

# The Red Devil Digest

The 508th Airborne Chapter Newsletter Fury From The Sky



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## **Forty Seven Chapter Members Lost!**

Experiencing the worst loss of membership since 1996 your chairman the sad task of deleting the names of thirty six (36) Annual Members and eleven (11) Affiliate Members from the active membership rolls of the chapter. Despite reminders in several newsletters well over 150 Annual and Affiliate Members had not renewed their membership for 2004 by 31 December 2003. Two email messages were also sent to members who received their newsletter via the chapter web site. In early January 2004 letters and applications were sent out at an additional expense to the chapter. Listed below are the names of our lost Troopers along with their unit designations. I need the help of the membership to call, email or write to any of the listed who are your friends to convince them to retain their affiliation with their fellow Red Devils. If you need a telephone number of address, email me at jdamron@red-devils.org or call me at (941) 629-0594). Remember, if you call I do have a hearing disability so talk slowly!

Annual Members Lost: Adams, Mack (B); Arnold, Jonathan (A2); Barbosa, Roy (SPT); Barrera, Arthur (A); Bryan, Hedrick (SVC); Bryant, Robert (H&H); Clark, John (598); Dauphin, Eldridge (Gene) (598); Dunn, Charles (B); Frizzard, G. Nelson (A); Gabbard, John (SPT); Giles, Robert (B); Hall, Harry (B); Idzior, Edward (A); Liberty, Allen (598); Lighty, Donald (F); Marion, Elmer (H); Martinez, Theodore (E); Mixon, A. Kelly (B); Mueller, Clay (B); Nims, Donald (598); Ortado, John (B); Patterson, Lawrence (598); Peterson, Robert (D); Pickerel, James (598); Podhajski, John (HQ1); Radford, Dennis (B); Schleining, Gerald (H&H); Smith, Ralph (L); Steffan, Leonard (320); Stone, Ralph (B320); Sutton, Robert (H); Thomas, Ricahrd (M); Williams, Terry (C1); Wingard, Hobart (Red) (B) and "Winzinger, Henry (K).

Affiliate Members Lost: Chisolm, Robert (I); Larez, Lino (C); Leonard, Stephen (C2); Love, James (MED); Martinez, Sabas (SVC); Petrelli, Robert (C2); Porter, Warren (A1); Quinlan, George (UNK); Reilly, Daniel (C2); Spann, Kenneth (C) and Spigelmire, Charles (H&H).

## **New Chapter Members**



Your Chapter is pleased to announce that nine new All American Members (Life) and seven new Annual Members have just dropped in.

All American Members (Life)

Ashlock, Lawrence W. Jr. (598/51-54); Cole, William E. (D/52-53); Cummings, Lawyer E. (B/54-56); Murphy, Don F. (H/54-56); Pado, Joseph C. (L/55-56); Rawitch, Marvin A. (Doc) (Med/55-56); Sarver, Grant B. (M/HQ3/52-54); Simpson, Warren (Jack) J. (MED/55-56) and Streitman, William A. (H/55-56).

#### **Annual Members**

Ake, Johnny (E/55-56); Bradley, Robert R. (D/55-56); Darby, Melvin (L/51-54); Marsh, Robert J. (MED/55-56); Smith, Talbert E. Jr. (598/52-54); Thorington, Vernon J. (G/51-54) and Williams, John T. (G/55-56).

## **Chairmans Message**



I didn't want to leave the impression that the chapter isn't doing anything to off set the loss of the above members so I thought I would print the new member column after the loss column.

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This issue marks the start of the eighth year I have written The Red Devil Digest. It has been a fun experience and I hope you all will continue to send in articles, pictures and your experiences as a Red Devil to support the newsletter. Remember, I cannot use copied pictures etc.. They do not scan well or show up well in the newsletters.

In late December your chapter became aware of a program called "Any Soldier" which is a web site which I sent to all members who were on the Internet. Your chapter donated \$500 to purchase various items to send to members of the 1-508 currently serving in Iraq. We arranged to send 5 cases of hot breakfast meals produced by Heater Meals of Cincinnati, Ohio since our Red devils only get one hot meal a day transported in the old marmite cans and the other two meals are MRE's. For those of you who do not know what MRE's are it stands for Meals Ready to Eat. They are dehydrated meals and do not have a breakfast meal. In addition we purchased comfort and health items they requested in the base BX and Commissary at MacDill AFB and was able to send seven small boxes of these items as well.

The APO is no longer accepting boxes for the 1-508th as they are getting ready to redeploy back to their home base in Vicenza, Italy. If anyone desires to support other troops in Iraq or Afghanistan you can still contact Any Soldier at the following Internet address: <a href="www.anysoldier.us">www.anysoldier.us</a> Below is a picture of SGT Brian Horn, Scouts, HHC, 1-508th and his platoon sergeant. SGT Horn was primarily responsible for the start of the Any Soldier concept.



SGT Brian Horn on the left

Other items of interest to come is a mini reunion to be held in Corning, NY in May. If you are going to attend this function it is recommended that you make a copy of the Information Sheet and the Registration Form for your information. I fact, I would ask that you retain a copy of the chapter newsletter for future use. Too many times we have heard "I didn't know how to contact any one at the National or Chapter level; my wife threw the newsletter away (Yeah, always blame the wife!) and last but not least, my dog ate it. (I heard this one in high school 50 some years ago).

## **Membership Letters**



**Don A. McRae** (598/51-53) writes: Jack, Please accept my dues for 2004. I would like to tell you I was discharged

from the 508<sup>th</sup> at Sand Hill, Fort Benning, GA in March, 1953. My grandson, PVT Garrett Poston joined the Rangers in March, 2003 and went to Sand Hill, Fort Benning, GA for his basic training and then on to Jump School. In September, I was honored to be at Fort Benning to pin on his Jump Wings. From there it was on to Ranger School.

On January 12, 2004, Garret was shipped out to Iraq with the 504<sup>th</sup> BDE, 82d Airborne Division.

Always, Don



(L-R) Don McRae and Grandson Garrett

**Charles McGurk** (MED/55-56) writes: Hi Jack, The first working day of 2002 I had a heart attack, that led to a quad bypass, then Parkinson, then reoccurring bladder cancer.

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Now, Colon Cancer. I just finished six weeks of radiation and chemotherapy. I think of myself as an old Timex watch, "It takes a licking but keeps on ticking." Mack

PS The check is a couple of bucks over.

Ed's Note: You can reach Mack with a card or letter at 2882 Tuckahoe Rd., Camden, NJ 01804-2861. His telephone number is (856) 541-8142. I'm sure Mack would appreciate hearing from his old Red Devil friends.

**Richard Gohl** (C/54-55) writes: Jack, I' late with my renewal. I'll double up and pray for forgiveness. Dick

Ed's Note. Dick, keep being late and double up!

**Ed Darby** (L/51-54) writes: Hi Guys, Hook me up for another year. Hope all of you had and have Happy Holiday.

Here is a couple of extra bucks. It might buy a stamp or two. Enjoyed the newsletter very much. Keep up the good work.

Airborne Always, Ed Darby

MSG Ret. Leavy Brock (K/51-53) writes: Jack, I'm sorry I let this slip but I'm not on the computer very much because of my eyes. I get the boys to look some things up for me about the 508<sup>th</sup> when they come down to see me and the wife. I want to stay on the computer but would also like to pay for the written newsletter. Please tell me how much it costs.

Thanks, Leavy Brock

Ed' Note: Leavy, no charge for the hard copy newsletter. It's part of your dues.

**CSM Ret. Ronald R. Boring** (HQ3/55-56) writes: I'm sorry I went to send this in last month and got involved in other things so I'm sending it now.

I would like to become a Life Member mainly because I would probably forget each years dues and need to be reminded. Anyway, here is another check for \$100.00 to help the chapter along in ways you see

fit. I do wish to get the hard copy newsletter. I know it's a lot of work for some one but I appreciate it.

Thank you, Ron Boring

Ed's Note: Many thanks for the fine donation and your decision to go AAM (life Membership). I just wish more Annual Members would do so and save both themselves and the chapter a lot of effort each year. In looking at the chapter statistic we now have forty four more Life than Annual Members. We had more MEMBERS sign up for Life Membership late in the year as opposed to those who took advantage of the chapter's offer of Life Membership for \$82 for those over 50 who renewed prior to November 15? GO FIGURE!

**Charles (Chuck) J. Vivano** (K/51-52) writes: Hi Jack, Enclosed is my check for next year and \$100.00 extra for the "cause." Chuck Vivano

Ed's Note: Many thanks for the fine donation. Sorry I was out of town when you called and your note, application and check were waiting for me upon my return home.

**Ron A. Faulkner** (B3/62-65) writes: Dear Jack, I served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> in Panama from 62 - 65. I have held all offices in the Lone Star Chapter in Houston and I'm presently serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

I would like to renew for the next three years if you can do it like that.

Thanks, Ron Faulkner

Ed's Note: It's a done deal. You are covered through the year 2006.

**Harry A. Roll** (H/44-46) writes: Hi Jack, Thanks for the reminder in the newsletter.

Shortly after the 508<sup>th</sup> PIR reunion in August my wife Ruby discovered she had colon cancer and was operated on September 20. The Doctors think they got it all so she is now on the road to recovery. We do hope to go to Fort Bragg in May. Soft Landings, Harry Continues on page 4.

Ed's Note: We were sorry to hear about Ruby but glad she is on the road to recovery. I have my reservation in for AA Week and hope to see you and Ruby there.

**Harry W. Paul** (HQ3/51-53) writes: Dear Jack, I worked in S-3, 3d Bn, 508<sup>th</sup>. One day in 1952 our Bn CO, Lt Col Krebs approached m and "suggested" I design a winged foot for our helmet liners. I immediately started to work on it, and with him peeking over my should periodically, I came up with a satisfactory winged foot that was reproduced as a decal for our helmet liners.

It sure did my heart good to see it in the latest Red Devil Digest.

All The Way. Regards Harry W. Paul

**Albert Busiere** (C/55-56) writes: Hi Jack, I just got the newsletter. I was wondering what happened to the Honor Guard picture. I got a kick out of the piece about you forgetting my name so you could send it back!

Hope to see you next year. Thank you, Al

Ed's Note: Thanks again Al for the loan of the picture. I hope you liked the pictures I sent. I still have egg on my face over forgetting your name. I don't know how many people I called trying to find you to no avail.

**Richard Ackerman** (D/51-53) writes: Dear Jack, I am going to work on a list of Company D members of the 508<sup>th</sup> who served from 1951 to 1954. I now have forty six names and some addresses.

Rodger told me you have a partial list. If you can send it to me I will add what ever I can to it and return it to you.

I will be very busy for the next three months but hope to work on the list after that.

Hope to meet you at some future reunion. Dick Ackerman.

Ed's Note: Dick, the list is on the way. I will be at Fort Bragg for AAW in May and Reno for the 82d

Convention in August. Maybe we will meet at one of these functions.

**Jack Harkins** (MED/55-56) writes: Jack, I have enclosed this short introductory poem by Rudyard Kipling. I always thought it would ring clear to the veterans of all wars. I was a peace time soldier but I know many of you were not.

Ed's Note: Jack, Thanks for the poem (see below) and the very generous donation of \$200.00. It is greatly appreciated and will pay for printing this issue of the newsletter with a few bucks left over.

I have ate your bread and salt
I have drunk your water and wine
the deaths you died I have watched beside
and the lives that ye led were mine,
Was there ought that I did not share
in a vigil toil or ease,
one joy or woe that I did not know
Dear hearts across the seas,
I have written a tale of our lives
for a sheltered peoples mirth,
in jesting guise but ye are wise
and ye know what a jest is worth.
Rudyard Kipling

**Antonio (Tony) Peralta** (D/52-55) writes: Jack, Please help me find the equipment below.

**WANTED:** T-5 and T-7 Harness with container without the canopy for parade, color guard, 82d Airborne Division Association Club. Contact Tony Peralta, 2125 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364-6436. Telephone (928) 783-4011.

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#### RED DEVIL REUNION

508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Chapter 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne division & 320<sup>th</sup> Airborne Field Artillery Assoc. and Friends This Registration Form is to be filled out completely and returned with full payment by check or money order only. (No Cash Please). Payable to Red Devil Reunions and mailed in a business size envelope to:

Red Devils Reunions, PO Box 14, Hazel Green, WI 53811-0014

**Registration Fee**, banquet and both tours is \$50.00 per person in advance only. **Postmarked prior to midnight April 10, 2004. Registration after this date will be assessed a late fee.** (Separate fees listed below)

Name Tags: Will be issued at registration and must be worn at all time during the reunion and reunion activities.

<u>Guided Tours:</u> (Both are wheel chair accessible). <u>Wednesday</u> May 12, 2004 at 1:00 PM. The Rockwell Museum of Western Art tour. <u>Thursday</u> May 13, 2004 at 1:00 PM, the Corning Museum of Glad tour. Combination price of \$15.00 per person <u>total admission to both tours.</u> You may also stay after each tour at either museum to go back and spend time on your own with any exhibit of interest to you. You also may be admitted at any time during the reunion by contacting your host in advance.

**<u>Banquet:</u>** Thursday evening will be a sit down Meal. You have a choice of roast turkey and sage dressing or sliced top round of beef. If a special diet is required please contact the hotel personally while making the reservations. They will try to accommodate you. Please circle the number of each meal required for you and your guests at the bottom of this page. Dress code is casual and sport shirts are okay.

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## 508<sup>th</sup> Chapter 82d Airborne Division and 320<sup>th</sup> Airborne Field Artillery Association RED DEVIL REUNION at the HOLIDAY INN May 11-14, 2004

Corning-Painted Post, New York
304 South Hamilton St. in Painted Post, NY 14807 (two miles west of downtown Corning)

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

<u>AIRPORTS</u>: Elmira-Corning Regional Airport 15 minutes from hotel with car rental available. Courtesy van pickup is available at Elmira-Corning Airport only. You must call the hotel in advance to make arrangements for courtesy van pickup. Rochester and Syracuse Airports are within 2½ hours driving time and car rental is available.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL:** From I-86 & Highway 17 East or West, use exit #44 (Highway 15 south) and exit next exit, Gang Mills. Use left lane down the Gang Mills ramp and turn left at Hamilton traffic light. Hotel is on the right one half mile.

<u>HOTEL</u>: Call the Corning-Painted Post Holiday Inn direct at 1-607-962-5021. Tell them you want to make a reservation for the Red Devil Reunion. <u>DO NOT CALL</u> the 1-800 Reservation Number. Room rate is \$67.50 single and \$71.00 double **including all taxes**. These rates are good for several days before and after the reunion. You are responsible for making your own room reservations, paying for it, getting your confirmation number and canceling room in case you do not attend. Check out time is 12:00 noon unless you make other arrangements with the Hotel in advance.

SPECIAL NEEDS: PLEASE NOTIFY THE HOTEL AS YOU REGISTER OF ANY SPECIAL NEEDS YOU MAY HAVE such as, but NOT limited to diet, handicap room and wheelchair showers, Non-smoking room King size or two beds. The hotel has seven Handicap rooms available, two with wheelchair accessible showers, several with adjoining room if you bring family or friends. Make your reservations as early as possible to receive these needed services. The hotel has 105 guest rooms and 78 of them are non-smoking. The hotel will have a list of local Hospitals, clinics, doctors, Dentists, opticians, Wal-Mart and K-Mart by the phone in your room.

QUESTIONS:. Red Devil Reunions: Rodger or Leone Jacobson at 608-854-2317 (320throdleone@centurytel.net) or (508th reddevil508@hotmail.com). Holiday Inn Hotel Questions 607-962-5021 or email Carolyn Alles at hicarolyn@stny.rr.com Convention/Visitors Bureau 1-866-946-3386 or email pcoleman@corningfingerlakes.com

MAILING RESERVATION FORM AND REGISTRATION CHECK: Registration Form must be completely filled out; please make the check for Registration check payable to: Red Devils Reunions, (Corning) and mail to: Red Devil Reunions, Box 14, Hazel Green, WI 53811-0014 in a business size envelope. The Registration Form will be placed in a three ring binder and will be available <u>ONLY</u> to the Regional Planners in case a medical emergency arises.

**REGISTRATION PACKET AND NAME TAGS:** You must wear your name tag at all times to receive the group discounts. Pamphlets are available in registration packet for many local sites including a Soaring Museum, War Museum, wineries and more. For more local information visit the CVB Web Site at <a href="https://www.corningfingerlakes.com">www.corningfingerlakes.com</a>

<u>TENTATIVE ITINERARY:</u> Tuesday May 11, 2004 the Hospitality room will open at noon for visiting of early arrivals. Leone and I will arrive in the afternoon and start registration. The afternoon is free for you to explore as you wish. **Wednesday May 12, 2004** Registration 9:00 AM to noon. Free time to visit and renew old acquaintances or tour local attractions. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Rockwell Museum Tour. **Thursday May 13, 2004** Free time in the morning.. 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM Group Tour of the Corning Museum of Glass. **6:00 PM RED DEVIL REUNION BANQUET** served at the Holiday Inn. Dress is casual.

MEMORABILIA; Please bring your photo albums, yearbooks, newspaper clipping, Red Devil Digest's from the 50's and anything you would like to share of the good old Airborne Days. If you have extra copies of pictures to share please bring them. I hear this all the time, "I don't have one picture of my Airborne Days. They all burned up when we lost our home to a fire." ABOVE ALL ELSE, Please bring a friend, tell him you are attending and invite him and his spouse to join you. Our goal from day one has been, "To reunite Our Old Airborne friends." Come Join the Fun!!

## **Chapter Boosters - 2004**



This is the first issue for the year 2004. Members are reminded that this column contains the names of those members who unselfishly donated additional funds to support the chapter operation from the period August 2003 (The start of the 2004 National renewal period) forward.



James J. Baker (598/51-54); David M. Bell (D/SPT/51-56); Bobby R. Blankenship (B/51-53); CSM, Ret. Ronald R. Boring (HQ3/55-556); Robert R. Bradley (D/55-56); Arnold R.

Bratvold (H/44-46); David H. Burns (H/51-54); Joseph B. Catey A1/66-68); Samuel A. Colon (B1/79-82); Leland H Damon, Jr. (Hq1/54-56); Jack K. Damron (HQ1/54-57); LTC (R) James K. Damron: Marvin Darby ((L/51-54): Joseph L. Davis (B/51-56); John T. Diffin (B/51-53); Augustine E. Fernandes (L/51-54); Thomas E. Francis (SPT/55-56); Richard H. Glass (E/67/68); Milan Glumac (E/55-56); Kenneth L. Glynn (L/51-54); Richard S. Gohl, (C/54-55); Jerry T. Grubbs (A/51-54); Frank Haddy (D/43-46): *Jack Harkins* (MED/55-56): *Bobbie R*. Henson, (E/51-53); Daniel E. Hogan (598/52-53); SFC (R) Harold (Ben) T. Herr (SVC/51-56); Armando Z. Juarez (I/51-54); Leamon Kendrick (H&H/55-56); CSM (R) Arthur Kilgore (SVC/51-53); CSM, Ret. Thomas R. Lane (A/51-52); Billy D. Kitchen (M/51-53); Lewis J. **Leonard** (SVC/45-46): **Joseph R. Leger** (H&H/51-54): MG (R) Thomas P. Lynch (H&H/51-52); Charles R. McGurk (MED/55-56); William J. Mehling (HQ2/51-52); *Clyde (Pat) E. Miller* (E/52); *Paul D.* Ott (C320/54-55); Ben T. Parrish (A/MP/55-56); Ralph Pelliccio (SPT/51-53); Henry Perkins (I/54-56); Leonard L. Perttu (E/54-56); Leo R. Quinn (L/51-54); Armando M. Reyes (HQ1/51-53); MSG (R) Raul M. Ramos (C/51-53); Luis R. Reza (C/54-56): Kenneth Rilea (G/51-54); Harry A. Roll (H/44-46); Elwood W. Selover (HQ2/53-55); Roy Shaw (HQ2/51-53); George I. Stoeckert (42-46); Bruce M. Tyler (A320/55-56); Robert G. Thompson (HQ3/46); Jerry R. Umlor (B/52-54); Francisco Vega (I/51-53); Charles J. Viviano (K/51-52); Gerald J. Wich (C/51-52); and Richard Yates (HQ320/51-52).

On behalf of the chapter I wish to thank all of the members listed in the Booster Column for their most generous donations. Jack Damron, Chairman

## Sick Call

Nahum F. Morrill (HQ1/51-56): is in a Veterans Hospital and is reported very ill with Prostate Cancer. You can contact Nahum by sending a card or letter to his wife Pauline at the following address: PO Box 105, Sharon, VT 05065-0105. I'm sure Nahum would appreciate hearing from you.

**Helen Fausett** (wife of deceased COL Louis Fausett, CO, 320<sup>th</sup> Abn FA Bn and Post Commander, Camp Wood, Japan) was hospitalized recently with congestive heart failure. She is living at home unassisted although she is legally blind and has limited reading capacity with a magnifying glass.

Those of you who would like to send Mrs Fausett a card or letter of cheer may do so at the following address: Helen Fausett, 6421 Kirkwood Rd., Boise, ID 83709-2930. I'm sure she would be more than happy to here from you.

James T. Lutes (SPT/55-56), our Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, will be undergoing bypass heart surgery the week of 15 February. Friends can contact Jim at the address and/or telephone number listed in the Chapter Officers column listed elsewhere in this issue.

## 82d Abn Div Assn 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention - Reno, NV

Chapter members are reminded of the Associations Convention in Reno, NV. August 18 - 21, 2004. Don't forget your chapter will host a Breakfast Brunch and chapter meeting immediately thereafter on the morning of August 21 at the Circus-Circus Hotel. You do not have to register for the Convention to participate. You will need accommodations for the night of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

We suggest you contact the Circus-Circus, mention you are with the 82d's Convection and reserve a room for the time you will be in Reno. If you are planning on participating in the Convention, we suggest you follow the directions to do so in your Paraglide.

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Please advise The Breakfast/Meeting Committee Chairman Bob Murray at (520) 881-8657 or email him at: tusrtm@juno.com of your intentions ASAP!

More information will be contained in subsequent issues of this newsletter. This is an opportunity for those of who you say the Chapter never has any planned activities for you, the members.

## **News From National**

Changes of Address: Members are again reminded that they must keep the Chapter and Association informed of any change in mailing address. Every Paraglide returned to the Association cost 70 cents since it in not forwarded. You may notify the Association of your change of address by using the Internet. Visit www.82ndassociation.org/members and click on the Change of Address link to reach a form that will send to National the pertinent details.

**Devils In Baggy Pants Deployed To Iraq:** After a brief recess (four months) following their redeployment from Afghanistan in Sept. 2003, they began deploying to Iraq on 26 December. They are expected to be gone for approximately four to five months.

Fort Bragg Agenda: The Board of Directors will meet on 29 May, during the All American Week. Any Director, Officer, Chapter, or member desiring to place an item on the agenda for that meeting must send their request, along with justification, to the Executive Director, so as to arrive at the National Office not later than 1 April 2004. It is expected that members will coordinate with their local Chapter's Officers for their support and agreement. The Association President will determine items accepted for the agenda.

**Web Pages:** The following is a listing of Web pages related to our Association:

- A. 82d Airborne Division Association, Inc. www.82dassociation.org
- B. 82d Airborne Division www.bragg,army.mil/www-82dv

- C. 82d Airborne Division Museum www.bragg.army.mil/rbc/training/82msm
- D. Airborne & Special Operations Museum www.asomf.org

## **Chapter Officers**

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## **Airborne Jokes**

Submitted by **Orlon McClung** (Hq3/51-54:

All of these pilot and aviation jokes got me to thinking about one of the Jump School Instructors we had back in 1951.

During classes he would always take the time to answer any stupid first-timer question. One guy asked, "If our chute doesn't open, and the reserve doesn't open, how long do we have until we hit the ground?"

Our Jump Master looked at him and with a perfect deadpan expression, he answered "The rest of your life"!!!

Submitted by Roy Clarke (B/51-53);

A recruit was visiting with a recruiter about the Airborne. The recruit asked the recruiter about the length of time of Airborne Training. Three weeks said the recruiter.

FIRST WEEK separates the men from the boys. SECOND WEEK separates the men from the fools. **THIRD WEEK the fools jump!** 

The picture depicted below appeared at the bottom of the address page of the newsletter. We do not show the address pate as it is very color intensive with logos of the various unit patches worn by units of the 508<sup>th</sup> and would delay the download process.



Post Chapel, Camp Wood, Japan 1995

## Quartermaster Sales Form ---- (Members Only)

Complete this form and mail your check payable to Kenneth Glynn along with your name and address to: **Ken Glynn 836 Glendale St., Lakeland, FL 33803-4122. #Please include shipping and handling charges in the amount column to the right of each item ordered.** 

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	QTY	SIZE (Circle)	COST	#SHIPPING/HANDLING	#AMOUNT
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo Embroidered		One Size Fits All	\$14.50	\$1.50 Each	
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo Screened		One Size Fits All	\$12.00	\$1.50 Each	
Sweatshirt, Grey, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 + \$2 Each Additional	
Shirt, T, White, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$12.00	\$2.00 Each	
Shirt, T, White, Web Site Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$12.00	\$2.00 Each	
Shirt, Polo, Abn Maroon, Chap Logo Embroidered		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 + \$1 Each Additional	
Pad, Mouse, Chapter Logo Screened			\$7.50	\$2.00 Each	
Pad, Mouse, Regimental Logo Screened			\$7.50	\$2.00 Each	
Patch, 508th Abn Chapter (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch 508th ARCT (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, Para Red Devil (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, 320 <sup>th</sup> Abn FA Bn			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Pin, 508 <sup>th</sup> ARCT			\$3.00	No Charge	
Pin, Para Red Devil			\$3.00	No Charge	
Wrap, Can Cooler w/Chapter Logo Screened			\$3.00	\$1.00 Each	
Wrap, Can Cooler w/Regimental. Logo Screened			\$3.00	\$1.00 Each	

TOTAL \$

\* Add an additional \$2 for each X above XL (XXXL size is special order) 1. All patches can be purchased for 3 for \$15.00 - S&H is \$1.50. PLEASE ALLOW 2 - 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT)								
	508t	h Abn Chapter, 82nd	Abn Div. Assn., Inc	· ·				
		Renewal						
Enclosed is \$12.50 for my annu	ual membership dues	for the year to	o include a subscrip	otion to the PARAC	GLIDE.			
Name		Street or R.F.D.						
City	State	Zip Code		Tel. #				
Rank (Active)	ASN	(	or SSN					
E-mail address								
508th Unit (Circle one) Co	Bn 508th; B	try 320th AFA;	427th; 519th QM C	Co.; 598th Engr. Co	0.			
Date of 508th service: From M	o Year	to Mo	Year					
Present Occupation	<u> </u>	Single Married	Spouses's N	ame	# of Children			
(PLEASE FILL IN APPLICAT	TION COMPLETELY	Y)	_					
presently am a member of t	he	Chapter, 82nd Abn	Assn. Enclosed ar	re my reduced du	es of \$			
(\$6 min.) I do do not wish to transfer my membership from the Chapter to the 508th Airborne Chapter.								
Signature								

If this is your initial application for membership, please attach proof of airborne/508th status, i.e., DD214, orders, etc. MAIL TO: Chairman, 508th Airborne Chapter, 26164 Waterfowl Ln., Punta Gorda, FL 33983-6231

LIFE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION. You can become and All American Member (Life) if you meeting one of the following criteria: 1) 25\* years continuous Association membership - \$60; 2) On active duty with the 82d Abn Div - \$82; 3) \*20 years continuous Association membership - \$90; 4) 50 years of age or older - \$100; 5) 49 years of age or younger - \$150. \* Must be verified by the Executive Director, 82d Airborne Division Association.

As an AAM you will receive a permanent plastic membership card and a certificate suitable for framing.