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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*

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## Currahee Rendezvous 2009

by

MAJ Deverick Jenkins, Rear Detachment Commander, 506th Infantry



### **TASK FORCE CURRAHEE**

After writing another dramatic chapter in the history of the Currahees, the 506th Regimental Combat Team is coming home from Afghanistan this spring after a job well done.

The RCT is currently planning a world-class event to celebrate the Brigade's return. This event will be something very special and will be remembered for its unique approach to the homecoming of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 506th Infantry Regiment.

COL Pete Johnson, Regimental Commander, wants to have a three-day celebration when the troops return to Fort Campbell. Plans are now being made and YOU are invited. That's right, all 506th veterans and families from all eras are invited to attend CURRAHEE RENDEZVOUS 2009.

The Rendezvous is scheduled for May 28 - 30, 2009. The 3-day event kicks off with an Opening Ceremony that will feature an Air Assault demonstration into the parade field. (*Ed.: The current schedule of events is on page 2 of the Newsletter.*)

Tentative Day 1 activities include a Commander's Cup sporting competition, a Tailgate-style cook-off, spouse-appreciation events, and tours of the Fort Campbell and Currahee areas.

Day 2 events include a Golf Scramble, Evening Social, and a Remembrance Ceremony to honor our fallen comrades and induct new Distinguished Members of the Regiment.

Day 3 is the culminating event – a world-class Currahee Ball! - scheduled for the Opryland Ballroom in Nashville. In conjunction with the Rendezvous, the Currahees are planning a trip to Georgia to run up Currahee Mountain before the opening day. We're working to get a performer to give a live concert at the ball or at Fort Campbell during the Rendezvous, so stay tuned for news.

Please visit the 506th Association website ([www.506infantry.org](http://www.506infantry.org)) for more information, updates, and for details on how you can participate and how to help and encourage corporate sponsorship to help celebrate our Soldiers and make this a special event. The Association has been assisting the RCT in fundraising and publicity about the event since the Army cannot use taxpayer funds for this purpose.. We hope many Association members will attend and share in the homecoming celebration. You can make a contribution to help defray the cost of the event for our returning soldiers and their families using the form on page 20 of this newsletter.

**“Currahee, Stands Alone!”**

### **REMINDER to current and new members:**

January is the time to pay your dues and renew your membership. Don't miss out on any of the news and services offered by the 506th Association. There are a variety of membership options available to you...check out the forms on pages 18 and 19.

## **CURRAHEE RENDEZVOUS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*Note: This schedule is still in development and subject to change. The most recent information will be available on the 506th Association website.*

### **CR09 LEAD UP during the week preceding the Rendezvous**

#### **CURRAHEE MOUNTAIN RUN**

Spaghetti Lunch – In honor of Currahees past, have a spaghetti lunch in preparation for the run

Run Currahee Mountain – A formation of Currahees run the BCT & BN Colors and CO Guidons up Currahee Mountain Volunteer basis, open for our wounded warriors, veterans, retirees, and family members

Toccoa City Council, VFW & Media Tie-in

Possible camping / BBQ; day-night event

### **DAY 1 — 28 MAY 09**

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

- BCT Run – Ending at parade field w/ C6 on the podium
- Air Assault Operation – AASLT Demonstration then Command Teams rappel into ceremony
- Parachute demonstration by Campbell Jump Team - Ramsey jump the Battle Flag
- Commander's Opening Remarks & Introduction of DVs
- Conduct air assault mission – show people what they do – leadership to repel – troops to come out of woods in battle gear
- Static displays set up
- Spouses sporting competition loosely based on combat tasks
- Possible events & ideas – rappelling, EST, obstacle course, put on battle gear...as close to what the soldiers do
- Post tour (ranges, Air Assault School, etc.)

### **DAY 2 — 29 May 2009**

#### **GOLF SCRAMBLE**

- 4 - Person Team, Scramble Format, mixed teams of soldiers, veterans and spouses; Cole Park Golf Course

#### **RETREAT MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

- Conducted at 4 BCT AO, to honor our fallen Warriors – DFAC at Memorial stone
- Gold Star Wives (before the ceremony) – Social afterwards with hors d'ouvres / finger foods

#### **EVENING SOCIAL (possibly a Day 1 event)**

- Night time mixer allowing social interaction amongst the BCT Leadership, Currahee Veterans, Donors, and Spouses
- Mixer – casual wear

### **DAY 3—30 May**

#### **CURRAHEE BALL – Saturday, 30 May 09**

- A world-class Currahee Party
- Opryland Ballroom in Nashville
- Working transportation back to FT Campbell (DUI prevention plan)
- Discounted rooms available for guests

#### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

- Commander's remarks

# Message from the President

## Don Thies

**Happy New Year Currahees!** Another year has come and gone. The holidays are behind us and we ponder what the New Year will bring.

As an Association we want to continue to preserve and honor the memory and the esprit de corps of those who have served in the 506th in the past, currently and future. This is done with our website, data base, reunions and hard work of many volunteers. All Currahees whenever they have served in the Regiment are welcomed and encouraged to participate in any and all occasions.

Our current troops will be coming home after a long and dangerous mission in Afghanistan. They have performed extremely well, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

I encourage all veterans and members to put May 28-30, 2009 on their schedule. We look forward to the scheduled May 28, 29, & 30 Currahee Rendezvous 2009, the homecoming celebration for the regiment. The first two days will be held at Ft. Campbell, and on the 30th a Military Ball will take place in Nashville at the Opryland Ballroom. Please visit our website for details as they become available. The active duty leadership of Task Force Currahee extended a special invitation to all 506th veterans to come and honor all of our fine men and women and congratulate them on a job well done. We have worked closely with regimental leadership to build on the connection between the troopers of the past and present, and they believe in continuing the traditions that began nearly seven decades ago at Camp Toccoa.

The Rendezvous is also an opportunity to show support for the families of the active duty troops. Let us not forget all of the families for their sacrifice and especially those whose loved one was injured or paid the ultimate sacrifice.

For those veterans who are gun enthusiasts, I was informed that that CTF Currahee Operation Enduring Freedom commemorative pistol is ready for individual orders for all personnel affiliated with the Brigade. It will only be available during the duration of the current deployment and all required regulations, background checks and codes do apply.

Thanks again to Col Johnson, the rear Detachment, Gene Overton, Fred May, Bruce Moore, Ron Helwig, Bob Seitz and all the many volunteers who have made such an impact in 2008 for veterans and our current troops and their families. It is much appreciated by the troops and their families.

Several people must be also be mentioned for their untiring efforts working at the event to make our Reno reunion a success. They are Peggy Pearson and Bruce Moore for keeping the Welcome Table going day and night, greeting Currahees as they arrived and making sure everyone knew about the reunion events/locations; and Ron & Ruth Helwig for running the 506th Quartermaster Store.

Donald E. Thies, President

B Company, 2nd 506th Vietnam 1970-71

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## 2008 Currahee Reunion After-Action Report

Reno, Nevada, August 13 - 16, 2008

By Gene Overton [C Co, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 1967-1968]

The 2008 Reunion was by all indication, a great success. All who attended had a great time.

A total of 144 people attended, including 83 Currahee veterans and 4 veterans from other units. As shown in this table, Currahee attendees stretched across the history of the Regiment:

WW II	6
Abn BG	6
Abn Inf	3
Vietnam (Abn Inf / AMBL)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn	24
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn	<u>27</u>
	60
Air Asslt	1
506 <sup>th</sup> RCT	<u>7</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion notes

Don Thies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Reporter (B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN – November 1970/August 1971)

At our recent reunion in Reno, B Company members, Buford Byers, Chris Garrett, Mark Wissel, Gary Sinkler, Ben Peters (Capt. Ret.), Sam Knipmeyer, Paul Jensen and I gathered to share old times and stories. Ben was the featured guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner and related his experiences and stories concerning FSB Ripcord. For Gary it was his first time with a group of his fellow B Company guys. For me it was especially nice as Gary and I, along with 4 others, joined B Company in November 1970 as replacements in the 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon at the same time. I had not seen Gary in 37 years.

I also traveled to Hawaii in early August 2008 for a family vacation and to look up another B Company guy, Patrick Bailey. Patrick, along with me and 5 others, formed the CP group of B Company. Patrick was an RTO for our Artillery Forward Observer Lt. Don Speet. Patrick got out of the Army but then went back in and retired as a Major in the Hawaii National Guard. He told me at lunch one day that he helped train the current leadership of the guard and was very proud to have done so. It was nice to see him again after 37 years. We swapped stories, compared medical issues and how hard it is to revisit the Vietnam memories. He is now one of 4 ministers at his local church.

On election night November 4<sup>th</sup> another B company guy United States Congressman Allen Boyd (D) of Florida (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Allen Boyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon B Company 2<sup>nd</sup> 506<sup>th</sup>), handily won re-election for another term. Congratulations Allen!

I've also been working with a middle school teacher (Bryce Kelly) in Northern Wisconsin as he and his 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes are trying to put a face with all the Wisconsin Vietnam casualties on the Vietnam Virtual Wall. I've supplied him with some information on the three guys we lost while I was in the 506<sup>th</sup>, but if anyone else can help him with others they know he would appreciate it. His web page is <http://www2.medford.k12.wi.us:7196/~kellerbr/project/main/main.html> or email him at [kelebr@medford.k12.wi.us](mailto:kelebr@medford.k12.wi.us).

Bryce might be willing to help non-Wisconsin veterans too. Asking won't hurt.

I also received a phone call from the son of one of the original members of the 506<sup>th</sup> PIR. He spoke of his dad (Lewis Ray Alford, C Company, 1st Bn, 506th PIR) and has photographs and memorabilia of Camp General Robert Toombs (as it was called before they renamed it to Camp Toccoa). I was told that his dad is as sharp as ever, that his uniform contained the airplane and parachute patches, that he had all kinds of battalion pictures and original 506<sup>th</sup> member photographs. If anyone would

like to get in touch, let me know and I'll call the son and ask his permission to pass along his contact information.

Probably the most important development of the year for the history of 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion 506<sup>th</sup> is the unveiling of the new permanent exhibit of the Major Dick Winters display at the Hershey – Derry Township Historical Society. The exhibit is the exact duplicate of his workspace den. It shows maps used during the Battle of the Bulge, autograph photographs depicting a who's who in America, & little known audio clips of the Band of brothers mini series. The Major Dick Winters display should be of interest to everyone connected with the 506<sup>th</sup> and can be viewed at <http://www.therupturedduck.com/winters.htm>

I also want to mention that in these hard economic times if you know of a veteran or current military soldier or family in need of assistance for whatever reason, please do whatever you can. Any assistance whether it is a phone call, a letter, or directions on who to contact and where to go for help will always be appreciated.

Have a great New Year and remember to renew your 506<sup>th</sup> Association Membership!

Currahee!

Donald E. Thies

B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> 506<sup>th</sup> – Vietnam 1970-71

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## Quartermaster Items:

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Keep watching the web site for continuous new items, If you would like something special, or you would like your name or unit put on an item, please let us know. You can contact me directly to discuss a new item or design at [rlhelwig@verizon.net](mailto:rlhelwig@verizon.net).

We have added magnets of various sizes and designs, baby and children clothing, golf balls, Zippo lighters with the Currahee Crest, a new Currahee Battle Flag, and golf towels.

Complete descriptions of these items and all of the current offerings can be viewed on-line at the 506<sup>th</sup> Association for Sale web page [www.506infantry.org/quartermaster.html](http://www.506infantry.org/quartermaster.html).

CURRAHEE!

Ron Helwig

Quartermaster.

## Joint Training Exercise Empire Glacier

by Joseph Huesing, 1st Battalion Reporter  
C Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1975-1979

The late 1970s were an extreme time for winter weather and the Blizzards of 1977-1978 still hold severity records for both low temperatures and snowfall in the Northeastern U.S. During the Great Blizzard of January 1978, 50,000 Ohio Guardsmen were activated and doctors and nurses were shuttled about by private citizens on snow mobiles. The country was still reeling from energy shortages and much of Ft. Campbell was under pretty severe energy (and heating) restrictions. Orders came down in late 1977 that C 1/506th was to deploy to Ft. Drum NY attached to the 1/502 (Strike) as part of Joint Readiness Exercise Empire Glacier 1978 (January 3-February 16, 1978). We troopers jumped at the opportunity for some good training—the sarcastic among us would comment that at least we'd get some warm uniforms. The exercise would ultimately involve roughly battalion sized elements from the 82nd ABN, the U.S. Marines, and a U.S Army Armored Brigade. The object was in part to train for joint arctic warfare operations. The weather of the 70s cooperated fully in providing those conditions in the lower 48 states.

Training for the exercise began immediately. Field and technical manuals and pocket guides were issued to every Currahee. Classes were organized to cover very diverse topics from uniforms and their care (a necessary but complicated process in arctic environments), cold weather injuries, winter survival, the art of digging fox-holes in frozen ground, assembly of sledges, tents and Yukon stoves, firearms maintenance and navigation in blizzard white-out conditions. While at Ft. Campbell the CO, who had formerly been stationed in Alaska, required morning PT runs bare-chested to acclimate us (yes medical science has since shown that this process works). Ski training at Campbell was nearly impossible but some clever person figured out that by spreading large amounts of straw on a hill—a semi tractor-trailer made the delivery—we could at least give the boards a go.

Of particular help were the many fellow Currahees that had been stationed in Alaska or had grown up in places like upstate New York or Canada and had worked or hunted in those environments. Based on their advice, several ran off post and bought down jackets, which were worn (secretly) under military parkas. Some also purchased better sleeping bags. As one of the guys from Alaska commented, you don't go anywhere without that bag. With it you can survive almost anything bad weather throws at you.

Although we had substantial pre-deployment training, the actual Empire Glacier operation initiated as an alert. The flight into Drum was on C-130s; we landed in the middle of a wicked snow storm. Some of the troopers were literally blown down the icy runway by the combi-

nation of C-130 prop blast and wind from the storm.

Once installed at Drum we had several days to work with equipment since other units, notably the 82nd ABN, were not able to get into Drum because of the weather. Drum had a decent ski hill with rope tow called the Dry Hill Ski area where we practiced the use of the heavy Alpine skis. Not surprisingly, several injuries were experienced in this phase with some troopers heading back to Campbell. We quickly discovered in the relatively flat terrain of Ft. Drum that the ash trail breaker snow shoes were for us far more useful than skis, especially in heavy brush.

Living in arctic conditions involves a key piece of equipment called an ahkio. A squad lives from its ahkio. The ahkio is a man pulled sled on which stove, tent, water, fuel, rations, heavy crew served weapons and ammunition are carried. The whole thing weighs about 200 or more pounds. The addition of a crew served weapon like the 81mm mortar pushes the weight over 300 lbs.

The maneuver started and Currahees moved from the luxurious WWII-era barracks of Ft. Drum to the jumpoff point by 2 1/2 ton trucks. Once again a blizzard accompanied the move. At jump off points, Currahees rucked-up and attached tow harnesses to ahkios to move to defensive positions. Once in position, one of three common shelters was constructed. Besides the standard arctic tent, which contained a small stove for heating and drying equipment, many Currahees borrowed a technology from Native Americans and dug snow caves called quinzee huts into the snow. These were far warmer than a tent, could be heated with a single candle per two or three person occupants, and if constructed properly were nearly invisible to passersby or from overhead helicopter reconnaissance units. All Currahees pulled rotations in foxholes or crew-served weapons positions, some of which were connected by tunnels or trenches. Numerous air assaults were conducted using UH-1H Iroquois choppers supported by AH-1S tank killer Cobras. Sleds were literally manhandled into the choppers crossways. Once inside the extremely warm temperatures of the choppers caused many to overheat. CH-47s were also used throughout the exercise.

The game pitted the Marines and their large Amtracs against the 502nd/C 1/506th and as most of these things went you never learned the result — though no Marines ever got past a Currahee position. Appreciation of service skills was apparent when Marines and Air Assault troopers enjoyed several beers at the Alpine Inn at the end of the exercise while comparing notes. It's safe to say the exercise had a significant effect on many troopers. I doubt there's a single participant that isn't fully able to operate even today in the harshest winter environments, and indeed actually like it. That's true for this trooper as my first ski class was at Drum in 1978 and I've rarely missed a winter on skis in the Rockies since. Maybe that was part of the point of the exercise.

*Thanks to ISG(R) Carlos Colon-Robles, SFC(R) Steven Lawrence, and LTC Mark Dyvig for this story.*

## The Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund in Action

By Fred May A/1-506 (1970 - 1971)

One of the most important and appreciated activities of the Association is the Widows, Orphans and Wounded Soldiers Fund, better known as the "WOWS Fund". Supported entirely by contributions from Association members and supporters, the WOWS Fund was established by Thomas G. Lee (CSC, 1st BN, 1987-1988) to provide visible indications of our support to wounded Currahees, and emergency financial assistance to living, current and former Currahees or family members of active-duty Currahees killed, wounded, or missing in action. Under the fund requirements, the recipient's parent, child or spouse must have served with the 506th Infantry Regiment or a supporting unit as defined in the Association by-laws.

The WOWS Fund has identified a number of needs in order to support the active duty troops of the 506th Infantry Regiment while they are deployed to Afghanistan for 2008-2009. If a WIA soldier is transported to the United States, the Hospital Visitation Teams spring into action. Working closely with the 506th Infantry's Rear Detachment at Fort Campbell, the Association is notified where the WIA Currahee has been sent. A representative of the Association then visits the soldier at any of the ten hospitals that are now served by our teams. This representative assists the soldier and any visiting family members in any way possible. In addition, the Association provides a number of Currahee items to the wounded, including a 506th Association Gym/Duffel Bag, Currahee Shield Pin, 506th Association Hat, Currahee Battle Flag, 506th Infantry Bracelet, Static Cling Currahee Decal and 506th Association Challenge Coin. It is the WOWS Fund that supports this effort.

If there is a financial hardship that involves either the soldier or his family, the WOWS Fund may award a monetary grant to provide assistance during their time of need. A need may be identified by the family of the soldier WIA, the 506th Association Rear Detachment at Fort Campbell, the Association representative, or any other person with relevant information.

There is no formal application form used to apply for the assistance grants; the sole criterion for the award is the financial need of the recipient. The decision to provide aid is made by a three-person committee, which also determines the amount of the award. This committee is appointed by the Association Board of Directors. Information about the identity and circumstances of applicants is limited to the members of the committee, but the names of recipients will be made public if an award is made. The

committee and the amount of contributed funds available will determine the size and frequency of awards. As of this writing, four families have received financial assistance from the Association.

During 2008, grants have been awarded to SFC Jeremy D. Henderson (B/1-506, Sep 03 - Sep 05) who was severely WIA in Iraq while serving with 2-12 Infantry and to SSG Michael G. Smith (C/2-506, Sep 07 - Current) who became severely ill. Both Jeremy and Michael are married with children and their hospitalizations placed undue hardships on them and their families.

For families of Currahees who were killed in the line of duty the 506th Association presents a Currahee Battle Flag and Currahee Shield Pin to the next of kin. This presentation is made by an Association representative, either at the monthly Eagle Remembrance Ceremony at Fort Campbell or at the funeral. Again, it is the WOWS Fund that makes this possible.



For information on contributing to, or for applying or nominating a recipient, check the 506th Association website ([www.506infantry.org](http://www.506infantry.org)), email committee chairman Fred May at [alfredmay@aol.com](mailto:alfredmay@aol.com), or write to:

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

The Association started year 2008 with \$10,691 in the WOWS Fund. During the year we received donations totaling \$5,979 and have spent \$8,806. As you can see, contributions are not keeping pace with expenditures and the current deployment of our Regiment is not yet over. Contributions to the WOWS Fund are, of course, tax deductible but the greatest reward comes from the heartfelt thanks we get from the wounded and the families of Currahee casualties. The Henderson family wrote, "Thank you so much, we appreciate all your help. People like you make the difference."

Please take a moment and think about those Currahees who need our assistance and help make a difference in the life of a soldier. A contribution form for WOWS and the Association's other charitable funds is located toward the back of this newsletter.

Remember, YOU can make a difference.

## Other Events of Interest to Currahees in 2009



This reunion information was current as of the time of publication. For the most current information, visit our website or contact the sponsoring organization.. If you wish to list your reunion, contact the Association.

NOTE: The appearance of an announcement does not constitute endorsement by the 506th Association; nor does the 506th Association exercise any control over activities at these events.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
February 11-15 2009	<b>101st Division Association 2009 Snowbird Reunion in Kissimmee, FL:</b> - additional information and registration forms from 101st Airborne Association
May 28-30 2009	<b>Currahee Rendezvous 2009 at Fort Campbell, KY and Nashville, TN:</b> - additional information and Schedule of Events on page 1 and 3
July 17-19 2009	<b>Stand Down 2009: A Co, 1st BN, 506th Vietnam (1967-1971) Veterans Reunion in Nashville, TN:</b> Events: Friday, July 17 - Dinner Saturday, July 18 - Memorial Dinner Sunday, July 19 - Farewell Brunch - More information to follow in Reunion Packets, to be in the mail by February 1, 2009 - Additional information/updates TBA - Contact: Ed and Beth Krohe, <a href="mailto:emkrohe@casscomm.com">emkrohe@casscomm.com</a> , 217-323-5089
August 14-20 2009	<b>2009 Week of the Eagle at Fort Campbell, KY:</b> - additional information TBA
August 18-22 2009	<b>The 'Stand Alone Battalion' 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 506th Infantry (Currahees)</b> 13th Annual Reunion at Clarksville, TN: - during the 2009 Week of the Eagle (August 14-20) - additional information TBA
September 9-13 2009	<b>64th Annual 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion in Hampton, VA:</b> - additional information and registration forms through the 101st Association

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### Trying to Locate:

#### From Anita Effelberg in Tacoma, WA:

Robert Effelberg is my dad. He was in Vietnam in 1969 and again in 1971. He passed away 3 years ago, and I'm trying to find a military picture of him. The VA doesn't give them out . . . only military records. He was 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne. My dad told very few stories of being in Vietnam, and I wish more than anything I would have made him talk to me before he left me. My eMail is [effelberga@yahoo.com](mailto:effelberga@yahoo.com) .

## A heartfelt “thank you” to donors to our charitable efforts

The 506th Association would like to thank all those who donated to our Charitable Funds during this past year. Fund donations were received from the following donors during the time period November 17, 2007-November 21, 2008.

### Scholarship Fund

#### **SILVER (\$501 TO \$1,000):**

Ralph and Alma Kato Family

#### **BRONZE (\$251 TO \$500):**

The NAVILLUS Foundation (Carol and Lee J. Sullivan)

After Hours Emergency Animal Clinic of Hollywood FL (Ronald M. Ridge)

#### **ADVANCED (\$100 TO \$250):**

Yong and ISG(R) Carl A. Graves

Harry D. Sanders

John O. Lally

Joseph Donald Nickell, Jr.

Edward J. Kovarnik

LTC(R) Richard H. Torovsky, Jr.

CPT(R) Terry Van Meter

#### **BASIC (under \$100):**

Phil L. Foster

R. Pat Hyman

Kenneth G. Johnson

Roland A. Belanger

John A. Brown

Fred and Sabina May

Gene H. Langenberg

SFC(R) Joseph Caligiure

James E. O’Laughlin

### Currahee Packages

#### **SILVER (\$501 TO \$1,000):**

Jill Eelman, Leslie Ladd, and Taylor

Ebner (Culver Girls Academy)

#### **BRONZE (\$251 TO \$500):**

Joseph E. Huesing

#### **ADVANCED (\$100 TO \$250):**

Edward J. Kovarnik

Gregory P. Phillips

#### **BASIC (under \$100):**

Lawrence J. Bowman

Kenneth G. Johnson

Roland A. Belanger

John A. Brown

Thomas L. Hartman

Fred and Sabina May

Gene H. Langenberg

SFC(R) Joseph Caligiure

### Currahee Rendezvous 2009

#### **ADVANCED (\$100 TO \$250):**

Fred and Sabina May

Octavio Laguna

John O. Lally

#### **BASIC (under \$100):**

Richard H. Thies

Michael C. Bookser

### Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund

#### **SILVER (\$501 TO \$1,000):**

Booz | Allen | Hamilton, Inc.

Sal and Doris Zavala Family

#### **BRONZE (\$251 TO \$500):**

American Legion Post#5, Rahway, NJ

#### **ADVANCED (\$100 TO \$250):**

K. D. Van Drie

Ruby I. Koehler

Edward J. Kovarnik

Rick Marquette

Fred and Sabina May

Pradeep Simlote, MD, PC

Peter A. Seitz

Jim D. Wake

Edward J. Kovarnik

Earl Tony Suggs

SFC(R) Russell A. Aulbach

COL(R) David L. Clark

Wayne M. Keilholtz

Carol and Peter Seitz

CPT(R) Terry Van Meter

Anthony L. Minicucci

Nancy B. Yannayon

The ChemQuest Group, Inc.

Kelli & SSG Chad Cardwell

#### **BASIC (under \$100):**

Robert, Eileen, Megan, and Katie Ligday

CSM(R) James K. Cacoulidis

MAJ(R) Thomas W. Taylor

Steven S. Robertson

Albert and Carolyn Kube

Donna Faris

Guy and Yvonne Tepsick

Dan and Kathy Robey

George and Mary Joy Hurlburt

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Dick and Bonnie Reese

Gene H. Langenberg

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Christiane De Filippis

Peter and Mary Weiskopf

Dennis and Laurie Langford

Paul and Margaret Berwanger

Earl Tony Suggs

SFC(R) Joseph Caligiure

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Patricia and Greg Armstrong

MAJ(R) John T. Duckett, III

James E. O’Laughlin

Wayne S. Raulerson

Michael J. Mollenhour

Manuel T. Chavez, Sr.

Donald and Sharon Gaffney

**The following friends and family members made donations to the Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund in memory of SGT Ryan P. Baumann, G Co, 801st BSB, assigned to 4th BN, 320th FA, 4th BCT, 506th INF KIA 08/01/08.**

K. D. Van Drie

Donna Faris

Dan and Kathy Robey

Ruby I. Koehler

Hugh and Sharon Guitierrez

Darlene Miller

Dennis and Laurie Langford

John W. Boggs

Nancy B. Yannayon

Paul and Margaret Berwanger

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Patricia and Greg Armstrong

Pradeep Simlote, MDPC

Donald and Sharon Gaffney

Guy and Yvonne Tepsick

Peter and Mary Weiskopf

John and Charlotte Voelker

George and Mary Joy Hurlburt

Robert, Eileen, Megan, and Katie Ligday

Dick and Bonnie Reese

***We thank these special people for thinking of others in their time of grief and remembrance.***

## Donors to our charitable efforts (*Continued*)

The 506th Association would like to thank all of those who contributed unrestricted general donations this past year. These donations are used for operating expenses, publishing The Currahee! newsletter, and for up-front funds needed to purchase Quartermaster items for resale.

Unrestricted General Donations were received from the following donors during the time period November 17, 2007-November 21, 2008.

### **SILVER (\$501 TO \$1,000):**

James L. Burke  
Thomas C. Diebold

### **ADVANCED (\$100 TO \$250):**

Frank D. Jensen  
LTC Thomas W. O'Steen  
Sam Moore  
Edward J. Kovarnik

### **BASIC (under \$100):**

Carolyn A. Bender  
John O. Lally  
COL(R) Richard M. Seitz  
John A. Flaherty  
Thomas Chris Burns  
Malcolm A. Martin  
Stephen L. Conroy  
LTG(R) Robert F. Foley  
1SG(R) Robert L. Bell  
Walter Lukasavage  
1LT Christina L. Aleman  
Brian G. Heeg  
Terry L. Taylor, DVM  
Donald N. Speet  
John A. Brown  
William C. Rybolt  
SGT Kevin D. Holt  
David R. Cote  
Richard D. Regnier  
Lee J. Sullivan  
Rolland A. Maxson, Jr.

Ronald A. Frawley  
Wayne M. Keilholtz  
Richard H. Monks  
COL(R) David L. Clark  
COL(R) Gordon J. Burke, Jr.  
SGM(R) Ralph G. King  
Ronny L. Beesley  
CPT Keefe A. Savin  
LTC(R) Donald F. Smith  
COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond  
Jon R. Leonard  
Buford A. Byers  
Ronald K. Williams  
John A. Russell  
Raymond E. Sowinski  
Thomas J. Peacock  
Sterling R. Chapman, Sr.  
Raymond Mike Womack  
Douglas P. Davis  
COL(R) William J. Vogt  
Nicholas W. Obrenovich  
Woodrow L. Hall  
George T. Pourchot  
Anthony T. Venuti, Jr.  
BG(R) Don W. Mayhue  
Robert R. Webb, Jr.  
Roy Joe Rice  
Arthur M. Petersen  
Gary R. Belair  
Roger A. Crabb  
Kirk D. Wiggins  
Geoffrey J. McLaughlin

Clinton W. Clark  
LTC(R) John M. Taylor  
Samuel C. Knipmeyer  
Ivan E. Wahls  
Mark Osborne  
William F. Baker  
Roger C. Wilgus  
Fred A. Bahlau  
Beat R. Degen  
Bruce A. Crawford  
James E. O'Laughlin  
Alan D. Henry  
George H. McCleskey  
Raymond J. Parker  
Francisco Schmidt-Torres  
Manny Seck  
MAJ(R) Earl W. Kennedy  
David A. Hafner  
Richard E. Drury  
SFC(R) Frank P. Sicari  
Ronald R. Rami  
John A. Niesel  
LTG(R) Joseph W. Kinzer  
Robert Walter Lange  
James E. Godwin  
1SG Jacqueline M. Dixon-Swain  
1SG Shawn G. Willis  
Jerry F. Donahy  
Dennis A. Kraynak

### **Contributions to the Association are fully tax deductible.**

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, as provided for by IRS rules and regulations. The Association is listed in IRS Publication 78, *Cumulative List of Organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, the list of organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

For exemption/deduction purposes, the Association Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-2088108.

## 2008 Reunion After-Action Report *(continued)*

Note that five of the six WW II Currahees attending served with the Regiment in Toccoa and all jumped into Normandy on D-Day. In addition, CPT Charles Williams and a six man honor guard led by SSG Jason Pinckney from the 4th BCT, 506th Infantry at Fort Campbell also attended.

The Reunion Hospitality Room and display of 506th Association Memorabilia were set up on Wednesday, and stayed opened for the whole reunion. Attendees were amazed at the number and variety of 506th related items our Quartermaster, Ron Helwig, had available for sale.

Thursday afternoon no events were planned and people just hung out in the Hospitality Room checking out the displays, sale items, meeting with old friends and making new ones. That evening we held our 506th Social, an informal evening with hot and cold hors d'ouvers and drinks. We also raffled off one free complimentary room night, won by Manuel Chavez – D/E Co (Mortars) 1st Bn – 1970/71 and Jerry Gomes -- E Co (LRRP), 3rd Bn – 1967/68. An attempt was made to sing marching and running cadence but to our surprise (or maybe not) none could remember any that were clean enough to sing in the presence of the children attending. But we heard very interesting tales told by our Toccoa Currahees.

Friday was pretty much an open day to explore Reno or just gather with old friends.

Saturday at 10:00 a.m. our General Membership Meeting was held; committee reports were heard and members discussed where our next Reunion should be held, with a general consensus that it should be back on the East Coast in 2010. In addition, the following Officer and Board of Directors were elected for a two year term (2008 – 2010):

### Officers

MAJ(R) John Thomas Duckett, III – Chairman  
Donald E. Thies – President  
Hoyt Bruce Moore, III - Treasurer  
Christopher D. Garrett – Secretary

### Board of Directors

CSM(R) Robert F. Gilbert  
Ronald L. Helwig – Quartermaster  
Joseph E. Huesing – 1st Battalion Newsletter Reporter  
John O. Lally – Newsletter Editor / Past President  
Alfred M. May – Charitable Funds Chairman / Active Duty Liaison  
Eugene L. Overton, Jr. – Membership Director/Reunion Committee/ Scholarship Committee  
COL(R) Bob Seitz – Widows, Orphans and Wounded Soldiers Fund Committee

Then Saturday evening at 6:00pm our Currahee Memorial Dinner was held. The evening commenced with outgoing President John Lally calling us all to order and welcoming everyone on behalf of the Association. The American flag, 506th Regiment flag and 506th Association flag were posted by the Honor Guard from the active duty troops.

Once the flags were posted, a brief memorial ceremony was conducted by CPT Charles Williams, one of the Battalion Rear Detachment Commanders from the 4th BCT, and Fred May. CPT Williams lit the three candles (Red, White and Blue) which represent the three battalions of the regiment. which stood in front of a large colorized ice carving of the 506th Crest. After the candles were lit Fred May directed every one to look at the small table in front and conducted the Fallen Currahees Remembrance, our way of symbolizing the fact that some of our friends are missing from our midst and unable to be with us. After Fred explained the meaning of all the items placed on the table, a video projection displayed on a large overhead screen the names of all Currahees that were killed in action, from World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan; after which dinner was served.

As dessert was being served, a video music projection of Toby Keith's "American Soldier" was played. Next Tom Duckett, Association Chairman, acknowledged our Association Founders – Gene Overton, Bruce Moore, Mike Metzger and Brise Bickerton, and introduced the newly elected Officers and Directors. We attempted to play a DVD presentation by COL John P. Johnson – Commander, 4th BCT, 506th INF from Afghanistan. However the DVD malfunctioned and CPT Williams read the Colonel's speech to us instead. In the Colonel's speech he gave us some insights about how our Currahee activities are continuing the legacy of the Regiment in Afghanistan, and how much he and all the Brigade appreciate the support we have provided to the wounded and families back here in the States. In addition, he officially announced the newest list of Distinguished Members of the Regiment (20 in all). Note: a full text of the Colonel's speech can be found on our website at <[506infantry.org/reunions/reunion08johnson.htm](http://506infantry.org/reunions/reunion08johnson.htm)>

With that done Don Thies introduced our keynote speaker for the evening and his former CO CPT(R) Benjamin F. Peters, Jr. – HHC / B 2nd Bn, 1970.

After Ben's comments on his experience as a Currahee and in the military it was time to acknowledge those who have aided the Association over the past two years. Tom Duckett and John Lally presented awards to:

- Hoyt Bruce Moore, III / Peggy Pearson – Currahee Crest Award for ten years of service as Association Treasurer
- Michael J. Metzger – Currahee Crest Award for his years of service as the Association's first Chairman and guidance.
- John O. Lally – Certificate of Appreciation from the Association's Board of Directors, for his leadership and

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## \$500 College Scholarship To Be Offered

By Fred May - Scholarship Committee Chairman,  
A/1-506 INF 1970 - 1971

The Association is now accepting applications for our 2009 College Scholarships. This year the Scholarship Committee will be able to award at least one \$500 scholarship due to the generous donations from our membership. Basic information is listed below. For more complete information on the application process along with information on how to donate, visit our web site [www.506infantry.org](http://www.506infantry.org) and click on the SCHOLARSHIP button. Items one thru six, in the link, detail the application procedure while items seven thru thirteen explain the selection process.

Applicants are reminded to include their mailing address, phone number, and email address with their application. In addition, items that are sent with the application cannot be returned. Do not send original documentation as photo copies of important papers will be accepted. Questions may be directed to me at [AlfredMay@aol.com](mailto:AlfredMay@aol.com) or sent to my mailing address which is listed below.

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

Established by SFC(R) Joseph F. Foster, Jr. (HHC, 2nd BN, 1969-1970) and SSG(R) Melissa D. Snock

**1. Purpose:** to provide financial aid to students attending undergraduate or graduate programs at colleges and universities in the United States of America.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. 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 post-marked between January 1 and April 30, 2009 to  
The 506th Scholarship Committee  
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 obtained. Do not send original documents, as they cannot be returned. Photocopies of these documents will be accepted.
- 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 paragraph 2b.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. 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

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commitment while servicing as President of the Association.

- Ronald L. Helwig & Ruth Helwig - Presidential Citation for serving as Quartermaster
- Alfred M. May - Presidential Citation for his years of service as Active Duty Liaison
- Richard Seitz - Presidential Citation for his years of servicing as Hospital Visitation Team Leader at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for the last three deployments of the 506th to Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Richard L. Winters - Certification of Appreciation for his aid and participation as a Hospital Visitation Team Member at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- Octavio Laguna - Certification of Appreciation for his

servicing as Representative of the Association at funeral services of Currahees in Texas.

- CPT(R) Benjamin F. Peters - Certification of Appreciation for being our keynote speaker at this years Reunion.

In addition to the above awards each veteran in attendance was provided a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of the Army's Freedom Team Salute signed by General George W. Casey, Jr., Army Chief of Staff and Pete Geren, Secretary of the Army. Gene Overton and P.J. Degross – Ambassador, US Army out of Carson City, Nevada presented such certificates to MSG(R) Dario Ramos (A Co. 1st Bn, 1942/1945—a Toccoa Currahee) and COL(R) Linwood E. Burney (A/E 1st Bn 1967/1969), the highest ranking Vietnam Currahee present) with the remainder distributed at the end of the evening.

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## Currahee Notes

### Email to the Association from COL Tom Vail, CoS of the Task Force of the 101st Airborne, and former Currahee 6

Thursday, November 13, 2008 5:39 PM

Subject: RE: 506th Association President's Report (3rd QTR 2008)

Mr. Thies,

I remain the Chief of Staff, CJTF-101 here at our HQs at Bagram Airbase. As a former Currahee 6, I stand ready to support. Please let me know what I can do.

All of the Brigades are down to a 12 month tour with 506th departing in a few months. Our Division staff will remain through the Transfer of Authority, 3 June 09. The 82d will take the reins at that time.

We greatly appreciate the support to our troops and their families as I have seen first hand at Walter Reed and other hospitals. The constant feedback from Bob Seitz and many of our Currahee's is one of sincere gratitude.

Congrats on your position and steadfast commitment thru the association to our Vets.

Currahee! Air Assault!

Regards,

Tom Vail

4th Regimental Commander, 04-07.  
Chief of Staff, CJTF-101

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### SECNAV Names New Zumwalt-Class Destroyer USS Michael Monsoor

October 29, 2008: Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter announced that the name of the newest Zumwalt-class Destroyer will be USS Michael Monsoor. Designated as DDG-1001, the name honors Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Michael Monsoor, a Navy SEAL who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Ramadi, Iraq, on September 29, 2006.

PO2 Monsoor was a member of Seal Team 3, attached to 1st BN, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry as part of Task Force Red Currahee in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, 2005-2006.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Currahees:

#### Interim Approval of Award of the Navy Unit Commendation

December 22, 2006: The Military Awards Branch of the US Army Human Resources Command issued an interim approval memo and sent it to the US Navy. This memo authorized the temporary wear of the Navy Unit Commendation pending review by the Center for Military History, who will be checking for duplications and exact eligibility for the units intended for inclusion in the

### 2008 Reunion After-Action Report (continued)

Concluding our evening, the Honor Guard retired the colors and their most junior member extinguished the Memorial Candles until our next Reunion.

The joint reunion with the 101st Airborne Association and with other sub-regimental units was the subject of much discussion. It led to some confusion and scheduling issues, but also offered additional opportunities to people who are members of both organizations. The Board of Directors will be carefully considering members' feedback before making a decision for 2010 and beyond.

Many thanks to those who helped make the operation of this reunion a success, including Tom Duckett, Bruce Moore and Peggy Pearson, Ron and Ruth Helwig, and Sabina May.

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From a Department of Veterans Affairs Press Release

### New Law Authorizes Veterans' Salutes during National Anthem

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a change in federal law last year that authorized veterans members of the armed forces not in uniform to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address the national anthem.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush

award.

The memo listed Army units who participated with the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Reinforced) in Iraq during the period 2 August 2004 to 1 February 2005, including the 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, and various units attached to the 1-506<sup>th</sup>.

Operating under 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division (-) (REIN):  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bde (-) (REIN), 1<sup>st</sup> CAVDIV "Black Jack BDE"; TF1-506 INF (-); TF 2-17 FA; 44<sup>th</sup> EN BN (-); B/5-5 ADA

## J.J., We Remember You

By Greg Phillips, D Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1970

Recently I was preparing to attend my very first combination 506th and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division reunions in Reno, Nevada. It was suggested that since I was in Nevada that I should consider visiting the grave of a soldier who had gave his all in a battle in which I, along with five others, was wounded in on May 7, 1970. He, with six other young men, lost their lives in this battle. In the 38 plus years since this battle I thought of these seven everyday and can still see their faces as if it was yesterday.

The soldier's name was Lloyd Jackson and he was from Austin, Nevada. Lloyd was a Shoshone Indian whose nickname was J.J.

I joined the 1<sup>st</sup>/506<sup>th</sup>, 101st Airborne Division in March of 1970 in the extreme northern part of what was then South Vietnam. I was a veteran of the Big Red One which had just been sent back to the states and we soldiers were scattered throughout the remaining divisions in country.

During the next few weeks I couldn't help but notice what a good soldier Jackson was. He did everything by the book and was probably the best warrior I have ever known. He once told me that he would have been in line for a promotion to sergeant had it not been for my arrival. I certainly wasn't a better soldier than he, I just happened to have more combat experience. When he told me this there wasn't any jealousy in his voice.

Our platoon, numbering 22, was attacked by a vastly larger force during the early morning hours of May 7, 1970. J.J. and six others were killed almost immediately. The side of the perimeter they were defending was the easiest side to attack. So what I have always termed as the perfect soldier never really had a chance.

I thought on this going to Austin for several days and decided that J.J. would have done this for me and it was the right thing for me to do.

I got in touch by e-Mail with the Austin, Nevada Chamber of Commerce and was given the location of the grave, and an offer that when I was certain of the date I would be arriving to advise them and they would get try to have a fellow veteran meet us at the cemetery.

The 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne reunion was set for August 13-17, 2008. I decided that I would go to Reno a day early, rent a car and journey to Austin on August the 13<sup>th</sup>. A fellow veteran from Austin, Ray Williams, was in touch with me and proved to be most helpful in my quest to visit the grave. He invited Lloyd's remaining family to visit with us at the gravesite if

they desired to do so.

On August the 13<sup>th</sup> I went with my wife Krystal, a Vietnam veteran comrade named Dick Doyle (we served in three different combat units together), and another friend of mine from California, Dr. Ralph Matkin. Ralph was awarded two Silver Stars while serving as a medic attached to the 101<sup>st</sup> in early 1970. We set out at 8:00 am headed east of Reno on Highway 50 for 175 miles. For the last 150 miles of the journey we saw nothing but highway, no service stations, no rest stops, nothing.

We arrived at the cemetery after a three hour journey and were greeted by Lloyd's sister, Carlene Burton and her daughter plus Mr. Williams and a friend of J.J.'s from high school, Justice of the Peace Joe Dory.

Much to my surprise, J.J.'s family never knew how he died; they only knew that he died from wounds sustained in combat. I had the opportunity to tell them what a great soldier he had been and how he had died defending our perimeter and helping save the lives of the remaining 15 members of the platoon.

After this visit with the family, we visited the gravesite and placed 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division pins on the simple white cross atop J.J.'s grave. The family didn't realize that Lloyd had used the nickname J.J. in Vietnam until just before our visit and couldn't figure where he had got the nickname until we passed by Lloyd's fathers grave. Just after his name were the letters J.J. Lloyd had taken his father's nickname in a place where we all had gone by nicknames.

Once we had paid our respects at the cemetery, Mr. Williams gave us a tour of Austin and allowed us to view the V.F.W. post which was named for Lloyd. It turns out that Lloyd was the only soldier from the area that died in Vietnam.

We then dined with the family and Mr. Williams at Mr. Williams' café in the heart of Austin. Here we learned the history of the tribe and how they made their livings today. After lunch in Austin our group thanked the family and Mr. Ray Williams for an eventful visit and headed west to Reno. On the way back I reflected on what a treat it would have been if Lloyd had lived and could have actually joined us at the reunion since it was so close to his home.

My point in writing this article is if you lost friends in combat and have never visited the graves or the families, please try to do so while there is still time. It will make the

families feel good and certainly make you a better person for having done it.

*Former comrades, family and friends visit the gravesite of Lloyd "J.J." Jackson in Austin, Nevada prior to the 2008 Currahee Reunion*



## Membership Director's Report and Membership Analysis

By Eugene L. Overton, Jr. [Gene] – Membership Director

C Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 506<sup>th</sup> – 1967/1968

As of year-end 2008, the total number of Members who have paid their 2008 Dues was 591 or 112% of our goal [530] for the year. The challenge to reach our membership goal for 2008 was accomplished in true Currahee style. Can we do the same in 2009 with a goal of 600 Members? It's in your hands!

<b>ERA</b>	<b>Dues Paying</b>	<b>All Members</b>	<b>Percent Paying</b>
World War II – Parachute Infantry (1942 – 1945)	23	228	10%
Camp Breckinridge/Fort Jackson – Basic Training (1948 -	3	15	20%
Fort Campbell - 1st Airborne Battle Group (1956 - 1964)	66	241	27%
Fort Campbell - Airborne Infantry (1964 - 1967)	12	264	5%
Vietnam – Airborne Infantry / Airmobile (1967 - 1972)	349	2270	15%
Fort Campbell–1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion, Airmobile /Air Assault (1972 –	28	90	31%
South Korea – 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion, Air Assault (1987 - 2004)	29	270	11%
Iraq – 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion, Air Assault (2004 - 2005)	4	153	3%
4th Brigade Combat Team, 506th RCT – Air Assault (2004	43	126	34%
Associate Members	<u>34</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>19%</u>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>3832</b>	<b>15%</b>

If any Dues Paying Member has not received his or her 2008 Membership Card or Association Roster, please contact me so this can be rectified. I can be reached at [Charlie35@si.rr.com](mailto:Charlie35@si.rr.com) or (646) 232-6265.

Association Annual Members: remember that January 31, 2009 is time to pay your 2009 Membership Dues. For all those who paid for a Five Year Membership, your next dues payment is not due until January of 2012 if you have a 2007–2011 Membership or January 2013 if you have a 2008–2012 Membership.

All Currahees – if you have a change of address, telephone, email or other information PLEASE submit such changes before March 31, 2009 so we can ensure that the Association's 2009 Roster contains accurate information.

THANKS to your support; because of it your Association continues to grow. CURRAHEE!

## MAJ Dick Winters exhibit dedicated at Pennsylvania museum

For millions of Americans, the story of Major Dick Winters has come to personify the qualities and contributions of all Currahees. A new permanent exhibit of Winters' den, together with a large amount of memorabilia from his days as a Currahee is on display at the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society in Pennsylvania.

Winters commanded Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry during World War II from Normandy to Operation Market Garden, finishing the war as a major and BN XO. Winters, now 90, received the Distinguished Service Cross and has been recommended to receive the Medal of Honor.

The story of Easy Company, which became the subject of the best-selling book "Band of Brothers" and an award-winning television mini-series, has increased public awareness of the 506th and its history.

The exhibit also contains little known audio and video clips about the Band of Brothers.

It was dedicated on October 25, 2008 and opened to the general public on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008. Admission is free of charge. You can visit the website at [www.hersheyhistory.org](http://www.hersheyhistory.org).

## **Last Roll Call:**

**SSG Lee Brooks**, C Co, 1st BN, 506th, 2ID; WIA November 17, 2004 Iraq; died as result of wounds on March 20, 2008

**George M. Rosie**, HQ (Mortars), 3rd BN, 506<sup>th</sup> PIR; POW, WWII, died May 14, 2008

**Kevin Poehls**, A Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> BCT, died May 19, 2008

**Brian E. Stallard**, E Co (LRRP), 3rd BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, Vietnam, died May 19, 2008

**Richard R. Harris**, D Co, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, Vietnam, died May 28, 2008

**Roger S. Barron**, C Co, 1st ABG, 506<sup>th</sup>, died June 6, 2008

**David Mike Pearson**, HHC/B Co, 3<sup>rd</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, Vietnam, died October 18, 2008

**Merle K. Bair, Jr.**, HHC (Medic), 1st ABG, died November 24, 2008

**Charles T. Craton, Jr.**, C Co, 1st BN, 506<sup>th</sup> PIR/H Co, 3rd BN, 506<sup>th</sup> PIR, WWII, died November 27, 2008

**Melvin W. Isenecker**, C Co, 1st BN, 506<sup>th</sup> PIR, WWII, died November 23, 2008

**Norman W. Neitzke**, E Co, 2nd BN, 506<sup>th</sup> PIR, WWII, died December 8, 2008

**Douwe Rex Bleeker**, C Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, Vietnam, died December 12, 2008

## **Currahees KIA in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), June-December 2008**

**SGT Estell Lee Turner**, E Co, 801st BSB, assigned to 1st BN, 506th, DOW 07/02/08; date of action 6/28/08, Makikheyl

**1LT Nick A. Dewhirst**, D Co (XO), 2nd BN, 506th, KIA 07/20/08, Qalandar District, Khost Province

**SGT Ryan P. Baumann**, G Co, 801st BSB, assigned to 4th BN, 320th FA, KIA 8/1/2008, Route Alaska, Khost Province

**1LT Donald C. Carwile**, D Co, 1st BN, 506th, KIA 08/15/08, Wardak Province

**PFC Paul E. Conlon, Jr.**, D Co, 1st BN, 506th, KIA 08/15/08, Wardak Province

**SSG William E. Hasenflu**, A Trp, 1-61st CAV, KIA 09/28/08, Jaji District

**SGT Federico Borjas**, 416th CA BN, 351st CA Command (attached to Task Force Currahee), KIA 10/16/08, Barmel District Center

**CPL Charles P. Gaffney Jr.**, HHC, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, KIA 12/24/08, Paktika Province

## **Reunion followup**

John Lally, Newsletter Editor

I've had a couple of requests for the poem I read at the Reno reunion. It has been around since at least Vietnam in one form or another, but I haven't been able to attribute it to any individual author.

*It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the teacher,  
who has given us freedom to learn and to think as we wish.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the businessman,  
who has given us the opportunity to prosper.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to assemble.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*And it is the VETERAN, not the politician,  
Who has given us the right to vote.*

It seems both appropriate and sobering to think about these words in the context of the names listed above.

## 2008 Treasurer's Report:

As of October 31, 2008, year-to-date operating income of \$31,241.91 exceeded operating expenses of \$23,785.67 for net operating income of \$7,456.24. Total funds in Association cash accounts included the following:

Fidelity Business Account (pre-paid dues & earned interest)	\$16,922.69
Business Shares, Financial 21, San Diego, CA	125.33
Checking Account: Unrestricted Funds	21,348.87
TOTAL Temporarily Restricted Funds:	18,798.18
Scholarship Fund:	9,592.62
Fidelity US Gov Reserves	9,489.08
Financial 21 Savings Account	103.54
Currahee Packages Fund	1,031.56
Currahee Rendezvous 2009	296.27
Widows/Orphans/Wounded Soldiers Fund	<u>7,877.73</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$57,195.07

The 5-year Membership Dues plan continues to be successful. As of October 31, 2008, the amount of PrePaid Dues was as follows:

Year 2009	\$5,119.00
Year 2010	5,014.00
Year 2011	5,014.00
Year 2012	<u>1,680.00</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME	\$16,827.00

Thanks to all of you who responded to the various 2008 membership drives and to those who made additional donations for Association expenses, the Scholarship Fund, the 2008 Currahee Packages Project, the Currahee Rendezvous 2009, and the Widows, Orphans, & Wounded Soldiers Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hoyt Bruce Moore, Treasurer

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## Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for Jim Restucci.

The 506th Association website ([www.506infantry.org](http://www.506infantry.org)) is a remarkable resource for members, for veterans and for all people with an interest in the Currahee legend. Part history, part news, part information resource and a great deal of collaborative effort at continuing and renewing relationships, the Currahee website has been a key part of the Association and its success in the past few years.

Much of the credit goes to Mike Bookser and Bruce Moore for their untiring efforts to develop our web presence. But in addition, behind the scenes, we all owe a great debt of gratitude to yet another Currahee veteran — Jim Restucci, A/HHC, 1st BN, 506th, 2ID, 1993-1994..

Since the creation of the website, Jim and his firm, Internet service provider Axxcess Internet Services, have very generously provided the hosting, access, security and transaction services for our website.

In recognition of his long-time support for this organization and its supporters, this fall the Board of Directors

presented to Jim and his firm the following Certificate of Appreciation:

*The Board of Directors of the  
506th Airborne Infantry Association  
(Airborne-Airmobile-Air Assault)  
take great pleasure in awarding this  
Certificate of Appreciation  
to our comrade,  
**James A. Restucci**  
and to  
**Axxcess Internet Services**  
for their valuable and continuing support  
of the Association and its services, and their ongoing  
commitment to helping meet the needs  
of Currahee veterans and active duty soldiers.*

## C Co, 1st BN, 506th, Vietnam 1969-1970

Hello Sir:

My name is Ronald Williams. I just want to express my thanks to you and the Association for making it possible for me to be able to get in contact with Bill Higgins. As I am in the DC area as is he, it was easy for us to set up a meeting for lunch.

It was a very moving and healing meeting for me. We discussed many people from Charlie Company and many of the things we did as soldiers in the "BOONIES". Little things like filling rucksacks so full somebody had to help you up after you sat down to get it on your back, or filling canteen covers with grenades so you could carry more of them with you.

It was great for me to recall that stuff with someone who was there and understood everything I described. We could even speak the lingo of the time with each other (HOT LZ, FIRE MISSIONS, DON'T MEAN NOTHING, SAPPERS, CONTACT), of course Zippo, Peanuts, and many others were discussed at our meeting.

AGAIN, MANY THANKS

Ronald G. Williams

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Battle Group Swift Strike Memories

by LTC(R) Mike Farquhar

(Mortar Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> ABG, 1963-1964; HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, 1964)

Greetings All,

Aah for those blessed simple days when our worst enemy wore a ridged helmet liner and the cursed Circle Trigon! Kennedy was still president, and Vice-President LBJ was doing no harm.

A new pair of Corcorans cost under \$20.00 and every gung-ho trooper owned a set of TWs [usually w/Marine Corps stripes sewn on] as their going home warsuit.

Remember the silver dollar sewn inside your glider patch? Remember the fun of initiating cherry jumpers?

Anybody remember trying to paint the tails of C119s while exiting? That was a good jumping airplane, in the summer!

For you young'ens, Swift Strike II (August 1962) pitted the 101st and the 5th Mech from Fort Reilly against the 82nd and the 2nd ID from Benning.

The Army was amid change then, the 101st had M-14s and M-60s, the 82nd still had M-1s and Cal.30s. There was no love lost between these units. Three days into the game and everybody was sleep-deprived and fully caught up in the fray.

At one point the 506th did one of the first air assaults into an 82nd held airstrip, and we captured a bunch of their folks. I was directed to watch a big lieutenant, and I ordered him to have a seat on the forks of a jeep trailer. He refused, and his third refusal was the charm - PFC Farquhar butt-stroked him.

I have forever thanked some rough and wise NCOs who saved my young Airborne Ass from a court martial that afternoon. At first I didn't see anything wrong with what I'd done. It took awhile before I could understand the difference between a training war game, and a punishable assault. I may have been saved by the fact that the 82nd lieutenant wasn't wearing his Circle Trigon rank that day. But I was most certainly saved by my NCOs. I've always felt sorry for the LT who fell victim to overly gung-ho skinny PFC from the 101st!

Currahee!

Iron Mike

Old Soldier - Still Good for Parts!

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## Eagle Cane Presentation

On August 4, 2008, an eagle-head cane was presented to SPC Ryan Price (D Co, 2nd BN, 506th, WIA May 7, 2008) on behalf of the 506th Association, by Hoyt Bruce Moore, III, (A Co, 1st BN, 506<sup>th</sup>, 1970-1971) of the 506th Airborne Infantry Association..

The cane was made of solid cherry wood and was provided by Tidewater Whittlers & Carvers in support of the Wounded Warriors Program. The eagle head was carved by Ed Wilfong, and the cane was turned on a wood lathe by Tom Fisher. They do their woodworking at Beazley Senior Center in Portsmouth, VA.

Ed Wilfong is a friend of William E. "Bill" Willey, Jr., who served in B Co, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 506<sup>th</sup>, 1960-1963 at Fort Campbell, KY. Bill contacted the 506th Association so this cane could be presented to a wounded Currahee soldier.



L-R): Hoyt Bruce Moore, III (A Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1970-1971), SPC Ryan Price (D Co, 2nd BN, 506th, WIA May 2008), and 1LT Brian Wittmayer (A Co, 1st BN, 506th)

SPC Price and 1LT Wittmayer are members of the US Army Warrior Transition Company at the [Naval Medical Center San Diego](#) (Balboa Naval Hospital).

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Quantity	Item	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##	TOTAL COST
	Association Gym/Duffel Bag (23.75" x 13" x 11.5")	\$34.00**	\$30.00**	\$
	Zippo Lighter (Polished Chrome)	\$23.00	\$20.00	
	Zippo Lighter (Brushed Chrome)	\$21.00	\$18.00	
	FSB Map, I Corps, Vietnam (26.5" x 18")	\$20.00	\$15.00	
	Currahee Flag (3' x 5')	\$40.00	\$35.00	
	Currahee Battle Flag (3' x 5')	\$40.00	\$35.00	
	Ceramic Mug w/Currahee Shield (11-oz)	\$7.00	\$5.00	
	Pub Glass w/Currahee Shield (16-oz)	\$11.00	\$8.50	
	Book: <i>The Story of a Soldier</i>	\$12.00	\$9.00	
	Original Polo Original (White; XL only)	\$32.00	\$29.00	
BLACK	WHITE	Golf Towel (11" x 18")		
	506th Currahee	\$15.00	\$12.00	
	4BCT ParaDice	\$15.00	\$12.00	
	Airborne Wings	\$15.00	\$12.00	
	Air Assault Wings	\$15.00	\$12.00	
Shipping (\$4.80 for the 1st item + \$2.50 shipping per additional item)				\$
**ADD \$4.50 additional shipping for each GYM/DUFFEL BAG				
# of SHEETS	Currahee Return Address Labels			
	Size: 1" x 2-5/8"; 30 self-stick labels per sheet Minimum Order: 3 sheets (90 labels)	\$3.00 per sheet	\$2.00 per sheet	\$
Shipping (\$0.50 shipping for each sheet of labels)				\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>				<b>\$</b>
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	Pin: Currahee Shield Full-Size (1"x 1-1/4")	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$
	Pin: Currahee Shield Lapel (3/8"x 1/2")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	Decal: Currahee Shield (2.75"x 3.5" Adhesive)	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Decal: Para-Dice (3" diameter)	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Decal: 506th Association (8"x 5" Static Cling)	\$3.00	\$2.00	
	Neck Cooler (44")	\$4.00	\$2.50	
	Patch: Currahee Shield (3"x 3.5")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
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	Patch: Shield with Airborne Wings (4.25"x 2.25")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Patch: Shield with Air Assault Wings (4.25"x 2.25")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	CD: <i>Coming Home</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Wait on the Bridge</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Call Me Crazy</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Lover's Midnight Concerto</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Piano, Spirit In My Hands</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	Currahee License Plate	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	License Plate Frame: White w/Blue Letters	\$7.00*	\$5.00*	
	License Plate Frame: Black w/Gold Letters	\$7.00*	\$5.00*	
	506th Association Challenge Coin (1-1/2" diameter)	\$10.00*	\$8.00*	
	506th Infantry Knife (2-3/8")	\$7.00*	\$5.00*	
	506th Infantry Bracelet	\$12.00*	\$10.00*	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$</b>
Shipping @ \$0.50 per item				
*ADD \$0.80 additional shipping for each COIN, KNIFE, BRACELET, or LICENSE PLATE FRAME				
**ADD \$1.60 additional shipping for each CD or LICENSE PLATE				
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\*\* Colors: W=White; B=Black; G=Gray; T=Tan; LBL=Light Blue; LGR=Light Green; DGR=Forest Green; K=Khaki; P=Pink; RBL=Royal Blue

**Front Design Codes:**

Embroidered designs: (1) 506<sup>th</sup> Currahee [shirt]; (2) 4BCT ParaDice [shirt]; (8) 506<sup>th</sup> Currahee [hat];  
 (9) 4BCT ParaDice [hat]; (13) Airborne Wings [hat; shirt]; (14) Air Assault Wings [hat; shirt]  
 Full-front printed designs: (3) 506<sup>th</sup> Regiment; (4) Spade w/Insignia; (5) Sink Montage; (6) Always Currahee; (7) ParaDice Currahee;  
 (10) Airborne Currahee; (11) 506th Coat of Arms; (12) Strike from the Sky

Item	Front Design Codes	Colors**	Sizes	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##
Hat: 5-Panel Cotton	(8) (9) (13) (14)	W, B, T, RBL, DGR	One size	\$14.00	\$12.00
Hat: 5-Panel Nylon	(8) (9) (13) (14)	W, B, RBL, DGR	One size	\$14.00	\$12.00
Polo Shirt: (left chest area design with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2) (13) (14)	W, B, LBL, G, T	S, M, L, XL	\$32.00	\$29.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$34.00	\$31.00
Short Sleeve T-Shirt: Full front design; no personalization Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00	(3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, LBL, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$18.00	\$15.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$19.00	\$16.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirt: Full front design; no personalization Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00	(3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, LBL, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$20.00	\$17.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$21.00	\$18.00
Crewneck Sweatshirt: Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00 (Designs 3-12: full front; no personalization) (Designs 1-2: left chest area with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2) (13) (14) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$23.00	\$20.00
			2XL, 3XL	\$24.00	\$21.00
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt: Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00 (Designs 3-12: full front; no personalization) (Designs 1-2: left chest area with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2) (13) (14) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, G, T, P, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$33.00	\$30.00
			2XL, 3XL	\$36.00	\$33.00

Quantity	Item	Front Design #	Personalize?	World Tour?	Color	Size	Price Each	TOTAL
			Y N	Y N				\$
			Y N	Y N				
			Y N	Y N				
			Y N	Y N				
	Optional Currahee World Tour on back (\$1.00 per T-Shirt/Sweatshirt)						\$ 1.00	\$
	Optional Personalization Information (\$3.00 per Sweatshirt/Polo)						\$ 3.00	\$
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