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Veterans Day 2014

**Happy Veterans Day
November 11**

to all the 517th Troopers!





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Remembering 517th PRCT and giving thanks on this Veteran's Day 2014.

All the best, **Paul Abbene**

On behalf of the Seitz clan, thank you to our beloved veterans of the 517th and all those who have served the cause of freedom on behalf of not only us but so many others in this world of ours. Words can't begin to express our gratitude. God bless you. We love you.

Pat Seitz and Alan Greer

Baskin-Robbins Debuts Camouflage Ice Cream for Veterans Day



Despite the color palate of Baskin-Robbins's new Veterans Day flavor, we have to admit that the camouflage-patterned treat sounds mighty tasty.

The military-themed ice cream, formally dubbed First Class Camouflage, is available throughout November and is a combination of three flavors: chocolate (brown), "salty" caramel (tan) and vanilla cake (green).

There are other stealthy-colored items joining the menu as well, including bright green (almost neon) waffle cones and bowls and a First Class Camouflage Layered Sundae, which includes Oreo pieces, caramel praline topping, hot fudge and whipped cream.

In addition, on Veterans Day, the company will donate 10 cents from each ice cream scoop sold in its U.S. locations to the United Service Organizations (USO), in honor of U.S. troops.

The company said in a press release that their camouflage flavor "celebrates our troops in a fun and unique way."

seasoned with pumpkin spice — perhaps camo will unseat America's current fall food obsession as the new "it" flavor?

—Morgan Gibson

From: <http://greatideas.people.com/2014/11/04/baskin-robbins-camouflage-ice-cream-veterans-day/>



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Maj. Tom Cross Awarded French Legion of Honor

Thought I would send along a photo of my father in law (**Tom Cross**) receiving the French Legion of Honor this afternoon.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/article3521025.html>

All the best to you and your family.

Jim Jennis & Mary Cross



2 Florida WWII veterans honored by the French

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS VIA THE MIAMI HERALD
ATLANTIC BEACH, FLA.

The French government is honoring two Florida World War II veterans. The French Consul General will bestow the Legion of Honor award to Linwood E. Farmer and Thomas R. Cross in a ceremony Sunday in Atlantic Beach.

The French government has been honoring veterans across the U.S. in recent years to honor their contributions to gaining peace in Europe. The Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte and is France's highest honor. Notable Americans have also been given the medal over the years, including Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

From: [AIRBORNE MUSEUM "15 Aout 1944" Association](#)

Congratulations to **Colonel. Thomas R. Cross**, 517th 2nd battalion on receipt of the French Legion of Honor. Happy that the French government and Consul General remembered our 517th great hero



?, Tom Cross, Dick Sietz



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MailCall News

**FESTIVITÉS DU 70^{ÈME} ANNIVERSAIRE
DE LA BATAILLE DES ARDENNES !**

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28 DECEMBRE 2014
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ET 40-45
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After Bastogne, St-Vith and Vielsalm, I invite you to MANHAY December 28, 2014 for a market and a Circuit vehicle WWII for the 70th anniversary of the battle of the bulge. Welcome to all. Expo 14/18 and 40/45 from 13 to 28 December!



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Wonderful MailCall. Almost like being at the Sospel celebration. Also appreciate the remembrance of my godfather, **John Lissner** as today is Feast of All Souls. May the wonderful "Uncle" John rest in peace with his mighty band of brothers.

Pat Seitz

Hi Bob,

Do you have any recent information on **Doc Lecklider**? If not, could you put something out there on mail call to see if anyone else does.

Hope all is well with you and yours.

Thank you.

Mimsey Boyle

Has anyone heard from **Bob Lecklider**?

I recently posted the collection of photos from **Cameron Gauthier** (Battery C, 460th PFAB) that I received from his daughter, Christine Mace. Along with the photos, I also received a copy of a 1999 Thunderbolt. I thought I would add that also to the web site. This issue is from Q2 1999, when **Merle McMorrow** was just taking over as President from **J.K. Horne**. Maybe it will bring back some memories of past friends and reunions.

See:

http://517prct.org/thunderbolt/1999%20Q2/thunderbolt_1999_2n_d_quarter_compressed.pdf





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Another excellent Mail Call. **Henry Kope's** story was very well done. Thank you for including it. Was there an index to the pictures? Number 15 looks like a picture of my Dad.

Am so glad that Howard's daughter got to visit Sospel and Claire will have a wonderful time seeing Howard. Alan and I treasure the memory of our visit with him last year. Merle has an amazing stash of documents. How kind of him to share them with you who shares such with all of us. And President Allan's representation of the 517th has been extraordinary (besides he looks so handsome!).

A national reunion at the end of June is very appealing especially in New Orleans. Will consult the Seitz clan to see if we can get my siblings and cousin to come.

Was thrilled to see **Wayne Cross'** email about the French award that was given to his father Tom today. Hope pictures were taken and that Wayne forwards copies to you.

Pat Seitz

Pat is referring to this map, part of the **Danny Stravers'** collection of artifacts from **Henry Kope**. Does anyone know where this map came from? When was it printed?

If you look closely, yes, there is an index of the pictures, and yes that is **Dick Seitz** in #15:





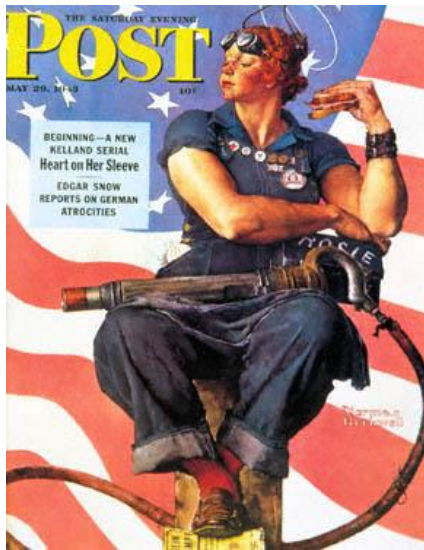
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Hello, we can't open the link for the last mail call !!!!
Patricia and Roland Orengo

Oops. My mistake. I forgot to move the files. It should be working now.
Thanks for letting me know. -- Bob B.

"I can do it "... it's me !!! - Patricia

Bien sùr! -- BB



In searching for “Rosie the Riveter” images for last week’s MailCall, I found some info that I never heard before. In addition to the Rosie posters like the one above, another famous image is Norman Rockwell’s cover for the 1943 Memorial Day issue of the Saturday Evening Post (left). Did you know that Rockwell posed his model based on Michelangelo’s image of the prophet Isaiah from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? (right)



Re: New Orleans Reunion 517th

Tony Patin and family, son of **Thomas Fred Patin**, would love to attend a reunion in honor of his father.



Visited **Howard Hensleigh** today! He reminisced about arriving in Trois Points. "We arrived as the Germans were leaving. We could hear their engines. Outside the town, there was a sign that said Off Limits to all Allied Forces. We went in anyway. " And then he gave that wonderful wicked laugh.

Claire Giblin



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- 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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