberwolves as they tracked across “Deutschland” in 1944-45. We will complete the tracks of the Timberwolves’ tour in Torgau, 68 years and a few days past the day celebrated as Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

As we conclude our tour series following in the footsteps of our famous fathers, we return home secure in our knowledge of the history of the division, having discovered the precious legacy left to us and on the battlefield by our fathers, the 104th Timberwolf Veterans.

Here is a quote from the History of the 415th Regiment that sums up so much in a few sentences...the battalion had just made contact with the Russians at Torgau and were celebrating with their Russian allies in the common goal of defeating Germany....

“Shutters snapped, weapons were exchanged and demonstrated, and the Russian WAC representatives did their share to make the Americans welcome. A fine time was had by all! The war with Germany came to an end while the battalion was situated in these positions. It was a great relief knowing that the last attack had been made in Germany, that the last foxhole had been hacked out of German soil.”

Mary Jamieson • 415D Pup
European Tour Coordinator
National Timberwolf Pups Association

This tour is Part II of the fascinating historical task that you, the Timberwolf Pups, have asked me to help you to follow as closely as possible the tracks of the Timberwolves from start to finish in World War II. Now you can directly experience where they were in Europe and honor their achievements.

Our previous Part I tour began in Normandy where the Timberwolves first entered Europe, and finished with their successful campaign in Holland in the fall of 1944. Our Part II tour starts in Holland and covers all the Timberwolves’ battles as they fought their way into and across Germany up to the end of the war, in 195 consecutive days of frontline combat. What an accomplishment! They had more than lived up to their battle slogan “Nothing in Hell can stop the Timberwolves,” as General Terry Allen affirmed.

In the daily itinerary descriptions of the tour, I have deliberately included page references to *Timberwolf Tracks* (50th Anniversary Edition). This gives you the chance to read the historical account in *Timberwolf Tracks* concerning the battles and areas that we are covering during each day of our tour. This will give you a deeper understanding of our journey and allow you to identify special places or events that are important to you. You can then tell me or Mary, and I will do my best to include them in our route. For each day I have given included meals (B = buffet breakfast, L = lunch, D = 3 course dinner). There is free Wi-Fi in many of our hotels. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again and to another historic and memorable tour together.

Patrick Hinchy

European Tour Manager • MilSpec Tours

Itinerary

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 - USA/Aloft

Book your own flights to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport

Thursday, May 2 - Amsterdam

Everyone arrives independently at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. From the airport it is simple, quick and easy to take the regular free shuttle bus to our excellent 4 star airport hotel. Recover from your flight in the hotel's pool. Or take a short train ride from the airport into central Amsterdam and explore. (Independent dinner tonight)

Friday, May 3 - Amsterdam/Breda

A real Dutch country day as we travel from Amsterdam to Breda. It's the height of the Dutch flower season and we experience world-famous Keukenhof at its colorful best and classic Dutch windmills. Grand Welcome Dinner with all our dear Dutch friends. (B, D)

Saturday, May 4 - Breda / Dutch Memorial Day

We dedicate today to the Timberwolves' ferocious first battles (Oct 23-28, 1944) from the Belgian-Dutch border to the Breda-Rosendaal highway ("Timberwolf Tracks" pages 50-71). Their mission in Holland was to help break the German stranglehold on the port of Antwerp and they succeeded. Peet, and our ever loyal Dutch *Friends of the Timberwolves*, reenactors of Achtmaal, arrange our program and we celebrate once again in Wuustwezel with the British 'Polar Bear' 49th Infantry Division veterans. Maybe time to visit the Van Gogh Museum in Zundert. (B, L)





Sunday, May 5 - Breda/Dutch Liberation Day

We dedicate today to the Timberwolves' terrible Battle of the Dykes and their advance to the Maas (Oct 29-Nov 8 1944). As a result Antwerp was at last liberated. Our good friends in Oudenbosch, and especially Toine, Esther and Frans in Standdaarbuiten, help with our program and we visit the Timberwolves' battlefields in depth between the Mark River and the Maas. ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 74-102). Some free time in historic Breda with its attractive, pedestrianized center. (B, L)

Monday, May 6 - Breda/Aachen

Crossing southern Holland to Belgium then Germany, we have our own official wreath-laying ceremonies with "Taps" to honor the Timberwolves in Margraten and Henri-Chapelle American Cemeteries. A special stop at the M&M's Belgian farm and fascinating private WW II museum. Then we go to the ancient cathedral city of Aachen. 1200 years ago it was Charlemagne's capital and the most important city in Europe. (B, D)

Tuesday, May 7 - Aachen

Our good local friend Albert Trostorf, now Mayor of Merode, has helped plan an action-packed day. We track the Timberwolves' ferocious battles between the German border near Aachen and the Rhine at Cologne. After Holland, the Germans fought tenaciously (Nov 9-Dec 14, 1944) to prevent the Timberwolves breaking through the formidable Siegfried Line German border defenses ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 106-190). Then suddenly all available US forces were rushed to the Battle of the Bulge, and the Timberwolves were left holding a perilously thin defensive line (Dec 14, 1944 - Feb 23, 1945) on the River Roer around Duren ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 191-226). Finally (Feb 23-26, 1945) the Timberwolves stormed across the Roer at night and by early March had successfully reached the Rhine and Cologne where they paused for defensive duties and training ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 227-290). We have an afternoon break in the beautiful rebuilt Roman and medieval cathedral city of Cologne. (B, D)

Wednesday, May 8 - Aachen/Baunatal-Kassel

The Timberwolves crossed the River Rhine in one of its most typical and romantically pretty parts near the famous Remagen Bridge, then moved northeastwards through the fairy-tale Westerwald forested hills ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 292-319). It is a wonderful country ride for us today, but was a very tough trip for the Timberwolf soldiers who trained hard for it. Together with 3rd Armored, they were spearheading First Army's southern pincer movement which met Ninth Army at Paderborn thus successfully encircling and capturing Germany's most important industrial area, the Ruhr Pocket, including a third of a million soldiers (March 22 - April 1, 1945). From the Remagen bridge-

head, we track two-thirds of the pincer, then stay overnight near Kassel, famous for Grimm's Fairy Tales. (B, D)

Thursday, May 9 - Baunatal/Kassel - Halle ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 320-341) (April 2-19, 1945) A day of momentous and terrible history. First we stop at Bahnhof Friedland, an important site of the inhuman Communist Iron Curtain which divided Europe ("...like a concentration camp perimeter wall") until 1991. Afterwards we visit the terrible Nazi Mittelbau Dora complex, discovered first by the Timberwolves on April 10 1945. Forced labor from its concentration camp produced V1s, V2s and jet engines in huge subterranean works which we see ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 329-333). Then we continue to historic Halle, Handel's birthplace. Dinner with our friends Matthias and the Count von Luckner Society. General Terry Allen and

the anti-Nazi Count von Luckner of Halle agreed the peaceful surrender of the city on April 16, 1945 to save the civilian population and Allied POWs ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 333-341). (B, D)

Friday, May 10 - Halle

Today we have historical sightseeing and celebrations in and around Halle whose people understandably have a special place in their hearts for the Timberwolves and their families. Matthias and the Count von Luckner Society will arrange our program, including a grand festive dinner with the prestigious Halloren Salt Guild, founded in 1524. (In medieval times, Halle's immense wealth came from its production of salt.) (B, D)

Saturday, May 11 - Halle

We track the Timberwolves' final combat movements from Halle to their official meeting with our then Soviet Allies at Torgau, on the River Elbe (April 20-May 4, 1945). It's only about 50 miles, but was not a cakewalk. In between lay the Mulde River and industrial towns like Bitterfeld, full of cornered German troops, and Delitzsch (its chocolate factory became General Terry Allen's Divisional HQ). We finish by visiting Puchau Castle, from where on April 26, 1945 a 415th patrol made the Timberwolves' first contact with the Russians advancing from the East. It was "Mission Accomplished" for the Timberwolves in Europe, and we have a grand festive lunch in Castle Puchau to celebrate it. ('Timberwolf Tracks' pages 341-362) (B, L)

Sunday, May 12 - Halle/Berlin

We depart Halle and the Timberwolves' World War II battlefields to go to Berlin. It is a journey full of historical interest. We go via Frederick the Great's elegant, military city of Potsdam and then the upscale Berlin suburbs by the Wannsee Lake where we visit the House of the Wannsee Conference in which the Holocaust was planned. (B)

Monday, May 13 - Berlin

Today we have a full sightseeing tour around one of Europe's most brilliant cities, the new 21st century Berlin which has risen out of the ashes of divided Cold War Berlin. We see all the important sights including the famous Reichstag Parliament building, with its spectacular glass dome from which we will get the best panoramic view over Berlin. There's afternoon leisure time for last minute shopping and personal sightseeing, and then our grand Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: May 14, Berlin/US

All good things must come to an end and we finally have to go our separate ways. But "Nothing in Hell can stop the Timberwolves" and I know you will all be back again sometime. (B)

B = Full Buffet Breakfast. L = Lunch

D = 3 course Dinner with rolls, butter and iced water



2013 Timberwolf Battlefield Tour

May 1-15, 2013

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From \$3,346 per person (Price based on double occupancy.- single room additional charge)



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Name: _____ Male Female Date of Birth: _____

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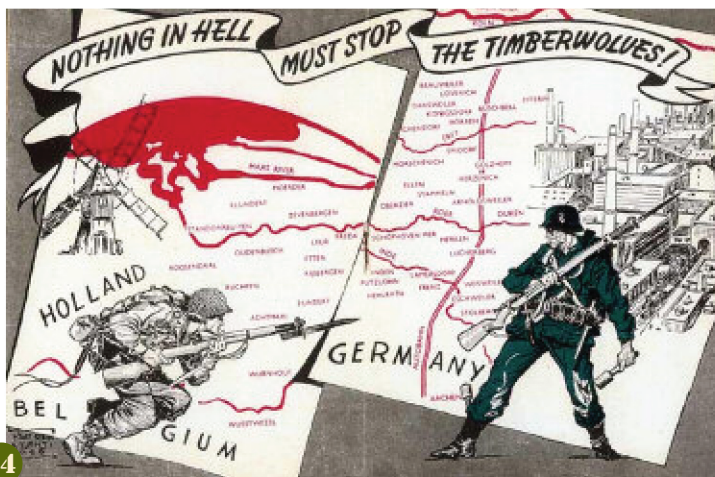
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Tour Prices are based on a minimum of 30 tour participants as shown in the itinerary, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

Hotels: Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. Single room reservations will be accepted with the understanding that we cannot guarantee single rooms will be available on all parts of your tour. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms.

Deposits and Final Payments: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

Baggage: No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

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Smoking: Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted on the motorcoach at any time or at any group meals.

Cancellations for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not less than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less a \$150 per person cancellation charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person cancellation charge; cancellation 30 days or less will incur a \$600 cancellation charge. In addition, penalties assessed by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services may apply. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

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