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San Antonio Reunion, 7-10 October 2204

2-71 46th ANNIVERSARY

By **Chuck Lapsley**

The reunion this year at San Antonio Texas was a great success. Over 120 members of the five batteries and the 178th Ordnance and their families enjoyed the events and activities centering around the Clarion Hotel. The Clarion was conveniently located at the beginning of the renowned "Riverwalk" with water taxi access to downtown.

A sizeable contingent arrived in San Antonio earlier in the week ahead of the main body of members. Groups of early arrivals got together **Wednesday** evening for dinner at some of the many restaurants.

The early morning Board of Governors meeting on **Thursday** was followed by registration from noon until five o'clock in the afternoon. Among the issues on the agenda, four major items of importance discussed at the board meeting that were presented to the general membership included:

- Four potential sites for the 2006 Reunion
- Branson, MO
- Rapid City, SD
- Washington, DC
- Las Vegas, NV



Dave O'Connell Receives ROC Certificate from Director General Kenneth Liao, Houston TECO

Retirement of two of the seven directors to emeritus status

Frank Serpico

Sam Grant

Election of two new directors

Search for troops and membership

We currently have 136 Members, 148 Non-member and have not been able to find 300 troops.

Photos of what we looked like during our tour on Taiwan were put on the nametags, which helped to stimulate our recollections. They were much appreciated.

Thursday evening events included an informal reception and buffet in the Santa Fe room where **Bob Mackintosh** welcomed all to the reunion. We all took the opportunity to renew acquaintances and old friendships.

Friday started with a general membership meeting, where a vote of the general membership was taken to select the location of the 2006 reunion. Four sites were discussed, with the South Dakota site being the winner.

Two Board of Directors were retired by the members of the board and five nominations for the two openings were made by the members including: **Thomas Conniff** of D & Hq Battery, **Ray Corbin** of B & D Battery, **S.B. Davis** of D Battery and **James Telford** of A Battery.

Ray Corbin and **S.B. Davis** were elected by secret ballot by the membership at the meeting.

In the afternoon, a Taiwan Badge Ceremony was held to present Mutual Defense Commemorative Badges and 8-23 Badge of Honor medals not previously presented to the members.

Councilman Richard Perez (Mayor Pro-tem) gracefully welcomed the group to San Antonio.

Brian Mackintosh welcomed the Chinese delegation in Mandarin Chinese. Thank you Brian.

Director General Kenneth Liao, TECO-Houston, presented the



2-71 Quilt by Nancy O'Neill

badges and certificates. Photo opportunities were offered. All recipients of badges and certificates shook hands with the Director. Beautiful gilt and calligraphed certificates for the medals were also presented.

Colonel David Annen, 5th Army Special Assistant to the CG was present as an observer for the Commanding General.

Following the award ceremony, a professional group photo of the battalion was taken followed by many individual battery photo opportunities.

Friday afternoon and evening included a trip to the 7A ranch located a half hour out of San Antonio. The 7A ranch is an old active Texas cattle ranch featuring Charolais "Limousine" cattle. I'm not sure what Limousine cattle are, but they are successful for the ranch.

We were greeted by a "cowboy" dressed in cowboy garb complete with vest, six-guns, spurs, a ten-gallon hat and a lariat for trick roping. He was a feature performer including trick roping, handling and juggling six-guns and use of the "bull-whip".

A country swing band located at one end of a covered pole barn played older country songs enjoyed by all including a polka enjoyed by **Bill Santak** and his wife Marion.

The ranch style dinner was well prepared and served chuck wagon style with cowboy coffee prepared at a separate location over a campfire setting competently attended to by a polite ten year old wrangler from the ranch family.

The head wrangler took groups of twenty or thirty on a series of hayrides to a location where, the lights and engine was turned off. You could hear crickets and night sounds in a quiet area, where you could clearly see the Milky Way and millions of stars. The stars were so bright that I had a hard time finding the constellations. I guess that we were deep in the heart of Texas!

Danny Funamura was a guest singer with the Country Swing Band. It was well done and enjoyed by all of us.

Saturday was an open day where individual and groups enjoyed touring the city or other areas of interest in this city of over 1.3 million people.

I enjoyed wandering around parts of the city on the trolley system, and the water taxi on the canals. Several people took the actual river walk along the canals, an interesting and healthy mode of travel.

The re-enactment at the Alamo was very interesting to me. There were a number of performers in the full costume of Santa Ana's troops, buckskin defenders of the Alamo and Indians in full and casual regalia. The museum and gardens around the ranch were all cool and enjoyable. The whole setting offered photo opportunities, subjects for sketching and benches for resting. Transportation was readily available, clean and efficient.

The evening events started with a social hour followed by the 46th Anniversary Dinner.

The Program was started by the presenting of the colors by Alamo Silver Wings, a group of honor guard airborne veterans from San Antonio.

John Spegele led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Danny Funamura** led the singing of America the Beautiful.

Our chaplain, **Don Sneckenberger** gave the blessing.

Comfortable conversations continued throughout the well prepared and delivered dinner.

Following dinner, **Bob Mackintosh** made the introductions, and led the Toast to the Regiments and the Silent Toast to those no longer with us.

Bob Mackintosh gave recognition to **S.B. Davis**, First Sergeant of D battery for recently being inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Congratulations Sergeant!

Bob then introduced the guest speaker **Walt (a.k.a. Chuck) Lapsley**, who shared a bit of his history prior to the tour on Taiwan and his continued growth following the tour of duty in the military. He briefly discussed parts of his forty plus year career as civil engineer working throughout the western part of the United States, with the theme that "Life is an Adventure".

Don Sneckenberger then closed the program with a benediction.

Several members continued to socialize for the remainder of the evening.

Sunday morning started up with the Memorial Breakfast lead by a welcome by Dave O'Connell.

Don Sneckenberger said Grace prior to breakfast.

During breakfast, conversations from the previous day continued, strengthening the group.

Following breakfast, **Ray Corbin** began the official ceremony by lighting the memorial candle.

Don Sneckenberger offered a prayer to all of those who have passed on.

Chuck Lapsley was called upon to call the roll of those members who are no longer among us. There are a total of seventy of these members. They are missed.

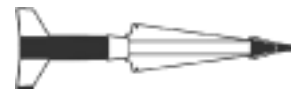
Everyone then shared a Silent Tribute to these members.

Don Sneckenberger led the group in singing verses of "Amazing Grace", followed by **Danny Funamura** leading the group in verses of "America The beautiful", closing with Don offering the Closing Prayer.

President **Bob Mackintosh** closed the Memorial Breakfast and 46th Anniversary Reunion.

Karen O'Connell had made the Memorial Quilt available for signatures for all to sign. The intent is to have this quilt eventually presented for display in the Fort Bliss Museum. All members of the Battalion should sign this historically significant quilt.

Look forward to the 2006 reunion in South Dakota!



Thanks to BOHAUSA

We are grateful to the 823 Badge of Honor Association USA (BOHAUSA) for their contribution to our ROC Badge Ceremony. When the Houston TECO was not able to come up with the certificates, Lloyd Evans of BOHAUSA sent us 40 of each so that we could have them for the ceremony in San Antonio. That's great support from our friends at BOHAUSA.



Note from Houston TECO

Hello Bob,

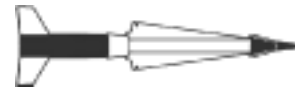
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Again, nice to see you, Mrs. Mackintosh, and your son.
Angel Liu
Consular Officer
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston

**2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan)
Association Officers:**

- President/Treasurer **Bob Mackintosh**
- Vice President **John Spegele**
- Secretary **Dave O’Connell**
- Asst. Secretary **Charlie Trost**
- Board Member **Walt Lapsley**
- Board Member **S.B. Davis**
- Board Member **Ray Corbin**



2004 Reunion Photos



The Troops in San Antonio



Milo Morin



Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Perez Welcomes 2-71



Vern and Blanche Trupp, D Btry



Director General Kenneth Liao, Houston TECO



Dave Kent, Darlynn & Ed Pierzynski



**Pat & Willard Ottman, Hq & C Btry
Bob Jarrell, D Btry**



Larry & Bonnie Trieglaff



**A Battery: Fr. Funamura, Morin, Gamble
Rr. Kolm, Ramsey, Croft, Nezelek, Sneckenberger**



**D Battery: Gaugrin, Wood, O'Neill, Lapsley, O'Connell,
Corbin, Spegele, Rogers, Phillips, Burlage, Jarrell, Davis,
Peoples, Lane, Whitson, Conniff**



**B Battery: Corbin, Mackintosh, Johnson, Douglas,
Breder, Thomson, Moody, Lapsley**

Headquarters Battery: Sorry No Picture



**C Battery: Pierzynski, Ottman, Friese, Mackintosh,
Weller, Boothe, Pannell**





Brian, Lois & Bob Mackintosh

Ann & Tom McGranahan



Nancy and Neal Boothe, C Btry



Jim & Patty Wrench,
A & Hq Btry



Walt "Chuck" Lapsley, D and B Btry



John and Lennore Pohlman, 178th Ord



Don and Ruby Woodin, Hq Btry



Alisa, Janet & Herb Terbile



Kay & Bob Douglas





Barbara and Don Lane
D Btry



Frank Nazelek, A Btry
Barbara Furumura



Al & Sadie Harvard, A Btry



Don Sneckenberger, A Btry
Memorial Breakfast Chaplain



Pat & Karl Kolm, A Btry



Earl and Betty Whitson, D Btry



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Don, Jimmie & Ruth Ann Rogers, D Btry



Leon Shank & Barbara Roberts
178th Ord



Dan Gaughrin (front) Lurye & Harry Phillips, D Btry



Barbara Roberts, Dillie Baxter, Phil Velez
178th Ord



Betty & Mike Conniff, D & Hq Btry



Rich & Nancy Craft, A Btry



Richard & Joan Gamble
A Btry



Filmon & Eleanor Martinez, C Btry

In Memoriam

James L. Millwood, Gibson, GA (31st Engr Det)
Charles P. Daniels, Las Vegas, NV (B & D Btry)



Membership Renewals

Ambler, Tom, Middletown, PA (D Btry)
Baker, Billy, McKenzie, TN (C Btry)
Buchanan, Bob, Clyde, NC (C Btry)
Conniff, Mike, Eden Prairie, MN (D Btry)
Davis, S.B., Talihina, OK (D Btry)
Funamura, Dan, Lihue, HI (A Btry)
Gamble, Rich, Battle Ground, WA (A Btry)
Haase, Jerry, Chicago, IL (D Btry)
Heilman, Bob, Janesville, WI (B Btry)
Keegan, Neil, Fair Oaks, CA (554th Ord)
Kolm, Karl, Waco, TX (D Btry)
Lapsley, Walter "Chuck", Martinez, CA (B & D Btry)
Leyder, Don, Mechanicsburg, PA (Hq Btry)
Martinez, Filimon, Denver, CO (C Btry)
Moody, Stu, Butler, PA (B Btry)
Pohlman, John, Perrysburg, OH (178th Ord)
Privott, Henry, Kitty Hawk, NC (D Btry)
Provost, John, Mount Dora, FL (Hq Btry)
Reichstadt, Mel, Brooklyn Center, MN, (178th Ord)
Rogers, Jimmie, Silver City, NM (D Btry)
Salzman, Jim, San Francisco, CA (D Btry)
Saylor, Lloyd, El Paso, TX (554th Ord)
Schuchardt, Leroy, Waterloo, IL (B Btry)
Serpico, Frank, Fountain Hills, AZ (B & Hq Btry)
Sneckenberger, Don, Hagerstown, MD (A Btry)
Sterk, Wayne, Clinton, IL (B Btry)
Telford, Jim, Milwaukee, WI (A Btry)
Thomson, Bill, Centerville, OH (B Btry)
Vela, Gil, Santa Maria, CA (178th Ord)



New Members

Friederick, Harold, La Vernia, TX (D Btry)
Bell, Carleton, El Paso, TX (C Btry)



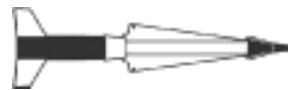
Membership Dues for 2005

Annual membership for 2004 expired on 31 October 2004. If you have not paid your annual membership dues for 2005, please send your \$15.00 to the Association. Your membership expiration date is shown on the newsletter's mailing label.



Found Troops

Bill Hutchison, Hagerstown, MD (D Btry)



Notes from the troops

8/3/04

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

Please thank all the ones who are helping some of us to make the San Antonio Reunion.

Hope to see you all there.

God Bless.

Benjamin Seeley

8/6/04

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

Dear Bob,

We are rarin' to go!

Best Regards

Lydia and Ben Seeley

8/8/04

From: **Joe Hungate** (Hq Btry)

Bob,

Will not be able to make the reunion this year. Just cannot get away from the homestead that time of year.

Joe Hungate

8/11/04

From: **Jerry Haase** (D Btry)

Bob,

I am unable to attend the reunion in San Antonio due to health problems.

Jerry Haase (D Btry)

8/11/04

From: **Tom Ambler** (D Btry)

As the years pass, I realize more and more what 2-71 did for world peace and I'm proud to have been a part of our

group.

I still write to retired Chinese Major I trained to take my place.

Thanx to all who keep us informed.

Tom Ambler

D Battery

8/18/04

From: **Efraim Garcia** (D Btry)

Dear Bob,

Unfortunately, the recent illness of my wife will preclude my attendance at the San Antonio reunion. I know that this is a somewhat late notice but we did not become aware of her medical condition until it was discovered in her annual medical examination last week. I had already been working on my remarks and it might be possible to provide them as an addition to a future newsletter.

I wish all of you a wonderful time in San Antonio. When I became Director of Planning and Development for the San Antonio Development Agency in 1983, my primary mission was to develop San Antonio into a nationally renown tourist destination. You will be benefiting from our successful accomplishment of that mission.

Sincerely,

Efraim S. Garcia

8/21/04

From: **Joe Duchesne** (Hqs Btry)

Hi Bob,

Sorry to be so late in getting this to you É

Please use the extra funds as you see fit. I thank you all for the time and hard work all of you put in to these reunions.

Good health to you and Lois.

Sincerely,

Joe

8/24/04

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

Hi Bob,

I called Big Mac and finally got him yesterday evening. He won't be making it to the Reunion this year. Says he will surly be there in spirit.

The VA Hospital in Cleveland is making arrangements to get him a bed ASAP. They will be doing a lot of testing, etc., prior to operating again on his aneurysms. There are some other things they want to check out to assure his health. They said he would be in for a while. That with the recovery period will move his timeline past October 7. He is grateful for the opportunity afforded him by the Association.

It was nice talking to you the other day. It was the highlight of my day. I love hearing from you guys by phone and E-mail but have the hardest time trying to make calls or write on my own. I must be ready for the loony bin.

Cheers troop,

Dave

8/27/04

From: **Dan Gagarin** (D Btry)

Just a note to say thanks you for all the time you spend on our behalf!

Dan Gagarin

8/30/04

From: **Ron O'Neill** (D Btry)

Bob,

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again and the sights of San Antonio!

Sincerely,

Nancy and Ron O'Neill

8/31/04

From: Rebecca **Daniels (Charlie, B & D Btry)**

Dear Bob,

I am writing to you on behalf of **Charles Daniels**. It truly saddens me to inform you that he passed away July 30th.

As you probably already know, he had lung cancer traced back to Agent Orange. He fought long and hard.

Please remove his name from your mailing list.

I met him after his tour in Taiwan and don't know anyone he was stationed with over there.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Daniels

Las Vegas, Nevada

8/31/04

From: **Claxton Hurst** (Augmentation Gap)

Hi:

We just returned home last weekend. Our whole summer has been a whirlwind.

Steve, our 37-year old son, found the girl of his dreams, and planned a destination wedding in Napa Valley, California. First time marriage, and it was quite a celebration, lasting three weeks.

Needless to say, our available monies have been spent, and we would have liked to "do" the wedding and the reunion all in one year, but it is not wise for us to plan another trip this year.

One great side visit for us was to spend the day with **Col. Lee and Artie Early** in Monterey. What a marvelous couple they are! We had our own "mini" convention, and toasted a few glasses of champagne to the 71st.

Please say hello to everyone for us.

Mitt and Claxton

9/1/04

From: **Paul Lapham** (Hq Btry)

Dear Bob & Lois:

We regret we will be unable to attend the Reunion in San Antonio. Paul is scheduled for Lumbar Laminectomy on 13 September. He has been having problems for the last few months, the Drs tried to correct the problem with physical therapy, cortisone shots and epidurals but none have

helped; therefore surgery. We kept hoping that he would be okay for the trip but that isn't to be.

Due to the devastation from Hurricane 'Charley' only one of the hospitals here in Port Charlotte is fully operational, and now Florida is keeping a close eye on Hurricane 'Francis' which is a much larger storm. Utilities were out for 5 days, all water had to be boiled for a longer period of time here in our area. (We had kept the 5-gallon teakettle and plastic water container that we had to use while living in Taiwan so they came in handy. We are hoping that we don't need to use them again by the end of this week!!!!) Those people that have lost everything, as well as those that have had major damage to their homes certainly do not need any more destruction. We live just far enough from where the hurricane made landfall that we only lost some smaller trees, shrubs etc. We in this area along the Myaka River that flows into Charlotte Harbor only had minor damages compared to those along the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. If another storm with high winds should hit this area no one knows what will happen with all the debris that is still on the ground everywhere. The clean-up crews cannot remove everything fast enough. They are making huge piles with all the downed trees and limbs in the back area of the Baseball Stadium (where the major league team did their winter training). We saw what happened from 'Andrew' this area looks just like it.

Paul will certainly miss being with you and all the guys and I feel badly that I won't be there to help you Lois. We will be thinking of all of you and looking forward to seeing some pictures and hearing about the reunion and look forward to the next one in 2006.

Fondly,
Paul & Diana

9/1/04

From: **Harold Friederick** (D Btry)
Hello Bob!

I am sending my dues for 2004. I'll be at the reunion in San Antonio. I live about 25 miles from the hotel. I'll be staying at home during the reunion.

Van Sims and I visited with each other during the years. He was a good friend.

It will be great to see everyone again.
Thanks,
Harold

9/5/04

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

It's sad when one of our brothers succumbs to one of the many ills that face all of us. It's especially sad when someone of **Charlie's (Daniels)** spirit passes away. When Mimi and I visited with him this past November his spirits were high, but he admitted that he was fighting the big fight.

I actually thought he had it beat from the way he talked. The sad thing was that none of our members had a chance to visit with him one last time. This is one more reason for all

of us to make as many of these reunions as possible. Thanks once again for your leadership role in making this happen.

See you in San Antonio.
Mimi and Ray

9/22/04

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

Dear Bob & Lois,

Sorry we're going to miss the convention. Hope you all have a great time.

Yours truly,
John Provost

10/11/04

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

The Reunions just get better and better and the San Antonio Reunion was great! Of course the group realizes the huge amount of planning and work that you and the reunion committee put into these. As one of our group I would like to thank you again for all of your efforts done on our behalf.

We wish you all well as you start the planning stage for our next adventure at the Mount Rushmore area in 2006.

Good Health,
Mimi and Ray

10/14/04

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

Bob & Lois,

We want to thank you both for planning and running the 2004 reunion. It was great.

Everyone enjoyed and the weather was great; especially at the BBQ.

I'll send you the original of the turndown for the MUC for your records.

Again thanks for the work. See you in SD or maybe sooner.

John, Peg & Jay

10/16/04

From: Angel Liu (Houston TECO)

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10/17/04

From: **Bob Douglas** (B Btry)

Dear Bob and Lois,

Thanks again for the outstanding Reunion in San Antonio. Just when we think you can't do a better one you prove us wrong. Really out did yourselves. We had a wonderful time and it was great to see everyone. San Antonio was a wonderful place to have the reunion. Location in town and accommodations could not have been better.

Kay and I are already looking forward to the next one in South Dakota.

Hope you both are about recovered from all the work you did.

We are back in El Paso and will be till the first week in December when we plan to return to San Antonio till about first week in January 2005 and be there till about April 1.

Stay well and keep in touch.

Az ever,

Bob and Kay Douglas

10/19/04

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

Hi Bob,

Just wanted to let you know that Nancy and I had a terrific time at the reunion. You and Lois and the rest of the committee did another fabulous job. Thanks for a wonderful reunion.

Nancy & Jim

10/24/04

From: Mrs. **Robert (Jeraldine) Johnson**

Dear Sir:

To notify you of change of address from McComb, Miss. to Arab, Ala., June 12, 2004.

Son Michael and family moved from Greeley, Colo. June 1st, and my two sons Michael and Rick, with their wives, came in a 18 wheeler truck and moved me. I found a home and moved in July 28th. Son Rick and family live here, already; so now I am with my family - a hard move, to leave my home I had been with, but, I saw I needed family. I have been able to set up, repair etc. So now I will have time, I can adjust. I hope!

I received Robert's "Badge of Honor" Certificate, alright. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert E. (Jeraldine) Johnson

10/25/04

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

Dear Sir:

Won't make the reunion, but still like to read all the good comments that all the fellows put in the paper.

Here are my dues for another year + \$5.00 for whatever.

Know you will all have a good time.

Yours truly,

Billy Baker

10/25/04

From: **Don Redman** (C Btry)

Bob,

The medal certificates were a nice surprise.

Thanks,

Don

10/26/04

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

Bob,

Here are photos from the San Antonio reunionÉ

As for the reunion itself, it was great. I heard some saying it was the best yet. Karen and I had a great time. Everything went smoothly, the registration, the reception, the ROC Medal Ceremony, the Ranch Barbecue, the Banquet, the Memorial Breakfast and the beauty and activity along the "Riverwalk" was the frosting on the cake.

To me, the greatest and most amazing part of the reunion is the continued comradeship we share forth-six years after our deployment to the 1958 Taiwan Straits action. It always seems like we have only been on a weekend pass when we get together. The glue of brotherhood during times of shared danger is binding forever.

Thanks, Bob, for all your work and your dedication to the 2nd Msl Bn 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association.

Cheers troop,

Dave

10/27/04

From: **Don Melvin** (Hq Btry)

Hi Bob,

I just received the medal and certificate a couple of days ago. They sure are niceÉ

I spent almost the whole month of July '04 in the VA Hospital in Denver for a mass that was found on the backside of my heart; lucky they were able to remove it with meds and equipment they inserted through my throat. Still have my back operation to go thru.

I was wondering if you were able to make the San Antonio ID Badges? É

Thanks you and best wishes to everyone.

Don Melvin

10/30/04

From: **Ron O'Neill**

Dear Bob and Lois:

Nancy and I had a wonderful time at the San Antonio Reunion. We really loved San Antonio—it is so picturesque.

The reunion was great, seeing all the Army buddies and their wives again. The activities were wonderful.

Your efforts are appreciated by all. Everyone really had a great time!!

We are looking forward to the next one at Mt. Rushmore.

We attached a picture of the Taiwan quilt. Hope you can put it in the newsletter. Let me know if you have any

problem with receiving the attachment.

Nancy's arm is healing well, and she will start physical therapy soon. She still needs to wear the brace for another six weeks.

We hope you and Lois have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Again, thank you for doing a wonderful job on the reunion.

Sincerely,
Ron and Nancy O'Neill

10/31/04

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

Thank you for the wonderful reunion you planned.

Both Ann and

I were impressed and grateful.

TTMc

11/02/04

From: **Mike Conniff** (D Btry)

Bob,

Betty and I had a great time in San Antonio and want to thank everyone that had anything to do with setting it up.

Looking forward to 2006 in Rapid City.

Have a great winter,

Mike Conniff

11/18/04

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

Don McMahan, D Battery, was operated on again today to remove more aneurysms. I talked to him in ICU and he seems to be doing well. He was told he should be home for Thanksgiving. He is supposed to be back in his regular room tomorrow. Anyone wishing to call him or send a card can call the VA Hospital at 216-791-3800 (Room 5B117) or send the card to the: VA Medical Center, 10701 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106

I would appreciate it if you would pass this on to the guys, Bob.

Cheers,

Dave

11/19/04

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

Dave,

Good to hear that "**Big Mack**" is getting proper treatment and that he may be fine. Please say hello to him and that we missed seeing him at the last reunion.

Hope that everyone is looking forward to a great holiday season.

Mimi and Ray

11/20/04

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

Dear Bob and Lois

I want to thank you so much for our San Antonio experience, such a spirit of love between the attendees there—thanks for your leadership, I wish you a Blessed Holiday Season. The girls send their love to all the association folks and wishes for good health.

Don Sneckenberger

11/28/04

From: Sam Robinson

(son of **CPT Irving Robinson**, D and Hq Btry)

My name is Sam Robinson, my father was, in 1958, CPT Irving "Robbie" Robinson. I was 11, so I don't remember much other than Lucky Village where we lived, Pres. Eisenhower's visit, Keelung Harbor when the dependents docked on the USS Breckinridge. I was there from 59-60. My father retired in 1970 as an O-6 and died in 1979. My mother, Bettie Robinson, died in 2002. Both are interned in the National Cemetery at Fort Bliss.

My older brother, Mike retired from AD as an LTC, Armor and resides in Leavenworth, KS. I retired as a MAJ, Medical Service Corp and currently live in Raleigh, NC.

1958 was a scary time. My father's battalion was preparing to go to Alaska when the orders came down diverting them to Taiwan. I remember arriving in Taiwan about 6 or 7 months after my father went over. We lived in Lucky Village, which was surrounded by rice paddies, and were almost cut off after Typhoon Billie. Not a fun place as I recall.

Interesting newsletter.

12/10/2004

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

Vern reports by phone from Idaho that he has had a shoulder replacement and cannot write. The physical therapy is going well. He wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12/17/04

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

We so look forward to the reunion. To say thank you does not always seem enough for all the hard work you do, but it is always appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Earl & Betty

12/15/04

From: **Neal Boothe** (C Btry)

Hi: Bob

The San Antonio reunion was great. Every thing was so well organized. Good job as usual and a lot of work went into all the planning. (Thanks to every one involved.)

It was good meeting new friends and having a good time with old ones.

The next morning after we returned home we got a call that Nancy mom passes away. We caught a flight to N. Carolina that evening.

I had asked some couples to stop by on their way back home. I

am sorry if we missed any one.

God bless

Neal & Nancy



Meritorious Unit Commendation Denied

The Department of Army has turned down the recommendation that the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery, Nike-Hercules, be awarded the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation for their service on Taiwan in 1958 and 1959. Details from the DA letter will be provided in a later newsletter.



Cold War Museum Link

The Cold War Museum www.coldwar.org has added the 2-71 web page link to its own web page. It may be found by selecting the “50s” button, then “The First and Second Taiwan Straits Crisis”, then clicking for addition information at the end of the paragraph. We appreciate Lloyd Evan’s and the Cold War Museum for adding the 2-71 link to their web page.



Bob Buchanan Receiving ROC Badge



Mimi and Ray Corbin