



The Currahee!

The Newsletter of
The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association
(Airmobile—Air Assault)

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

Memorial honoring Currahee KIAs becomes a reality in dedication ceremony at Fort Campbell



By **Gene Overton** (C Co., 1/506 - 1967/1968) and
John Lally (A Co., 1/506 - 1970-71),

When the 4th Brigade Combat Team returned from Iraq last spring, COL John P. "Pete" Johnson's leadership team brought with it an idea for a memorial to all of the Currahee war dead from D-Day's parachute drop to today's Afghan campaign. Grateful Europeans have memorialized the accomplishments and sacrifices in a number of sites in their countries, dating back to World War II's liberation. But although the regiment is one of the most famous and honored in the U.S. Army, no monument or memorial to all the Currahee war dead exists in Fort Campbell or anywhere else on American soil.

No longer. The memorial to our fallen comrades is now a reality. The formal dedication of the monument and the memorial plaza took place in a moving ceremony held on November 12, 2009 - the day after Veteran's Day -- in the 506th regimental area at Fort Campbell, KY. Hundreds of soldiers, their families, survivors of the deceased and veterans were present for the ceremony, with entertainment provided by a string ensemble, bagpipes and an army honor guard.

The memorial honors soldiers of the regiment killed in action in four wars. The ceremony involved both cur-

rent and veteran leadership from the regiment and the families and friends of the honored soldiers. 4th Brigade Combat Team's commanding officer, COL Sean Jenkins, presided over the dedication. President Don Thies and Active Duty Liaison Fred May laid a wreath and plaque from the Association in place at the monument.

COL Johnson and his staff came up with the design for the proposed memorial. The memorial itself is composed of a central granite cenotaph on a broad plaza, flanked by six parachute-shaped monuments. These monuments will ultimately include the names of all of the war dead. It is being paid for completely by contributions from veterans, active duty soldiers, families and friends of former soldiers and other private citizens, along with in-kind contributions. Reaching the first milestone in the ambitious project -- fundraising for erection of the slabs and chiseling of the names of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan -- was celebrated at the November dedication.

Two major in-kind contributions did much to advance the memorial. First, Nashville contractor Glenn Goodwin contributed the materials and labor for the expansive memorial plaza and for the foundations for the monuments. The center of the dramatic plaza contains a black spade, symbol of the regiment since World War II.

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Message from the President

Don Thies

To 506TH Veterans, Active Duty & Families—

As we usher in the 2010 New Year let us give thanks and remember all those who have given so much and sacrificed so much for all of us. The 506th Airborne Infantry Regimental Association Officers, Board of Directors and a host of volunteers continued our close support though out the entire year at all occasions during deployment and on the home front. We pledge that 2010 will be even better. Our commitment to 4th Brigade, 506th Infantry command, troops, families and veterans is unwavering.

So many events marked 2009. Our active duty troops were nearing the end of their long deployment to Afghanistan. The troops arrived home in early spring to a joyous welcome tempered by the memories of those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. We will not forget those individuals. Those injured are in our hearts and thoughts.

From the 4th Brigade, 506th Infantry leadership headed by COL Pete Johnson an idea was born.

In May at the 2009 Currahee Rendezvous we saw the beginning of that idea taking place by the headquarters building. A construction firm from Nashville whose owner (Glen Goodwin) was donating all the materials and labor had started to lay the foundation. A foundation for a "CURRAHEE MEMORIAL" to honor everyone who had sacrificed so much from WWII, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. It included additional areas for show willingness to do our duty in the future..

A change of command took place in June. As history will show, the Currahee family never missed a beat. COL Sean Jenkins took over for COL Pete Johnson. To COL Johnson we say "Thank you for a job well done!" To COL Jenkins we say "Welcome aboard, Sir!"

Tragedy struck the Currahee family twice during the summer. Sometimes we know not why, but there is always a meaning in everything. At a Currahee funeral service up in my home area around Baraboo, Wisconsin, Eugene Morelli introduced his wife (the Currahee's aunt) and himself to me. They asked what the "Currahee Memorial" was all about and what they could do. Eugene is a sculptor whose works are very well known across America. His "Majesty" now graces the Currahee Me-

morial! Thank you, Eugene, and your entire family! You're now part of the "Currahee" family.

The Week of Eagles in August brought together numerous "Currahees". Thanks to the efforts of the 101st Airborne Division Association leadership in conjunction with Division command leadership, a homecoming was re-staged for Vietnam veterans at the Ft. Campbell airfield hanger.

We also lost some WWII Currahees this past year. One of whom comes to mind is Darrell "Shifty" Powers. In an email I received from Bill Joyce (a member of a small living history group in the U.K. that is dedicated to the 2nd BN 506 PIR) he asked me to express his groups sympathies to the families and friends of Darrell and all Currahees. I told him I would do so. Bill, thank you so much!



Artist Eugene Morelli and his wife contributed this magnificent 5' wingspread bronze eagle, entitled "Majesty" to grace the entrance to the Currahee KIA Memorial at Fort Campbell.

The Currahee Memorial was officially dedicated on November 12, 2009, a Commander's vision turned into reality. Georgia granite was carved and shaped like parachutes, a large Ace of Spades adorning the center monument and another ace of spades shaped into the concrete deck in front of it. To COL Johnson, COL Jenkins, your entire staff and everyone who made this a reality, the veterans of the 506th say THANK YOU! Even after the dedication the Memorial is still a work in process. Additional names need to be engraved, and funds need to be raised. Your continued support is needed to allow us to climb that mountain and cross that finish line.

To all the enlisted soldiers, we also deeply appreciate your efforts and commitment. You've done a fantastic job and should be very proud of your accomplishments. Thanks also to the rear Detachment during deployment and to the families and volunteers.

The coming year presents a lot of new challenges, new opportunities and new commitments. The Association needs your active support, ideas, and initiatives on how to continue and improve the "Currahee" tradition. If you don't know where to start, contact an Association officer or Board member. Take that first step forward and you'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner. Also, remember the 506th Reunion in Harrisburg, July 28 thru July 31, 2010; dues for calendar 2010 are due for those members who are not paid up in advance. Thank you all for your support these past two years.

Currahee!

Donald E. Thies, President

B Company, 2nd 506th – Vietnam 1970-71

DMOR: Distinguished Member of the 506th Regiment

By
COL(Ret.) Bob Seitz
2nd/506th—Vietnam 1970-71

One of the most significant honors that can be accorded an individual associated with the 506th is the designation of Distinguished Member of the 506th Regiment (DMOR). Authorized under The U.S. Army Regimental System AR 600-82, the DMOR is an honorary position that honors exemplary service and provides a link between 506th Regimental history and today's Currahee Soldiers.

The primary mission of these special appointees is to perpetuate the history and traditions of the 506th Infantry Regiment, thereby enhancing unit morale, esprit de corps, and continuity between 506th veterans past and present. The current roster of DMORs for the 506th Regiment lists Currahee soldiers from World War 2, Vietnam and OEF/OIF.

The Distinguished Member of the Regiment selection board for the 506th Regiment is convened semi-annually by the current Brigade Commander, and consists of himself, his Command Sergeant Major, the Honorary Colonel and Sergeant Major of the Regiment. It is a most arduous and discriminatory review that ensures only the most outstanding past and present members of the 506th Regiment are honored, maintaining the integrity of the process and enhancing the elite status of a 506th Infantry Regiment DMOR.

The award recognizes both exceptional military service as well as accomplishment after retirement or discharge, and takes into consideration services later in life in support of the 506th Regiment.

A separate recognition for persons who did not serve with the regiment but offered significant service to the unit and its troopers is the Honorary Member of the Regiment award. A recent Honorary Member of the Regiment is Dick Winters. Though never assigned to the 506th, Dick Winters is the nephew of Major Winters of the "Band of Brothers" Easy Company fame, and a Vietnam veteran (173rd Abn Bde), who has volunteered his time extensively to support our wounded troopers and their families at Walter Reed Hospital.

Any DMOR nomination from any source and in any format will go before the 506th Regimental DMOR board for consideration. However, it will be more effective to use the following format for DMOR recommendations to assist the proper presentation of the soldier candidate in the DMOR selection board process. A cover sheet with the following information is preferred:

1. Nominee's name, current contact information, and date of birth
2. Dates of service and assignments with the 506th Infantry Regiment
3. Military Awards and Civilian Honors
4. Current employment
5. Contributions to soldiers and their families of the 506th Infantry Regiment

This information gives the 506th Regiment DMOR board an initial impression of the candidate and is helpful for biographical and historical purposes. Next, a good letter of recommendation that fully describes the exemplary service of the candidate soldier is the body of the nomination, and is the strongest document in a nomination packet.

When possible, and only if appropriate, copies of awards, Honorable Discharge certificates, retirement forms, articles, etc. will bolster the nomination.

A high quality 5x7" photograph of the individual can be submitted with a

nomination, making it easier to have his place on the DMOR wall at the 506th Regimental Dining Facility prepared before the induction ceremony, if selected. Pictures of soldiers taken while serving in the Regiment are typically the best and most interesting, but any available picture will be posted.

506th DMOR recommendations should be send to:

CSM Tim Coop
7078 Stands Alone Drive
506th Infantry Regiment
4th BCT, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT)

Read "A Conversation with Bob Seitz" on page 20



WWII Currahee Donald Burgett (A Co., 506th PIR, 1943-45) receives the DMOR award from CSM Tim Coop and COL Pete Johnson at the ceremony in May at Fort Campbell.

Currahee Reunion Set for Harrisburg in July

2010 Currahee Reunion

Wednesday, July 28 to Saturday, July 31, 2010
Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

Make plans now to attend the 2010 Currahee Reunion. Once again we'll have a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones across the generations of Currahee veterans and their families and friends. Past reunions have been a rousing success, and we expect an even better turnout for this reunion.

The Currahee Reunion not only provides an opportunity to reestablish connections with those with whom you served, but also give us all a chance to meet and commune with a wide spectrum of those who served throughout the various eras of the Regiment. We're hoping to have a contingent of representatives from the active duty units at Fort Campbell as well.

The 2010 Reunion events include a Regimental Buffet, Currahee Memorial Dinner, Association General Membership Meeting and Reunion Hospitality/Display/Quartermaster Sales Room. There will be plenty of time available for getting together with friends or for holding small group events.

There will also be ample time to explore the Harrisburg area on your own or with others. This year we'll be in the center of an area rich in history, recreation, culture and commerce...and not coincidentally close to most members' homes and to easy transportation. See the box on the next page for some of the attractions, and for the tentative schedule of events.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Headquarters for the 2010 Currahee Reunion will be the

Four Points by Sheraton at Harrisburg
800 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Special Reunion room rates are \$89 + 11% Room Tax and include free parking and complimentary breakfast.

Room Reservations:

Direct hotel phone number: 717-561-2800

Use the Reservation Code 506th Currahee

Direct on-line reservations: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/2010Currahee (then click on **Book Now**)



Four Points by Sheraton, HQ for the 2010 reunion

REUNION NOTES:

- Reservations received after the **cut-off date of June 26, 2010** will be provided on a space and rate available basis only. Adjoining Rooms, Cots and Cribs are available upon request on a first come-first serve basis and are not guaranteed. (Cots are an additional \$10.00 each per day). Specific room numbers can be requested but are not guaranteed. Refrigerators and microwaves can be requested upon availability at \$10.00 each per day. All rooms are non-smoking, and if smoke is detected, a charge of \$200.00 will be applied. All reservations must have a valid credit card at check-in that will authorize for the full stay, including taxes plus 38% for any incidental charges that may incur. If no credit card is available at check-in, the full nights' stay, including taxes plus an additional \$200.00 in cash is required. The \$200.00, if not used, will be returned in check form within 2-3 weeks.
- Stop by the **506th Association Welcome Table** located in the **East Park Room** to pick up welcome packets, reunion name tags, and tickets for the Buffet Dinner and the Memorial Dinner; register late for the reunion; pay your Association membership dues; and/or check your listing in the 2010 Association Roster.
- Contact Reunion Planning Committee Co-Chairmen **Gene Overton** charlie35@si.rr.com or **Tom Duckett** duckett@culver.org if you need additional information or have questions.

Please, register as early as possible so we can make detail plans for events, extracurricular activities and small unit reunions.

2010 Currahee Reunion Registration Form

July 28-31, 2010 – Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

THIS REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 10, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ eMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

REUNION ACTIVITY	# OF PERSONS	\$ PER PERSON <small>(before 07/10/10)</small>	\$ PER PERSON <small>(after 07/10/10)</small>	TOTAL
Registration Fee	#	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$
WEDNESDAY, July 28				
Welcome Table/Hospitality/Display Room <small>(5:30pm-10:30pm; snacks/sodas/beer)</small>	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
THURSDAY, July 29				
Welcome Table/Hospitality/Display Room <small>(9am-4pm; snacks/sodas/beer)</small>	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
506 th Association Buffet Dinner <small>(6pm-10pm)</small>	Adults # _____ Children # _____	<small>(cash bar)</small> \$19.95/adult \$9.95/child <small>(under 12)</small>	<small>(cash bar)</small> \$24.95/adult \$12.95/child <small>(under 12)</small>	\$
Hospitality/Display Room (10pm-TBD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
FRIDAY, July 30				
Hospitality/Display Room (9am-4pm; 7pm-TBD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
SATURDAY, July 31				
General Membership Meeting (10am-noon)	Association Members	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hospitality/Display Room (1:30pm-4pm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
Reception (6pm-7pm) Currahee Memorial Dinner (7pm-9:30pm) (SELECT YOUR ENTREES)	Beef # _____ Chicken # _____ Fish # _____ Child's Meal # _____	<small>(cash bar)</small> \$24.95/adult \$12.45/child <small>(under 12)</small>	<small>(cash bar)</small> \$29.95/adult \$15.45/child <small>(under 12)</small>	\$
Hospitality/Display Room (10pm-TBD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

Make your check/money order payable to: *506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault)*

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

REFUND POLICY: all cancellations and refund requests must be made via phone 858-274-4317 or eMail *TheMOE_A1506@msn.com* no later than July 10, 2010.

What to do in Harrisburg

The Association selected Harrisburg because it is centrally located and easily accessible to the majority of members, but also because of the variety of attractions in and around this bustling city when you aren't busy at Currahee activities and events. Harrisburg is the capital city of Pennsylvania and an important regional center, with the third busiest airport in Pennsylvania, more than a dozen colleges in the immediate vicinity, and a multitude of attractions for history buffs, culture lovers, shoppers and just plain sightseers. By way of example, Harrisburg, adjacent Hershey and nearby cities offer these activities:

Historical

- Major Dick Winters Exhibit at the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society (Hershey)
- Antique Auto Museum (Hershey)
- Hershey Story / The Museum on Chocolate (Hershey)
- The National Civil War Museum (Harrisburg)
- The State Museum of Pennsylvania (Harrisburg)
- US Army Military Heritage Center and Museum (Carlisle)
- Gettysburg National Park and museum – (Gettysburg)

Cultural

- City Island Arts Activities (Harrisburg) are busy all summer
- Downtown Harrisburg offers Arts, Entertainment, and Restaurants
- Hershey Theater (Hershey)
- Whitaker Center (Harrisburg) has the Science Center, IMAX Theatre, Sunoco Performance Theater and many other education, cultural and scientific offerings
- Lancaster County is the center of Pennsylvania's famed Amish and Pennsylvania Dutch communities, with a wide variety of arts, crafts, shopping, dining and historical attractions

Recreational

- Harrisburg Senators Baseball (Harrisburg) – Has three games during our reunion
- Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course (Hershey)
- Hersheypark (Hershey) – a major recreation center which offers games, rides, concerts, entertainment, food and shops

Shopping and Sightseeing

- Hershey's Chocolate World (Hershey)
- Hershey Gardens (Hershey) - 23 acres of spectacular seasonal displays, theme gardens and natural history attractions
- The Outlets at Hershey (Hershey)

Hershey is just fifteen minutes from downtown Harrisburg.

Carlisle, home also to the Army War College, Historical Center and former Indian College, is a half-hour from Harrisburg.

Gettysburg is about 45 minutes from Harrisburg

Lancaster County is about 45 miles from Harrisburg.



Nominations Sought for Association Posts

Chris Garrett, Secretary

B Co. 2/506—Vietnam 1970-71

At the Harrisburg Business Meeting in July, we will elect officers and board members for two year terms as prescribed in our bylaws. We encourage members to volunteer to serve on the board or to nominate other members who will help continue the tradition of service and support to Currahee veterans and active duty troops.

The nomination form for all of the open positions — four officers and seven board members — is at the bottom of this page You can also volunteer or suggest names on this form to serve on one of the committees working on our ongoing programs and special events. Remember — this is your organization.

At Harrisburg we will also be giving reports on our veterans and active duty programs, answering questions and discussing priorities for the coming biennium. Please plan on attending and participating in this meeting.

506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault) 2010-2012 Officer/Board of Directors/Volunteer Form

I, _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

hereby nominate the following member(s) to serve as an officer/director in the Association.

Note: A nominee for an officer position must have been a dues-paying member of the Association for a minimum of 6 months at the date of the election (August 2010). A nominee for any of the 7 members of the board must be a dues-paying member of the Association at the date of the election (August 2010).

Chairman _____ President _____

Secretary _____ Treasurer _____

Directors (up to seven (7) directors): : _____

: _____ : _____

: _____ : _____

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I nominate the following to be Committee Members:

	Membership	Media/ Advertising:	Scholarship	WOWS
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Send this form to arrive by April 30, 2010 to:

Chris Garrett, Secretary
5920 Huntington St
Duluth, MN 55807

or Email to c-garrett@msn.com

Currahee Memorial Dedication (continued from page 1)

(Below) One of the six granite stones that flank the main memorial marker (Page 1). Names of the KIA from each conflict will be carved on the back as money becomes available.



The crowning touch came when one of America's foremost wildlife sculptors, Eugene Morelli, contributed a dramatic sculpture of a large soaring American eagle to grace the entrance to the memorial. It beautifully complements the memorial plaza itself and welcomes visitors to the site. Mr. Morelli's sculpture, entitled "Majesty," is a magnificent bronze statue of an eagle in full flight. The eagle is both the emblem and mascot of the 101st Airborne Division and a symbol of the spirit and resolution of America's soldiers. The statue, with a nearly five-foot wingspan, is mounted on a plinth in the memorial plaza.

Mr. Morelli and his wife, artist Joan Zygmunt, were moved to make this in memory of Ms. Zygmunt's nephew. Matthew Zygmunt was a soldier in the 506th Airborne Infantry regiment. He fought with the Currahees in Iraq in 2005-2006, returning safely only to die in an automobile accident in August 2009 as he prepared to enter college.

"Matthew was very proud of his service with the 506th, and treasured his association with that organization," said Morelli in an interview. "Our families have a strong military tradition, and Joan and I felt this sculpture was an appropriate and meaningful way to honor his memory."

The Memorial was dedicated in a moving ceremony on the memorial plaza. Active duty leaders of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, veterans and family members of Iraq and Afghanistan KIAs participated in the ceremony. The next page offers a full description of the ceremony.

It is very important to note that much work of interest to WWII and Vietnam War veterans remains to be completed. Only the names of the KIAs from Iraq and Afghanistan have been engraved on the monuments. The Association, acting on behalf of the regiment, is accepting and processing tax deductible contributions to the memorial fund. You can make contributions by check or money order using the form in the back of this newsletter, or you can log on to the Association website (www.506infantry.org) and donate on-line. Please join the many Currahees and their supporters who have given so generously to make the memorial a reality.



(Above) Currahees "Doc" Lovy, Ron Helwig, Octavio Laguna and Fred May chat after the memorial service.

Right: The current active duty and honorary leadership of the Currahees march to the monument. From left, 4th BCT CSM Coop; Honorary Colonel COL (Ret) Bob Seitz, second from the left, a member of the Board of Directors of the 506th Association; COL Sean Jenkins recently took over as CO of the 4th Regiment. Finally, on the right is honorary command sergeant major CSM (Ret) Robert G. Nichols.



Right: Eugene Morelli, sculptor of the Majesty eagle, and Glen Goodwin, the Nashville contractor who donated the materials and labor for the memorial plaza and foundations, stand in front of the center stone of the Currahee KIA memorial at the dedication ceremony at Fort Campbell in November.



Memorial honors fallen Currahees

by Spc. Luther L. Boothe Jr.
4th Brigade Combat Team

The crowd stood, rendered salute or placed their hands over their hearts, as the National Anthem echoed off the large stone monument.

The 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, held a ceremony dedicating a memorial to honor fallen Currahees of both past and present conflicts on November 12th.

“This day, we are especially grateful for this Currahee Memorial Dedication event and what it signifies to all present – allowing for remembrance of our fallen Currahees and the full measure of devotion they gave on freedoms frontiers spanning seven decades of faithful service,” said 4th Brigade Combat Team Chaplain (Maj.) Randall Robison.

Colonel Sean M. Jenkins, the 18th commander of the Regiment, and Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Coop accompanied by the Honorary Colonel of the 506th, Col. Richard Seitz (Ret.) and Honorary Command Sgt. Major Robert G. Nichols (Ret.) approached the centerpiece of the memorial and placed a wreath at its base. The group rendered a salute and paused for a moment of silence to honor the fallen heroes of the 506th.

“We had a vision to bring together something that honored the entire lineage of sacrifice for the Currahees,” said Col. John P. Johnson, division chief of staff and former commander of the 506th.

The memorial symbolizes the complete combat history and future of the regiment. Standing beneath two flag poles displaying the Division and the regimental flag, are seven granite monuments, each representing an important segment of Currahee history. “This is a perfect memorial because it belongs to all Currahees,” said Gary Gilliam, a veteran of Vietnam who served with 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment. “It recognizes the entire

Currahee band of brothers, not just from World War II, but all the way to the present.”

The memorial centerpiece, a nine-foot stone carved from Georgia granite represents Mount Currahee and the Regiment’s activation at Camp Toccoa, Ga. Rising from the mountain is a piece of black granite inscribed with the Warrior’s Ethos and topped by a spade etched with the 506th Infantry Regiment’s crest.

Six of the stones, each engraved with a parachute, form a semi-circle around the centerpiece signifying the 506th Infantry Regiment’s heritage as the Army’s sixth Parachute Infantry Regiment. All seven stones have one of the seven Army Values engraved into the parachute’s stone base.

“This memorial will provide an opportunity for Currahee families of every generation to come, pause and reflect on the service of the Currahees and their families, who have sacrificed so much in service to our Nation,” said Jenkins.

Three of the parachute stones have theaters of operations listed on them representing the Currahees’ involvement in World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The back of each lists the specific campaigns in which the regiment has been involved.

Also on the back of each will be the names of those Currahees who have sacrificed their lives while honorably serving their country.

“We wanted to place the names of the fallen on the stones, with each conflict, to honor them and to never let the sacrifices made by our family of Currahees fade from memory,” said Jenkins. “Half of the stones remain blank, not because we wish for a conflict to be placed on them, but to represent the Currahees’ willingness to answer the nation’s call and to give hope to those who are oppressed and helpless.”

(Story used by permission of 4th BCT.)

Below: Don Thies, President of the 506th Association, presents a commemorative plaque to artist Eugene Morrell.



Above: Families and loved ones pay respects to the Iraq-Afghanistan KIA. Names of the dead Currahees are engraved on the back of the stone tablet. Names of WWII and Vietnam KIA will be engraved on their tablets as funding permits.

Below: Fred May, 506th Board member and Active Duty Liaison, lays a wreath and plaque from the Association at the beginning of the Memorial ser-



Pictures from the KIA Memorial Dedication...



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Counter-clockwise from above:

1. A string ensemble entertained the audience during and after the ceremony.
2. COL Sean Jenkins, newly appointed commanding officer of the 4th Brigade Combat Team.
3. The center stone of the memorial lists the major battle honors of the 506th.
4. A small portion of the very large crown which was present for the ceremony. Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are together with Currahees from Toccoa and Vietnam
5. The face of one of the six flanking granite slabs, honoring the war dead of each conflict. Names of KIA are engraved on the back if the Iraq and Afghanistan monuments. For World War II and Vietnam, the names will be added upon completion of the fundraising effort and attainment of the fundraising target.



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...and the DMOR Ceremony



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6. Don Thies (left) and Ben Peters receive their DMOR certificates from CSM Coop, Bob Seitz, COL Jenkins and Bob Nichols
7. From the official program, a list of all of the previous DMOR honorees, from World War II and Vietnam though Iraq and Afghanistan
8. 4th BCT XO Major Dar Place reads the names of the newly-named Distinguished Members of the Regiment (DMOR)

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DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

LTG David E. Grange	CSM Charles Judd
LTG Robert F Sink	CSM Thomas Kimball
BG Mark O. Milley	CSM Charlie Lakin, Jr.
COL David L. Clark	CSM Robert L. Moss
COL John Geraci	CSM Hideshi J. Sasaki
COL Frank A. Herda	CSM Joel F. Webb
COL John P. Johnson	CSM Micahel R. Wagoner
COL Richard M. Seitz	CSM Victor Wilburn
COL Thomas D. Vail	SGM Robert H. Olinger
LTC John Allred	1SG Herman L. Trent
LTC Gregory K. Butts	SFC Walter Gott
LTC Charles Bradley	SFC Forrest Robertson
LTC Ronald P. Clark	SFC Randy Shorter
LTC Scott A. Coy	SFC John Smith
LTC Anthony DeMartino	SSG William J. Guamere
LTC David Ell	SSG Michael Mullins
LTC Dixon Gunther	SSG Dennis Unger
LTC Christopher G. Hall	SSG Jeremy Wilczek
LTC Andre C. Lucas	SGT Arlen R. Mayfield
LTC Arthur M. Loureiro	SGT Gary D. Pagan
LTC Kevin W. Milton	SPC Jose Alvarez
LTC Thomas O'Steen	SP4 George H. Fry
LTC Gordon Roberts	SPC Peter M. Guenette
LTC Brian E. Winski	SP4 John Milguard
LTC Kirk Whitson	SPC Gregory Pushkin
MAJ John Bowman	SPC Gregory Waters
MAJ Daniel Morgan	PFC Gerald J. Loraine
MAJ Kenneth Tanner	PFC Kenneth M. Kays
MAJ Richard D. Winters	Dr. Andrew Lovy
CPT Robert L. Acklen, Jr.	Mr. Stephen G. Avgerinos
CPT Joshua Brandon	Mr. Don Burgett
1LT Anthony N. Borrelli	Mr. Kenneth J. David
1LT Lynn D. "Buck" Compton	Mr. Gary Gilliam
1LT James R. Magouyrk	Mr. Ronald B. Kane
2LT John Harrison	Mr. Octavio Laguna
CSM Mark L. Atchley	Mr. Frank D. Matsko
CSM Johnny Baldwin	Mr. Eugene L. Overton
CSM Larry L. Chapman	Mr. Gregory P. Phillips
CSM Michael P. Catterton	Mr. James D. Roescho
CSM Timothy D. Coop	Mr. Roy D. Skeggs
CSM Christ W. Fields	Mr. John R. VanAlmen
CSM Otis Hooper	

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\$500 Currahee 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 2010 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 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 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 between January 1 and April 30 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 re-

turned. 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 .

2009 Currahee Scholarships Awarded

By Fred May, Scholarship Committee Chair,
A Co, 1/506th—Vietnam 1970-71

The 506th Association Scholarship Committee selected Julia Gomes, of Sandy, OR, and Elizabeth Wall, of Virden, IL as the winners of the two 2009 \$500 Scholarships.

Julia graduated from Sandy High School in 2008 where she was named Most Outstanding Senior in a class of 378 students. Julia is currently attending the University of Portland and is majoring in Nursing with a minor in Leadership.



Elizabeth graduated top ten in her class from Virden High School in 2008. She is currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in Nursing and working as a Nursing Assistant at Memorial Medical Center.



As Julia said, "I can only say how grateful and honored I am in receiving the 506th Scholarship and that I readily await my own rendezvous with destiny when I become an Army Nurse in three years. Thank you for your relentless generosity and support." Added Elizabeth, "I am so honored to have been chosen as one the 2009 scholarship recipients. Thank you so much for your generosity; this scholarship is going to help me continue my goal of becoming a Registered Nurse Anesthetist, so that I may help and make a difference in the lives of others. You guys are truly selfless and do an amazing job in everything you do."

Membership Director's Report and Membership Analysis

By Eugene L. Overton, Jr. [Gene] – Membership Director - C Co., 1st/506th – 1967/68

As of year-end 2009, the total number of members who have paid their 2009 dues was 590 or 91% of our goal [650] for the year. On page 18, an article explains why full membership participation is so critical to our continued success in serving vets and active duty alike. The challenge to reach our membership goal for 2009 was not accomplished; this is unbelievable. A mission not being accomplished!! This can not be allowed to continue; what are you going to do to see that this does not happen again in 2010. Can we reach that goal of 650 members in 2010? It's in your hands; can you do it?

	Dues Paying Members	All Members	Percent
. World War II - Parachute Infantry (1942 - 1945)	25	220	11%
. Camp Breckinridge / Fort Jackson - Basic Training (1948 - 1956)	2	18	11%
. Fort Campbell - 1st Airborne Battle Group (1956 - 1964)	60	255	24%
. Fort Campbell - Airborne Infantry (1964 - 1967)	102	282	36%
. Vietnam - Airborne Infantry / Airmobile (1967 - 1972)	267	2384	11%
. Fort Campbell - 1st Battalion, Air Assault (1972 - 1982)	22	95	23%
. South Korea - 1st Battalion, Air Assault (1987 - 2004)	30	316	9%
. Iraq - 1st Battalion, Air Assault (2004 - 2005)	6	162	4%
. 4th Brigade Combat Team, 506th RCT - Air Assault (2004+)	44	182	24%
. Associate Members	32	172	19%
TOTAL MEMBERS	590	4086	14%

If any dues-paying member has not received his 2009 Membership Card or Association Roster, please contact me so this can be rectified. I can be reached at Charlie35@ si.rr.com or (646) 232-6265.

Association Annual Members — remember that *January 31, 2010 is the target for paying your 2010 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, January 2013 if you have a 2008 – 2012 Membership, or January 2014 if you have a 2009 – 2013 Membership.

All Currahees – if you have a change of address, telephone, email or other information PLEASE submit the changes before March 31, 2010 so that the Association's 2010 Roster will contain currently accurate information.

You can give a gift membership to:

- help get a current soldier or former 506th veteran involved in the Currahee community
- thank a Currahee veteran for past service

Simply write **GIFT** on the appropriate Membership Dues Form with the membership information about the person to whom the gift is made.

IMPORTANT NEWS about two changes:

- **On-Line Payment of Membership Dues** – It's finally here, the ability to pay your membership electronically on-line. Just go to the Membership Application link and choose a secured payment method to pay your dues. Keep an eye on our web site as to when in January this new system is up and running.
- **A new type of membership** – The Board of Directors has approved an additional type of membership called **PURPLE HEART MEMBERS**. This type of membership is available to any soldier who (1) currently is on active duty in the military (2) and was wounded (Purple Heart Recipient) while serving in the 506th, both directly assigned or attached to the 506th. In addition, we offer these members a reduced rate of \$10.00 for annual membership and \$40.00 for a five year membership.

Attention WWII Currahees!

Editor's Note: When Joe Talley approached us for help making contact with a number of World War II Currahees, he came with high recommendations from the active duty troops he accompanied in Iraq. He understood and agreed with our insistence upon protecting the privacy of the WWII vets. We feel this is an excellent opportunity to expand on the story of Easy Company and give respectful exposure to other 506th units.

Dear Currahees,

I am a 101st ABN infantry vet (Long Range Surveillance) and documentary TV producer/writer. I spent 2006 with 1/506th in Iraq, filming their service in Ramadi. I am asking your help as I produce a documentary series for Discovery highlighting the actions of WWII-era 506th veterans alongside the modern 506th soldiers in combat.

The documentary series is entitled, "Return of the 506th - The Next Band of Brothers." The show highlights the battalion's initial development in 2005 and shows the process of heading to Iraq and establishing security and peace in Ramadi, paralleling the original Currahees' WWII story. It's an incredible opportunity to tell the story of comparable successes in Ramadi and Europe.

We would like to bring together a small group of current Currahees and a similar group of WWII veterans in order to capture their stories and reactions when they get together. We are interested in filming interviews this year at an event where the older guys might get together, if that is possible. The 506th Association wants to protect its members' privacy and has offered to work with us so control over the contact is based on the individual vets giving us permission to contact them through the Association. If you don't want to be bothered, you won't be!

Please feel free to contact Bruce Moore, Gene Overton, Fred May or John Lally for more information, or you may contact me at any time. Thank you in advance for your interest and I hope to be able to meet some of you this year at the reunion or elsewhere. With regards and deep respect,

Joe Talley, Producer
Tango Alpha Productions
(310) 486-0546

Currahee Notes

Trivia and signfica from various sources

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day — The WHVVD Legislation has been approved by the California State Assembly. This legislation is very important because it is not a resolution or a proclamation, it is legislation, a law. This is the first time that a law has been enacted by any state which gives an official welcome home to the Vietnam Veterans, every year. March 30 will always be known as WHVVD. The Legislation also asks ALL schools in CA. to recognize, celebrate and teach the significance of WHVVD. Supporters expect that this law will make it much easier for all the other states to follow this lead. One state down and forty nine more to go.

The 506th Regimental Combat Team was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation for its performance in Iraq in 2004-05. Units included in the citation were 1/506th and 2/506th INF; 1/61 CAV; 4/320 FA; 1/26 INF(1 ID); 4th BTB; HHC 506th RCT; 3/67 AR; and 1/33 CAV. See the actual recommendation at (www.506infantry.org/pdf/506rct/506rct_oif_muc.pdf)

Some Currahees, including some serving in TF1/506 in 2003, are eligible for the Navy Meritorious Unit Citation for service in support of the Marines at Fallujah, Iraq. The specifics are included in MARADMIN (Marine Administrative Message) 609/06. This can be found on the USMC website or by Googling "MARADMIN 609/06"

Alpha Company, 1/506 at Fort Campbell is putting together a company history display of artifacts from the long history of the unit. As part of this effort, they are putting up a memorial wall listing all of the names of the 151 Currahee Alphas who have been KIA. Contact CPT Al Lemaire at al.lemaire@us.army.mil for information.

Agent Orange Update: The Veteran's Administration has announced a presumed service connection between exposure to Agent Orange and three more illnesses. These include Parkinson's disease, "B" cell leukemias and ischemic heart disease. This brings to 15 the number of diseases linked to the defoliant. A word of caution: the administrivia of the VA hasn't caught up to the spirit of the announcement, so look for implementation issues.

3/506 Items of interest: New releases about The 3/506 experience in WWII

Jerry Gomes—3rd Bn Reporter
E Co (LRRP), 3rd BN—Vietnam

The body of knowledge about Currahees has expanded significantly this year with the release of a new book and a DVD about the 3rd Battalion of the 506th in World War II. The book is "Tonight We Die As Men," by Ian Gardner and Roger Day, and the DVD is entitled "The Forgotten Battalion." Both deal with the experiences of the men of

the regiment from Camp Toccoa through the defining events of D-Day and the European campaign.

Like the books and movies about the "Band of Brothers" these releases examine history through the eyes of the participants in the line units. The tone is different, and the judgments about the war are perhaps harsher, but the conclusion is the same: these were tough, proud men who were committed to their country and to each other.

Bill Galbraith and Manny Barrios returned to Normandy in conjunction with the release

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Stand Down 2009 After Action Report A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

July 17-19, 2009, Nashville, TN
by: Beth Krohe

"Ass Kicking Alpha" - Alpha Company (to the uninitiated), 1/506th, got together for their 5th Reunion, in Nashville, TN over the Week-end of July 17 - 19. Attendees were Currahees from the Vietnam era of 1967-1971, together with family members and friends.

The Hospitality Room opened up a day early for an impromptu pizza party for the folks that arrived early. This gave everyone a chance to start reuniting and to do a lot of visiting. Stories were being told, pictures looked at and some were even taken. Everyone that attended seemed to have a great time, and some I heard even stayed up half the night talking.

On Friday morning some of the Currahees went over to Fort Campbell to help with replacing the bushes (that didn't survive the winter weather) that were placed around the Monument. And others went over to see the Monument and check out the base.

While they were over there, the Hospitality Room opened and Currahees and their guests were able to get registered for the reunion and pick up name tags and T-shirts (if they had ordered one). This was the place for visiting and reconnecting (and a lot of that was going on) and also some of the snacks and refreshments that kept appearing throughout the day.

As the day progressed and evening came, it was time for dinner. And boy what a dinner—a real "BBQ Blow-out", and what a fitting meal it was for being in the South! The meal was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The evening progressed with taking group pictures of all the "Currahees" and then all the family members and friends in attendance. Afterwards the reuniting and visiting continued.

As Saturday rolled around, the Hospitality Room was opened again; this was the place for visiting and a lot was being done and more snacks to eat. While some went site seeing on the guided tours, some went shopping for their souvenirs. More Currahees also registered this day for the Reunion during this time. Evening came and 45 Screaming Eagles and their family and friends answered the roll call for the "Alpha Company Dinner." The meal was really

good; some of us even tried to get recipes from the caterer, but he wouldn't give them up. After dinner we were joined by Alpha company commander CPT Al LeMaire and a group of his officers and NCOs and their families from the active duty Ass-kickers at Fort Campbell.

After a short break, John Brown conducted a very moving and emotional "Fallen Currahee Ceremony" remembering the fallen Alpha Company comrades. Following the



The crew of volunteers who did the landscaping: (Standing) Encarnacion "EC" Cano; Elvin "Butch" Kruger; Larry Hendricks, Gary George; Brian Heeg; Dan Nightingale; Fred May; John Lally; Front: Hoyt Bruce Moore

ceremony Joe Eisen read the poem "Bury Me With Soldiers" Then, Ed & Beth Krohe handed out specially made 6" x 9" Currahee Flags to fellow Currahees attending their first Reunion. Fred May followed and handed out beautiful "Challenge Coins" to fellow Currahees attending their first reunion. After that was done Fred presented Ed & Beth with "The Currahee Challenge Award". After all was done it was time for the raffle, which was

fun for everyone. The night ended with free time to relax, have a few refreshments and visit.

Sunday morning brought our "Farewell Brunch". This was the time for breakfast, that last minute visit, hugs and good-byes until we meet again. And speaking of meeting again, I hope to see all of you in Colorado Springs, Colorado in July of 2011. Each one of these reunions gets bigger and more fun.

Many thanks to the 45 Currahees, their families and friends who attended the 2009 Alpha Company Standdown Reunion for Alpha Company. Without you it wouldn't have been such a big success. We hope to see you at the next Reunion in July 2011 and hope that many more Currahees will be able to attend and join us in encouraging other Alpha Company Currahees. If you haven't attended an Alpha Reunion, please come to the next one - it is definitely worth it.

Currahee!



On behalf of the entire company, Fred May presents Ed and Beth Krohe with a plaque thanking them for their hard work in organizing and leading the very successful reunion.

News from 2/506

Don Thies – 2nd Bn Reporter

(B Co -2/506th – November 1970/August 1971)

A number of 2nd battalion members from Vietnam were honored as Distinguished Members of the Regiment during 2009. These included:

Gary Gilliam

Roy Skeggs

John R VanAlmen

Frank D. Matsko

COL Richard M. Seitz

CPT Benjamin F Peters, Jr.

Donald E. Thies

If I missed anyone I most certainly apologize.

The 2nd battalion also saw COL Richard M. Seitz selected as the Honorary 506th Colonel of the regiment.

The 2nd battalion leadership also changed. We would like to thank LTC Allred and CSM Moss for their outstanding leadership and guidance. We welcome aboard LTC Hill & CSM Menton and ask everyone to lend them their full support.

Finally, remember the 506th Association reunion in Harrisburg, PA in July 2010. If you can make it, there is a 45 mile (each way) road trip you'll probably never forget. The history of 2nd battalion 506th is 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, auto-graph 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 506th and can be viewed at <http://www.therupturedduck.com/winters.htm>

I'm driving in and have a mini van. However, if enough interest is shown maybe we could even consider trying to get a coach bus. Gettysburg battlefield isn't too far away either. So 2nd battalion guys and gals get up, get going and let's out number the 1st battalion at the reunion!

Have a great New Year and remember to renew your 506th Association Membership!

Currahee!

A reminder: 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.

B Company 2/506 1970-1971

Chris Garrett B-2/506 70-71

All you Bravo people out there, let us make this the year we all show up at our reunion.

A special shout out to the **God Squad**, you know who you are. We have grown the attendance over the years but there are still many that haven't experienced the joy of remembering and reliving our year of service in the bush. It really was an interesting time for all of us and I am sure we all look back and remember differently. The bonds we still share with each other are as strong as they ever were.

This is going to be a special reunion because of the Gettysburg connection. There are many of us that have studied that battlefield and will make great guides for those that have not. Beverly and I are planning on staying thru till Monday so we can have some extra time for the area. Let me know if you will be attending and I will arrange a dinner on unit dinner night.

Call me at 218-349-2986 or email c-garrett@msn.com.

Quartermaster Notes

Ron Helwig, Quartermaster

B Co., 1st ABG

Now is the time to pick out special items from the 506th Quartermaster store for our reunion in Harrisburg. Many of the most popular items are listed on the order forms in the back of the newsletter, but children's items, magnets and many addition items are not published in the limited space available; they are available through the Association website, and are worth a look. Just a reminder: custom orders may also be available by arrangement with us.

Among the new items are a paired 101st/ Currahee design in a magnet, decal, and patch. It can also be embroidered on garments. In addition, we have 12 new items for sale in the Quartermaster's store, including: Flag Hat; Currahee Bear, Freedom Found Book, Quest DVD, Currahee Battle Flag design in a Blanket Throw, Pin, Magnet, and License Plate; and "Stands Alone" Magnet.

Come visit us at the reunion in Harrisburg next summer; Ruth and I will be there again, and will have the store open with a wide variety of Currahee clothing and memorabilia.

Last Roll Call:

Former Currahee KIA

SGT Matthew L. Ingram, 25, served with D Company, 1-506th Infantry, 2ID in Korea and Iraq, 2004-2005. He died August 21, 2009 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle, and his unit came under small arms fire from enemy forces. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO.

Danny C. Smith, C Co, 2nd BN, Vietnam, died May 19, 2009

Albert H. Hassenzahl, C Co, 1st BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died June 13, 2009

Darrell "Shifty" Powers, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died June 17, 2009

Larry Collins, E Co (LRRP), 3rd BN, Vietnam, died May 23, 2009

Robert S. Smith, Jr., C Co, 3rd BN, Vietnam, died July 2009

SPC Brandon Buettner, HHC, 4th BSTB, Afghanistan, died July 4, 2009

Matthew J. Zygmunt, C Co, 1st BN, 506th, 2005-2006; died August 3, 2009

PFC Marshall G. Montelus, B Co, 801st BSB, 2004-2009, died August 3, 2009

Forrest L. Guth, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died August 9, 2009

Charles F. "Tuck" Shaffer, Sr., F Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died September 2, 2009

Jack E. Foley, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died September 14, 2009

Vincent James "Jim" Rocco, Mortar Battery, 1st ABG, 506th, died September 20, 2009

Thomas Ivan Gray, HQ, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died December 23, 2009

Lew Millett, Medal of Honor recipient (HHC, 1st ABG, 506th, died November 15, 2009

CSM(R) Thomas W. Gentry, A Co, 3rd BN, Vietnam, died December 3, 2009

Trying to Locate:

Please contact LTC Jimmie Miller at 801-412-0478 or miller_jimmie@hotmail.com if you know anyone who served with PVT George D. Sanders (A Co, 1st BN, 506th PIR, KIA 12/21/44). George was from Idaho. He was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. While in hospital, he was killed when the enemy forces surged forward on 21 December 1944 and is buried in the Luxembourg American Cemetery.

From Paul Welsch In Yorktown, NY: I am looking for anyone who may have served with my brother, SGT Gerald Welsch (C Company, 1st Battalion, 506th, KIA 3/12/1971). He came to C/1-506th about December 5, 1970 from D/3-12, 4th ID. They got to go home, but not him. Photos or anything would help. My eMail is pjwelsch@verizon.net.

From Charles Limer in Arlington, TX: Looking for Ralph Aponte, B/2-506th, wounded June 1st 1968, Dak To. My eMail is charleslimer@aol.com.

From Bruce Coleman in Hudson MI: Looking for anyone that served with Company D, 1st Battalion, 506th on

11 July 1969, Hill 996, regarding KIA Marvin Richardson. My eMail is bgcoleman@comcast.net.

From Paul "Doc" Greaux in Hollywood, FL: STILL LOOKING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.... I was a medic who served with HHQ, 1-506, Camp Evans, attached to "D" Company 1968-1969. If anyone out there know the whereabouts, (or who remembers me) of fellow CURRAHEE medics, drop me an eMail line. Daniel Kabe, Ronald Yonts, John Greenhaw, Mearl Hutch, SGT Charles Light, SGT George Hudnell, LT Black, McConnell (don't remember his first name), and David Johnson. My eMail is filfrench2181@cs.co.

gewing@bellsouth.net writes: My father's name was SSGT Victor Byron Cambas. He was KIA on 6/26/70 at age 23. He served with the 101st Airborne. My Mother to this day, cannot speak about him, which has been terribly difficult for her, obviously, but also for me as my Mother was pregnant with me when she learned that he was killed. If anyone knew him, please contact me at Elegant-Mess09@gmail.com I just want someone to tell me something...ANYTHING about my Father, the hero that I know nothing about."

Treasurer's Report:

by Hoyt Bruce Moore, III – Treasurer
A/1-506th, 1970-1971

As of November 30, 2009, year-to-date operating income of \$21,993.08 exceeded operating expenses of \$20,752.23 for net operating income of \$1,240.85. Total funds in Association cash accounts included the following:

Fidelity Business Account (pre-paid dues)	\$16,080.81
Business Shares California Credit Union:	100.23
Checking Account: Unrestricted Funds	22,518.26
Temporarily Restricted Funds:	
Scholarship Fund:	\$13,029.89
Currahee Packages Fund	877.96
Currahee KIA Memorial	1330.11
WO&WS Fund	13,610.79
TOTAL Temporarily Restricted Funds	28,848.75
TOTAL CASH 11/30/09	\$67,548.05

The 5-year Membership Dues plan continues to be successful. As of November 30, 2009, the amount of Pre-Paid Dues was as follows:

Year 2010 Dues-Paying Members = 363	\$6,244.00
Year 2011 Dues-Paying Members = 356	6,109.00
Year 2012 Dues-Paying Members = 161	2,780.00
Year 2013 Dues-Paying Members = 66	1,120.00
Year 2014 Dues-Paying Members = 1	12.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME	\$16,265.00

Thanks to all of you who responded to the 2009 membership drives and to those who made additional donations for Association expenses and special funds. Names of donors are listed beginning on page 19.

Website Notes

Mike Bookser, Webmaster
B/E Cos., 1/506th, Vietnam

One perverse indicator of success: our website went down in December because we exceeded our network bandwidth limit of 25 gigabytes. That means we had a *lot* of people visiting our site during the month of December. We had to have our bandwidth increased on a weekend before Christmas, in part because of the interest in Europe and America about the 65th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. We have become a standard research source for students and writers.

We were lucky when our site went down, because our service provider, Axxcess Internet Services Inc. and Currahee Jim Restucci, came to our rescue — again — and upgraded our service free of charge. They have been there for us repeatedly over the years. If you know Jim give him a pat on the back and thank him when you see him.

Our site receives about three-quarters of a million hits a year to our home page alone. Page views of our history, memorial, membership, programs, guestbook, blog and era pages added to our crash in December. Google returns our site as the first after the Wikipedia definition of Currahee, and that's saying something for a search term that has 205,000 results. Our internal search tool is used by visitors approximately 200 times a month to search for information on the site.

If you haven't been to our site recently you'll be amazed at what we have. If you have documents, photos or stories from your time as a Currahee, please run them by Bruce Moore or me; your memories and materials might make good additions to the site. Remember: our regimental history is history made up of the experiences of all of us and your story is a part of the regiment's story. Share it with the world by sending it to us.

It's a numbers game: Why veteran membership matters...and donations too!

John Lally, Newsletter Editor
A Co. 1/506th Vietnam 1970-71

Members are the lifeblood of any volunteer organization, but the 506th Association is particularly sensitive to what *kind* of members we have. Unlike the huge veterans organizations like the American Legion, which are Congressionally chartered, we are set up as a *war veterans charitable organization*. This means we are exempt from state and local taxes, and that dues, gifts and contributions to this organization are tax deductible. This is critical and proper, because all of our money goes to the programs we offer to veterans and active duty troops. None of the officers, board members or committee workers are paid, and we absorb much of the administrative costs rather than seek reimbursement.

The problem is that this tax exempt/tax deductible status comes with a lot of strings attached. By law, 90% of our membership *must* be made up of war veterans, not just veterans. Also, only 2.5% of the organization's *total mem-*

bership may consist of individuals who are NOT veterans, cadets, or spouses, widows, or widowers of these individuals. This limits our ability to offer memberships to people who want to support us but are not war veterans or even family members. Losing our tax exemption would cripple our ability to offer all the programs we currently support.

Bottom line: we desperately need *dues paying, war veteran members* both to meet the IRS requirements and to get the working capital we must have to print newsletters, put on reunions and cover communications costs. Remember, every dollar contributed to funds like the WOWS fund, scholarships and the Currahee KIA memorial goes towards those activities, and nothing to administrative costs.

Please, if you're a war veteran, plunk down the few dollars needed for dues and become a formal member of this Association. Help us keep up the level of services to both veterans and active duty troops that we're famous for...and while you're at it — donate to our charitable funds as well!

In Recognition of our financial supporters

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 22, 2008 to November 20, 2009.

ADVANCED (\$100 TO \$250):

Walter Lukasavage

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CWO(R) Juan J. Gonzalez
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The 506th Association would also like to thank all those who donated to our fund-raising projects during this past year. Fund donations were received from the following donors November 22, 2008 through November 20, 2009.

Currahee KIA Memorial

GOLD (over \$1,000):

COL(R) Richard M. Seitz
Eugene L. Overton, Jr.

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A Conversation with Bob Seitz

John Lally, Newsletter editor

Bob Seitz epitomizes the qualities sought in a DMOR. After a distinguished military career spanning 24 years (including 18 months in Vietnam with the 2/506) he continues to serve America's warriors by his support for the 506th. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the 506th Airborne Infantry Association, and he has been very active in visiting soldiers wounded and hospitalized. This lifetime of service culminated in his appointment last year as the Honorary Colonel of the 506th Infantry Regiment. I asked him what the DMOR honor meant to him.



Bob Seitz in Vietnam

"I am very humbled by the honor, as there are very many great Currahees to select from, especially our fallen comrades," he responded. "The recognition deepens our relationship with the Regiment, and those with whom we served in battle. It inspires us to continue our service to the Regiment and today's Currahees and their families."

This continued service can be seen in Bob's leadership in setting up activities for our wounded troopers and their families. Recently, Bob, with funding from his company, hosted a large BBQ at the Walter Reed Malong House for all the outpatients, along with a trip to a Beach Boys concert...a welcome relief from the routine hospital life. Bob got all the troops back stage to meet the group, including Mike Love, the only original Beach Boy still with the group.

Typically, Bob isn't resting on past contributions. As he says, "I understand the 101st will start deploying in Jan 2010....then we need to be ready for more families." He'll be ready for any new challenge.

In addition to Bob, two other members of the Board of Directors are counted among the DMOR ranks. These are president Don Thies, and Association co-founder, past president and current Membership Committee chair Gene Overton.

3/506 Items of interest (Continued from page 14)

the book. The book is available through the usual outlets.

Sgt Major (Ret) Bob Izumi 3/506 traveled to Bastogne in December with Liberty Jump Team - Bob was 506 WWII, Korea and Vietnam. We look forward to talking with all of them about their experiences at the Currahee reunion next summer in Harrisburg, and we hope to see many of you there as well!

We congratulate Joe Alexander, Joe Bossi and John Keene for being named DMOR in November ceremonies.

The Writer's Block

*Currahees are a creative bunch. We have successful musicians, artists and writers among us. Beginning in this issue, we will publish **brief** essays, cartoons, drawings and poems written by Currahees, active duty or veteran. 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. The only requirements are that they are original, they arise from your Currahee experience and they were not previously published.*

Veteran's Day

This story is of soldiers both young and old
A description of Americans brave and bold.

Leaving their family, country and friends
Crossing the oceans, freedom to defend.

American soldiers, taught by the best
Fight through the night without any rest.

Didn't see themselves heroes and sought no acclaim
Weren't charging rice paddies or up mountains for fame.

Not fighting for silver or gold, to hang from their chest
But for the friend beside them they gave up their best

Some died in fields and mountains of far away lands
Times they were outnumbered but continued to stand

Cries of wounded some calling out for their mother
Dying in the arms of their friend and their brother.

They were not just soldiers trained to carry a gun
They are loved ones, father, mother, daughter or son

You wonder why a soldier will give up their life;
willing to die for other's trouble and strife.

It's the love of freedom we lost some of our best.
Rows of white crosses mark now where they rest

Some veterans were forgotten many years ago
They now rest in hallowed fields' row upon row

Some Vets came home to those loving them most.
They never spoke of the battles and never to boast.

They live among us their stories quiet and refrain
Hoping the freedom and peace long to remain

Old veterans never seeking purpose or reason to fight
But continue to stand firm for the things that are right

by
Sgt. Gary Gilliam
C Co, 2/506 Infantry
Vietnam 1970-71

Widows, Orphans and Wounded Soldiers Fund

The *Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund* (WO&WS) helps to meet a number of needs in support of the active duty troops of the 506th Regimental Combat Team when they were deployed to Afghanistan in 2008-2009:

WIA in US Hospitals: if a WIA soldier is transported to the United States, the Hospital Visitation Teams from the 506th Association spring into action. Working closely with the 506th RCT Rear Detachment at Fort Campbell, KY, the Association is notified of any incoming wounded. An Association representative visits soldiers in hospitals throughout the United States. This representative assists the soldier and any visiting family members in any way possible.

In addition, the Association representative presents a number of items to the soldier who has been injured. These items include the following:

- 506th Association Gym/Duffel Bag
- Currahee Shield Pin
- 506th Association Hat
- Currahee Battle Flag
- 506th Infantry Bracelet
- Static Cling Currahee Decal
- 506th Association Challenge Coin

Families of KIA Soldiers: the 506th Association presents a Currahee Battle Flag and Currahee Shield Pin to the family of any soldier who is KIA. This presentation is made by an Association representative, either at the funeral or at the monthly Eagle Remembrance Ceremony at Fort Campbell..

Grants to WIA Soldiers and Their Families: if there is a financial hardship which involves either the wounded soldier or his family, the WO&WS 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 Representative or the 506th RCT Rear Detachment.

Important Dates for 2010

January 31

- target date for paying 2010 Association Dues

March 31

- **cutoff date** for including new/updated information into the 2010 Association Roster
- expiration date for all Association memberships that have not been renewed for 2010

May 15

- target date for sending 2010 membership cards & rosters to those who have paid their membership dues.
- Rosters are sent via eMail to those for whom the Association has a valid eMail address; via US Mail if no eMail address is available.
- Membership Cards are sent via US Mail.

NOTE: if you paid 2009 membership dues and have questions about your Membership Cards and/or Rosters, contact Membership Director Gene Overton at charlie35@si.rr.com

July 15

- target date for sending the summer issue of *The Currahee!* newsletter to those who have paid their 2010 membership dues (via eMail to those for whom the Association has a valid eMail address; via US Mail if no eMail address is available).

July 28-31

- **2010 Currahee Reunion in Harrisburg, PA**

October 31

- new or renewal Association Dues received after this date will be counted as prepaid dues for 2011..

Fund donors (continued from page 19)

Susan Jensen

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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.

2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES 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 **2010 Association Roster**

Purple Heart Dues: Annual \$10.00 [] or 5 Yrs \$40.00 [] - **Currahee** newsletter/your **Era Roster Listing**.

[OPEN TO ONLY ACTIVE DUTY PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS.]

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

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

Donation for General 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 []

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Vietnam 1967-1971 [] AMBL 1972-1974 [] AASLT 1974-1984 [] Korea (2ID) 1987-2004 []

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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) : _____

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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

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

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Donation for General Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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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? _____

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Scholarship Fund Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Widows & Orphans Fund Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Currahee KIA Memorial Monument Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Packages and Unit Morale Fund Donation

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donation for General Operating Expenses

Donation Amount: \$ _____

TOTAL OF ALL DONATIONS: \$ _____

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## a "member" is someone who has paid their 506th Association 2010 Membership Dues.				
Quantity	Item	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##	TOTAL COST
	Association Gym/Duffel Bag (23.75"x 13"x 11.5")	\$34.00**	\$30.00**	\$
	Battle Flag Blanket Throw (5' 10" x 4' 6")	\$60.00**	\$50.00**	
	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 (WWII): <i>Freedom Found</i>	\$12.00	\$9.00	
	DVD (WWII): <i>Quest for Freedom</i>	\$12.00	\$10.00	
BLACK	WHITE	Golf Towel (11" x 18")		
		506th Currahee	\$15.00	\$12.00
		4BCT ParaDice	\$15.00	\$12.00
		101st Currahee	\$15.00	\$12.00
		Airborne Wings	\$15.00	\$12.00
		Air Assault Wings	\$15.00	\$12.00
BROWN	WHITE	Currahee Bear (10")		
		506th Currahee	\$30.00	\$25.00
		4BCT ParaDice	\$30.00	\$25.00
		101st Currahee	\$30.00	\$25.00
		Air Assault Wings	\$30.00	\$25.00
		Airborne Wings	\$30.00	\$25.00
Shipping (\$5.00 for the 1st item + \$2.50 shipping per additional item)				\$
**ADD \$5.00 additional shipping for each GYM/DUFFEL BAG or BLANKET THROW				
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

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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
Hat: Flag	(8) (9) (13) (14)	White	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					
	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 (\$5.00 for the 1st item + \$2.50 shipping per additional item)							\$	
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	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: 101st Currahee (4-7/8"x 4-3/8")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Decal: 506th Association (8"x 5" Static Cling)	\$3.00	\$2.00	
	Patch: 101st Currahee (3-7/8" x 3-7/8")	\$12.00	\$10.00	
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