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The Currahee!

The Newsletter of
The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association
Airmobile - Air Assault

Our Motto: We Stand Together - Then, Now, and Always

Chairman's Message – January 2006

Another year has passed into history with the service and sacrifice of the current Currahees in Iraq. The re-flagging of the 506th under the 4th BCT with the 101st represents a return home to the Screaming Eagles and the expansion of many of the support efforts of the Association.

The Association has supported the troops with the Packages project and begun the process of providing for families with the establishment of the Widows and Orphans fund and the Scholarship fund. In the same spirit of support, an Association Flag was presented to the family of SSG Thor Ingraham, a 506th casualty of the Iraq war.

Veterans also showed their continued commitment to today's men and women of the 506th by participating in the Re-flagging Ceremony at Fort Campbell and presenting Association Flags to the Unit Commanders. The new Currahee Commanders and Troops provided a warm welcome to the Veterans and honored one of our own, **CSM(R) Herman L. Trent**, with the dedication of the new Marksmanship Facility at Ft. Campbell.

2006 is likely to be a significant year in the history of the organization. Since its inception in 1996, a few people have dedicated countless hours to building the organization. The Reunion this year will be important not only as an opportunity of getting together, but also because important decisions will have to be made with respect to the election of new directors and officers. This will also be our opportunity to develop a renewed energy and commitment to the growth of the organization.

We have been fortunate that some have volunteered so much in the way of time and effort to achieve so much with so little. Officer Nominations and Elections will be especially significant this year because the Bylaws prohibit any director or officer from serving on the Board or as an Officer for more than three 2-year terms. It has been proposed that a resolution be submitted to the members to change the Bylaws to allow some, like the Treasurer to continue to serve. An equally important issue is the need to have new volunteers step forward to become involved in growing the Association. So, it is important that you attend, whether you are a new or a renewing member.

Speaking of renewing, don't forget to **show your commitment to the Association by sending in your 2006 dues and maybe a little extra**. And encourage your friends to do the same. Even while the Association has continued to grow and take on new responsibilities, funding of operations to support new efforts continues to be a challenge. We have resisted the urge to increase dues, but have had to limit such items as the number of newsletters in order to stretch the available cash. Added cash contributions by members, profits from the sale of Quartermaster items, and limiting our communications costs have enabled us to maintain, but not grow our operational cash resources. We need to grow the membership and expand our efforts to raise additional funds in order to maintain and expand our support efforts.

Remember our Motto: *We Stand Together – Then, Now and Always.*

Currahee,
Michael J. Metzger
Chairman

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CURRAHEES
Membership Dues for 2006 are Payable January 31st, 2006
HELP SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION BY PAYING YOUR DUES



2006 Currahee Reunion

Mark your calendar and start making plans to attend the 2006 Currahee Reunion. Reunion events include a Regimental Picnic, Currahee Memorial Dinner, Currahee Veterans Memorial Jump and Picnic, Association General Membership Meeting, and Reunion Hospitality/Display Rooms. Contact (phone, eMail, etc.) the Currahee veterans that you served with in the 506th so that you can get a group together for unit activities/dinners during the free time scheduled for Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday evenings. Many of the Currahees who fought in Iraq, 2004-2005, in the 1st BN, 506th, 2nd BCT, 2nd Infantry Division are still stationed at Fort Carson, CO. They were reflagged as the 2nd BN, 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, and this will be an opportunity for Currahee veterans of all eras to meet these active-duty soldiers and show them our support.

Headquarters for the 2006 Currahee Reunion will be the

Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel

2886 South Circle Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Phone: 719-576-5900

Special reunion room rate: \$78.00 + 7.33 tax = \$85.33

This hotel has 500 rooms and is located in very close walking distance to a number of eateries, a shopping mall, a large sixteen theater movie complex and a short drive to many of the major sites/attractions found in the area.

NOTE: stop by the 506th Association Welcome Table to pick up welcome packets; reunion name tags; tickets for the picnics and the Memorial Dinner; register late for the reunion; pay your Association membership dues; and/or check your listing in the 2006 Association Roster.

In addition to the headquarters hotel, right next door is a Super 8 Motel located at 2850 South Circle Drive with rooms at a published rate of \$39.00 - \$49.00 or \$42.67 - \$53.61 after tax for those seeking less expensive rooms.

Reunion Planning Committee Co-Chairmen:

MAJ John T. Duckett (Tom) - B Co, 1-506th (1971), duckett@culver.org

James M. Nemeth (Jim) - B Co, 3-506th (1970), jmn@earthlink.net

Anyone willing to help out and serve on the Reunion Planning Committee please contact Tom or Jim and let them know that you want to help make this the best Currahee Reunion ever!

Arrive early before the reunion or take advantage of the free time in the Reunion Schedule to visit some of the more than 50 major attractions in the Colorado Springs area. Attractions closer to the reunion hotel include (mileage is the distance from the reunion hotel if you choose to see these attractions on your own):

Ghost Town Museum - 5.0 miles

Downtown Colorado Springs - 5.0 miles

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo - 5.0 miles

Old Colorado City Street Mall - 5.0 miles

Van Briggle Pottery - 5.0 miles

Garden of the Gods - 8.0 miles

Miramont Castle - 8.0 miles

Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museums and Preserve - 8.0 miles

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- Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame - 9.0 miles
- Bear Creek Nature Center - 10.0 miles
- Flying W Ranch - 10.0 miles
- Cave of the Winds - 12.0 miles
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway - 12.0 miles
- Pikes Peak Highway - 16.0 miles
- US Air Force Academy - 18.0 miles

More information about the Colorado Springs area can be found on-line at <http://www.coloradosprings.com> .

Also, the following tours are available on Wednesday, May 17 (morning, afternoon, or full day) and Friday, May 19 (8:30am-3:30pm):

- Garden of the Gods
- Visiting the Region (US Air Force Academy - Garden of the Gods - Old Colorado City)
- Olympic Training Center
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway
- Royal Gorge Bridge
- Victorian Home Tour
- A Visit to the Foothills (Broadmoor Neighborhood - Cheyenne Canyon - Seven Falls)
- Rock of Ages Tour (Garden of the Gods - Cave of the Winds)
- Leisurely Shopping Tour (Old Colorado City - The Chapell Hills Mall - The Shops at Briargate)

If you are interested in participating in any of these tours, contact Reunion Planning Committee Co-Chairman Tom Duckett at duckett@culver.org or (H) 574-935-3292 or (W) 574-842-8288.

Please make your hotel reservations and send in your Reunion Registration Form before May 1, 2006 so that we can provide the caterers with the headcounts for each of the picnics and the dinner.

Included in this newsletter is a complete Schedule of Events (on page 4) and a Reunion Registration Form (on page 5)

Web Site News

In the past year the web site has grown with the Association. We made many changes including our URL, we are now found at

www.506infantry.org. Since the spring of 2005 our web site has been hosted by Axxess, and Currahee Jim Restucci. Jim served with A Company and HHC in Korea in 1993 and 1994. He continues to serve the 506th as the CEO of Axxess. Since Jim's company has taken over hosting our site we have increased our monthly bandwidth to 20 GB. Our content space has increased to 800 MB which contains approximately 3,000 pages of information, documents and images from our history. With a cadre of volunteers it is nice to have a professional like Jim to keep us straight between the bits and bytes. Thanks, Jim. Stands Alone!



Jim Restucci

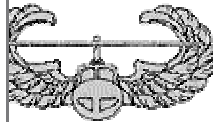
We have welcomed home the 2nd ID Currahees from Iraq, watched the re-flagging of the 1st and 2nd Battalions as the 4th Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division and watched them leave for Iraq. Visit the web site and read the history of the Currahees from World War II to today. We have 9 eras documented and continue to add photo's and documents to our history section.

You can support today's Currahees by making an on-line donation to the 2006 Currahee Package Project, our new Widows & Orphans Relief Fund, or the Scholarship Fund. Currahees do Stand Alone Together, Then and Now.

Our Memorial section is 99% complete as we continue to receive information from members identifying those Currahees who are not listed due to incomplete or inaccurate records. Our biggest problem with unit identification for those killed in action rests with medics or speciality assignments such as Forward Observers, interpreters and scouts who were actually members of other units, not the 506th, at the time of death. We try to use first person accounts to clarify mistakes in official records.

The Official Records section contains 1,500 pages of official documents. These documents are from World War II and the Vietnam eras. Most of the documents come from the National Archives but some have been provided by Currahees or their family members.

If you would like to help the web site committee with your skills, drop a note to Bruce Moore (TheMOE_A1506@msn.com) or Mike Bookser (mbookser@earthlink.net) and tell them what you can do. We can always use help.



**2006 Currahee Reunion
Schedule of Events
Colorado Springs, CO
17 to 21 May 2006**



Wednesday, 17 May

- All Day: Reunion Registration at the 506th Association Welcome Table in the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel
- All Day: See the sights and attractions of Colorado Springs (on your own or morning/afternoon/full-day tours available)
- 1300-1700: Hospitality/Display Room Open
- 1300-1700: Unit Gatherings/Meetings/Social Hours/Personal Time

Thursday, 18 May

- 1000-1730: Regimental Picnic at Iron Horse Park, Fort Carson, CO (Theme: "Sharing with the Troops")
- 1000-1700: Reunion Registration at the Picnic site
- TE: Association Board of Directors Meeting
- 1700-1700: Unit Gatherings/Meetings/Social Hours/Personal Time
- 1700-1700: Hospitality/Display Room Open

Friday, 19 May

- All Day: Reunion Registration at the 506th Association Welcome Table in the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel
- 0830-1500: Ground training for Static Line jumpers at the Calhan Airport Drop Zone
- 0830-1500: USPA Current/Licensed Jumpers Jump -- Demo practice (if Aircraft are available)
- 0830-1530: For non-jumpers and family members, see the sights and attractions of Colorado Springs (on your own or 8:30am-3:30pm tours available)
- 1600-1730: General Association Membership Meeting at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel
- 1800-1900: Regimental Happy Hour (cash bar)
- 1900-2100: Regimental Dining Out (Currahee Memorial Dinner) at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel; Dress -- Civilian: Coat and Tie; Military: Class A. Dinner Speaker: COL David L. Clark, Commander, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, May 2002-Sep 2005
- 2100-until: Hospitality/Display Room Open

Saturday, 20 May

- 0830-0900: Memorial Ceremony and Demo Jump at the Calhan Airport Drop Zone
- 0915: First Static Line Stick -- Wheels Up
- 0915-until: Sticks jump all day
- 1130-1330: Catered Picnic at the Calhan Airport Drop Zone (Ground/Air Demos)
- Last Stick: On "wheels up" last lift: Beer Call (Ground/Air Demos)
- 1745-until: Unit Gatherings/Meetings/Social Hours/Personal Time
- 1745-until: Hospitality/Display Room Open

Sunday, 21 May

- 0700-until: Breakfast with Currahees
- TBD: Departure

2006 Currahee Reunion Registration Form

May 17-20, 2006 – Colorado Springs, CO

THIS REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2006

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **eMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

NAMES OF SPOUSE/GUEST(S) ATTENDING THE REUNION: _____

REUNION ACTIVITY	# OF PERSONS	\$ PER PERSON	TOTAL
Registration Fee (received before May 1, 2006)	#	\$10.00	\$
Late Registration Fee (at Reunion)	#	\$15.00	\$
WEDNESDAY, May 17			
Registration at Welcome Table (all day)	--	--	--
Hospitality/Display Room (afternoon & evening)	N/A	N/A	FREE
See the local attractions on your own OR Morning/afternoon/full-day tours available	-- Contact Tom Duckett at	-- jduckett@hoosierlink.net	-- or 574-842-8288
Squad, Platoon or Company Dinners (evening)	on your own	N/A	N/A
THURSDAY, May 18			
Regimental Picnic at Iron Horse Park, Fort Carson (10 am-5:30 pm)	#	\$12.50	\$
Hospitality/Display Room (after picnic)	N/A	N/A	FREE
Squad, Platoon or Company Dinners (evening)	on your own	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY, May 19			
See the local attractions on your own OR 8:30am-3:30pm tours available	-- Contact Tom Duckett at	-- jduckett@hoosierlink.net	-- or 574-842-8288
General Membership Meeting (4 pm-5:30pm)	Association Members	N/A	N/A
Cocktail Hour (6 pm-7pm)	Beef # _____	<i>(cash bar)</i> \$28/adult \$14/child (under 12)	\$
Currahee Memorial Dinner (7pm-9 pm)	Chicken # _____		
	Fish # _____		
	Child's Meal # _____		
NOTE: SELECT YOUR ENTREES			
Hospitality/Display Room (after dinner)	N/A	N/A	FREE
SATURDAY, May 20			
Currahee Veterans Memorial Jump 2006	Contact Jim Nemeth at	jmn15@earthlink.net	or 970-215-0669
Catered Picnic at the Calhan Airport Drop Zone (11:30 am-1:30 pm)	#	\$12.50	\$
Squad, Platoon or Company Dinners (evening)	on your own	N/A	N/A
Hospitality/Display Room (evening)	N/A	N/A	FREE
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$

Make your check payable to: *The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile – Air Assault)*

Mail this form and your check to: Hoyt Bruce Moore, III, 4126 Cole Way, San Diego, CA 92117-1123

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations and refund requests must be made via phone (858-274-4317) or eMail (TheMOE_A1506@msn.com) no later than May 1, 2006.

HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR ACTIVE DUTY CURRAHEES

BY Alfred [Fred] May A Co, 1st BN, 1970 - 1971

The Association is proud to announce the establishment of a Widows and Orphans relief fund. Association member and 2nd Infantry Division Korean Veteran Thomas G. Lee was the driving force behind the establishment of this fund.

Mr. Lee realized the need for such a fund after finding out that the Currahees were in Iraq and taking casualties during their first deployment. In addition to assisting widows and orphans the fund will also aid wounded soldiers and their families.

The Association has set up a committee to oversee the operation of this fund. Complete information regarding the awarding of money and makeup of the committee is available on the Association web site www.506Infantry.org. Just click on the SCHOLARSHIP & SPECIAL PROJECTS button. Basic information regarding applying for assistance is listed at the end of this article.

As with any other charitable fund, donations are needed in order to keep the fund afloat without depleting its resources. Please consider donating to this fund so that the families and soldiers of the 506th Infantry can be aided in their time of need. Donations may be made by filling out the Fund Donation Form located in this Newsletter.

NOTE: The IRS has recognized the 506th Association as a War Veterans Organization under section 501(c)(19), so donors making contributions to the Association can deduct such donations on their personal or corporate tax filings. For exemption/deduction purposes, the 506th Association Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-2088108.

Widows and Orphans Relief Fund

Established by Thomas G. Lee

1. Purpose: To provide financial assistance to widows, widowers, spouses and children of Currahees killed in action, missing in action, or wounded in action.
2. Eligibility Requirements:
 - a. The recipient's parent or spouse must have served with the 506th Infantry Regiment or a supporting unit as defined in the Association by-laws .
 - b. The recipient's parent or spouse must be listed as killed in action, missing in action or wounded in action.
3. Application Procedure:
 - a. No formal application form is used.
 - b. A third party may nominate someone for an award.
 - c. The application shall consist of a typed letter in which the applicant will discuss the following subjects:
 - i. The name, rank, service number and unit of the KIA/MIA/WIA.
 - ii. The family relationship of the recipient to the KIA/MIA/WIA.
 - iii. Financial need of the recipient.
 - iv. Any subject the applicant considers relevant

The application and documentation shall be mailed to:

The 506th Infantry Regiment Association Widows and Orphans Fund
c/o Alfred May
30 Sweetman Lane
West Milford, NJ 07480-2933

4. Required Documentation: Some form of written proof of paragraph 2a or a written statement explaining why such proof cannot be sent. Do not send original documents, as they cannot be returned. Photocopies of these documents will be accepted.
5. Helpful, but Not Required, Documentation:

A statement from the applicant, detailing how family income or circumstances has kept the applicant from achieving his/her goals. Any other information the applicant considers relevant.
6. Criteria Used for Awarding Assistance from the Widows and Orphans Fund: Financial need

Last Roll Call:

Tom "TC" Manbeck, C Co, 2nd BN, VN, died 05/25/04
Steve Kapopoulos, D Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR WWII, died 2004
Paul F. Flynn, CSF/LRRP, 3rd BN, VN, died 2004
Paul E. Lamoureux, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died 01/15/05
Charles David Strickland, D Co, 2nd BN, VN, died 01/21/05
John W. Martin, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died 01/26/05
Michael L. Boles, B Co, 2nd BN, VN, died 03/06/05
Dennis W. Patton, E Co, 1st ABG; B Co, 2nd BN ABN INF; died Nov 2004

Samuel S. Snobar, G Co, 3rd BN, 506th PIR WWII; died 04/17/05
Richard W. Belding, A Co, 1st ABG; died 04/17/05
Daniel B. West, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR WWII; died 05/15/05
Raymond E. Calandrella, HQ, 3rd BN, 506th PIR WWII; died 07/08/05
Robert K. Marsh, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR WWII; died 07/30/05
Michael E. Sullivan, C/E Co (Mortars), 3rd BN, VN; died 08/05/05
Antonio Garcia, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR WWII; died 08/15/05
Frank L. Huddleston, C Co, 1st ABG; died 2005
LTG(R) Elvy B. Roberts, HHC, 1st ABG; died 10/11/05

The 506th Association Announces its Inaugural Call for College Scholarship Applications

By Alfred [Fred] May, A Company, 1st Bn - 70-71

After years of planning the Association is proud to announce a college scholarship just for Currahees and their families. The idea for the scholarship and its initial source of funding came from SFC(R) Joseph F. Foster HHC, 2nd Bn - 69-70.

The amount awarded will be \$500 and may be used to provide financial assistance to students attending undergraduate or graduate programs at colleges and universities in the United States of America.

The opening date for applications is January 1, 2006. The last date an application will be accepted is April 30, 2006. A three member committee made up of Association members will decide on the winner and that person will be notified by May 30, 2006. Actual payment of the award will be made directly to the appropriate Institution when bills for the Fall 2006 semester become due.

Procedures to apply for the scholarship are listed below. Further information is available at the Association web site www.506infantry.org Any questions regarding the scholarship may be directed to Alfred [Fred] May who may be reached by email at alfredmay@aol.com

In order to insure that this scholarship continues, the Association is requesting donations to the Scholarship fund. All donations are fully tax deductible and may be made using the Fund Donation Form found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault) College Scholarship

Established by Joseph F. Foster and Melissa D. Snock

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant or the applicant's parent, grandparent, spouse, or sibling must have served with the 506th Infantry.
- The applicant must be accepted at or already attending the Institution to which this scholarship money will be sent.

Application Procedure:

No formal application form is used.

The application shall consist of a typed letter in which the applicant will discuss the following subjects:

Personal achievements

- Career objectives
- Any subject the applicant considers relevant

The application and documentation shall be mailed between January 1 and April 30 to

The 506th Scholarship Committee
c/o Alfred May
30 Sweetman Lane
West Milford, NJ 07480-2933

Required Documentation:

- Some form of written proof documenting the family relationship of the applicant to the veteran of the 506th Infantry. If proof cannot be provided a written statement explaining why such proof cannot be obtained must be included in the application.
- A High School Transcript if the applicant has not completed one year of College. If the applicant has completed one year of College, a College Transcript is required in lieu of a High School Transcript.
- Some form of written proof of college acceptance.

*Do not send original documents, as they cannot be returned.
Photocopies of these documents will be accepted.*

Helpful, but Not Required, Documentation:

- A photocopy of the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR), containing the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number.
- A photo copy of the Financial Aid Package Letter from the Institution the applicant will attend.
- A statement from the applicant, detailing how family income or circumstances has kept the applicant from receiving
- other scholarship, grant, or loan funds.

Any other information the applicant considers relevant.

Criteria Used for Awarding the 506th Infantry Scholarship:

- Overall academic excellence of the applicant
- Financial need
- Quality of the Institution the applicant has chosen to attend.

Requirements for the Scholarship Winner:

- Provide the name, address, and telephone number for a contact person at the Institution the winner will attend who
- will be responsible for receiving the Scholarship check.
- Agree to have their name and hometown released for publication in any way the committee sees fit.
- Write a thank-you letter to the 506th Association, which may be published in The Currahee newsletter and/or on the Association web site.



*Editor's Note: the active-duty soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division created a CD yearbook which contained a definitive photo history of their experiences in Iraq, August 2004-July 2005. Much of this yearbook is accessible on the 506th Association web site www.506infantry.org by clicking on the **Photographs and History** white link button, then selecting **Air Assault, Republic of Iraq**. The yearbook can be found under both **Photographs** and **Memorabilia**. COL David L. Clark was commander of Task Force 506th, and his Letter to the Battalion is included in the 2004-2005 Currahee Yearbook.*

Battalion Commander's Letter to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division



As I sit down to write this letter for the yearbook I am overcome with all that has happened this past year in Iraq. Words cannot describe how proud I am of your many accomplishments and the great sacrifices you have endured for your country and for the people of Iraq this past year. Through great turbulence, danger and uncertainty you have risen to every challenge, held together, accomplishing every mission and have earned the reputation and honor of truly being a Band of Brothers.

First I would like to thank the battalion signal officer, CPT Keith Kelly, who, with company and section representatives, put this yearbook together and it is a "keeper". It is a collection of memories captured in the written word, a gazillion pictures and some music. The pages of this keepsake reflect the 12 months TF Currahee spent in Kuwait and Iraq and there are some articles and pictures of our time in Korea as well. As I looked at each section of this yearbook it took me back and caused me to think about where we have been and what we have accomplished. As you all know, we have certainly been through a lot and our accomplishments are many.

Despite the fact that we were already forward deployed on the DMZ in Korea, we were called to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was our turn to go, and off we went. Without much preparatory time and with little time to say goodbye to family and friends and to tie up loose ends in our lives, we set off on this great adventure. After a brief acclimatization and training period in Kuwait we found ourselves at Camp Habbaniyah in the heart of the Sunni Triangle in Al Anbar Province. A pretty tough place, and we were soon in the thick of things.

We deployed to this hostile place to make a difference. It has indeed been a tough year, but a year that history will determine to have been a successful one. During our time here the insurgency was at its peak. But due to our efforts and those of the units on our flanks, the insurgency has lost momentum and popular support. The insurgent stronghold of Fallujah fell in November with the help of Apache Tank and C/44 EN who each contributed a platoon of combat power to that important fight. All across AO Currahee we defeated insurgent attacks and killed or captured countless terrorists and policed up their caches. Iraq held their first free election in 50 years and we facilitated the democratic process by securing two polling sites; one of which had more votes and more women voters than any other site in the province.

Our many successful operations through the winter kept enemy activity down. We stood down the very unsuccessful and corrupt Iraqi National Guard units in our area and stood up the Iraqi 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division as our partner unit

whom we have conducted very successful combined operations with for over four months.

In a year's time we conducted over 60 task force level missions and hundreds of company and platoon missions. We have captured tons of weapons, ammunition and bomb making material and sent over 500 bad guys to Abu Graib prison. We have helped build schools and provided school supplies to needy kids. We have upgraded water purification plants that provide water to thousands of people. We provided much needed food and sundries to refugees from Fallujah. We cleaned up the highway, drained standing sewage, filled in huge IED holes, removed trash, stocked clinics with basic medical supplies, and handed out hundreds of soccer balls and candy to thankful kids. Through it all, we guarded our FOB, the ASP and East Camp, and kept Route Michigan open for military operations and civilian commerce through the endless and dangerous grind of Mad Max missions.

As we hand AO Currahee off to our brothers from Pennsylvania, the Panthers of Task Force 1-110th Infantry, we do so knowing that this is a better place than it was when we found it last August. That is because of you and your dedicated service; service to your country, service to your fellow Soldiers who stood and fought by your side, and service to the people of Iraq who have not known peace and freedom and who would not be able to achieve them otherwise. Through the searing heat and dust of summer, the cold of winter, hundreds of attacks by IEDs, snipers, small arms, RPGs, SVBIEDs, VBIEDs, rockets and mortars, you have endured every hardship and successfully accomplished all missions.

Over time, as you look back through this yearbook, I hope you will reflect with pride on your important service. Our Currahee brothers of wars long since past are a proud reminder of our heritage and you have contributed significantly to the great name and reputation of the regiment through your actions in Iraq. Please remember the great Soldiers lost here, their sacrifice, and the hardships their families face. We must never forget them. As we all now know, freedom is not free and the cost is dear.

I am proud to be counted among you as a Currahee and it has been a great honor and a humbling experience to serve with such proud, tough, and professional Soldiers. Best wishes to you all in your future endeavors and journeys, and thank you for your dedicated and courageous service -- you have made a difference here. Stands Alone!

COL David L. Clark
Task Force Commander

Notes from the Reflagging Ceremony

Chris Garrett, 2nd Battalion Reporter

Buford Byers, Don Thies and I were able to represent Bravo Co 2/506 1970-1971 at the Reactivation Ceremony to bring the Currahees back into the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). About 60 former Currahees showed up at the hospitality room of the Holiday Inn Express in Oak Grove KY Oct 12th for the reactivation ceremonies the next day. Some of the local Clarksville TN Currahee vets did a good job of catering the hospitality room with food and beer. From Camp Toccoa thru WW2, Vietnam, Korea and right up to Iraq, we were all gathered to witness this special day. All evening active duty soldiers showed up to meet us old timers and maybe glean some wisdom from us. The next day Buford Byers and I drove out to the parade field and had the opportunity to talk to a young Major from HHC who was there to escort a former General for the event. I noted that his new Currahee pins looked pretty awesome and he told me that they were not official until after the ceremony and all the officers that morning decided to jump the gun on the dress code.

The activation ceremony went off like clockwork and I was sure glad that I had a nice comfortable chair under the awning in the VIP section. You have to remember I was an E-4 grunt in the Army and used to standing at attention in the sun. That afternoon we gave out flags to all the infantry line companies to carry with them as they venture into the future. I had to leave early but Buford and Don were able to give a Currahee flag to B Company 2/506 and Buford says he was very much moved.

This past summer Allen Boyd, Democratic Congressman from the 2nd District FL and my former 1st LT and I hosted a get together of B-Co 2/506 70-71 to honor one of our fallen comrades. Sp4 Gilbert Ruff was KIA Feb 23rd 1971 and we were able to show our respects 34 years later. Twelve of us veterans



photo by PFC David Ondik, courtesy of the US Army

(L-R): CSM Michael R. Wagoner [HHC, 4th BCT (BCT CSM)] and COL Thomas D. Vail [HHC, 4th BCT (BCT CO)] uncased the 506th Infantry Regimental Colors during the 506th Regimental Combat Team Reactivation Ceremony on the Parade Field at Fort Campbell, KY, October 13, 2005. During the ceremony, the Regimental Flags of the 1st Battalion, 506th RCT and 2nd Battalion, 506th RCT were also uncased.

and significants were able to parlay with 12 Gold Star family members in St Louis MO this past August 2205. This Email I got from Mark Wissel pretty much sums up why I keep working on these reunions:

Chris: It was so great to see you and Beverly again. That was such a neat weekend. It took me several days for everything to sink in and settle within my mind and soul. It was amazing to feel that bond we all created energized and alive again. I doubt that I will miss another reunion outside the unforeseen. Thank you both for your persistent encouragement to attend one of these occasions. The mutual respect and sense of comfort I had all weekend actually made for one of the most relaxing weekends I have had for awhile. It was really amazing to see the bond the wives formed and how well all of them get along. Sandy thoroughly enjoyed herself. Mark

On a lighter note I had the good fortune to sit down with Al Franken just days before he shipped out to the Mideast war zones for his USO tour that he has been doing for the troops for the 4th year in a row. Al Franken's 1st hour of his radio show that he does on AirAmericaradio.com can now be heard on AFRN. He had heard how hard I had worked over the last couple of years to bring his show to our home town of Duluth MN and wanted to thank me. A very good man and a shining beacon for our future. I told him to keep a look out for the screaming eagle patch so if you saw or heard Al this past holiday USO tour send me an email and let me know what you think.

Notes from Active-Duty Currahees:

From CPT Justin A. Tice in Colorado Springs, CO:

To all the members of the Currahee Association: I would like to say thank you. The care packages and flags that you sent us in Iraq were awesome. I served as a platoon leader in Destroyer Company, 1-506th in both Al Khalidiyah and Ar Ramadi. The only bad part about our redeployment is the fact that we have to send our colors back to Ft. Campbell and be redesignated as another infantry unit. The Currahees who went from Korea to Iraq are -extremely- proud of being Currahees. It's heartbreaking to have to stop calling yourself a Currahee and adopt another unit's history, but at least the 506th Colors aren't being folded. I know my men and I will all miss being able to sound off with "Stands Alone!" and "Currahee!" here on Fort Carson. Thanks again for all the support while we were over in Iraq and don't forget - just because we wore the 2ID patch doesn't mean we weren't Currahees through-and-through. Stands Alone!
eMail: currahee-pitbull6@hotmail.com



3rd Battalion Notes

By James Nemeth

This column will largely be about the upcoming 506th 2006 Reunion and the concurrent 506th Memorial Jump; first some news and a common person's view point on the proliferation of 3rd Battalion representation and reunions.

There is a new web site for 3rd Battalion of the 506th and new organization, by new I mean additional, some 3/506ers dissatisfied with the other 3rd BN site got together and are putting together a very nice place to learn about the 3rd Battalion. Check it out at: <http://www.currahee3-506.org/index.htm>. If you remember the 3rd was a task force assigned as needed in critical areas, unattached from the 101st and the rest of the 506th they had their own artillery, engineers, assault helicopter company and other support. They were also the only unit of the 101st to enter Cambodia during the 1970 spring offensive, at great cost. The new site promises to make history and historical documents available to all. Considering that history maybe there is a need for two sites to get it all online.

Welcome to the choices. I should say chaos, conflict or some other noun, yet to me it is a nightmare of choices, at least a bit of one. My hope in finding old friends from the war was to reconnect with all the bitter sweetness of those intense days of my youth. I assumed, I thought naturally, that at least here there would be a meeting of minds on common ground. Being no fool to life I know it is not a perfect world, but oh those bonds of blood should hold true, I looked for one sanctuary. Now, today, we have a dilemma, there are now three organizations where former members of the Third Battalion of the 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment can hang their hats. I don't think any of us really see the sense in that or can fully participate in all three and most of us have friends in all three organizations. That makes it tough and I know each organization has its agenda but I can't help but feel that all that energy under one roof would be tremendous and accomplish so much more. Maybe the 3rd Battalion not being reactivated alongside the rest of the Regiment is our punishment. I sure would like to see representatives of all three 3rd Battalion organizations get together and work this out. Too bad after all these years I am now a realist; but about those old blood ties I still hold out hope.

The 2006 506th Reunion, dates printed else where in this newsletter, is going to be an exceptional opportunity, an adventure and be the first chance most of us will have to meet and shake hands with dyed in Infantry Blue 506th Iraq veterans, hundreds of them. The picnic at Fort Carson will be hand in hand with the 1st Battalion of the 506th (formerly attached to the 2nd ID) Iraq veterans and their families. I can't begin to describe how that makes me feel. Many of us had no homecoming, cast back as we were, we could now easily excuse just not be there for others returning from overseas, yet there is a higher self in each of us that can help those men bridge back with just a hand shake and a knowing look. Come be with them, they are among the proudest of the Currahees and the first in over thirty years to add battle streamers to the Regimental flag.

The 2006th 506th Memorial Jump, May 19th and 20th, will be exciting and have something for everyone, young and old will be thrilled. This Jump is to honor those 506ers that have fallen in battle and left us to carry on as they would. We are gear-

ing up to make this the biggest Jump yet. Training day is the 19th and The Memorial Jump will be held on the Saturday the 20th. In the works, all centered around the 506th Veterans static line jump, are lots of demonstration jumps: an American flag jump, a smoke jump, 101st parachute jumps, military style jumps, USPA demonstration jumps, the American Demonstration Jump Team is working on getting here and things look good - they do a WWII full combat reenactment round parachute drop from a C-47 - ; now get this: we are close to securing a C-47 for the veteran static line jumps, at an extra cost and some military round parachutes for properly trained 506ers to jump, regardless there will be a large aircraft to jump from, the plan is for battle reenactments both WWII and Vietnam, lots of military static displays, we are working on a Huey helicopter and a lot more: free beer for veterans, a great picnic lunch, overhead cover, seating and WWII and Gold Star Mother guests of honor. Jump and get a Memorial Jump Team T-shirt to impress your grandchildren. Help pass the torch, there is overwhelming desire on the part of the 506th Iraqi Veterans at Fort Carson to be there and jump alongside the other 506 veterans.

I would like to propose to all veterans and members of the 506th that during this upcoming reunion we share the legacy of the many generations of Currahees, from WWII thru Iraq. We are to have a picnic hosted on the Fort Carson military base and the number of former Currahees stationed there is in the hundreds, a great number of them plan to be there and show us around the modern military. The theme is about all Currahees because they share the same honor, duty and country; remember that together during this reunion. The Vietnam veterans will have a special bond with the Iraq veterans, as they face some of the same circumstances Vietnam veterans did; take the time to share some real wisdom as these young men step off into a world that will not always honor them.

I promise you a great reunion, the best Memorial Jump ever lots of respect from those you come in contact with and a fantastic location for you and your family; bring them all even the grandchildren. Colorado has endless things to see and do nearby. If you want to help, sign up for a jump or just talk feel free to give me a call at: 970 215 0669.

Currahee
James Nemeth 3/506 1970
jmn15@earthlink.net

Important Dates in 2006:

- January 31** – target date for paying 506th Association 2006 Membership Dues
- March 31** – cutoff date for including new/updated information into the 2006 Association Roster; expiration date for all Association memberships that have not been renewed for 2006
- May 15** – target mailing date for 2006 Membership Cards and Rosters to those who have paid their 2006 Membership Dues
- May 17-20** – 2006 Currahee Reunion, Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO
- May 20** – 2006 Currahee Memorial Jump, Calhan Airport, Calhan, CO
- September 15** – target mailing date for the September 2006 issue of The Currahee newsletter to those who have paid their 2006 Membership Dues

The Para-Dice Patch

By Ron Helwig



The 506th PIR Para-Dice (Pair-O-Dice) Pocket Patch design is attributed to Bill Donnan and/or Harold Donaghe (both from B Company, 1st BN, 506th PIR), who created it at Camp Toccoa, GA in the summer of 1942. Joe Witzerman (HQ, 2nd BN, 506th PIR) did the art work. Joe was later transferred to a special Army artist unit. The design consists of a diving eagle in front of a parachute canopy and a pair of dice, showing a "5" and a "6" and connected with a large black "0", signifying the 506 attacking from the sky. The Para-Dice patch was approved on April 20, 1943 and was worn on the left jacket pocket. However, since this was a regimental insignia, it was not an authorized patch once the 506th PIR was attached to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC, on June 1, 1943.

The Currahee Shield (consisting of six parachutes descending in front of Mount Currahee, with the motto "Currahee" below) was worn as a pin by the Currahees during WWII, and when the 101st was reactivated in 1956, it was a modernized version of the Currahee Shield (and not the Para-Dice patch) which was adopted as the official design for the Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia of the 506th Infantry Regiment.

During the 63-year history of the 506th, the Para-Dice design has been used on various 506th unit signs and newspapers, and the 2BCT, 2nd ID Currahees wore a desert-camouflaged version of the patch on the back of their caps while they were deployed in Iraq. Today's active-duty Currahees have incorporated the Para-Dice design, along with the Currahee Shield, in a monument in the new 506th Regimental Combat Team area of Fort Campbell, KY.

Para-Dice Patches and Currahee Shield Patches and Pins can be ordered from the 506th Association using the Decals-Pins-Patches Order Form on page 19 of this newsletter and from the Quartermaster Items for Sale section of the 506th Association web site www.506infantry.org



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Quartermaster / PX Sales Items

From The 506th Store.

First of all I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Ron Helwig. I served with B CO. 506th in the Airborne Battle Group era, 1960-1962.

I thank all of you who supported the store in the past year. This money help us with the general operating fund for the Association, and to buy the Currahee flags, we sent to 1st Battalion 506th Currahees of the 2nd Infantry Division in Iraq. We also presented flags to all the Company and Battalion Commanders, at the Reactivation of the 506th Currahees, back into the 101st Airborne Division. As funds become avertable, we will be adding new items. There for I am asking you to let me know what you would like to see here? My E-Mail address is rlhelwig@comcast.net.

We recently added a 26.5" X 18" Fire Support Base Map, 1 Corps, Vietnam: (DMZ, Quang Tri Province, and Thua Thiem Province). This map has been selling well. Get your order in early. Order forms for Quartermaster and for badges, decals and pins are on pages 17 and 18 of this newsletter

I want to wish every one a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Also I ask your Support and Prayers for All our active duty Currahees Brothers. Currahee!

Ron Helwig
Quartermaster

After action report—Alpha 1/506 reunion

John Lally A-1/506th, Vietnam 1970-71

“Ass-Kicking Alpha” – A Co, 1/506th to the uninitiated – got together in Howell, Michigan over the weekend of July 15-17 for the third reunion of the unit. Although most of the attendees were Vietnam-era vets, our reunion was graced with the presence of a few men from other eras including Don Burgett, one of the original World War II Currahees who jumped on D-Day and fought with the 101st through the end of the war.

More than two dozen Screaming Eagles and many of their wives or significant others answered the roll call Friday afternoon for a barbeque at Brian Heeg’s farm outside Howell. After a great meal of ribs, chicken and the fixin’s...plus a little liquid refreshment...we sat around, swapped lies and memories, remembered some funny times and a few not-so-funny ones, and generally had a great time. Special thanks to Brian for the demonstration of artificial insemination of his prize cow...not a usual feature of our reunions, fortunately. We stayed until well past dark just talking and enjoying each other’s company.

The next day we all got together again in a local restaurant for a full-fledged sitdown meal (as if we hadn’t had enough to eat already for the weekend). After a brief but moving ceremony remembering absent friends, Bruce “Moe” Moore and Fred May brought us up to speed on things that were happening with mem-

bers, and passed out the beautiful challenge coins to the men attending their first reunion. We also discussed where and when to have the next reunion, and tentatively decided on Nashville in 2007. After the meal, which was significantly better than the C-rations we remember so fondly, we took pictures and spend the time just talking some more and generally goofing off. After we left, we went to the motel to goof off some more...with pictures and slides to look at, more stories to tell, another round or two or three of lemonade or whatever, and even a dip in the pool for a few hardy types with no sense of shame about the condition of their aging bodies. Some of the stories were even true, but we all acted as if we believed them all.

Sunday morning we reassembled for a last time for a breakfast buffet, then said our goodbyes. It was a great weekend, and it was very moving to watch the years fall away and the friendships renew. All the gentler sex behaved themselves and didn’t even lecture us too much about our behavior, which contributed to the general good feeling.

Many thanks to Brian Heeg for being such a great host, and to Bruce, Peg, Fred and the others for all the work they did to make this such a success. We hope to see many of our old friends again at the 506th Association get-together next summer and again in Nashville...and maybe pick up a few more who couldn’t make this reunion. If you haven’t attended a reunion, try one...you won’t regret it!



Back Row: Leonard Farnsworth, John Lally, John Brown (JB), Ken Parr, Ron Rami, Ted Taraski, Bob Linn, Glenn Guidry, Don Burgett. Middle Row: Michael Slayton, Gary George, Dan Nightingale, Brian Heeg, Tom Waggoner, Larry Hendricks (partially hidden), Dennis Lahiff (hidden). Kneeling: Ben Infuso, Jim O’Laughlin, Mike Rogers, Bill Perry, Gary Gallimore, Fred May, Ray Sowinski. Sitting: Pat Hyman, Hoyt (Bruce) Moore, Ed Krohe

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Notes from Our Friends in Europe:

From Filip Willems of Belgium:

I was looking for some information on a vet I met in Bastogne in December 2004. His name is Marvin D. Marsh. He was in I Co, 3rd BN, 506th PIR in WW2, and he lives in Iowa. My eMail is fiwi@skynet.be.

From Paul Hamm of The Netherlands:

I was wondering if anyone could help us. My grandmother adopted the grave on the burial site of Margraten, the Netherlands. She has been taking care of this grave since 1953. It belongs to

Roy M. Mc Carson
Pvt 506 PRC HT INF 101 ABN DIV
South Carolina OCT 5 1944

Does anybody know this person or has information about him or his relatives? Any comment would be appreciated. Thanks again for all you did for us in the war. My eMail is pgphamm@hotmail.com.

2006 Events of Interest to CURRAHEES:

June 9-11, 2006: Reunion of Tiger Bravo (Company B, 2nd BN, 506th Airborne Infantry), 1967-1968 in Hazard, KY. Veterans of Bravo Company 1967 and/or 1968 are encouraged to bring their families. Family members of B/2-506th, 1967-1968 KIA's are also invited to attend the reunion. For further information, please feel free to eMail the following contacts: Dave Spencer at dgimp@dc.rr.com or Howie Willard at howiewillrd@aol.com or Chuck Limer at charleslimer@aol.com .

July 18-23, 2006: TF 3-506th Currahees 10th Anniversary Reunion at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno, NV. Contact person: Jerry Berry (A/HHC, 3rd BN, 1967-1968); eMail: jerryberry@currahee.org; Reunion Agenda, Memorial and Banquet Night Program Agendas, Reunion Committee List, and Registration Form are posted at www.currahee.org .

July 20-22, 2006: Ripcord Reunion in Charleston, SC. Early birds arriving on Wednesday, July 19th; banquet on Saturday, July 22nd; additional information will be posted on the FSB Ripcord Association web site www.ripcordassociation.com

August 2-6, 2006: Task Force 3d Battalion 506th Airborne Infantry Association Reunion at the Sheraton Hotel, 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN. The newly-formed Task Force 3d Battalion 506th Airborne Infantry Association, consisting of the 3-506th and attached units, will be holding its 2006 reunion in conjunction with the 101st Division Association (reunion information web site: www.militaryreunionplanners.com/Airborne).

Treasurer's Report:

As of November 30, 2005, year-to-date operating income of \$22,011.07 exceeded operating expenses of \$17,320.00 for a net operating income of \$4,691.07.

Total funds in Association Bank Accounts included the following:

Net Operating Funds	\$ 11,798.47
Currahee Packages Fund Balance	4,846.57
Widows & Orphans Fund Balance	2,598.97
Scholarship Fund Balance	<u>3,477.15</u>
TOTAL in Bank Accounts	\$ 22,721.16

On April 30, 2005, by Executive Committee decision, \$137.80 left over from the 2001-2002 flags fund-raising/purchases was moved from the Flags Fund into the Operating Funds. Thanks to all of you who responded to the 2005 membership drive and to those who have made additional donations for Association expenses, the Currahee Packages Project, the Scholarship Fund, and the new Widows and Orphans Fund. As of November 30, 2005, the Association had received 2005 Membership Dues from 479 Currahee veterans and 24 Associates, for a total of 503 dues-paying members. 503 dues-paying members is a 2% increase from 493 dues-paying members in 2004, but is still short of our goal of 600 dues-paying members for each year.



Currahee Package Project - 2nd Deployment

BY Alfred [Fred] May (A Co, 1st BN, 1970-1971)
Committee Chairman

In late November 2005, shortly after being reactivated at Fort Campbell as part of the 101st Airborne Division, the 506th Infantry was again on foreign soil. The 101st Currahees began their Iraq deployment just as the 2nd Infantry Division Currahees did by entering Iraq through Kuwait.

This time, however, the 506th now has two Battalions and comprises almost half of the new 4th Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. The Association will be sending Currahee Packages to the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 506th Infantry as long as they remain in Iraq. Our hope is that the items we send make their stay in Iraq just a little bit better.

In order to accomplish this mission the Association needs your support in the form of monetary donations. As our fellow Currahees go about accomplishing their assigned tasks in Iraq let's show them that Currahee veterans, family members and friends back home fully support them. Let them really know what is meant by our Association Motto - "WE STAND TOGETHER - THEN, NOW, AND ALWAYS".

Please fill out the Fund Donation Form on page 18 of this Newsletter and send in a contribution. With your help the Association sent almost two tons of items to the troops during their first deployment. Our goal is to double that amount for their second deployment.

NOTE: The IRS has recognized the 506th Association as a War Veterans Organization under section 501(c)(19), so donors making contributions to the Association can deduct such donations on their personal or corporate taxfilings. For exemption/deduction purposes, the 506th Association Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-2088108.

Trying to Locate

From Perry J. Schroeder of St. James, MN:

Looking for those who served with my brother SGT Lyle W. Schroeder, 1st Platoon, C Co, 1st BN, 506th, KIA 1-26-1969. I have pictures of guys in his unit. Would like to contact those who were with him when he died. My eMail is perryjs@rconnect.com.

From Michael Barlow:

I'm looking for anyone who knew or remembers Richard Wirth. He served in C Co, 2nd BN, 506th, 1967-1968. Any help would be greatly appreciated. My eMail is solarsniper@verizon.net

From Kristin:

I am looking for anyone or any information about my Great Uncle. His name was SFC Howard E. Button. He served with the A Co, 2nd BN, 506th and was killed on January 31, 1968 in South Vietnam. He was reported as MIA and was later found deceased. He was in the Army for 16 years and was from New York around the Buffalo area. If anyone has any information on the company and what they did during that time or on my uncle could you please contact me. Thanks so much. My eMail is kristindale@bellsouth.net.

From Robert Gonzalez of Yokosuka, Japan:

I am looking for anyone that served with D Co, 2nd BN, 506th. My uncle was killed in Thua Thien on 6/9/69. His name was Guadelupe Prado Jr. "Wally" was the name his buddies called him. Anyone with any info, please eMail me at gongo@excite.com.

From Gary Ford of Arlington, TX:

Looking for D Co, 3rd BN, 506th, 1970-1971 Vets. They called me Tex. My eMail is fordpaint@sbcglobal.net

From Michael Colby:

I am looking for information on my uncle PFC Lester P. Lawrence, HQ, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, who was killed on January 10, 1945, in Belgium. I would love to hear from anyone who knew him. I hope you can assist me. Thank you. My eMail is avsundevil@yahoo.com.

From Gina:

Looking for someone who might have known my first cousin, James Troy Ralph, who was killed on 21 May 69 (Hamburger Hill). He was in B Co, 1st BN, 506th. Looking for photos or stories. My eMail is gina@bodyimagedesigns.com.

From Jarrett (Goody) Goodman in WI:

I was with D Co, 1st BN, 506th for just 7 days before I was wounded, didn't know anyone, so I'm looking for someone that was there that day. I was with A Co, 3rd BN, 506th nine months before going to the D Co, 1st BN, 506th. We had the platoon SGT wounded on the 21st of May, 1971, and the next day my squad leader and I were wounded, along with one other Trooper. Were you there and do you remember? My eMail is ginjer@ticon.net.

From Bill Willey of Portsmouth, VA:

I was in the 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, B Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 506th Infantry at Fort Campbell, KY from 1960 to 1963. If anyone remembers me, please send me an eMail. Always glad to here from old pals. All us old paratroopers should keep in touch . . . who knows, the country might need us again. Signing off for now. My eMail is n2031a@usnbgmto.navy.mil.

From Dennis J. Fyffe of Rocky River, OH:

I was in D Co, 3rd BN, 506th from 1969 to 1970. About Easter to Easter. I shipped back to the world just before the guys went into Cambodia. Anybody can reach me at 22140 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River, OH 44116. It has been a long time, but I still have great memories of the guys I served with. This is a great web site. Thanks a milion. Currahee! My eMail is djfyffe@cox.net.

From Don Deich of Mendota, IL:

I was with the D Co, 1st BN, 506th in VN, October 1970 to May 1971 at Camp Evans, M-60 gunner. Moose was my nickname. Just looking

for more of the "Third Herd" as we called it. There are a few of us I found and more to find. Where are they? So anyone that was in the same unit, send me an eMail to moose1of506@yahoo.com, but put down NAM as first thing.

From Gina Klinner Colbert of Columbus, GA:

Daughter of LTC Enzo Franklin Klinner, Jr., HHC (BN CO), 1st BN, 506th, Fort Campbell and Vietnam, 1967-1968. Trying to contact anyone who may have served with My dad in Nam, or at anytime. My eMail is ginathrift@aol.com.

From Karen:

Trying to find out information about James Lockett from C Company, 1-506th, KIA on April 20, 1970, in Vietnam. Any info would be appreciated. My eMail is slmskaren@aol.com

From Steve O'Hara:

I am trying to locate/ correspond with anyone who served with my father, James F. O'Hara, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th PIR 1942-1945. My eMail is delta0321@hotmail.com

From Mary Lou Kidder of Franklin Grove, IL:

The children of Robert E Lippert are trying to find out any information regarding our father in WWII. He died from cancer when we were 13, 10, and 7. We know we saw medals when we were young, but cannot find them in the family items. We have a formal picture of him and a few memories of things that he told us. We know that he was in the 101st and was a paratrooper. His grave marker says "506 PRCHT INF REG". Can anyone give us any information? We would love to talk to someone who knew him. My eMail is kidderm@hotmail.com

From Paul "Doc" Gréaux of Hollywood, FL: Currahee Medics, HHQ, 1st BN, 506th, Vietnam -- I found an old list of names of Docs I served with in 1968-1969. If you run into any of these Currahee Docs, please have them eMail me. I have been looking for boucoup years . . . Ronald Yonts, Melvin Howell, Mearl Hutch, SGT Light, SGT Hudnell, Daniel Cabe, David Johnson, Ronnie Clements, John Greenhaw. My eMail is filfrench2181@cs.com

From James L Burke of Mokena, IL:

Looking for those who served with me in C Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 506th Infantry, at Fort Campbell, 1961-1962: Jeff Willis - Wayne Dayhoff - Dan Clements (Texas) - Billy Ray and Steve Reid (Malibu) - McCluskey (Chicago) - The week-end Evansville group - Simmons (Ranger). My eMail is jlburke@jlburke.com

506th Historical Artifacts Needed

The 4th Brigade Combat Team and the 506th Council at Fort Campbell, KY are looking for 506th historical artifacts that they can display in the 506th regimental areas at Fort Campbell.

If you have any 506th-related artifacts/momentos from WWII, Camp Breckinridge, Fort Jackson, Fort Campbell, Vietnam, South Korea, and/or Iraq that you would be willing to DONATE, contact 1SG(R) John E. Foley (C Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1990-1991) at 270-798-3215 or chagress@outdrs.net. John is the Museum Technician at the Don F. Pratt Memorial Museum at Fort Campbell, and notes,

"the government has a policy against loans . . . stories and pictures are even more valuable in many cases than the artifacts. Often times many of the most mundane items such as belts, pants, socks, etc. that date from that time are very valuable to the museum for making accurate displays to portray how the soldiers lived and survived."

The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault)
Use this form to join the Association if you have served in or are currently serving in the 506th
or if you have served in or are currently serving in units attached to or supporting the 506th.

2006 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES/DONATION FORM

Check dues category [X]:

Basic Dues Amount: \$15.00 [] For **The Currahee** newsletter and your **Company Roster Listings**.

Full Dues Amount: \$25.00 [] For **The Currahee** newsletter, **Company Roster**, and **2006 Association Roster**.

Request for Exemption from Dues (VETERANS only): [] Still receive **The Currahee** newsletter.

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Use this form to join the Association if you are a spouse or family member of anyone who served with the 506th or if you are an individual who has a special association/connection to the 506th.

2006 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES FORM

Check dues category [X]:

BASIC DUES AMOUNT: \$15.00 [] For **The Currahee** newsletter

FULL DUES AMOUNT: \$25.00 [] For **The Currahee** newsletter and **2006 Association Roster**

ADDITIONAL POSTAGE TO ADDRESS OUTSIDE THE U.S. ADD: \$ 5.00 []

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME.: (Please print when filling out this form)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ M.I. _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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PHONE NUMBERS (Please include area code):

HOME: _____ OFFICE: _____

Did either you or your spouse serve in the U.S. Military? If yes, please include the following:

Branch of Service: _____ Unit: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Did you have a relative who served with the 506th Infantry? If yes, please include the following:

Veteran's Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Rank: _____

Company: _____ REGT/BN/BG: _____ Dates of Service with the 506th: _____

Other Connection to the 506th Infantry? _____

SELECT [X] ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS IF THEY APPLY:

[] Change [] Add: [] Name [] Mailing Address [] Phone number(s) [] eMail [] Other

Make your check or money order (no credit cards) payable to:

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Mail this order form and your payment to: Hoyt Bruce Moore, III -- Treasurer

Phone: (858) 274-4317

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eMail: TheMOE_A1506@msn.com

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Quartermaster Order Form

NAME: _____ **HOME PHONE:** _____

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NOTE: ** A "member" is someone who has paid their 506th Association 2005 Membership Dues.				
Quantity Ordered	Item	Price Each (non-members)	Price Each (members)**	TOTAL COST
	Book: <i>The Story of a Soldier</i>	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$
	3'x5' Currahee Flag	\$40.00	\$35.00	
	506th Association Hat:			
	White w/Blue Lettering	\$14.00	\$12.00	
	Black w/Gold Lettering	14.00	12.00	
	Personalized Currahee Polo Shirt:			
	Medium	\$32.00	\$29.00	
	Large	32.00	29.00	
	X-Large	32.00	29.00	
	XX-Large	33.00	30.00	
	Optional Personalization Information (\$3.00 per shirt)			\$
	Name:			
	506th Unit:			
	Service Dates with 506th:			
SUBTOTAL				\$
Shipping (1st item)				3.85
Add \$2.00 Shipping per additional item				
Optional Donation to the 506th Association				
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

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Decal - Pin - Patches Order Form

NAME: _____ **HOME PHONE:** _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** _____

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Quantity Ordered	Item	Price Each (non-members)	Price Each (members)**	TOTAL COST
	506th Association Decals (8"x 5" Static Cling)	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$
	Currahee Shield Pin (1"x 1-1/4")	6.00	5.00	
	Patches:			
	Currahee Shield (3"x 3.5")	6.00	5.00	
	Para-Dice (3" diameter)	6.00	5.00	
SUBTOTAL				\$
Shipping @ \$0.40 per item				
Optional Donation to the 506th Association				
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

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Currahee Packages Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

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Donation Amount: \$ _____

Widows & Orphans Fund Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____



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