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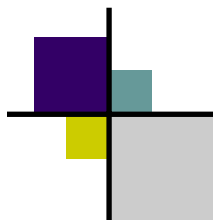
Central Florida 24th Taro Leafers



From Left: Bill Stokes 34th, John Payne 21st, Jim and Becky Bradford 21st, Woody and Dotty Wood 34th, Bob Hedgcock Germany, Bob and Carolyn Peters 5th RCT, Beryl and Audrey Smith 26th AAA, James and Dorothy Herd 26th AAA, Bob and Rita Chalupa 21st, Herman and Mary Critchfield 24th Med, Jim and Zelma Reid 29th, Bill and Zelma Gaston 24th MP, and Tom Thiel 19th. Not shown: Al McAdoo 5th RCT.



Clockwise from lower-left: Jim and Becky Bradford, Bob and Rita Chalupa, Herman and Mary Critchfield, and Jim and Dorothy Hird.





Clockwise from left: John Payne, Al McAdoo and Jim Reid, Beryl and Audrey Smith, and Bob Hedgcock (from the Lake Sumter Computer Society).

**Be sure to come to
The 3rd Qtrly Luncheon of the
CF 24th Victory Division Vets
December 2 (See page 4)**



Hello Folks and Welcome Again! by Tom Thiel

Leesburg, FL, Sept. 2, 2009:

Well, we had our second luncheon meeting of the Central Florida 24th Infantry Division Group, a sub-group of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

We were most happy to welcome thirteen new folks; they came from Tampa, Fort McCoy, Winter Haven, Orlando, and closer in our area.

I admit to being a bit disappointed that more who were at the July meeting didn't make this meeting. Hope this doesn't mean you are no longer interested..

We added a 50:50 drawing to our September meeting and sincerely appreciate all of you who contributed to that; the winner, whose name I didn't catch, donated all but \$10 to help cover CF24 mail and other costs. I

should add that a number of you also made separate contributions as well. In all, the total amount we realized was \$55.00. Thanks so very much! Postage, copying, and other costs are to be covered; it costs a bit under \$1 to print and mail this four-page newsletter. We only mail to those who do not have emails, so please provide your email.

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We were pleased to welcome Assn. Past President and Director, Albert McAdoo, who gave us a little overview of the Assn. Reunion he attended in Rapid City last week.

Al was instrumental in passing the Constitution and Bylaws changes published in the *Taro Leaf* last spring at the Reunion Business Meeting.

Merry Helm, who did yeoman effort to ensure Woody Keeble's MOH came to fruition, was awarded Association Honorary Membership.

And yours truly was most humbled to received the Assn's Verbeck Award.

All-in-all, it sounded like a very good reunion.

Now to some discussions and decisions from today's meeting.

Our next luncheon get together is at the same Golden Corral at noon on Dec. 2. Paul Miller suggested that we bring a very small (toilet articles, etc.) gift and take them to a VA clinic or hospital. Please keep that in mind.

Next we addressed the prospect of a Florida-wide mini-reunion.

At our first meeting we talked about the possibility of having a Florida Mini-Reunion Mon. to Wed, Feb 8 to 10.

I have done some preliminary research on three sites here in Lake County based on a projection of about 30 overnight rooms and a total attendance of 100:

- ◆ Lakeside Inn, Mount Dora, Std. Room \$99 +12% tax. Proximity to Mount Dora shopping and several

other functions are plusses; minuses are mainly costs.

- ◆ Holiday Inn Express, Tavares, \$89 +11% tax (but said they might beat that). Good breakfast included. Proximity to Dora Canal and Dead River, and nearby restaurant; minuses are small size of social meeting room (maybe 50).
- ◆ Holiday Inn Express in Clermont, room \$79.00 +11%. Has same limitations as Tavares HI plus no good restaurant nearby.

A couple of you at today's meeting thought that in view of the somewhat limited turnout today, we perhaps should not rush into the State-wide mini-reunion until we stabilize and build up membership. See what the next quarterly session shows. But when leaving today, a few of you said you would not be at the December 2 luncheon.

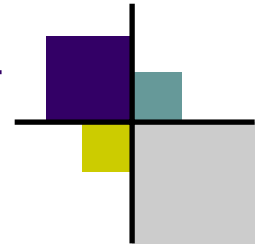
We have had some mild interest from Association members in response to the article in the last *Taro Leaf*, but that alone would not be enough to justify going ahead.

We are at a decision point; waiting until Dec 2 to act will really be too late for the Feb date. So, we will cancel out Feb and see where we go on Dec. 2.

If you have some other thoughts please send me an email or call or jot a note by mail. I'd sure like to hear from you all!

Tom

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"Bill Stokes has long had a long-time Cartoonist interest starting when he went overseas to the 34th Regiment in Japan, and even continuing today. Bill has done a couple of cartoons for the *Taro Leaf*.

Bill appealed to members to submit to him some interesting and amusing experience to him and he will try to express it visually in a cartoon.

Bill

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**CF 24 Vets Dutch
-Treat Luncheon
December 2,
Leesburg**

Mark Your Calendars

October 5-9, 21st Gimlet Reunion, St. Louis, Phyllis Burke, 703-298-8529, swingin-gate@gmail.com

December 2, Wednesday, CF 24th Vets, 12 Noon, Dutch Treat, Golden Corral in Leesburg.

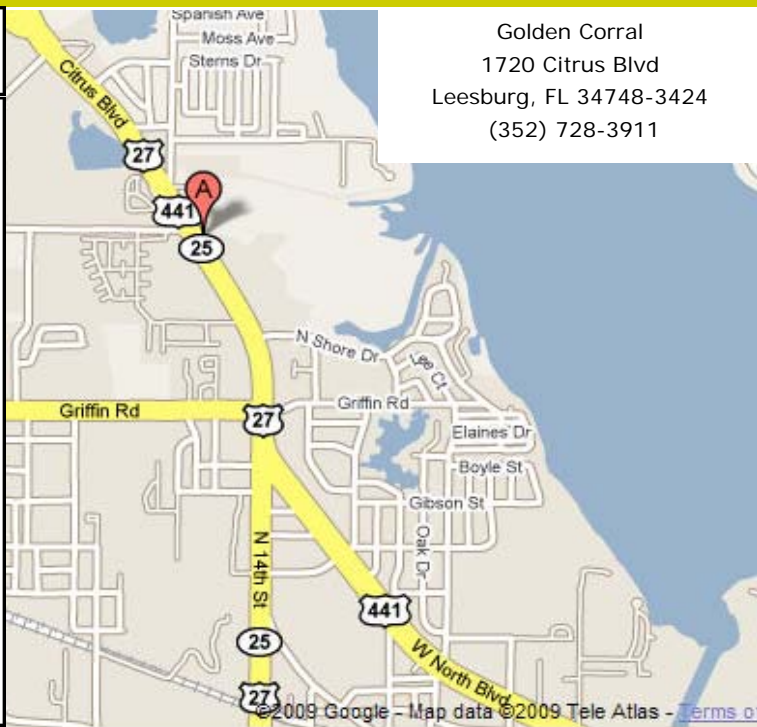
February 8-11, 2010, Central Florida Mini-Reunion, TBD, Bill Stokes, Tom Thiel, and y'all. ??????????

March 3, 2010, Wednesday, CF 24th Vets, Golden Corral in Leesburg.

April 26-28, 2010, 19th and 34th Mini-Reunion, Pigeon Forge, TN, Bob Taylor, Tel: 828-884-9593, bobnjoan@citcom.net

September 26-29, 2010, 24th IDA Reunion, Buffalo, New York, Sal Schillaci, 716-837-1635, ssre-

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