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Nashville Awaits Deadeyes for July



Reunion

So much to see so little time!

Welcome to Music City! The city of Nashville, Tennessee will host the 2008 reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association. The reunion begins on July 30 and concludes on August 2, 2008.

Make your hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn Select for the association's special price of only \$99 per night. More about the hotel and other information is available inside this Deadeye Dispatch.

With a multitude of outstanding attractions, events, tours, shopping, restaurants and live entertainment, it'll be hard to fit everything in during the

The registration materials for the events and tours are inside this edition on pages 6 and 7. Be sure to get with your 96th buddies now to plan your trip.







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TAPS......Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us



Richard Alexander
Co. A, 383rd Infantry
Sea View, Washington
lied December 3, 2007
by wife Alice

Robert Eugene Allen Elliott, Iowa February 4, 2007 By daughter, Kay M. Keeton

George Banning December 30, 2007

Villiam Franklin Bowman Charlottesville, VA April 15, 2007 By daughter, Nancy Brennan

Eugene H. Carter Company G, 383rd Infantry Milwaukee, Wisconsin December 18, 2007 By wife, Mary

lerome (Jerry) Connolly Company H, 383rd Infantry /ero Beach, FL //arch 7, 2008 By son Phil

Villiam Grady Davis Vynne, AK 882nd Infantry lanuary, 2007 By wife

Noel (Bill) Deets Klamath Falls, OR Co. K, 383rd Infantry by Glenn Stewart

Edward Elliott 2nd Bn. Hq Company, 881st Infantry Eagle, Idaho lied March 5, 2008 by Family Richard T. Ellis Company C, 382nd Infantry February 29, 2008 By wife, Celia and daughters

Albert C. Flick Sioux City, Iowa Company A, 382nd Infantry October 23, 2007 By son-in-law, John Hittle

Edward Funk
Muskegon, Michigan
Co. M, 383rd Infantry
March 14, 2008
By wife Gail Funk
Mr. Funk was awarded the
Distinguished Service
Cross, 2nd highest U.S.
Decoration.

Keith A. Hand Hartford, Michigan Company H, 382nd Infantry October 26, 2007 By wife, Dorothy

Elias Hill Co. F, 383rd Infantry Clarkson, Washington died March 18, 2007 by Richard Haglund

Earl Harry Huber Saint Paul, MN Company E, 382nd Infantry November 11, 2007 By son, Mike

George T. Kern San Diego, CA September 8, 2007 By wife, Beverly

George Koons Evergreen, Colorado 96th Signal Company December 26,2007 By George Lisle Robert Massey Kennedale, Texas Company G, 382nd Infantry December 16, 2007 By daughter, Vickie Chandler

James Seay Perry Pensacola, FL 321st Combat Engineers September 22, 2007 By wife, Mary

Chester Peterson Central Point, OR May 25, 2007 by Richard Haglund

Jack Anthony Pintacura Swartz Creek, MI Company E, 381st Infantry January 21, 2008 By son, Pete Pintacura

George William Potts Springdale, Arkansas March 7, 2008 By David E. Potts

Lee Schaefer Pittsburgh, Pa. 96th Signal Company September 7,2007 By George Lisle

Charles B.Schilliger Columbus, Ohio Company C, 382nd Infantry February 6, 2008. By Russell Watts

Edward Shambo, Jr. New York, NY June 22, 2006 By wife Claude Sinnen Shakopee, Minnesota Company K, 383rd Infantry December 12,2007 by Robert Siefert

Michael "Chico" Velasquez Kalamazoo, MI Company D, 383rd Infantry Jan 18, 2008 By son-in-law, Uli Reusser

Ray H. Wagner Moses Lake, WA Nov. 21, 2007 Co. A, 382nd Infantry by daughter Patrice Shay

Boyd F.Walker, US Army Ret. Colonel Fresno, CA Former Co. Comdr. of Antitank Co. 382nd Also S-3 of 382nd Infantry February 18,2008 By Russell Watts

Frank Wallace Central Point, Oregon 96th Infantry Division March 21, 2008 By Richard Haglund

John P. Walsh Larkspur, CA Company K, 382nd Infantry May 5, 2006 By wife, Rose

Neil Warrick Independence, OR Sept 5, 2007 by John Pfaff

Linus C. Westhusing Germantown, MS Company K, 382nd Infantry February 29, 2008 by R.D. Wagner

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Join the Deadeyes!
See page 10 for information.

How to submit a name for Taps

Our Taps information comes from a variety of sources, including emails, notes from family and friends and returned mail from the U.S. Postal Service. We apologize for any information that may be incorrect or incomplete.

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Scenes from the 2007

Dining Out

banquet in Salt Lake City











President's Notes

Major General Jim Collins (Ret.), President 96[™] Infantry Division Deadeye Association



This issue of the Dispatch announces the plans for the next reunion to be held in Nashville from 30 July to 2 August. Harriet Nichols and Mary Eleanor Wood Smith have been working very hard to make the arrangements with the Holiday Inn and with Armed Forces Reunion Inc (AFRI) who is managing many of the arrangements for us. We have some really nice tours arranged and several social events that will be enjoyable. I hope many of our members will attend but I also know that health issues are a concern to many and so if you can't be with us this year there is always next year.

Memories. Remembrance. Recognition. Appreciation. Admiration. All these words come to mind right now. The Association has been working for several years to form a legal entity recognized by the IRS as an organization that can accept tax-deductible donations. I call it a foundation and we have been fortunate to have the services of one of our members, Colonel (Retired) Bruce Olson and his law office. They are sorting through all the legal requirements to establish a 501C(3) Foundation that will be dedicated to preserving the memory of the 96th. This process has taken years but I remain optimistic that it will work out.

So your Association is working on a way to preserve our history but what about you? What have you done to preserve your history? What is it that your family will inherit that documents what you have done during your time in the 96th? Is it a shoe box with a few medals, shoulder patches and a picture or two of you when you were younger? Will anyone be able to sort out what you did during your service with the 96th or any other unit? What about your official records and military service history? Are all your medals in order?

Soldiers as a rule are modest and yet our families want to know what we did during our time in the Army and even more so want to have something tangible to look at. We could follow Don Dencker's lead and write a book. Some others have created an oral history and recorded it. I suspect most are still operating out of the shoe box and that needs to change.

Get your records together in one place. Make a copy for each of your children. Get your medals and have them mounted in a shadow box. In fact buy extra copies of your medals and make up shadow boxes for all your children. This avoids arguments later on about who gets Dad's medals.

Our service in the Army is something our families are proud of and so please give them something tangible that they can look at and hold so that they can feel connected to you, so that they can feel proud that their mother or father served their country. It is long overdue, so please get your military records and medals in order. Your families will cherish them and the memories that come along with them.

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Sleepless off Seattle

From the memoirs of Ken Staley, K Co., 383rd Infantry, 96th Infantry Division

Our group of infantry replacements sailed out of Seattle one evening early in January 1945 on a relatively small Navy troop ship. Most of us were recent graduates from Camp Roberts, CA, although some of the grads were sent east for a cruise to Europe. Luckily, my three best buddies from basic infantry training at Camp Roberts were on board. They were Floyd Tolleson, of Spokane, WA; Byron Stearly of Ft. Collins, CO; and Jack Swanson of Seattle, WA.

During the night the ship started pitching and rolling more and more. Next morning I went up on the deck to get some fresh air, as I wasn't feeling too good. What a sight! Enormous waves were breaking over the bow as it bobbed up and down. We were in the midst of a winter storm. A lot of other guvs had the same idea as I had, and they were 'heaving ho' over the rail. I was soon there myself. What a mess! Vomit from the u-winders was splashing the down winders. I had enough of that and went below to head (Navv speak for bathroom). It was full of men heaving into the toilets and urinals and

on the floor. After I had completely emptied my stomach, I staggered back to my bunk.

Troopship bunks aren't normal bunks, they are merely stretched canvases, stacked five high and you have someone at your side, above, and below and with someone at your feet and someone's feet at your head. It seemed no one had washed his feet in a while. Imagine what it was like when we were sailing in the tropics! Recently a friend

See "Sleepless" cont. on page 5



Ken Staley, Schenectady, N.Y. artist who served with the 96th, sketched many scenes as he traveled across the Pacific, fought on Okinawa, served in the Philippines and returned home. He and his wife Eliabeth have attended many 96th reunions and he has compiled not only his memoirs but also some of his sketches.

COME VISIT!

www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org



Don't forget to visit your 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Assn. website, www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org. The site currently contains the complete Spring-2007, Fall-2007 and Spring-2008 issues of the Deadeye Dispatch, reunion information and sections which include: 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.

Heritage Fund Monument Appeal

A sincere "Thank You" is given to all who to date have contributed to the Heritage Fund Monument Appeal. You have

brought the 96th Infantry
Division Deadeye
Association
half way to our goal of
placing a beautiful
Granite 96th Infantry
Division Monument
adjacent to the
Walk of Honor at
the new National
Infantry
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Museum located in Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

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UNSURPASSED MEASURE OF
DEVOTION, PRIDE AND COURAGE

OUR Battle Monument
On Okinawa

What we need now are Six significant \$500 donors, plus the continued support of those who can only give smaller amounts. We want to have our monument completed by the Columbus Monument Company, installed at our imposing site, and ready for the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association Dedication Ceremony in late summer or early fall 2008.

A significant Donor's contribution of \$500 or more will be honored by the placement near our monument of a memorial brick which recognizes the donor's generosity. The brick will bear the donor's name and hometown or military unit. Should memorial bricks not be available, other recognition of the significant gift will be provided.

The monument will 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. The monument will also have in color inscribed in granite our double diamond patch, the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Please make your check payable to:

96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association, with the notation: Heritage Fund Monument, Mail tα Jim Black, Treasurer, 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association, P.O. Box 581254, Salt Lake City, UT 84158

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

SSG Mark Lawton...

First 96th RRC soldier KIA in Iraq remembered

The article below is reprinted from the Fall, 2007 "Deadeye," the 96th Regional Readiness Command, Fort Douglas, Utah magazine.

A HERO IMMORTALIZED Dedicated to the Memory of Staff Sergeant Mark A. Evans Lawton

By Maj. Corena Gardner, 96th HHC PAO

Building 3450 at 7335 Womack Street on Fort Carson, Colo., is now the Mark A. Evans Lawton Armed Forces Reserve Center. A ibbon-cutting ceremony was held n March to name the building for he first Army Reserve Soldier rom Colorado to be killed in comoat in the Global War on Terrorism. Staff Sergeant Lawton was postnumously awarded a Bronze Star vith "V" for valor, and a Purple Heart. Mrs. Sherri Lawton and heir two sons, Dustin and Tanner, Maj. Gen. Peter S. Cooke, (comnanding general 96th RRC) along vith family, friends and Soldiers vere in attendance. The Lawton Armed Forces Reserve Center was ouilt and dedicated in 2004, and vill serve the Soldiers of the 651st Regional Support Group (RSG), he 5025th Garrison Support Unit GSU) and several other reserve

awton's Life and Military Career awton was born on August 16, 962, in Indiana. His family later noved to Colorado where he

graduated from Moffat County High School in Craig. His military career began in 1983 when he enlisted in the Army as a fire support specialist. He served in Germany before leaving active duty in 1985. In 1988 Lawton joined the Marine Corps as a general equipment operator. He served in Okinawa and Operation Desert Storm. He left the Marines after seven and a half years and moved back to Colorado. Mark was employed by Kennecott as a heavy machinery operator. In 2000 Sgt. Lawton joined the Army Reserve. He served as a squad leader in A Company, 244th Engineer Battalion in Grand Junction, Colo. Mark loved being a Solider and his troops knew it. Despite not being required to mobilize, Lawton felt he had to serve with his unit and volunteered to deploy with them.

The Last Convoy

Lawton was killed on August 29, 2003 while participating in combat operations to liberate Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



During a convoy mission north of Suaydat, from Forward Operating Base Normandy, to Forward Operating Base Pacesetter, his convoy was ambushed by insurgents with rocket-propelled grenades (RPG's) and small arms fire. Lawton was mortally wounded while riding in the passenger side of the lead vehicle. Other Soldiers injured in the attack included: Pvt. Keith Deutsch from Minnesota, Sgt. Kenneth Favorite, Pfc. Tyler McWilliams and Spc. Michael Werthington all of Colorado.

Even after the loss, Sherri continued to support the Soldiers of her husband's unit. Each day she would place small U. S. flags and yellow ribbons on the fence and gate at her home in Craig. She also sent care packages and letters to

the deployed members of A. Co. until they came home.

All but one Soldier.

American Legion Post #62

Not only has an Army Reserve Center been named after Lawton, but also an American Legion Post in his hometown of Craig, Colo. On August 22, 2006, Sherri, along with her parents and sons, traveled back from Wasola, Mo., to attend the re-dedication of the Mark Anthony Evans Lawton. American Legion Post #62. The event included a flag-lined journey which was traveled by many Soliders of A Co., 244th Eng. Bn. Grand Junction, Colo., the 96th RRC and Fort Carson, along with their heavy engineer equipment, a helicopter fly-over courtesy of the Colorado Air National Guard, high school

friends, and 60 motorcyclists from the American Legion Riders.

The hall was packed with supporters and emotions were high as tribute was given to Lawton. Sherr received a ceremonial boxed flafrom a past Legion Departmer Commander, Neal Thomas. Durin a luncheon with Soldiers, friends and family, heartfelt stories about Lawton were shared.

With the naming of the Reserve Center at Fort Carson, and the American Legion Post 62 in Craig, Lawton's life, family, service devotion, and ultimate sacrifical will be immortalized throughout time. It has been said, there is no greater sacrifice then to give you life for your friends. The Soldier of A Co. 244th Eng. Bn. agree that Lawton was a true friend.



SSG Mark Lawton... first 96th RRC soldier killed in action during the current war in Iraq.

Staley's "Sleepless off Seattle" continued from page 4....

of mine, who had participated in some of the early battles of the south Pacific, said that the troop thips he was on didn't even have ndoor heads. They were two-by-our wood structures attached to he top sides of the ship. He said he troopships were like slave thips must have been.

Once I got to my bunk I was so lick I stayed there for three days. On the second day, I heard my name called to report to the galley for Kitchen Police duty. I told Stearly, "I don't care if they shoot me, I'm not going." Stearly was deeling good and liked to be in the ricinity of food, so he volunteered o go in my place. "Private Stearly eporting," he mumbled. "OK, Stearly, start peeling potatoes," the officer replied.

hree days later I was feeling bet-

ter and Stearly appeared at my bunk-side with a large orange, I ate it -- the most memorable orange I have ever eaten. Feeling better, I went up on the deck. The sun was shining, the seas were quieter and it was warmer. In two or three more days we were in Pearl Harbor. With our baggage, we climbed into open rail cars and were hauled up to an Army camp in the hills; that was a pleasant change from the cold, damp weather of the Seattle area. However, we were quarantined for three days and on alert for four days and then hauled back down to the docks. So much for glamorous Hawaii!! I saw Hawaii again on a vacation with my late wife, Mona, in 1974.

Recently, Herman Buffington, whom I first met on Okinawa, told me about his experience on that

stormy voyage. He said he was seasick all that first night and about 5:00 a.m. some Lieutenant came to his bunk and ordered him to report to the galley immediately for KP duty. He said, "No, I can't go. I'm dying!" A little later Lieutenant came back and ordered him to report to the galley, or he would be court-martialed. Herman again protested, but pointed out that the Lieutenant seemed to be in good shape. The Lieutenant left, and then sent guards to get him. The guards escorted Herman to the dreaded galley. As soon as they left, he found a space to hide under a large sink, although it was wet with drainage and stank. At night he sneaked back to his bunk. Then in the morning the guards came back and escorted him again to the galley. He reclaimed his hiding place. This routine continued a few days until a sailor told him



that he was going to die unless he started eating something or went to the sick bay. So he gave Herman some crackers and orange juice. They stayed down, so he had more and was soon able to perform h KP duties.

REUNION REGISTRATION

96th INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, 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. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.armedforcesreunions.com/95inf. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 28, 2008. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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51ST Annual Reunio J • July 30 - August 2, 2008 in Nashville, Tennessee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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96th INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN – 51st ANNUAL REUNION JULY 30 – AUGUST 3, 2008

3:00pm HOLIDAY INN SELECT, NASHVILLE, TN

Tuesday, July 29
6:00pm Reunion Registration open

TBD Wednesday, July 30 R & R Room (USO Room) History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion. Hours will be posted at the reunion.

7:30am 9:00am 1:00pm 8:30am 3:30pm 6:00pm 9:00pm Reunion Registration open Reunion Registration open FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNG JNCH (description follows)

6:00pm

8:00am TB B BB 11:00am "Welcome Reception"

Thursday, July 31

Directors' Meeting

R & R Room (USO Room)

10:30am 3:00pm Reunion Registration open
GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH CRUISE (description follows) R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion. History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion.

4:30pm Reunion Registration open

10:00am 11:00am

Beer Bust / Cash Bar Group Dinner

3:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm

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10:45am 12:00pm 12:00pm 8:30am 10:30am 11:45am 1:15pm 1:15pm <u>Saturday, August 2</u> General Meeting / Bronze Memorial Service Ladies' Luncheon Star Ceremony

1:15pm ASTP Luncheon

Lunch with 96th Friends – Those no
lunch are invited to attend!

CITY TOUR (description follows)

R & R Room (USO Room) Hours w Those not attending the Ladies' or ASTP

12:00pm

1:30pm

4:30pm Catholic Mass – all are invited Hours will be posted at the reunion

7:00pm Banquet dinner Cash Bar Sunday, August 3
Farewells and departures

5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM HOLIDAY INN SELECT

HOLIDAY INN SELECT-OPRYLAND/AIRPORT, NASHVILLE, TN 615-883-9770

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Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

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Reunion 2008... Nashville, Tennessee

Nashville... History, Museums and Music

Nashville was founded by James Robertson and a party of Wataugans in 1779, and was originally called Fort Nashborough, the after American Revolutionary War hero Francis Nash. Nashville quickly grew because of its prime location, accessibility as a river port, and its later status as a major railroad center. In 1806, Nashville was incorporated as a city and became the county seat of Davidson County, Tennessee. In 1843, the city was named the permanent capital of the state of Tennessee.

By 1860, when the first rumblings of secession began to be heard across the South, antebellum Nashville was a very prosperous city. The city's significance as a shipping port made it a desirable prize as a means of controlling important river and railroad transportation routes. In February 1862, Nashville became the first state capital to fall to Union troops.



Display at the Country Music Hall of Fame

Though the Civil War left Nashville in dire economic straits, the city quickly rebounded. Within a few years, the city had reclaimed its important shipping and trading position and also developed a solid manufacturing base. The post-Civil War years of the late 19th century brought a newfound prosperity to Nashville.

left the city with a legacy of grand classical-style buildings, which can still be seen around the downtown area. It was the advent of the Grand

These healthy economic times

Ole Opry in 1925, combined with an already-thriving publishing industry, that positioned it to become "Music City USA". In 1963, Nashville consolidated its government with Davidson County and thus became the first major city in the United States to form a metropolitan government. Since the 1970s, the city has experienced tremendous growth, particularly during the economic boom of the 1990s under the leadership of Mayor (now-Tennessee Governor) Phil Bredesen, who made urban renewal a priority, and fostered the construction or renovation of several city landmarks, including the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Nashville Public Library downtown, the Sommet Center, and LP Field.

The Sommet Center (formerly Nashville Arena and Gaylord Entertainment Center) was built as both a large concert facility and as an enticement to lure either a National Basketball Association or National Hockey League (NHL) sports franchise. This was accomplished in 1997 when Nashville was awarded an NHL expansion team which was sub-



High Kickin' at the Grand Ole Opry

sequently named the Nashville Predators. LP Field (formerly Adelphia Coliseum) was built after the National Football League's (NFL) Houston Oilers agreed to move to the city in 1995. The NFL debuted in Nashville in 1998 at Vanderbilt Stadium, and LP Field opened in the summer of 1999. The Oilers changed their name to the Tennessee Titans and saw a season culminate in the Music City Miracle and a close Super Bowl game.

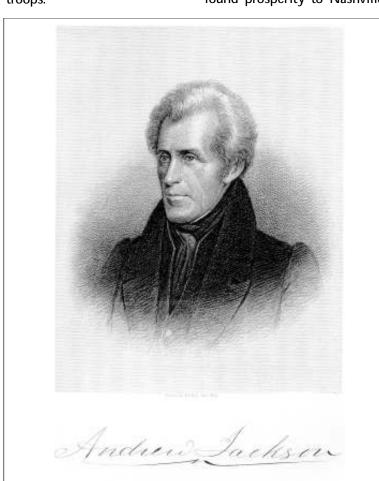
Today the city along the Cumberland River is a crossroads of American culture, and easily the fastest-growing part of the Upper South and the territory between Atlanta and Texas. Currently, there are many plans of building multiple residential and business towers in the downtown area, including the Signature Tower. If constructed, this will be the tallest building in both Nashville and Tennessee surpassing the AT&

T Building, and will also become the tallest building in the USA outside of New York and Chicago, surpassing the Bank of America Plaza in Atlanta.



Interesting facts about Nashville

A replica of The Parthenon, the famous ancient Greek building in Athens, Greece, stands in Nashville's Centennial Park. Because of this, Nashville is known as "the Athens of the South."



Nashville was the home of former President Andrew Jackson. His house, the Hermitage, is located here.



Reunion 2008... Nashville, Tennessee

REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNCH

Wednesday, July 30

Step back in time to the Civil War for the Battle of Franklin tour. This was the site of the five bloodiest hours of the Civil War. The tour will include the Carter House, built in 1830, by Fountain Branch Carter. The home is registered as a National Historic Landmark. Also included will be the Carnton Plantation, an antebellum mansion, located in Franklin. This house became a hospital for Confederate soldiers during the War and the only cemetery for both Northern and Southern soldiers. Lunch will be at Monelle's in downtown Franklin between the two home tours. This tour requires a minimum of 25 peo-

> 9:00 am board bus, 3:30 pm back at hotel \$79/Person includes bus, guide, admissions, and lunch. \$67/Children 11-12 years / \$61/Children 4-10 years

GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday, July 31

Enjoy a ride along the Cumberland River on a 300-foot long vessel styled in the grand tradition of the paddlewheel riverboats that cruised the great Southern waterways in the 1800's. The General Jackson Riverboat is the world's largest showboat. Enjoy a full buffet lunch as you cruise up the Cumberland to downtown Nashville, 14 miles round trip. You'll also be treated to true hand-clappin', toe-tappin' Nashville entertainment.

11:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel \$80/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise. \$69/Children 4-11years

HERMITAGE MANSION AND LUNCH

Friday, August 1

Tour the stately manor of our seventh President, Andrew Jackson. Only the Jackson family has lived there and almost all of the furnishings are original. You will be guided by costumed interpreters, weaving tales of Jackson's colorful and controversial life and stories of his family and the slaves who lived and worked there. The tour will highlight the complete restoration of the mansion just as it appeared in 1837. Walk through Rachel's Garden, which contains a variety of shrubs and flowering plants typical of the time period. The tour will also include a film, museum, church, Jackson's tomb, and original log cabins. Enjoy a lunch buffet, after the tour, at the Cabin by the Spring, located on the Hermitage grounds. There is a walk (approximately 3 blocks) from where buses will unload to the Mansion. Please wear comfortable shoes!

9:00am board bus, 1:00pm back at hotel \$54/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch. \$49/Children 4-11 years

GRAND OLE OPRY

Friday, August 1

Board bus for the Grand Ole Opry. Country's grandest show begins: a live country music radio program that is aired from the Grand Ole Opry House. The Opry has not missed a Saturday broadcast since it began in 1925; it is the longest-running live radio show in the world. Sit back and enjoy an American Institution at its entertaining best.

7:00pm board bus, 11:00pm back at hotel \$59Person includes bus, escort, and show. \$49/Children 4-11 years

CITY TOUR

Saturday, August 2

Depart for a professionally guided city tour of Nashville to include a "drive-by" of the following: State Capitol, Country Music Hall of Fame, and WWII Museum, with a brief stop. Continue on the see Historic Second Avenue, Music Row, Vanderbilt University, the Parthenon, Two Rivers Mansion and the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Your guides will entertain you with interesting facts, colorful legends, and amusing anecdotes of "Music City" and her people.

1:30pm board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel \$31/Person includes bus and guide. \$26/Children 4-11 years

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 trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

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 quarantees will allow, less the nonrefundable 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 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

REUNION EXTRAS:

If you plan to attend the reunion this July and any of the following items apply to you, please fill out where appropriate and return this form to the following address before June 1. This is VERY important.

PRE-ORDER FORM

I want to preorder 96th Deadeye items:

This year, we are trying to get an idea of what items people want to have available for pickup in the USO room. No money needs to be sent, just a true request and a gentleman's agreement to buy when in Nashville at the reunion or a request to have the items mailed to you after the reunion.

	<u>Size</u>	<u>No.</u>
Light Jacket with citation	S M L XL XXL	
Childrens' Polo Shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Ladies' Polo Shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Men's Polo Shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Adult T-shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Childrens' T-shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Embr. Handkerchiefs		
Deadeye Medallion (\$30)		
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ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR ITEMS

We need the following items brought to the Nashville Reunion.

- YES, I will bring some of the following to Nashville!
- Love gifts for the active duty guys and gals and their families in today's 96th RRC
- Bingo Prizes for children and adults
- · Door prizes and table gifts for Beer Bust and Banquet
- · Ladies' aprons (to be used and returned)
- Playing cards... Can be used at reunion and/or donated to active 96th RRC personnel
- · We need old 96th items to recycle to help raise money for the association. If you have any old 96th items you could part with, bring them and donate to the association.

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Yes, I will 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 above and return the entire form before June 1 to to one of the following:

- · Mary Eleanor Wood Smith, 2104 Slash Court, North Augusta, SC 29841, Phone: 803/278-2109, Email: mewsmith@yahoo.com
- · Sam Wood, PO Box 567, 584 Tributary Dr., Fort Lawn, SC 29714 Phone: 803-548-6006, Email: sawood@comporium.net
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Deadeye Dispatch Change of Address Form

Clip and mail to

Cindy Otis, PO Box 581254, Salt Lake City, UT 84158 or email: sassy.cindy@gmail.com

<u>NEW</u> ADDRESS
Name
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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

MEM	BERSHIP DUES:
	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
	currently assigned to a unit in the 96th RRC or those assigned to another command that previousl 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
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Deadeye News... Items about the Association

New Oklahoma Memorial Dedicated



Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, home of Deadeye Marvin Reames (383rd, K Co.), celebrated Veterans Day, 2007 by dedicating its new Military Service Memorial. The memorial honors Kingfisher County soldiers from World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam. On the south end stands the statue of the fallen soldier.

Memorial committee member A. J. Johnson said the idea started four years ago, although it had been discussed for more than a decade. "We started to think we needed to do something appropriate and we began to expand," he said.

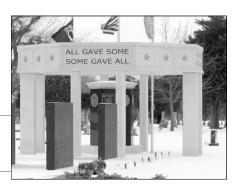
The group plans to have enough funding left over to establish a perpetual care fund to maintain the memorial. There are 4,000 names on the memorial and others from Kingfisher County can be added.

The memorial site is one mile west of Kingfisher on Oklahoma 3.



96th Infantry Division Deadeye Assn. member Marvin Reames honored on Kingfisher Memorial

> New Oklahoma Memorial shrouded in winter snow



Buckeye Chapter to hold reunion in May

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division will hold their 2008 reunion at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio on May 17, 2008, the first Saturday following Mother's Day. All Deadeyes and members of attached units are welcome.

For information contact: Russell Watts, 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, OH 43229-5259, Phone: 614-848-9808 or James Knight, 6023 Landing Pond Place, Grove City, OH 43123-9444, Phone: 614-801-1775.

Nashville Trivia...Test your knowledge of our 2008 reunion site

Q. On what Eve was Nashville founded?

A. Nashville was founded on Christmas Eve 1779.

Q. Name the 7th and 11th presidents that lived in the Nashville area.

A. Andrew Jackson and James K.

Q. What is the shape of the driveway at President Andrew Jackson's home Hermitage? A. The drive is in the shape of a

Q. Which Nashville captain gave the American flag its most famous nickname?

A. Retired Captain William Driver brought his trusty flag "Old Glory" home to Nashville in 1837.

Q.What was the original name of the Grand Ole Opry?

A.The WSM Barn Dance.

Q.What was the longest home of the Grand Ole Opry? A.The Ryman Aud

O. Portions of 16th and 17th Avenue South are known as what Nashville area?

Q. Who was the King of Country?

A. Music Row.

A. Chet Atkins.

A. Roy Acuff. Q. Who is Mr. Guitar?

Q. What Nashville musician had a guitar-shaped swimming pool? A. Webb Pierce.

O. Who became famous as the featured female singer on Porter Wagoner's Show and now has her own theme park in the Smokey Mountains?

A. Dolly Parton.

Q. What popular female singer started out as a tour guide at the Country Music Hall of Fame? A. Kathy Mattea.

Q. What singer used to wash dishes at the Nashville Palace and is now credited as beginning the movement of New Traditionalists? A. Randy Travis.

Q.What country music star was know as the Father of Bluegrass Music? A.Bill Monroe.

Past President's Notes

Tom Roby, Past President 96[™] Infantry Division Deadeye Association



Greetings to all members of our honored group of Past Presidents of both our former Reunion Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. The years of service you have given to our organizations has not gone unnoticed. The successes you achieved in keeping our organization alive for over fifty years are really appreciated.

Our President Jim Collins and the current Board of Directors want to take advantage of your historical perspectives of our organization. Our goals include perpetuating the legacy of our 96th Infantry Division as well as honoring all those who wear or have worn our double diamond patch. As we struggle with creating our identity, we need your ideas and support.

A number of monuments have been built in remembrance of our departed comrades. How do we make sure that they are maintained whether they are in the Pacific, at military bases in this country or wherever. How should we create a source of money to finance this sacred duty? Should we continue to erect monuments when local groups want it done? Should there be a standing committee to address these issues and make a permanent record of the program?

We currently have a "soldier's relief fund" on our balance sheet of the current organization. We work with the Reserve organization and its affiliates to identify servicemen and their families who are in dire financial straits. So far, we have disbursed wee amounts of money and feel that we need to publicize this program and arrange for future funding. Do you have any ideas?

All members of our original organization became life members of our new organization if they were life members in the Reunion Association and its auxiliary. Obviously, we don't collect any more dues from those life members. If we can substantiate the need for funds, is it fair and reasonable to ask our life members to allocate some donation each year for the future financial needs of the organization?

We are going to have our annual meeting in Nashville this year. If you can make it, please come and visit with your friends and help us make these decisions. Thanks.

Q.What country music entertainers went into the sausage business?

A.Jimmy Dean and George Jones.

O. Name the Nashville museum that houses Elvis' gold cadillac and piano.

A. Country Music Hall of Fame.

Q.According to the Lovin' Spoonful, how many guitar pickers are there in Nashville?

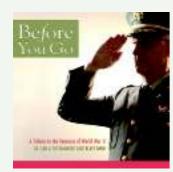
Q.Who is the only country recording artist to be elected

twice to the Country Music Hall of Fame? A.Roy Rogers.

Q.After drinking a cup of locally produced coffee in Nashville, which U.S. president coined the phrase 'good to the last drop!'? A.Theodore Roosevelt.

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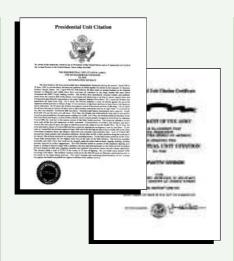
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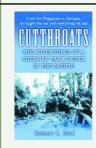


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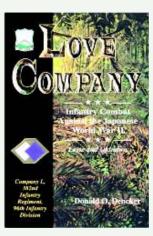


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