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NEWSLETTER #64

774TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION 1941-1945

MAY 2007



The holidays are over, spring is around the corner, and tax time has come and gone. We have only 5 months to prepare for our Annual Reunion which begins September 30th. Thru October 4th. 2007 at the Ocean Forest Plaza, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Mark you calendars, plan your doctor appointments and your vacations so you don't miss meeting your old comrades and friends. We have planned another great reunion for your enjoyment and hope we have good turnout again this year.

Sunday and Monday are greet and meet old friends, the ladies check out the malls and go out for lunch while the old vets tell old war stories some new ones and shoot the bull which is almost dead after all these years.

Tuesday afternoon we pay dues meet all the late arrivals then at 6:00 PM. there is a cocktail hour, at 6:45PM. we settle down for our Memorial Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday is a free day until 4:45 PM. Then we go by bus to a buffet dinner and a show at the Alabama Theater for a great show. Our membership meeting will be held in the hospitality room at 9:30 AM. Members don't miss it.

Thursday we normally go out to dinner at a nice restaurant and then go to the Carolina Opry and want to again this year. But so many people leave after the membership meeting I don't have enough people (16) to get discount tickets for \$23:00. I will make reservations for the show for 16 and if I don't have that many we will cancel or pay full the price of \$33.00 per ticket.

Friday is check out and have a safe trip home.

SPECIAL NOTES: Rooms are as follows: Single \$ 84.00, Double \$91.00, Triple \$98.00 and Quad \$105.00

Breakfast and taxes are included with your room, you will issued a voucher for each day and each person for breakfast if you don't get them ask for them.



SICKNESS

ROY MADISON has had another heart attack the latter part of February and spent some time in the hospital and a nursing home, he returned home 26th of March and has Meals on Wheels and a nurse come in and look after him, as he lives alone. He seems to be doing well now.

HUMOR:

SECRET OF HAPPINESS

EVERY DAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO OR SOME WHERE TO GO
EVERY DAY SOMEONE TO CALL, SOMEONE TO SEE, SOMEONE TO LOVE
BUT MOST OF ALL EVERYDAY HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE TO SOMEONE

RETURNING MEMBER Laval R. Gendron, Recon Co. has asked to get the newsletter and paid his dues.

GROWING OLD IS MANDATORY FEELING OLD IS OPTIONAL

TAPPS



We wish our most sincere sympathy to the families of our deceased members and comrades in arms.

May the Lord bless and watch over you in these difficult days.



Lawrence E. Schofield
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94th INFANTRY DIV. AND THE 774TH TANK DESTROYER BN.

The 94th Infantry Div. and the 774th Tank Destroyer Bn. had an excellent relationship during the winter of 1944 when the 774th was attached to the 94th Inf. Div. Our problem with the enemy was their problem too and the excellent communications between these two outfits is obvious after reading the clippings from the 94th Infantry's Newspaper the "ATTACK" Every October when the 774th has their annual reunion some 774th Veteran will bring up some incident that the 94th Infantry, Ground Pounders and the 774th Tankers were involved in. Great bunch of GI'S in the 94th.

Submitted and writing by Ray Brassard

NOTE

Also noted by Art Pelkey that since I have been writing this newsletter it has come to my attention that the 94th Infantry Division awarded many Bronze Stars to members of the 774th. Some of the names that come to mind are John Barakis, Carrol Duncan, Richard FiField, Weldon Griffin and many others that I have seen on the orders.

I also served 9 years of reserve duty in "A" Battery, 919th Field Artillery, 94th Infantry Division becoming First Sergeant of "A" Battery before requesting active duty 1955.



THANK THE MILITARY

The United States is like a magnificent palace whose occupants are blissfully unaware of the debt they owe to those who are posted at the drawbridge. **THINK ABOUT IT!**

TRIP

HENRY KOHOUT JR. and all of his family spent a very enjoyable vacation visiting the Islands of HAWAII and are planning to attend the reunion in October.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Greatness comes not when things go always good for you.

But greatness comes when you're really tested.

When you take some hard knocks, some disappointments, and when sadness comes.

Because only if you've been in the deepest valley can you ever know how magnificent it is to be on the highest mountain.

EVENTS

Many events occurred will never be forgotten by the wire laying crew, like the time **Sgt. Brassard** asked, "General Patton to please move to one side", as he stepped on the wire that the crew was attempting to put overhead.

Or the time when **Sgt. Robinson** fell off the roof of the truck into the mud three times in succession, when the German 88s had the vehicle bracketed around Metz. (Page 83 in our history book).

SCHOOL TODAY

Sometimes you wonder what your children are learning in school now days. The teacher pointed toward the American Flag and asked, "Johnny what it was"? Johnny answered, "It's the Flag of my country". Next question, "What is your country Johnny", and little Johnny answered, "Tis of thee".

NEED INFORMATION

I need some interesting events that we all had at one time or another from members for the newsletter, like the one above about **Sgt. Brassard** the 94th. Infantry Division.

FACT

The Soldier is not the cause of war.

The Soldier is the first victim of war.

DUES DUES DUES

Please send your dues in so I won't have to remind you and I can save the postage.



DON'T FORGET TO FLY THE FLAG

Don't forget to fly your American Flag on Memorial Day May 30th and Flag Day June 14th..



Inez and I hope you all enjoy the spring weather and have planned for the reunion in October.

Art Pelkey

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A SUPERIOR ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than fact. It is more important than the past, than education, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will break a company... a school... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday. Regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is plan on the one thing we have, and that is our superior attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

A SUPERIOR ATTITUDE WILL PRODUCE SUPERIOR RESULTS

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