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Nashville Reunion 2002

As mentioned in the last newsletter, **the next reunion will be in Nashville, TN 10-13 October 2002**. A few more details have been finalized and the tentative schedule is as follows:

10 October (Thursday)

- 9:00 – 11:00 Meeting of Board of Directors
- 12:00 – 5:00 Registration
- 6:00 – 10:00 Reception and Buffet in the hotel

11 October (Friday)

- 8:00 – 10:00 General Membership Meeting
- 11:30 – 3:00 Lunch and cruise aboard the Music City Queen
- 4:00 – 6:00 Reception in Downtown Nashville
- 8:30 – 12:00 Grand Ole Opry

12 October (Saturday)

- 8:00 – 12:00 Open – for walking tours of Nashville
- 1:00 – 4:00 Open – for walking tours of Nashville
- 6:00 – 10:00 Reunion Banquet

13 October (Sunday)

- 7:00 – 8:00 Catholic Mass in Hospitality Room
- 8:00 – 9:30 Memorial Breakfast

Accommodations

The reunion hotel will be the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Nashville. The DoubleTree room rate will be \$82 per night, plus tax. This rate will be available to our group from the 9 through 13 October 2002. The hotel accepted reservations after 1 November 2001. The central reservation number is **1-800-222-8733**; or you may call the DoubleTree Hotel Nashville at 615-244-8200. **The group rate is available under the name 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery Assn.**

Early Arrival or Late Departure

You will not be able to see all of the attractions in Nashville during our reunion, so you may want to come early, or stay late to take them in. **Charlie Trost** will be providing us with an overview of the attractions available in Nashville in the next newsletter.



Nashville Skyline from Riverfront



Grand Ole Opry



Ryman Auditorium

Comments on the Reunion Activities

Wednesday

We ask the members of the Board of Directors to arrive on 9 October so that we may conduct Board of Directors business the next morning, 10 October. Wednesday evening we will be going out to dinner at one of the local restaurants and any early arrivers are welcome to join the Board members and their wives for dinner.

Thursday

Registration will start at noon and will continue through the afternoon. Early arrivers are welcome to help with the registration and setup. The reception and buffet will be in the DoubleTree Hotel. The fee will be part of the registration package. Following the buffet, we will be able to socialize for the rest of the evening. If it is like our previous reunions there will be singing led by **Danny Funamura**, or **Betty (Mrs.S.B) Davis**. We will try and find a piano for Betty this year. Also this year, we will have with us a Nashville musician, **Dock "Sunny" Price**. Sunny was in C Battery on Taiwan. He currently writes and records music in Nashville. We will work with Sunny to determine where he should be included in our program.

Friday

The General Membership Meeting will take care of Association business that is required by Association bylaws.

The lunch and cruise on the Music City Queen will be an optional activity. The Music City Queen is not as large a boat as the more famous General Jackson, but we will be the only group on board. The Queen boards within a few blocks of the hotel. We will spend two and one-half hours cruising along the beautiful Cumberland River, while having a buffet lunch and much opportunity for visiting. There is no entertainment provided by the Music City Queen, but we may have some of our own. After a short rest, we will walk over to one of Nashville's towering structures that is the home of **Charlie Trost's** law firm. Charlie and Annie plan to host a reception on one of the upper floors that will provide a grand view of Nashville while we visit.

We will be on our own for dinner. Then we will board busses at the hotel to take us across the river for an evening at the Grand Ole Opry. (This is an optional excursion) It will be a late evening, but I am sure it will be worth it.

Saturday

Most of the day is open for tours in downtown Nashville. The Country Music Hall of Fame opened recently and is well worth seeing. The famous Ryman Auditorium is also within walking distance. We will be looking at these and other attractions to see if we need to put together a group tour. If there is enough interest, we could have a group visit the Jack Daniel's Distillery in Lynchburg, Tennessee. This is about an hour Southeast of Nashville, and would take up a good part of the day. By the next newsletter, we should have all of the possible options tied down.

Saturday evening, we will have our reunion banquet in the DoubleTree Hotel. (This also is an optional event.) The program is not firm, but maybe we can get **Don Sneckenberger** and his group to put on a short musical program, as he has at our previous reunions. We will be looking for a speaker and making decisions about other entertainment.

Sunday

There will be a Mass in the Hospitality Room for those who wish to attend. This will be followed by a Memorial Breakfast in one of the hotel banquet rooms. (The breakfast is another optional event.) This will conclude our formal activities. Those who can should stay to take in some more of the many attractions, in and around Nashville. We should have a better description of these in the next newsletter.

Fees

There will be a registration fee to cover many of the activities mentioned above. Right now we are also planning to provide one copy of the National Archives videotape of our unit in Taiwan to each family group attending the reunion. Early payment of this fee will be greatly appreciated. (See next paragraph.) There will be additional fees for the optional activities. The next newsletter will include a list of optional activities, with their fees. We will be asking for early submission of your reservations and fees, so that we can how many will be attending. We are already under contract for the hotel and the optional activities, and will need to quickly make adjustments if we are going to go over, or under, our estimates.

Early Registration

If you know now that you plan to attend the reunion in October, please send in a Registration Fee of \$25 per person. This will give us a good estimate of the number planning to attend. It also will cover much of the down payment that the Association has paid for the Music City Queen, Grand Ole Opry, and buses for the Grand Ole Opry. The down payment will be returned to those who will not be able to attend.

How You Can Help

Put this on your calendar now and start contacting your buddies so that we can make this another great reunion. (At least call, or write, to one. Contact **Bob Mackintosh** for addresses or telephone numbers.) It should be a beautiful time of year in Nashville.



Membership Status

Before you throw away this mailing's envelope, check to see if your membership expiration date is 10/31/2002, or later. Several of you have sent e-mails, or notes, asking if your membership is current.

The current status of our Association membership is as follows:

Paid up for 2002 (through 10/31/2002): 99.

Paid for 2001, but have not renewed for 2002: 33.

Paid for some period prior to 2001, but have not kept up their membership: 29.

That is a total of 161 who have contributed to our membership dues since our first reunion in 1998. (We had many more troops sending in money for postage costs before we established the annual membership fee.) That is pretty good for a mailing list of 300.

Membership Renewals (since last newsletter)

Billy Baker, McKenzie, TN (C Btry)
Neal Boothe, Ballwin, MO (C Btry)
Milt Breder, Quincy, IL (B Btry)
Bob Buchanan, Clyde, NC (C Btry)
Don Bull, Concord, NH (A, C, & Hq Btry)
Bob Burlage, Monticello, IA (D Btry)
Fred Churchill, Janesville, WI (178th Ord Det)
Mike Conniff, Eden Prairie, MN (D & Hq Btry)
Ray Corbin, Littleton, CO (B Btry)
Richard Croft, S. Lake Tahoe, CA (A Btry)
Joe Dougherty, Louisville, KY (Hq & C Btry)
Bob Douglas, Arlington, TX (B Btry)
Connie Drum, Eutawville, SC (178th Ord Det)
Lee Early, Monterey, CA (Hq & C Btry)
Warren Esperson, Zion, IL (1st Signal Det)
Efraim Garcia, Houston, TX (D Btry)
Ray Gradick, Tyler, TX (A Btry)
Sam Grant, Darlington, SC (Hq Btry)
Jerry Haase, Chicago, IL (D Btry)
Harry Habenicht, Kentland, IN (C Btry)
Robert Heilman, Janesville, WI (B Btry)
David Henryhand, Philadelphia, PA (C Btry)
Claxton Hurst, Meigs, GA (Aug Gp)
Bob Jarrell, El Paso, TX (D Btry)
Robert Johnson, McComb, MS (Hq Btry)
Harry Kahler, Lompoc, CA (A Btry)
Jim Kjersgaard, Perth Amboy, NJ (D Btry)
Karl Kolm, Waco, TX (A Btry)
Don Lane, El Paso, TX (D Btry)
Paul Lapham, Bonita Springs, FL (Hq Btry)
Walt "Chuck" Lapsley, Martinez, CA (B & D Btry)
Jen Chieh Lee, Las Vegas (Hq Btry LNO)
Leo Lefrancois, Plainfield, CT (Hq Btry)
Al Lisiewski, Aston, PA (D Btry)
Bob Mackintosh, New Market, AL (B & C Btry)
Filimon Martinez, Denver, CO (C Btry)
Don Melvin, Superior, CO (Hq Btry)
Stu Moody, Butler, PA (Hq Btry)

Ron Morgan, Sandpoint, ID (C Btry)
Jim Nelson, Troy, MI (A Btry)
Francis Nezelek, Endicott, NY (A Btry)
Jim Norby, Elva, WI (B Btry)
Dave O'Connell, East Aurora, NY (D Btry)
Don O'Neill, Tarentum, PA (B Btry)
Ron O'Neill, Port Jefferson Station, NY (D Btry)
Willard Ottman, Lemmon, SD (Hq & C Btry)
Robert Pack, Cleburne, TX (Hq Btry)
Ray Pauli, Brunswick, OH (Hq Btry)
Jim Peoples, West Trenton, NJ (D Btry)
Harry Phillips, Kirkland, WA (D Btry)
John Pohlman, Perrysburg, OH (178th Ord Det)
John Provost, Mt. Dora, FL (Hq Btry)
Jimmie Rogers, Silver City, NM (D Btry)
Dwight Rose, Mount Olive, NC (B Btry)
Ben Seeley, Modena, CA (C & Hq Btry)
Frank Serpico, Fountain Hills, AZ (Hq & B Btry)
Don Sneckenberger, Hagerstown, MD (A Btry)
John Spegele, Roanoke, VA (D Btry)
Leo St. Amour, Havre De Grace, MD (C Btry)
William Stein, Fort Smith, AR (554th Ord Co)
Wayne Sterk, Grinnell, IA (B Btry)
Jim Telford, Milwaukee, WI (A Btry)
Herb Terbille, Durham, NC (B Btry)
Larry Trieglaff, Wind Lake, WI (Hq Btry)
Lowell Vaughn, Scroggins, TX (Hq Btry)
Bill Videbeck, Brooklyn, NY (Hq Btry)
Merle Weller, Strasburg, PA (C Btry)
Earl Whitson, Pampa, TX (D Btry)
Wesley Wilson, El Paso, TX (B Btry)
Don "Mike" Woodin, Metamora, MI (Hq Btry)
Jim Wrench, Fort Walton Beach, FL (A Btry)

New Members

Charles Daniels, Las Vegas, NV (D & B Btry)
Dewey Jackson, Foley, AL (D & Hq Btry)
Don Lane, El Paso, TX (D Btry)
Ralph Magnus, NY, NY (A Btry)
Stephen Phillips, Mt. Pleasant, SC (C Btry)
Dock "Sunny" Price, Madison, TN (C Btry)

Found Troop (Correction)

Leon Shank, 178 Ord, New Wilmington, PA (not DE)

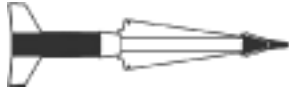


In Memoriam

Lewis E. Mize, Tomah, WI (554th Ord Co) passed away 10 Sep 2001. He died of lung cancer following treatment for TB.

E-mail Addresses

If you are on the 2/71 e-mail list, please send e-mail address changes to bmack@hiwaay.net. If you have an e-mail address and are not on our e-mail list, please send your address so we can include you in our mailings. We now have 87 on our e-mail list. The following e-mails have been returned:
jhaedtke@aol.com (**James Haedtke**).



Postal Mailing List

We maintain two mailing lists, one for dues paying 2/71 Taiwan Assn. Members, and one for troops who were with us on Taiwan but are not paying dues to our Association. Prior to the October membership renewal period, we had 127 dues paying members and 161 on our mailing list that were not paying dues.



Notes from Members

9/22/2001

From: **Wes Wilson**, (B Btry)

Wes sent a picture of a soldier he believes to be **SFC Atwell** standing by the sign in front of B Battery.

10/5/01

From: **James Pannell** (C Btry)

This is my membership dues.

I sure hope you and your family are all well. I am sure looking forward to our next reunion.

Your friend and comrade,

James P. Pannell

10/15/01

From: **Don Melvin**, (Hqs Btry)

Col. Bob

I just received your newsletter and read where I didn't let you know of my new e-mail address. I don't like the political ideals of AOL so I changed to <dosamel@outdrs.net>, sorry.

Enjoy reading the newsletters and we are looking forward to Nashville next year.

I will be sending my dues in a day or two

Sincerely

Don Melvin

10/15/01

From: **Nick Hodge** (C Btry)

Bob.

Great newsletter. The Double Tree phone will be ringing bright and early on November 1st with me making reservations. We have stayed at that location several times. You couldn't have made a better choice. First class place.

As Ever,

Nick Hodge

10/16/01

From: Dave O'Connell (D Btry)

Friends and Comrades,

Donald "Big Mac" McMahan's wife, Mary, passed away on 10/15 after a long illness. Don is a member of D Btry and a great guy. I know he would appreciate hearing from anyone and everyone from the 2-71 Assoc. Big Mac is going to be a lonely soldier for a while.

Address:

Don McMahan

6830 Brandt Pike

Huber Heights, OH 45424-3380

Thanks guys and 'May God bless America',

Dave O'Connell

10/15/01

From: **Bill Stein** (554th Ord Co)

Bob,

Just got my newsletter and I am sending my dues renewal, while it is fresh in my mind.

You do a great job with the newsletter. It is always enjoyable and brings back memories.

Would like to hear from any members of the 554th Ord. DAS. (Tel. 501-452-0809 ed.)

Bill Stein

10/16/01

From: **Earl Whitson** (D Btry)

Bob and Lois Mackintosh;

Earl went for his yearly check-up and was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Surgery was done on Oct 8th. The doctor said the cancer was confined to the prostate and further treatment is not necessary. God is good!

If all goes well, we will see you in Nashville.

Hope all is well with you and your family.

Earl & Betty Whitson.

10/16/01
From: **Ray Corbin** (B Btry)

Bob
See you in Nashville. (With his dues)
Ray

10/18/01
From: **Robert E. and Geraldine Johnson** (Hq Btry)

Dear Sir,
Inclosed is **Robert E. Johnson's** dues, of \$15. We watch for mail from you. Thank you for the job you are doing!

Robert is on his 18th year of Dialysis, due to high blood pressure – and the medicine. We gave up our home unit and now go to a clinic, 3 days a week. He Dialysis 3 hours each time, and doing OK. He has developed Amyloidosis (arthro???) that the patients get after a long time on Dialysis, where the bones hurt, so bad. This slows up activity, that is bad for an active person.

He still does yard work, drives, church work as a Deacon, etc.

Thank you for the work you are doing,
Sincerely,

Robert E. Johnson
Jeraldine R. Johnson

10/20/01
From **Bill Videbeck** (Hq Btry)

Hello,
Pardon this hasty note, but wanted to get my renewal in before too long.

Thanks for the newsletters.

Wish I could attend but I am caregiver to my brother who is recuperating from cancer operation.

All the best,
Bill Videbeck

10/14/01
From **Paul and Diana Lapham** (Hq Btry)

Bob,
Once again you did a great job with the newsletter. Enclosed is an extra \$10 toward postage, etc.

We're both looking forward to Nashville – "The Ozzlefinch" will accompany us. (Guess we won't need an extra room for it!!!)

Wish we lived closer so we could help stuffing envelopes or whatever, of course we'll be available to help at the Reunion.

Our best to Lois,
Diana

10/19/01
From: **Efraim Garcia**, (D Btry)

Greetings to Bob and All,

Consider this my letter of apology for having neglected the Association since its inception. I am enclosing a check covering my membership. I have really appreciated the regular receipt of the newsletter through all which I have followed the comings and goings of many old acquaintances with familiar names. Not having attended any of the reunions, your faces are still frozen in my memory as they were in your youth. I have always considered our Taiwan experience as one of the highlights in my military career since the command of D Battery, was my initial command. This was followed by command of a battery in the Dallas-Fort Worth defense. After serving as S-3 for the only Redstone missile battalion, I transferred into the much less hectic pace of the field artillery finally attaining the command of a field artillery battalion in Germany. After service in Vietnam as the XO of an artillery group and as headquarters commandant of II Field Force headquarters, I decided to retire and return to graduate school and secure a degree in Urban Planning. In my new career I eventually reached the position of Director of Planning and Development for the City of Houston, and now have my own planning consulting firm.

I have many pleasant memories of our year in Taiwan and particularly Battery D. The perennial Bridge game in the officer quarters. Avoiding a major international incident when the Chinese soldiers barbecued the Fire Control Platoon's pet puppy. The first night after my arrival in D Battery when I was inspecting the launcher area with **1st Sgt. Davis** for the first time and I was challenged by a guard who, we later found out, had somehow secured some liquor and his challenge resulted in the following dialogue: "Halt, who goes there." "The battery commander." "Oh no your not." "I am the new battery commander." "Show me your ID card." After making me lay the card on the ground and back away he picks up the card and says "OK. Boy but you take an ugly picture." At that point **1st Sgt. Davis** managed to disarm the guard. That was my introduction to D Battery.

With good wishes to all especially the D Btry crew,
Efraim S. Garcia
LTC (Retired)

10/22/01
From: **Harry Kahler** (A Btry)

Hi Mac

I just received Newsletter 4, Vol 5 and it appears that I need to pay my dues. So, enclosed herein are dues money. I forgot how much dues are per year but \$50 should cover 2-3 years and a little leftover change maybe for postage or whatever.

I'm hoping we can make the next reunion in Nashville, 10-13 Oct 2002. This one I'm definitely planning to make. I

really enjoyed the one at El Paso and want to see the "old" gang again.

We've been doing a lot of traveling this last year. Alaska, the Panama Canal, Russia, and around the US a lot so we've been busy .

See you later,

P S The newsletters are great !!!!!

Harry and Marie Kahler

10/27/01

From: **Ben Seeley** (C & Hq Btry)

Hi Bob,

Here enclosed is my annual dues and just a little bit to help with extra stamps. Keep up the good work.

I have enjoyed the newsletter and I am looking forward to Nashville.

Hope all our troops can make Nashville next year. God Bless.

Yours,

Benjamin Seeley

P.S. Here is something that may be of some help to our troops. (Ben sent a copy of a form letter for veterans to obtain SGLI insurance dividends. This is a perennial hoax. Please see information below from the VA Web page.)

10/24/01

From: **Billy Baker** (C Btry)

Dear Sir:

Although I can't join in the reunion, I can at least help out by sending in my membership dues. I also enjoy reading about the different things others have to say.

Thanks,

SSG Billy G. Baker, Retired

10/29/01

From: **Don Sneckenberger** (A Btry)

Hello Folks!

Great Newsletter!

Please renew my membership for 3 years and use the balance for your postage needs.

Hope you are fine, please change my postal address to

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Thanks!

With Appreciation

Don

10/23/01

From: **Don Bull** (A, C,& Hq Btry)

Dear Bob and Lois:

To send my dues gives me the opportunity to write a note.

I have had a rather bad Summer and things are all fouled up. At least my health is getting back to a little more semblance of normality. Some time in June I contracted a urinary infection which led to a few complications. My Aorta valve in my heart was not performing, properly and I was having Congestive Heart failure. Of course that had to be taken care of and an operation to replace it was scheduled, but the bladder infection needed to clear up before that took place. Finally on 16 July I had my Aorta replaced with a beef Aorta made from a Cows heart. Then the recuperation period. I became very depressed. My left leg would give out from in under me and my head was filled like a balloon, and I had to use a walker for support. I realized that the depression medicine was doing more harm than good so the doctor took me off of it, I am now recovering satisfactorily but slowly. Soon I shall feel like my old self again, at least I hope I shall. I have not been using the computer too much because I had no desire to. I had 144 e-mails backed up including yours, which by the way did not come through. I now have your newsletter so I also have the pictures.

Here is my dues for the coming year.

Am looking forward to the Nashville Reunion.

DON

10/24/01

From: **Harry Phillips** (D Btry)

Dear Bob:

Here is my dues payment for 2002 plus \$15 to apply to Association Expenses.

Am looking forward to the next reunion.

Harry

10/30/01

From: **Charles Daniels** (B Btry)

I am enclosing my membership dues. Not sure I will be able to make the reunion, sure hope I can.

Yes, I was in the commo section, laid all wire and hooked up commo between IFC & Launcher section.

I really enjoyed the Oct. newsletter Keep up the good work.

Charles P. Daniels

11/1/01

From **Dewey Jackson** (D & Hqs Btry)

Dear Bob,

It's about time I got this done. I have put off for years joining the Association.

Bob - If anyone remembers me I will be surprised. Of course I went over with the Battalion, and the Oct. newsletter really got me thinking of all that happened. I was with D Btry for a few months and then up to Shi-men (looking at flights over the mainland on our radar scopes. Also I remember those late night meals at Shi-men while on duty (I

believe it was dog meat in those noodles.)

I forget the exact date, but I went to the Taiwan Base Command as a MP, with three other fellows. (See copy of orders.)

Most of my contact with the Battalion after being sent to the MP duties was on Sin Alley in Taipei.

I did return to the battalion and did return to the states with the Battalion. I remained in service until 1979 and retired as a Command Sergeant Major.

After Taiwan, I was in many places i.e. Europe, Korea, Vietnam, etc.

Please give my best regards to all the 2/71st and God willing, I will be in Nashville in 02.

Dewey M. Jackson

(SGT Dewey Jackson's orders to the ADDC vicinity of SHI-MEN attached him to A Btry for administration only. Others attached on his orders dated 27 Feb 1959 were: **MSGT Ralph S. Chase, MSGT Homer W. Mulligan, MSGT Atlee Wines, SGT Henry Lewis, SGT Leonard A. Rosenberg, SGT William Taylor, Jr., SP5 Junior H. Marshall.**)

11/2/01

From: **John Provost** (Hq Btry)

Enclosed find my dues.
Looking forward to seeing you in Nashville.
Hope you and Lois have a great holiday.
John Provost

11/5/01

From: **Stephen Phillips** (C Btry)

Dear Bob,

I enjoy the newsletter and the information. You and the rest have put in a lot of hours and hard work.

Sending you a few pictures taken at C Battery (CAMP COBRA) along with the group that met in Atlanta, GA. with the R.O.C. Looking at the pictures brought back a lot of memories.

Do you remember the U.S.O. show and the dancers. The pictures may be in black and white but I can still hear the guys hollering & whistling.

Would like you to send me the address and phone numbers of C Battery Fire Control Section. The ones I would like to get in touch with is **Gene Koonce & Pvt. Long** also **Mrs. Cheeney** or their daughter & son. Would like to send them the pictures taken in front of their apartment down town.

The wife and I are looking forward to the Nashville, TN reunion providing our health holds out. From Feb. to Oct. I have had five operations.

Stephen Lamar Phillips

(Let us all hope that Stephen does not need any more operations and can make the reunion in Nashville. Ed.)

11/5/01

From: **Jim Peoples** (D Btry)

Dear Bob & Lois,

Hope you folks are all fine.
Newsletters are great as is the special info.
Hope to see you in Nashville.
Sincerely,
Jim & Judy Peoples

10/31/01

From: **Jen Chieh Lee** (Hq Btry)

Dear **Col.Mackintosh**,

Please find a check of mine to the amount of \$15.00 for the membership fee.
Best regards to you and Mrs. Mackintosh.
Yours truly
Jen Chieh Lee

11/5/01

From: **Claxton & Michelin Hurst** (Aug Gp)

We are looking forward to seeing you in Nashville.
Michelin

11/2/01

From: **John Spegele**, (D Btry)

Dear Bob and Lois:

Another great newsletter. Enclosed is my check for membership in the 2/71 Arty Association. A great organization with great people in it. I'm a little late on the dues because Peg and I just got back from a trip to Germany and Austria. The trip was great; security was tight, especially at airports and on military bases in Germany – but that was just fine with us. The USA has changed dramatically since 9/11 but we felt if we didn't take the trip we had planned for months ago, the terrorists would have had another small victory and we couldn't let that happen.

Peg and I are looking forward to the Nashville reunion. DoubleTree Hotels are always top notch and Nashville should be a great location in October. I noticed you mentioned **Fr. Bill O'Brien** in the newsletter. Great guy and it reminded me to ask you to put in the reunion schedule 45 minutes on Sunday morning before the breakfast for Mass for the Catholics and others who might want to attend. Last year we did it on the "fly" with **Jim Peoples** and others help. If you want I'll work out the details with Fr. "Bill".

We still plan to be in El Paso in February and I'll call the guys there to "remind" them of the reunion. If I can do anything else – just call.

J.A.S.

10/8/01

From **Dock” Sunny” Price** (C Btry)

Dear Bob,

Thank you for keeping in touch with me over the years, so much.

Yes I remember Taiwan. Because to me an 18/19 year old, back in 1958/59 was a great time.

For a poor black boy coming out of Jonesboro, Georgia (Pine Top, Georgia) to Fort Bliss, Texas then to Formosa Taiwan was a dream come true. I joined the Army to see the world. I didn't see all of it, but I saw enuff to convince me that there's no place like home.

Here's a copy of my latest CD. Pay close attention to number (14) especially the first verse and hook. Let me know what you think. Could be on to something?

I look forward to seeing you here next year at the DoubleTree Hotel, whereby I'll plan to perform for the boys and provide some music. If I can be of any help to you in this, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Sunny, (Rare Bird)

(Sunny sent a copy of his CD titled "Rare Bird". The CD has his picture with guitar on the cover of his Eureka Records CD. Sunny also sent a photo of him standing beside the C Btry "Camp Cobra" sign. Also in the photo is someone who looks remarkably like your editor).

11/8/01

From: **Bob Burlage** (D Btry)

Enclosed are my dues for 2 years.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Bob Burlage

11/22/01

From: **Dave O'Connell** (D Btry)

(E-mail to all 2/71 troops on our e-mail list.)

Hi Folks,

Thanksgiving is truly a time of families gathered together giving thanks for blessings bestowed upon them by the Almighty. Every eve of this very American holiday, I recall that Thanksgiving in the field in 1958. I was twenty years old. You were my family that day. I thank each and every one of you for that Thanksgiving blessing. Let us think, this Thanksgiving, of those brave young men and women serving throughout the world, some in harms way fighting in and around Afghanistan. Let us hope they, too, are able to gather together as a family so far from home as we did in 1958. Let us keep them in our prayers as we give thanks that they are willing to serve to keep us free.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Dave O'Connell

11/22/01

From: **Harold Dickerson** (C Btry)

(E-mail to all 2/71 troops on our e-mail list.)

This is to wish everyone happy Thanksgiving.

Hope everything goes well.

DD

11/21/01

From: **Jim Telford** (A Btry)

Dear Bob

Thank you for another fine newsletter and the letters from the members relating to the memorable cruise on the USS Breckenridge. There sure were a lot of scrambled eggs blowing around in the air several hours after the navy served them to us for breakfast the second day out. I came very close to adding some to the air my self.

Looking forward to seeing every one in October 2002 in Nashville. If you have a tour of Jack Daniel's Distillery scheduled, sign me up now!

We are still reminiscing about our trip to Taiwan. Received a nice long E-mail from **Billy Huang**, the young Sgt. that delivered the pictures to us at Yuan Shan Hotel (Grand Hotel). He told us he was a speechwriter and wrote the speech that **General Ku** gave at the reception. He is now out of the military and is teaching English at the junior high school level. English is a mandatory class for students in Taiwan from first to twelfth grades. He also sincerely hoped that we "had no relatives or friends injured or killed in the Sept, 11th calamity in our country.

I also received an E-mail from **L.T.C. Chi**, who had to take some informational classes in Florida. He said it was more like a vacation. I read that this summer the R.O.C. Military had a very successful test firing, of their patriot missile system. That was nice to know.

Nancy and I hope you and your family had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless-

Jim Telford

11/28/01

From: **Dave O'Connell** (D Btry)

Hi Bob,

Sorry to have been lax in sending in dues. Our organization is a bargain at \$15/year. Enclosed is a check for \$100. Please use the extra to pay for guys that can't afford it - a scholarship so to speak.

11/29/01

From **Bob Douglas** (B Btry)

Dear Bob & Lois,

Hope all is well with you all and that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We are back in San Antonio after two weeks in El Paso seeing doctors. Just annual check ups and we are good for another year.

Sorry I'm late with the dues. Just goofed! Will try and do better. Really looking forward to the reunion.

Best wishes to you and all the 2/71 and their families for a Beautiful Peaceful Christmas.

Az ever,

Bob Douglas

12/5/01

From: **Willard Ottman** (Hq & C Btry)

Bob,

Sorry I am late, I forgot the dues.

Enclosed is some more South Dakota information.

It sounds like you had an interesting trip to Taiwan. I declined not to go to Taiwan and in March I was invited to go on a Peoples to People Tour of mainland China which was for two weeks. The trip was very interesting and informative of some of the vast differences in the country. It goes from the very modern to as primitive as Taiwan was forty years ago. We went to Beijing, Shanghai, and Guilin and I am sure we were shown the best side of the country only.

Enough for now.

Sincerely,

Willard Ottman

12/8/01

From: **Ray Gradick** (A Btry)

Hi there!

Count us in for Nashville!

Ya'll doing great job with magazine!

Merry Christmas to all.

Ray

12/10/01

From: **Jimmie Rogers** (D Btry)

Bob

Hope you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are doing fine. Looking forward to the reunion in Nashville. The way time flies it won't be long.

Jimmie

12/13/01

From: **Tom McGranahan** (Hq Btry)

We are looking forward to Nashville.

12/13/01

From: **Jim Peoples** (D Btry)

Hope to see you in Nashville.

Judy & Jim Peoples

12/13/01

From: **Vern Troop** (D Btry)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Another year has passed. And what a busy one its been! With the yard work, working out at the club, I went and got Married! To a very nice lady! So all of a sudden, I have a Big Family! Along with Linda, I have 2 more daughters, 2 sons, 1 son-in-law, 2 beautiful granddaughters, and 3 grandsons. And at least 2 dogs and 2 cats. What a difference!

Have had a dry and hot year! Have had more rain and Yes – snow in past 2 weeks than have had rest of year! At Thanksgiving, the ski areas were all crying “No snow! Don't know when we'll open!” Well they are all open now! I understand in Tahoe, Calif. They had 5 feet in 24 hours.

Looking forward to Nashville. Plan on going!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Vern and Blanche

12/12/01

From: **Merle Weller** (C Btry)

Looking forward to Nashville & October.

Merle & Darline

12/17/01

From: **George “Tom” Ambler** (D Btry)

Holiday Greetings Lois & Bob & 2-71 Pals & Spouses

I'm still enjoying the newsletters & very happy to see **Major Shau Shan Fia's** picture & him speaking on behalf of our “D” Battery. If anyone could get me his address I would appreciate it as I wrote to him for almost 40 years & lost track.

I still keep in touch with a Taiwan native **Lin Jen** who lives in Pennsylvania – Sue still calls me “G.I. Tom”.

Enclosing some “extra money “ H! Ha! For the group treasury. (This was a \$200 bill with George W. Bush's picture on it, that states it is moral legal tender to preserve the constitution.)

Tom Ambler

From: **Hans Song**, Taipei, Taiwan (Veterans Affairs Commission)
Subject: Address of Missile Veteran
12/27/01

Dear **Col. Mackintosh**,

Thanks for the mail and regards. It was really a wonderful memory to receive you last April. Friendship outlives many others, doesn't it?

With the consent from **Major Shiau**, here is his address in English translation:

Mr. Shiau, Shan Fa
No. 1, Hong 1, Alley 56, Lane 133, Don Fong Road
Ping Jeng City, Tao-yuan County 324, Taiwan

Mr. Shiau remembers **Tom Ambler** and is eager to hear from him soon. (He used to send him greeting cards but lost contact because Tom changed the address.)

Wish you and your wife Happy New Year.

Hans Song

12/24/01

From: **Ralph Magnus**, NY, NY (A Btry)

Hi Bob,

Better late than never. I found the enclosed pictures dated Dec 1958!! recently.

You are welcome to them, to file, or reproduce in future mailings, or send to others.

All the best for 2002

Ralph Magnus

(Ed. Pictures may not be clear enough for the newsletter.

They are 1) Okinawa, 2) Okinawa, U.S.S. Gen. Breckenridge, 3) **CWO Kahler, 1/Lt Garcia, Cpt Bull** in front of mess hall, 4) **Ralph Magnus** in A Sect uncrating & organizing, 5) View of launching area & coolies working, 6) "one big mess" in launcher area, 7) truck in mud & Chinese soldiers, 8) **Lt. Goldstein, M/Sgt Lyons** A Sect uncrating, 9) Inspection, **Lt Goldstein, Cpl Jones, Sgt Wolfe, SFC Rowland, M/Sgt Lyons** walking away. These photos will at least be in an album for viewing at the next reunion.)

1/8/02

From: **Jimmie Rogers** (D Btry), Forwarded from **Betty Jarrell**

Just a quick note of what is going on.

Yesterday Bob went to see his Cardiologist. After EKGs that were definitely bad I got a call from Bob long after the office was closed and he said he was being sent to the hospital. He admitted he had had chest pains since Dec 23. I didn't know anything about it. He didn't want to bother the doctor. Well then I got a call from the doctor so I called Bob's detective friend and he came and got me and the key to the Cad and then drove over to the hospital to see Bob. Today has been very long. All in all, Bob ended up with a Angiogram so they could see what they had to work with. A

team of Surgeons as backup. It was decided to put him on a temp pacemaker for 48 hours. Then I think they will see how he does. If necessary, they will put in a permanent pacemaker.

Please let our friends know. I'll keep you posted.

Love,

Betty Jarrell

1/8/02

From **Rich Croft** (A Btry) and **Nancy**

Hi –

Looking forward to the Nashville reunion!

I'll be in touch to ask about the possibility to bringing a couple of guests to some of the activities. Rich's sister & husband may be traveling with us. As of now we plan to do a road trip.

We spent 3 weeks at our cabin in MN. **Telfords** came up & spent 3 days so we saw Taiwan pictures. Then Rich had shoulder surgery Nov. 2. Is in physical therapy doing great. Then we got lots of early snow to clean!

Nancy

1/11/02

From: **Betty Jarrell**

Dear Lois and Bob,

Thanks so much for writing. I brought Bob home from the hospital yesterday. He was given a pacemaker the first of the week. The doctor did an angiogram with the surgical team stood by but it was decided that a pacemaker would work. So the next day it was put in. Bob is really pale, but he seems good to go. We are planning on going to Nashville in October.

Bob said the doctors told him the pacemaker will last 13 years. Our daughter laughed, saying Bob will out-live all of us. Ha!

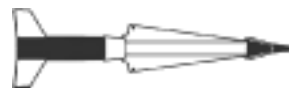
Thanks again.

Betty

12/15/01

From: **Lee Early** (Hq & C Btry)

(Lee sent the following photo of LTC Greenberg with his dues.)





LTC Greenberg, Battalion Commander



More on the History of 2/71 in Taiwan

Bob Mackintosh E-mail to 2/71 e-mail list
7 November 2001

Today I talked to BG Lester Bork, (USA Retired). (General Bork was Chief of the Taiwan MAAG in June 1958 and later Chief of the Army Section, MAAG, after MG Doan arrived.) I had tried earlier to contact General Bork, but received no answer when I called his home in Hilton Head, SC. Lloyd Evans of the 823 Badge of Honor Assn. had notified me that General Bork had been located by, or responded to, the BOH group.

General Bork advised that he had had a heart attack last Spring and had spent five months convalescing in a nursing home.

My reason for trying to contact General Bork was to ask what prompted the U.S. Government to deploy the Nike-Hercules battalion to Taiwan. The General advised that he had sent a letter 1 June 1958 to the R.O.C. Chief of Staff of the Army that said the R.O.C. defenses were woeful, and gave recommendations to the CSA that were forwarded to the GMO (Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek). From mid-June to mid-August they changed the defenses, and on 15 August put on a firing demonstration that caused the Communist to give up on the idea of attacking Quemoy with boats. On 23 August the Communists unleashed an Artillery barrage on Quemoy and Matsu, and the R.O.C. troops were advised that they could not return fire. General Bork called Secretary of the Army, Brucker, and received permission to return fire. At that time Secretary Brucker volunteered that he would send a missile battalion to assist with the R.O.C. defense. The GMO put General Bork in charge of the Taiwan defense. Later General Bork returned to the MAAG as Chief of the Army Section under General Doan.

General Bork was very alert and was going to send me a

copy of a hand-written letter he was sending to the Atlanta TECO which explained his activities in support of the 823 Campaign. The TECO had invited him to an 823 Campaign Badge of Honor award ceremony on 11 November 2001.

I invited General Bork to attend our reunion next year if his health holds up. He said to keep him posted. General Bork will be 95 next month. His grandson was going to drive him to the Post Office today. The General said that he was hoping to have a cataract operation so that he could get his driver's license.

When I get his letters, I will update you, as I may have missed some of the details during our phone conversation.

Regards,
Bob Mackintosh



Battery Commander's Notes, 6 Feb 1959

The following notes are from a meeting where the B Battery Commander (**CPT Robert Douglas**) was passing on the comments/instructions of the Battalion Commander (**LTC Bernard Greenberg**) to the B Battery Platoon Leaders and First Sergeant. This material was found by **Bob Mackintosh**, recently, when cleaning out some of his old military files. While there is nothing of significance in the notes, it may bring back some memories of the daily routine on Taiwan.

“Battery Commander's Notes, 6 Feb 1959

1. Chinese guard orders must be specific – where they walk spelled out.
2. Must have fire alarm – conduct one drill monthly.
3. Chinese must wear ID cards on outer garment.
4. Col. is stressing uniform and appearance.
5. Shoes must be inspected by Platoon Leaders – repaired by men.
6. Keep wall lockers and foot lockers locked. Thefts starting in other batteries.
7. Draper Committee here 11-14 Feb. (on island)
8. Deputy Surgeon General in battalion on ?
9. Gen. Cromer (Engineers) to see construction on 10 Feb.
10. 12 ladies including Mrs. Smoot here on 12 Feb.
11. (Statistics on sexually transmitted disease omitted.)
12. Battery Commander and Battalion Commander are available for grievances.
13. S-2 is working on trip flares.
14. As our men phase out, GRC will phase in on guard duty.

15. On Guard – Challenging. “Halt!, Halt!”, fire in air, “Halt!”, fire to inflict casualty. If someone is hit, must show 2 cartridges.
16. Check inter-area cables; order immediately if they are needed – cables at battalion will be sent to Okinawa.
17. Open thermite grenades – check for rust – reseal before Wednesday.
18. Training program has not been approved yet.
19. Camouflage nets here, but no garnishing.
20. Most GRC people understand English; act accordingly.
21. Rubber boots may be worn on site only.
22. Rubber boots worn only in bad weather.
23. No officers in Taipei in fatigues.”



R.O.C. Marks 90th Anniversary!

“This National Day, Taiwan Celebrates its Friendship with the U.S.

President Chen’s National Day Message

This October 10th Taiwan invites the world to join us in celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Republic of China. After decades of challenges, trials, and successes, the Taiwanese people have a lot to celebrate. During the last decade, the Republic of China on Taiwan has earned the proud title of being the first truly democratic state in China’s long history. Taiwan’s people now enjoy a vibrant multi-party democracy, and have worked hard to establish and protect their right to free speech and free elections.

Taiwan has risen to prominence as a major economic force in East Asia and in the world. Recent years have seen the development of Taiwan’s computer industry, earning it the nickname “Silicon Island”. While focusing on the development of this industry, Taiwan has worked hard to sustain its natural resources, ensuring that progress does not come at the expense of the island’s beautiful environment. At the end of this year, Taiwan will become a member of the World Trade Organization, allowing it to strengthen and expand its economic relations with nations across the globe.

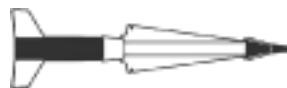
Beginning with its founder, Sun Yat-sen, and continuing on into the 21st century, the R.O.C. has long enjoyed a close relationship with the United States. Taiwan is an important economic partner for the U.S., consistently ranking among the top-ten nations in terms of imports from and exports to the U.S.

Taiwan’s geographic position makes it a crucial strategic partner for the U.S. as well. Taiwan has welcomed U.S. presence in the Pacific as a stabilizing factor in the region, forming a vital link in U.S. and East Asian security. Taiwan has also worked with the U.S. to create an environment in which criminals operating in the region can be apprehended through international cooperation. The Taiwanese people

have shown their commitment to regional and world peace through the positions and policies of their government, through their aid to those in need in other parts of Asia and the world, and through their economic support and cooperation with developing nations.

Taiwan cherishes its special relationship with the U.S. and as we celebrate this anniversary, we hope the people of the United States will join us in wishing for a long and healthy relationship in the years to come.

Happy National Day!”



SGLI (Serviceman’s Group Life Insurance) Hoax

The following information concerning SGLI Insurance dividends was copied from the VA Office of Inspector General Hotline
< <http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/news1.htm> >.

“News about the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Hoax

The VA Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) requests your assistance in attempting to put an end to an insurance hoax that has plagued the VA for many years. Veterans are being told by mimeographed fliers or articles in locally distributed publications to apply for SGLI dividends, even on lapsed policies. The fliers did not originate with the VA and do not reflect VA policies.

The VA does not pay dividends on lapsed SGLI policies.

Dividend payments are automatic to those veterans who have participating policies and who continue to pay premiums.

The dividend is usually paid on the anniversary date of the policy, and no application is needed.

You can render a great service by providing VA’s actual policy on SGLI dividends, as described above, to your veteran friends and the management of any publication that carries the insurance hoax notice.

Some recent versions of the hoax have included offers to assist the veteran in obtaining the “dividend” for a small fee. Since there is no such dividend, you should not give any money to individuals who make this offer to you. If you are approached with such an offer, you should immediately report it to the VAOIG, providing all available identifying information (such as name, address, and telephone number) on the individual.”





A Btry - CWO Kahler, 1LT Garcia, CPT Bull

2/71 Web Site

Be sure and check out our Web site
<<http://www.2-71adataiwan.com>>.



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LT Magnus & Gen Breckenridge



**B Btry Sign with SFC Atwell
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**LT Goldstein, M/SGT Lyons with A Section
Uncrating (A Btry)**



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2/71 Assn. Country Store

I would like to order:

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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. _____



I would like to join the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan)
Association for the next year.

Enclosed is \$15 for annual dues. _____

Total enclosed (Dues and stuff above) : _____

Name: _____

Address (If changed recently): _____

E-mail address : _____

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Nashville Reunion - Early Registration

Name: _____

Telephone No. _____ E-mail address: _____

Guest Name (s): _____

Unit in Taiwan: (Battery or Detachment) _____

Number of persons planning to attend the reunion: _____

Registration Fee submitted (No. attending x \$25) _____

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