

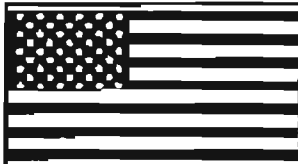
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FREEDOM IRAQ



I want to take this opportunity to honor and pay tribute to the men and women in our armed forces for the outstanding way they performed their mission with professional skill and leadership.

Let's not forget our prisoners of war (POW) and missing in action (MIA) personnel from all the conflicts of the Armed Forces and keep them in our prayers.

God Bless our troops and America.

Arthur E. Pelkey

**GET READY FOR OUR 22ND ANNUAL REUNION
 AND TO CELEBRATE OUR 64TH ANNIVERSARY AS A COMBAT UNIT DURING WWII**

ROLL CALL WILL BE TAKEN AND ALL PERSONNEL WITH OUT A GOOD EXCUSE WILL BE CHARGED AS A.W.O.L. PASSES AND LEAVE WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE REUNION, SEE YOUR 1ST. SGT.

The 22nd. Annual reunion will be held at the OCEAN FOREST PLAZA, MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. FROM THE OCTOBER 2ND. thru OCTOBER 5TH. 2005.

DON'T MISS IT BE THERE.

The hospitality room on the 7th floor will be open at 12:00 noon on Sunday to meet your old comrades. Cold drinks and snacks will be available. Rooms will be ready a 3:00 pm.

22nd. ANNUAL REUNION

22 Years we have been getting together to renew old friendships and meet new friends and this year is no different but how many more can we have. So if you can possibly make a reunion do it before it is too late. We would be happy to see some old comrades that have missed out on a great time.

We welcome all the new relatives of members to attend to honor their father, grandfather, uncle who was a member of the greatest generation.



REUNION SCHEDULE

It became a tradition to arrive on Sunday to meet and greet old comrades and renew old times that only they can amongst themselves.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd —There is no scheduled activity today. The hospitality room will be open at 12 noon, sign in, check your room and then come to the hospitality room on the 7th. floor for a cool drink, relax and see if you recognize any new old comrades. We have been going out for dinner the past few years as a group, check with Inez for info.

MONDAY OCTOBER 3rd —Again no scheduled activity other than shopping, laying on the beach (don't forget your bikini and sun tan lotion), again contact Inez for dinner tonight.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4th—Registration and pay dues at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Cocktail hour from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm, MEMORIAL DINNER in HONOR of our FALLEN COMRADES at 7:00 pm. *Coat and tie are requested.*

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5th— You get the day off to do what you wish to do. Check out the local area there a lot of new things to do. Go to Broadway at the Beach and have a nice walk and do some shopping but be back at **Ocean Forest Plaza** and ready to board the bus at 4:45 pm to go to the **Pine Lakes International Golf Club** for dinner and then to the **Alabama Theater** for great show and back to the hotel. Don't miss out on this great evening

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6th—The membership will be held in the Hospitality Room at 9:00 am. Again you're free to do what ever you wish. Check out Barefoot Landing in North Myrtle Beach, for a nice walk.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7th —Inez and I hope you enjoyed the Plaza, food and the show and most of all your reunion Sign out and have a safe trip home. We hope to see you all next October. Farewell

PLEASE NOTE: BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED IN THE DINNING ROOM EACH MORNING FROM 7:00 AM TO 9:00 AM. EACH PERSON WILL BE GIVEN A VOUCHER FOR EACH DAY WHEN YOU SIGN IN IF YOU DONT GET ONE ASK FOR ONE. --- GRATUITY IS NOT INCLUDED.

HUMOR

Old age is when former classmates are so gray, wrinkled and bald they don't recognize you.

If you don't laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.



Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long hard way and some of the roads weren't paved.



SCHEDULED COMPLEMENTARY AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Sands Resorts operate the Ocean Forest Plaza and provides a scheduled complementary airport service. Guest who utilize this service **MUST** make prior arrangements. For arrival pickup, the guest **MUST** make arrangements when making room reservations with Central Reservations. For departure to the Airport, make arrangements with Guest Services Department or from the front desk.

PLAZA RESERVATION ORANGE FORM

We have about 3 months until October 2nd, so we better get started with the **Plaza Reservation (ORANGE FORM)**

Please read and follow the instructions carefully so the Plaza and I can plan for the number of rooms and food. The rate you choose **INCLUDES YOUR ROOM, BREAKFAST AND TAXES. GRATUITY IS NOT INCLUDED.** Please return the orange form to the **Sands Resorts** in the envelope provided no later than August 15th as requested by Sands Resorts. *Sands Resorts owns the Ocean Forest plaza.*

ATTENDANCE GREEN FORM

The **GREEN** attendance form is very important for our planning to make reservations for food and bus. Please send to me **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15TH.** A lot of planning and people help us prepare to plan a better reunion. **AND YOU CAN HELP ME BY BEING ON TIME FOR ALL DATES AND FUNCTIONS, TANK YOU.**

LOCAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Personnel coming in on U.S. 501 should take Veterans Hwy.22 called the Conway bypass near Aynor and go to HWY. 17, then go south to Myrtle Beach and follow the map in your packet to the Ocean Forest Plaza.

Personnel coming in on U.S. 378 to Conway stay on U.S. 378 until you get to Veterans Hwy. Take Veterans Hwy 22 to Hwy. 17 and go south to Myrtle Beach and follow the map.

Personnel coming from the north down I 95 should take U.S. 40 exit 81B east to Wilmington just south of Smithfield, N.C. and go east to U.S. 17 and head south to Myrtle Beach and follow map.

Personnel coming from the south on U.S. 17 take a right onto 79th Ave. in Myrtle Beach and turn right on Ocean Boulevard. Ocean Forest Plaza will be on the right.

Call if you need further directions our cell 1-853-421-5382 or 5382



TAPPS

It is with deep and sad regret that I have to relay to the membership that the following members have passed away since the last newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.



JOSEPH CARMELLO	H CO	DEC 19, 1996
JOE ELLIOTT	H CO	MARCH 26, 2005
RUSSELL CLARK	? CO	April 2, 2005
HENRY FAULKNER	? CO	May 5, 2005
CARL ALBRIGHT	A CO	May 19, 2005

SICKNESS

ROSE SIMPSON had a spur removed from her shoulder during March, is doing fine.

TIM DUNCAN sprained his ankle but is doing well now.

ROBERT WIESEHAN had a Cancer removed from his bladder in out patient, is home.

LUCILLE JOYNER had a viral infection, the flu and pneumonia.

DEBRIA PERRY had the flu that developed into bronchitis and then pneumonia.

NEW CONTACTS

MICHAEL P. BUTLER nephew of Capt JAMES D. BUTLER of "A" Co. who was killed in action found our web site and wanted to add his father HARLEY D. BUTLER and his name to our mailing list.

LAUREAN CLOVER niece of JOSEPH P. CHARETTE, who was killed in action, found our website. She contacted me and wanted to be added to our roster and may attend the reunion.

JOSEPH CARR son of WALTER J. CARR of "C" CO. found our website and wanted to be added to our roster. Walter is in a nursing home HIS ADDRESS IS:

WALTER J. CARR
GATEWAY CARE CENTER
139 Grant Ave.
EATONTOWN, N.J. 07724

SANDY KOONTZ daughter of RUSSELL CLARK, who passed away on April 2 2005, wanted to receive the newsletter.

JOAN CARMELLO granddaughter of JOSEPH CARMELLO, who was a MEDIC a lot of you should remember, wanted the newsletter and may attend reunion.

ANNE ROOD daughter of Capt. JOSEPH ROOD found our web site and said," her father was very proud of the unit and the men and would enjoy the 774th. Website.

The web site has proved to be a valuable tool for people looking for the 774th. Tank Destroyer BN. to find a member that knew their loved one.



DUES- DUES-DUES

Dues are a sore subject. Some times I wonder if members read the newsletter or if they even receive it because they don't respond when told by a **RED DOT** how many years they are behind. Sending mail cost the association money, if you do not want to receive the newsletter please send me a note or call me at 1-843-497-0527 or cell 1-843-421-5383.

MASTER ROSTER

Please help me keep the master roster accurate and inform me of any changes in phone numbers, zip code or address.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NEWSLETTER

Keep those e-mail letters, cards, jokes and phone calls coming in. I may not use them all but we enjoy getting them.

The newsletter provides information for and about the 774th, Tank Destroyer Battalion Association and will contain any information sent in from the membership.

Contact me at 1-843-497-0527 or 1-842-421-5383 or 5382

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

It is the Veteran, not the preacher, who gave us freedom of religion.

It is the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press

It is the Veteran, not the poet, who gave us freedom of speech.

It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer, who gave us freedom to assemble.

It is the Veteran, not the lawyer, who gave us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Veteran, not the politician, who gave the right to vote.

And if you can read this, Thank a Veteran!!

✓ DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOU'RE CALENDERS FOR THE REUNION OCTOBER 2ND.

✓ FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

✓ HAVE A SAFE TRIP; WE WILL BE WAITING TO GREET YOU.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND ALL OF OUR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS WHERE EVER THEY MAYBE THRU-OUT THE WORLD.

Art Pelkey

President



Inez Pelkey

Treasurer

