



The **Currahee!**

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

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

Welcome Home, Currahees!

An event-filled three days marked the official welcome home celebration for the Currahees of the 4th Brigade Combat Team. They came home to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after a demanding but successful tour of duty in Afghanistan. After an all-too-brief home leave, soldiers, family members and 506th Infantry Regiment veterans came to Fort Campbell and celebrated together on May 28-30, 2009.

The celebration—dubbed “*Currahee Rendezvous 2009*” was the vision of the brigade commander, COL Pete Johnson, and was made possible through the efforts of the rear detachment, family members and the group of 506th Association members who helped with planning and fund-raising. The outpouring of support for our returning troops was wonderful to behold, and Association members were an integral part of the celebration.

Highlights of the week included:

- the Awards Ceremony, where 4 Currahees received Silver Stars for Valor in Afghanistan;

- Athletic competitions and skill demonstrations;
- Volunteer recognition awards ceremony for family volunteers at Ft. Campbell during deployment;
- tours of training facilities, simulators and demonstrations;
- a family barbeque with many family activities;
- Currahee memorial service;
- induction of Currahees and supporters of the regiment as Distinguished or Honorary Members of the Regiment (see page 14); and
- the Currahee Ball held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in nearby Nashville, Tennessee.

It was a very special weekend for all who attended. The garrison could not have been more accommodating to the visitors. What made it more special was that the regiment went out of its way to invite all 506th veterans to attend the celebration. Judging from the turnout of former Currahees, the connection between past and present is very healthy indeed.

COL Johnson and key members of his staff met with members of the Association Board of Directors to brainstorm ways the veterans’ group and the active duty troops can work together to support soldiers and their families. Check out the articles and pictures in the newsletter for more information.



Regimental Staff Office Building became the veteran’s nerve center for the *Rendezvous*, with the 506th Association registration desk, the Quartermaster’s store and historical displays.

Day 1 of the Rendezvous: Active duty Currahees, family members and veterans mingle in the 506th regimental area for a barbeque after a day of athletic competition, games, tours and demonstrations.



From our leaders —

Don Thies,
Association President

The troops are home, the troops are home!

What a wonderful thing to start out this message to all of you. After a long and successful deployment which met or exceeded established goals, the troops of the 4th Brigade's "Currahees" of the 101st Airborne Division are back home with their families and friends. Speaking for all of us, I'd like to say to them **"Job Well Done — Thank You and Welcome Home!"**

By the time this message is printed, the 2009 Currahee Rendezvous at Fort Campbell will be history. I'm sure as I'm writing this that those of us who attended this event will say to all of you who couldn't attend that everyone had a wonderful time and we missed you.

The board of directors and officers of the Association continue to work on various projects for the benefit of veterans and active duty troops. The 2009 Scholarship award, 2010 Reunion are just a couple items. The *Widows, Orphans and Wounded Soldiers (WOWS)* committee continues to monitor and assist our troops in every way possible in their recovery, and are of immense help to families dealing with their grief.

A change of command in the 4th BCT will take place this summer; we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to COL Johnson for his outstanding leadership. This also applies to his entire staff and command of the entire 4th Brigade. We wish everyone a successful future in their next assignments.

To all the enlisted soldiers, whatever your rank or role, may we also thank you; we deeply appreciate your efforts and commitment. You've done a fantastic job and should be very proud of your accomplishments.

Thanks also to the Brigade's Rear Detachment, Gene Overton, Fred May, Bruce Moore and Peggy Pearson, and all the many volunteers who have made such an impact this past year for veterans and our current troops and their families. Currahee!

Donald E. Thies
President, 506th Airborne Infantry
Association

B Co. 2nd/506th – Vietnam 1970-71

"Currahee Six"— COL John P. "Pete" Johnson,
Commanding Officer, 4th Brigade Combat Team

It is great to be home after a long combat deployment to Afghanistan, where once again the Currahees fought bravely and with distinction supporting the Nation we love, and defending the freedoms we hold dear. The veterans can all be proud that we have extended the storied lineage of our unit and maintained the honor of the Currahee Colors.

While deployed, it was comforting for all of us knowing that the entire Currahee Family was supporting our efforts as well as "Standing Together" taking care of each other. I'm especially grateful to the Veteran teams that visited our Wounded Warriors and their families - it made a huge difference, and one that will never be forgotten by those Currahees.

I want to personally thank all those veterans who attended Currahee Rendezvous and helped make it the tremendous success it was. We accomplished so much during the Rendezvous - honoring our fallen and the Gold Star families, awarding our brave heroes, recognizing our Family Readiness Group Volunteers, inducting Distinguished and Honorary Members of our great Regiment, and then celebrating it all at the Currahee Grand Ball at Opryland.

Throughout the first two days, our Soldiers were competing for honors on the fields of friendly strife, culminating in the Currahee Commander's Trophy being awarded to our Guns of Glory, 4-320th FA, for besting the other battalions in our athletic competitions. The Currahee Rendezvous was one of those special moments in time where everything came together brilliantly, and I'm sure will remain in our thoughts for years to come.

Of special note was our announcement of the 506th Infantry Regiment's new Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, COL (Ret) Bob Seitz. COL Seitz served as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in 2-506 INF in Vietnam where he was wounded twice. He is no stranger to our current team having volunteered to assist our

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Don Thies presents COL Pete Johnson, commanding officer of the 4th BCT, with a blanket copied from the Currahee battle flag that flew in Afghanistan. The blanket was one of several Don had made and donated to the regiment.

Forward Observations:

What we saw at Fort Campbell

John Lally, Association Board and Newsletter Editor
A Co, 1st/506th Infantry
Vietnam, 1970-71

Three generations of Currahee veterans came to Fort Campbell to welcome home the current generation of warriors. The occasion was the Currahee Rendezvous, which fittingly took place May 28th-30th -- right after Memorial Day. It was a marvelous and very moving experience.

Elsewhere in this issue we'll share information on the events of the Rendezvous, but here are some personal reflections on that long weekend:

- The “kids” returning from the Middle East were tough, capable and professional, with a strong *esprit de corps* that was expressed in their carriage, their attitudes and their language. They have obvious confidence in their capabilities and a collective faith in themselves, each other and in this country.
- The respect they showed for the veterans was touching to behold. We had representatives from all eras in the history of the 506th Infantry and the Screaming Eagles. All of us were treated with deference by everyone from COL Pete Johnson on down. More than a few of the vets told me that they were thanked repeatedly by the returning soldiers for *their* service to our country in Vietnam and elsewhere. Some got all choked up when their service was recognized; for them, it was the first time anybody in this country had thanked them for their sacrifices.
- I felt there was a healthy balance of emotional tugs this weekend. Obvious pride in their unit, its mission and the record of its accomplishments was always present, but it stayed in check when the names of the KIA were brought up, as it should be. But the joy of life was also present in the “significant others” and their children; these young family members showed relief and strain.
- There was obviously a close personal and professional relationship between the officers, their NCO cadre and the enlisted troops. The respect was there, of course, but they didn't seem to depend on formality and pulling rank to get that respect – competence and shared experience. With so many areas in our society seeing growing gaps between

management and workers, between social and economic strata, and between cultural groups, this acceptance was reassuring.

- Senior NCOs are still the rock-solid foundation of the infantry and the anchor points for units in times of stress. From platoon sergeants to sergeants major, these men still stand out. It was funny and symbolic that when colonels couldn't quiet the thousands of excited people at the Ball, the E-8's and E-9's were dispatched...and, of course, the place immediately quieted down.
- Soldiers' families have suffered from repeated and lengthy deployments as well as from the uncertainties of combat. Yet their support for their loved ones seems unshakeable. Especially for the survivors of the KIA and WIA soldiers, the price of our freedom was high; but I saw and heard about incredible acts of selflessness from soldiers and family members alike responding to loss and challenge. God bless them all.
- Living conditions in the Army are much improved over the “temporary” 40-year old barracks and training facilities our generation experienced. The living quarters resembled a dorm on a college campus, and the whole post seemed – *civilized!*
- There is something reassuring about encountering bureaucratic SNAFUs as we did in a couple of situations during the festivities. It reminds us of our humanity and fallibility...and also that some institutions don't change.

The Currahee legacy is in safe hands. When I was assigned to the 506th, I worried about living up to the standard created by the WWII vets. Now, looking ahead instead of backward, I am certain that the current crop of Screaming Eagles in the 506th will demonstrate the same great measures of courage, commitment and responsibility that their grandfathers, fathers and older siblings did in their wars.

Attention writers and artists!

Currahees are a creative bunch. We have successful musicians, artists and writers among us. Beginning in next winter's Currahee newsletter, we would like to publish essays, articles, cartoons, drawings and poems written by Currahees — active duty or veteran — arising from their 506th experience. If you are interested in sharing your creations with other people with common backgrounds, email newsletter editor John Lally at <johnlally@comcast.net>. The editorial board will decide which submissions will be published.

Work proceeds on new 506th Infantry memorial to fallen Currahees

John Lally

In a week of celebration and excitement, the 4th Brigade Combat Team on Friday took a more serious tone, honoring the 32 soldiers who were killed during a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

Fifteen of the soldiers were from Fort Campbell, and the other 17 were members of units that made up Combined Task Force Currahee, which included a Polish Battle Group and Czech Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Brigade Commander COL Pete Johnson and CSM Tim Coop also unveiled hand-drawn renderings that will, in a few months, be a standing monument at Fort Campbell honoring the more than 1,400 soldiers from the 506th Infantry Regiment who have died since its creation during World War II.

"Last weekend, our nation paused to pay homage to all those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country," Johnson said during his remarks.

"And so it is befitting that, as we are still in the shadow of Memorial Day remembrance, we pay special tribute to our own precious loss and give the Gold Star families a collective hug."

The monument design will be complete in a few weeks and will include elements honoring the warrior ethos, 506th battles and the names of the fallen.

"The monument we unveiled here today reflects the magnificence of our unit and its lineage, and (it) honors the sacrifice of our fallen brothers on a grand scale," Johnson said.

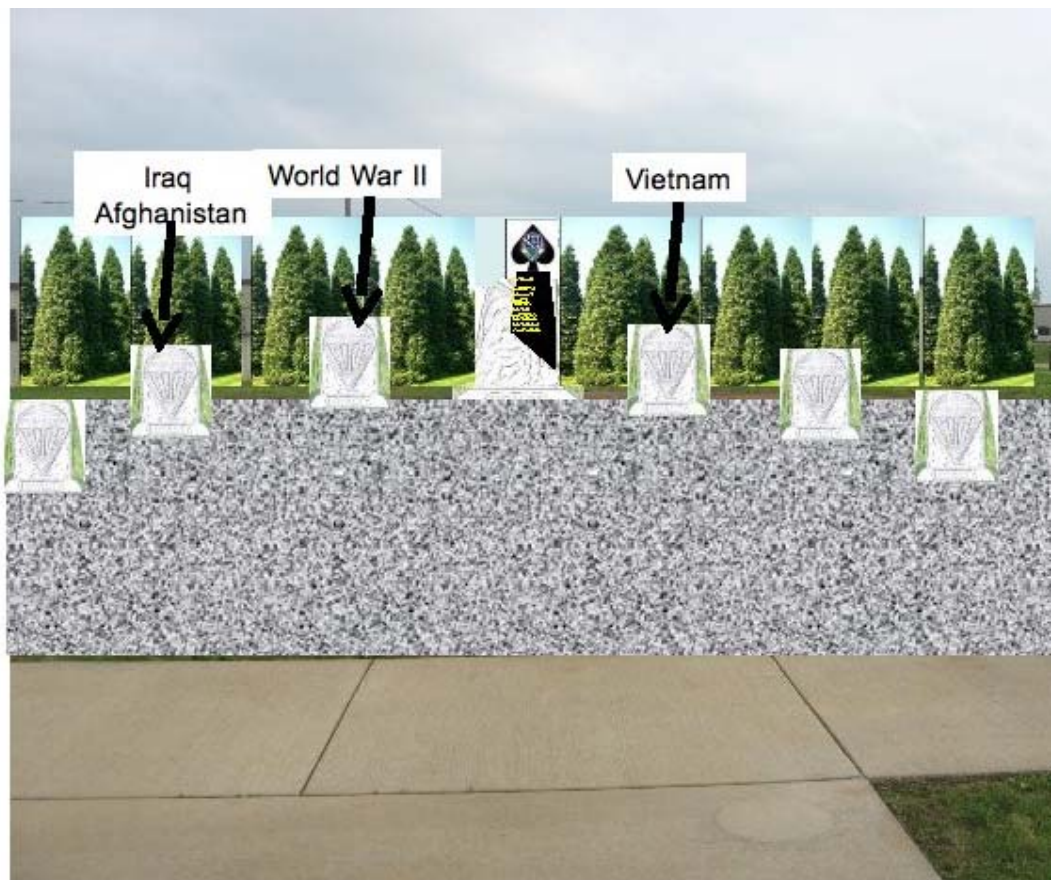
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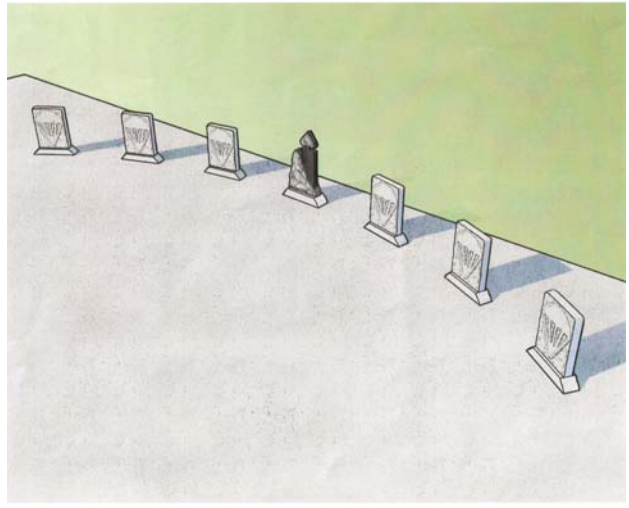
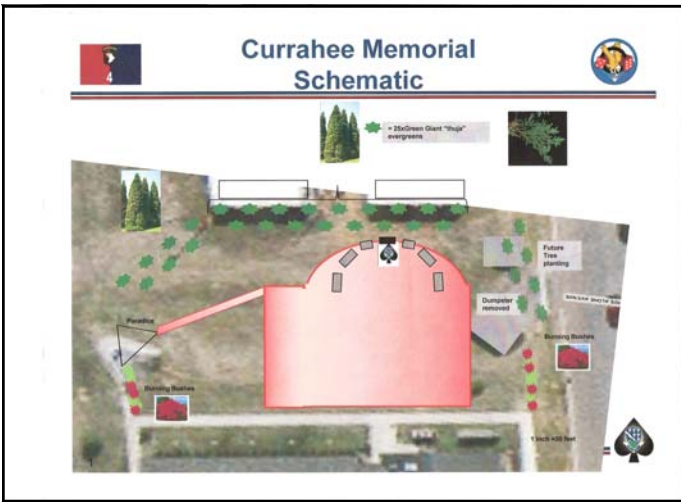
This is the artist's rendition of the plan for the Currahee KIA monument, to be erected later this year at Fort Campbell, KY.

ment is being supported by the 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association. The Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to provide financial support and services to the effort. All contributions to the Association for this purpose are tax deductible, with all of the funds collected dedicated to the monument. The Association hopes to help reach the financial target for the remaining costs of the project, or approximately \$38,000.

A local building contractor, Glenn Goodwin of Roy Goodwin Contractors in Nashville, has generously contributed both the concrete and the labor for the foundation of the monument. This is a significant boost to the project.

According to Goodwin, "[Brigade Executive Officer] Major Darman C. Place told me about the idea the regiment had, which was to make a memorial for the fallen Currahees. He asked for advice on how to approach such a project. As an American, I realized that I owe my freedom to the men and women who sacrificed their lives for me and for us as a nation. *(continued on page 5)*





Artist's concept. Central monument (below, left) will be flanked by six campaign monuments with names of KIAs on the back.



Currahee Memorial (Continued from Page 4)

“Because of that belief, I offered my help and resources to pour all the concrete work for the Currahee memorial. Because of God and our American soldiers, Roy T. Goodwin Contractors have been blessed to be in business in Nashville for 38 years.

“I believe I am simply giving back to what has been given to me from God and from the American soldiers that have risked their lives for me and the United States of America. Freedom is not free.”

Contributions can be made through the 506th Airborne Infantry Association. All contributions are tax deductible.

Currahee 6: COL Johnson's comments

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Wounded Warriors and their families at the Walter Reed Medical Center. He has continued his relationship with 2-506 IN, displayed a commitment to continue to serve our Regiment's interests, and is widely respected by those Currahees who know him best - an obvious selection.

As we make this transition, we acknowledge the tremendous service both past and present of our departing Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, LTG (Ret) Jim Crysel. I had a great conversation with General Crysel and he wishes all our Currahees the very best and is extremely proud to have served us again.

The other special moment among many at the Currahee Rendezvous was the unveiling of the Currahee Memorial. Work is already underway with the foundation poured and ready for the Monument itself. This memorial will honor the Currahee fallen of all eras of conflict, World War II, Vietnam, and Iraq / Afghanistan, and will also represent the incredible achievements of the Currahees since our birth at Toccoa, Georgia. If our fund-

raising goes well, it should be complete in about three months time.

This is another summer of transition with all of our Battalion Commanders and myself departing. It has been a high privilege and an honor to serve with the Currahee Nation - one I will forever treasure.

I continue to be inspired by those who serve our Nation in uniform and the families who allow them to do so.

Thanks again to the veterans for "Standing Together" with us - as we continue to honor your own very important service to our Country.

Currahee! Stands Alone!

COL Pete Johnson
17th Colonel of the Regiment
Currahee 6



3rd Battalion Notes

Jerry Gomes

E Co, (LRRP) 3rd BN– Vietnam

Memorial Day at Arlington Virginia was attended by Nick & Rosalie Nahas, Mike & Char Mulligan, Char's daughter and family, Mike & Donna Krawczyk, Joe & Rikki Alexander, Brice Bickerton, Dick Winters and two friends. Reagan Krawczyk assisted her grandpa Mike in placing a memorial wreath at the 101st Memorial. Joe Alexander, Gailley, Vince Vicari and SSG Curtis laid a wreath from the 101st Assn at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Afterwards a luncheon and banquet were held at the hotel by the 101st Assn National Chapter. They did a fantastic job of taking care of everything for Memorial Day wreath laying ceremonies.

The Currahee Flower Fund placed bouquets on all the 3/506 KIA graves across the US again this year. The 3/506 KIA's names will be engraved on the 506th Memorial being built at Ft Campbell along with all the 506th KIA's from WWII on. For information about the flower fund, go to www.currahee3-506.org.

Mike "Paladin" Pearson's service and internment in Arlington National Cemetery was held February 20th, 2009. The family has expressed their gratitude for all the support from the Currahee family. His service was well attended by Currahees and 101st Vets.

Over 20 members of the 3/506 attended the Currahee Rendezvous 2009 May 28-30th at Ft Campbell Kentucky. They included Joe & Rikki Alexander, Roosevelt & Carolyn Mitchell, Jerry & Kaye Gomes, daughter Julia, Frenchy Coulon and wife, Doc Lovy, Maddie and son Mickey, Sterling & Donna Chapman, Don and Marianne Bigelow, Tony & Julie Martisaukas, Joe & Tina Martisaukas & Alexis & Courtney, Tom and Dee Lundgren, Larry Bowman, and adopted Currahee, A.J. Murdock.

Rendezvous Point was the 4th BCT AO. The 506th Association registration table was at this location with books, displays, t-shirts, coffee cups, pins and flags available for sale.

The veterans tours on Thursday included the Computerized Marksmanship Facility, Modern Combat Medical Training Facility, Post Museum, Computer-

ized Call for Fire Facility. Impressive! We especially liked the Marksmanship Facility. It was great to see our old LRS-D friend Joe Chiarelli at the Medical Facility.. Doc Lovy offered to come to Ft Campbell to talk with the soldiers about PTSD.

The 4th Brigade Combat Team pinned Silver Stars on four soldiers for rescuing comrades under enemy fire. The recognized Currahee heroes are Sgt 1st Class Randy Shorter, Staff Sgt Dennis Unger, Staff Sgt. Michael Mullins and Spc. Gregory Waters.

Commander, 506th Infantry Regiment Colonel Pete Johnson spoke about the construction of the Memorial being built outside the 4th BCT AO. All names of KIA's from WWII through the present will be engraved on the Memorial. It is in the construction phase with Granite coming from Toccoa, Georgia, the birthplace of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment in World War II. Donations may be sent to the 506 Association towards the cost of engraving the names of the KIA's on the memorial.

Thursday night Doc Lovy threw a party for the vets of the 3/506 at a local restaurant and a good time was had by all. Luckily he found his wallet that he had misplaced earlier in the day! Thank you Doc.

Friday afternoon BBQ and static displays. We visited with the recently returned soldiers and their families. Later that afternoon we attended a Currahee Memorial Ceremony at the 4th BCT AO for the fallen soldiers killed in Afghanistan. Gold Star Families, soldiers and veterans were in attendance.

Friday evening the Distinguished Member of the Regiment Reception and Ceremony was held at the Sportsman's Club. Three veterans of the 3/506 were selected as Distinguished Members of the Regiment:

- COL (Ret.) John P. Geraci (deceased) commanded 3-506 upon reactivation, prepared and led the battalion in Vietnam. While commanding 3-506, received the Valorous Unit Award for TET of 1968. Countless awards and decorations to include the Silver Star with 3 OLC's.
- Dr. Andrew Lovy, surgeon for 3-506 from 1967-68. Numerous accolades in the medical field post military service including PTSD and TBI research, distinguished medical professional.
- Mr. Leslie Sabo (deceased) - Served with B/3-506 in Vietnam. Killed in action May 10, 1970 during the Cambodia

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Pictures from Currahee Rendezvous 2009



Left — Bruce Moore checks in a new DMOR, Octavio Laguna, at 506th Association registration table.



Right — Ron Helwig (Association QM), wife Ruth and Peggy Pearson at the sales table for the Association.



Left — Silver Stars are awarded to SFC Randy A. Shorter, SSG Dennis B. Unger, SSG Michael D. Mullins and SPC Gregory A. Waters by BG James C. McConville - Duty Commanding General (Support), 101st Airborne Division, COL John P. Johnson - Commander, 4th BCT, 506th Infantry Regiment and CSM Timothy D. Coop - Command SGT Major, 4th BCT, 506th Infantry Regiment in ceremonies at CR09,

Right — Donald Burgett, one of the original Currahees who parachuted into Normandy on D-Day with A Co.-1/506th Infantry. On his right is historian and author Mark Bando, who was embedded with the Currahees in Afghanistan and is currently working on a book about today's "Band of Brothers".



Left — Active duty Currahees and vets mingle before DMOR awards ceremony.

Right — Soldiers model uniforms from all eras of 506th history during program at the Currahee Ball



In an experience that transcends generations of soldiers, veterans and active duty troops line up and wait—naturally—for the barbecue lunch on the first day of the CR09 welcome home celebration..



Right — COL Pete Johnson dedicates the site for the new memorial to Currahee KIA



Pictures from Currahee Rendezvous 2009



Clockwise from right: COL Pete Johnson and CSM Tim Coop welcome 506th Association co-founder and board member Gene Overton as a DMOR; vets and families "shoot" machine guns in the simulator; COL Johnson and guest speaker Lt. Gen (R) Robert Foley watch the posting of the colors at the Ball; Richard Winters, 173rd Airborne Vietnam vet, Honorary MOR and nephew of MAJ Dick Winters, in WWII garb; COL(R) Bob Seitz, another board member, received a double honor as DMOR and as Honorary Commander of the Regiment.



Currahee Communications

Bruce,

I made it home yesterday afternoon and crashed. I was tired. Had a wonderful experience and on a real high. Thank you for everything from the beginning to the final wonderful day in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Everyone was very nice to me, treated me like a father, all wanting to do everything for me. I had a wonderful time.

I was treated First Class all the time I was in Fort Campbell, Ky., by everyone. I was inducted in the Distinguished Members of the 506 RGT, treated like royalty by the best of the military, shook hands with Dick Winters and chatted with him one on one - and rode home in First Class with a cold beer. How good can any former Sgt have it?

Thank you, Bruce, for everything you have accomplished for me, the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega.

In appreciation, Don Burgett, Currahee

Bruce,

I've been traveling a bunch, couldn't arrange my-schedule so they made these presentations.

Dick Winter and I were at Walter Reed this past Thursday when the 101st skydiving team jumped in as part of the celebration of the 100 year anniversary for Walter Reed. One of the jumpers was Max Ramsey, 1-506, who lost a leg in Iraq three years ago.

Dick and I got PFC William Word on the drop zone and met with Max and the other jump team members. Max offered to jump with William when he was ready, and William said he would be ready soon. Max also offered this to Dick and me and we're "thinking" about it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks
Currahee, Bob Seitz

From SFC(R) Randy Stutler, son of Ogden Stanley "Danny" Stutler [HQ (Communications), 1st BN, 506th PIR, WWII]:

Bruce, Thanks so much for your endless efforts to honor the "Troopers of the 506th". I wish Dad could have seen it. I just didn't know that much about the web back about 2000 or so before Dad's mind started to fail him..., I am sure he would have been amazed by your fine site!

Thanks again for your efforts! Keep your knees in the breeze!
Randy

The Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund in Action

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

The 506th Association's Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund made two grants to recipients for 2009.

The first went to the family of SPC Ryan Price of D Co, 2nd BN, 506th; Ryan was wounded on May 7, 2008, The money was used to help cover the cost of adding a room for Ryan onto the family home in Nuevo, CA.

The second grant went to SFC Jeremy D. Henderson (B Co, 1st BN, 506th), who was severely wounded on April 15, 2007. SFC Henderson continues to have medical problems with additional surgeries. His wife Tina was officially dismissed from her Department of the Army job because the DOA did not want to allow her to come back as a part-time worker. This resulted in continuing financial hardship on the family.

The tax-deductible contributions to this fund directly benefit wounded Currahees and the families of soldiers killed in service to their country.

If there is any doubt about the impact of your contributions, read this eloquent and moving letter from the mother of Ryan Price to Gene Langenberg, a member of the 506th and 101st Associations (reprinted with permission).

March 15, 2009

Good Morning Mr. Langenberg,

I wanted to thank you for inviting us to attend the Dinner last night. I had a great time. The men of the 101st are truly something. I also wanted to let all of you know what it means to those of us who are not in the service but can see how a tight, caring group of people you are. I would have said this last night but I did not think I could get it all out without tears.

When I received the call from the Army and was told that Ryan was injured, I just flat could not breathe for days. At that time the Captain that called me did not know how bad of shape he was in. He just said Ryan had severe artery damage to his right arm and some shrapnel damage and burns to his face but he was not sure how bad. It was not until about 2 days later when he arrived in Germany that I learned about everything else. The doctor in Germany told me to start with that they were calling Ryan the beautiful miracle because there was no other way to explain how he was still with us. She said that the only part of Ryan that had not received some kind of injury was

his left arm. I remember thinking to myself that can't be; Ryan is 6'4" — that would be a whole lot of injuries.

Unfortunately that is what it was. I will not go into all his injuries but the doctor informed me that I needed to be prepared for brain damage because (she said I needed to understand this) Ryan was dead twice. The men from

the 101st and 506th kept Ryan alive in the field by not giving up on him and by (as we were told later) relaying to the pilots coming to get him how bad he was so when the weather turned even worse and they were told to abort and leave Ryan they would not. Back at the base hospital when they were so short of blood because Ryan and his 1st lieutenant had the same blood type, the men lined up and gave blood even though they had just come in or were just getting ready to go out to the field. There was also a 101st member standing at Walter Reed when he was flown in from Germany. The support that was given to Ryan also extended to his family. I truly cannot possibly explain what it meant to have someone

there who really cared about Ryan and not just another patient that came in. I sometimes wondered if the men from the 101st that were watching over the men in the hospital there ever went home because they always seemed to be there, not only for Ryan and all the men of the 101st but for me as well. They would offer to sit with Ryan while I took a walk outside for a minute or sat with Ryan when I had to sit in with the doctors. One even rounded up all of us Mothers one day and gave us each a \$20 bill and said this was a new branch of the 101st; he said we were to get out of the hospital right then. He said go to the movies at the mall, go out to lunch in town or go hang our legs over the bar stool on the corner but that we were all getting out of that hospital for the afternoon and that was that. When we had Ryan transferred to San Diego they had called down here to friends, family and a member of the 506th, Hoyt Bruce Moore, III, to let them all know Ryan was coming. We have received the same amount of care and concern here in California that we had there.

I had a reporter ask me the other day what it was like for us to be alone in all this, I told him I did not know what he was talking about I have my faith in GOD and the men of the 101st and of the 506th we were never alone.

From a Grateful Mom

Beverly (Dee) Shackford



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A dedicated group of 506th Association members visit many of our wounded as they come home to military or Veterans Administration hospitals. Men like Bob Seitz, Joe Bossi, Dick Winters, David Clark and Bruce Moore spend time with these men and with their families. Special packages of gifts are made up for the soldiers and their families. Other members attend funerals and memorial services for the soldiers who didn't make it back.

As an example of how the community of veterans is pulling together to help our wounded and fallen and their families, consider the flyer at the right for SPC Price. At a time when many government programs that should serve veterans have been over capacity or under funded, this personal support for our wounded veterans and their families becomes critical.

Remember: This all happens because members contribute their time and money to directly benefit our soldiers. We don't engage professional fund-raisers for the association, and every dollar collected goes to the designated fund. This includes not only the WOVs fund, but also our scholarship program and other projects that directly benefit our soldiers. Please, do what you can and give what you can to support these programs that do so much for our service men and women.



Ryan Price Fundraiser

Help for a Wounded Soldier

SPC Ryan Price

D Company, 2nd BN, 506th, WIA May 7, 2008

SPC Ryan Price was severely wounded on 05/0708 while serving in Afghanistan. He lost both legs and incurred other injuries. Friends are trying to help the family cover the cost of adding a room for Ryan onto the family home in Nuevo, CA.

Live Entertainment, Barbeque & Raffle

At the American Legion Post 328

3888 Old Hamner Rd., Norco, CA 92860

AUGUST 16TH, 2009 4:30PM - 9:00PM

Minimum Donation of \$15 or More Per Ticket

Please Make Checks Out To: Ryan Price Fundraiser

Please Call or Mail for Information:

Gene H. Langenberg (951) 544-6109

gene@langenbergandassociates.com

1240 E. Ontario Avenue, Ste102, Corona, CA 92881



NOTE: SPC Ryan Price has chosen to remain on active-duty, assigned to the US Army Warrior Transition Company at NMCS (Balboa), and currently lives with his parents. While Ryan is living with his parents, only a percentage of his VA Housing Grant is available to him for his needs. This amount is too small to cover the cost of the room addition (and also would be subtracted from the total VA Housing Grant funds available to Ryan), so the family has chosen to build this addition with private funds and save Ryan's entire VA Housing Grant for when he needs to purchase his own home in the future.

Hosted by the Southern California Chapter 101st Airborne Div. Assoc.

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.

Upcoming Company Reunion Dates

July 17-19, 2009

Stand Down 2009: A Co, 1st BN, 506th Vietnam (1967-1971)

Veterans Reunion in Nashville, TN:

Reunion Headquarters: Guesthouse International Inn & Suites
(Music Valley)

Events:

Friday, July 17 - Dinner

Saturday, July 18 - Memorial Dinner

Sunday, July 19 - Farewell Brunch

Contact Ed and Beth Krohe at emkrohe@casscomm.com or
217-323-5089

July 23-25, 2009

2009 Bravo Company (3rd BN, 506th, Vietnam)

Reunion in Marietta, OH:

- Reunion Headquarters: Lafayette Hotel; Group Code: Bravo
Company

Contacts: Rick Brown, badpopa2000@yahoo.com; Cell: 440-309-6069 or Rich Rios, rsrios2002@yahoo.com; Cell: 281-381-3501

For updated information on other major reunions and events, check the schedules on the Currahee website at www.506infantry.org/reunion.htm. Please let us know well in advance of your events.

Reunion: The Go/No-Go Decision

John Lally, Association Board and Newsletter Editor
A Co, 1st/506th Infantry
Vietnam, 1970-71

Every so often, out of the blue will come a letter or phone call or email from somebody I served with stateside or in Vietnam. Usually the message comes from somebody I haven't seen in years. They are making a first, tentative contact. Reaching back across the years, we open up old memories and for a spell we're back together again.

But when I ask them if they've considered coming to a company or regimental reunion, they often hesitate and give some transparent excuse for not being able to attend. Often, though, there is more...some uncertainty about what the experience will be like, whether they'll find people they know, or whether they still have anything in common with the young men they knew and served with so long ago.

I understand that reaction, for I felt the same way for many years. For a lot of reasons...because I was older than most of the men in my unit, because I spent half my tour as a REMF after being injured, and because I wasn't certain we would have anything to say after all these years, I put off making a commitment. This continued until my wife Marcia basically laid down the law...I should stop worrying and try it.

As usual, she was right. I attended my first Association reunion and a year later, my first Alpha Company get-

together. The years fell away, my old friends embraced me and a heavy weight lifted from my shoulders.

You need to appreciate the fact that for all the public speeches I've made in my career, I'm shy, not very socially adept, and don't handle cocktail parties and other events well. But in spite of being socially handicapped, I had a hell of a lot of fun. I didn't embarrass myself and didn't regret a minute of the time. More important, I got to see people who had meant more to me than I could ever say, and a chance for Marcia to begin to understand why my association with these men – grown stouter and greyer and older – was so fresh in my memory. Unlike many vets who aren't in the Association, I laid out a few dollars and joined the organization as well. Although I'm a classic non-joiner, this felt *right*, and I haven't regretted it.

If you're like me, uncertain of whether to attend one of the many opportunities to get together, take my advice and give it a try. As the years fall away, so do our numbers, and it's sad to miss an opportunity to renew our connections to our old friend or to make new ones with shared interests and experiences.

So, pack up your memories, put away your fears and stop in. You probably won't get shot at, you'll find you have more to talk about now than ever -- and it may rekindle some precious friendships. And if in the process you eat and drink a little too much, remember that you're among friends you can trust with your life...again.

We do, after all, stand alone *together* — then, now and always. Currahee!

3rd Battalion Notes (continued from page 6)

invasion. His valorous actions in combat resulted in a submission for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Our friend and veteran supporter Mr. Dick Winters was selected as an Honorary Member of the Regiment along with many others. Ms. Petra Wenstedt-Pulles flew from Holland to attend and receive her award as Honorary Member and gave a very touching speech regarding the love of the Screaming Eagles by the people of the Netherlands. COL Geraci's daughter Chris Geraci-Free attended as well as many members of the 3/506 in support of our honorees.

Previously 3/506 Vets awarded this honor include 1Lt James R. Magouyrk, Distinguished Service Cross, Vietnam and 2nd Lt John Harrison, Silver star Vietnam.

Saturday night's events topped off the Currahee Rendezvous with the Currahee Grand Ball at the Opryland Resort in Nashville. Over 3700 people attended. The evenings affair included Recognition of the Fallen Soldiers, Grog Ceremony which included Kentucky Moon Shine, Calvados, Rice Wine, Chai, Jack Daniels, Jim Beam and Currahee wine plus sand from Afghanistan.

The Opryland Resort is first class and absolutely beautiful.

We want to thank the 506th Infantry Regiment from top to bottom for inviting us back to spend time with the troops at Ft. Campbell. We are inspired and encouraged by your enthusiasm, professionalism and patriotism. We are here for you soldiers. Call us anytime day or night if you need to talk. Jerry Gomes 503-668-6127.

SGT Kurtis Dellicker (HHC/A Co, 2/506th Inf)

SGT Kurtis Dellicker was severely injured when he was hit by a 107mm rocket on September 28, 2008 in Afghanistan. He was flown to Germany where he spent a week on life support before being flown to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. SGT Dellicker spent six weeks as an inpatient at WRAMC, and during that time he met several people from the USO of Metropolitan Washington, who selected him to be one of only two soldiers on the organization's float, alongside Miss America, in the January 20 Inaugural Day parade in Washington, DC. Dellicker and his wife Brooke were also invited to the Commander in Chief's Ball, hosted by President Barack Obama. The USO is a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress to meet the morale needs of military personnel and families.

Last Roll Call:

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of the Currahees of all eras who passed away recently. If you know of others who have died and are not included, please let us know.

Merville L. Grimes, G Co, 3rd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died October 23, 2007
Robert S. Mackay, Sr., G Co, 3rd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died November 23, 2008
Frank Vought, C Co, 2nd BN, 506th, 1970-1971, Vietnam, died October 26, 2008
James Helman, C Co, 3rd BN, 506th, 1968-1969, Vietnam, died January 28, 2009
SSG Michael G. Smith, C Co, 2nd BN, 506th, 2007-2008, died April 8, 2009
SPC James Kurtis Bullen, A Co, 1st BN, 506th, 2007-2009, died April 11, 2009
Merle B. Lauer, HQ (Medic), 3rd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died February 15, 2007
James V. Benton, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died December 26, 2007



We also want to acknowledge all of the men who were killed in action while attached to the regiment during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Some of these names have appeared here before, but we want to print the entire list to bring home the true measure of sacrifice in the war.

Private First Class Paul Conlon	SFC Raymond J. Munden	Specialist Derek Holland
1LT Nick Dewhirst	CPL Peter J. Courcy	Private First Class Chad Trimble
SPC Samson Mora	PFC Jason R. Watson	Navy Lieutenant Jeffrey Ammon
SGT Brian Leon Gerrero	CPL Charles P. Gaffney	First Lieutenant Jeffrey DePrimo
SGT Ryan Baumann	SGT Frederico G. Borjas	Sergeant Isaac Palomarez
Specialist Estell Turner	SGT William E. Hasenflu	Private First Class Ara Deysie
Polish Lieutenant Robert Marczewski	SSG Brian Studer	Staff Sergeant Kevin Roberts
Navy Hospitalman Marc Retmier	Polish Corporal Waldemar Sujdak	Specialist Jeremy Gullett
Navy Construction Mate 1st Class Ross Toles III	Polish PVT Pawel Brodzikowski	Mister Michael Bhatia
Major Scott Hagerty	Polish PVT Pawel Szwed	Czech Republic Staff Sergeant Radim Vaculik
	1LT Donald Carwile	Polish Corporal Grzegor Politowski

Unsung Heroes of the 506th Association

by Eugene L. Overton, Jr. [Gene]
Co Founder / President Emeritus
C 1st BN – 1967 / 1968

In many organizations there are those who work to support the organization's goals and ask for nothing in return. Our Association is very fortunate to also have a number of such individuals.

First, there are those who have volunteered to support our wounded Currahees once they return wounded from the battlefield. Teams of Currahee veterans have been established in ten locations across the country to lend support to our wounded Currahees and their families. This can be a very difficult task given the severity of our wounded and the length of some of their recoveries. Below is the list

of these unsung heroes who are ready to spring into action and the hospitals they visit on behalf of the Association.

Team Leaders & Hospitals:

- COL(R) Bob Seitz** - B/C/E (Recon)/HHC, 2nd/506th, 1970-1971 - Walter Reed Army Medical Center - Washington, DC
- 1SG(R) John Foley** - C Co, 1st /506th, 2ID, 1990-1991 - Blanchfield Army Community Hospital - Fort Campbell, KY
- COL(R) David Clark** - HHC (BN CO), 1st/506th, 2ID, 2002-2005 -Brooke Army Medical Center - San Antonio, TX
- **SGM(R) John Keene** - E Co (Mortars), 1st/506th, 1967-1969—James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital - Tampa, FL
- Octavio Laguna** - C Co, 2nd/506th, 1964-1966— Baynes-Jones Army Community Hospital - Fort Polk, LA
- Hoyt Bruce Moore, III** - A Co, 1st/506th, 1970-1971- Balboa Naval Hospital - San Diego, CA

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Treasurer's Report

Hoyt Bruce Moore III, Association Treasurer—A Co., 1/506th INF

As of April 30, 2009, year-to-date operating income of \$14,189.94 exceeded operating expenses of \$10,828.53 for net operating income of \$3,361.41. Total funds in Association cash accounts included the following:

Fidelity Business Account (pre-paid dues)	\$14,544.83	
Business Shares Financial 21 Credit Union, San Diego:	125.21	
Checking Account: Unrestricted Funds	25,312.82	
Temporarily Restricted Funds:		
Scholarship Fund:	\$11,674.16	
Currahee Packages Fund	1,280.86	
Currahee Rendezvous 2009	14,417.56	
WO&WS Fund	10,178.42	
TOTAL Temporarily Restricted Funds	37,551.00	
TOTAL CASH 04/30/09		\$77,533.86

As of April 30, 2009, the 506th Association had 539 dues-paying members, which is 83% of our 2009 goal of 650 dues-paying members. In addition, the 5-year Membership Dues plan continues to be successful. As of April 30, 2009, the amount of Prepaid Dues was as follows:

Year 2010	\$5,979.00
Year 2011	5,929.00
Year 2012	2,600.00
Year 2013	920.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME	\$15,428.00

Unsung Heroes *(Continued from page 12)*

- Bud Duryea** - C/HHC, 2nd/506th, 1964-1966—Evans US Army Hospital - Fort Carson, CO
- Fred May** - A Co, 1st /506th, 1970-1971—Keller Army Community Hospital - West Point, NY
- Tex Howard** - C Co, 1st /506th, 1967-1968 —Womack Army Medical Center - Fort Bragg, NC
- COL(R) Edwin A. Wilkerson** - A Co, 1st ABG, 506th, 1959-1961—Veterans Affairs Medical Center - San Francisco, CA

Next, is an individual who for the last two deployments of the 4th BCT, 506th Infantry Regiment has had an even rougher task. **CSM(R) Joseph M. Bossi**, the Association's Honorary Sergeant Major, has represented our Association at 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagle Remembrance Ceremony, where the Division holds memorials services for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It takes a special person to be able to present grieving parents or a wife with a Currahee Battle Flag and Currahee Pin, and then let them know that they are not alone. Making them aware that their Currahee family is there to aid and support them in anyway we can.

A special SALUTE to these SPECIAL Currahees!

Alpha Company Historical Photos Sought

As if the events of the Currahee Rendezvous wasn't enough to demonstrate the connection between the past and present Currahees, here's another indication that active duty Currahees are being properly educated about their military heritage: the new company commander of "Ass-Kicking Alpha" company is looking for pictures of earlier generations of A Company from the Vietnam conflict. The CO, CPT Al LeMaire, is collecting any old photos of the company to place in a scrapbook and preserve. He plans on using it to help the new generation of Currahees understand the traditions they've inherited from the last.

CPT LeMaire's wife Rebeca communicated with Fred May, Bruce Moore and John Lally to ask for help on their project. If you have slides or photos from that period, please send copies to CPT LeMaire at Fort Campbell. As Rebeca says:

"Hi. My name is Rebeca LeMaire and my husband is Al LeMaire, the A Co 1/506th commander. He just took command on Thursday June 4. I'm writing to you, because his goal and mine is to bring more history to the company. ...to add photos of past A companies around the company area. So what I'm asking is do you or any fellow A Co. Currahees have any photos from Vietnam that we could have copies of." Contact Rebeca by e-mail at <rebeca.lemaire@gmail.com>.

Currahees induct Distinguished and Honorable Members of the Regiment for 2008-2009

Celebrations of Currahee Rendezvous continued on Friday night, May 29th, as several hundred active duty and veteran Currahees assembled at Fort Campbell's Sportsman's Lodge for an important recognition ceremony. The leaders of the regiment presided over the induction of the newest additions to the ranks of the *Distinguished Members of the Regiment*. The DMOR award is given to past and present Currahees whose service to the regiment and the nation has earned them the respect of their peers.

At the same time, recognition was also given to another group of supporters of the 506th, the *Honorary Members of the Regiment*. This is a special group of people who did not serve with the regiment, but whose support for our organization and our soldiers has earned special recognition.

All of the awards were made by COL John P. "Pete" Johnson, commander of the regiment, and the Regimental command sergeant major, CSM Timothy Coop.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, COL Bob Seitz, a member of the Association Board of Directors, was honored with appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, a richly deserved honor.

Distinguished Members of the Regiment

World War II

Donald Burgett*

1SG (Ret) Herman L. Trent

Post-war (1st Airborne Battle Group)

LTG (Ret) Elvy B. Roberts (deceased)

Korea

BG Mark Milley

Vietnam

Stephen G. Avgerinos*

COL (Ret) Lin Burney*

Kenneth J. David*

COL (Ret) John P. Geraci (deceased)

Gary Gilliam*

Dr. Andrew Lovy*

Frank D. Matsko*

Eugene L. Overton Jr.**

Gregory P. Phillips*

Jodie K. Glore*

GEN (Ret) J. W. Hendrix

Ronald B. Kane*

Octavio Laguna*

COL (Ret) Ralph Puckett*

James D. Roesch*

Les Sabo (deceased)

COL (Ret) Richard M. "Bob" Seitz**

MAJ (Ret) Mark "Zippo" Smith

John R. "Bob" Von Almen*

Roy D. Skeggs*

Iraq

SGM (Ret) James C. Clinton

Afghanistan – Currahees from last deployment selected for DMOR

COL John "Pete" Johnson

LTC Dixon Gunther

CSM Robert Moss

SFC Forrest Robertson

SFC John Smith

SSG Michael Mullins

LTC Thomas O'Steen

CSM Thomas Kimball

LTC John Hermeling*

MAJ John Bowman

MAJ Daniel Morgan

LTC Kirk Whitson*

CSM Otis Hooper

LTC Anthony DeMartino

CSM Charles Judd

SFC Walter Gott

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DMOR Inductees

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SSG Dennis Unger
LTC Charles Bradley*
CSM Johnny Baldwin
LTC John Allred
SFC Randy A. Shorter
SPC Gregory A. Waters
LTC David Ell
CSM Victor Willburn

*Members of 506th Airborne Infantry Association

**Officers and board members of 506th Association

Honorary Members of the Regiment

LTG (Ret) Robert F. Foley
MG Jeffrey J. Schloesser
BG James C. McConville
CSM Vincent F. Camacho
COL (Ret) Jerry Cecil
Mrs. Anna Caryl Guffey
Mr. Chuck Henderson

Mr. Ben Kimbrough
Mr. William Harpel
Mr. Jack Turner
The Honorable Robert Echols
Mrs. T.C. Freeman
Mr. Glen Goodwin
Mr. Dennis Hearne
Ms. Kelly Degnan
LTC John M. Scott
CSM Lebert Beharle
LTC John C. White
CSM Sean P. Ward
LTC Michael R. Fenzel
CSM Richard W. Weik
COL Robert Byrd
Mr. Dick Winters
Mr. Paul Pool
Ms. Petra Wenstedt-Pulies
Mr. Ray Ward
Mr. Steve Lathan

The directors and members of the 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association extends their congratulations and thanks to all recipients of the DMOR and HMOR honors.

Quartermaster Notes

Ron Helwig, Association Quartermaster
B Co., 1st Airborne Battle Group

We have recently created 10 new full-front designs for the customized T-Shirts/Sweatshirts offered for sale by the 506th Association. These designs include WWII, 1st ABG, Vietnam, Air Assault, 2ID Korea, 2ID Iraq, 506th RCT Iraq, and 4th BCT Afghanistan. Complete descriptions of these items and options can be found on the 506th Association Items for Sale web page at < www.506infantry.org/quartermaster.html> The order forms for these custom-made shirts and other Currahee-themed items can be found in the forms section at the end of this newsletter as well as on the website. We can also customize designs and put special embroidered text on many of the items. Contact me at <rhelwig@verizon.net> if you have a particular interest or design in mind and I'll be happy to work with you.

The Currahee Rendezvous was a very busy time for the Quartermaster's operation. Both Ruth and I were kept busy as many current and veteran Currahees were quick to snap up both clothing items and other memen-

tos of the Regiment. Our thanks to the regimental leadership for their support.

The 506th Association has also begun running monthly sales specials on White Short-Sleeve T-Shirts at \$2.00 off the regular sales price, with a different full-front design on sale each month. Description of the current month's item and the Monthly Sales Special Order Form can be found in the Quartermaster section on the 506th Association web site www.506infantry.org

Quartermaster feedback from Gordon Kennedy (D Co, 1st ABG, 1963-1964):

Ron, I just received my King Delta T-shirt. Way to go. This King Delta T-shirt is just like the one I wore when at Delta Company 46 years ago. Thanks for bringing back the memories. I still have my old King Delta T-shirt but smaller, discolored and with holes in it. Would not depart from the old one for nothing. I am also glad to see the original oval at the quartermaster store. Once a Currahee always a Currahee!!!!
Gordon

Quartermaster feedback from Pierre Talbot (France):

Dear Sir, I have received my order and all of your items are in perfect state and they are very high standards product.

A soldier's miracle

(CBS) Lt. Brian Brennan is a walking, talking miracle. There are no other words for it. One year ago today, he lost both his legs to a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, and now his mother is watching him learn to run all over again, reports CBS News correspondent David Martin.

The 44 pounds of explosives which tore off his legs and killed three fellow soldiers in the 101st Airborne Division also left Brennan with a brain injury so traumatic there seemed little hope for recovery.

"He didn't wake up," said Joanne, his mother. "That's when the real terror struck us all. Oh my, he may never wake up. They said on scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the worst, he was a 1."

Then one day last June he had a visitor.

"It was a very, very grim situation, very tough one," said General David Petraeus.

Petraeus, who once commanded the 101st Airborne, tried the usual words of encouragement.

"Hang tough, big guy," he said. "Your troopers need you back out there."

But Petraeus' four stars carried no weight.

"There was absolutely no response whatsoever," Petraeus said.

"Did you think there was any hope?" Martin asked.

"Not really," Petraeus said.

"I see his beautiful blue eyes but he's staring straight right through me, and he doesn't know who I am and he doesn't know I'm there," Joanne said.

Petraeus turned to leave, then decided to give it one last try.

"I just decided to shout out 'Currahee.'"

That's right, "Currahee." It's a Cherokee Indian word that was the motto for the famous "Band of Brothers" regiment in the 101st.

"We counted 'One, two, three, CURRAHEE,'" Petraeus said.

"That's when he kind of sat up in the bed as best as he could," said Brennan's dad Jim.

"Like saying, 'I'm in here, I'm in here,'" Joanne said.

"All of a sudden, the lieutenant, his stumps are banging up and down on the sheets," Petraeus said. "His head is moving around and very clearly responding to his unit's nickname."

"Everybody in the facility was clapping and crying," Joanne said. "The doctors who had been working on him and giving us all the bad news came running down the hall, 'We heard, we heard.'"

For three weeks, he had not responded to the voices of his family, but that Band of Brothers motto brought him back from the living dead.

"It's just so awesome to be part of that historic unit," Brennan said.

"It's just always in the back of my head."

"And then it came to the front," Martin said.

"Yes it did," Brennan said.

*GEN David Petraeus
and LT Brian Brennan*

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Eagle Cane Presentations

In April 2009, eagle-head canes were presented to active-duty Currahees 1LT Brian Brennan (D Co, 2nd BN, 506th, WIA May 7, 2008) and PFC William Word (HHC, 2nd BN, 506th, WIA 12/24/08), by Brigadier General David L. Goldfein, Deputy Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters US Air Force, Washington DC.

The canes were made of solid cherry wood and provided by Tidewater Whittlers & Carvers in support of the Wounded Warriors Program. The eagle head was carved by Ed Wilfong, who does his 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, 506th, 1960-1963 at Fort Campbell, KY.

(Below) PFC Word's sister-in-law Lauren, BG David Goldfein, and PFC William Word



Currahee Reunion 2010: Harrisburg, PA.

By Tom Duckett
Chairman of the Board
506th Airborne Infantry Association



Start making plans to attend next year's Currahee regional reunion. Early in June, the 506th Association's Board of Directors voted to hold the 2010 reunion in Harrisburg, PA.

The board reviewed several possible locations for our next get-together. The suggestions came out of last year's membership meeting during the reunion in Reno.

A board subcommittee did considerable research into each suggested site and presented the data to the board for

its consideration. They considered factors like transportation options and convenience, hotel facilities, local shopping and cultural attractions, military or historical significance, proximity to our members' homes, and cost to both members and the association.

They also looked at the distribution of dues-paying members. As you can see from the map below, Harrisburg is centrally located for maximum accessibility.

The board also discussed the possibility of once again collocating our reunion with that of our friends in the 101st Airborne Division Association. For 2010 we decided to do our own thing, but we left open the possibility of future joint get-togethers with the Screaming Eagles and other groups.

We hope for a record turnout in 2010. Literally, the more, the merrier! Currahee!

A Soldier's Miracle (Continued from page 16)

"After that, he just every day got a little better, a little better, a little better," Jim said.

Last week, Petraeus introduced Brennan as the unsung hero of the New Jersey Hall of Fame. That walk across the stage brought the house down, and overwhelmed his father.

"I know how tough he is," Jim said. "If there was anybody in this world who could do it, he was the one."

Less than a year after being comatose and unresponsive, he delivered an acceptance speech to a crowd of 2,000.

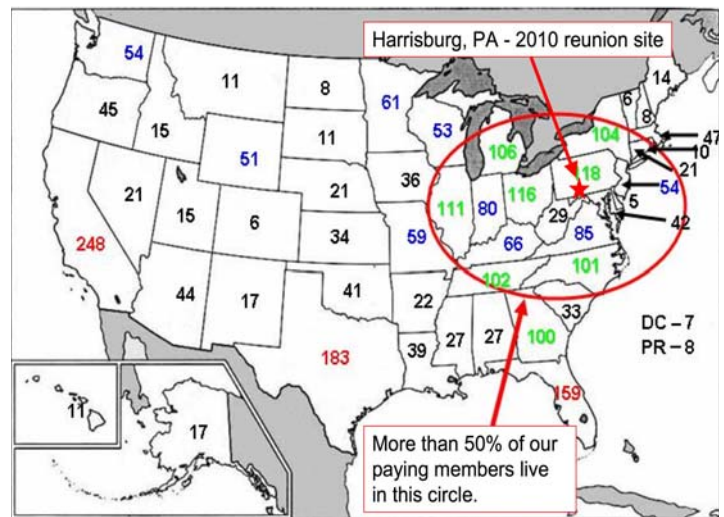
And guess what happened next.

"One, two, three, Currahee," shouted the crowd.

Know what "Currahee" means?

It means "Stand alone." How perfect is that?

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Membership Report

2008 was the best year ever for 506th Association membership, with a new record number of 591 Currahee veterans and Associates paying their 2008 membership dues!

Help us reach our goal of 650 dues-paying members in 2009!



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.

2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES/DONATION FORM

Check dues category [X]:

Basic Dues: Annual \$15.00 [] OR 5 Yrs \$60.00 [] - **Currahee** newsletter/your **Company Roster Listings**.

Full Dues: Annual \$25.00 [] OR 5 Yrs \$100.00 [] - **Currahee** newsletter/complete **2009 Association Roster**

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

Additional Postage to Address Outside the U.S. Add: \$ 5.00 []

Optional Donation for Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Select [X] ALL that apply:

Company: HQ/HHC/HHT/HHB [] A [] B [] C [] D [] E [] F [] G []
H [] I [] K [] L [] M [] SV [] Mortar Battery [] CSC []

Regt/BN: REGT [] 1st ABN BG [] 1st BN [] 2nd BN [] 3rd BN [] Bde Command: []
4th BSTB [] 801st BSB [] 1-61st CAV [] 4-320th FA []

Era: WWII 1942-1945 [] Basic Training 1948-1956 [] ABN BG 1956-1964 [] ABN INF 1964-1967 []
Vietnam 1967-1971 [] AMBL 1972-1974 [] AASLT 1974-1984 [] Korea (2ID) 1987-2004 []
Iraq (2ID) 2004-2005 [] 506th RCT/4BCT 2004-present []

If applicable, your unit which was assigned to or supported the 506th: _____

Dates of Service with each 506th Unit (mm/yy): _____

Rank (Current or at Date of Separation from Military): _____

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

M.I.

STREET/POST OFFICE BOX: _____

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

eMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS (Please include area code):

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

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

[] I request my contact information not be listed in either the 506th Association Roster or the Currahee eMailRoom, nor that it be given to anyone other than an Association Officer without my express consent.

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

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

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

Phone: (858) 274-4317

4126 Cole Way

eMail: TheMOE_A1506@msn.com

San Diego, CA 92117-1123

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

2009 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

Check dues category [X]:

Basic Dues Annual \$15.00 [] OR 5 Yrs \$60.00 [] - **Currahee** newsletter

Full Dues: Annual \$25.00 [] OR 5 Yrs \$100.00 [] - **Currahee** newsletter/**2009 Association Roster**

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

Optional Donation for Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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

STREET/POST OFFICE BOX: _____

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:

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Fund Donation Form

Please include the following information:

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

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

HOME PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** _____
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Scholarship Fund Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Widows & Orphans Fund Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Currahee KIA Memorial Monument Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

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.

The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault) Hats and Shirts Order Form

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

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**COLORS: W=White; B=Black; G=Gray; T=Tan; LBL=Light Blue; DGR=Forest Green; K=Khaki; P=Pink

FRONT DESIGN CODES:

EMBROIDERED DESIGNS: (1) 506th Currahee [shirt]; (2) 4BCT ParaDice [shirt]; (28) 101st Currahee [shirt]; (8) 506th Currahee [hat]; (9) 4BCT ParaDice [hat]; (13) Airborne Wings [hat; shirt]; (14) Air Assault Wings [hat; shirt]

FULL-FRONT PRINTED DESIGNS: (3) 506th 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 ; (17) King Delta ; ; (18) 2ID Iraq; (19) 2ID Air Assault; (20) Korea; (21) RCT Iraq; (22) Afghanistan; (23) 101 Air Assault; (24) ABG; (25) Tiger Bravo; (26) Vietnam; (27) WWII

Item	Front Design Codes	Colors**	Sizes	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##
Hat: 5-Panel Cotton	(8) (9) (13) (14)	W, B, T, DGR	One size	\$14.00	\$12.00
Hat: 5-Panel Nylon	(8) (9) (13) (14)	W, B, DGR	One size	\$14.00	\$12.00
Polo Shirt: (left chest area design with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2) (28) (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) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27)	W, B, LBL, G, T, P, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$20.00	\$17.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$21.00	\$18.00
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) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27)	W, B, LBL, G, T, P, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$22.00	\$19.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$24.00	\$21.00
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) (28) (13) (14) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27)	W, B, G, T, P, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$26.50	\$23.50
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$27.50	\$24.50
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) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27)	W, B, G, T, P, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$37.00	\$34.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$41.00	\$38.00

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	\$
	Line 1:							
	Line 2:							
	Line 3:							
	Shipping (\$4.80 for the 1st item + \$2.50 shipping per additional item)							\$
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED							\$

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Quantity	Item	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##	TOTAL COST
	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	
	Pin: Currahee Battle Flag (1-1/4" x 3/4")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	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	
	Patch: Para-Dice (3" diameter)	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	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	
	Patch: WWII Currahee Shield (3.25" x 3.5")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Patch: 506th Infantry Regiment Flash (1.75" x 2.25")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	Patch: 506th Infantry Regiment Oval (2.25" x 1.375")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	Patch: 1st BN, 506th Infantry Oval (2.25" x 1.375")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	Patch: 2nd BN, 506th Infantry Oval (2.25" x 1.375")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	Patch: 3rd BN, 506th Infantry Oval (2.25" x 1.375")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	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*	
SUBTOTAL				\$
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 LICENSE PLATE				
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

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		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	
		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)					\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED					\$
Name and Address for Labels (Up to 4 lines, 26 letters and spaces per line):					
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Line 2:					
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Line 4: (optional)					

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