



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



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596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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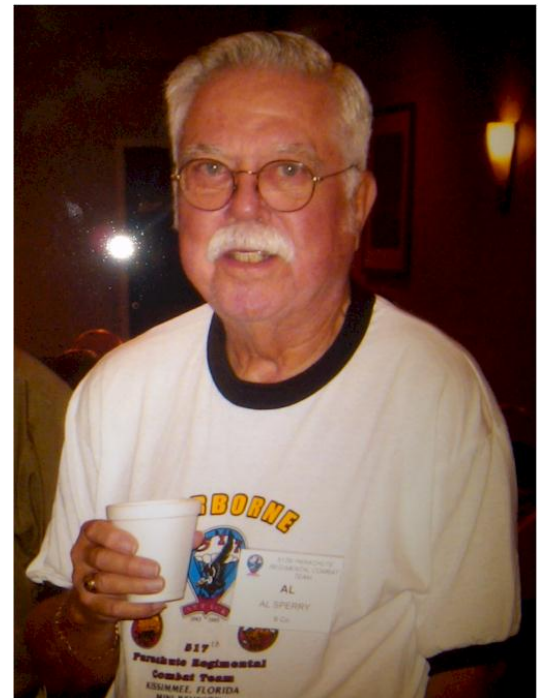
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### *In Memoriam - Al Sperry, B Company*

Our good friend **Al Sperry** passed away this week, while on his way to the Kansas City Reunion. We will all miss him greatly. He was a regular attendee at the reunions. It was always great to see Al in his uniform.





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Allan Johnson, Leo Dean, Hal Beddow, Gene Frice, and Al Sperry

## *Kansas City Annual Reunion 2012*



Bob Vaught, K. Allen Johnson, Darrell Egnor, Hal Beddow, Dick Seitz, Leo Dean, Mel Dahlberg, Gene Frice, John Jonientz, Dick Hammel, George Kennedy, Hoyt Kelley, John Strojan





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Photos from Kansas City:



Leo and his new sky-jumping goggles



Tonight is the big premiere of *Saints and Soldiers – Airborne Creed*. We're all looking forward to this.





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### MailCall News

Hi Bob,

I am looking to get in touch with **Lory Curtis** about the upcoming movie *Saints and Soldiers: Airborne Creed*. I am trying to put together an article about it for our newspaper here in St. George, Utah, *The Spectrum & Daily News*.

Thanks so much and I hope you are enjoying the reunion.

David Cordero

What a blast, I came across the dollar bill from the 517<sup>th</sup> my uncle was a member and signed the front. Thanks for posting.

*Alex Mendoza*

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The short snorter story was posted on [MailCall #2069](#)

Singed by  
Ramon Mendoz, Jr.  
HQ Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Bn.



My father, **Nello R. Arterburn**, was a Sergeant and Staff Sergeant with Company G. He passed in 1985 from cancer.

I'm writing a biography on both my father and mother (Dorothy Arterburn), and am looking for anyone who has stories or recollections to share that I could reference.

Please let me know who I might be able to contact.

Sincere thanks,  
James Arterburn



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From Gilles Guignard: **The Last Heroes of WW2**

See these videos on YouTube about WW2 vets:

<http://www.youtube.com/v/4XYCJFaWdg0>

<http://www.youtube.com/v/CGmOKGwn08Y>

<http://www.youtube.com/v/uF9sqxaEJKw>

<http://www.youtube.com/v/KzBiGgL1-BE>

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This song is wonderful and it certainly expresses our feelings and we want to share it with all of the 517th.

THIS IS REALLY GOOD.....TURN UP THE VOLUME A LITTLE.....

<http://www.youtube.com/v/6TPqJSZf5Vw?version=3&autohide=1&autoplay=1>

### **Betty Traver**

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It was great to see **General Seitz** leading the 4th of July Parade and it looked to me he was wearing a 517th hat!

I am so sorry to hear **Myrle** has lung cancer. Please give him my best, and let him know he is in my prayers, and I am going to put his name on the Salt Lake Temple Prayer roll starting today. In fact Betty, I have also put your name on the prayer roll. God bless you two.

On Thursday last week, July 5th, I taped a radio interview on KSL radio here in Salt Lake City about the movie, Saints and Soldiers Airborne Creed. I talk about the unit and my Dad. If any one is interested they can go to ksl.com and in the upper left hand section of their web page you will see ksl newsradio. Click on this link and go to listen live broadcast. At 9:00 am you will see a show called Everyday life, everyday values. That is where the interview will be.

On Friday, July 6, 2012, I was in California, and met with **Howard Hensleigh**. It was so wonderful to finally meet this great man. On behalf of the 517th I gave him a 517th polo shirt with hat, lapel pin, and 517th ballpoint pens. I think he has enough stuff from the 517th to remind him every day we appreciate him and all he has done for the association. Howard, you are the best. I will send pictures later, right now I am trying to get packed for the reunion in Kansas City. More after the reunion.

### **Lory Curtis**

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I want to express my disappointment to hear of **Myrle Travers** cancer and that as a result will not be able to attend the reunion. Mae and I will pray that the cancer treatments will be successful, and Betty, for strength and courage during this time.

Love and Prayers

**Mel and Mae Dahlberg**



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New Guestbook entry:

Submitted by	Comments:
Name: <b>Pete Minix</b> From: Indio, CA E-mail: <a href="mailto:pdmmm@msn.com">pdmmm@msn.com</a>	<p>My name is Pete Minix, and my hobby for the last 12 years, has been collecting and compiling World War II veteran histories. I currently have over 330 World War II veterans, from all branches, in my private library. None of this information is given out or published for a monetary gain.</p> <p>This is at no cost to you or your family. All I would need are any documents (copies), that you would wish to share or pictures of you during that time. Also, I would also like a current picture of you today. I can send you a large self-addressed envelope for mailing purposes. If you have a scanner attached to your home computer, you could scan your pictures and/or documents to send to me.</p> <p>If you wish to share this information with me, I would greatly appreciate it. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email. If you chose not to share your story with me, I completely understand and will respect your wishes. My E-mail is pdmmm@msn.com</p> <p>Semper Fi Peter D. Minix Proud to have served Former Sgt. United States Marine Corps Former Sgt. California Army National Guard Member</p> <hr/> <p>Added: July 10, 2012</p>

### *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:

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