

The *CF* 24th Vets

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

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24th Infantry Division Association



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CF 24th IDA helps Veterans



Gainesville, FL, March 17, 2010: Julie Baker (center), Veterans Volunteer Services Officer at the Malcom Randall Veterans Medical Center in Gainesville, accepts socks, gloves, toiletries, gift cards and various other items donated by the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association Central Florida Group. Members Paul Miller, right and Tom Thiel, left, made the presentation. Ms. Baker sent a letter of appreciation.

The 24th Association's Central Florida Group has been getting together quarterly to share camaraderie over Dutch Treat luncheons in Leesburg, FL. The Group cordially invites all veterans who have ever served with the 24th Division, or with any unit ever attached to the 24th to come to the next luncheon to be held at May 5 at 11:45 a.m. at the Golden Corral, 1720 Citrus Boulevard, Leesburg, FL 34748-3424. Spouses or significant others are also invited.

Please call Bill Stokes 352-750-6952 or Tom Thiel 352-357-3943 for reservations.

Articles based on the above were sent to the Daily Commercial, Orlando Sentinel Lake Edition, the Citrus County Chronicle and Inverness papers; the clipping at the right was in the Orlando Sentinel Lake County, April 5 edition.

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Infantry lends a hand

Members of the Central Florida Group of the 24th Infantry Division Association recently collected and donated socks, gloves, toiletries and other items to the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville.

The group meets quarterly for a Dutch-treat lunch at the Leesburg Golden Corral, 1720 Citrus Blvd.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. May 5.

Anyone who has served with the 24th Infantry Division or with any unit attached to it is welcome at the meetings. Spouses and significant others are welcome.

For more information about the group or to make a reservation, call 352-357-3943 or 352-750-6952.

Editors Note: We have been a bit behind in putting together *The CF24th Vets* largely because of many other pressing things, and a few other problems, too. But, we will make up by having this issue serve a dual role—some information about the past, and our plans for the future. **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTICE SENT; NO POSTCARD!** Hope you understand. TJT

February 10 Luncheon Report by Tom Thiel

Leesburg, FL, Feb. 10: It is difficult to maintain momentum after our highest ever Dec. 2 luncheon (51), but I think we did quite well.

Paul Miller took attendance, but for the life of me I cannot locate the paper it he used to record it. Memory tells me it was about 47 though.

We were pleased to again have Director at Large Jack Slattery from Hobe Sound. And we were most pleased to have Past President and Director Bill Muldoon and his wife Nancy from Port

Charlotte. Thank you also to Director and Past President Al McAdoo from Tampa who was again with us.

Some highlights of what we discussed are:

- ◇ Our next quarterly luncheons will be at the same time and place on May 5 and August 4. Since our room is limited to about 50 it is important that you call and tell us you are coming (see below).
- ◇ Paul Miller collected items for the VA at Gainesville, and Ted

Jansen took up a collection which netted about \$75 to be added to Paul's collection. The story of the delivery of the items is on page 1 of this issue.

- ◇ A Florida state-wide mini-reunion of the 24 IDA will be held in conjunction with the 5th RCT reunion (see AD below). We decided to join with Bill and Tony of the 5th RCT since we were unable to form a team from our own members to do the grunt-work needed for our own reunion.

Central Florida 24th IDA Group May 5 Dutch Treat Luncheon

Leesburg Golden Corral 11:45 a.m.

Space limited; contact: Tom Thiel, 352-357-3943 cf24ida@gmail.com

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Florida Annual Mini Reunion

5th RCT Association (17th) & Central Florida 24th IDA Group (1st)

Thursday November 4 through Sunday November 7, 2010

Holiday Inn, 860 Hwy A1A Beach Blvd, St. Augustine Beach, Florida

Rooms: \$79 plus tax: 904-471-2555/800-626-7263

Reunion registration deadline: October 23, 2010; Contact: Bill Kane, 5023 Andrea Blvd, Orlando, FL 32807, 407-275-7450 or 407-421-4465 cell; email: kcrabbybill@yahoo.com



February 10 Luncheon Photos *by Paul Miller*



Far seat, Bill Muldoon, left, and Ted Jansen. Backs to camera, left, Nancy Muldoon and Marilyn Jansen.



Mark Your Calendars

May 5, 2010, Wednesday,
CF 24th Vets, Golden Corral in Leesburg.

Sept. 26-29, 2010, 24th IDA Reunion, Buffalo, New York, Sal Schillaci, 716-837-1635, ssrec-on24@roadrunner.com

Aug. 4, 2010, Wednesday,
CF 24th Vets, Golden Corral in Leesburg, or elsewhere?

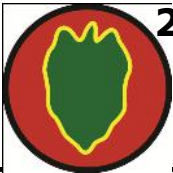
Nov. 4-7, 2010, 5th RCT and CF24th IDA Mini-Reunion, St. Augustine Beach, See AD.

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