



MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

DEAR TIMBERWOLF FAMILY,

We are now beginning the third year of the pandemic that has impacted life around the world for everyone. By necessity, our annual reunions have been, with great reluctance and sadness, rescheduled *twice*, and we have missed seeing one another for a very, very long time. Despite such setbacks, we have continued to move forward as an organization; and it is with much optimism that we have planned our 2022 reunion

in Salt Lake City, Utah. This reunion is set to coincide with the Fort Douglas Museum's opening of a permanent exhibit honoring the 104th Infantry Division's service in World War II and the life of General Terry de la Mesa Allen Sr. (April 1, 1888–September 12, 1969), who was born in Fort Douglas. Our Reunion Site Committee is planning the details required to make this reunion a wonderful experience for everyone, and we hope as many as possible will attend.

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Misc. News & Info

Completion of the 104th Tribute Plaque

IN JANUARY 2021, I INITIATED THE PROCESS TO PURCHASE and design a unit tribute plaque for the 104th Infantry Division on the Walk of Remembrance at the National Museum of the US Army in Fort Belvoir, Virginia (TheNMUSA.org).

The fundraising started on February 25, 2021, with a symbolic contribution of \$104. Next, by contacting Pups I knew fairly well, the project got moving, gaining momentum with more contributions. With the help from NTPA Webmaster Paul Murphy, word started getting around. (Thank you, Paul.) Donors seemed to be very accepting of the \$104 symbolic donation. Some Pups spread the word through their families. Through March, April, May, and into June, the donations continued to come in. By early July, we had received the necessary \$5,000 to purchase the plaque—*wow!!* All in about five months!

Next came the design phase. An initial draft design was sent out to the Association and donors followed by a couple revisions after receiving feedback. On August 23, 2021, the

final design was submitted to and accepted by the Army Historical Foundation (the fundraising arm of the museum, ArmyHistory.org) and sent to the engravers. I received the engraver's proofs and gave a final approval on December 1, 2021.



On January 31, 2022, I received notice by email from the Foundation that the 104th plaque had been placed on the Walk of Remembrance. The accompanying photo was taken by the museum. You can see all the engraving and the fine Timberwolf insignia, with the Timberwolf facing left, head held high and howling. As it should be.

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Message from the Pups, continued from pg. 1

The museum exhibit is a major step in the development of the education mission of our organization, preserving the history and legacy of the 104th Infantry Division for future generations. Our volunteer museum committee includes Pups with experience as archivists, curators, historians, and scholars, and an interest and ability to organize your donations to create an impressive permanent collection. We welcome photographs, uniforms, and any other artifacts you wish to contribute. Please see the related news

item in "Misc. News & Info" (page5) for more information on who to contact and how to donate.

We look forward to seeing you all in Salt Lake City this year...

—Andrew Lane, NTPA President
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Notes from the Reunion Site Committee

Hello to all!

YET AGAIN, WE ARE PLANNING OUR ANNUAL REUNION, and we hope the third time is the charm! In considering our membership and our goal to have a permanent home for our Timberwolf history and artifacts, we felt it would be best to coincide and celebrate the beginning of our permanent exhibit at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City with this year's gathering. The Fort Douglas Military Museum will be expanding in the next few years, and we plan to expand our exhibit as well. The goal of the

museum is to not only have a display for the 104th but to also serve as an artifact repository and database that can be accessed by anyone who is interested in research. We felt we should not wait to introduce this exhibit to our loyal members, so we are going forward with the opening and reunion. We trust that the pandemic will not be a problem by then, and/or everyone will have been vaccinated.

There are several changes this year that should make this event even more memorable and unique:

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• **Accommodations:** We will be staying at the University Guest House, which is owned by the University of Utah and located in Fort Douglas, about a five-minute walk from the museum, where we will hold various meetings (we will also meet in the Annex, right next to the museum). We felt it was good to be in the atmosphere of a historical army fort to meet and celebrate Timberwolf history. Though the Guest House is not a national hotel chain, it is a beautiful facility that was originally built for the 2002 Winter Olympics. (Please refer to the hotel registration page for more information about the rate, dates, etc.)

• **Reservations:** *Please make your hotel reservations early.* We did not reserve a large number of rooms due to a lot of uncertainty, but the Guest House assures me that they will increase the numbers as needed and at the same rate, depending on availability. If you are pretty sure that you will attend, please reserve your room as soon as you can—don't wait. It's easier to make cancellations than it is to add rooms at the last minute. (Note: *you have to call the hotel directly for reservations and cancellations.*)

• **Registration:** As always, Armed Forces Reunions is going to collect reunion registration and tour fees, and provide name tags, but the AFR does not arrange the hotel, tours, and banquets for small groups any longer. It is providing these services for a fee, resulting in reunion costs that are a bit higher this year.

• **Tours:** The first day of the reunion will include a Fort Douglas walking tour of approximately one to two hours guided by the museum's curator and assistant. The \$20 fee will go directly to the museum. (Also, check out the websites for the Natural History Museum of Utah [<https://nhmu.utah.edu/>] and Red Butte Garden [<https://redbuttegarden.org/>], both of which are within walking distance of the hotel.)

We are working with a local tour company to arrange the two other tours we are offering. Here, too, prices have gone up. I was told that much of the increased cost is due to COVID issues (labor shortages, etc.); for example, the bus charge is per day now, not per hour. (Since we haven't had NTPA tours for the last two years, I guess we can use what we saved to account for the higher costs this year!) As noted earlier, we are not working with AFR on arrangements, which means the cut-off dates for sign-ups are more restrictive. *Again, we encourage early registration, as the tour prices are based on a minimum of 30 people.* Though the registration cut-off date is August 19, *the tour company needs to know by August 1 if we have the minimum requirement.* Refunds, if necessary, are prorated, with full refunds guaranteed for cancellations made 31 days prior.

• **Banquet:** This year's banquet will be held at the historical Commander's House, across the parade ground from the museum (about a two-minute walk from the hotel). Since the facilities are run by the university and the state of Utah, they have strict beverage regulations. We cannot have an open bar and cannot charge for drinks, so we will be providing wine and beer for the buffet banquet, both of which are included in your registration fee. We know this is a change, but since we are unclear as to what our attendance numbers will be, we felt that it was warranted (the buffet price point is based on a minimum number of attendees). (Note: if we have enough early registrations, perhaps we can have an "opt out" feature for those who cannot or do not wish to attend the banquet, and issue a refund. That said, we do hope *all* will attend the banquet. The setting is great, and the company is even greater!)

Sorry for the long article, but I felt we should give you as many details as possible. Above all, *please remember: register early for both the hotel and the tours!!* We look forward to seeing everyone. We will all be three years older but, hopefully, three years better!

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, NTPA Treasurer &
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WAR STORIES OF WWII

Written by the Soldiers of the
104th Infantry Division

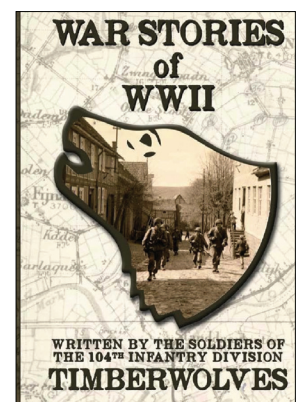
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The 104th Infantry Division Unit Tribute Plaque became a reality because of our wonderful Timberwolf family. Thank you to all who contributed, supported, and helped with the project.

If you know a WWII Timberwolf who is still living, please pass this on to him.

—Kent A. Smith, LTC (Ret.) US Army
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The Search for TW Illustrator John Lehti (1912–1991)



MANY OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY seen and read the cartoon characterization of the 104th Infantry Division's march across Europe titled, "Touring Europe with the Timberwolves!" About two years ago, I became aware of and started to study the illustration, wondering who drew it—most likely a Timberwolf soldier.

In the lower right-hand corner of the drawing is a name, rank, location, and date. "S/SGT" (the abbreviation for staff sergeant), "May 9th, 1945," and "Germany" are all evident; but the name is not readily clear. It reads "John A." with an undecipherable last name.

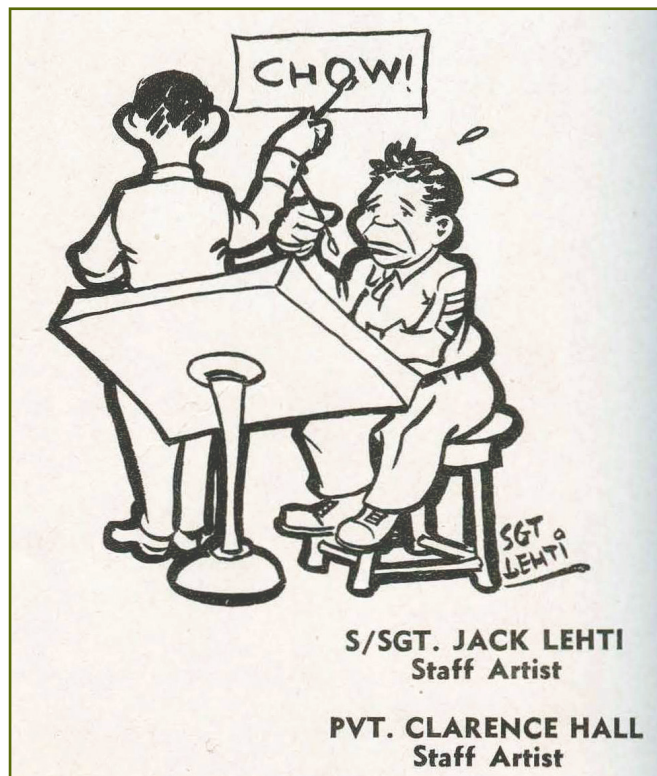
I asked Pup Jack Valley if he had any a particular knowledge of the name, and we came up with a few different spellings—none confirmed.

NTPA Historian Kathy Clark helped us further. She believed the last name was "Lehti" and had some additional knowledge about him—that he was an illustrator.

An online search of his name ultimately found the Timberwolf. Before the war, John A. "Jack" Lehti worked as a commercial illustrator; and following the war, Lehti was an illustrator for various well-known comic books and other publications. Other than his travels during WWII, Lehti lived and worked in New York City and Goshen, New York.

In addition to the "Touring" illustration, John Lehti contributed illustrations for the small wartime publication *Timberwolves*, though none of his work is included in the Division's official history, *Timberwolf Tracks* (some were drawn by another successful TW artist, however—Charley Harper.)

This illustration is an important piece of 104th history that



should be passed down to future Pups, along with the knowledge of who its artist was. Much more can be found on the internet; search "Field Guide to Wild American Pulp Artists John Lehti" for the best online resource (or try <https://www.pulpartists.com/Lehti.html>). If you are old enough, you may even find that you read comic books illustrated by John A. Lehti without even knowing a Timberwolf had a "paw" in it!

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TW Veteran Honored



ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, family and friends gathered in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, at the home of Timberwolf Gerald Powell to celebrate the award of the Knight of the French Legion of Honor for service to the Republic of France during WWII. Valerie Baraben, Consular General of the French Consulate in Houston, presented the award to Mr. Powell, who

served in the 414th Infantry, 329th Medical Battalion, Company C. The Legion of Honor was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is the highest, most prestigious decoration in France given solely as recognition of merit and bravery.

104th Donations Make Their Way to the Fort Douglas Museum

PICTURED HERE IS PUP JANE VANDER LINDEN PROUDLY



wearing the Eisenhower jacket and garrison cover of her Dad, T/SGT Howard K. Vander Linden, 415 G. Jane, her sisters, and their families donated his uniform as well as his medals, unit patches, and a trove of his service records, photographs, and other memorabilia (including four pieces of shrapnel!) to the Fort Douglas Museum in Salt Lake City, where it will become

part of the permanent 104th Division Collection.

Donations like theirs are appreciated and encouraged, as they help to keep the legacy of the Timberwolves alive and flourish. If you are interested in learning more about how to donate, please contact NTPA board members JeNeal Ann Granieri (jenealann@gmail.com, 415.412.3279) or Jack & Pat Valley (jackvalley@yahoo.com, 508.788.1868), or contact the museum curator directly, referencing the 104th: Beau Burgess (801.581.1710).

Attention WWII Veterans of the 104th!

WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR YOU AS A surviving member of this much-beloved and decorated Division. Would you please send us your picture and information (name, unit, age) so that we can feature you the way we did the three TWs on page 12? If possible, pictures should be high-resolution PDFs (300 dpi at 100 percent), though we can work with a variety of formats.

For more information or to make your submission, please get in touch with *HOWL* Editor Jen Weaver (jen@damerocketpress.com / 503.313.7899) or NTPA board member Jack Valley (jackvalley@yahoo.com / 508.788.1868).

Timberwolf up!

Remembering TW Simon Kaplan, 414 B (1924–2022)

SIMON TRULY LIVED HIS life encompassing an openness that was infectious, inspiring, and uplifting to everyone he met. Through everything he did, he created community and family, embracing and empowering the world around him. He could give a speech filled with stories and lessons at the drop of a hat. His earthly needs were minimal—just give him a good war movie, a successful day at work, a call from his grandkids, working hearing aids, and that was enough.



Simon got shrapnel in his leg during the war and they couldn't remove it, as it was next to an artery. I swear that remnant didn't hinder him. It gave him life and reminded him to never forget, to never give up, and how much fighting against the Nazis was important to future generations.

It is important to honor and embrace where we came from. In Simon's case, he always reminded me that we came from strong Polish stock—hard workers who never gave up and would share with others less fortunate. Simon always taught me to move forward in life respecting the struggles of my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, so that my sister, Vicki, and I could have a better life. I take that to heart; and as Simon has done, I know that if you go through the door, you come back and bring someone else through with you. Privilege comes from the hard work of others to lift you up. He demonstrated this in always doing what he could to help others and by living simply.

Simon viewed death as he viewed life: death is a part of life, so live life to the fullest. And he would say he lived a good long life. In the end, he passed in a golden passage—after having a great evening with friends and enjoying Chinese food while telling stories and sharing business advice.

He passed peacefully in his sleep that night.

—Pup Karyn Kaplan, Simon's Daughter



**At the going
down of the sun
& in the morning
We will
remember them.**

James O. Bass
104 HQ

Lavelle Beene
415 C

Joseph Capone
415 E

Mario Cherry
413 HQ

Lawrence L. Chew
414 C

Leon Gobet
414 H

Simon Kaplan
414 B

Thomas R. Keefe
414 H

Kale F. King
414 I

Herbert Knudson
413 A

Warren R. Lewis
415 B

Marshall L. Main
414 HQ

Mike Martin
414 H

Henry Mayfield
415 I

Richard McElroy
413 HQ 3d Bn

Robert McGettigan
414 H

Boyd Owens
414 L

Thomas I. Powell
387 FA A

Robert G. Schneider
M 414

Charles Tarino
Unit unknown

Henry N. Watkins
415 F

Donald Van Roden
387 FA A

Frank Van Valkenburg
413 I

Norton E. Wood
Unit unknown

Howard Woody
104 MP

WIFE or WIDOW

Marie Beene
415 C (Lavelle)

Vivian Kammeyer
414 H (Virgil)

Mary H. Kiley
929 FA (Matthew)

Neoma Perry
415 G (Charles)

Patricia Rajek
415 HQ 1st Bn (John)

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2022 Reunion—Activity Registration Form

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2022 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 \$30 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2022 (a **3.5% convenience fee** will be added to credit-card charges). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **August 19, 2022**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing it.** Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 19, 2022						
				Price Per	# of People	Subtotal
TOURS						
Wed. (9/14): FORT DOUGLAS WALKING TOUR		(TBA...)		\$ 20	x	= \$
Thurs. (9/15): SNOWBIRD SKI RESORT & PARK CITY TOUR		10:30 AM	to 8:30 PM	\$ 99	x	= \$
Friday (9/16): HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM & OGDEN UNION STATION MUSEUMS		9:30 AM	to 4:00 PM	\$ 85	x	= \$
BANQUET						
Sat. (9/17): Banquet Buffet		6:00 PM	to 10:00 PM			
* Includes wine & beer						
* Cost is included in the registration fee below						
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES						
<u>REQUIRED:</u> Per-Person Registration Fee (\$90 before 8/19; \$100 after 8/19)				\$	x	= \$
<u>OPTIONAL:</u> Reunion Photo CD (prepared by NTPA Photographer Art Luque)				\$ 25	x	= \$
TOTAL AMOUNT Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u>						\$

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) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

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

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

POLICIES on CANCELATIONS & REFUNDS: For cancelations made prior to August 19, 2022, please contact Armed Forces Reunions to receive a full refund minus the nonrefundable AFR registration fee (\$15 per person): 757-625-6401. **CANCELATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY–FRIDAY, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** For cancelations made after August 19, 2022, please contact the National Timberwolf Pups Association directly: JeNeal Granieri, NTPA Treasurer & Reunion Site Committee Chair, 415-412-3279. Refunds made after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that vendor commitments and guarantees allow. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

2022 Reunion—Schedule & Tours

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

UNIVERSITY GUEST HOUSE, UNIVERSITY of UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 14–18, 2022

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Wednesday, September 14

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet 6:30 AM–9:30 AM
Reunion Registration open 8:30 AM–10:30 AM
FORT DOUGLAS WALKING TOUR (Times TBA...)
NTPA Board Meeting 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Reunion Registration open 4:00 PM–7:00 PM
Meet & Greet Mixer
(in the Hospitality Room) 6:00 PM–7:30 PM
Foxhole open (Hospitality Room) 7:30 PM–9:30 PM
NOTE: Souvenir sales hours will be posted in the Foxhole.

Thursday, September 15

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet 6:30 AM–9:30 AM
Foxhole open (Hospitality Room) 8:00 AM–9:30 PM
Reunion Registration open 8:30 AM–9:30 AM
SNOWBIRD SKI RESORT & PARK CITY TOUR 10:30 AM–8:30 PM
(Tour end time is approximate.)
Reunion Registration open 5:30 PM–9:30 PM

Friday, September 16

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet 6:30 AM–9:30 AM
HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM & OGDEN UNION STATION MUSEUMS 9:30 AM–4:00 PM
(Tour end time is approximate.)
NTPA Business & General Meeting 4:30 PM–6:00 PM
Foxhole open (Hospitality Room) 4:00 PM–9:30 PM
Beer Bust 7:00 PM–12:00 AM

Saturday, September 17

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet 6:30 AM–9:30 AM
NTPA Memorial Service 9:30 AM–11:00 AM
Banquet Buffet 6:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sunday, September 18

Complimentary Breakfast Buffet 6:30 AM–9:30 AM
Farewells and Departures

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

SNOWBIRD SKI RESORT & PARK CITY TOUR

Thursday, September 15: This morning, we head over to Little Cottonwood Canyon in the Wasatch Mountain Range, the westernmost face of the Rocky Mountains, for our first stop at the beautiful and modern **Snowbird Ski Resort**, one of Utah's premier recreation areas. Enjoy some free time to explore, hike, walk, or just sit and take in the scenery and local wildlife—deer, moose, birds, and more. For an additional \$30 per person (paid at the resort), you can take an amazing aerial tram ride to the "Roof of the Rockies," where breathtaking vistas unfold in every direction. You may wish to grab a bite for lunch before we take the scenic 45-minute drive over to **Park City**, once a mining boomtown and now home to the **Sundance Film Festival** and

Utah Olympic Park, where the 2002 Winter Olympics were hosted. During the summer, aerial ski-jump training is held at the park, and the public is invited to watch as athletes practice their freestyle jumps into an enormous pool of water. There's also plenty of time to explore the shops, boutiques, and art galleries along **Main Street**, as well as have dinner in one of Park City's many interesting restaurants.

Please note: This tour requires average physical activity, with participants being able to walk reasonable distances over uneven ground or unpaved trails. The altitude in Snowbird is 8,000 feet, and Park City is at 7,000 feet. Bring a sweater or jacket to account for cooler temperatures.

- **10:30 AM—Board bus at hotel**
- **8:30 PM—Back to hotel** (time is approximate)
- **\$99/Person** (Includes bus & guide; minimum of 30 paying passengers to ensure rate)
- **Lunch is on your own.**

HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM & OGDEN UNION STATION MUSEUMS

Friday, September 16: We begin our tour by heading north, to the **Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica** in Layton, for a guided tour of the wall and the nearby Heritage Museum's display honoring Veterans. Next, we travel to **Hill Aerospace Museum**, home of more than 70 historic aircraft, including the rare SR-71 Blackbird, B-52 Stratofortress, and B-17 Flying Fortress. Enjoy a guided tour offered by the men and women who flew many of the types of aircraft in the museum, which also features an excellent timeline of the Vietnam War, as well as WWI, WWII, and Cold War exhibits. From here, passing by the Great Salt Lake, we continue to Ogden and **Union Station**, where east met west at this main connection on the original Union Pacific Railroad. Today, it houses multiple museums, all of which are small enough to see in the time we have: the **Utah State Railroad Museum**, the **John M. Browning Firearms Museum**, the **Browning-Kimball Classic Car Museum**, and the **Utah State Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum**. (John M. Browning was born and raised in Ogden, and is most famous as a firearms designer for the US Military, with designs in use as early as the Spanish-American War through the Korean War, and even today.) We recommend having lunch on Ogden's **historical 25th Street**, where there is much to see and do. (And rest assured: we will return to Salt Lake City in plenty of time to relax and eat before the Beer Bust.)

- **9:30 AM—Board bus at hotel**
- **4:00 PM—Back to hotel** (time is approximate)
- **\$85/Person** (Includes bus, guide & admission; minimum of 30 paying passengers to ensure rate)
- **Lunch is on your own.**

IMPORTANT TOUR NOTES

1. *Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.*
2. *Driver and guide gratuities will be covered by the NTPA.*
3. *For information regarding tour cancellations and refunds, please see the policies outlined on the activity registration form.*

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<https://www.universityguesthouse.com/>

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please call one of the numbers above and reference the 104th Infantry Division Timberwolf Pups.

Group Name: 104th Infantry Division Timberwolf Pups

Reunion Dates: September 14–18, 2022

Rate: \$150 + tax (currently 13.8%) (Rate is honored 4 days prior to and 4 days after reunion dates, and includes a complimentary breakfast buffet.)

Cut-off Date: August 15, 2022 (Late reservations will be processed based on a space- or rate-availability basis.)

No-Show/Cancelation Policy: No-shows and cancelations made after 3:00 PM on the day prior to arrival will be charged one-night's room rate plus tax.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Parking in the UGH & CC parking lots require a permit Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and one parking permit is complementary per registered hotel guest. Additional parking permits may be purchased for \$10/vehicle/day. UGH recommends Uber, a taxi, or TRAX from the airport, as no shuttle is provided.

UTA TRAX is Salt Lake Valley's light-rail system. It has three main lines—the Red, Green, and Blue—and the University Guest House is situated adjacent to the Fort Douglas stop on the Red Line, near the end of the route. Many of Salt Lake City's major attractions, from Temple Square and Trolley Square to EnergySolutions Arena and the Gateway District, are easily accessible from TRAX stops. For a detailed map, visit the UTA TRAX website: <https://www.rideuta.com/>. The one-way fare to and from the airport is \$2.50.

To reach UGH from downtown: board the Red Line at the Court House

To reach UGH from the airport: take the Green Line to the Court House, then transfer to the Red Line

To reach the airport from UGH: take the Red Line to the Court House, then transfer to the Green Line

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.



This Signal Corps photo from the National Archives was taken on February 24, 1945—a period of action discussed in “TW Tracks in History” on page 11. The back of it reads: “The streets of Düren, Germany, are still under heavy enemy bombardment as infantrymen of the 104th Infantry Division & US First Army, move through the streets.”

Treasurer's Report & Membership Form

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION

Statement of Income and Expenses

January 1, 2021–December 31, 2021

Submitted by JeNeal Granieri, NTPA Treasurer (jenealann@gmail.com)

BANK BALANCE on JANUARY 1, 2021

Checking account	\$ 6,207
Savings account	\$ 8,537
TOTAL	\$14,744

DEPOSITS

Dues (incl. PayPal: \$1,059)	\$ 3,368
Book sales (incl. PayPal: \$354)	\$ 1,619
Donations (incl. PayPal: \$122)	\$ 522
TOTAL	\$ 5,509

EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS

HOWL production & mailing	\$ 3,062
NTA web fees	\$ 366
General expenses (shipping, etc.)	\$ 706
TOTAL	\$ 4,134

BANK BALANCE on DECEMBER 31, 2021

Checking account	\$ 6,714
Savings account	\$ 9,406
TOTAL	\$16,120

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February 1945: Across the River on the Way to Cologne

WHILE 329TH ENGINEERS FERRIED 413TH AND 415TH Battalions across the river, delivered supplies and evacuated casualties, cleared roads and deactivated mine fields, VII Corps engineers struggled under heavy enemy artillery fire to build a Bailey bridge capable of supporting tanks. Casualties among division and corps engineers were high.

Ernest James, 238th Engineer Combat Battalion, 1106 Engineer Combat Group, supervising the construction, remembered poignantly, “Many wounded infantrymen, their feet blown off by the treacherous [Schü] mines, were out in adjacent minefields yelling for help, with medics heroically trying to save them. It was a hard thing for us to ignore their pleas, knowing our job was to bridge the Roer, and get the infantry and tanks over.”¹

“On the ground immediately across the Roer River, in the southern position of the Division zone, stood the once thickly inhabited cities of Birkesdorf and Düren. To the north was the town of Huchem-Stammeln. A line running roughly north and south through these places and including the high ground in the vicinity of the insane asylum in the eastern section of north Düren was designated as the ‘A’ line. Approximately 3 miles east of this line and running through the towns of Merzenich and Ellen was the highest ground in the immediate vicinity.”²

Third Battalion, 413th, quickly seized the northern part of Düren on 23 February and continued on to the eastern edge of the city, where it captured the insane asylum situated high on a hill overlooking the city. The battalion was so successful that it was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for the action.

Meanwhile, just north of Düren, 1st Battalion, 413th, attacked the southern part of Birkesdorf while 1st Battalion, 415th, went for the northern part. Second Battalion, 415th, became involved in short-lived but intense house-to-house fighting in Stammeln. Murderous machine-gun fire held up 2nd Battalion companies in Huchem. It was late afternoon before Huchem was in Timberwolf hands.

By midnight on the 23rd, 413th and 415th had taken the northern part of Düren, Birkesdorf, and Huchem-Stammeln, and the division held phase line A, its initial objective.

The next morning, 2nd Battalion, 415th, had an easier time of it when they surprised the enemy in Oberzier, northeast of Düren. The Germans were sleeping after being alert all night, expecting an attack.

The 415th 1st Battalion was not so lucky at Arnoldsweiler. Fighting was ferocious, much of it hand to hand. Medics were unable to get to

the wounded. Arnoldsweiler would not fall until 25 February, after the Timberwolves had taken Rath Castle.

“Operations Memorandum Number 38...detailed one of the most difficult and delicate operations ever placed on the Timberwolf agenda.

“413th Infantry at 2100 was to seize the marshalling yards...as a jump-off point for 414th Infantry, which would attack and seize Merzenich at 0300. 413th Infantry at 0300 would attack from ‘A’ line between marshalling yards and the still contested portion of Arnoldsweiler, toward the high ground and the castle.... At midnight, the 415th Infantry was to launch an attack from southeast of Stammeln on Ellen. This series of diverging, converging, and parallel operations called for utmost coordination by all Timberwolf staffs and troops.”³

At 2100, Company G, 413th, attacked the marshalling yards against heavy machine-gun fire. By midmorning, they had secured the area. Meanwhile, 3rd Battalion, 415th headed for Ellen, a key road center on a high ridge overlooking the east bank of the Roer River. The Germans set buildings and a haystack on fire and dropped a flare by plane to light up the attackers. Again, the fighting was close contact, but Ellen fell before dawn.

The 414th Infantry, in reserve earlier, crossed the river on bridges. Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, attacked Merzenich at 0300, 25 February, behind a rolling barrage of the 386th Field Artillery. One company coming in from the north and one from the south overwhelmed the German defenders, and many surrendered. First Battalion suffered two casualties.

Meanwhile, 2nd Battalion, 413th, was storming Castle Rath on the high ground just east of Arnoldsweiler. Forcing their way into the castle, the Timberwolves cleared it room by room with concussion grenades and automatic fire. Capturing the castle and its area isolated the German troops in Arnoldsweiler, where fighting was still going on. Trapped between 104th troops at the castle and those in Arnoldsweiler, the enemy was either taken prisoner or killed.

Needless to say, a few paragraphs cannot convey the events of these days. For more detail, see *Timberwolf Tracks*, beginning on page 228...

¹ 1106 Engineer Group supported 104th Division from 9 November to 15 December, 1944, and early February through early March, 1945. See Ernest C. James entry, *War Stories of World War II*, p. 373.

² 104th Infantry Division After Action Report: 11–22 February, 1945

³ 104th Infantry Division After Action Report: 24 February, 1945

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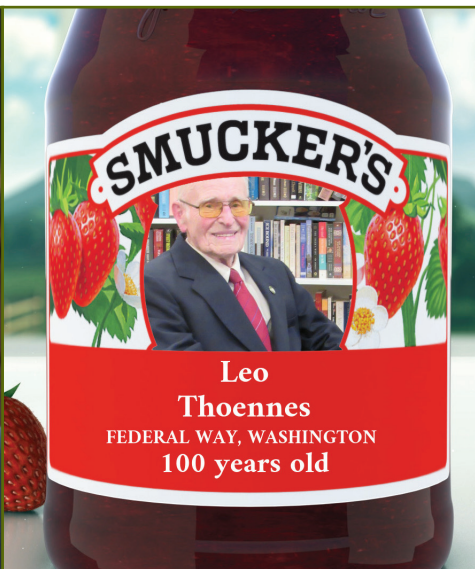
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