

# 20th Combat Engineer Association of World War II



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## 55th Reunion Set for Virginia Beach

President J. Kenneth Noon announces that the 55th Reunion of the 20th Combat Engineer Association of World War II will be held from Thursday, October 3, to Sunday, October 6, 2002, at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### Social Activities

The traditional "Get Re-Acquainted Reception" will commence at 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 4, with an assortment of both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks, compliments of the Association. There will also be a cash bar for beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages that will remain open until 11:00 p.m.

The annual sit-down dinner will commence in the private dining room of the Howard Johnson Hotel at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 5, preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a cash bar. You will have one of three choices for your entree: **Virginia Ham Steak** (with fruit sauce); or **Sliced Top Round of Beef** (with wine and mushroom sauce); or **Seafood Rockefeller** (shrimp, scallops, mushrooms & broccoli over cheese tortellini, topped with cheese sauce). Regardless of the entree selected, the dinner will also include a tossed green salad with assortment of dressings; honey glazed carrots; red jacket potatoes, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee or ice tea. All of this for \$25.00 per person. Make your reservations using the enclosed Reservation Form with a deadline of September 1, 2002.

### Hotel Accommodations

Sleeping rooms at the Howard Johnson Hotel are available on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at \$56.99 per night plus 12-1/2 percent tax and \$1.00 city charge (bringing the rate to \$65.11 per room per night for single or double occupancy.) For those who want to arrive on Wednesday or stay Sunday night or later, the sleeping room rate will be \$44.88 per room for these nights including taxes. Since both non-smoking and smoking rooms are available, be sure to specify which type you prefer.

Hotel sleeping room reservations can be made in two ways. By a telephone, call 1-800-258-1878 using any major credit card for your room deposit. By mail to Howard Johnson Hotel, 1801 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, enclosing a check for one room night (\$65 made payable to "Howard Johnson Hotel"). In either case, all sleeping room reservations must be received by the Howard Johnson Hotel no later than September 13, 2002.

## **Hotel Information**

The Howard Johnson Hotel is located in the heart of Virginia Beach on the Boardwalk. All sleeping rooms have an ocean-front view with private balcony offering a view of the Atlantic Ocean. All rooms include a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, electronic in-room safe, and 25 television cable channels with HBO.

The Howard Johnson Hotel features an indoor pool and whirlpool, a complimentary morning newspaper for each guest, an ocean front cafe, a lagoon bar and grill, game room, and on-site laundry facilities.

Area attractions include the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier and Concert Stages (both two block from the hotel); Putt-Putt Golf (three blocks from hotel); Virginia Marine Science Museum (two miles away); and Lynnhaven Shopping Mall (five miles away). The 18th Street Convenience and Gift shop features something for everyone, including beach needs, plus bicycle and rollerblade rentals for family members.

## **Travel Information**

For arrival by automobile, take Route 64 East off I-95 to the Virginia Beach Expressway (I-264) to the end; turn right on Atlantic Avenue, and the Howard Johnson Hotel will be several blocks on the left. Enter the hotel parking garage entrance on Atlantic Avenue where you can park while you are checking into your room before continuing to the on-site complimentary covered parking garage that is reserved for all guests.

Transportation from the Norfolk International Airport directly to the Howard Johnson Hotel is available by using the Brown Shuttle Bus at \$22.00 per person or \$28.00 per couple each way. Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance of arrival at 866-333-4644 (toll free) or 757-857-3991. The average Yellow Cab taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is \$32.00 each way. Telephone 757-622-3232.

Start your planning now for the 55th Reunion of the 20th Combat Engineer Association of World War II, and bring the family for a wonderful late summer vacation. We'll do our best to avoid a hurricane which caused us to cancel our last reunion in Virginia Beach.

## **Hostesses Needed**

Since we will not have the traditional hosts for this Reunion who usually take care of hospitality, we encourage members, spouses, and family members to consider donating door prizes and to offer assistance in staffing the registration desk starting Thursday morning, October 3rd. Please send your generous offers of contributions plus the days and times of your availability for staffing the Registration Desk to: Secretary-treasurer George Griffenhagen, 2501 Drexel Street, Vienna, VA 22180, or by telephone at 703-560-2413, or by e-mail at <[gbg@mail.aphanet.org](mailto:gbg@mail.aphanet.org)>

## Deceased Members

**Haig Harotunian** (B-20) died on November 11, 2001 (Veteran's Day). According to his wife (Virginia) of 56 years, "Haig always looked forward to receiving the *Wavy Arrow* which I would read to him."

**John W. McAllister** (D/20; A/1340) died at the age of 85 on January 4, 2002. A friend, William A. Thomas of Charlotte, North Carolina, writes: "Although I did not know him, he was a member of the best outfit in the whole Army."

**Joseph A. Shimek** (C-20) died of pneumonia at the age of 89 on September 1, 2001. His son, Steven Shimek (6950 Dickinson Road, Greenleaf, Wisconsin 54126) advises that his father was in good physical and mental health until his death. He writes: "Joe was always proud of his unit and his service. As such, the family dedicated a Legacy Stone in his name and the 20th Combat Engineers at the Highground Memorial in Nielsville, Wisconsin."

**Mary Pacourek** (honorary member) of Cairo, Illinois, died on May 25, 2001.

## Address Correction

We erred by placing **Paul Hainault** in Houston instead of Houghton, Michigan. His mailing address and telephone number is otherwise correct as listed in the 2001-2002 Roster as follows. Paul Hainault, 800 East Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan, 49931-1705. Telephone 906-482-4571. The U.S. Post Office tells me that all they really need is a correct ZIP Code to get mail to the correct city.

## New Addresses

**Carl Markey** (Officer) has been moved from the assisted care facility where he has been staying for some time and has been moved to an Alzheimer facility where he is going much better. Correspondence should now be sent to Carl's daughter, **Pat Slama**, whose address is 12657 Treaty Line Street, Carmel, IN 46032. Pat's cell phone number is 317-850-7992.

**Ruby Phelps** (honorary member) has moved to 306 Cherry Street, Scotland Neck, North Carolina 27874.

**Ruth J. Evans** (honorary member) has moved to Sunrise of Arlington, 2000 North Glebe Road, Apt. 208, Arlington, Virginia 22207. Her new telephone number is 703-560-7008.

## New Telephone Numbers

**Steve Poulos** (B/20) of 1135 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois 60302, has a new telephone number: 708-383-1939.

**Maribel Auld** (honorary member) of 739 South 6th Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701-3703, has a new telephone number: 724-349-7296.

## **Preserving Wartime Memories**

The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. is looking for World War II veterans to share their wartime memories. Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 and the AARP is a major sponsor of this project working with the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress to create a national archive of experiences and documents for future generations.

The Veterans History Project is seeking letters, diaries, photographs, maps, drawings, audio and video recordings, and anything that helps tell your story. The goal is to establish a comprehensive collection at the Library of Congress and on its website  
< [www.loc.gov/folklife/vets](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets) >

The American Folklife Center offers advice and sample questions to students and others who wish to interview veterans for oral histories. For a project kit, applications and more detailed information on ways to participate, write to the Veterans History Project, Library of Congress/American Folklife Center, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20540-4615. Or call toll free and leave a message at (888) 371-4615.

## **National WWII Memorial**

The construction of the National World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. is progressing on schedule. Those who have made a contribution of \$100 or more to the Memorial have received a lovely print that incorporates all the Memorial's latest design modifications suitable for framing. Jacquelyn Reid, associate for donor services of the National World War II Memorial writes, "Architect, Friedrich St. Florian, and his team have done an outstanding job of designing a memorial that is commensurate with the most important event of the twentieth century, while integrating it with the beautiful, park-like surroundings of our National Mall. The extraordinary generation of Americans who served in World War II deserve nothing less." For further information, write the American Battle Monuments Commission, P.O. Box 96766, Washington, DC 20090-6766.

## **More News On Our Website**

Check out the 20th Combat Engineer Association of World War II web page operated by Walt and Doris (who is doing well following her radiation) at:

< <http://community.webtv.net/dodimae/20thCOMBATENGINEER> >

Armand J. Morandi (B-20) recently suffered a heart attack, but we are pleased to report that he is doing well.

**Send items for inclusion in future issues of the *Wavy Arrow* to editor George Griffenhagen, 2501 Drexel Street, Vienna, VA 22180.**