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By Ken Hamill

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A special thank you to President Jim Strickland and members of the Support Company 508 ARCT Association for giving \$200. A special thank you to Chairman Rodolfo Garcia and members of the Rakkasan Condor Chapter of the 187 ARCT Association for giving \$100. Hats off also to commercial establishments Eyeglass World and Piggly Wiggly Supermarkets. Eyeglass World provides glass cleaning cloths and pocket magnifiers. Piggly Wiggly Supermarket provides bushel size apple boxes to pack our...

gifts into. The 48 individuals and 2 organizations listed have sent \$2801.00 to date. Our chapter will match these donations bringing the O'Neal Fund up to \$5602.00. The high donor gave \$300; the smallest donation was \$1. Our goal is 100% participation. Over 300 members have not yet donated. Please write a check now before you forget about it and send it to Ken Hamill, 2207 Coventry Drive, Columbus, GA 31904. Annotate "O'Neal Fund" on the check.



The current O'Neal Fund was announced in our March 2012 Devils Digest and I started receiving your donations on 30 March. A thank you card was sent to each donor. I had the names and addresses of two people in our Afghanistan deployed 508 PIR, our wounded warrior James Brasher and a Sergeant Major in the Regiment. The Sergeant Major sent me a good shopping list – AA batteries, baby wipes, hand lotion, lip balm, disposable razors, 3-1 shower-shampoo-shave, sanitizer, tooth brush, paste and holders and water flavoring. Shelf stable snacks were listed. I have added freezer bags and small plastic bags to hold batteries and keep small items dry. My dear neighbor and friend, Almeda Medlin helped me shop for items and fill out the custom forms for the first packages. My dining room - kitchen became a storage and work area.

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...We purchased enough items to last for a while. Our first shopping trip cost a lot; Sam's cost \$618.40; Walmart cost \$109.91; PX cost \$105.19; and Hobby Lobby cost \$57.27. The Walmart store would not accept our 508 Chapter Check, so I paid with my Visa Card and will be reimbursed later. Some outfit called TeleCheck oversees bank checks for Walmart and approves or gives a thumbs down on bank checks. I went to my banker and he arranged for a Business Check Card to be issued for our Chapter account. It is a Credit or Debit Card. Some places require the pin number to be used, but it has worked well. Our friendly Postal Employees advised me to send packages to Afghanistan using the Priority Flat Rate Boxes, so we filled up six of the largest size which are only 12" X 12" X 6". We sent three packages addressed to the SGM and three to 1SG Brasher on 23 April, they cost \$13.45 each totaling \$80.70. I packed eight more boxes, four for each destination soon thereafter.

Then I received a very touching email that I'll share with you. "Mr. Hamill": "I read the Devils Digest of March, 2012, and want to express my personal gratitude for the honor and courtesy you and the 508th Airborne Chapter recently bestowed on my son, 1SG James Brasher, and his wife, Skye." "As you know, James was wounded in 2007, on his 4th tour of duty to the middle east – by that time, twice to Iraq; twice to Afghanistan." "Several days ago, on May 1st, 2012 (6th tour), he was wounded by what we understand was Taliban recoilless rifle fire while posted to a combat outpost in Afghanistan." "He suffered shrapnel to his upper leg and chest, and has just arrived at Womack Hospital at Ft. Bragg." "James is consistently the model of modesty and master of understatement of his personal discomfort." "So, in pressing him to talk about his wounds, you would think shrapnel through a rib, torn spleen, and nicked and collapsed lung is no big deal." "I think what he really finds painful is leaving his men and work over there undone." "James has always possessed to a high degree the extraordinary physical and mental toughness, drive, and determination that ensures a prognosis for full...

...recovery as excellent." "And through this process, I have the satisfaction of knowing that he will be expertly and lovingly attended to around the clock by Skye – incredibly strong, unflinching, and dedicated to helping him through this, now, and as always." "Naturally, we are all immensely proud of him." "Again, on behalf of myself and my family many thanks to you all for your service and for your show of strong support for my son, James." "All the best to all of you." "Paul Brasher"

I called the Task Force All American Rear Detachment at Fort Bragg and learned that our Warrior 1SG Brasher had been released to the care of his wife Skye. I also asked that our three boxes sent to C Co 1-508 remain there for the troops. I sent the Brasher's a best wishes and get well card on behalf of our Chapter.

I sent four boxes to the SGM on 8 May. The addresses on the remaining four boxes were changed from 1SG Brasher to the SGM and they were mailed on 16 May.

I attended a 506 ABG reunion here in Columbus on 5 May and spoke at length to a gentleman who had sent dozens of packages to troops using the following method: Pack and ship using apple boxes, they are stronger and contain one bushel. Send the bushel boxes via Parcel Post surface transport which means the boxes go to Queens, NY by truck, and then everything is shipped by air from New York to Afghanistan.

I arranged to get apple boxes from Piggly Wiggly Super Market and have also got boxes from the Fort Benning Commissary. The first two bushels were sent on 23 May, weighing 73 Lbs, 9 Oz and cost \$50.81. Unfortunately a senior moment caused me to pay with my personal Visa Card, so I'll reimburse myself. Two bushels were sent on 30 May weighing 71 Lbs. 13 Oz and cost \$50.30. One of the three original boxes sent to 1SG Brasher was returned to my home. A box of 52 disposable razors was scuffed, but the razors looked fine and the other items in that returned box looked good so everything was repacked into a bushel box and sent on 6 June weighing 81 lbs. 10 Oz and cost \$54.63...

...I received an **email from Afghanistan** on 4 May that slightly edited reads – Ken, I've got all the boxes, and just got the first two bushel boxes yesterday. One of the Sergeant First Classes that works for me has already broken them down and coordinated with the Battalion Liaison Officers at the Brigade, to get them transported to 1SGs all over our area. I ask them to write you if they can, but they are really busy. 1/508 has three First Sergeants wounded. One had a hole in his chest that is healing so he'll stay at Bragg. I believe the other two will stay here after a little recovery and continue to run their Company. 2/508 is doing great things in their area, has had numerous casualties also, and have truly figured some things out. All our units are working hard and making this area a better place and training the Afghan Army & Police to make their country better. Thanks for all you guys are doing to support us Ken. Send our best regards to all.
SGM

I want to thank Ken Glynn and the Orlando Chapter again for sending packages to 508 paratroopers on behalf of the 508 Chapter. If you remember, Ken Glynn was Chairman of the Orlando Chapter and QM of the 508 Chapter during the Regiment's first two tours to Afghanistan. Frank Seif would send money to Ken as donations were received. Ken and his group would buy items and send them to our troopers. Thanks again Ken, hooaaaaah !!!

Buying, packing and sending is a lot of work when things go smoothly. Shop at Sam's, Walmart and PX each week, and other places if items are depleted. For example, I had nine tooth brush holders and needed fifteen more. The PX had none and Wallmart had none. I went to a local CVS Pharmacy and they had ten, so I'll have to find five more or send some extra quart size freezer bags to be used temporarily. The Commissary Manager agreed to provide apple boxes with the condition that I call the produce department one day ahead of time to arrange the transaction. I called produce on a Wednesday, voiced my need for two apple boxes and asked what time do I pick them up tomorrow? Produce said the boxes will be...

waiting here for you all day, so anytime will work. I arrived there the next day after a twelve mile drive and the guy said, what boxes? A few days later I repeated my bad luck story to a young produce guy and he got the Produce Manager. She had read the Commissary Manager's memo. She said you wait here or come back in five minutes and we will unpack some apple boxes for you. They gave me four beautiful apple boxes. Most people want to help our troops serving in Afghanistan and that makes this job a pleasure.

God Bless our Paratroopers of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and all of our Military Members in Afghanistan and throughout the World. Hooooaaaah !!!

I heard from **Frank Seif** who was interested in the article about MG Wayne C. Smith's division review every payday. "I had been transferred to the 11th Abn Div awaiting discharge." "The NCO Club had a really nice place on Kentucky Lake with rental boats and mobile homes for NCO's." "Smith used to fly up in his little chopper and a friend of mine who ran the boat concession had to host Smith." "He was a real SOB." "I did a number of those payday reviews and I had just been married." "We were broke every payday and needed to get to the store for food but had to do the review." "As Supply Sgt I kept a special set of field gear hidden in the supply room that I pulled out once a month!" "My friend at Kentucky Lake got close to a moonshiner and used to make trades with our Mess Sgt for steaks." "For that tough duty he got quarters allowance and extra pay from the NCO Club!" "They tried to get him to re-enlist promising some kind of job at a military ski resort in Germany but he opted out." Airborne, Frank

I heard from Floje Wood, wife of our oldest chapter member **Allan G. Wood** of George Company during Operation Market Garden and Spokane, Washington. Floje reported that Allan dreamed of jumping into Pittsburgh from a C-47. Allan has not been well but has a very strong desire to attend the Pittsburgh Convention.

SUPPORT COMPANY ASSOCIATION PLANS REUNION IN SEPTEMBER

The planning committee for the Support Company 508 ARCT Association met in Huntsville, AL 11-14 April, 2012. I was invited to join them in making arrangements for the upcoming reunion to be held in Huntsville AL on 19-22 September, 2012. This is the 10th Annual Reunion of the Support Company 508th ARCT Association, and they've once again planned a reunion full of activities, camaraderie, dining together, awards and general friendship.

Huntsville is a beautiful city and offers a lot of things to do and see.

SUPPORT CO. ASSN. HAS INVITED 508 CHAPTER MEMBERS TO ATTEND

The Support Company 508 ARCT Association has asked me to invite a limited number of 508th Chapter members along with the 25-35 Support Company members expected to participate. The bus and banquet space limits attendance to 48 total people. We welcome your interest and will add you to our group on a first come, first served basis. Please coordinate with Ken Hamill, at 706.327.3207 or khamill@knology.net.

With our ever increasing advancing ages, members and their guests have found great comfort in meeting each year, supporting each other, renewing old memories, creating new ones and just having fun. The larger 508th ARCT Association is losing members at a disturbing pace, and we don't know what lies ahead. So please make your arrangements to attend. Bring your children and grandchildren. Huntsville, AL is a great place for the younger generation because of the World Famous Redstone Arsenal and the U. S. Space and Rocket Center where they can see and perhaps experience lift off among other things.

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Holiday Inn Huntsville - Research Park

5903 University Drive
Huntsville, AL 35806
(256) 830-0600

www.hihuntsville.com

(Ctr-Click on www to open above hyperlink)

Group Code – ARC qualifies you to a discounted rate of \$89.00 per room plus tax (total \$100.68) and includes 2 full breakfasts.

Registration and enjoying fellowship 12 - 6PM
Dine Out together at Nearby Restaurant 6PM+

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Breakfast 6–8:45AM
Board Bus for Tour of World Famous Redstone Arsenal, lunch at the Officer's Club (\$9.00 per person) and US Space and Rocket Center (\$22.00 for Seniors 55+,\$25.00 for Ages 12 -54) 9–5:00PM

In addition, the Planning Committee realizes that we are all getting older. Therefore, the Redstone Tour was planned to incorporate minimum walking. Upon arrival at the Space Museum you will be given an option to visit the museum or return to the hotel.

Dinner at a Nearby Restaurant 6:00PM+

Friday, September 21, 2012

Breakfast 6-9AM
Annual Meeting 9-10AM
Visits by POV as you might desire. 10 -5PM

A list of interesting places is included below. More details as to address, closing times and more suggested Attractions will be in your Greetings Packet.

US Space and Rocket Center
www.ussrc.com/mu/admission

Botanical Garden (be awed by the butterfly house)
www.hsvbg.org

1819 Weeden House (early historical Huntsville)
<http://weedenhousemuseum.com>

Constitution Village & Huntsville Depot (Early history)
www.earlyworks.com

Veterans Memorial Museum (Military)
<http://memorialmuseum.org>

Burritt on the Mountain (Overlooks Huntsville - relax)
<http://burrittonthemountain.org>

Annual Banquet at Hotel 6:00+PM

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Breakfast and Goodbyes until next year! 6:00+AM



The beautiful Veterans Memorial Park of Huntsville, Alabama that honors veterans of all wars



L-R: Jerry Strickland, Jim Heyward, Earl Christy, Jud Haverkost, Jim Grimes, Jim Strickland with our U.S. Space and Rocket Center Guide in Huntsville



Reunion Committee at Breakfast Buffet of host hotel, Holiday Inn Huntsville – Research Park. L-R: Jim Strickland, Jud Haverkost, Speedy Gonzales, Jim Grimes, Jerry Strickland & Jim Heyward

508 AIRBORNE ATOMIC TESTING

Sent by George Kulstad, Svc Co, 1954-56

During April 1953, some members (perhaps a battalion) of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team were ordered to Camp Desert Rock, Nevada to be exposed to radiation from atmospheric nuclear tests. These men could receive a one-time \$75,000 benefit from the U.S. Government under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990, or a monthly disability payment of up to \$2,673 from the Department of Veterans Affairs if they contracted any of 21 different cancers traced to radiation exposure, according to the AARP Bulletin, November 2011, page 6. Surviving spouses, dependent children and dependent parents of veterans who died as the result of diseases related to radiation exposure during military service may be eligible for survivors' benefits. The list of eligible cancers include the following: Cancers of the bile ducts, bone, brain, breast, colon, esophagus, gall bladder, liver (primary site, but not if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated), lung (including bronchiolo-alveolar cancer), pancreas, pharynx, ovary, salivary gland, small intestine, stomach, thyroid, urinary tract (kidney/renal, pelvis, urinary bladder, and urethra), leukemia (except chronic lymphocytic leukemia), lymphomas (except Hodgkin's disease), and multiple myeloma (cancer of plasma cells). If a veteran who participated in a radiation-risk activity (including "Atomic Veterans") develops one of these diseases, the VA presumes the disease is related to ionizing radiation exposure during service. These veterans do not have to prove a connection between these diseases and their military service to be eligible to receive disability compensation. If you participated in the Camp Desert Rock radiation tests, or if you have a survivor, you or your survivor may want to consider filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs. If you research the cited AARP article online (no computer – visit your local library for help), there are additional links to more information. *[Ed Note: AARP became a liberal organization so I dropped my membership.]*

MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER #1

By Edwin C. Carbery

I was assigned to Item Company, 3rd Bn, 508th ARCT 1951-54 at Sand Hill, Fort Benning, Georgia and this is a story of one of my experiences. The Company Clerk came into my barracks and told me to report to First Sergeant Parkinson. The First Sergeant told me that the C.O., Captain Boland, wanted to see me and go into his office. I wondered why the Commander wanted to see me as I headed toward his office. I reported to the Commanding Officer, and he told me to get my gear together and handed me my orders. The next morning I was on my way to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, the home of the 8th Infantry Division and also the Army's Infantry Leadership School. I arrived at Fort Jackson, went to the school, reported in and was assigned to a platoon and met some "straight leg" instructors. They were "bad asses". Soldiers from several outfits were there but only four were airborne, two from the 82nd Airborne, one from the 11th Airborne, and me from the 508 ARCT. All four airborne soldiers were assigned to the same platoon. School started quickly. It was based on Army Field Forces Training Manual 22-7, and we were the school's fifth class. Lieutenant William Thomas was our battalion counselor, and he had several dozen men perform close order drill. The formation sizes were about the size of a rifle company. The Lieutenant had the school instructors give the commands. Then some of us students would give the same commands and march the troops. We were evaluated on our performance. Eventually the Lieutenant picked about ten of us, and we competed with each other until he was satisfied as to his number one choice. He chose me, and suddenly I was the Student Battalion Commander. I spent a lot of time with Lt. Thomas for the next several weeks, and most of it was in the field. We had all kinds of training situations - attacks, offense and defense, day and night; and through it all the instructors were always screaming at us while respecting our rank. I had several "student officers" report to me, and we had to create strategies according to the book. We would be graded on every situation and critiqued while being asked if we...

...could have done a better job. The majority of the field situations were combat situations. Field instruction was usually accomplished using these steps: School cadre instructed us on how a field problem should be executed; students would ask questions and verify field problem instructions; students would go do the problem; instructors and students would critique the problem. Sleep deprivation was constant. I was never so tired in my entire life. The concepts of mission first and team effort were drilled into us. An example of simple problem solving in the field follows: One squad with rifles crossed a river by connecting all the rifle slings together; a strong swimmer carried the sling rope across; held one end of the sling rope and threw the other end to his squad mates; helped the second soldier across and this was repeated until all had crossed the river. One time, Lt. Thomas told me to select four of the best soldiers to escort some debutantes to a dance in Columbia. I picked the three airborne troopers and myself. We danced with some very pretty southern belles, and we finally had a day away from the pup tents, fox holes, rations, mud, and cold showers. Most of all we got away from the constant harassment. The "good life" was soon over, and we were back in the field. Back to attack, counter attack and staying tired. The school helped me to realize that you "get the job done no matter what". I learned what a man can and cannot do under pressure. I learned that a leader takes the lead no matter what the situation is. The four of us airborne soldiers were given permission to go to Fort Bragg to make our pay jumps. We jumped with the 82nd troopers. That sure brought back some memories. We each made four jumps that day, and then we returned to the school. Our classmates in the school were always asking us Airborne soldiers why we were in such good shape, and we rarely got demerits for our uniforms or our bunk areas. One Trooper would always reply, "join the Airborne and find out". We did stand out among most of the students and even to some of the instructors that we encountered. The highest of standards were maintained with uniforms and polished boots.

TO BE CONTINUED



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**TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS
RECENTLY DECEASED**

- Roy H. Clarke, Victoria, Texas
B, 508 ARCT 1951-52, 13 Feb 2012
Harry D. Ernst, Walter Hughes Chapter
508 PIR 1945-46, 18 Jun 2011
Edward F. Greiner Jr, Leonard Funk Chapter
508 PIR 2006-2012, 6 Mar 2012
William D. Irons, Cal-Nevada Chapter
508 PIR WWII, 22 Dec 2009
Jeremy B. Jackson, 4th BCT, 82nd
HQ&A Co, 782 MSB, 14 Dec 2011
Edward Jaffie, Florence, AZ
Support Co 508 ARCT 55-56, May 2012
John Mendoza, Montebello, CA
D Co, 508 ARCT 1952-53, 6 Jan 2012
Sherwood D. Mullen, Wolverine Chapter
A Co, 508 ARCT 54-56, 15 Jan 2012
CPL Benjamin H. Neal, KIA Afghanistan
1-508 PIR, 25 April 2012
Harry A. Smith, Duncannon, PA
Support Co 508 ARCT 1951-54, 9 April 2012
Edward L. Zuroweste, Gen Ridgway Chapter
I Co, 508 PIR 1944, 13 Dec 2011

NEW ALL AMERICAN LIFE MEMBERS

**Bobby J. Jackson, Salt Lake City, Utah
C Co & Adjutant 1-508 Jun 1965 – Dec 1966**



Annual Members ...44
Affiliate Members...10
All Americans.....310
Total Members.....355

Annual Members with expired memberships are asked to send their dues to me: Ken Hamill, 2207 Coventry Drive, Columbus, GA 31904. All American Membership will cost \$100.00 if you are 50 years of age or older. It looks like approximately 30 of you old time members forgot to renew your memberships.

June 2012 Treasurers Report

I have repaid myself for the expenditures below that were made after the March treasurers report:

Printing expense Mar 2012:	\$141.69
Certificate mailing to Cobb Mar 2012:	\$1.30
Walmart O'Neal Fund Mar 2012	\$109.91
USPS O'Neal Fund Packages	\$50.81
Total Reimbursement as of 14 Jun:	\$303.71

O'Neal Fund Expenses

Commissary 13 Jun Water Flavoring	\$53.84
CVS tooth brush holders	\$14.39
Dr. Kowan 100 toothbrushes	\$85.00
Hobby Lobby 12 X 2 pkg Plastic Bags	\$57.27
Post Exchange 7 trips health items	\$736.11
Sam's shelf stable & health items	\$1543.10
U.S. Postal Service 7 Mailings	\$403.02
Walmart tooth paste & health items	\$322.05
Total cost of O'Neal Fund to date	\$3214.78
O'Neal Fund Donations to date	\$2801.00
Chapter Matching Funds	\$2801.00
Remaining O'Neal Fund to date	\$2387.22

Chapter Bank Account on 14 Jun: \$6185.67

I stated in the March Devils Digest that the chapter will not expend more than \$4000.00 for this effort. We have \$1199.00 remaining that can be used for matching funds. I hope that our members and friends who have not previously donated will be generous.

Reimbursing myself should not be necessary in the future. The written checks will be used for payments sent in the mail, to the National Office for example. Our Chapter Business Check Card will be used for local purchases. The receipts for our O'Neal Fund purchases will be displayed on our website as soon as I figure out how to do it. www.red-devils.org On the News/Events Page.

I need a volunteer to be the Chapter Delegate for the August 2012 Convention in Pittsburgh. The Chapter will pay for your \$82 registration fee. You will be asked to attend the delegates meeting and to provide a one page write-up of the Pittsburgh Convention that will become an article for the September Devils Digest. Please contact Ken Hamill.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 508 CHAPTER, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

9-DIGIT Zip _____ ASN _____ (or) SSAN (Last 4) _____

MARITAL STATUS _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

OCCUPATION _____ HOME #: (_____) _____ CELL #: (_____) _____

EMAIL _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

____ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR YR _____ \$20.00 OR _____ \$21.00 (= \$1.00 DONATION TO ED FUND)

____ LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP (\$150.00 FOR 49 YEARS AND UNDER OR \$100.00 FOR 50 YEARS +) \$ _____

____ ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, RESERVE, NAT. GD – Current Rank and Date of Rank: _____

____ RETIRED MILITARY – Retired Rank and Date Departed Active Military Service _____

____ MILITARY VETERAN – Rank and Date Departed Military Service _____

508 UNIT: Co _____: Bn _____: Location _____ FROM MO/YR _____ TO MO/YR _____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR _____ TO MO/YR _____

NEW MEMBERS MUST INCLUDE PROOF OF AIRBORNE QUALIFICATION

MAIL TO: KEN HAMILL; 2207 Coventry Drive; Columbus, GA 31904-5034

I spoke to **Edwin C. Carbery** of Item Company, 508 ARCT 1951-54 and Gilford, New Hampshire. Ed needed contact information for the Veterans Days host hotel. Bob Farver of the Tucker Chapter provided the following: Hampton Inn & Suites; ATTN. April Washington; 5821 Richmond Highway; Alexandria, VA. 22303 Telephone (703) - 329 – 1400. Based on recent history, the best arrival date will probably be 8 November 2012. Wreaths will be presented on 9-11 November. The exact dates should appear in the Summer Paraglide. You are all welcome to attend. Ed Carbery has some serious medical problems, but he will represent our Chapter at Arlington National Cemetery if he is well enough to get around. Thank you Ed !!!

LTC Keith J. Honaker

Rodger Jacobson sent a message in 2005 about his interesting telephone conversation with LTC Honaker of Knoxville, TN. He was one of the Original 126 Officers and Enlisted men that came from Ft Bragg, NC when they activated the 508 in 1951. He left in December 1951 for Indo-

China. Shortly after that he broke his Pelvis doing a PLF when he landed on his Canteen. He witnessed the Fort Benning jump when Wallace Gunn was killed and was the first on the scene. There was a jeep nearby that had to move so Gunn wouldn't crash into the jeep. He thinks that the Snap on the Static Line wasn't fully closed and bounced off the line as he jumped. He said the Static line snaps were all drilled and safety pins were installed shortly after that fateful jump. LTC Honaker also stated that he knows Bob Murray, but don't remember why.

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508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION**

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MEMBERS OF THE 508TH AIRBORNE CHAPTER OF THE
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION.**

PLANNED CONTENTS AFGHANISTAN FOOD BUSHEL

- 1 Apple Box
- 1 NV Sweet and Salty
- 1 NV Crunchy Nut
- 1 NV Oats and Honey
- 1 Rice Krispy Treats
- 2 ½ Fruit Snacks, 1 box plus 1 ½ boxes as filler
- 1 Salted Peanuts
- 1 Slim Jim
- 2 MIO's and 2 Propel Zero's or 4 of one kind
- 1 Eyeglass World cleaning cloth and magnifier
- 6 Field Wipes
- Letter to troops and preaddressed envelope

