

Margaret Hoffman

Blackbeard
A TALE OF VILLAINY AND MURDER
IN COLONIAL AMERICA

Edentonian attends summer reunion

Members of the Eighth Armored Division descended upon the city of Norfolk, VA June 26-30 with over 500 people attending the 52nd reunion of this group.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gil Johnson of Edenton.

Mr. Johnson served as a combat medic during the Battle of the Bulge, the Ardennes and later during the occupation of Europe.

He received several commendations, including the Combat Medics Badge and Bronze Star while serving his country.

"Although we are losing thousands of veterans of World War II every day," Johnson's wife noted, "these men of the 8th remain strong in their devotion to these reunions. So they come with canes, walkers and oxygen tanks but with high spirits and strong friendships."

Former Sergeant Johnson also had the opportunity during the reunion to meet with his lieutenant, Lt. Reed, whom

he had not seen since World War II ended. Lt. Reed is now Dr. Reed of Santa Rosa, CA. Dr. Reed happened to have traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion and received a plaque honoring him for that. He is a robust, cheerful 81-year-old retired OB-GYN specialist. Others attending came from Wisconsin, Oregon, and Ohio, as well as other states.

There were some new faces, and some old faces.

Welcoming the 8th Armored Division was Paul Fruim, Mayor of Norfolk. Music at the

dance was provided by the Kats 'n Jammers.

Banquet speaker was retired Major General Robert Wagner, who served in Korea and Vietnam. His enthusiasm and energy were "practically overwhelming," said Mrs. Johnson.

Steve Johnson gave a powerful rendition of "God Bless America" and the "Star Spangled Banner," which de-

lighted the audience.

Chaplain Charles Fix entertained with a collection of humorous stories which were enthusiastically received.

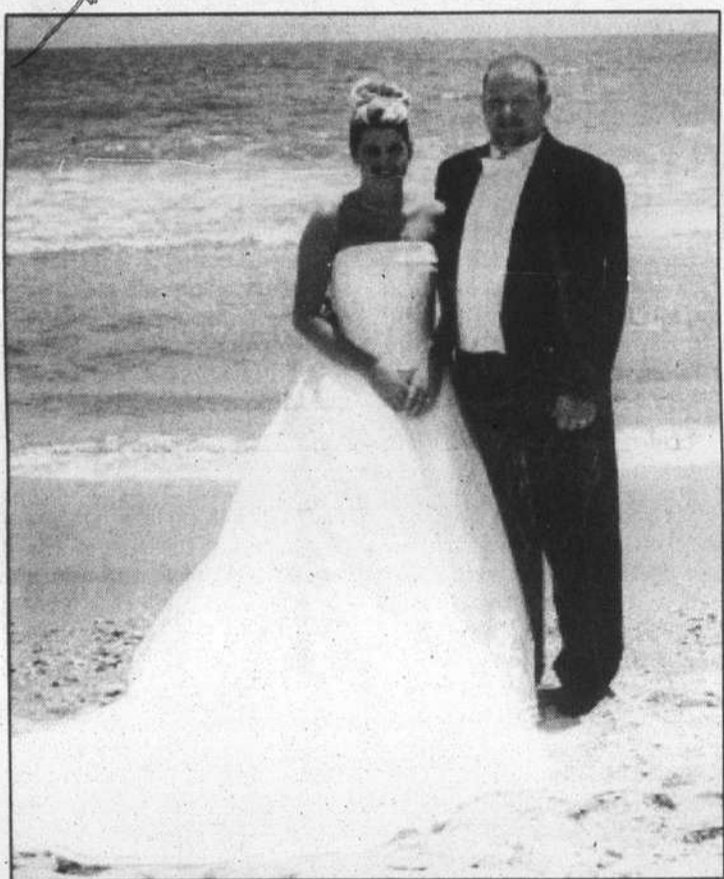
Thirteen chartered buses were used to transport members to Williamsburg, tours of Norfolk and included visits to Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin. Gil Johnson served as the local chairman of events.

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Book signing planned

Author Margaret Hoffman will be at the Shepard-Pruden Library in Edenton to speak and sign copies of her new book, "Blackbeard: A Tale of Villainy and Murder in Colonial America" on Thursday, July 19, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. (Artwork courtesy of Rosalie Boyd)

Patrick, Holt exchange vows in SC on June 28



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brent Holt Jr.

Holly Joanna Patrick of Edenton and Jimmy Brent Holt Jr. of Edenton were married at 1 p.m. on June 28 at Myrtle Beach, SC. The Rev. Clinton H. Norris of Myrtle Beach, SC officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sherry Warren and Mr. John Patrick of Overton, NV. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Phelps of Creswell, NC and Mrs. Rena Patrick and the late Abie J. Patrick of Creswell.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Fran Matchell and the late Chub Matchell of Edenton and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Holt of Durham, NC. He is the grandson of Maggie Jones of Durham, NC and the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Vaughan.

The bride is employed as a sales representative at Sears in Elizabeth City, NC.

The groom is employed as a maintenance technician at Morven Partners in Edenton.

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Spivey to serve as chairman

The board of directors of North Carolina's Northeast Partnership has elected Robert "Bob" Spivey as chairman for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Also appointed as officers were Jack Runion of Halifax County as vice-chairman; Elsie Hollowell-Pugh of Camden, as secretary; and O.S. "buck" Suiter Jr. of Ahoskie as treasurer.

"I am honored to have received the vote of confidence by my fellow board members to lead the Northeast Partnership board of directors," said Spivey. "I serve with a fine group of men and women who truly care about the future of northeastern North Carolina. With their dedication and commitment, I am confident we can continue to work toward the growth and prosperity this region deserves."

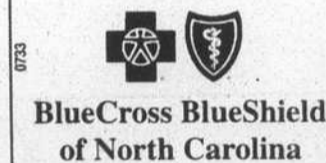
Spivey, who serves as mayor of Windsor, NC and chairman of the Bertie County Economic Development Commission, is also a former Bertie County Commissioner. In addition to serving on the board of directors of the Northeast Partnership, he also serves as co-chair of Partnership for the Sounds. He was appointed to the North Carolina Rural Prosperity Task Force in 1999.

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