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Downtown St Louis and the Gateway Arch photo taken from the Mississippi Riverboat Tom Sawyer

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By Ken Hamill

We arrived in St Louis around 12 Noon Monday. Gas was \$3.45, fifty cents a gallon cheaper there than our last stop in Illinois. The Millenium Hotel had everything needed for a good reunion. Our room was small but adequate and had a coffee maker. The 4th Street Grill located one floor below the lobby had a \$13 morning buffet with free coffee to go. We walked a couple hundred yards to Gateway Arch Park and the Mississippi River. Very nice with shade trees, benches and lots of tourists. We tried the hotel Top of the Riverfront Revolving Restaurant for dinner. It had a spectacular 360 degree view. Their special was a three course; choose one item out of four offered for each course at \$25 a head. My gal Bonnie explained the menu and helped me order. It was excellent. We stopped by a busy and expensive Martini's Lounge on the lobby floor for a coffee royal after dinner. On Tuesday we caught buses at 10:00 AM to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Chairs

had been placed under a shade canopy adjacent to the Gateway Chapter Memorial Site. A beautiful floral wreath in the form of an 82nd airborne patch was displayed. Chaplain Goff of the 82nd spoke. WWII vets laid the wreath at the Memorial. It was a nice ceremony. We caught our buses to the parade field / drop zone where a nice picnic area was set up. Cold beer, hamburgers and brats hit the spot. Fifteen sky divers jumped from a C-47 using steerable chutes. All were great paratroopers. The most notable was Dana Bowman. He had a mid air collision in 1994 with another jumper while in the Golden Knights and lost both legs. He is back jumping again and is also a dynamic speaker. The buses had us back at the hotel by 2:00 PM. We chatted with several people at Martini's Lounge, then looked around the downtown area and had dinner at a nice place called Callico's. We toured on Wednesday. The buses took us to Riverboat Dock where we boarded and cruised on the Tom Sawyer and saw barge traffic, docks, downtown St Louis...Continued on Page 2

... and the mighty Mississippi. The buses then took us to Anheuser Busch where they briefed us and showed us their brewery. Our last stop there was the Tap Room where we were offered free beer and pretzels. We returned to the hotel and visited the hospitality room. This great room with its very nice volunteers gave us any kind of drink we wanted and pizza to quell the appetite. We met old and new friends and several great young paratroopers who had just returned from a 15 month tour in Afghanistan. We visited the 508 PIR Suite and met several paratroopers including CSM Flowers. We were invited to join the group and we did – hot dogs, potato salad and wine were good and free. We caught buses on Thursday to an airport / base 30 minutes' east in Illinois. Several hundred, perhaps thousands watched the 82nd jump. Two C-130 aircraft dropped 114 jumpers on three passes over the short DZ. Several paratroopers landed on the concrete runway, but none were seriously hurt. Great fun and we were back at the hotel by 1:00 PM. The Chapter Officers Meeting started at 2:00 PM. Executive Director De Jesus did most of the briefing – Membership now 34,000; Chairman & Treasurer of each Chapter is bonded by National; We were invited to go to unit hospitality suites; Concerns were - Inform delinquent members, changes of address and promoting communication with deployed units. The hospitality room really had a great spread for everyone. BBQ chicken, ham, beef, potato salad, beans and cole slaw. The 508 PIR suite was one of three suites where the approximately 700 paratroopers ate their meals. Breakfast, lunch and supper through late night snacks with free drinks were offered and we were welcome to join in. This was an NCO operation. The Sergeants Major and other NCO's silently supervised and maintained a good hearted and friendly atmosphere. Officers were not seen, except at the social functions in the hospitality room. I asked CSM Flowers to help me present a gift from our Chapter to Ken Glynn and he assembled us on the deck. I explained to the group how our Chapter had sent \$7763.00 to Ken Glynn and the Orlando Chapter and they had bought, packaged and sent great items to Chaplain Pundt for our paratroopers. 508 PIR

CSM Flowers presented Ken with our Chapter gift, a small brass paratrooper mounted on a small plaque. The Friday Delegates Meeting started at 8:00. The Cleveland Chapter told of their presenting certificates to the family of deceased veterans at funerals. Some vets want credit cards to be allowed at 82nd National Sales. We adjourned at 8:45. Bonnie and I took the tram to the top of the Arch at \$10 a head and saw a great Lewis & Clark movie there too. The Memorial Banquet started at 7:00 PM. The 82nd Chaplain spoke, followed by Ron Rath who recognized Airborne Unit KIA's in all wars. The meal was OK and the atmosphere was special. The hospitality room opened soon after the banquet for music and dancing. The band was very good and their lead singer imitated a few old entertainers including Elvis. The Membership Meeting on Saturday started at 1:00 as follows – Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Recognize Distinguished Audience Members, Roll Call of Directors, Bylaws Change Briefing, Introduction of Director Candidates, Voting Procedure Briefing, Conduct the Vote and Awards Presentation. Chapters with increased memberships were recognized with a very nice plaque. Communications awards were given to El Paso #1, North Jersey #2 and 508 Chapter #3 for our Newsletter. The \$25 award check was sent to our Treasurer. Chapter congratulations go to the elected Directors – Rich Becker, Chet Cassidy, Ray Guzman, Ken Ray, Alan Schoppe and Ed Herlihy. The National Heritage Day Banquet that evening went like clockwork. Good food and camaraderie. Steve Frazer should be congratulated; he has good stage presence and keeps to the schedule. Both of the banquets finished on time or early. 508 Chapter members and veterans who attended the St. Louis Convention that I saw or spoke to were – Jim & Mary Cittadino, Ken & Helen Glynn, Steve Helms, Bobbie & Donna Henson, John Leonard, Steve Leonard, William & Dee Pranke, Tom Sahrman with his Dad and brother, Marv Stein & Dick Yates. Congratulations go to Leo Hobson and the Gateway Chapter for a good plan and excellent execution of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention 2008. Reunion photos on pages 3 & 4 or pages 3 – 16 on our website...



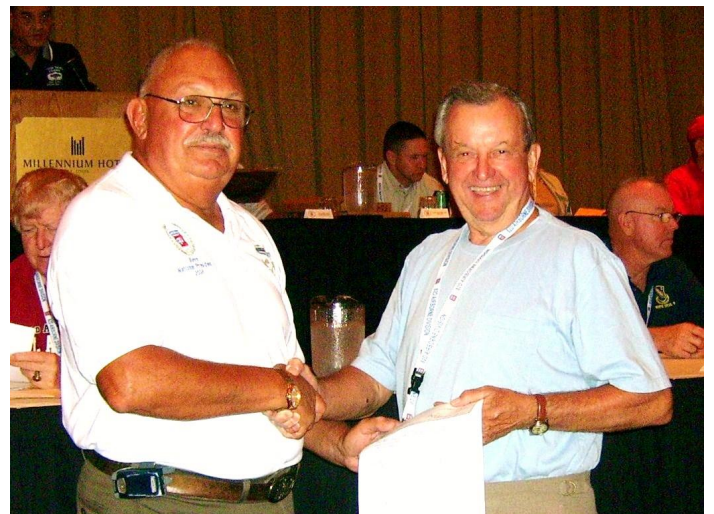
**Brother Jim and Father David with Tom Sahrman
on right at Memorial Banquet in St Louis**



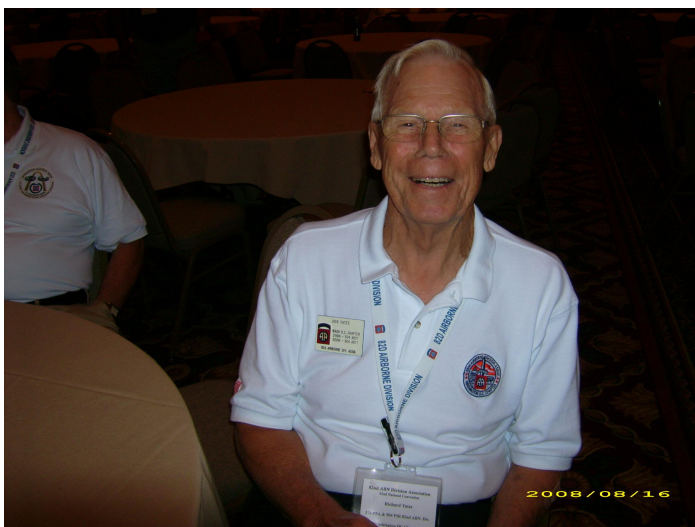
**CSM Flowers of 508 PIR / 4th BCT presenting 508th
Airborne Chapter Award to Ken Glynn**



**Bobbie and Donna Henson at Martini's Lounge,
Millenium Hotel in St Louis**



**Association President Steve Frazer presents Third
Place Newsletter Award to Ken Hamill**



**Dick Yates in the Hospitality Room, 82nd Airborne
Division Association Convention, St Louis**



**Marve Stein, Jim Cittadino & Steve Leonard at Sky
Dive Demo, Jefferson Barracks, St Louis**



Photo of Downtown St Louis taken from a window at the top of the Gateway Arch, St Louis, Missouri



Frank Hill with Floral Wreath at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Memorial Site



508 Paratroopers SPC Davis & PFC Knollinger in the Hospitality Room at 82nd Convention, St Louis



Steve Helms & Steve Leonard at Memorial Banquet, 82nd Abn Div Assn Convention



Association Families in the Reserved Seating Area at the Drop Zone



Jo & Jack Hogan, William & Dee Pranke, Ann & Ed Glick at the St Louis Convention



Ken & Helen Glynn on bus, St Louis Convention



Tom Griffin at Convention Registration Desk



Maggie De Jesus at Convention Registration Desk



Tina Rath at Convention Registration Desk



Roberta & Frank Hill, St Louis Convention



Carole MacNeal & Lauren Jones, St Louis



Ross & Percia Bush



James & Sherry Knott



Ted & Betty Dionisos



French & Marie Shannon



Les & Jean Coumbe



Tom Graham & Rusty Wolfe



Brats and Burger Cooks at Jefferson Barracks



David Deatherage, Ed McDonough & Jim Cittadino



Steve Helms at Jefferson Barracks Jump & Picnic



Budweiser is Home Brew in St Louis



Joseph Schwan & Aaron Gelber



Howard Rennhack & Bobbie Henson



Dave Foy, Ed Lapotsky & Leo Hobson



Art & Pat Wilkins



Janice Schaeffer, Rusty Wolfe & Elizabeth Chilcutt



Wheeler Small, Edward Posey & Ronald Bredell



Ted & Eilene Hardgrove



**Shane Cheeseman, Chris Taylor, Justin Nevinski
and Jeremy Unruh**



Marge Mazik & Matt Wojtaszek



Harold & Edna Schroeder with Joanne Foy



Dock for Mississippi Riverboat Tom Sawyer



Carroll & Joan Garrett



Jim & Betty Addis



Frank & Linda Commiciotto



Anheuser Busch Clydesdale Horse Paddock



Anheuser Busch Class - How They Make Beer



Ken Hamill near a Familiar Sign



Charles Spigelmire & Andree Longueville



Ann, Marge & Ed Atkinson



Glenn Proffer of the Gateway Chapter



Jim Terwilliger of the Cleveland Chapter



Sandra Ross, Ray Guzman & Don Paquin



Dick Goddard & Mary Ellen McCrea



Bobbie & Donna Henson and the Drop Zone Crowd



SFC Jason Allgood & SSG Daniel Bailey



Doneva Wolf & Gerri Porter



Manny De Jesus & CSM Meyers



Parachute Jump Photos by Tom Sahrman



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Jim & Mary Cittadino



Bonnie Furek & Ken Hamill



Ed Herlihy



Gene Frice, Joe Denigan & Virgil Weman



Joe Steen & Marvin Stein



John Leonard & Randy Vidrine



David Sharbutt & Gene Frice



Robert Timian



Hilary & Charlotte Gentrup



Jim & Mary Frederick



**Charlie & Sandy Wagner III, National Sales
Managers for the 82nd Abn Div Assn**



The Hospitality Room Bar was a busy place



Wm & Dee Pranke and friends in Hospitality Room



Allen & Vickie Schoppe in 504 PIR Suite



Jerry Diemel & Bill Kuhnke in 504 PIR Suite



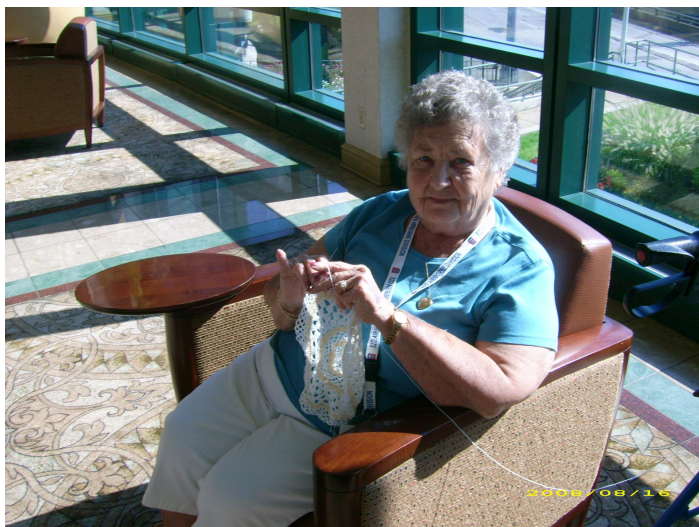
SPC Michael Allen, 504 PIR Cook



Phyllis Olle, Katie Troccoli & Marylea Dumke



Jimmy Campillo & Gene Frice, Breakfast with 504



Vivian Menezer in the Millenium Hotel Lobby



Allen Schoppe with Steve Frazer, Assn President



Jerry & Beverly Diemel



Bill & Helga Kuhnke



Ken & Carolyn Chadwell



Bobby Timmons in the 504 PIR Suite

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QUARTERMASTER

TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe C. Andrew, Cleveland, GA,
Hq Co, 1st Bn, 508 ARCT 1953, 4 August 2008

Charles M. Burgel, All American Member,
Rehoboth Beach, DE, A Co 51-53, 2 July 2008

Thomas E. Francis, Annual Member
Andrews, NC, SPT Co 55-56, 11 Oct 2008

Gunther Freunprieze, Newton, NJ
Easy Co 508 ARCT 51-53, 2007

Donald D. Lassen of Static Line Awards
Atlanta, GA 8 August 2008

Leo B. McCullough, All American Member
Manchester, NH, B Co 51-53, 26 Aug 2008

NEW MEMBERS

Jan L. Yuhas of Mammoth Lakes, CA
HQ Battery, 320TH AFA, 51-54

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Steve C. Leonard of Inverness, FL
C Company, 2nd Bn, 64-67



Annual Members...74
Affiliate Members...14
All Americans.....306
Total Members.....394

Movers and Snow Birds are reminded to send your Change of Address to Chapter or National. The next Paraglide will be mailed out on January 15, 2009. Save our Assn 50¢

Annual Memberships expire on 31 December 2008. You are asked to send your dues to our Treasurer, PO Box 1462, Sun City, AZ 85372-1462. Why stay an annual member? All American Membership will cost \$100.00 if you are 50 years of age or older. All American Membership is good for life in the 508th Airborne Chapter and the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Membership Application on page 8.

DH: 508 Chapter and All American Member Dennis Harris is a retired aviator. Thanks to the 508 Airborne Regimental Combat Team license plate given to me by Dr Jim Jackson and displayed on the front of my car, we met. It was very nice meeting Dennis & Frances Harris at the Military Marksmanship Association Reunion on Fort Benning, Georgia in October.

TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance 1/1/2008.....	\$9398.03
Receipts.....	\$2795.25
Expenses.....	\$2614.02
Ending Balance 9/30/2008.....	\$9579.26

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION COMING EVENTS

63 rd Annual Convention, 17 – 22 August
2009, Indianapolis, Indiana
64th Annual Convention, 16 – 21 August 2010,
Charleston, West Virginia

MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER

By Dave Compton

The 3rd Bn, 508th Airborne was alive and active when I was in Panama in 1966. I know as I made 6 jumps there. We wore the Dragon patch. Our B Company Commander said the Battalion Commander wouldn't wear the 193rd leg patch. I never saw any officers from the 193rd. For 10-11 months in Panama it was a fun ride. Along with our normal training, we were the aggressor force from time to time at the Jungle Warfare School that Special Forces ran on the Atlantic side to train troops and officers from various South & Central American countries. We also did military funerals and honor guard for the USARSO Commanding General. One of our training exercises was to go out on the Canal at night and make like Marines up the coast, assaulting in the AM. The seas were rough and there was a lot of bitching as we hit the shore about why we didn't just jump! That was our only experiment with being Marines. That's why the Airborne will always be above the rest and the Marines can go float in their boats! When President Johnson went to a Latin American Summit in Paraguay or maybe Uruguay, B Company, 508th became a ready reaction force. Concertina wire defined the Marshalling Area perimeter and we were confined to our barracks area. The Air Force sent down C-130's and we loaded them with our parachutes, food, ammo, etc. and were ready to deploy if anything happened, which it didn't. Several of us Red Devils were ordered to join the 101st at Fort Campbell. We then shipped out with 11,000 paratroopers of the 2nd and 3rd Brigades on Operation Eagle Lift to Vietnam. General Westmoreland had commanded the 101st state side and wanted his old division to join the 1st brigade in country. I was a paratrooper in the 101st when the Legs in Washington decided to make the 101st Air Cavalry then Air Mobile. It was a bummer being Airborne in a leg unit. With the casualty count high in the 173rd and 101st, the Army was probably having trouble just replacing Airborne WIA's and KIA's. The 3-508 must have been understrength. I heard that the 3-508 was deactivated in 1968 in Panama.

GOVERNMENT TRAVELER CARDS

National reports that we of the 82nd Airborne Division Association are eligible to use a Government Traveler Card issued by Six Continents Hotels. Previously called Holiday Inn Stickers, the card offers government rates and amenities. Chapter members wanting a Government Traveler Program Pamphlet and Card should notify the Chapter Secretary. I will notify National of the number required for our Chapter and mail them to you.

VETERANS DAY 2008

The 82nd Airborne Division Association will participate in memorial ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery 8 – 11 November. The 508th Airborne Chapter will take part and place a floral wreath at the 508 Airborne PIR Monument.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM

Your 508 Chapter Staff is interested in helping a Wounded Warrior attend the 2009 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bill Eberle and the Ben Vandervoort Chapter sponsored a Wounded Warrior to attend the 2008 Convention in St Louis. Their cost was less than \$1000 and paid for the warrior's room, airfare, All American Membership, a chapter shirt and Association name tag. Feedback please.

CHAPTER HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Dick O'Donnell should be a member of our 508 Airborne Chapter. Dick is an Air Force Veteran and not eligible to join the 82nd Association or our Chapter. We must make him an honorary member. Dick is the webmaster for the 508th PIR Association and Friends and Family of the 508 Association Website. Dick also writes the "News From The 508" article for the Static Line Magazine. Dick is very supportive of all troopers and veterans of the 508th Airborne, 1942 to the present. Our Chapter will pay the initial fee of \$15 for the first year's membership. Dick O'Donnell will pay the second and succeeding years fees. This action requires a majority vote by the membership. Members are requested to submit a yes or no vote concerning Honorary Membership for Dick O'Donnell to your Chapter Secretary by way of letter, phone or e-mail.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Quartermaster Sales Form----(Members Only)

Complete this form and mail your check payable to Kenneth Glynn along with your name and address in the box above 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	
Sweatshirt, White, 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, Polo, Abn Maroon, Chap Logo Embroidered		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 + \$1.00 Each Additional	
Patch, 508th Abn Chapter (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, 508th ARCT (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, Para Red Devil (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, 320th Abn FA Bn.			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Pin, 508th ARCT			\$3.00	No Charge	
Pin, Para Red Devil			\$3.00	No Charge	
*= Add an additional \$2.00 for each X above XL (XXXL size is a special order) 1= All patches can be purchased 3 for \$15.00 + Shipping and Handling. PLEASE ALLOW 2-4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY				TOTAL \$	

WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL RAO BULLETIN 15 SEP 2008

More than nine decades after driving ambulances on the battlefields of Europe, 107-year-old Frank Woodruff Buckles is the nation's last known survivor of World War I. Now he's also become the face of an ambitious campaign to erect a national memorial honoring the 4.6 million Americans who endured "the war to end all wars." Buckles was the celebrity participant at a news conference 9 SEP to unveil plans for a National World War I Memorial on Washington's National Mall. It would be midway between memorials already there to World War II and the Korean War. Planners envision refurbishing and expanding an existing memorial that President Herbert Hoover dedicated in 1931 to honor World War I veterans from the District of Columbia. That circular open-air Doric structure, ravaged by time and neglect, is tucked among trees at the southern edge of the Mall and often is ignored or overlooked by tourists. It was named as one of Washington's most endangered places in 2003 and 2006.

JS: For nine or ten years maybe longer, the Town of Grand Island, NY, has been proclaiming August 16th, as "National Airborne Day". The 82d Airborne Division flag is flown at Town Hall and DeGlopper Park in honor of PFC Charles N. DeGlopper, Medal of Honor recipient. The local VFW is also named in his Honor. He was a native son of Grand Island and his story is well known and kept alive in this area. He is interred in Maple Grove Cemetery on the Island.

Joe Synakowski of Grand Island, New York

3-508 PANAMA RED DEVILS FOUND

I was recently a guest at the Airborne School Instructor's, Black Hat Reunion in Columbus, GA and attended the Don Lassen memorial at Fort Benning. I wore my 508 Chapter hat and met four old Red Devils who served with 3rd Bn, 508th Airborne, Fort Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone. An informative letter about our Chapter was sent to these fine men – Alton Goss Jr, C-3 64-65; William Lyde, C-3 62-66; Cephus McCoy Jr, A-3 74-77 and 84-87; Homer L. Watson, B-3 64-66.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT)

508th Airborne Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association

☐ All American ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member ☐ Reinstatement

Enclosed \$15.00 for my annual dues for the year _____ which includes Paraglide subscription.

Name: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Last Rank Held: _____ Serial Number: _____

508th Unit (Fill In) Company: _____ Battery: _____ Battalion: _____

Major Unit (Select One) 2nd Abn Inf Bde: _____ 82nd Abn Div: _____ 508th ARCT: _____

193rd Inf Bde: _____ Golden Bde: _____ SETAF: _____ 173rd Abn Bde: _____

Dates of 508th Service: From: Month: _____ Year: _____ To: Month: _____ Year: _____

Present Spouse's # of

Occupation: _____ Single: _____ Married: _____ Name: _____ Children: _____

PLEASE MAIL TO: 508th Airborne Chapter, P. O. Box 1462, Sun City, AZ 85372-1462

**National Association requires rank, serial number and copy of DD214 or orders
indicating the award of the Parachutist Badge from initial applicants.**

*** \$8 Affiliate Members Only: I am presently a member of the _____ Chapter

I do / do not want to transfer to the 508 Chapter. Signature: _____