

The New DEADEYE DISPATCH



Official Newsletter of the 96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association

Spring, 2006

First Reunion of the NEW 96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association to be Held in Denver

The 2006 reunion/meeting of the new 96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association will be held this summer in Denver, Colorado during the week of July 26-30. This event will honor the efforts of all Deadeyes who have worn or are wearing the Double Diamond patch.

Members of the 96th Regional Readiness Command and their families are invited and encouraged to attend all events.

The gathering, at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Denver, will be an opportunity for all generations to perpetuate the legacy of the 96th Deadeyes and to learn about the past, present and future services of the US Army soldier. Classic Reunion will be on hand to take single or group photos and will offer a picture Directory.



USO Committee Needs Your Help...



The USO Welcome Night Committee needs your help in preparing a play for and about the 96TH men's and women's experiences from the day they enlisted to the day they were back at home and getting their lives back in order. If you have any memories about any of these events that would enlighten and hopefully educate the second and third generations, please send them AT ONCE by email or regular mail to the USO Welcome Night Committee. We would like the information to be stories that you would share with a pal or a grandchild. Remember, the only way we can pass on the information, about training, the ships, food, mail, laundry and friendships between the men, and any other non-battle information, is for you to tell us! Any short note or memory would help us. Thank you!

Mary Eleanor Wood Smith and Harriet Nichols email address: deadeyes4445@yahoo.com, Ann Moroz's email address is deadeyemk@wmconnect.com. Written or taped messages can

be sent to Mary Eleanor Wood Smith at 2104 Slash Court, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Also, we need your help to continue USO family activities at the 2006 reunion and to help keep your Deadeye Dispatch coming. To raise funds for this, we are planning a **Silent Auction** and a **"Bucket" Raffle** in Denver.

Please bring or send a **"Love Gift,"** (something special to you, new or old, that others would purchase) and/or an item for the raffle. Send your gifts to : Mary Eleanor Wood Smith, 2104 Slash Court, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841.

And... do you have a **laptop computer?** Bring it to Denver. The USO room can always use more computers for a variety of purposes. So we want to invite any technical gurus in our outfit to bring their laptop computers with them.

Our theme this year is *PEPETUATE THE LEGACY*. We need all men and women coming to the reunion to bring a picture of their Company from the past. We want to scan these pictures at the reunion and put them on a bulletin board. This way, the new association can have a visual of the past and present 96th.



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Deadeyes Answer the Call to Duty

Major General Peter S. Cooke
96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association



"Deadeyes", both past and present, are part of an honored tradition of soldiers that have answered the Call to Duty. The Call to Duty springs from the Nobility of Service—the Warrior Ethos and Army Values that have been handed down to us throughout the history of this great nation. It is the legacy of those who have gone before—the many thousands of soldiers who have answered the call from the earliest days of the Revolution, on through all the dark times when freedom has been lost to oppression, when people have cried out for rescue from tyranny. The Call to Duty binds us to our service and guides the course of action we take as guardians, as defenders of freedom, for this great country of ours.

In the terrible winter of 1776, enlistments in the Revolutionary Army were ending and the fate of a fledgling nation appeared uncertain. Urging soldiers to continue to fight for freedom, Thomas Paine wrote his own moving call to duty: "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." The Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen ceremony was created to demonstrate the thanks we have for those that did not shrink in this time of crisis. It was developed to honor, in a small measure, soldiers who have willingly answered their nation's call to war.

The 96th Regional Readiness Command has its own unique history of soldiers that have willingly answered the Call, of which you are a part. Over the years, thousands of soldiers from the 96th have been deployed to fight in various campaigns. During the Okinawa campaign, a technical sergeant displayed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the Call of Duty. When a powerfully conducted predawn Japanese counterattack struck Sergeant Beauford T. Anderson's unit's flank, he ordered his men to take cover in an old tomb, and then, armed only with a carbine, faced the onslaught alone. After emptying one magazine at pointblank range into the screaming attacker, he seized an enemy mortar dud and threw it back among the charging Japanese,

killing several as it burst. Securing a box of mortar shells, he extracted the safety pins, banged the bases upon a rock to arm them and proceeded alternately to hurl shells and fire his piece among the fanatical foe, finally forcing them to withdraw. Despite the protests of his comrades, and bleeding profusely from a severe shrapnel wound, he made his way to his company commander to report the action. Technical Sergeant Anderson's intrepid conduct in the face of overwhelming odds accounted for 25 enemy killed and several machineguns and knee mortars destroyed, thus single-handedly removing a serious threat to a company's flank.

Now in 2006, we are an army at war for a nation at war. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11th, US Army soldiers have participated in a determined and relentless campaign to defeat enemies who challenge our way of life. This is a new reality that soldiers understand all too well: since 9/11, American soldiers have witnessed more than a battalion's worth of their comrades killed in action, more than a brigade's worth severely wounded. Their sacrifices in the Global War on Terror have liberated more than 46 million people, but this is not all. The Army Reserve plays a unique role in this campaign; we are citizen soldiers, and as such, we do not just do our military jobs, but we donate our time and energy to the civilian community as well.

I agree with Thomas Paine that every man and woman who risks their life for freedom, for something greater than oneself, is a hero. And I am so proud that I am a part of the ranks of men and women who created a country during the Revolution, who freed a people from slavery during the Civil War, and liberated a continent during World War II. Our uniforms, equipment, and even our faces have changed over 230 years, but I took the same oath as men and women who have gladly sacrificed their own lives to protect freedom and their fellow soldiers. I answered the same call of duty to place my mission first and to serve with honor. I am still moved by the soldiers who have come before, and the soldiers I have the privilege of serving with every day. Deadeye Ready!

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The 96TH... Tradition & Transition

Tom Roby, President
96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association



The 96TH Infantry Division reunion Association has almost fifty years of keeping the traditions of this Infantry Division alive, as well as maintaining an annual reunion to enjoy old and make new friendships. We have met every year at different locations around the country. Volunteers kept the records and did the organizational work. We had several thousand WWII veterans from the division on our mailing list.

In recent years, we developed a kinship with the successor organizations of the old Infantry Division which was deactivated. Various names were assigned by the Army to the Reserve Units and we now have a close relationship with the 96th Div. RRC.

The old guard of the reunion association has been phasing out that corporation in the past couple of years. We had our last official reunion in 2005 in the D.C. area and it was a huge success. Many of our RRC friends were in attendance.

We have formed a new corporate entity to help to perpetuate the legacy of the old Infantry Division and its WWII battles on Okinawa and Leyte. In addition, our mission statement is changing as we want to perpetuate the legacies of the many Reservists who have and are performing valiantly in the hot spots of the world today. One more responsibility is being added into our "raison d'etre," that of providing succor to the families of the active duty military in our midst.

The new corporate By-Laws provide for the inclusion of many factions in our eligibility list. First, all of the life members of the old organization and its auxiliary are automatically life members in the new organization. Family members of the original group are starting to join and to participate. Next, all members of the RRC and its predecessor organizations are invited to join. All family members of the RRC military are invited to come with us.

Finally, any member of the public may join.

A dues schedule has been adopted as recommended by Gen. Jim Collins and his membership committee and will be published soon. An annual meeting of the new organization will be held during the last full week of July in Denver, Co. Elections will be held for both

Directors and Officers.

Efforts are being made to have our new organization organized under Utah laws to be non-profit and exempt from IRAs. To accomplish some of the PR things we would like to do will take cash and we would like to make it possible for contributions to be tax-deductible to the donors. We should know the outcome of our efforts soon.

So, the new Deadeye Association is up and running and we invite one and all to join with us in our quest for legacy perpetuation and military family assistance.

In addition to old-timers from the reunion association, the impetus and leadership for transforming into this wider membership-based organization was in a large part due to the promotional skills of Gen. Jim Collins.



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Executive Committee

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Welcome To Denver!!



Located at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Denver is one of America's most beautiful cities. And one of the most fun. Blessed with 300 days of sunshine a year, Denver is a lively city with a great love of the outdoors. Here you'll find the nation's largest city park system, 90 golf courses and an incredible 650 miles of paved bike trails. But Denver is also a cultural and sophisticated city.

Downtown Denver

Denver, the site chosen for the 2006 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association reunion, has the tenth largest downtown in the U.S. - a bustling area centered around a mile-long pedestrian promenade that is lined with outdoor cafes and flower baskets. The mountain panorama visible from Denver is 120 miles long. Downtown Denver is home to three sports stadiums, 300 restaurants, a restored historic district filled with 90 bars, a collection of museums, a variety of galleries and shopping, the second largest performing arts center in the nation, three college campuses and even a unique downtown amusement park, Six Flags Elitch Gardens.

Sports Town USA

Denver is one of only a few cities to offer seven professional sports teams: NFL Denver Broncos; Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies; NHL Colorado Avalanche; NBA Denver Nuggets; Arena Football's Colorado Crush; Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids; National Lacrosse League's

Colorado Mammoth. In addition, Denver has horse racing, dog racing, a Grand Prix and rodeos.

Museums & Culture

Denver has one of the highest educated populations in America and a great love of the arts. The Denver Art Museum is in the process of doubling with a new wing. The Denver Performing Arts Complex is the second largest in the nation with ten theatres seating 10,000 people for theatre, symphony, opera and ballet.

In Denver, You Are Never Far From Nature

Denver has an amazing collection of museums devoted to the wonders of Planet Earth. The Denver Zoo is the fourth most popular zoo in the nation. The Downtown Aquarium will undergo major improvements, while the Denver Museum of Nature & Science just added a space museum and the world's most advanced digital planetarium.

Party Town

Denver brews more beer than any other city with 80 different beers brewed here. LoDo is Denver's hip downtown historic district where restored Victorian buildings now house more than 90 sports bars, brew pubs, jazz clubs and restaurants. Denver has some of the best concert venues on earth, including the famous Red Rocks Amphitheatre, a 9,000-seat arena carved out of gigantic red rock boulders.

Distance from Doubletree Hotel to Denver Attractions	
16th Street Mall.....	4 MI
Cherry Creek Shopping Center.....	7 MI
Coors Field.....	5.25 MI
Museum of Science and Nature/Zoo.....	4 MI
Six Flags Elitch Gardens.....	9 MI
Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium.....	9 MI
Western Stock Show Complex.....	3 MI
Denver Convention Center.....	4 MI
Pepsi Center Arena.....	8 MI
Fitzsimmons Medical Center.....	4 MI

Doubletree Menu

Lunch At \$17.00 Inclusive
Includes Salad, Beverage and Chef's Choice Dessert

- Pasta Primavera with Roasted Vegetables served with a Pomodoro Sauce
- Homestyle Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy served with Garden Fresh Vegetables
- Italian Marinated Chicken with Pesto Orzo and Garden Fresh Vegetables
- Chicken Fried Steak with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Roast Turkey and Dressing with Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables

\$22.00 Inclusive Chicken
Includes Salad, Beverage and Chef's Choice Dessert

- Grilled Pesto Chicken served with Angel Hair Pasta and Garden Fresh Vegetables
- Boneless Breast of Chicken Grilled with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce and Mediterranean Spices, Served with Pesto Pasta and Seasonal Vegetables
- Batter Dipped Sautéed Chicken Breast with Stone Ground Honey Mustard Sauce and Toasted Almonds Served with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables
- Grilled Chicken Breast with Mango Papaya Salsa Served with Steamed Rice and Vegetables Seasoned with Jerk Spices

Saturday Casual Dinner Buffet
Rocky Mountain Deli
\$20.95 per person

Mixed Garden Greens with Assorted Dressings, Potato Salad, Sliced Fresh Fruit, Smoked Turkey, Ham, Salami, Corned Beef and Roast Beef, Assortment of Freshly Baked Deli Breads and Rolls, Cheddar, Swiss and Provolone Cheeses, and Condiments, Assortment of Cakes and Pastries.

The Continental
\$21.95 per person

- Fresh Spinach Salad with Tomato, Red Onions, Sliced Mushrooms and Eggs, with Red Wine Vinaigrette Dressing
- Grilled Top Sirloin Steak with Marinated Peppers and Onions
- Grilled Teriyaki Chicken
- Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Long Grain Wild Rice, Roasted Red Potatoes
- Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter
- Assortment of Cakes and Pastries

A Taste of Italy
\$20.95 per person

- Mozzarella and Roma Tomato Salad with Fresh Basil Vinaigrette Dressing
- Tri-Colored Pasta Primavera Salad with Fresh Herb Dressing
- Fresh Fruit, Melons and Berries
- Fettuccine Alfredo
- Grilled Breast of Chicken served in Cream Sauce of Lemon, Capers and Scallions
- Grilled Italian Vegetables
- Baskets of Freshly Baked Garlic Bread
- Assortment of Cakes and Pastries

96th Infantry Division – Reunion Tour Descriptions



train journey, enjoy free time in the Victorian-style historic town of Georgetown for lunch and shopping. *NOTE: The Lebanon Silver Mine maintains a constant 44 degrees F, so please bring a light jacket and wear good walking shoes.*

8:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel
\$58/Person includes bus, guide, and train.
Lunch on your own.

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CITY TOUR

Friday, July 28 Tour the heart of the city, downtown Denver. Rich in frontier heritage, and coupled with modern growth, you will see both the old and the new in this "mile high city." Your guide will share exciting narrative as you drive by the Molly Brown House, home of "Unsinkable Molly;" Larimer Square, lower downtown, 16th Street Mall, beautiful neighborhoods and parks, many of which were built by successful gold miners, and the beautiful State Capitol building. This impressive edifice, a replica of our nation's capitol, was constructed from Colorado granite rock, marble, rose quartz, and twenty-four carat gold. Catch glimpses of Denver's past, present, and future on this informative and entertaining tour.

8:30am board bus, 11:30am back at hotel.
\$31/Person includes bus and guide.



FITZSIMMONS ARMY RESERVE CENTER

Saturday, July 29

Enjoy a fun afternoon of food and entertainment, provided by the 96th Regional Readiness Command. **\$15/Person includes bus and escort (shuttle)**

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.

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 (\$5 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 \$5 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.*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TOUR

Thursday, July 27

"All Aboard" for a beautiful trip to Clear Creek County and the Georgetown Loop Railroad. Experience train travel through the mountains as it might have been like a hundred years ago, surrounded by the beauty of the Rocky Mountains. We'll begin our trip in the town of Silver Plume and board the train that was completed in 1884, an engineering marvel for its time. We'll go along a corkscrew route gaining 600 feet in elevation, and cross Devil's Gate High Bridge. Midway down the tracks, disembark the train to tour the Lebanon Silver Mine, dating back to the early 1870's. Walk 500 feet into the mine, see rich veins of silver pointed out by the guide, and hear about early-day mining. Then reboard the train for the remainder of the trip to Georgetown. After the

96TH Infantry Division Deadeye Association Reunion - 2006

July 25-30, 2006 in Denver, Co.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 25

Evening and dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 26

Historic Town and Casino Tour... A tour of Black Hawk and Central City historic towns and Casino will be offered by the USO Room for late Wednesday afternoon. There must be at least 35 people interested for the trip to happen. The cost will range from \$40-45 and includes transportation, tour of cities, dinner, and casino voucher. If interested, please contact Mary Eleanor Wood Smith by postcard (2104 Slash Court, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841), e-mail (mewsmith@yahoo.com), or just call 803-278-2109. Send no money.

TBD
TBD
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

R & R Room (USO Room) *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
History Room. *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
Reunion Registration open
Evening on your own.

Thursday, July 27

7:30 am - 8:00 am
TBD
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8:00 am - 4:00 pm
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Reunion Registration open
R & R Room (USO Room) *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
History Room *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TOUR (see description on page 3)
ASTP Luncheon (see information below)
Reunion Registration open
Nominating Committee Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
Banquet Seating Assignments
Collected at the Reunion Registration Desk
Reunion Kick-Off Party/Welcome Night

Friday, July 28

7:30 am - 11:00 am
TBD
TBD
8:30 am - 11:30 am
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting
R & R Room (USO Room) *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
History Room. *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
CITY TOUR (see description on page 3)
Reunion Registration open
Membership Luncheon
Membership Meeting
Reunion Registration open
Cash Bar and Social Hour
Banquet & Dance

The 96th Regional Readiness Command will host a banquet and a dance at the Double Tree hotel for members of the 96th Infantry Division Association on Friday evening. A short program will take place throughout dinner, with guest speakers and a short ceremony. Immediately following the dinner, there will be a dance with a variety of music for all to enjoy.

Saturday, July 29

9:00 am - 11:00 am
TBD
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Memorial Service
R & R Room (USO Room) *Hours will be posted at the reunion*
RRC Center lunch and entertainment
Catholic Mass *Father Ed Kucera, 25-year Air Force veteran*
Dinner on the light side in the USO Room (optional)
Beer Bust

Sunday, July 30

Farewells and departures

ASTP 2006 Reunion Luncheon

WHERE: Doubletree Hotel, Denver, Colorado (room to be announced)
WHEN: Thursday, July 27, 2006 • 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
WHAT: A Time to Renew Old Memories
MENU: Luncheon entree, salad, rolls/butter, dessert and beverage
COST: \$17.00 inclusive

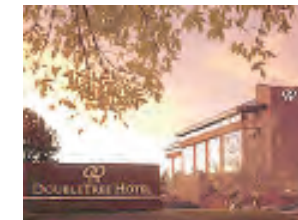
Send your check, made out to: Arden Pridgeon, 721 Grant Street,

St. Joseph, MI 49085-3335. Phone: 269-429-0450. Email: vprid@juno.com

ATTENTION: We have to notify the hotel of number in attendance 48 hours in advance of start of luncheon, so please get your reservation in early. Keep your name current on our contact list with any change of address or information on yourself by sending to Arden at address above.

DENVER DOUBLETREE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

The Doubletree Hotel Denver is located at 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207, next to the new Quebec Square shopping center and minutes from downtown Denver. The Doubletree Hotel is approximately twenty minutes from the Denver International Airport. The hotel is conveniently located off of I-70. For more detailed directions, please call the hotel directly. All guest rooms have hair dryers, iron and ironing boards, and in-room coffee makers. An exercise facility is on site as well as an indoor pool and jacuzzi that is open year round. Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. There is ample complimentary parking. Check-in time is 3:00 pm; check-out is 12:00 pm. The Café offers a casual atmosphere, serving a breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner. The Mile High Deli, located inside the Café, serves customized deli sandwiches, open Monday-Friday. Characters Sports Bar & Grill, open daily at 4:00 pm, is an excellent place to relax, watch one of the big screen TV's or enjoy great food. Room service is available.



Complimentary airport shuttle is available for guests of the Doubletree Hotel Denver. Shuttles run every 30 minutes from 4:30 am-midnight daily. Guests will need to go to the baggage terminal area, level 5, and exit the airport from Door 511 - if on east side of airport, or from Door 508-if on west side of airport. The shuttle van will pick up passengers just beyond Island 3. Guests will need to arrange return shuttle service to the airport, within 24 hours of their departure time.

The hotel does have complimentary RV parking, however they do not have any RV hookups. The Doubletree Hotel, due to liability and insurance issues, cannot have guests overnight in their RVs while parked on hotel property. Should you need full hookup service, please call Denver Meadows RV Park, 2075 Potomac Street, Aurora, CO, 303-364-9483 to make a reservation and to obtain directions. Please make your reservations at least two to three weeks in advance. This campground is located approximately ten minutes from the Doubletree.

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. Vendors, schedules and prices are subject to change.

.....CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL.....
96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association - Hotel Reservation Form
Reunion Dates: July 26-30, 2006

NAME _____ TEL. NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

OF ROOMS ___ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. ___ HANDICAP ACCESS ___ SMOKING ___ NONSMOKING _____

KING BED ___ 2 DOUBLE BEDS ___

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

Rate: \$89 + tax (currently 13.85%). Rate will be honored 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUT OFF DATE: Reservations received after 6/22/06 will be processed on space & rate available basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled by 4:00 pm day of arrival.

Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, may result in a \$50 early departure fee. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

___AMEX ___DINERS ___VISA ___MASTERCARD ___DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to : Doubletree Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207
Phone: (303) 321-3333, (800) 222-8733

Reservation Troubles? If you have any problems making reservations, please contact any of the following people for assistance:

Molly Dey
Harriet Nichols
Mary Eleanor Wood Smith

800/562-7226
212/612-4387
803/278-2109

mollydey@afri.com
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mewsmith@yahoo.com

96TH INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN REUNION REGISTRATION

All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 23, 2006

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 (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 23, 2006. 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.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE USE ONLY
Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/23/06

	Price Per	# of People	Total
Thursday: Clear Creek County Tour	\$58		\$
Friday: City Tour	\$31		\$
Saturday: RRC Center lunch and entertainment (Choose one option)			
BBQ lunch at the RRC Center with transportation	\$25		\$
BBQ lunch at the RRC Center without transportation	\$10		\$
HOTEL FUNCTIONS			
Friday: Membership Luncheon (Please select your entrée)			
Homestyle Meatloaf	\$20		\$
Italian Chicken	\$20		\$
Friday: Banquet (Please select your entrée):			
Rib Eye Steak	\$35		\$
Grilled Chicken	\$30		\$
Friday Banquet children's plate (12 and under) -Chicken fingers and French fries	\$12		\$
Saturday Beer Bust	\$6		\$
MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON			
	\$5		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form

PLEASE PRINT

NAME (for nametags) _____

REGIMENT _____ COMPANY _____ BATTERY _____ RRC Yes No

SPOUSE NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

GUEST NAMES - Please list additional guests addresses and email addresses (if known) on the back of this form

PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ FIRST 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION ATTENDED? YES

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____

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) 625-6401 or email cancel@afri.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

Deadeye Highway Coming to New York??

NY Highway may be Renamed in Honor of 96TH

A couple of years ago, the former Association gave assent to Harry Merker to proceed on getting a portion of NY State Hwy #96 re-named to honor the 96th Inf. Div. Harry's brother, Sgt. Jacob L. Merker, 382nd Co. G. was a casualty on Okinawa. There was no money involved and Harry Merker has been pursuing the matter. Here is his most recent report:



"Since 2003, I have been working on renaming a portion of State Rt. 96 near Rochester, NY to honor the 96TH Infantry Division. As of right now, it is in the State Legislature in Albany, NY. It is a formality that requires a bill, and then be signed by New York's governor. Barring the unforeseen, that should happen anyday now and be signed by Gov. Pataki. A tentative formal ceremony date has been set for mid-September, 2006 in front of Finger Lakes Race Track in Farmington, NY."

This is a summary of the bill from the New York Legislature's web site: *Designates a portion of the state highway system to be known as the "World War II Veterans - 96th Infantry Division of the United States Army Memorial Highway" from all that portion of state highway Route 96, beginning at the intersection of Route 332, heading east and ending at Hook Road in the town of Farmington.*"

If you are planning to attend the highway ceremony, contact Harry at givmlhm@msn.com and he will personally reply with complete info.

Club 96... Harry also would like to promote a "Club 96" to gather money for the Heritage Fund. He says: "Consider me the first volunteer for a group known as *Club 96* that pledges to donate \$96 for the Heritage Fund." For more information on the Heritage Fund, see page 8.

TAPS.....

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us



Robert Glassman
Co. L, 382nd Inf.
Jan 21, 2005
Submitted by Wife Mary Frances

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Lieutenant General Simon B. Buckner, Commanding General, Tenth Army, the highest ranking American officer to die in World War II.

General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., graduated from West Point in 1908 and was commissioned in the Infantry. He served as an instructor at Fort Benning and at the Command and General Staff School from which he graduated in 1925 as a distinguished student. Later duties included service as an instructor, Assistant Commandant, and Commandant of West Point.

In the early days of World War II, General Buckner directed operations against Japanese forces on the Aleutian Islands and subsequently converted those islands into an invasion-proof stronghold.

In 1945, General Buckner was given command of the newly-formed Tenth U.S. Army and with it the task of invading and neutralizing Okinawa. During the fighting, he repeatedly exposed himself to danger by touring the frontlines to encourage his men.

Four days prior to the victory he sought, LTG Buckner was mortally wounded while directing his forces from an advanced observation post. He was the highest ranking officer to lose his life in the war. In 1954, Congress posthumously promoted him to the rank of General.



Notices and Items of Interest to all Deadeyes...

Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96TH Infantry Division Association will hold their 2006 Reunion at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, OH on May 20, 2006, first Saturday following Mothers' Day. All Deadeyes and attachment units are welcome. For more 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.

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the 96TH Infantry Division Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 4, 2006 at the Monmouth Oregon Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth, OR. Arrival and sign-in time, 9-10 am. Special activities for early arrivals will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, June 3, 2006. Contact Richard "Dick" Haglund, Corr. Sec. and Editor of Newsletter at 1504 Euclid, Steilacoom, WA 98388-3310, phone 253-588-8310; John Pfaff, Rec. Sec., 20 S. 4th, Independence, OR 97531, 503-838-1854; Jim Black, Pres., 1445 NE Hoffman Dr., McMinville, OR 97128-2343, phone 503-435-1283, email jimblack96@comcast.net; Glenn Perry, Chaplain/Historian, 5516 Boradview NE, Tacoma, WA 98422, phone 253-927-0537, email

glennrp@earthlink.net.

Contact addresses regarding Service Awards and Medals
National Personnel Record Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

(If your records were at the above location as of July 12, 1973, they would have been destroyed by a fire. It destroyed the major portion of the records of Army personnel for the period 1912- 1959.)

If your records are not at St. Louis, you might want to try this address:

US Army Tank Automotive Armaments Command
IMMC Soldier System Team
PO Box 57997
Philadelphia, PA 1991-7997

Request for Interviews

A private college prep school in Indianapolis, IN is creating a comprehensive 96TH Division history and is seeking Deadeyes to interview. Private interviews can be scheduled at your convenience and can also be taken online. The students and faculty of the school will make

the final selections.

Contact W.R. Hill, 6721 Doris Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46214-3202, email fpihill@comcast.net.

2006 National Memorial Day Parade

Will be held in Washington, D.C. at 12 Noon on Monday, May 29, 2006. Deadeyes who are interested are invited to participate. This parade is organized by the World War II Veterans Committee and will start at the corner of 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the White House. Vehicles will be provided for those unable to walk the parade route. Veterans are encouraged to carry signs or flags representing our organization. For details, contact Don Dencker at 608-837-7479.

Operation Homefront

Wondering how you can help the families of deployed soldiers? Check out www.operationhomefront.net. Operation Home Front was started approximately 1-2 years ago by a few wives of soldiers that had been deployed overseas. It has become a non-profit, national organization whose purpose is to assist these wives. The organization has local businesses and others that are helping them.

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This photo isn't much of a picture, but it tells a story. My handwriting on the back identifies it as the members of Co. C - 382nd, who shipped out from San Francisco with the Division and were on Mindoro on VJ-Day. I count 35 soldiers in the photo. We were a full-strength company out of SF. It is a graphic example of the attrition of two battles.

- Photo and copy submitted by Marvin Margoshes

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

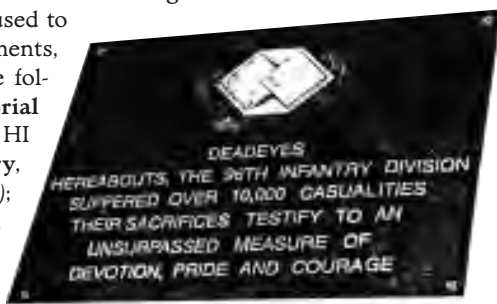
Mail application to:

96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association
P.O. Box 581274
Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Heritage Fund Appeal

The Board of Directors has decided to continue the Heritage Fund.

In the past, the Heritage Fund has been used to pay for 96th Infantry Division monuments, plaques, flags or Heritage Exhibits at the following locations: **National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI** (monument); **Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA** (monument and memorial tree); **National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, TX** (plaque); **Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk, VA** (division flag); **Fort Douglas Military Museum, Salt Lake City, UT** (Okinawa battle exhibit); **Fort Douglas Headquarters Building, 96th RRC US Army Reserve** (Leyte Battle Exhibit); **Camp White Museum, White City, OR** (96th Division Exhibit); **Camp San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, CA** (96th Division Exhibit); **Fort Lewis Military Museum, Fort Lewis, WA** (Leyte and Okinawa Battle Exhibit).



It is the intent of the Deadeye Association to continue to establish exhibits and/or monuments which will help to preserve the heritage of units which have worn the Deadeye Double Diamond patch during World War II and since that time. This would include units who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan or in Desert Storm. Another possible effort could be the placing of a plaque or monument at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA. Another possibility is a monument or plaque at the 96th Regional Readiness Command Headquarters. This fund is being handled by John Reed and Don Dencker. 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 581254, Salt Lake City, UT 84158**

Name _____ Unit _____ Amount _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Web Site Assistance Requested

Some of you indicated last July that you would be willing to volunteer your time and efforts to the new association's web site. The former association's web site is www.96th-infantry-division.com.

Don Dencker is managing this site and has done the footwork to establish a website for the new association: www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org. Currently, it only consists of a homepage. The former site continues to average over 1,000 visits per month. If you are interested in helping Don, please contact him directly at the address below.

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The CD will be available at the Reunion in Denver in July, and by mail order. The price is \$10, plus \$3 shipping and handling if ordered by mail. All profits go to the Association.



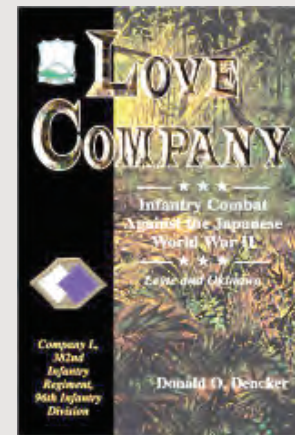
DEADEYE ITEMS



Blue Deadeye Jackets

(above art not an exact depiction)
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Make checks payable to Sam Wood, Jr.
Contact or mail to:
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Love Company Book

Author Don Dencker has sale copies of Love Company for \$12.50, 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 \$12.50 check made out 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



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96th Infantry Division CD's

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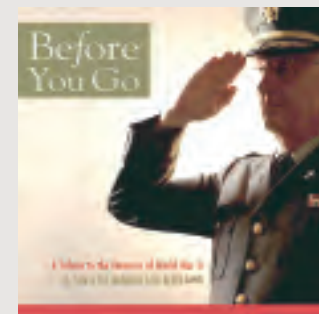


96th Infantry Division Presidential Unit Citation Documents Available

Two color photo copies:
1. Presidential Unit Citation Certificate
2. Presidential Unit Citation Text

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

Cost is \$5.00 per set of two, postage paid



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