

The *CF* 24th Vets

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FIRST TO FIGHT



St. Augustine min-reunion!



The Central Florida 24th IDA group teamed with the 5th RCT, especially Bill Kane and Tony Polemeni, who have been holding annual 5th Mini Reunions in St. Augustine. Photo above is of all 33 who were at the Saturday Banquet, they are, from left: Ted and Marilyn Jansen, that's me Tom Thiel behind them, Tony and Carol Polemeni, Jim and Becky Bradford, Jakie Cauble, Jerry and Judy White, Don Maggio, Harold and Judy Visser, George and Mary Sue Woodard, Heidi and Matthew Edgar, Don and Bettelou Perrin and kneeling in front are daughters Mary and Vera, Bill and Helen Kane, Cal and Gloria Karram, Bill and Helen Allen, Frank and Maxine Jennings, Harley and Sandy Joseph, Leon Slarskey, and Al McAdoo.



The reunion was mostly held in the hospitality suites where memories with old friends were renewed and we were fortunate to gain new friends.

Photo, from left clockwise: John Dunn, Frank Jennings, Bill Kane, Harold Visser, Ron York, Don Perrin, Jakie Cauble, Tony Polemeni, Jerry White, Bill Allen, Cal Karram, and Jim Bradford.



And photo at left was some of the ladies in their hospitality suite right next door; from left: Becky Bradford, Bettylou Perrin, Gloria Karram, Helen Allen, Betty Viss-er, Carol Polemeni, Helen Kane, Maxine Jennings, and Judy White.



Saturday morning was spent in a short business meeting at which we decided to plan another 24th IDA/5th RCT joint mini-reunion about the same time and at the same place next year.

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

stopped on the hour at the door to our hotel. Many took advantage of this on Friday or at other times as well; most at one time or another took a leisurely stroll on the Atlantic beaches right outside our hotel.

The upcoming 5th RCT Annual National Reunion to be in Tampa Florida, April 4-10, 2011, and the recent 24th IDA National Reunion in Buffalo, NY, were also discussed.



Photos, from above left clockwise: So that everyone knew the 24th IDA was there, Bill Kane and Tom Thiel lead business meeting, and Ted Griesinger.





Photos starting top left: Maxine Jennings making a suggestion, Heidi Edgar telling us some things about St. Augustine, Bill Allen offering his view, Al McAdoo telling us about the April Tampa 5th RCT Annual Reunion, Frank Jennings sporting his "Dysfunctional Veteran" cap, and Al McAdoo being QM.





Above: Bill Allen surprised everyone when he personally presented the reunion with a POW/MIA flag. Bill is on right of flag and Don Maggio on left.

Below: Tony Polemeni led the Saturday evening program. Cal Karram did the Honor Guard and POW/MIA ceremonies. Helen Kane saw to it that everyone had a small gift to help remember the evening. Bill Allen presented the POW/MIA flag.





Saturday Dinner Photos by tom thiel



From top left: Bill and Helen Allen, Jim and Becky Bradford, Jakie Cauble and son-in-law Don Maggio, Matthew and Heidi Edgar, Ted and Marilyn Jansen, Frank and Maxine Jennings, and Sandy and Harley Joseph.



From top left: Bill and Helen Kane, Cal and Gloria Karam, Al Mc Adoo, Don and Bettelou Perrin, Don and Bettelou with daughters Mary and Vera, Tony and Carol Polemeni, and Leon Slarskey.



From top left: Harold and Betty Visser, Jerry and Judy White, and their daughter Mary Sue and husband George Woodard.



Central Florida 24th IDA Group Luncheons

**February 2, 2011 Dutch Treat Luncheon
Leesburg Golden Corral 11:45 a.m.**

Space limited to 50; contact: Tom Thiel, 352-357-3943 cf24ida@gmail.com
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Tentative Dates for Remaining 2011 Luncheons, May 4 and Aug. 3, Place to be determined.
Tentative dates for 2011 mini-reunion, November 3-5, St. Augustine, FL

Reunion on www.24thida.com

Our reunion, as well as materials about our CF24th IDA group, has been posted to the Association's web site, www.24thida.com. On the Home Page note **Central-Florida 24th IDA**. Click on it, and then click on **Nov 2010**.

If anyone has any material they would like posted on the web site, whether about the reunion or anything related to the 24th Division, please let me know. 24thidaweb@gmail.com or 352-352-3943 or to the address on page 10. TJT.

While everyone each brought very much to the reunion, we want to especially thank 24th Sec/Treas, John Dunn from Westover, AL; 24th VP Don Maggio, and his father-in-law, Jakie Cauble from North Carolina; 5th RCT President Frank Jennings, and all the 5th RCT members from the northeast U.S. for coming to the Mini-Reunion.

And we also want to thank Bill Allen for freely sharing of his experiences as a POW and for bringing copies of his book "My old box of memories."

And last but definitely not least, we thank Helen and Bill Kane, and Tony and Carol Polemeni for all the time and effort they put into making the reunion a success!

Another Mini-Reunion is planned tentatively for Nov. 3-5, 2011, at the same place in St. Augustine, FL. You are invited to that one so stay tuned for information as it becomes available. Should you have any questions please contact Bill Kane at 407-275-7450 or 407-421-4465 cell; email: kcrabbybill[at]yahoo.com or you can contact me, Tom Thiel 352-357-3943 or cf24ida[at]gmail.com

“Thank You – For Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”

I know – by the time you read this we will have passed “Veteran’s Day” by two or three days, but it is never too late to say “Thank You” to someone who has put his or her life on hold – someone who spends time learning to do a very special job and doing it better than anyone in any other country in the world. So -----

First, I want to Thank those who have completed their “military” days and are now veterans. If you are wondering how you recognize them, it is simple. They are the first to salute when the flag appears; the first to rise when the first strains of our national anthem are heard. They are honored and respected members of our communities. They are yesterday’s very special heroes.

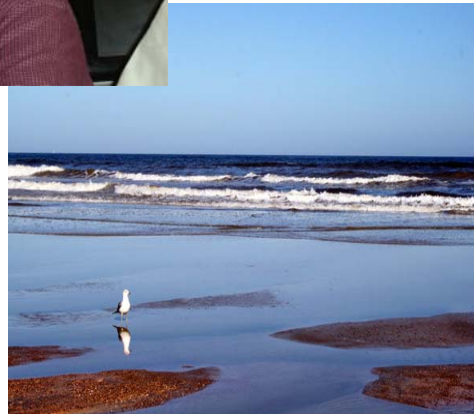
Then I want to thank the men and women who are putting themselves in harm’s way around the world and here at home to make sure our way of life and our freedom is protected each and every day. They leave their families and friends and go where they are needed. They miss family gatherings, children’s first words and first steps and other treasured times, - not just for us but for threatened people in other countries as well. They are today’s heroes.

Then there are tomorrow’s heroes. I am sure there are many of them across the nation in our high schools and colleges. They are the “boys and girls” who are becoming active in the ROTC programs. Some of them will go into the military and some will not, of course, but among them you will find many of tomorrow’s leaders. I have two young friends – a teenage boy and a teenage girl – who are looking into this. Whichever way they eventually decide, they will be a better man and woman because of the training. So, I think they are heroes too.

So – please – take time this week and every day, to thank all of these heroes, every chance you get. And beyond that, take time every day to thank God for them, and pray for them.

Love and Prayers Always,

Lyn Sawyer



List of attendees at the St. Augustine Mini-Reunion

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A few final scenes from the mini-reunion: from top, Harold Visser and Ron York, Ted Jansen and Jim Bradford; Tom Thiel in a relaxed mood in the hospitality suite; Al McAdoo; and the beach awaiting our return next year—tentative date, Nov. 3-5, 2011.

Total attendance—39 members, spouses, and guests.

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 2, 2011, Wednesday,
CF 24th Vets, Golden Corral in Leesburg.

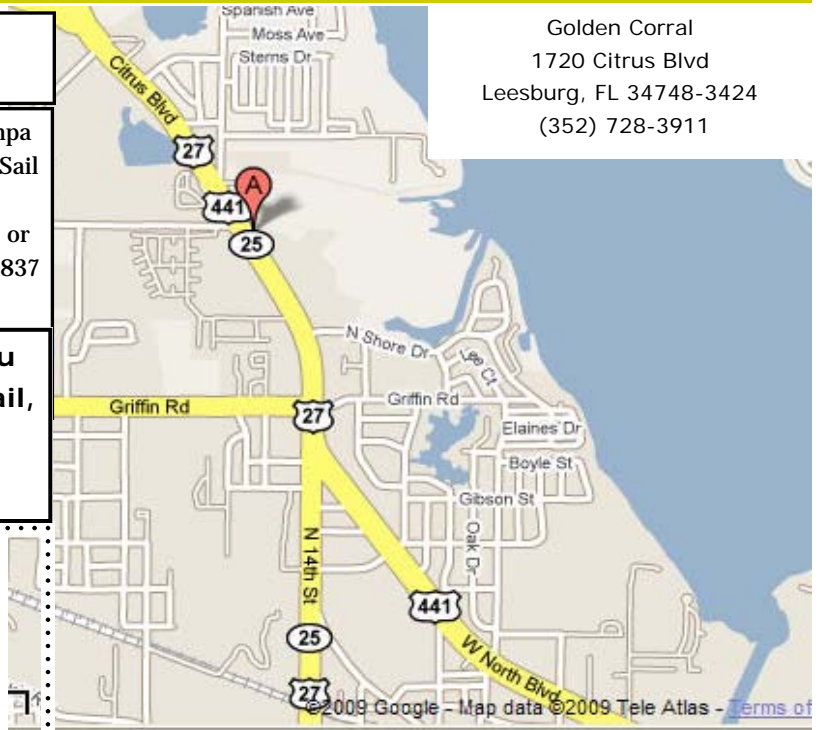
Apr. 4-10, 5th RCT Tampa
Florida Reunion, Main Sail Suites Hotel, (813)243-2626 mention 5th RCT, or call Al McAdoo at (813)837-2728

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**Feb. 2, 2011,
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