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BY KEN HAMILL

I arrived at the 64th National Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association mid afternoon of Tuesday, 17 August 2010. The Marriott Charleston Town Center was easy to find, check in was fast, a red cap took my luggage to the room while I moved the car to the very convenient parking garage. The room was nice size, smelled good, had a micro fridge and cost $104,99 per day plus $8 parking. The 505 had a free gathering with food and beverages, so wurst was my supper. On Wednesday I hung out and took pictures until noon when I registered for the convention. At 5.00 PM Ken and Helen Glynn, Bobbie and Donna Henson and myself went to the Wounded Warrior Social. It was standing room only as a series of speakers thanked our group for being generous. A warriors name would be called, the warrior would go forward to receive his pillow donated by the Chicago Chapter Ladies Auxiliary, then the Chapter that sponsored that warrior would be announced. When the speakers were done and all was quiet, I located our warrior and we all went to the hospitality tent on the roof at the 3rd floor level. Our QM Ken Glynn had brought a Chapter hat with a red devil pin and presented it to Mat – he loved it and his buddy wanted one. Our warrior's name is Mathew Golcher from Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Mat was hurt by an IED that gave him a concussion. His next fire-fight led to a seizure and Mat became a wounded warrior. The hospitality tent provided food and beverages all day, then later they had music and dancing. Thursday morning we boarded buses at 7:30 AM. It was a 45 minute drive to the drop zone and severe overcast would delay the jump. MG James L. Huggins, the new 82 Abn Div CG spoke. A 82nd free fall team member with 600 Jumps filled the… …waiting void by telling jump stories and answering our questions. The jump went off late but well done. Several C-130's each dropped two sticks of jumpers onto a sunny and nearly windless DZ with no serious injuries. The 82nd Free Fall team then jumped from 5000 feet using smoke to show their descent. They demonstrated a tandem jump and displayed a huge U.S. flag, then great accuracy in hitting and standing at the center of the drop zone. On our return to Charleston Town Center the 504 Room was serving a variety of sandwiches, cole slaw and macaroni salad. Well done by the airborne cook. We had a Chapter Officers class that afternoon. I ate supper in the hospitality tent, good chow too. Friday morning the Delegates Meeting started right on time, 8:00 AM. Several old and new issues were discussed and passed on to the Director's at the meeting that followed at 9:00 AM. We had a 508 Veteran Luncheon at noon attended by Ken & Helen Glynn, Bobbie & Donna Henson, Bill & Dee Pranke, James Christy, Jim Strickland, Jerry Strickland and myself. I had 5 personal guests there, 4 ate and 1 did not eat – COL Doug Dillard, Peter & Irene Ferete, Bill & Helga Kuhnke. It was very pleasant, with a lot of small talk. The total cost of lunch was $177.66. The chapter cost came out to $126.90 for us 10 chapter members. Both banquets were held at the convention center a couple of blocks away. A shuttle bus was available but most of us walked to the center. The hall was very nice and cool. The Friday night Memorial Banquet was totally aimed at recognizing patriots who perished in all wars and conflicts that Airborne Forces had participated in. Battles were named, candles were lit and casualty figures for all the units were announced. The 82nd Chorus and Color Guard were excellent. I would judge the meal as a 6 on a scale of 10. I heard they planned for 800 at the banquet, but there were…

…a lot of empty tables. All the paratroopers were extremely sharp and pleased to be part of the group. The tradition of ending the banquet on time continues. The hospitality tent was a big hit that night. Many of the gals, young and old, wore a permanent smile as they line danced or did the Merengue. The general membership meeting started at 9:00 AM on Saturday. Our 508 Chapter received an 82nd Airborne Division Association Certificate of Achievement for surpassing last year's membership tally. 11 fine nominees for National Director were voted on and six were elected – Doug Dillard, Tom Herlihy, Jose Perez-Ortiz, Allen Schoppe, Fred Spaulding, and Nero Tucker. The National Airborne Heritage Banquet on Saturday had a nice meal, I'd call a 7 or 8 on a scale of 10, but there were more empty chairs and tables than the Friday gathering. I met the Executive Secretary Candace and was impressed. I think we Chapter members are in good hands with Santiago and Candace at the helm. The Hospitality Tent was busy and got a little noisy on this final night of festivities. Airborne !!!



Barry & Kathy Hogue of West Virginia Chapter



Dick & Elaine Young



508ers Helen & Ken Glynn



508ers Bobbie & Donna Henson



508ers Jerry & Jim Strickland & James Christy



508ers Dee & Bill Pranke



New Lieutenant and Wounded Warrior Daniel Loeffler & family Allyson, Dorothy & Haley



508 Veteran Peter & Irene Ferete



Greg Carpenter of 82nd Museum accepts Herb Lahout Gift



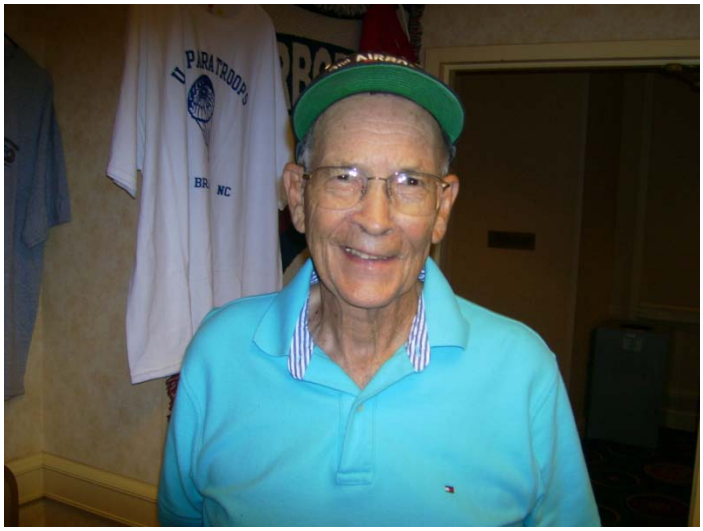
Combat Veterans SPC Gavin Meuller, PFC Tyler Mattheis & PFC Branden Michael



Helga & Bill Kuhnke



Sandy & Charlie Wagner of National Sales



Carroll Garrett



Greg Carpenter of 82 Museum & Bobbie Henson



Ethel & Bill Guthridge



Expended rounds dug in Normandy and donated by Herb Lahout



Tino Madrid



Joan & Carroll Garrett



Percilla Bailey, Kay Bragg & Gary Bailey



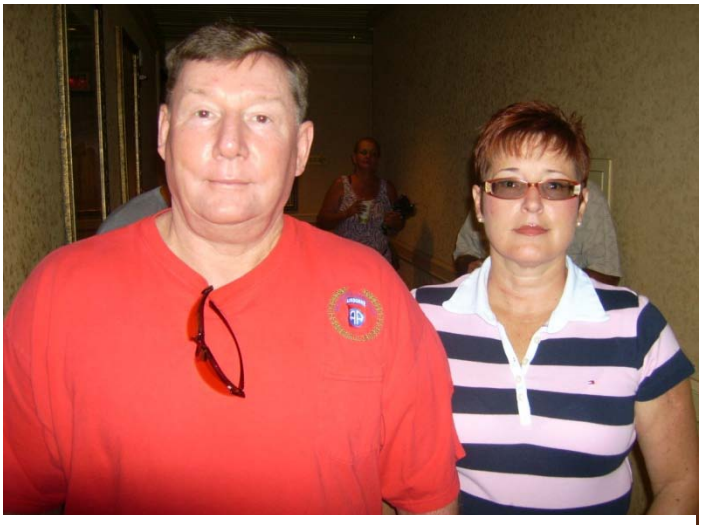
Maureen & Dick Kane



Vince Kimberland & Rilton Courvell



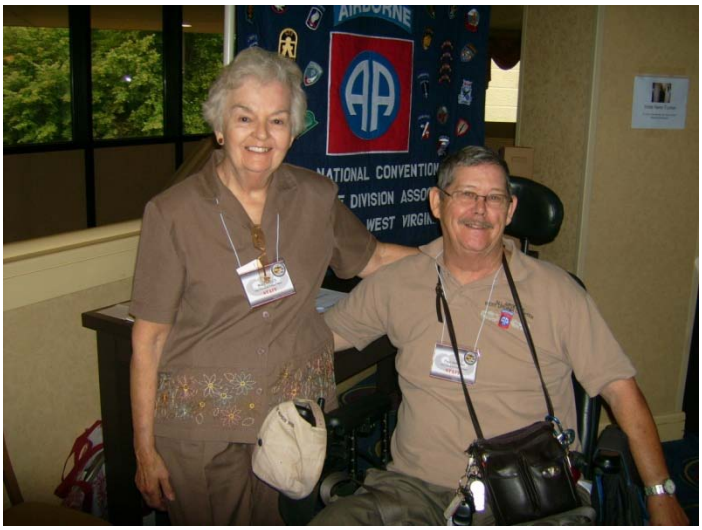
Anna & John Morrison



Bob Golcher & Phyllis Groover



Kathy & Barry Hogue



Mary Wells & Paul Hoffman



Barry Hogue & Bert Schmitz



Rich Becker & Steve Frazer



Sharon & Bert Schmitz



Linda & Frank Commiciotto



Betty Harris & John Morrison



Anna Morrison



Percilla & Gary Bailey



Kay Bragg & Brenda Hoffman



Sean Adkins & Tom Wells



Jack & Betty Harris



Frank Lopez & Ivor Short



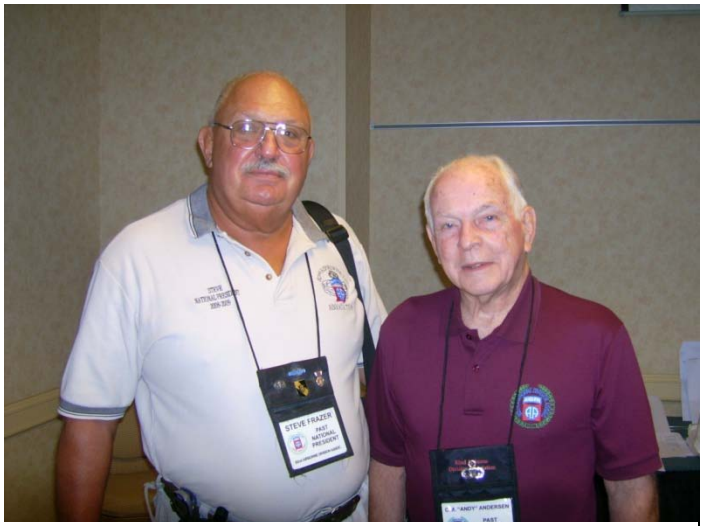
Fred Spaulding, Rilton Courvell & Randy Vidrine



Bill & Dolores Radcliffe



Pearl & Tom Ingram



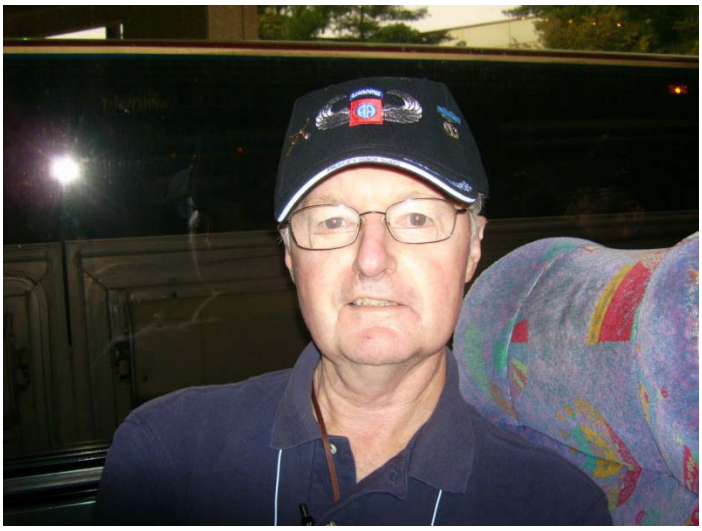
Steve Frazer & Andy Anderson



Earl Anderson & Francis Weakland



Allyson, Dorothy, Haley & Daniel Loeffler



Bob Timian of Atlanta Chapter



Helga & Bill Kuhnke



508ers James Christy & Jim Strickland



508ers Donna & Bobbie Henson



John Morrison & Jack Harris



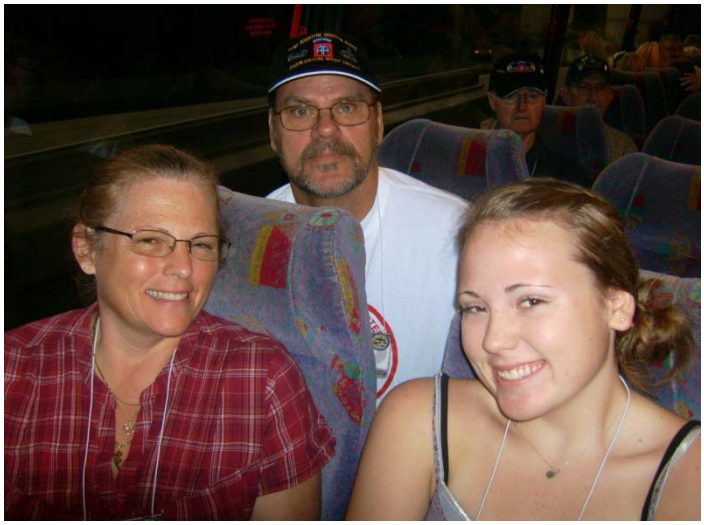
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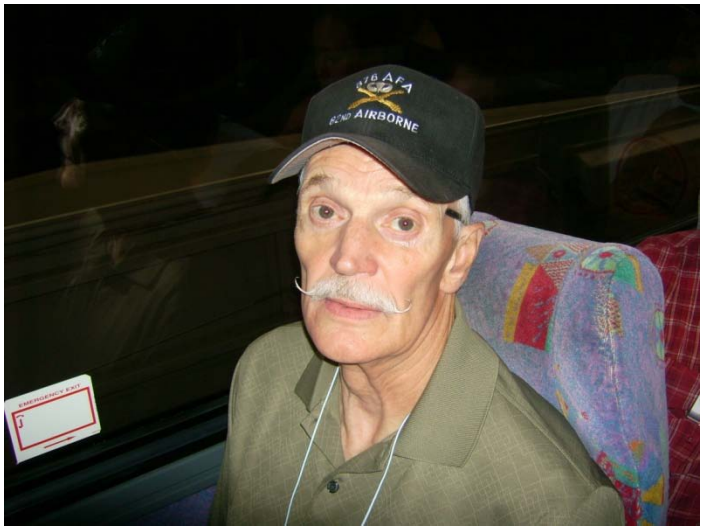
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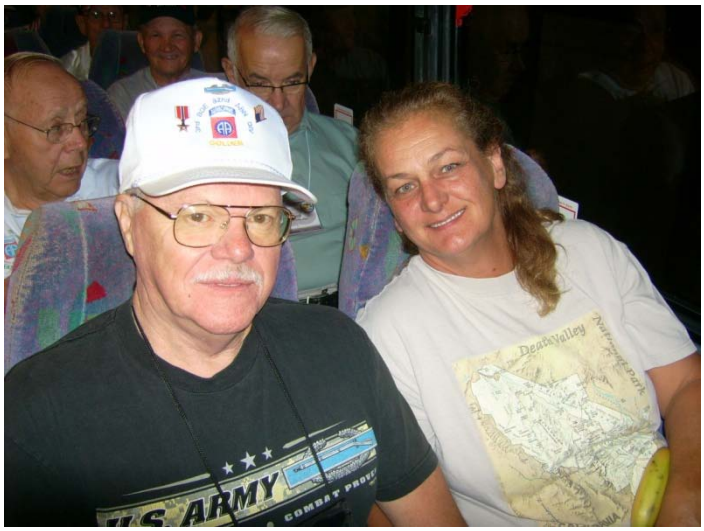
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Bonnie, Michelle & Bob Shrader



Ron White



Mike & Linda Glocker



Don Strazer & Chester Aszklar



Vince Kimberland & Kerrie Burns



Carroll & Joan Garrett



George Zablocki & Don Shoaf



Rodney Murphy



James Hadley & Barb Hartley



Tino Madrid & Xavier Giovanna



MG Huggins, CG of 82nd Airborne Division



Ted Boatwright & Mark Sams



Bob Timian & CSM Lambert 82nd AD CSM



Cecelllia & Don Van Alstyne



Assn President Bill Eberle & CPT Dominguez



Rod La Pearl, George Fisanich & Patrick Bartol



COL Doug Dillard



Ogy Sniedze & MG Huggins



Irene & Peter Ferete



Bill & Dee Pranke



Bobbie & Donna Henson



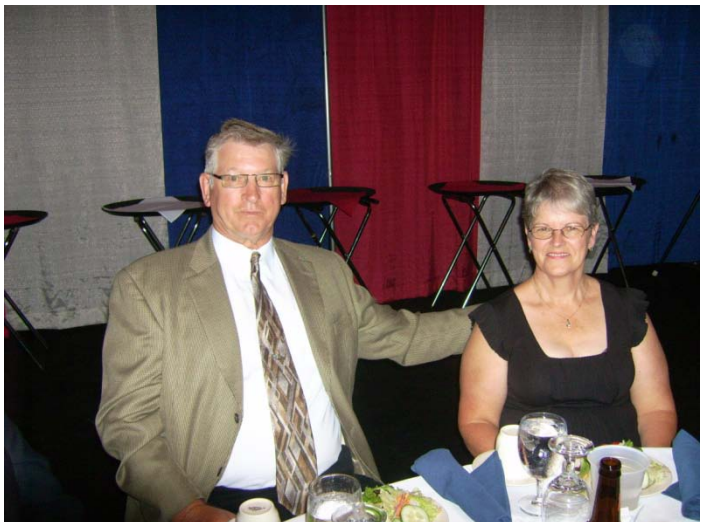
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Bev & Jerry Diemel



Steve & Ginger Bond



Frank & Marge Morris



Leland & Shirley McIntire



Louise Varelli, Doug Dillard & Diana Tubbs



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Carrol & Joan Garrett



Donna & Bobbie Henson



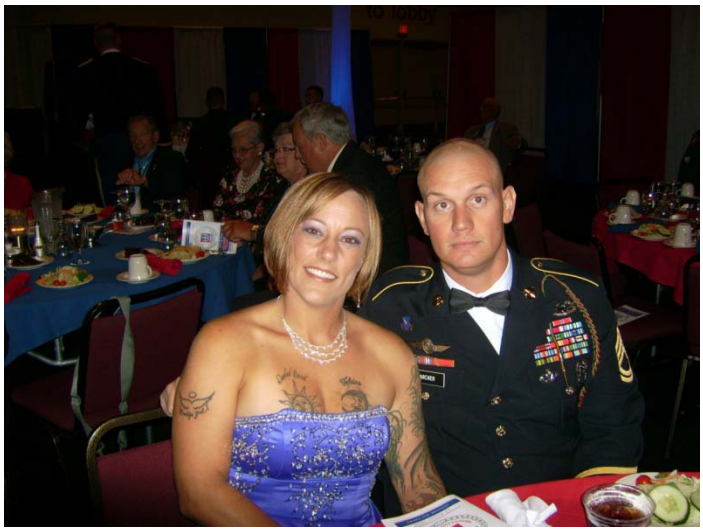
Ronald Brace



Bill & Dee Pranke



SSG Hinch, SPC Samano & SPC Russell



SFC Todd D. & Mrs Kelley Archer



PV2 Millie Gainous & SSG Alfredo Hill



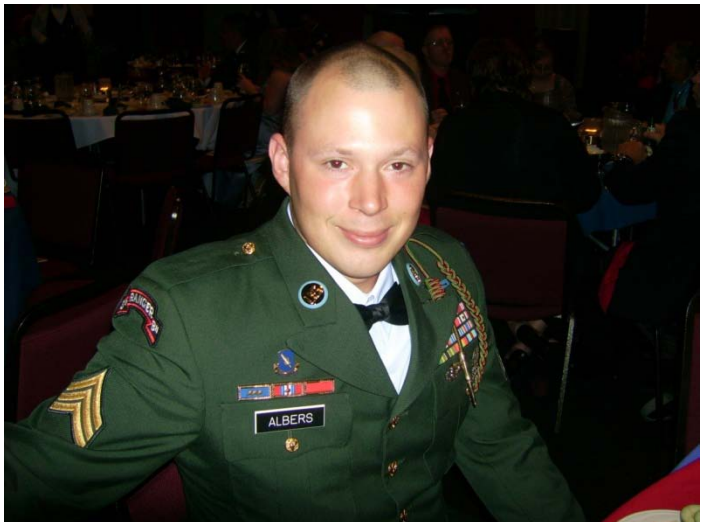
LTC Jim Wanovich & CSM Brian Harrison



SFC Jeffrey & Mrs Cheryl Meyer



82nd Airborne Division Chorus



SGT Justin Albers



1SG Jean P. Alcedo



Bobbie & Donna Henson



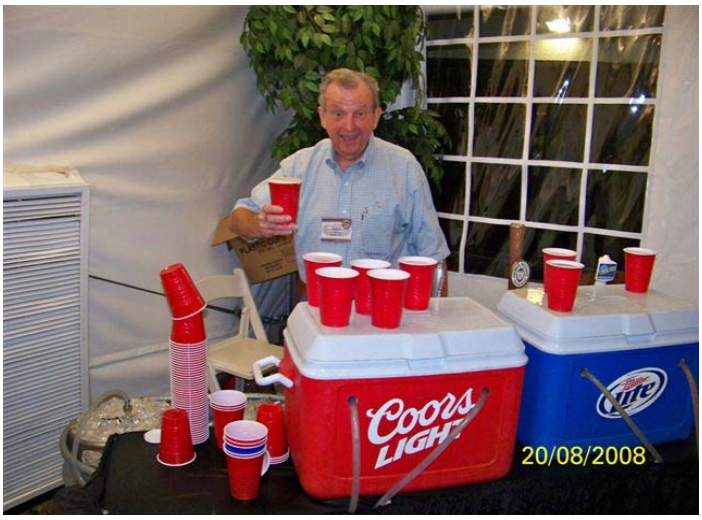
PFC Eric Hollaway & SSG Walter Browning



Kenneth & Carolyn Chadwell



SGT Felicitas Arroyo-Wilson



Ken Hamill, Bartenders Helper Photo taken by Howard Rennhack



Barbara & Bill Eberle



CPT Zortman, Frank & Marge Morris



Joe Perez-Ortiz, Eppy & Jose Bercedoni



Jerry & Bev Diemel



Helga & Bill Kuhnke



Frank Morris, Dan Shoaf, Tom Laney & Jerry Diemel



Tom & Barb Laney



SSG Joe Hochenerberger & SGT Mike Cleary



Ron & Elaine Stumpp with Cutie Pie



Ken Glynn



LT Daniel Loeffler a new Lieutenant and a Wounded Warrior



SPC Alan Davidson with his family Gabriel & Olivia



Mike O'Neal & Sean Adkins



Jim & Jerry Strickland & James Christy



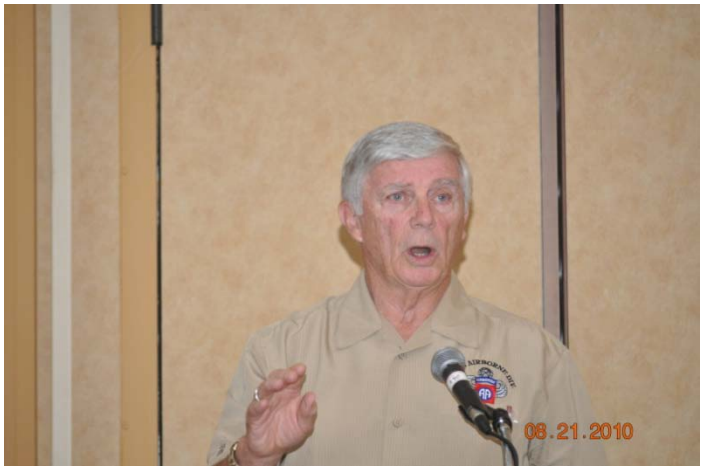
John & Anna Morrison



Association President Bill Eberle



Edna Schroeder, Tina Rath & Rudie Kay Bludau



Rich Becker



Chester Cassidy



Thomas Ingram



Doug Dillard



Jose Perez-Ortiz



Ed Herlihy



Gary Rezabek



Allen Schoppe



Ron Rath – Fayetteville Chapter Award



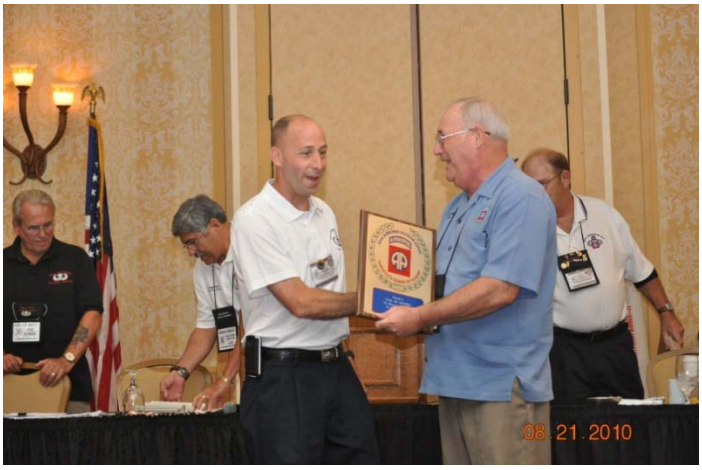
Randy Vidrine



CSM Knowles – 504 PIR Award



George Zablocky



CSM Unknown



Ken Hamill – 508 Chapter Award



Combat Aviation Brigade Chapter - Award



Alamo Chapter - Award



San Joaquin Valley Chapter - Award



Bob Timian Atlanta Chapter Chairman - Award



Mark Mueller Chicago Chapter Chairman - Award



Mel Greene Campbell Chapter - Award



Paul Poirier Chairman of Greater Hartford Chapter



Special Troops Battalion Chapter - Award



Vern Gregory Chairman John Steele Chapter



Golden Brigade Chapter - Award



Bobby Ray Johnson Chairman Kentucky Chapter - Award



Lewis Garrett Chairman Mississippi Chapter



Walter E. Hughes Tri State Chapter



North Jersey Chapter



Doug Dillard Chairman of COL Tucker Chapter



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Dave Loveland of Pusateri Chapter



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Jerry Diemel of Badger State Chapter



North Jersey Chapter



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Frank Morris



Mark Mueller Chairman of Chicago Chapter



Stanley Wojtulski Chairman Niagara Frontier Chapter



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CSM Knowles



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Final Vote for Director tally



Crowd Interest at the Final Banquet



82nd Chorus at a distance



Directors-Nero Tucker, Jose Perez-Ortiz, Allen Schoppe, Ed Herlihy, Fred Spaulding & Doug Dillard



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Henry Lacey O'Neal Memorial Fund

Donations to the fund totaled $590.00. Chapter Members donated $240 and non member friends and family of Lacey donated $350. The Chapter gave matching funds and sent Ken Glynn $1180. Ken Glynn sent packages to our Red Devils in Afghanistan and hoped to generate more individual addresses, but that did not happen and the word got out that our Red Devils would soon be home. Ken Glynn sent a Cashier's Check for $800.00 to 508 Family Support, at Fort Bragg. We recently received a letter from Colonel Drinkwine, Commander of the 508 PIR and his CSM, Command Sergeant Major Sturdevant. The letter thanks us for our generosity to the paratroopers of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. The Henry Lacey O'Neal Memorial Fund has ended.

Larry Carter, C Co. 2-508 PIR

A paratrooper mother contacted me looking for 508 graphics to make a banner for her returning son. Larry Carter is a medic serving in Charlie Company, 2-508, 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division, Arghandab River Valley, southern Afghanistan. This Mom told me – "This unit has had a hard, sobering, and heartbreaking deployment in this area". "Much fighting constantly, many losses, many wounded, and our boys are tired and so ready to come home". She sent Larry some red devil masks last Halloween and he posed for the photo below.



Larry Carter, C Co 2-508 wearing a red devil mask

I spoke to **Robert J. Marsh** of LaPalma, California and Medical Company 508 ARCT 1954-56. Bob sounded great and told me about the recent two week drive he and his lady took east. They went to Little Rock, AR where they saw the museum display pertaining to the integration of Central High School. The 327 ABG and our Jack Damron had a lot to do with that effort.

I Spoke to **Keith R. Stevens** of Warsaw, IN and B Co, 508 ARCT 1955-56. Keith lives about 3 miles from downtown Warsaw and his property backs up to a corn field. He belongs to a RV Club and travels 50 to 100 miles to camp grounds several times a year. We spoke of theft in the 508 just before we Gyroscoped to Japan. If a light bulb was needed in the barracks, someone went to a furnace room on Post and swiped a bulb. His barracks needed a screen door for an IG inspection, so a replacement was swiped. We also spoke about the infamous MG Wayne C. Smith and his all day payday parades. Keith went to Fort Benning for his final year in the Army and was discharged in February 1956.

I spoke to **Lowell L. Hamel** of Sanford, NC and the 519 Abn QM Company 1951-53. Lowell retired from the Army as a CWO, went into local law enforcement and retired there as a Deputy Sheriff. He and his family are well. They had 4 sons and 1 daughter, then 6 grandchildren with 2 in College, now with 5 great grand kids. They all stayed close to home where they meet and celebrate most holidays. The main family meets every other year. Last year 40 of their clan met at Estes Park, CO a resort in the Rockies. Lowell said a Red Hat Rigger Reunion will take place at Fort Bragg in the summer of 2011.

Two Postage Due documents were in the June packet sent by National. These bills were used as packing filler to protect certificates primarily. They stated that $32.00 was expended on returned Paraglides between 8–16 June. The Paraglide cannot be forwarded. It costs our association 50 cents for each Paraglide returned. Please inform us of your moves.

Al Vaitkus of Mission Viejo, CA and Support Co. 508 ARCT 1955-56 sent the photo below. Al had visited a local Wal-Mart and noticed a gentleman wearing Airborne Wings attached to his employee badge. Al spoke with him and shook his hand, his name is Frank, he is 91 years old and served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII in Germany.



Al Vaitkus on left with Frank at Wallmart

Joe Synakowski of Grand Island, NY and Charlie Company, 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment 1946 visited Normandy, France for several days this summer. Joe participated in a dozen memorials in the St Mere Eglise area. The groups guide and translator was master blaster Kelly Carrigg, LTC USA Retired. Hooah !



Joe Synakowski at Normandy

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Sgt. John Rodriguez cut an imposing figure when he was introduced at the Republican committee meeting in the winter of 2008. The decorated Marine and aspiring precinct committeeman came to the event in his green service uniform with some of the military branch's highest honors clearly visible, including the Navy Cross. That was the first thing that caught former Marine Dan Ryan's eye. "My first reaction was, this guy's a stud," Ryan said. "Then I looked a little more and thought, something's going on here. I'm very, very sensitive about the Navy Cross. I happen to have written one of the citations for the Marine who was killed right next to me in 1967 in Vietnam in a firefight." Ryan's hunch led the former FBI agent to do some digging of his own and ultimately put him in touch with investigators at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Within a year, the truth was out: Rodriguez, 31, was never in the Marines but had spent years passing himself off as a war hero, gaining access to military bases, getting discounted airline tickets, going to the Marine Corps Ball and briefly getting a job with a local health-care provider that gave him access to sensitive information on veterans. Rodriguez was convicted this month of 12 felony counts of fraud and forgery, most of which carry a presumptive sentence of two to five years in prison. Rodriguez's attorney did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Rodriguez posted $5,400 bail after he was arrested, then failed to appear for his court hearings, leaving him convicted in absentia. This month, detectives in California found Rodriguez near Lake Tahoe, bringing an end to the carefully crafted lie he'd lived.

Annual Memberships expire on 31 December 2008. You are asked to send your 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 Chapter and the 82nd Abn Association

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QUARTERMASTER

TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS
RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Bober, So. Texas Chapter
HQ3 508 PIR 1944-46, 15 Apr 2005
Robert J. Broderick, Edmonds, WA
F Co. 508th PIR WWII, 1 Apr 2010
Scott W. Brunkhorst, KIA Afghanistan
B Co. 2-508 PIR, 30 Mar 2010
Hugh B. Drake, AAM Ross Carter Chap
E Co. 508 PIR WWII, 27 Mar 2010
John M. Dwyer, AAM, San Jose, CA
F Co. 508 ARCT 1951-52, 5 Jun 2008
Nathan G. Horton, WV Chapter
C Co. 508 PIR WWII, 19 May 1995
Elroy Huwe, Eau Claire, WI
HQ3 508 PIR WWII, 8 Apr 2010
Anthony S. Labrozzi, Erie, PA
HH & I Co. 508 ARCT 54-56, 7 July 2009
James A. Loder, Akron Chapter
HQ3 508 PIR WWII, 1 Dec 2005

TAPS CONTINUED

Thomas W. Porcella, Melbourne, FL
HQ&HQ Co. 508 PIR WWII, 8 Aug 2010
Joseph W. Scott, AAM, Randolph, VT
E Co. 508 ARCT 51-54, 20 June 2010
Martin A. Schmit, AAM Arcadiana Chapter
508 PIR WWII, 24 May 2010
Ralph Smith, AAM, W. Hartland, CT
L Co. 508 ARCT 51-53, 6 July 2007
James E. Swindler, AAM, Sperryville, VA
C&G Co's. 508 ARCT 55-56, 29 June 2010
John T. Williams, Buffalo, NY
G Co. 508 ARCT 55-56, 26 July 2010

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Gary D. Richter, Sheboygan, WI
C Co, 3rd Bn, Panama CZ 1966-68

NEW ALL AMERICAN LIFE MEMBERS

Jesse L. People, Staten Island, NY
Medical Co. 508 ARCT 1953-55,
Roy W. Rohrbaugh, York, PA
I & Svc Co. (Band) 508 ARCT 1954-56,
Dale E. Stang, Osage, Iowa
Love Co. 508 ARCT 1951-53,

Statistics

Annual Members ...78
Affiliate Members...13
All Americans.....305
Total Members.....396

August 2010 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance Checking.....$3449.85
Opening Balance Money Market.....$6000.00
Opening Balance $9449.85
Receipts $3495.31
Expenses.....$4208.57
Ending Balance Checking.....$2640.28
Ending Balance CD.....$6096.31
Ending Balance $8736.59

Annual Members with expired memberships are asked to send their dues to our Treasurer, PO Box 1462, Sun City, AZ 85372-1462. All American Membership will cost $100.00 if you are 50 years of age or older.

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 $

MY HONOR FLIGHT

By Allan Wood G Co. 508 PIR

On 7 July 35 WWII Veterans between the ages of 84 and 92 boarded a donated Southwest Airlines Flight in Spokane, WA. We flew to Baltimore where we were registered at the Hilton Hotel. After a restful night in commodious rooms we had breakfast and then boarded a bus for the 49 mile drive to Washington, DC. We spent the day viewing all the War Memorials honoring veterans from WW I through Vietnam. We also visited Arlington National Cemetary and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We watched the Changing of the Guard Ceremony which was most impressive. Since we were all WWII Veterans we spent the most time at the WWII Memorial. It was a tearful time as we reflected on our combat experiences and friends that did not survive that war. A Spokane TV announcer who accompanied us on the trip interviewed me about the Battle Of The Bulge where I was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered there. I learned from my wife that we were on local Spokane TV almost hourly throughout…

…the day. On the 9th, we returned to Spokane, again on a donated Southwest Airline flight. We were greeted by a huge, noisy and very supportive crowd at the Spokane Airport including my wife Flo. It was an incredibly wonderful experience that I will never forget.



Allan Wood greeted by Flo Wood after the Honor Flight off loaded at the Spokane Airport

508th AIRBORNE CHAPTER, 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames)_____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

STREET_____ CITY_____STATE_____

9-DIGIT Zip_____ ASN_____ (or) SSN_____

MARITAL STATUS_____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN_____

____ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR YR_2010_ $15.00 or $16.00 = $1.00 to Education Fund or $8.00 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

____LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ($150.00 FOR 49 YEARS AND UNDER OR $100.00 FOR 50 YEARS +) $_____

____ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE OR GUARD – Current Rank and Date of Rank: _____

____RETIRED MILITARY OR VETERAN – Rank and Date Departed Military Service: _____

508 UNIT: COMPANY:_____ BATTERY:_____ BATTALION:_____ FROM MO/YR_____ TO MO/YR_____

MAJOR UNIT (SELECT) 2ND ABN INF BDE_____ 82ND ABN DIV_____ 508TH ARCT_____

Fort Kobbe, CZ_____ GOLDEN BDE_____ SETAF_____ 173RD ABN BDE_____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR_____TO MO/YR_____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR_____ TO MO/YR_____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR_____ TO MO/YR_____

NEW MEMBERS MUST INCLUDE PROOF OF AIRBORNE QUALIFICATION OR SERVICE WITH THE 82D AIRBORNE DIV

OCCUPATION_____ HOME #: (_____) _____ CELL #: (_____) _____

EMAIL_____ SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

MAIL TO: Ken Hamill, 2207 Coventry Drive, Columbus, GA 31904-5034

NEW ALL PURPOSE FORM

Our new and dynamic 82nd Airborne Division Association is fast becoming digitized. Their new database requires new information. Your combat tour locations and times verifies the association tax status. Knowing your dates of birth means I have ready access data to report our oldest members. Both good reasons to design the new all purpose application, good for new memberships, transfers and reinstatements. The new application shown above on this page has been modified to include all the information required by the National Database and additional information that is relevant to our 508 Airborne Chapter. This new form should appear in all future copies of our Devils Digest for your convenience. The final bold line of the form will normally show our Treasurers address, to which applicants can send their checks. My name and address will appear on the final line of this application for this September 2010 issue only. Because - I would like you to fill out the new application completely and mail it to me. I will then type all of your updated information into…the digital form and send it to National. Please print clearly and be complete. I have requested members with internet service to update their data to a digital form and return it to me. Four members have completed and returned the new form - James Beebe, Gary Richter, Charles Roper and John Wheeler. Thank you all !!!

WHY ENVELOPES ARE USED TO MAIL OUR DEVILS DIGEST

Our mailed Devils Digests must be held closed so Postal Machines don't jam up. My hands tremble making tabs difficult to use. I used an electric stapler for a few months. It worked well, the USPS machines did not get jammed and postmen did not get stuck by any of my staples. A postal window worker challenged my stapled Digests and refused to accept them for mailing. I spoke to a supervisor then the boss. Both were understanding, but quoted and gave me a copy of the reg. The boss helped me put tape over the 700 staples. I checked with a mail prep company. They can add addresses, stamps and tabs at double the cost. Our best option is envelopes at $35-$40 each quarter.