

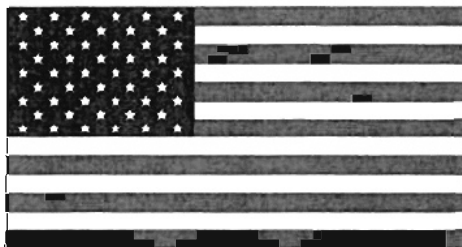
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Ray Brassard, *Secretary*



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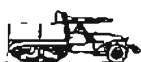


I AM AN AMERICAN MILITARY FIGHTING MAN.
I SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES WHICH GUARD
OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE. I AM
PREPARED TO GIVE MY LIFE IN MY COUNTRY'S
DEFENSE. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT I AM AN
AMERICAN FIGHTING MAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR
MY ACTIONS, AND DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MADE OUR COUNTRY FREE.
I WILL CONTINUE TO TRUST IN MY GOD AND IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE REUNION

The 774th Tank Destroyer Battalion Association wrote another chapter in its long history book. There were 12 members attending out of the 49 members we have on the master roster, wives, friends and guests made a total of 65 people that attended 23rd. Annual Reunion. I want to thank Karin Burk and Joanne Ridner for reading poems written by their father, CWO. Carl Peterson during World War II.

Congratulations to Tim Duncan on his election to 2nd. Vice President.
All Officers elected to remain in office.



A FACT

Sacrifice, not selfishness, must be the eternal price of liberty.

Vigilance, not appeasement, is the byword of living in freedom". ~ General Omar Bradley ~

MEMBERS THAT WERE ON SICK CALL

Members that have always attended but were unable this year due to illness are.

Eugene Thorn is on oxygen 24-7

Robert Klein had medical appointments

Ray Mengani is on Dialysis 2 times a week.

George Marcinko had a Pace maker put in on September 26th. And is home doing fine.

Let's send card's and letter's out to your old comrades

MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT FOR DUTY

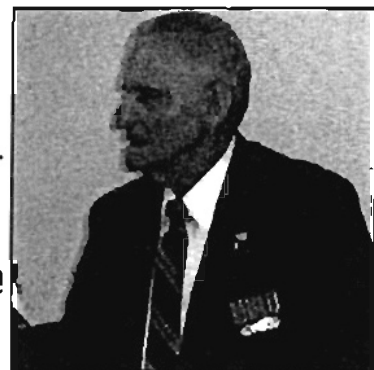


Front row left to right: John Gilmour 771st.T.D. Bn., Harry Simpson, Orrin Willson, Henry Kobout JR., Carl Peterson Back row left to right: Otha Joyner, Art Pelkey, Ray Brassard, Alvin Mancini, Donnis Fields, Henry Ruess, and Tim Duncan.

Not in the picture, Henry Herte who was on K.P.

All personnel were given KP or Guard Duty except Tim Duncan.

It was in the newsletter where it was noted that the Memorial Dinner was military function and uniforms and medals were authorized to wear. Tim wore his medals therefore was excused from extra duty. Most members said that they could not get into their uniforms. I don't believe that their medals were too heavy too wear!



TANK YOU

Inez and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and attendance, it makes all the work that Inez and I put in makes it worth while. Here are just a few pictures of the Reunion. If you have any you would like to share with us please send them along for the next newsletter.





Karin Burk



Joanne Ridner



Susan Litchenstein



Ann Donahue



Lt. General James Vaught

2006 REUNION



V.F.W. POST 10420 Honor Guard



Skip Hogan



Colonel Jack Litchenstein



Michael and Alvin Mancini



Pattie and Phil Doti



MESSAGE FROM INEZ

I'll always remember your kindness, your sympathy cards and letters I received during the loss of my mother. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(BECKY loved to come too the reunion each year)

Inez Pelkey

TAPPS



We wish our most sincere sympathy to the families of our deceased members and comrades in arms.

May the Lord bless and watch over you in these difficult days.

ROBERT WIESENHAN

" R" October 10, 2006



IN MEMORY

PAT KERZNER wife of Past President FRANK KERZNER

October 1, 2006

THE GREATEST GENERATION

The year was 1941 and Robert F. Wiesehan joined up.
He became a soldier at the age of 22, barely a grownup.
But he left his trade as a Painter to become part of the Army.
He went through basic training as did the many.
Then he was sent to protect a foreign land.
Landing at Utah Beach, France in the sand.
A part of the 774th. Tank Destroyer Battalion.
He rode a motorcycle for Recon like a wild stallion.
Five days he was there when shrapnel flew.
He was laid down with injuries, but came through.
They shipped him to England to recuperate.
And there he met Emma Randle who would be his mate.
They married in 1945 and he brought her here.
To this great America that he loved so dear.
They made their home in White Oak
And two years later a son into this world awoke.
He never forgot the reason he went to France.
He gave of his time in VFW and Cooties at every chance.
That is why the men and women of that time were fine.
And called the GREATEST GENERATION OF ALL TIME
Written by Sharon Wiesehan



A FACT OF LIFE

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you,
Jesus Christ and the American Service Man.
One died for your soul;
The other for your freedom.

Many seem to have forgotten both of them

A TANK YOU FOR SURPRISE

Inez and I were presented with two Gift Certificates from the Chestnut Hill Restaurant for \$40.00 each by Karin Burk in behalf of all attending for the work we do for the reunion.

DONATIONS

I received a total of \$2152.00 between the 2005 and 2006 reunions and want to thank everyone for their donations they help with the hospitality room, postage and office supplies.

DUES-DUES-DUES

Most members have paid their dues in advance therefore we have very little income this year. Now with only 49 members on the master roster. Please send in your dues now that way, I won't have to send out notices to you and spend postage.

DON'T FORGET DECEMBER 7th. PEARL HARBOR DAY

DECEMBER 16, 1944, THE BULGE NEVER BREAKS

During the last stages of World War II's European conflict, Hitler sends 30 divisions—totaling 250,000 troops—against the thinly held Allied line in the Ardennes region straddling Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. The ambitious attack completely surprises Allied Supreme Commander Gen. Eisenhower, who had been coordinating the Allied advance toward Berlin. Hitler's plan to drive a wedge between the advancing American and British forces created a dangerous bulge deep into Allied lines, but eventually stalls. By January the German army has suffered 100,000 casualties and is forced to retreat—concluding its last major offensive, known as the Battle of the Bulge in the Western European Theater.

Happy Holidays

Inez and I want to wish everyone and their family

Happy Holiday's and a Happy New Year

Arthur Pelkey, President

Inez Pelkey, Treasurer

