508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association

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THE ALAMO

SAN ANTONIO REUNION 1979

Here's the final information from Texas.

The reunion starts on Thursday, Sept.13,and loses Sept. 16,1979. It's at the St.Anthony Hotel n downtown San Antonio, Texas. That is just off of I - 37 and 10 minutes from the airport. There are cabs or mini buses (at @ $2.50 ea) from the airport.

The St.Anthony is an elegant hotel with an ornate interior style. It is centrally air conditioned, has electric eye doors, and a drive-in garage registration facility. Nearby are fine stores, the Mexican Market and ethnic restaurants.

Rooms are $32.00 a night, single, double or twin. That's a special rate and will apply for those arriving early and departing later than the established meeting dates. The hotel accepts travelers checks, American Express, Visa, Master Charge Diners Club, and Carte Blanc charge cards. You pay when you leave.

Room reservations should be made with the enclosed form and through our treasurer, Jim Smith. This way you will have a room in the 508th section of the hotel near your buddies. Room reservations will be on the same form as reunion reservations.

REUNION REGISTRATION

The registration fee is unchanged at $45.00 per person. We're still successfully dodging inflation. Your early registration assures you of a room near all the action so get with it.

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PART TIME ATTENDANCE

If you can't make the full reunion, stop in for part of it. Your buddies will be happy to see you if only for a few minutes. If you have time for only one or two events, go to them. We will have our costs broken down by that time and will charge you for only the portion of the reunion attended.

A REGIMENT OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION (ALL-AMERICANS)

GUADALAJARA TOUR

General Dave wants to know who is interested in the 6 day Guadalajara tour. He has to know now so that the tour agency can start to make reservations.

The tour is for 6 days and 5 nights. Departure is at 4:10 P.M. from San Antonio on Sunday Sept,16, 1979. It returns on Sept.21st. Included is:
Round trip - Baggage handling & tips.
Hotel - Welcome Cocktail
Transportation to & from airport.
Tour of Guadalajara & Tlaquepague.
Tour to Lake Chapala & Ajyic with lunch.

Prices are as follows:
Double Occupancy-$183.per person
Triple " -178.per person
Single " -240. per person
Plus $3.00 Departure tax.
Prices subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Beautiful and wonderful fun filled options are available, such as : Visit City of Tequila & San Isidro Canyon, Ballet Folklorico, Mexican Fiesta, and others.

Deposit must be made 60 days before departure and total due 30 days before departure.

If you are interested, mail this form to : Dave Thomas,
7617 Woodhaven, San Antonio,
Tex. 73209

Include us in the 6 day Guadalajara tour, leaving San Antonio on Sept. 16,1979

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____ PHONE # _____

You will need passports to enter Mexico. Contact your county court house to learn that procedure. Start now because it takes awhile.

508th CERAMICS

As a special favor, a limited number of souvenir ash trays are being made to commemorate our 1979 reunion in Texas. They will be of hand made ceramic and kilned right in San Antonio. The motif will be 508th, Texas, 1979. Jeanne Thomas is donating her time and special talents to this project with the profits going to the Association.

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MAIL BAG

Just got word that Dick Alsman, F Co, suffered a severe heart attack the first of the year. He's recovering now and hopes to be back to work in 3 months. Dick lives at 1103 State St,Lawrenceville, Ill. 62439

Heard from Dick Stanley, E Co, in Naples, Fla. Dick and his wife Winnie enjoy hunting and fishing. He's a circuit judge down there.

Howard Gouge, A Co, lives in Fort Knox, Ky. He retired from the army in 1963 and is thinking about retiring again from his job as maintenance supervisor. He and wife Nadine hope to make San Antonio.

Lloyd and Flor Isaacs, D Co, live in Calumet City, Ill. Lloyd is retired and enjoys the fast pitch softball.

Bob Shields, Hq 1st, is a sergeant in the sheriffs patrol in Nanuet, N.Y.

All fisherman please note. Ted Demski, Hq & Hq, is a biological fisheries technician in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. He and his wife Marie Rosita ought to know all the secrets of fishing.

J.W. Mankin, E Co is retired from the service. Wife Phyllis looks out for him in Fairfield Glade, Tenn. He is now a vocational and psychological evaluator for the state.

503th JACKETS READY TO ORDER



Ralph Burrus, F Co, Chairman of the jacket committtee informs us we can order the jackets now. Each 503er places his own order. They are a buff color, in a finely sueded Uplander cloth, a polyester and cotton material with a Zepel finish. The sleeves have a buttoned cuff.

All orders from the 503th men and women must be noted on the envelope, Attention: Dave Matthews. He will make sure you get the 20% discount, plus the right jacket-(with epaulets).

The price is postage paid $31.60

You can order the jackets by phone, 1-302-362-1300. A credit card is required to do this. Visa or American Express card is honored. When you phone, make sure you note its a special order, ATTENTION: DAVID MATTHEWS.

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503th GOLF TOURNEY

Ralph Burrus, F Co, is still collecting names for the pre- reunion golf tournament. Any of you early arrivals who are golfers, let Ralph know of your plans so that he can include you in Texas size golf. It will be on Thursday Sept 13, just before the official opening of the convention. Fill in the accompanying chit and mail it to Ralph.

THE ORVIS COMPANY, INC.
Manchester, Vermont, 05254

Tel: 1-802-362-1300

ATTN: DAVE MATTHEWS

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The 508 Pars.Inf. Assc.

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(Oversize if available 50-52)

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NAME-_____
ADDRESS-_____
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HANDICAP _____ **
PHONE_____
MAIL TO: RALPH BURRUS
1239 DAY CIRCLE
MILFORD, OHIO, 45150

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IF NONE YOU'LL BE GIVEN A HANDICAP

MORE MAIL BAG

Jim Lutton, A & Hq 1st, is a new member. Mt Lebanon, Pa is home for he and wife Dorothy. Jim has worked as an entertainer, banker and recreational therapist. He is now retired. He made his last jump 4 years ago.

Norm Hankin, G Co, found us. He's a retired foundryman. He and wife Mary live in So.Beloit, Ill.

Larry Thomas"Tookey", B Co, is retired from the army and lives with wife Viv in La Cross, Wis. Tookey is one of our fire eaters who stayed in the service. He got shot up pretty good in Holland then capped it all in Korea. He was in a hospital in Korea for a while with his old C.O.-W.W.Willsaps.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE

Thanks for the good response on dues. Sorry about leaving out the tariff in the printing of the last newsletter. We ask for $5.00 a year and cheerfully accept more from those who want to help the organization financially. Make checks payable to-
508th P.I.R.Association.
Mail to our treasurer, Jim Smith 1403 Valencia Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

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82nd ASSOCIATION

John Mooneyham, immediate past president, and Bob Riggs, executive secretary of the 82nd Association, attended our convention in Denver. They were very welcome and knew a lot of us. They have a great Division Association going in which many of us are members. A super quarterly magazine is produced which has Division news past and present. Any of you wishing to add to your pleasure of joining old comrades at times that never conflict with our activities should write Bob Riggs, 317 S.Butler Ave, Indianapolis, IN. 46219

MAKE OUR ROSTER GROW

Herb Sellers, E & Hq 2nd, has just added Bob Abernathy and Ralph Cook to the roster. That's great! It's the way we grow and meet more of our old buddies. All of us should be out there looking.

For our new found 508ers and as a reminder to you who have been with us for awhile, here's a refresher on how to go about it. Fir those notes you made during the war of your buddy's home address. Call the telephone information operator of the city he lived in to see if h still lives there. It costs nothin for the information call. If he still lives there, get the number a call. It's half price on weekends. You'll have the thrill of a lifetim talking to that old buddy.

Very often, you'll find that y friend lives in another part of tow or a brother or cousin lives at th old address. In this latter case, they usually can put you in touch with your buddy.

When you have a good address, send it to me. Those old 508ers ge a real kick out of being in touch with all of us again. We started o roster 5 years ago with considerabl less then 100 names and addresses a now it is over 600. Help us to mak it grow to include all of our WW II Regiment.

Jim Allardyce

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