



517th 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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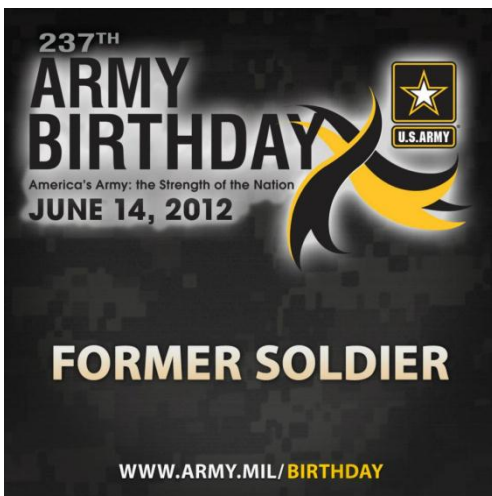
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MailCall News



237th birthday of the US Army was June 14.

See: [Senior Leaders Birthday Messages](#)



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Bob,

Would you put these pictures in mailcall.

I just wanted to let everyone know I had the opportunity to see the movie about the 517th Saints and Soldiers Airborne Creed this past Saturday night. It is a **WONDERFUL MOVIE** and honors the 517th PRCT, and their combat jump into Southern France.

In attendance was our own **Hoyt Kelly** from 1st Battalion. His comments were it was a great movie, and fairly accurate as to what we had to do.



As I mentioned, this movie will be shown at our reunion in Kansas City. Attached are three pictures. The first one is of me with some of the movie stars. The other two are the poster and banner about the movie.

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



Note: *Saints and Soldiers: Airborne Creed* is based on stories from Lory Curtis' book *Letters Home: A Paratroopers Story*.

The premier showing will be at the Kansas City 517th reunion, on Saturday night at 7pm.





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I just spoke with the movie producers about the new movie *Saints and Soldiers Airborne Creed*, and they just got off of the phone with the NBC television station in Columbus GA, just outside of Fort Benning. They are very excited about premiering the movie at the Infantry museum (where we all went last year) on August 15, 2012 to commemorate the 517th combat jump into southern France. **The producers have asked me to get a message out to our troopers that may live in the area and would be willing to go to the movie premier in Columbus, GA on August 15, 2012.** Will you put this out on MailCall and have anyone that could be there contact me at drivc@comcast.net or phone me at 801-232-0009.

Thank you.

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

Hi Lory,

I got your note and the voicemail. Wow! This is great. Congratulations and good job!

I will certainly include the news in the next MailCall. I sent a note to **Helen Beddow** asking if I can get a copy of the current Thunderbolt mailing address. The only list I have hasn't been updated since 2008. If I get a new list, I will post it on the website. The old list, for what it's worth is at www.517prct.org/roster.pdf

As you probably know, Helen and Hal are in GA, but on the opposite side, a 4+ hour drive. And I'm not sure how well they can travel these days.

One other thought: **Don Lassen** was the editor of *The Static Line*, the monthly newspaper for all paratroopers. (It's how my Dad first found out about the 517th reunions.) Don died in 2008, but the *Static Line* is still published, by his family, I think, and the address for them is still College Park, GA (next to Atlanta.) It might be worth letting them know about the event as well. <http://www.staticlinemagazine.com/>

Also, I don't know how wide a net you want to cast, but there are other paratrooper websites, such as <http://www.armyparatrooper.org/> and <http://home.hiwaay.net/~magro/paraindex.html> and <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/>

Bob Barrett

Bob, Could I get the Email address of **Myrle Traver & David Clark**, the relative of **Corwin Clark**, I would like to contact both of them.

Thanks, **Morris McDowell.**



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Joanne Barrett visits **Howard Hensleigh** in Menlo Park, CA, while the two of them straighten out the 517 PRCT Associations tax records and filings:



Dear Joanne

What a remarkable job you, Howard and **Dick Miller** did explaining the mess the Government has placed in our lap. I am a t a loss to know who Dick Miller is, can you fill me in? After two operations since June 1 I am in rehab trying to get well enough to get to Kansas City. My Son Darrell Jr. is planning to fly me there. Somewhere in the back of my mind I thought Alan Greer (Seitz) was also helping with this problem.

I have printer and studied your document and will do my best to come up with some answers for Kansas City. In the meantime perhaps Judge Pat Seitz could come up with some high ranking official in government to help our cause. Looks like we will need all the help we can muster up.

My goal in life is to get to Kansas, wish me luck.

Darrell Egnor

Note: **Dick Miller (460th)** is not on MailCall, but he is a former Assistant Treasurer of the 517th Association (2004?) He and Howard have some experience with the IRS situation from back then as well.

My Father , **Robert Amerlan**, 517th RCT, 2nd Battalion, would like to receive the Thunderbolt. Can you tell me where or how to order the Thunderbolt for my father?

Thank you,

Bonnie Amerlan



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Good afternoon, Bob.

I am the youngest son of **Walter A. Locker, Jr.** (deceased 2000), who was a member of Co. D in the 517th.

My wife and two of our kids will be in Tiger, GA during the first week of July. The purpose for my contacting you is because Tiger is ~ 7 miles north of Toccoa. I'm wondering: are any members of the 517th are still in that area? If so, I would like to contact them in the event Susie and the kids would have some free time and be able to meet them.

Thank you, very much, for continuing the work of your dad with the 517th MailCall and website.

Karl

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Hi to both of you,

I do not know of any 517th veterans in the area. My Dad lived in Naples, FL, but passed on. Toccoa has a very nice military museum and has many tributes to the 517 and other units that trained there, 506 and others. The camp is closed, but there may be a way to walk up the mountain. Contact Brenda at the Toccoa Military museum. They have a website you can google. I did not do that prior to beginning this email. They have a resident paratrooper named Mr. Pelfrey who is very involved with the museum. He may be able to talk with you. You are welcome to call me and I may be able to meet with you and show you my father's things and scrap books. I am sure you told him about the last reunion being held this year. We will not be able to attend, but it would be great to share with fellow descendants. I have a video that **Lance Anderson** made as well as a few of the ones from other reunions. Give me a call when you get into town - I live about 90 miles away. Here is my number:

Heather Riley, daughter of **Ian Cowan, Co. B 517**, 706-285-2056

please add us back to mail call.

Kathy McIntosh and Jesse K davis, B co. (ltlpwsbrussels@gmail.com)

Bob,

I just got off the phone with **Darrell Egner**, who by the way is recovering very nicely, and is still planning on coming to the reunion. Anyway, he told me **Pony Davis** sent him some 517th U.S. postage stamps. He has tried to find some where he lives but to no avail. Do you know anything about this stamp?

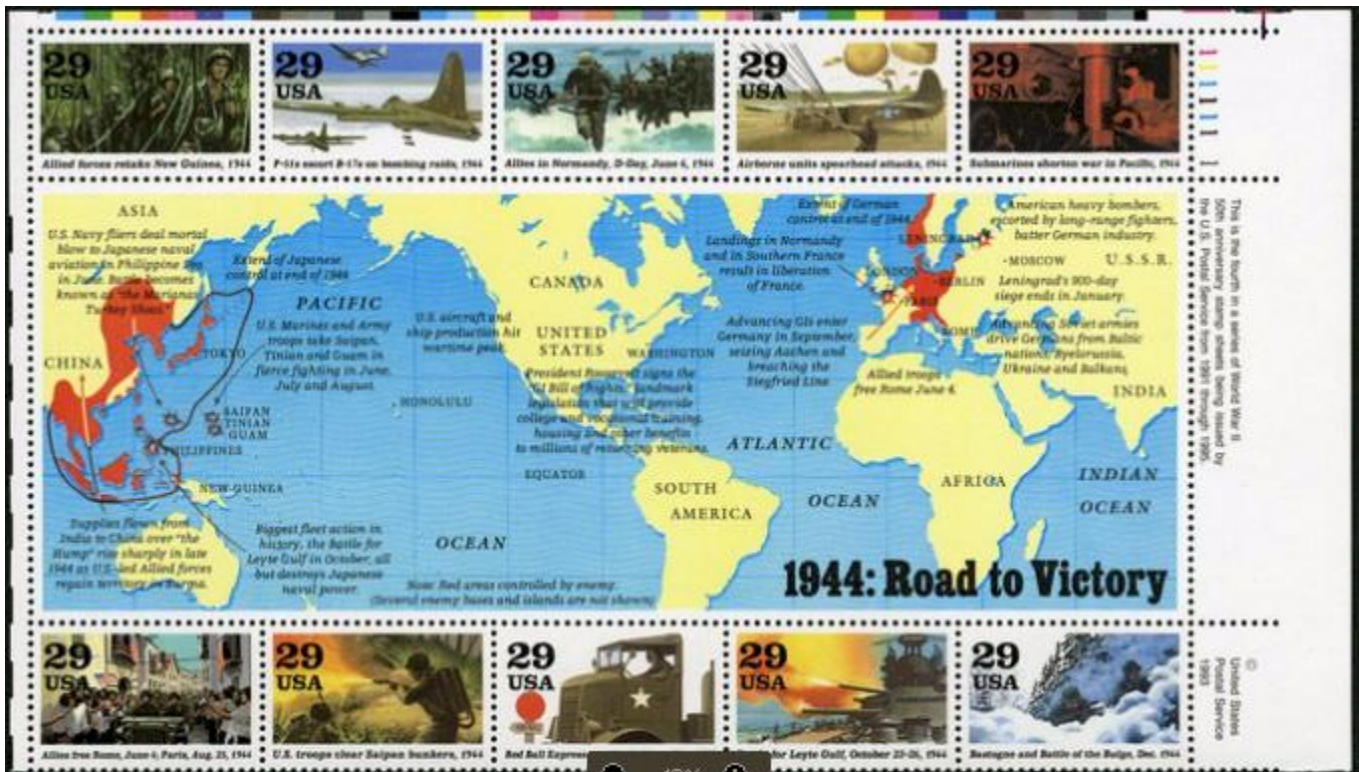
Lory Curtis



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Hi Lory,

I've never heard of a 517th postage stamp. But with a little research, I bet they are talking about this set of stamps, issued in 1994, recognizing the US Airborne in general, but not the 517 specifically.




See: <http://arago.si.edu/index.asp?con=1&cmd=1&mode=1&tid=2042558>

I suspect that this is the stamp set that they are referring to, because I found this story in one of the 596th newsletters (Q1 1995):



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COVER



The cover art is an enlargement of the GENERIC AIRBORNE U.S. postage stamp that was issued on 6 June, 1994. All elements and thousands of Airborne veterans wrote thousands of letters to the stamp selection committee in an effort to get an Airborne stamp issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the genesis of U.S. Airborne Forces in 1940. We were unsuccessful in this effort but we were promised an Airborne stamp in the WWII stamp series to be issued in 1994. The stamp the committee had in mind was to be specific for the Normandy D-Day Airborne invasion. It isn't widely known or recognized that this Airborne stamp as you see it is GENERIC only through the salesmanship skills and determination of our own Joe D. Miller. Somehow he pulled it off and all Airborne veterans are grateful to Joe for the time, effort, and money he put into this project. We of the 596 are especially proud that one of our own was able to accomplish this almost single-handedly. Get Joe to tell you the details of how this stamp came to be and also about his adventures with the official color enlargement of the stamp that was presented on D-Day to the Airborne Museum and the Mayor at Ste. Mere Eglise, France-----and then why he had to go back to France in September and do it again. Thanks, Joe! You are Airborne All The Way and have reflected great credit on the 596 PCEC.

Joe Miller was a past president of the 517th Association in 1991-1993. I have copied **Edith Miller**, Joe's wife, on this note.

Bob Barrett

You may be right, **Darrell Egner** has some of the stamps and is going to send me one, so when I get it I will compare them to these stamps. Thanks so much

Lory

WWII Widow finally finds out what happened to her missing husband:

<http://www.godvine.com/WWII-Widow-Finally-Finds-Out-What-Happened-to-her-Missing-Husband-1629.html>





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Submitted by	Comments:
Name: Paul Hamilton From: Spring, TX E-mail: pdhh080892@sbcglobe.net	Years ago a friend of mine gave me a 1922 silver dollar engraved on the back, Albert A Delgado , 517 Parachute Inf, France 1944. In researching the coin I learned that Albert A Delgado enlisted in October 1943. By May of 1944 he was fighting the Germanys in Italy as a member of the 517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team. That August he jumped into France, as part of the breakout from the Normandy beachhead. He was there in December when the Germans throw everything they had left at the Allies in what became known as the "Battle of the Bugle." A month later near Maumee, Belgium Albert was killed in action. I'm happy to report that with the help of members of the 517th, I was able to locate Albert's nephew. I have since given him the coin, some pictures of Albert in action in Italy, France and Belgium, and a letter from Albert's squad leader! Thank you to all who helped me, and thank you for your service and sacrifice on behalf of our country! <hr/> Added: June 21, 2012

Military Humor

Officer candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was tough. During an inspection, a fellow soldier received 30 demerits for a single penny found within his area. Ten demerits were for "valuables insecure," ten because the penny wasn't shined, and ten because Abraham Lincoln needed a shave.



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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
- 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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