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504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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The 504 PIR Association Board of Directors had approved for the Association to have "Annual only" Associate members as requested by a few members. These are Paratroopers that were never or currently are not assigned or attached to the 504 PIR/1BCT. The Annual cost for an Associate membership in the 504 PIR Association is \$15.00 annually which will also include receiving our Prop-Blast Newsletters. To date we have had no Associate members sign up.

I want to also thank Mr. Marc S. Winer, CEO for Island Hospitality Management in Palm Beach, Florida, who provided the Association with over \$4,000.00 in \$25.00 Butterball gift checks that we could give to Active duty Troopers, which we did in February. It is always a good feeling to see Companies doing things like this for our troopers. Thanks again Mr. Winer.

Director and Devil Dinner Chairman Robert Stonerock has put the registration form in this newsletter along with a return envelope to mail your Devil Dinner registration to him. Have to say we had more attend this year than ever before with many active duty there. The we have asked the 38th Regimental Commander, COL Colin P. Tuley to update us on what the active duty has done since the last dinner. If you plan to attend, please get your registration in as soon as you can and if you would like to sponsor an active duty Paratrooper there is a place on the form to do that.

Secretary Bill Eberle has mailed out our annual raffle tickets and we ask that you return them as soon as you can. The monies we make from the raffle help us to make annual donations to the Regiment, the 82d Educational fund, Wounded Warriors, War Museum and have first class Hospitality rooms. So if you can, please next send in a little extra with your tickets as it will help us do more for our Active duty also. Again your donations are tax deductible.

I would like to thank all of those above for stepping up and give of their time/funds to our Association. As members it is very important for you and the Association to stay in touch. Whenever your address changes, please notify the Association.

Again this issue, I personally would like to thank those that made a donation to the Association since the last newsletter. During this year these donations has helped the active duty Regiment in many ways.

Our Treasurer & Membership Chairman Ron Rath has mailed out letters to all members requesting a copy of their DD214 and for the active duty a copy of their Officer/Enlisted record brief. If you have not sent you're to him yet, please do so as soon as you can

I hope to see many of you at All American week and the Convention in August in Louisville. I totally understand many of you cannot make both, but please try to make one of them. So until then....

STRIKE and HOLD! Mike

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It is with a heavy Heart that I must tell you that my old buddy Reed Williams [center] passed away on 24 January 2016 at the age of 75. Reed was one of the greatest supporters of the 504 PIR Association. Anyone that knew Reed knew that you could always count on him telling it the way it is whether you liked it or not; however, I never met a man more honest in my life then Reed. He had served in A Company, 2d Battalion 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment from 1957-1963. Reed also served as the Treasurer of the 82d Airborne Division's Ross Carter Appalachian Chapter for many years. He along with his wife Judy owned Old Virginia Log Homes. Tina & I had just gone up to see him a few days before his passing. Even though he was not feeling well, he still exhibited his special personality and sense of humor.

God Bless and Rest in Peace old Buddy

PICTURE TAKEN IN PENNINGTON GAP, VA ON 4 MARCH 2015 AT THE HOME OF REED & JUDY WILLIAMS.

By CSM® Ron Rath, Treasurer

504th Prop-Blast

The following story was provided by WWII Veteran-Airborne Trooper-Dr. Martin Krimsky Ph.D, of Norman Oklahoma. Dr. Krimsky served with the 17th Airborne Div.-507th P.I.R., in the E.T.O. After the war in Europe, he also served with the 13th Airborne Div. While in college, at the age of 17, he joined the army with the understanding that he would receive training in engineering, but the army needed more infantry, so off to basic he went. This is his story:

Recollections from World War II

A circuitous story based on an underlying theme, luck...I survived! At age 17, in the early 1940's, I was about to complete a first semester of college, in a matriculated school in New York City. A US Army officer came around and said they only would provide training in engineering, if you enlisted, so I signed a document of enlistment and in a few days I received a telegram ordering me to Grand Central Station, to get on the train for Syracuse University. Its actually in Auburn, which was west of Syracuse. After two semesters, or quarters, the Army decided it needed infantry, more than engineers, so I was put on another train, which ended in Camp Walters Texas, somewhere between Dallas and Fort Worth. I had basic training, which was mostly fun. But, for about 10 days, I got up with a feeling of dread, and later decided it was dread of getting killed. You judge the training was to kill other people and avoid getting killed by them. After a while, the dread simply stopped. At the end of basic training, a company noncommissioned officer asked, "any of you interested in parachute training?" Recollection is, that I was the only one to raise his hand. So, I was put on another train, bound for the Alabama side of the Chattahoochee River. I received basics on how to learn to be a jumper. I did not smoke, and was able to do the five-mile jog, without stopping or falling out, and did all the other exercises. The fourth week was the actual parachute jump. The first jump on a Monday, I remember two fellas on the opposite side of the plane who did not stand up. For my first jump, I do not recall if I stepped out or was kicked out. The jump was scary, but the ride was enjoyable. I recall good optimistic feelings on some days, but scary feelings on others. After completion of those awarded the wings and boots, I was transferred to the Fort Benning side with additional training.

After some weeks, the US Army decided it needed radio operators, so having a high IQ, I was reassigned to the 541st parachute infantry regiment, in Camp McCall North Carolina. I got training daily in Morse Code, we called non-leather today, but did more jumps with the big heavy radio, which I had to pick up and carry. On March, single file, I'm right behind the captain carrying my radio. After break he asked, "Who will take Krimsky's radio?" Nobody! He took it himself. I never forgot that fellow. After another break, I offered to take the radio back, but he kept it...and never forgot that officer. Training delayed my trip overseas, which took place on the ILE-de-France. A huge cruiser, which had civilian passengers in the upper decks, and we were in the lowest. I learned that the ship was guided by US Navy warships, to prevent submarine attack. We landed in a place in Scotland, Gurrocks, was ferried into town and put on the train. An enjoyable ride through Scottish Highlands, bound for Southampton on the English Channel. Next morning, a small ship took us across the channel to the French city Le Harve, and issued us new weapons. I had a carbine with grease. A huge tub, with hot water was available, to melt the grease. Shortly, we will run trucks going east into Germany. We reached the city of Essen, located in a rest camp, on the Ruhr River. It had a swimming pool, so some GI's went swimming. I took off my clothes and jumped in, but it was too cold, so I got right out. I was assigned as a

replacement in D company, 507th parachute infantry regiment, of the 17th Airborne Division. It looked like we were going into combat, but the war in Germany ended. There was nothing to do, except guard duty, which was mostly pleasant.

Shortly after the 17th division ended, I was assigned to the 13th Airborne Div., with the objective of airborne landings on Japan. So, we replacements, were among the first to leave the French cigarette camps. I recall that the French daily liberation, the first since the war had started, we were assigned to a parade in Nancy. We were trucked there and I met an attractive French woman. I'd had enough French from high school and walked and talked a bit with her. I learned she was married to a French Officer and gave up the walk. Later, I asked myself, if I had given up too soon? I did not smoke, and would receive a pack of cigarettes a day, and would give them to somebody who needed them. Finally, I was put on another ship. The naval ship headed for New York City, with objectives of airborne landings on Japan. President Truman told USAF to drop the second bomb and inform the Japanese we have 9 more. Actually zero. Looking back on it, I think Truman was the best President we had in the 20th Century. I was back in North Carolina, and shortly had a choice between discharge and re-up. Chose discharge. Another bit of luck. Probably would have been in the War in Korea, which turned out to be Mac Arthur's War. He provoked the Chinese, by stationing American soldiers, on the Chinese border. Truman fired him, a necessary act. Those responsible for the loss of the thousands of American GI's, because of his arrogance. He returned to the US as a hero, but not for me.

The GI Bill helped me continue my education. I returned to the same school. The Dean called me to the office and said I had to declare my major. I picked psychology. Partly I was influenced by psychology majors who were very bright and had arguments in a cafeteria. A huge place with designations for radicals in the upper left, English majors somewhere on the right and psychology majors in the middle. I sat near them and listened to their bright arguments. Some became professors in leading colleges and authors of books and articles. I told the Dean I would major in psychology. The essential reason was to find out something about myself, my insides. I continued to PhD at University of Oklahoma. Three fellows followed me with the same routes. City College of New York and Elgin State Hospital in Illinois for internship. Finally OU, which liked me and the people who came after me. The three who followed went to different places. Chicago, Massachusetts, and New York City. I discussed with my wife where we would go...No place! I was broke and in debt, so I got a job. I love my country, and I'm also ashamed of it. We have bloodied all of the world, and engineered terrible things in Iran, Nicaragua, South America, and Asia. We are, and have been, in a gun psychosis. For example, a shitty teenager annihilates nine adults, who were at prayer. The US Congress fears to attack the gun lobby, because it is too powerful, and has too many members. The Second Amendment, has nothing to do with the gun policy.

Dr. Martin Kimsky, Ph.D

Submitted by: Mike Haynes

The Treasurer/Membership Chairman has sent letters to all members requesting that you send in a copy of your for active duty Officers a copy of their ORB and for Enlisted a copy of their EMRB. Veterans a copy of their DD214. This is needed to be on file with the Membership Chairman and kept in the Association's Safety Deposit Box in case the IRS wants to check our 501 c (status, which we must maintain 90% Combat era status to keep our Association donations tax deductible. So far we have only received 376 out of 1,200 members.

The Chairman is sending out a second letter to those that did not response to the first mail. This costs the Association money that could be used to help with things that the Active Duty may need. So we are asking that you to please response to the letter as soonas possible.

NOTE

You do not have to worry the IRS will not be allowed to make copies of your record, nor will the Association share/give it with anyone else.

The IRS will only be allowed to look at themand that is all they will be allowed to do.

If you have questions please call the Treasurer Ron Rath at 919-803-4554 or e-mail him at

rrath@nc.rr.com

504 PIR ASSOCIATION ITEMS THAT ARE FOR SALE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION TREASURER

	Item	Qty	cost
1	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	1	\$1.00
2	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	3	\$2.50
3	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	5	\$3.50
4	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	7	\$4.25
5	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	10	\$5.50
6	504 Pir Association note cards in color w/envelopes	10	\$7.75
7	504 Pir Association note cards in color w/envelopes	15	\$12.25
8	504 Pir Association note cards in color w/envelopes	25	\$17.75
9	1" 504 PIR Association envelope decals stickers in color	25	\$1.50
10	Replacement 504 PIR Association Life membership certificate in color W/Assn seal	1	\$5.00
11	Watch with 504 PIR Association logo in color, Citizen Quartz, gold in color, 5 year limit warranty from company. Price includes shipping & insurance	1	\$145.00

****ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE THE SHIPPING****

JUST SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE 504 PIR ASSOCIATION ALONG WITH A LIST OF WHAT YOU ARE ORDERING TO; 504 PIR ASSOCIATION, INC, 22 CLUB HILLS DRIVE, GARNER, NC 27529. SORRY NO CREDIT CARD OR PHONE ORDERS

FROM THE 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM GIFT SHOP They would like to let you know that they can supply most Military items that you may want. They may even go to the clothing sales or General Jackson's in Fayetteville for items [For a small added fee of course]. Please contact them at; P.O. Box 70119, Fort Bragg, NC 28307-0119 or (1-910) 436-1735. And yes they take Credit Cards.



DEVIL DINNER REGISTRATION

Sign up now for the 39th Annual Devil Dinner

13 August 2016

We encourage and Welcome all former and current Devils to join us for an enjoyable evening of fun, fellowship and good food at our 39th Annual Devil Dinner. This year's dinner will be Thursday, August 11, 2016, located in the Crown Plaza Louisville Airport, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209. Social hour @ 1700, Dinner @ 1800.

You have a choice of one of two entrees. (1) **Chicken Fettucini with Alfredo Sauce**, Broccoli Crowner, or, (2) **Pork Loin with Cinnamon Apples**, mashed potatoes and Chef's choice of Vegetable.

All selections served with a garden salad, freshly brewed coffee, herbal teas, warm rolls and butter, and chef's choice of dessert. A bottle of Red and White wines will be at each table for toasts and your dining pleasure.

For all registrations postmarked July 4th or earlier, the cost for the dinner is \$40.00 per person. Registrations postmarked after July 4, 2016 will be \$45.00 per person. Please complete the form below and mail to: Robert A. Stonerock, 8955 Black Run Road, Nashport, OH 43830-9499 with your check or money order made payable to: 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association. Dress code will be casual: No shorts, tank tops, or bare feet please.

COL Colin Tulley, Commander of the 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment is the featured dinner speaker. Your Association Officers and Fellow Troopers look forward to seeing you at this 39th Annual Devil Dinner. As in the past, we offer you the opportunity to sponsor an active duty trooper for the dinner. This option is shown on registration form. Please complete the form below, enclose your check, and plan to be in attendance. Please plan to pick up your tickets in the 504 PIR Hospitality Room or at the 504 PIR General Membership meeting.

STRIKE HOLD!

Robert A. Stonerock

Devil Dinner Chairman

504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association

8955 Black Run Road Telephone: (740) 624-5850

Nashport, Ohio 43830-9499 e-mail: strikehold504inf@MSN.com

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (___) _____ - _____

PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENTRÉE REQUESTED @ \$40.00 EACH (\$45.00 if postmarked after July 4, 2016.)

#1 – Chicken Fettucini

#2 – Pork Loin

WINE PREFERENCE FOR TOASTS: _____ Red _____ White _____ Sweet _____ Dry

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR # _____ ACTIVE DUTY TROOPER(S) TO THE DEVIL DINNER.

COMMENTS _____

Roy Hanna

This January, 1st Brigade Combat Team had the honor and privilege to receive CPT (Ret) Roy Hanna, WWII veteran and original member of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), in the Headquarters Building. He was accompanied by Tyler Fox, a college student who has a passion for the 504th PIR and all the Veterans that have shape the history of the 504th PIR 82nd ABN DIV.

Roy Hanna was assigned as Assistant Platoon Leader of the 3rd BN Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 504th PIR on 13 April 1942. Shortly after, the 504th was designated as a Regiment, before the 82nd became an Airborne outfit. June of that same year, he deployed with the 504th PIR to Casablanca, Morocco in preparation for combat operations.

June 9, 1943, Roy Hanna made his first combat jump into Sicily at 2300 hours. As a 2nd Lieutenant, Roy Hanna wrote the following describing his first combat jump:

MY FIRST COMBAT JUMP

BY 2ND LT. ROY M. HANNA

Preface: My overseas experiences began when we arrived in the harbor of Casablanca, Moroccan North Africa on 10 May 1943. I was a 2nd Lieutenant and the Assistant Platoon Leader of the Machine Gun Platoon of the 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Infantry Division. After a few days in the area of Casablanca we moved by truck to the area of Oujda, Algeria for more training that included some day and night parachute jumps and night maneuvers. From here we moved by truck to the dessert area of Kairouan, Tunisia, our point of departure for the invasion of Sicily.

Early in the day of July 9, 1943 we received our assignment for the jump into Sicily: The **505th** Parachute Regiment reinforces with the addition of the **3rd Battalion (my unit)** of the **504th** Parachute Regiment was scheduled to jump into Sicily at 2300 hours (11:00 P.M.) inland from the coastal town of Gela. The main invasion forces were to hit the coast at 0700 hour early the next morning. Our assigned mission was to block off highway intersections leading to the coast, secure a small airfield, and generally disrupt the enemy communications.

Late in the evening of July 9th approximately 2,000 paratroopers with full combat gear loaded on about 145 C-47s (DC3s) troop carrier planes and headed out over the Mediterranean Sea. We knew our mission but had no idea that our flight plan was to fly over the coastal town of Gela that was occupied by the enemy that naturally had plenty of anti-aircraft guns. This resulted in not only the shooting down of several of our planes, but also disrupting the entire plan of the mission by scattering paratroopers all over a seventy mile area.

In combat we jumped at an altitude of 500 feet, and so I assume, we were flying at an altitude of less than 1,000 feet and at a speed of around 100 miles per hour as we approached the enemy held town of Gela. We had already received the red light indicating that we were ten minutes before jump time. I was the jumpmaster standing in the open door of the plane with my men standing up behind me ready to jump. And, as any dummy should have anticipated, the enemy anti-aircraft guns began firing as we approached the coast. I helplessly stood in the door and watched planes full of paratroopers being shot out of the air like clay pigeons and watching tracers and flack going all around our plane. Fortunately, nothing hit our plane that I was aware of.

Our pilot put the plane in such a steep climb that I had to hang on to the side of the doorframe to keep from falling out. After a short time we got the green light signaling us to jump and out we went. The highest jump that I ever made, my guess would be well over 2,500 feet. Our parachutes were designed to open immediately, and so we drifted around up there like feathers in a breeze.