

The CF 24th Vets

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24th Infantry Division Association



FIRST TO FIGHT

Central Florida 24th Taro Leafers



Too many for one photo? Yes, there were too many at our December 2, noon luncheon get together to fit into one photo. So, we had to split our door-busting turnout into two for me to adequately photograph everyone. I didn't get individual photos like I have been doing, and that means that I didn't ensure that I got the names of each couple or person, and that led me to fail to be able to put names with each person in the above two photos. I promise to do better next time.



And here are the men only, a suggestion from one of the ladies. There are 28 in this photo and we were joined later on by two of our friends from the 5th RCT, giving is a total of 30 men and grand total of 51! What a great turnout. Although I can name most on the photo, I will not do it because I didn't adequately get all of you. Sorry. But what a great bunch of Taro Leafers!

Dec. 2nd Luncheon largest yet! by Tom Thiel

Leesburg, FL, December 2, 2009: Fifty-one wonderful Taro Leafers turned out for our third CF24th IDA luncheon at the Golden Corral in Leesburg. This not only was a seem-busting turnout, it exceeded my ability to adequately address what was needed, especially the individual or couple photos that helped me to identify everyone in earlier luncheons.

This time folks from Miami and Hobe Sound and thereabouts in Florida, and John and Kathleen Dunn from Westover, AL came to this session.

Thank you all, thank you all!

We continued our 50:50 drawing again this luncheon. There was \$142.00 total in the pot at draw-

ing time. I believe it was Sam Irwin of Riverview FL who won the \$71.00, and he most, most graciously left it in the pot! Thank you Sam!

These moneys go into a fund to support our mailing and reproduction costs. These newsletters cost us about \$.70 and a penny post card about \$0.37 to print, cut, and mail. That's why we like email!

And in addition to the money, Eugene Ames of Bradenton donated a Japanese Cuisine cookbook, which yours truly won! Thank you all for your generosity!

I thank my good friend Ted Jansen for doing the 50:50; Ted brings much enthusiasm to the



process!

We again were pleased to welcome Assn. Past President and Director, Albert McAdoo (above), from Tampa

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And we were especially pleased to have John and Kathleen Dunn (below) come all the way from Alabama. John is our new Asso-



ciation Secretary/Treasurer, and he and I spent some time discussing how we might be able to enhance and improve the Association's membership database, which was developed perhaps 15 years ago, and needs to be overhauled!

And we also were most pleased that our new Association Director at Large, Jack Slattery came up from Hobe Sound.

While I didn't succeed in identifying a lot of new comers to our luncheon, there were a couple I'd be remiss to not mention.

The first of these is Lynn Sawyer, Chaplain of the 21st Infantry Regiment Association, who blessed us with a most thoughtful prayer at the closing. Lynn's husband was the Chaplain with Task Force Smith at Osan, S.K. in July 1950. And I should say that Eugene Ames also was with

Task Force Smith at Osan!

Another I want to mention is Cleo Ross of Fruitland Park. Cleo came by Al McAdoo and I after the September luncheon and asked about us; he is now a 24th member! Welcome Cleo.

At our last luncheon, Paul Miller suggested that we bring a very small (toilet articles, etc.) gift to take to a VA clinic or hospital. Unfortunately, I didn't follow up so there were only a few such items brought today. Paul took these items, plus a \$20.00 generous donation from someone whom I do not remember, and will hold them until our next meeting where we can add to them. Again, please keep that in mind.

The Golden Corral, and Pam our waitress did another outstanding job of accommodating us and we thank them. Just to prove that I wasn't a total failure today, Pam's photo is at the right!



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

At our previous two meetings we talked about the possibility of having a Florida Mini-Reunion Mon. to Wed, Feb 8 to 10. I had done some preliminary research on the Lakeside Inn in Mount

Dora and the Holiday Inn Express, Tavares.

But it was clear from the attendees today that there was little heart, or much more importantly, no hands, for the effort it would take to hold a mini-reunion.

So, we reluctantly remove "mini-reunion" from our vocabulary, at least until we can locate our own "Dee and Byrd Schrock," managers of the West Coast Reunion! If you are interested, let me know!

We were, however, approached by Bill Kane and Anthony Polemeni, both with the 5th RCT, about our interest in sharing or participating with their annual reunion that is held annually in St. Augustine. We will work with them to make you aware of the details of their proposal.

Bill Stokes and I profusely thank all of you for coming today, some great distances.

Oh, I better say something about what comes next. We'll plan to have another luncheon at the Golden Corral. I said in March at today's session, but in retrospect I think **Wednesday, February 10** would be a better date as we might pick up some snowbirds or Daytona Beach Speedway member fans. So, mark that date!

You all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Tom

Mark Your Calendars

February 10, 2010.
Wednesday Luncheon at
the Golden Corral in Lees-
burg.

April 26-28, 2010, 19th
and 34th Mini-Reunion,
Pigeon Forge, TN, Bob
Taylor,

Tel: 828-884-9593,
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May 5, 2010, Wednesday,
CF 24th Vets, Golden Cor-
ral in Leesburg, or else-
where?.

September 26-29, 2010,
24th IDA Reunion, Buffalo,
New York , Sal Schillaci,
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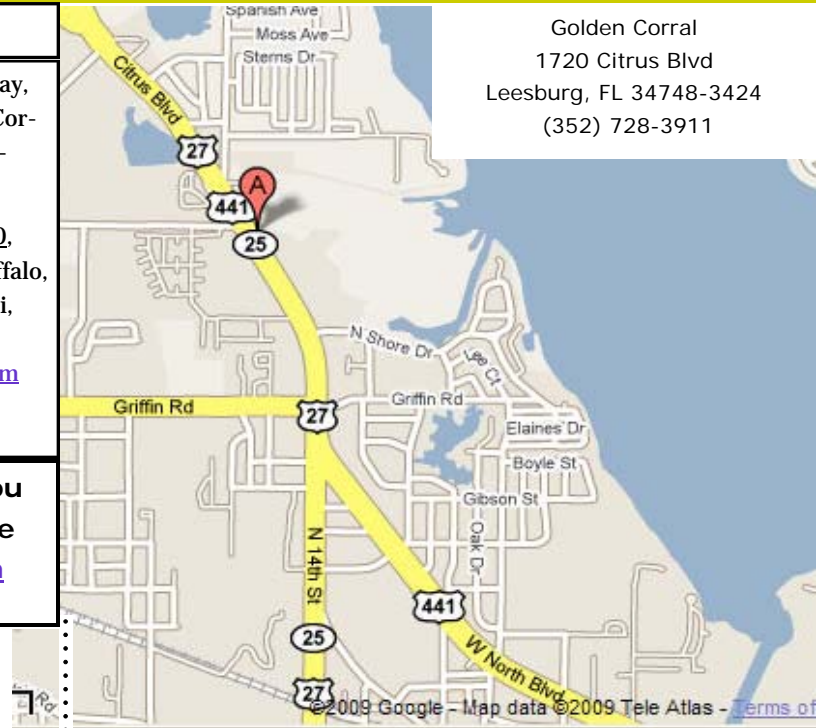
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