



## *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*

### *West Coast Mini-Reunion- Last Chance!*

#### **2016 517th PRCT PALM SPRINGS REUNION**

**March 7-11, 2016  
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**To reserve a room please contact me now!**

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## MailCall News

Hello Sir,

I work at a Senior Living Community where Mr. **Roger Goodsell** (of the 517<sup>th</sup>, company D) is a resident. He would be delighted by any information you could send him regarding the 517<sup>th</sup> and any of his old buddies.

Thank you.

**Barbara Miller**

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Hi Barbara,

Roger used to be on our weekly mailing list at his email of [rwgoodsell@yahoo.com](mailto:rwgoodsell@yahoo.com). But it doesn't look like he has opened any of those in a couple of years. Should I remove his old email address from that mailing?

I also continue to send out the weekly "MailCall" email newsletter – a few pages about friends and family of the 517<sup>th</sup>. I could send that to him, or to you for him if you like. It is in a pdf format and can be printed out. Let me know if you would like to add his email or your email for him.

Also, we just issued our very last edition of the printed Thunderbolt magazine for the 517<sup>th</sup>, and I can probably find a copy to send to you for Roger. Unfortunately it is the last written edition.

I just did a quick search of my records and I see that Roger was at the Kansas City Reunion in 2012. There are a couple of pictures of that group in one of our MailCalls: <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/2116.pdf>

And I found this photo of **Toivo Moisio, Mike Kane, and Roger Goodsell**, somewhere in France (probably Nice) during the war.

Tell him that his friends in the 517<sup>th</sup> are glad to hear from him.

Best Regards,  
Bob Barrett





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Here are a couple more photos of **Roger Goodsell** and friends from D Company, found on **Mike Kane's** collection:

[http://www.517prct.org/photos/d\\_company\\_files/kane\\_company\\_d.htm](http://www.517prct.org/photos/d_company_files/kane_company_d.htm)



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**From:** Sutcliffe, Jay J [mailto:jay.j.sutcliffe@lmco.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:37 AM

Thinking of the Barrett's during this time

Jay Sutcliffe

Son of **James Sutcliffe**, H Company

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Thanks, Jay. It has been 6 years' now since Ben passed. Yet still, every time I get a note about the 517<sup>th</sup>, my first thought is still, "I'll have to call Dad and tell him..."

Bob B.



**Benedict James  
Barrett**

**H Company**

July 20, 1918 - Feb 26,  
2010



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One more photo  
of **Roger  
Goodsell** with  
D Company:

(rear L to R)  
Lt Starkey,  
Bernard McDade,  
Dick Young,  
Schwartz

(front L to R)  
Roger Goodsell,  
Al Herr,  
Orville Cyrus,  
Ben Shankman





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I am writing in reference to my husband, former **Lt Russell F. Miller**, who was one the platoon leaders in the 1st Battalion, Company B of the 517th PRCT. He has always been very proud of his participation in the outfit, and we have been receiving Mail Call for many years now. We recently received the last publication of Thunderbolt, which listed the names of the remaining survivors of the outfit. He was disappointed to see that his name was not included in the list. He is now 94 years old, and beginning to experience some form of memory loss, but nevertheless remembers vividly his days in the 517th. He was a very close friend of **Howard Hensleigh**, both of them having just graduated from the University of Iowa in early 1943, and shipping out to the army at the same time. They were in close contact with each other throughout the years, and we very saddened when we read about his passing about a year ago. Russell retired from the reserves in 1962, with the rank of Lt Colonel, and worked in government agencies for most of his life, retiring from his appointment to FEMA's as Inspector General in 1994 at the age of 74. It would be nice if you mentioned his name as a recipient of the Bronze star medal, and the Silver star in the battle of the Bulge. He and Howard often reminisced together about the battles the 517th fought in that area.

thank you very much for letting the remaining survivors know that he too is still around, and let us know if any of them remember him

Sincerely,

Charlette A. Miller  
(proud wife of a Battling Buzzard)

Hi Bob;

I am one of your ' still kicking group ". My name is **George Flynn**. I was in F company, **Capt. Giuchici**, scout position.

Thank you for your effort in running " mailcall " .

George Flynn

So we know of at least 56 troopers of the 517<sup>th</sup> still with us. I'm sure there are many more, but these are the ones that we have heard from in the last year or so: If you know anyone that we hav missed, please let us know.

Last Name	First Name	Co.	City	ST
Amerlan	Robert J.	2nd HQ	Dekalb	IL
Armbruster	Stephen M.	460-D	Hendersonville	NC
Bail	Ignatius Joseph	460-A		
Berdit	Willard	460	Franklin	NC
Boone	Earl	F		AZ
Bradovich	John	H	Chisholm	MN
Brown	Fred E.	460-HQ	Groves	TX
Cason	Jack J.	460-D	Union	KY
Castello	Jay		San Francisco	CA
Clark	Joseph L.	1st HQ	Tucson	AZ
Cross (USA Ret.)	Thomas R.	2nd HQ, F	Atlantic Beach	FL



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Dahlberg	Melvin J.	F	Jordan	MN
Dalrymple	Robert (Bob) W.	596	Green Valley	AZ
Delesio	Gabriel	460-C	Newtown Square	PA
Ehly	Erle E.	1st HQ	Gwynedd	PA
Flynn	George W.	F	Santa Rosa	CA
Garvey	John L.	460-HQ	Sonoma	CA
Goodsell	Roger W.	D	Tyler	TX
Gordy	Carl W. Jr	460-C	Macon	GA
Hammel	Richard L.	2nd HQ, E	Burlington	NC
Hart	Robert D.	D	Shelton	WA
Henzl	Ed	1st HQ	Spring Hill	FL
Hess	Ray R.	F	Davenport	FL
Hobson	Keith	3rd HQ	Chico	CA
Hudson	William S.	596	Monterey	CA
Johnson	Kaare Allan	596	Hacketstown	NJ
Jonientz	John G.	F	Bellingham	WA
Kachalsky	Richard		Yonkers	NY
Kennedy	George W.	460-D	Owings	MD
Kennedy	Robert W.	F	Edgewater	FL
Kochersperger	Chester (Chet)	A	Secane	PA
Lawrence	Harold G. (Sug)	1st HQ	Spring	TX
Lecklider	R.G. (Bob) "Doc"	A	Bend	OR
Mandio	Anthony A.	1st HQ	Langhorne	PA
McDonald	Hunter	2nd HQ	Nashville	TN
McMorrow	Merle	460-C	Fargo	ND
McSpadden	Philip P.	460-HQ	The Villages	FL
McWilliams	Jim	D	Eugene	OR
Meline	George E.	3rd HQ	Shasta	CA
Miller	Dick	460-A	Trinity	FL
Miller	Russell F.	B	Gainesville	FL
Molina	Joe			CA
Morris	James Frank	460-B	Springfield	VA
Pastalenic	John M.	H	Arkport	NY
Perkins	Leslie E.	C	Durham	CA
Powell	Nolan L.	C	Ontario	NY
Ross	Norman & Betty	I	Ocean Shores	WA
Schlacter	Mike H.	460-D	Chesaning	MI
Smith	William H.	2nd HQ	Williamsburg	VA
Snyder	Gene J. (Zoot)	A	Bishop	CA
Strojan	John J.	I	Hopkins	MN
Traver	Myrle E.	F	Las Vegas	NV
Trenary	Melvin C.	A	Livingston	TX
Vaught	Robert L.	I	Nashville	TN
Ventoza	Manuel	596	Burien	WA
Whisenhunt	Earl	G	Candler	NC



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Hi Jean-Loup, I hope what is on the website will be enough for you.its all I've got.there isn't anymore.the last buddy's I knew personally passed away last yr. **Bill Brannan & Marshal Baird**. Tthey were in the same A co.as I was. -- **Mel Trenary**

From Nila Gott:

**Subject:** Fw: Do you remember these men?

*I think most of today's young people don't have any idea who these Men were and that's a pity.*

**George Gobel** comedian, Army Air Corps, taught fighter pilots

Johnny Carson made a big deal about it once on the Tonight Show, to which George said "the Japs didn't get past us.

**Sterling Hayden** , US Marines and OSS. Smuggled guns into Yugoslavia and parachuted into Croatia. Silver Star.

**James Stewart** , US Army Air Corps. Bomber pilot who rose to the rank of General.

**Ernest Borgnine** , US Navy. Gunners Mate 1c, destroyer USS Lambertson. 10 years active duty. Discharged 1941, re-enlisted after Pearl Harbor.

**Ed McMahon** , US Marines. Fighter Pilot. (Flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well.)

**Telly Savalas** , US Army.

**Walter Matthau**, US Army Air Corps., B-24 Radioman/Gunner and cryptographer.

**Steve Forrest** , US Army. Wounded, Battle of the Bulge.

**Jonathan Winters** , USMC. Battleship USS Wisconsin and Carrier USS Bon Homme Richard. Anti-aircraft gunner, Battle of Okinawa.

**Paul Newman** , US Navy Rear seat gunner/radioman, torpedo bombers of USS Bunker Hill.

**Kirk Douglas** , US Navy. Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in action and medically discharged.

**Robert Mitchum** , US Army.

**Dale Robertson** , US Army. Tank Commander in North Africa under Patton. Wounded twice. Battlefield Commission.

**Henry Fonda** , US Navy. Destroyer USS Satterlee.

**John Carroll** , US Army Air Corps. Pilot in North Africa. Broke his back in a crash.

**Lee Marvin** US Marines. Sniper. Wounded in action on Saipan. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Sec. 7A next to Greg Boyington and Joe Louis.

**Art Carney** , US Army. Wounded on Normandy beach, D-Day. Limped for the rest of his life.

**Wayne Morris** , US Navy fighter pilot, USS Essex. Downed seven Japanese fighters.

**Rod Steiger** , US Navy. Was aboard one of the ships that launched the Doolittle Raid.

**Tony Curtis** , US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus. In Tokyo Bay for the surrender of Japan.

**Larry Storch** . US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus with Tony Curtis.

**Forrest Tucker** , US Army. Enlisted as a private, rose to Lieutenant.

**Robert Montgomery** , US Navy.

**George Kennedy** , US Army. Enlisted after Pearl Harbor, stayed in sixteen years.

**Mickey Rooney** , US Army under Patton. Bronze Star.

**Denver Pyle** , US Navy. Wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal. Medically discharged.

**Burgess Meredith** , US Army Air Corps.

**DeForest Kelley** , US Army Air Corps.

**Robert Stack** , US Navy. Gunnery Officer.

**Neville Brand** , US Army, Europe. Was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

**Tyrone Power** , US Marines. Transport pilot in the Pacific Theater.

**Charlton Heston**, US Army Air Corps. Radio operator and aerial gunner on a B-25, Aleutians.



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**Danny Aiello** , US Army. Lied about his age to enlist at 16. Served three years.

**James Arness** , US Army. As an infantryman, he was severely wounded at Anzio, Italy.

**Efram Zimbalist, Jr .** , US Army. Purple Heart for a severe wound received at Huertgen Forest.

**Mickey Spillane** , US Army Air Corps, Fighter Pilot and later Instructor Pilot.

**Rod Serling** . US Army. 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific. He jumped at Tagaytay in the Philippines and was later wounded in Manila.

**Gene Autry** , US Army Air Corps. Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China-

Burma-India Theater.

**William Holden** , US Army Air Corps.

**Alan Hale Jr** , US Coast Guard.

**Harry Dean Stanton** , US Navy. Battle of Okinawa.

**Russell Johnson** , US Army Air Corps. B-24 crewman who was awarded Purple Heart when his aircraft was shot down by the Japanese in the Philippines.

**William Conrad** , US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot.

**Jack Klugman** , US Army.

**Frank Sutton** , US Army. Took part in 14 assault landings, including Leyte, Luzon, Bataan and Corregidor.

**Jackie Coogan** , US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.

**Tom Bosley** , US Navy.

**Claude Akins** , US Army. Signal Corps., Burma and the Philippines.

**Chuck Connors** , US Army. Tank-warfare instructor.

**Harry Carey Jr .** , US Navy.

**Mel Brooks** , US Army. Combat Engineer. Saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

**Robert Altman** , US Army Air Corps. B-24 Co-Pilot.

**Pat Hingle** , US Navy. Destroyer USS Marshall

**Fred Gwynne** , US Navy. Radioman.

**Karl Malden** , US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force, NCO.

**Earl Holliman** . US Navy. Lied about his age to enlist. Discharged after a year when the Navy found out.

**Rock Hudson** , US Navy. Aircraft mechanic, the Philippines.

**Harvey Korman** , US Navy.

**Aldo Ray** . US Navy. UDT frogman, Okinawa.

**Don Knotts** , US Army, Pacific Theater.

**Don Rickles** , US Navy aboard USS Cyrene.

**Harry Dean Stanton** , US Navy. Served aboard an LST in the Battle of Okinawa.

**Soupy Sales** , US Navy. Served on USS Randall in the South Pacific.

**Lee Van Cleef** , US Navy. Served aboard a sub chaser then a mine sweeper.

**Clifton James** , US Army, South Pacific. Was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

**Ted Knight** , US Army, Combat Engineers.

**Jack Warden** , US Navy, 1938-1942, then US Army, 1942-1945. 101st Airborne Division.

**Don Adams** . US Marines. Wounded on Guadalcanal, then served as a Drill Instructor.

**James Gregory** , US Navy and US Marines.

**Brian Keith** , US Marines. Radioman/Gunner in Dauntless dive-bombers.

**Fess Parker** , US Navy and US Marines. Booted from pilot training for being too tall, joined Marines as a radio operator.

**Charles Durning** . US Army. Landed at Normandy on D-Day. Shot multiple times. Awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. Survived Malmedy Massacre.

**Raymond Burr** , US Navy. Shot in the stomach on Okinawa and medically discharged.

**Hugh O'Brian** , US Marines.





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**Robert Ryan** , US Marines.

**Eddie Albert**, US Coast Guard. Bronze Star with Combat V for saving several Marines under heavy fire as pilot of a landing craft during the invasion of Tarawa.

**Clark Gable** , US Army Air Corps. B-17 gunner over Europe.

**Charles Bronson** , US Army Air Corps. B-29 gunner, wounded in action.

**Peter Graves** , US Army Air Corps.

**Buddy Hackett** , US Army anti-aircraft gunner.

**Victor Mature** , US Coast Guard.

**Jack Palance** , US Army Air Corps. Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.

**Robert Preston** , US Army Air Corps. Intelligence Officer

**Cesar Romero** , US Coast Guard. Coast Guard. Participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan on the assault transport USS Cavalier.

**Norman Fell** , US Army Air Corps., Tail Gunner, Pacific Theater.

**Jason Robards** , US Navy. was aboard heavy cruiser USS Northampton when it was sunk off Guadalcanal. Also served on the USS Nashville during the invasion of the Philippines, surviving a kamikaze hit that caused 223 casualties.

**Steve Reeves**, US Army, Philippines.

**Dennis Weaver** , US Navy. Pilot.

**Robert Taylor** , US Navy. Instructor Pilot.

**Randolph Scott** . Tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected due to injuries sustained in US Army, World War 1.

**Ronald Reagan** . US Army. Was a 2nd Lt. in the Cavalry Reserkes before the war. His poor eyesight kept him from being sent overseas with his unit when war came so he transferred to the Army Air Corps Public Relations Unit where he served for the duration.

**John Wayne. Declared "4F - medically unfit" due to pre-existing civilian injuries, he nonetheless attempted to volunteer three times (Army, Navy and Film Corps.) so he gets honorable mention.**

And of course we have **Audie Murphy**, America's most-decorated soldier, who became a Hollywood star as a result of his US Army service that included his being awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Would someone please remind me again how many of today's Hollywood elite, sports celebs and politicians put their careers on hold to enlist for service in Iraq or Afghanistan?**

The only one who even comes close was **Pat Tillman**, who turned down a contract offer of \$3.6 million over three years from the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the US Army after September, 11, 2001 and serve as a Ranger in Afghanistan, where he died in 2004. But rather than being lauded for his choice and his decision to put his country before his career, he was mocked and derided by many of his peers.

*Ladies and Gentlemen, I submit to you that this is not the America today that it was seventy years ago. And I, for one, am saddened.*

My generation grew up watching, being entertained by and laughing with so many of these fine people, never really knowing what they contributed to the war effort. Like millions of Americans during the WWII, there was a job that needed doing they didn't question, they went and did it, those that came home returned to their now new normal life and carried on, very few ever saying what they did or saw. They took it as their "responsibility", their "duty" to Country, to protect and preserve our freedoms and way of life, not just for themselves but for all future generations to come. As a member of that "First" generation, I'm forever humbly in their debt.



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- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: [MailCall@517prct.org](mailto:MailCall@517prct.org)
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