

TURNER TANKERS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

2009 Reunion A Success

The 2009 Reunion of the Turner Tankers was held in Elizabethtown KY on October 15 - 19 at the Baymont Inn. The event was well attended with 57 members and spouses. There were a number of new attendees this year. Many of them were attending for the first time and were glad to see others, like themselves, who were new.

The members had a number of opportunities to meet and catch up with each other. There were several outings including a visit to Ft. Knox and the Patton Museum. Folks enjoyed congregating in the meeting room. The last Company Commander attended and shared his memories of his time at 40th Armor.

The dinner on the last evening was so well attended, the restaurant had to set up extra tables and chairs to accommodate everyone.

The reunion brought together those who served over at least three decades (50's, 60's and 70's). It is the hope to expand the group from all the years that 40th Armor has been in existence so that everyone can build and continue the friendships and camaraderie gained by serving during one of the most memorable times of history.

Business Meeting Notes

The business meeting was held on Saturday morning and numerous topics were discussed.

1) Election of Officers/Volunteers

George O'Brien asked to step down from leading Turner Tankers. He has been instrumental in starting and growing the organization and felt that he needed to turn over the presidency so he can spend his time reaching other 40th Armor service members. *Thanks for a job well done. The organization would not be without your persistence and willingness to put in the time and effort.*

The new officers for 2009 - 2010 are:

President	Jerry Tatman
Vice President	Mike Coss
Membership	John Dahlin

In addition, several others have volunteered their time in support of the organization:

Jim Kelly

Bylaws and Legal

John Esser

Website and Internet

Mark and Pam Rutkowski

Newsletter

George O'Brien

Researcher and Archivist

2) 2010 and 2011 Reunions

The next reunion will be held September 2-6, 2010. This is Labor Day weekend, so those who are still working will have time to come and an extra travel day to get back home. The location may be in the Cleveland/Akron/Canton Ohio area as there are a number of activities that are available. Mike Coss has volunteered to do research. A more firm location will be announced by the end of March.

Atlanta GA is the possible site for the 2011 reunion with a tour of Ft. Benning.

3) Odds and Ends

Jim Kelly will be researching and writing formal bylaws and review of the tax status of the organization.

There was a discussion of some individuals attending the Berlin US Military Veterans Association (BUSMVA) reunion in Berlin in 2010 as well as forming regional Turner Tanker groups so that those who live close to one another could get together on a more regular basis. We would like to know your thoughts on the regional groups.

4) Dues are Due! Donations happily accepted!

The 2010 dues are \$10.00 per year. Please send your check or money order made out to Turner Tankers to:

John Dahlin
4500 Applewood Ave.
Sioux City IA 51006-3605
712-276-2234

Dues deadline: FEB. 28

Donations: Any time!

ON THE WEB

Did you know that Turner Tankers is on the World Wide Web? For those who have computer access there are two places where you can keep up with those who served and find new and old friends.

Turner Tankers has its own website:

www.TurnerTankers.org. This website has a lot of information about the unit, to include a roster of the names that have been collected. A number of individuals have also posted their email addresses, although there is no guarantee they are current.

F Company 40th Armor now has a place on Facebook. It is free to join. The link below will take you there. If you are afraid of joining Facebook there are different levels of Security to choose from. NO personal information could be shared, but you are still able to join the group.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600608037&ref=mf>

Once you are there, click on the green **Sign Up** button and complete the requested information. You will be amazed once you have access. There are numerous pictures that have been posted and there is a way to correspond directly with those who have joined.

For those who do not have computers at home, get with your neighbors, children, grandchildren, or your local library. Many libraries have free classes and free internet access. Find out what you are missing!

Soldiers Found

Borden, Jonathan, 78-79, SP4, Maint
Moneyhon, Darwin, 69-72, LT, 3-XO
Stacy, Kenneth, 86-89, SSG, 1-4-HQ
Linstrom, Richard, 78-80, SP4, Maint
Westbrook, Robert, 83-86, SP5, 3-Maint
Gabb, Michael, 71-73, PFC, 4
Gadson, Eric, 85-88, LT-5

Soldiers Lost

Skelton, Robert, 1964, PFC Commo, Died in NY
1972, auto accident

Do you have old videos or
35 mm tapes of the unit? Contact:
George O'Brien
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Contact Information

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding any subject matter you would like to see in the Newsletter. You can contact any of the officers at the following email addresses:

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Researcher and Archivist

GeorgeObrien@turnertankers.org

PLEASE send updated email addresses to George O'Brien so we can save on postage costs.



We know the following individuals. Who are the rest?

1= Vaag 2=Frowein 3=Wojack 9=Wojack 11=Molinar 16=Kines or Kimes 19=Lt. Melvin Reid
20=Capt Daugherty

22= CWO Bergin 23=Lt Quinn

If you know any of the missing names, please contact George O'Brien with the number and the name of the person. Contact him at georgeobrien@turnertankers.org or mail PO Box 8150., S. Lynn MA 01904.