



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*

Website

www.517prct.org

Mail Call

MailCall@517prct.org

Mail Call Archives

www.517prct.org/archives

Roster (from 2008)

www.517prct.org/roster.pdf

MailCall News

11/26/2012

Dear Bob and Jean-Loup,

We shouldn't hold our breath on the NBC interview. It got tangled up in VA red tape on Veteran's Day when it would have aired and now is just another news story waiting for an opening with other stories crowding the network.

My best wishes to you both,

Howard Hensleigh

11/30/2012

Hi Brianne,

Wanted to touch base. We are holding the story until we get closer to the holidays. I will keep you posted.

Thanks again for helping us!!! The story is great!!!

Lauren Brennan
Assignment Editor
NBC Bay Area



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Hello! I am with DAV, Disabled American Veterans. I was wondering if you could include a link to our organization's website on your links page. We feature a link to your website on our page: <http://www.dav.org/Links.aspx> and would certainly appreciate the reciprocity.

If you're not familiar with our organization, we ensure that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them. We also fight for veterans' rights on Capitol Hill and educate the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. We have over 1.2 million members and help over 300,000 veterans with their benefits each year.

Our website is www.dav.org and I am attaching our new logo and organization description if you need it. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thank you!

Emily Sandul
DAV
Communications Department

Good morning, wishing everyone safe and happy holidays. I have place an interview by a local TV network on link below, it was done 20 years ago, for Veterans Day, **Ret Lt Col Thomas Fred Patin**. I hope everyone that views this can enjoy it, as much as I have.

<http://youtu.be/RmTcxtMozIU>

Thanks,
Tony Patin



Hi, I'm **Sebastien Romero**, a member of the "Edelweiss" association which is in charge of the "**fort du Barbonnet**", Sospel France.

I've seen your pictures on your website about the Fort du Barbonnet. Could you explain who are the people on the photograph ? the year ?

This is the facebook of the association <https://www.facebook.com/FortDuBarbonnet>. If you want to see some pics about our fort.

Thank you for you answer.
Kind regards.

Sebastien Romero



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Update on **Norman Ross, Jr.** I Co.



Just wanted to give an update on grandpa. He has moved his residence to an assisted living care facility no more than 4 miles from his house in Ocean Shores, Washington. Betty is still living and taking care of the house, but spends as much time as she can with grandpa at the assisted living residence. Grandpa is still in good spirits and relatively good health, and loves his new view from his room that overlooks the entrance to Grey's Harbor.

If anyone would like to get in touch with him, his new address is:

Emeritus at Harbour Pointe Shores
1020 Catala Avenue SE
Ocean Shores, WA 98569
Office Phone: (360) 289-9663

Scott Ross

I second fine comments about **Howard Hensleigh** that **Rick Sweet** made in the last mail call. I told Rick at the Atlanta Reunion that my dad, **Mike Sura**, stood right next to **Odas Sweet** on many a roll call. My dad had the opportunity to visit with **Athey** sometimes in the the last 1970's. He had many fine words for the LT. as well as the rest of his comrades in H Company.

Happy Holidays and Airborne All The Way

Dennis Sura
Son of a Buzzard

PS I hope to enjoy Saint and Soldiers as a gift from my kids this Xmas



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My father, **Gabe Delesio**, read about **Melvin Jarman** in the August 1, 2012 mail call and he would like to contact Melvin who lives in Delaware. Gabe lives in Newtown Square, PA and was 90 years old on June 28, 2012. Could you please send me his son's email address or other contact information for Melvin Jarman? My father loves reading the mail call. Thanks so much.

Denise Delesio

Denise,

I am sorry to say, but shortly after we got that note about **Melvin Jarmin** in August, we received another note in September that Melvin had died.

The only info I have is his son's email: Stephen Jarman, primosteve@comcast.net

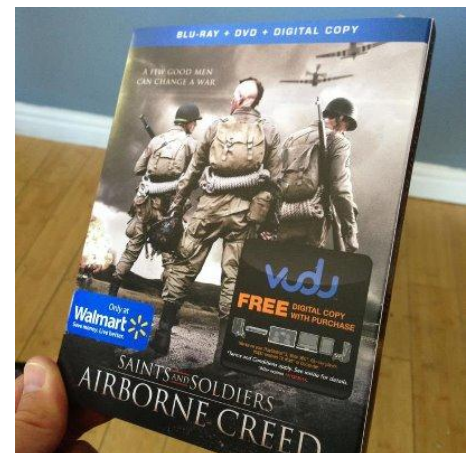
See: www.517prct.org/mailcall/2122.pdf

Bob Barrett

Where's Lory?

For those who have watched *Saints and Soldiers – Airborne Creed*, You may have noticed that **Lory Curtis** gets credit at the end not only as an advisor, but as an actor. Has anyone spotted him yet? Yes, he does have a cameo in one scene.

Let's see who can be the first to spot Lory. Which scene is he in? He looks like this:





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Subject: 517th Address List update

We are currently working on updating the 517th address, which contains all known troopers, family and friends who we have addresses for. Not too long ago, we included postcards with the Thunderbolt asking people to confirm their addresses. We received confirmations from about 228 people, out of a list that had 1027 people a few years ago. We have also tried to keep track of Thunderbolts which have been returned as undeliverable, and when that happens, we remove them from the mailing list. In addition, we are going through other lists of people who made contributions to the 517th and asked to receive Thunderbolts. Part of the issue in the past is that these notes have been sent to various people including MailCall, the Treasurer, the Thunderbolt, officers, and who knows where else. So we are doing our best to catch up and pull them all together. As of today here are the counts:

Yes, send the T'Bolt	228
No	3
Deceased	9
tbd - used to receive T'bolt in 2008	253
tbd - ? Unknown	534

Total	1027

As of today, we will send the next Thunderbolt to the 228 confirmed. But anyone who attended a recent reunion understands that we cannot afford to print and pay postage for the 787 “unknowns”, most of whom probably have not contacted us in years. Much of the news in the Thunderbolt is copied from past MailCalls, but is delivered to the many troopers who do not have email access. So it is an important connection to older troopers. But there is also a substantial cost to having these printed and delivered. Note that we have to pay for postage, as well as returned postage for those that are not deliverable and also forwarding postage for people who have moved.

What is interesting (to me), it that the current list of MailCall readers (not to be confused with Thunderbolt readers) had held steady for the past few years at around 480 people. (I'm not sure how many of the 480 MailCall “readers” actually read the MailCalls, but since there's no cost to deliver it, it doesn't matter.)

On the next page is a list of the 228 “yes” people who are on the Thunderbolt list. If you are not on the list, but you do want to receive the printed Thunderbolt, please send me a note letting me know that, as well as your mailing address.



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Current Thunderbolt Mailing List

Abbene,	Paul V.	Demmel	Richard	Jacobsen	Robert R.	Posey	Hershel
Allen	Norman E.	Desso	Catherine E.	Jaffeux	Mary	Powell	Nolan L.
Amerlan	Robert	Dewey	Charles E.	Johnson	Leroy R.	Proctor	Joseph E.
Andersen	Vera	Doherty	Grant E.	Jones	George Hale	Ramos	Frank
Armand	Nancy	Dollarhide	Francis	Jonientz	John G.	Reece	Karen
Armbruster	Stephen J.	Eberle	James E Sr	Jorgen	Virginia L.	Richardson	Joe
Arterburn	Michael N.	Eckart	Alvah	Kennedy	George	Riley	Heather
Bacaloff	Jim	Eddy	Harold L.	Kenyon	Kyle F.	Roberts	Harold A.
Baird	Marshall W.	Edwards	William	Kinzer	John	Rogister	Henri
Bales-LaVelle	Margaret	Egner	Darrell C.	Knopf	John	Rollins	Vivian
Barnes	Robert D.	Ehly	Erle E.	Kochersperger	Chester (Chet)	Romig	Gene
Barrett	Bob	Ellis	Boyd	Kosan	Ernest	Ross	George L.
Barrett	Joanne	Emmons Jr.	Sam	Krumm	John B.	Ross	Norm & Betty
Bates	James M.	Erber	Claire	Bencharsky	Jeanne	Ross	Scott & Deana
Bauer	Ernst S.	Erickson	S. Harry	Kunzer	Alfred	Rumsey	George E.
Beckstrom	Wilbur	Ervine	Wayne C.	LaRocco	John P.	Rupczyk	John
Beddow	LTC (Ret.)	Estrella	J. R.	Larochelle	Joseph A.	Russ	Leland D. &
Bego	Andy R.	Fahlsing	Edwin A.	Lathers	Jim	Russell	John D.
Benoit	Rene	Fei	Barbara	Lawrence	Harold G.	Sanford	George
Biddle	Melvin E.	Felber	Genevieve	Littlefield	Bonnie Fraser	Saunders	Donald R.
Biondo	Samuel A.	Fischer	Robert E.	Lynch	Mark & Diane	Schinkal	Gloria
Boatwright	Donald E.	Fisher	Michael	MacKenzie	Dorothy	Seitz	Dick (Richard)
Bolin	Eldon W.	Frantel	Edward	MacRae	William A.	Shipp	Lawrence
Brannan	William	Gaddy	Alleta F.	Madison	Lyle S.	Shortt	William J.
Brinkman	Eugene John	Gardner	Leonard G.	Markle	Steve	Siler	Dorothy
Brown	Fred E.	Garvey	John L.	Markle	Steve	Sipiora	Anthony P.
Bucher	T. Roselyn	Gerard	Albert W.	Marron	Fred	Sliakis	Joe
Burleson	Tim & Melanie	Girroir	Edwin V.	Marshall	Robyn	Smith	Elizabeth
Calder	Joseph H.	Gordy	Carl W. Jr	Martinez	Federico	Smith	Walter W. &
Camehas	Michael	Gott	Nila	Massie	Mrs. Clarence	Smith	William H.
Cason	Jack J.	Greene	Delores	McIntyre	Carl L.	Snyder	Gene J.
Caswell	Jerome H.	Gulbranson	John	McKeon	Bernard E.	Sonderegger	Margaret
Chaulk	Dolores	Hall	L.E.	McMorrow	Merle	Spencer	William T.
Christian	Bill	Hall	Ruth	McNally	Jean (Mrs.)	Sperry	Dr. A.L.
Christie	Robert J.	Hammel	Richard L.	Metzger	Luther	Strojan	John J.
Clark	Joseph L.	Hanna	George M.	Miller	Harris E.	Tamerlano	William
Clawson	Charles Sr.	Hanner	Stephen J.	Miller	Russell F.	Terrill	Virginia C.
Clink	Alice	Harris	Dan	Miller	William Richard	Townley	Alleta P.
Cohen	Nace B.	Harris	Paul T.	Moates	Jeff	Trenary	Melvin C.
Coltman	J. Wesley	Havill	Richard B.	Morancy	Robert W.	Trevino	Alfonso
Condon	William J.	Hekkala	Lee	Morris	James Frank	Tucker	Ernest R.
Conger	Willard H. (Bill)	Hensleigh	Howard E.	Mortenson	Arthur	Turco	Joyce
Cook	Charles E.	Hernandez	Anne	Nelson	Ralph W.	Vaught	Robert L.
Cross, USA Ret.	Thomas R.	Hess	Ray R.	Nelson	T. Cotton	Vella	Frank A.
Curtis	Lory V.	Hewitt	Harry J.	Ness	Barbara	Wachholz	Ursula E.
Curtis	Tim	Hiers	Ludwick	Nevins	William	Waites, Sr.	Fred D.
Dahlberg	Melvin J.	Homedew	Robin	Newberry	Robert	Walbridge	Jack C.
Darden	Jesse A.	Horne	Grace	Ochoa	George	Walker	Donald E.
Darden	Lou	Houston	Patricia	Olson	Ernest A.	Walter	Charles
Davis	Jeanne	Hoyt	Kelley	Orengo	Roland &	Wampler	Fred R.
Davis	Jesse K.	Huckabee	Dewitt T.	Paciotti	Grace	Webb	William T.
Davis	Ponnie	Hudson	William S.	Pastalenic	John M.	Webber	Robert
Davis	Rita	Huffman	June	Pastran	Joseph	Williams	Curtis D.
Davis	Weldon	Huggler	Richard	Patin	Tony	Wilson	Juana
Day	Leler E.	Hughson	Arnold A.	Perkowski	Walter	Wittman	Ned
Dean	Leo P.	Hunt	Dr. Glen W.	Pipkin	Jess	Wrinkle	George
Delesio	Gabriel	Irwin	Roger M.	Poitra	Leon	Zickefoose	Corbin B.



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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.

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

Brenda Verbeck Mortensen, 813-335-8002

bverbeck@gmail.com