

# HARRISBURG CONVENTION



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## 82nd ABN DIV ASSOCIATION 61st ANNUAL CONVENTION, HARRISBURG, PA

By Ken Hamill

I arrived at the Harrisburg Hilton at mid day Thursday, 16 August and departed on Sunday. The hotel is upscale and beautiful. Parking was available next door for \$6.00 per day. Park your car, take an elevator down, walk to the hotel and catch their elevator. Check in was fast and efficient. All of the hotel staff we met was very friendly including housekeeping. My room was clean and nice. It had a small fridge and a pretty downtown view. Their Raspberries Restaurant was very nice and offered all meals. Wear your nametag and the Raspberries offered a continental style wakeup for free. Get your coffee with pastries and take them to your room. Some people bragged of the nearby Deli. We tried the Deli and it was a bargain, two eggs, sausage, home fries, toast, water and coffee cost less than \$5.00. A five block radius of the hotel included many old and beautiful buildings, an indoor mall, the Susquehanna River, an artists' area and Italian style lunch for \$4.05 and the state capitol complex with lots of green grass and big old trees, Not many 508<sup>th</sup> members attended. I saw and spoke with Bobbie & Donna Henson, Stephen Leonard and Ron Behrens, The Friday Delegates meeting started exactly on time. Tom Graham started the meeting. The invocation preceded the pledge of allegiance. A formal flag was not there, so we used the flag on the front of Don Van Alstyne's jacket. A Delegates Rep and Recorder were quickly selected. Five subjects were discussed – (1) The Hampton Roads Chapter Treasurer spoke of the advantages of Life Memberships – Widows of All American Members receive the Paraglide for life. (2) The problems of late registration for a reunion were not solved. (3) The El Paso Chapter wanted a National Publication Officer installed to provide professional assistance to the Chapter newsletters and websites, the majority were not in favor. (4) Recruiting of active duty troopers about to PCS/ETS is difficult because their addresses are usually out of date. (5) The educational fund currently has a two year window from discharge for the veteran to apply for assistance. This time should be extended to ten years like the VA program. A wrap up of these discussions will be provided to our Officers and Directors for their continuance. Comments: I was not aware of the fact that a Chapter Delegate had to be appointed in advance in order to speak. I was allowed to make two points – National Bulletins should be digitized to allow forwarding to Chapter Members. The response was the National website offers that service. My second point informed all present that our Chapter collects donations for our troops in Afghanistan, our treasurer sends those funds to Ken Glynn and the Orlando Chapter and they purchase, package and send nice to have items on a regular basis. I emphasized that all donations for our troops will be very much appreciated. I had fliers with all the necessary information to make a donation, but not many people wanted a flier. I visited the Sales Room and bought a 82<sup>nd</sup> tie for \$25 and a blazer pocket patch for \$20. The Hospitality Room was very large with friendly bartenders. The room offered snacks, a lot of room for visiting with old friends. Pizza and desserts were offered late at night. The hospitality room had to close in early afternoon because the same room was used for the banquets. I was told that three Chapter Hospitality Rooms were there, so a beer could be had. The Friday Memorial Dinner was excellent. A good chicken dinner with all the trimmings, followed by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Chorus and some ceremonies. The band was great. They played several patriotic numbers, followed by dance music. We saw some very good jitterbugging by some real old veterans. They swung their ladies though their legs and across their backs, very impressive. I met several people who were key players for the Harrisburg National Convention, including Lou & Nancy Stewart, Dave & Jo Foy, Bob Sandri, ....

**Don't Forget the Clarksville Reunion 27-30 September**

**Continued From Page 1:** Bob & Carol Forshaw and Rodney LaPearl. The General Membership and Elections Meeting was well planned. Ron Rath started it exactly on time. The invocation and muster of Directors was followed by an awards ceremony. The top newsletter earned \$200 for the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter of El Paso. We should remember to submit our Devils Digest next year. We received a Membership Excellence Plaque for 2007. Then came the introduction of candidates, who I'm told were limited to a two minute speech. Secretary William Eberle briefed us on procedure. Line up at the alphabetically arranged tables; Show membership card; Ballots stay in room; Vote for 8 or less; A three minute warning will be given for election closure. 193 members voted, 3 were voided, 190 votes counted. The voted in Directors are: Misters Briseno, Frazer, Glancy, Long, Loveland, Schroeder, Tijerina and Wolfe. The Saturday Airborne Heritage Banquet took 75 minutes longer than scheduled. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Chorus was very good. I thought the prime rib dinner was very tasty. There were lots of awards to deserving members, plenty of thank you's to supporting staff, donations to the Assn from various Chapters, the Directors took their oath of office and new president Steve Frazer of the Wolverine Chapter was introduced by outgoing Ron Rath. Congratulations to the Central Pennsylvania Chapter for hosting an excellent Convention!!!



Ron Behrens at 82<sup>nd</sup> Harrisburg Convention



Ken Hamill & Bonnie Furek at Harrisburg

### Clarksville Reunion September 27, 2007

The 508/320<sup>th</sup> reunion is scheduled from September 27 thru September 30, 2007. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3095 Wilma Rudolph Boulevard, Clarksville, Tennessee. All rooms at the hotel are filled but if you call, they will direct you to another hotel. The number to call is 921-648-4848 and ask for the Red Devil Reunion. **Do not call the Holiday Inn 800 number.** If you have not registered for the reunion, please do so right away. Most people wait until the last week to register and that puts a real hardship on the reunion committee people. To get a registration form for the reunion, go to the 508 web site or the 320<sup>th</sup> website. If you don't have a PC you can contact Jim Lutes, Secretary at **386-673-7445** and he will mail you a registration form. This will be an important meeting. Elections will be held for a new Chairman and Secretary for the next two years.

**Clarksville Auction:** Jim Jackson and myself will conduct an auction at the Clarksville Reunion in September. The money gained will be used for the 508th Afghanistan Assistance of the 508th PIR. Thursday evening the Holiday Inn will host a Welcome Reception in the Hospitality room. An Auction of Donated Memorabilia is planned immediately after the Welcome Reception. Items to be auctioned off will be displayed prior to the auction. Jim Jackson has several items to auction off – Coffee Mugs with the 508th Chapter Patch on them; Steel License Plates with the 508<sup>th</sup> ARCT Patch; A Hand-Crafted, Glass, Leaded Replica of the 508th Patch; Framed Stamps and sheets, some with Matting; A 508th ARCT Field Jacket with Shoulder Patch, Red Devil Pocket Patch, and Wings on a Black & White Background; and much more. David Compton donated two beautiful Mugs. I will donate my U.S. Flag that flew over HQ, Multi-National Force-Iraq. We want a successful and fun auction.

## THE 508TH AIRBORNE HAS A PROUD AND REMARKABLE HISTORY

By Ken Hamill

The 508<sup>th</sup> stood up in 1942 and with the 507th became the Second Airborne Infantry Brigade. It was attached to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division for the Normandy jump and fought gallantly through Market Garden and the remainder of WWII. It was deactivated in 1946, then stood up and stood down a number of times. It was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division several times, served as a separate Airborne RCT, with the 193rd Infantry in Panama, with SETAF and the 173rd Airborne Brigade, then back to the 82nd. To emphasize our proud and varied history, a Chapter Advertisement for the 82nd Abn Div Assn Harrisburg Reunion Brochure was planned. A preliminary list (See Draft Below) of 508th assignments and events was sent to our members with e-mail for correction and clarification.

**Draft Copy 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Chapter Ad for 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div Assn Reunion Brochure Harrisburg, PA**

**508th PIR, 82nd Abn Div WWII, Oct 1942 – 25 Nov 1946, D Day 6 June 1944**

**508th ARCT, Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, Fort Campbell and Japan 1951-57**

**3rd Bn, 508th Abn, 193rd Infantry Brigade, Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone 1962-68**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn, 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div activated at Fort Bragg 1964?**

**1st Bn, 508th Abn, 82nd Abn Div, Combat, Dominican Republic April 1965 - Jul? 66**

**2nd Bn, 508th Abn, 82nd Abn Div, Combat, Dominican Republic May 1965 - Sep 66**

**1st Bn, 508th Abn, Golden Brigade, 82nd Abn Div, Vietnam Feb 1968 – Jan 1970**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn, 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div, Grenada Operation Urgent Fury Oct – Nov 1983**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn, 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div, Sinai Desert Jan – Jun 1985 then deactivated.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn, 193<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade, Republic of Panama July 1987 – Oct 1994**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn, 193<sup>rd</sup> Inf Bde, Operation Just Cause Panama December 1989**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn, Panama Canal Zone returned to the Republic, deactivated Oct 1994**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 508<sup>th</sup> Abn activated Feb 1996 replacing 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 325<sup>th</sup> Inf, then Op Joint Endeavor Liberia**

**1st Bn, 508th ABCT, SETAF, Caserma Carlo Ederle, Vicenza, Italy April 1996 – 2000**

**1st Bn, 508th ABCT, SETAF, Jumped in Kosovo & deployed to Bosnia as a show of force 1999**

**1st Bn, 508th Abn, 173rd Abn Bde, Caserma Carlo Ederle, Vicenza, Italy June 2000 – 2006**

**1st Bn, 508th Abn, 173rd Abn Bde, Parachute Assault Northern Iraq March 2003**

**1st Bn, 508th Abn, 173rd Abn Bde, CJTF - 76 Afghanistan March 2005 - March 2006**

**508th PIR, 4th BCT, 82nd Abn Div Fort Bragg, Stands Up January 6, 2006**

**1st & 2nd Bn, 508th PIR, 4th BCT, 82nd Abn Div, CJTF - 76 Afghanistan January 2007 –**

Several Chapter members replied by e-mail and a collection of some of their comments follow:

● One huge glaring omission----Market Garden -508 PIR 82nd Abn Div. WW11 September 17 1944. 1st Bn., Company A jumped behind the German lines in Arnhem, and Nijmegen, Holland. The Dutch people continue to remember and so should you. Garland Drewrey, surviving veteran of 1st day invasion jump 9-17-44

● Ernie Lamson, WWII offered to send a copy of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary speech given by Hank LeFebvre on October 24, 1992 at our 508<sup>th</sup> PIR Association Reunion in Norfolk, VA

● Regretfully I have not been a participant in the combat life of the 508th. I left from Camp Mackall in 1943 to attend Norwich University and missed the Normandy jump. I was wounded in December 1944 for which I was awarded the purple Heart but not as a member of the 508th. I am proud to be a member of the 508th with important memories of the time I spent with it. Allan Wood

● Airborne greetings from Maine: I served with HQ Co., 1st BN - 508 from Feb. 1946 - Oct. 1946 Stationed at Frankfurt, Germany. Returned to USA reassigned to 325 (Glider) at Ft Bragg until discharge April 1947. We were the "Rear Guard" of the 82nd in Germany while the rest of the regiment was stateside. We seem to be lost history to the whole because I can't find any paper history about our tour in Germany. William R Doughty

● During WWII, the 508th also made the Market Garden Jump in Holland. A Friend of Mine, Don Dicks, Enterprise KS, Made both jumps! He also was dropped behind the German lines on D-Day and was helped back to the Beach by some French Resistance groups. He was First Sgt of Easy Company! He gave me copies of his maps. Jim Jackson 508th ARCT

● I have no records of the exact deployment date of the 2/508 to the Dominican Republic, but I do know that I missed my daughter's birthday in the middle of April 1965. I was sure that we deployed at the end of March or perhaps the beginning of April. I do know that we were already in Dom Rep by mid April. From George Leese.

● It is interesting to note that in the Kosovo and Bosnia era that the 508th made 3 jumps into that theater of operation and the only unit to jump into it's soil. The first jump in 1999 almost considered a combat jump due to the aggressive activities in the area, the drop zone had to be secured by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry a mechanized battalion from Germany. We lost a great Medic during that jump named Specialist Pringle, his static line broke 42 inches from the anchor line cable, he never pulled his reserve and died on impact. The 508<sup>th</sup> repeated that same jump in 2000 with no fanfare as hostilities were quite subdued, and again in 2001 but this time at the Pristina Airport, long controlled by the Soviets, at no ones invitation and hotly contested by NATO. That was the last jump in that country by an airborne unit, the 508<sup>th</sup>!! Mark Nielsen

● Don Johnson, Harry Mergard and Jim Lawson were with third battalion 508th Airborne at Fort Kobbe, CZ and responded with the following: 3/508 was part of the 193rd Infantry Brigade. The shoulder patch was white with blue stripes up and down the side and the symbol was a red vertical sword on a white background. No AIRBORNE tab on top of the patch. Don Johnson

The 3rd Bat. 508th Airborne was a bastard outfit at the time it was reactivated about Sept. or Oct. of 1962. I arrived at Ft. Kobbe, C.Z. in Nov. 1962. In late 1963 or so we got a new battalion commander LTC Carigo. He had commanded a Special Forces unit in Panama and was very gung ho. When he first addressed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, he was wearing the 508<sup>th</sup> ARCT patch and old Red Devil pocket patch. He told us we could wear those patches and to hell with what the rest of the army thought because the 508 had earned the right and it was part of the heraldry of the unit. Harry Mergard

I was in C Co. 508th Airborne late 64 thru Dec 65. My C.O. was Capt Victor T Bullock & 1SG was Sgt. Peeler. We went to the Dominican Republic in 65 plus we went to Turkey on a NATO exercise. Jim Lawson

● 1st. Platoon, Charlie Company, 1 / 508, 3rd. Brigade, 82nd. Airborne Division, deployed: Viet Nam, February 14, 1968 from Pope Air force Base, NC via C5A's to Alaska, Japan then on to Da Nang. At that time C Company and most of the Brigade was composed of 70% to 80% of Airborne Viet Nam combat Vets from the 173<sup>rd</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, and 1st Air Cav, among others. Randy Howard was one of the veterans in my platoon. I was the green kid (then 18) fresh out of jump school at Ft. Benning. Randy and the other experienced combat vets were great in preparing us for Viet Nam. I literally owe my life to these guys. Our platoon leader was Lt. Ronald Frazer (USMA 1967) from Cambridge City, IN and our squad leader was Sgt. Jamie Villalobos from Encore (Detroit), MI. Both were KIA in May 1968. Tom Sahrman

● To add to Tom's story, I went North to Quang Tri. Doing recon between Hue and Khe Sahn. Went to Special Forces (19 days) was wounded (# 5 PH). Went back to Bragg with the first group sent home. Got out of Service on 20 December 1968. Randy Howard

**The Brochure List was modified to include the 508th patches worn throughout history. This historical info needs to be expanded. Please send your additions, corrections, or clarifications to Ken Hamill**



**From Joe Synakowski:** WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag. "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. "Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. "I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

## CHAPTER ASSISTANCE TO OUR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

Chapter Treasurer Frank Seif reports the following membership donations and transactions pertaining to assistance for our Red Devils in Afghanistan. To date, \$988.00 has been donated by our members. The 508<sup>th</sup> Chairman and Staff donated \$1000.00 of Chapter funds to the effort. So far a total of \$1988.00 has been sent to Ken Glynn for distribution to our troops. Donors please make checks payable to "508th Airborne Chapter" and annotate your check memo line "4<sup>th</sup> BCT Paratroopers". Donations should be directed to the Chapter Treasurer Frank Seif, PO Box 1462, Sun City AZ 85372-1462.

Chapter Quartermaster Ken Glynn continues sending packages to the 508<sup>th</sup> PIR / 4<sup>th</sup> BCT and keeps us informed as follows: I have been sending 2 packages a week one to Major Pundt and another to Chaplain Ruston Hill in the southern part of Afghanistan with the 2/508. Since the Army or DOD stopped the GI's from using the Military email I haven't received but 2 from the Chaplain and only on his personal email. At least we know the packages are getting there. Have sent close to thirty boxes to Afghanistan will be sending more next week. Have some more t shirts to send over there, what we can send seems to make a difference and at least they know who the 508th Airborne Chapter is. I am sending under armor shirts to them today along with one embroidered for the Colonel. Starting to get low on funds but will send boxes one way or another. Ken Glynn Hooah and thank you from the 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Chapter to Ken Glynn and the Orlando Chapter.

Chaplain Larry Pundt sent the following messages: Ken--Thanks! Got another package today. The one with the Ts and some toiletries. Thanks so much. Having 82nd stuff around has helped tremendously. The PX (anywhere - even in Bagram) carries no 82nd memorabilia. No cups, Ts, flags, etc. The usual nicknacks Troopers spend their hard earned money on. They still have stuff from the last rotation that sits there...and sits there. I don't understand it. But, I am so grateful (and so are the recipients of your generosity) for your gifts of goodies and necessities. Blessing All the Way! Lar--Thanks for the great Tshirts. Got them yesterday. As soon as the old man gets back from R&R I'll give him his shirt. Thanks again! Lar-- The 4BCT and 508th PIR HQ is at FOB Salerno, about 30km from the Pakistan border in eastern Afghanistan. SAL is well populated and has a new DFAC and an existing PX. Life is luxurious by past standards of going to war. Other locations are not so comfortable. Since our arrival our Paratroopers have been bloodhounds on the scent of the Anti-Coalition Forces in our sector. New locations pop up regularly as FURY 6 leads the charge to "get after it" (as he says). At the same time we are assisting the Afghan government in separating the population from the enemy. It's working! But, in those remote or new locations there are no PXs or the small one hastily erected has extremely limited hours and even more limited inventories. In fact, a good number of locations will regularly rotate their personnel here at SAL or another larger FOB (Forward Operating Base) for "PX runs." That's where you and the generous donors of the 508th Chapter and 82nd Airborne Division Association come in. Here at SAL we have a Chapel Ministries Center (CMC) that we keep stocked with everything from CDs, DVDs, books and magazines to snacks and toiletries. The CMC is visited by at least 10-20 Paratroopers and other personnel every day. Generally, they come in looking for sweet or salty goodies or other MWR resources in a spiritually refreshing atmosphere. But, we know that not all personnel get to come through SAL or even come to the CMC. So, mostly, the bulk of our received care packages gets pushed out to those more austere FOBs, COPs (Combat Outposts), OPs and checkpoints. Our 23 Religious Support Team (RST) members across our area of operations regularly move throughout the battlespace pursuing the moral, spiritual, and religious welfare of our folks. Without fail these team members carry with them boxes or duffle bags full of your donated items. A few weeks ago our NCOIC informed me that we had surpassed the 1,000 mark. We had received and dispersed over 1,000 care packages since our arrival in January - a little over 6 months. And that's just the 4<sup>th</sup> BCT. That doesn't consider the countless care packages sent privately to individuals, directly to our battalions, companies, and platoons, or to other units in theater or before mid-January 2007. We are constantly amazed at the level of support we receive from our friends and families at home. The 508th Chapter and 82nd Airborne Association are truly leading the way in this critical endeavor. Fifteen months is along time to be away from our most cherished ones. Your generosity, and seemingly endless level of tangible support to us, simply leaves me at a loss for words to describe to you our gratitude and appreciation. Blessings All the Way! LARRY PUNDT Chaplain (MAJ) CTF FURY 4th BCT, 82nd Abn Div "Fury From The Sky"

## MEMORIES OF A PARATROOPER

By John Munnelly

In 1952 I was a Platoon Leader in the 598th Airborne Engineer Company, assigned to the 508th ARCT. Shortly after my assignment we were alerted to participate in "Operation Longhorn" I was newly assigned to Airborne duties having completed a combat tour in Korea 1950-51. Naturally, I knew everything. The Company Commander's name was "Captain Liberty". We had transportation truck units assigned to transport us to Texas where the operation was to be conducted. We traveled by truck from Ft. Benning to Texas. The 508th depended upon additional assigned transportation to travel from Georgia to Texas. I also recall attached Military Police for traffic control The "Straight Leg" MP's showed up wearing Corcoran paratroop boots. To a man we opposed anyone else wearing "our" boots and somehow, overnight, the MP unit somehow were relieved of their boots. After that they wouldn't dare show up in Corcoran boots. It took us the better part of a week in convoy to conduct the road march. We went into bivouac near San Angelo, TX. Typical of a combat preparation for a jump into enemy territory we were "locked down" for briefings in preparation for the drop. I was given the mission of penetrating into the "enemy" area to examine roads, bridges and topographical data. It took me about two days and upon return I was tasked to brief Colonel Joe Laurie, our commander on characteristics of the area. Ole' "Joe" was a charitable soul and he was kind and receptive to my analysis of the area of operations. Our mission for the drop was to secure the DZ and to link up with the 1st Armored Division assigned to break through and make contact with us. The battlefield was simulated as "atomic." We were opposing an enemy who had a nuclear capability. Incidentally, the "enemy" in the target area was the 82nd Airborne Division. After we suited up and boarded C-46's and C-119's we were faced with a several hours--long flight in formation. It was a bumpy ride. Our National Guard pilots had a tough time remaining stable and in formation. Gradually, a large deposit of vomit accumulated on the aluminum floor. Our troopers were strapped into their seats in parachutes, weapons, tool bags, blank ammunition, shovels, and other bulky items Combat Engineers need to accomplish the mission on the ground. Gradually the weather turned violent and the aircraft became unstable. We expected that the drop might end being canceled. By this time the vomit began to slosh back and forth on the floor. As jumpmaster I was close to the open door but the troopers, confined to their seats, were subjected to the full fumes. As we approached the DZ and got a red light, I gave the commands "Stand Up," "Hook Up," "Check Your Equipment," "Sound off for Equipment Check," and "Stand in the Door, all of us were eager to get out of that stinking airplane. I was in the door as we approached the DZ. Looking down I saw a the San Saba river. I saw several parachutes hanging in trees with suspension lines in the water. It didn't register at the time but several troopers ended up in the water still in their harnesses. The DZ looked like a junk yard with materiel strewn about. The green light came as a reprieve. We were so anxious to get out of that noxious aircraft that the green light symbolized freedom. Upon landing on the DZ my chute was caught in a high wind. I was being drug across a rocky field. Finally, a Medic on the DZ jumped on my chute to spill the air. I am indebted to that soldier. If he hadn't been there my bones might still being dragged across Texas. The DZ became a dangerous place. As jeeps, 75mm howitzers, and signal equipment began to drop we had to keep our heads up to avoid being crushed by equipment. We were to capture bridge crossings over the San Saba River. In this respect we failed in our mission. The enemy (82d Airborne) was successful in blowing the bridges as we parachuted to seize the crossings. Later we learned that the drop had been canceled but the word did not get to us. The 508th reported many broken bones and a small number of fatalities. It was rumored that a trooper had been impaled upon his Carbine rifle.

**The Veteran – whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to “The United States of America”, for an amount of “up to and including my life”. This is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand that. *Author unknown***

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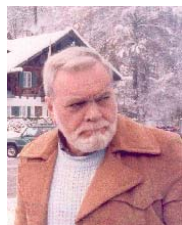


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**TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED**

Warren J. Gilbertson, All American Member, Saxon Harbor, WI, H Co, 54-56, June 27, 2007.  
Carson B. Johnson, All American Member, Sperryville, VA, B Co. 45-46.  
Aubrey A. Nicholson, All American Member, Centerville, MA., K Co 51-54  
George D. Shields, All American Member, Tolovana Park, OR., 598 Eng. Co., 54-56  
Robert W. Wright, All American Member, Lebanon, TN, 598 Eng. Co., 55-56, April 23, 2006

**NEW MEMBERS**

Richard Daniels B Co, 51-54, Leesburg, FL

**NEW ALL AMERICAN MEMBERS**

Mack Adams, B Co, 54-56, Dickson, TN  
Christopher J. Hall, HH2, 86, Bainbridge Island, WA.  
Robert W. Hayes, C/1 Co, 71-73, Marshfield, MA.  
Thomas R. Sahrman, C/1, 67-68, Kennebankport, ME.

**MEDICAL REPORT**

Vice Chairman David Burns is recuperating and hopes to be able to attend the Clarksville Reunion.  
Jim Joiner of Apollo Beach, Florida broke a hip on second of July and had surgery to repair it.  
Secretary Jim Lutes has ongoing medical problems, will have surgery and possible loss of toe in August.

Name _____	Address _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____

### Quartermaster Sales Form----(Members Only)

Complete this form and mail your check payable to Kenneth Glynn along with your name and address in the box above to: Ken Glynn, 836 Glendale St., Lakeland, FL. 33803-4122. Please include shipping and handling charges in the amount column to the right of each item ordered.

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	QTY	SIZE (CIRCLE)	COST	SHIPPING/HANDLING	AMOUNT
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo, Embroidered		One size fits all	\$14.50	\$1.50 Each	
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo Screened		One size fits all	\$12.00	\$1.50 Each	
Sweatshirt, Grey, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 +\$2 Ea additional	
Sweatshirt, White, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 +\$2 Ea additional	
Shirt, T, White, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$12.00	\$2.00 Each	
Shirt, Polo, Abn Maroon, Chap Logo Embroidered		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 + \$1.Ea Additional	
Patch, 508 <sup>th</sup> Abn Chapter (See 1, below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, 508 <sup>th</sup> ARCT (See 1, below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, Para Red Devil (See 1, below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, 320 <sup>th</sup> Abn FA Bn			\$5.50	\$1.00 Each (3/\$1.50)	
Pin, 508 <sup>th</sup> ARCT			\$3.00	No Charge	
Pin, Para Red Devil			\$3.00	No Charge	

<b>TOTAL \$</b>
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<p>* Add an additional \$2.00 for each X above XL (XXXL size is a special order)  <b>1. All patches can be purchased for 3 for \$15.00 + Shipping and Handling.</b>  <b>PLEASE ALLOW 2-4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY</b></p>
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# 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Chapter Membership Application

Please PRINT and COMPLETE all items. Make checks payable to: 508<sup>th</sup> AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Mail to: 508<sup>th</sup> AIRBORNE CHAPTER, P.O. BOX 1462, SUN CITY AZ, 85372-1462

All American (Life \$100 over 50; \$150 under 50); Annual (\$15); \*\* Affiliate (\$8);

Reinstatement (\$15)

Please circle one of the above

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Last Rank Held \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Married: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

508<sup>th</sup> Service From \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year)

Unit: Company: \_\_\_\_\_ : Battery: \_\_\_\_\_ :

Battalion: \_\_\_\_\_ : Brigade: \_\_\_\_\_ :

\*\* AFFILIATES ONLY, please complete: I am a Member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the  
82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div Assn, I DO NOT wish to transfer to the 508<sup>th</sup> Abn Chapter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of your DD 214 or orders indicating the award of the Parachutist  
Badge with the completed copy of the application for membership.

Mail with your Personal Check

To: 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Chapter, P.O. Box 1462, Sun City, AZ 85372-1462

# 508 Chapter 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div./320<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Association

BI-ANNUAL Reunion-September 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

HOLIDAY INN-CLARKSVILLE, TN Exit # 4 I-24

Registration Form Available Below and at [www.320thfieldartilleryassociation.org](http://www.320thfieldartilleryassociation.org)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL:** From Nashville, I-24 to exit # 4 turn left across Interstate and be in left lane to turn left at first light and then an **immediate left (before gas station)** into Holiday Inn. From KY, take I-24 eastbound to Exit # 4 and turn right and then immediately crossover to left lane and follow above directions.

**HOTEL RESERVATION:** Call the Holiday Inn direct at **931-648-4848**. Tell them you want to make a reservation for the Red Devil Reunion. If they ask for the CODE it is RDR. **DO NOT CALL** the 1-800 Reservation Number. Room rate is \$ 70.99 **including all taxes and a full hot buffet breakfast**. These rates are good several days before and after the reunion. You are responsible for making your own room reservation, paying for it, getting your confirmation number and canceling room in case you do not attend. Check out time is 12:00 noon unless you make other arrangements with the Hotel in advance.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: PLEASE NOTIFY THE HOTEL AS YOU REGISTER OF ANY SPECIAL NEEDS YOU MAY HAVE** such as, but **NOT** limited to diet, handicap room and wheel chair shower, Non-smoking room, King size or two beds. Make your reservations early as possible to receive these needed services. A list of phone numbers for local Hospitals, Clinics, Doctors, Dentists, Opticians, Pharmacies, Wal-Mart, K-Mart etc, will be available if you request it.

**QUESTIONS:** Red Devil Reunions: Rodger or Leone Jacobson at 608-854-2317 [rodleone@centurytel.net](mailto:rodleone@centurytel.net))

Clarksville, TN Convention/Visitors Bureau Phone number is 931-551-3572

**MAILING REGISTRATION FORM and Registration Check; Registration Form must be completely filled out;** Please make the check for Registration payable to: Red Devil Reunions, and Mail to; Red Devil Reunions, Po Box 14 Hazel Green, WI 53811-0014 in a **business size envelope**. The registration form will be available **ONLY** to the Reunion Planners in case a medical emergency arises.

**Please Note:** Please get Registration in early as we ran out of Rooms at the Holiday Inn at last Reunion and we expect to do same again this year The Holiday Inn will book your room at a nearby Hotel when they run out.

**Name Tags:** You must wear your name-tag at all times.

**Tentative Itinerary:** Some changes will be necessary. Any Active Duty Activities scheduled will be announced at Registration.

**Thursday Sept 27 2007:** Registration starts as soon as possible after 9:00 AM. The hospitality room is available for visiting with your old friends and making new ones. Thursday evening the Holiday Inn will host a Welcome Reception in the Hospitality room. Time will be announced. An Auction of Donated Memorabilia is planned immediately after the Welcome Reception

**Friday Sept. 28 2007: 508 Infantry Banquet** Friday Evening at 6:00 PM in the Hospitality room. **Our Active Duty Troops and Color Guard will be in Dress Uniform. Please Respect this and your fellow members and friends of the Association by dressing accordingly.**

**Saturday Sept 29 2007:** Saturday AM Membership Business Meetings will be held in the morning, time to be announced. **Noon Picnic** is at the 101<sup>st</sup> Assoc. WK&T Club included in the Registration Fee. A Cash Bar is available. Details and directions will be given at Reunion Registration.

**Artillery Banquet at 6:00 PM:** In the Holiday Inn Hospitality room. **Our Active Duty Troops and Color Guard will be in Dress Uniform. Please Respect this and your fellow members and friends of the Association by dressing accordingly.**

**Sunday Sept 25 2005** Eating Breakfast, Saying farewell to all your old and new friends. Packing up and going home.

**Memorabilia:** Please bring your photo albums, yearbooks, newspaper and clippings. **ABOVE ALL ELSE**, Please call a friend, tell him you are attending and invite him and his spouse to join you. You may copy this form for them or contact us and we will send registration to them. Our goal from day one has been, "To Reunite Our Old Airborne Friends". Join the Fun!!



**Meal Choice:** Please circle the number of each meal requested.

Friday Evening Infantry Banquet: **Chicken 1-2-3-4** **Beef 1-2-3-4**

Saturday evening Artillery Banquet: **Chicken 1-2-3-4** **Beef 1-2-3-4**

**Registration Fee:** Number of guests registering for one Banquet only. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests registering for both Banquets. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$105.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Red Devil Reunions, Po Box 14, Hazel Green, WI 53811-0014**

Are you and your guest registered at the Holiday Inn **under Red Devil Reunions** at this time? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you registered at another hotel? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If in another hotel we need Hotel Name and Phone number in case of Emergency. \_\_\_\_\_

I live locally and will drive in each day. \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU OR YOUR GUESTS HAVE ANY DISABILITY OR DIETARY NEEDS THAT REQUIRE ATTENTION?**



No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Please Note. \_\_\_\_\_

**All above information is complete**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_