508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association

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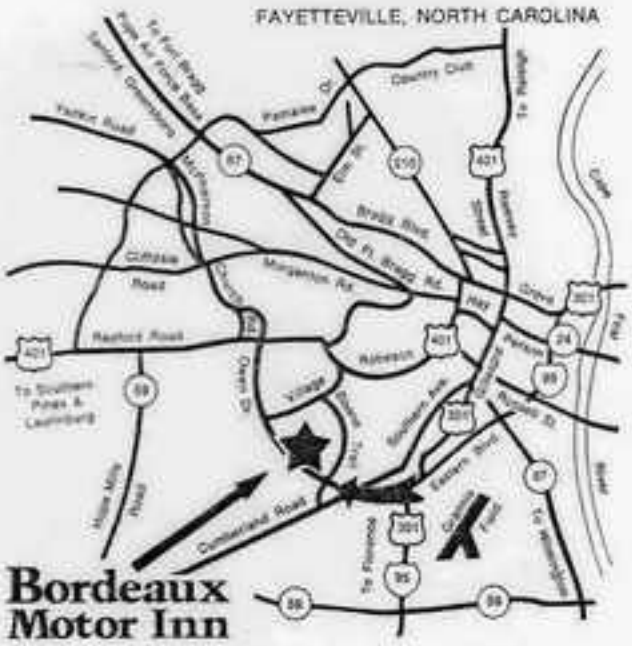
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Bordeaux Motor Inn

1707 OWEN DRIVE
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28304
PHONE: 323-0111

A Touch of Tomorrow, Today

that's what awaits you at
Bordeaux Motor Inn/Convention Center



1977 REUNION

It's being held in Fayetteville, N.C. on Sept.9,10, and 11, 1977. The Bordeaux Motor Inn is the host. It is a very modern Inn with beautiful rooms, 4 restaurants, recreational facilities, night club, and a shopping center across the street.

The Fayetteville gang have everything arranged. Jim Smith, Ken Merritt, Jim Blue, O.C. Crow, Francis Mahan, Marvin Risnes, Ed Woodowski, Gene Evans, and Adolph Warnecke are all anxiously awaiting our arrival enmasse.
The invasion of Fayetteville is about to begin.

Invasion of Fayetteville Due Sept. 1977

1977 Convention

They have all kinds of plans to keep us going.

Sept.9,1977 - 0945-1200
Tour 82nd Airborne
Divisional Museum

Sept.9,1977 - 1300-1500
Airborne Operation at
D Z Sicily by 1/508

Sept.10,1977 -1000-1600
Tour Camp Mackall

Those are just the high points. There will be equipment displays, luncheons, dinners, beer bust, shopping for the ladies, story swapping, friends to meet, etc. Plan now to go.

Our old 508er Rocky Merritt is now Sergeant Major of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. There is no telling what he might ring up for us.

More details and registration forms will come in the following news letters.

O.B. HILL NEWS

If you haven't heard through Static Line or friends who were there, O.B., our President and founder, went and got himself a heart attack just before the 1976 convention started in Chicago. He got out of all the work and scared the hell out of everybody to boot. He reports that all is going well now. He is working half days, losing weight, excercising, and taking medicine- anything to avoid by pass surgery. The old trooper is still taking new applications for membership so if you have any send them on. Good luck on your next check-up O.B.!

CHEF DU PONT PROJECT

Chef Du Pont was an experience not to be forgottne by the Normandy veterans and a name often heard by the troopers who joined the Regiment later. It is also a town in Normandy and it has been visited by many 508ers who return to the scenes of their W.W.II adventures. Everyone who was there in 1944 or who visited later will tell you it is 508th country! Many years ago the town erected a monument to the memory of the regiment who fought to save them from Nazi enslavement- our 508th Regiment!

In recent years, many of our men who have visited there have expressed the thought of doing something for the town. Not because something hadn't been done years ago but because of the hospitality and gratefulness shown by the Chef Du Pont townspeople towards the 508th visitors and because it would be nice. Rex Combs was one of those frequent visitors.

After the 1975 convention, Rex pursued the idea. When he queried the townspeople, he found that of all else, they would appreciate most a small garden or park between the present 508th memorial and the river. It would be especially appropriate because the area was being sought as a parking space for a nearby business. The cost would be approximately $2,000.00 U.S.

The idea of a garden with suitable marker presented by our Association to compliment the present memorial was approved at the 1976 convention in Chicago. We have raised about $900.00 so far. If you haven't given yet or would like to give more, please mail your donation of 5.00,10.00,50.00,500.00 or whatever to our treasurer.

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MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Does everyone who has signed up and paid dues have a membership certificate? If you don't,let me know, and I'll send one.

It's been a pleasure putting this together for you. I'll have more convention and other information for you in the spring. Right now, I'm getting deeply involved with plans for my eldest daughters wedding on February 12.
Until later then, keep an eye on the monthly news in Static Line.
O.B.Hill and Dave Thomas do a great job of writing the 508th page.

Jim Allardyce
Secretary

DUES

We are trying to get better organized but please bear with this volunteer cheap labor. Dues are going to be collected at the start of the year now. It's more logical and easier book-keeping. There is no set fee but $5.00-$10.00 a person will help keep this thing rolling. If you can give more, it will be appreciated. If you happen to be in a bind right now, and can't make it, we'll still keep your name on our roster.

Five Dollars hooks you up ... Airborne it today!

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Mail it now (and the card below)
And your active participation will keep 508 the premiere regiment of our Airborne Family.



Circle: NEW or RENEWAL
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Paratrooper _____ Wife _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Company _____ Rank/Rate _____ MOS _____

ASN _____ Dates served _____

Campaigns _____

Occupation _____

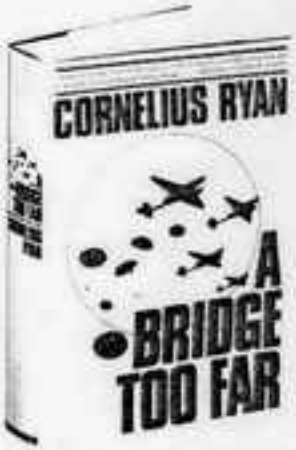
Hobbies/Interests _____

Assn. No. _____ Signature _____

STATIC LINE

Our unofficial-official line of communication is Static Line if you have not heard. It is a regular monthly Airborne newspaper our of College Park, Ga. We rely on it for communication because it is regular and this News Letter is rather experimental and chancy. If you don't get Static Line you should. It is $12.00 a year for twelve issues and is great!

For a subscription, write:
Don Lassen
Box 87518
College Park, Ga.30337



A BRIDGE TOO FAR

The hard cover book of A Bridge Too Far is on sale for $3.98 plus shipping from-

PUBLISHERS CENTRAL BUREAU
DEPARTMENT 439
One Champion Ave.
Avenel, New Jersey,07131

508th HISTORY AVAILABLE

Soon to be advertised in Static line is a reprint of the history of the 508th PIR. It will be in the range of $10.00 a copy, which is considerably cheaper than the ultimate price on the book shelf. The cover is to be of special material approved for use in libraries. It is not "hard" but of a very durable material. The supplier is

Battery Book Shop
P.O. Box 3107
Uptown Station
Nashville, Tenn.37219

Further information and definite price will appear in Static Line.

EUROPE 1977

The C-47 Club, an organization associated with the 82nd Airborne Division Association is sponsoring a 2 week tour of Holland, Belgium and France May25 through June8. Our Association has nothing planned like this to do as a unit. We have talked of it but nothing is jelled for 1977.

For more information,write:
HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD
C-47 CLUB CHARTER
6 ST.JAMES AVE.
BOSTON, MASS. 02116