

10/10/2005

The July, August September Newsletter is being printed so I can make some Phone calls and update more old addresses.

The first call is to J C Shahan "A" Btry 320 53 - 54 in Marlow, O K. I talked to his wife Tiney and she told me he passed away 04 April 2001 She said his heart was bad and that he just couldn't make it go any longer.

Tiney and JC were married for twenty years. It was the second marriage for each. JC had one daughter from his first marriage and Tiney had five daughters from hers. She will pass the newsletter information on to JC's daughter and see if she is interested in receiving it.

If you want to contact Tiney, her address is:
610 E. Evans St
Marlow, OK 73055
580-658-5245

I stopped in Marlow, OK and visited JC several times years ago as I trucked up Hiway 81 between Duncan and Chickasha.

Rodger and Leone,

I thank you for the newsletter. I really enjoyed reading it. I know Jimmie would have loved to have visited with his buddies at the reunion, He really enjoyed the reunions and keeping up with his Army friends.

I am getting along pretty good, and I really miss Jimmie. I live alone, but have lots of family for support that live near by. Thanks again for the information. Sincerely,

LaVerne Huey

Monument donation and note from Sarah Ellis. Widow of Paul Ellis "B" Btry. 51-54. Sarah is the lady that does all the work on the Memorial Book of our Deceased Troopers.

Rodger.

Let me know if you don't get enough for the 320th Monument and also if you do one for the 508th. Did Joe ever get the pictures of the Banner we purchased for Ft Campbell? I would like one if possible.

Love, Sarah

I received a note from 320th Association Member Bob Shute. C/2/320 67/68. Bob sent the Association

names, addresses and annual dues for the following Troopers. Bill Glaze, in Canyonville, OR. Lloyd Lowe, in St Charles, MO and Eddie Lewin in Miami Lakes, FL. I think they all served together but will find out when we get their Information Sheets.

I called Lloyd Lowe and received information on Paul Parsons and Jim Hill. I called and visited with Paul in Troy, MT and we will be sending him the newsletter. I couldn't locate Jim Hill from Jacksonville, FL as there are hundreds of Jim Hills many of them in the same age group. Is anyone out there able to help?

Lloyd mailed me the following information this afternoon. Here's Paul Parsons email address.

parsarosa@hotmail.com

I have a long story and sometime I'll tell you. I told you I was in Nam and when I was there I shot and killed a tiger. I had it made into a rug but like I said its a long story of how it all took place and how I got it out of there.

Take care,
Lloyd

Email from Harold Madden, "A/B" Btry 53-56 Hi Rodger:

The two names in the email that I am responding to were in A Btry 320th back in the early days, 1951 to 1953. I was in B Btry most of that time except for 3 or 4 months when I was on the staff as assistant S3. I worked for Jim Mc Clurkin.

I sent Sam Metcalfe an email awhile back but did not receive an answer, We didn't get to Fort Campbell this year. (We had our 17th Abn. Div Association reunion in Penn - this year King of Prussia). Next year we will be here in San Antonio in September.

Today was the first day since last spring that we have had temperature below 90 degrees. We also had a small amount of rainfall so things are looking better here in Texas

Not much news from here except to brag a little about the U T football team. It cost a lot of money to put that team together. Hope all is well in your house. HAP MADDEN

Email from Ralph Stone "B" Btry 55/56 immediately after the newsletter went out by email,

Hi Rodger,

I knew Solus B Lewis well over in Japan he was a WWII veteran and had made a combat jump behind enemy lines. He had a lot of interesting stories about that part of his life and he was an Indian although I can't remember what tribe.

Being in the war he was quite a bit older than the rest of us and I don't have any idea of what happened to him or where he went after we got back from Japan, He was a real nice man and good to serve with Ralph Stone

Note with a contribution for the 320th Monument from Life Member Jack Hock HQ airy 54-56,

Rodg,

Thanks for a chance to donate to a project that is dear to all our hearts.

Please accept a donation on behalf of Donna and myself. I'm sorry we could not make the reunion. We had a sad time in the family and had to take care of that first

Jack and Donna Bock

(Editors note: Jack was one of the guys that hounded Don Lassen for many years to get the 508 Shoulder Patch on the front page of the Static Line Newspaper. Thanks Jack. It just goes to prove that the wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the most grease.)

14 October 2005

Note with a donation for the Monument from Phil Davis HQ Btry 320th 54-56,

Hi Rodger.

Please find enclosed check for the Monument Fund. Wish it could be more, but maybe it will help in some way towards reaching your goal.

The Monument is a wonderful gesture *in* memory of all who served. We hope to see it sometime. Thank you for all your work, Best Regards.

Phil and Judy Davis

22 October 05

Rusty Evans, HQ Btry 54/56 called to say he had received the Newsletter and to fill in a little more information on Charlie Cardin. Rusty knows he was from GA because he used to tease him about the Red Georgia Clay. He also thinks he was older than us by a few years although he don't remember why.

Rusty also remembers that Charlie Cardin, Ken Timmian, Andy Rasmussen and he went to downtown Kumamoto and celebrated just before Timmian got discharged and sent back to the states

Rusty also asked about several others and said to tell Eduardo Patterson HQ 55-56 hello next time I

talk to him.

28 October 2005

I received my copy of the Static Line Newspaper recently and of course turned to the last page and the 508 Section. Several of our Trooper friends had written notes to Editor Don Lassen and one was Gilbert Contreras "C" Btry 51-54 in CA.

Gil had written about going to 3 different Red Devil Reunions and not finding many of his old friends in attendance. Gil mentioned eight of his old friends and asked if any of them reading the paper would contact him.

Well I called Gil that evening and we had a long talk and I got some more information on his friends. I then made a list of those we had located and sent to Gil and then did some more serious searching.

One of Gil's friends I had looked for several different times over the years was Augustin R Veloz. We were almost sure he was from TX so concentrated our searches in that state. with no success. I hadn't looked for Augustin since I started using the USA People search and went to work as soon as possible.

I entered his name and age and came up with no records to match in the USA.. I tried several different things and then decided to do search that I do with the info under the pictures in the 1954 Ft Campbell Yearbook. The only info under the pictures is the First initial, Middle initial, and last name.

I entered that info with age of 70 and came up with Agustin (note Spelling of fast name) Roberto Veloz age 72 in El Paso, TX. I then went back to the Switchboard telephone listings and no Agustin Veloz but there was a Robert. I ran Roberto in the USA People search in El Paso and it gives me the age of 50. This is the right age to be his son. I called and my assumption was correct but was met with the sad news that his dad had passed away this last July from Leukemia.

31-October 2005

I have been updating email addresses again and called DeWayne Pettit "B" Btry 55-56 in Elkhart, IN. DeWayne not only has a new email address now but a new lease on life.

He and his wife were on the West coast visiting all their children when Wayne started having problems with a leg bothering him.

After returning home and seeing the Doctor they found that they couldn't find a pulse in leg. After some testing they found the Femal Artery was blocked and had to do surgery. They thought he was going to lose his leg for some time but is finally able to get around again.

Wayne say's to tell you all he is coming back slow but sure and it has been a rough way to go.

November 02 2005

I sent a few people pictures that Ken Hamill had taken at the Reunion but seems Ken has sent to most of those with email already. This was a reply from Les Smith SVC Btry 55-56.

Ken Hamill had sent us a copy of the picture earlier this month, but I appreciate your effort. Darn, we are getting old.

I received the July, August, and September newsletter dated 10-10-2005. Downloading worked fine. Thank you very much. I don't know if you sent anything later, but I didn't get anymore. E-mail works fine and I hope it saves you and your wife a great deal of time and trouble.

My operation seems to be a success and the incisions are healing quite well. I am going to start cutting the grass again next week, none too soon for my wife.

We enjoyed what little time we spent at the reunion and had some very nice conversations with several people.

Thanks for everything.
Les

November 09 2005

TAPS Lean D Meador "B" Btry 320 54/55

I just received this note from Theresa Meador. Leon has just passed away 09 October 2005 from Pancreatic Cancer. He had it for a year and a half and was determined to fight it. The Doctors only gave him from 4 to 6 months to live but he was real tough.

He had so many friends and helped so many people. He loved his Children and Grandchildren and we miss him so very much. Leon and I have been married for 51 years. Just thought I would let you know. Leon's wife. Theresa

(Editors note) Leon took Basic training at Camp Chaffee, AR and then to Jump School in Ft Campbell, KY. He was assigned to "B" Btry 320 AFA 1954/55

When we went to Japan with Operation Gyroscope, Leon was transferred to the 11th Airborne and went to Germany with them for a year. He was discharged in 1956.

November 09 2005

From Ralph Winterrowd. "B" Btry 55/56

Hey Rodger!

I'm alive-1'm alive. once again I have survived. However. I can tell you I definitely feel all of my seventy three years. (I guess I'll have to quit tap dancing around the facts. "I'm OLD").

This place looks like a Division time, on target hit, and was accompanied by Puff the magic Dragon (C-47 gun ship).

The eye hit between Slidell, LA and Pass Christian, MS 21 miles West of here, New Orleans was on the sweet side of the storm, and if it were not for the incompetence of the Mayor and the Governor (and a vast assortment of thieving politicians) LA would have come out of this smelling like a rose.

MS & AL took the brunt of the storm, not New Orleans. but the media likes to play the hype so they concentrated on the fact that the mayor and governor left all those people to die.

Rodger; as soon as I can gee my act together I'll send you some money for dues.

Airborne All the Way

Ralph Winterowd

November 10 2005

Email from Dan Abernathy. HQ Btry 320 51-52

Rodger/Leone. I just read in the Newsletter that John J, Katrina from PA passed away in 1997. Katrina and I served together from 1951 thru late 1952 with HQ. Btry 320th AFA at Ft. Benning.

The two of us were sent to radio repair school at Ft Sill, OK right after we returned to Ft Benning from Operation Longhorn in Texas. Some crazy times and memories came to mind upon seeing his name,

By the way we took 8 days getting back to Benning from Sill in Katrina's blue 1942 four door Packard. We bought oil by the gallon cans and were limited to about 200 miles per day because of motor over heating. Needless to say Sgt. Quinn was going to charge us with being AWOL but Capt. Anderson intervened because he understood our plight.

I departed to 82nd. HQ. DIVARTY in Jan. 1953 and then shipped out to Korea to join the 674th AFA with the 187 ARCT.

Shortly after returning to Camp Wood, Japan, Katrina joined our unit. He was a professional golfer, shooting scratch golf and taught at every base he was assigned to that had a course. including Camp Wood.
Dan Abernathy-Airborne

November IO 2005

Re: Telephone call from John "Tiger" Mertz HQ Btry 320 54/56. This call started out by John asking me if I remembered our last conversation and what the subject of the telephone call was. I scratched my head. thought for a moment and said. "John I don't have a clue." (We established that John had called me in the late spring of 2004 shortly after my gall bladder surgery The alter effects of the anesthesia from my surgery had made mush out of my memory and my ability to concentrate.)

John said he had called after reading in one of the Newsletters that we were trying to find Charlie Cardin- He related that the night Typhoon

Louise hit Camp Wood Japan that he, John had been to the dub for a few drinks.

The electricity had gone out and Camp Wood was in a total blackout. It is unclear if the electricity being out was John's *reason for* heading back to the barracks. (I can't imagine that a little darkness would discourage him that much) or if possibly the club had ejected him. Regardless the reasoning, on his way back to the barracks he passed the Camp Wood Hospital and there was a lot of activity going on.

It seems Charlie Cardin had been cut up in a difference of opinions somewhere and had been brought to the Hospital for repairs. (Charlie worked in the motor pool and that would be. 'Chalies' terminology"). The electricity being off created a serious situation for the Doctors and Medics on duty and the fact that the standby generator wouldn't start just compounded things.

Marvin Halterman had been summoned from the Motor pool section to get the generator started but was not having much luck in the dark with a Typhoon Louise blowing down his neck. Mary sent our friend John Mertz to the Motor Pool to get a jeep so they could use the headlights to work by, to start the generator.

We don't know what took place at the motor pool guard shack, but can you imagine what went through that poor guard's mind. He's being approached in the middle of the night, by a soaking wet, slightly inebriated, John Mertz. The Camp is in a total blackout, a typhoon is raging, and John says. "I need a jeep."

The next part is rather vague but we do know that John showed up back at the Hospital again, with a Jeep. With the headlights to work by Marvin Halterman got the generator started. Charlie Cardin received his necessary stitching, and survived one more of many such skirmishes.

Several years later, another unit another time, John and Charlie bump into each other again in Ft. Benning, GA. Now I know John told me that he and Charlie did a lot of running together at this point in time also. And I'm sure I'm supposed to believe this meant around an oval cinder track with track shoes and athletic shorts as the uniform of the day, but for some reason I find that hard to believe.

Nevertheless it seems Charlie was living in Columbus. GA. and John was telling me to look in that immediate vicinity for him. Now this only

bolsters what I had reported many years ago. I had located a widowed Mrs. Charles Cardin in Phenix City, Ala

Her husband had been to the dentist several years before he passed away and there was some a mix up with records. They had two Charles Cardins in their records and the other Charles was about the age of our Charlie Cardin. I had exhausted all my talents at that time and now I need to start over again with the new tools I use. I hope I have better luck this time.

I then asked John how he had survived the last hurricane, one of many that hit Florida again this year. John said that it wasn't too bad but a tornado had dropped down as a result of the hurricane and he lost his, (and at this point John is trying to explain what he lost) He finally says, "oh heck, it's what I park my car under and it took the top off."

It seems John has the same lasting effect of the anesthesia from his Cancer surgery that I had, but John had been under much longer than I. John says he feels great now and that he and Bob Henning compare notes on a regular basis and both are coming along just fine. Bob also had Cancer and is recovering.

Thanks for the call John. I'm sure I have printed more than necessary but you brought back some great memories and just couldn't resist. All troopers mentioned here were in HQ Btry 320th.

November 14 2005

We have been receiving renewals since the last Newsletter went out. Neil Eskildson, Svc Btry 1955/56. Kenneth Due, HQ Btry 1951/53, and DeWayne Pettit, "B" Btry 53/56 have sent in dues and renewed for 2006.

We have two new Life Time Members. Bob Boswell Hq Btry 1951/53 and David Burns HQ Company 508 1951/54.

David is Life Member and also the Vice Chairman of the 508 Chapter. We have been friends since we met at one of the National Conventions many years ago. Dave has been fighting cancer for quite some time now.

November 17 2005

I sent an email yesterday to some of the email group about a nine ft one inch. 97 Lb. Rattlesnake killed in TX. I received this reply from Tom Strider HQ Btry 320 53/54 who spent many years: In Panama.

He's almost a yard longer than the biggest fer-de-lance I got in Panama, but John Long may have seen bigger ones. I hadn't killed her as it was at night and I didn't know whether she was a boa or not I put her into a huge plastic garbage can, wind the lid down and called a serpentologist friend (John's co-worker, Frank Robinson). Frank was busy that night but agreed to meet me at the Balboa Tennis Court the next morning.

You can see that I disagree with Mariner Energy insofar as killing a snake first and thinking about it later. Anyway, by coincidence, for the first time a group of Japanese girls had "usurped" our courts and had gotten there first that morning. I blithely put the garbage can near the pole of the first net. I announced to my tennis buddies that I had a large snake in that can and was waiting for Frank to come and tell me whether it was a boa or a far-de-lance.

Valia! The courts were vacated even before Frank arrived. He started to open the lid, and I cautioned him to wait until I got my gloves and snake tongs (not as sturdy as the ones shown in your foto). I could see that he was polite while he waited (instead of telling me to cool it), but he did put on the gloves (while I had a machete in reserve).

He no sooner started to open the lid when he slammed it back down and yelled: "That's a fer-de-lance". I was going to take it back home and let it out near a stream near the house, but my tennis friends cautioned about kids. I said not to worry as the kids would scare the snake away as snakes really didn't want to be around people and were fast enough to get away from them.

Frank wanted to give it to our veterinarian, so I let him take her home. Several weeks later I saw the vet and asked how he liked Matilda and he didn't know what I was talking about (even when I explained "that pregnant fe-de-lance"). Turned out that Frank, on the way to the vets, had stopped in at the Army's Environmental Control shop and donated it to them. She gave them two records as she went into a pickled jar not only the largest one they had but the first one to arrive without machete marks. Tom

November 23 2005

Email message I sent to the Troopers in Svc Btry 320 tonight;

I still manage to find someone new every once in a while. Actually, I found an infantry Trooper that was a friend of John in Topeka. KS and he gave me his Address and Phone Number. The email address is John's son, Tom but he will print and give to his dad. John asked about Manuel Hernandez in KS and I gave them each other's phone numbers so they can now call and visit.

John Jaramillo
313 N E Scotland Ave
Topeka. KS 66616-1136
785-234-5936
tjaramilo@cox.net.

Manuel Hernandez
6118 W 95th St
Overland Park KS.66207
913-341-2171

An interesting side note is that John Jaramillo has a son that is a priest and was in Manuei's church in Overland Park, KS for a time. He is in Iraq as a Chaplain right now.

I hope to get more on this some time later as my Granddaughters husband is a Chaplain's aid in Iraq also. Who knows we may be able to get them together over there.

Rodg

November 27, 2005

Note From Lt Carl Medeiros 4/320th in Iraq

Rodg-

Well today begins another chapter for the 4/320th. The advanced party arrived in Kuwait several weeks ago, setting the tempo for the rest of the Battalion. The rest of the Battalion arrived in Kuwait today, all soldiers are on the ground and we are getting prepared for our move forward into Iraq. (Obviously for security reason, I can't tell you our specific time line) I will say our "Tomahawk" Battalion is motivated, well prepared and ready to continue the mission in Iraq.

As for my address, my borne address is 1212 A Massachusetts Ave, Fort Campbell. KY 42223. I would recommend that we hold off sending them for now. Once we get our mailing address here (expected some time next month), I will email you and you can send them directly here instead of my wife having to forward them (this would take much longer).

Reference your question about checking on the matted material. I would recommend getting in contact with CPT Matt Wolverton. He is our S- I and has remained as the rear detachment commander. He is still in Ft Campbell. His email is matthew.l.wolverton@us.army.mil I have forwarded this to him.

Matt - can you look into this request (see the email below), see if these items are hanging in the 320th AO?. Probably in the 2nd BN. Also, please give Rodg a heads up. Hope all is going well there. I'll keep in touch. I still want to work the chapter issue as we have discussed prior to deployment.

Thanks much

I wits continue to keep the chapter updated as we progress forward.

More to follow

Carl

December 00 2005

Letter received from Bella E Suckow in Warren OH

Widow of Nelsen.

Deter Sirs.

I did notify the Akron Chapter that Nelson passed away in Sept 1994

I am writing this letter to ask you to discontinue sending the Newsletter. I have enjoyed reading them but no longer find any names I recognize. Please take me off the mailing list.

Thank You,

Bella E Suckow

December 11 2005

I have been updating file cards again and this is sad because we always have to add to the Deceased Roster when we do this. We have many on our roster that do not keep us informed of address changes and lose contact. No matter how hard I try we still get way behind.

First I will give you the good news. We lost track of Joe S Granillo HQ Btry 51/52 and Korea several years ago in Montebello, CA. I had our HQ Battery friend, Tony Robles check on him at his old address but the new people said he had moved and they had no forwarding address.

I found Joe several days ago with the new USA People search system I am now using. Joe is in Monterey Park, CA now and I told him of the plans for the Ft Benning Reunion next April and he is interested.

I then checked on Sfc John S Sylawa who was with us in HQ Bitty a short time before we went to Japan. John had been in Japan with the 187th Abn and when he came back to Ft Campbell he got married and didn't want to go back to Japan.

He then transferred to the 11th Abn and went to Germany for several years. John Retired from the Army and stayed in Clarksville, TN . He knew nothing about the reunions we have held there until I called him several days ago.

Taps for our Deceased Troopers

The sad part of this job is reporting the deceased members and I have eleven to report at this time. Albert J Caprara HQ 51/54, Avon Lake OH died Jan 08 2002, Eugene K Carey HQ 53/55 died in 1956 in an accident and I had stayed in contact with his Mother Louise for many years. She passed away March 30 2000 in Peckville. PA

I had been asked many times by many of you guys to find Raymond C Camay HQ 51/53 from OK. I finally located him in Coalgate, OK in the middle 90's. He never joined the Association and we quit sending the Newsletter. While updating this past week I found out he past away May 05 1999.

"GW" Cooper "B" Stay 51/54 was from Valley Farms, AZ and passed away April 02 2002. I have been trying to contact his widow with no success.

Jack G DeGruchy "B" Btry 51/54 had never been located until now I finally traced him to Oklahoma and found he had passed away April 1974.

"C" Btry Sgt Ralph O Duraski had settled in Phenix City AL and we received his information from Dan Sobasky way back in 1993. In updating Ralph's info we found he passed away April 30 2005.

Although I haven't yet talked to Dan. I can say I ran his name through the SSDI records and didn't find him there.

We carried WWII GFA Trooper Anthony Fantini for many years until his address was no good. I found out the other day that he had passed away February 24 1999 in Malvern, PA.

Roy F Hancock "SVC" Btry 55/56 passed away July 05 2000 in Dade City FL. I had located Roy many years ago with info located from Jack Irwin's Operation Gyroscope Manifest as well as info from Dan Sharpe.

Leo Minguski had been reported deceased in Nutter Fort, WV in 2000 but I still run across his name all the time on file cards with the notation, "info from Leo Minguski". Leo is responsible for me finding a lot of guys that we didn't have information on. One of these was Arlis E Hill "A" Btry 51/54. Leo said he was from AR or OK however I could never locate him. By using my new search info and the SSDI information I found him several days ago deceased in Oklahoma. October 05 1993. This again was severed years before I had started looking for him.

I located Clyde K Hilliard's name and address in the local New Castle, Utah phone book when I was trucking across Utah in 1993. I called many times and never got an answer. I sent the Newsletter for about a year with no response. I have now accounted for him and he passed away April 06 1993 about the same exact time that I had found his name in the phone book. Clyde saved in HQ Btry 51/53.

Go'dan Elsworth Loveless 18 February 1936-22 July 1998

Gordan E Loveless HQ Btry 55/56 got out of the Army in 1956. He went back to his home in Endicott, NY and the next few years are not accounted for.

Some years later his HQ Btry buddy Gerry Henson from Oroville, CA received a phone call from Gordon. Gordon and his family were stranded in Nevada, their car is broke down and they are out of money. Gerry went to the rescue and got him to CA and life went on..

I had tracked Gerry Henson down in the late 80's and learned about Gordon's escapades. I had also contacted his Step Mother Alta Loveless in Endicott, N Y at this time and shared all I knew about Gordon with her, I also visited with an uncle Lymon Loveless in St Louis, MO. Neither of them had any idea where Gordon was.

Gordon had a son that he named after Gerry and possibly more children. I talked to his son Gerry Loveless in 1997. It seems that Gordon had abandoned his family and disappeared for many years and no one knew where he was.

Gordon's dad passed away in 1975 and some time later Gordon showed up at his home in CA again. It seems that his dad had left some money to him and the only way he could get it was to return home and settle down. Apparently the

Lawyers for the estate had the resources to track him down but they did not share where they found him with Gordon's family and neither did Gordon.

There must have been it stipulation in his father's will that he had to be with his family for a certain period of time before the money would be released to Gordon. Gordon stayed the required time, collected the money and disappeared again. I had talked to son Gerry several times in the 90's and they had no idea where Gordon had gone to again.

Since I started using the USA search system recently I have had a lot of success. While updating the old file cards recently I ran across Gordon's file card. I made a few entries in the computer and we now know that Gordon Ellsworth Loveless passed away in Ninilchik, AK on the Kenai Peninsula.

I of course contacted Gerry, Henson right away and then Gordon's Step Mother. I found that she had just passed away this past July. I then contacted uncle Lyman and found that he had been aware of Gordon's death for a number of years. He spent two years trying to gain information of any kind from Alaskan authorities but finally gave up. The only information the Alaskan authorities would ever give him was that Gordon did die in Alaska, on that date.

Well Gordon, you may have eluded us for years and you may have died on us, but I'm not done with you yet. I have friends that "are not" Alaskan Authorities and I will see what I can do to complete your life story. Rodg

December 14 2005

I had some more good luck a few days ago and located Sgt Richard J Pfurtner "A" Btry 53/54.

Richard J Pfurtner
2115 N E 184thSt
Citra, FL 32113-2337
352-595-5003

No email yet but will have in a few days. I will let you know. Richard went to the Police Academy after the Army and retired from the Rochester, NY PD. He has a summer home in NY and his FL home address is above.

I would like to hear from any of you guys that remember anything about your old buddies. I found one guy from HQ 508 several weeks ago and from his info I found several more.

Pretty soon I had more into and we found 17 guys and 15 of them are living and 13 had email so those guys have been emailing like crazy.

January 9 2006

I just received a phone call from Bill Ashcraft HQ Btry 54-56 with a new mailing address and phone number to share with you. It is 10467 Larchmont Place, Pinellas Park, FL. 31782-2753 Phone 727-549-1574. Bill says things are going fine and only has a few minor complaints.

January 12 2006

The following is a note from our active duty Trooper Lt Carl Medeiros. He and his wife attended the Ft Campbell Reunion last September and met many of our old timers. Carl served with the 508 as an NCO and then received his Commission in the Field Artillery. He was assigned about a year ago to the newly formed 4th Battalion of the 320/101st Field Artillery.

Greeting from Iraq

Well, the 4-320th has hit the ground running and are in full swing of operations in Baghdad. Iraq. All is going well here as we patrol the streets in our area helping this country rebuild itself and mist with training their own security forces. Our battalion has not had any major incidents as of this writing. (Let's knock on wood)

I can be reached at this email address: carl.d.medeirosa@us.army.mil and my writing address is 1LT Medeiros, Carl, B Btry 4-320th FAR Unit 41504, 4BCT/101st Airborne Div., APO A109390-I504.

I will begin a longer letter and will have to put it on my thumbdrive then cut, copy, and paste it to a later email, internet usage is relatively limited with everyone sharing the same few lines. I will provide more detail and share success stories as operational security dictates.

I just wanted to get this off and let you know the "Tomahawk" Battalion is off to a new great chapter in the 320th history.

More to follow.....

God Speed to all

Take care

Carl Medeiros

320th AND 508th Mini Reunion. with the Static Line Awards
We must register early to set our choke of meeting room

Static Line Awards Program Information and Schedule

The 2006 Version of the Static Line Awards is going to be the finest and the most exciting that we have ever had.

This will be our 29th consecutive annual presentation and there will be reunions within reunions for the entire period. The numbers of people that have attended this annual affair runs into the thousands and is an annual attraction

Each year the numbers of our WWII Veterans gets smaller, but the reunions become meaningful as the survivors gather to see who is left.

When you can't find survivors from your unit anywhere else, you probably will find them in Atlanta at the annual Awards Festival.

Every unit, every time frame, every geographical area, and every possible situation will be considered for this year's activities

To make the picture more complete, many foreign visitors will be present to recall the triumphs and friendships of World War II.

For your protection, you will have 24 hour withdrawal privileges which say that you may withdraw up to 24 hours prior to the event occurrence, and still get a full refund of the money that you paid.

The bus groups from the 2004 and 2005 STATIC LINE trips will have an opportunity to stage a reunion of their own during the course of the meetings-

You are encouraged to register early in order to get your pick of the available facilities.

2006 AIRBORNE AWARDS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12 Noon - Registration opens - Hotel Lobby

12 Noon- Hospitality Room Opens

10 PM - QUICKDRAW

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

0800 Bus trip to Fort Benning

Airborne Demonstration

Airborne Walk Ceremony

Free firing demonstration

Lunch

Pin wings on Graduates

Return to Atlanta

8 PM - Unit members and correspondents mewing

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320th AND 508th Mini Reunion. with the Static Line Awards
We must register early to set our choke of meeting room

Static Line Awards Program Information and Schedule

The 2006 Version of the Static Line Awards is going to be the finest and the most exciting that we have ever had.

Ibis will be our 29th consecutive annual presentation and there will be reunions within reunions for the entire period. The numbers of people that have attended this annual affair runs into the thousands and is an annual attraction

Each year the numbers of our WWII Veterans gets smaller, but the reunions become meaningful as the survivors gather to see who is left.

When you can't find survivors from your unit anywhere else, you probably will find them in Atlanta at the annual Awards Festival.

Every unit, every time frame, every geographical area, and every possible situation will be considered for this year's activities

To make the picture more complete, many foreign visitors will be present to recall the triumphs and friendships of World War II.

For your protection, you will have 24 hour withdrawal privileges which say that you may withdraw up to 24 hours prior to the event occurrence, and still get a full refund of the money that you paid.

The bus groups from the 2004 and 2005 STATIC LINE trips will have an opportunity to stage a reunion of their own during the course of the meetings-

You are encouraged to register early in order to get your pick of the available facilities.

2006 AIRBORNE AWARDS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12 Noon - Registration opens - Hotel Lobby

12 Noon- Hospitality Room Opens

10 PM - QUICKDRAW

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

0800 Bus trip to Fort Benning

Airborne Demonstration

Airborne Walk Ceremony

Free firing demonstration

Lunch

Pin wings on Graduates

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320th Field Artillery Association, 508 Chapter and Airborne Friends

Since most of you have never been to the Static Line Awards event, I wrote Dan Lassen and asked some questions. This is Dan's reply.

Here are the answers to your questions:

1 - Hotel room coat is \$89, plus tats. The AIRPORT MARRIOTT is one of the finest hotels in Atlanta and their fees normally are \$165. They are giving us a super special rate because I have used their facilities so much.

2 - The registration blank is broken down so that you only pay for what you wish to attend.

3 - The \$35 Registration fee covers your access to the hospitality room for 4 days and includes all that you can eat and drink while you are in there. You can't buy anything in my hospitality room. As a matter of fact, you cannot enter the hospitality room unless you have paid the registration. There is as much to eat, as there is to drink.

4 - The bar in the hospitality room is an open her, paid for by the hospitality fee that you paid to register. All drinks are complimentary, part of your registration fee.

5 - The suggested Dress Code for the banquets is coat and tie, but that is not obligatory. Anything that makes you feel dressed up is acceptable. No one is denied because of a dress code.

6 - The number attending will be something over 300 +.

7 - The Airport Shuttle is free.

8 - Parking is free in the Hotel Pasting Lot, but you MUST tell them at Registration you are with the Airborne Awards. There is no charge for going in and out, as there now is in most big hotels.

Everyone else has to pay to park in the lot.

Reservations are now starting to come in. I urge you to get your people to register as soon as possible, for planning purposes.

Cancellation policy is that you can cancel out anytime up to 24 loners before the planned event. You don't need to worry about making your reservation far in advance, if an emergency arises, you may cancel with no penalty. A full rebind will be given.

If you have any other questions, I will be glad to answer them. This will be our 29th annual presentation, so we've got a lot of experience doing this.

AIRBORNE"" - DON

Editors Note:

Don Lassen is known as MR AIRBORNE in the Airborne World. He is the publisher of the Static Line Newspaper and an Ambassador for all Airborne. As stated elsewhere in the information, this is Don's 29th consecutive Static Line Award program. I personally have attended a number of them and have enjoyed each more than the last. The Troopers you meet are from all over the world and from every Airborne Unit. Don's phone number is 770-478-5301 email is: don@staticlinemagazine.com. Don's mailing address is: Box 87518 College Park, GA 30337-0518

I can't speak for Leone but this reunion will be a vacation with Don handling all the logistics. Right now the next scheduled 320th & 508th Reunion after the Static Line Awards will be in Clarksville, TN the last full weekend in September 2007.

The 320th Association still has the Brass with Walnut Base Airborne Wings Medallion for sale that you saw in the last Newsletter, The price will have to go up though as we sold them at the reunion and shipping and handling costs are more now that we have to ship them all. I will have a limited number with me in Atlanta so if you want to save the shipping let me know so I bring enough of them with me to fill the orders,

I sincerely hope you 51 54 Troopers take advantage of this dual reunion. See you there.

Rodg

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320th & 508th Reunion with the Static Line Awards Program Atlanta, GA April 19/23 2005.

A daylong bus trip to Ft Benning, GA on Thursday April 20, 2006 will include Airborne Demonstrations, Airborne Walk Ceremony, Free Firing Demonstration, Lunch, Pin Wings on new Airborne Graduates, and return to Atlanta.

We will have Business meetings for both *the* 320 and the 508th. Meeting times will be announced at the Reunion and will not conflict with other Activities.

The 320th Memorial fund is still short of the goal and I'm surprised that over 85% of the donations that came in were from the Clarksville, TN Reunion Attendees. A \$5.00 Donation from each one receiving this Newsletter will put the fund well over the top. We want to thank everyone that has donated so far and have you know that it is very much appreciated.

**THIS MONUMENT TO THE 320th IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY
AS NONE EXISTS ANYWHERE AT THIS TIME.**

320/508 Registrations

2006 AIRBORNE AWARDS REGISTRATION

April 20, 21,22 - ATLANTA. GA • AIRPORT MARRIOT

I will attend: _____

Thursday, April 20 Bus Trip to Ft. Benning - 8 AM _____ \$35 each (includes bus & Lunch)

Friday, April 21 Memorial Banquet -12 Noon _____ \$35, each

Saturday, April 22 Awards Banquet & Airborne Hop _____ \$35, each

REGISTRATION \$35 each _____ 4 days of open hospitality

TOTAL _____ PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

DATE SERVED _____

INVASIONS _____

NAME _____

WIFE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

UNIT _____

I will arrive _____ I will depart _____

320/508 Group Check Yes _____

Make check payable to ATLANTA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER and send to Box 87511. College Park, GA 30337. Do not send money for hotel reservations. A hotel reservation card will be sent to you when this blank is received.