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AFGHANISTAN DONOR EFFORTS

By Ken Hamill

Task Force 2 Fury (2-508 P.I.R.) is serving proudly in Afghanistan. Thank you 508th Chapter Members and friends for donating to the O'Neal Fund to assist our 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment troopers serving in Afghanistan. Donor names follow:

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We are fortunate to be in touch with the Task Force 2 Fury, 508 PIR Operations Sergeant Major - SGM Robert Edwards and his very capable assistant SFC Christopher A. Wrenn. They receive and distribute our packages. SGM Edwards is scheduled to attend the Sergeants Major Academy soon, so we should send our packages to SFC Wrenn. You can send items from your home to:

SFC Christopher A. Wrenn
TF 2 Fury
Camp Phoenix
APO AE 09320

Postcards for our troops have not been found. One would think the local hotels and motels would contribute postcards. Donated postcards sent home by our troops in Afghanistan would serve as a patriotic gesture and a very strong advertisement for a hotel/motel. But, we are still looking for a postcard donor. Does anyone have a suggestion?

Bob Hayes of C Co., 1-508, 82 Airborne Division 1971-73 and Marshfield MA accumulated motorcycle, guns and other men's magazines and sent them to TF 2 Fury troops in Afghanistan. You can send several magazines in a medium size USPS Priority Mail box to SFC Wrenn at a cost of \$12.35.

A total of \$1483.00 has been donated to our 2014 O'Neal Fund so far. We have spent \$1600.84 on health, snack or fun items, \$312.50 on 82nd Airborne Division flags, \$20.23 on packing tape and \$617.17 sending USPS standard mail. A total of \$2550.74 has been expended so far and there are several cases of items on my dining room table waiting to be sent.

PSG Ernest W. Wentworth, Platoon Sergeant of 2nd Plat, B Co, TF 2 Fury sent the following message thru SGM Edwards: "The 2nd Platoon received the care packages that you sent out from the 508 Chapter. Please thank all the volunteers involved for their efforts. It is always appreciated. Attached is a photo of the Troopers. Once again please thank them for us and let them know that their efforts do not go unnoticed. RLTW/ATW! Brutal 2-5".

Editor's Note: Photo resolution was not good enough to publish in this newsletter. Several paratroopers depicted in the two photos sent were holding and displaying a mini football that we had sent in a 508 Chapter Care Package.

**The 2014 O'Neal Fund to Support
our 508 Parachute Infantry
Regiment Troops in Afghanistan
continues. Send your check to:**

Ken Hamill
2207 Coventry Drive
Columbus. GA 31904

SUPPORT CO. 508 ARCT REUNION

By Jim Strickland

508 Airborne Chapter members who are not members of the Support Company Association are invited to join us for the fun, fellowship, food and good times. The tour bus capacity is the only limit on chapter members and their guests on a first come, first served basis.

The reunion search committee did an outstanding job again. Charleston is a wonderful place to have a reunion and the host hotel is great. The committee selected the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel and Suites, Charleston Airport. The address is 7401 Northwoods Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29406, I-26 exit 209. This is a full service facility with 24-7 shuttle service to and from the Charleston Airport. The room rate will be \$99.00 plus tax for a King Bed or 2 Double beds. Suites are available for \$119.00 per night and offer 2 rooms with a King bed and a sofa bed and a TV in each room. The room rate includes breakfast for two in each room. We will have a Hospitality Room for each day with soda, beer and snacks. We will have our Banquet there on Friday night. It will be a buffet with a choice of three meats, salad, choice of four vegetables, assorted desert, coffee, tea and water. Room reservations can be made by calling -

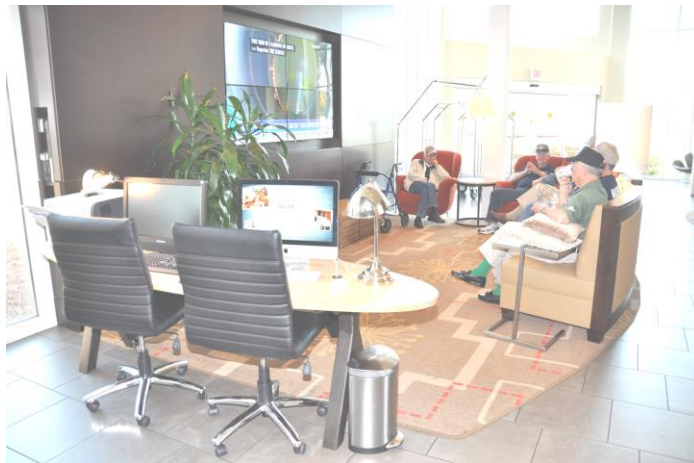
1-843-518-6200 and specify that you are with Support Company 508th ARCT Reunion. The dates are September 17 - 20, 2014, and the rates are good for three days before and three days after if you care to come early or stay later and do some sightseeing on your own. It is essential that you make your reservations as early as possible but NO LATER THAN 9/2/2014, that is the cutoff date for our guaranteed rates. Calls received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. This facility is often sold out on weekends so make sure you make your reservations early. If you have any trouble, our salesperson is Ms. Sheryl Kluge at the number above. It is imperative that you make your reservations early, that way you will get what you want and be worry free. The registration fee of \$50.00 is based on the price of the meal at the Banquet and for goodies in the Hospitality Room. We will try to keep beer, soda and snacks available. The Tours that we are offering for Thursday are optional. The "City Tour" will have a licensed Guide and will be...

...on a deluxe climate controlled bus, it will cover 100 historic points and at the completion they will take us to the harbor. There, we will board a boat for the "Harbor Tour". This is a combination tour and the price will be \$35.00. While this is an optional tour, I must provide the company with a count by 15 July 2014, another reason for the early response. The thought behind the tours is due to the limited mobility of many of our members and their families. This will give everyone a chance to see a lot of beautiful sites on land and sea that Thursday. Then on Friday there is free time which will allow those of you that desire to do something special, to do so. There are many opportunities for both historic and military sights. To name a few, The downtown horse and carriage rides; Patriots Point home of the USS Yorktown, the World War II carrier that has a medal of Honor museum on board and a US Submarine beside it; Fort Sumter, the Charleston Harbor site where the first shots of the American Civil War were fired on 12 April 1861; the Hunley, the world's first combat submarine. There are free buses that run in 15 or 20 minute intervals throughout the historic downtown district. Passengers are allowed to exit their bus and shop to their hearts content, then board the next bus to a new shopping area. This stop and shop and board the bus procedure can be repeated until you or your wallet finally gives out. The ladies might be interested in the Northwood Mall which is just below the hotel or for the real deals the Tanger Outlets about two exits down at exit 213A (4840 Tanger Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418). If you would like a Tourist Package, maps, brochures, etc. call the Charleston Area Convention Center and Visitors Bureau at 1-843-805-3072. This will allow you to see what you might want to do during your free time and make the necessary plans prior to arrival. In closing I hope all is well with all of you, let's have our biggest and best reunion yet, make the commitment, send in your Registration Form soon and make your hotel reservations now. Hoping to see a real good turnout in Charleston in September, let's have a great crowd with lots of fellowship, fun, memories, and food. Your Airborne Buddy and Brother in Arms, Jim Strickland.

NOTE: Support Company Association Reunion information is posted at – www.red-devils.org



Double Tree Hotel North Charleston, SC



Double Tree Hotel Entrance Seating & TV Area

SUPPORT COMPANY 508 ARCT ASSOCIATION REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
17 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2014 DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON HOTEL AND SUITES, CHARLESTON
AIRPORT 7401 NORTHWOODS BLVD, NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29406,
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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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HANDICAP NEEDS: _____

FEES: REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00 EACH FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

BUS TOUR AND HARBOR TOUR BY BOAT AT ONE PRICE \$35.00 FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

TOTAL NUMBER TO ATTEND: REUNION:____; BUS & BOAT TOUR:____; TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:\$_____

MAIL TO: James Strickland; 1478 Oakwood Avenue; Kannapolis, NC 28081
Telephone Number: 704.932.0973



DoubleTree Hotel Registration Station



Double Tree Hotel Bar Area



Double Tree Hotel King Suite



Double Tree Hotel Suite



Double Tree Hotel Complimentary Breakfast Area



Double Tree Hotel Entrance Seating Area

THE BIRTH AND INFANCY OF THE 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

By Mark Eckenrode

As early as 1918 military strategists and tacticians were contemplating the practicality of airborne forces, to include visionaries such as General John J. Pershing and Brigadier General William "Billy" L. Mitchell. Unfortunately, it did not get much beyond the thinking stage until just before the United States entry into World War II. A number of other countries were beyond the thinking stage and moved into implementation, to include both Germany and the Soviet Union in the very early 1930's. In fact, the first combat jump was conducted by the Soviets in 1939 during its Winter War with Finland followed a year later by Nazi Germany's invasion of the Low Countries.

For the U.S., it started on July 11, 1940 with the formation of the Parachute Test Platoon consisting of two officers and 48 enlisted men. Lt. William T. Ryder commanded the platoon. Lt. Ryder officially became the first U.S. Army paratrooper when he went out the door on August 16, 1940.

With the airborne concept tested, and proved it was now time to build an airborne army. This began with the formation of the 501st Parachute Battalion and continued in sequential order; i.e., 501st, 502nd, 503rd, etc. These battalions, serving as a nucleus, were then fleshed out into regiments. The exception being the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) which was the first regiment to go through Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training (AIT), airborne training and qualification as a unit.

Roy E. Lindquist graduated with the Class of 1930 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After a number of assignments, he commanded a rifle company with the 29th Infantry Regiment. After which he held several positions at the Infantry School at Ft Benning, GA. One of his accomplishments included the authoring of the Army field manual for the M1 Garand rifle. Lindquist later held a staff position with the 501st Parachute Battalion and became one of the first officers to parachute with the...

...newly formed battalion. He was then assigned to the Provisional Parachute Group as the Personnel Officer, S-1. Early in 1942, he was assigned to the Airborne Command, Ft Bragg as G-1 and received a promotion to major.

Major Lindquist transferred back to Ft Benning on September 9, 1942 to lay the groundwork for the formation of the 508th PIR. Major Lindquist was promoted to lieutenant colonel on September 22, 1942. The cadre for the 508th was to come primarily from the 502nd PIR and the 26th Infantry Division. The planning phase for the new regiment was initially completed on October 19 when the cadre departed for Camp Blanding, FL. Camp Blanding is located near Starke, FL, about 45 miles southwest of Jacksonville. It was here that the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment was to be formed-up, and Basic Training conducted as a unit. The Regiment was officially activated on October 20, 1942 at Camp Blanding.

Immediately upon activation volunteers began arriving from reception stations and induction centers. The individual battalions within the Regiment were manned sequentially, like the individual Parachute Battalions. Training began once each battalion reached its authorized strength. Thus, the 1st Battalion began Basic Training first. From the beginning, strong emphasis was placed on physical conditioning. As has been since, many wantabees were washed out as being physically and mentally unfit or unsuitable. Not all the cadre were initially parachute qualified. A staff officer, Lt. Fleming, was placed in charge of physical conditioning for the Regiment. He had a reputation for being a physical fitness devotee. In short order, the level of physical training far exceeded that which was found within regular Basic Training units. Two hours a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon were devoted exclusively to physical training. There was no lack of physical activity in between and one had to run everywhere. Some things have never changed.

During Basic Training a contest was held for a Regimental patch and a war cry. The winner for the patch was Technician Fourth Class Andrew K. Sklivas of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion for the iconic parachuting "Red Devil" complete with tommy gun and grenade. The Regimental Special Service officer,...

...Lt. Edward F. King had started a regimental newspaper titled "Diablo." Thus, "Diablo" became the battle cry.

Basic Training had lasted thirteen weeks. At the beginning, 4,500 men had volunteered for the unit. By mid-December, the Regiment had reached its full strength of 2,300 officers and men. The balance had washed out. By the end of January 1943 the 1st Battalion had completed Basic Training and on February 3, they departed for Ft Benning and shortly began airborne training. The 2nd and 3rd Battalion followed as soon as they completed their Basic Training.

At that time parachute training consisted of four phases each lasting a week. "A" Stage was physical conditioning and included activities such as cross country running, rope climbing, and calisthenics. Parachute Landing Falls (PLF's) from 3-foot and 6-foot platforms was also included. Additionally, "A" Stage was also meant to separate out those that were unsuitable. "B" Stage was more physical conditioning, but with training on the 34-foot tower, and the swing landing trainer. In addition, trainees were also taught parachute packing. "C" Stage involved parachute drops from the 250-foot towers. Training also included the wind machine for recovering from a parachute landing and controlling the parachute on the ground. The final week, "D" Stage, was jump week with each trainee completing five qualifying jumps and the award of the Parachutist Badge.

Since the Regiment trained as a unit rather than as individual airborne candidates and Lt. Fleming did such an excellent job of conditioning the unit, the Regiment was permitted to skip "A" stage and start training at "B" stage, thereby eliminating a week of jump school. This was a first. Lt. Fleming went on to shatter his leg on his first parachute jump, thus ending his airborne career. It goes to show that technique trumps physical prowess.

By March 12 all battalions completed airborne training and its members became full-fledged paratroopers and the Regiment fully airborne. Orders were received for the Regiment to depart for Camp MacKall, NC where they, along with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, became part of the 2nd Airborne Brigade....

...Lt. Col. Lindquist received a promotion to colonel on March 27, 1943.

At Camp Mackall thirteen weeks of AIT began. In addition, more parachute jumps were conducted. In May, the 508th conducted a field exercise near Cheraw, SC with the 101st Airborne Division where the 508th acted as the ground force aggressors. The Regiment completed its AIT training on July 26. On August 9 the unit made its first night jump in which the 1st Battalion was scattered along a 15-mile area. This was to be a harbinger of things to come in Normandy and as such a great learning lesson. Later in September 1943, another field exercise was conducted near Lebanon, TN where they again operated as ground troops. By the end of these two exercises the 508th excelled in its ability to operate and outmaneuver the opposing force.

With that, Colonel Lindquist received orders to prepare the Regiment for overseas deployment. After 14 months of intense physical conditioning and training the men of the 508th PIR were primed. Unbeknownst to the men mail censorship had begun in order to provide security for the upcoming movement. The 507th and 508th Parachute Infantry Regiments, as the 2nd Airborne Brigade under the command of Brigadier General George P. Howell, started boarding trains for an unknown destination on the evening of December 19, 1943. On the morning of December 20 the Regiment was gone from Camp Mackall. That evening the train arrived at Camp Shanks, NY. Shortly after their arrival, a final alert movement was given and the men of the Regiment were confined to the camp on Christmas Day.

Since their arrival, the men continued with physical training, preparations for the journey, and abandon ship drills. Although they had great pride in being elite paratroopers they were forbidden from wearing their jump wings, unit patch or bloused boots, all for security reasons.

On December 27 just before dusk, the Regiment entrained for a short ride to the Weehawken Ferry. It was an equally brief trip down the Hudson River to the dock on Staten Island where the Regimental band was playing at dockside. The Red Cross was also waiting with donuts, coffee and candy bars. **Continued on Page 6**

508 Birth continued: On the morning of December 28 the Regiment had boarded the USAT James S. Parker, an auxiliary transport that was pressed into service from the Panama Canal Commission for the purpose of transporting troops across the Atlantic Ocean. Once boarded the men received a short orientation and informed that they would be served only two meals a day and each man was allowed one hot shower during the journey. Remember, this is the end of December and the North Atlantic is not exactly a place where one would want to take a cold shower. Awaiting the men in the hold were a series of 6' by 2' iron pipe bunks with canvas stretched across and stacked four high. Moreover, strict blackout conditions applied. This was to be "Home Sweet Home" for the duration of their journey. At 8:00 am on the morning of the December 28th, the USAT James S Parker slipped away from the pier and headed out for the open sea of the North Atlantic. With that the men began drawing overseas pay.

Next stop: **Destination Unknown!**

Lloyd C. Wilkinson of M Company, 508 ARCT 1951-54 and West Chester, PA responded to our announcement of the loss of Vincent L. Morra. "God, Ken : Every time I read some of these, I feel a part of me is gone. They were great days and great people.....Lloyd. Lloyd sent his photo below taken during his 508 days.



Congratulations Jim Strickland, Earl Christy and Jerry Strickland for the great job they did with the 508 ARCT paratrooper on right. The paratrooper manikin on permanent display...

...at The Price of Freedom Museum, China Grove, NC. Funds were collected at the Support Company 508 ARCT Association reunion last year that made this expensive manikin possible.





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TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED

<u>Glumac, Milan</u>	<u>Charleston, S.C.</u>
<u>Easy Co. 508 ARCT 1955-56</u>	<u>12 April 2014</u>
<u>Greimel, Robert A.</u>	<u>Dayton Chapter</u>
<u>SVC Co. 508 PIR 1946</u>	<u>20 January 2014</u>
<u>Johnson, Calton R.</u>	<u>Vulcan Chapter</u>
<u>1-508 PIR 1943-45</u>	<u>12 November 2013</u>
<u>Morra, Vincent L.</u>	<u>Cranston, R.I.</u>
<u>C Co. 508 ARCT 1951-53</u>	<u>9 February 2014</u>



Annual Members ...20
Affiliate Members...14
All Americans.....302
Total Members.....336



June 2014 Treasurers Report

Printing expense Mar 2014:	\$143.01
Newsletter Envelopes Jun 2014:	\$31.16
Chapter Account 31 May 2014:	\$1367.57



Task Force 2 Fury in Afghanistan has provided us with several issues of their great monthly newsletter called TF 2 FURY NEWS. Up to date news and photos of the various units and troops are now displayed on our website. Browse to www.red-devils.org Select the News/Events page and click on the preferred month link "Task Force 2 Fury Newsletter (month) Edition".

The **Atlanta Airborne Awards Festival**, 2-5 April 2014 was very well done again this year. The memorial luncheon on Thursday was done with formality and respect. The Saturday evening Awards Banquet was a patriotic and colorful celebration that featured a distinguished and motivating speaker – General LeMoyné. The Friday trip options were doubled. One bus load of veterans, some with family members, made the trip to Fort Benning where the Airborne School demonstration, lunch in the Airborne Dining Facility and firing range activities were enjoyed. A second trip was added this year and we took that bus. We visited Camp Frank D. Merrill, the Mountain Ranger Camp at Dahlonega, GA. The buildings at Camp Merrill formed a drab setting, but were very practical. It was raining and cold with a cloud mist throughout the camp. We visited the 5th Ranger Training Battalion Museum. We were briefed by a Major. The mountain phase of ranger training has been conducted there since 1953. We learned about ranger school in general and the requirements to complete the mountain phase of training. We learned about the tough hours put in by Ranger Cadre and how the cadre families are highly regarded by the Dahlonega residents. We ate in the Ranger Mess Hall and it was good. We then travelled to Toccoa, GA where we participated in a memorial service at a beautiful site and visited the Toccoa, GA Military Museum. Toccoa was the World War II Camp where the 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment trained and got in shape by running up and down Currahee Mountain. Easy Company, 506 PIR was the unit highlighted in the TV series "Band of Brothers" several years ago.

Mark Morra, son of Vincent Morra informed me by letter of the loss of his Dad. He requested continued delivery of our Devils Digest and wanted his Dad's Obit to be published in our Devils Digest. The National Office was informed so a proper obit could be published in the Paraglide. Vincent L. Morra's obit is located on page 4. I will send this Digest through 2014.

A Paratrooper's Memories #5 was not included in this publication as planned. The Yellow Brick Road, the life story of All American member Edward A. Slocum of Headquarters Company, 3-508 ARCT 1955-56 and Sumter, SC will be continued in future issues. Sorry about that.

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 YEAR 2014 \$35.00 + Wounded warrior _____ Ed Fund _____ Total Sent _____

_____ LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP (\$250.00 FOR 49 YEARS AND UNDER OR \$175.00 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: KEN HAMILL; 2207 Coventry Drive; Columbus, GA 31904-5034



19th QM Company Riggers on Jump at Fort Benning, GA: Front Row L-R: 1-Norton, 2-Lambeth, 3-Simonetti, 4-?, 5-?, 6-?, 7-?, 8-Lowell Hamel. Center Row L-R: 9-?, 10-?, 11-?, 12-Donohue, 13-?, 14-Binnie, 15-Butterworth, 16-Carpentier, 17-Crump, 18-Doroin. Row 3 L-R: 19-Muharry, 20-Lumkin, 21-?, 22-Sears, 23-?, 24-Simalcheck, 25-?, 26-Cordaro, 27-?, 28-Ray Younes, 29-Steele, 30-Hilts, 31-Richie, 32-?, 33-Smth, 34-LT Harper. Photo provided by Ray Younes 19 QM Co. 1951-52 and Oxnard, California.



**Airborne Veterans Registering at the host hotel,
Atlanta Airport Marriott**



Atlanta Airport Marriott Registration Staff



Troy Gilliland and Issac Epps



Annette Purcell registering reunion guests



Ray and Irene fary



**82nd Airborne Division Association official
embroidery and clothing salesman**



Lili and Millard Ball



Cliff and Sue Scott



Sorry, did not get their names



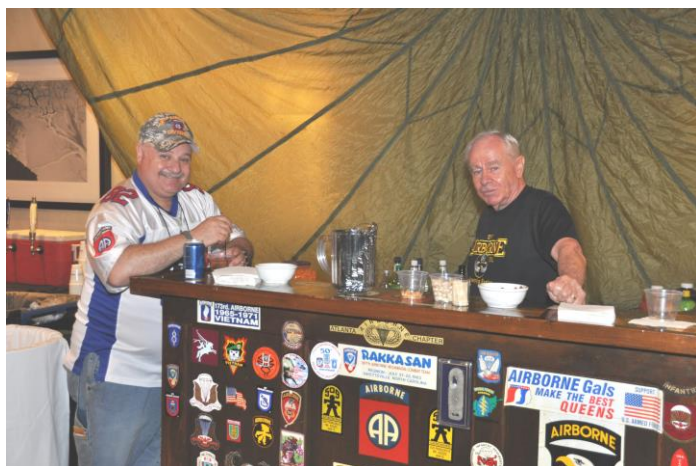
Ogy Sniedze



Bill Winternheimer and Roy Crandall



Bill Patenaude



Dale Simpson and Frank Klarnet



The Hospitality Room Food is always good



Hospitality Room Chatter



Virginia and James Musgrave



Ida Anderson & Unknown



Galen G and Irene Mitchell



82nd Airborne Division briefing by LTC Risdon



82nd Airborne Division briefing by LTC Risdon



82nd Airborne Division briefing by LTC Risdon



101 Air Assault Division briefing by BG Pappas



101 Air Assault Division briefing by BG Pappas



Briefing Audience



Gordon Sumner, C-47 Club Treasurer



Henry & Jeanette Muszynski



Don La Venture



Hal Roed & Mary Anne Frost



Judy & Randy Roach



May Wilmer & Pete Wolfe



**Frank D. Merrill Mountain Ranger Camp at
Dahlonega, Georgia**



5th Ranger Training Battalion Museum



Our group waiting to enter Museum



Museum Interior



**Harold Schroeder, Jerry and Jim Strickland looking
things over**



MSG Bullock & Hal Roed



A cloud mist and strong wind made it a chilly day



Ranger Dedication Plaque



Battalion XO briefed us



The Mountain Ranger Camp had a good Mess Hall



The Mountain Ranger Camp had a good Mess Hall



The Mountain Ranger Camp had a good Mess Hall



Tacooa, Georgia: Our busload, representing the Atlanta Airborne Festival joined with members of the North Georgia Airborne Association to honor paratroopers of the past and present and those who had made the ultimate sacrifice. The North Georgia Memorial Site and ceremony was beautiful.





The Taccoa, Georgia Military Museum



The Taccoa, Georgia Military Museum



The Atlanta Airborne Festival Ladies Brunch on Saturday morning



The Atlanta Airborne Festival Ladies Brunch on Saturday morning



A briefing by Dan Turner who led one of the three assault teams that made the Son Tay Raid



A briefing by Dan Turner who led one of the three assault teams that made the Son Tay Raid



Jim & Jerry Strickland enjoy the Banquet



Jeanie & Leon Peine enjoy the Banquet



3 Team 162 Vietnamese Airborne Advisors with the Fort Benning Airborne School Commandant



Bernard Nguyen & Paul DeVries served in the Vietnamese Airborne



The Musgrove's, Ball's and a World War II Veteran enjoyed the Banquet



This table group enjoyed the Banquet



Bill Patenaude in the hallway bar line



This nice group posed in the hallway outside of the Banquet Room



A musical group with a female vocalist entertained us during the meal and after the ceremonies



They enjoyed the Banquet



LTC Risdon and his Family



General LeMoyne was the keynote speaker



**Command Sergeant Major Jacobs
receives an award**



Master Sergeant Henry receives an award



Ogy Sniedze gives the Invocation



**The Fort Benning Color Guard wearing
World War II Replica Uniforms**



**A member of the French Ambassador Staff speaks
with a WWII veteran**



**An older veteran enjoys the musical group while
jitterbugging with his lady**