



517th 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*

MailCall News

FYI as to the April 14 activities in Junction City, Ks. On April 12, Kansas State University will be opening the dedication of Dad's papers to the university. On April 13, the elementary school named after him on Ft. Riley will be having a celebration of his birthday.

Pat Seitz

Subject: Press
Release - Media
Invite - **Lieutenant
General Richard J.
Seitz** VA Community
Based Outpatient
Clinic - 14 April

Please share widely
with your media
partners and local
news affiliates,

VA Eastern Kansas
Health Care System and Members of the Seitz Family to Cut Ribbon on the New Lieutenant General
Richard J. Seitz VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic – 14 April 2017 @ 1:30pm – Junction City, KS

See attached press release-media invite and photo for use in articles and or promotional actions.
Respectfully,

Joseph L. Burks
Public Affairs Officer
VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System
Leavenworth, KS



Alan is the main feature at the April 12 event. Attached is the flyer. -- Pat Seitz



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News Release / Media Advisory VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System



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Outlet: All Topeka / Junction City / Fort Riley Area Media Outlets

Headline: VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System and Members of the Seitz Family to Cut the Ribbon on the New Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic

What: On Friday, 14 April 2017 at 1:30 in the afternoon, VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System (VAEKHCS) will host the ribbon cutting and grand opening of its newest outpatient clinic. Members of the community are invited to join the Director of the VAEKHCS, Mr. Rudy Klopfer along with Senator Jerry Moran, the 1st Infantry Division's Deputy Commander, Brigadier General Patrick Frank, and members of the Seitz Family for this grand opening of the new clinic named, in honor, after the late Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz. Also in attendance will be the Director of the Veterans Integrated Service Network (15) Dr. William Patterson as well as various veteran service organizations, state, military, and local community leaders. The clinic, which broke ground, last June, is a (near) 10-thousand square foot medical facility offering increased staff and specialty care to provide a higher level of health care for our veterans close to home while improving the coordination of care and customer satisfaction for veterans and their family members within this geographic region. The new VA Clinic is located at 1169 Southwind Drive just south of Ash Street at Highway 77.

When: **Friday, April 14th, 2017 1:30pm** (Asking for advance release to go out 72-48 hours prior to the event)

Where: Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
1169 Southwind Drive, Junction City, KS

RSVP: Media attending the event are directed to contact by 5 April: Joseph Burks @ joseph.burks@va.gov & Charlie Groninger @ charles.groninger@va.gov or (785) 218-6165

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WWII LETTERS
From: 1941-1944

TRÈS SECRET

WAR OFFICE, LONDON, W. 1.
15 June, 1942.

My dear General

I should like to send you an expression of my admiration of the magnificent fight of the Free French Forces at DUN KERMATI.

For sixteen days the enemy used every means in his power to overcome the garrison. Although continuously attacked by tanks, heavy artillery and aircraft, the heroic Free French forces repelled every assault and stoutly declined every call to surrender. With will and tenacity, they not only inflicted upon the enemy losses which he could ill afford, but they inflicted heavy casualties.

For days of uninterupted fighting the Army Commander ordered the withdrawal of the Free French Forces, and I am happy to learn that more than 2,000 men were able to fight their way through the enemy lines, and are now rejoining.

As these are fully in accord with the noblest traditions of the British Army, convey to you my congratulations and the magnificent spirit shown by the 1st Free French Parachute Battalion.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]

René le 15/10/42
à l'attention du Colonel Leclerc
à l'adresse de son Quartier Général
à l'adresse de son Quartier Général
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Étant donné l'évolution de la situation militaire en Afrique du Nord, j'ai demandé l'ordre au Général LECLERC de se tenir prêt à prendre l'offensive en Libye du Sud pour occuper le FEJAN et ultérieurement se porter sur les arrières des forces Italo-allemandes dans la région de TRIPOLI.

Le Général LECLERC dispose à cet effet d'une forte colonne motorisée et d'une petite unité blindée, ainsi que d'un autre commandement en

Dear Major North

Vous avez bien voulu recevoir il y a quelque temps Monsieur NORT, qui avait rapporté de son séjour en Tunisie de nombreuses lettres de nos soldats. Ces lettres ont été envoyées par nos officiers et nos soldats à nos familles en France. Elles ont été envoyées par nos officiers et nos soldats à nos familles en France.

Plusieurs autres personnes appartenant à nos unités ont été rapportés, arrivées de France et ont demandé les indications de nos unités. J'ai pensé que vous seriez peut-être parvenu à recueillir certaines d'entre elles.

Je vous prie de vouloir bien leur adresser nos salutations et leur dire que nous sommes toujours prêts à leur venir en aide.

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Veil-Curiel: Avocat à la Cour

TRÈS SECRET

You're invited to an evening of WWII-era stories and intrigue

Wednesday **APRIL 12** TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

HALE LIBRARY

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Libraries



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Join us to learn about the riveting life of French spy Phillippe Thyraud de Vosjoli, who saved a trove of historic letters. Special guest Alan Greer, de Vosjoli's friend and attorney, will tell the unbelievable tale of de Vosjoli's journey from WWII underground operative to head of French intelligence for the western hemisphere. Greer recently donated the historic letters - now called the French Freedom Papers - to the Richard L.D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections in honor of the spy and his father-in-law, the much-decorated Lt. Gen. Richard Seitz. The general's daughter, Patricia Seitz, a senior U.S. district court judge and K-State alumnus, will also be in attendance as an honored guest, and you'll hear about her family's donation of the general's personal papers to K-State Libraries. Finally, some of the K-State students who translated the French Freedom Papers into English for the first time will share how these unique, valuable letters brought history to life.

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It promises to be a fascinating evening.
We hope to see you there!

Wednesday **APRIL 12** TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

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RSVP

- 5:30 Reception with hors d'oeuvres
 - 6:15 Program
- to Darchelle Martin at
martin05@k-state.edu or
(785) 532-7442.

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Look what I found on Instagram and Facebook! Charlie Davis, visiting Luxembourg!
I can't get the photo to copy, but I am sure you could screen grab it.
Go Charlie! Who is in touch with him? Lory?

This absolutely made my day! Love to see my 517 guys out and about!



American Battle Monuments Commission
March 30 at 12:08pm ·

We welcome all types of visitors to our cemeteries, but we're especially privileged when a WWII veteran travels across the ocean to visit our hallowed grounds. WWII Veteran Charles Davis, who served in the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, paid a visit to Luxembourg American Cemetery last week. Traveling with the Scions of the 17th Airborne, a group open to veterans, family members, and descendants of the division, they laid flowers at the grave site of each soldier from the 17th buried there, and laid a wreath in the memorial chapel. During the visit, the cemetery conducted a flag exchange with Davis so that he would have one that flew over the cemetery.
#ww2 #wwii #ww2veteran #wwiiveteran

I saw that, but didn't recognize him. Then if you read the comments, Loic points out that Davis wasn't with the 517prct, he was actually with the 517 Airborne Signal group. I don't know how Loic figured that out so quick.

Bob Barrett

Oh Hmmm.
yes - but he put wreathes on the 517 graves....Signal Corps

Claire

I've seen a few cases of people who don't realize there is another 517. And he has a 17th airborne patch, which is where the 517 started.

Bob Barrett

I am confused...so the signal corps wasn't affiliated?

Claire



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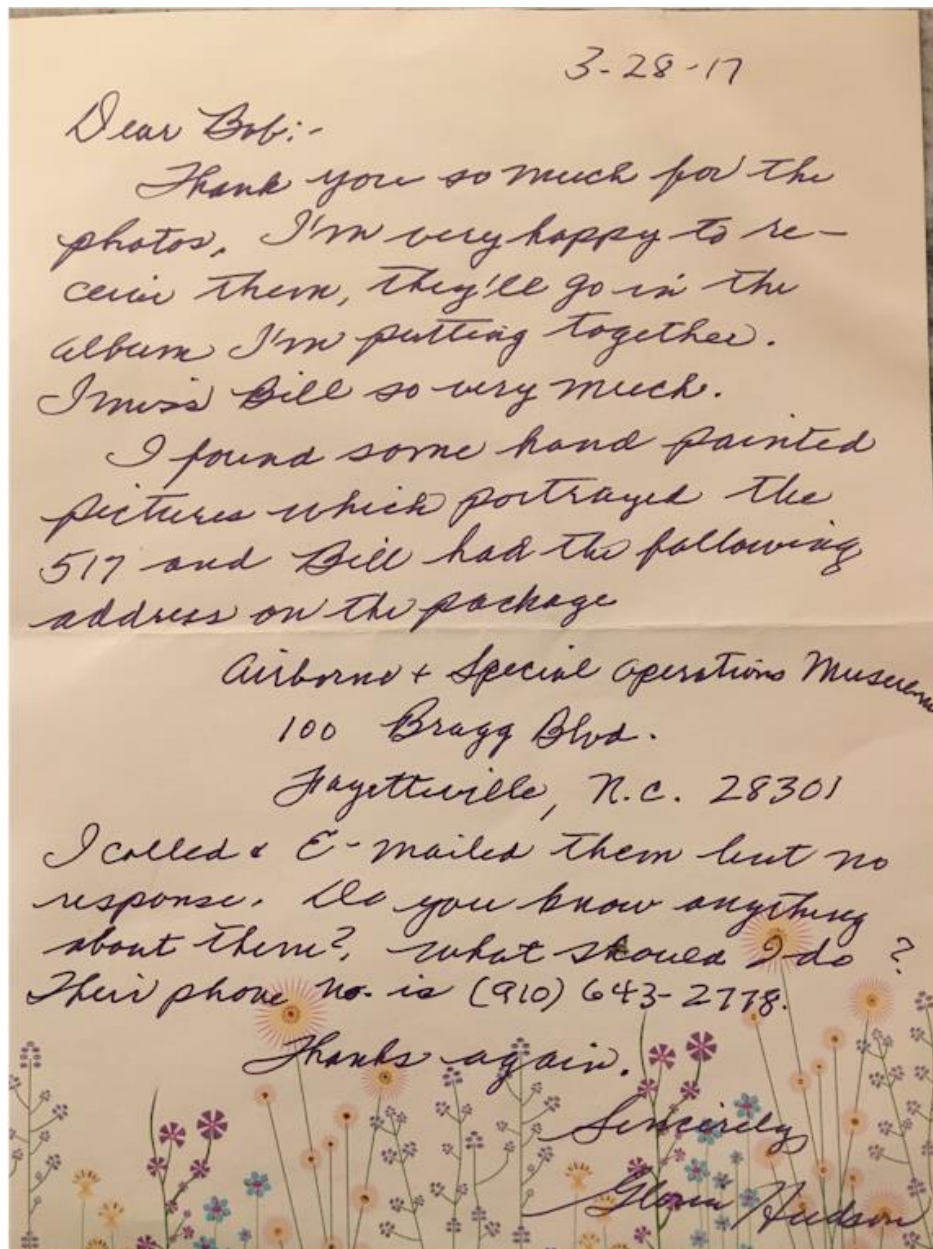
I don't know much about the 517th Airborne signal Company. But if you look here at the Order of Battle section, you can see that the 517th PRCT started with the 17th Airborne until March of 1944. The 517 Signal Company was with the 17th in the battle of the bulge, as was the 507th PIR and the 513th PIR which replaced the 517th PIR.

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/17th_Airborne_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/17th_Airborne_Division_(United_States))

Bob Barrett

Usually signal companies are assigned at the division level

Lory Curtis





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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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