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BY KEN HAMILL

Veterans Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 11 November by the majority. We of the 82nd celebrated Sunday thru Tuesday. The Veterans Day commemoration is sponsored by the 82nd Abn Div Assn. COL Paul DeVries, USA Retired is the Project Officer and coordinates the support of the two local chapters of the Association. The Washington DC Chapter runs the hospitality room and the Colonel Tucker Chapter arranges for the wreaths. The food and beverages are provided by National. A caterer is hired for the food. We arrived at the Hampton Inn, Alexandria, VA on Saturday afternoon. Our room was nice for the reduced price of $140 a night including tax. The Inn provided all guests with a very nice breakfast. There was no registration fee, but there was a hospitality room with a lot of freebies. There were soft drinks, beer, booze and snacks Saturday through Tuesday plus a free light lunch and supper Sunday through Tuesday. The Inn had the largest eating area that I've seen at a Hampton. Our 82nd Assn group took it over every afternoon and evening. The Inn had a free shuttle service to and from Alexandria where restaurants were fine, filling and expensive. We met in the Inn parking lot each morning and convoyed to Arlington or the Mall. Nine wreaths were laid on Sunday starting with the Tomb of the Unknowns. President Steve Frazer and three others did this very well with the help of the Tomb Guards and Bugler. Someone was designated to brief the group at each Memorial or Gravesite. That person then uncovered a wreath and signaled the Color Sergeant. The 82nd Airborne Division Color Guard rendered Colors and Taps was played by the 82nd Bugler. I spoke at the 508th PIR Memorial. Mike Lester of the COL Tucker Chapter spoke at 1SG Funk's gravesite. We then moved our cars and paid our respects at the 82nd Abn Div Assn, 555th PIB Assn, 11th Abn Div Assn, Red Hat Assn Memorials and General Roscoe Robinson and General Matthew B. Ridgway Gravesites. Ten wreaths were laid Monday starting with The Women in the Military Service Memorial and Museum – A grand place. Followed by the 505th RCT Assn, 17th Abn Div Assn, 13th Abn Div Assn, 173rd Abn Bde Assn, 325th GIR Assn, Golden Bde Assn, 187th RCT Assn, 551st PIB Assn, 504th PIR Assn Memorials and Frank Varelli's Gravesite. On Tuesday larger crowds gathered at the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Wall Memorial sites. Steve Frazer did a nice job at these ceremonies. MG Scaparrotti 82nd CG, CSM Capel and a few 82nd wounded warriors attended. The final ceremony at the Vietnam Wall was the big one. Two hours of entertainment including a male chorus, female singer, nine speakers, and a kilted bagpiper played Amazing Grace and Army buglers played Echo Taps. There were three Color Guards, the 82nd Airborne, the Armed Forces DC group and the First Cavalry. A four day great experience. Thank you 82nd Assn.



508th Chapter Wreath Laid at Arlington



Presentation of the 82nd Airborne Division Association wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



82nd contingent renders honors while the U.S. Army Band Bugler plays taps.



L-R Bruce Potts, James Kiser, Michael Lester, President Steve Frazer and Tomb NCOIC.



Ken Hamill at the 508th PIR Memorial Site.



Michael Lester briefs group at Funk Gravesite



82nd Color Guard at Women's Memorial



MAJ Nguyen Thanh Phuc addresses Red Hat Group



Tony Guzzo with MG Scaparrotti,
CPT Barlow and CSM Capel



Korean War Memorial



Association President Steve Frazer presenting
wreath at the World War II Memorial



Crowd at Vietnam War Memorial



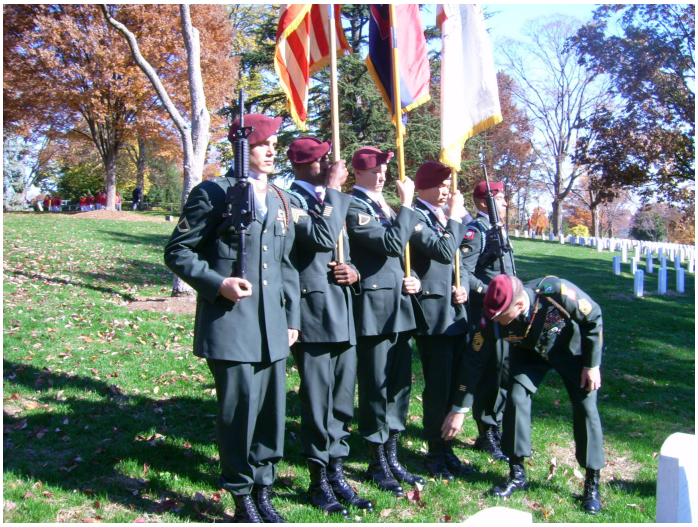
Manny De Jesus and Steve Couchman



Honors Bestowed at 1SG Leonard Funk Gravesite



Tom Graham, Joe Schwann & Rich Becker
at the 508th PIR Memorial



1SG Aaron Quinn fixes Color Guard



SGT Ian Lack was the 82nd Bugler



Group assembled at 82nd Abn Div Memorial



82nd Airborne Division Memorial



General Roscoe Robinson, Jr Gravesite



General Matthew B. Ridgway Gravesite



555 Parachute Infantry Battalion Memorial



11th Airborne Division Memorial



USA All Military Services Airborne Memorial



MACV Team 162 VN Airborne Red Hat Memorial



Vietnamese Contingent at Red Hat Memorial



Paul De Vries salutes VN & US Colors prior to briefing the Red Hat Team 162 Memorial attendees



Keith & Nancy Householder



Manny De Jesus & Rusty Wolfe



Bob & Diane Haddock & Rich O'Hare



Charlie & Sandy Wagner & Bob Sandri



Ellen Peters & Bonnie Furek



Bruce Potts & Del Townsend



Manny De Jesus & Marc Mest



Joe & Sheila Baddick



Ray Willard & Rich Becker



Tom Graham & Ed Herlihy



Howard Riggs, Ogy Sniedze & James Kiser



World War II Nurses and Sisters
Dorothy Sinner & Ellan Orkin



Dick Yates & Bonnie Furek



BG Wilma L. Vaught USAF Retired, speaks at
Women's Memorial



Francine Duchemin & Skip McGrath



Don Bailey & Mike Sinkovitz



82nd Group at the Women's Memorial



1SG Quinn & PFC Lebron who was a spare member of the Color Guard



505 Parachute Infantry Regiment Memorial Plaque



173 Abn Bde Group with Wounded Warriors



13th Airborne Division Association Group



17th Airborne Division Memorial Plaque



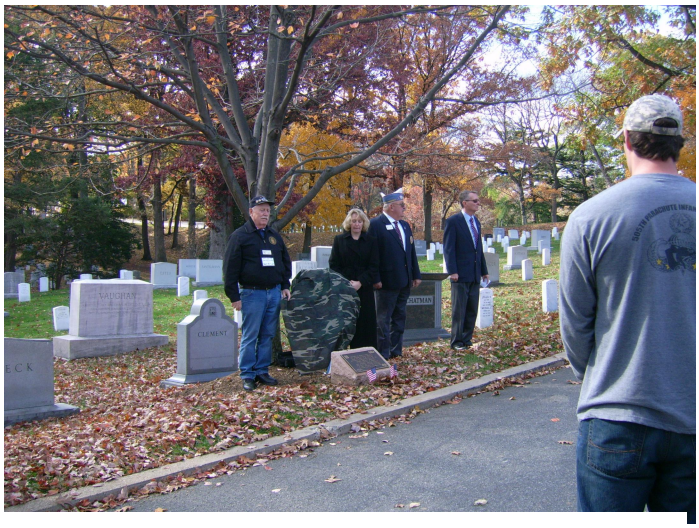
325th Glider Infantry Regiment Memorial Plaque



L-R: PFC B. Prohovich, SGT R. Brown, PFC J. Beever, SPC T. Mitchum & SPC A. Delgado



173rd Abn Bde Wreath & Memorial with Flags



Bruce Potts, Diane Haddock, Steve Frazer & Bob Haddock at Golden Brigade Memorial



Golden Brigade Vietnam Memorial Plaque



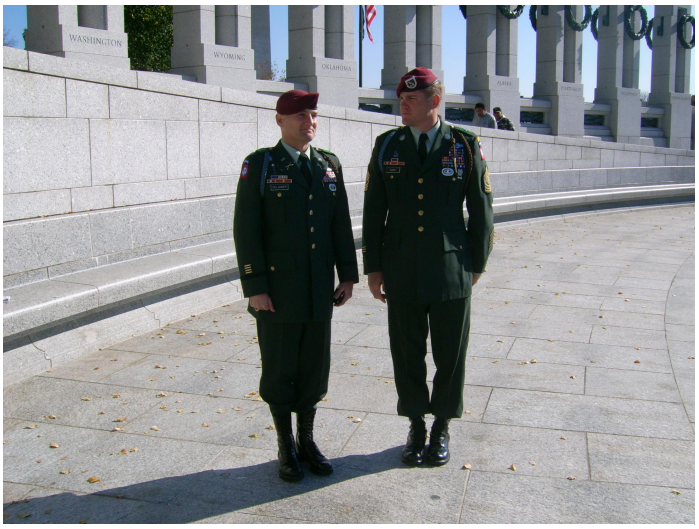
LTC Liz Coble & Ellen Peters



Brass Plaque at World War II Memorial



Ellan Orkin, Dorothy Sinner, Karen & Mike Sinkovitz with Tony Guzzo



LTC Oclander, CDR 1-508 & 1SG Quinn



82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors



1SG Quinn uncasing Colors at WWII Memorial



John P. and John W. Reep at WW II Memorial



First World War Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Vinny Scrillo & Doneva Wolf



Steve Frazer presents Wreath at Korean Memorial



Ken Hamill & Bonnie Furek at Korean Memorial



The Lincoln Memorial



Vietnam Memorial Bronze Statues



Vietnam Wall prior to Ceremonies



Vietnam Wall Stage prior to Ceremonies



The Male Chorus performs at Vietnam Wall



Patriotic Garb was very common on Veterans Day



LTC Oclander, Manny De Jesus & Bruce Potts

508 MEMBERSHIP RESPONDS

The November 2008 Devils Digest requested a vote or response from you, the membership on two issues: (1) Should the 508 Chapter support the wounded warrior program? (2) Should the 508 Chapter bestow Honorary Membership on Dick O'Donnell? You, the memberships gave a very strong yes to both questions. No one gave a negative response. Our wounded warrior effort starts now.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM

Thank you all, I have heard only positive feedback from the membership about sponsoring Wounded Warrior's to attend the 2009 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Let's go for it. Donors please make checks payable to "508th Airborne Chapter" and annotate your check memo line "W.W.I.I." an abbreviation for Wounded Warriors in Indianapolis. Donations should be directed to the Chapter Treasurer Frank Seif, PO Box 1462, Sun City AZ 85372-1462.

HISTORICAL DONATIONS ITEM #8

These historical items were safe-guarded and donated by Jack Damron. Some came from MG Pearson by way of Richard George. The eighth items I'll describe are two photos and three photo copies. The first item is a 40" X 10" B&W shot captioned 508 Airborne Regimental Combat Team, Commanded by COL Joe S. Lawrie, 29 April 1952, Fort Benning, GA, Photo by Burnes Studio. Item two is a 26" X 10" B&W captioned Cadre Of Officers and Men of the 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment Taken At Reactivation Ceremony Held 5 May 1951 At Fort Bragg, NC. Commanding Officer COL Joseph P. Cleland. Blackmore Studio. Item three are photo copies of the Fort Benning Bayonet paper and the Long Horn Jump. Item four are photo copies of pages from the Brownwood Texas Bulletin, Tuesday, April 8 1952. Item five is a photo copy of Medical Company, 508th ARCT taken July 1955.

I had a telephone conversation with Aristeo and Eileen Blanco of Reno, Nevada last October. Both were in good spirits and well.

I met and spoke with Dieter Troster of New Alexandria, PA at the St Louis Convention. I failed to mention his name in the November Devils Digest. Sorry about that Dieter.

I learned from Don Allbee of Support Co. 508 ARCT 1955-56 and Muscatine, Iowa that he had a vehicle accident in 1960 that paralyzed him. He has been in a wheelchair ever since. He lives at home and takes care of himself. He has a car and drives. The VA has provided good care for him. The VA sent him to a large VA Hospital in Chicago where he spent a year with 100 other veterans learning to care for themselves with their disabilities. A friend from Support Company, William Kalani, a sergeant in the 101st at the time visited him at the Chicago VA Hospital.

Chris Matthews of A Co., 3-508 1966-68 and Soquel, CA is fighting cancer. We wish him well and look forward to receiving his corrected Memories of a Paratrooper article.

LTC Elizabeth Coble is currently a student at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks. She is doing a Strategy Research Paper on Operation Market Garden. She wants information from Market Garden Veterans who have not yet told their stories. For the good of 82nd Airborne Div history contact LTC Elizabeth Coble; Cell # (703) 344-4016 or elizabeth.coble@us.army.mil

GOVERNMENT TRAVELER CARDS

The Government Traveler Program Pamphlets and Cards advertised in the November 2008 Devils Digest have been mailed to members who requested them. I have a few more on hand.

Winter Weekend Hilton Head Marriott

Marriott Resort Tel #888.511.5086, $99 per day, 26 February – 1 March. Hosted by Vandervoort Chapter. Registration Fee of $60.00 covers banquet, hospitality room, airport /Museum/tour transportation and entrance fees. Mail check to Bill Eberle, 22 Big Woods Drive, Hilton Head, SC 29926 (843)682-4171 or weberle@earthlink.net Registration form is available on our website or thru 508 Secretary if you don't have email.

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QUARTERMASTER

TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS
RECENTLY DECEASED

Allen Bob Conrod, Bristol. CT
B Company 51-54, 3 December 2008
John E. Haas, Montana Chapter
H Company 44-46, 10 June 2008
Edward V. Jones, All American Member
Naples, FL, B Co. 2nd Bn 63-66, 31 Oct 2008
Leo B. McCullough, All American Member
Manchester, NH, B Co 51-53, 26 Aug 2008
Charles W. Paradise, LTG Gavin Chapter
HHC 42-45, 3 June 2008
Paul C. Place, Tampa Bay Chapter
1-508 73-77, 19 August 2008
Ferdinand J. Quatrone
508 ARCT, 1 November 1967
Vernon Rentfro, All American Member
Clarksville, TN, SPT Co 55-56, 27 Oct 2008
Bruce M. Tyler, Affiliate Member
Barre, MA, A-320 55-56, 10 November 2008
Jimmy S. Vargas, CSM Verdugo Chapter
I Co. 1-508 73-84, 4 October 2004

NEW MEMBERS

Terry Wells of Las Vegas, Nevada
E Co, 1st Bn, Golden Bde VN, 68-69

NEW ALL AMERICAN MEMBERS

Donald R. Johnson of Auburn, Washington
A Co, 3-508, Fort Kobbe, CZ 1962-65
Jan A. Sokolnicki of Columbus, Ohio
E Co, 1st Bn, Golden Bde VN, 68-69

Statistics

Annual Members…31
Affiliate Members 16
All Americans…...308
Total Members…..355

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance 1/1/2008……$9398.03
Receipts……..……$3310.18
Expenses……..……..…$2936.02
Ending Balance 12/31/2008……$9772.19

The Airborne and Special Ops Museum in Fayetteville, NC needed help. An expensive and revenue producing piece of equipment has been broken since last October. Our Chapter sent a $100.00 donation. We received 6 Free Theatre and 6 Free Simulator admission tickets valued at $3.00 each from the museum. Any 508 Chapter member who plans a visit to the Abn & Special Ops Museum and would like these tickets, let me know. I'll send them to the first responder.



Charlie Haycock waiting to jump in Israel

Charlie Haycock, 4.2 Mortar Platoon & Bn XO's driver, HQ Co., 3rd Bn, 508 Airborne, Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone, 1962-65 is pictured above waiting to board an aircraft and jump again. Charlie has jumped at Zephyrhills, Florida with the Phantom Airborne Brigade and in Israel. He has joined the Liberty Jump Team and has high hopes that him and his wife will go to Normandy next June to do the 65th anniversary jump with them there. The picture with the flag below is some of the American contingent that jumped in Israel, May 5th 2008. There were 191 jumpers from 16 countries besides the Israelis.



American group that jumped in Israel

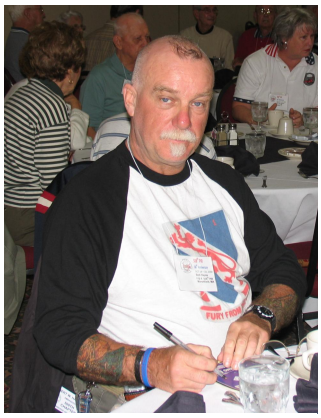
Editors Note: Staples have replaced tabs on our newsletter. Using tabs was very time consuming and difficult for an old guy like myself who often has the shakes. Sorry about that!

SNOWBIRD ADDRESSES REQUESTED

508 PIR Friends & Family Reunion

By Ellen Peters – Friends & Family

The 2008 508th PIR and Family & Friends of the 508th Reunion was truly spectacular. Rock Merritt and Jim Smith did an incredible job. CSM Puckett and the troopers of 2nd Battalion 508th assisted us. Wednesday afternoon the troopers took us to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville. Thursday morning we were taken to Ft. Bragg for the day. We visited a Chapel where all the stained glass windows were of paratroopers. CSM Plunkett briefed us on many things about the 4th Brigade, the individual paratrooper's equipment and the physical conditioning of these fine airborne men. We saw WWII weapons and uniforms of all kinds. After lunch we were escorted to the Jump School area where we were taught procedures, provided equipment and allowed to jump from the 34 foot tower. Going out the door, I yelled "Airborne" and down the cable I went. Friday morning we visited the Golden Knights museum and 82nd Airborne Museum. We had lunch at the Pope Air Force Base officer's club. We took up a collection and bought lunch for the troopers who were driving us around. CSM Flowers was the keynote speaker at the Banquet in a lovely evening capped by the 82nd Chorus. Memorial candles were lit by veterans of the different battle campaigns with a new candle added for Afghanistan. It was a wonderful reunion with lifetime memories. 121 people attended including Bob Hayes of the 508th Chapter who rode his motorcycle from Massachusetts to Bragg.



Bob Hayes

NO ALL AMERICAN WEEK IN 2009

MG Scaparrotti and CSM Capel expressed their regrets for not providing us veterans with an All American Week in 2009. The 82nd Airborne Div. will start deploying to Afghanistan in May.

BAD ADDRESSES COST BIG TIME

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Quartermaster Sales Form----(Members Only)

Complete this form and mail your check payable to Kenneth Glynn along with your name and address in the box above to: Ken Glynn, 836 Glendale St., Lakeland, FL. 33803-4122

Please include shipping and handling charges in the amount column to the right of each item ordered.

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	QTY	SIZE (CIRCLE)	COST	SHIPPING/HANDLING	AMOUNT
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo, Embroidered		One Size Fits All	$14.50	$1.50 Each	
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo, Screened		One Size Fits All	$12.00	$1.50 Each	
Sweatshirt, Grey, Chapter Logo, Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	$22.00	$3.50 + $2 Each Additional	
Sweatshirt, White, Chapter Logo, Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	$22.00	$3.50 + $2 Each Additional	
Shirt, T, White, Chapter Logo, Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	$12.00	$2.00 Each	
Shirt, Polo, Abn Maroon, Chap Logo Embroidered		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	$22.00	$3.50 + $1.00 Each Additional	
Patch, 508th Abn Chapter (See 1, Below)			$5.50	$1.00 Each (3/$1.50)	
Patch, 508th ARCT (See 1, Below)			$5.50	$1.00 Each (3/$1.50)	
Patch, Para Red Devil (See 1, Below)			$5.50	$1.00 Each (3/$1.50)	
Patch, 320th Abn FA Bn.			$5.50	$1.00 Each (3/$1.50)	
Pin, 508th ARCT			$3.00	No Charge	
Pin, Para Red Devil			$3.00	No Charge	

***= Add an additional $2.00 for each X above XL (XXXL size is a special order)**
1= All patches can be purchased 3 for $15.00 + Shipping and Handling.
PLEASE ALLOW 2-4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

TOTAL $

VA EMERGENCY CARE UPDATE 02

RAO BULLETIN 1 Jan 2009

At some time in your life, you may need emergency care. For veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care system when it is not possible for you to go to a VA medical center, you should go to the nearest hospital that has an emergency room. If you are in an ambulance, the paramedics will usually take you to the closest emergency room. A medical emergency is when you have an injury or illness that is so severe that without immediate treatment, the injury or illness threatens your health or life. If you believe it is a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. You do not need to call the VA before you obtain emergency care. However, if you are admitted, your family, friends or hospital staff should contact the nearest VA medical center as soon as possible to provide information about your emergency room visit. If the doctor wants to admit you to the hospital, and it is not an emergency you must obtain approval from the VA. You, a friend, a family member, or someone from the non-VA hospital must call the closest VA medical center and speak to the patient administration representative. This must be done within 72 hours of your arrival at the emergency room. If a VA bed is available and if you can be safely transferred, you must be moved. If you refuse to be moved, the VA will not pay for any further care.

82nd ABN DIV ASSN NEW ADDRESS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association has moved. The new address and phone # follows:

82nd Airborne Division Association
Post Office Box 87482
Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482
Telephone 910.223.1182

GENERAL DAVID H. PETRAEUS

It was great seeing the Central Command Boss on the Super Bowl pre-game show. Our General Petraeus appeared on the field wearing his black beret with four stars and a great big smile. He was Mister Airborne 2008 and implemented the surge tactical plan in Iraq. He received a very warm reception from the Super Bowl crowd.

Ken Hamill, Secretary
508 Airborne Chapter
2207 Coventry Drive
Columbus, GA 31904-5034

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION *(PLEASE PRINT)*

508th Airborne Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association

☐ All American ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member ☐ Reinstatement

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

Name: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Last Rank Held: _____ Serial Number: _____

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

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

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

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

Present Occupation: _____ Single: ___ Married:___ Spouse's Name: _____ # of Children: _____

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

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

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

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