



## *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*

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### *January Florida Mini-Reunion*



Don't forget to register ASAP for the Kissimmee reunion, January 18-21, 2013. Brenda and the hotel could use a count soon. See forms attached at the end of this MailCall.



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### MailCall News

Bob & Lory,

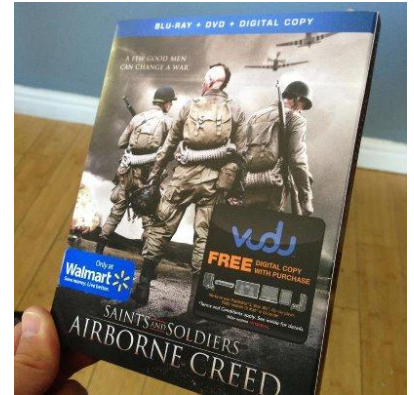
I ordered a copy of "Saints and Soldiers" from Barnes & Noble and it arrived in time for Mom's Thanksgiving visit.

We ALL enjoyed it so much and I think it was especially meaningful for Mom to imagine what Dad must have experienced during Dragon.

Thanks very much, Lory for your efforts in seeing this come to life. It's a wonderful, inspirational story – highly recommended!

Thanks

**Roger Sullivan**, son of **George A. Sullivan** –1<sup>st</sup> Bn, Co. A



I had just mentioned to Lory recently that the 517th should have some decals available and here they are in this recent mailcall. I ordered a couple of them... I also purchased the movie Saints and Soldiers/ Airborne Creed...It was good but not what I expected...You will have to watch it to see what's in it.....Hmmm sounds familiar!

I have also purchased the 517th challenge coins and they are very nice. I'm giving them out to family! I miss you all and hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Remember those on the East Coast, some of whom are still without electricity!

**Rick Sweet**



If anyone is looking for 517<sup>th</sup>, 460<sup>th</sup>, or 596<sup>th</sup> stickers, check out this eBay store:

[http://www.ebay.com/itm/STICKER-US-ARMY-UNIT-517th-Parachute-Infantry-Regiment-1943-SHIELD-/160908428299?pt=Decals\\_Stickers\\_Vinyl\\_Art&var=&hash=item6b21c59943](http://www.ebay.com/itm/STICKER-US-ARMY-UNIT-517th-Parachute-Infantry-Regiment-1943-SHIELD-/160908428299?pt=Decals_Stickers_Vinyl_Art&var=&hash=item6b21c59943)

They sell window decals, bumper stickers, "static cling" stickers, magnets, and even reflective stickers.



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Hi **Mr. Hensleigh**,

I hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving and thank you for your service to our country....My daughter Jenna, who is 21 and home from college and I went to KY and shot my M1 and other weapons for fun...She was using my 44 pistol and seemed like a young Annie Oakley!! I placed a beer can on top of a small tree about 20 feet away and she shot several holes in it. I shot a rock the size of about one cubic foot from about 40 feet away with the M1 Garrand and it fell to pieces. We also used a Glock 19, 9 mm and my 12 ga shotgun to finish off the beer can.....It didn't have a chance!

I hope that you are doing well and enjoyed your day...I have decided to send the poker set that I own that belonged to **Lt. Richard Spencer** during WWII to **Jean Michel Soldi** in France so that he can preserve it and share it in the museum there. I bought it from **BJ Spencer-McCauly** on Ebay and have enjoyed owning it but I think it belongs in the museum for all to enjoy... I also plan on sending him a copy of Lory Curtis's movie, " Saints and Soldiers, AIRBORNE CREED" to enjoy and a 517th challenge coin just in appreciation for what he does for the 517th....I met him at the Washington DC reunion in 2007 and now he is a Facebook friend...I'd like to go to France someday to see where my dad **Odas Sweet** fought under your guidance while in H company but for now it doesn't look promising....Maybe someday!

Take care sir and God Bless you!

Son of a Buzzard

**Rick Sweet**

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Dear Rick,

Thanks for the message. I loved those H Co. guys and believe they had a good CO in **Capt. Jackson**, after **Skip Morris** left the 517th for better things. It was that H Co. squad that did such great things the morning of H plus 2 at les Arcs. I'm not sure **Athey** is still with us, but I think he is one of the last H Co. officers still around. After Jackson left us on points, **Bennett**, we used to call Burpgun Benny commanded the outfit. Bennett stayed in the army but we lost track of him some time ago.

Highest airborne regards,

**Howard Hensleigh**

PS. I'm glad you are sending **Dick Spencer's** poker chips back to Southern France where they were used from time to time in lull moments between attacks. As I recall they were durable and would even withstand another flood. Let's hope that never happens.



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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

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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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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bverbeck@gmail.com