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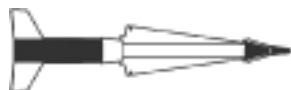
## From the Editor

The two most important subjects in this newsletter are the **highlights of the reunion** we just completed in St. Charles, Missouri, and the **Taiwan trip** many of us will embark on in April 2001. If you think you may want to go with us to Taiwan, please read the information carefully, as we need a deposit in a few weeks to get a pretty firm count of those who are really interested.



## The 2000 Reunion

Our Second Reunion in St. Charles, Missouri, 12-15 October 2000, was a great success. We had 56 of our troops there, with a total of 109 members and family members participating. It could only be improved by having more troops in attendance. Two write-ups of the activities follow, one by **Walt "Chuck" Lapsley**, and the distaff view by **Karen O'Connell**.



## REUNION 2000

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Missile Battalion, 71<sup>st</sup> Artillery MEET ME IN ST LOUIS

The members of our battalion met for the second reunion commemorating the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of our arrival on Taiwan. Over 100 members, guests and wives met in St. Charles Missouri located just west of St. Louis. I flew in from the West Coast to Lambert Airport on October 10, 2000 one day prior to check-in at the St. Charles Holiday Inn Select. I was far from being the member coming from the farthest distance to be at the celebration. **Danny Funamura** and his wife flew in from Koloa, Hawaii on the island of Kauai. Several members drove in from all points of the compass.

After checking in I wandered around a bit and discovered that another military group, the 684<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery was also holding their reunion at the hotel. Their registration area was across the lobby from our area. The group had served the country a few years earlier than our Battalion. Bob had



**Hq & Hq Battery Troops**  
Front, L to R: **Larry Trieglaff, Joe Dougherty, Paul Lapham, Willard Ottman, Dan Kukowski, Harry Habenicht**  
Rear: **Don Woodin, John Provost, Charlie Trost, Frank Serpico, Stu Moody, Mike Conniff**



**A Battery Troops**  
Front L to R: **Joe Duchesne, Glen Ramsey, Frank Rivers, Ray Gradick, Dan Funamura, Casimoro Morin**  
Rear: **Jim Telford, Dick Croft, Don Sneckenberger, Al Havard,**

set up three rooms for a hospitality suite which was frequently attended by all members during the four day reunion to view photo albums and video tapes of our adventures on Taiwan. I must admit that I had a hard time recognizing myself in some of the photos. Was I really that slim and good lookin'? I'm sure that many of us had the same question when we saw those young guys.

**Bob Mackintosh** had planned for seven members of the Board of Directors and their wives as well as early arriving members to attend a dinner at "Vivian's Vinyard" in the French Town section of old St. Charles on the evening of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob's open invitation resulted in a total of twenty-nine members and guests. The restaurant had excellent food and service. Because our group was so large, we were located in two rooms of this turn of the century (twentieth century) building.

The next morning began with a three hour Board of Directors Meeting for some of us. One of the outcomes of the meeting was that I would don the twin hats of Historian and Membership Chairman for the next two years. More information is available regarding the Board of Directors Meeting.

Registration in the lobby was between noon and 5:00 PM.. Everyone was in good spirits, and the sale of memorabilia in the hospitality room was brisk.

A welcome reception was held in the wide mezzanine corridor at the entrance to the St. Charles Room. The setting was spacious and looked over the large enclosed swimming pool located on a lower level. Beverages and light snacks were available during the hour before the buffet/social in the hotel's St. Charles Room.

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was a great day for touring! The weather was clear and warm for the month of October. Short sleeve weather.

Almost everyone took advantage of the day long tour of the historic riverfront area of St. Charles, the Mount Pleasant Winery near Augusta, Missouri, and the Daniel Boone Home and Museum in Defiance, Missouri. We gathered in the lobby at 8:30 AM and nearly one hundred members, spouses and guests mounted two large air-conditioned touring busses that would be our traveling home for the day.

Each bus had a tour leader dressed in early nineteenth century dress. Our tour leader was a very informative lady who kept a continuous dialogue about the history, customs and architecture that we would see during the driving tour of old town St. Charles and environs.

The first leg of the tour was a drive through tour of the historic section of St. Charles located along the westerly bank of the Missouri River. We were provided a running commentary of what we were seeing along the ten-block length of the Main Street Historical District between Boone's Lick Road and Clark Street. We drove toward the Missouri

River to Riverside Drive and then South along Riverside Drive looking across an old railroad right of way and train depot toward the Missouri River. The old railway right of way is now part of a 250-mile long bicycle and hiking trail named the "Katy Trail".

This general area was along the route that many pioneers used as a trailhead for the many routes including the Oregon Trail to the western lands. The explorers Lewis and Clark stopped here during their epic expedition to the Pacific Ocean. We stopped at the Lewis and Clark Museum for photographic and purchasing opportunities. Daniel Boone played an important part in the development of the area after his arrival in the territory at the age of 69. We were to learn more about this famous frontiersman later in the day.

From the early days of settlement by the Europeans, this area had been controlled by the Spanish, French and after the Louisiana Purchase, by the Americans. Thus the culture, architecture and trade of the area was a mixture of these cultures as well as early German immigrants whose knowledge of masonry construction and craftsmanship shaped many of the still used brick and mortar buildings in the settlement.

Leaving the waterfront area we drove past the hull of a large "Keel Boat" being reconstructed by members of an interest group. When finished the boat will be used on the Missouri River for tourists.

I had been told earlier by the hotel van driver that the area had been subject to a heavy frost that was normally followed by the trees turning color about four days later. I naturally began looking for this phenomenon. Some of the Sumac and maple trees were in fact beginning to turn color and all during the trip to the Mount Pleasant Winery I was looking for patches of red and yellow amongst the green deciduous forest. During this leg of the trip we crossed the Katy Trail twice.

The members, wives and guests were very comfortable with each other during the trip.

We arrived at the winery near lunchtime. The group was split into two sections. Group one would have lunch first, and group two would tour the winery. I was a part of group one, so I selected my box lunch and drink and sat at a shaded table with three other members. We looked across the vista and bottom land that was the Missouri River until the New Madras earthquake in the early 1800's when the river shifted its course seven miles west.

The winery is a small producer of table wines and port wine with a German wine making heritage. Approximately 26,000 bottles of wine are produced per year. Due to the time constraints the wine tasting session for our group was reduced in time.

The next leg of the tour was a trip to the Boone Home on the way back to St. Charles. The home is located about



**B Battery Troops**

**Front L to R: Bob Heilman, Ray Corbin, Bill Santak, Don O'Neill, Frank Serpico  
Rear: Walt Lapsley, Stu Moody, Ken Johnson, Bob Mackintosh**



**D Battery Troops**

**Front L to R: Jim Kjersgard, Mike Conniff, Bob Burlage, Dave O'Connell;  
Middle: Walt Lapsley, Vern Trupp, Dave Kent, Ray Corbin, Earl Whitson, Dave Diedrich, Jim Peoples;  
Rear: Harry Phillips, Jimmy Rogers, S.B. Daves, Jerry Haase, John Spegele, Bob Jarrell**



**C Battery Troops**

**Front L to R: Filimon Martinez, Jim Pannell, Nick Norris, Don Bull, Willard Ottman, Neal Boothe  
Rear: Bob Buchanan, Bob Mackintosh, Merle Weller, Vic Evans, Fa. Bill O'Brien**



**Support Troops**

**L to R: John Pohlman (178th Ord), Claxton Hurst (Augmentation Group), Mel Reischstadt (178th Ord)**

10-miles North of Highway 94. We arrived at the Boone home at about 2:00 PM. I call the home the "Boone" home because it was actually the home of Daniel Boone's son. Daniel did work on the home over a seven-year period while living in the home with his wife. A village called Boonefield Village is being constructed below the home using historical period buildings saved from areas that would have been demolished to make way for new buildings. The village includes a small church complete with a white picket fence.

The home is four stories high including a daylight basement visible from the front of the house. The view from

the back of the house is the view that is more familiar as it shows a more traditional three story two dormer house made out of light gray two foot thick dressed fieldstone. Large chimneys made out of fieldstone dominate each end of the building. With the exception of the gun ports located around the face of the house this could be a contemporary home until you realize that there was no electricity and the fireplaces were for heat, light and cooking.

The lower level from the front of the house is supported by a series of large wooden beams on even larger columns. There are two long covered galleries along the face of the

building connected by exterior stairways.

The fourth floor is actually a loft area under the roof that was modernized by the last family member who lived in the home until the early 1930's.

The lower first floor is divided into a large cooking and working area. The other half is divided into a work area and eating area.

The second level is divided into a living room/guest area for Daniel's son and family, and another area for Daniel and his wife. Paintings, drawings and artifacts of family members were shown on all walls. The hallways at the second two levels were actually wide rooms that extended across the house. Apparently there was a tax incentive to minimized small hallways, interior stairways and closets. Closets were taxed as rooms.

The third level of the house was set up as bedroom space. During the development of the house Daniel's son's wife had fourteen children to house.

We mounted our coaches at about 3:30 PM and headed back to the hotel where we got a bit of rest, maybe took a shower and dressed for an evening of dinner and theater beginning at 6:30 PM. We were headed for the re-known "Goldenrod Showboat", modeled after the "Majestic Theatre" in Denver Colorado, built at the turn of the century. Gilt trim and period glass and architecture took you back to a much earlier era. Several other groups including the artillery group from the hotel surrounded our group on the main floor. The balcony of the theatre was also full.

The play was the oldest continuous running musical on Broadway in the history of the theatre. It had run continuously for forty years! I had seen the play in San Francisco several times but the theme has a timeless nature.

We got back to our rooms at about 10:30 PM and tucked into bed in preparation for an 8:30 AM continental breakfast and business meeting that lasted until about 11:00 AM.

At 11:30 AM many of us loaded aboard two school buses and returned to the Historic Riverfront Area for some serious sight seeing and shopping.

Arranged tours included the:

First State Capital of Missouri

Tour of Haviland China Museum

After a casual day of sightseeing we returned to the hotel and prepared for the Reunion Banquet at the Hotel St. Charles Room.

I have included the program:

Presentation of Colors	Lewis & Clark Fife & Drum Corps
Pledge of Allegiance	<b>David A. O'Connell</b>
America the Beautiful	<b>Danny Funamura</b>
Demonstration	Lewis & Clark Fife & Drum Corps
Blessing	<b>Father William O'Brien</b>
Dinner	
Introductions	<b>Robert H. Mackintosh</b>
Toasts to Regiments	<b>Robert H. Mackintosh</b>
Silent Toast	<b>Robert H. Mackintosh</b>
Guest Speaker	<b>Donald E. Bull</b>
Proud of the Flag	<b>Morning Star Singers</b>
American Medley	<b>Morning Star Singers</b>
Benediction	<b>Father William O'Brien</b>

The dinner and program, combined with the conversations with our tablemates and other members, made for another successful reunion dinner. **Danny** shared his musical talent with us after dinner, which prompted a few folks do a bit of impromptu dancing. In fact, **Danny's wife (Barbara)** performed an elegant hula for the group.

As all things must, the reunion had to end, but not before the Memorial Breakfast held on Sunday morning. The program for the breakfast is one that emphasizes the people that served and who have passed on but are not forgotten.

**Father O'Brien shared the thought that.....**

*"A person does not die  
Until they are no longer remembered"*

The Program for the Memorial Breakfast is as follows

Opening	<b>David A. O'Connell</b>
Prayer	<b>Reverend William O'Brien</b>
Memorial Candle Lighting	<b>Walter C. Lapsley</b>
Roll Call	<b>John A. Spegele</b>
Psalm	<b>Reverend William O'Brien</b>
Memorial Message	
Comradeship	<b>Reverend William O'Brien</b>
Silent Tribute	All
"Amazing Grace"	<b>Morning Star Singers</b>
"America the Beautiful"	<b>Donald C. Sneckenberger</b>
Benediction	<b>Reverend William O'Brien</b>

The reunion was officially over but many members reluctantly left on their way to all points of the compass.

We, the members and potential members of the 2/71 Taiwan Association, make these reunions possible. We of course encourage all troops of the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery and supporting groups to not only join the Association but to attend the next reunion in the year 2002. This is a very rare opportunity for us all.

**Walt Lapsley** Historian



### The St. Charles Reunion — From the Distaff Side..... By Karen O'Connell

Two years ago, in El Paso, the reunion of the 2/71 was jam-packed with events. Special events. Not only were medals presented, but, the most special event, to me, was seeing all the guys meeting each other for the first time in forty years.

The reunion this year, in St. Charles, MO, was also jam-packed with events. These events were perhaps a little less special, in that no medals were awarded. This time, it wasn't just the, "events," that carried us, but the actually re-uniting of both the troops AND their guests. This time, the women had a chance to get together with friends, not merely acquaintances.

Many of us have kept up communications and friendships with those we met two years ago. This time, we had the opportunity to widen those circles. I noticed that many people drove, which made unscheduled shopping trips possible. I'm sure Mr. Visa and Mr. Master Card are rather delighted!

Another bright spot this year was the large number of new faces. I was happy to see **Sgt. Davis** - I'd heard so much about him. I hope this trend continues. I also hope those who couldn't make it this year will be there next time. We missed you.

For me, there was a special thrill. After the last reunion, I purchased a few tapes from **Don Sneckenberger** and the **Morningstar Singers**. I have been singing (??) with them, ever since (in my own room). To have the opportunity to sing along in person, after the banquet, with so many others, was like a dream come true.

I enjoyed everything we did, including greeting everyone at the sign-in table. It was like having the inside track - seeing others before everyone else did. I have to say that no one had changed much in two years! The photographs prove that. Speaking of photos, it was good to see more photos this

time. Jim Peoples has the most extensive account of any I have seen, regarding his tour of duty in Taiwan. I hope you all had a chance to review it.

**Bob and Lois**, you have made so many people so happy. We are indebted to you. I'm sure I speak for everyone, when I say **THANK YOU** for all you've done for us. God Bless You.

**Karen O'Connell**



### In Memoriam

**Robert Boyd**, Monroeville, PA (D Btry) died 20 Sep 2000.

**Fredrick J. Minery**, Bradford, VT (A Btry); died 11 Dec 1999.

**Fletcher E. Minick**, Floresville, TX (Hq Btry) died 6 May 2000, 7 days before his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.



### Membership Renewals

**Tom Ambler**, Gardenville, PA (D Btry)

**Richard Croft**, S. Lake Tahoe, CA (A Btry)

**Neal Boothe**, Ballwin, MO (C Btry)

**Bob Buchanan**, Clyde, NC (C Btry)

**Don Bull**, Concord, NH (A,C, & Hq Btry)

**Bob Burlage**, Monticello IA, (D Btry)

**Joe Dougherty**, Louisville, KY (Hq, C Btry)

**Ron Earnest**, Cincinnati, OH (178th Ord)

**Dan Funamura**, Koloa, HI (C Btry)

**Jerry Haase**, Chicago, IL (D Btry)

**Harry Habenicht**, Kentland, IN (C Btry)

**Al Havard**, Jackson, LA (A Btry)

**Robert Heilman**, Janesville, WI (B Btry)

**Claxton Hurst**, Meigs, GA (Augmentation Gp)

**Bob Jarrell**, El Paso, TX (D Btry)  
**Ken Johnson**, Pfafftown, NC (B Btry)  
**Dave Kent**, Des Plaines, IL (D Btry)  
**Dan Kukowski**, Billings, MT (Hq Btry)  
**Walt (Chuck) Lapsley**, Martinez, CA (B, D Btry)  
**Tom McGranahan**, Roseburg, OR (Hq Btry)  
**Stu Moody**, Butler, PA (Hq Btry)  
**Casimoro Morin**, Campbell, CA (A Btry)  
**Fa. William O'Brien**, Two Rivers, WI, (**Bro. Patrick**, C Btry)  
**Don O'Neill**, Tarentum, PA (B Btry)  
**Willard Ottman**, Lemmon, SD (Hq, C Btry)  
**Jim Pannell**, Sylva, NC (C Btry)  
**James Peoples**, West Trenton, NJ (D Btry)  
**Harry Phillips**, Kirkland, WA (D Btry)  
**John Pohlman**, Perrysburg, OH (178<sup>th</sup> Ord)  
**Henry Privott**, Virginia Beach, VA, (D Btry)  
**John Provost**, Mt. Dora, FL (Hq Btry)  
**Mel Reichstadt**, Minneapolis, MN (178<sup>th</sup> Ord)  
**J. Gary Roberts**, Underwood, MN (D Btry)  
**Jimmie Rogers**, Silver City, NM (D Btry)  
**Bill Santak**, Wilmington, DE (B Btry)  
**Frank Serpico**, Fountain Hills, AZ (B, Hq Btry)  
**John Spegele**, Roanoke, VA (D Btry)  
**Jim Telford**, Milwaukee, WI (A Btry)  
**Larry Trieglaff**, Wind Lake, WI (Hq Btry)  
**Vern Trupp**, Parma, ID (D Btry)  
**Merle Weller**, Strasburg, PA (C Btry)  
**Earl Whitson**, Pampa, TX (D Btry)  
**Don Woodin**, Metamora, MI (Hq Btry)



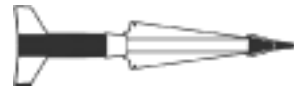
## New Members

**Joseph Angelotti**, Erie, PA, ( A Btry)  
**Jerry R. Dean**, Boyne City, MI (554<sup>th</sup> Ord Co.)  
**James Haedke**, Minneapolis, MN (Hq Btry, AN/TPS-1G)  
**David Harris**, Kendall Park, NJ (178th Ord)  
**Robert E. Johnson** (CSM-Ret), Marion, MS (Hq Btry)  
**James P. Salzmann**, San Francisco, CA (D Btry)  
**Bill Videbeck**, Brooklyn, NY (Hq Btry)



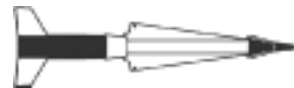
## Found troops

**Gus McKeown**, Wilmington, DE (C Btry,)



## Membership Cards

Some of our new members and member renewals may not have received their Membership Card to the 2/71 (Taiwan) Assn. If you did not get your membership card, please send a note or e-mail to the Assn. and we will send your card.

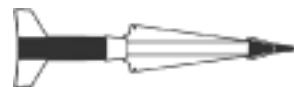


## Corrections to last newsletter

**Merle Weller** was in C Btry

**Norris "Nick" Hodge** lives in Marianna, AR

**John Provost** was in Hq Btry, and his e-mail address is <jwprovost1@aolcom>



## Troop Stories

From: **HTerbille**@aol.com

Date: Wed, 2 Aug 2000 19:43:12 EDT

Bob, got your July news letter. I have begun to look forward to it and enjoy reading it.

Am very sorry to hear about **Bob Douglas** being sick. I was in B Btry and I can tell you that **Captain Douglas** was highly respected by the men who served under him. He and **First Sgt. Nale** ran a tight ship but they looked out for their men.

Hope he gets back on track soon.

As you know we pulled a lot of guard duty and being a lowly PFC and a launcher crewman to boot I got my fair

share of it. A lot went down during those lonely hours on guard but one incident stands out in my memory.

It was just after we had the chain link fence installed around our launcher area and I was stationed at the gate to the entrance to the launcher area. If my memory serves me right we had not yet been issued live ammo for our M1's which was probably a good thing that night. We had a light over the guard shack which made for inky darkness beyond the reach of the light.

I was sitting in the guard shack with my Taiwanese counterpart (who was entrusted with ammo for his carbine) by the way. I began to hear an engine in the distance on the road leading up to the launcher area but my relief was not scheduled to show up for at least another hour so I ignored it for a while; but soon I realized it was a very large engine and the roar of the engine was accompanied by a great deal of clatter and clanking, but as hard as I peered through the darkness I could see no lights. Finally out of the darkness loomed a large tank in a great cloud of diesel fumes and stopped just short of the gate with its cannon over the top of the fence.

Not knowing what the proper procedure was in this type of situation I rushed out of the guard shack with my empty rifle in a menacing position and yelled HALT WHO GOES THERE at the top of my lungs. A hatch opened up slowly and a head appeared which either belonged to the driver or the tank commander. There was a puzzled look on his face. Then another hatch opened and there was a great deal of discussion and arm waving. It soon became apparent that they were on maneuvers and got lost. Relieved that I would not have to defend the launcher area with my empty rifle I tried to get my counterpart to give them directions but he did not seem to be having much of an impact. Just when I was about to get on the phone to camp, the hatches closed, the tank spun around in cloud of dust and smoke and I went back to dreaming about going home.

**Herb Terbille, B Btry**



### Notes from Troops

8/6/00

From **Jerry Dean, 554<sup>th</sup> Ord**

"I really appreciate the newsletter, and all the work everybody has done putting this association together. Thanks.

I keep forgetting to send in my dues. (I'm sorry.)

After receiving my 823 Badge and Expeditionary Medal and newsletter, it sure brings back a lot of memories. One of

these times I'll sign up for the reunion. It sure is good to see the names signing up from my Co. I try to put all the names with faces.

Thanks again,  
**Jerry Dean, 554<sup>th</sup> Ord**"

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8/21/00

**Telford Lienhardt, B Btry**

**Telford** reports that he won't be able to attend the reunion as his wife has bone cancer and currently is laid up with a broken hip.

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8/29/00

From **C.K. McGee, B Btry**

Bob, I was age 23 when this ID photo was taken in Formosa. The second is the translator that worked with me while I was there. In fact he was dating a nurse and I double dated with him several times. Learned to play bridge the Chinese way, dummy play is the only difference.

If these can be used for anything, feel free.

Best regards and no more photos.

Mac"

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8/29/00

From **C.K. McGee, B Btry**

Bob,

It seems like all you have better memories than I. I was new to the 2/71, B Btry, at embarkation and left upon arrival back at Bliss. The people I remember are sort of odd. I do remember a career enlisted man, **O. K. Farrar**, who probably got promoted to SSgt more often than any one else. I remember **Sgt. Nale(?)** and most of all the time .....(Ed). Then there was a buddy of mine from C or D Btry, **Francis Neslick**. that I knew from Bliss prior to our being reasigned.

If I remember anyone else it may be you. If you were sort of slender, in the command van and maybe about 25-30 at the time. I was in fire control, I suppose, in any event I helped train the Nationalist troops and as far as I remember I did so for the target and missile track systems. That seems funny since my specialty at White Sands for NATO was the control van.

I was skinny, blond, 6' or so, and got promoted from SP-4 to SP-5 by you guys just prior to having two years in. I was unremarkable, still am I suppose, and I have a photo that when I find it I'll send it to you and maybe it'll jog your

memory.

No I won't be attending the reunion, I still work full time. I spent 28 years with IBM and was downsized and went into business for myself and did not make a fortune. So now I still work and am happy enough about it. May retire in 5-7 years and then may get a chance to attend one of the reunions.

In IBM I was a manager for World Trade Corporation and IBM Taiwan was one of the 132 companies that we supported. I did get a chance to visit again and many other countries. I don't look forward to travel like some others. There were several years when I had 5 around the world trips and then about 10 other international trips. So I've served my air time and it's so much worse now than it was then that I don't miss it.

Lastly, if the Captain's table (on board ship) had the same food as the rest of us, it was better to eat it standing any way.

Mac"

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10/01/00

From **Tom Ambler** (D Btry)

Tom sent in his dues and reported on the condition of his sister who was in intensive care and prevented him from attending the reunion.

"I do wish all of my comrades & the wives the very best if you could pass it on. Enjoy the time together."

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10/20/00

From **Don Sneckenberger** and forwarded to e-mail list by **Bob Mackintosh**

"Hey guys,

The following message is from **Don Sneckenberger**. One of Don's reunion guests, **Shirley Miles**, was struck by a car Saturday afternoon while we were touring St. Charles, Missouri. **Shirley** was taken to the hospital and was still in ICU when we departed on Sunday.

Regards,

**Bob Mackintosh**"

"Hello folks,

First of all, we are so grateful to you all for a great reunion!, classy job.

An update on **Shirley** was requested. She went home on Tuesday; she is pretty much hurting but getting better.

They are starting now soon to repair the dental things.

Thanks for the concern of everyone and their prayers.

Shirley's address; **Terry and Shirley Miles**, 20 County Fair Trail, St. Peters, Mo. 63376, e-mail - scainmls@aol.com.

Thanks to all

**Don Sneckenberger**"

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10/24/00

From **Jimmie Rogers** (D Btry)

We got home yesterday afternoon. We went thru a lot of rain, which was nice.

Read your e-mails. Our reservation at St. Charles was OK. We got the Group Rate. So don't know why the motel didn't have us on the list. Thanks for checking.

I want to thank you for all your hard work getting the reunion set up and all the details. It was wonderful, and we enjoyed it very much. Thanks also to Lois and everyone else who worked on the reunion. Hope we can have a better turnout for the next one. They don't know what a good time they missed. Looking forward to the next newsletter about the reunion. Also to the next reunion in Tenn.

Again the wife and I want to thank you and yours for a wonderful time in St. Charles.

Till the next time.

**Jimmie E Rogers** D Battery"

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10/22/00

From **James P. Salzmann**, (D Btry)

I had the pleasure of being **John Spegele's** driver at "D" Battery.

Also spent many happy moments when I had to pick up **Ftr. Dahlheimer** for our battery services and take him back. (Very sorry to hear of his passing.)

I really surprised **Lt. Spegele** one day after I had a shop make new seat covers for his (our) jeep of heavy vinyl with artillery colors red & yellow. Was the envy of the officers.

Please give him my very best.

His old driver,

**James Salzmann**

312 Cortland Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94110"

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10/29/00

From **Stu Moody**, B Btry

“Bob: Dee and I wish to say that this was a great reunion. We had a great time and look forward to the next one. Enclosed are some of the pictures that you may want to add to the archives”

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10/30/00

From **Earl and Betty Whitson**, D Btry

“Dear **Col. Mackintosh and Lois**,

Once again you did a wonderful job of planning activities for the reunion. We had a great time.

It was great to see familiar faces and exciting to see new ones.

Thank you for all your hard work.

We will be looking forward to the trip to Nashville.

Take care,

**Earl & Betty Whitson.”**

“It would be nice to add the names of the wives to the address list.

Also if possible it would be nice to have a list of those who attended the 2000 Reunion.”

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10/31/00

From **Frank Serpico**, B and Hq Btry

“**Bob and Lois**: I’m finally back on the net. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate what you both have done for the 2/71. All that we have enjoyed over the past years can be directly attributed to you and your perseverance. Thank you for being there for the 2/71.

Regards, **Frank Serpico”**

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11/1/00

From **Don Sneckenberger** (A Btry)

“Hi, **Dave and Karen**....thanks for your concern, **Shirley** is better each day now, dental complete, Terry’s sister is now with her, excellent nurse, she was abroad at time of accident.

Thanks for all your work for 2/71 and your friendship. You may put this in newsletter if you wish.....

Best regards!!

Don”



### Search for Troops

At the reunion, **Neal Boothe**, C Btry, gave **Bob Mackintosh** a copy of his discharge orders from Ft. Sheridan, IL, in Feb 1960. Besides Neal, it listed five Artillerymen who had been on Taiwan with the 2/71 Artillery. These orders give the home of record of these men. We will use the orders to assist us in finding additional members of 2/71. If you have any discharge orders, or any other orders with home addresses, please dig the out and send them to the Association headquarters. We did find **Gus McKeown** from the information on Neal’s orders.



### New 2/71 Web Page

At the Board of Governors meeting in St.Charles, we discussed the possibility of setting up a Web page for our Association. **Dave O’Connell** volunteered to give it a try and the results are outstanding. The Web page may be found at

**<[http://www.geocities.com/mslbn2\\_71/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/mslbn2_71/index.html)>.**

This is a long address and provides many opportunities for making a mistake while entering the address. The best way, if you are on our e-mail list, is to copy and paste the address into your Web Browser. The e-mail address has already been sent to those of you who have provided your e-mail address to **Bob Mackintosh**.

If you have any comments, or suggestions for new material, please send them to **Dave** at **<[Ausoniusoc@aol.com](mailto:Ausoniusoc@aol.com)>.**



### Comments to the Web Page

It is great! TTMc (**Tom McGranahan**)

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What a tremendous website! ....Wow!!

Dave and you are to be congratulated and appreciated!!

Sam (Grant)” (It was all Dave. Ed.)

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I happened to be on line the other night with Dave when he told us about the web page. It's really neat! Know the other men should enjoy it too.

**Diana (Lapham)**



**Association Board of Directors and Officers**

The Association Officers were elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Association Bylaws at the Board meeting preceding the reunion. These elections were confirmed by the General Membership at the Annual General Membership Meeting which was part of the reunion schedule of events.

- President/Treasurer **Bob Mackintosh**
- Vice President **John Spegele**
- Secretary **Dave O'Connell**
- Asst. Secretary **Charlie Trost**
- Board Member **Walt Lapsley**
- Board Member **Frank Serpico**
- Board Member **Sam Grant**

**Committees and Appointments**

**Walt Lapsley** was appointed Association Historian, and is the Chairman of the Membership Committee. **Bob Mackintosh** remains the Newsletter Editor.



**General Membership Meeting**

**Bob Mackintosh** reviewed the Association's financial statements.

**John Spegele** gave a report on the status of 2/71's (and support units) nomination to receive the Meritorious Unit Citation. The recommendation is still being staffed at the Department of Army. John has done an outstanding job with the recommendation, and the follow-up. John recommended, and it was approved, that Congressman Goodlach of Virginia, be made an honorary member of the Association if the MUC is approved. To date, we have no decision on the

recommendation.

**Charlie Trost** presented a report on the Association's By-laws, and explained why we incorporated.

**Bob Mackintosh** presented an overview of plans for the Taiwan trip, 22-28 April 2001, that are described elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Bylaws were changed so that our Association can have a General Membership Meeting every two years, instead of annually. The General Membership Meeting will coincide with the bi-annual reunion.

**The next reunion will be in Nashville, Tennessee in September or October, 2002.**



**Country Store**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (If changed recently): \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missile Bn, 71<sup>st</sup> Artillery (Taiwan) Association

Enclosed is \$15 for annual dues. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

- Taiwan Medal (823 Campaign Badge of Honor) exact replica\* \$20 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- Taiwan Medal Lapel Pin\* \$10 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- \* *We will order these for you*
- Memory Book \$15 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- After Action Report \$20 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2/71 Taiwan Keychain \$4 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- ADA Magazine w/2/71 article \$1 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- VFW Mag. Cold War article \$1 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (Dues and stuff above): \_\_\_\_\_

## Taiwan Trip Update

### General

The Taiwan trip is open to 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association members and their family members.

We are working with **Hermes Travel** of Torrance, California (**Tel. No. 310-791-5556**) to set up our tour to Taiwan next year. Hermes Travel has sent out requests for proposals to the hotels, tour companies in Taiwan, and the airlines. The proposals have been received, have been evaluated, and will be updated when we have a firmer count of the number of travelers and the number of hotel rooms required.

We are asking for a \$250 check per person, to be mailed to the 2/71 Association by 4 December 2000. (See form at the back of newsletter.) This will be an indication of your firm intention to travel. The travel company will finalize airline seats, hotel bookings, and in-country travel, based on the number of deposits received. Our original cost estimates from the travel company were based on 90 people traveling. This is what our survey response indicated earlier this year. If the number actually traveling is significantly less than the original estimate, the rates may vary some. If you have to cancel before the tickets are purchased, we hope to return all of your deposit to you; however, if it results in an increase in cost to the others traveling with our group, we may have to make a small adjustment to the amount we can return.

When we give the list of people sending in deposits to Hermes Travel, they will get updated proposals for the tour. They will then contact each of the tour group so that you can get your tickets and make the remaining payment to Hermes Travel. (That will be approximately 30 days before scheduled travel.) The rates they have provided us assume that you will pay by personal check. If you want to pay by credit card, it will be 4% more.

We had approximately 90 people who said they were interested in going with us to Taiwan. The signup sheet at the reunion indicates that it may be less than that. The dates for the trip will be 22-28 April 2001.

### Itinerary

Right now the schedule looks like this.

**22 Apr 2001** (Sunday, 2300) - depart Los Angeles (LAX) on Singapore Airlines

**24 Apr 2001** (Tuesday, 0600) - arrive Taipei International Airport (NE of Taoyuan).

**This is not a two day flight.** We cross the International Dateline, so there is 16-hour time difference between Los Angeles and Taipei. This means our flight time will be about

14 hours.

**24 Apr 2001** (Tuesday AM) - Meet guide, bus to Taipei and tour city.

(We can't check in the hotel until after noon.) Transfer to tour bus for city tour to Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall, Lungshan Temple, Martyr's Shrine, and Handicraft Center. After lunch at Mongolian Bar-B-Q Restaurant in Mandarin Hotel, visit National Palace Museum, then bus to Grand Hotel.

**24 Apr 2001** (Tuesday PM) - Free time for rest of day.

**25 Apr 2001** (Wednesday, 0900-1700) - Tour in and around Taipei

Yangminshan National Park Tour, lunch, free time, and dinner at Hua Hsin Restaurant. (This day's schedule may change to make more efficient use of the busses.)

**26 Apr 2001** (Thursday, 0900-1700) - Full day tours to 2/71 Hqs. and old missile sites. This trip will be hosted by the ROC Dept. of Veterans Affairs. We don't know the details yet, e.g., if lunch is provided, or if we can stop along the way. We hope to have visits to the Yingko Ceramic Factory and Tsushih Temple in Sanshia if time permits.

**26 Apr 2001** (Thursday, 1900 -2200) - Open for ROC social, (to be coordinated)

**27 April 2001** (Friday) - Free time for those who do not take optional tour. (See below)

**28 Apr 2001** (Saturday, time??) - Depart Taipei for International Airport.

You may return to US; go on to another SW Asia City, such as Hong Kong, Bangkok, or Singapore, or extend your trip in Taiwan.

### Optional Tour on Taiwan

**27 Apr 2001** (Friday, 0900 - 1700) Tour to Taroko Gorge National Park.

(Fare:US\$145 per person, includes airport transfers, round trip air tickets, light lunch, entrance tickets, bus and English speaking guide. The tour will visit the Taroko Gorge Gateway, Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Grotto, Tunnel of Nine Turns, Tienhsiang and a marble factory. The highway we take through the gorge is cut out of a marble mountain.) This is set up as an optional tour since some in our group may not wish to fly on a local airline within Taiwan.

### Extension of Tour from Taiwan (28 April 2001)

Hermes Travel has worked up three packages for those who wish to visit another SW Asia city before returning home.

Destination 1: **Singapore.** US\$400 per person includes air fare, two nights accommodation in Crown Prince

Hotel (double occupancy), with breakfast; one-half day city tour, and airport transfer (airline ticket tax not included).

Destination 2: **Bangkok.** US\$400 per person includes air fare, two nights accommodation in Montien Riverside Hotel (double occupancy), with breakfast; one-half day city and temple tour, and airport transfer (airline ticket tax not included).

Destination 1: **Hong Kong.** US\$360 per person includes air fare, two nights accommodation in Royal Plaza Hotel (double occupancy), with breakfast; one-half day city tour, and airport transfer (airline ticket tax not included).

### **Other Tour Information**

We have made a tentative selection of the hotel in Taipei. We received proposals from four hotels in different price ranges, and selected the Grand Hotel: Single US\$ 145, Double/Twin US\$165. The travel agent is going to get a current quote from the Grand Hotel, but the price really depends on the number of rooms we can book. Ninety people (45 rooms) said they were interested last year. We will not know until next month (December 2000) the number that are really serious about the trip.

We will get a package price from Hermes Travel that will include air travel from Los Angeles, transfers on Taiwan from the airport to Taipei, hotel rooms, breakfast in the hotel, and tours on 24 and 25 April. The tour to Taroko Gorge will be an option, as will excursions to other Far East destinations.

These prices are still estimates. Final details, and air fares, will be provided when we have a better count of the number going. We ask those who will be making the trip to send a deposit of \$250 per person by 4 December 2000. Please fill out the form at the back of this newsletter.

Passports are required and must have an expiration date of more than a few months from date of travel. Visas are not required, if you stay less than 14 days.

Travel Insurance information will be provided to those signing up for the trip. Insurance is not provided in the basic package.

### **Costs**

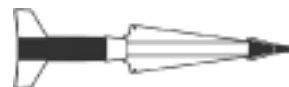
The roundtrip airline cost will be approximately \$600 per person from Los Angeles to Taipei.

The tour agency has put all of the costs associated with activities around Taipei into one package. This package will be US\$450 per person (double occupancy). The package includes 4 nights in the Grand Hotel, 4 breakfasts in the hotel, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, 2 full-day guided tours, 1 ticket for the National Museum, and bus transfers to and from the

airport. The same package for single occupancy would be US\$740. (Not included: Air fare from your hometown to Taipei, air ticket tax, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, insurance premiums, tips, other personal charges such as excess baggage, phone bills, laundry, etc. Also rates are based on the current rate of currency exchange. If the rates vary more than + or - 3% , the costs will be adjusted.)

The Taroko Gorge National Park optional one-day excursion from Taipei is US\$145 per person.

The trip extension to either Singapore, Bangkok, or Hong Kong is as show above. Any other variations will have to worked out between you and Hermes Travel.



### **Tour Guide Book**

It is hard to find a tour guide book that has much information on Taiwan. Most of them have Taiwan included as a small part of books on South West Asia.

Lonely Planet does have a book that covers only Taiwan. Its title, of course, is Taiwan. The author is Robert Storey.

### **Tour Map**

Most book stores carry maps of Taiwan. Nelles Maps has a good map titled Taiwan Republic of China, with city maps of Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, and Kaohsiung.

**2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association**

**TAIWAN TRAVEL RESERVATION REQUEST**

Date: .....

Name of member (as on passport) .....

**Provide copy of first page of passport, if available.**

Number of travelers: .....

Names of travelers accompanying member (as on passport) .....

Telephone Number .....

Mail Address .....

E-mail address .....

Your local departure airport, if flying to Los Angeles .....

Number interested in taking the Taroko Gorge excursion from Taipei .....

I plan on taking the following extension to the basic Taiwan trip, 22-28 April 2000

(check one) None: ....., Singapore ....., Bangkok ....., Hong Kong .....,

Other .....

Names of ROC military who you would like to have invited to the ROC sponsored Social on 26 April 2001. ....

Amount of deposit: ..... (**\$250.00 per person**)

Add membership dues of \$15.00, if not a current member of the Association.

Total amount submitted: .....

Checks should be made out to: **2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Assn,**  
and sent to: **271 Shady Oak Drive, New Market, AL 35761.**

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***PLEASE SUBMIT DEPOSIT BY 4 DECEMBER 2000***

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Send any questions to:

**Bob Mackintosh**, at the address above,

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