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San Antonio Reunion

The next reunion of the 2nd Missile Bn., 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Assn. is only two months away. We have had a good response to date, but we still need to hear from those who have been putting it off until the last minute.

Hotel

The reunion hotel has had a change of owners. What was the Sheraton Four Points Riverwalk North in now the **Clarion Hotel Riverwalk**. The catering staff has not changed.

The **Clarion Hotel Riverwalk** is located at 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio. You can make your hotel reservations at the same reservation number: **1-800-28-TEXAS**. Reservations should be made as soon as possible, as we will give up all of the special rate rooms that have not been booked on **6 September 2004**. The special rate is good from 4 to 12 October, so you come a little early, or stay a little late. Reunion dates are 7 to 10 October.

Hotel Parking

Parking is available at the hotel. The group daily charge for parking is \$3.00 for self-parking, and \$6.00 for valet parking.

Travel to San Antonio

Air Travel – If you plan to travel by air, the major airlines servicing San Antonio are American, America West, Continental, Delta, Midwest, Northwest, Southwest, and United. The airport is located approximately eight miles, or 15 minutes, from downtown. There is no hotel courtesy bus to the hotel, but cab rates are very reasonable.

Train - Amtrak also has service to San Antonio. **Jim and Judy Peoples, Charlie and Annie Trost, and Ben and Lydia Seeley** plan on taking Amtrak to San Antonio. Amtrak has offered a special convention travel rate from 4 to 13 October. See Jim's letter, in the last newsletter, for details.

Motor Home – If you plan on driving to San Antonio in your motor home, and need information, contact **Bob Douglas** by telephone at (915) 203-8065, or e-mail at <kaybobeptx1@aol.com>.

ROC Badges

The Houston TECO Director General, Mr. Kenneth K.M. Liao, will present the 823 Campaign Badge of Honor and the

US-ROC Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge to our members who have not previously received these badges from the ROC government. Hopefully, they will also present certificates for each of these badges. There is still a question whether the Houston TECO will be able to get the certificates for our reunion. The ROC badges will be presented at the reunion hotel on Friday afternoon, 8 October.

Group Photo

We may have a reunion group photo following the ROC badge presentation. This is still being considered. If we have the group photograph, the photo will be available for purchase from the photographer.

Attendees

At the time of this newsletter, we had 97 people who had sent in their reunion registration fee. We hope that there will be 120 or more by reunion time. We also expect to have our best representation from the members of the 128th Ordnance Detachment that we have had at any reunion.

What's Needed From Attendees

It is important to get in your reservations and certain other materials as soon as possible. Many of you sent in an advance registration fee in January or February. We still need the Reunion Registration Form with payment for any reunion activities that you wish to attend. They are the Texas Barbeque, the Reunion Banquet, and the Memorial Breakfast.

This form is included in the newsletter. On the back of this form is another form that is needed to get the appropriate badges from the Houston Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office (TECO).

Earlier this year, we asked you to send in a 1958 ID photo (or similar replica) with your registration material. We hope to use these on our reunion Name Badges. Some of you have complied, and some haven't.

As an attachment to this newsletter, we will include a summary of everything that you have submitted and what, if anything, is still needed. Each reunion attendee should submit a registration form, a ROC badge form, a 1958-59 ID picture, and make a hotel

reservation (if needed).

Schedule

Wednesday (6 October)

Early arrival for Board of Directors. Directors will go to dinner at a local restaurant. Other early arrivals are welcome to join in.

Thursday (7 October) –

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Reunion Registration in the Hospitality Room
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Social Hour
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner (registration fee covers this.)

Friday (8 October)

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. - General Membership Business Meeting (Coffee and Danish furnished)
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. - Houston TECO presentation of ROC badges
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. - Group Photograph
- 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. - Texas Barbeque at the 7A Cattle Ranch outside of San Antonio.

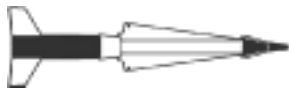
The evening includes barbeque dinner, a Western show featuring The Texas Swing Band, a trick roper; six shooter and bull whip performances, and a hayride tour of the ranch.

Saturday (9 October)

- 9:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Open for sightseeing and visiting.
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Social
- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. - Reunion Banquet

Sunday (10 October)

- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. - Memorial Breakfast in the hotel (Conclusion of Reunion)



In Memoriam

- Toppie Curlee**, B Btry, died 30 Apr 1990
- Lowell W. Vaughn**, Hqs Btry, died 29 Dec 2003
- Anthony L. Mancinelli**, A Btry, died 8 Aug 1999
- Van A. Sims**, D Btry, died 2 Jul 2004

Membership Renewals (Since last newsletter)

- John Clowe**, Lilburn, GA (Hq Btry)
- Bob Douglas**, Arlington, TX (B Btry)
- Connie Drum**, Eutawville, SC (178th Ord)
- Don Friese**, Chatsworth, CA (C Btry)
- Dan Gaughrin**, Glenview, IL (D Btry)
- Al Havard**, Jackson, LA (A Btry)
- Don Lane**, El Paso, TX (D Btry)
- Paul Lapham**, Port Charlotte, FL (Hq Btry)
- Casimiro Morin**, Campbell, CA (A Btry)
- Willard Ottman**, Lemmon, SD (Hq & C Btry)
- Don Redman**, Gowrie, IA (C Btry)
- George Stacks**, Salem, OR (Hq Btry)
- Larry Trieglaff**, Wind Lake, MI (Hq Btry)
- Merle Weller**, Strasburg, PA (C Btry)
- Joseph Wood**, Londonderry, NH (D Btry)



News from the Troops

4/25/04

From: **S.B. Davis** (D Btry)

Dear Bob:

S.B. wanted to let the guys of the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery know that he is going to be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in September, 2004. He is honored to have this happening to him at this time in his life. We are planning to attend the WWII Memorial dedication in Washington, DC on Memorial Day weekend so this will add another very nice occasion to the year 2004 for him.

Then, we will be off to enjoy a visit with all of you in October in San Antonio. Surely hope we will be able to stay healthy enough to take all of this in.

Hope this finds all of you well and looking forward to being at the next meeting.

Always nice hearing from you all.

Sincerely,

S.B. and Betty Davis

5/3/04

From: **Ben Seeley** and Lydia Brescia

We received the newsletter...it's great! Ben and I (Seeley) were interested in looking into setting up AMTRAK...Convention Travel Rate...rail ride from Las Vegas or Caliente, Nev. Do you know how to get that convention rate, how to get the schedule from the WEST, and to reserve tickets once we decide if we can go that way?

Also, we'd like to invite anyone from the WEST to join us onboard the train.

The idea that James and Judith Peoples had was a good one; maybe we can do it from both ends of the country!

Looking forward to seeing everyone again in good ol' San Antonio.

Best Regards,
Ben Seeley and Lydia

5/5/04

From: **Ben Seeley** and Lydia Brescia
Hi Bob,

We wondered if you would like to post this in the newsletter?

Information for points WEST to San Antonio Reunion...Contact person at AMTRAK is Mr. Remington at 800-872-1477...he will make any arrangements for Amtrak travelers, and he says the Group discount is not as inexpensive as the double Veterans/Senior discount. We (Ben and Lydia) will be leaving from Deming, N.M. We know there is a Veteran from Silver City and maybe they would like to meet us at the station...our email address is hummingbird@scinternet.net for anyone who wishes to correspond! We are looking forward to seeing all of you in San Antonio.

Sincerely,
Ben Seeley and Lydia

5/5/04

From **Joe Dougherty** (Hq & C Btry)
Bob,

This is to let you and troops know I have moved to AZ. After my long illness (two hip replacements & year in hospital) I needed new weather & attitude outlook). Left leg is now 3 in. shorter. I need a walker to move around and I wear out very easily. Anyway I now live at 9821 West Forrester Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351.

I received April 2004 Newsletter. I will not be able to attend the reunion in San Antonio. Wish I could though. I have enjoyed all the reunions and think you do a fine job.

As far as I can tell I have not received this US-ROC Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge.

Please do me a favor and send the e-mail addresses of Jim Wrench and Charlie Trost.

Thanks
Joe D

5/11/04

From: **Ray Corbin** (B, & D Btry)
Bob,

On a trip to Las Vegas I spoke to Charlie Daniels of B and D Batteries. I am sorry to report that he isn't up to his usual self and will not be able to join us in San Antonio. His spirits are good and he says hello to all his old comrades. He is fighting his illness and hopes to overcome his problems and join the group in 2006.

Those of us who met Charlie will remember his toughness and devotion to duty. I spoke for all of us when I wished him a speedy recovery and told him that we would remember him at this years gathering of the "2-71."

Ray Corbin

5/17/04

From: **Jimmie Rogers** (D Btry)
Hello Bob,

Hope this finds you all doing ok. We are looking forward to the Reunion.

Don is also excited; he will be coming also.

Till then, take care.

Regards
Jimmie Rogers, D battery.

6/5/04

From: **Chuck Lapsley** (B & D Btry)
Hi Bob,

I checked my files and found that I had filled out the early registration form, but however, had not sent it in. Must be getting a bit slight of memory. I'm proceeding with the reunion contact list for the B Battery members and will keep you informed about progress and results.

I hope that everything is going well with you and your family.

We are all well here on the West coast and hope to stay that way. I've lost about 75 lb. on the Adkins diet but am now switching to the Southbeach diet for long term lifestyle weight control. Coupling the diet with a daily program of Tai Chi exercises, and weight training four days a week seems to be perking my system up considerably.

I met with my brother and a friend from Alaska at Victoria, BC for a week of sailing in the San Juan Islands east of Vancouver Island for a five day shakedown cruise on 42 ft Clipper rigged boat by Valiant, named "Mystery." The owner is planning to sail the boat over 1500 miles up the inland passage to Anchorage Alaska, as a prelude to circumnavigating the earth in a few years. Good luck Boyd!

I'm still diligently working three days a week training engineers in the fine art and science of civil engineering. There seems to be a good niche for an experienced engineer from the old school.

Send me the list of members, and I'll take a crack at making contact.

Regards,
Chuck

6/7/04

From: **Nick Hodge** (C Btry)
Hey Guys,

I know you have been getting all the information from Bob about our 2/71 Arty reunion to be held in San Antonio in October.

What he hasn't explained is the same thing that I can't explain, and that's the enjoyment that you will have in renewing old friendships that you thought were only figments of your imagination. There are no words in our language to explain stuff like that. Believe it or not, there are still a few of us on the right side of the grass, so to speak. We might not be kicking as high as we once did in Taipei, but there is still a glimmer of a twitch left in most of us, so come on down and watch the rest of us old geezers trying to

twitch just a little.

If I die before the reunion I have instructed my wife to smear a little red clay mud all over my body, infect me with a good dose of the crabs, fill my boots with Plum Brandy, and ship my ass freight collect to San Antonio!!

DING HOW,
NICK HODGE

6/8/04

From: **Bill Thomson** (B Btry)
Bob,

I found the text of a national Radio and TV address made by President Eisenhower on Sept. 11, 1958 about the Taiwan situation.

I have reworked the home page with a Quote of his from the end of the speech and have placed the entire text of the speech in the News section.

Possibly other association members who have access to the Web would enjoy reading it.

Regards,
Bill

6/14/04

From: **John Clowe** (Hq Btry)
Hi Bob,

I spoke with Bob Douglas and told him I would try to attend the get-together in San Antonio. I forgot that Margie wont be wanting to travel. We like San Antonio.

Hope you and yours are doing fine. I still play golf and try not to think about getting "old".

Warm regards,
John

6/16/04

From: **Jim Telford** (A Btry)
Dear Bob,

Thanks to the info you gave me, I finally got in touch with the Anthony L Mancinelli family, only to hear the sad news from his wife Joann, that our friend passed away on Aug. 8th 1999, from a heart attack.

I had a long phone visit with Joann and they were not aware of the 2/71 Association or the reunions we have had.

This raises a question, does his family get any medals, that he did not receive? If so, I will call Joann and see if she would like to receive them and also the 2/71 newsletter.

I am still working on locating Ray Walker and John Acker.
Jim Telford

6/14/04

From: **Rev. William O'Brien**, St. Peter The Fisherman Catholic Parish, Two Rivers, Wisconsin
Dear Bob & Lois,

Greeting from a very wet and rainy Wisconsin. This spring is turning out to be one of the wettest on record. Many of our fields have yet to be planted and soon it will be too late to plant corn if one expects to have any meaningful crop at all.

Regrettably I will not be able to join you for the San Antonio reunion. Here in Two Rivers we have merged four parishes into one and are right now in the midst of building a new church. We began construction March 29th and hope to be completed in one year. Total cost of the project we estimate at six and a half million dollars. Needless to say, this is a huge undertaking for our parish community.

The conflict I have, aside from being alone here as the priest, is the Saturday of the reunion we have a major fund-raising event scheduled which I really should be at. Some events scheduled here are beyond my control.

How I wish it were possible to join you good folks because these reunions have been very special to me, especially the Sunday memorial service. Having the opportunity to remember my brother Pat who died in 1965, which seems so long ago, and others from the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery was very meaningful.

We will keep in touch and who knows maybe it will be possible to join you at the next gathering! Please put the enclosed donation to whatever needs you may have for the good work you do. Praying for peace in our world I am,

Sincerely,
Father Bill O'Brien.

6/22/04

From: **Don Melvin** (Hq Btry)
Dear Bob,

I received your e-mail about attending the reunion in San Antonio this year and I am sorry to inform you I won't be able to attend. I know I sent in the early registration fee; my wife and I talked it over and with my possibility of having more back surgery and driving 1000 miles because of my electric wheel chair, it would be hard on us to do so.

If possible, I would like to have the US-ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE COMMENDATION BADGE AND CERTIFICATE SENT TO ME using what money is needed to do this out of the pre-registration check I have already sent in. Any money that is left over I will donate to help some other member in need get to the reunion.

Sincerely,
Don Melvin

P.S. To all of the members, have a very nice reunion and a safe one.

6/25/04

From: **Don Redman** (C Btry)
Dear Bob,

Enclosed are my dues for this year and some extra for past years or anything else that is needed. I appreciate your sending me the newsletter, even when I haven't kept my dues current. You really do a nice job with this newsletter.

As of now, I am not planning on attending the next reunion. I am also enclosing the survey regarding the badges and certificates. Let me know if you need any further information from me.

Thanks again, Bob, and have fun in San Antonio.
Don Redman

7/7/04

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

Thank you for your information about the reunion. Unfortunately I am unable to travel that far due to health problems.

Sincerely,

Tom Anderson

7/10/04

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

Bob,

Looking forward to seeing you and Lois. If I can do anything to help, just let me know.

John

7/14/04

From: **Bob Buchanan** (C Btry)

Looking forward to another great reunion. Thanks for all your efforts and work in planning!

7/13/04

From: **Connie Drum** (178th Ord)

Not sure I can make the reunion, but I am going to try.

Connie Drum

7/17/04

From: **Alvin Havard** (A Btry)

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Hope we can make the trip.

Alvin & Sadie

7/21/04

From: Mrs. **Van Sims**

Would you please remove my husband from your mailing list as he passed away July 2, 2004 from bile duct cancer.

Thank you.

Mary Lou Sims

Nacogdoches, TX

7/23/04

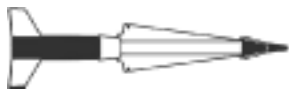
From: **John Brokowski** (D Btry)

Sorry to hear the bad news (about Van Sims).

I was a very close friend of Sims during our stay in Formosa, we were in the same tent together. Spent a lot of our free time taking in the sights. He will be missed very much.

I will send a note to Mary Lou.

John Brokowski



Missing E-mail Addresses

The following members have had e-mails returned because of bad addresses. **Jerome Decker** and **Joe Hungate**, please send an e-mail with your new address to <bmack@ardmore.net>.



Updated 2-71 Web Page

Those of you who have access to the Internet, check out the new material on the 2-71 web page <2-71adataiwan.com>. Bill Thomson (B Btry) has put a lot of effort into updating and adding new material to our web page. You can look up the troops we have located, see a list of our departed troops, download old newsletters, view troop notes, see photos from Taiwan, get reunion information, and much more.



1959

Things can change a lot in 45 years. Here are a few things that Americans were saying in 1959:

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it is going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5000 will only buy a used one.

If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?

If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 30 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.

Also, their music drives me wild. This 'Rock Around The Clock' thing is nothing but racket.

Pretty soon you won't be able to buy a good 10-cent cigar.

I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they called astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't

surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.

Do you suppose television will ever reach our part of the country?

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women have to work to make ends meet.

It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress.

The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel.

No one can afford to be sick any more, \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.

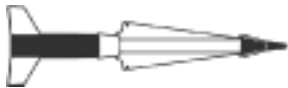
If a few idiots want to risk their necks flying across the country that's fine, but nothing will ever replace trains.

I don't know about you, but if they raise the price of coffee to 15 cents, I'll just have to drink mine at home.

If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it. I'll have my wife learn to cut hair.

We won't be going out much any more. Our baby sitter informed us she wants 50 cents an hour. Kids think money grows on trees.

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Republic of China 1958 -1959

President Eisenhower's Radio and Television Report to the American People Regarding the Situation in the Formosa Straits, September 11, 1958, *Public Papers of the Presidents-Eisenhower, 1958, p. 694.*

"My Friends:

"Tonight I want to talk to you about the situation, dangerous to peace, which has developed in the Formosa Straits, in the Far East. My purpose is to give you its basic facts and then my conclusions as to our nation's proper course of action.

"To begin, let us remember that traditionally this country and its government have always been passionately devoted to peace with honor, as they are now. We shall never resort to force in settlement of differences except when compelled to

do so to defense against aggression and to protect our vital interests.

"This means that, in our view, negotiations and conciliation should never be abandoned in favor of force and strife. While we shall never timidly retreat before the threat of armed aggression, we would welcome in the present circumstances negotiations that could have a fruitful result in preserving the peace of the Formosa area and reaching a solution that could be acceptable to all parties concerned including, of course, our ally, the Republic of China.

"On the morning of August 23rd the Chinese Communists opened a severe bombardment of Quemoy, an island in the Formosa Straits off the China Coast. Another island in the same area, Matsu, was also attacked. These two islands have always been a part of Free China—never under Communist control.

"This bombardment of Quemoy has been going on almost continuously ever since. Also Chinese Communists have been using their naval craft to try to break up the supplying of Quemoy, with its 125,000 people. Their normal source of supply is by sea from Formosa, where the government of Free China is now located.

"Chinese Communists say that they will capture Quemoy. So far they have not actually attempted a landing, but their bombardment has caused great damage. Over 1,000 people have been killed or wounded. In large part these are civilians.

"This is a tragic affair. It is shocking that in this day and age naked force should be used for such aggressive purposes.

"But this is not the first time that the Chinese Communists have acted in this way.

"In 1950 they attacked and tried to conquer the Republic of Korea. At that time President Truman announced the intention of protecting Formosa, the principal area still held by Free China, because of the belief that Formosa's safety was vital to the security of the United States and the free world. Our government has adhered firmly ever since 1950 to that policy.

"In 1953 and 1954 the Chinese Communists took an active part in the war in Indo-China against Viet Nam.

"In the fall of 1954 they attacked Quemoy and Matsu, the same two islands they are attacking now. They broke off that attack when, in January 1955, the Congress and I agreed that we should firmly support Free China.

"Since then, for about four years, Chinese Communists have not used force for aggressive purposes. We have achieved an armistice in Korea which stopped the fighting there in 1953. There is a 1954 armistice in Viet Nam; and since 1955 there has been quiet in the Formosa Straits area. We had hoped that the Chinese Communists were becoming peaceful—but it seems not.

“So the world is again faced with the problem of armed aggression. Powerful dictatorships are attacking an exposed, but free, area.

“What should we do?”

“Shall we take the position that, submitting to threat, it is better to surrender pieces of free territory in the hope that this will satisfy the appetite of the aggressor and we shall have peace?”

“Do we not still remember that the name of ‘Munich’ symbolizes a vain hope of appeasing dictators?”

“At that time, the policy of appeasement was tried and it failed. Prior to the second World War, Mussolini seized Ethiopia. In the Far East, Japanese warlords were grabbing Manchuria by force. Hitler sent his armed forces into the Rhineland in violation of the Versailles Treaty. Then he annexed little Austria. When he got away with that, he next turned to Czechoslovakia and began taking it, bit by bit.

“In the face of all these attacks on freedom by the dictators, the powerful democracies stood aside. It seemed that Ethiopia and Manchuria were too far away and too unimportant to fight about. In Europe, appeasement was looked upon as the way to peace. The democracies felt that if they tried to stop what was going on, that would mean war. But because of these repeated retreats, war came just the same.

“If the democracies had stood firm at the beginning, almost surely there would have been no World War. Instead they gave such an appearance of weakness and timidity that aggressive rulers were encouraged to overrun one country after another. In the end the democracies saw that their very survival was at stake. They had no alternative but to turn and fight in what proved to be the most terrible war that the world has ever known.

“I know something about that war, and I never want to see that history repeated. But, my fellow Americans, it certainly can be repeated if the peace-loving democratic nations again fearfully practice a policy of standing idly by while big aggressors use armed force to conquer the small and weak.

“Let us suppose that the Chinese Communists conquer Quemoy. Would that be the end of the story? We know that it would not be the end of the story. History teaches that when powerful despots can gain something through aggression, they try, by the same methods, to gain more and more and more.

“Also, we have more to guide us than the teachings of history. We have the statements, the boastings, of the Chinese Communists themselves. They frankly say that their present military effort is part of a program to conquer Formosa.

“It is as certain as can be that the shooting which the Chinese Communists started on August 23rd had as its purpose not just the taking of the island of Quemoy. It is part

of what is indeed an ambitious plan of armed conquest.

“This plan would liquidate all of the free world positions in the Western Pacific area and bring them under captive governments which would be hostile to the United States and the free world. Thus the Chinese and Russian Communists would come to dominate at least the Western half of the now friendly Pacific Ocean.

“So, aggression by ruthless despots again imposes a clear danger to the United States and to the free world.

“In this effort the Chinese Communists and the Soviet Union appear to be working hand in hand. Last Monday I received a long letter on this subject from Prime Minister Khrushchev. He warned the United States against helping its allies in the Western Pacific. He said that we should not support the Republic of China and the Republic of Korea. He contended that we should desert them, return all of our naval forces to our home bases, and leave our friends in the Far East to face, alone, the combined military power of the Soviet Union and Communist China.

“Does Mr. Khrushchev think that we have so soon forgotten Korea?”

“I must say to you very frankly and soberly, my friends, the United States cannot accept the result that the Communists seek. Neither can we show, now, a weakness of purpose—a timidity—which would surely lead them to move more aggressively against us and our friends in the Western Pacific area.

“If the Chinese Communists have decided to risk a war, it is not because Quemoy itself is so valuable to them. They have been getting along without Quemoy ever since they seized the China mainland nine years ago.

“If they have now decided to risk a war, it can only be because they, and their Soviet allies, have decided to find out whether threatening war is a policy from which they can make big gains.

“If that is their decision, then a Western Pacific Munich would not buy us peace or security. It would encourage the aggressors. It would dismay our friends and allies there. If history teaches anything, appeasement would make it more likely that we would have to fight a major war.

“Congress has made clear its recognition that the security of the Western Pacific is vital to the security of the United States and that we should be firm. The Senate has ratified, by overwhelming vote, security treaties with the Republic of China covering Formosa and the Pescadores, and also the Republic of Korea. We have a mutual security treaty with the Republic of the Philippines, which could be next in line for conquest if Formosa fell into hostile hands. These treaties commit the United States to the defense of the treaty areas. In addition, there is a Joint Resolution which the Congress passed in January 1955 dealing specifically with Formosa

and the offshore islands of Free China in the Formosa Straits.

“At that time the situation was similar to what it is today.

“Congress then voted the President authority to employ the armed forces of the United States for the defense not only of Formosa but of related positions such as Quemoy and Matsu, if I believed their defense to be appropriate in assuring the defense of Formosa.

“I might add that the mandate from the Congress was given by an almost unanimous bipartisan vote.

“Today, the Chinese Communists announce, repeatedly and officially, that their military operations against Quemoy are preliminary to attack on Formosa. So it is clear that the Formosa Straits Resolution of 1955 applies to the present situation.

“If the present bombardment and harassment of Quemoy should be converted into a major assault, with which the local defenders could not cope, then we would be compelled to face precisely the situation that Congress visualized in 1955.

“I have repeatedly sought to make clear our position in this matter so that there would not be danger of Communist miscalculation. The Secretary of State on September fourth made a statement to the same end. This statement could not, of course, cover every contingency. Indeed, I interpret the Joint Resolution as requiring me not to make absolute advance commitments, but to use my judgment according to the circumstances of the time. But the statement did carry a clear meaning to the Chinese Communists and to the Soviet Union. There will be no retreat in the face of armed aggression, which is part and parcel of a continuing program of using armed force to conquer new regions.

“I do not believe that the United States can be either lured or frightened into appeasement. I believe that in taking the position of opposing aggression by force, I am taking the only position which is consistent with the vital interests of the United States, and, indeed with the peace of the world.

“Some misguided persons have said that Quemoy is nothing to become excited about. They said the same about South Korea—about Viet Nam, about Lebanon.

“Now I assure you that no American boy will be asked by me to fight just for Quemoy. But those who make up our armed forces—and I believe the American people as a whole—do stand ready to defend the principle that armed force shall not be used for aggressive purposes.

“Upon observance of that principle depends a lasting and just peace. It is that same principle that protects the Western Pacific free world positions as well as the security of our homeland. If we are not ready to defend this principle, then indeed tragedy after tragedy would befall us.

“But there is a far better way than resort to force to settle

these differences, and there is some hope that such a better way may be followed.

“That is the way of negotiation.

“That way is open and prepared because in 1955 arrangements were made between the United States and the Chinese Communists that an Ambassador on each side would be authorized to discuss at Geneva certain problems of common concern. These included the matter of release of American civilians imprisoned in Communist China, and such questions as the renunciation of force in the Formosa area. There have been 73 meetings since August 1955.

“When our Ambassador, who was conducting these negotiations, was recently transferred to another post, we named as successor Mr. Beam, our Ambassador to Poland. The Chinese Communists were notified accordingly the latter part of July, but there was no response.

“The Secretary of State, in his September fourth statement, referred to these Geneva negotiations. Two days later, Mr. Chou En-lai, the Premier of the Peoples’ Republic of China, proposed that these talks should be resumed ‘in the interests of peace.’ This was followed up on September eighth by Mr. Mao Tse-tung, the Chairman of the Peoples’ Republic of China. We promptly welcomed this prospect and instructed our Ambassador at Warsaw to be ready immediately to resume these talks. We expect that the talks will begin upon the return to Warsaw of the Chinese Communist Ambassador who has been in Peiping.

“Perhaps our suggestion may be bearing fruit. We devoutly hope so.

“Naturally, the United States will adhere to the position it first took in 1955, that we will not in these talks be a party to any arrangements which would prejudice rights of our ally, the Republic of China.

“We know by hard experiences that the Chinese Communist leaders are indeed militant and aggressive. But we cannot believe that they would now persist in a course of military aggression which would threaten world peace, with all that would be involved. We believe that diplomacy can and should find a way out. There are measures that can be taken to assure that these offshore islands will not be a thorn in the side of peace. We believe that arrangements are urgently required to stop gun fire and to pave the way to a peaceful solution.

“If the bilateral talks between Ambassadors do not fully succeed, there is still the hope that the United Nations could exert a peaceful influence on the situation.

“In 1955 the hostilities of the Chinese Communists in the Formosa area were brought before the United Nations Security Council. But the Chinese Communists rejected its jurisdiction. They said that they were entitled to Formosa and the offshore islands and that if they used armed forces to get them, that was purely a ‘civil war,’ and that the United

Nations had no right to concern itself.

“They claimed also that the attack by the Communist North Koreans on South Korea was ‘civil war,’ and that the United Nations, and the United States were ‘aggressors’ because they helped South Korea. They said the same about their attack on Viet Nam.

“I feel sure that these pretexts will never deceive or control world opinion. The fact is that Communist Chinese hostilities in the Formosa Straits area do endanger world peace. I do not believe that any rulers, however aggressive they may be, will flout efforts to find a peaceful and honorable solution, whether it be by direct negotiations or through the United Nations.

“My friends, we are confronted with a serious situation. But it is typical of the security problems of the world today. Powerful and aggressive forces are constantly probing, now here, now there, to see whether the free world is weakening. In the face of this, there are no easy choices available. It is misleading for anyone to imply that there are.

“However, the present situation, though serious, is by no means desperate or hopeless.

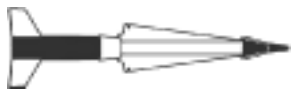
“There is not going to be any appeasement.

“I believe that there is not going to be any war.

“But there must be sober realization by the American people that our legitimate purposes are again being tested by those who threaten peace and freedom everywhere.

“This has not been the first test for us and for the free world. Probably it will not be the last. But as we meet each test with courage and unity, we contribute to the safety and the honor of our beloved land—and to the cause of a just and lasting peace.”

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New Cold War Museum

From the newsletter and web page of Francis Gary Powers, Jr., founder of the Cold War Museum.

“Dear Friends and Supporters of The Cold War Museum,
“The August 1 quarterly issue of The Cold War Times is now posted online at http://www.coldwar.org/education/coldwar_magazine.html for viewing...

“We continue to make great strides in our efforts to establish The Cold War Museum at the former Lorton Nike Missile Base.

“On July 28, the Fairfax County Park Authority passed the Master Plan for Laurel Hill where the Lorton Nike Missile Base is located. The plan included a section that was set

aside for a Cold War Heritage Park and Cultural Museum. Now that the Master Plan has been approved, Dr. Stephen Fuller from George Mason University, Dr. Gerald Gordon from Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and I (Gary Powers) will give a presentation to the Park Authority on the economic viability, cultural significance, and effect on tourism this world class attraction will have to Fairfax County”

Museum Features

The Cold War Museum endeavors to maintain a historically accurate record of the people, places and events of the Cold War. By educating future generations about the fears, divisions, and dangers that the Cold War fostered, the Museum will enable visitors to reflect upon the global geopolitical climate in which many of us grew up.

Features in the permanent museum building will include a central hall with large exhibits, a film theater, the main gallery, a picture gallery, temporary and rotating exhibition area, library and study areas, seminar rooms, bookstalls, and a cafeteria. The central hall may include a U-2, a section of the Berlin Wall, a KH-11 “Spy” satellite, a Stalin/Lenin statue, a nuclear fallout shelter, and other historical Cold War reminders.

If you would like to know more about this museum, check out their web site <www.coldwar.org>. As of this date they do not have material about the Taiwan Straits Crisis of 1958 on the web site, but Francis Gary Powers, Jr. is working with Lloyd Evans of the Badge of Honor Association USA (BOHAUSA) to correct this. It is interesting to note that they plan to put one of the old Nike sites to use for this museum. (Ed.)



For Sale Items at San Antonio Reunion

We are going to have two items for sale at the reunion. You may have purchased them at the last reunion and need a replacement, or you may be a new reunion attendee and will want a shirt or cap for the reunion activities.

The shirts and caps will also be available to those who cannot make the reunion.

In either case, we need an estimate of those who may be interested so that we can get a quantity price break.

If you are interested, please indicate your intention to purchase by mail to the Association, or e-mail to bmack@ardmore.net.

The first item is a golf shirt with an embroidered MAAG Patch, and identification of our unit and place and date of service. It is a 100% cotton, Jerseez Brand shirt in a Birch color. **We will need to know the quantity and sizes you need.** The price will be the same for Small through Xtra-large sizes. 2X and 3X sizes are available, but I will have to

get you a price which are approximately \$3 and \$5 more per shirt.

The second item is a baseball cap with the same embroidered logo as the shirt.

Members attending the reunion may pay for and pick up their items at the reunion.

Those members not attending the reunion will be mailed the items upon receipt of your check for the items and the cost of mailing, which is indicated on the order form.

Reunion attendees use this form to indicate quantity and or sizes to be picked up at the reunion.

Those not attending the reunion may use the following form as an order form.

The items and their prices are as follows:



2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan)

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- Board Member **Frank Serpico**
- Board Member **Sam Grant**



2-71 Sales Order Form

Golf Shirt

Qty _____ at \$25.00 each Total _____
Sizes: Small _____, Med _____, Large, _____, X-Large _____,

Golf Shirt

Qty _____ at \$28.00 each Total _____
Size: XX-Large _____

Golf Shirt

Qty _____ at \$30.00 each Total _____
Size: XXX Large _____

Baseball Cap

Qty _____ at \$16.00 each Total _____

I will pick up and pay for these items at the San Antonio Reunion, October 2004

Yes ___ No ___ Total _____

Please mail me the items selected. Check is attached. Yes ___ No ___

Add \$3.00 for mailing _____

Total _____

Member Name _____

Mailing Address _____

2-71 Reunion Registration

Member Name _____
Spouse and Guest Names _____
Mailing Address _____
Tel. No. (with area code) _____ E-mail address _____

Registration Fee is \$45 per person (For those who have not pre-paid)
Includes 7 October social & buffet, and miscellaneous reunion costs.
_____ (number of persons) x \$45 per person; unless you pre-paid

\$ _____

Assn. Membership Fee for 2004 is \$15 per member (do not include guests)
2004 membership fee (if applicable, Check newsletter mailing address label)

\$ _____

Reunion Activities (Optional)

Thursday, October 7, 2004 - Reception & Buffet 6:00pm
_____ (number of persons) \$ N/C

Friday, October 8, 2004 – Ranch Tour & Barbeque 5:30pm
_____ (number of persons) x \$44 per person = \$ _____

Saturday, October 9, 2004 – Social and Banquet 6:00pm
_____ (number of persons) x \$30 per person = \$ _____

Sunday, October 10, 2004 - Memorial Breakfast 8:30am
Sit down breakfast and memorial service for our departed troops
_____ (number of persons) x \$12 per person = \$ _____

Grand Total Registration and Function Tickets: \$ _____
(Tickets will be included in registration packet at the Hotel.)

Mail Full Payment {Check or Money Order Payable to: 2-71 Artillery (Taiwan) Assn.} with completed form to:

**2-71 Artillery (Taiwan) Association
c/o Robert H. Mackintosh, 271 Shady Oak Drive, New Market, AL 35761**

Cancellation s for meals and tour will be refunded if notification is received by 16 September 2004

Membership Survey *for 2004 Reunion Attendees*

Regarding the
ROC 823 Campaign Badge of Honor
and the
US-ROC Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Taiwan Unit: 2-71 Missile Bn (Hqs ____, A ____, B ____, C ____, D, ____);

178th Ord Det. ____; 1st Sig Maint. Det. ____, 31st Engr Det ____,

554th Ord Co. ____; Signal Augmentation Group ____

I have the ROC 823 Campaign Badge of Honor. Yes ____, No ____

I have the ROC 823 Campaign Badge of Honor *Certificate*. Yes ____, No ____

I have the US-ROC Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge. Yes ____, No ____

I have the US-ROC Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge *Certificate*. Yes ____, No ____

I plan on attending the Reunion in San Antonio 7-10 October 2004. Yes ____, No ____

I would like the Houston TECO to present to me the badges/certificates I do not have at the San Antonio Reunion. Yes ____, No ____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Mail To:

2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Assn.

271 Shady Oak Drive

New Market, AL 35761

Or e-mail information to : bmack@ardmore.net

Or fill out the form on the 2-71 web page: <2-71adataiwan.com>