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508th AIR Reunion - Ft. Bragg

Bob Murray, Chairman, and Jack Damron, Secretary, returned from a whirl-wind visit (at their own expense) to Fort Bragg to continue the planning process for the proposed reunion honoring the 50th Anniversary Reactivation of the 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment (AIR).

Complete details are still not available since the final activities and charges associated with All American Week (AAW) will not be available until the end of the first week in December. In view of this time frame we will be mailing out the registration information in December as soon as we receive the final list of activities, etc. **We will be mailing out this information only to those members who have expressed an interest in attending the reunion since only 83 of 417 members currently carried on our membership rolls responded in the affirmative. Thus postage costs will be held to approximately \$27.39 instead of the full mailing cost of \$137.61. Please check the list of those troopers who have expressed interest in attending located on page 2. If your name is not shown and you wish to attend, contact the Chairman or Secretary ASAP to insure you get a registration form and full details concerning AAW and the Chapter Reunion activities.**

While at Fort Bragg, arrangements were made to have a Chapter dinner at the newly built McKellers Lodge located near the Rod and Gun Club on Tuesday evening, 22 May 2001 and a breakfast for membership only has been laid on at the NCO Club on Saturday morning, 26 May. Immediately following the breakfast there will be a short membership meeting. In addition, there will be a

Hospitality Suite for members available. Times and days of availability TBA.

As previously stated, the Chapter will lead the Veterans section of the Division Review on Wednesday. We have been in contact with the 1/508th ABCT in Vicenza, Italy concerning the possibility of having an Honor Guard from the Battalion and perhaps others as well. More information on this endeavor will be communicated in the details to be mailed in December.

AAW will be held from Monday, 21 May to Saturday, 26 May. We assume there will also be a going away breakfast sponsored by the Fayetteville Chapter on Sunday morning, 27 May at the Chapter Club House.

National's November Newsletter to Chapters indicate that the reservation form for All American Week will be revised for 2001 and published in the Winter issue of the Paraglide. They indicate that cost for some of the activities will go up, but it is beyond their control. They indicated that negotiations are on-going and that they would come up with the best of the best for Association members.

For those of you who have never been to AAW you will be pleasantly surprised. The Division and National have always laid on a variety of activities and the Division Troopers themselves are really impressive. You will find they really go out of their way to make the veterans feel welcome. **To give you some idea of what transpired below is a list of partial activities and costs of last year.** For the past several years there have been no major changes to these activities except for minor cost increases to make ends meet.

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- Tues. Chapter Dinner - McKellers Lodge Time TBA
 Wed. Assn Registration/Hospitality Suite (4pm-12pm) at McKellers Lodge. FREE
 Thur. Division Review (Includes Old Timers) 10-11:30 am
 Lunch with Troopers in dining facilities or regimental picnics
 Museum Open House 2:30 - 4 pm
 No-Host get together, Fayetteville Club House 6 pm - 1 am
 Association/Division Social - \$20
 Fri. Breakfast with Troopers in Dining Facilities 8-9:30 am
 82d Band Concert/Joint Readiness Training Exercise, Sicily DZ 10:30 am - 1 pm
 Picnic, Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse 2-5 pm \$8
 No -Host get together, Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse 5 pm - 1 am
 Sat. 508th Chapter breakfast and membership meeting at Main NCO Club 8-10 am
 Open - PX and clothing sales store 9 am - 4 pm
 Fayetteville Chapter Social, Main NCO Club 6:30 pm - 1 am \$14
 Sun. Breakfast/Farewell, Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse 8 - 10:30 am \$3

*Note. The above is provided as information only. The exact list of activities and associated costs will be furnished by letter to those individuals named below as soon as they are made available to the Chapter. All registration information is to be returned to the Chapter by the date stipulated in the letter of instructions you will receive in December. This is to assist in Chapter membership being scheduled into space in close proximity to each other and the Chapter Hospitality Suite.

Listed below are those chapter members who have thus far indicated their interest in attending the reunion. Eighty-three members have responded with a total attendance of 146 with guests included.

Bill Adams (C1/71,75); **James Adams** (598/54-56); **Jean D. Ashcraft** (HQ3/55-56); **Joe Ballaro** (D/51-53); **Ron Behrens** (M-51-54); **Bill Bidleman** (E/51-53); **Aristoe Blanco** (C/51-54); **Charles Bostic** (H&H/ 51-54); **John F. Brown** (E/51-54); **David H. Burns** (HQ2/51-54); **Bobbie S. Bush** (HQ3/55-56); **Willard Cagle** (HQ3/55-56); **H. Ray Caldwell** (HQ3/55-56); **Richard Carlson** (B/51-54);

Robert H. Cooper (C/51-54); **William T. Coulter** (L/51-53); **Frank Cowdrey** (SPT/51-52); **Lesle Crocker** (L/51-54); **Herb Cronin** (C/51-54); **Jerry Curren** (M/51); **Jack Damron** (B-HQ1/54-57); **Jack J. Doyle** (D/51-53); **Walter Ducharme** (HQ320/55-56); **Warren S. Eichelberger** (MED/55-56); **Alex Elliot** (SPT/55-56); **Milton Embree** (D/51-54); **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); **Roger Gravelle** (K/51-52); **Jerry Grubbs** (A/51-54); **Dave Hathaway** (D/51-53); **Steve Helms** (B2/63-66); **Don Holland** (HQ2/55-56); **Jimmie F. Huey** (320/54-56); **Rodger Jacobson** (HQ320/55-56); **Arthur D. Kidder** (D/51-54); **Ed Kuziel** (H&H/51-54); **Jim Lammle** (MED/55-56); **Anthony LaJudice** (MED/55-56); **Gene Leonard** (H&H/52-53); **Joe Lesniak** (L/51-52); **Fred Lucia** (C/51-54); **Duane Mabeus** (G-SVC/52-54); **Ray Malley** (B/51-53); **Orlan R. McClung** HQ3/51-54); **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); **George O'Connor** (H/51-53); **Lawrence O'Connor** (A-598/51-56); **John Ortado** (B/51-53); **Harry Paul** (HQ3/51-53); **Jerry Payne** (H&H/54-56); **Peter Pisani** (HQ1/51-52); **Melvin L. Rector** (I/51-56); **Armando Reyes** (HQ1/51-53); **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); **Ed Slocum** (HQ3/55-56); **Walt Stacey** (HQ2/51-52); **Roy E. Stelzer** (K/51-53); **Keith R. Stevens** (B-54-56); **Robert Taylor** (D/51-53); **Bruce M. Tyler** (A320/55-56); **Walter VanCoppennolle** (HQ1/51-53); **Stanley F. Victor** (M/51-54); **Cliff Villeneuve** (H&H/51-53); **Kenneth J. Warzyn** (D/54-56); **Charles M. Weaver** (K/51-54); **Charles Wheeler** (K51-54) and **Jack Wheeler** (HQ2/51-55).

For those of you who have not yet responded, complete the form listed on page 3 and send it to your chapter ASAP. You may also E-mail Bob Murray or Jack Damron (E-mail addresses on page 8).

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

NAME: _____ Unit/Yr _____

Number Attending _____

Membership Letters

Herb Cronin (C/51-54) sent a post card from the Hotel Lotte, Seoul, Korea. He writes: Hello Bob, I made this trip with my brother Denny of Newington, CT. He is a former Marine who served in Korea in 1952-53.

I met a former 1st Sgt for "C" 508 PIR. His name is Doug Dillard, a retired Colonel. He took over "C" from Leonard Funk.

I hope to see you in May, 2001 at Fort Bragg.
Keep well.

Sincerely yours, Herb Cronin

*Herb's Post Card picture below entitled "The Bridge
of No Return"*



Tony Cantillo (F/51-54) writes: Hi Rodger, Hook me up for life membership. Check has extra dollars for you to use where ever needed.

You guys are doing a fine job. I hope to see you all some time at one of the upcoming gatherings.

Take care, Tony

Leslie J. Leonard (SVC/45-46) writes: Dear Bob, Enclosed is a check for my 2001 Affiliate dues. I served in Service Company (Motor Pool) in Praunheim, Germany with Honor Guard for General Eisenhower until the 508th was deactivated at Camp Kilmer, NJ on November 20, 1946.

I informed you earlier that I was an All American Member of the Philadelphia Chapter and wish to retain my membership there. I have no I.D. from your Chapter to show I have been accepted by your Chapter.

Sincerely yours, Lewis Jim Leonard

P.S. I served with the 503rd at Ft. Bragg after November 1946.

Fred Lucia ((C/51-54) writes: Dear Bob, Hello from Morristown NJ! We're looking forward to May and are ever grateful to you for helping us find Fred's buddy Sal Manichia.

We are still searching for Albert Bergeron, Robert LaMontagne and Joe Dushesne.

Thanks, Fred and Jane Lucia

*Can anyone out there help Fred find his missing buddies? If so contact Fred at 1 Washington Ave.
Apt 9-2A, Morristown, NJ 07960*

Alexander R. Elliot (SPT/55-56) writes: Dear Bob, Enclosed are my Affiliate dues as I am currently in the Greater Hartford Chapter of the 82d Association. I wish to send \$20 to the Red Devil Digest also, so please pass it on.

I served in Support Company, 508th ARCT from January, 1955 to July, 1956. I went on leave for 15 days when I came back from Japan to Fort Campbell, KY. On my return there was no 508th. I was probably the only man in the world wearing a 508th patch. My company, SPT. Was incorporated into the 501st Battle Group. Anyway, I couldn't sign in because I didn't sign out. Mortar Battery, 501st gave me food and shelter and sent me to Mortar Battery, 506th to train the former 427th AAA Battery on 4.2 mortars.

I was also sent to train troopers of the 327th Mortar Battery on the 4.2.

After three years I became a civilian, spent 5 years in the Connecticut National Guard, and over 30 years in the Army Reserves from which I retired. Above all this, I loved the 508th!

Alexander R. Elliot, MSG, AUS, Ret.

Ted Schonhans (519/51-54) writes: Bob, On your web site, you show a picture of a ship returning members of the 508th PIR to the states. I was on that ship.

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The ship, the New Bourne Victory was carrying members of the 2nd Bn and docked at Staten Island, NY the 22d or 23d of November, 1946. Ted

Jim Carbonel (L/55-56) writes: Jack, Enclosed is a couple of pictures taken at the mini-reunion held at the Drury Inn, Paducah, KY on September 22 and 23. Seven members of L Company troopers stationed at Camp Chickamauga in Beppu, Japan in 1955-56 were in attendance. Except for Gene Nichols and myself, it was the first time the seven of us had seen each other since 1956.

The cake was made up with the company logo that we used in Japan (Bugs Bunny). Jim



Sitting (L-R) Paul Sauborn, Jim Carbonel and Gene Nichols
Standing (L-R) Billy Tabb, Wolfram Von Maszewski, Sam Gillespie and Joe Mitchem.



John Doyle (D/51-53) writes: Hi Jack and Bob, Hope to see a few of "D" Company 51-53 members at our May 2001 reunion. Please keep me posted and keep up the good work. I enjoy the Red Devil Digest.

Best regards to all Troopers, John (Jack) Doyle

Did you forget something? Dues are due for 2001. Check the mailing label to see when you are paid up for!!!!

Dave Gillespie (L54-56) writes: Dear Bob, Thanks for the good job you, Frank, Jack, Rodger and all the rest are doing with the 508th Airborne Chapter and the Red Devil Digest. I know this must take a lot of your time and effort and this just shows how the Airborne has always worked together for so long.

I enjoyed talking to you on the phone and sure wish I could have made it to Fort Mitchell, KY. Even though it was almost in my backyard (25 miles) I had to be out of town on an emergency. Maybe the next one!

We sure had a good time at our Mini Reunion (Co L, 508th ARCT, Japan, 55-56) at Paducah, KY

Would you check and see if you have any information on CPT Wibur A. Sidney, CO, Co L, 54-56. Thanks. Hope to make it to Bragg next May. Always Airborne, Dave Gillespie

Ed's note: Last address we had for Wilbur A. Sidney was 1820 Avenida Del Mundo 106, Coronado, CA 92118.

Harry W. Paul (HQ3/51-53) writes: Dear Bob, Enclosed is my order for a couple of T-shirts. Also there is a little blurb that I feel answers the old question of "Why."

Many times since I announced my intention to go Airborne, various people have said, "I don't understand why anyone would jump out of a perfectly good airplane."

After pondering for many years, I think I finally came up with an appropriate response. The next time my reply will be "you say you didn't understand, and that is your problem: YOU SIMPLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND."

New Chapter Members



A warm welcome to our newest members who just dropped in. They are: **Roger Johnson**, San Diego, CA (SVC/54-56); **Leamon Kendrick**, Lewisburg, KY (HQ1/55-56);

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Lewis (Jim) Leonard, Bensalem, PA (Affiliate), (SVC/45-46); **Clay Mueller**, Rapid City, MI (B/54-56); **John Trezise**, Punta Gorda, FL (M/51-54); and **Lloyd C. Wilkinson**, West Chester, PA (M/51-54).

New All American (Life) Members

Anthony Cantillo, Jr., Litcher, LA (F/51-54)
Robert H. Cooper, Roanoke, VA (C/51-54)
Samuel D. Gillespie, Cincinnati, OH (L/54-56)
Aubrey Nicholson, Plainwell, MI (K/51-54)
George Popovitch, Columbus, OH (HQ2/54-55)
Theodore F. Schultz, Naugatuck, CT (L/51-52)
Robert Sorenson, Kendalville, IN (C/51-54)
Stanley Suchdolski, Jersey City, NJ (E/51-54)

Internet Connection

The Chapter now has the e-mail addresses of 110 members who are connected to the Internet. I'm sure there are many more who have not informed the Chapter that they have this capability. **We really would like to have your e-mail address so we may communicate with you on important issues and late breaking news as affects the Chapter and the Airborne community.** In addition, if you have a Internet connection, there is no reason to have to send you a hard copy newsletter since it is available on the Chapter Web Site in living, breathing color. So, if you have an e-mail address and you have not furnished it to your Chapter, we urge you to do so.

Our thanks go out to those of you who have taken advantage of viewing the newsletter on-line. You have saved the Chapter a considerable amount of postage and printing funds. Of the 110 members we have e-mail addresses for, 96 have opted not to receive the hard copy newsletter. Over a year, this will save your Chapter a little over \$408.00.

Those who have not opted for this option cannot download the newsletter due to non-availability of Acrobat Reader (webtv subscribers), older model computers with limited capabilities or other reasons.

Chapter Boosters

We had sixty nine boosters listed in our September - October Newsletter. Today, we are adding eleven more names to bring the total number of chapter

members to eighty 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); *Bill J. Bidleman* (E/51-53); *Aristeo Blanco* (C/51-54); *Charles Bostic* (H&H/51-54); *John F. Brown* (E/51-54); *David H. Burns* (H/51-54); *Bobbie J. Bush* (HQ3/55-56); *H. Ray Caldwell* (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); *Leslie Crocker* (L/51-54); *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); *Alexander R. Elliot* (SPT/55-56); *DuWayne L. Erdmann* (598/51-54); *Augie Fernandes* (L/51-54); *Donald C. Fjoslein* (519/52-54); *Daniel T. Furlong* (H/42-45); *Samuel D. Gillespie* (L/54-56); *Kenneth L. Glynn* (L/51-54); *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); *James J. Lammle* (MED/55-56); *Thomas R. Lane* (A/51-52); *Lino Laruz* (C/42-44); *Joseph Lesniak* (C/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); *Robert T. Murray* (B/51-53); *Arthur D. Nagle* (E/51-52); *George A. Nichols* (A/51-54); *Lawrence F. O'Connor* (A/51-52); *Ralph N. Pelliccio* (SPT/51-54); *Lee Perttu* (E/54-56); *Matthew A. Pisano* (C/51-53); *Peter Pisanti* (HQ1/51-52); *Carl Porter* (D/45-46); *Leo Quinn* (L/51-54); *Peter Radash* (HH1/63-64); *Raul M. Ramos* (C/51-54); *Armando M. Reyes* (HQ1/51-53); *Luis (Rudy) R. Reza* (C/54-56); *Kenneth G. Rilea* (G/51-54); *Steve W. Roberts* (70-71); *Ramiro (Tony) Robles* (HQ320/55-56); *Theodore Schonhans* (519/51-54); *Hal L. Scott* (SVC/54-57); *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 D. Taylor* (E/51-53); *Robert Thompson* (HQ3/46); *Walter VanCoppennolle* (HQ1/51-53); *Stan Victor* (M/51-54); *Alan R. Vittori* (A2/72-74); *Walter B. Welton* (H&H/51-53); *Robert W. Wright* (598/55-56) and *Jack E. Yelverton* (HQ2/53-55).

News From National

Division Assumption of Command

During a ceremony on 291000 Sept2000, at Stang Field, Major General John R. Vines assumed command of the 82d Abn Div by accepting the colors from COL (P) Stanley A. McChrystal, Asst Div Cmdr - Opns.

All American Centurion Club

Applications for All American Centurion must be mailed to the G1/AG Sergeant Major (D)D Liaison and President, Centurion Club) at Division Headquarters, not the Association's National office. The official address is: Commander, 82d Airborne Division, ATTN: AFVC-GA (SGM Chaney) Fort Bragg, NC 28312-5100

Paraglide Editor Wanted

The Association is looking for a qualified individual, preferably a member or a member's family member, to take over the duties as Paraglide Editor. Enclosure reflects what the ideal qualifications should be and a general description of the duties involved.

Applications for the position with resume should be submitted to the Executive Director not later than 31 December 2000. After eight years as our Editor, Mrs. Marla G. Coulthard has tendered her resignation to pursue further her main job in a newspaper in Rockingham. She explains in her letter that the rationale is not because of how the Association treated her, but mostly because of the increased demands on that job which requires her to pay more attention to the community and the small amount of free time she wants to dedicate to her family.

Marla has done a superb job for our Paraglide, increasing the quality and quantity for each issue since she took over with the Summer 1993 issue. She has established large boots to be filled.

Overall Qualifications: a) Good typing and editing skills; b) Desktop publishing experience; c) Good communications skills; d) Ability to meet deadlines.

Responsibilities: a) Copy deadline is set about 7 weeks out from when it needs to be mailed. That gives the editor roughly 4 weeks to work on it and printer 3 weeks; b) Paraglide receives 25-35 chapter news, President and Chaplain's messages, Educational Fund contributions and news, sales info, stories and photos from division (they prefer electronic transmission). From Executive Director comes All American Member list, TAPS, and other input that has been sent to him; c) About 50% of input is typed and the rest is scanned on a flattop scanner; d) All copy is edited; e) Using Adobe PageMaker program, the pages are laid out. Boxes are put where photos go; f) This is printed out and sent to Executive Director for review; g) Finals are printed; h) Everything is packaged for printer including printed pages and photos labeled exactly where they go; i) Ship to printer in Indianapolis; j) Blue-line proofs are received, reviewed and returned to printer.

Duties: a) Appointed by the Board of Directors for an unspecified term and under the direct supervision of the Executive Director; b) Member of the Board of Directors without a vote. Should be able to attend All American Week (AAW) and annual conventions; c) Paying job position with a \$1,000 a year travel; d) Complimentary travel to AAW and convention; e) Complimentary accommodations for AAW and conventions; f) Complimentary registration to AAW and convention.

Articles/Photographs For Paraglide

All articles and photographs for publication in the Paraglide must be submitted directly to the Editor, PO Box 1885, Rockingham, NC 28379-1885. The exception is TAPS, address changes, changes of Chapter Chairpersons and Secretaries which must be submitted to the Executive Director for updating the data base prior to submission to the Paraglide.

Memory Lane

508th PIR - 1944

On 17 December 1944, the Regiment, as part of the 82d Abn Div was committed to the "Battle of the Bulge."

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One of the many stories of heroism that came out of the Ardennes Campaign was that of CPL Robert Mangers of the 3d Bn S-2 Section who was part of a patrol operating in the front of the Regiment when his jeep broke down. At nightfall, after the patrol returned to the jeep, CPL Mangers volunteered to stay with the jeep. The entire patrol stayed with him during the night. Work continued to try and fix the vehicle the following day and by noon enemy troops could be seen bypassing the patrol. CPL Mangers ordered the patrol to return to the Regiment. CPL Mangers continued to report on enemy movement and call in artillery fire on the advancing troops. At 0900 on the 23rd CPL Mangers transmitted his last message.

He was not heard from again and was picked up on the morning report as missing in action. After the war in Europe ended, he was liberated from a PW Camp and returned to the 3d Bn before leaving for the States.

1/508th - Panama 1989

The 1st Bn, 508th was tasked for several important missions at the outset of the invasion of Panama in December 1989. Task Force Bayonet was formed to seal off Fort Amador which was jointly occupied by U. S. Forces and the Panamanian Defense Forces (PDF). The Task Force was tasked with preventing PDF troops stationed at Fort Amador from reinforcing PDF forces elsewhere in the city and also to protect American military families who occupied quarter on Fort Amador. Task Force Bayonet was to hold PDF forces in place until the arrival of Co's A and B 1/508 scheduled to arrive by helicopter from Fort Kobbe.

On 20 December Task Force Gator was to assault the Comandancia. Assault elements were made up of the 4th Bn, 6th Regiment and Charlie Company, 1/508th. Charlie Company was the principal assault element and charged with breaching the PDF compound's side wall.

1/508th - Vietnam 1968

The 1/508th was once again detailed outside its area of operations on 21 December. Task Force Devil was formed, composed of a headquarters element,

Companies A and D, and elements of Company E. The task force was placed under the control of the 720th Military Police Battalion at the sprawling Long Binh Post, largest US installation in Vietnam, thirty five kilometers northeast of Saigon. The task force's mission was to provide additional security for the complex during the holiday season, especially during the renowned Bob Hope Christmas Show. The two rifle companies were inserted into operational areas, named AO's Satan and Devil, outside the post, while the task force headquarters and combat support elements established a base in Long Binh. This operation continued into the new year, netting twenty-nine VC killed and two captured. Only one task force member was wounded.

Chairman's Message



As you have read, plans and commitments for our fiftieth anniversary reunion honoring the reactivation of the 508th Infantry Regiment (Airborne) have been initiated. We have had several of you volunteer to pitch in and help where you can best be of use. We can assure you, you will be called upon. We definitely need a few to be at Fort Bragg on the Monday of AAW to help set things up to handle reservations and registration. Bob Henson will be the main man in that endeavor. In addition, we will need people to help supply, set up and maintain our hospitality suite and check-ins for our Dinner and Breakfast.

We also request that you personally contact any Red Devil you may have kept in touch with these past decades who have not joined with us and tell them about our reunion, suggesting that they should participate and to urge them to join with us ASAP.

There is a lot to be accomplished between now and next May and we can do it if you all contribute some time and expertise you may have in some areas that will contribute to the success of this effort. We will keep you posted as things progress.

If you have not committed yourself to attend, please do so now!

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I am personally engaged in moving and there will probably be a change in our Chapter's mail address and telephone number in the near future. My new e-mail address is: rtn508@juno.com

The Chapter Officers and I wish you and yours a Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season. Bob Murray.

Secretary's Message

I guess it's my turn to "beat the drum" concerning annual renewals. I think Bob has gotten tired of writing about it every year at this time. Once again, for those of you who are not aware of the membership dates, the official Association membership is from January 1 to December 31. If you joined the Chapter and Association anytime between January 1, 2000 and the Association Annual Convention in late August, 2000, your membership expires on December 31, 2000. All annual memberships expire on December 31 except for those troopers who joined the Association after the close of the annual convention in August of each year. Those new members will be considered members from the date of joining in late August of that year and the following year. For example, if you joined the Chapter and Association on August 25, 2000, your membership is good from that date through December 31, 2001.

We recently redesigned the newsletter address label to indicate the status of your membership. Look on the upper right hand corner of the address label. If it reads 2000, your membership expires on December 31, 2000. All American Members (Life) will read "LIFE."

Now is the time to "Reup" if you haven't done so already. Do it while it's fresh in your mind. You would be surprised as to how many former members call or write me asking where their newsletter is and why didn't they get a Paraglide. The stock answer is usually "I forgot" when they find out they haven't paid their dues.

On a second note, if you are on the Internet and the Chapter hasn't been informed of your e-mail address, please let us know. By the same token, if you are in our address book and you change your address, please let us know! Just drop us an e-mail.

Check the e-mail address changes for your Chairman, Secretary and addition of e-mail address for Rodger Jacobson listed below.

Moving? Let Us Know!

Name _____
 New _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip+4 _____
 New Tel. # _____
 Perm. ____ Temp. ____ Dates _____
 New E-mail address _____

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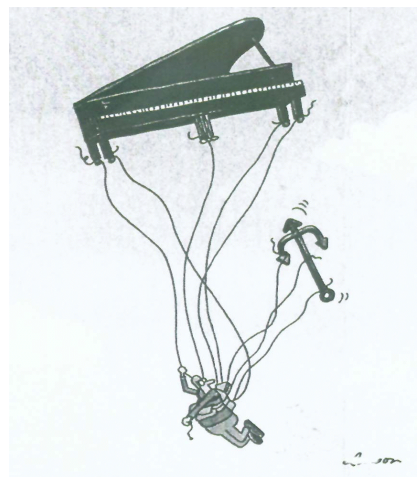
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