



## *517<sup>th</sup> 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*

Website

[www.517prct.org](http://www.517prct.org)

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Mail Call Archives

[www.517prct.org/archives](http://www.517prct.org/archives)

Roster (from 2008)

[www.517prct.org/roster.pdf](http://www.517prct.org/roster.pdf)

### *MailCall News*

Hi Bob,

I want to give you an update on Myrle. He had fifteen radiation treatments and then we played the waiting game for over six weeks. Finally the doctor ordered another cat-scan and Praise the Lord the cancer in his lung is dormant. She didn't say gone but it is dormant and he is feeling great. I want to thank everyone for the prayers. He will have to have a cat-scan every three months to keep a check on the cancer. We missed the reunion because of this so now that he is able to travel again we are going on a cruise Nov. 10th and we will celebrate our 70th anniversary.

Also want to let Lory that we say Saints and Soldiers/Airborne Creed when it was here in Las Vegas. The movie was great and Myrle said that there were a few scenes that shook him up with memories. Myrle wants to know where the movie was filmed?

Our friend, Mark Easton just returned from Germany. He brought back many pictures of the Schmidt/Bergstein area. He found the fox hole that **Myrle, Guichi and Flynn** were in when they were captured. Also pictures of the mine field they crossed and all of the surrounding area. He talked to the villagers who were soldiers and fought our troops. He said they were very happy to take him on a tour of the battlefield. They are still removing mines from the field. He gave us two dvd's of pictures including the German ex-soldiers. Mark was able to follow the map that Myrle had given him.

#### **Myrle and Betty Traver**



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Good Morning Bob, please see below an e-mail sent to Lory, asking for any information. He said to send to you and you may have some avenues to locate any information on the **Charles V. Whitley** family?

*Thanks and have a great day!!!*

*Tony Patin*

Email: tpatin @ ardent.us

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**Subject:** My Fathers Friend

Hey Lory, how are you doing, hope everything is well. I remember that the little bit of war stories my father spoke about, my father talking about a person, whom he had become good friends with. His name was **Charles V. Whitley** who was KIA, ID:0-520914, Entered in NC, rank 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Co. E, died Wednesday January 3, 1945. He is buried at HC Belgium. My father named one of my older brothers after him, Charles Whitley Patin. Do you have any idea of how I could reach any of his siblings, just so maybe I could communicate with them? As time moves on, I become more and more curious about these things.

*Thanks,*

*Tony Patin* (son of Lt. Thomas Fred Patin, Reg. HQ)

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Hi Tony,

The only info I have about Lt. Whitley is what is what has been sent in to the web site, which is not much. We do have one photo of Lt. Whitley on Russ Brami's page <http://www.517prct.org/photos/brami2.htm>.



Lt. Charles Whitley, a platoon leader in E Company, 517, KIA 3 Jan,45



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From the morning reports, there are 2 entries, when he was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt, and when he was killed:

E		Whitley	Charles	V	2nd LT	13-Nov-1944	II	0-520914	1510-9	1 1/2 Miles South of Mt. Mangiato, France 752-034	aptd 1st Lt, AUS per par 1, SO #36, Hq Sixth Army Group US Army APO 23 dtd 7 Nov 44, Date of Rank: 7 Nov 44. Race: W Component AUS. No change in Principal duty.
E	KIA	Whitley	Charles	V	1st LT	3-Jan-1945	AI		1510-9	Vicinity of Trois Points, Belgium	Fr dy to KIA

I attached a copy of the morning report. "Co began attack of enemy held terr at 0830. Met heavy enemy resistance and Co subjected to intense mortar barrage."

Here is a page about his gravesite:

<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/cemetery/search/pframe.asp?HonoreeID=662679> This does say that he was from North Carolina.

I also searched the NARA enlistment records, there is a Charles W. Whitley, born in Michigan in 1921, who enlisted in North Carolina as an Air Corps private in 1941. Could be the same guy.

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/record-detail.jsp?dt=893&mtch=94&tf=F&q=whitley+charles&bc=,sl,fd&rpp=10&pg=1&rid=891484&rlist=199713,224830,305065,305186,305863,326527,326814,863841,891484,1029831>

There is also a note from Gene Brissey back in 2003 that he knew Brami and Whitley. I haven't heard from Gene in a while, but I am copying him on this email.

Bob Barrett

### Submitted by

Name: **Clement R. Markley**  
From: Texas  
E-mail: [moshe1652@aol.com](mailto:moshe1652@aol.com)

### Comments:

Just checked the lists of the men who won various awards during the war, my dad won two bronze stars and two purple hearts, but his name (**Raymond E. Markley**) was not on the list for the bronze stars....i was wondering if anyone could tell me why....thanks.

Added: October 23, 2012



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Dear Mr. Barrett,

I would like to thank you for your mail. Last June I was able to get in contact with the family of Pfc. Leonard Stevens, whose grave I have adopted. I did get a lot of help from a Lady I have met on the site [www.adoptiegraven-margraten.nl](http://www.adoptiegraven-margraten.nl)

I get in contact with Mr. Larry Watson, who is a nephew of **Pfc. Leonard Stevens**. He was so kind to send me some information about the life of Pfc. Leonard Stevens and I also did get some pictures of Pfc. Leonard Stevens.

I would like to thank you for all your effort regarding my questions about Pfc. Leonard Stevens.

Sincerely yours,

**Pascal Prickartz**

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### *Name Those Troopers*

*Can you identify this photo?*

*Who, when, where?*

*Extra points for identifying the woman*

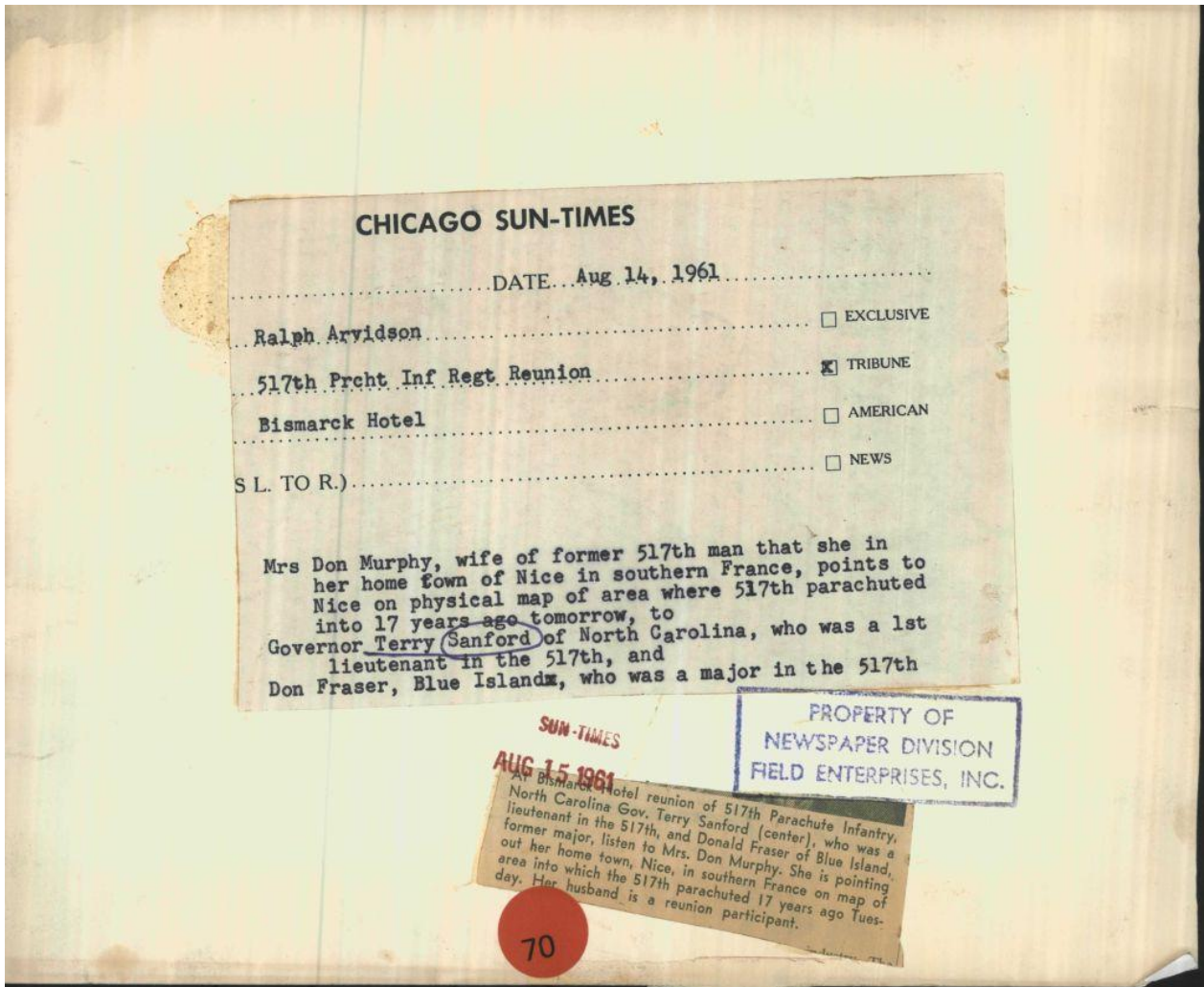


And the answer is...



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## 517<sup>th</sup> PRCT Reunion, Chicago - August 14, 1961



Follow-up question: The woman from Nice is Mrs. Don Murphy. I know Pvt. Murphy was friends with other 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion troopers. We don't have much about him on the web site. But he did hold one position of responsibility with the 517<sup>th</sup>. What important role did he have in 1943?



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## From General Order #24, 1947

### 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

460th Precht FA Bn (Atchd to 517th Precht Inf Combat Team)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team" listed in numerical sequence in par. 4a).

517th Precht Inf Regiment (Atchd to 517th Precht Inf Combat Team)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team" listed in numerical sequence in par. 4a).

517th Precht Inf Regiment, 1st Bn (Atchd to 3d Armd Div)

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1320, 7 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation:

Operating under the orders of the XVIII U. S. Airborne Corps, it resisted the enemy break-through in the south of Spa, at the same time preventing an advance toward the north. From 20 to 25 December 1944, the Division and the attached units effectively resisted the enemy in the course of the first phase of the Ardennes offensive. From 26 December 1944, and during all the month of January 1945, these units were broken up into task forces and attached to the infantry divisions. They fought obstinately, cleared roads, obstructed others, and succeeded also in preventing any new penetration by the enemy.

### 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

507th Precht Inf Regt (Atchd to 82d Abn Div)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 159, 6 April 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "82d Airborne Division").

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 160, 6 April 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "82d Airborne Division").

FRENCH FOURRAGERE in the colors of the Croix de Guerre (1939-1945), awarded under Decision No. 161, 6 April 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

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09th Precht Inf Bn (Atchd to 3d Armd Div)

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1329, 7 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation:

Operating under the orders of the XVIII U. S. Airborne Corps, it resisted the enemy break-through in the south of Spa, at the same time preventing an advance toward the north. From 20 to 25 December 1944, the division and attached units, effectively resisted the enemy in the course of the first phase of the Ardennes offensive. From 26 December 1944 and during all the month of January 1945, these units were broken up into task forces and attached to the infantry divisions. They fought obstinately, cleared roads, obstructed others, and succeeded also in preventing any new penetration by the enemy.

509th Precht Inf Bn (Atchd to 509th Precht Inf Combat Team)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER STAR, awarded under Decision No. 246, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "509th Parachute Infantry Combat Team").

517th Precht Inf Combat Team  
(Attached units are listed in numerical sequence in this par.)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

This crack organization distinguished itself by its bravery and endurance during the campaign in the south of France. Parachuting on the morning of 15 August 1944, into Provence, in the vicinity of Draguignan, with the mission of protecting the right flank of the landing forces, it vigorously conducted the combat for 94 days in succession. They pushed back the opposing forces to the Italian frontier, in spite of heavy losses and a very lively enemy reaction. This greatly contributed to the success of the landing in Provence.

526th Armd Inf Bn (Atchd to 30th Inf Div)

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1393, 20 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "30th Infantry Division," second citation only).

581st AAA Automatic Wpns Bn, (Mobile) (Atchd to 30th Inf Div)

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1393, 20 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "30th Infantry Division").

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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.**  
c/o Joanne Barrett  
70 Pleasant Street  
Cohasset, MA 02025

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Attached is a list of discounts for veterans.

Lory

# VETERANS DAY DISCOUNTS 2012

**\*\*FREE MEALS ON VETERANS DAY**

## OLIVE GARDEN

**Veterans Eat Free.** Olive Garden Restaurants offer a free meal (with proof of service) from a list of several entrees on a special menu. This special is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2012. Additionally, some Olive Garden restaurants will also give out a \$10 gift card to veterans for a future visit.

## APPLEBEE'S

Military Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members will be able to eat FREE at any Applebee's across the U.S. on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012. There will be six entrées available from the menu. Guests will be asked to show one or more of the following as proof of Service: a U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, a U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, a photograph in uniform, or wearing a uniform in person. For more information about Veterans Day at Applebee's, visit the Applebee's website <http://www.applebees.com/vetDay/default.aspx>

## GOLDEN CORRAL

Golden Corral's 9th annual Military Appreciation Monday dinner will be held on **Monday, November 12, 2012, from 4 to 9 pm** in all Golden Corral restaurants nationwide. The **FREE** dinner meal is a special "thank you tribute" to any person who has ever served in the United States Military. If you are a veteran, retired, currently serving, in the National Guard or Reserves, you are invited to join us for Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday dinner. To date, Golden Corral restaurants have provided over 2.2 million free meals and contributed over \$3.3 million to the Disabled American Veterans organization.

## CHILI'S

**FREE meal, Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov 11, 2012.** Chili's is offering all Military Veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. This offer is available during business hours at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only; beverages and gratuity not included. All Desserts priced \$5.00 for Veterans and active duty military. Simply show proof of military service. See flier for [more information](#).



## **T.G.I. FRIDAYS**

In recognition of Service, ALL Veterans and Active Duty personnel are invited to EAT **FREE** this Veterans Day, Monday, November 12, 2012. To get the free meal, service men and women will have to show proof of service. Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, a U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, a photograph in uniform, or wearing a uniform in person.

Valid only at: 3555 S. 2700 W., West Valley City.

130 W. 10600 S., Sandy.

4029 S. Riverdale Rd., Riverdale

\*\*Don't forget T.G.I. Friday's offer a 10% Discount for all Service men and women with proof of service all day everyday.

## **HOOTERS**

**FREE Meal, Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov 11, 2012.** Hooter's is serving up 10 free boneless wings to military veterans all day on Veterans Day. Offer good for all veterans and active duty military personnel. Offer valid at participating Hooters, Dine-in only; open to all active duty and military veterans with valid military ID or proof of military service. Drink purchase required. For more information, visit, [www.HootersVeteransDay.com](http://www.HootersVeteransDay.com).

## **TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

**FREE meal, Veterans Day, Monday, Nov 12, 2012.** Offer varies by location; our local Texas Roadhouse is offering a free meal from opening until 4pm. Other locations may vary in offer, hours, or availability. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information. Visit the web site for locations and participation. <http://www.texasroadhouse.com>

## **SUBWAY**

**Free Six Inch Sub.** Many Subway locations offer a free six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2010. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may only be available in select locations. Please contact your local Subway for more information regarding Veteran's day specials.

## **KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT**

**Free doughnut.** Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on Veterans Day, Sunday November 11, 2012. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

## **Denny's Restaurants**

**All-you-can-eat Pancakes.** Participating Denny's restaurants will be offering an all-you-can-eat pancakes meal on Monday, Nov 12, 2012. Remember to call ahead and verify that your local Denny's is participating.

## \*\*OTHER DISCOUNTS ON VETERANS DAY

### SKYRIDGE INN Bed & Breakfast

**Free night stay.** The Sky Ridge Inn B&B in Torrey, Utah is offering a free night stay to a veteran and a single guest. This offer is limited by availability of rooms. Reserving ahead of time is recommended. For reservations call (435) 425-3222.

### CABELA'S OUTDOOR STORE

Veteran's Day weekend, Cabela's outdoor store is offering their employee discount to all veterans, active duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel on Nov. 11 and 12. Dubbed a "Hometown Heroes" event, eligible shoppers will need to check in at a table at the store to receive a coupon for the discount. The discount varies from 5% to 50%, depending on item. Some items may be excluded.

### HOME DEPOT and LOWES MILITARY DISCOUNT

**The 10% military discount is available to:** Active-duty military members, National Guard and Reserve members, retirees, honorably discharged veterans and immediate family members of all those groups are eligible. Customers requesting a discount must be able to show a valid military ID card or other proof of military service (a [DD Form 214](#) or VFW membership may qualify).

### SPORTSCLIPS

**FREE haircut to active-duty military & veterans.** Offer only available at [select locations](#) on Veterans Day, Monday, November 12, 2012. Additionally, offers 20% discount on all services and products to Military and Veterans everyday. Sports Clips is currently participating in the Help-A-Hero program which provides free call time to deployed or hospitalized military personnel. Please call to verify local participation.

### SLEEP NUMBER STORES

This year Sleep number is offering a couple of discounts. Among these are \$600.00 off on all I8 or M7 beds, 30% off all bedding items, and 0% interest on 24 months financing. This is only available to military and veterans. This special is going on now through Nov. 18. Contact your local store for more details.

### SONIC CAR WASH

FREE car wash to Veterans on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2012.

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**\*\*The following companies offer discounts, but you may find that NOT all locations participate:**

### **Restaurants**

- Arby's
- A&W
- Burger King
- Carl's Jr.
- Chevy's Fresh Mex
- Chick-Fil-A
- Chipotle
- Denny's
- Dunkin' Donuts
- IHOP
- KFC
- Long John Silver's
- McDonald's
- Panda Express
- Pizza Hut
- Quizno's
- Red Robin
- Sonic
- Taco Bell
- Wendy's

### **Travel**

- AmTrak
- Best Western
- Choice Hotels
- Continental Airlines
- Cruise lines (most)
- Hyatt Hotels
- Marriott HotelsWyndham Hotels and Resorts

### **Car Care**

- AutoZone
- Checker Auto Parts
- [General Motors](#)
- Jiffy Lube
- Kragen Auto Parts
- Meineke
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Super Sonic Car Wash

### **Cell Phone Service Discounts**

- Alltel
- Cingular
- Sprint/NexTel
- T-Mobile
- Verizon

### **Clothing and Shoes**

- Aeropostale
- The Children's Place
- Dress Barn
- Fanzz (10%)
- The Finish Line
- Foot Action (15%)
- Foot Locker (20%)
- Hot Topic
- Jos. A. Bank
- Jockey
- Kohl's
- Lerner
- New York & Company
- Pac Sun
- Reebok
- Timberland Outlets (active duty only)
- Wilson's Leather