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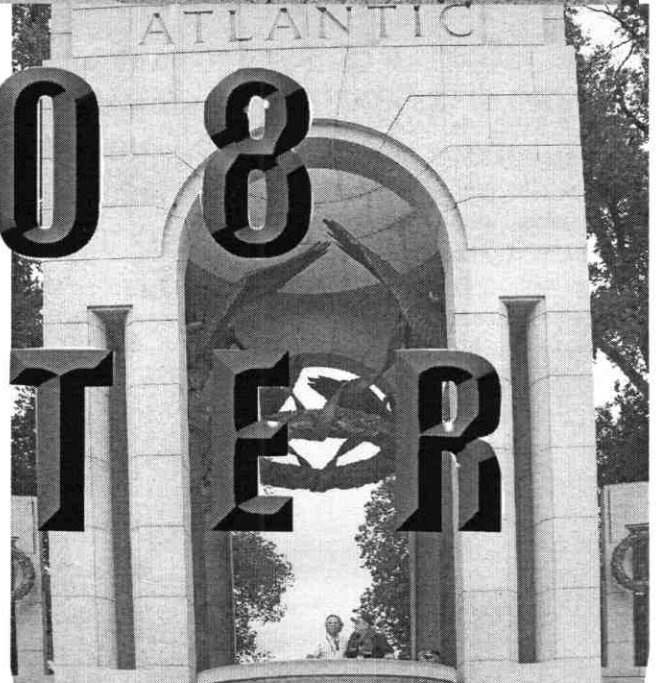
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As announced in my September 30. 2008 letter to all on the roster, The February 2008 newsletter is not going to be the FINAL 11008th GROUP NEWSLETTER as previously predicted. And this one in November 2008 is also not going to be the last. The REALLY, REALLY last issue will be printed in November 2009 or at some other appropriate date after the FINAL REUNION at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, now anticipated some time in the later part of 2009.

This current publication combines the usual newsletter content with the annual roster update. This combination layout will be used in 2009, also.

Past newsletters have normally included articles "Submitted By The Troops". I had none on hand but I came across an item in the "American Valor Quarterly" magazine published by the American Veterans Center with its two divisions dealing with World War II and Vietnam. The article is about the establishment of an annual Andrew J. Goodpaster prize intended to honor the achievements of "Soldier Scholars". So as my submission, I am including a portion of the remarks made by the first recipient of this award on December 11, 2007. I added some photos and comments concerning General Goodpaster's attendance at our 2004 reunion, shortly before his death in 2005.

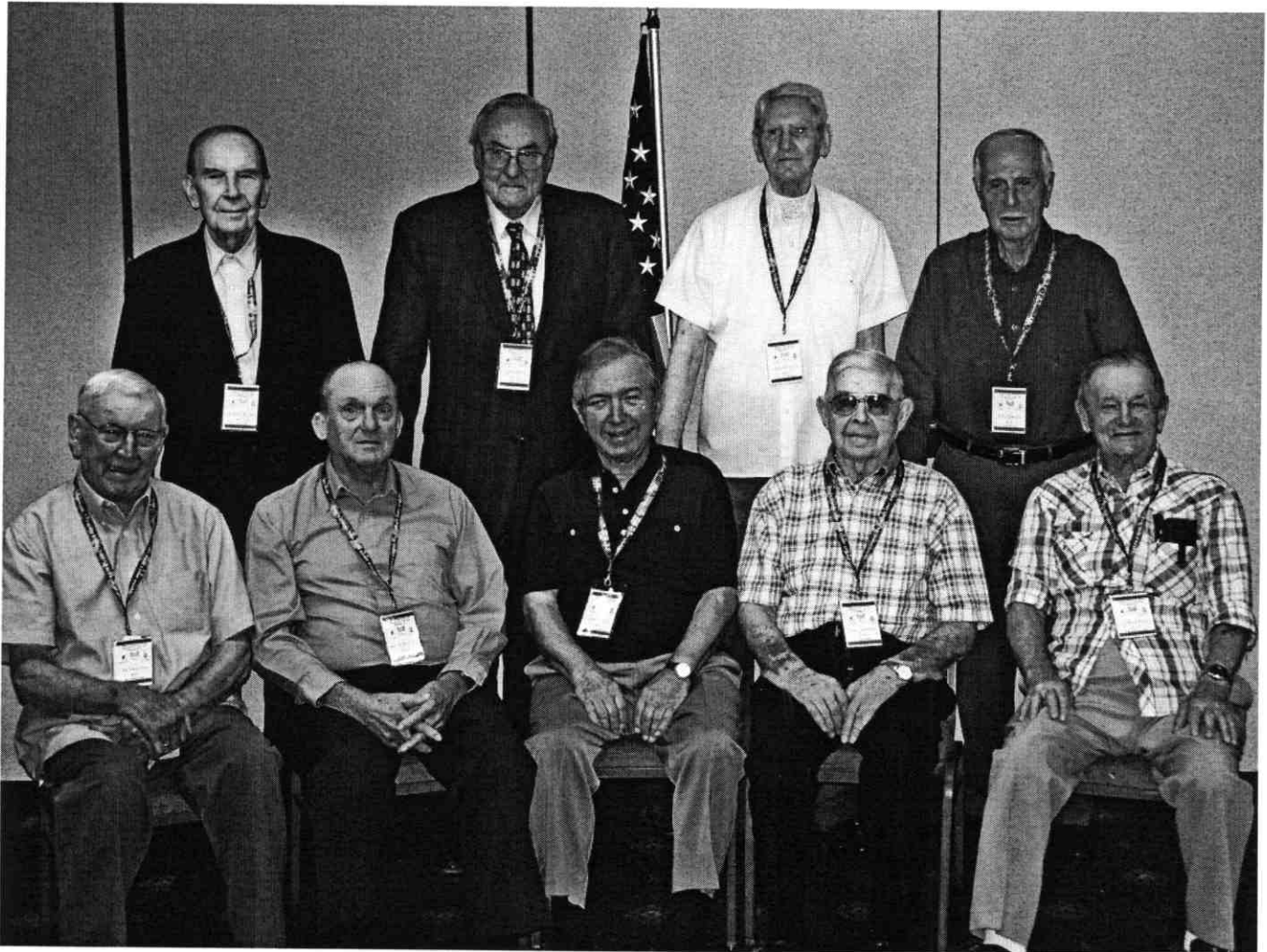
Please note that in the roster listings I have eliminated entries in response to requests to do so and whenever I received letters back from the postal service saying undeliverable and with no forwarding address. In most instances when no response was received (but presumed delivered) I included the remark, "[NO RESPONSE - OCT '08 Ltr]". If anyone knows of the circumstances of any of these people, please advise me.

I ask all of you on the roster to keep in touch with each other and provide me with significant info for inclusion within the last combination newsletter and roster.

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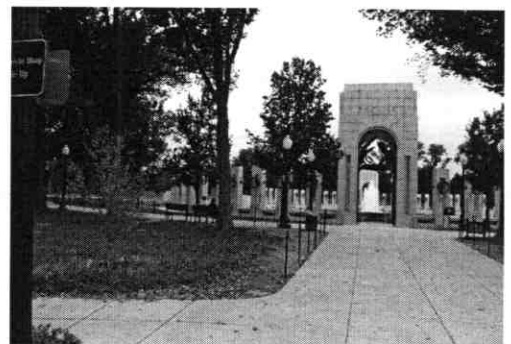
The vet attendees were:  
(l to r seated) Art Kalish, Frank Bottoni, Paul Bossis (his 1st reunion with our group),  
Art Hoover, Louis Ehrhitz, and  
(l to r standing) Harry Boyko, Max Jonah, Frank West, and Pat Currier

## THE 2008 REUNION STORY

*by Frank, Ray & Helen West*

This year's 48th & 235th Reunion was held in Washington D.C. Thursday September 11, 2008 thru Sunday September 14, 2008. We stayed at the Comfort Inn Pentagon in Arlington, VA. The nine WWII Vet Attendees are as seen and named in the photo caption above. There were 28 attendees in total, consisting of the 9 vets with 19 immediate and extended Family Members.

Thursday 9/11 was a day of arrivals and get togethers to catch up on the year's events. Later that day we met in the Halsey Conference Room (Command Center) at 5:30 PM for the arrival of a featured speaker from the 'Friends of the WWII Memorial'. Roland Kidder, Executive Director of the Friends of the National WWII Memorial INC.



who has served from 1994 to 2001, as a Presidential-appointed Commissioner of the American Battle Monuments (ABMC) and was a member of it's World War II Memorial Committee, met with our group. Rolland outlined the events that transpired as they pertained to the design, site location, construction and upkeep of the WWII Memorial. It was a fascinating talk.

Rolland also made arrangements with the Head of the Parks Department for the WWII Memorial, Lance Hatlen, to meet with our group on Friday 9/12 for a VIP Tour of the Memorial. On Friday the group awoke to an American Breakfast compliments of the Comfort Inne Pentagon and embarked on a Tour Bus we had rented from American Limousines Inc. to take us on a 4 hour excursion of the WWII Memorial and surrounding area.

We were met at the WWII Memorial by Park Rangers Sandra Tennyson and Peter Burgess. These Rangers were assigned to our VIP Group and guided us thru the Memori-

al starting from the Atlantic Side. The Park Rangers explained the design and meaning of each of the components which make up the Memorial in it's entirety. Our WWII Vets were dressed in black Army tee shirts and black hats with gold trim, compliments of Scott Carrier who made countless trips to Local Army recruiting stations prior to the reunion. The men posed along the way for Group Pictures. At one point we noticed there were at least 75 or more by-standers who were taking pictures as well. They came over to shake the hands of our Vets and

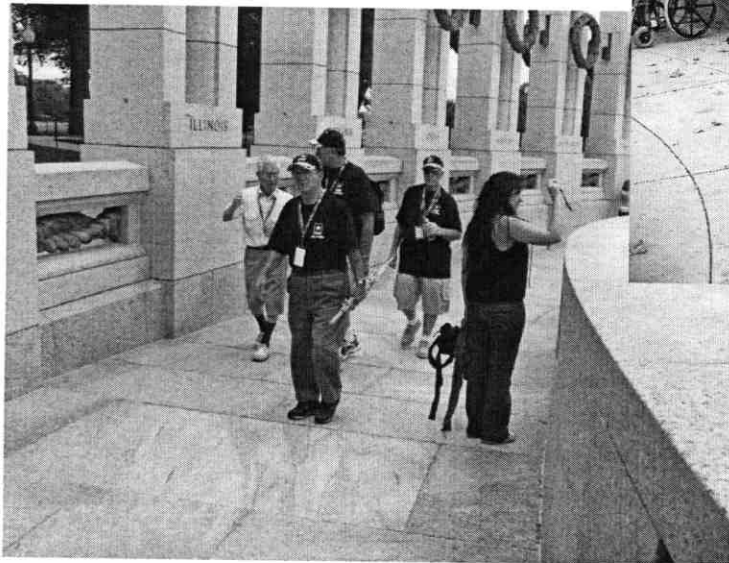


thank the men for what they had endured to preserve our Country and the Freedom it stands for. A few remarked that our WWII Vets and Citizens of that time period were indeed "The Greatest Generation".

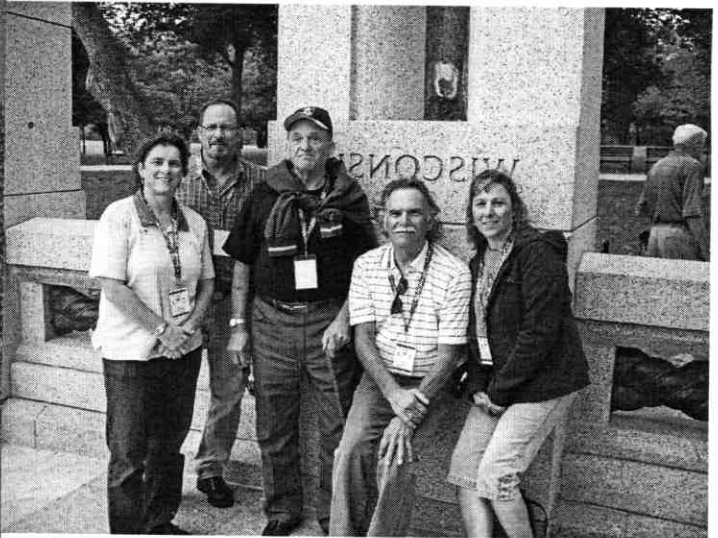
After the guided tour our group went on to visit other sites in the immediate area. Our Tour Bus Driver 'Maurice' shuttled our group to the Korean War and

Vietnam Wall Memorials and to the Lincoln and FDR Memorials as well. After we gathered all of our party members, our visit ended with a Bus Tour of the Major Buildings and Monuments in D.C.. We had a marvelous time!

When we got back to the Hotel we freshened up a bit and went to the Halsey Room Command Center for our Meeting at



headed out to the D.C. area to visit the sites. Our Saturday Evening Banquet was catered by the Hotel in the Patton Room. After dinner, Taps was played and the men came forward each to light a candle in remembrance of his fallen/deceased friends. Then we saluted the flag as we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



4:00 PM. Discussion and questions were entertained and it was unanimously decided that next year's reunion will be held at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, the home of the Army Engineers.

Following, we had a Greek/Italian catered Dinner, relaxed and talked the rest of the evening in the Halsey Command Center.

Saturday was a free day. After another American Breakfast provided by the Hotel, different groups

Saturday's entertainment was a spoof of Sonny and Cher played by Raymond West and Scott Currier respectively. Everyone enjoyed the show. We retired to the Halsey Room where we sat around to talk and relax, until we parted company with long goodbyes and thanks for another successful get together.

Sunday at breakfast everyone said their goodbye as they started their journeys home reflecting on a wonderful time held by all. This year's reunion was unique in that we did not have a Host residing in Wash-



tions, directions and guidance with regards to tour information and keeping us in an abundant supply of ice. The free hotel shuttle bus was a valuable resource to provide transportation to the Washington METRO Transit System (Train-n-Bus-n-Airport).

**W**e hope to see reunion 2008 attendees and others next year at Fort Leonard Wood!

ington D.C. Instead the entire reunion was put together by members using the computer and telephone. In recognition of their efforts we would like to acknowledge Raymond and Frank West, Scott and Dawn Currier, Cathy Ott-Bottoni, Karen and Maealine Bottoni, and Max Jonah for their suggestions and input.

**T**his was indeed a great reunion! Everyone in Washington D.C. was gracious and bent over backwards for the group in providing discounts & freebies and being just plain nice!! Our group encountered nothing more than a warm reception. The hotel staff was courteous and extremely helpful providing assistance with room setups, accommoda-

