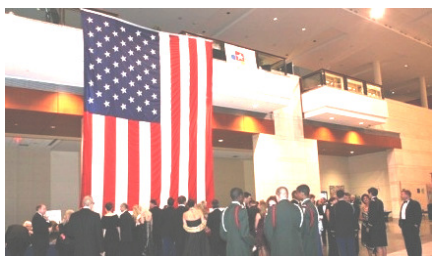




OHA & 30th IDA HELPS NORTH CAROLINA USO TO HONOR DESERVING MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS



RALEIGH -- Some of our nation's bravest got a special thank you on October 27th at the Raleigh Convention Center. The NC USO held its 8th Annual USO Salute to Freedom Gala at the Raleigh Convention Center. OHA members Neil Trivette, Walt Sowinski, Ken Hyatt, Aaron Clark, Chuck Eatmon and Jay Callaham set up our typically stupendous militaria displays which included Chuck's Eatmons WWII jeep. Jay Callaham was asked by the event committee to play Taps as part of the opening ceremonies. 1LT Sean Daily, Deputy Command Historian-NCNG, had enlisted our help on behalf of the 30th IDA to provide relevant and interesting WWI and WWII militaria displays for the events attendees to view.

The objective of the USO event was to honor service members from each branch of the armed forces and all of the proceeds from the elegant black tie goes to benefit the USO operations of North Carolina at RDU Airport. General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the events guest speaker, Kris Kristofferson, a former U.S. Army Ranger, performed, and additional entertainment was provided by the Liberty Bells and the Wake & District Public Safety Pipes & Drums.

The gala honored six (6) outstanding service members stationed or deployed from North Carolina as well as two outstanding North Carolina community members. With more than 700 guests attending the black-tie event, the proceeds are designated to support the USO of North Carolina's mission to serve and support America's military and their families. The events attendees provided additional financial support the USO of North Carolina coffers by participating in a silent auction which included offerings and products from the Raleigh Convention Center, Total Wine, Capel Rugs and many other area consumer companies.



1LT Daily extended his deep appreciation for the support the Old Hickory Association provided to the USO Gala and assured us we helped to make the evening was a huge success. He wanted us to know that our displays played a huge role in making the event a visually interesting addition to the NCNG recruitment posters and displays. 1LT Daily asked that I forward his sincere gratitude and appreciation for the OHA's help and especially to those members who were able to attend the actual event.

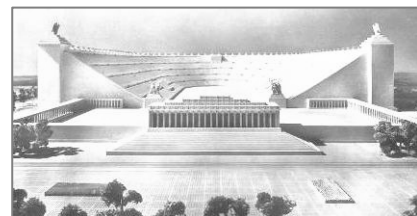


Nazi Party Rallies At Zeppelin Field

Editors Note: I recently had the chance to visit the Nuremberg rally fields first hand. The young German guide we had was very informative and we were amazed when he told us that the rallies took place over a period of seven days. I didn't know that fact and I thought you'd find this information as interesting as I did.



Our guide told us that to fully understand and appreciate the real importance of the Nuremberg rallies one must go back to WW I and the Treaty of Versailles. Germany was forced by the Allied Powers to sign the treaty even though the German state never officially surrendered to the Allied Powers in WW I. It was the Allied Powers intent that Germany was to be severely punished and made to suffer for what their military actions delivered to the world during 1914 -1918. Along with suffering through the Great Depression with the rest of the world, Germany had to abide by Treaty of Versailles's rules which caused even greater economic harm and fostered runaway inflation. During this critical period, Germany had pathetically weak government leadership and they were not up to the task of dealing with the severe economic situation. These terrible events set the stage for Hitler to snake his way into the power structure of the weak German leadership before taking over the whole system and to create a single political party...the national socialist (Nazi) party. In 1933, an airfield called the Zeppelin Field, outside the Nuremberg city center, was first used for the party rally because it offered a huge space for party members to gather and listen to the nationalistic ranting of their leader. These rallies were designed by the Nazi propaganda machine to be visual extravaganzas that served to underscore Teutonic greatness, to project German power and to solidify Hitler's political position.



Similar to America's political conventions which develop base support for the upcoming elections, the Nuremberg rallies were the NAZI party version of our "political conventions." The Nuremberg rallies, however, were used to develop avid public support and to build a bigger membership for just the one party of Germany. The rallies, were huge in scale, very elaborate, highly choreographed and designed to show Teutonic strength, unity and greatness of the newly formed political Nazi party. Hitler's dream of Nazi party structures were to rival that of Rome at the height of her supremacy, began with the structures created at Nuremberg. The site of the National Socialist Party's rallies was to be an updated version of neo-classical architecture to serve his thousand year third Reich.

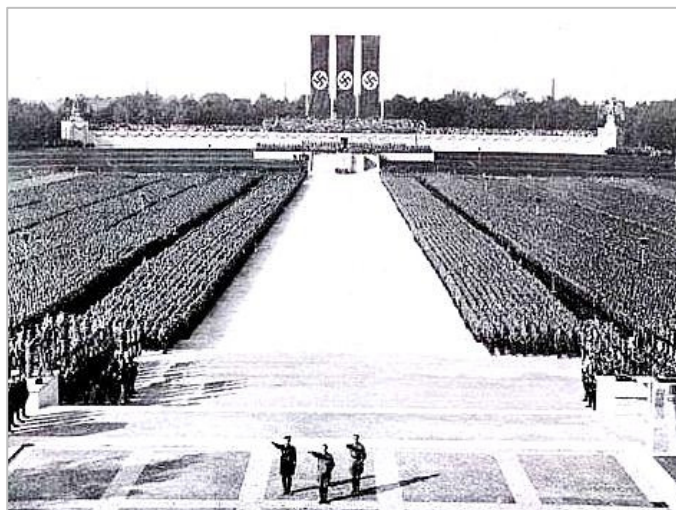
A key obsession of the Nazis was the desire to return to the past and to bring back the ancient German culture. The medieval city of Nürnberg, with its castle dating back to the reign of Kaiser Frederick Barbarossa, was a favorite of Adolf Hitler because it was rich in German history. It was because of the historical significance of Nürnberg that Hitler selected the city as the site of the annual Nazi Parteitag (Party Day). The first official party rally was held in 1927 in the city itself with speeches given at the Hauptmarkt, the main town square. Before 1927, there had been rallies in Nürnberg on German Day which Hitler and other party members attended. Every Nazi party rally began with a performance of "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg," an opera by Richard Wagner, which was Hitler's favorite. The cult of the Nazis had its origins in the music of Wagner which glorified the German past.



An interesting side note...a special train station designed to serve the Party Rally Grounds - shown left - was named the Bahnhof Dutzensteich. This special train station, adjacent to the Zeppelinfeld, was remodeled and enlarged in 1934 to serve the huge attending crowds but today it houses a popular restaurant serving Gut Bürgerliche Küche, or

down-home style cooking...so much for the thousand year third Reich dream thing.

Held annually in September from the early 1920s until 1938, the Nazi Party's Nuremberg Party Day rallies were intended to show the world a German State in lockstep with its leader and his ideology. The Nuremberg Party Day rallies thus represented an example of the "mobilization" of German society by National Socialism. What I found very interesting was that the rallies were multi-day events that offered the clearest single illustration of the Nazi party's organization of the German political system. Each day of the rally showcased a different section of the Party and State, be it the Army, German Labor Front,



Hitler Youth, or League of German Girls. Adolf Hitler spoke to and directed specific comments designed especially for each group on their special day of the Nuremberg rallies. In the very late 1930's, the rallies were moved to Berlin and eventually, canceled, as the pressures of war mounted and the propaganda efforts emanating from the Reichstag served the Nazi party purposes just as well. However, while the rallies were still being held in Nuremberg, the daily list shown below highlights what each day was dedicated to by the Nazi party rally organizers.

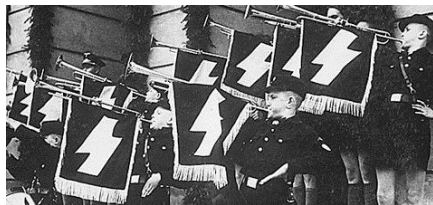
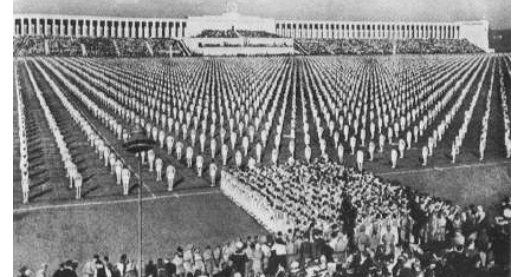
Monday, September 5: Day of Greeting, Reception for the press. Welcome reception for Hitler at the Nuremberg City Hall.

Tuesday, September 6: Day of the Opening of the Party Congress, Hitler reviews the flags of the Hitler Youth. Official opening of the Party Congress and reading of Hitler's proclamation by Adolf Wagner. Speakers: Rudolf Hess; Julius Streicher; Adolf Wagner. Presentation of the Imperial Crown Jewels to Hitler. Opening of the exhibition "Kampf in Osten" (The Struggle in the East). Speaker: Alfred Rosenberg. Culture meeting and presentation of the National Prizes for Art and Science. Speakers: Alfred Rosenberg; Adolf Hitler.

Wednesday, September 7: Day of the Reich Labor Service, Review of the Labor Service on the Zeppelinwiese. Speakers: Konstantin Hierl; Adolf Hitler. Parade of the Reich Labor Service through downtown Nuremberg. Continuation of the Party Congress. Speakers: Alfred Rosenberg; Erich Hilgenfeldt; Adolf Wagner.

Thursday, September 8: Day of Fellowship Athletic Games. Continuation of the Party Congress. Speaker: Fritz Todt; Dr. Otto Dietrich. Torchlight parade of political leaders.

Friday, September 9: Day of the Political Leaders. Continuation of the party congress. Speaker: Konstantin Hierl; Walter Darré; Max Amann. Meeting of the National Socialist Women's Association. Speaker: Gertrude Scholtz-Klink. Review of political leaders on the Zeppelinwiese. Speakers: Robert Ley; Adolf Hitler.



Saturday, September 10: Day of the Hitler Youth. Review of the Hitler Youth on the Zeppelinwiese. Speakers: Rudolf Hess; Adolf Hitler. Committee meeting of the Reich Labor Front. Speakers: Robert Ley; Hermann Goering. Final day of the athletic games. Continuation of the Party Congress. Speakers: Robert Ley; Fritz Reinhardt; Joseph Goebbels.

Sunday, September 11: Day of the SA and SS. Mass meeting on the Zeppelinwiese. Speakers: Viktor Lutze; Adolf Hitler. Parade through downtown Nuremberg. Meeting of political leadership. Speaker: Rudolf Hess.

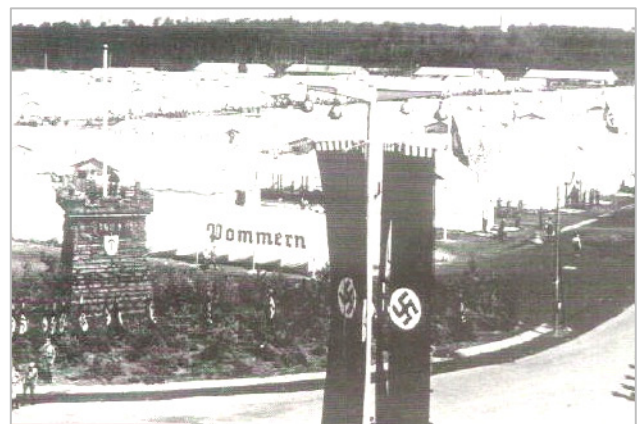
Monday September 12: Day of the Armed Forces... Review and mass meeting of the Army. Army maneuvers. Closing ceremony of the Party Congress. Speaker: Adolf Hitler.



Hitler made sure to address each audience with a special message to secure their unconditional support. In addition to hammering on general themes, Hitler made sure his comments would be specific to the activities and interests of his audience. History shows us, the rallies worked and they worked quite well. The public was truly impressed by the enormity of the Nuremberg rally spectacle which bolstered their spirit and allowed them to believe they could once again hold their heads high and be a great power in the twentieth century. The importance of the Nuremberg Party Day rallies to the Nazi movement and his targeted speeches provides an interesting insight to the

various elements of Hitler's ideology and how it functioned within the organizational hierarchy of the Nazi State.

Permanent camps for the SS, SA, HJ, and RAD (labor service) were built very near to the Rally grounds. The Langwasser camp, shown at right, had space to house more than 200,000 and was the largest of these camps. These camps had their own water supply, from a tower built on an overlooking hill-the tower can be seen on the ridgeline in the right distance. Today the site is occupied by a quiet residential district, named "Langwasser," which extends to the south and into the area previously used for tent cities during the Nazi party rallies.



823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion

Holds the Northern Flank at Stoumont, Belgium

Article Taken From Cpl. Lee A. Kent's Memoirs



The 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion advanced through France and on to Belgium, Holland and the Siegfried Line on the Western Front with the rest of the Allied Forces and were engaged in many strategic battles all along the way. Beginning in October and continuing up through December 1944, the 823rd was converted from half-tracks to self-propelled M10 tanks and the men were trained in driving, maintenance, gunnery and tactics. Kent was the gunner in his platoon.



On December 18th, the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 119th Regimental Combat Team and preceded in the direction of Stoumont. The situation was extremely fluid. It was bitter cold and a thick blanket of snow covered the entire area.



The 30th Infantry Division was holding down an extended front from Schaufenberg to Wurselen, Germany. Before day light, German armor was heard maneuvering outside Stoumont. In the darkness and fog, there was practically no visibility. The infantry refused to grant permission for the firing of flares. As the pressure increased, the foot soldiers were forced to withdraw and the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion found themselves outflanked. Small arms and machine gun fire became intense. One Mark VI was knocked out by the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion and the attack was held off for some time. However, all of the guns were eventually neutralized with most of the personnel moving North of Stoumont. Most of the 823rd withdrew to Remouchamps, Belgium while the 2nd platoon (Kent's unit) remained in position north of town.

When the enemy tried to break through, East and West of Stavelot on the afternoon of December 18th, the 823rd destroyed three Mark V's, two personnel carriers and eight Mark VI's. An enemy ½ ton truck and one half-track were also destroyed. The 823rd set a road block East of Stoumont and also helped protect the Stoumont – La Gleize Highway from North to South. The 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was instrumental in the recapturing of both towns. One incident that occurred in Malmedy on December 17th a few miles from Kent's position was the massacre of 90 American troops by the Germans. Kent often expressed his sorrow that if he had known what was taking place at that time, just maybe his unit could have prevented the massacre from happening.



Fighting in the Bulge was continuous off and on through the rest of the year. There were times when the troops would get pinned down in their foxholes. For one seven-day period during the Battle of the Bulge, the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion remained in their foxholes. It was bitter cold with the snow levels knee deep. Frostbite began to take its toll on the troops. Many of the men became discouraged and wanted to give up. Kent was often seen crawling from foxhole to foxhole attempting to cheer the men up by telling jokes. By the end of the year, the German surge had subsided and the Battle of The Bulge was over. The 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion received its second Presidential Citation for service in the Bulge.

The 823rd rolled across Germany with the Allied Forces towards Berlin. It was still very dangerous, small arms fire fights ensued but it was fairly evident that the enemy was demoralized and reeling backward at a rapid pace. On one occasion, Kent's tank ran over a mine that blew the track off. With no way to fix the tank, Kent's platoon abandoned their tank and sought refuge in an old abandon farm house while the rest of the Battalion moved on. Once inside, the men discovered an old German soldier asleep in the cellar and took him as a prisoner. After getting their tank fixed and rejoining their Unit, they discovered that several troops had lost their lives in an ambush shortly after they had left Kent's Platoon. Kent knew that his life had been saved by the mine that knocked his tank out. In April of 1945, the 823rd found themselves on the banks of the Elbe River near Magdeburg, a town about 50 miles away from Berlin. The Russians were allowed to enter Berlin while the Allied Forces remained outside. With the surrender of Germany on May 9, 1945, the 823rd found themselves with a new role for the remainder of their service. They were now serving as military police in several towns across Germany. On October 13th, the 823rd was dismantled. Kent boarded the ship, "Pontotoc Victory" in Marseilles, France and sailed towards home. His journey took him past the Horn of Africa and the Rock of Gibraltar. As he sailed into the New York Harbor and past the Statue of Liberty, his heart filled with gratitude that he had survived the War but he felt great sadness for the many comrades who had not.



“Sons of Valor X” Event

Allison Woods, Statesville, North Carolina

19-21 October 2012



On the weekend of the 19th through the 21st of October 2012, a tactical event was held at Allison Woods near Statesville, North Carolina. Four Old Hickory Association members attended the event: Robbie Lamb, Kent Triplett, Sean Foster, and Aaron Clark. Allied units, in addition to the O.H.A.'s 120th IR/30th ID, included our friends the 504th PIR/82nd AD, 325th GIR/82nd AD, and the Royal Ulster Rifles, all of the First Allied Airborne Army, the 505th PIR/82nd AD, the 307th Engineer Battalion/82nd AD, and elements of an infantry regiment of the 1st ID.

Sean Foster and Aaron Clark arrived at Allison Woods the evening of the 19, October and set up camp with the First Allied Airborne Army, with Robbie Lamb, Kent Triplett, and a friend of Robbie's arriving the next morning, 20 October 2012. Sean Foster served as the commanding officer of the Allied forces. Aaron Clark served as the B.A.R. gunner/automatic rifleman for the U.S. Army's 2nd Squad. Robbie Lamb, Kent Triplett, and Robbie's friend also served as riflemen for the U.S. Army for the reenactment.

A brief night-time operation took place Friday night (19 October) and last from approximately 1930 to 2200 hours. With Reveille at 0630 on Saturday morning (20 October) and breakfast at 0700, provided by Jonathan Woosley of the First Allied Airborne Army, allied soldier reenactors gathered for morning formation, registration, and safety checks at 0800 hours. After the usual "hurry up and wait," the battle kicked off around 0900 hours and lasted until 1600 hours Saturday afternoon.



The Allies fought bravely and ferociously, despite facing large numbers of German Heer and SS soldiers with armor support. Allied units at times were overrun or had to conduct fighting retreats, but eventually succeeded in knocking out the German half-track and, by the end of the day, flanking the German camp, pinning the enemy down in the camp.



After reenactors had time to shed gear, wind down, and socialize, everybody gathered on the runway for a delicious Bar-B-Q supper. Afterwards, O.H.A. members packed up, said their goodbye to their fellow reenactor friends, and headed home. *Photos and copy submitted by Aaron Clark.*

Time To Make Plans To Attend The 30th Infantry Division Veterans of WWII Reunion In Louisville, KY On 11-13 April, 2013



OK guys, it's time to sign on and indicate your plan to attend the Annual Reunion of the 30th Infantry Division Veterans of WWII which will be held on 11 -13 April, 2013, in Louisville, KY. This is a top priority OHA effort to join our WWII 30th Veterans as well as their friends and family. We have the information from Frank Towers and he's asked if we could provide him with the approximate number of OHA guys who could attend. The Reunion of the 30th Infantry Division Veterans of WWII will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. Frank says the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in Louisville is truly a great place to meet. They have recently invested \$25 million in renovations and improvements and are committed to delivering superior meeting agendas for all sized groups and they offer many amenities that will make our Reunion a truly memorable one. Accessibility is easy because they are located at the intersection of I-264 (Watterson Expressway) and I-65, they are close to the airport and only 7 miles from the downtown Louisville, and 3 miles from the famous Churchill

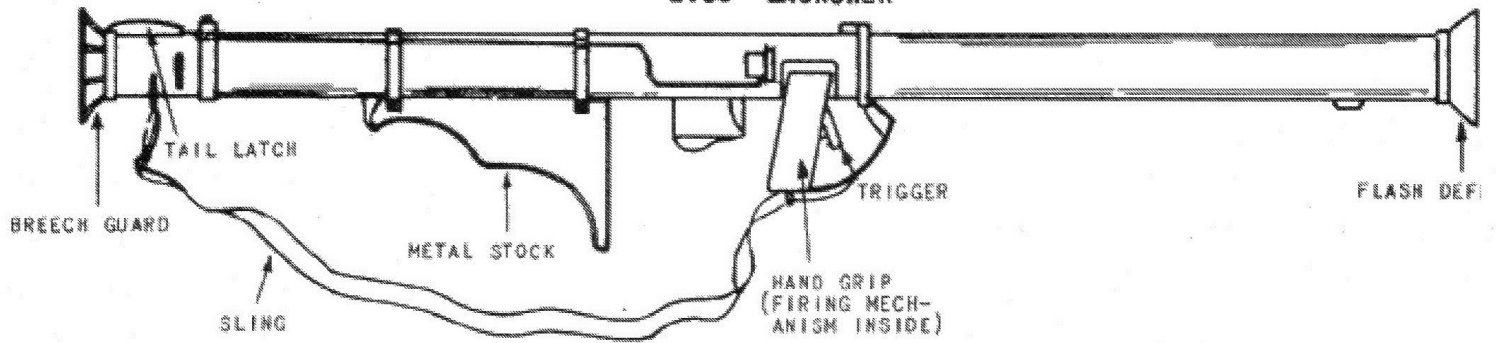
Downs. Frank Towers and the all the 30th vets are looking forward to seeing as many of you as will be able to come. So, gentlemen, it's time to step up to the plate and do our part...let's answer the call for our WWII veteran buddies just as they did 67+ years ago. You can be sure that a great program is being planned by the Frank's Reunion Committee, so, get the lead out and send us your intentions now. That is all we have for now, carry on and email me or the OHA Board of your possible availability.



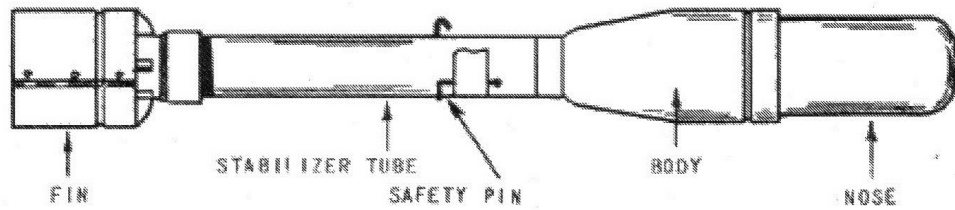
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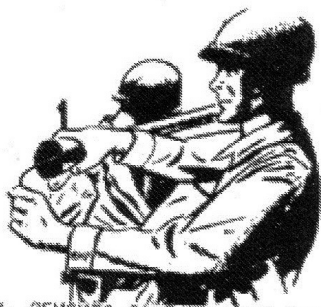
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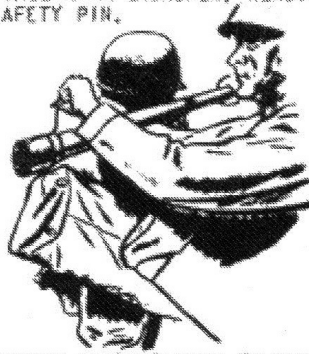
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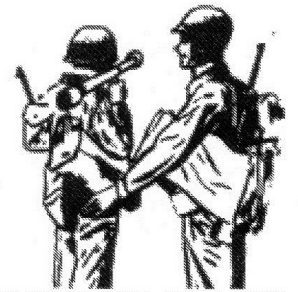
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