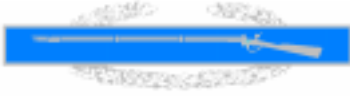




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Web Site Near Completion

Chapter Web Site

We are pleased to announce that the chapter web site is finally able to see the light at the end of the tunnel! To date we have completed all of the sections originally planned except the History of the Regiment and Links. The History of the Regiment is in draft form and still needs significant work. Once the final form is complete and inserted into the web page all we have to do is contact certain other airborne web sites and request linkage.

Most people who attempt to enter the web site will have no problem. There are certain pages which require the Adobe Acrobat Reader program which lets you read that particular section. For those of you who do not have this program, we have inserted a patch to Adobe on the section which requires the reader. Click the button which says "Get Adobe Reader" and it takes you automatically to Adobe <http://www.adobe.com/> **You can download Acrobat Reader free of charge.** The current version is 4.05 and is 6 MBs. Besides the benefit of being able to read sections of the chapter web site, you will find it will help you read data in the Internet you could not do before you had Acrobat Reader.

We have a password for certain sections, such as the current newsletter, and these passworded sections may only be accessed by chapter members. In the future, we will be adding a membership roster which will only include name, city, state, unit and years served in the 508th. This section will also be passworded. To secure your user name and pass word, contact the Secretary at: reddevil@peganet.com and he will verify your membership and send you

the information required. This pass word is good for one year. The pass word will be changed every January.

If you have problems accessing the web site, it is recommended that you update your browser operating system. Not only should it allow you entrance to the chapter web site, but, again allow you to access other sites on the Internet that you could not access before due to an old version of your browser. Internet techniques constantly change and you must keep your browser updated if you want to see the latest! Most of you are using Microsoft Internet Explorer or a version of Netscape. You can download the most up to date version of your browser or possibly get a CD sent to you. Downloading may take a considerable amount of time and you may want to consider a CD.

Internet Explorer can be reached at:

<http://www.microsoft.com>

Netscape can be reached at:

<http://home.netscape.com>

Last, but not least, how do you access the chapter web page? Easy, but when you do, please paste to your bookmark or favorite since I get a lot of e-mails asking for the web site address.

www.red-devils.org will get into you to our web site.

While at the web site, please sign the guest book and feel free to comment. You can also e-mail me with problems/comments.

Chairman's Message



The chapter concluded it's most successful year, 1999, to date with a total membership of 311 plus 62 Affiliate Members and we are off to a great start for 2000!. All of the chapter officers wish to thank you for

your strong support and donations that enable us to continue to try and make our CHAPTER ONE OF THE TOP FIVE in the 82d Association. It cannot be done without your support. As of January 11, we had 115 All American Members (Life), 116 Regular Members (Annual) totaling 231 members and additional 34 Affiliate Members. Eighty nine members (89) from 1999 have yet to renew for this year. If all 89 renew, hopefully as soon as they receive this newsletter, we will exceed last years totals and need only 31 new members to win our 4th consecutive Membership Excellence Award! We can do it! Unfortunately however, if those of you who have not renewed fail to do so by February 28, we will have to forego sending you any further issues of The Devils Digest. Your chapter needs you and we do not want to lose you, so please renew now.

Charles Bostic, (H&H/51-54), has a sound plan to get his friends to join. He recently renewed for "00", and sent along applications and a years dues for four of his friends he served with in H&H. He figures he has made a sound investment. Wouldn't it be something if all of us did that with just one trooper we served with who is either unaware of the Chapter's existence or who has been reluctant to join? Charles is from Missouri, the Show Me State, so he has taken the initiative to Show Them. Thanks Charles, I'm going to do the same with some of my Company B friends who have been dragging their feet by not joining.

One of my other chores as Chairman is to manage chapter sales. Trying to keep enough of the varied sized sweats, polo and T shirts in stock is really a guessing game. For a few years we never had call to keep medium sizes in stock. It appeared that we had all grown, or spread into the larger categories. A short time ago the few mediums that we had for

some time were finally ordered. Great! No.. All of a sudden we have had a run on medium sizes. Great! No. Our supplier requires that we order by the dozen. Well, it took a little longer to get enough orders and a few people have had a long wait for theirs—but they should have their shirts soon. Hopefully by the time you are reading this.

Have you tried our chapter web site? Try it, you'll like it. (See bottom of column 1, page 5)

New Chapter Members



Welcome to our newest chapter members who just dropped in.

They are: **Don W. Brown**, Rockmart, GA (H&H/54-56); **Elbert J. Croom**, Atlanta, GA (L/55-57); **Samuel D. Gillespie**, (H&H/54-56); **SGM (R) William L. Hudson**, Phoenix City, AL (H&H/51-56); **LTD(R) Jim Joiner**, Apollo Beach FL (E/55-56); **Armando Z. Juarez**,

Kerrville, TX (I/51-54); **Eddie E. Kuziel**, Olympia Fields, IL (H&H/51-54); **Eugene F. Leonard**, Port Orange, FL (H&H/52-53); **Robert S. Mann**, Marshall, MN (MED/55-56); **Jeremiah W. Marik** (Aff/SAN), El Cajon, CA (C/53-55); **George Nichols**, Venice, FL (HQ1/51-54); **Robert Peterson** (Aff to Reg), Findlay, OH (D/45-46); **Dan L. Rowsey**, Huntington, WV (MED/55-56); **Dave Salisbury**, Neptune, NJ (SVC/55-56); **Gerald L. Scheining** Billings, MT (H&H/55-56); **Edward A. Slocum**, Sumpter, SC (HQ3/55-56); **Thomas Steinback**, Baton Rouge, LA (H&H/51-53); **Ray Toon**, Mt. Grove, MO (H&H/51-54) and **William Wagoner**, Derby, KS (H&H/51-54).

New All American (Life) Members

Jack Bock, Belleville, IL (HQ320/55-56); **Jimmie F. Huey**, Screven, GA (SVC320/54-56); **Robert L. Newkirk**, Grass Valley, CA (I/51-54) Cont pg. 3

Kenneth J. Warzyn, New Port Richey, FL

(D/54-56).

OUR FRIENDLY RE-UP NCO



Listen up troopers! If you haven't paid your 2000 dues, get with the program! What do you get out of it? Four issues of the Paraglide from the 82d Association and six issues of your own regimental newsletter. The most important benefit is you don't lose the opportunity to continue to associate with the best damned Airborne Troopers in the world - **THE RED DEVILS**. So re-up now.

Down Memory Lane

January, 1985. The 2nd Battalion, 508th PIR, a unit of the 82d Airborne Division stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, was deployed as a multi-national force to the Sinai Desert region of Egypt. For six months the Red Devils served as part of an eleven nation force in accordance with the Camp David Treaty. This was the last significant action by the 2nd Battalion as the Battalion was relieved from it's assignment to the 82d Airborne Division and inactivated 30 April 1986.

February, 1943. The 508th PIR had completed it's basic training at Camp Blanding, FL and was moved to Fort Benning, GA to begin their jump training. Because of the fine physical conditioning the Red Devils received at Camp Blanding, they were excused from the first week of PT training. That did not fit too well with the Jump School instructors. Never the less by mid March the Red Devils were sporting the coveted silver wings upon their chests.

February, 1946. The 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, upon its return from Europe in early '45, had been drastically reduced in strength due to troopers returning to civilian life. In February the 320th absorbed all the troopers from the 677th Glider Field Artillery of the 13th Airborne Division. That action raised the troop level of the 320th to a total of 148 officers and men!

February, 1954. On the 15th of February the 508th

Airborne Regimental Combat Team commenced movement to Fort Campbell, KY for attachment to the 11th Airborne Division. On April 8, 1954 the Regimental Combat Team was reorganized at Fort Campbell, KY as a General Reserve, Class 1 unit.

Taps

COL (R) Louis R. Fausset (HQ320/55-56) Passed away Wednesday, November 10, 1999 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise, ID. Services were held in Boise, ID on November 16th and internment was held on November 22 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.



COL Fausset joined the enlisted ranks of the U. S. Army in 1938 and was commissioned a 1LT in 1942. He served with the 8th Armored Division in the ETO during WW II and the X Corps during the Korean War. COL Fausset served as both the Battalion Commander of the 320th AFA Bn and Post Commander, Camp Wood, Japan in 1955-56.

Joseph A Payne (HQ2/51-53), Honesdale, PA passed away on January 14, 2000 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife Bernadette and family of Honesdale.

Statts G. Ammerman, Jr. (HQ3/51-54), Rocklin, CA passed away on December 8, 2000. He is survived by two sons, Peter and John of Rocklin.

Jack D. Troutman (M/51-53), Altoona, KS recently passed away. *No further details are available.

Ronald J. Morlock (HQ1), Sarasota, FL passed away July 6. He is survived by his wife Barbara and three children.

*The Secretary regrets the lack of information. He had a computer failure and was unable to recover this information. Loss of computer records will be discussed elsewhere in this newsletter.

508th ARCT

The Chapter will be sponsoring a 50th Anniversary Reunion in May 2001. Start thinking about it now. Initial details forth coming in the next newsletter.

Airborne Events

We have been asked to publish two events:

S. Arizona Chapter's Mid Winter Conference

Laughlin, NV has been selected as the site for the conference to be held February 24-28, 2000. Cost of accommodations at the Ramada Inn (1-800-243-6846) is \$16 Sunday - Thursday; \$39 Friday and \$42 Saturday. The hotel has all you can eat buffets, mucho waging, free shuttle from the airport, River taxi from casino to casino and much more.

Conference registration is \$70 per person or \$135 for two. Registration includes Hospitality Room, BBQ, Banquet and Getaway breakfast. For more information and to register, call Mark at (520) 896-2283 or e-mail him at the S. AZ web site: <http://hometown.aol.com/SAZALLABN/midwinter.html> The S.AZ group puts on a great get together with plenty to eat, drink and whatever.

Headquarters Company, 3d Bn, 508th ARCT

Hq Co, 3d Bn is having their annual reunion June 1-4, 2000 at San Antonio, TX. Holiday Inn - Riverwalk, 217 N. St. Mary's, has been chosen as the reunion site. Cost is \$99.00 plus tax (approx. 15%) for a single or double with Riverwalk side view. Shuttle bus service from San Antonio International Airport is available. Parking is \$10 per day with in/out privileges. Dress is casual.

Costs payable at registration is 2000 dues (\$10) and Hospitality Room fee of \$10 per member/guest.

Numerous activities are available such as the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Museum and Historical Center, Fredericksburg, TX (approximately one hour from San Antonio); the El Mercado (The Mexican

Market); The Alamo and San Antonio Mission Tour and the Riverwalk/Riverboat Rides.

For further information, contact the four Caballeros:

Bob Fitzgerald (228) 370-5135
Orlan McClung (713) 462-3887
Charles Palsa (281) 999-1563
Bert Jaeger (409) 836-6390

Other Airborne Events

April 12 - 15 **Airborne Awards Festival**
Atlanta, GA
Contact Don Lassen (770) 478-5301

April 13 - 16 **Airborne Spring Fling 2000**
Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter
Lynchburg, VA
See Winter Paraglide for details

May 19 - 22 **Retired Airborne Riggers Reunion**
Fort Bragg, NC
Contact Roy L. Warren
(910) 823-9992
E-mail:
Superchief@WorldNet.att.net

May 24 - 28 **All American Week**
Fort Bragg, NC
See Winter Paraglide for details

June 8 - 11 **South Texas Chapter, 82d Abn**
Corpus Christi, TX
Contact William J. Stevens
(361) 853-5359

Aug. 16 - 20 **54th Annual 82d Assn Convention**
Fort Mitchell, KY
Contact Gerry Swigart
(937) 898-2084

On The Internet?/Secretaries Note

Unfortunately, the Secretary had a mishap several days ago and lost several files which he could not recover.

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Ain't computers (and their operators) wonderful? Both the address book and bookmarks were lost so I no longer can contact chapter members via e-mail. I know that breaks a few hearts out there in cyberspace! In the opening story concerning the web site I indicated that if you were interested in accessing the current newsletter, and later on the chapter membership roster, you had to e-mail me to request the user name and password. Even if you aren't interested in this feature of the web site I would like to rebuild a base of membership e-mail addresses. This is another way for us to keep in touch. It is requested that you e-mail me so that I may record your e-mail address. In a future newsletter I plan to publish names and e-mail addresses. If you do not desire this information to be made public, so state in your message to me. Your privacy will be respected. You will notice that the application for membership has been revised to reflect e-mail address. Not to long ago, I had the occasion to send a message to all chapter members concerning an airborne subject that I thought might be of interest. Several messages were undeliverable due to an incorrect address. Please keep your e-mail address current as you do your mailing address.

Moving? Let Us Know!

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New Address _____

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Temporary _____ Dates _____

New Tel. # _____

Thanks

A big thanks to the 320th AFA Assn and Luis (Rudy) R. Reza (C/54-56) for their generous donation.

Chapter Boosters



Our thanks go to the chapter members indicated below for their unstinting support of the chapter. Their contributions for the year 2000 go a long way in helping us provide six newsletters annually. Thanks gentlemen, we salute you!
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Stan Victor (M/51-54)
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Birmingham, AL 35215

Keep sending in pictures of your custom Airborne plates. Readers tell me that they attract attention and occasionally we get a new member this way. It pays to advertise!

Correction

In the Nov. - Dec. issue we incorrectly reported the death of **Marshall B. Truslow (I/51-53)**, Annandale, VA. We regret this error and offer our sincere apology to Marshall. He informed us he is alive and well.

Letters

We have just about run out of letters from our members. Let's keep those cards, letters and stories coming in as this is what makes the newsletter. In this connection, if you would like to send a picture of yourself while a member of the Red Devils and a current picture along with a short history of yourself in the intervening years I'm sure it would make interesting reading and would be appreciated.

Last Issue?

If your name on the mailing label of this issue is highlighted in yellow it indicates that you have not paid your dues for the year 2000. This is the last issue you will receive unless dues are paid by February 28. At that time your name will be removed from the membership roster.

If you have paid your dues between January 25 and the receipt of this newsletter, please disregard this notice. We value your membership and support and want you to continue to be a part of the Red Devil Team.

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