



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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MailCall News

I was contacted by the film producers yesterday to tell the movie *Saints and Soldiers - Airborne Creed* is being shown at the Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis today, Oct 21, and this coming week. If anyone is in the area I highly recommend they go see it.



Also, I just heard on the news this morning that George McGovern passed away. When my Dad, Tim and I went to France, George was with us. Dad spoke with him many times, and his room at the hotel in France was just next door to ours. Here are a few pictures of Dad with George and other politicians of the day.

Lory Curtis



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Joann, will you please send this message for your brother Bob, for Mail Call

Alex Seirra passed away a few days ago. He was in Company D. He is survived by his wife Vera.

Thanks. **Helen Beddows**

Bob

This is the information sheet and registration form for the reunion in Kissimmee. Please put these in the body of MailCall rather than as an attachment because a number of people have problems with access to attachments.

Thanks so very much,

Brenda Verbeck Mortensen

517 PRCT Florida Mini Reunion 2013
Ramada Hotel & Inn Gateway, Kissimmee, FL
January 18 – 21
[Reunion Registration Form](#)

Registration Form is also attached at the end of this MailCall.

Submitted by	Comments:
Name: Steven E Howard From: Rapid City, South Dakota E-mail: stevehowardbentbar@rap.midco.net	I am a nephew of Ky Brudzinski who served in the 517th. I just had the honor of visiting the American military cemetery at Florence, Italy. Thanks to the 517th for their service and sacrifice and thank you for this site!
	Added: October 22, 2012

SAINTS AND SOLDIERS: AIRBORNE CREED will be available @ [Redbox](#) on 11/13/12 (one day following the DVD/BluRay release in Walmart and other retail locations).

Netflix will stream and have DVD on 12/12/12



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Lory,

As you may know, I had trouble getting MailCall's delivered last week (Some email filters seem to think that my MailCall's are spam!), so I sent out last week's issue just yesterday. I do have material drafted for this week's MailCall, which I am going to try to send out tonight. I will include the Indianapolis schedule. I hope I don't confuse everyone with 2 issues close together.

I have been following the film comments on their facebook page. Did you see the note that in Ireland, where the DVD is already on the shelves, the film is currently ranked the #10 most popular DVD?

Bob Barrett

From Facebook:

Nice to see Saints and Soldier: Airborne Creed in the Top Ten here in Ireland! Alongside some heavy hitters!

Congrats guys!



No I didnt see that WOW, that is impressive. Also put in mail call the movie producers are looking for a 517th trooper in the Dallas Texas area to be on the Glenn Beck radio. I have not yet received a time or date for the radio show. What I need to know - Do we have any 517th troopers in the Dallas area that would like to be on the radio program.

Lory

Lory,

The film will be playing at the Heartland Film Festival starting tomorrow. It will show 4 times during the festival. Adam and I will be there for the Sunday and the Tuesday screenings only. If there are any 517th Veterans in the Indiana area can you tell them?

Here is a link to the Festival screenings, locations and how to buy tickets to come see the film. Thanks Lory!

<http://www.ticketinguide.com/Heartland2012/?c=y&3301=170216&curView=browseDetail&sortBy=title>

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[Saints and Soldiers: Airborne Creed](#)

[Official Selection](#)

Narrative Feature 2012, 95 min

Directed by: Ryan Little

Interests: [Drama](#), [War](#)

Based on actual events and inspired by the book "Letters Home—A Paratrooper's Story," by Lory Curtis, Saints and Soldiers: Airborne Creed tells the story of the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team (PRCT) and their participation in Operation Dragoon, which took place on August 15, 1944 in southern France. Their mission was to support and protect Allied troops in their march toward Berlin. Landing behind enemy lines, they came under immediate attack. In their effort to complete the mission and rendezvous with their unit, three paratroopers Rossi, Jones and Curtis come across a group of French resistance fighters in desperate need of support. They decide to liberate a group of captured Partisans and in so doing risk their lives. Filmmakers Ryan Little and Adam Abel are back at Heartland with the follow-up to their hit film Saints and Soldiers (2003 Grand Prize Winner). Airborne Creed continues highlighting the bravery and courage of the armed forces during World War II as the men uphold the creed they're sworn by. [Read More](#)

Screenings

Sun, Oct 21, 2:30PM	AMC Castleton Square 14	DATE PASSED
Tue, Oct 23, 5:00PM	AMC Castleton Square 14	BUY TICKETS
Thu, Oct 25, 6:15PM	AMC Showplace Traders Point 12	BUY TICKETS
Sat, Oct 27, 11:30AM	AMC Showplace Traders Point 12	BUY TICKETS

Bob,
FYI, I got this from the promoter about the Glenn Beck Radio show

Hi Lory,
So nice to meet you. We are in the midst of pitching to Glenn Beck's show, but nothing is confirmed. At this stage, **I wanted to find out if there were any 517th Vets in Dallas.** I'm happy to know there are a few! If Glenn Beck decides to cover the story, I'll get in touch with you immediately to coordinate date, time, and all logistics.

Many thanks,
Heather Hendrix



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Name Those Troopers

Can you identify this photo?

Who, when, where?

Extra points for identifying the woman



Dear Bob, The first picture is of **Don Fraser** (right) and **Terry Sanford** (left) looking at pictures probably of the first battalion. I can't name the beautiful young lady with the pointer, but she is typical of those who joined out ranks after the War. Due to Don's and Terry's youthful appearance, the picture might have been taken at the Raleigh, NC reunion when Terry was governor, before he became president of Duke University and senator from NC. Although they were in the first battalion and I in the third we got to know each other as friends during the War and renewed our friendship at many reunions.

Best airborne regards,

Howard Hensleigh

Hi Bob, in answer to the 'name those troopers', the guys are easy: left is **Gov. Terry Sanford** and on the right is **Maj. Don Fraser**.

Identifying the lady in the photo, not so easy.....I will have to make a wild guess, could it be **Col. Boyle's** wife, Ponnie Boyle? *[I think you mean Babbie Boyle, but no, it's not her. – BB]*

Playing name that trooper is fun.

Jerry Wofford, 'NephewOfABuzzard'



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Hi Bob ,
Hi everybody,

regarding to identification of the picture on your last mail call. as we had a wonderfull diner with him and **General Seitz** in palmSpring reunion 1997, we are sure that the man standing on the left is Senator **Terry Sanford**. The second is may be **Don Fraser**, but not sure...

J. Mickael & Eric

Airborne Task Force Museum association

Southern France

note: We will keep pictures posted of **Theresa Pugh** visit this week soon.

Bob, the man in the middle is former North Carolina **Governor Terry Sanford**. Not sure about the other two.

Mark Landreth

Howard was the first to answer, but he only gets partial credit. Since the MailCall was delivered very late, I'm going to give people a little more time before I tell you where, when, and who the mystery woman is. Hint: Howard is very close and has given a couple of hidden clues in his note.

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.

c/o Joanne Barrett

70 Pleasant Street

Cohasset, MA 02025

517 PRCT Florida Mini Reunion 2013
Ramada Hotel & Inn Gateway, Kissimmee, FL

Reunion Registration Form
January 18 – 21

Name_____ Spouse_____

Guest Names_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (Home)_____ Cellphone_____

Unit_____ Arrival Date_____

Registration Fee - \$45.00
(Includes Banquet Dinner and Hospitality Room)

Banquet Dinner: Roast Beef_____ (# of people)

Chicken Marsala _____ (# of people)

Fresh Catch of the Day_____ (# of people)

Please send this registration form with your **check made out to**
517 PRCT Reunion by December 15th to:

Brenda Verbeck Mortensen
13046 Race Track Road #220
Tampa, FL 33626
Phone: 813-335-8002
Email: bverbeck@gmail.com

517 PRCT FLORIDA MINI REUNION, January 2013

WHERE:

Ramada Hotel & Inn Gateway
7470 Hwy 192 West
Kissimmee, FL 34741

800-327-9170

WHEN: January 18 – 21

(Hospitality Room Opens Evening of January 18)

RATES:

A double room is \$65.00,, Tower rooms \$75.00. They will provide these rates for the period +/- five days of the actual reunion to allow for early arrivals and stay-overs.

MAKING YOUR RESERVATION:

CALL 800-327-9170

Identify yourself as attending the 517 PRCT Reunion to get this special rate, WHICH INCLUDES BREAKFAST.

SCHEDULE:

The hospitality suite will be open 5pm to 10pm on Friday
10 am to 10 pm on Saturday through Sunday
10 am to 5pm and after dinner on Monday

Registration: Saturday morning

Rides to Services on Sunday can be arranged

Monday: Memorial Service 6:30 - 6:45 pm; Banquet 6:45 – 10pm

Hospitality suite open following the dinner

For further information contact

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