



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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Guestbook Entry

Submitted by	Comments:
<p>Name: Jim Miller From: Citrus Heights, Ca E-mail: coachmiller2028@yahoo.com</p>	<p>I was going through letters of my grandfather Byron Carroll tec 5, D-Battery 460th and came across a transfer to H.Q. 460th in March of 1945. His job was an Orderly or Aid to staff. If someone from H.Q. knows him, I would like to get in contact with you. Byron was the OLD GUY he was in his mid 30's at that time. I've been working on D-Battery photos, if people have some, I would really appreciate scanned copies (pdf,jpg) of them to add to the collection. E-mail or call 916-412-7227</p> <p>Added: February 8, 2011</p>

Name These Troopers



Can you name these troopers?



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MailCall News

Bob: What a vicarious thrill it was to enjoy **Dennis Gettman's** thrill in seeing the picture of his Dad when he was in the 517th. Thank you so much for helping him and sharing it with the rest of us. Your actions are the epitome of Mail Call's service to the men of the 517th and their families even after all these years. Your Dad is beaming with pride. Thank you to you and to our wonderful historian, writer and lawyer's lawyer, Howard Hensleigh, for keeping us connected and preserving the history and memories of a very special group of patriots.

Pat Seitz

From: Peter Jansson

[mailto:droopy1dog@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:33 PM

To: MailCall@517prct.org

Subject: A photo of our tribute to our Dad, Mother, and Brother. Dad was a member of B Company.

Thank you to the Barrett family, the Frice family, the Frasier family for helping Dad and us attend the 2007 reunion in D.C. And to Trooper Walsh who was so kind to us.

All the best to all of you.



Hi Bob,

We are having the annual reunion in Palm Springs April 11-15. I am sending you a flyer, could you make a link for people to get info and reg sheet. Hope all is well with you and your family, hope to see you this summer. Thank you for all you do, sure do miss your father.

Thank you,

Karen Wallace <karenwski@gmail.com>



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Dearest Pat;

I have to apologize to our 517th prct family, I have finally caught up on the mail calls (dated since the new year), and yet I was deeply moved by your poignant expression of your father's testimony (mail call # 2034). I am a realist; therefore, I appreciate all the senses our troops experienced and observed during a time of adrenalin. During one of my visits with Ben Barratt, he explained to me of his sense of smell, sight and taste of his experience before he was wounded. I felt he was narrating for an audio book. He captured my attention very quickly (he was a story teller and a very good one). My father was a career Marine and fought in the Pacific during WWII. I was fortunate to be invited to one of his reunions (5 years ago). I tried to open my father's heart on what he experience; unfortunately, he was not able to share his testimony with me. My father is now under hospice care and has dementia, I feel very sad for him that he was not able to find peace from his experience of WWII. I treasure the stories from the 517th family and encourage all to share your stories so the American culture will have a better knowledge of their benefits because of what our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers sacrificed for our freedom.

Thank you Pat, for your eloquent and gentle expression of your father's testimony.

Respectfully,

Teresa Messina

Seattle/Flight Attendant

please send all new emails to "dinnylee7@gmail.com" this is my new email address, thank you.

Virginia Jorgen

I was very impressed with **Howard Hensleigh's** comments about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. I remember as a kid my grandmother (Dad's Mom) telling me this, (and years later my Dad retelling the story). It was 1945, and the war was over. My Dad was sitting at the dinner table when some loud noise went off. He dove under the table before anyone in the family realized what had happened. As Dad climbed back into his chair my grandmother made some comment about the Japanese. He quickly corrected her and told her never to say another bad word about the Japanese Americans. Then he told her the story of the time the 517th was in combat in Italy, and they received the word to FIX BAYONETS. My Dad said his blood just ran cold when he heard those words. Dad said they were preparing for a big fight when the 517th was pulled out and the 442nd put in. Dad said many of the 442nd men were killed or wounded. Dad said another time when he was at the Battle of the Bulge he was in a foxhole with a 442nd soldier, when the soldier told my Dad to run to another foxhole. Just as soon as my Dad jumped out of that foxhole and moving towards the other foxhole, an artillery round came in hitting the foxhole killing the 442nd soldier. My Dad always knew he was alive because of the bravery of those men.

So I have to believe I am here because of the brave men of the 442nd. Mr. Hensleigh, thank you so much for representing the 517th at the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony, and for acknowledging their extreme bravery in combat. It means a lot to me.

Lory Curtis, son of **Bud Curtis**, HQ 1st BN



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Bob and other concerned 517th PRCT web page viewers,

Would it be possible to contact Mike Wells, and the other 517th PRCT Auxiliary Officers, to produce a link/page that can be added to the 517th website and each Mail Call? I would not have known about the 517th Auxiliary and its Mission if I had not attended Reunions. Perhaps there are others who view the 517th website that have No Idea there is an active and needed Auxiliary.

The link/page could contain a brief history of the Auxiliary, its Mission, and How to become a member. Perhaps a .pdf membership page could be included so prospective members could Print it out and send their \$20 to the Auxiliary Treasurer. It would help if there was an explanation of the length of an annual membership, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, or whatever it might be.

Last week it hit me that my membership in the Auxiliary might have expired. I had to call Brenda in Tampa to learn if this was true and how I could Renew. Perhaps, in the future, a listing of the names and locations (City, State) of Auxiliary Members could be included in the link/page. This would allow those of us with "short memories" to see if we need to Renew.

Thank you!

Also: Is there anyone out there who has been able to Open the .xlsx Excel Morning Reports sent from Mike Wells to their early (like 2000) Excel page? If you have an idea of how I can help Mike Wells, please let me know! Thanks!

Kenton Floyd Immerfall
Nephew of **Floyd A. Stott**

Greetings! My uncle, T/5 Spros Gogos, was a member of the 517th and received the DSC posthumously. All these years later among his effects I found a set of dog tags with the imprint:

Samuel G. Parisi
327495587 T-43 A
Mrs. Nancy Parisi
252 Pine St.
Camden, N.J. C

I don't know if this soldier was a member of the 517th...a search of your web site and the book *Battling Buzzards* didn't show anyone by that name. I contacted a friend at Department of the Army who checked the records but couldn't find any useful info.

It would be a real honor to provide these tags to a living descendant....I'm not sure how else to approach the task...if you have any suggestions I'd be happy to try.

I was honored when I went thru jump school to have my uncle's wings pinned on me....I wish I'd had an opportunity to know my heroic uncle.

Thank you in advance.

Dino Papas
Colonel U.S. Army, Retired



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Rooms 84.00 + 15.5 % tax
1800 East Palm Canyon Drive
Make reservations by calling Holiday Inn
1 800 315 2621

Be sure to mention 517th PCT

Registration is 70.00 per person, includes bar-b-que, and farewell banquet.

Mail registration checks to:

Karen Wallace
66295 Hwy 20
Bend, OR 97701
541 318 5919

Email karenwsky@gmail.com

Name of

Guests _____

Please circle the extra activities you would be interested in attending if available

- Elks Club for dinner and karaoke
 - Indian Casino for lunch
 - Follies
- Ride on the Palm Springs Tram to 8516 ft above the city



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Bob: I am Joseph Riley, son-in-law of **Ian Cowan** whom served with **Melvin Biddle** in B company of the 517th. My wife Heather, his daughter is already receiving mailcall, so you really don't need to send it to me. Ian's widow, Georgia, Heather, myself and our son are planning on attending the reunion in Atlanta this year. Since I am now retired, I thought that I might be able to help out in setting this reunion up somehow. I am real familiar with the museum at Toccoa and have attended many paratrooper events there. We live real close to Toccoa. If I'm not mistaken, Lori Curtis is playing a big role in putting this reunion on. If you can put me in contact with him or anyone else that might need my assistance, I am willing to help in any way needed.

Thanks,

Joe Riley

Bob,

Has this site ever been shown on Mail Call? I often wondered about the ship our relatives were aboard. This has to be THAT one.

Kenton Immerfall

See: http://www.517prct.org/photos/santa_rosa.htm

Administrivia

- If you miss any MailCalls, they are all available online at <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/>
- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know.
- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: MailCall@517prct.org
- If you send me email that you do not want included in MailCall, just label it as FYEO.
- I now understand how Ben could get confused about what he already posted and what he didn't. If I miss something, please just send it again.
- Donations for any programs involving the 517th should be sent to our treasurer:

Leo Dean
14 Stonehenge Lane
Albany, NY 12203

Annual 517th Reunion (Probably the Last)
July 13-18, 2011, Atlanta, GA
with visits to
Camp Toccoa and Fort Benning