



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
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MailCall News



Snow fell this weekend (February 26, 2013) at Rhone American Cemetery in southern France. Sgt. Carl Beaver and **Sgt. Homer Beaver**, brothers from Ohio, rest side-by-side.

Back in June of 2012, we had some discussions looking for information about **Sgt. Homer Beaver** of D Company, who was KIA November 4, 1944 near Sospel, France. See [MailCall #2110](#). His, brother Carl, a tailgunner with the 456th Bomber Group was also KIA over Austria in May of 1944. Both are buried next to each other in Draguignan.



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Snow fell at Rhone American Cemetery this weekend. Located in southern France, the seven inches of snow that fell is uncommon for this region.

I heard from **Chris Lindner** that **Darrell Egner** fell recently and was hospitalized. He is now in rehab. We hope to hear from him soon. -- BB

Bob,

Thank you for your condolences. You know some of my fondest memories of my Grandfather was listening to him talk of his time as a paratrooper. And if you come across any other pictures we would love to have them!

Amy Pohanic (granddaughter of **George Ochoa**)

The last Mail Call had an email address for the "legion of honor" and a phone number for contact. Would you kindly forward that info to me again as I deleted your e-mail after we read it. Myrle is also entitled to the Medal of Honor and I would like to look into it.

Thanks ,
Betty Traver

Hi Betty,

It looks like that is for Florida. I think I heard that you can contact your state's French embassy for instructions. If that doesn't work, let me know and we can ask the other guys how they got theirs.

Bob Barrett



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John "Boom-Boom" Alicki sent this story in to MailCall #633, February 2004:

After enlisting in the 82nd Airborne Division, I eagerly asked my Recruiter what I could expect from jump school.

"Well," he said, "its three weeks long."

"What else," I asked.

"The first week they separate the men from the boys," he said. "The second week, they separate the men from the fools."

"And the third week?" I asked.

"The third week, the fools jump."





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Camp Toccoa 70th Anniversary

Hello everyone,

This Month marks the 70th anniversary of the activation of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Camp Toccoa, GA.

As not to disrupt our Palm Springs reunion I have made arrangements with Brenda Carlin, the director of the Camp Toccoa/Currahee Museum to have a 517th Get-Together on Friday, May 31, and Saturday June 1st. Everyone is invited to come. There is no registration,(because this is not a reunion), but please come and celebrate the activation of the 517th. I know our President, **Allan Johnson** is planning on attending along with many others I have spoken with.

As you know there is no National Reunion this year and our organization is having two great mini reunions, one in Florida that was held in January, and the Palm Springs California Reunion this month Mar 11-15th. Thanks to all who are putting these reunions on, I know what that is like.

On the weekend of June 1, 2013, the Camp Toccoa/Churrahee Museum will be hosting a D-Day fun run up and down Mount Currahee on Saturday morning (see the attached application form for the fun run) I'm not sure how much fun that will be, but I and Brenda are planning some fun activities for the 517th while we are there. Brenda has recommended that we stay at the Country Hearth Inn, 302 W Savannah St Toccoa, GA 30577 (706) 297-7799, or the Toccoa Inn and Suites, 106 Stephen Cir Toccoa, GA 30577, (706) 886-1048 <http://www.toccoainn.com/Home.html>

Brenda is expecting a large group to these events so I recommend making your motel reservations soon. I am excited to return to Camp Toccoa to see where our fathers trained. I hope to see you there

Airborne All the Way!

Lory Curtis, son of Bud Curtis, HQ, 1st BN

Bob,

I just received this tentative itinerary from Brenda Carlin in Toccoa, GA. They are excited for us to come down and celebrate and honor the men commemorating the activation of the 517th. I hope many of our members and friends can be there on May 31st and June 1st. Please see the attached.

Lory Curtis

D-DAY RUN AND EVENTS 2013

May 31st and June 1st

Tentative agenda

Friday, May 31, 2013

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Set-up for encampments, displays, demonstration, living historians

This is only if we can recruit some historians to join us at this late date, and only if there are some that will not be attending "Dinner and a Movie.", otherwise we will have to have someone on guard of their camps.

11:00 AM to 2:00 Lunch on your own

Or food vendor (civic group or for profit catered) at Camp Toccoa at Currahee

2:00 PM 517th & 511th Tour County and Currahee Military Museum on your own.

6:00 PM Dinner and a Movie, "Saints and Soldiers- Airborne Creed". Limited seating of 70(for dinner) Movie will be shown in the Mitchell Allen Memorial Hall (Lory Curtis has or can get the equipment needed to show the movie.

This will be a catered meal, about \$13 to \$15 each person.

7:30 PM open the room for additional people if they just want to just watch the movie. Movie limited to 100 maximum, totals.

8:00 PM "Saints and Soldiers- Airborne Creed"

Saturday June 1, 2013

7:00 AM D-Day Run registration

8:00 AM Race begins

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Encampments, displays and demonstrations, living historians

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch

Catered or vendors at the mountain on Camp Toccoa site BBQ? Hamburgers? Hotdog? Sandwiches? Open for suggestions; America Legion-grill? Moogy- BBQ? Prices for lunches \$5.00 to \$11.00 each

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Museum and Mitchell Allen Memorial Hall will be open for Camp Toccoa Veterans, their families and visitors. Family and visitors with the veterans will need a pass to tour museum, otherwise regular fees apply, \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, 6 and under no charge.

1:00 PM Camp Toccoa at Currahee Program, 70th Anniversary of the 517th PRCT, March 1943 (Speaker possibility of Col. Seitz or Lory Curtis, son of Bud Curtis, 517th) and 511th PIR, at Camp Toccoa, January 1943. We have not confirmed, attendance or speaker of 511th 70th Anniversary, January 1943. As of today, March 8, 2013, we do not have anyone for the 511th.

7:00 PM "Classic Big City Band" downtown Toccoa. In case of rain, event will be held at the Schaefer Center. This theater was built in the 1930's for movies and events and has been recently restored back to its original



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517/460/596 Roster Review

Help us update the roster! Check your address and contact info on the new roster at www.517prct.org/roster.pdf. Send any corrections to MailCall@517prct.org.

Note that only people marked with a green **Y** will receive the Thunderbolt newsletter in a paper version. But if you receive weekly MailCalls, you don't need to receive the paper copy since we will be posting all future Thunderbolts on the website and in future MailCalls. See: [Winter 2013](#)

West Coast Mini Reunion

West Coast Mini
Palm Springs, CA
March 11-15, 2013
[Registration Info](#)



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 Donations, In Memory of... etc.) and make all checks payable to:

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