

# Following in their Footsteps

## New Improved Itinerary

True to the mission as stated on our National Timberwolf Pups Association (NTPA) web site, "*The National Timberwolf Association is revered by all of the sons and daughters of the soldiers of the Division. These Timberwolf "Pups" share a bond with deep roots and its membership has a vitality that together compels continuing the tradition of honoring the soldiers of the 104th Infantry Division and celebrating their accomplishments. It will be this Association's mission to ensure that future generations have an organization that is dedicated to keeping this important history alive and to honor its fallen.*"

And so ... we follow in the footsteps of our fathers in the 104th and take the actual path that they took some 67 years ago. This year we will start in Cherbourg, France where it all began for the Timberwolves in Europe, continuing on through Belgium and Holland. When we do our next tour it will start in Holland and sequentially continue through the 104th battlefields in Germany.

The "Pups" are honored to have Bob Huber, former NTA president and current member of the Board of Governors serve as our "Timberwolf Historian" and assistant in helping plan and put together this tour.

**Mary Jamieson, 415D Pup  
NTPA Tour Coordinator**

After my many previous tours for the Timberwolves over the years, it is a real pleasure and honor for me to plan and guide a tour for their Pups who have now so proudly and actively become the guardians of the Timberwolves' military legacy. This is the way it should be. Once again you are setting an example to the other divisions. With the help and advice of your wise old Timberwolves "elder statesman," Bob Huber, whom I regard as a great friend (I think he has been on every Timberwolves tour with me,) and with the already enthusiastically promised cooperation of our European friends, I know this is going to be one of our most exciting and memorable Timberwolves tours and I am looking forward to seeing many old friends again. To book the tour, you will find the MilSpec Tours Reservation Application Form and booking terms and conditions at the end of this brochure

**Patrick Hinchy  
Tour Manager**

**DAY 1 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011: USA / Aloft.**

**DAY 2 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16: PARIS.**

Everyone arrives independently at Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport. It's easy and simple to get from your arrival terminal by the free airport shuttle bus to our hotel. (D)

**DAY 3 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 17: PARIS.**

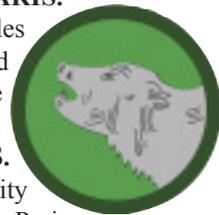
Paris is uniquely Paris. We have a morning city sightseeing tour and then leisure time to enjoy Paris to the full. (B, D)

**DAY 4 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18: PARIS / BAYEUX.** The main Red Ball Express Highway ran between Normandy and Soissons NE of Paris, where the non-stop trucks offloaded their supplies and then rushed back to Normandy to bring more. This was the Allies' supplies lifeline from August to November 1944 after the Normandy breakout. For four weeks Timberwolves drove for the famous Red Ball Express. Today is a fascinating day in which we retrace their Red Ball Express route from the highroad to Soissons, via the magnificent royal palace city of Versailles which also became General Eisenhower's SHAEF headquarters, to deepest Normandy. We stay in the uniquely beautiful, medieval cathedral city of Bayeux, home of the famous Bayeux Tapestry that you will have a chance to see. (B)

**DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19: BAYEUX / CHERBOURG / BARNEVILLE / BAYEUX.** Among today's sites are the Mulberry 'B' artificial harbor ruins and huge German coastal gun batteries. We visit the American landing beaches, Omaha and Utah (where 415th Regt and 387th FAB landed on Sept. 7, 1944), the peaceful Normandy American Cemetery and Pointe du Hoc, still a scene of utter destruction. Then driving through typical 'hedgerow country', we visit Cherbourg where the rest of the division landed and see the Timberwolves bivouac towns, Valognes and pretty coastal Barneville, 104th Divisional HQ and the starting point of the Timberwolves' Red Ball Express trucking. (B)

**DAY 6 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20: BAYEUX / BRUSSELS.**

When we cross the River Orne at Caen, we shall have driven the entire width of the Normandy beachhead from the American sector in the west to the British and Canadian sectors in the east. We cross



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Pointe du Hoc on the Normandy Coast

the entire width of the Normandy beach-head from the American sector in the west to the British and Canadian sectors in the east. We cross the Seine estuary by the spectacular Normandy Bridge to Upper Normandy where the famous and huge Camp Lucky Strike was, the Timberwolves' last stop in Europe before embarking for the USA after the war was won. Then from Amiens we cross through the terrible World War 1 battlefields of the Somme as we track the Timberwolves' transfer to Belgium in mid October 1944 just prior to combat. We head northwards to Brussels, beautiful historic capital of Belgium and administrative capital of the European Union. (B)

**DAY 7 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21:**

**BRUSSELS.** By special request from our Veterans, a day trip to Henri-Chapelle and Margraten Military Cemeteries to honor Timberwolves interred there. Lunch at the M&M's farm and WWII Museum replacing a dinner with US Soldiers. Optional: a free day in Brussels (B, L)

**DAY 8 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22: BRUSSELS / BREDA.**

From Brussels it is just a short journey to Achtmaal and Zundert (Holland) where the Timberwolves first went on the offensive. It's always a pleasure to meet our ever loyal Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves with their outstanding military collections. Today will be a very special day because they are planning a special program for us. Some free time for shopping and sightseeing in the beautiful historic city of Breda with its pedestrianized center. (B, L)



**DAY 9 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23: BREDA.**

In the morning we meet our Dutch Friends of the Timberwolves again and convoy with them to Wuustwezel (Belgium). On this day 67 years ago was the Timberwolves' baptism of fire when they relieved the British 49th Div (Polar Bears) who were defending Wuustwezel against heavy German counterattacks. Today the Timberwolves will once again meet the Polar Bears in Wuustwezel. A commemorative plaque will be officially unveiled and we will jointly celebrate with the people of Wuustwezel, the British veterans and our Dutch friends. Then we return to our hotel in Breda. (B, L)

**DAY 10 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 24: BREDA.** An exciting and emotionally charged day as we return to Oudenbosch and Standdaarbuiten to commemorate with more of our wonderful Dutch friends the Timberwolves' greatest and toughest combat action in Holland, the Battle of the Dikes. We are specially welcomed in Standdaarbuiten by our great friend Toine Vermunt who came to the last Timberwolves annual reunion in Chicago and has taken



on the mantle of Charlotte Ubaghs. Toine is planning with me a marvelous day, so be prepared for surprises. In the evening a celebratory dinner with all our Dutch friends. (B, D)

**DAY 11 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25:**

**BREDA / AMSTERDAM.** We revisit Charlotte's daughter Monique Ubaghs and her husband Ade's fascinating WWII museum and planetarium multimedia show in Rijsoord. Then if the weather is kind enough, an atmospheric boat trip along the waterways of the Rhine-Meuse delta into Rotterdam, the largest port in Europe. We take a panoramic drive through Rotterdam as we head for Amsterdam. (B)

**DAY 12 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26:**

**AMSTERDAM.** A unique harbor city of 17th and 18th century buildings and canals, frozen in time and one of the great cultural cities of Europe but with a very relaxed atmosphere. First we will tour it on a canal

cruise. Then leisure time to explore and enjoy it. A grand Farewell Dinner Dutch style. (B, D)

**DAY 13 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27: AMSTERDAM – USA.**

It's finally time to say goodbye and fly home at the end of our historic and memorable tour. We have tracked the Timberwolves all the way from their first landing in Normandy in the fall of 1944 until the victorious climax of their fiercely fought campaign in Holland. Let's recall what VII Corps Commander Major General "Lightning Joe" Collins said "The Timberwolf Division has indeed made an enviable record in Holland and is daily adding distinction to its reputation in the current operation." to which the inimitable and revered Timberwolf divisional commander General Terry Allen added "I wish to express my sincere personal thanks to you all. We must maintain our high standards of discipline, training, physical fitness, and pride in our units. NOTHING IN HELL MUST STOP THE TIMBERWOLVES." And it didn't, as we shall see when we continue to track the Timberwolves next time from Holland, through the Siegfried Line to the Rhine, central Germany and to final victory and the end of the war at the River Elbe. (B)

B = Breakfast. L = Lunch D = Dinner





# 2011 Timberwolf Tour

October 15 - 27, 2011

Reservation Application



From \$3,035 per person (Price based on double occupancy - single room additional charge)

Note: This price is discounted for cash/check. If the tour is paid in full by credit card, the cost will be \$3,156 per person. You may make a deposit by credit card and pay the balance by check at the discounted price.

Please make \_\_\_ reservation(s) on the 2011 Timberwolf Pups Tour. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ representing \$400.00 per person deposit. (Please make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")

Payment Option (✓ one)

- Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed.
- Option B: I am paying a deposit only and will pay in full 90 days before departure.

Insurance Option (✓ one)

I accept the travel insurance at an additional cost:

- \$235 per person based on double occupancy
- \$270 per person based on single room

Please add the cost of your insurance to your \$400 deposit when submitting this registration form.

- I will obtain my own insurance.

## Tour Participants (please print names as they appear on your passports)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express.

Your home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Any diet/health problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests/places to visit: \_\_\_\_\_

I desire:  2-in-a-room.  Single Room at \$964 additional cost

Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

- Discover Card
- Visa
- Mastercard
- American Express

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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## Company D, 415th Infantry Soldiers in 1945



### Your Timberwolf Tour Includes. .

\*First-class and selected hotels with private bath (where available), 2-in-a-room basis. Single room additional cost. \*Breakfast daily plus table d'hôte lunches and dinners in accordance with the custom of each country and as noted in the itinerary. \*Mini-van or motorcoach transportation as required by the itinerary. \*Sightseeing as specified with English-speaking guide & appropriate admission fees. \*Porterage of one (1) suitcase per person, where available. \*Tips & taxes on all prepaid services. \*Professional Escort while on tour.

**Tour Prices Do Not Include:** Passports, any applicable visa fees, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hôte menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with lunch & dinner, customary, gratuities to Tour Directors, Coach Drivers & local guides, & any other expenses of a personal nature.

**Tour Prices are based** on a minimum of 20 tour participants as shown in the itinerary, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

**Airfares** if purchased as an option are subject to change without notice. Excursion airfares are often non-refundable and/or subject to cancellation fees. Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.

**Hotels:** Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. Single room reservations will be accepted with the understanding that we cannot guarantee single rooms will be available on all parts of your tour. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms.

**Deposits and Final Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

**Baggage:** No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

**Passports and Visas:** A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are not required for this tour program.

**Smoking:** Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted on the motorcoach at any time.

**Cancellations** for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not later than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less a \$150 per person cancellation charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person cancellation charge plus any penalties assessed to MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

**Revisions and Refunds:** All changes must be confirmed in writing. A handling fee of \$75.00 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a tour reservation. All claims for refunds must be made within 60 days after termination of the tour and must be accompanied by a statement from the Tour Director, certifying exactly the services not taken. No refund can be made for unused transportation where group tickets or vehicles are involved. No refund can be made for services not taken unless the services omitted cover 72 consecutive hours or more.

**Tour Participants:** In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.

**Responsibility:** MilSpec Tours and/or its agents act only in the capacity of agent for carriers, hotels, bus operators, and other suppliers of services and shall not be held responsible for any injury or for any loss or damage caused by accidents or events beyond their control, or by any action or negligence of attendants or third parties who are not in their employ and on their payroll. The tour operator and/or its agents can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air, sea or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels specified for others of similar category. The right is reserved to make minor adjustments in the itinerary. Prices are based upon current tariffs and are subject to adjustment in the event of change. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure. The issuance and acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions. In addition, transportation companies concerned shall not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their carriers. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of the tour and/or passengers. The itineraries shown are planned at the time of issue of this flyer, but are subject to revision should circumstances make it necessary. Such revisions will be shown on the individual traveling itinerary you receive before departure.

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Take advantage of our valuable insurance protection. For \$235 to \$270 you can enjoy the security of the following coverage:

#### Schedule of Coverages

• Trip Cancellation & Interruption	Up to Tour Cost
• Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day)	\$500
• Baggage and Travel Documents	\$1,000
• Baggage Delay	\$100
• Medical Expense	\$10,000
• Emergency Medical Transportation	\$20,000
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000

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