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NEWSLETTER #69

774TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION 1941-1945

JULY 2009



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 AND FOR THOSE THAT
 HAVE NEVER FOUGHT FOR
 IT, THE TASTE IS SO SWEET
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 NEVER KNOW."**
GEN. G. PATTON



REUNION TIME AGAIN

The new officers are raring to go and put on a great reunion for you. So let's get out and support them with a large attendance again this year. The Reunion will be held at the Ocean Forest Plaza, Myrtle Beach, S.C. on October, 4th. thru. October 9th. 2009. 6 October will be Cocktail hour from 6:00 Pm. To 6:45 PM. The Memorial Dinner will be at 7:00 PM until.

The shows will be determined by the number of personnel that want to attend the shows. Get your reservations for rooms and dinner in early for planning purposes.

Room rates are as follow Single Occupancy \$89.50, Double Occupancy \$97.00, Triple Occupancy \$104.00 and Quad Occupancy \$111.00 the above package includes all room, tax/resort fees, breakfast, tax and gratuity charges per person per day. Vouchers are required for your breakfast; if you do not get them when you sign in ask for them.

Sunday and Monday evening we get together and go to a local restaurant as the hotel does not serve dinner. And on Wednesday and Thursday we go out to again and then you can go to a show on you own as we can not get a discount with so few people.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Get out your GPS and set it up for the OCEAN FOREST PLAZA, MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA and it will tell you how to get here, then set back and enjoy your trip.

Those that are flying upon landing at Myrtle Beach look for a person holding a sign SHUTTLE TO SANDS AND OCEAN FOREST PLAZA HOTELS IT'S FREE. LOOK FOR HIM.

If you need help call Art at 843.421.5383 The Hospitality Room will be open at 12 noon stop in for a cool drink, Rooms are not ready until 3:00 pm.



VETS CAN NOW SALUTE THE FLAG

A Congressional Amendment sponsored by **Senator James Inhofe** (R-OK) in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 specifically states that "members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute." Veterans can salute the flag during the National Anthem as well as well as during "the hoisting, lowering and the passing of the flag."

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," said Inhofe.

LETTER FROM THE NEW OFFICERS

Dear members of the 774th, family and friends,

Some time in the 1980's our parents began attending reunions of the 774th Tank Destroyer Battalion. They met many new friends who became a part of their lives for many years. It was apparent that the reunions were a very important part of their lives. Our family heard many stories about their new friends, and soon we were familiar with names, though not yet faces.

In recent years we have finally had the wonderful opportunity to attend these reunions in order to assist aging parents. It wasn't long before we were caught up in the excitement and importance of these events. We have met our parents' friends and have become fond of them ourselves. The 774th reunions have become such a meaningful part of our lives.

Our parents have recently passed on, but we do not want the legacy of what the "Greatest Generation" was, and is not to be forgotten. Many of the original soldiers attend the reunions with their families now, and we all have become a new "family". The children of the 774th wish to begin assuming the leadership of these important events, so that they may live on.

It is our hope that many new families will join us. You will meet wonderful people and make many new friends. You will experience a pride in your country. Please contact us and join us for a wonderful time. **Phone 908.272.4791, e-mail hjburk@comcast.net**

Karin Peterson Burk
1st Vice President

Joanna Peterson Ridner,
2nd. Vice President

Daughters of Carl Peterson, CWO

TAPPS

It is with great regret that I have to relay to you that the following member has passed away. Our thought and prayers are with the family and friends of...



ALVIN MANCINI

"B" CO.

JANUARY 20, 2009

ANTONIO MENGANI

"B" CO.

APRIL 5, 2009

CARL WHITE

"C" CO.

MAY 22, 2009

ERNEST J. ROBINSON

"H" CO.

JULY 9, 2009



ELECTION "08"

Americans grew tired of being thought to be dumb by the rest of the world, so they went to the polls and removed all doubt.

Unknown

A LITTLE HUMOR

The teacher asked Johnny to give her a sentence with "Fascinate".

His answer was, "I have ten buttons on my underwear, but I can only fasten eight."

SO WHY DID HE WEAR PISTOLS

George S. Patton was the only American ever granted the title "Master of the Sword" by the French Army Cavalry School at Saumur. So expert a swordsman was he that as a junior officer Patton had represented the United States in the 1912 Olympics, finishing fifth in the decathlon. Later, he even designed the last saber ever issued to the U.S. Cavalry, which is still in use for ceremonial occasions.

THE FIRST CASUALTY'S OF WORLD WAR II

Robert M. Losey, U.S. Army Air Force was the first American serviceman killed in World War II. The air attaché at the American embassy in Finland, Capt. Losey was killed during a Russian air raid on April 21, 1940.

The first German serviceman killed in the war was a Lieutenant Von Schmeling, a military adviser to the Nationalist Chinese who was killed in combat with the Japanese while commanding an infantry battalion of the 88th. An Infantry Division in the defense of Shanghai, late in the summer of 1937.

THIS WILL BE MY LAST NEWS LETTER

This will be my last newsletter for the 774th Tank Destroyer BN. I enjoyed writing up some of the stories and jokes sent in to me by members and hope you enjoyed the newsletters too.

The worst part of being President is trying to keep track of members and who was paid up on their dues. We have 37 members left on the Master Roster and 9 of them have not paid dues since 2005 that means they are 4 years behind with their dues. Getting the dues gave me a correct address, since most of them moved into a condo or with their children. Old addresses, zip codes and phones don't work now, or they may have passed away and no one has told me.

EUGENE THORN III WILL BE THE TREASURER

Inez Pelkey will maintain the treasure until the reunion and then Eugene will take it over. Inez did a fine job for 8 years maintaining the books without a complaint from anyone. Please send in your dues to Inez or I and for your food reservations for the reunion.

We want to thank everyone for their cooperation and help with the reunions.



PRESIDENT NICHOLAS DAVIES

NICK HAS TAKEN COMMAND OF THE 774TH Tank Destroyer Battalion Association and request that all correspondence be sent to:

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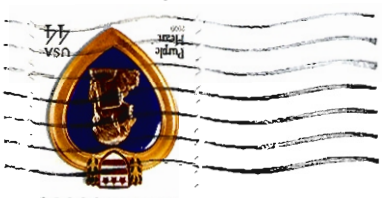
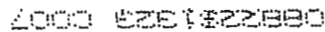
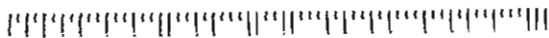
I CAN BE CONTACTED ON MY CELL PHONE AT 1.309.224.8321

MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS: daviesna@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to a great reunion again this year; it will be our learning year. We are open to any suggestions or ideas you may have.

Have a safe trip and ROLL TD'S ROLL!

Nick Davies
Nick Davies, President



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