508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association



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NEWS LETTER

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REUNION

1978 DENVER 1978



We are already receiving reservations and down payments for the 1978 Denver Reunion, so I had better get busy. Ed. Montgomery, Med. Co, was the first to register.

The shindig extends from Thursday Aug. 31, through Sept. 3, 1978. We are gathering at the Stapleton-Plaza Motor Hotel in Denver, Colorado, just 5 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes off of I-70.

If you drive, there is underground parking with a complete security service. If you come by air, there is free transportation from the airport every 15 minutes.

The hotel is 11 stories high with 310 rooms. There is a party room on each floor and these will be Company CP's. Each room has an outside and inside balcony. Outside are the Rockies and inside is the atrium with lush plants and foliage and a water fall cascading to a pool 11 stories below. Each room has color TV, FM music, oversized beds,and individual temperature controls. Other hotel facilities include sauna,steam bath, pool, whirlpool, track, movie theatre, liquor store, bank, barber shop, beauty parlor and specialty shops.

There is varied dining available within the Stapleton Plaza or at two hotels next door. The Plaza has a special menu for the adventurous which includes elk, buffalo, venison, rattlesnake, etc. If that doesn't turn you on, the traditional menus are available. There is a coffee shop and sandwich buffet also within the Plaza as well as a lounge with evening entertainment.

We are getting our rooms at a special rate of $20.00 per night whether it is one or two people per room. This special rate is available to us also two nights before and two nights after the reunion.

ATTENTION TOUR GROUP

I was phoned this by O.B. at 12:45 A.M. Feb. 18. It's a special improvement in the tour. There will be 3 departure points for the same price. Los Angeles International, Chicago O'Hare, and New York Kennedy Airports. They will all arrive in Paris within 90 minutes of each other. All three flights will combine into the 508th tour group at this time and complete the tour together. These 3 departure points will save many people a lot of money. You will leave London for home on separate flights which will return you to the airport from which you departed.

When you send your deposit, indicate from which airport you wish to depart. Those who have already made a deposit, contact Jim Smith in Fayetteville with that information. You will be informed by O.B. or Don Lassen of your flight number and time of departure. You will get your tickets at the airport the day of your departure from a Charter Agent.

Any questions should be addressed to O.B. Hill in California.
PHONE 213-322-1313



1978 DENVER REUNION 1978

Thursday August 31, 1978 through Sunday September 3, 1978 are the dates. Set them aside for another memorable get together. The place is the Stapleton-Plaza Hotel in Denver, Colorado, just 5 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from I -70, per our Tom Heun, B & Service Co.-the 508th man on the spot. Tom works for the hotel!

Here's what Tom says; There is free transportation from the airport to the hotel every 15 minutes. The hotel is 11 stories with 10 for rooms. There is a party suite on each floor. Each company can have its own floor with a private party room included for CP. Each of the 310 rooms has a balcony facing outside and one facing inside to the atrium. The rooms have TV, oversized beds and individual temperature controls. Other amenities include sauna, steam bath (co-ed!) pool, whirlpool, track movie theatre, liquor store, bank, barber shop, beauty parlor and specialty shops.

Restaurants include the Open Season which features wild game or traditional menus, a coffee shop and a sandwich buffet. A bar features nightly entertainment. There are other restaurants nearby too.

Underground parking with complete security service is a part of the complex.

Rooms will be $20.00 per night whether you have one or two persons. This is a special rate provided us by the hotel and is effective as well for two days before the reunion and two days after.

Tom says - come early and stay late. There's lots to see and do. In Denver, there is the U.S.Mint, Eisenhower Chapel, Museum of Science, Wax Museum, Art Museum, Old Town or Larimer Square, shopping, etc. Side trips can be made to Mesa Verde, Royal Gorge, Dinosaur Park, Dude Ranches, Gold mines, etc.

There will be more info and Registration forms in forthcoming News Letters and Static Line.

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HELP
FIND YOUR BUDDIES

Get out and find your old buddies who dont know about our Association. Times awastin as any of you who have attended a reunion can attest. In addition to the joys and fellowship at the convention, there is always someone who brings a message of some old comrade who will never jump again. To get us all together before we have to make it a wheelchair convention, get out those old addresses and start calling. It doesn't cost anything to ask the information operator for the phone number at those addresses. If your buddy is there he'll bless you forever. If he isn't, it cost nothing. Sometimes a relative is living at the address. They can often point you to your old friend. Get going before you wish you had done it sooner. Send me any new addresses so we can get them on the mailing list and roster.

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To 508th Treasurer: Enclosed is $_____ deposit for ____ persons.

($100.00 per person deposit) for the 1978 EUROPEAN TOUR.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO: _____ WIFES NAME: _____

NAMES OF OTHERS INCLUDED IN THIS DEPOSIT (OTHER THAN YOU & WIFE)

_____ _____

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Make check or money order payable to"508th PIR ASSOCIATION" and mark it "Deposit on 508th Tour of Europe"
Mail it to; James Smith, 1403 Valencia Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303



Membership Application: 1978

Paratrooper _____ Wife _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Company _____ Rank/Rate _____ MOS _____

ASN _____ Dates served _____

Campaigns _____

Occupation _____

Hobbies/ Interests _____

Assn. No. _____

Signature _____

DUES REMINDER

We've had a very loyal following of 508-ers pay their 1978 dues already. Any of you who wait til the first of the year to do this, can do it now. Use the form attached. Send $5.00-$10.00,etc,to our Treasurer, JIM SMITH, 1403 VALENCIA DRIVE, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. 28303. Make checks payable to 508 P.I.R. Association. It helps pay for this fancy correspondence you get.

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EUROPE BOUND

Jim Smith informs me the following have already signed up for Europe as of early February.

Harold Brodd-2, Francis Plesch-2, Geo. Donohue-1, Milt. Mackey-2, Don King-2, Bill Knutson -2, Jim Murphy-1, Ed Wehzel-2, Mike Wargo-2, Lou Yourkovich-2, Warren Good-1, Joe Metar-3, Malcolm Brannen-2, Dick Aleman-2, David Thomas-2, Jim Kooney-2, Jack Schlegel-2. Linda Darling-1, Fred Infanger-2, Henry Lefebvre-2, Lewis Burrows-2.

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TRAVEL TIPS

Money

Take travelers checks and/or credit cards that will be accepted over there. Ask your bank.

Smokers

To be up to date, check your local customs agent at any large Post Office or Federal Building. They or a travel agent can tell you how many "smokes" you can carry into each country. They really cost over there.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Ralph Burris, F. Co. is working on the idea of placing a plaque in Wollaton Park, Nottingham, to memorialize our stay there.

David and Dennis, the twin sons of Paul Sherbak, were awarded their Eagle Scout badges last year. Paul of A. Co. was at the ceremonies with his wife Marge, in Portage, Ind.

Bill Brawner, H Co, of Indian Head, Md. is a retired florist. He is now enjoying all the camping, fishing, and gardening he wants.

Anthony Abbatemarco, H Co, is one of us who achieved what we all talked about 34 years ago. He owns his own Liquor store in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lionel Frigo, B Co, has retired from both the Army and the Army's Overseas Educational System. He now lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Herman Jannigen, A Co, has retired from his cleaning business in Versailles, Ind.

Ed Luczaj, Regtl. Hdqs, is the Postmaster in Oakdale, Ill.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

I would appreciate being remembered when you change your address. I know the move is hectic and there are a million things to do, but it's a shame to lose track of you after all the lost years. Drop me a line and you can keep in touch with the action.

Jim Allardyce