

The *CF 24th Vets*

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FIRST TO FIGHT

CF24th IDA Feb. 2, 2011 Luncheon

Thirty-seven Taro Leafers, spouses, family members and significant others came together at our seventh quarterly CF24th luncheon at our regular place, the Golden Corral, Leesburg, FL.

We welcomed eight for the first time, and discussed several items of importance to the group. I asked my good friend and photographer, Carol Becker, to take some photos with my



camera, including couple pictures. She got most of those there with a couple of exceptions, herself included. My intent was to take a group photo as well but for various reasons I did not get that accomplished. Next time we will even though it is difficult.



Let's start with photos of our first time attendees. Above: Maurice Canty and his caregiver Candy Brown (hidden behind Kenneth) and Maurice's son, Kenneth. Maurice came all the way from Naples; his son lives in Tampa. Maurice served with the 21st Infantry Regiment.



Upper Right: Next are Frank and Maxine Jennings of Melbourne. Frank is current president of the 5th RCT Association; he and Maxine were at the Mini-Reunion.



Left: Then there was Carl Russell who lives in Leesburg in the winter. I met Carl at some of our Chapter 169 KWVA meetings and only know that he served in the 24th.

Left: And last but not least, Ed and Marie Tinney from Spring Hill. Ed served with the 34th Infantry Regiment.

Welcome to our newest CF24th luncheon attendees; we hope you become regulars.

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Luncheon Continued



Left: Next we want to single out the couple who comes the most distance, from Miami; that's Harley and Sandy Joseph. Harley and Sandy have been one of our most regular participants, including the Mini-Reunion. Harley served in the 34th in Japan; he has a nice photo album that he promises me he will narrate so that I can post it on our web page; several have he and another regular Don Van Beck in the same photo although I do not think they

knew each other at the time!



Upper Right: And we again welcomed Al McAdoo from Tampa, who is past 24th Association president as well as the founder, past-president, and several other contributions to the 5th RCT Association. Al was accepting donations for beautiful flats of strawberries, which he was promoting as a fund raiser for his KWVA Chapter 175, the LT Baldomero Lopez MOH Chapter.

Now to some of our more or less regulars.



From left: Gene and Barbara Ames of Bradenton, Earnest and Nancy Boggs of Lakeland, and Jim and Becky Bradford from Winter Haven.



Bob Chalupa of Leesburg, Herman and Mary Critchfield of Orlando, Duane and Eleanor Hall of Leesburg in the winter and Pinkney, MI in the summer, and Bill Kane of Orlando.



Still More Luncheon!



Jim and Dorothy Hird of Ocala, Ted and Marilyn Jansen of Leesburg, and Paul Miller and Flossie Gespart of Inverness.



And Tony Polemeni of Holly Hill, yours truly (Tom Thiel) of Eustis, and Woodie and Dottie Woods of Silver Springs.

We're sorry that we missed photos of Carol Becker, Bill Stokes, Paul Boulay, and Don Van Beck; we'll get you in May! And we will also get a group photo.

We spent some time discussing our November Florida 2010 Mini-Reunion, and planning the one this November 3-6, 2011, at the same facility in St. Augustine, FL. We hope a lot more of you can come this year.

And, since we had no takers for hosting our May Luncheon at another location in central Florida, we will be holding our it again in Leesburg.

I also want to thank all of you participating in the 50:50 drawing to help support our program. Frank Jennings was our lucky winner!

See you all May 4.

**See www.24thida.com, Home page,
Central-Florida 24th IDA,
for information on activities**



Gifts for Disabled Vets at Christmas

In February last year Paul Miller and Tom Thiel took the items you all donated to the Malcom Randall Veterans Medical Center in Gainesville, where they were very appreciative to receive them. Additionally, we garnered several newspaper articles from this effort.

At our February meeting we agreed to do that again this year. Items needed include:

- socks, long
- gloves, cloth, canvas or brown
- ball caps (new only)

- walker bags
- playing cards
- personal products—tooth paste and brushes, Polygrip, shaving cream, shaving lotion, powder
- phone cards (1 hr time or less)
- canteen cash cards (\$1. ea.) they use these for bingo prizes
- cash to purchase Canteen Cards and/or long socks

So, please everybody bring some items or cash at our May 4 meeting.

We will take to Gainesville before Christmas this year. Thank you.

Sick Call

Lyn Sawyer called to say she was sidelined with a heart condition that took her to the hospital for several days causing her to miss our last Luncheon.

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Central Florida 24th IDA Luncheons & Reunion

Dutch Treat Luncheon May 4, Leesburg Golden Corral 11:45 a.m.

Space limited to 50; contact: Tom Thiel, 352-357-3943 [cf24ida\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:cf24ida[at]gmail.com)
 or Bill Stokes, 352-750-6741 [wsswriter\[at\]centurylink.net](mailto:wsswriter[at]centurylink.net)

Dates for Remaining 2011 Luncheon, Aug. 3, Place open, bring your suggestion.

Annual 24th/5th RCT Mini-Reunion, Nov. 3-5, St. Augustine, FL

Please see companion registration form or call Tom or Bill at above number

List of attendees at the February 2, 2011 Luncheon

LastName	FirstMI	Spouse	Address	City	State	Zip4	Phone	email	Unit1
Ames	Gene	Barbara	2711 39th Ave. W	Bradenton	FL	34205-3540	941-756-7623		21st Inf
Becker	Carol		17741 W Apshawa Rd	Clermont	FL	34714	352-394-5451	carolbecker@juno.com	GSS
Boggs	Ernest	Nancy C.	3174 Pebble Bend Dr.	Lakeland	FL	33810-2718	863-398-1888	ernestboggs31@gmail.com	34th Inf
Boulay	Paul A	Mary J	921 Bristol Ter	The Villages	FL	32162-3390	352-751-2388		34th Inf
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Canty	Kenneth			Tampa	FL				Son
Canty	Maurice J.	Candy Brown	134 Driftwood Lane	Naples	FL	34112-7207	813-775-4498		21st Inf
Chalupa	Robert	deceased	26932 Honeymoon Ave.	Leesburg	FL	34748-9127	352-728-8672	gimlet0120@aol.com	21st Inf
Critchfield	Herman.	Mary	5900 Paradise Lane	Orlando	FL	32808-2429	305-295-0785	critchfieldH@gmail.com	52nd FA
Hall	Duane L.	Eleanor	1637 Blackfoot Court	Leesburg	FL	34748-9066	734-878-1189	dihall22@comcast.net	26th AAA
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Miller	Paul	Flossie Kespert	828 Lanark Dr	Inverness	FL	34453-4415	352-344-8277	pmiller151@tampabay.rr.com	21st Inf
Polemene	Tony	Carol	1591 Birmingham Ave.	Holly Hill	FL	32117-2015	904-672-3808		5th RCT
Russell	Carl		28229 CR 33	Leesburg	FL	34748	352-728-3517		
Stokes	Bill	Whitney	304 Balsam Circle	Lady Lake	FL	32159-3201	352-750-6741	wsswriter@centurylink.net	34th Inf
Thiel	Tom	Jean Singer	19147 Park Place Blvd.	Eustis	FL	32736-7262	352-357-3943	cf24ida@gmail.com	19th Inf
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Wood, Jr.	Woodie	Dottie	2201 NE 125th Terrace Rd.	Silver Springs	FL	34488-2581	352-625-3305		19th Inf



Central Florida 24th IDA/5th RCT Reunion



Please plan now to attend the 2011 Central Florida 24th IDA/5th RCT Mini-Reunion.



It will be Thursday, November 3, 2011 through Sunday, November 6, 2011, St. Augustine Beach, Florida. We will again meet at the same resort, except that it now is The Holiday Isle Oceanfront Resort. The address and phone numbers are still the same, 860 A1A Beach Boulevard, St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32080, Phone 904-471-2555 / 800-626-7263 Fax 904-461-8450.

The **All Members Meeting** will be Friday, November 4, 2011, from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. We urge all members to participate in this meeting so that we can plan for our 2012 Annual Florida Mini-Reunion.

On **Friday evening** all attendees are invited to get together for food and beer in the Hospitality Rooms at 6:30 p.m.

The **Annual Mini-Reunion Banquet** (2010 right) will be Saturday, November 5, 2011. Cocktails will be served in Scores Lounge (Cash Bar) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. followed by The Banquet Dinner at 7 p.m.



And the best part, the **Hospitality Suites** (2010 left) will be open from the beginning to the end with beverages and light snacks provided.

The Trolley to catch a ride to historic St. Augustine or the many

nearby shopping areas stops on the hour at the door of our hotel. Last year many took advantage of this. And most at one time or another took a leisurely stroll on the Atlantic beaches right outside our hotel.



This is the second Mini-Reunion with the 5th RCT; last year's was outstanding. Please see your November 2010 *CF24th Vets Newsletter* or go to http://24thida.com/cf24thida/cf24ida_2010_mini.html to view it on line.

Please mark your calendar, make your hotel reservations, and fill out the form on page 7, NOW!

See you all in St. Augustine November 3-6, 2011!



Website News

www.24thida.com

Your web site continues to grow and evolve in response to materials and information available. The site now has 421MB of “stuff” containing 1,595 individual computer files, each of which is a story, page, photo, etc. Total pages of material are several times the number of

files, since, for example, one file has 429 pages of text.

Recent new additions include a “Looking For” button, where you may post looking for requests. And we have added the Quartermaster page, which is accessed from either the Home or the 24th Division Buttons. From the QM Page you may print out the QM Order Form, fill it out and send it to QM John Walters. I hope to be able to add small photos of each item in the future.

We have also added a “Books” page where we are mostly posting links to books that we know of, but in two cases so far have published the entire book. One of these is “*Children of Yesterday*” by Jan Valtin.

And we continue to work on better organizing and presenting information, especially that of an historical nature. This material is mostly found under the 24th Division Button, and I am trying to better arrange it by Units, Places, and perhaps others.

What all this means is that the site changes almost every day, so please go there often. Also, please provide me with your feedback, and also with material that you would like posted.

Reunions and Stories

For example, those of you conducting reunions, whether our national or a mini, please keep me apprised so it can be posted where both members and non-members can access and see it. Also, this is a request of our Association officers, the Reunion Brat, and others to inform me of items you wish to have disseminated.

And anyone who has a “story” of their experiences that they wish made available please send it to me. Whereas, the *Taro Leaf* has practical limits on what it can publish, the web site can accommodate your whole story. So send it in, please, even if it has already been abstracted in a *Taro Leaf* issue.

Why publish your story on the internet? Well, your stories are unique. They are descriptions of your experiences and they deserve to be made available for the world community to see. Whereas, our *Taro Leaf* only goes to about 2,100 members, information on the web can be and is being regularly accessed by the entire world community. So again, please send it in! Editor David Valley and I coordinate on materials you may send so it is not necessary that you send to both of us. Thank you all very much.

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5th RCT and CF 24th IDA

Invite you to Florida's 18th Annual Mini Reunion

Thursday, November 3, 2011 through Sunday, November 6, 2011
St. Augustine Beach, Florida

Holiday Isle Oceanfront Resort

860 A1A Beach Boulevard, St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32080
Phone 904-471-2555 / 800-626-7263 Fax 904-461-8450

Convention rates will be offered three days prior and three days after the event.
Guests need to make their own reservations and please specify that you are with the 5th R.C.T. Association
If special accommodations are needed, please specify at the time of reservations.

Rooms Rates \$79.00 per night, plus tax and gratuity

Friday, November 4, 2011

All Members Meeting 9am – 11am
Get together – Food & Beer – 6:30pm

Saturday, November 5, 2011– Banquet

Cocktails in Scores Lounge (Cash Bar) 6pm – 7pm
Dinner 7pm

Banquet Choices

A. Chicken Cordon Bleu \$30.00

B. White Fish Lightly Battered and Grilled \$30.00

Both Dinners Include:

Tossed Salad with choice of two dressings, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Rolls & Butter, Peach Cobbler
Coffee/Decaf/Ice Tea, Water, Dressings and Sour Cream

Please detach the below form and return with your payment or indication that you will not be attending. Thank You, Bill.

***** Registration Deadline October 23, 2011 *****

Reunion Registration

Member Name _____ Badge Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Guest Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you with the: 5th RCT _____ CF 24th IDA _____ Is this your first time: Yes _____ No _____

Fees:	Price	Number	Total
Registration (Member Only)	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Banquet Dinner	A. Chicken Cordon Bleu B. White Fish	<u> </u> <u> </u>	<u> </u> <u> </u>
			Grand Total <u> </u>

Please make check or money order payable to:
Mail with registration to:

c/o Bill Kane
5023 Andrea Blvd.
Orlando, FL. 32807

"I'll Try Sir"
Thank You,
Bill

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 407-275-7450 (home) or 407-421-4465 (cell)

Mark Your Calendars

Apr. 4-10, 5th RCT Tampa Florida Reunion, Main Sail Suites Hotel, (813)243-2626 mention 5th RCT, or call Al McAdoo at (813)837-2728

May 4, 2011, Wednesday, CF 24th Vets, Golden Corral in Leesburg.

Aug 3, 2011, Wednesday, CF 24th Vets, Golden Corral, Leesburg or your site.

Sept. 19-21, 2011, Dayton Ohio, 24th Inf. Div. Association Reunion.

Nov. 3-6, 2011, St. Augustine, FL, CF24th/5th RCT Mini-Reunion.

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**May 4, 2011,
Leesburg**



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