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PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

**MailCall No. 2325**

June 12, 2016

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

### *Earl Edward Boone, F Company*

Hello,

I do not have an email for Tim Curtis and I would like to get a message to him regarding **Earl Boone**. I just received the final Thunderbolt from Miriam and read where Tim had visited Earl at the Arizona State Veteran Home. It is with great sadness I have to announce Earl passed away on May 23rd. The world is a lesser place and I miss him dearly. Thank you.

Regards,

Jim Kraus



**Earl (Dan'l) Edward Boone** of Tempe Arizona went home to our Lord on May 23rd, 2016 at the age of 92. Dan'l was born in Sullivan, Indiana to Joseph and Nancy Boone, was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years, Veva Boone and is survived by his daughter Cheri Pittman, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Dan'l served as a highly decorated Staff Sergeant during WWII in the United States ARMY from 1943-1945. He served as a paratrooper in the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team and the 505 Parachute Regiment of the 86th Airborne. During his service Dan'l fought in five major battles which included the Battle of the Bulge and Anzio. He earned numerous medals which included; 5 Bronze Stars, 3 Purple Hearts with Oak Leaves and 2 Croix De Guerre. After serving in WWII Dan'l moved to Arizona with his wife where he focused on his

family and a career as a salesman. He was an active member of the Elks Lodge for 62 years during this time he helped to establish the Tempe Elks Lodge. Dan'l will be greatly missed by both his family and friends. He was a man of integrity, deep faith, and an unending love. The family request, in lieu of flowers, that memorials be directed in his name to The Hospice of the Valley , <https://www.hov.org/donate>. A funeral Service is to be held at 9:00 AM, Tuesday June 7th, 2016 at Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home, 4800 E Indian School Rd. Interment will be held at 11:00 AM at The National Memorial Cemetery, 23029

N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85024. Reception to be held at the Tempe Elks Lodge at 1:00 PM, 2320 S Hardy Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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**Earl Boone**, Rifle Squad, 2nd Platoon, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 517th PRCT at the The Arizona State Veterans Home.



Kope, Collier, McDaniel, Boone - Bagatelle's Club 1944

Earl Boone



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### *Jesus Y. (Beaver) Carrillo – H, HQ Companies*

Hello, my name is **Michael Carrillo**. I am sending this notice that my father, **Jesus Y Carrillo** died May 16, 2016 in Garland, Texas. He earned his 2nd set of wings on this day. He was 99 yrs. old & married to **Andrea Carrillo** for 74 yrs. He had 4 children, 8 grandchildren & 13 great-grandchildren.

I can be contacted at [m.s.carrillo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.s.carrillo@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you.



**Jesus Y. Carrillo** was a loved and admired husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and decorated war hero, who has earned his second pair of wings when he died peacefully on May 16, 2016. Known as "The Beaver" by many co-workers and close friends, he was born on December 25, 1916 in Casa Blanca (Riverside), California to Daniel and Martha Carrillo.

On September 30, 1941, he married the love of his life, Andrea Saucedo in Yuma, Arizona.

He was called to proudly serve our country on March 15, 1943, during World War II, where he earned his first pair of wings as a paratrooper/scout for the 82nd Airborne 517th H Company deployed to Italy, France and Belgium (Battle of the Bulge) and became a Purple Heart recipient. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

In 1958, he moved the family from California to Texas when he was hired by Texas Instruments, retiring in 1981.

A long-time member of Good Shepard Catholic in Garland, he is survived by his wife of 74 years, Andrea and their four children: Daniel Carrillo (wife, Anna), Michael Carrillo (wife, Mary), Isabel Carrillo (partner, Chris), and Jesus D. Carrillo (wife, Valerie). Also, survived by his 8 grandchildren: Diane, David, Michael, Jesus (Jake), Benigna, Daniel, Gabriel, Maria Giselle and 13 great-grandchildren. The whole family was blessed with his presence and they rejoice at sharing the wonderful life of this fine man.

Visitation will be held at Sparkman-Crane Funeral Home on Sunday, May 22nd from 5pm – 7pm, with a rosary immediately following. On Monday May, 23rd, a memorial mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rowlett at 11am, followed by the burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Rowlett.

Flowers can be sent to Sparkman-Crane. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity's Veteran's Build <http://www.habitat.org/volunteer/veterans>



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**Andrea and Jesus Carrillo**  
at the 2003 Oklahoma City Reunion

### *MailCall News*

I RECEIVED A COPY OF THE "thunderbolt", TODAY, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB FOR THE 517TH,....NO PAY BUT A LOT OF LOVE FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE,,,,TAKE CARE HOW YOU GO, AND HAVE A GOOD WEEK, YEAR AND LIFE.....

Boyd Ellis

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Thanks Bob for the Memorial Day tribute on Mail Call. Such a great collection of articles and notes from the 517th family. Your Dad would be proud! The picture of **Wild Bill** and **Major Fraser** brought back such memorable moments at the DC reunion along with my Dad **H.L. "Bud" Curtis**. Those 2 had such an influence on his life. The Holocaust reunion video was also very moving. It brought a smile to my face to see a picture of Paul's Dad, Doctor Abbene. What stories he must have had. Indeed Paul, my friends and I did raise a glass to "The Boys," the best of the best, on Memorial Day.

**Tim Curtis**  
Son of "Bud" Curtis



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Just received this week. Sent 7/15/2012 (???)

Congrats to all the attendees at the KC reunion. It is great to see everyone enjoying the memories that I shared with my father **Mike Sura**, H Company. We missed attending due to a family matter but will stay in touch.

**Dennis & Kathy Sura**

Airborne All The Way

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Have just caught up on Mail Call. I was thinking of those 517th members who lost their lives in Europe on Memorial Day. Thank you for the beautiful picture. Having said that, I was saddened to read that **Nolan Powell, Dick Fields, Phil McSpadden, George Kennedy, Raymond Hess** and others have joined their comrades in heaven. Our prayers for and sympathy to all the family members on their loss. How blessed we "kids" were that the men kept together through the 517th reunions and Mail Call such that we could know them and hear their stories. Thank you, Bob, for your and your Dad's great work in doing this. Loved seeing the pictures from the 2012 reunion in KC and **Bill Boyle** and Don Fraser at the 2007 reunion. What great men we had the privilege and gift of being related to.

Thank you also for helping **John Camp** help **Mr. Boatright** and for the inspiring article about Pvt. Bill Crawford by James Moschgat. It's leadership points are very wise.

Was very gratified to see that Merle's sense of humor is still in full bloom! Glad to see the posting about **Mel Dahlberg**. Had fond thoughts of **Boom Boom Alicki** on reading the story about the Mercedes convertible.

Hope all is well with you and the Barrett Clan.

**Pat Seitz and Alan Greer**

PS Last Saturday Senator Moran of Kansas hosted the ground breaking on a new VA facility in Junction City that will be named after Dad. The picture of what it will look like will make for an attractive, welcoming facility for our veterans.



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### New VA Clinic to be Named in Seitz' Honor

June 5, 2016 by Dewey Terrill

The ground breaking ceremony for the new Veterans Affairs Clinic in Junction City took place early Saturday morning.

Senator Jerry Moran addressed the audience about the new 10,000 square foot facility that will be coming to Junction City just off of Hwy 77.

“What became clear was that we needed to make sure that the VA understood the rural nature of where we come from and could they provide services closer to home, where our Veterans live.”

The current VA clinic is about 3500 square feet and has four primary care exam rooms; the new hospital will be able to add an additional clinic as well as employing atleast four new people.

The contract company managing the project is S.I. Property Investment, which is owned and operated by David and Onnie Irvine of Oak Grove, Oklahoma.

“It’s pleasing to see the commitment by our Dept of Veterans Affairs and particulary by our Eastern Kansas officials to make certain that our Veterans here in the Junction City area are cared for; and this expansion makes a significant difference,” said Moran.

Rudy Clover, representing the Eastern Kansas Veterans Affairs spoke on how this new clinic will help local veterans.

“This expansion will improve healthcare access, allow us the additional capacity to expand services to veterans in this area, and help reduce some space deficits that we currently have,” said Clover.

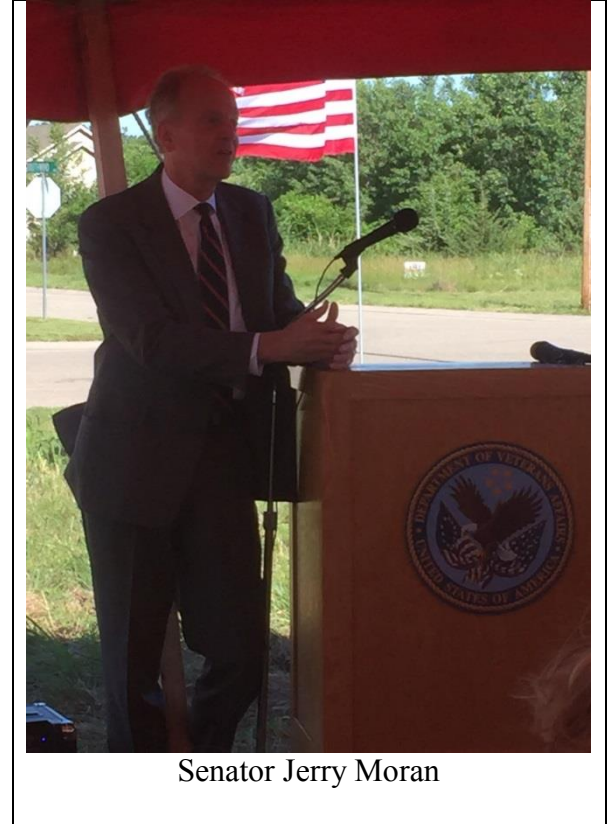
This new clinic will be instrumental in helping improve the coordination of care, and customer satisfaction in the region.

According to Clover, when looking at the “current projections and workload” there was a need for a larger clinic to “help meet the needs of the expected veteran growth in this area of more than 34% in Geary and Riley counties over the next several decades.”

The new VA clinic will be named the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz VA Health Clinic in memorium/honor of Ret. Lt. General Richard “DiVA clinic 2ck” Seitz.

Seitz, born in Leavenworth, Kansas was comissioned into the army from Kansas State University as a Second Lieutenant in the infantry.

During his 35 year career in the military, Seitz commanded the 2nd Battallion, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment during World War II, the 82nd Airborne Division and the XVIII Airborne Corps.



Senator Jerry Moran



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Seitz received a Bronze Star, Silver Star, a Purple Heart, a Legion of Merit and a Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters.

Seitz retired in Junction City in 1975 where he lived until his death in 2013.

Retired Colonel John Seitz, Dick Seitz's nephew, and Brigadier General Patrick Frank, the Deputy Commanding General of First Infantry Division, Director Rudy Clover from the VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System, and the Irvine family from Oklahoma, were also in attendance at the ground breaking ceremony.

Junction City Mayor Mick McAllister and Vice Mayor Phyllis Fitzgerald were also among the attendees.

Senator Moran reminded those in attendance that



R to L: David and Onnie Irvine, Rudy Clover, **Ret. Col. John Seitz**, Sen. Jerry Moran

From: <http://www.jcpost.com/2016/06/05/new-va-clinic-to-be-named-in-seitz-honor/>



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MEMORIAL DAY in Bastogne - 2016 June 3d - ceremony at the " MARDASSON" - the Belgian Minister , Mr BELOT, MRS Denise CAMPBELL-BAUER, US AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM with Mrs Victorine GUSTIN-MARGREVE, President of CADUSA at the reception. Many people attended the ceremony with respect and gratitude.

BASTOGN - MEMORIEL DAY -2016 June 3d - Mr LUDGENS, MAYOR of BASTOGNE

**Arnold and Irma Targnion**







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F Company photos from **Melanie Hanson**:





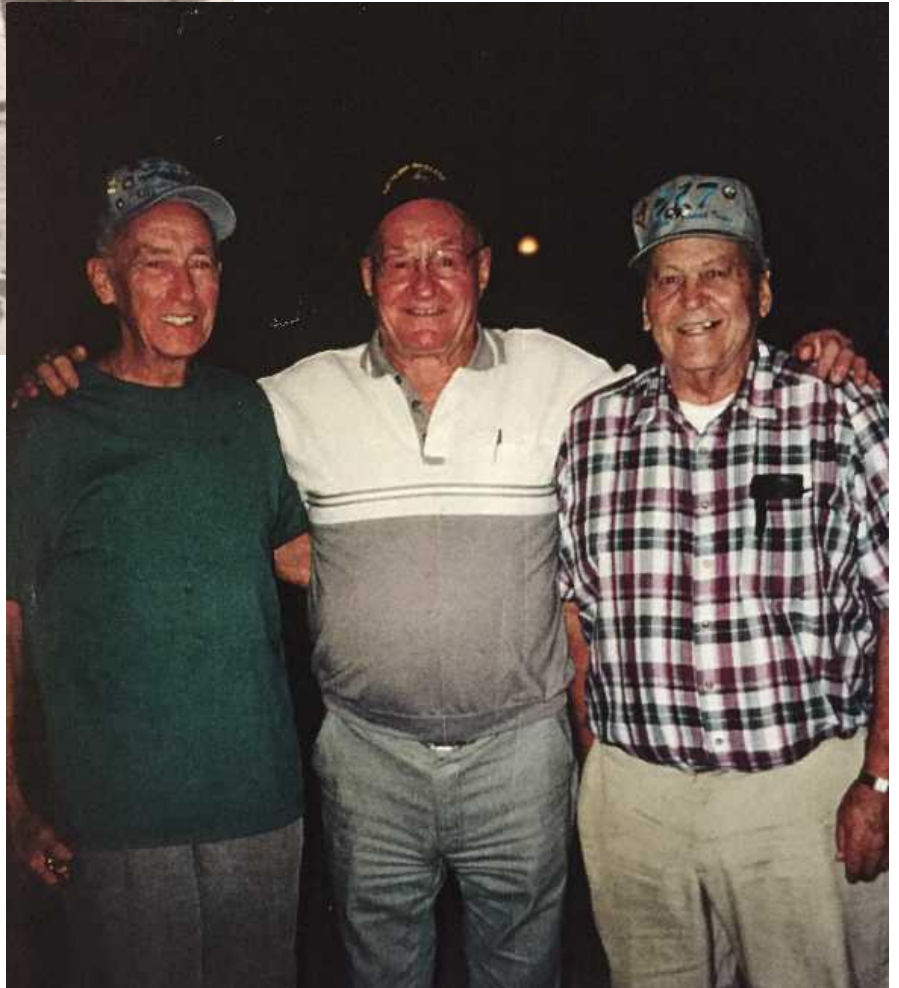
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F- Company



**Davis, Funkenbusch, Adelman**

1944 & 2002





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**Paul Condrillier**, F-Company's scout, guide and interpreter. This Frenchman performed invaluable service to aid in campaign against the enemy.



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY "F"  
517th PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO 333  
U.S. ARMY

2 June 1945  
JOIGNY, FRANCE

TO: Whom it may concern.

SUBJECT: Status of Paul Condrillier in the Armed Forces of The United States.

1. Paul Condrillier joined this company at Le Broc, Southern France, on or about the 30th of August, 1944.

2. At his request he was used as a scout, guide, and interpreter. He was assigned to the second platoon of this company where he performed invaluable service in the aforementioned capacity. His knowledge of the Alpes Maritimes and his scouting and patrolling ability were a prime factor in the success of this organization in it's campaign against the enemy in that sector.

3. I, as an officer of this company, and as commanding officer of the second platoon, have personal knowledge of the faithful, cheerful, and invaluable service rendered by Paul Condrillier.

4. At his request he was released from this organization on or about the 1st of September, 1944.

*Harry E. Riddle*  
HARRY E. RIDDLE,  
1st Lt. 517th P. I. R.

1st Ind.

CO "F", 517TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY, APO 333, US ARMY.  
TO: Whom it may concern.

1. The above statements are correct except the date in par 4. The correct date is 15 October 1944.

*Prospero De Bona*

PROSPERO DE BONA  
1st Lt. 517th Frcht. Inf.



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What are the GO#36?

I think they might be medals awarded that were not on the DVD-214.

If I am correct could you please tell me how I find them on the website. I have my Dad's DVD 214 but there are several mistakes on it. I have his Purple Heart but no documentation. I searched for this a long time ago and even **General Seitz's** offered to help me but I didn't want to bother him with it. He told me that all but one man in the 517th received one but my Dad was not that person, I am not sure if that is true.

There is no need to put this in mail call. No one is around that reads mail call can help me.

My biggest ? Is the GO#36.

Thanks a lot

**Chris Lindner** (daughter of **Nathan Rubenstein**, HQ/2)

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Hi Chris,

I am still looking. I have a number of GO's, many of which are hard to read. I did not find Nathan Rubenstein in GO #36 or GO#38. I did find him mentioned in GO #11 for a Good Conduct medal. (attached)

I will continue to look.

Bob Barrett

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## 200 Show to Funeral of Veteran With No Known Relatives After Internet Campaign

By DAVID R. MERRELL  
Jun 8, 2016, 4:09 PM ET



Four people were expected to attend the funeral of Serina Vine, a formerly homeless veteran of World War II.

Instead, about 200 showed up to honor her after veterans' groups organized a social media campaign, since she had no known living relatives.

Vine, a graduate of the University of California, served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946 in radio intelligence and spoke three languages, according to the obituary published by A. L. Bennett and Son Funeral Home.

Vine's story hit home for Army Maj. Jaspren Boothe, who used to be homeless herself. She found out about Vine's funeral plans via a Facebook message from a Marine veteran and decided to get the word out.

When she was told there were only going to be four people at the service, as Vine had no known



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relatives in the area she said, "That didn't sit right with me."

Boothe then put the word out on social media, contacting several groups including Ms. Veteran America, who put out an appeal of their own.

When Boothe arrived at the cemetery, she was astonished. "I thought they had three or four things going on," she said of the crowd gathered at the cemetery, at first not believing it was all for Vine. "Now she has 200 known family and friends in the area."

Boothe said she did not want people to remember Vine as just homeless. "She was an educated woman, she loved to dance and go to church on Sundays."

Martin Fuller of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs painted a similar picture. "I've never seen anything like it," said Fuller. "I felt like I had to go because I didn't think anyone was going to show up. The information just went viral."

Fuller met Vine in the VA Community Living Center, where he appointed her a legal custodian. He says that because her discharge and service papers were missing, little more is known about where she served and what her responsibilities were.

Still, she was laid to rest with full military honors, including a 21-gun salute, at the Quantico National Cemetery.



Attention DC Metro Area Vets, we received this in our inbox:

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the VA.

This pass week she died.

She never married and had no children. She will have full military honors at her funeral but so far it is just three of us attending the grave site funeral at the Quantico Cemetery.

Are you available to attend? Funeral: Tuesday June 7, 2016 at 1100am to 1130am.

Response: Yes we will be there and we hope many of our sisters and brothers will join us.

Please share far and wide.



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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:

**517 PRCT Association, Inc.**  
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