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COST OF 82ND ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS RAISED

The 82nd Airborne Division Association has raised the cost of its memberships as of the first of January 2013. All American (life) applicants over age 50 will pay \$175; Chapters keep \$25 and send \$150 to National. All American (life) Veteran dues under age fifty will pay \$250; Chapters keep \$50 and send \$200 to National. Annual Veteran dues will cost \$35 per year; Chapters keep \$8 and send \$27 to National. The complete Bylaws Ratification can be read on the Association Website www.82ndairborneassociation.org by clicking on the hyperlink "Bulletins"

The membership application found on the top portion of page 8 of our December newsletter advertised the old 2012 annual and life rates on purpose. You would have received the December Digest a few days prior to the new year when the rates went up. This gave those of you who noticed an opportunity to renew at the old rate. A couple of members did renew their annual membership the final week of 2012 for \$20.00 and one observant and quick member upgraded to life membership for \$100.00 that final week of 2012.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS IN OUR ASSOCIATION NOW COST \$35.00

HILTON HEAD WEEKEND REUNION By Ken Hamill

We departed on Thursday, 21 February. It was a 6 hour trip. We had a very nice lunch enroute at a Cracker Barrel restaurant. We ordered from the kids of any age menu. I had pinto beans, a salad of tomatoes, onions and cucumbers, corn bread and coffee for slightly over \$4.00. We arrived at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort about 3:00 PM. We gave our luggage to red-caps and parked in the free indoor garage, then checked into our \$90 plus tax, very nice room. We visited the reunion hospitality room and said hello to a few friends there. We had paid for hospitality room privileges with our registration fees. We had a drink and could have stayed for free sandwiches at 6:00 PM. But, we were a bit tired and decided to have the early bird meal at the hotel eatery. She had a very nice salad with bread. I had a salad, baked chicken with mushrooms & gravy, mashed potatoes and asparagus for \$28.

Lou Anderson owns a 25 seat bus that is decorated with military symbols. Lou drives his bus and acts as a tour guide. He takes 2 days off from his Savannah law practice to drive us to the planned events. Lou is currently the Vandervoort Chapter vice chairman.

The Friday tour started early. We went to the hospitality room at 6:10 AM for coffee and pastry. The bus departed our hotel at 7:00 AM and arrived at Parris Island at 8:00 AM. Our guide, a woman marine PFC jumped on the bus and gave directions to our driver Lou. She also steered us to reserved seats in the upper deck. Parris Island has graduations most weeks and 400 marines were graduating this day. Most of you might recognize the parade sequence of events: Invocation; Sound Attention; Adjutants Call: March on of Troops: National Anthem: Sound Off; Report-Publish the Order; Officers Center: Commanding Officers Remarks: Pass in Review; Retirement of Guidons; Introduction of Award Recipients; Marines Hymn. I was not familiar with the guidons being assembled and passed over to NCO's who marched off retiring those pennants. It had rained some, so the graduation was conducted in a huge building where all the commands were easy to hear and understand. Movements and drill were...

...performed with pop and precision. The Regimental Commander addressed the audience and then his marines. When he spoke, 400 new marines responded as one with "Aye Sir". The officers, NCO's & men took 30 inch steps in exactly the same brisk cadence and with the same degree of arm swing. A lot of rehearsal time went into this effort by the boots and their drill instructors. Semper Fidelis.

Lou Anderson then drove us to the Beaufort National Cemetery where а service remembrance and a wreath laying ceremony were conducted. The two most notable paratroopers buried there are Ben Vandervoort who the Army War College called the greatest battle commander of WWII and Reuben Tucker who was described by General Gavin as probably the best regimental commander of the The cemetery is beautiful and the ceremonies were very well done. We had a pay your own way, very nice lunch at a downtown Beaufort restaurant. Then Lou Anderson took us back to the hotel.

Several individuals and couples arrived at Hilton Head on Friday. The hospitality room was very crowded at 6:00 PM as we all enjoyed pizza and our favorite beverages. Lou Anderson picked us up at 9:30 on Saturday and took us to the 8th Air Force Museum. Our museum escort had been an Army Air Corps pilot and had flown several bombing missions over Germany for the mighty 8th. It has to be one of the finest military museums in the USA.

The Saturday night banquet was preceded by happy hour in the hospitality room. The men wore suit and tie while the ladies wore cocktail dresses for the most part. It was a good meal and a fun night. There was a swearing in ceremony of Vandervoort officers; a silent and live auction with prizes awarded. Our guest speaker was COL Xavier Brunson, commander of the 525 Battlefield Surveillance Bde. COL Brunson sat with his Dad Al Brunson, a retired NCO and a repeat attendee at Hilton Head. SGT Nicholas Lyle, his wife Faith and son Landon (age 2) plus PFC Alex Manceaux and daughter Zoey (age 8 mo.) were guests of the Vandervoort Chapter. Both of the 2-505 and recently returned from Afghanistan had a good time at Hilton Head with us. Hoooaaaah !!!

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Woman Marinie DI, Usher Duty at Graduation



Our Woman Marine PFC Guide at Graduation



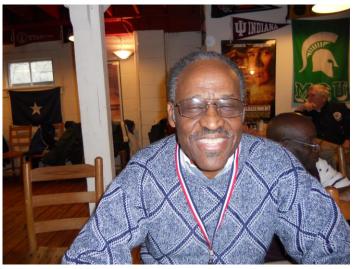
The interior of Doug Andrews Bus



Rich Becker & Martin Bier at Beaufort Cemetery



Floral Memorial at Beaufort National Cemetery



Thomas Smith at Beaufort Restaurant

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Norma & Gardner Miller at Beaufort Restaurant



PFC Alex Manceaux and daughter Zoey



Ed Lacey at Beaufort Restaurant



Glenn & Susan Blackurn



Maurine & Brian Collins

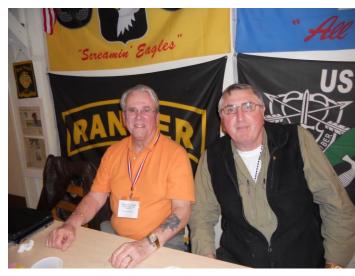


Al Brunson Retired Airborne NCO

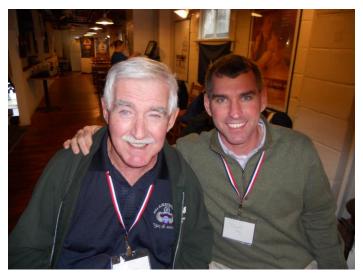
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Gary Rezabek of Ohio



President Harold Schroeder of NJ & PP Ron Rath



Dan and son Daniel Guy of South Carolina



Mel & Judy Greene of Florida



Paul Grassey 8th Air Force Museum Guide



Jim Andrews & Doug Andrews Vice Chair

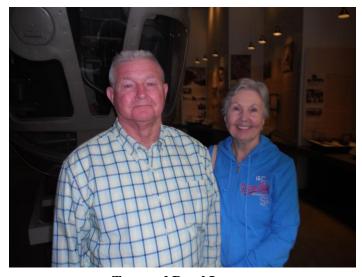
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B-17 Bomber at 8th Air Force Museum



Hilton Head Island Group at 8th AF Museum



Tom and Pearl Ingram



Tail Section of B-17 Bomber



Gardner Miller



Ron Thompson



Thomas & Mamie Smith at Banquet



Albert & Delphine Brunson Parents of COL Brunson



Vta & Ed Lacey



COL Brunson & Jim Sapp



Norma & Gardner Miller



Edna & Harold Schroeder President of 82nd Assn

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Judy & Mel Greene



Ursula & Ron Mitrook



Brian & Maurine Collins



Carol & Nero Tucker



Barbara & Bill Eberle



Carol Weber, Carol Ann Johnson, Ted Johnson &Tom Weber

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Brian & Maurine Collins



Sherry & Ron Thompson



PFC Alex Manceaux 2-505 & PP Steve Frazer



Vandervoort Vice Chair Doug Andrews



Sam Campbell & Phillip Robinson



Gary Rezabek, Rich Becker & Martin Bier



Bill Eberle & Doug Andrews at Banquet



Rusty Coleman offers a blessing



WWII Jim Sapp & Doug Anrews



Doug Andrews Vandervoort Vice Chair



The Brunson's, Smith's & Williams Table



Left front Faith Lyle wife of SGT Lyle C Co. 2-505

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Past President Bill Eberle at Podium



82nd Association President Harold Schroeder



Installation of Vandervoort Chapter Officers



Tom Weber, Harold Schroeder & Doug Andrews



Sam Campbell, Harold Schroeder & Doug Andrews



Gardner Miller, Harold Schroeder & Doug Andrews

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Jim Sapp, Harold Schroeder & Doug Andrews



COL Xavier T. Brunson, CDR 525 BSB, 82 Abn Div



COL Brunson sat with his parents Albert & Delphine Brunson



Bill Eberle presents Association Plaque to COL Brunson



The Schroeder's bid and won T shirts



Looks like COL Brunson Won Too

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Tom and Pearl Ingram Win Again



Doug Andrews Delivers a Prize



Doug Andrews displays or delivers a Prize



Dan & Daniel Guy wait for their Winning Ticket



The Lady had the High Bid and Won a Nice Prize



Randy Glancy waits for his Winning Ticket



Gardner Miller receives the Grand Prize from Doug Andrews and Bill Eberle



 ${\bf Joe} \ \& \ {\bf Jill} \ {\bf Scherer} \ {\bf receive} \ {\bf the} \ {\bf Second} \ {\bf Place} \ {\bf Prize} \ {\bf from} \ {\bf Doug} \ {\bf Andrews} \ {\bf and} \ {\bf Bill} \ {\bf Eberle}$

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L-R Front: Jim Andrews, Harold Schroeder, PFC Alex Manceaux, Gardner Miller, Jim Sapp, SGT Nicholas Lyle, Marine Gunny, Al Brunson, COL Xavier Brunson and Doug Andrews.



L-R: Mel Greene, Rich Becker, Steve Frazer, Bill Eberle, Randy Glancy, Harold Schroeder, Unknown, Doug Andrews, Nero Tucker, Gary Rezabek, Mike Williams and Jim Andrews.

MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER By John Cassiliano, of Support Co. 508 ARCT 1951-52 and Jamesburg, NJ.

In 1951 the 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment was standing down at Fort Benning, GA as we waiting for orders from were Eisenhower, Commanding General of NATO for when to move out. French Indo China would be our objective. There wasn't much to do on the weekends, but the Quarter-master found some 16 ounce boxing gloves and said "lets fight". The outfit at the time was about 50% Yanks and 50% Johnny Rebs. The New York guys who knew me from New York gave out the word that I would fight anybody in Support Company and "I was it". Six guys from my company volunteered to box against me, all of them were Rebs. The rules were - three minute rounds, no biting, no kicking and no head butts.

The six rebs were not normal human beings. They were not bred by women, but hatched by the sun from turtle eggs and as mean as could be. The ring was drawn in the sand and about 80 guys made a circle and that was the ring, no referee. None of the Rebs had any real experience in the ring and were easy pickings. The whole company enjoyed the bouts and the company commander said it was ok to do it again the following Saturday.

The following Saturday, several other units got the word and every company from "Able" to "Fox" sent one or two challengers (18 in all) plus 300 or more troopers came down to Support Company to watch. All of the 18 challengers were born of forms of an unknown species.

I asked them to pick out eight to box with me for two, two minute rounds each. The yelling and screaming was beyond anything in any sporting event I ever attended. I enjoyed myself and my two buddies, George Camares and Marty Davis, cleaned up on the betting. It was a great day for all. We started to take off the gloves at the end of the last fight, and a voice roared out like a mountain lion, "Cassiliano I want you". It was SGT John "Dog" Hill from San Antonio, TX whose brother, O.B. Hill was a highly decorated sergeant in the 508th that landed in Normandy two hours before midnight...

... on June 5, 1944 at St. Mere Eglise, France. The airborne troops were the spearhead for the invasion on June 6th.

I tried to beg off as John Dog Hill was over six feet tall and over 200 lbs. I was 5' 9" and 160 in the best shape of my life (Rosie really liked me then). I said to Sgt Hill that it would be disrespectful to fight a non commissioned officer wearing stripes.

Sqt Hill took off his jacket and said, "I'm not wearing my stripes now". I was trapped, 300 troops were yelling "fight, fight, fight". So I put my gloves back on and said lets go Reb. Sgt Hill took a deep breath, gave a rebel yell not heard since Gettysburg and charged at me. He was wearing combat boots and I had my sneakers on and was able to move out of death's way and jab at him at will. By the second round I heard the Rebs were betting 8 - 5 that Hill would kill me before the third round and it was only a matter of time. I had my own way with Sergeant Hill and his lips were bleeding and his nose was very red. At the start of the third round John Dog Hill grabbed me with his two tree trunk arms and bit me on the head. I broke away from him, threw my gloves off and said "now I know why they call you Dog". There were 300 guys laughing and crying at the same time. Sgt Hill put his arm around me with a big smile and said "you're OK Yank".

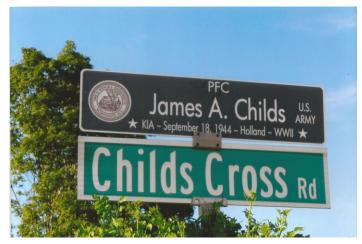
The commanding officer of Support Company called me into his office the following Monday and said, "Cassiliano there will be no more boxing on Saturday. The sick call list has tripled since you started giving boxing lessons. I need these men for action, not your playmates. Sgt Hill, with a swollen lip was standing next to the CO with a big smile on his face.

John Dog Hill was in Texas in 1998 and his brother O.B. Hill died in 2004. O.B.'s last wish was that he be buried with his buddies. His wish was granted and his ashes are in a cemetery with 20,000 other American Soldiers whose graves are marked with white crosses and stars of David. The graves were tended to by the Mayor of St. Mere Eglise and his wife. There are 50,000 other graves in Normandy, 20,000 French & allied, and 30,000 German. The German graves are marked with grey stone.

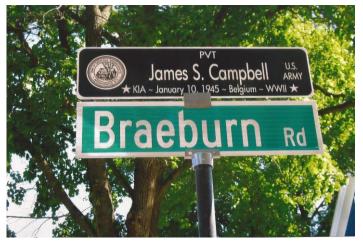
John Cassiliano, Support Company 1951-52

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The Town of Deerfield, Mass has honored two members of C Company, 508th P.I.R who were KIA in WWII by placing a sign with their names above the existing street sign on the streets where they formally lived. Thank you Don and Alice Harris for sending this patriotic story and very nice photos.



PVT James A. Childs, C Co 508 PIR, WWII KIA once lived on Childs Cross Road.



PVT James S. Campbell, C Co 508 PIR, WWII KIA once lived on Braeburn Road.

I spoke to **Wayne P. Snyder** of C Battery, 320th Airborne Field Artillery, 508th ARCT 1951-54 and Westminster, California. Wayne joined the Army in February 1951 and attended basic training at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He then volunteered for Jump School and went to Fort Benning, GA. He remembers the heat of July and August and he took his daily salt tablets. He does not remember the jump school cold water showers taken with your clothes on, so that must have started later on. He was transferred to the 508 at Sand Hill and the 508 sent him to...

...Artillery School at Fort Sill. His memory of OP Longhorn is clear - very windy and a lot of air sickness; many jumpers dragged; one to his death; the heavy drop on the second pass damaged vehicles and howitzers. The explosive bolt releases on the G11A chute normally released the load from the chute when the load landed and the chute fluttered. The stiff wind at Longhorn caused several chutes to malfunction and that heavy equipment got dragged and damaged. He competed for the position of Fire Direction Center Chief and won the job. As a civilian Wayne worked in the aircraft industry, starting out as a shipping clerk while he attended college at night. He became manager of Douglas Aircraft parts sales. He sold F18 parts to our Air Force and other friendly nations.

Paul A. Mendelsohn II of Love Company, 508th ARCT 1954-56 and Mecosta, Michigan sent me a photo of the members of Love Company that he copied from the 1954 yearbook. There were a total of 55 people pictured; 4 officers, 4 Sergeants First Class, 5 Sergeants, 10 Corporals, 20 Privates First Class and 12 Privates. There were 9 straight legs waiting for jump school. In the words of Paul Mendelsohn, they were waiting to see if they had the stuff to be a trooper. A few names follow: CO was LT Wilson, XO LT Jeffers, 2LT Henry, 2LT Hiu, SFC's Bowen, Kauneckis & Means. The First Sergeant was SFC Flueckiger.

Editors Note: I recognized one person; SFC Means was assistant manager of the Enlisted Club at Camp Chick. I was one of three part time master at arms in the EM club on Camp Chickamauga when not in the field. That part time job lasted until I made Sergeant in early 1956. We worked for MSG Grysho the full time manager who was assigned to 3rd Battalion.

The 2013 Airborne Awards Festival will be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 3 - 6. Marriott Hotel reservation request and Airborne Festival registration forms printed on the following two pages. Call the hotel first to insure that you can reserve a The Airborne Festival has the best room. hospitality room of anv reunion convention that I have attended. A trip to Jump School at Fort Benning is planned.



2013 AIRBORNE AWARDS FESTIVAL / ATLANTA, GA

Wednesday, April 3 - Saturday, April 6, 2013

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Airborne Awards Registration April 3, 4, 5, 6, 2013 Atlanta, GA

The early bird party begins at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 3. If you arrive early, our Hospitality Room will provide you a place to wait until your room is available. Eats and drinks are provided there, free for all paid attendees.

Fill out the form below and return it, along with your check to Festival HQ at address listed at bottom of form.

Register early to ensure you get the accommodations you request. Remember, full refund in case of withdrawal, up to March 16th.

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| \$40 per person | | | |
| Saturday, April 6 | | | |
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| \$40 per person | | | |
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TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED

Lynwood L. Johnson Blackshear, GA
How Co. 508 ARCT 1955-56, 13 Feb 2013
David M. Knipe Central New York Chapter
2-508 82 Airborne Division, 16 June 2007
Raymond F. Malley Whitinsville, MA
Baker Co. 508 ARCT 1951-53, 12 Dec 2012
Angel Romero Benavidez-Patterson Chap
Baker Co. 508 ARCT 1951-53, 12 Dec 2012





Annual Members ...19 Affiliate Members....12 All Americans......305 Total Members.....336

Over 40 of you annual members forgot to renew your membership for the year 2013. You should have bought a life membership last year for \$100. Please renew – it will cost \$35 for the current year or \$175 for a life membership.

Annual members please note: You should submit a membership application when you renew. National needs to verify your address and contact information; plus your date of birth; Army serial number and combat tours served. The membership application located on the top portion of page 8 of our newsletters has been modified. The 7th line from the top reads Annual Membership for Year 2013 \$35.00; followed by a plus sign; then 2 spaces to indicate how much you would like to donate to the wounded warrior and/or the education fund; followed by a Total Sent space. If you send \$35.00, I'll keep \$8 in the 508 kitty and send National \$27. If you send \$37.00 and annotate...

...the wounded warrior and education fund with \$1 each, I will keep \$8 in the 508 kitty and forward National \$29. If you send more than the required amount for annual membership and do not indicate how that donation should be allocated, I will assume that you want the extra to go into the 508 treasury. Just a thought – our basic income this year so far is \$133.00 (19 annual members X \$7 = \$133). Rebates for life members will not be paid this year. We can hope that rebates for past All American life members will be reinstated next year.

John and Joan Brown want to buy some 508 Airborne Regimental Combat Team Shoulder Sleeve patches. We no longer have a quartermaster so historical items like the old patches are not readily available. Can anyone out there in our membership advise John and Joan on how to get a 508 patch? It would be even better if a member would volunteer to become our Quartermaster. I can visualize a person arranging all sorts of 508 historical items, clothing etc. through a single dealer. It would not cost the Chapter or the new Quartermaster any money. Perhaps a Pay Pal account could be arranged.











March 2013 Treasurers Report

Printing expense December 2012: \$141.69
No mailing expenses Jan & Feb 0
March Newsletter Envelopes: \$31.16
Forever Stamps 500 ea. 28 Feb 2013: \$230.00
Chapter Account as of 26 Feb 2013 \$3321.44
Our Chapter Bank Account includes the \$1565.40 targeted for our troops in the future.











All American Week 20 – 25 May 2013 Registration Form and information on page 46, Winter 2012 / 2013 Paraglide

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I spoke to Ward G. Rhoades of C Co, 2-508 1981-85 and Chesapeake, Virginia. Ward is a sergeant with the Chesapeake Police, in-charge of the Warrant and K-9 Units. I could hear his police radio as we spoke. Ward remembers attending Jungle Warfare School in the Panama CZ with his platoon or company. He was also in the Sinai as part of the NATO multinational joint peace keeping force. The Egyptians earned American airborne wings and Ward and his friends earned Egyptian wings. A large part of Charlie Co. 2-508 was deployed to Granada for that conflict, but Ward did not deploy with them. Ward and a number of others stayed behind to keep the Unit functioning at Fort Bragg. Ward remembers his unit when designated as first ready alert Company, when their equipment and vehicles were packed and loaded onto pallets and stored at the Green Ramp on Pope Air Force Base. He also remembers being part of the Immediate Reaction Force when knee pads were issued for the first time in case they had to jump in. The 1st Brigade, Devils Brigade, of the 82nd, during the 1983-84 time frame, was commanded by Colonel Hugh Shelton, the future Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff...

...Ward was airborne infantry all the way. He was a rifleman, then a Fire Team Leader as a SP4 and finally a Squad Leader and SGT E-5. The heart and soul of a rifle company is displayed by its rifle squads. Hoooaaah!!!

SUPPORT COMPANY ASSOCIATION PLANS REUNION IN SEPTEMBER By Ken Hamill

planning committee for the Support Company 508 ARCT Association will meet near Nashville in Dickson, TN 17-20 April, 2013. I was invited to join them in making arrangements for the upcoming reunion to be held in Nashville TN in September 2013. This will be the 11th Annual Reunion of the Support Company 508th ARCT Association. It will be my third time to attend their fine reunions. They have invited 508 Chapter members who were assigned to units other than Support Company several times and I'm confident our 508 members will be invited again. I'm sure the 2013 planning committee will have an agenda full of activities, camaraderie, dining together, awards and general friendship. Please join us in September, let's fill up the bus.