

The Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary 86th National Convention at New Orleans August 11-14, 2007



As we arrived in New Orleans we saw this beautiful welcome sign prior to arriving at our hotel. It was a beautiful day and we eagerly awaited our forthcoming adventure.

Meetings and seminars were held offering first-rate learning opportunities, covering subjects from media relationships to leadership, benefits and services available. Spokesmen for Ford and Golden Corral were on hand to deliver messages and gifts from their respective companies. Some seminars covered specific subjects, such as, Women Veterans' issues, and available Amputee's services. POWs, doctors, politicians and technicians were available for question and answer seminars.



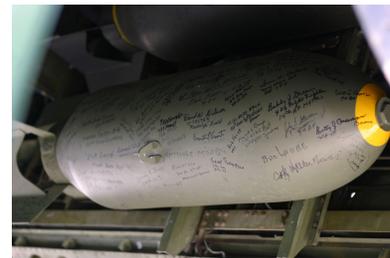
After the meetings, we were able to see the sights of the city. We walked down Bourbon Street and sampled some of the local cuisine and art.



The Panchito, a B-25 bomber airplane, along with the Special Delivery airplane, was on display as part of the DAV Convention. We were able to go underneath the plane and see



inside the bomb bay. The bay doors were open and we could see that the bomb was "autographed." It is amazing what our servicemen did with such small airplanes. Pictured above



and right is Commander Lazaro O. Camarillo III, Adjutant Gracie Canales, Historian Joe Aguilar, and the Legislative Chairman Kelly Ramirez. Joe Aguilar is pictured with Panchito.

After all the meetings and sight seeing, we were treated to a nice dinner and entertainment by Gary Sinese (Mac from CSI Miami) and the Lt. Dan Band. Gary Sinese donates his talent and time free-of-charge to the DAV. Pictured left are Kelly Ramirez, Joe Aguilar and Commander Lazaro O. Camarillo III with their coveted "Lt. Dan caps."



Another such generous person is artist Kaziah Hancock. She, along with four other artists, create gallery-quality portraits of fallen warriors and donate them to their next of kin. She has been doing this since 2002 and was honored at the 86th National DAV convention for her work and compassion.

The convention was a successful excursion providing us with many skills that we could apply in our positions and share with the other members of our chapter.