

DEADEYE DISPATCH

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Official Newsletter of the 96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association

Spring, 2007



Reunion will be held last week in July

Deadeyes set to "invade" Salt Lake City

The 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association is back in action and all set to meet in Salt Lake City, Utah July 24-28, 2007.

This reunion will mark the second reunion held by the new association and will honor the efforts of all Deadeyes who have worn or are wearing the Double Diamond patch.

ring of the new association in Denver, which included a large contingent from the 96th RRC.

The event will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. Hotel and reunion registration material is located on pages 6-9 of this publication as well as online at 96th-infantry-deadeyes.org.

Reunion registration materials, hotel registration information, an events calendar, tour details and other travel information on Salt Lake City are inside on pages 6-9.

Like last year's reunion which was held in Denver, members of the 96th Regional Readiness Command and their families are invited and encouraged to attend all events.

Organizers have planned another exciting few days of activities, tours as well as down time for the Deadeyes to "catch up" with each other.

A good turnout is expected. Last year, over 500 attended the inaugural gath-



**96th Infantry Division
Deadeye Association
Reunion**

**July 24-28, 2007
Salt Lake City, Utah**



Temple Square... The beauty, heritage and sounds of this historic region are one of the many highlights of a visit to Salt Lake City.

Bronze Star ceremony to be held at reunion in July

During the General Membership Meeting of the Deadeye Association on the afternoon of July 27, there will be a ceremony to present the Bronze Star to eligible 96th Infantry Division World War II veterans. Our association president, MG Jim Collins, will make the presentation by presenting each Deadeye recipient a Bronze Star Lapel Pin in recognition of his meritorious achievement.

96th Infantry Division Veterans who were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) or the Combat Medical Badge (CMB) seeking the Bronze Star medal can request the Medal by writing to:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Phone: 703-325-8700

Please attach to your request a photocopy of the Army Order showing your award of the CIB or CMB, or a copy of your Discharge Form indicating award of the CIB or CMB.



To facilitate this ceremony and to verify eligible veterans, it is requested that each eligible veteran complete the short qualification form and preferably mail it to:

Don Dencker
128 N. Musket Ridge Dr.
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
Phone: 703-325-8700

Or, you can bring the completed form to the reunion and on arrival give it to Tom Roby or Don Dencker.

A copy of the "Bronze Star Qualification Form" can be found on page 11 of this issue of the Deadeye Dispatch.

Article in Fall Deadeye Dispatch Incomplete Clarification of Award of Bronze Star Medal

The article in the Fall, 2006 Deadeye Dispatch was incomplete and did not present the eligibility required to receive the Bronze Star Medal.

In 1947, the United States Army by Order decided to retroactively award the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement to all World War II combat veterans who, by unit Order, had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) or the Combat Medical Badge (CMB). The basis for doing this was

that these Badges were awarded to soldiers who had borne the hardships which resulted in General George Marshall's support of the Bronze Star Medal and approval by President Roosevelt.

Thus, in 1947, Deadeyes awarded the CIB or CMB became eligible for the Bronze Star Medal. Since that time, only an unknown number, and probably a small portion of eligible Deadeyes have received their Bronze Star Medal.

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Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us



George Almsay
Independence, Ohio
June 11, 2006
By Donna Epple

Delores Ashcraft
(Ladies' Auxiliary)
Waseca, MN
November 14, 2006
By unsigned note returned with label

Donald C. Bloom
Co. D, 382nd Infantry
December 16, 2001
By son Donald Bloom

Douglas Brown
Florence, Oregon
383rd Regiment, K Co., 3rd Platoon
March 18, 2007
By Conrad vonBlankenburg

Robert Beamon Carney, Sr.
September 3, 2006
By Granddaughter Amy Gilson

Harold F. Chol
Bogalusa, LA
96th Calvary Recon Troop
April 22, 2006
By Bobby J. Willis

Gordon Christopherson
Ridgeland, WI
382nd Infantry, H Company
March 17, 2007
By son, Dean Christopherson

John Farley Connelly
Carson City, NV
321st Medical Battalion
December 22, 2006
By wife, Marjorie

Donald R. Downs
361st Field Artillery Bn.
September 2, 1006
By daughters Ruby Downs & Rhoda Hughes

Dennis Duniphin
Quincy, CA
F Company, 383rd Battalion
December 7, 2001
By Eldora Duniphin

George "Jack" Greifer
Quincy, IL
June 12, 2006
By wife, Bernetta

John M. Holt
Indianapolis, IN
F Company, 381st Infantry
October 28, 2006
By daughter Susan

Lester Johnson
Bellingham, WA
F Company, 382nd Infantry
March 4, 2007
By son Scott Johnson

Peter Kozdron
Detroit, MI
Co. I, 381st Infantry
January 2, 2007
By Ed DeWitt

Paul Martin
Sun City, AZ
July 31, 2006
Co. I, 381st Infantry
by Ed DeWitt

Leland Montabon
Westminster, CO
Hq. Company, 381st Inf.
June 4, 2006
By daughter Lou Burke

Howard Nye
Bozeman, Montana
Company H, 382nd Infantry
October 7, 2004
By Joe Cihlar

James Sawicki
Phoenix, AZ
381st Anti-Tank Co.
November 18, 2006
By wife Gen

Albert F. Scherger
Michigan
August 17, 2006
By Dale Scherger

Curt Sprecher
April 3, 2007
Company G, 381st Infantry
By Richard Haglund

Marvin Strickland
November, 2006
Co. C, 382nd Inf.
Elberfeld, IN 47613
By Tom Roby via Jack Phillips and
Whitney Champagne

L. T. Stinnett
April 17, 2007
Co. C, 383rd Infantry
Rock Island, IL
By son-in-law and daughter Glenn and
Bib Wittge

Fred A. Sutton
Sept. 10, 2005
By daughter, Vickie Bays

Estil Schild
Littleton, CO
December 8, 2006
By Marrian A. Schild

Norman Thomas
Fargo, OK
Med. Det., 1st Battalion, 381st Inf.
February 2, 2007
By Lestel Harvey

Oiva Tuuri
Cook, MN resident
Died in Lake Havasu City, AZ
January 2007
Company A, 383rd Reg.
Reported by Bob Siefert

Maj. William G. Vallery
Headquarters, 383rd Inf.
December 8, 2005
By wife Margebeth

Otis D. Wallace
Jan. 22, 2007
Company L, 382nd Infantry
Reported by Tom Martin, MD.

Loy Wheeler
(Ladies Auxiliary Member)
Los Altos, CA
May 19, 2004
By husband Ben, 362nd FA Bn.

Donald Whitney
Service Co., 383rd Infantry
December 20, 2006
By wife Marge



**El Jibel Pipe Band to
play again at Memorial Service**

See page 8 for details.



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62nd Anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa, Japan

On April 1, 1945 the 96th Infantry Division struck near the heart of the Japanese Empire by landing on the Island of Okinawa, Japan. Thus began the largest battle of the War in the Pacific, code named Operation Iceberg on a date designated as Love Day.

The 96th Infantry Division, in company with the 7th Infantry Division and the 1st and 6th Marine Divisions, met much lighter than expected opposition during the landing. This was part of the Japanese plan for an extended battle of attrition which would delay for as long as possible the expected invasion of the main islands of Japan.

The Japanese 32nd Army was waiting for the Americans in their chosen underground and fortified positions on the high ground of a series of successive ridges traversing a narrow portion of southern Okinawa. These positions made up their Shuri line defending their underground headquarters below the grounds of the ancient Shuri Castle.

What we encountered in the Shuri Line was by far the largest concentration of Japanese firepower, artillery, mortars, anti-tank guns, machine guns and mines, confronting American forces during the Pacific War.

96th Infantry Division troops reached the main Japanese defenses on April 7, 1945 and on April 9 and 10, battled the Japanese for control of Kakazu and Kakazu West Ridges with heavy losses on both sides. An all-out offensive was launched on April 19th and the 96th Division in heavy fighting on Tombstone, Nishbaru and Hacksaw Ridges broke the northernmost Shuri Line. We continued a further advance until the entire Division was withdrawn from battle for rest and replacements on April 30th.

For the 96th Infantry Division it was back into combat on May 10th where we fought for days to break final southernmost Shuri Line in places such as Dick Hill, Charlie Hill, and key Conical Hill. In a spectacular example of unit aggressiveness, the crest of Conical Hill was seized on May 13th. After days of fighting to completely clear Conical of Japanese and the taking of Sugar Hill to the south, the right flank of the Japanese Shuri defenses were broken.

This caused the Japanese retreat to the south end of Okinawa which started on May 25th under



cover of constant rain.

The 96th Division continued their pursuit to where the Japanese made their last stand on Yaeju Dake (Big Apple) and Yuza Dake escarpments and their resistance was crushed on June 23, 1945. Our mop-up operations against Japanese troops continued until June 30th, ending 81 days of combat for Deadeyes on Okinawa.

We had completely crushed fanatical Japanese resistance on Okinawa, but at the heavy cost of 1,625 Killed in Action and Died of Wounds, over 7,500 Wounded and 833 Combat Fatigue casualties. Quoting from the 96th Infantry Division plaque on the Army Okinawa Battle Monument, it can be truly said "Deadeyes, Hereabouts the 96th Infantry Division suffered over 10,000 Casualties. Their Sacrifices Testify to an Unsurpassed Measure of Devotion, Pride and Courage."


During the Battle of Okinawa the 96th Infantry Division had the second highest number of Battle Casualties of the 7 Divisions involved, exceeded only by the 6th Marine Division. However, a Marine Division was larger than an Army Division. A Marine Rifle Company had 54 more men than an Army Rifle Company. Thus, on a comparative strength basis, the 96th Division had the highest percentage of casualties

This article was submitted by Don Dencker, Historian, 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association



Deadeye History


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Battle of Okinawa
June 15 - 22, 2007



Deadeye Don Dencker, Company L, 382nd Infantry Regiment, 96th Infantry Division will lead a 2007 Battle of Okinawa Tour oriented toward Army action during the Battle. Special emphasis will be directed toward sites of interest to Deadeye veterans, family and friends. The tour includes round trip air transportation from San Francisco, baggage handling and transfers, hotel accommodation on Okinawa, private sight-seeing coach, tour director, entrance fees, breakfast and lunch every day and welcoming dinner for \$2,800 per person.


Don led highly successful tours of Okinawa in 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005. Places the tour will visit include major battlefield sites such as: Cactus Ridge, Kakazu Ridge, Tombstone Ridge, Hacksaw Ridge and Needle Rock, Zebra Hill, Dick Hill, Conical Hill, Yaeju Dake escarpment (Big Apple) and Yuza Dake escarpment.

The tour will also visit the Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley and Col. Edwin May Monuments at the Gen. Buckner Monument Site, the Cornerstone of Peace Monument where the names of all who died during the Battle of Okinawa are inscribed, including 14,005 killed from the United States. Also visited will be the interesting Japanese Underground Headquarters and the restored Shuri Castle.

Once described as a "Ghastly

Corner of Hell," Okinawa today is a delightfully colorful, safe and friendly place to visit. You will be amazed at the changes that have taken place since 1945.

(The 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association is not involved with this tour.)



Tour Director Dencker at Brig. Gen. Easley Monument

Act now: Due to airline ticketing requirements, final sign up date is Noon, May 18, 2007.

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10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965
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1-608-837-7479

Ceremony at Fort Benning, Ga. Honors 96th

An impressive ceremony was held at the Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Georgia on February 8, 2007. At this ceremony, the Basic Combat Training Brigade was redesignated the 192nd Infantry Brigade and reflagged. Concurrently, a graduation ceremony was held for two companies of trainees, 435 soldiers.

The 192nd Infantry Brigade traces its lineage back to the 96th Reconnaissance Troop, 96th Infantry Division. This lineage is shown in the 192nd Brigade logo (right) which has two cavalry sabers superimposed on our blue and white diamonds.

The 192nd Commander, Col. Charles Durr, Jr., gave a stirring address in which he stated "reflagging celebrates the glory of an Army steeped in honor, lineage and tradition. It highlights an Army tradition that forever ties the newest soldiers on the parade field with their present and former service members in the grandstands and the proud veterans of the 96th Infantry Division and the 192nd Brigade."

Command Sergeant Major Samuel Rhodes of the 192nd Infantry Brigade is scheduled to attend our 2007 reunion.

Representing the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association was Don Dencker who participated in the reflagging ceremony. He also visited Brig Gen. Easley



Range where the Army trains its marksmen. The target area is 600 yards down range.



Benning Shooting Range Named for Gen. Easley
Caption reads: Brigadier General Claudius Easley showing the correct form. He gave the 96th Division its name, the "Deadeyes." He was later killed in the battle for Okinawa. (Photo courtesy is not legible.)

President's notes from new, growing Deadeye Assn.



Major General Jim Collins (Ret.), President 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association

The history of the 96th continues on as every day there are men and women serving in the US and overseas in places like Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Germany and Africa. Some are in very dangerous places and deal with the uncertainty of war. Well over 6,000 soldiers have been mobilized in the last 4 years and more are being called up, some for their second and third tour. It is a different war than what the 96th soldiers faced in the Philippines and Okinawa. The casualty rates are much lower but not low enough. The soldiers today, as they did 63 years ago, serve with distinction and honor. The American people are proud of their military as we are proud of our fellow Deadeyes.

The Board of Directors has been active in running the association business and working to make the next reunion in Salt Lake City a success. One of the highlights of last year's reunion was the military banquet and this year we will have another one hosted by MG Peter Cooke, Commanding General of the 96th Regional Readiness Command and by the 650th Area Support Group. The site is the Santa Fe Railway Depot and Museum in Salt Lake City. This is a large carved stone building dating back to the early 1900's that has been restored and converted into a museum and banquet facility. I think it will be a nice venue. Mary Eleanor Wood Smith and Harriet Nichols are doing a great job in organizing the events for this year's reunion.

Every year the people in the Salt Lake City area celebrate their pioneer heritage by celebrating Pioneer Day on the 24th of July. This year the 96th RRC will be participating in the Salt Lake City parade on Pioneer Day and they have extended an invitation to the Deadeye Association members to join them. We will be allowed to ride on a military vehicle in the parade. Following the parade, the 96th is hosting a family picnic at Fort Douglas and our association is also invited. So if you are interested in participating in this big parade then come out to the reunion a few days earlier.

The new association is growing and becoming more diverse.

For the past 18 months Cindy Otis has been our membership committee administrator. In September, she started a Master's Degree program at Boston College and will be taking on a new job starting later this year. She has asked to be relieved of her duties in the association effective in June. Cindy has done an excellent job organizing our membership records and providing the level of service our members deserve. Best wishes to you, Cindy, and thank you for all you have done for our Association.

I have asked Tom Ruby to take on a new task by forming a Past Presidents' Committee. As the junior Past President, he gets to preside over the Committee. Our Past Presidents, both of the Association and the Auxiliary within the Association, have a wealth of knowledge that can be used to help our new Association expand and prosper.

The new association is growing and becoming more diverse. We have members that are first and second generation family members, widows of WW II veterans, soldiers that have served in the 96th during the '60s, '70s and all the way up to today. I think this interest in the association is due in part to our great camaraderie but also as a means to better understand the history of the 96th and the contributions the various soldiers have made during their service as a Deadeye. We still need more members so please do your best to recruit for the Association. See you in Salt Lake City!

www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org



The 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Assn. website, www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org, is up and running! The site is still a work in progress but currently contains the complete Spring 2007 Deadeye Dispatch, reunion information and sections which include: Deadeye Dispatch information, Association information, service decorations awarded, Deadeye items available, links to Deadeye units. The former Association website also remains active at: www.96th-infantry-division.com.

We are looking for a volunteer to help keep our web site updated. If you can help in this regard, please contact Don Dencker at dizzydon@aol.com, phone 608/837-7479 or Scott Buffington at scott@mainstreetnews.com, phone 706/367-2485.

The Red Lion Inn is located:

- 5 miles from Crossroads Mall
- 5 miles from ZCMI Mall
- 5 Miles from Gateway Mall
- 7 miles from Trolley Square
- 5 miles from Family History Library
- 5 miles from Clark Planetarium
- 6 miles from the Delta Center arena
- 5 miles from Greyhound bus terminal
- 1.5 miles from Amtrak train station
- 8 miles from Salt Lake International Airport
- 2 miles from Primary Children's Medical Center and Shriners Hospital

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REUNION INFO



Today's Deadeyes... News from the 96th Regional Readiness Command

(This letter was published in the "Double Diamond," the command bulletin of the 96th Regional Readiness Command based in Salt Lake City... today's Deadeyes.

HEADQUARTERS MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE-IRAQ

February 10, 2007

Office of the Commanding General

To the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians of Multi-National Force-Iraq:

We serve in Iraq at a critical time. The war here will soon enter its fifth year. A decisive moment approaches. Shoulder-to-shoulder with our Iraqi comrades, we will conduct a pivotal campaign to improve security for the Iraqi people. The stakes could not be higher.

Our task is crucial. Security is essential for Iraq to build its future. Only with security can the Iraqi government come to grips with the tough issues it confronts and develop the capacity to serve its citizens. The hopes of the Iraqi people and the coalition countries are with us.

The enemies of Iraq will shrink at no act, however barbaric. They will do all that they can to shake the confidence of the people and to convince the world that this effort is doomed. We must not underestimate them.

Together with our Iraqi partners, we must defeat those who oppose the new Iraq. We cannot allow mass murderers to hold the initiative. We must strike them relentlessly. We and our Iraqi partners must set the terms of the struggle, not our enemies. And together we must prevail.

The way ahead will not be easy. There will be difficult times in the months to come. But hard is not hopeless, and we must remain steadfast in our effort to help improve security for the Iraqi people. I am confident that each of you will fight with skill and courage, and that you will remain loyal to your comrades-in-arms and to the values our nations hold so dear.

In the end, Iraqis will decide the outcome of this struggle. Our task is to help them gain the time they need to save their country. To do that, many of us will live and fight alongside them. Together, we will face down the terrorists, insurgents, and criminals who slaughter the innocent. Success will require discipline, fortitude, and initiative – qualities that you have in abundance.

I appreciate your sacrifices and those of your families. Now, more than ever, your commitment to service and your skill can make the difference between victory and defeat in a very tough mission.

It is an honor to soldier again with the members of the Multi-National Force-Iraq. I know that wherever you serve in this undertaking you will give your all. In turn, I pledge my commitment to our mission and every effort to achieve success as we help the Iraqis chart a course to a brighter future.

Godspeed to each of you and to our Iraqi comrades in this crucial endeavor.

DAVID H. PETRAEUS
General, United States Army
Commanding

Heritage Fund Update

We have \$3,000 in the Heritage Fund at this time. We need almost \$5,000 to purchase and install the monument, print up nice programs for the Dedication Ceremony and furnish a comprehensive Okinawa Battl Exhibit which will be installed in the National Infantry Museum.

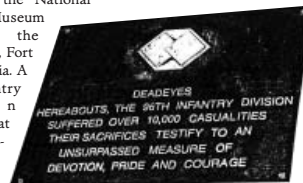


Attention: children and grandchildren of the 96th Infantry Division veterans... Here is your opportunity to make a memorable and lasting Father's Day gift to honor your Deadeye by contributing to the Heritage Fund.

- Don Dencker

Heritage Fund Monument Appeal

Deadeyes, family members and friends, your contribution is needed so that we may place a 96th Infantry Division Monument at the National Infantry Museum located at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. A 96th Infantry Division Monument, at this very appropriate location, would join the monuments of other famous Infantry units of the United States Army. Our proposed granite monument would complement other 96th Infantry Division Monuments at Arlington National Cemetery, The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and at the site of Camp Adair, Oregon.



The proposed monument would have text honoring the memory of our comrades killed on Leyte, Philippines and Okinawa, Japan and all Deadeyes who fought with valor and distinction to defeat Imperial Japan. This monument would also have inscribed in granite our double diamond patch, the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Progress is being made in this project being directed by John Reed, Association Historian, with assistance by Don Dencker. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be contributed to permit monument construction in early 2008. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Please make your check payable to:
The 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association with the notation "Heritage Fund."
Mail to: Mike McCafferty, Treasurer, 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association, PO Box 581234, Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Name _____ Unit _____
Amount _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
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July 23-28, 2007 in Salt Lake City

96TH INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN REUNION REGISTRATION

96TH INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM
 Listed below are all registration, bar, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter 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 check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 22, 2007. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
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 Check # _____
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CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/22/07	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS & OFF-SITE EVENTS			
TUESDAY: HERITAGE DAY PARADE (Please indicate # participating - NO COST)		#	\$
WEDNESDAY: OGDEN AND MORE TOUR	\$ 46		\$
WEDNESDAY: HALE CENTRE THEATRE	\$ 41		\$
THURSDAY: HERITAGE DESERT VILLAGE	\$ 31		\$
FRIDAY: GRAND TOUR OF SITES SOUTH OF SLC TOUR	\$ 25		\$
FRIDAY: DINING OUTBANQUET HOSTED BY RRC, CHILD'S PLATE AVAIL.	\$ 42		\$
SATURDAY: DUTCH OVEN BBQ	\$ 17		\$
SATURDAY: DUTCH OVEN BBQ CHILD PRICE	\$ 10		\$
SATURDAY: TRANSPORTATION TO FT DOUGLAS (on your own, no cost, indicate #)		#	\$
HOTEL FUNCTIONS			
THURSDAY: BREAKFAST BUFFET	\$ 9		\$
THURSDAY: ASTP LUNCHEON	\$ 17		\$
THURSDAY: WOMEN'S LUNCHEON	\$ 17		\$
THURSDAY: BEER BUST AND ITALIAN DINNER (CHILD'S PLATE \$11)	\$ 21		\$
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FRIDAY: BREAKFAST BUFFET	\$ 9		\$
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ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____
For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 626-6401 or email cancel@afrc.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

96TH INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN - 50th ANNUAL REUNION
JULY 23-29, 2007
RED LION HOTEL SALT LAKE CITY

Monday, July 23
 Early arrivals. Evening and dinner on your own.

Tuesday, July 24
 Heritage Day parade, organized by the 96th RRC.
 Heritage Day festivities at Fort Douglas, organized by the 96th RRC.
Reunion Registration open
 Evening and dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 25
 R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion.
 History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion.
Reunion Registration open
 OGDEN AND MORE TOUR (description on pages 8/9)
Reunion Registration open
 HALE CENTRE THEATRE (description on pages 8/9)

Thursday, July 26
 Breakfast buffet
Reunion Registration open
 R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion.
 History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion.
 Vendor's Meeting
 Women's Luncheon - For details, see Dispatch or Website
HERITAGE DESERT VILLAGE (description on pages 8/9)
 Dinner/Beer Bust and more

Friday, July 27
 R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion.
 History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion.
 Breakfast Buffet
 Grandeur of Sites South of Salt Lake City Tour (description on pages 8/9)
Reunion Registration open
 Membership Meeting with Bronze Star Ceremony
 Dining Out/Banquet, hosted by the 96th RRC, location TBD.
 6pm-7pm Social Hour, 7pm Dinner Served

Saturday, July 28
 R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion.
 Retreat Ceremony/Memorial and Mass at Fort Douglas
 Dutch Oven BBQ

Sunday, July 29
 Farewells and departures

For additional information on events, please see Dispatch or 96th Infantry Division website.

RED LION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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The Red Lion Hotel is located at 161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The hotel is approximately 15 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport. Call the hotel for accurate driving directions. The Red Lion Hotel is conveniently located in downtown Salt Lake City. All 392 rooms are equipped with high-speed internet access, in-room movies, valet/laundry service, iron/ironing board and coffee maker. Recreational features include a heated outdoor pool, whirlpool/spa and fitness center. Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are available. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. Parking is complimentary during your stay. Check-in time is 3pm; check-out is 12noon. The **Cafe Olympus** serves home style cooked breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Sky Bar**, a members only nightclub, located on the 13th floor of the hotel, is the only rooftop nightclub in the city. All guests receive a complimentary membership to Sky Bar for the duration of their stay at the hotel. For a beautiful panoramic view of the city in a casual atmosphere, visit the **Charcoal Room Restaurant**, open Monday-Saturday for dinner. Room service is available.

The hotel provides 24-hour complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Salt Lake City International Airport. The airport shuttle runs on the hour and on the half hour. Upon arrival at the airport, you will need to call the Red Lion, at 810-521-7373, to arrange for the shuttle pickup.
 RV parking is available at the hotel, but no hook-up service is available. For full hookup service for RVs, KOA, Salt Lake City, 1400 W North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84116, is located approximately five minutes from the hotel. Call (800) 562-9510 or (801) 335-1214 for information, directions, and reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL
96TH INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSOCIATION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
 REUNION DATES: JULY 23-29, 2007

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
 TEL # () _____ FAX # () _____

ARRIVAL DAY & DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____ # NIGHTS _____
 # OF ROOMS _____ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. _____ SMOKING _____ NONSMOKING _____
 KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS _____ If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$64 (single/occupiable) + state and local taxes (currently 12.46%). Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card.
 If you do not deposit an amount, your date will be processed on space & rate availability.
CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled 24 hours prior to date of arrival.
RESERVATION BY PHONE: (800) 733-5466. Please inform the hotel that your reservation should be under the 96th Infantry Deadeye Association reunion.
 _____ AMEX _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ CARTE BLANCHE _____ DISCOVER _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____
 SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Red Lion Hotel, 161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101



Deadeye Invasion... Salt Lake City 2007

THE ANNUAL GATHERING of Deadeyes is a great opportunity to see old friends, support the men and women of today's 96th and share some quality time with family and friends. Although the association has undergone changes in the past few years, this is the 50th gathering of the World War II Deadeyes of the 96th Infantry Division. We hope to see you there!

RRC.) Following the parade, everyone will be invited to Fort Douglas for a Family Day that includes food and entertainment. Fort Douglas is a classic frontier cavalry post built in the 1870s. The parade is televised throughout the intermountain area on KSL-TV Channel 5.



Parade

The 2007 Reunion is scheduled to begin on Tuesday with an exciting new pre-reunion event: **The Days of '47 Parade is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, July 24.** This parade is third largest in the nation and it celebrates the arrival of the first pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley. Each year the 96th Regional Readiness Command participates in this parade. This year special arrangements are being made to secure bleacher seating for 96th Infantry Division vets and guests who'd like to get a bird's-eye view of the festivities. (We may even have a limited number of spots available on a military truck for those WWII vets who'd like to ride in the parade and accompany the marching contingent of 96th RRC soldiers led by MG Peter S. Cooke, Commanding General of the 96th

Memorial Service

The Memorial Service is always an important part of the annual reunion and in 2007 it will be even more so as plans are to hold the service at Fort Douglas with the spectacular Wasatch Mountains as the backdrop for a classic Retreat Ceremony around the flag pole on the 140-year-old parade grounds. The setting will be uniquely beautiful and, as always, the Memorial Service will be a moving, fitting tribute to those who gave so much in defense of freedom. Following the service, the Division Association will host a Dutch Oven Barbecue under the stars. Upon returning to the hotel, there will be an ice cream social and an opportunity to join the 96th RRC families for dancing and refreshments until midnight if you want to keep going that late! All combined, this will provide the perfect closing event for the 2007 reunion.

El Jebel Pipe Band to play again at Memorial Service

Mr. Tony Owens and the El Jebel Pipe Band that played at the memorial service at our Denver reunion in July have offered to come to Salt Lake City, at their own expense, to once again play at our Memorial Service. As you may recall, Tony's father has a unique story in that he was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and also witnessed the Japanese surrender from the deck of the USS Haddo submarine in Tokyo Bay in 1945. Certainly, his father was one of the few Americans

to witness both of these events. We are truly thankful to Mr. Owens and El Jebel for their service to the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Assn.



This Year's Tour Descriptions

Ogden & More Tour

Wednesday, July 25

A tour for all of the museum and history buffs out there. Begin the day with a stop at the National Golden Spike historic site, which commemorates the incredible

district on your way to Union Station. Ogden's Union Station was the hub of transcontinental rail traffic for over 50 years. Today the grand old depot, built in 1924, houses museums and galleries featuring railroad history, firearms,

THE GOLDEN SPIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



accomplishment of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad. Reboard the bus for a drive through Ogden and stop at Golden Corral for lunch on your own. After lunch enjoy a quick trip down the 25th Street historic

gems and minerals, classic cars and the arts.

8:30am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel \$46/Person includes bus, guide, and admissions. Lunch on your own.

Make your plans now to attend the 50th gathering of World War II 96th Infantry Division and today's 96th RRC... All Deadeyes, All Together in Salt Lake City this July!

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH



Downtown Location with Spectacular Mountain Views

For more information about Salt Lake City, visit this website: www.Visitsaltlake.com

Hale Centre Theater

Wednesday, July 25



Visit Utah's Hale Centre Theatre where you will see a production of **THE RAINMAKER**. In this production, N. Richard Nash weaves a compelling tale of dashed hopes and found dreams. Starbuck, a slick con man claims he can divine water for a Midwest farmer's sun parched land. Most don't trust him but Lizzy, a plain farm girl, is bewitched by his mystique. Drenched with wonder, this is one of the most beautiful plays ever penned.

6:30pm board bus, 10:15pm back at hotel \$41/Person includes bus, escort, and admission.

(Tour descriptions continued on next page)

Deadeye Invasion... Salt Lake City 2007



OLYMPIC PARK... Visit Utah's Olympic Park and Park City on our "Grandeur of Sites South of SLC" tour



HISTORY... Go back in time on the "Heritage Deseret Village" tour.

GRANDEUR OF SITES SOUTH OF SALT LAKE CITY TOUR

Friday, July 27
Spend the day enjoying the sights of Southern Salt Lake City. Drive through Park City where you will see the Utah Olympic Park and the town's historic Main Street. Continue on to Provo City. On your way, you will see Deer Creek Reservoir, Heber City, Sundance Resort, and Bridal Veil Falls where the bus will stop briefly to allow for pictures. Once in Provo City, see the campus of Brigham Young University where you will stop at the Earth Science Museum. This museum showcases many fossils from the Jurassic Period, which spans a period from approximately 210-140 million years ago and houses one of the top five collections from the Jurassic Period in the world. *Tour buses will have a restroom facility and bottled water will be available for \$1/ bottle.*

Mormon leader, lifted himself up from a sick bed in his wagon to view the Great Salt Lake Valley. After a few moments of deep contemplation, he uttered the now-famous statement, "It is enough. This is the right place. Drive on." With these words, one of history's most intriguing sagas began as some seventy thousand Mormon pioneers traveled thousands of miles by ship, train, wagon, handcart, and on foot to settle this unwanted land and turn it into thriving, self-sufficient communities. Spend the day immersed in this Pioneer Village as you enjoy a narrated ride on a small-scale replica train. There will be stops throughout to allow you to see up close the sites of this historic village. *Tour buses will have a restroom facility and bottled water will be available for \$1/bottle.*

1:45pm board bus, 4:45pm back at hotel
\$31/Person includes bus, escort, and admission.

8:00am board bus, 12:30pm back at hotel \$25/Person includes bus and guide.

HERITAGE DESERET VILLAGE TOUR

Thursday, July 26

As one approaches This is The Place Heritage Park, it is impossible not to be impressed by the large, stone monument rising majestically from the hillside. On July 24, 1847, at the mouth of Emigration Canyon, Brigham Young, the stalwart

Cancellation And Refund Policy For Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable \$10 AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 or email cancel@afri.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of thirty people.

Memory Books Available

Memory Books of the 2006 reunion are available from Classic Reunions. The cost is \$25.00 plus postage. They are available by calling 1-800-334-6388 or emailing Clareunion@aol.com. Their web site is www.classic-reunions.com



Very Important!! REUNION EXTRAS ORDER FORM

If you plan to attend the reunion this July and any of the following items or tours apply to you, please fill out where appropriate and return this form to the following address **before June 1**. This is VERY important because without a minimum sign-up of at least 50 people, the hotel will not offer some of these items and/or services.

Return form to:
MARY ELEANOR WOOD SMITH
2104 Slash Court
North Augusta, SC 29841
Phone: 803/278-2109
mewsmith@yahoo.com

- I need a wheel chair or walker. Number needed: _____
- I need transportation for SLC Attractions.... Transportation to be available Saturday morning until about 1:30 to the following attractions: Wheeler Historic Farm, Red Butte Gardens, Arboretum, and Oragery, Clarke's Planetarium and IMAX located at Mall, Historic Downtown Salt Lake City, Memorial Park and other parks, Family and genealogy, Downtown Walking tour - Heritage Foundation, Utah Women's Pioneer Museum.
Number needed: _____
- I plan to participate in the parade. Number: _____
- I need transportation to attend the parade. Number: _____
- I want to preorder 96th Deadeye Polo/Golf Shirts
Shirts will have 96th Deadeye Assn. logo. Men's or ladies shirts available. Available colors are white, blue or grey. You can pick up shirts at USO room at the reunion or we can mail them to you. Please add \$6/shirt postage if mailed. Please send check made out to "96th Deadeye Association."

Size	Color	Men's or Ladies	Number	Price	Total
Small	W B G	M L		\$20	
Medium	W B G	M L		\$20	
Large	W B G	M L		\$20	
XL	W B G	M L		\$20	
XXL	W B G	M L		\$25	
XXXL	W B G	M L		\$25	

Postage.... Please add \$6 per shirt if you want mailed

Grand Total:

- Yes, I will volunteer to help in the USO Room**
We need help with USO Room and Merchandise sales. Short shifts and any help is appreciated. We especially need men and ladies from second and third generation Deadeye Reunion members. Job description: smile, talk with old friends, make new friends, be there, sit and say hello to our 96th friends, and our new RRC families. Sam, Sis, and Harriet need you! Any day, any time for any length of USO visit!!!!

For any of the above items, please fill out the information below and return the entire form before June 1 to to: Mary Eleanor Wood Smith, 2104 Slash Court, North Augusta, SC 29841, Phone: 803/278-2109, mewsmith@yahoo.com

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**Deadeye Dispatch Change of Address Form**

Clip and mail to:
Cindy Otis, 580 Commonwealth Ave. #105, Boston, MA 02215. Email: sassy.cindy@gmail.com

OLD ADDRESS	NEW ADDRESS
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____

**Now is the time to...
Join the Deadeyes!**

96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association Membership Application

Membership is open to 96th Infantry Division "Deadeyes", their families, friends, and members of the general public who support and are interested in promoting and perpetuating the legacy of the 96th Infantry Division from its beginning in World War I up to the present day 96th Regional Readiness Command.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Those that previously served in the 96th DIV/ARCOM/RSC/RRC and are not currently assigned to a unit:

1 year -- \$18.00
2 years -- \$34.00
3 years -- \$48.00

Those currently assigned to a unit in the 96th RRC or those assigned to another command that previously served in the 96th RRC:

1 year -- \$8.00 (yearly renewals are the same amount)

Family members or friends of former 96th Soldiers (WWII or Desert Storm):

1 year -- \$10.00 (yearly renewals are the same amount)

----- Detach and Return with Payment -----

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: () _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THAT REPRESENTS YOUR STATUS:

96th Veteran - Previously served in the 96th Inf Div/ARCOM/RSC/RRC

Current member of a 96th RRC unit

Prior service in a 96th unit and still on duty

Family/Friend of the 96th

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$ _____

DONATION: _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ \$ _____

Make checks payable to: 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association

Mail application to:

96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association
P.O. Box 581254
Salt Lake City, UT 84158



Deadeye News... From across the United States



NY State Rte. 96 Dedication Update

Nearly four years ago, Harry Merker was given permission by the former Association to proceed on attempting to get a portion of NY State Highway #96 near Rochester, NY re-named to honor the 96th Infantry Division. Harry's brother, Sgt. Jacob L. Merker, 382nd, Co. G was a casualty on Okinawa.

I have not heard from Harry recently and did some of my own research to find out the status of this initiative.

The original bill entered in the New York State Legislature, A9911A, was sponsored by Assemblyman Jos. Errigo. His office phone number is 585 334 5210. The bill was passed by both houses and signed by the Governor in 2006. It is now in Chapter 216.

The subject route to be dedicated is Rte. 96 from NY 332 east to NY 21. It will commence in Farmington, NY.

The NY state DOT is producing the appropriate signage. The Assemblyman's office says that because of a late spring, the actual placement of the sign and dedication ceremony will take place in the early summer.

Harry Merker has been in touch with the Assemblyman's office in the last four weeks and he left a cell phone number but it doesn't seem to work.

I have given my name and numbers to the person I talked with in the Assemblyman's office. When the date for dedication is set, she will call me.

I think that there are some local veterans involved in this program but I don't know who they are.
 - Submitted by Tom Roby

Buckeye Chapter sets Reunion Date

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division will hold their 2007 Reunion at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, OH on May 19, 2007; 1st Saturday following Mothers Day. All Deadeyes and attachment units are welcome. For information contact Russell Watts - 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, OH 43229 -5259, telephone# 1-614-848-9808 or James Knight, 6023 Landing Pond Place, Grove City, OH 43123-9444, telephone # 1 - 614 - 801 - 1775.
 - Submitted by Russell Watts

USO Room News

Letter Writing is a Lost Art
 The USO room would like to display letters written by wives, widows or gentlemen who sent mail to the front or back home.

The Family Services Workshop for the RRC will be held at the same time as our 2007 reunion. The young ladies and families of the newly deployed RRC soldiers may learn and get ideas how to communicate with their loved ones.

A copy of your letter with personal names blackened would be a real benefit to these families. This generation has depended on e-mail and telephone calls and have not depended on written forms of communication. Letter writing has not been a means of communication

for most of this generation.

The second and third generation Deadeyes attending the reunion would enjoy reading and discussing this act of love and devotion that men, women, and families bestowed by faithful communication.

Please bring your letters to be displayed to the USO room or mail them to the address at the end of article.

The Association and Family Services RRC desire for each of the members to acknowledge and learn from each other and perpetuate the Deadeye bonds of love of Country and family.

Thank you for your sharing.

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WWI Deadeye Remembered: "Old Sarge" Roy Dickinson

(From Ed Dakan's book "Yours in Comradeship.")

Possibly the oldest 'remembered' Deadeye was Roy Dickinson, and he hails away back in WWI. Taken from Deadeye Ed Dakan's book, "Yours in Comradeship", were these words quoted from Roy:

"In the early days of the 96th we were not issued clothes. We wore only what we'd been issued at Camp Gordon and we got so ragged that the camp was quarantined because the officers didn't want us seen in public."

And more from Dakan's book: The Armistice Day was celebrated on November 11, 1918. From Roy: "The Generals immediately put us to work digging ditches in the

company street. We didn't do much, because we didn't want to work. General Carlson wanted us to go overseas but we wanted out."



Roy was discharged in 1919. He came to and enjoyed many of our Deadeye Reunions, was known as "Old Sarge" and given Lifetime status. He passed away in 1982.

For more details, get your hand on Dakan's book and get the whole story.

- Submitted by William R. Hill

2007 National Memorial Day Parade

We would be honored if veterans of the 96th Infantry Division would be able to join us for this year's National Memorial Day Parade. The parade will take place on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C. It will travel down Constitution Avenue along the National mall. The parade drew an estimated 150,000 spectators last year and was covered by an estimated 230 media outlets across the country and televised worldwide by the Pentagon Channel.

Veterans of the 96th who wish to participate should contact Mrs. Mackie Christenson at 202-777-7272, ext. 220 or mchristenson@americainveteranscenter.org.

You can also read about the parade at www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com
 - Don Dencker

Men from 96th Awarded DSC

A history researcher is trying to identify the Army Unit of all soldiers awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) in the Pacific Theater of Operation. He has already identified three men from the 96th Infantry Division who were awarded the DSC that are not listed in our Division history. They are:

Sgt. Edward Funk, Co. M, 383rd Infantry, Pvt. Kenneth Howard, Co. C, 383rd Infantry, Capt. Eric Newman, Co. A 383rd Infantry.

If any Deadeye has any information about any of the three men listed below, please contact Don Dencker at 608-837-7479.

Sgt. Norris Machost, Infantry, 24 Oct 1944 on Leyte, SSGT. George Chonoplis, Corps of Engineers, 28 Oct 1944 on Leyte, Pvt. Robert Wolfe, Infantry, 20 Dec 1944 on Leyte.

-Submitted by Don Dencker

Correction:

In the Leyte Landing article that was published in the Fall, 2006 Deadeye Dispatch, there was an error. That article stated that "almost 500 were wounded during the battle of Leyte." It should have said "almost 1,500 were wounded."

- Submitted by Don Dencker

Bronze Star Qualification Form

(This is for men eligible for the 1947 authorized Bronze Star who have not received this award)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Company _____ Battalion _____ Regiment _____

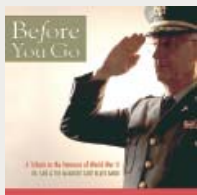
Inclusive dates served in above unit: _____

Date awarded Combat Infantryman (CIB) or Combat Medical Badge (CMB) _____

Have you previously been awarded the Bronze Star based upon award of the CIB or CMB? Yes No

Please attach a photocopy of CIB or CMB if possible and mail to:
 Don Dencker, 128 N. Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 or bring to the reunion in Salt Lake City this July.

96TH INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN. ITEMS



“Before You Go”

A Tribute to WWII Veterans
Deadeye Ben Hill (382nd M Co.) submits this web site link to a song every Deadeye will appreciate.

www.managedmusic.com

Check out this touching tribute to the veterans of World War II. The song can be purchased from the web site or by calling Managed Music toll-free at 1-888-426-7529. Their address is Managed Music, 6 NE Fisher Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33483.



96TH Infantry Division Presidential Unit Citation Documents Available

Two color photo copies: Presidential Unit Citation Certificate and Presidential Unit Citation Text
Cost is \$5.00 per set of two, postage paid

Also available: Philippines Presidential Unit Citation. One page, black & white. Cost is \$1.50, postage paid.

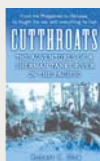
Make check to: Donald Dencker, 128 N. Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590



Deadeye Caps

(above art not an exact depiction)
Cost: \$10

To obtain a new 96th Infantry cap, please send your mailing information, along with your check for \$10 payable to Douglas Burton, 11279 S. Fowler Ave., Selma, CA 93682-9619



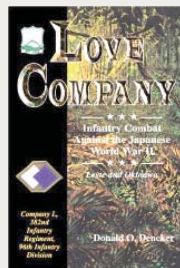
Cutthroats

The Adventures of a
Sherman Tank Driver in
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763rd Tank Battalion,
96th Infantry Division

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Love Company Book

Author Don Dencker has sale copies of Love Company for \$14.00, postage paid. In this 355 page book, there are 100 photographs, maps, drawings and documents. The regular retail price of Love Company is \$19.95. Royalties from the sale of this book go to the 96th Infantry Deadeye Assn.

To purchase Love Company, send a \$14.00 check made out to: Donald Dencker, 128 N. Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590



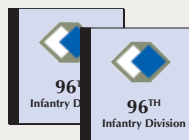
Preorder 96th Deadeye Polo/ Golf Shirts

Shirts will have 96th Deadeye Assn. logo. Men's or ladies' shirts available (an order form is inside on page 9). You can pick up shirts at USO room at the reunion or we can mail them to you. Indicate size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL), color (white, blue, grey), men's or ladies' and number needed. The prices are \$20 for small-XL and \$25 for XXL and XXXL. Please add \$6/shirt postage if mailed. Please send check made out to "96th Deadeye Association." Mail check to Mary Eleanor Wood-Smith, 2104 Slash Court, North Augusta, SC 29841. Phone: 803/278-2109. Email is mewsmith@yahoo.com. (Shirt art not an exact depiction)



New WWII Book

A WWII book that will feature Deadeye stories is being compiled by Ed Phillips. He can be reached at: 14111 Capital Blvd. Wake Forest, NC 27587. He can be reached by phone at 919 554 7870 or by internet: mailto:ephillips3@hotmail.com



96TH Infantry Division CD's

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