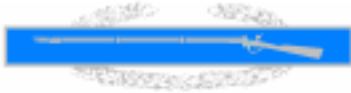




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Our own Red Devil Charlie Burgel



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Operation Blue Grass

Ft. Mitchell, KY Aug. 16 - 19

Chapter members are reminded that the 82d Airborne Division Association's 54th Annual Convention is being held at the Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center, I-75 at Buttermilk Pike Exit, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017. Telephone 1-800-354-9793. Additional information on the convention can be found at frgabn@aol.com

The convention registration form can be found in the Spring issue of the Paraglide. Indications from National are that the reservations are lagging from last year so be sure to get your reservation in ASAP. Remember, the cost of registration goes up an additional \$10.00 to \$80.00 after the 1 August deadline. You can continue to register after that date but planning for activities, and particularly the hospitality room and number of meals, will be more difficult to accomplish by the host chapters. The deadline for hotel reservations is July 31.

It is requested that those chapter members who are planning on being there notify our chairman, Bob Murray so we can plan a get together while the convention is in session. Bob's address, telephone number and/or e-mail address are located elsewhere in this publication. Chapter members are encouraged to attend this great affair. The Drawbridge is a first class establishment and the sponsoring chapters have planned several interesting activities. You can attend the 82d trooper jump at Lunken Airport on 171000 August in Cincinnati, meet old friends, get up to date on the 82d happenings, and most important, sit down over a cool one and talk to our young troopers and

find out what is happening in the airborne world!

Chairman's Message

We have arrived in the top five chapters of the Association in having the largest number of members. As of 11 July, we have 126 All American members, 204 Annual members and 57 Affiliate members. It is further gratifying to know



that we have attained these numbers by limiting our membership to those who have served with the 508th at any time. There are only a few other chapters who limit their membership to a specific airborne unit or period of airborne history. Our biggest problem this past year was retaining all of those

who belonged last year, 1999, but did not renew for 2000. Sad as it may be some of those non renewals are the result of the years taking it's toll of our ranks as they pass on.

The 54th Annual Association Convention is fast approaching and Jack and I hope to see many of you there at Ft. Mitchell, if not on the banks of the Ohio River or maybe at the hospitality bar! If we don't see you there we have to see you next May at Fort Bragg to recall the reactivation of the Red Devils fifty years ago. A good number of you are responding (list follows later in the newsletter) and we hope it continues that way. Jack and I, and we hope many others, will be spending a lot of time and effort to get this event rolling in the coming months.

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I am sure we will be calling for your help.

Dave O'Sullivan (F/51-53) comes to mind when I think of this reunion at Fort Bragg. A year ago this past April he called me to order a couple of polo shirts in small size and a hat. He said they were for his Grand Kids. He told me then that he had untreatable cancer and not long to go, but he wanted the shirts for the kids to remember that he was a paratrooper. The hat was for himself. He wasn't sure if he could last until All American Week, but he wanted to wear that hat and march with the old timers at the Division Review. Needless to say there wasn't much I could say.

At All American Week I was having a few with some of you when Dave came up to us with his hat on. He wasn't how I remembered him but he was there and enjoying himself. The next morning he marched in that review. He was in the last row by himself so he wouldn't slow anyone else down, marching slowly, and you knew he was hurting every step of the way. I can still see him. His son Bob called me about three weeks later to tell me his Dad had passed on. He told me how hard Dave fought to make it to All American Week to march with his old Red Devil comrades. If Dave were still with us, he'd be pushing like hell to make this an unforgettable event.

Mailing Labels

In the last newsletter **Harry Meyer** (E/55-57) suggested we code the address labels to indicate the membership expiration date. OK, Harry, we've done that effective with this newsletter. So all you Red Devils check your address label and you will see your membership expiration date indicated on the top line to the right. Life members will be indicated as "Y/AAM - LIFE; Regular (Annual) members will be indicated as "Y - 2000" or any other subsequent date; and Affiliate members will be indicated as "Y/A - 2000 or any other subsequent date. **The year indicated is the date your membership expires as of December 31!**

Chapter members are again reminded that the membership in the Association runs from January 1

to December 31. New members who join after August 3 will be registered for membership in the year 2001 since National cuts off year 2000 memberships to compile data used to award membership plaques and certificates for the year 2000 at the Convention. For your information, this is the first time in four years the chapter has failed to be awarded a plaque for Membership Excellence. As indicated by Bob Murray in his Chairman's Message we did not do very well in renewing memberships for the year 2000.

Chapter Boosters



We had fifty two boosters listed in our May - June Newsletter. Today, we are adding seven more names to bring the total number of chapter members to fifty nine who have so generously contributed to the chapter to keep the newsletter and web site going. We can't thank you enough!

320th Airborne Field Artillery Assn.
James Adams (598/54-56); **Jean D. Ashcraft** (HQ3/55-56); **Joseph Ballaro** (D/51-53); **Lou Belleau** (SPT/51-52); **LTC (R) Lloyd Bender** (F/52-53); **Charles Bostic** (H&H/51-54); **John F. Brown** (E/51-54);

David H. Burns (H/51-54); **Bobbie J. Bush** (HQ3/55-56); **Anthony Cantillo, Jr.** (F/51-54); **Joseph B. Catey** (A1/66-68); **Robert Chisholm** (I/43-46); **John H. Christopher** (HQ3/55-56); **James A. Convy** (HQ3/44-45); **Herbert L. Cronin** (C/51-54); **Jack K. Damron** (HQ1/54-57); **LTC (R) James K. Damron**; **Marvin Darby** ((L/51-54); **Joseph L. Davis** (B/51-56); **Willie F. Davis** (G/54-56); **MG (R) William H. Duncan** (A/52-53); **Marvin Darby** (M/51-54); **DuWayne L. Erdmann** (598/51-54) **Augie Fernandes** (L/51-54); **Donald C. Fjoslein** (519/52-54); **Daniel T. Furlong** (H/42-45); **Richard S. Gohl** (C/54-55); **LTC (R) Charles L. Hale** (K/52-56); **Cyril D. Hixon** (46); **Daniel Hogan** (598/52-53); **CSM (R) Arthur Kilgore** (SVC/51-53); **Thomas R. Lane** (A/51-52); **Frank Mahmet** (E/54-56); **George W. McClain** (SVC/50-53); **Clarence T. McCluskey** (L/51-53); **William J. Mehling** (HQ2/51-52); **William F. Moran** (I/45-46);

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Robert T. Murray (B/51-53); **Arthur D. Nagle** (E/51-52); **Lawrence F. O'Connor** (A/51-52); **Lee Perttu** (E/54-56); **Carl Porter** (D/45-46); **Leo Quinn** (L/51-54); **Raul M. Ramos** (C/51-54); **Luis (Rudy) R. Reza** (C/54-56); **Kenneth G. Rilea** (G/51-54); **Steve W. Roberts** (70-71); **Ramiro (Tony) Robles** (HQ320/55-56); **LTC (R) Gordon K. Smith** (HQ1/54/55); **Roy Shaw** (HQ2/51-53); **Walter O. Stacey** (HQ2/51-52); **Keith R. Stevens** (B/54-55); **George I. Stoeckert** (42-46); **Robert Thompson** (HQ3/46); **Stan Victor** (M/51-54); **Alan R. Vittori** (A2/72-74); **Walter B. Welton** (H&H/51-53) and **Jack E. Yelverton** (HQ2/53-55).

New Chapter Members



A big welcome to our newest members who just dropped in. **Paul A. Cole**, Shelbyville, IN (E/54-56); **Melvin E. Kelch**, Benson, AZ (SPT/52-53); **John Mendoza**, Montebello, CA (D/52-53); **Steve Roberts**, Tucson, AZ (70-71) and **Wolfram M. Von-Masjewski**, Richmond, TX (L/55-56).

New All American (Life) Members

Kenneth R. Branson, Grove, OK (A/51-54)
Norman McLeod, Scottsdale, AZ (HQ1/51-54)

New T-Shirt In Inventory

A new T-shirt is now in inventory and will be for sale at the 54th Annual Convention at Ft. Mitchell, KY. The t-shirt is white with the web site logo pictured across the chest. The colors are red, blue, gray and black. T-shirts may be purchased for \$12.00. Available sizes are medium, large, X large and XX large. See example of the logo below.



508th AIR 50th Anniversary Reunion



May 5, 2001 marks the 50th anniversary of the reactivation of the 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment (AIR) at Fort Bragg, NC. As most of you know, the chapter would like to honor this occasion with a reunion

during All American Week at Fort Bragg in May 2001. In our last newsletter (May - June) we asked that those of you who were interested in attending a reunion to contact us. To date the response has been most gratifying. Fifty members responded positively and an estimated attendance of eighty nine. That's great so far. As Bob Murray mentioned earlier in his Chairman's Message, our membership is up to 387 members. Based on that, 12.9% of our membership responded positively to support the reunion. We have nine months to get this undertaking firmed up and attendance firmed up as well. Soooo, for those of you who have not yet responded, think about it. We would like to see between 20 and 25 percent of our membership make this a gala occasion. That means between seventy-seven and ninety-six Red Devils plus their guests on hand at Fort Bragg to pay homage to the 508th AIR next May. Listed below are those chapter members who have thus far indicated their interest in the reunion:

James Adams (598/54-56); **Jean D. Ashcraft** (HQ3/55-56); **Ron Behrens** (M-51-54); **John F. Brown** (E/51-54); **David H. Burns** (HQ2/51-54); **Bobbie S. Bush** (HQ3/55-56); **Robert H. Cooper** (C/51-54); **William T. Coulter** (L/51-53); **Frank Cowdrey** (SPT/51-52); **Herb Cronin** (C/51-54); **Jerry Curren** (M/51); **Jack K. Damron** (B-HQ1/54-57); **Jack J. Doyle** (D/51-53); **Walter Ducharme** (HQ320/55-56); **Warren S. Eichelberger** (MED/55-56); **Augie Fernandes** (L/51-54); **Robert Figueredo** (D/51-54); **Charles J. Fortuna** (A/51-54); **Bob Giles** (B/51-52); **Kenneth L. Glynn** (L/51-54); **Don Holland** (HQ2/55-56); **Jimmie F. Huey** (320/54-56); **Arthur D. Kidder** (D/51-54); **Anthony LaJustice** (MED/55-56); **Duane Mabeus** (G-SVC/52-54); **Orlan R. McClung** HQ3/51-54);

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Clarence T. McCluskey (L/51-53); **Leo B. McCullough** (B/51-54); **Robert Medlin** (A/51-54); **William J. Mehling** (HQ2/51-52); **Harry M. Meyer, Sr.** (E-55-57); **Robert T. Murray** (B/51-53); **Gerald L. Nadeau** (HQ2/51-53); **Arthur R. Nagel** (E/51-52); **Robert A. Norman** (HQ1/51-54); **Lawrence O'Connor** (A-598/51-56); **John Ortado** (B/51-53); **Peter Pisani** (HQ1/51-52); **Luis R. (Rudy) Reza** (C/54-56); **Ramiro (Tony) Robles** (HQ320/55-56); **Robert Rukamp** (MED/55-56); **Raymond F. Sabatella** (C/51-52); **Hal L. Scott** (SVC-MED/54-57); **Frank Seif** (M/53-55); **Roy E. Stelzer** (K/51-53); **Robert Taylor** (D/51-53); **Bruce M. Tyler** (A320/55-56); **Stanley F. Victor** (M/51-54); **Kenneth J. Warzyn** (D/54-56) and **Charles M. Weaver** (K/51-54).

Thanks troops for your support. For those of you who have not yet responded below is a form to complete and mail in. If you are on the Internet, e-mail Bob Murray or Jack Damron. Their addresses can be found else where in the newsletter. Let's all get together and make this momentous occasion!

YES, I am interested in attending a 508th AIR Anniversary Reunion:

NAME: _____ Unit/Yr _____

Number to attend _____

Membership Letters

Bob Medlin (A/51-54) writes: Dear Bob, Again, thanks for bailing me out. Seems like time goes by too fast for this old retired US Army guy. Inclosed is a check in the amount of \$12.50, and I hope not to let it happen again - being late that is.

Looking forward to the possibility of being at the proposed Reunion for the 508th at Fort Bragg. Haven't been there since 1985 when my youngest daughter was there trying out for an Army ROTC scholarship so that she could finish her last two years at Georgetown University.

She succeeded in doing so, and later was assigned to the U. S. Army's Combat Engineer Officers Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. She graduated well up in the class and I pinned on her the same 2d Lt bars that were pinned on me in 1954.

Have a great week, and again, my sincerest THANKS!!

Gerald L. Nadeau (HQ2/51-53) writes: Hi, Jack, I think the Fort Bragg location is ideal for the 508th Reunion. As I recall, my basic training in 1951 was at Fort Bragg with the 82d Airborne cadre. I also remember an outstanding Sargent. I believe his name was Kildare. He took a personal interest in "His Boys". When we shipped out to Fort Benning for jump school he became quite emotional during our goodbyes.

Those of you who are involved in the planning of this event deserve a big pat on the back.

I plan on being there with my wife.

Ken Glynn (L/51-54) writes: Hi Jack, The enclosed picture is of four L Company 1st Platoon guys in '51 - 50 years later. Left to right - Smitty, Augie, Mac and Ken. At All American Week 2000, we were helping Coors production at the Fayetteville Chapter picnic. We missed you this year, hope you can make it in 2001.

I know there will be a group from Connecticut with Mac & Augie, my wife and I, so if a few more come, we'll have a good old '08 party some place.

Smitty was one of the group who went to rigging school and went to Japan to drop a bridge to the Marines so they could get out of the Yalu trap. Not many people know of this mission.

The new museum is coming along real nice - we had a tour and it should be a nice showcase for the Airborne. Ken

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Ed's note: Yes, I'll be at the 2001 All American Week. Bob and I are looking forward to a great group of Red Devils to show up.



L-R: Dale Smith, Augie Fernandes, Clarence McCluskey and Ken Glynn

Clarence McCluskey (I/51-53) writes: Jack, I received a call from Armondo Duarez from Kerrville, Texas in regard to Richard McKinley's address. He said he came across Richard's son a couple of years ago and he said Dad passed away at a young age. He said his Dad received the Silver Star for his bravery on Outpost Dale in Korea. I thought he would have gotten the Medal of Honor but that's the trouble with the military. So many things go by the board unchecked. I feel real bad for his family to have go through hell like that and die young. At least he is in a better place now. Mac McCluskey Airborne All The Way. PS Yes we will attend the 50th Reunion.

Ed's note: Richard McKinley's story was carried in the May - June newsletter.

Charlie Wheeler (K/51-54) writes: Dear Jack, Just received the most recent newsletter a scant week after my return home from All American Week (My first, ever!).

Needless to say, it was a truly memorable experience. The only minor disappointment was not running into more Red Devils. I did see Mac McCluskey and Manny Fernandes among the few I did encounter. As typical of all Airborne gathering, one doesn't have to go far to make new

friends. I met some terrific people from the 511th, and the people from the 555th are truly special, not to mention the entire 82nd community.

As for the 50th Reunion, I think All American Week at Bragg would be ideal. I, for one am planning to be there. I'll work on some of the guys I know and see if I can motivate them to attend.

I am sending along a photo of my plate that I got last September. Regards, Charlie



Alan R. Vittori (A2/72-74) writes: Hi Bob, Just received the Paraglide so I got your address from there. I am very interested in joining the 508th Chapter. I am a life member of the 82d Association and served with A Company, 2d Battalion of the 508th from 72 - 74.

I wrote to O. B. Hill weeks ago, but heard absolutely nothing from him? I did belong to the 508th a few years ago but hard times hit, now I'm working full time with the school district and like it a lot.

I also sing with a trio, the info is enclosed. Our last performance was for the Chicago Chapters installation in March. We do travel our local area and there is no charge. We take care of our fellow vets and also perform for the public. We are gearing up for Memorial Day, Flag Day and the Fourth of July - all booked.

It's great to provide for the community. We also go into the schools - info enclosed for that. I know these kids today are graduating and haven't a clue that WW II and Korea happened. What's wrong with this picture? I got us in through me being employed by the school district.

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I went right to the superintendent with the proposal and we are now part of the curriculum in some of the schools. Amen. There is no charge - the price has already been paid by thousands that never came back.

I'll close for now. Please send me the price info for membership. I sure would appreciate that. Thank you very much for your time. Take Care.
My Best, Al Vittori

Ed's note: Space does not allow for enclosure of the Southern Wisconsin All Airborne Chapter Newsletter which contains further information on the Southern Wisconsin All Airborne Chorus. The Chorus was formed in October 1977 and is directed by Frank Patino, Sr. of Racine, WI. He is a past member of the 82d All American Chorus. Other members are Kenoshans Gary Beltoya and Al Vittori. The chorus newest member is Tom Hacker of Milwaukee, WI. Pan Ungerer of Kenosha accompanies the chorus on key-board.

Jim Adams (598/54-56) writes: Hi Jack, If at all possible I will be at the 50th anniversary where ever it is. No one probably noticed but you need to put another "8" on Bob's phone number in the newsletter. Airborne, Jim Adams.

ED's note: Jim put a little smiley face at the end of his note. Egg on my face again! Error duly noted and corrected Jim. No wonder I can't get Bob on the telephone. :-)

Airborne All The Way - C. Burgel

The following story was written by Beth Miller and appeared in the newspaper "The News Journal," Wilmington, DE on July 12, 2000. The title read "Beating the odds with lyrics of life."

The first time Charlie Burgel found out he had cancer - lung cancer - the doctor also said he probably had two years.

Burgel and his wife, Marlene started making plans. Just in case.

That was 1981. Those plans are on hold. Indefinitely.

Oh, they've been dusted off a few times.

Burgel has had surgery for a brain aneurysm since then. In 1995 - three years after moving to Rehoboth Beach from New Jersey - he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. And while they were considering what to do about that, the doctor added leukemia to Burgel's list.

"I've found the cure for prostate cancer," Burgel said. "It's leukemia."

He has had chemotherapy, radiation, bone marrow biopsies, blood transfusions, antibiotic treatments, injections, Hickman catheters - well, he's had the works.

What he hasn't had is doubt. "I never thought I was going to die," he said. "Never."

In spite of all the indignities cancer patients often endure, Burgel has not lost his lifeblood - his music. He has written more than 100 songs.

Generally speaking, he'd rather find a rhyme than a reason. He'd sooner write a tune than a treatise.

If anything, the chemicals, IV bags and hypodermic needles have infused his songs with even greater poignancy.

Not that he'd wish that stuff on anybody. Chemotherapy, he says, is "utterly disgusting."

But for Burgel, the beat goes on.

Well, there was that one time he had no pulse.

A nurse had come into his room in Christiana Hospital's oncology unit - 6C - to take his vital signs. He always wanted to know about those signs. He even wrote a song called "Vital Signs," with a chorus that says: "*the only thing that's on my mind is vital signs.*"

But this vital-sign time, there was no beat. No pulse. Burgel has attached a fake hand to his arm.

"He went around the unit with that fake hand, asking everybody to check his pulse," said Karen Shields on 6C for 15 years. "He is a prankster."

Burgel spent 88 days on 6C and received 648 hours of chemotherapy.

This year he'll mark five years since his last chemotherapy treatment. He's still getting an occasional injection for prostate cancer, but it seems to be under control.

Burgel, 72, cannot control everything.

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But he can control how he reacts to the things that are out of his control.

"I accept challenges," he said.

Seems that he always has.

When he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951, he volunteered to be a paratrooper with the 508th Airborne. He liked the idea of getting \$50 extra cash each month.

At jump school, the young paratroopers started jumping into a sandpit from a height of 2 feet. Their next jumps were from 4 feet.

After that, they jumped from a 34-foot tower. Then, they were hoisted 150 feet into the air in a chute - and released.

Burgel's first trip in an airplane was during jump school. He jumped out of the plane, of course. In fact, the first 21 times he took off in a plane, he wasn't in it when it landed.

Burgel has been in some scary spots and done some hard jobs.

But he's made of tough stuff, apparently.

He spent more than 30 years building roads for a contractor in New York State. Worked the paver - one of the hottest jobs possible during summer months.

"It was so hot, I was looking for a pot-belly stove to sit on one day to cool off," he said.

Once during a job in Great Barrington, MA, Burgel saw a worker gouged by a piece of equipment. Some men ran to help, then turned away, sickened. The man's abdomen was open, his liver dangling out of his body.

Burgel took a deep breath and took hold of the liver. He did his best to hold it close to the man's body until help came.

When the ambulance arrived, the attendants asked Burgel if he could drive it. The three of them would be needed in the back to work on the injured man.

Burgel drove. They worked. And, against odds, the man in Massachusetts made it.

Just as Burgel is making it now.

"He's got such a strong will to live," said his little sister, Milly Burns, the youngest of the eight Burgel siblings, who now lives in Winter Garden, FL "He's got guts."

"I don't know where he gets it, but he has it," said his niece Joan Brunner, who drove Burgel to

Christiana Hospital many times from his move in Rehoboth's Breezewood community.

What makes life worth fighting for? "People," he said. "Making them happy."

Marlene, family, friends, the nurses on 6C - "the greatest nurses who walk this Earth," he said - little kids, even strangers.

During his stays on Christiana's 6C, Shields noticed that Burgel always seemed as concerned about those around him as he was about himself.

"A lot of patients get very depressed," she said. "He never did. He reached out to other people - to patients and to us. He didn't want to just hear us talk about him. He wanted to hear about us - our families our children."

He and Marlene have no children of their own. They've had lots of dogs and cats, though - the "Bow-Wows and Meows," as another of his tunes is called.

He has produced many of his songs in a makeshift recording studio he created in the living room of their ranch house.

"How they are born is what matters to me" he said. "How they come about and then they are alive and can never be taken away again. Years from now, someone may come across one of my lead sheets and be singing my song. That would be grand."

Burgel takes his songs on field trips sometimes. He revs up his conversion van and drives into Rehoboth, parks, opens up the doors, cradles his guitar, and starts to strum.

When he starts singing, folks start listening.

It's not that he's any fancy musician. He has a voice that sounds like Burl Ives' - strong, full, a bit rustic. He's self taught on the guitar - nothing fancy.

But the stories he tells in his songs are worth hearing.

His songs don't meander. They get to the point. He writes them to last a minute and a half - two minutes maybe, if he's really going on about something.

"Nobody wants to go on too long hearing it," he said. "They want to get to the point."

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He plants the point into ballads, love songs, humor, even chamber-of-commerce-type ditties like "Welcome to Rehoboth," and "Do We Have A Lot of Fun in Dewey?"

His song called "My First, Last and Always Girl" probably should enter the rotation of songs fathers and their just married daughters dance to during wedding receptions.

And this fall, T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA, plans to make use of a song Burgel wrote in honor of the school's 1971 football team, soon to be immortalized in a Disney movie, "Remember the Titans."

Burgel wrote a song by that name for his friend, Bill Yoast, who was one of the Titans' coaches and now lives in Bethany.

"I have heard the song and like it," said John Porter, principal of T. C. Williams. "I have given a copy of the sheet music to our choral director for possible use in the fall with either the opening of the movie or at homecoming, which will be a week after the movie premier."

Burgel's "Survivors Song" has been a favorite of many cancer patients in the area. It seems to sum up his own approach to the way things sometimes are:

"Let's not cry,

"Let's not wonder why.

"Let's fight and we'll not be denied.

"We will find a way to survive."

Over the past 19 years, Burgel has had times when he lost his appetite, lost his hair, lost his strength.

But he hasn't lost his music, sense of humor or his hope.

Give him his good wife, good family, good friends, good doctors, good nurses - and he figures that he has a good chance.

"If I've got the right people with the right stuff, I'm going to make sure I'm the right person," he said. "If you have the right medicine, I'll make sure it works."

"That might be a lot of bull, but...."

Well, it's working.

In the mean time, he's writing songs and singing.

He has sung his songs for nurses conventions and police conventions. He has sung in auditoriums, on outdoor stages, and in hospital gowns.

Yes, he liked taking his guitar with him to the hospital.

"I would always play quietly," he said.

Until the request came in.

Sometimes a nurse would come in and say, "We have a few patients who'd like you to sing louder."

And longer, too, please.

Much longer.

Dubuque, IA Mini Reunion

Rodger Jacobson, our truck driving recruiter, just called me from a phone booth some where out in the great mid west to inform me that there will be a mini reunion held in Dubuque, IA on September 22-24. The mini will be held at the Julien Inn (319) 556-4200. Room rates are \$42 plus tax single and \$49 plus tax double. Deadline to register is August 22. Registration fee is \$10.00 per couple. For further information, contact Rodger at his address or telephone number listed below.

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Shirt, T, Grey or White w/ Chapter Logo screened	\$12.00		M, L, XL, XXL	
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Pin, Para Red Devil	\$ 3.00		N/A	
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