



MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

Germany surrendered on May 7th, 1945, and on this same date—seventy-three years later—I write this message for the fourteenth edition of the *Timberwolf HOWL* that we, the NTPA (the children, family, and friends of the Veterans of the 104th Infantry Division of WWII), have had the privilege to bring to you.

The NTPA was established in 2010 with the goal of honoring our WWII Veterans by continuing the NTA traditions that began in 1945 while preserving the history of the 104th for future generations. To fulfill this duty, our dedicated and talented committee of volunteers has been busy with many TW activities over the past eight

years. They teleconference monthly to review association business; they organize the annual reunions (and are already at work on 2019); and they engage in long-term planning, which currently includes identifying museums to be the future home(s) of historical collections of TW artifacts. Throughout this period, they have also remained accessible as a resource for TW family and friends to locate specific history regarding a relative or to honor a WWII Veteran.

We are grateful to every one of our volunteers who bring their talents and time to support our Veterans. Our publication of the *HOWL*, the reprint of *Timberwolf*

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OUR FRIENDS OVERSEAS

Greetings from your Overseas Friends!

We don't have a full article to share this time, but we do have a few photos. We are pleased to let you know that the Timberwolf Museum in Achtmaal (<http://www.militairhistorischmuseumachtmaal.nl/>) continues to receive visitors, sharing the history of the 104th and its artifacts with locals and international travelers alike. At right, you'll see a recent visit of school children, and below is Pup Jessie Jaffe and her husband, who visited the museum on May 7th. Jessie is the granddaughter of TW Veteran John Tyrrell.

With love and warm summer greetings,
—Your Friends in the Netherlands



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Tracks and other books, and the organization of the reunions would never be possible without this committee. To each of our dedicated volunteers, who bring their skills and talents to our organization, we say "Thank you!" for making it possible to show our appreciation to our Veterans. (Unfortunately, space limitations prevent us from thanking each for their special contribution.)

We do want to spotlight Sandra Eberhard, the NTA webmaster, for her years of work and, most recently, for her outstanding assistance to the family of PFC Sherwood Davidson in locating the details regarding his award of the Silver Star. We also want to share that NTPA board member Mary Jamieson made the birthday of TW Charlie Humphries more memorable by sending his Veterans' group a copy of *War Stories of WWII* for his surprise birthday party, which was covered by both television and newspaper in Panama City Beach, Florida. (Charlie was a contributor to this volume, made possible by our NTPA Historian, Kathy Clark.) Of course, this message is reaching you by the tireless efforts and professionalism of our *HOWL* Editor, Jen Weaver-Neist. And finally, our events and history are preserved and archived by our talented NTPA photographer, Art Luque.

The 2018 reunion in historic Dayton, Ohio, is nearing, and the preparation details forecast a wonderful experience (see pages 4–6 for more info). We're pleased to announce that, in addition to friends from the *USS Missouri*, our friends from the 106th Infantry Division will be joining us in the Foxhole and on tours (you may recall that the 106th joined us at the 2016 reunion in DC). Please make your reservations before the August 2nd deadline so that you can be certain to obtain our special group rates.

The NTPA is honored to be able to continue the traditions of the NTA and to be a resource for the history of the 104th Infantry Division of WWII, and we look forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come.

See you in Dayton,
 –Andrew Lane, NTPA President
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Lucherberg, Part 2

At daylight, the enemy surrounded the double house in Lucherberg, where most of the remaining men of Company I, 415th Infantry, had taken refuge. To the Germans, it must have looked like curtains for the Americans.

But although the Timberwolves were trapped, they were far from helpless. Two men in the house could save them. Second Lt. John Shipley, who had taken charge when Lt. Varella was captured, was a mortar forward observer from Company M in the 415th Infantry weapons company. Over his radio, Shipley called for mortar fire. A barrage of shells arrived in response, falling to within fifteen yards of the house. The Germans scurried for cover. As soon as they reappeared, Shipley called for mortar fire again. Every time the enemy stuck their heads up, he called on his mortars. When the Germans sought cover by moving closer to the house, the men inside hit them with rifle fire and grenades.

In one of Shipley's many radio conversations with 3d Battalion, when he was asked how he was doing, he responded, "My only trouble is getting a place to see and shoot with all these dead Jerries piling up in front of the cellar windows," and then he asked—again—for reinforcements.

Meanwhile, 1st Lt. Arthur Ulmer, forward observer from the 929th Field Artillery Battalion, was directing artillery fire on the village itself, to force the enemy under cover and prevent the arrival of their reinforcements.

Company L, unable to follow Company I across the bridge during the night, was having trouble finding a place to cross. It finally split into two groups: Capt. Francis J. Hallahan, taking the first platoon and the machine gun section, and 1st Lt. Thomas Danowski taking the rest of the company, crossed the river at different locations. They reunited at the coal factory, where they joined Company G.

In response to Shipley's repeated calls for help, Company F was pulled out of reserve. It crossed the river in small groups and joined the others in the factory. Captain Hallahan was placed in command of this composite group.

It was decided that Company G and E (in the nearby castle) would remain where they were to tie down enemy troops in the area. Company L would try to make contact with I Company, and F would move into position to attack the south part of town. Five Timberwolf companies (I, L, G, F, and E) were now trying to capture a village of less than 500 inhabitants. The German army was fighting tooth and nail to hold the line.

Tanks and tank destroyers were desperately needed inside Lucherberg, but every time the engineers went to work on a bridge, they were driven back by enemy artillery fire from across the river. Even setting up a small foot-bridge was a major task, let alone a bridge large enough to support tanks.

The plan worked out by the Timberwolves in the factory went surprisingly well. In less than twenty minutes, each group was closing in on its objective. Resistance was light,

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

We will remember them.

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Don Dickenson
415 L

Leland Inscho
415

Duane Robey
415 HQ

WIFE OR WIDOW

Eunice Van
Valkenburg
413 I (Frank)

Jim Fenner
414 H

Richard Jahries
386 FA HQ

Bernie Schmucker
Unit unknown

Shirley Dunham
413 HQ 2d Bn (Fred)

George Gumas
104 HQ Div Arty

Evan "Pete" Merz
414 I

Russell E. Searcey
413 HQ

Annett Kaplan
414 B (Simon)

Edward A. Higgins
414 HQ

Joseph Pfeifer
329 Med B

Willadean Sturgeon
555 AAA Bn Btry B
(Kenneth)

2018 REUNION: ACTIVITY FORM

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2018 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/timberwolf2018 (a 3.5% charge will be added to the total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **August 2, 2018**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing it.** Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 2, 2018							
				Price Per	# of People	Total	
TOURS							
Thurs. (9/6):	WRIGHT-PATTERSON USAF MUSEUM TOUR	9:00 AM	to 3:00 PM	\$34	X	=	
Friday (9/7):	DAYTON CITY / CARILLON HIST. PARK TOUR	9:00 AM	to 3:30 PM	\$54	X	=	
Friday (9/7):	MAYHEM & MYSTERY DINNER THEATER	6:20 PM	to 9:30 PM	\$42	X	=	
BANQUET							
Sunday (9/9):	Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.)		7:00 PM	to 11:00 PM			
	Herb-Roasted Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream & Au Jus			\$45	X	=	
	Grilled Salmon with Creamy Leek Sauce			\$40			
	Grilled Chicken with Honey-Brie Dijon Sauce			\$40	X	=	
PER-PERSON REGISTRATION FEE (Covers various reunion expenses)							
	REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED <u>ON OR BEFORE</u> 08/02/18			\$40	X	=	
	REGISTRATION FEE(S) IF RECEIVED <u>AFTER</u> 08/02/18			\$50	X	=	
	Reunion Photo CD (prepared by NTPA Photographer Art Luque)			\$25	X	=	
	Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.					\$	

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

FIRST _____ LAST _____

TW UNIT _____ FIRST REUNION? _____ PUP? YES _____ NO _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

NOTE: SPECIAL SLEEPING/ROOM REQUIREMENTS MUST BE CONVEYED BY THE ATTENDEE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL.

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. _____

NAME (AS ON CARD) _____ SIGNATURE _____

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO **(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY.)**

ARRIVAL & DEP. DATES _____ TO _____ • VIA PLANE CAR RV • STAYING AT HOTEL? YES NO

By submitting this form, you will be enrolled in our monthly newsletter subscription. To opt out, please check this box:

For refunds and cancelations, please refer to our policies outlined on the reunion schedule page. **CANCELATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancelation code. Refunds processed 4 to 6 weeks after the reunion.

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

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Wednesday, September 5

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

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

Thursday, September 6

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

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 9

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

Monday, September 10

Farewells and Departures

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON NATIONAL MUSEUM of the US AIR FORCE TOUR

Thursday, September 6:

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

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

DAYTON CITY / CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK TOUR

Friday, September 7:

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

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

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

MAYHEM & MYSTERY DINNER THEATER at the SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE

Friday, September 7:

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. *Please plan to be at the bus boarding area (in front of the hotel) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.*
2. *Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.*

**CANCELATION AND REFUND POLICY
for ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the nonrefundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the nonrefundable AFR registration fee. **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 cancellation code. Refunds are processed 4 to 6 weeks after the reunion. **Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.**

2018 REUNION: HOTEL INFO

CROWNE PLAZA DAYTON—DAYTON, OH
(800) 689-5586 or (937) 224-0800
www.cpldayton.com

LOCATION

33 E. 5th Street, Dayton, OH 45402
Ideally located near the Dayton International Airport and in the heart of Dayton, near the Oregon Arts District, with shopping, dining, and entertainment just minutes away

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please call one of the two numbers above and reference the 104th Infantry Timberwolf Pups Association, or visit www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2018 and click on the hotel-reservation link at the top of the page.

Group Name: 104th Infantry Timberwolf Pups Association

Reunion Dates: September 5–10, 2018

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

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

Cancellation Policy: All reservations must be accompanied by a credit-card guarantee. Reservations can be canceled up until 6:00 PM on the day of arrival. No-shows and late cancellations (after 6:00 PM on the day of arrival) will be charged.

PARKING & SHUTTLE INFORMATION

The Crowne Plaza offers a complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Dayton International Airport. Please call the hotel upon arrival using one of the two numbers above, then wait by the taxi/shuttle stands outside the baggage-claim area. The hotel also offers free parking to hotel guests and a complimentary shuttle service to locations in the local area.

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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presumably because Ulmer kept calling for artillery fire and the Germans were keeping their heads down.

Danowski, now leading L Company, assigned responsibility for a small group of houses to each of the three platoons. Then, in radio contact with Shipley, he worked his way to the double house about seventy-five yards away. While they were discussing plans for the following morning, the Germans moved in and trapped him in the house, where he would spend that night and the next morning.

The night was fairly quiet, though the Timberwolves “sweated out” a counterattack that a captured enemy prisoner had told them was planned for the following morning.

As promised, the counterattack began early the next morning, with about one company of the enemy advancing on the double house with machine guns and mortars. The Americans responded with sniper fire from the upper stories of the house and from other nearby buildings, and Shipley directed mortar fire on the Germans throughout the attack.

An entry in the *415th Infantry Unit Journal* at 2200 on 4 December reads: “At 0830 Blue Bn [3d Bn 415] received a counterattack. The enemy, 30 men led by a Captain...” The captain, who turned out to be a 1st lieutenant, “said his attack was not well organized or he would have taken the town. He believed the town was held by one platoon. When

told there were two companies in Lucherberg, he merely shrugged his shoulders. A great deal of sniper fire in town, Jerries were in every house not occupied by our men and had to be flushed out.”

Later that day, the engineers completed a bridge; and soon, antitank guns, tanks, and tank destroyers were rumbling across to the aid of the beleaguered Timberwolves.

Before daylight on 5 December, the Germans counterattacked—this time, with tanks, assault guns, and about 450 infantry. In the ensuing battle, both sides lost equipment and more men. The fight, which lasted several hours, included mortar and artillery fire, tanks attacks, sniper fire—some of everything—from both sides. A 1023 entry in the *415 Unit Journal* reads, “Still having trouble in Lucherberg. Given situation and enemy tank that got into town. Enemy air in dog fight with ours.”

Although the fighting continued sporadically for several days, the battle for Lucherberg was essentially over. The Timberwolves had taken another town—but at a cost. More than twenty-five men were killed, and many more were wounded and missing.

—Kathy Clark, Historian
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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>

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

Name _____

TW connection/unit _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Address change? _____ (*Please checkmark if applicable.*)

Email _____

(*Please checkmark whatever applies below.*)

- 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, 415-412-3279 or 415-661-6753 (see mailing address listed above).

A HOME FOR THE 104TH? GREAT NEWS!

We are happy to announce that the NTPA is beginning a partnership with Fort Douglas and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City to have a dedicated place in the newly expanded Fort Douglas Military Museum (www.FortDouglas.org) for a display of Timberwolf history, including interactive features. There will also be a database created to easily access TW resources. The museum directors are 100 percent behind this project, and we look forward to working with them.

The 104th has several very important connections with Fort Douglas:

- Fort Douglas is the home of the original 104th Frontier Division, activated June 24, 1921, in Salt Lake City as part of the Organized Reserves.
- Fort Douglas is the original home of the 413th Regiment, which incorporates the Utah seagull as its regimental crest.
- The other two 104th regiments also originated in the Intermountain West—the 414th in Pocatello, Idaho, and the 415th in Casper, Wyoming.
- Fort Douglas is General Terry Allen's birthplace.

- Fort Douglas was a major induction center in WWII for the Intermountain West.

Kathy Clark and I will be visiting the museum sometime this summer to assess what the museum can use, and we need your assistance. If you have documents, artifacts, and so on that you would be willing share, duplicate, or donate, please let one of us know so that we can create a list of what is available (see our contact info in the page 2 board listing).

We do hope that this is the first of several museum displays that we can create, with the others being in Oregon (where the division trained), in the New Orleans National WWII Museum, and elsewhere. This is a fabulous start to our goal to keep the story of the 104th and its important history alive.

With many thanks,
 –JeNeal Ann Granieri, Treasurer
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[Top left] May 5, 1943: In this section of the portable post office, the facilities for incoming mail are set up at Camp Adair, Oregon. [Right] July 17, 1943: Infantry firepower demonstration by members of the Timberwolf Division on the firing range at Camp Adair, Oregon. Crew of a .30 caliber machine gun awaits the order to fire.

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