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By Ken Hamill

The Mapquest directions took me directly to the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC. I arrived in late afternoon on Wednesday, 24 May and was treated with courtesy, quickly registered and in my room. The courteous paratroopers on duty in the registration room provided guidance, gifts and



Old Timers Waiting To March at Pike Field

a schedule. I joined several other old timers in the bus waiting area near the registration desk where free food and beverages were offered on this day. The Army buses picked up at the hotel every 30 minutes or so throughout the week. My car didn't move all week. Every bus was manned by two paratroopers, a driver and NCOIC, who got a lot of hand shakes and pats on the back for their service. We enjoyed a great 82nd Abn Div Assn Picnic at McKellars Lodge – all sorts of good food and drinks were offered. The Army buses then delivered us to the hotel. I tried the K&C Cafeteria that adjoins the hotel for breakfast Thursday, 25 May. Wonderful, there may be two or three dozen people in line waiting, but the line went quick and they had great variety – all delicious. I ate at the K&C every morning. The buses took us to Pike Field for the Division Review. The parade area had dozens of military displays and concession stands on the perimeter. Most spectators wore patriotic hats, shirts and other attire. The thousands of troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division filled one side of Pike Field. They were dressed right and covered down, straight as an arrow and standing tall. A sight to behold! The Secretary of the Army spoke. We, old timers were first to be honored in that parade. At least two hundred of us assembled at the far end of Pike Field. There were three or four dozen guideons representing various units. The largest contingent that I saw represented the 325 Parachute Infantry Regiment, perhaps two dozen veterans, most wearing jump boots, khaki trousers, blue shirt and blue cap. The Division Band sounded off and we were given forward march. We old veterans attempted to dress right, cover down, stand tall and march, limp or hobble to the heavy beat of the

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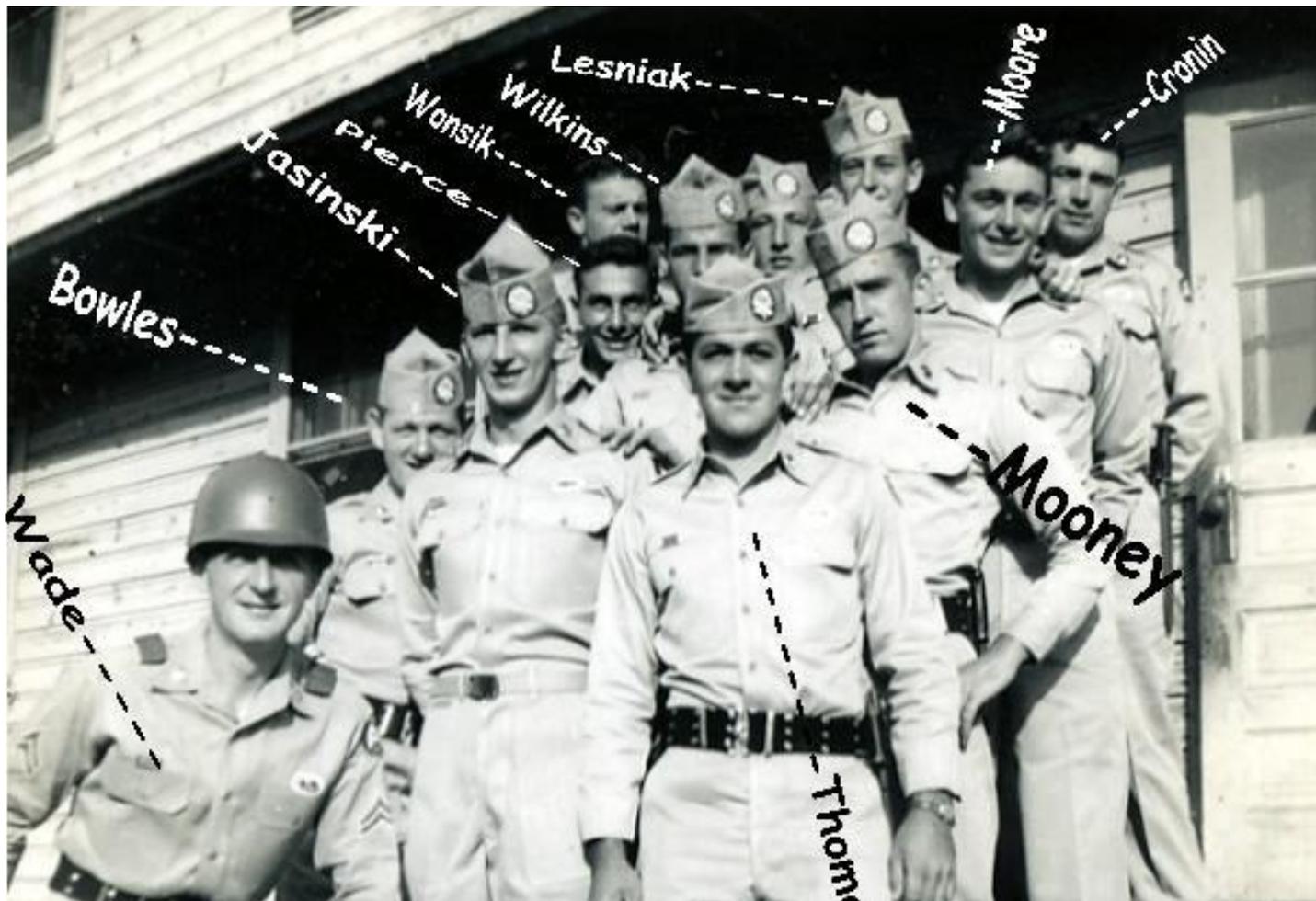


COL Petrenko & Staff of 4th BCT/508th PIR

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drum. The Division stood rigid to our left as we marched. The hundreds of spectators and members of the reviewing stand on our right stood and cheered & applauded as we passed. The applause continued as we faded into the bleachers. This was a first experience for me and I want to do it again. The seven Brigade sized elements of the Division then demonstrated how to parade. Two or three helicopter units finished the Pass in Review and we were directed to a bus. A very nice Memorial Ceremony was conducted at the 82nd Museum and we jumped on another bus. Seven major unit dining facilities were available for lunch. A few of us ate with 4th BCT/508 PIR. We joined the long line, had good chats with the troops, got our steaks with all the trimmings and ate in a troop shaded area. Some paratroopers brought their wives or girl friends which added to the good atmosphere and excellent meal. We were standing on a side street wondering where to catch a bus when a bus pulled up and returned us to the hotel. The Trooper/NCO of the year Banquet was formal, men in coat and tie, ladies in their Sunday best for the celebration. The All American Chorus entertained us and the guest speakers were short and to the point. The hotel meal and service was run of the mill at the table I shared with several people from Cleveland. Coffee was served when the banquet ended. But, it was a night of celebration and some of us checked out the hotel bar - an excellent place. On Friday, 26 May, traffic was heavy all the way to Sicily Dropzone. It was hot, but there were plenty of watering points. Hundreds of people assembled in the bleachers. Three demonstration teams in mock aircraft put on an excellent show – performing proper procedures with the jump commands stand up, check your equipment, sound off for equipment check, etcetera. A fast pace description of a rifle squad, its composition, weapons and personnel was good also. A live fire demonstration of an infantry unit with Army air support assaulting an enemy airfield was interesting. A few heavy drop sorties were flawless and impressive. Unfortunately, the two approaching aircraft carrying over 180 eager paratroopers, veered away from the DZ. It was announced that wind conditions exceeded 12 or 13 MPH and the jump was cancelled. There were dozens of military displays and a few concession stands, some with old canopy shades on one side of the DZ in the lightly wooded areas. It was very much like a county fair – the courteous paratroopers would answer questions or pose for pictures with the equipment they displayed. There were aircraft, vehicles, radar, radios, electronics, all sorts of equipment, snipers and various weapons found in today's airborne units on display. The bus was easy to find and we caught a ride to the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse. The Fayetteville Chapter has a great clubhouse. It is large, clean and attractive. There is a large covered deck out back, where the serving line was located. The food was plentiful and very good. It was a good crowd and a good time. I caught the bus to the hotel with Ken and Helen Glynn. Our Joe Synakowski came to the hotel in the late afternoon and we had a nice visit. Joe brought his home town friend, a career Lieutenant Colonel who had recently received her master wings. The schedule for Saturday, 27 May, allowed Old Timers to buy from the PX/Clothing Sales. There were also Association Delegates and Directors meetings planned, plus an evening Fayetteville Chapter Social held at their Clubhouse. A farewell breakfast was planned at the Fayetteville Clubhouse Sunday morning. I was not involved with the meetings and not interested in the PX, so I had a late breakfast at the K&C and left for home on Saturday. My impression of All American Week is it's a wonderful time spent with wonderful people. Fort Bragg and the 82nd Airborne Division thinks highly of us Old Timers, appreciates our visits and supports us in many ways during this week of celebration. Some organizations, the 325 for one, had their own hospitality room in the hotel. I was disappointed not to find a hospitality room intended for all old timers in the hotel. A large room that serves snacks and beverages to several dozen people adds a lot to the gathering. That is the kind of hospitality room you can expect to have at major unit reunions like the upcoming 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention in Orlando. I thought the hotel was overpriced, big enough, but old, with exit doors that were often difficult to open coming or going and elevators that were slow and small. Fayetteville needs a bigger and better hotel, but I plan on attending AAW next year regardless of where I stay. Airborne! More photos of All American Week 2006 can be found on pages 10 – 13.

MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER FROM NORVILLE BOWLES



Norville Bowles sent this photo in March 2005. It prompted a discussion. Looks like just before or after guard mount. Cpl Wade wearing green tabs. Pistol belts appear very dark. Were they QM or PX? Were you wearing Third Army patches or is it just a bad angle? Norville appears in this photo above Corporal Wade's left shoulder. Many of you will remember the infantry branch braid that was attached to the edge of the khaki cap. Artillery had red braid etcetera. The dark pistol belts were black and purchased in the PX. Norville said they were still in use when Ray Jasinski, Warren Wilkins, and he left for Korea. Norville cannot recall when the black belts started but thinks it was under Col Lawrie. Bob Murray's comments about this photograph follow - I knew most of the guys in the picture. We were predominately from the group who had basic with the 82nd at Bragg and were all in the same Jump School that graduated 6/1/51. I am pretty sure this photo was taken in the summer of '51 no later than October. At that time we were wearing the Third Army patch with an Airborne tab. It does not appear clearly in this photo and I am sure it was not authorized. The 508 ARCT Patch was approved by the Army on 9/15/51 and we were issued them sometime that Fall. During the summer of '51 when the unit was being built up, there was a shortage of NCO's so many were given the rank of Acting Corporal, They were called "Acting jacks". Many of those who were the first into the unit in June were attending many schools around the country: Cooks and bakers, Medical, QM, Supply, Commo and Rigging Schools. I was in the latter category. We were in the second class to go through the recently founded Parachute Packing, Maintenance and Heavy Drop School at Ft. Lee VA. The first class was made up of 82d and 11th Airborne Division personnel. Our class was mostly the 508th and some from the 11th. Many of the instructors were members of the Test Platoon in 1940. All of us have time to sit and ponder about those days and the men who we served with and will never forget (even though we can't remember what we came into the bath room a few seconds ago for!).

Thank You 508th Chapter Members for the Soldiers Angels Donation

One of our members suggested we consider donating a cash gift to the Soldiers Angels as follows. Specifically, one of the group's programs is to provide a "First Response Backpack" to wounded combat soldiers who are hospitalized. These men and women usually have no personal supplies as it takes a long time for their stuff to catch up to them. As well as hygiene materials the Backpack also includes a special blanket, many of them homemade and donated by relatives and friends of these soldiers. The Packs cost \$40 each. It was suggested the Chapter buy ten, or \$400 worth. The Packs will have a card indicating the Chapter donated it with contact info for them to respond if they wish to do so. Please go to their web-site to see what this great group is doing for our heroes! We can help a little too! We are all proud of the fine efforts made by our outstanding military. Airborne, All The Way! Chairman Joe Montoya asked the Chapter Staff for their input. The Chapter Staff all agreed this was a worthwhile cause and supported the donation. Researching the <http://www.soldiersangels.com> website shows this to be an amazing group. A few quotes – “Our angels provide aide and comfort to All United States deployed & wounded military heroes we can.” “To adopt a soldier you must commit to sending a card or letter a week and AT LEAST 1 or 2 care packages a month.” “Angels are needed to sew blankets for the wounded. These blankets have brought hope to many of our wounded heroes. Please help by joining our sewing circle or donating today!” “(PRWEB) July 19, 2006 -- A soldier serving in Iraq is wounded. Great medical care is given by a medic at the scene. The soldier is then transported to a combat support hospital, eventually arriving at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany. As he travels, the patient is covered up with a warm, loving piece of home – a “Blanket of Hope” made by an American citizen who supports our troops in a very real way.” “Soldiers Angels Germany Mission: To support wounded and ill coalition troops who are transitioned through Germany from Iraq and Afghanistan”. “One of Soldiers' Angels lesser known endeavors is the Soldiers' Angels Riding Club. Started by Amy, a Soldiers' Angel in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, this is the first social riding group of Soldiers' Angels, Active Service Members, Veterans and friends dedicated to supporting our American Service Members individually and through the Soldiers' Angels and their efforts.” Editors note: Soldiers Angels Black Leather Bikers Vests are worn by the club in Hazelton, PA. Twenty three radio shows to date have supported soldiers angels. On behalf of the 508th Airborne Chapter Staff, thank you 508th Chapter Members for the \$400 donation to Soldiers Angels.

TS Card Punch

Paul Mendelsohn (L Company) was going through his old papers and found an old “TS Card” from his days with the 511th AIR. These cards were issued by the chaplains. When you had a problem, you simply went to the chaplain and he “punched your TS card.” Paul thought the old timers would get a kick out of seeing one again. TS = Tough Poop

REPLY BY ENDORSEMENT 2 JOHN 1:12	OVERWORKED JOHN 9:4	NO PROMOTION NUM. 24:11
JUMP FRIGHT PSALM 139:8a	THEOLOGICAL SERVICE CARD	OUT RANKED PSALM 3:1
RESTRICTED PSALM 55:6		HANGOVER PRO. 20:1
TEMPTED 1 COR. 10:13	511th A. I. R. “Falcons”	LATRINE DUTY 2 KINGS 5:13
MANEUVER JOB. 7:16	CHAPLAIN ART ESTES Regimental Chaplain	SICK CALL LUKE 5:31
NO PAY PSALM 9:18		NEED MONEY PSALM 86:1
BAD CHOW 1 COR. 10:27	WIFE TROUBLE COL. 3:18 & 19	K. P. DUTY PSALM 59:15

“There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.”

Will Rogers

508th Airborne History – Operation Power Pack By Jack Damron

At 1930 hours, 29 April 1965, Operation Power Pack commenced. The 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry departed from Pope AFB, NC and landed at San Isidro Airfield, in Santo Domingo at 0130 hours, 30 April 1965. The 1st Battalion became the first unit to set foot in the Dominican Republic and the first unit of the 82nd Airborne Division to enter combat since May 1945. At 0515 hours the battalion received orders to seize and secure the eastern end of the Duarte Bridge, check the bridge for demolitions, and clear the Villa Duarte section just south of the eastern end of the bridge. A task force comprised of the 1st Battalion, cavalry and engineers moved out at 0700 hours and secured the eastern end of the bridge without incident. At approximately 1500 hours the 1st Battalion received orders to secure the Villa Duarte area, both ends of the Duarte Bridge, the city's electrical plant, and to establish a foothold around the western end of the bridge. C Company led the attack across the bridge under heavy fire. By 1800 hours all assigned tasks were accomplished and the battalion received only occasional harassing fire throughout the night. On 2 May the 1st Battalion Task Force, minus Company A, who remained to provide security for the Duarte Bridge, was relieved in place and moved to San Isidro Airfield to provide security for the surrounding area. Motorized and foot patrols were conducted through 9 May at which time the 1st Battalion became the Division Ready Force. May 11 saw the battalion ordered back to the east side of the Ozama River where they remained until the 21st. During this period the battalion continued to receive sporadic enemy fire. They also conducted various civil affairs actions until moved to the west side of the Ozama River on the 21st. They continued with civic action programs as they improved their positions and remained in the area until 15 June when they jumped off to secure an area in the south. By 1230 hours the battalion had secured their objectives and began to prepare their new positions. The following day firefights began to erupt but were quickly put down.

Meanwhile, on 3 May, the 2nd Battalion of the 508th Infantry commenced deployment by air to the Dominican Republic and closed at San Isidro Airfield in the early hours of 4 May. The following day the battalion received its baptism of fire as it secured the entire east bank of the Ozama River south of the Duarte Bridge and the bridge itself. During the next four and one-half days, the battalion also busied itself performing civic action duties. On 8 May the 2nd Battalion moved to occupy and secure that part of the All-American Expressway which included two check points to control traffic into and out of the rebel held zone. The troopers were exposed to daily fire from the rebel held section of the city and returned said fire with vigor. They continued securing their sector, improving positions and conducting house-to-house searches. On 29 May the 2nd Battalion was relieved of its mission in Santo Domingo and moved out to Training Area B for field training, followed by three days of R&R. The battalion subsequently performed various security guard details in and around Santo Domingo and provided aggressor forces for counter-guerilla training conducted by the 82nd Airborne Division. On 19 June, the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry was relieved in place and sent west of Santo Domingo to an area near the town of Jaina. For all practical purposes, the battalions mission in the Dominican Republic was ended. For the first time, the focus of trouble shifted out of the capitol to Santiago. A rebel coup on 21 - 22 November drew the Ready Reaction Force, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry, to reinforce Dominican Republic troops. Then on 19 December, 150 troopers from the battalion were flown there to secure the release of 15 Americans trapped in a hotel during a five-hour gun battle. The year 1966 was routine and relatively quiet. By the end of June, the final withdrawal of troops began. The 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry, the last major combat unit in the Dominican Republic, departed for its home station at Fort Bragg, NC in mid-September well after democratic elections had been held.



HISTORICAL DONATIONS

Jack Damron presented three boxes of history to the 508th Airborne Chapter. The first item I'll describe is an album of 156 5" X 7" photos pertaining to Operation Firmlink, a SEATO exercise conducted in Thailand. Chapter Life Member Frank Ermence of Kailua Kona, Hawaii was the photographer and presented the album to Jack a few years ago. Based on memory, the photos, and your input, the Second Battalion Combat Team was formed of HC, E, F- including Stanley Philbin, G – including Don Huff, and H Companies; plus B Battery, 320th AFA, some from Hq Btry including Tony Robles; some people from the 427 AAA Btry; the Second 4.2 Mortar Platoon of Support Co. including Platoon Sgt Ben Estes, Speedy Gonzales, Vern Rentfro, Tom Francis, Charles Caskey, Jim Grimes & Tony Trent, the Second Platoon of the 598 Engineers including Tom Measles who ran the water-purification efforts there; plus several Pathfinders, M.P.'s and Medics. There are shots of the troops marching from Camp Chickamauga to the Beppu RTO, loading and riding the train. Shots at Ashiya AFB show briefings, weighing out, PT, packing, our band and loading aircraft. A shot in Okinawa shows Platoon Sgt Yohe relaxing in the terminal. Clark AFB shots show our Retreat Parade, our Band, spectators, Chapel, Service Club, Mess Hall and the Color Guard members Pappy Burge, Don Cunningham, Bear Schroeder and Olin Yohe, all Easy Co Platoon Sergeants. There are several shots of the Negrito Village near the base. Don Muang Air Base, Thailand photos depict a Thai Honor Guard, our band, aligning shelter halves, PX area, rigging and loading heavy drop, a concert, LTC Patterson and his staff, shining boots, the pass trucks, the open house and crowds of people. There are several jump shots starting with chuting up, through bagging the used chutes and heavy drop. There are Bangkok photos of palaces, monuments, statues and temples. The Bangkok Parade included the Thai Army, Rangers, Marines, Band and Tanks. There were British Marines, Band and Paras. There were Australian troops. Also the Philippine Army Band. There were shots made of U.S. Airborne, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps troops and bands, plus an Honest John and B Battery Guns. Shots taken aboard the aircraft depict paratroopers relaxing, shining boots and the General's Driver eating a box lunch. The Chapter thanks you Jack and Frank for your generosity.



Color Guard L-R: Platoon Sergeants Burge, Schroeder, Cunningham, Yohe



Pass Truck, Don Muang, Thailand



Pathfinders, Marines & Hamill – Pepsi Time at Temporary PX, Don Muang, Thailand

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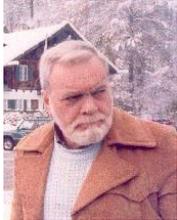


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TAPS

Recent Deceased Members

Billy G. Dyer, B Co, 55-56 Jackson, TN (29 Jul 06)
Edward Hahr, 598 Engrs, 51-54 (14 June 2006)
Charles R. McGurk, Medical Company, 55-56, Camden, NJ (31 July 06)
Ray Wujcik, C Btry, 320th AFA, 51-52 Orange City, FL (21 August 05)

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Paul Mendelsohn, Love Company 54-55
Robert Prine, MP 55-56

NEW ALL AMERICAN MEMBERS

George Sabatino, Item Company 51-53
Ken Guinn, Charlie Company 84-86
Darryl Rabideau, Headquarters Company 54-55

2006 Dues to renew your membership should be sent to the Treasurer today if you have not already done so. Why not renew your membership as an All American Life Member and eliminate those annual payments?

**Agent Orange
Provided By Bruce Tyler**

Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes 11 illnesses associated with exposure to the chemical defoliant Agent Orange, which had dioxins as one of its ingredients: Chloracne or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne; Chronic lymphocytic leukemia; Diabetes mellitus, type II; Hodgkin's disease; Multiple myeloma; Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy; Porphyria cutanea tarda; Prostate cancer; Respiratory cancers; Soft-tissue sarcoma. The U.S. military used chemical defoliants such as Agent Orange in Vietnam from the Delta to the demilitarized zone. Now, more than 30 years after the war's end, the National Academy of Science has affirmed a 21-year-old federal Environmental Protection Agency report that found one of the ingredients in those defoliants -- dioxin -- to be a highly toxic, cancer-causing agent. Because the academy's report reaffirms the highly toxic nature of dioxin, Vietnam-era veterans who served along the NATO-Warsaw Pact boundaries in Europe during the Cold War, in the Philippines, Thailand, Laos and other Asian countries also may be eligible for compensation. The reason - Veterans who served in those duty stations say chemical defoliants such as Agents Orange, Blue and White were used extensively there. Some veterans who served along the demilitarized zone in Korea are already eligible for compensation for dioxin-related illnesses, according to the VA. According to environmental groups, chemical defoliants were used not only on U.S. military bases but also by state transportation departments to control weeds along highways. The academy's report affirming the EPA study strengthens the cases of Vietnam veterans because no one is arguing any more that dioxin isn't toxic to the body's immune system. And no one is arguing any more that the effects are going to go away. They're permanent. Find complete story at - <http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060723/NEWS/607230347/-1/NEWS01>



ALL American Life Members.....	298
Annual Members.....	241
Annual Members W/Dues Current.....	104
Affiliate Members.....	35
Number U.S. States with Members.....	50
Note: As you can see, there are 137 members that have not paid their dues this year.	



Chapter Medical Reports

Health Problems continue for Rex Vann, former member of Easy Company in 1955-56 has suffered another heart attack according to his wife Anna Lee. Rex is now facing possible open heart surgery.

Hip Replacement for Jim Sigmon, former member of B Battery, 320th, 51-52, was scheduled for hip replacement surgery on July 5th. No word on how he is doing, but we wish him well.

Gall Bladder Surgery for Bennie Estes, former member of Support Company, 52-56, and B Company from 51 to 52, underwent gall bladder surgery with complications on July 13th in San Antonio. Bennie is slowly recovering.



NCO of the Year SSG & Mrs Neil Fletcher at AAW Banquet



CSM Howard, PFC Bolognese, COL Petrenko & Dave Foy at Banquet



82nd Airborne Division Chorus at Banquet AAW 2006



Spectators at Sicily Drop Zone AAW 2006



Joe Synakowski and friend Kelly AAW 2006



Ken and Helen Glynn at Fayetteville Clubhouse AAW 2006



Ken Janish and LT Redd at Sicily Drop Zone AAW 2006



Richard Yates at Fayetteville Clubhouse AAW 2006

**61st ANNUAL CONVENTION, 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Delegates Report by Bob Murray**

Orlando FL Aug. 9-12, 2006: The following Chapter members were in attendance: Leland Damon, Jack Damron, Alex Elliott, Bill Fernandez, Ken Glynn, Bobbie Henson, Stephen Leonard, Tino Madrid, Bob Murray, William Pranke, Tony Robles, Ricardo Trevizo, John Wheeler and Richard Yates. Bill Fernandez showed the DVD Video "508th ARCT, Camp Wood, Kyushu, Japan 1955-56". A great flick that includes jumps from the C-47 made by Dr. Marvin A. Rawitch. The hotel was large and could handle several other Conventions simultaneously. The only problem was the distance from the airfield to the hotel. The cost was \$22 by limo each way, \$38 by taxi. The host Chapter provided transportation as best they could, but could not accommodate all. The Hospitality Suite was large, well stocked with beverages and a heavy dose of goodies to eat, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, salads, fruit, desserts etc. However, I must mention the 4th BCT/508th PIR Hospitality suite had fresh Alaskan crab legs on their buffet line. These new, young Red-Devils were there in full force with their CSM on hand to mix with all us old farts and those who are not so old. They have their own T, sweat and golf shirts in various colors. Their logo is the Regimental Crest, Fury from The Sky. They also have a coin that was shown in the May issue of the Devils Digest. The 4th BCT/508th PIR coin and clothing items may become available to us in the future. They have formed their own active military Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Several of the young troopers said on payday the unit honchos provide membership applications and encourage everyone to join. There is a strong rumor that after they complete their outfitting and training Iraq is in the wind. Even though there are only two Airborne Infantry Battalions in the Brigade Combat Team, they are supplemented by Artillery, Aviation, Cavalry, Engineer and other units that greatly increase their personnel, equipment and ability to operate on their own. It is really a different, well organized and equipped outfit than we experienced "long ago".

CONVENTION BUSINESS: Once again the efforts of Director Christianson to change the Bylaws, was rebuked by the Bylaw's Committee Chairman. I feel I am correct in saying that he did not even contact his committee members to listen to what they may have had to say. I served on his Committee a few years ago and not once was I ever advised of what may have been submitted and never had a discussion of the pros or cons of any matter submitted to the Committee through him. The same holds true for the Membership Committee. The Chairman and his Committee rarely meet, if ever, to discuss the means to increase the Membership. All we ever see, or hear, is how many items he has sent to Newspapers and periodicals throughout the country. I for one have never seen anything in any paper or periodical in New England or here in AZ. He claims quarterly to have sent out hundreds of e-mails and received hundreds of replies! To whom did he send them, what did they include and what was their response? And we are told he is doing a good job in increasing our membership! Have any of you seen or heard of anything in your area, in any periodical or newspaper, seeking members in our Association? If you have, please pass it on. To correct any oversights by Committees, we the rank and file have to become active and participate at the Chapter and National levels. The only item presented by the Delegates that went before the Directors, was the authorization to pay the expenses of the Association Historian to the National Convention. **OTHER BUSINESS:** There were three bids submitted to the Directors for the 2008 Convention. Indianapolis, Reno and St. Louis, St Louis won out. Harrisburg, PA is the site for the 2007 Convention. The 2008 St. Louis hotel is downtown and their rate, including tax is \$97.64, no airport shuttle, cost to and from airport is \$26. Parking is free. The Chapter will provide transportation. **ELECTIONS:** Six Directors were elected to two year terms effective 1 January 2007. They were: Past President and Director Rich Becker, Past Director Carl Bludau, Reelected Mark Christenson, Reelected Bill Eberle, Ron Guzman, Past Director Joe Morell. The Board of Directors met after the general meeting and Reelected President Ron Rath to a second consecutive term as President of the Association. For all practical purposes this concluded all the Business meetings. All that remained was the final banquet Saturday evening to close out this Convention.



Convention Hosts - (L-R) Steve Leonard Chair- Dan S. Campbell Chapter, Ken Glynn Chair - Orlando Chapter & Convention Coordinator Lee Damon Chair - North Central Florida Chapter



508 Hospitality Suite Bartenders. (L-R) Jason Nicklous, Jason Spillman, Jacob Sutherland, Mike Crossen & Nathaniel Taul



Alex & Ikuko Elliott at the Orlando 82nd Airborne Convention



Son Ben, Kimo & Tino Madrid at the Orlando 82nd Airborne Convention