

Florida 24th IDA Vets

October 2014

24th Infantry Division Association



FIRST TO FIGHT

The Newsletter of the Florida 24th Infantry Division Association Members Group, initiated July 2009.



We held our August 9 Dutch Treat Luncheon at Ruby Tuesday, 9616 US441 in Leesburg, directly across US441 from the Leesburg Campus of the Lake-Sumter State College.

This time we had an even dozen. They were (see photo above) clockwise from left: Don Van Beck, Tavares; Dorothy and Jim Hird, Ocala; Jean and Robert Hatfield, Lady Lake; Paul Miller (standing), Inverness; Tom Thiel, Eustis; Julia Van Beck; Bill Simunek,

Mount Dora; Dottie and Woody Wood, Silver Spring; and new to our meetings, Lawrence Koschak, Parish, FL.

Next Meeting Date and Place

We continue to move our

I'm so sorry to be so late in getting this newsletter out. There are no excuses other than I'm getting to be an old man and motivation is difficult. Our next Luncheon is a week from today, Monday, November 3, at the I-Hop in Leesburg across from the main entrance to the Lake Square Mall. I hope you can come. More detail next page. Tom Thiel

meetings about a bit.

This time we would like to try the IHop in Leesburg.

There were several reasons for selecting this IHop: it has a somewhat private room at the rear that will hold about 30

maximum, I like it, and when I went there to evaluate, it had a sign in the window giving a 25% Senior Discount!

It is at 10332 U.S. 441 #101, Leesburg, FL 34788, directly across U.S. 441 from the main entrance to Lake Square Mall.

Please Bring Donations to Veterans

Ted Jansen is still accepting our donated items, which he then presents on our behalf to Veterans helping Veterans at Ocala. They use them in serving Veterans and their families living in the Ocala National Forest.

This has gone well and thanks to Ted for doing this.

Thank you!

Thanks to those of you who have been coming to our Luncheons; I appreciate your efforts.

We miss those of you who came to earlier Luncheons, but are no longer coming.

If you have suggestions for enhancing and growing our attendance please let me know.

Marilyn Jansen

It is with great sadness that I inform you of Ted's, and our great loss—Marilyn, on September 9.

A brief obituary is included below. Ted's address is: 1507 W Lancaster Ave, Leesburg FL 34748-6936, ph: 352-787-7818

Tom Thiel



Marilyn LaVerne Jansen, 82, of Leesburg, FL, died Tuesday, September 9, 2014 after a four-year battle with colon cancer. Born in Melvin, IL, she and Ted moved to Leesburg in 1963. Marilyn helped Ted as a bookkeeper in the family-owned Jansen Truck and Equipment for 32 years and upon retirement, worked part-time as a

bookkeeper at Lake County Paper and Products. She was a member of Morrison United Methodist Church since 1963 and served on the Church Council, Finance Committee, Staff Parish, as a youth counselor and many other church activities.

She was a member of The Order of The Beauceant; former Chairman of The Leesburg Neighborhood Girl Scouts; Co-Leader of Girl Scout Troop No. 15; Eustis No.8087 V.F.W. Auxiliary and Past President of the Orlando Scottish Rite Ladies. She enjoyed playing the piano, keeping in touch with friends and spending time with her family. She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Theodore S. "Ted" Jansen, Leesburg; daughter, Rita Clymer (Woody), Ocala; son, Kurt T Jansen, Sanford; seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by daughter-in-law Brenda Jansen of Sanford. We will miss Marilyn's warmth and smile, and extend to Ted our deepest sympathies.

Eagle Canes

are still available for \$35 each. Please contact:

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Florida 24th IDA

Dutch Treat Luncheon

Monday, Nov. 3, 2014; 11:30 a.m.

IHOP, 10332 U.S. 441 #101,

Leesburg, FL 34788

(across US441 from Lake Square Mall)

Contact: 352-408-6612;

24thidaweb@gmail.com

24th IDA holds 67th Annual Reunion in Omaha

The 24th Infantry Division Association held its 67th Annual Reunion at the Marriott Hotel in Omaha, NE



September 18—22. I didn't attend, but have been asked to do what I have for the last several years—prepare a photo book representing the highlights. That's kind of a bear of a task as I need to digest some 370 photographs and select and edit those to include. That is even more difficult this year as the photographer did not provide sufficient resolution for me to blow-up and read name tags like previous years. The group photo above includes, I assume, all attendees gathered in front of the hotel.



The photo at the left is of John Dunn (L) being presented the 2014 Verbeck Award from newly elected president, Tom Appler.



Those attending the Board of Directors meeting are shown in the photo at the right. Front row from left, John Klump, Glen Carpenter, Mel Frederick, Loyal Vincent, and John Dunn (Sec/Treas). In the back row, at the very left is Don Maggio (President), and now from the right are Sal Schillaci, Gene Spicer, and Tom Appler (Vice President and now President. Sorry I cannot recall names of the three remaining .

You should mark your 2015 calendars now that the 2015 Reunion will be in Columbus, GA. at the Ft. Benning Infantry Museum, and the 2016 at San Antonio, TX. I do not yet have the actual dates but the convention is always in September.

U.S. Congressman Dan Webster.



I recently had a chance to very briefly talk to my Congressman, Dan Webster, who represents District 10 which covers portions of Orange and Lake Counties. I specifically asked him about the status of the following two bills:

H.R.318 - To authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance, and

H.R. 2794 — Perpetual POW/MIA Forever Stamp Act (Introduced in House - IH). Provides for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes.



The former is being promoted by the Korean War Veterans Association, while the latter is the result of the efforts of one of our own, Bill Allen, C/19th, who was a POW. (See his book “My old box of memories,” which you can order from Bill—421 4th Ave. N., Tierra Verde, FL 33715-1730, wallen2@tampabay.rr.com, phone 727-866-8337.)

Mr. Webster indicated that 318 was dealt a serious blow when its primary sponsor was defeated in, I think, the primary, and that it would now need a new sponsor, and a new identity. He said he was a co-sponsor.

With respect to 2794 he said that this bill was alive and going forward, and that he also was a co-sponsor of this bill. I didn't have the opportunity to ask what more we could do to make it a reality. I did an online search which said that it had passed, signed by the president, and is law. But Bill didn't know it was passed as a law. As far as he knows there are no stamps available, and I was unable to find one on

the USPS website. Bill thinks we have to keep applying pressure on congress as he has been told that is the only way we will get it. I found out that it is difficult to get the media to help, If the word got spread around Vets would jump on it and congressman could use it to help their election or re election.

That's Bill with his lovely granddaughter in the photo. That's me with Cong. Webster in the top photo.



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Florida 24th IDA Group

The Florida 24th IDA is a group of Association members that has been getting together for lunch on a quarterly basis. They held their first quarterly luncheon at the Golden Corral in Leesburg on July 1, 2009, where they decided to keep getting together every quarter and to hold an annual Mini-Reunion in Florida.

To date all Quarterly luncheons have been held in the general Leesburg area. But, the Leesburg Golden Corral has closed and we have held a couple at the Eustis Golden Corral. And now we are seeking other venues to try to strengthen interest in our Florida 24th IDA efforts. Attendance has varied from over 50 to a low of seven last time. We are seeking other Florida Venues. Newsletters commemorating our past events may be seen by clicking on the links below.

24th IDA Vets and other reports:

	Mar 5, 2014		
Jan-Apr 2013	May-Jul 2013	Jul-Sep 2013	Oct-Dec 13
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Feb 2011	May 2011	Aug 2011	Nov 2011
Feb 2010	May 2010	Aug 2010	Nov 2010
	Jul 2009	Sep 2009	Dec 2009

How often do you use your Association Website?

How about the FL 24thIDA Group page of the Association Website?

A lot of work is involved in maintaining the site; I hope our members are using it. I receive contacts from the outside world that others are.

If you do not have a computer, have you ever gone to your local library and asked them to bring it up for you to look at? Or asked your grandchildren to let them examine "Grandpa's Division?"

This describes some of what is on your site, the largest online source of material on the 24th Victory Division ever assembled.

The above webpage is our FL

24thIDA Group page. You get to it by going to the main site: www.24thida.com and then finding **Florida 24thIDA** among the many links at the bottom of the Home Page.

You are able to view and print all of the FL 24thIDA Newsletters so far. That's about all I have put up there, but that still is not too bad.

Back to the main site, the Taro Leaf section alone has 9,901 pages of more than 300 Taro Leafs, each as a separate document! And we are still missing some!

Taro Leafs are listed in tabular form by year (columns) and Number or Month (rows). By merely clicking on the issue you want it will then be downloaded

for you to view or to print if you wish.

You can find information on the site, including all 9.901 pages of Taro Leaf by using Google.

Enter into the Google search line the following: the character string you want followed by + "www.24thida.com"

E.g. if you wanted to find me enter the following in the Google search box

thiel + "www.24thida.com"

This is what I have done. I am proud of it; I hope you are also.

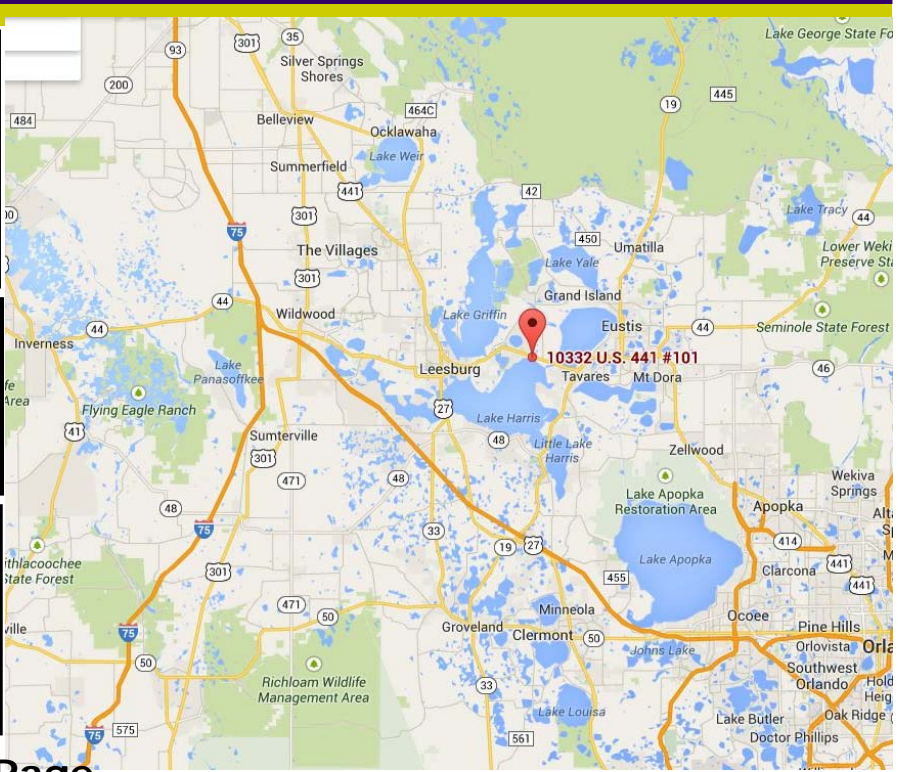
Try your site today; let me know what you think about it!

TJT

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