



## MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

DEAR FRIENDS,

We have enjoyed a beautiful spring and are looking forward to a summer without the overcast skies of a now fading pandemic. As the burden of the national emergency associated with COVID-19 lifts, we can once again focus on the magnificent selection of pursuits available to all in the United States. We are grateful for the many freedoms we enjoy thanks to the sacrifice of past generations of Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Sailors, and Coast Guard.

Our mission to honor the WWII Veterans of the 104th Infantry Division continues on course. The military museum at Fort Douglas, the birthplace of Major General Terry de la Mesa Allen, will be officially opening a permanent exhibit honoring the Timberwolves. We hope all can

join us for the dedication scheduled to take place at the Fort Douglas Military Museum during the 76th annual reunion of the Timberwolves this coming September 21 to 25.

*Important note: due to an unforeseen conflict with our original hotel, the reunion dates had to be pushed one week and the accommodations changed to the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park. Please read on for more details of the wonderful activities planned, and register soon to secure your place in this special gathering.*

With every best wish,

—Andrew Lane, NTPA President

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## Notes from the Reunion Site Committee

### ANNOUNCEMENT: Reunion Dates and Hotel Have Changed!

DUE TO A MAJOR SHORTAGE IN STUDENT HOUSING, THE University of Utah is taking over the Guest House in August for two years while they construct new student housing. This affected several groups, including ours, and we all had to find new accommodations. Unfortunately, there is a huge event in Salt Lake City the week of our original reunion dates (September 14–18), so we had to push our reunion to the following week—September 21–25. The Guest House was very helpful in securing our booking at the Marriott University Park and has been gracious in covering the difference in the cost of rooms, adjusting our cost to \$150/night instead of \$175. The Marriott is still close to the Fort Douglas Military Museum, where most of our activities will take place. It's 10–15 minutes to walk or about 3 minutes to drive, and

those of us with cars can easily transport those who do not wish to walk.

As for the tour offerings and Saturday banquet, the dates are a week later, but the details remain the same. The walking tour of Fort Douglas has been set for 2:30 PM on the 21st and will be guided by either the museum curator, Beau Burgess, or one of his associates. (Please let me know if this time frame conflicts with your arrival, as we may be able to adjust the start time a bit.) The tour offers a nice introduction to the fort and our 104th exhibit, and all funds will go directly to the museum. The plan and hope of our joint efforts with the museum is that our exhibit will expand as the museum expands, including online resources for those doing research from afar.

Please reserve your hotel room and your tour registrations as soon as possible. We were very conservative in the number of rooms we set aside and need to at least fill that quota. If we go beyond it,

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accommodation and pricing will be subject to availability. We have quotas for two of the tours as well: if we have fewer than 30 attending, the price will go up or we may need to cancel, neither of which we want. As I mentioned last time, the NTPA made its own reunion arrangements this year (though the AFR is helping with registration), so deadlines and quotas are going to be more of an issue this time around.

I do hope that you're planning to spend a little more time

in the area, as there's a lot to see in this part of Utah; and the weather is great in September. This is a great way to start traveling again after two years of restrictions.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it. Timberwolf up!

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, NTPA Treasurer & Reunion Site Committee Chair  
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## Misc. News & Info

### Army Salute

ON MEMORIAL DAY THIS year, TW Leo Thoennes (555 AAA Batallion) visited the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington, to pay his respects. Leo will be 101 years old on August 19th.



### National Quilts of Valor

TW GERALD POWELL (329TH MEDICAL) WAS AWARDED A Quilt of Valor on March 19, 2022, by the Texas Hills Quilters in recognition of his service in WWII. The Mission of the National Quilts of Valor organization is "to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Over 300,000 quilts have been made and presented to date, and each one is specially made for the Veteran to whom it will be presented.

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While every quilt is different, the three layers and stitching each represent something. The top of the quilt, with its many colors, shapes, and fabrics, represents the communities and the many individuals involved. The batting (middle layer) is the warmth, comfort, and peace quilters hope each quilt brings to the Veterans. The backing is the strength of the Veteran and the support of the community, family, and the entire nation. Each stitch that holds the layers together represents the love, the gratitude, and sometimes, the tears of the maker. The quilts are a way of simply saying thank you to those who have served our country.

Nominations for Quilts of Valor can be made at <https://www.qovf.org/nominations-awards/>.

keep busy and get one's daily exercises.

Come July 9th, my wife, Helen, and I will celebrate our 74th wedding anniversary. We have attended many reunions over the years and have enjoyed every one.

I want to express our thanks to all [for] the hard work you do for the Pups. If it were not for folks like you, we would be forgotten. So, a *big thanks to all who serve*.

Bless you all,

—Joe DeVaux

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## TW Honored in Local Service Banner

LAST FALL, THE SURVIVING NIECES AND NEPHEWS OF Ralph “Bud” Shank (413 K) honored their uncle by purchasing a banner in his honor for the “Hometown Heroes” project in his hometown community of Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Pictured here is David A. Weaver, the son of Bud’s sister Thelma (Shank) Weaver (and the father of this newsletter’s editor, Jen Weaver-Neist).



## Email to the HOWL Editor

APRIL 18, 2022

Greetings, Jen!

My name is Joe C. DeVaux, 413th, Co. G. I was in the weapons platoon, machine gun section, and joined as a replacement in January 1945.

In connection with the request for pictures in the last *Timberwolf HOWL*, I am enclosing a picture of me on my 98th birthday [see the Roll Call on page 8].

I'm still driving but not very much these days. As of May 2, I have been retired 40 years from my job at the Seattle Engineering Department. It's been a wonderful retirement, but one must



## The Last Bugle Call



**At the going down  
of the sun & in the  
morning**

**We will  
remember them.**

Vernon Charles Bruton  
414 G

Thomas B. Corning  
413 B

Donald Wilbur Hanson  
Unit unknown

Grandon Tolstedt  
414 A

### **WIFE or WIDOW**

Rosemarie Capone  
415 E (Joseph)

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## TW Tracks in History

### Disaster at the Erft Canal

SINCE CROSSING THE SWOLLEN ROER RIVER ON 23 February, 1945, the fighting Timberwolves had eliminated all resistance in the hilly terrain east of the river, and cleared a path for the 3rd Armored Division to break out onto the flat Cologne Plain. The plain was perfect tank country, and 3rd Armored now assumed the lead, racing toward the Erft Canal, the last water barrier before the Rhine River. The 413th and 414th Regiments followed close behind, leap frogging their battalions from town to town. The 415th went into reserve a short distance to the rear.

Late in the afternoon of 27 February, 3rd Armored moved north out of the 104th Division zone, and 413th and 414th Regiments sent patrols forward to the Erft Canal. By the 28th, the Division had reached the canal, and all units were positioning for an assault crossing. Three towns lay east of the canal. A high ridge ran behind the towns directly across the 104th Division front.

In the evening, General Allen and the new assistant Division commander, Colonel George A. Smith, Jr., met with unit commanders at the Division command post in Buir. Smith had replaced General Moore on the 26th when Moore had assumed command of the 8th Infantry Division. Smith went forward with some of the other officers to the 2nd Battalion, 414th, command post so he could meet its officers. General Allen did not accompany them.

On the way to 2nd Battalion, Colonel Anthony Touart, commanding officer of the 414th Regiment, stopped off at Lt. Colonel Robert Clark's 1st Battalion, 414th, to see how preparations were coming along. (The Tony Touart and Bob Clark families had become close friends back in the States.)

"Just prior to 0300, a heavy artillery shell demolished the 2nd Battalion, 414th Infantry, command post [*Timberwolf Tracks*, page 257]. Colonel Smith, Colonel Touart, and Lt. Colonel Joseph Cummins, commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 414th Infantry Regiment, were killed instantly when the wall behind the couch on which they were sitting collapsed onto them. The shell itself was a dud and did not explode. According to *Timberwolf Tracks* (page 259), the attack across the Erft Canal was just beginning.

Deeply affected by Tony Touart's death, Bob Clark wondered for the rest of his life if he could have said or done anything differently that night that would have convinced the colonel to stay with him rather than going on to the 2nd Battalion command post.

—Kathy Clark, NTPA Historian  
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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](http://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 22, 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 22, 2022				
		Price Per	# of People	Subtotal
<b>TOURS</b>				
<b>Wed. (9/21): FORT DOUGLAS WALKING TOUR</b>	2:30 PM	\$ 20	x	= \$
<b>Thurs. (9/22): SNOWBIRD SKI RESORT &amp; PARK CITY TOUR</b>	10:30 AM to 8:30 PM	\$ 99	x	= \$
<b>Friday (9/23): HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM &amp; OGDEN UNION STATION MUSEUMS</b>	9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	\$ 85	x	= \$
<b>BANQUET</b>				
<b>Sat. (9/24): Banquet Buffet</b>	6:00 PM to 10:00 PM			
* Includes wine & beer				
* Cost is included in the registration fee below				
<b>ADDITIONAL EXPENSES</b>				
<b>REQUIRED:</b> Per-Person Registration Fee (\$90 before 8/22; \$100 after 8/22)		\$	x	= \$
<b>OPTIONAL:</b> Reunion Photo CD (prepared by NTPA Photographer Art Luque)		\$ 25	x	= \$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u></b>				\$

**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 22, 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 22, 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

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY PARK  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
SEPTEMBER 21–25, 2022

#### SCHEDULE of EVENTS

##### Wednesday, September 21

Reunion Registration open 8:30 AM–10:30 AM  
FORT DOUGLAS WALKING TOUR 2:30 PM–4:00 PM  
(Tour end time is approximate.)  
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 22

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 23

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 24

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

##### Sunday, September 25

Farewells and Departures

#### TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

##### SNOWBIRD SKI RESORT & PARK CITY TOUR

**Thursday, September 22:** 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.

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##### HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM & OGDEN UNION STATION MUSEUMS

**Friday, September 23:** 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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### RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please call one of the numbers above and reference the 104th Timberwolf Pups or go directly to our online group page to register: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1653423816660&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. You can also call Tiffany, our Marriott coordinator, directly, if that is preferable: (801) 584-3310.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Be sure that you are registering at the Marriott University Park and not the downtown Marriott.\*

**Group Name:** 104th Timberwolf Pups

**Reunion Dates:** September 21–25, 2022

**Rate:** \$150 + tax (currently 13.8%) (Rate is honored 2 days prior to and 1 day after reunion dates. Does not include breakfast, but various coffee and restaurant options are located nearby.)

**Cut-off Date:** August 22, 2022 (Late reservations will be processed based on a space- or rate-availability basis.)

**No-Show/Cancellation Policy:** No-shows and cancellations made within 24 hours of the arrival date will be charged one-night's room rate plus tax.

### PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

There is no hotel shuttle to/from the airport, but the Marriott recommends Uber or UTE Cab. (UTE Cab offers reasonable rates and can be booked in advance: [801] 359-7788 / <https://utecabco.com/index.html>.) Free parking is available for paying guests and those traveling by RV.

### WHEELCHAIR RENTAL

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

## Photo Submission

### 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 8? 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](mailto:jen@damerocketpress.com) / 503.313.7899) or NTPA board member Jack Vallyely ([jack-vallyely@yahoo.com](mailto:jack-vallyely@yahoo.com) / 508.788.1868).

***Timberwolf up!***

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104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

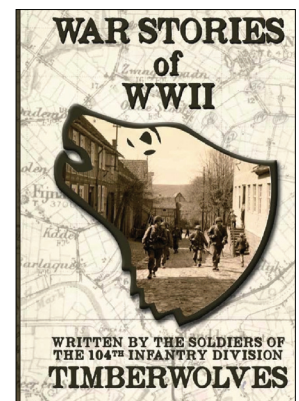
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