



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

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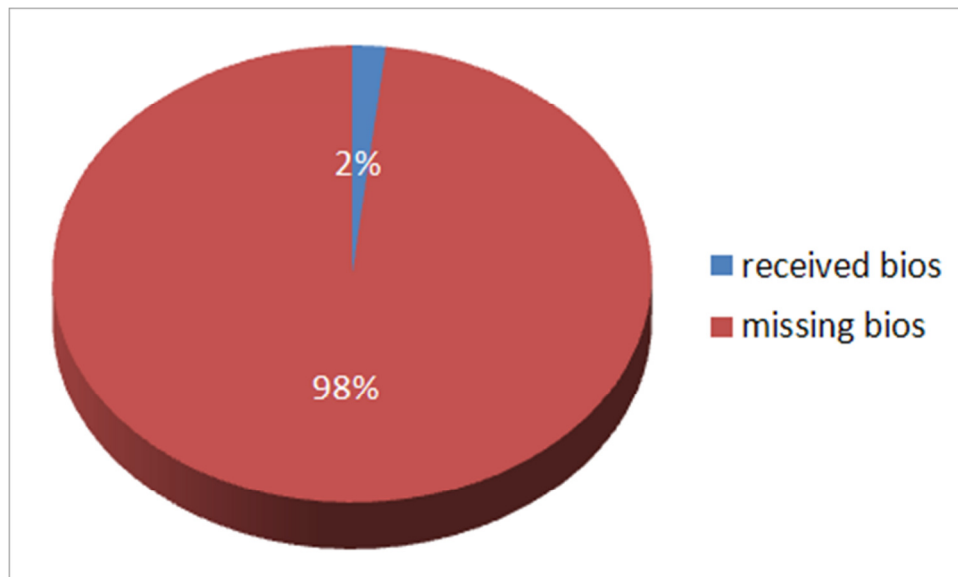
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Meet the Troopers

Earlier this week, I received a couple of items from **Merle McMorrow** for inclusion in "[Meet the Troopers](#)", which is, as you all know, the biography/autobiography section of the web site. As thrilled as I am to have more autobiographical materials for the web, it did bring to mind the fact that we currently have 45 biographies, out of about 2500 troopers.



So, as you can see, we have some work to do to complete the task. I suppose the positive way to look at this is that if anyone wants to help get a trooper to write down their memories, there are plenty of subjects available. Let's get to work. – BB

[Meet the Troopers](#)



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Name These Troopers



Bob:

The two gentlemen shown in your last Mail Call are **Terry Sanford** and **Boom Boom Alicki**.

I have the original of that photo.

Merle

MailCall News

RE: Samuel G. Parisi

Dino,

I was unable to find anything either [about Samuel Parisi]. You can look up his enlistment record, and see that he was born in 1923, and enlisted in Camden, NJ.

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/record-detail.jsp?dt=893&mtch=1&tf=F&q=parisi+samuel+G&bc=,sl,fd&rpp=10&pg=1&rid=3295552>

I did not find any record of him being listed anywhere as KIA, but those records are incomplete. Samuel Parisi is not a common name, but there are a few across the country. I did find this at ancestry.com, although they make you sign up and pay to see more. I don't know if this helps at all.

Bob Barrett

MailCall@517prct.org

Hi Bob....thanks for the quick reply. Yes, I tried those routes as well and found that info early on but it never panned out. Well, I can't see discarding these as you just never know when you might stumble into a lead. Real shame if there is a family out there who would treasure having the tags. So I'll hang onto them in anticipation of that day! ;-)

Thanks again....maybe he and my uncle were buddies and they're smiling down on us even as I type. Airborne!

Dino



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A co-worker emailed this to me thanking me for my military service. I must admit watching this video sent chills up and down my back listening to the children sing this song, and yes, maybe a little tear to my ears. I thought immediately of all of the men of the 517th when I watched this, and so I want to forward my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of them for the freedom I enjoy.

With Heartfelt Thanks

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

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=5pfBUUZNbFM

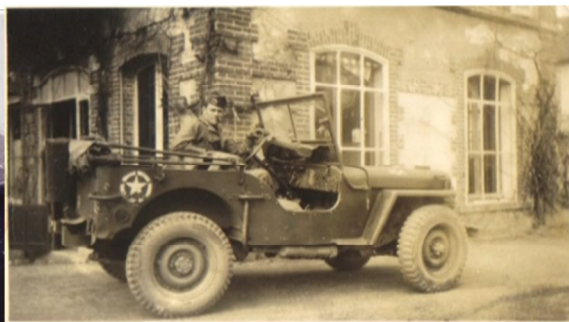
Bob: Great Mail Call. Where do we send our dues as I can't remember when I last paid? On a celebratory note, today is my Dad's 93rd birthday. Yesterday, he, my sister and brother-in-law, the Drs. Steinberg, and cousin, John Seitz went to a concert of Big Band music and had a great time. What wonderful music. Airborne All the Way.

Pat Seitz

BOB THESE PHOTOS WERE SENT FROM **CURT CAVNAR, UNCLE GEORGE'S SON**. IN THE PHOTO OF THE GUYS IN THE JEEP HE IS THE DRIVER. HE DROVE FOR LT CLARK I BELIEVE. THERE ARE PICS OF HIS WIFE AND 5 CHILDREN PLUS MANY GRANDCHILDREN ALL IN VARIOUS STAGES OF LIFE. HE WAS A PROUD PARATROOPER, A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN AND A TERRIFIC FATHER. FEEL FREE TO USE ANY PART OF THIS FOR 517th MAIL CALL OR WEBSITE.

NEPHEW OF A BUZZARD

See: <http://vimeo.com/17108454>





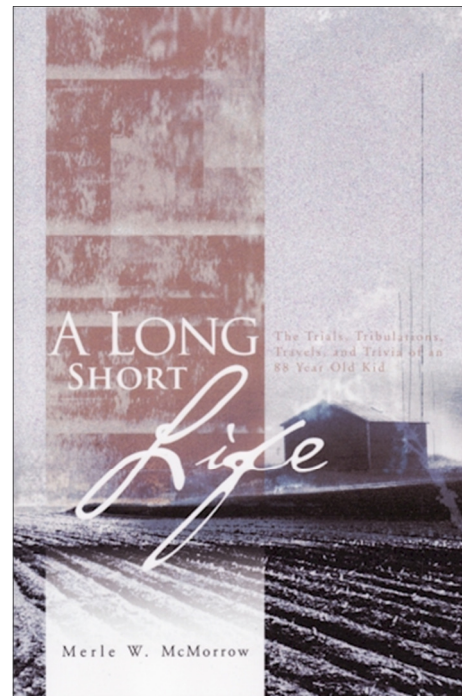
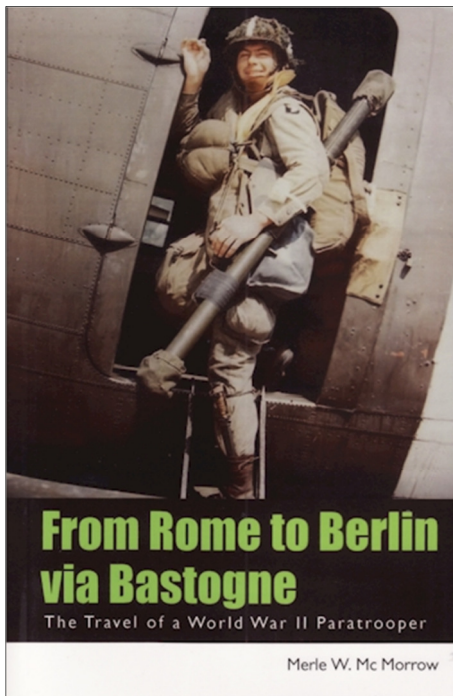
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Can you identify any of these troopers?
The guy on the far left is holding a puppy. George Cavnar, Reg HQ, is driving.

Meet the Troopers

Merle sent me copies of two more autobiographic books that he has written. He's been very busy.





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Also from Merle McMorrow, I received a typed copy of **John Pastalenic's** wartime autobiography, as written in 2005. It turns out that I had already posted most of this to the [Meet the Troopers](#) page. But I did look around, and found a picture of John with his squad at the crater in Italy. So I added the photo to [John Pastalenic's page](#).



Sgt. Robert P. Price and 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, H Company

Top row, 2nd from left: John Pastalenic; 3rd from left: Wally Vincent; last, top row: with helmet, Sowicki (sp. ?)
2nd row, last on the right, kneeling with cigarette: George R. Monkhouse
Bottom row, Sgt. Robert P. Price; next to him: SSgt. James S. Wilson

As I looked around for past writings to and from John Pastalenic, I found a note in old MailCall #1804:

To John Pastalenic, I remember a story my dad talked about eating grapes under fire. I believe he may have been in the same squad as you H, 3rd Platoon, 2nd squad. Can you verify if Mike Sura was in the same engagement in the vineyard with Wally Vincent?

Dennis Sura

If Dennis is still out there, is it possible that your dad is also in the picture above? -- BB



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Palm Springs – April 2011

517th PRCT West Coast Party 2011



Ready for some fun in Palm Springs? Here we go again! Always a good time when we are together!

April 11- Official Registration
Hospitality Suite open 10 am-10pm

April 12- Bar-b-que Buffet for troopers and families. Hawaiian attire.

April 13- Social Day

April 14- Mens business meeting 1000-1130

Canyon Country Club 7 pm-1000 pm Farewell Banquet, dinner and dancing

April 15- Checkout, travel home safely.

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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Annual 517th Reunion (Probably the Last) - Atlanta

Bob,

This information has been sent to Helen to put in the Thunderbolt, but I am not sure if you have seen it yet. I don't know why we can't put it on mail call?

Lory

[Program](#)
[Registration Form](#)
[Hotel Info](#)

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



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

517th PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ASSOCIATION REUNION
JULY 14 - 18, 2011
ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT GATEWAY

Thursday, July 14

- 2:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
2:30pm - 7:00pm Hospitality Room open for socializing with 517th Paratroopers.
7:00pm - 8:00pm Concert performed by US Army Band, GA National Guard

Friday, July 15

- 6:00am - 4:00pm FORT BENNING (description follows)
5:30pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration Open.** Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.
6:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room open for socializing with 517th Paratroopers.

Saturday, July 16

- 9:00am - 4:30pm CURRAHEE MILITARY MUSEUM / CAMP TOCCOA (description follows)
6:00pm Presentation of the Film History Project of the 517th PRCT

Sunday, July 17

- 8:30am - 10:30am Auxiliary Breakfast
8:30am - 10:30am Veterans Breakfast
11:30am - 4:00pm CITY TOUR (description follows)
1:30pm - 6:00pm Hospitality Room open for socializing with 517th Paratroopers.
6:00pm - Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar
7:00pm - 10:00pm Banquet
10:00pm - Hospitality Room open

Monday, July 18

Farewells and Departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

Register and pay online at www.afr-reg.com/517

517th PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ASSOCIATION REUNION

Tour Descriptions

FORT BENNING

Friday, July 15

We'll spend the day at Fort Benning, Georgia, home of the Infantry. Today's plans include the Basic Airborne Course Graduation, Silver Wings Parachute Demo, and Airborne 5000 demo. In addition, time will be allowed in the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center. At your leisure, you can trace the footsteps of infantrymen from the 1607 wilderness of Virginia to the 1991 sands of the Persian Gulf, from victory at Yorktown to events in Vietnam, and of course, everything in between! You'll see weapons, uniforms, footwear, mess equipment, fine oil paintings, firearms, bronzes, helmets, and vehicles from a 1902 Studebaker Utility Wagon to the legendary Jeep. The museum shows not only the weapons, uniforms, and personal equipment of U.S. infantrymen, but also that of the enemies who chose to test our resolve. World War II Street is an authentically recreated complex of seven buildings from the 1940s. The gift shop is extensive and worth visiting. Lunch will be at the Officers Club, featuring baked chicken, along with salad, sides, dessert, and beverage. **All persons over sixteen years of age, must have a photo ID. As with any military institution, activities and schedules may change.**

**6:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel
\$61/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch.**

CAMP TOCCOA

Saturday, July 16

Take a trip down Memory Lane by travelling two hours north to Camp Toccoa and the Currahee Military Museum. This museum is located in downtown Toccoa, and focuses on the Paratrooper Infantry Regiments that trained at Camp Toccoa in the early 1940's. The museum features uniforms, medals, photos, maps, weapons, and other priceless items that tell the stories. Located in the museum is a stable, built in Aldbourne, England in 1922. Companies from the 506th were housed there, and the owners donated it to the museum in honor of the paratroopers. Plans for the day are still being worked out, but the emphasis will be on the museum. We'll take a ride out to the original site of Camp Toccoa for a picture stop at Memorial Walk, a small area with memorial statues to the regiments who trained there. You'll also see the entrance to the road that leads up Currahee Mountain. Lunch will take place in the museum conference room. Buffet will include sandwiches, chips, dessert, and a drink.

**9:00am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel
\$56/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.**

CITY TOUR

Sunday, July 17

Start the trip with a stop at Lenox Square Mall, one of Atlanta's premier shopping areas. It features hundreds of upscale, glitzy shops, anchored by Neiman Marcus, Macy's, and a wide variety of places to eat that range from restaurants such as California Pizza Kitchen to a diverse food court with Taco Bell, Subway, Checkers, and many more. After lunch, enjoy a driving tour of the city. See Atlanta's Peachtree Center, the CNN Center, Turner Field, Centennial Olympic Park, and the Georgia State Capitol. On the north side of the city, we'll drive through Buckhead, where gracious mansions and sweeping lawns await you.

**11:30am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel
\$37/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.**

Driver and staff gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time.
All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.

517th PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ASSOCIATION REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/517. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 13, 2011. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. All new registrations accepted at the reunion will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 517th Parachute

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/13/11

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
FRIDAY: FORT BENNING	\$61		\$
SATURDAY: CAMP TOCCOA	\$56		\$
SUNDAY: CITY TOUR	\$37		\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
AY B R 'BR A FA T	\$22		\$
SUNDAY: AUXILIARY BREAKFAST	\$22		\$
SUNDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée; pecan pie for dessert)</i>			
Marinated Top Sirloin	\$39		\$
Herb Roasted Chicken	\$39		\$
Grilled Cape Blue Fish w/ lemon butter sauce	\$39		
id's late Chicken Fingers for ages -12).	\$20		\$
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Includes Hospitality Room and administrative expenses. Children under age 18 do not have to pay a registration fee.	\$25		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____ VET. AUXILIARY MEMBER

517th COMPANY _____ OR BATTERY _____ OR OTHER UNIT _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP) _____

EMAIL _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays)**. Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT GATEWAY
(404) 763-1544 or (800) 228-9290

(Please reference the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team Reunion to obtain the special reunion room rate)

The Atlanta Airport Marriott is located at 2020 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA 30337. The hotel is connected to the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, ten minutes from Fulton County Stadium, and fifteen minutes from historic downtown Atlanta. Each room has complimentary in-room coffee, an iron/ironing board, hairdryer, an LCD television, and in-room refrigerator. The hotel also offers guests access to their fitness center and indoor pool. The hotel offers handicapped accessible rooms, but they are based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation. Self-parking is complimentary for hotel guests and valet parking is offered for \$18 per night. If you are driving, please call the hotel for accurate directions. Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm. **Champions**, located near the Atlanta Airport, is open for breakfast buffet, lunch, and dinner, offering American classics like burgers, sandwiches and salads. **M.I. Greatroom** offers a 5.10.20 menu, which allows guests to order food based on how quickly they need it-5 minutes (light snacks), 10 minutes and 20 minutes (heartier fare), they are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Room service is also available.

The hotel is connected to the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Use the ATL SkyTrain to get from the airport to the hotel. Take train to GICC Gateway stop. Take elevator down to ground level. Hotel is just outside the station.

RV parking is available in adjacent Georgia Int'l Convention Center Parking. For full service hookup, the Atlanta South RV Resort is location about twenty-five minutes from the hotel. Please call (800) 778-0668 for information, directions, and reservations. Please make your reservations at least one month in advance.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

517th PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ASSOCIATION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: JULY 14-18, 2011

Please be prepared to give the following information when making your reservations:

- NAME & IF SHARING ROOM, WITH WHOM
- ADDRESS
- TELEPHONE NUMBER
- ARRIVAL DAY & DATE/ DEPARTURE DATE/CONFIRM THE # OF NIGHTS
- # OF ROOMS & THE # OF PEOPLE IN RM.
- ADVISE IF YOU REQUIRE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE ROOM
- KING BED OR 2 DOUBLE BEDS?

RATE: \$84 + state and local taxes (currently 13%) for single or double.

CUTOFF DATE: 06/13/11. After this date, reservations will be processed on space & rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6pm on your arrival day.

RESERVATION GUARANTEE: Must provide a credit card number with expiration date to reservation agent. Hotel accepts the following card types: AMEX, DINERS, VISA, MASTER CARD, or DISCOVER

Please call (404) 763-1544 or (800) 228-9290 to make reservations or visit the website below:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlma?groupCode=prcprca&app=resvlink&fromDate=7/12/11&toDate=7/18/11>