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VETERANS DAYS AT ARLINGTON

By Ken Hamill

The 82nd Airborne Division Association provides an opportunity to pay our respects at Arlington National Cemetery every year. These ceremonies are accomplished with dignity, pride and respect. A beautiful floral wreath is presented at a series of grave sites and unit memorials while a volunteer gives a five minute explanation about that hero, great leader or unit. The wreaths cost $100 and our National Office pays for several – Tomb of the Unknowns; Women's Memorial; World War I; World War II; Korean War; the Vietnam Wall and perhaps others. 82nd Association Chapters such as the General Ridgway; Golden Brigade; Leonard A. Funk; 325; 504; 505; 508 and 555 PIB pay for their wreaths and deliver the oral presentation. Friends, family and/or associations representing the 11th Abn Div, 13th Abn Div, 17th Abn Div, Team 162 Viet Abn Div, 173 Abn Bde,187 ARCT, 551 PIB and other units pay for their wreaths and provide a speaker. We are privileged to have a color guard unit and bugler from the 82nd Airborne Division each year. Color guard members are spit and polish, very sharp and demonstrate great precision. When memorial site speakers complete their pitch, the camouflage cover is removed from the floral wreath. This serves as a signal for the color guard to present arms, then the bugler plays taps and everyone comes to attention and salutes appropriately. Our 82nd entourage usually numbers 40 – 50 people, perhaps. COL Paul DeVries plans and coordinates the event with the National Cemetery staff and responds to dozens of questions pertaining to host hotel, times, places, transportation etc. The Washington DC and Tucker Chapters arrange everything and provide volunteers including the bartenders. Diana Tubbs sells Tucker Chapter souvenirs near the bar. Charlie and Sandy…Wagner are also nearby displaying and selling their official 82nd Airborne Division Association hats, shirts, and dozens of other things. Veterans Days takes place on 9 – 11 November. We usually gather at the Hampton Inn, Alexandria, Virginia on 8 November. Snacks and drinks are free every day. Some of us send out for a pizza or eat out that first evening. Breakfast is provided by the Hampton Inn. On the morning of 9 November we help Bob Farley move the wreaths to a designated vehicle. We get lined up to convoy to Arlington National Cemetery each morning. Four or five vans and a bus made it a comfortable ride this year. The first official ceremony is usually our association presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. A few 82nd Association members form the official party and join the Tomb Guards for the event. The 508 PIR Memorial ceremony is next and I spoke at our ceremony. Then the Leonard Funk gravesite is third. A dozen or so sites are recognized with a ceremony that first day. The chef for General Colin Powell caters this event and prepares hot soup, sandwiches and dessert for us to enjoy each of the 3 days when we return to the hotel. We started 10 November at the Military Women's Memorial and Museum, a beautiful place that also offers indoor plumbing. An attractive and sharp field grade female represented the Air Force very well there. LTC and Dr. Graham USAFR gave a good pitch. That was followed by a dozen or so grave or memorial sites done in the traditional manner – speak, uncover wreath, color guard presents arms, the bugler plays taps and everyone salutes. 11 November is the big day, military veterans clubs like the VFW and American Legion, plus numerous military associations from all branches of service are there. Most members display their organizational affiliations by way of blazers, shirts, regimental ties and headgear. Many…

…associations leave a floral wreath, some in the form of their unit's shoulder patch like the 1st Cavalry Division and 25th Infantry Division. I saw a floral wreath formed and shaped in the colors of the regimental crest representing the 27th Infantry Regiment – "The Wolfhounds". I checked out of the hotel on the morning of the 11th and drove to the Washington D.C. Mall early to find a parking place. I parked near the Washington Monument and walked to the WWII Memorial. I saw a group of honor flight WWII vets there from the state of Indiana and spoke to several young patriotic people. A West Point cadet with his Mom and Dad chatted with me and thanked me for my service to the country. Three young ladies representing Forest Park High School America's Club of Woodbridge, Virginia gave me an envelope and thanked me. I joined the 82nd Airborne Division Association contingent when they arrived. Our 82nd group presented a wreath at the WWII Memorial, then the WWI Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. The crowds at most places heard our speakers explain our purpose, watched with respect as the wreath was uncovered and the color guard presented arms, listened as the bugler played taps and joined us by assuming a position of attention with their right hand over their heart. The final assembly took place at the Vietnam Wall. There were thousands of people milling about. We joined a long line trying to enter a roped off area with rows of chairs. It took a while, but finally we were escorted to a couple rows reserved for the 82nd. It was time for me to leave and much easier to depart than it had been to enter. I walked alone in that roped off one way exit path and nodded to the incoming keynote speaker; Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. I walked to my car in 30 minutes and was at the Crossroads Guesthouse in Quantico Marine Base in a couple of hours. The letter given to me by the 3 young ladies and signed by two dozen America's Club members of the Forest Park High School is quite touching so it follows.

November 11, 2012

To you, our Veteran. Elmer Davis once said, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." We at Forest Park High School strongly believe in honoring the service you have given our country and the sacrifices you made to preserve our freedom and the American Dream. Veterans Day is set aside to remember those who have taken up arms to defend our country. You are truly the finest among us. In honor of your service on this day, we simply wish to say thank you.

Today we remember the fallen. Today we also… … honor those who have served our country. We are humbled by those who have fought till the battle was done, soared into the wild blue yonder, cleared the deck for the fray, and kept our honor clean. You have protected us from danger and have given others the opportunity for a better life. You are a true American hero that deserves the thanks of every person in this great nation.

So, without further ado, the students of Forest Park High School and the members of Forest Park's America's Club wish to give you our deepest thanks. Thank you for serving the United States of America when we needed you most. Thank you for protecting the blessings of freedom. Thank you for coming here today to honor and remember your fellow comrades who did not make it back. We want you to know we will never forget your service and sacrifices you made for us. Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely, The students of Forest Park High School and Forest Park HS America's Club.



The 82nd Airborne Division Association Official Party with Tomb NCOIC at Wreath Presentation



Fred Spaulding, Ken Hamill & Color Guard at 508 P.I.R. Memorial



173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial at Arlington



82nd & Vietnamese Color Guards at Team 162 Site



World War I Memorial Wreath Presentation



World War II Memorial Wreath Presentation



Ogy Sneidze presenting Wreath at Korean War Site



82 Abn Div Seating Area at Vietnam Wall



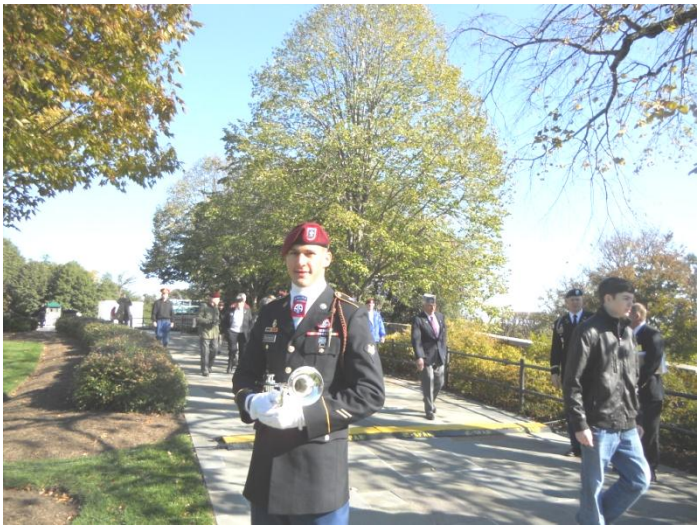
Don Bailey, Pierre Thibault & Mike St. George



Karen Thibault, Liz Gabbard, Ida Anderson & Doug Dillard



Dick Yates, Charlie and Sandy Wagner



Our 82nd Airborne Division Bugler SPC Trochesset



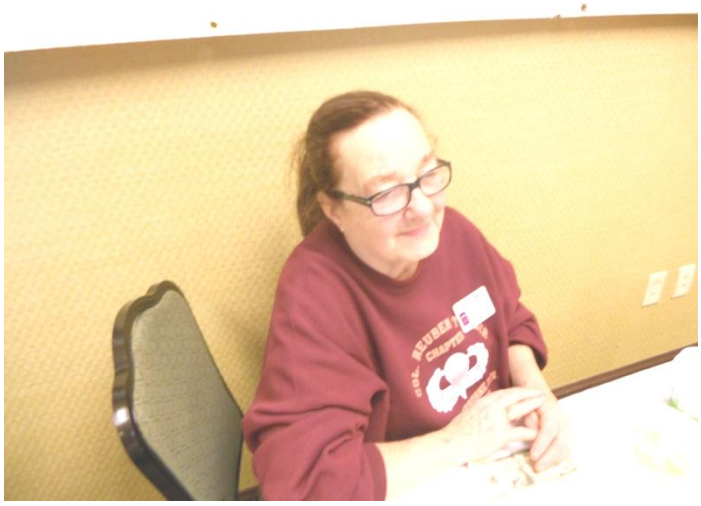
Skip McGrath and Francine Noyon



508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Memorial



508 PIR Memorial Site



Diana Tubbs



Louise Wagner



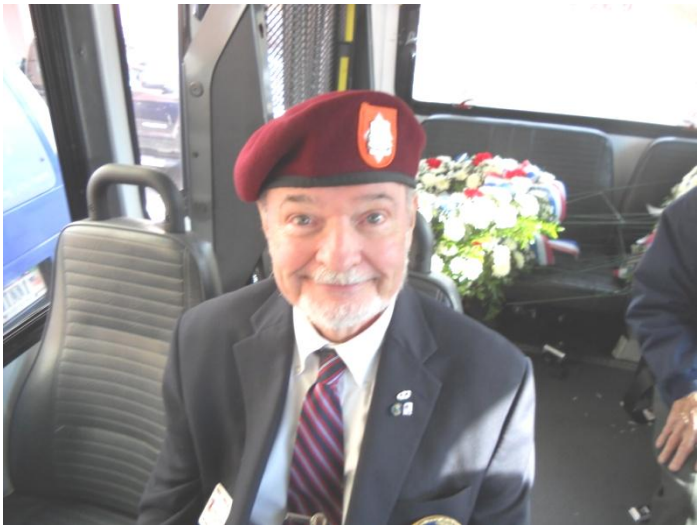
Charlie and Sandy Wagner



Skip McGrath and Francine Noyon



Dave Foy and Andy Anderson



Robert A. Farver, Sr. Tucker Chapter Secretary



LTC Elizabeth Coble



Tomb of the Unknowns Changing of the Guard



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Tomb of the Unknowns Wreath Presentation



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82nd Official Party Marches down Steps



Tomb of the Unknowns Wreath Presentation



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508th PIR Memorial Site



Bugler at 508th PIR Memorial Site



508th PIR Memorial Site



1SG Leonard A. Funk, Jr. Gravesite



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555 PIR Memorial Site



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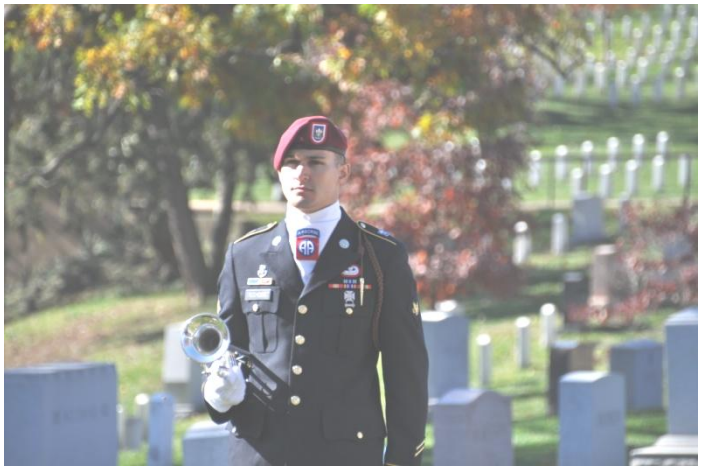
11th Airborne Division Memorial Site



Color Guard L-R: PFC Becker, SSG Martin, SGT Craycraft, e3SPC Kreitzman & PFC Paisie



11th Airborne Division Memorial Site



Bugler at 11th Airborne Division Memorial Site



82nd Airborne Division Memorial Site



82nd Airborne Division Memorial Site



General Robinson Gravesite



General Robinson Gravesite



General Ridgway Gravesite



General Ridgway Gravesite



Color Guard making ready



The 551 PIB Memorial Site



The 551 PIB Memorial Site



The 551 PIB Memorial Site



Bill Eberle & COL Bredenkamp new 504 C.O.



The 504 PIR Memorial Site



LTC Graham USAFR speaking at Women's Memorial and Museum



Women's Memorial and Museum



Women's Memorial and Museum



Women's Memorial and Museum



Bugler sounding Taps at Women's Memorial and Museum



Color Guard at Women's Memorial and Museum



At the 505 PIR Memorial Site



At the 505 PIR Memorial Site



At the 17th Airborne Division Memorial Site



At the 17th Airborne Division Memorial Site



Color Guard enroute to the 13th Airborne Division Memorial Site



At the 13th Airborne Division Memorial Site



Names of KIA are called out at the 173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial Site



At the 173rd Abn Bde Memorial Site



Miniature flags are stuck into the ground at the 173rd Abn Bde Memorial Site



At the 325 GIR Memorial Site



At the 325 GIR Memorial Site



At the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division (Golden Brigade) Memorial Site



187 Airborne Regimental Combat Team Memorial Site



187 Airborne Regimental Combat Team Memorial Site



Vietnamese Airborne Division Veterans Color Guard



Vietnamese Airborne Division Veterans and MACV Team 162 Red Hat Advisors



MACV Team 162 Memorial Site



MACV Team 162 Memorial Site



Washington Monument on Washington Mall



World War II Memorial on Washington Mall



World War II Memorial on Washington Mall



World War II Memorial on Washington Mall



World War II Memorial on Washington Mall



Lincoln Memorial from WWII Memorial



World War I Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Washington Monument from Lincoln Memorial



Vietnam Wall Seating Area



Vietnam Wall Seating Area



Vietnam Wall Seating Area



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Price of Freedom Museum
China Grove, NC

The Price of Freedom Museum is an American War Museum in China Grove, near Kannapolis, NC. It is dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces who paid the ultimate price of freedom with their service and their lives. The collection of military uniforms was originally started around 20 years ago in a small service station. The station owner, Bob Mault would accept uniforms from veterans or their families and hang them in clear plastic bags within his service station so the public could see them. He accumulated a lot of military uniforms and equipment and needed more storage room. He attempted to get permission to use an old School in nearby China Grove that had been replaced by a newer facility in the mid 1970's. Earl Christy of the 508 Chapter has a son that was a School official and convinced the County School Board to allow the old School to be used as a Military Museum. Jim Strickland, Jerry Strickland, and Earl Christy of the Kannapolis area and members of the Support Company 508 ARCT Association are involved in publicizing the museum at their Reunions and trying to find articles for an Airborne display, hopefully to display a model paratrooper with full gear ready for a jump. I arranged my trip to Arlington for Vets days to allow a couple of hours in Kannapolis to visit Jim, Jerry, Earl, and to meet Bob Mault. I called Jim Strickland when I reached the North Carolina state line and met him, Jerry and Earl in Kannapolis. We went to Bob Mault's Texaco station where several dozen uniforms and items of equipment hung high on all the walls. I met Bob and Mrs. Mault plus Kate, their friend and helper with the museum. I gave Bob a few items that I had brought. A WWII Field Desk used by first sergeants that looks something like a foot locker until its opened up; a paratrooper helmet liner with chin strap and steel pot; several maps from Vietnam and a USMA saber with scabbard and cover. We chatted some and took a few photos. When items are donated, they keep records of the donor along with a photo and description of each item. Bob could not leave work, so Kate led Jim, Jerry, Earl and I to the museum. The original school cafeteria was a separate building linked to the school by a covered walkway. That original cafeteria was full of all sorts of photos…

…and items of clothing and equipment. Most of it belonging to local veterans or their surviving families. All branches of service seemed to be represented and all items were displayed in an attractive and patriotic manner. Each item is tagged explaining the item, the veteran involved and who donated the item. Earle Christy led me to the U.S. spent .30 caliber cartridges sent by Herb LaHout after he dug them up in Normandy, France. We spotted a 1952 yearbook depicting all of the men and units of the 508th ARCT that had been donated by Bob Capalbo an active member of the Support Company, 508 ARCT Association and life member of our Chapter. The impressive collection continues to expand and work continues in the large school. An original class room stays on display and the original school library is being refurbished to store some of the many books already donated. Each branch of service has a large classroom for storage and display. Volunteers paint these rooms in military branch colors. Everyone involved with the museum searches for display cases and other items to enhance the showing of their military artifacts. A lot of thought is put into how uniforms, items of equipment and photos are displayed so as to look good without wasting space. We should help with the Paratrooper display. Jim and Jerry Strickland with Earl Christy got hold of a T-10 parachute and a reserve parachute. I believe it was John and Joan Brown of E Company 508 1951-54 who donated jump trousers. The museum now has a paratrooper helmet. Our biggest challenge at present is locating or buying a heavy duty dummy to properly display a paratrooper wearing his combat uniform and jump equipment. These dummies, I'm told cost several hundred dollars each I encourage your suggestions for a solution. We could use any of the items of individual field equipment that we normally wore when dressed in full combat gear for a jump. The goal of the museum is to teach the youth of today the price of freedom that was paid by the soldiers who came before them, and who serve today. When people understand what it cost to be free, they can understand what must be done to preserve it. School buses bring local school kids to the museum. This is an approved Field trip for all 5th Graders of Rowan County.

According to the most recent count 4,554 students have visited the Price of Freedom Museum. **Continued on Page 5**

Continued from Page 4: A disabled veteran, Mr. Frank Albright is very involved with the Museum and handles most of the functions involving the School visits. He briefs the students on the importance of the military and how it has helped to preserve our Rights and Freedom. For more information visit the museum website at www.priceoffreedom.us.



Jerry & Jim Strickland, Earl Christy, Ken Hamill present items to Bob Mault – Museum Curator



The Price of Freedom Sign in front of Museum



Original Classroom Preserved in Museum



Photos, Uniforms and equipment on Display



Photos, Uniforms and equipment on Display



Bob Mault & Ken Hamill with donated items



Items displayed inside Bob Mault Texaco Station



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Items displayed inside Bob Mault Texaco Station



Old School Cafeteria part of Museum



An Army Display Room is a work in progress



A Navy-Marine Display Room is a work in progress



A Navy-Marine Display Room is a work in progress



An Air Force Display Room is a work in progress



The School Library is under renovation



A Navy-Marine Display Room is a work in progress



Navy-Marine Display Room is a work in progress



The Museum Sign and Flag Staff area



The Old China Grove School serves us well



The Old China Grove School serves us well



Normandy dug rounds donated by Herb LaHout



Photos, Books & Uniforms Displayed



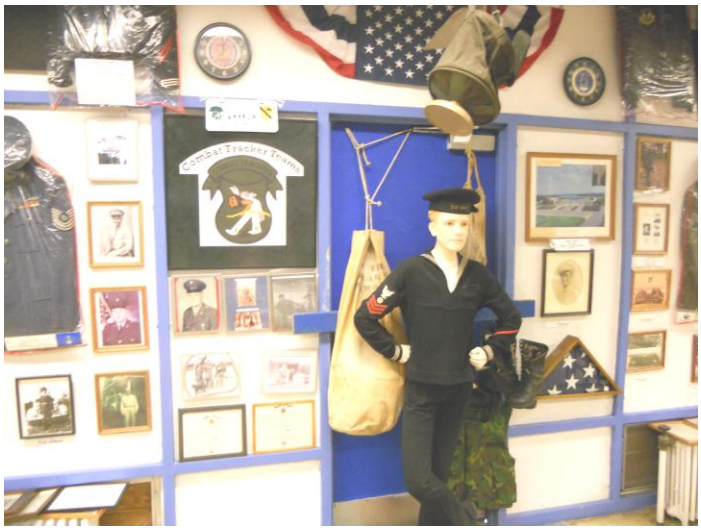
A Piece of the Berlin Wall is displayed



Uniforms, photos and Equipment are displayed



Uniforms, photos and Equipment are displayed



Uniforms, photos and Equipment are displayed



Uniforms, photos and Equipment are displayed



A Pith Helmet is displayed

I heard from Joe Dantonio of Easy Company, 508 ARCT 1951-54 and St. Petersburg, Florida. Joe sent copies of three pages of the Brownwood Texas Bulletin Newspaper dated 8 April 1952 highlighting events of the Longhorn Jump that injured dozens and killed one trooper. Joe said COL Cleland, the great white father who commanded the 508 at Sand Hill attended the first class out of jump school into the 508. Joe was in the second class. Joe enjoyed Mr. Carbery's story on the Leadership School. He too attended the school and had dealings with LT Thomas, a real taskmaster. Joe felt that anyone who survived the school was a great asset to his outfit. Another article from the Yatesboro, Pennsylvania paper pictures Joe receiving a certificate of merit for being the Honor Graduate of his class at the Infantry Leadership School, Fort Jackson, S.C. Another article credits Joe Dantonio for attaining the highest school score of 789 out of 1000 at the Fort Jackson, S.C. school. Congrats Joe !!!!!

Antonio "Tony" Peralta of Dog Company, 508 ARCT 1952-55 and Yuma, AZ saw the Taps announcements in the June 2012 Devil Digest and remembers John Mendoza as a good man and good friend. He also remembers how the straight legs at Fort Benning hated the airborne when it was their turn at Prison Chaser.

I Spoke to **Ronald J. Frydenlund** of Dog Company 508 ARCT 1952-53 and Jamestown, ND. Ronald was diagnosed with lung cancer in late 2011 and started chemo. He will soon finish with the radiation treatments and hopes for the best. Ronald started smoking at age 19 and quit at age 39. Says – to quit smoking was one of the toughest challenges of his life.

I heard from **Aristeo Blanco** of Charlie Company, 508 ARCT, 1951-54 and Reno, Nevada. He took a trip to Israel in September and visited family in Texas recently. He wanted contact info for the family of Warren Wilkins who lives in a nursing home. Aristeo was Warren's assistant gunner on their squad's Browning automatic rifle in 1951. Aristeo remembers several super troopers in Charlie Company…

…He remembers Wilkins, Jasinski and Bowles leaving the 08 for straight leg infantry units in Korea. Aristeo did visit Jasinski in Mansfield, OH and Herb Cronin in Columbus, OH in early 2000. Aristeo remembers seeing Bowles and others at All American Week, Fort Bragg in 2001 when they celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team standing up.

Ted Cobb of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 508 ARCT and Lehigh Acres, Florida sent the attached photo of himself believed to have been taken at Don Muang Airfield, Bangkok, Thailand in February 1956. Several members of our Chapter went to Thailand as part of the 508 ARCT Second Battalion Task Force on Operation Firm Link.



PFC Ted Cobb poses in front of a Flying Boxcar

I heard from **Joe Dailey**, CSM Retired. Joe attended jump school in 1956 after the 508 returned to Fort Campbell from Japan. He remembered CSM Bob Young who was our Second Battalion Sergeant Major in Japan as a Master Sergeant E-7. I gave Joe the phone number of Bob Young and they were able to chat for a while. Joe served in A Co, 506 ABG for nine years and A B Cannon was his First Sergeant part of that time.



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TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED

Carbery, Edwin C. Gilford, NH
Item Co. 508 ARCT 1951-54, 3 Oct 2012
Johnston, Donald M. Badger Chapter
A Co, 1-508 PIR 1943-46 8 July 2012
SPC John Batista Kinnelon, NJ
2-321 AFAR, KIA Afghanistan 8 Jul 2012
1SG Russell R. Bell Spring Hill, NC
1-508 PIR, KIA Afghanistan 2 Aug 2012
SSG Richard L. Berry Scottsdale, AZ
508 STB, KIA Afghanistan 22 Jul 2012
PFC Julian L. Colvin Birmingham, AL
508 STB, KIA Afghanistan 22 Jul 2012
SPC Krystal M. Fitts North Carolina
E-782 BSB, KIA Afghanistan 17 Jul 2012
SSG Matthew S. Sitton Largo, FL
1-508 PIR, KIA Afghanistan 2 Aug 2012

My spoken words at the 508 Memorial site, Arlington National Cemetery on 9 November started with: I would like to recognize Ed Carbery, a Chapter Life Member and veteran of the 508 Airborne 1951-54 who one year ago volunteered to speak and give tribute at this memorial site. Ed hoped to be here to the end, unfortunately his medical condition went down hill and he passed away on 3 October 2012.

Statistics

Annual Members …43
Affiliate Members…12
All Americans…....308
Total Members.....363

Thank you Members and Friends for the effort to help our troops in Afghanistan.

Our last member to send a check to the O'Neal Fund during 2012 was **Dennis P. Harris.** The donation was received too late to thank Dennis in the Paraglide and previous Devils Digest. So, I would like to thank Dennis for his generosity at this time. His gift brought the total amount… …donated to $3941.00. Our chapter treasury gave matching funds making the total amount of the O'Neal Fund **$7882.00**. The return of our Regiment after a 7 month tour was a bit of a surprise to me, so we did not spend all of the O'Neal Fund. We spent a total of $**6316.60** on purchases and mailing expenses. We have **$1565.40** remaining in our chapter bank account that is targeted for the 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment troopers in the future.

December 2012 Treasurers Report

Printing expense September 2012: $141.69
Mailing expenses Oct – Dec: Cleek $1.30
December Newsletter Envelopes: $30.87
Our Chapter Bank Account including the $1565.40 targeted for our troops in the future was $3387.43 as of 3 December 2012

The O'Neal Fund purchases are displayed on our website www.red-devils.org Click on the News / Events Page. Purchases are listed by months April, May, June, July, August and receipts are attached to the lists.

Effective 1 January 2013, the new membership rates go into effect. 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"

If you are the least bit thrifty, the message is clear – become an All American (life) member now. All American (life) dues are currently $100 for veteran members over the age of 50. The dues change on 1 January.

Be fast and save money. Expedite your upgrade to All American Life membership by sending $100 directly to National: 82 Abn Div Assn, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304

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

FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames)_____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

STREET_____ CITY_____ STATE_____

9-DIGIT Zip_____ ASN_____ (or) SSAN (Last 4)_____

MARITAL STATUS_____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN_____

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

EMAIL_____ SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

____ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR YR _____ $20.00 OR _____ $21.00 (= $1.00 DONATION TO ED FUND)

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

____ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, RESERVE, NAT. GD – Current Rank and Date of Rank: _____

____RETIRED MILITARY – Retired Rank and Date Departed Active Military Service_____

____MILITARY VETERAN – Rank and Date Departed Military Service_____

508 UNIT: Co_____: Bn____: Location_____ FROM MO/YR_____ TO MO/YR_____

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

NEW MEMBERS MUST INCLUDE PROOF OF AIRBORNE QUALIFICATION

MAIL TO: KEN HAMILL; 2207 Coventry Drive; Columbus, GA 31904-5034

AIRBORNE AWARDS FESTIVAL & 508TH AIRBORNE CHAPTER REUNION

Our 508th Airborne Chapter will hold a reunion in conjunction with the Atlanta Awards Festival. The 508th and 320th AFAR Reunions in Clarksville were great, but unfortunately they are no longer held. Call your old friends from the Clarksville Reunion days. We can rejuvenate that old Clarksville Airborne Spirit in Atlanta. The Airborne Awards Festival will be held April 3-6 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel. Highlights of the festival include the Memorial Luncheon on Thursday; the bus trip to Fort Benning on Friday; the Airborne Awards Banquet on Saturday; and the airborne atmosphere every day. The festival schedule and registration Information has been published on the Atlanta All Airborne Chapter website – www.82nd-atl.com Questions please call Annette Purcell at (678) 592-7441

Paraglide Addresses Must Be Correct

If the Paraglide mailed to you is returned to National, it will not be forwarded to you. It costs National 50 cents for each returned Paraglide,… …so National will cease sending Paraglides to members with incorrect addresses until a current address is provided. If you are a snowbird and live a number of months each year at a summer home and a winter home you must notify national each time you move. Our 508th Airborne Chapter has a few members with two residences and we know the approximate dates of their snowbird moves. So we can usually stay up with sending our Devils Digest newsletters to the correct addresses. I asked National to maintain both addresses on snow-birds, but they cannot and will not do it, because they are not staffed to do it. You must keep National advised about your address changes every time u-move.

WINTER WEEKEND GETAWAY

The 5th Annual Winter Weekend Getaway will be held February 21-24 at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa. Hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Chapter. Getaway information is posted on page 20 of the Fall 2012 Paraglide. Point of contact for info or airport transportation is Bill Eberle: 843.682.4171 or airborneben@hargray.com