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### President's report

I would like to start out with a big Thanks to Col Roberts, and his crew. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. meeting was held at the road to victory Museum. The Museum has a lot of really interesting military items. If you have not been to the Museum it is well worth your time to go check it out. Behind the Museum is a very nice park you could pack a picnic lunch and go visit the museum and then have lunch in the park. Col Roberts and crew provided us with a great lunch. The meeting went well things seem to be pretty quiet out there. We talked about new T shirt designs and some changes to be considered for the next Rally. There were also plans for a weekend event to be held in the Ocala National Forest. This would not be a meeting but a possible cook out and trail ride. More information will be provided on this event. Please let I or your area coordinators know if you are interested in an event such as this. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting will be August 10 or 17. Probably will be in the Tampa area will post ASAP. I hope everyone is doing well. Please go out and support the events in your area and have a good time. I would ask that everyone pray for our troops and this country.

Thank you.

Dave Thomas.

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Central Dispatch Sat April 20th 2013 Central luncheon at Burke's BBQ Fruitland park. By David Johnson

Hello there members. Well the weather might of not been the best this weekend but we still had a good lunch at the grand opening at Burke's BBQ in Fruitland park. (Thank you J.C for the great food!) We had had some trucks there for every one to view like Dave's Halftrack and his jeep, Mike and Buddy Chidester's M-35-A3, "Cholly" Hildebrant's CCKW and WC Dodge. Other members who attended the luncheon was Doug Krause, Ezra Johnson, David Johnson and Robert "Torpedo"Thomas.

Well until next time keep them trucks Rolling. Over and out.



## Note from the Editor;

Please send all correspondence in a WORD document and photos in a JPEG format.

Anything else and I have to do a lot of typing as this is the most un-user friendly program I have ever used.

Also, sorry for the continued delays as I am learning how to work this program and not a lot of training is possible over the phone. If you do send photos, please send me the name of the person that took the photo and what it is, and who owns it.

Please pick the photos you want to be published and not send a bunch of them as it fills my email server making it time consuming to dig through the lot.

With all the parties and projects going on, not to mention work, I sometimes have trouble getting my priorities straight. I will endeavor to improve.

Thanks, Emmett

## **OBITUARY**

In the last edition of the newsletter we published a story submitted by Terry Burton on D-Day Veteran Jim Smith. It is with great sadness the Terry reports that Jim passed away on April 19th at the grand age of 89 years. He is having a full military funeral on May 20th which would have been his 90th birthday. At his request, his ashes are to be placed in the remains of the German Bunker he destroyed on D-Day 6th June 1944 on Gold Beach in Normandy.