# 508 FOUNDER BOB MURRAY GONE



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#### Chapter Founder Robert T. Murray BY Walter J. Ducharme

Robert T. Murray October 10, 1928 - December Walter & Joan Ducharme from 11. 2010. Hubbardston, MA and Delfo Ferranti from Maynard MA attended a memorial mass for Bob Murray at Saint Margaret's Church in Burlington. MA on January 8, 2011. Walt represented the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Association and Del represented the 508th Airborne Chapter. A large contingent of family, friends and neighbors attended. A wonderful eulogy was delivered by Bob's son Tom. The service was followed by a celebration of life at the Café Escadrille in Burlington. Family and friends gathered to exchange memories of his vast life's experiences. Four large posters displayed hundreds of photos and awards accumulated over the years. Bob leaves a wonderful family of five daughter's one six grandchildren and two grandchildren. We are saddened at his passing, but his dedication to the establishment and growth of the 508th Airborne Chapter will assure that his legacy will long be respected by current and future generations. I will always consider Bob a "great facilitator". The Murray family plans to have Robert T. Murray interred at Arlington on a date to be announced. Respectfully reported, Walter J. Ducharme

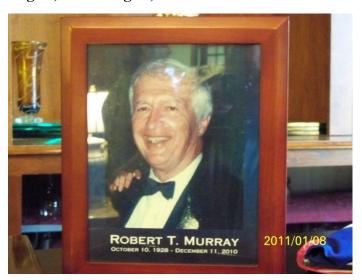
Editors Note: Chapter Founder and First Chairman Robert T. Murray is Gone, but not forgotten. The Chapter would like to thank Walt & Joan Ducharme and Del Ferranti for attending the mass and celebration of life. They were able to talk to the Murray family and share their grief. Walt took photos there and sent them for use in this digest. Del gave a Support Company 508 ARCT challenge coin to Bob's son Tom. In the late 1980's Bob Murray recognized the need for an organization of former Red Devils and started talking it up. Walt Ducharme was called and shared names with Bob. In 1990 a group of 56 veterans of the 508th became charter members

...0f the 508th Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. This original group decided they wanted all former and future paratroopers of the 508 Airborne to be eligible for membership. The original 508 Airborne Association restricted membership to those serving 1942 - 1945 and that organization stood down in October 2004. Bob Murray was the founding Chapter Chairman and served in that capacity from August 1990 until December 2001. Bob also served as Secretary, Treasurer and Quartermaster at various times. Bob had great help from Jack Damron and Rodger Jacobson and the chapter grew. Jack replaced Bob as Chairman and served until Feb 2005 after Hurricane Charlie destroyed his home. Murray came back as Interim Chair until Joe Montova became chair 2006-2007. Frank Seif was chair 2007-2009. Ken Hamill was voted chairman in 2009 and remains the chair today. Bob Murray remained involved to the very end. He wanted to be kept up to date on Chapter business. I called Bob several times for advice. He was very helpful to me about our 82nd Airborne Division Association matters and the 508th Airborne Chapter. A chat with Bob was interesting and a rehearsal for upcoming events.



ROBERT T. MURRAY – REST IN PEACE

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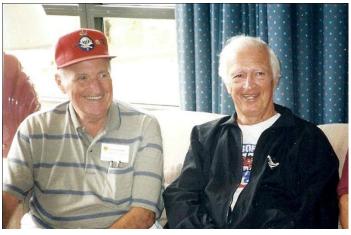
**Bob Murray photo at Burlington Memorial** 



**Bob Murray with his two Grandbabies** 



Bob Murray with his 5 daughters and son



Charter member Walt Ducharme and Founder Bob Murray at 508 Reunion, Punta Gorda, Florida 1998



A Poster Board of Bob and his Beloved 508



Delfo Ferranti and Walt Ducharme at Burlington Memorial Service

of

Rabideau

## MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER By Bill Chance HQ3, 508 ARCT 1953-55 [Editors Note: This article was generated by an

email notification of the loss of Darryl E.

Scottsdale.

Headquarters 3rd Battalion, 508th Airborne

Arizona

and

Regimental Combat Team 1953-55.] Thanks, Ken. I also was a member of Head-Third of the 508 during the period Darryl Rabideau was a member. Regrettably, I did not know him well, although I should have known him more. The company was substantially below strength during much of this time. Prompted by your note, I went to the 508th "Annual" that was published during 1954 and found his picture, at which point the memories began to form. If you have a way, please extend my condolences to the members of his family. As I was looking through the 508th Annual, I noticed Jack Davidson's photo in the Head-Three group, along with mine and another friend, Ken Murphy. I seem to remember that it was a call from our 508th Chapter Staff several years ago that brought the three of us together again, although only briefly. Ken was still living in St. Paul, and not long after that we had a couple of beers together when I was on a brief business visit to that city. Jack was not well, however, and when I followed up with a call to his home, his wife Eleanor told me he was in an advanced stage of Alzheimer's. Not long after that, in 2007, Jack's daughter Michele wrote to tell me he had died and asked if I would tell her a little about her dad. For some reason I kept a copy of the exchange. I have attached a copy. You may find it interesting. Regards, BC Here is Michelle's note: April 3, 2007 Hi, Bill: My name is Michelle, daughter of one of your Army pals, Jack Davidson, I am very pleased and touched to hear that you've contacted my mother. Eleanor. She mentioned several weeks ago that you called, and recently said you reached out again. When I typed your name into Google after you first called Mom, I found this email address. Mom mentioned that you live in Washington, so I figured this must be you. I'd love to learn more about Pop. We all miss him so much. As you either know or can imagine, with Alzheimer's you lose the person (personality) long, long before you lose the physical body. I have not had a conversation with my father in about 10 years, although every once in a while a bit of his spirit breaks through and you see a...

...flicker of him for a few seconds. He was ornery and such a kidder, and an incredibly good father. He and I used to laugh and talk politics whenever I came home from college (25 years ago). And when the grandchildren started arriving, it was really moving to see him with them. We always knew he loved us because he lit up like a Christmas tree whenever any of his loved ones walked into the room. At any rate, I'd love to learn more about my dad. He hardly ever talked about himself, although he mentioned you many, many times when I was a kid, so I definitely remember your name. If you'd like to write back, I would really like that. Thanks, Bill. I hope to hear from you soon. The letter I sent back to Michelle described some of the experiences Jack and I shared. The letter was as follows: Dear Michelle: As you know, Jack and I were close friends when we were in the Army, beginning in 1953 and continuing until we were discharged (in September and November, respectively) in 1955. We stayed in touch for a little while after we left the Army but sort of lost touch over time. My initial wife Anita, and I married in 1957 while I was in college. During the summer of 1959, when she was pregnant with our first daughter, Megan, we drove over to the coast (from Columbus, Ohio). We spent a few days with your Mom and Dad while we were in Delaware. I cannot remember if Jack had a copy of the 'annual' of our unit that was prepared in 1954. If he does you probably will have seen the photographs of him, Ken Murphy, and me. Murphy and I talked by phone not long ago. He said he thought he had some pictures of Jack (who, by the way, went by the nickname "Dave" at the time; we all went by last names generally and, for those whose names had more than one syllable, the first one usually sufficed. were others in our unit, of course, but the three of us were close friends. We rose through the ranks together; all of us were sergeants when discharged, and we all were paratroopers in the Airborne (Airborne or "Parachute") Infantry. That unit is still around, now again part of the 82nd Airborne Division and presently serving in Afghanistan. TO BE CONTINUED

### **Bob Murray Arlington Inurnment**

The Murray Family reported that chapter founder Bob Murray will be inurned in the Columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery, Washiington, DC on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 10:00 AM. R.I.P.

#### HILTON HEAD WINTER WEEKEND

The Hilton Head Marriott Resort was super nice and a good price at \$90 plus tax. The lounge had an excellent burger with fries for \$13. Add two bottles of beer and appropriate tip and the bill came to \$28. The Vandervoort Chapter hospitality room had free light meals each evening, plus coffee, juice and pastries were provided each morning. Cold beverages, booze and snacks were available at all open times. We departed the hotel at 7:00 AM on Friday. There was a lot of traffic enroute to Parris Island, Marine Base. A section of bleachers was reserved for us airborne guys. Over 400 new Marines marched, both men and women. Chaplain and one officer spoke. A moderator announced each step of the parade for us. It was a NCO show, conducted totally by sergeants including the Commander of Troops and the Parade Adjutant. I attended Boot Camp at PI sixty years earlier, in February 1951, so when the moderator asked ex marines to stand, I stood proudly. We next went to Beaufort National Cemetery where appropriate honors and ceremonies were conducted. wreath in the form of the 82nd Airborne Division shoulder patch was beautiful. While eating at a Beaufort restaurant, a new Marine and his family came in. We gave him a resounding burst of applause punctuated by a loud "Good luck Marine from the 82nd Airborne Division". The hospitality room had lots of pizza for us that evening. We loaded the bus and departed at 9:30 AM on Saturday. The tour of Gulfstream Aerospace Factory at the Savannah Airport was special. Vandervoort Chapter Vice verv Chairman Rusty Coleman and his co-worker LD Berger conducted a wonderful slide presentation and tour. We saw new aircraft being built to the closest tolerances that this old aviation metalsmith ever heard of. We had lunch nearby and then did a bus tour of Savannah. Our bus driver, Doug Andrews owns the bus and uses it for several patriotic and veterans causes. Doug is a lawyer whose card reads Abiding Aggressive The banquet speakers were COL Brian Mennes, Commander of the 4th BCT, 508 PIR, 82nd Abn Division and his Sergeant Major – CSM Mark Sturdevant. HOOOAAAAH !!!



Jim Andrews, Chairman of the Vandervoort Chapter at the Beaufort, SC National Cemetery



Sixteen of us toured the Gulfstream Aircraft Factory at the Savannah Airport



COL Brian Mennes, Commander of 4th BCT, 508th PIR and his wife Kellie

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**Robert & Hazel Ollenberger with Jim Sapp** 



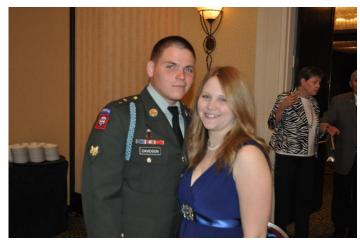
William Acebes & Rusty Malacarne



**Gary Criner & Jennifer Romanko** 



MAJ Nguyen Thanh Phuc addresses Red Hat Group



Alan & Olivia Davidson

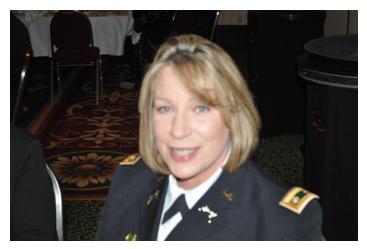


Ed & Alex Lapotsky, Doug Dillard & SSG David Feliciano

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SSG James & Mrs Samantha Lewis



**Major Teresa James** 



Ken & Helen Glynn



Barry & Phyllis Clark



Lydia & Myron Minich



Bill & Barbara Eberle

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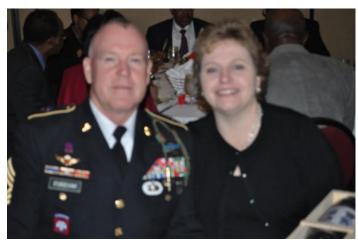
**Maurice & Sandra Tubin** 



Carol & Nero Tucker



Amos & Doris Johnson



**CSM Mark & Mrs Anna Sturdevant** 



Mel Greene & Ron Hurdel



Charlie & Sandy Wagner

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Dave & Barbara Williams



**COL Peter & Mrs Joanie Hoffman** 



Mike & Chris Brownridge



Jeanie Adkins-Peine & Leon Peine



Mike & Lori Williams



**Mamie & Thomas Smith** 

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**Robert & Hazel Ollenberger** 



**Ursula Barten & Ron Mitrook** 



Jim Andrews & Jerry Devlin



Ingrid Deane & Doug Dillard



Delores & Don Hudson



Gerard & Leona Devlin

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**Bill Acebes & Mike Williams** 



Bill Eberle, President 82nd Abn Div Assn



Morrie Tubin, Rusty Coleman & Bill Creighton



COL Brian Mennes, CDR 508th PIR/4th BCT



**Ron Mitrook & Jim Andrews** 



CSM Mark Sturdevant, CSM 508th PIR/4th BCT

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**Tom & Pearl Ingram** 



Ron Hurdel & Mel Greene



**Alex Lapotsky** 



Bill & Barbara Eberle



Ron Mitrook



Don & Cecelia Van Alstyne

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Jim Fedyshyn



Charlie & Sandy Wagner with Doug Dillard



Barry & Phyllis Clark



Bill Eberle with Olivia & Alan Davidson



**Ed Lapotsky** 



Chris & Mike Brownridge

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Bill Eberle & Doug Dillard at Beaufort Cemetery



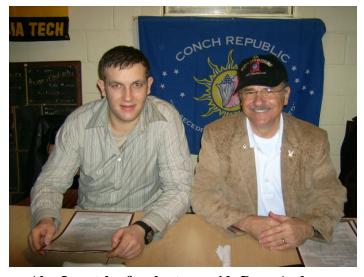
**Ken Hamill at Beaufort National Cemetery** 



Thomas Smith & David Williams



Ron Hurdel & Mel Greene



Alex Lapotsky & volunteer guide Doug Andrews



Doug Dillard, Ed Lapotsky & Ed Latey

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Jim Andrews & Bill Creighton



Jill and Jersey Joe Scherer



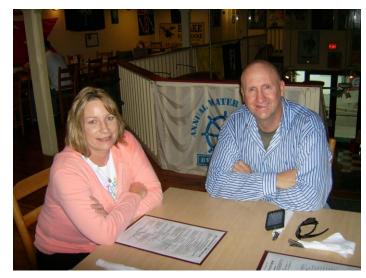
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**Teresa James & Gary Criner** 

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Charlie & Sandy Wagner



Nero & Carol Tucker



Jennifer Romanko & Gary Criner



**Robert & Hazel Ollenberger** 



Doris & Amos Johnson



Ken & Helen Glynn

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Gulfstream Aerospace, Savannah Airport, GA



LD Burger Briefing, Photo by Rusty Coleman



Rusty Coleman & Barry Clark



Gulfstream Site Manager LD Burger & R. Coleman



Our Group at Gulfstream, Photo by Rusty Coleman



Don & Cecelia Van Alstyne

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**Bruno & Ethan Scarborough** 



Dylan Mentel, Robt Pearson & Carrie Scarborough



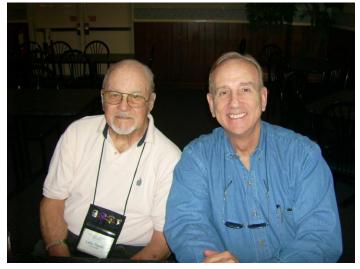
Barbara & David Williams



**Thomas & Mamie Smith** 



**Barry Clark & Doug Andrews** 



**Leon Peine & Robert Pearson** 

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E Co, 508 PIR, 27 Aug 2009
Bennie C. Estes, San Antonio, Texas
Support Co, 508 ARCT 1951-56, 28 Jan 2011
Roger A. Frank, Alliance, Ohio
K Co, 508 ARCT 1955-56, 3 Nov 2010
Robert L. "Gib" Gibson, Reno, Nevada
D Co, 508 ARCT 1954-56, 10 Feb 2011
Dr. Stephen M. Hanson, Ashville, NC
1 Bn Surgeon, 508 ARCT 52-53, 19 Nov 2010
Walter L. Knight, Jr, Poland Springs, ME
D Co, 508 ARCT 1951-53, 23 Nov 2010
David E. Kuony, Cornhusker Chapter
Svc Co. 508 PIR 1942-45, 1 Oct 2010

Donald E. Lightly, Mulvane, Kansas

E Co, 508 ARCT 1951-54, 14 Oct 2010 Martin D. Mortensen, Cornhusker Chapter Svc Co 508 PIR 1942-45, 14 Oct 2010

**TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS** 

#### **TAPS - CONTINUED**

Darryl E. Rabideau, Scottsdale, Arizona <u>HQ3, 508 ARCT 1953-55, 8 Oct 2010</u> Rex Vann, Tahlequah, OK <u>E Co, 508 ARCT 1955-56, 23 Aug 2010</u>





Annual Members ...30 Affiliate Members....15 All Americans......303 Total Members.....349

Thank you to all 30 of our veteran annual members whose membership continues. I know it is an age thing, but, come on guys, 30 annual members have renewed or reinstated their memberships out of the 79 veterans who were members as of December 2010. The 49 veterans who let their membership slide, are asked to send their (\$20) dues to our Treasurer, PO Box 1462, Sun City, AZ 85372-1462. Or go for life membership. All American Membership will cost \$100 if you are 50 years of age or older.

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#### **Changes of Address**

Please Send your Change of Address to Chapter or National. Movers and Snow Birds are reminded that the next Paraglide will be mailed out on April 15, 2011. The mailing diskette used to address the Paraglide is dispatched to the printer no less than five days prior to the mailing date published. Each undelivered Paraglide costs our Association 50 cents.







#### **DOCTOR'S DUNCAN AND HANSON**

William H. Duncan M.D. of Wilmington, Delaware and the S-4 of 1st Bn, 508 ARCT 1952-53 sent an Obituary notice and a biography published in the Delaware Medical Journal pertaining to Dr. Stephen M. Hanson. CPT Hanson had been the First Battalion Surgeon during 2LT Duncan's tenure as 1st Bn S-4 and they worked together coordinating medical coverage of maneuvers and parachute jumps. Bill Duncan wrote - I was as surprised as you will be to know I was a 2nd Lt as Bn S-4, holding in excess of 3 million dollars of property (when 3 million was real money), responsible for the "Mad Minute," and all the logistics for the drop zones; but came through unscathed. In the straight leg system that was all done at Regiment. I went to Korea from the 508 in 1953, after the truce, but spent my time tracking down those who had run to the communist hot spots in south western Korea, bandits, slicky boys, etc. I was promoted to 1st Lt just before leaving the 508. Bill, an infantry officer transferred to A Co, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division. Captain Steve Hanson, the First Battalion Surgeon, returned to civilian life. Bill Duncan wrote - I already had a wife and two children when I resigned my RA commission to go to med school, so I joined the PA NG "for the money." Bill Duncan and Steve Hanson would next meet in the student cafeteria line at the Temple University School of Medicine in the mid 1950's. Dr. Hanson was Chief of Laboratory Services at the Wilmington VA Hospital in Elsmere, DE from 1972 until his retirement in Dr. Hanson died 19 November 2010. 1996. William H. Duncan is a retired Medical Doctor & retired Major General from the Delaware National Guard and resides in Wilmington, DE.

Allan G. Wood, 508 Chapter and All American member of Spokane, Washington and G Co., 508th PIR, WWII recently had another amazing experience. Allan was admitted to the hospital and shared a room with a man who had lived in Nijmegen, Holland and witnessed Allan and his 508th unit jump there during Operation Market Garden. You can watch a film and read this interesting story if you have website access, or...

Allan G. Wood continued: ... perhaps your local librarian can help. Thank you Rodger Jacobson for sending this story. You can view "Priest meets paratrooper who liberated his town during WWII" using the following link: <a href="http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/feb/20/decades-later-priest-meets-paratrooper-who/">http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/feb/20/decades-later-priest-meets-paratrooper-who/</a>

I called Allan Wood and he sounded strong and clear headed. He said that he rides a bike and walks when the weather allows. He had felt bad last 11 November, Veterans Day and was taken to the hospital and admitted for 3 days. Allan heard his room mate speaking with an accent to a visitor and later asked him where he was from. The Priest said Nijmegen, Holland. When Allan told him he had jumped into Nijmegen, Holland on Operation Market Garden, his roommate, the Priest became very excited and said: saved my City and my life". A local newspaper heard the story and distributed the great news article that is available on the internet. Allan had missed parachuting into Normandy three months Commanders had sent him to cadet training in Vermont instead. He felt guilty about missing the invasion of France where his unit, like so many others, took heavy casualties. Allan will be 90 in June and we wish him well.

#### **UPCOMING AIRBORNE EVENTS**

Static Line Airborne Awards Festival Atlanta, Georgia April 6 – 9, 2011 Contact: Annette Purcell (770) 478-5601

C-47 Club, 82nd Airborne Division Reunion Holiday Inn Conference Center, York, PA 7 – 9 April, 2011 Contact Chairman Hamill

All American Week May 16-21, 2011 Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC Telephone: (877) 834-3613 Group Code A82

320th Airborne Field Artillery Assn Reunion August 4–7, 2011 Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN. Dates coincide with Week of the Eagles.

65th Annual 82 Abn Div Assn Convention Reno, Nevada August 3 – 6, 2011 Contact: Fred Egenberger (775) 677-7647

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I spoke to **Albert Busiere** of Taunton, Massachusetts and C Co, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508 ARCT 1955-56, Camp Wood, Japan. Albert sounded very well. He has 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandkids. Albert remembered his Squad Leader SGT Mullis, his Plat Sgt MSG Syx, his Commanding Officer CPT Leaver and a SGT Johnson. He remembers friends Tom Barber, John Gadulski, Jack Jones, Jack Magill and Steve Werne. Airborne!!!

I heard from **Jack E. Gillespie**, **Jr** of St. Clair Shores, MI and How Company, 508th ARCT 1953-55. Jack sent a soft cover book – Those Devils In Baggy Pants by Ross S. Carter. He said he had the book since 1953. The book appears well worn, but complete and readable. Merry Christmas to you too Jack. I will read your gift book and then pass it on.

I spoke to **Joe Dantonio** of St Petersburg, FL and Easy Company 508 ARCT 1951-54. Joe has fond memories of Fort Benning and the 508 except for the snakes. He said if he could do it all over again he would reup for the 508<sup>th</sup> Hooah!

I spoke to **Jerome M. Marchiewicz** of Bay City, Michigan and Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 508 ARCT 1954-55. A retired Fire Chief, Jerry credits his ability to make immediate and automatic decisions to his airborne experiences. He has been married for 40 years and has two daughters and two grandsons. He remembers HQ2 Sergeants Rose & Thomas and Captain Hall.

The family of Bennie Cecil Estes sent a Thank You Card for our Chapter sympathy card, thoughts and prayers. The Card said Bennie's internment took place on 2 February 2011 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX May he Rest In Peace!

#### 82nd Abn Div New Website Address

Cheryl Polk, 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div Assn website administrator sent me the new 82nd Airborne Division Website: <a href="http://www.bragg.army.mil/">http://www.bragg.army.mil/</a> This brings up the Fort Bragg Website. Click on the Organizations Link to bring up the Division or 4<sup>th</sup> BCT websites. Thank you Cheryl !!!



Gary Richter of Sheboygan, WI sent this photo of Wpns Plat, C Co. 3-508 Abn Ft Kobbe, CZ 1966-67.

#### New Book about the 508 PIR

All American member James F. Moore of Ballwin, MO sent the following: if you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides free house-cleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. Cleaning for a Reason can and may have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and Canada. Contact Info: www.cleaningforareason.org

#### Information about 508 PIR New Book

Dear friend, I am pleased to let you know that my book concerning the 508th PIR is now available in pre-order. Please watch the link: <a href="http://www.amazon.com/WOULDNT-WANT-AGAIN-Richardson-">http://www.amazon.com/WOULDNT-WANT-AGAIN-Richardson-</a>

Pathfinder/dp/1907677097/ref=pd\_sxp\_f\_i and pass it along. Kindest regards joël BARET, 3 rue de l'Eglise, 21350 MARCILLY & DRACY, France (33) 03 80 33 91 31



Tony Geremia of North Providence, RI and B Co & HO1-508 Abn sent this photo taken at Hue, VN 1968.

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

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#### 82nd Abn Div Assn Convention

The 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention will take place at Reno, Nevada August 3-6, 2011. The host hotel is the Silver Legacy, 407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501 1-800-687.8733. Group Code: 82nd. The Spring Paraglide should have registration forms for the convention. A 508 Chapter breakfast will be planned. 508 Chapter members and their wives will eat free with our treasury picking up the tab. The Family and Friends of the 508 PIR Association are invited to attend the convention. This was suggested by All American & Chapter Charter Member Aristeo Blanco. I discussed the matter with our Executive Director Santiago Tejerina and he was all for it. The 508 Airborne Chapter and the Family and Friends of the 508 PIR Association have similar goals - support 508 paratroopers past and present regardless of when or where they served. Family and Friends members will attend the convention as our individual guests and pay thru their host.

#### **Veterans Days Volunteers Requested**

You have an opportunity to represent our chapter at the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment's Arlington memorial, National Cemetery, Washington, DC. Bill Adams did a great job in that roll last November. I would like volunteers from our membership to perform this patriotic act every year. Two days before Veterans Day each November, you can witness the presentation of a 82nd Airborne Division Association wreath at the Tomb of Then present a five minute pitch Unknowns. about the 508th Airborne at it's memorial. You can speak generally about our Regiment and it's accomplishments or you can speak specifically about events that happened during your time in the 508th Airborne. The travel and hotel are expensive and you pick up the tab. representing your airborne heritage at Arlington National Cemetery during one, two or three days of ceremonies is an honor and a privilege. It is a lifetime memory. Please call me and volunteer.