



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

517th PRCT 2015 Annual Reunion



New Orleans, LA

June 25-28, 2015

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See y'all there soon!

Mail Call News

Recently, **Lory Curtis, Karen Frice, Claire Giblin, Joanne Barrett** and others have attempted to compile a list of all the 517th troopers who are still alive. This doesn't include spouses, friends, and relatives, just WW2 troopers who are still alive and kicking. But I suspect this list is very incomplete. If you have heard from a trooper recently who is not on this list, please let us know.

My apologies to troopers who are receiving MailCall. I can't tell from the roster whether you are a WW2 trooper or a relative or friend. Ben would know better, but there are many of you that I have not met recently. If you are a trooper and you're not on this list, please let me know and I'll update my list.

Steve Armbruster, NC
Marshall Baird, AZ
Jay Castello, CA
Joseph Clark, Tucson AZ
Melvin Dahlberg - MN
Bob Dalrymple, AZ
Leo Dean, NY
Gabriel Delesio PA
Erle Ehly, PA

John Jonientz, WA
K. Allan Johnson, NJ
Ray Hess, FL
Bill Hudson, CA
Harold Lawrence, TX
Doc Lecklider, OR
Anthony Mandio, PA
John Marsinko, NC
George Meline, CA

Phi McSpadden, FL
Hunter McDonald, TN
Merle McMorro ND
Gene (Zoot) Snyder, CA
Myrle Traver, NV
Robert Vaught, TN
Manuel Ventoza, WA
Earl Wisenhunt, NC



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I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans. Only one more week now! I have a question. I know my dad, **PFC Odas Sweet**, was wounded twice while he was in the service but I have never seen him mentioned in the 517th morning reports. I'm not sure on what dates he was wounded but he was wounded once in the ear by shrapnel and another time almost lost his big toe! He was in the 504th A company until Oct 1944 and transferred back to the 504th E company when the 517th merged with the 13th airborne. He was in H company while in the 517th and did return home on the Onieda. There is a picture of him and **Jim Suttcliffe** disembarking the ship. Do you have any info on him? Thanks for all you do and your help in this matter.

Rick Sweet

Future of the 517th Association

Gloria and I will be moving to a retirement facility. It is about 40 miles south of our present home.

Merle McMorrow of Frago, North Dakota, a vet of my WWII compabt team, called me the other day, and upon hearing of our move, remarked that we wouldn't have to shovel snow any more.

Our new address will be:

William and Gloria Hudson

The Park Lane, Apt 322
200m Glenwood Circle
Monterey, CA 93940

To all who are concerned with the future of the 517th Association, here are a few of my thoughts:

1. Tax deductibility of donations: I really don't care about deductibility. I never considered the checks we sent to **Bill Christian** for the Palm Springs minis deductible. Is there really that much money involved?
2. Longevity: In 5 years the 517'ers still left will all be over 95 years old. The plug will have to be pulled someday. It's a quandary to me as to when. As to the 596th, there are 8 of us left, out of the original 137, not counting the replacements. (3 are in retirement facilities.)
3. MailCall: For me, "Mail Call" is what holds us together. The load is being carried by the Barrett's. Maybe they can make the judgement as to whether the amount of material they are receiving is adequate for the newsletter. At some point, decreasing the frequency to once a month might be appropriate.
4. Overall: Perhaps continuing on an informal basis is in our future.

I sometimes muse that what we really need is a line to our deceased leader, **Charley Pugh**, to straighten this all out.

Bill Hudson



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We plan on having Palm Springs reunion in March of each year as long as there is one man standing that wants to attend. I made that promise years ago, when I took over the management of the reunion as requested by **Bill Christian**. I will stand by that promise.

Excited to see you all soon,

Karen Frice Wallace and The Frice Clan

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, or just click on the unsubscribe link on the email.
- 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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