

## **1: The Ghost Army**

- Thank You for Meeting
- Seeking recognition for top-secret WWII deception units
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Headquarters Special Troops (Europe)
  - 3133<sup>rd</sup> Signal Service Company (Italy)
- Like to play a 3 minute video that lets the men tell their own story.

**2: Play Video** (plays automatically upon advancing to next slide)

## **3: 24 Battlefield Deceptions**

- If you want to know where they were in action – almost everywhere!
  - Normandy
  - Breakout across France
  - Battle of the Bulge
  - Crossing of the Rhine
  - Attack on the Gothic Line (Italy)

## **4: Impact**

- According to on to-secret army analysis written 30 years after the war: “Rarely, if ever, has there been a group of such a few men which had so great an influence on the outcome of a major military campaign.”

## **5: Peddle Grave**

- Their success came at a cost
- This is the grave of Sgt. George Peddle, buried in the American Cemetery in Luxembourg
- One of four men killed and several dozen seriously wounded carrying out the deceptions.

## **6: The Men**

- 1100 Men from all across the country served in this unit
- These unsung heroes saved untold lives and helped win the war
- BUT... their efforts were kept secret for decades and have NEVER been officially recognized.

## **7: Legislation**

- Bipartisan Legislation has been introduced in Congress to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 3133<sup>rd</sup>.
- S 1421 in the Senate and HR 2350 in the House
- Supported by the American Legion, National WWII Museum, many others

## **8: Veterans**

- Fewer than 20 still with us. Seventy-five after the war's end it is time to recognize their overlooked accomplishments while some of them are still with us.

## **9: Ghost Army**

- Call To Action - we are asking them to co-sponsor.