

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

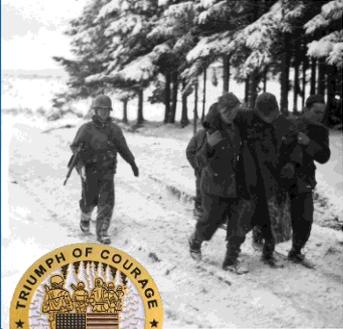
December 16, 1944–January 25, 1945

On December 16, with the onset of winter, the German army launched a counteroffensive that was intended to cut through the Allied forces in a manner that would turn the tide of the war in Hitler's favor.

Four inexperienced and battle-worn American divisions— consisting of 80,000 men, 250 tanks, and 400 artillery guns— were tasked with holding back a force of 200,000 seasoned German soldiers and 1,000 tanks and assault guns. The battle would take place along a 75-mile stretch of dense forests known as the Ardennes.

The battle that ensued is known historically as The Battle of the Bulge, the single biggest and bloodiest battle American soldiers have ever fought -- in which nearly 80,000 were killed, maimed or captured in an infernal test of courage and endurance.

The dedication and fortitude of the American Soldier was tested against great adversity. Nevertheless, the quality of their response ultimately meant the victory of freedom over tyranny.



A Tribute to the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge



15 AUGUST 2015
CASCOM CLAMSHELL
4:15 TO 4:45 P.M.

Today, we pay tribute to 29 brave Americans who helped preserve life as we know it. Your service to our nation... indispensable, courageous and priceless.



U.S. ARMY FORT LEE, VA



Today we honor the following veterans:

James David Bailey	106 th Infantry
Dorothy Taft Barre	16 th General Hospital
Maurice Berry	26 th Infantry
Robert Bowles Jr.	26 th Infantry
Jessie O. Bowman	87 th Infantry
Vernon H. Brantley	75 th Infantry
Thomas L. Burgess	87 th Infantry
Frederick R. Carmichael Sr.	87 th Infantry
Francis Chesko	7 th Armored
Clayton A. Christensen	99 th Infantry
Louis E. Cunningham	106 th Infantry
Donald R. Dillon	2 nd Infantry
A. Wayne Field	6 th Armored
David K. Gillogly	10 th Armored
Ward A. Goodrich	123 rd Ordinance
Fred F. Gordon	9 th Armored
Thomas E. Hoke	87 th Infantry
John T. Ingram	90 th Infantry
Hope Carlson Kirkendall	16 th General Hospital
Athanace J. Landry Jr.	776 th Anti-Aircraft
William G. Leunig	285 th Engineer
M.J. Levin	7 th Armored
George J. Merz	818 th Military Police
Arthur B. Mohor Jr.	94 th Infantry
Katherine M. Nolan	53 rd Field Hospital
Robert W. Shaw	4 th Armored
Jack Stitzinger	87 th Infantry
Alvin Sussman	106 th Infantry
Alfred H. Taylor	10 th Armored

Schedule of Events

1600 – 1615: Fort Lee 392nd Army Band

1615 – 1625: Invocation & Remarks by Chaplain (COL) Crisp

1625 – 1633: Laying of Wreath

1633 – 1637: National Anthem

1637 – 1640: 21 Gun Salute for those who lost their lives

1640 – 1643: TAPS followed by a moment of silence

1643 – 1645: Army Song

1645 – 1659: Military members mingle with veterans

1659 – 1705: Retreat

1710: Group photos: 1. All Veterans 2. Veterans surrounded by today's military 3. Veterans with family members

Sixteen thousand Americans had lost their lives and 60,000 were wounded or captured; German casualties were said to be twice that.

'This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war, and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever famous American victory' by Sir Winston Churchill