

# ALL AMERICAN WEEK AT BRAGG



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By Ken Hamill

On 11 May 2011, CSM Sturdevant invited all of us old 508th veterans to attend their unit Social Picnic so I sent his invitation to our chapter members with email. I arrived at Fury Field on 17 May at midday. The troopers were having a good time - music, beer, chow and good cheer.



**Messcook, Pete Fekete, Ken Janish, Wilbur McAninch, Tino Madrid & Ken Hamill**

I met and spoke to several paratroopers including COL Mennes, CSM Sturdevant, LTC Jones 2-508, and their Medical Platoon Sergeant SSG Ross Geller. Association President Bill Eberle, his wife Barbara and Wounded Warrior Chairman Carl Bludau attended. The Colonel spoke to the troops and introduced us old vets – Pete Fekete, Bob Hayes, Ken Janish, Tino Madrid, Wilbur McAninch and myself. The hit of that session was Bob Hayes displaying his beer belly and the huge circular 508 patch that we called a red devil pocket patch tattooed there. I also spoke with SSG Mike Herrmann who had started our donor effort for the Combs Gold Star Family. Mike would escort the Combs Family to most AAW events. The Army shuttle buses were running, so I caught a ride to the Fayetteville Clubhouse for a free supper. I found the...

...Holiday Inn Bordeau is getting old, but livable. The K&W Cafeteria next door is still a great place to share breakfast with old troopers. I registered thru National on Wednesday and got my meal tickets. I took some photos and spent some time looking around Fayetteville. There was a nice crowd at the McKellar's Lodge picnic and you could not spend a dime. I met 1SG James Brasher at the picnic and spent a couple of hours with him. The wounded warrior that our 508th Chapter sponsored at the Indianapolis Convention has worked his shattered arm back into shape and is now the First Shirt for C Co, 1-508. Congratulations 1SG James Brasher.



**1SG James Brasher & Ken Hamill at the McKellar's Lodge Picnic**

I got my fill at the picnic and caught a bus back to the hotel. Thursday, first thing after breakfast, I caught a shuttle bus to Pike Field. I took some photos and saw our Gold Star Family with their escort, Mike Herrmann. Mrs. Amber Combs, daughter Hallie, age 10; son Trenton, age 6; and Amber's Mom, Cathy, were having a very nice day. The kids were excited and so happy to be at Fort Bragg in their Dad's honor. We old vets were called to the rally point to lead off the parade. Some of us had walkers, crutches or were pushed in wheel chairs, but most of us stood tall and marched. The Division was formed to our left; the reviewing stand was to...

...our front 150 yards away perhaps. A set of bleachers extended several hundred yards from our right to well past the reviewing stand. The band sounded and we were off. People stood and applauded as we passed. When we were past the reviewing officers, we took a right turn and looked for a place to watch those 20,000 paratroopers show us how it should be done.



**Wilbur McAninch, 508 guide-on bearer waits to march with our group of old airborne veterans**

We caught buses to the 82nd Museum for the memorial ceremony. A few officials greeted us and spoke of these brave men who had made the supreme sacrifice. The Global War On Terrorism monument had colorful roped pathways with rugs leading to it and away. The names of our KIA's were announced. Gold Star Families were seated in organized rows and moved as a unit to the pathway when time was right. The Commanding General and his CSM stood a few yards away from the monument and presented a yellow rose to each family member. The Gold Star family members placed the roses at the base of the monument and returned to their seats – the flow was clockwise and brisk. Very well done. When the ceremony was over, some families made etchings of their loved one's names engraved into the stone. The Association Social that evening was highlighted by three things. The CG, MG Huggins gave a brief and interesting talk; The Jumpmaster of the year-SSG Hercik, NCO of the year-SFC Clancy; and Paratrooper of the year, SPC Hendricks...

...received their awards and were recognized. Sue Federinko, with her parents Dave and Jo Foy, presented a whopping \$12,000 plus, check to the Wounded Warrior Program. We took shuttle buses Friday to Sicily DZ. Camouflage netting and pine trees provided shade for the many equipment and weapons displays behind the Sicily Drop Zone main bleachers. Para's familiar with the equipment answered our questions and allowed us to handle some of the gear. Some displays included artillery pieces, automatic weapons, chutes, helicopters and toy size recon aircraft, individual weapons, missiles, mortars, radars, radios, sniper rifles, and vehicles of most types. You could even Harness up in the new T-11 and its reserve chute. Numerous cold drinking water stations were conveniently placed. There were rows of porta potties and soap, water and paper towel stations. The 3 main demonstrations were (1) an airborne infantry squad of 9 men displayed their 2 fire team makeup, jobs and weapons. (2) Plywood mockups of an aircraft fuselage containing jumpers were used to show how paratroopers react to the various jump commands. (3) A parachute assault and attack of an enemy position including friendly air and supporting fires. The heavy drop and mass jump was the hit of the day. By early afternoon most of us caught a bus to the Fayetteville Clubhouse for great food and drink. Saturday morning at 9:00 we gathered for the delegates meeting. I left Fayetteville in late morning and started home. It was truly a wonderful All American Week. Hooah!



**Sue Federinko displays her \$12000 check collected and given to the wounded warrior program**

## Gold Star Family Donor Effort

Congratulations and thank you 508 chapter members for your generosity to our Gold Star Family. My edited email to the membership tells the story so I'll start there: To the members of the 508 Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association and Friends: An Airborne Gold Star Family needs our help. I received a telephone call on Thursday, 5 May from SSG Michael Hermann of A Company, 2-508 PIR. SSG Hermann was recently selected to sponsor the family of one of the 508 PIR paratroopers killed in action that will be memorialized during All American Week, Fort Bragg 2011. SSG Casey Combs of A Company, 2nd Bn, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division was killed in Afghanistan 12 April 2007. A Memorial Ceremony will be conducted during All American Week honoring 82nd Airborne Division KIA's. I emailed Command Sergeant Major Sturdivant of the 4th BCT, 508 PIR last night, requesting verification that the story is correct. CSM Sturdivant verified today that the story is absolutely correct. SSG Casey Combs will be honored as one of our airborne heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. The family of SSG Combs has been invited. I called the Gold Star member and mother of two children, Mrs. Amber Combs. She told me that her Mom plans to attend AAW. Amber Combs wants to attend AAW with her children, daughter Hallie, age 10, and son Trenton, age 6. The flight for three will cost approximately \$1500.00 plus food and lodging and they need help with this amount. The children have attended weekly counseling sessions for the past three years sponsored by a local hospital. The children talk and share stories with others who have lost their loved ones and attend private counseling sessions. The kids are eager to attend their Dad's Memorial Service at Fort Bragg during All American Week. I decided to support this effort and committed our chapter to help the Combs family. We need your help 508 Veterans. Send your personal check to Mrs. Amber Combs or send your check to me and I will carry donations to Fort Bragg and deliver them to Mrs. Combs. The original email included the Combs family...

...addresses and phone number. Mrs. Amber Combs has requested that well-wishers and donors include their return address so that she and the children can personally thank them for their thoughts and prayers. They have received a lot of patriotic support over the past four years and enjoy responding to these kind people with their own thoughts and prayers. Thank you 508th Airborne Veterans. God Bless America !!! With Airborne Best Regards, Ken Hamill, 508th Chapter Chairman. Chapter response was fast and generous. I started receiving checks on 9 May and by 12 May it was obvious that our goal would be reached, so I notified the chapter and friends to stop sending. Thank you 508 Airborne Chapter members and friends everywhere, including the Family and Friends of the 508th PIR Association. Some people sent good wishes and donations directly to Mrs. Combs. Others sent their thoughts, prayers and donations through me. I processed \$3940.00 that you sent to me and I sent to Mrs. Combs.



**Mrs. Amber Combs standing with Trenton, Hallie, her Mom Cathy and baby at Pike Field, Fort Bragg**

I received checks from Louis Avitabile; Joseph & Rebecca Catey; Rich Becker; Helene Christ; Albert & Beverly Cobb; Richard Cody; William & Margaret Coulter; Bill & Barbara Eberle; Robert & Janice Foster; James & Willie Mae Heyward; Ken Hamill; James & Catherine Lammle; Joseph & Melinda Pado; James & Leslie Porcella; Stephen & Katherine Pratt; Peter & Barbara Radasch; D.T. & M.E. Ruddy; Thad Russell; Irving & Florence Shanley; Joe & Marilyn...

...Synakowski; Al Vaitkus; Reuben & Vivian Weiner; Nicholas Wille; Allan & Florence Wood; and William & Deanna Wright. Amber Combs reported receiving direct donations from – Billy & Ruby Bitner; Charles & Tina Cox; Patricia Culbertson; Potier Dominique; Roger Fullington; B.L. Hand; Dylan & Sierra Hauer; SSG Mike Herrmann; Gerald Jones; Leon & Linda Longe; Robert Marsh; Kevin McKinley; James & Sheila Moore; Jean Murray; Pamela Murray; Lara & Brian Pesce; Ellen Peters; Carl Porter; Troy Palmer; Leroy Robinson; Tina Rothenberg; Finley Ryan; John & Susan Valandingham and Charles Wheeler. My personal hero at this time is Al Vaitkus, a member of the Anti Tank Platoon, Support Company, 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team 1955-56. Al heard about a 508th Gold Star Family in need and wanted to help. Al Vaitkus responded with a resounding boom, much like the direct fire 76 MM weapon he used 55 years ago. Al Vaitkus sent \$1500.00 because he was a 508 paratrooper and has great compassion for 508 Gold Star Families. Thank you Al Vaitkus and thank you to everyone who sent well-wishes or a donation. Time was short for this effort and email allowed it to work. If you did not hear about this Gold Star Family effort, please forgive me. Perhaps we should have an annual Gold Star Family donor effort. Amber sent the following message on 26 May. Mr. Hamill, Thank you and the 508th Chapter sooo very much for ALL your help in providing a way for our family to celebrate our hero and Daddy, SSG Casey D. Combs. The kids had an AMAZING time!! They want to come back every year!!! So I promised we would save for it! SSG Mike Herrmann had mentioned starting a fund to help other families! We'd LOVE to help in any way possible! I can promise you this was an event that meant more then we will ever be able to understand and we would LOVE to help other families have that same experience. Thank you sooo very much! God Bless, Amber Combs-Mills. Amber also reported - Our total donations were \$4,210.00 and our total expenses \$4,126.26. We couldn't of been more blessed!! God knew we needed this trip!! Thank you again sooo much!! Amber Combs.



**PP Rich Becker, Amber & Trenton at the tent reserved for Gold Star Families & Escorts**



**MG Huggins & CSM Lambert greet Combs Family and presents a yellow rose to each family member**



**Hallie & Amber place their roses at the base of the Global War On Terrorism Monument**



**Peggy La Pearl, Pat Bartol & Rod La Pearl**



**David & Arlene Schmidt**



**Steven Seaholm & Robert Howe**



**Mike & Jackie Oesch**



**Gary Palmer & Homer Hontz**



**Rod La Pearl Jr.**



**Pete Fekete, Harold & Edna Schroeder**



**Joe Tolley**



**Sandy & Charlie Wagner Sr.**



**Ken Hamill & Frank Morris**



**Louise & Charlie Wagner**



**Jim & Anita Zarycki**



**John & Harry Woolley**



**Santiago Tijerina & Allen Schoppe**



**Jill Scherer & Barbara Eberle**



**Don Collins & Bert Schmitz**



**Joe Morell & Ben Beekman**



**Lester & Cindy Cogollo**



**Pete Fekete, Harold & Edna Schroeder**



**Joe Tolley**



**Sandy & Charlie Wagner Sr.**



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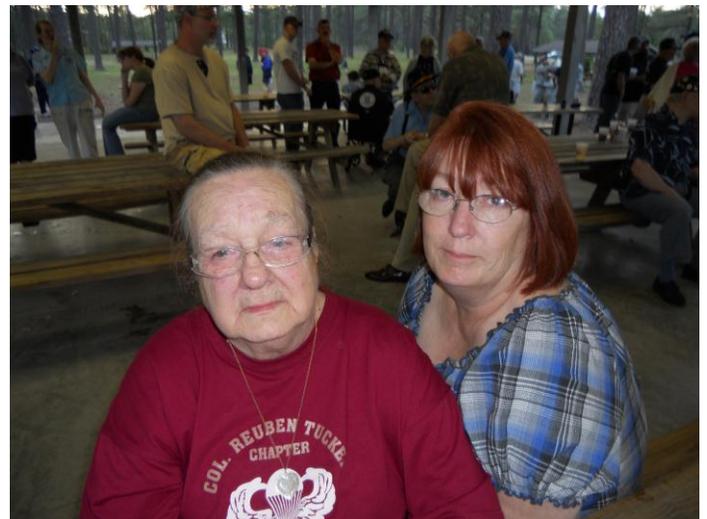
**Louise & Charlie Wagner**



**Jim & Anita Zarycki**



**Sandy & Andy Anderson & Candace Martin**



**Diana Tubbs & Judy Bolton**



**Howard Rennhack & Andy McGowan**



**Keith Householder & Daniel Theile**



**Nero Tucker & David Small**



**SSG David Feliciano & Jersey Joe Scherer**



**Tom Graham**



**Kevin & Ray Wallace – Ray jumped Normandy**



**SPC Bradford Kuzniczci – our driver**



**George & Ume Leese**



**Joe & Evelyn Cox**



**Donny Rogers & Denise Paye**



**Pike Field the Fort Bragg Parade Ground**



**Jim Andrews & Ken Hamill**



**The Wagner's—Louise, Charlie Sr, Sandy & Charlie**



**Trenton Combs in displayed fighting vehicle**



**Many 325 Vets wore blue**



**Blazer uniformed people led our veteran group**



**Ken Janish nearest camera**



**Don Shoaf nearest camera**



**Dick Young, Bill Guthridge & Mike Bresnahan**



**A Brown Boot Veteran**



**A lovely Lady Vet behind the Jersey Gent**



**Tino Madrid, Pete Long & Pete Fekete**



**Cathy, Trenton, Hallie, Baby & SSG Herrmann**



**Denise Paye, Marge & Frank Morris**



**Global War On Terrorism Monument & yellow roses**



**Barry & Phyllis Clark**



**Refreshment Line at Memorial Ceremony**



**GWOT Monument – Tracing Engraved Names**



**Ed Herlihy & Sue Federinko**



**Pat Barry & Dick Yates**



**SFC & Mrs Perry Clancy, NCO of the Year**



**George, Steve & Frank Fisanich**



**SSG Jonathan Hercik, Jumpmaster of the Year**



**SPC Chad Hendricks, Trooper of the Year**



**Santiago Tijerina introduces Banquet Program**



**MG Hugginis, 82nd CG Speaks**



**The 82nd Airborne Division Chorus**



**Sue Federinko speaks for Wounded Warriors Effort**



**President Bill Eberle makes presentations to NCO, Paratrooper and Jumpmaster of the Year**



**508 Veteran Dan Thiele nearest camera**



**Sicily DZ Equipment & Weapons Display**



**Aerial Recon Tool**



**Movement and Storage Vehicle?**



**Radar Equipment**



**TOW Antitank Weapon**



**40 Mike Mike Rapid Fire Gun**



**Sicily DZ Sniper Equipment**



**Trying On the new T11 and it's Reserve**



**Sicily DZ was laid out like a Fair – Very Well Done**



**These Mockups were used to Demonstrate Jumping**



**Joanne Nelan, Foy, Yates and La Pearl Jr.**



**SGT & Mrs. Nelan a great American Couple**

## NATIONAL CONVENTION RENO

August 3-6 2011. A meeting and free meal will be scheduled during our convention in Reno. All members - Life, Annual and Affiliate members and their ladies will get the free meal. It will probably take place Saturday morning in a nearby restaurant or in the Legacy Buffet area. Please notify the chairman if you intend to go to the convention in Reno. If you want to bring guests at your cost, let us know that too so it can be arranged. Silver Legacy Convention Hotel Tel #: 1-800.687.8733. Find a registration form on page 49 of the Spring Paraglide.

## SUPPORT CO. ASSN. REUNION

The Support Company 508 ARCT Assn Reunion will take place at Pointe Orlando, FL. October 12 – 15, 2011. Bill Fernandez has nearly 40 people with reservations at this point in time and plenty of room for additional people to attend. The Support Company 508 ARCT Assn has invited all 508 Chapter Members to attend their Orlando gathering. I attended their Reunion Committee meeting last April 14 – 16 with the Fernandez's, Gonzales's, Lute's, and Haverkost's. The hotel is newly renovated and beautiful. The rate of \$49.00 per night at the hotel is a military special rate for us and can be extended to include days before and after the reunion. This 1000 room hotel is set in the heart of the tourist / convention center of Orlando. A full breakfast buffet goes for \$7.00 a person. The hotel has 24 hour security and free parking. Leave your car parked and catch a trolley. A trolley costs twenty five cents for those of us over 65, otherwise it's \$1.00. A Friday Riverboat Lunch Cruise is scheduled at a cost of \$43.34 per adult. The three hour lunch and five hour trip is \$10 less for children 5 – 12 and free to tykes under 5. Support Co Assn members have received registration forms and should coordinate with Bill Fernandez. 508 Chapter Members who have never been assigned to Support Co. should coordinate with Ken Hamill to attend the Orlando Reunion. Host hotel info – Rosen Inn - Pointe Orlando; 9000 International... Drive; Orlando, Florida 32819; # (407).996.8585 or 800.999.8585 – Booking ID #24692

## CLARKSVILLE REUNION

Rodger Jacobson sent this information pertaining to the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Association Reunion. The 320th AFA Assn decided to change the traditional date from September to August. Their Reunion will be held Thursday thru Sunday, August 4 – 7, 2011 at the Riverview Inn downtown Clarksville, TN. The dates coincide with the Week of the Eagles, Fort Campbell, KY. The Riverview Inn phone number is 931-552-3331. Due to the Week of the Eagles celebration, all hotel rooms will be taken so please register early. 508th members are invited to attend. The Registration information is on the 320th Field Artillery Association Website: [www.320thfieldartilleryassociation.org](http://www.320thfieldartilleryassociation.org)

This address takes you to the Registration Form: <http://www.320thfieldartilleryassociation.org/Reunion%202011/Reunion%202011%20Registration.html> Any Questions call 608-854-2317 or Email [rodgerjacobson@320thfieldartilleryassociation.org](mailto:rodgerjacobson@320thfieldartilleryassociation.org)

Rodger G. Jacobson, PO Box 14, Hazel Green, WI 53811-0014 Telephone: 608-854-2317

## WRAMC WOUNDED WARRIOR PICNIC

The annual Walter Reed Army Medical Center picnic for the recuperating Wounded Warriors and their families and friends from any branch of the military will be held on Saturday, 23 July 2011 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 PM. Members of all Airborne Chapters are invited to attend as guests. The Reuben H. Tucker Chapter and the 555 PIB Association will host the event. WRAMC is located at 6900 Georgia Avenue in D.C. Tell the guards you are going to the Mologne House for a picnic and they will give you directions. Coordinate attending ahead of time with Chairman Doug Dillard [1-301.262.2439 ddillard@aol.com](mailto:ddillard@aol.com) or Secretary Bob Farver [1-410.795.3724 rafarversf@yahoo.com](mailto:rafarversf@yahoo.com)

**I heard from Roy H. Clarke** of Victoria, TX and B Co 508 ARCT 1951-53. Roy got some very good news on 16 June. He had bladder & prostate cancer. Then had surgery followed by 8 months of aggressive Chemo Therapy. After 5 years he has been declared cancer free. Congratulations Roy Clarke. Hooaaah !!!

## MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER #2

By Bill Chance HQ3, 508 ARCT 1953-55

*[Editor's Note: An obit notice led to an exchange of letters between Bill Chance and the daughter of HQ3, 508 ARCT 53-55 friend Jack Davidson]*

I think none of us were particularly avid veterans in the Rah! Rah! I'm A Vet! sense, but some things sort of follow one around. Looking back on it I think we had a lot in common. We were from working class families, as soldiers tended to be at the time (those from wealthier families tended to bypass the service in favor of college.) Our paths converged after jump school, in 1953. Jack and Murph were assigned to Headquarters Company, Third Battalion of the 508 as radio operators (I seem to recall that both also had attended radio school after basic, but I am not sure about Jack in that respect). I was assigned to I ("Item") Company, which was the next set of barracks over. Later that year the CO wanted to strengthen Headquarters Company, and for some reason I was transferred into it, although I never knew why. This is where and when I met Jack and Murph. Your Dad had a cast on his right arm at the time. I seem to recall he had broken it on a jump. This was a peculiar fracture, a small bone down by his thumb that did not seem to want to heal correctly. I remember he had the cast on for about six months and came close to being taken off of jump status because of it (I think the CO shuffled some papers to keep that from happening; it was important, not only as a matter of pride, but the jump pay also was a factor). Because of his broken arm, Jack was assigned to light duty for what seemed to those of us who were not so lucky to be an exceptional length of time. In those days the 508th was something of a show outfit. We pulled a lot of honor guard duty, and when we were not doing that, we were assigned guard duty on the main post or in the regimental area, parade duty at a city celebrating something somewhere, prison guard (e.g., at the post stockade or a prison riot at Ft. McPherson in Atlanta), and doing a lot of parachute jumping, as we were under-strength and the Air Force needed training opportunities for their pilots, Hollywood needed parachute drops for their movies, and whenever someone...

...important was passing by Ft. Benning, a parachute display was a popular vista. While we were doing these things, at least for a while, your Dad was picking up and sorting the mail and making sure the Day Room was in good order, enforcing his standards in the evenings when we were off duty and finally allowing us to visit the place (this is where the pool table, ping-pong table, and Coke and candy machines were located). Jack was in charge of all that. I think he took a lot of flak for it, but I also knew he was chafing a bit and eager to get the cast off his arm. Later that same year, 1953, I managed to break my left leg jumping off the balcony of the barracks in a round of horseplay involving your Dad, who was chasing me with an entrenching tool at the time (I cannot remember what I might have done to encourage this but evidently it was significant). I remember trying to stand up after I hit the pavement as Jack was standing over me. I was trying to explain that I had broken my leg, but he was dubious. Finally, I remember him saying something like, "Okay Chance, but if you're kidding (he used another word) me . . . " This was a Saturday, and most people were in town somewhere, but he and Webb and I think Murph, got me into the back seat of Webb's old Chrysler four-door and drove me to the dispensary, where we learned that the medics had taken the ambulance on a coffee run and were not expected back for an hour or so. They drove me to the main hospital, which was on the main post about fifteen miles away. There I was placed in a Cadillac ambulance and driven across the street for X-rays, while the Caddie waited outside to drive me back across the street to the hospital. I would become familiar with the back seat of the Chrysler, as it was the only thing large enough to get me around.

**TO BE CONTINUED**



## VETERANS DAYS AT ARLINGTON

Veterans Days, November 2011 is fast approaching. I would like a chapter member to volunteer for the duty of presenting a wreath and a short description of our regiment at Arlington National Cemetery.



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**TREASURER**

### TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED

Leland D. Cox, MAC Chapter  
D Co 508 PIR 44-46, 3 May 2010

Dillon B. Foxx, KIA Afghanistan  
HHC 1-508 PIR, 5 Feb 2010

Brian F. Piercy, KIA Afghanistan  
A Co 2-508 PIR, 19 Jul 2010

James W. Smith Jr., Fayetteville, NC  
B Co, 508 PIR WWII, 5 March 2011

Arthur S. Stuckey, Covington, GA  
K Co 508 ARCT 1954-56, 9 May 2011

Dan C. Turner, Gavin Chapter  
E Co 508 PIR WWII, 28 Mar 2009

Daniel P. Whitten, KIA Afghanistan  
C Co 1-508 PIR, 2 Feb 2010

Damon G. Winkleman, KIA Afghanistan  
HHC 2-508 PIR, 20 Sep 2009

### NEW ALL AMERICAN LIFE MEMBERS

Robert L. Hagans of Kahlotus, Washington &  
HHC & A Co 3-508 Abn Ft Kobbe, CZ 1965-66

### 508TH PIR RE-TRAINS

Our 508th PIR is filling up with new troops. We all remember how that went – basic training, advanced individual training, jump school and finally assignment to a company, platoon and squad. Then comes squad, platoon, company...

...& larger unit training and Army Training Tests. We can be assured that our 508 units will be honed to near perfection. The 508 commander has 7 deployments into harm's way. All of the senior officers and NCO's have extensive combat experience. Our 508 will be sharp and ready when next deployed. Probably in 2012.



Annual Members ...35  
Affiliate Members...15  
All Americans.....304  
Total Members.. ....354

### June 2011 Treasurers Report

Opening Balance Checking.....	\$2221.29
Opening Balance Money Market....	\$6096.31
Opening Balance .....	\$8317.60
Receipts .....	\$2309.50
Expenses.....	\$1306.19
Ending Balance Checking.....	\$3224.60
Ending Balance CD.....	\$6096.31
Ending Balance .....	\$9320.91

### Expired Memberships

You 44 Annual Members with expired memberships are asked to send your dues to our Treasurer, PO Box 1462, Sun City, AZ 5372-1462. Why stay an annual member at \$20.00 per year? 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.

I Spoke to Richard E. Grasso of Daleville, AL & E Co, 508 ARCT 1955-56. Got out of the Army in 1957. Reenlisted a month or so later and became an aviation maintenance supervisor. He served at Ft Eustis, VA; KMAG, K46 Korea; Fort Rucker several times; Ft Sill; An Khe, VN in 1966 with 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div; Germany in 1973; Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah in 1975. Retired from Army in 1977 & went into the scrap metal business. Retired from full work schedule in 2008 but still dabbles in scrap work. He remembers Easy Co. 508 ARCT and Doug Burris catching hold of the streamered chute worn by Arlene Cheatum at Bangkok, Thailand in Feb 1956 and Pridgeon catching a streamer at Mori DZ. Married in 1960, they have two daughters and one grandchild.

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

FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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 2011 \$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: FRANK SEIF, PO BOX 1462, SUN CITY, AZ 85372-1462

QUARTERMASTER UPDATE

Ken Glynn delivered remaining QM items to me in Orlando last April. I bought a maroon polo shirt and gave a T shirt and polo shirt to the Gold Star Family. What remains is shown in the photo below – 3 sweatshirts-grey size XL; 1 sweatshirt-white size XL; 2 T-shirts size XL & 3X ; and 2 maroon polo shirts size XL. Price is \$12.00 for T-shirts, \$22.00 for sweat & polo shirts plus S/H. Call chairman at 706.327.3207 to reserve shirt purchase and coordinate our exchange. It Looks like our next QM will be a commercial store.



C-47 CLUB REUNION, YORK, PA

The C-47 Club was formed approximately 50 years ago. The club's purpose is to collect and preserve historical information pertaining to the 82nd Airborne Division. The club is not a chapter of the 82nd Abn Div Assn, but many of the C-47 club's members are members of several different chapters of the 82nd Association. The current club president is Ed Lapotsky, an Army Officer currently serving in Europe. The club secretary is Bob Wingate. The club treasurer is Dr. Gordon Sumner. The reunion in York was great. About 35 people attended. Francine Noyon of St. Mere Eglise was there and told good stories of the German occupation in WWII. Sisters Ellan Orkin and Dorothy Sinner, WWII nurses entertained us. The club's website is currently under construction and I was told the website administrator is a NATO soldier currently serving abroad. You can learn quite a bit about the C-47 Club by typing "C-47 Club" into Google.



**Dave, Sue and Jo Foy**



**Francine Noyon of St. Mere Eglise & Ellan Orkin**



**Rita and Emil Schultz**



**Ellan Orkin & Dorothy Sinner WWII Nurses**



**Rod Jr, Peggy & Rod LaPearl**



**Dorothy Sinner & Dick Yates**



**Ray & Irene Fary**



**Isabel Rubio & Gordon Sumner**



**Kevin Wallace, Ron Allen & Ray Wallace. Ray jumped Normandy with the 507 and became a POW**



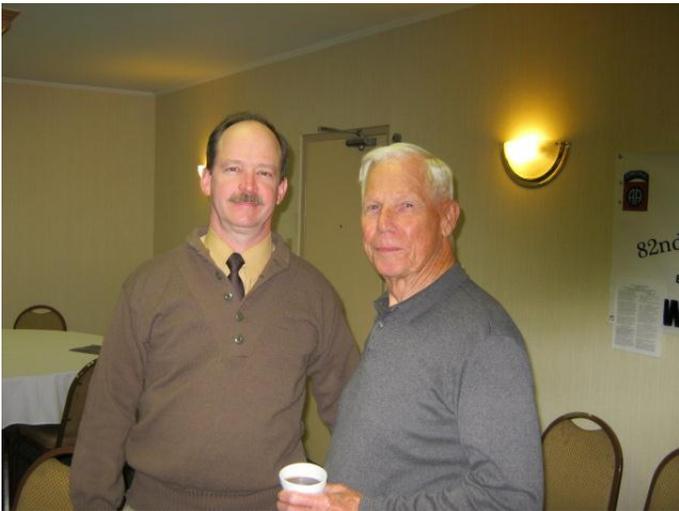
**Don Martin & Henrik Moe**



**Kevin Gilday & Gordon Sumner**



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