



# TANK DESTROYER NEWSLETTER

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Committee To Establish A WWII  
TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION!  
Acting Chairman: Marsh Hanks.



Tank Destroyer Assn.,  
Post Office Box "00",  
Tiburon, CA 94920



## IT'S BEEN

## TEN YEARS!

The National TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION was the concept of Marshall "Marsh" Hanks (818th & 808th TD Bns) for several years before his call to active duty in mid-1988. Marsh contacted nearly a dozen TDers for a "Barnstorming Session" in Sausalito, Ca. to propose a nationwide effort to "TELL THE STORY OF THE TANK DESTROYER FORCES WORLD WAR II". And, as you know, we have told the story of the Tank Destroyer Forces from "shore to shore" to many-many families and friends of the TD veterans!

### Presidents Message

#### "Going out of Business"

Fellow TDers: The Officers of the TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION (TDA) have determined that the National Association will start phasing out of business after October of this year. The decision was not made abruptly or in the face of any problems internally or externally; frankly, we feel that we have accomplished those objectives which we established at the beginning of TDA in March of 1981 as part of our first Newsletter.

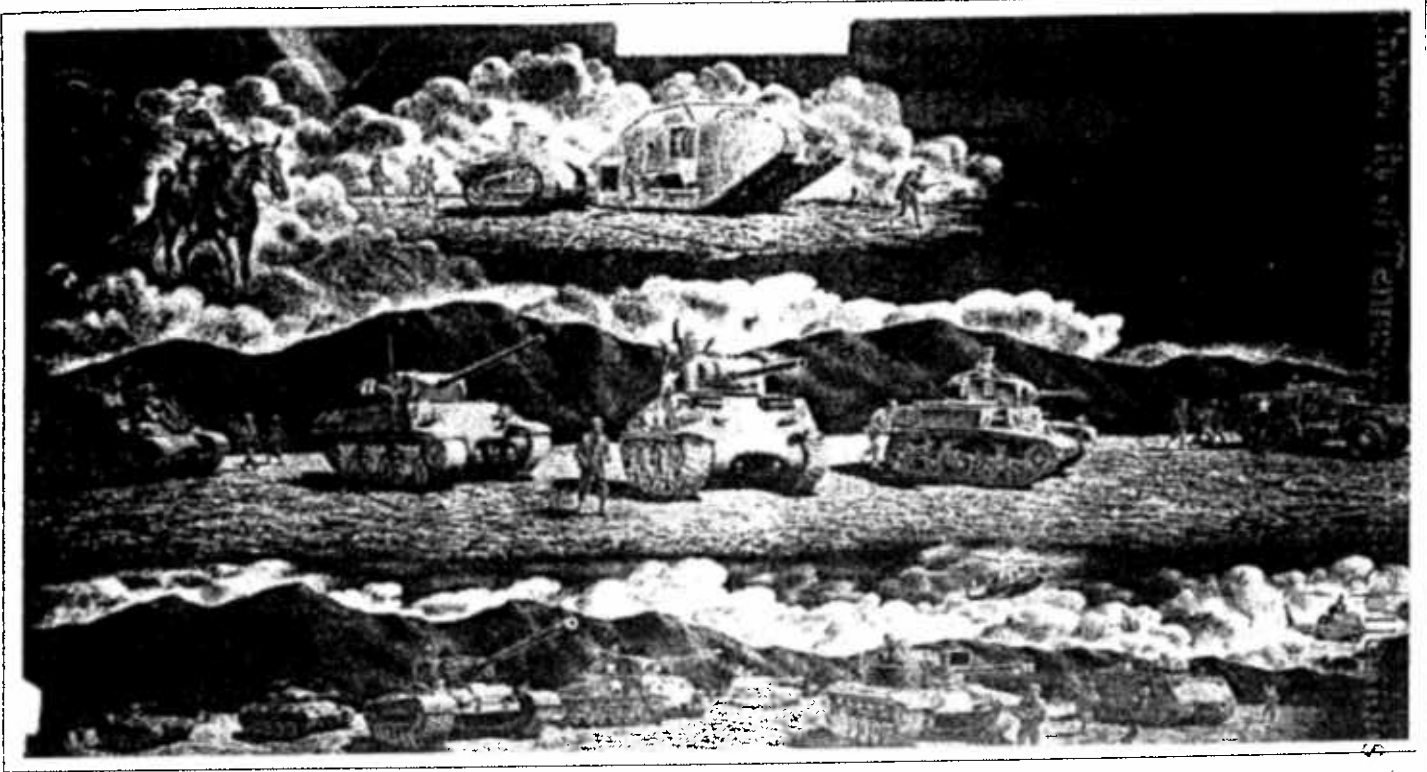
- \* To tell the story (a history) of the Tank Destroyer Forces. (by TURNER PUBLICATIONS)
- \* To locate veterans of the Tank Destroyer Forces and publish a periodic Newsletter. (10, 1985)
- \* To establish a permanent Tank Destroyer Museum to commemorate the WW II activities of the Tank Destroyer Forces. (FORT LANG, KENTUCKY)
- \* To establish a memorial dedicated to the Tank Destroyer Forces of WW II. (FORT HOOD, TEXAS)
- \* To collect and disseminate information to the veteran and dependents regarding rights and benefits to which they may be entitled. (WE HOPE WE HAVE SOME WELL.)

Additionally, the PATTON MUSEUM OF CAVALRY AND ARMOR has set aside a beautiful area of its ARMORED FORCES MEMORIAL GROVE to receive individual Tank Destroyer Unit memorials. As part of the third

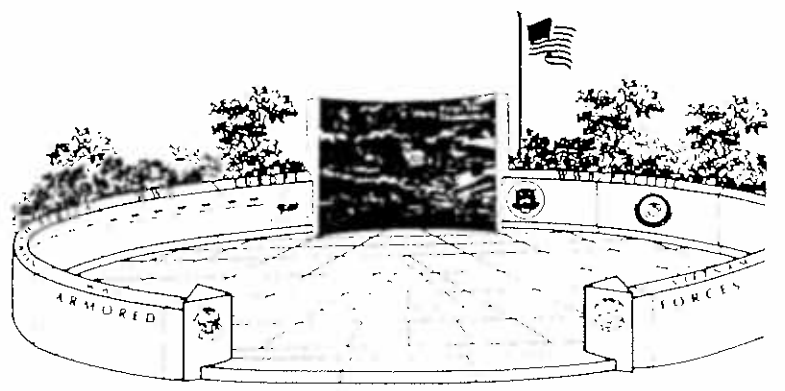
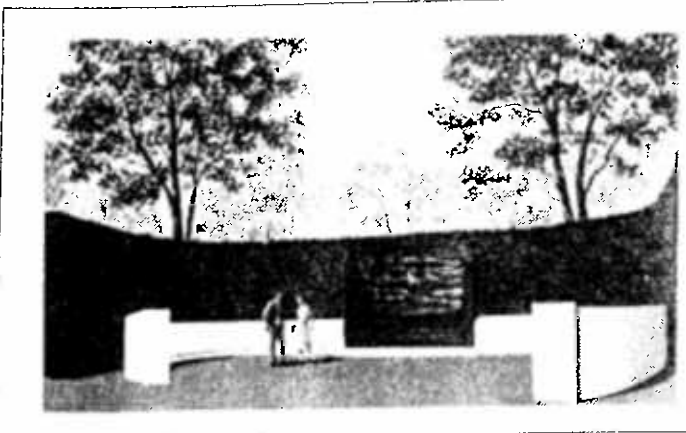
National Tank Destroyer Association Reunion in 1989 we set a central memorial to the Tank Destroyer Forces where individual units would add their unit memorials circled around the core stone set by the TDA.

TDA continues to strongly request the individual TDer to generously contribute to the ARMORED FORCES MONUMENT honoring "MEN OF STEEL" and our prominent place on the Monument with our Tank Destroyer Forces insignia and listing of TD units of WW II. Please give now!!! TDA has been returning recent contributions with our thanks! We are making arrangements to transfer contributed items to Fort Knox as well as any moneys remaining from operations of TDA.

ARMORED FORCES MEMORIAL  
MEMORIAL DRIVE... 'AVENUE OF HEROES'  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA



THE MEMORIALS MAGNIFICENT CENTERPIECE  
DEPICTING THE EVOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMORED FORCES  
FROM THE CAVALRY thru WW I, WW II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM.



ARTIST'S RENDERING

MEMORIAL PANEL AND ENGRAVING

# ARMORED FORCE MONUMENT FUND

EACH OF US ARE ASKED TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS CALL FOR FUNDING

## My Contribution (tax deductible)

Here is MY CONTRIBUTION to build our monument. All Contributions will be recorded and acknowledged.  
(circle one)

\$10    \$25    \$50    \$Other

My unit was \_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Battalion/Squadron/Division

Please make check payable to:  
Armored Force Monument Fund

Mail to: Armored Forces Monument Fund  
P.O. Box 1146  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211

## A REMINDER

OUR NEWSLETTERS, FROM NUMBER 20 TO THIS PRINTING, HAVE ASKED OUR READERS TO BE GENEROUS IN THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARMORED FORCE MONUMENT FUND. THE TIME IS GROWING SHORT FOR OUR EFFORTS...CAN YOU HELP TODAY?

S.J. Res 43

## Ninety-ninth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begin and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six

### Joint Resolution

Authorizing establishment of a memorial to honor the American Armored Force.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORIAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), the organizations specified in subsection (b) are authorized jointly to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the American Armored Force who have served in armored units. The memorial shall commemorate the exceptional professionalism of the members of the American Armored Force and their efforts to maintain peace worldwide.

(b) ORGANIZATIONS.—The organizations referred to in subsection (a) are: the Armored Force Monument Committee, the United States Armor Association, the United States Field Artillery Association, the World War Tank Corps Association, the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Association, the Tank Destroyer Association, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 16th Armored Division Associations, the Council of Armored Division Associations, and the National Association of Uniformed Services.

(c) STANDARDS.—The memorial shall be established in accordance with the standards set forth in H.R. 4378, as passed by the Senate with amendments on September 10, 1986, and further amended by the House of Representatives on September 29, 1986, except that section 6(b)(1) of H.R. 4378 shall not apply to the memorial.

#### SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.

The United States shall not pay any expense of establishment of the memorial.

*Thomas S. Omiff*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

*Strom Thurmond*  
Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate

APPROVED

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*Ronald Reagan*

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

May 1990

Resolution No. 327

SUPPORT ERECTION OF THE ARMORED FORCES MONUMENT AT THE ENTRANCE AREA OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AS A MEMORIAL TO HONOR OUR ARMORED FORCES. This is an urgent call to action to support Resolution 327 passed by the delegates at the 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 18-25, 1990.

With a scheduled dedication date for the Armored Forces Monument on Veterans Day, November 11, 1990, the Armored Forces Monument Committee has stated, "400,000 is needed to erect the Monument and approximately \$200,000 has been raised." Accordingly, total funding must be completed to permit construction to begin in June 1990.

This monument is funded entirely by private funds for veterans by veterans as a gift to the American people in the spirit of:

"THEIR VALOR IS YOUR HERITAGE"

In view of an immediate need for funding, please give this appeal priority and strong consideration. Contributions can be sent directly to:

Armored Forces Monument Fund  
P.O. Box 1146  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211

The Armored Forces Monument Committee will acknowledge all contributions and notify VFW National Headquarters of your support.

With best regards, I remain

Yours in comradeship,

*Walter G. Hogan*  
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Commander-in-Chief

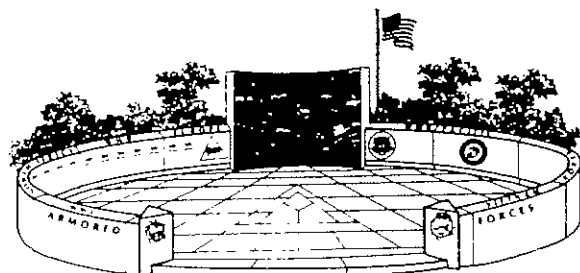
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## ARMORED FORCE

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ARMORED FORCES MEMORIAL  
MONUMENT COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 1146, FORT MYER, VIRGINIA

## PROFILE OF THE MEMORIAL ARCHITECT

THE ARMORED FORCE MONUMENT COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE THE DISTINGUISHED HAROLD J. SCHALLER, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COMMEMORATIVE ART, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF PEACOCK MEMORIALS OF VALHALLA, NY.

HAROLD SCHALLER HAS DESIGNED WAR MEMORIALS FOR THE "RAINBOW DIVISION" IN NEW YORK STATE AND TWO

MEMORIALS FOR THE 101st AIRBORNE DIV. (ONE MEMORIAL IS OPPOSITE THE SITE WHERE THE ARMORED FORCES MONUMENT WILL BE ERECTED. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED DESIGNER AND BUILDER OF MEMORIALS.



# NATIONAL TD REUNION

TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION-3050 HARCROSS RD., REDWOOD CITY, CA. 94062

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THE NIGHT BEFORE REGISTRATION BEGINS! TDA SECRETARY ALEX WOODSIDE CHECKING.

WELCOME !

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR TDA 1989 NATIONAL REUNION AT LOUISVILLE / FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY.

REUNION CHAIRMAN QUINT ATKINSON HAD A REUNION PARTY IN LOUISVILLE / FORT KNOX, KY!

WE THINK YOU WILL ENJOY OUR PICTURE GROUPS FOR THE THREE DAYS OF ACTIVE EVENTS FOR THE TDers, SPOUCES AND GUESTS.

WE HAD 330 REGISTRATIONS FROM 35 STATES, REPRESENTING 54 TD UNITS, THE LARGEST WITH 74 FROM THE 823RD

AND THE NEXT LARGEST THE 640TH WITH 38!

SO MANY OF US WANT TO THANK PATTON MUSEUMS NR JOHN PURDY FOR HIS ARRANGEMENTS AT FORT KNOX AND HIS HOSPITALITY

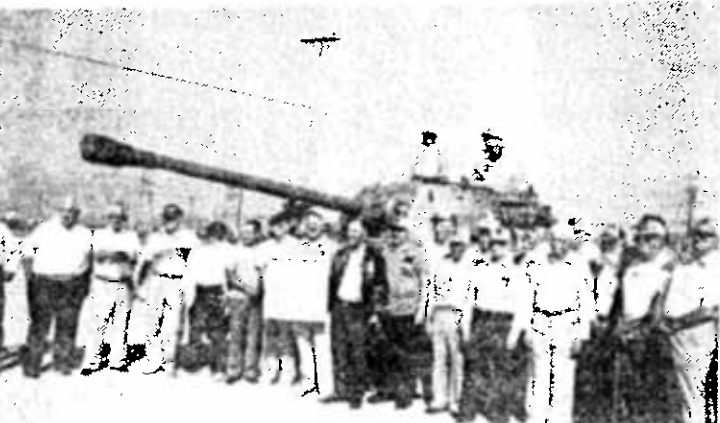
AND THANKS TO QUINT FOR HIS GREAT ASSEMBLY OF THOSE PEOPLE AND SERVICES WHICH MADE THIS REUNION SUCH A POUNDING MILLED SUCCESS!



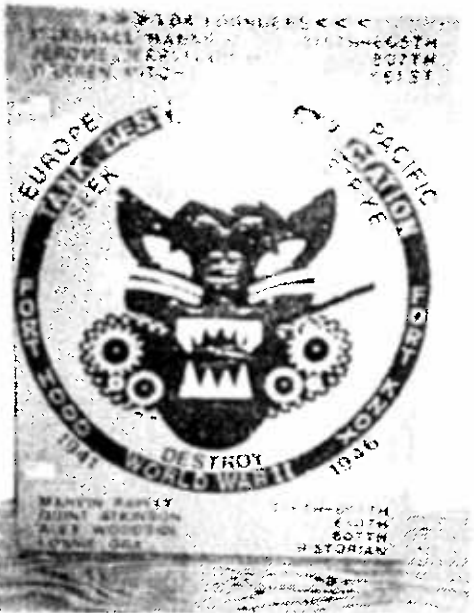
REGISTRATION AT THE REUNION. REUNION CHAIRMAN QUINT ATKINSON CHECKING WITH DOROTHY MITCHELL & ANN RAVE



WARREN MITCHELL THANKS JOHN VALLUZZO, MM6SNE, AND THE CONNECTICUT ANG FOR BRINGING THE M-19 TO THE TDA



SOME MIGHT PROUD TDers GATHER IN FRONT OF THE M-19 AFTER WAITING 44 YEARS TO DRIVE A DESTROYER AGAIN!



THANK YOU JOHN & FLORENCE KOMAR-891st BEAUTIFUL 16" x 24" TDA FOUNDERS PLAQUE

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OUR THURSDAY EVENING VESSEL FOR DINNER AND CRUISING THE OHIO RIVER & VIEW THE NIGHT LIGHTS OF LOUISVILLE



TANK DESTROYER FORCES MEMORIAL ARMOR MEMORIAL PARK, Ft. KNOX, KY

BUSINESS LUNCHEON AT FT. KNOX OFFICERS CLUB. MUSEUM ADMINISTRATORS & ARMOR ASSN. MEET WITH TDA OFFICERS.



TDA OFFICERS GOEPPNER, RAVELY, WOODSIDE, MITCHELL AND ATKINSON AT THE TANK DESTROYER FORCES MEMORIAL.



REUNION BANQUET AT THE GALT HOUSE, LOUISVILLE, KY. TDeRS, SPOUCES AND GUESTS ENJOY THE EVENING PROGRAM.



HOSPITALITY ROOM BY THE MILITARY MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND. DOLORES AND JOHN PLANNING WITH QUINT.

Special

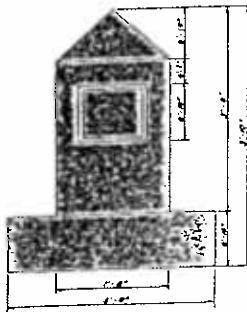
# ARMOR MEMORIAL PARK

PATTON MUSEUM OF CAVALRY AND ARMOR  
 UNITED STATES ARMY ARMOR CENTER FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

THE UNITED STATES ARMY ARMOR CENTER MEMORIAL PARK  
IS DEDICATED TO THE SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT WITH ARMOR  
IN WARS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

## TANK DESTROYER BATTALION MEMORIAL

The dimensions of the base, column and brass plaque are set down to offer a scale dimension of the Battalion Monument.



## TANK DESTROYER BATTALION MEMORIAL ORDERING INFORMATION

Keith Monument Co. Inc.  
 P. O. Box 360  
 Elizabethtown, KY 40127  
 1-502-769-5955

ITEM COST:  
 Monument (column-20"sq x 36" AP) \$1,060  
 Base (36" x 36" x 10") \$ 75  
 Carving (optional-recommended) \$ 180  
 Plaque (Bronze-12" x 10" ea: Max) \$ 180

TOTAL: \$2,095

NOTE: PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORDER BY TELEPHONE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY ARMOR CENTER AND FORT KNOX  
 FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY 40121-5025



ATTENTION OF:

G-3/Directorate of Plans, Training,  
 and Mobilization

02 AUG 1990

Tank Destroyer Association  
 Mr. Warren Mitchell  
 3050 Harross Road  
 Redwood City, California 94062

Warren Mitchell:

The U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox was host to 10,000 visitors July 10 for a day-long celebration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Armored Force. By all indications, the day was a tremendous success, highlighted by the dedication of Armor Memorial Park with its impressive new entrance by the Patton Museum.

A major part of our 58th anniversary celebration extending into 1995 is special recognition of the sacrifice and dedication of all armored divisions, separate tank and tank destroyer battalions, and mechanized cavalry units, during World War II and afterwards. As Chief of Armor, I am presenting to each of these unit associations a commemorative coin struck especially to honor Armor's golden anniversary.

The coin is small, but what it represents in terms of lives lost, injuries suffered and the bereavement of anguished families is incalculable. I reserved a coin for the Tank Destroyer Association as a token of what Armor has done, and will continue to do, in defense of America's freedom and that of peace-loving countries throughout the world.

Sincerely,  
  
 Thomas C. Foley  
 Major General, U.S. Army  
 Chief of Armor

Enclosure



DISTINGUISHED AWARD  
 THE TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION  
 IS HONORED TO ACCEPT THE CHIEF  
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## Tank Destroyer Association History Book

The Tank Destroyer Association Officers and Honorary Historian Lonnie Gill take great pleasure in announcing that Turner Publishing Company has been authorized to publish a comprehensive chronology of the people, places, times, and events that have shaped the TANK DESTROYERS FORCES of WORLD WAR II. The Tank Destroyers Association through the many fine efforts and great recommendations of Lonnie Gill, has been compiling Battalion and Tank Destroyer Group Histories, historical facts, many, many pictures, and your personal stateside and war time contributions to the "Mail Call" and the "We Get Letters" columns of the Tank Destroyer Association Newsletter. The hardbound commemorative book will also include biographical sketches of the men who served with the Tank Destroyers, maps, charts, and much more.

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### TANK DESTROYER HISTORY BOOK

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**TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - - AUGUST 26, 198**

LtoR(back): Warren Mitchell, Marshall Hanks (FOUNDER), Jerry Cohen  
LtoR(Front): Marvin Ravelly and Quintus Atkinson

**WE ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS... See Presidents Message.**

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