



# 517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

**MailCall No. 2105**

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

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## *Les Arcs 8 MAI EXPO La liberation de la Ville. 1944-2012*

**8 MAI 2012 / 17 AOUT 1944**  
**LA LIBÉRATION DES ARCS**  
SALLE HUGONY DE 9h à 18h



**" UNE EXPOSITION QUI VOUS  
REPLONGERA 68 ANS EN ARRIÈRE"**

Exposition réalisée par l'association  
" 15 Aout 1944 Airborne Task Force Museum "  
en partenariat avec les anciens combattants et  
déportés de la ville des Arcs Sur Argens.

**Entrée Libre**

Bonjour a tous chers amis,

Nous organisons une petite exposition le Mardi 8 mai prochain toute la journée grace à l'accueil des Anciens combattants des Arcs, a la salle Hugoni, (au fond du jeux de boules centre ville) en hommage aux soldats et résistants qui se sont battu pour la libération de la Ville et pour la libération de Provence.

*We are Happy to let you know that we are doing a Exhibition on the 8th of May In LES ARCS to celebrate VE Day and to remember the sacrifice of the 517th and the free French forces during the liberation of the town in august 1944.*

à Mardi nous l'espérons.  
Amitié

**Jean Michel SOLDI & ERIC RENOUX,**

**15 Aout 1944 Airborne task Force Museum  
Association.  
Provence.**

*news on face book :*

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/AIRBORNE-MUSEUM-15-Aout-1944-Association/251521034883354>



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### *Taps*

I am sad to report the lost of **Jack ( Red ) Guthrie**. He was a good man and a funny, lovable guy. My grandmother Shirley attended high school with Jack and after the war and marriage to **Raymond Doane 596<sup>th</sup>**. She found out the guys knew each other from the service. I guess it was a small world even back then.

RIP Jack  
**Johnny Privott**

[Click here: John M. Guthrie Jr. Obituary: View John Guthrie's Obituary by The Virginian-Pilot](#)

2 Mar 2012

From **Bill Hudson, 596th**

I just heard from **Lyle Madison** of the 596th that **Jack Guthrie** died on 29 April in a retirement facility in Virginia Beach, VA (Lyle's sister-in-law lives in the same facility).

A memorial will be held there on Saturday, May 5.

As I understand it, Jack came into the 596th's third platoon with the cadre, and later transferred to the 517th's third battalion, where at Bergstein, he ran a mortar squad. He must have been in it from the beginning to the end.



His address was Westminster-Canterbury, 3100 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 24351

His son's address is: Scott Guthrie, 1343 Cornwall Place, Norfolk, VA 23508

### *MailCall News*

Dear Bob, My daughter Nancy Hensleigh who lives in Carlisle has taken the footlocker to a locksmith and has it opened. Jean-Loup has some interest in the field jacket jumped into S France. It may have some faint traces of the camouflage paint still visible and the last time I looked it still had my cross rifles insignia sewed loosely to the underneath side of the collar. If you have the interest and the time you might contact her and drop by sometime to take a look at the stuff. The boots are the first ones I bought to go through jump school. I bought 2 pairs and wore the others out. There is a jump suit there also.

I am not sure what if anything Jean-Loup has in mind, but we could let him know the results of your examination and let him take it from there. If he wants a picture, it would be best to have the clothing item he is interested in on someone and that could be you if you are willing.

Highest regards, HH

*[I will try to contact Nancy and get some pictures soon. – BB]*



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### **Claire/Helen**

I received the Thunderbolt today and spent the morning reading. I may have been a bit late but it was the best ever. I really enjoyed it.

Claire thanks for your support on sending a mailing out ASAP as I suggested in a previous E-mail. A detailed letter should score some additional people to sign up. Lory told me that only 7 people have signed up as of yesterday. Lory and the General are very concerned so we need to step up to the plate and make Kansas City work.

Despite the fact that I suggested many years ago that we eliminate the National Reunions and just keep the two Mini reunions it's my turn to eat crow. The very great reunions we had in Salt City and Atlanta since has changed my mind. Let's all get behind Lory and make this a reunion to remember.

### **Darrell Egner**

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Hello everyone,

I see that Darrell has his T'bolt, however, we have not received ours yet. I am guessing that I might see it tomorrow.

I called MInuteman Press, and the flyers that were suggested will be to the Post Office tomorrow afternoon. Our roster was in the low 1200's when I came on board for the T'bolt and now it is 810 being mailed out. I am hoping that the postcard in the T'bolt will help to tighten up the numbers.

I will try to get my registration in this week for KC, and hopefully, many more will do the same. Hal is having some surgery on his toes on Thursday, so I think that I will be somewhat homebound at least for a few days. Time to get things done during that time.

I hope that all are well and I am so looking forward to seeing all of you in Kansas City. Lory, will the movie presentation be screened at a time with nothing else going on?

Hugs to all.

### **Helen**

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I got my Thunderbolt yesterday! – Bob B.

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From **Giles Guignard**

Pictures of the WWII P40 recently found buried in the sand in Egypt:

[https://picasaweb.google.com/114682566226043469349/Zdj\\_samolot?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCKjxkt6rkNTFKg&feat=directlink#](https://picasaweb.google.com/114682566226043469349/Zdj_samolot?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCKjxkt6rkNTFKg&feat=directlink#)



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Last week I was speaking with **Helen Beddow** on the phone while I was at the Home Depot store. I mentioned to her military people receive a 10% off every item they purchase there. She was amazed and said she didn't know about that. She asked me to put it out on mailcall for our people. I think you have to be on active duty or retired to receive the discount, but I would encourage you to take a copy of your DD-214 discharge papers with you to the store and ask. Attached is a list of businesses that offer discounts to military personnel.

### **Lory Curtis**

See this list of over 200 stores that offer military discounts:

<http://www.bradsdeals.com/blog/2010/09/22/160-stores-with-military-discounts/>

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The last Mail call that I received was 2102. Please put me back on the list  
**Dick Hammel** CoE 517.

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Bob,

My state work email is changing to be managed by google. In my mailbox there are no 517th emails anymore. Attached is a message I received from google about updating blogger accounts. Is mailcall considered a blogger account and is this the reason they are no longer in my in box???

Lory

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Lory and Dick,

You're probably not the only ones who have missed some recent MailCalls. I have not changed anything on my end, but I do know from years of sending them out with Ben, that the various email providers keep adjusting their methods to avoid spammers, and occasionally some of them think that the MailCalls might be spam. Ben would get very frustrated when he would see emails from his aol account rejected one week by comcast accounts, and the next week by charter.net, for no apparent or consistent reason. Then the next week, they would be okay, or a different ISP would reject them.

I thought I solved the problem by breaking the sending into 4 separate emails, each being sent to less than 100 people. This has been working for over 2 years, until the last few weeks. I'm not sure why. Most people, I think, still receive the emails, but at least a couple of people have not received some lately. Also, I do test each of the mailings by including myself in each of the 4 groups, so if I receive the 4 emails after I send them out, then I know that the MailCall has gone out correctly.

So the problem is not with the email itself, but with the way your individual email system tries to trap spam. I'm not sure what to do, and hope that it will resolve itself soon. In the meantime, just remember that you can always find the MailCalls at: [www.517prct.org/archives](http://www.517prct.org/archives)

Bob B.



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Last week I talked to **General Seitz** regarding **Hunter McDonald** and requested that he call Hunter and give him a pep talk. Hunter has a Lung problem and has been in and out of a hospital three times in the last 30 days. Needless to say, he said he would. There is no better person in the world than Dick to motivate a fellow trooper.

I digress! Dick has been working with **Lory Curtis** (chairman of the Kansas City reunion) and they are both alarmed that so few have registered yet. He asked me to step up and see what I could do to correct the problem. First I would like to thank Bob Barrett as he has plugged this reunion in all the latest Mail Calls. My concern is that perhaps half of the 517 family is not on the Internet and depend on the Thunderbolt for news. The last issue I received is Spring of 2011. I am sure Claire and Helen are as busy as the rest of us and I wish to thank them for the great job they have done in the past.

I am requesting that the girls send out a letter of instructions to everyone on their mail list. At this late date I am not talking about sending a Thunderbolt. Claire and Helen I am sure the Treasury will cover and additional expense you accrue. I am sure our President, **Alan Johnson** will approve this.

Another reason that people may have not registered is they are waiting for family members to make up their minds. Also how is my health going to be come July. I am sure many of my fellow troopers do what I do every morning. I look in the mirror and say "Are you still here".

Anyway please come and join us in the wonderful Kansas City. Please register now. I'm sure Lory will refund your money for most any reason that you can't attend if you do it in a timely manner. This could be our last reunion!

**Darrell Egner**

***West Coast and National Reunions – Sign up now!***

**West Coast Mini-Reunion**

Palm Springs, CA

May 14-18, 2012

[Information and registration instructions](#)



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### **Annual National Reunion**

Kansas City, MO

July 12-16, 2012

Hello everyone,

I am emailing you to invite you to attend the National Reunion of the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team (PRCT) in Kansas City, MO, July 12 - 16. This will be a wonderful time for you to meet with 517th paratroopers in our hospitality room at the Hilton Hotel. More than that it is a great time to meet with old friends and enjoy each other's company. In addition to the listed activities in the attached program, the movie *Saints and Soldiers, Airborne Creed*, a brand new movie not released yet about the 517th and their combat jump in to southern France will be premiered at the reunion on Saturday, July 14th.

**I am asking each of you to mark these dates and plan to attend this reunion to honor these wonderful men who sacrificed so much for each of us in World War II. Attached are the registration form, hotel registration, and program.**

I hope to see you in Kansas City!

Lory V. Curtis, Ed.D, son of Bud Curtis, HQ, 1st BN 517th  
Reunion Chairman

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

### *Just for Laughs*

Tom was in his early 50's, retired and started a second career. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, real sharp, so the Boss was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, one day he called him into the office for a talk.

"Tom, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job, but you're being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know Boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Army. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, "Good morning, General."





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## *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](mailto: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 new Association Treasurer: Identify the purpose of any donation (Annual Dues, etc.) and make all checks payable to:

**517 PRCT Association, Inc.**

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