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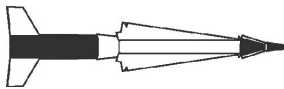
August 2005

## 2006 Reunion

Hey troops! Time is flying and we are only fourteen months away from our reunion in Rapid City, SD. The dates are 28 September through 1 October 2006. We will furnish the final schedule of events in the next newsletter and will ask at that time for advanced registrations. This will give us an indication of those who plan to attend. **Willard and Pat Ottman** live fairly close to Rapid City (at least in the State). They have checked out the hotels, recommended the Ramkota Hotel, and are working on a day trip to Mount Rushmore and other attractions in the area.

Make plans to attend now. As you know, and can see by the news below, we are losing some of our members and the health of others is failing. Take advantage of this opportunity to visit with old Taiwan hands.

Start now to contact a buddy and make arrangements to see each other at the reunion. If you need an address, telephone number, or e-mail address of someone on our mailing list, write or call **Bob Mackintosh** (see newsletter letterhead). If you need help finding someone who is not on our mailing list, contact Bob with the name and any information you have on the person, such as where his family lived when we were in Taiwan. This information will be used to search the internet for possible matches. You will be sent this information to follow-up and possibly make contact with your Taiwan buddy. It won't work unless you check it out. **START NOW! MOVE OUT SMARTLY!**



## Notes from the Troops

4/28/05

From: **Carmen Stohlman** (widow of **Robert**, 554<sup>th</sup> Ord. Co.)

Dear Family and Friends,

It is with sad heart that I tell you that the Lord called Bob home on April 12, 2005.

Since July 2004, after suffering 2 falls, he had been going down physically and mentally. At first he was in a rehab Center because of a fractured leg, and afterwards in a Nursing Home as he needed a lot of care, which he could not

receive at home.

On April 5, he was taken to the hospital with pneumonia and a blood infection, and as we all know he was a real fighter. With all the past broken bones, plus surgeries he always bounced back. He had requested no "heroics" and so he was kept comfortable – no tubes, no pumps and no pain. Now he is with our Heavenly Father.

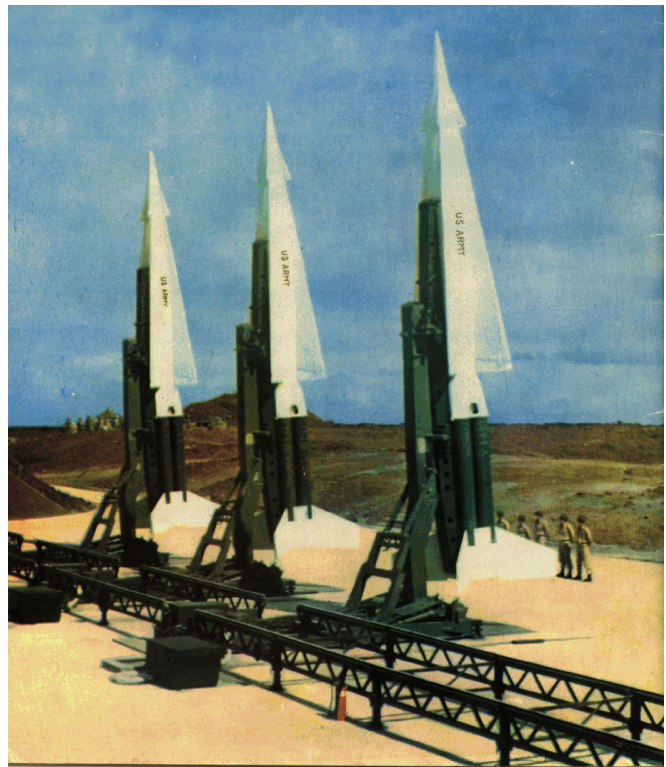
He was always extremely proud of his military service, so he will be buried on July 7, 2005, at 10:45 A.M. in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

I give thanks for our 62 years together and 2 wonderful sons who have been my support. Life goes on for those of us left behind and we must make adjustments. We must not lose our faith and God will give us strength to keep going. Amen.

(P.S.)

Dear Bob and Lois:

For so many years Bob planned on going to the reunions, but he had a lot of health problems – 5 hip surgeries – 4 heart



**2-71 Nike-Hercules Launcher Section  
Taiwan, October 1958**

attacks with 4 bypasses, etc., and in the last 4 years, he suffered quite a few falls. I am sending his dues & a little more for whatever is needed. I wish the "Taiwan Assn." good luck and happiness to all.

Carmen M. Stohlman  
554<sup>th</sup> Ord.

5/4/05

From: **Charlie Scott** (A Btry)

Sorry for the (dues) oversight.

Here are dues for 2 years and a little extra for whatever.  
Charlie

5/5/05

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

Hello Bob and Lois,

Thanks for another very wonderful reunion. Hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

Sorry my dues are late. Time just got away from us. Find enclosed a check for two years.

We certainly are looking forward to our reunion in South Dakota.

Wishing you both health and happiness, 'till we see you again.

Sincerely,

Merle Weller and Darlene O'Shields  
C Battery

5/7/05

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

Ed. John says he has moved to Castleberry, FL. He also sent some photos of **MSgt. Marvin Roberts, CWO Don Lane**, and himself.



**MSgt. Marvin Roberts**



**CWO Don Lane**



**John Brokowski**

5/9/05

From: **Leo St. Amour** (C Btry)

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is my dues plus a little to help out on postage, or wherever it is needed.

Sorry I'm late. Guess you probably start wondering when a member does not renew on time. None of us is getting any younger. **Don't put my name in a black box yet!**

Hope to be able to make the next reunion.

Sincerely,

Leo R. St. Amour

5/15/05

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

Please use this for my dues and the rest for other cause you see fit.

Sorry I couldn't make the last reunion but I will be at the next one for sure.

Rapid City, SD is a great choice for the '06 reunion. The last three years I made the bike rallies in Sturgis, SD. This year will be my third ride to Washington, D.C. for the rolling thunder ride 5/26/05. Last year 1/2 million bikers made the trip from all over the world.

Could you please send me the address of **Gilbert Garcia** of A Battery? I think I have some photos of him. Still looking for **Bob Gross** of A Battery. I think he was from LA, Cal. He was a close friend.

God Bless the 71<sup>st</sup>.

Joe

5/25/05

From: **Jeraldine Johnson** (widow of **Robert E. Johnson**, Hq Btry)

Dear friend,

I need information...

I receive the newsletter, thank you. I will soon be here a year June 11<sup>th</sup> (Arab, AL from Hattiesburg, MS). I still feel "out of place", but I am back in church, I am well and O.K. I do hope you and family are well.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert E. Johnson

6/2/05

From: **Harry Cameron** (B Btry)

Harry reports that he has moved from the Bronx to Mt. Vernon, NY.

6/12/05

From: **Chuck Lapsley** (B & C Btry)

Bob,

The attached is a brief account of a trip on a sailboat that I crewed on in Canadian water in May of this year. The trip was of particular significant to me, as fifty years ago this month I was an ordinary seaman for the summer on a merchant ship on my way to the arctic waters above Alaska and Canada, carrying construction material and equipment for the Construction of DEW line sites.

Our ship, the Coastal Sentry, was one of a twenty eight-ship convoy of merchant and military ships including LST's, Ice Breakers and other support ships

A particular point of interest to me was that the route of the convoy traveling the Inland Passage route from Seattle was basically the same route taken on our 42-ft sailboat (the S/V "Mystery") last month! Standing wheel watch was really nostalgic.

My brother and I were on a shakedown cruise on the Mystery last spring for just four days out of Victoria British Columbia, which was a bit of stretch, but my old body

could still pull sail sheets. Tai chi exercises and weight training can even tone up a vintage body!

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

Regards,

Chuck Lapsley

6/17/05

From: **Wes Sumrill** (Augmentation Gp)

Ed. Wes called after getting the newsletter and was enthusiastic about attending the next reunion. Ed had gone back to Taiwan in 1963 with the Army Security Agency and was stationed at Linkou. He was going to attend a reunion of the ASA group in Las Vegas later this year. He indicated that he would really like to get together with four of his (1958) buddies from Taiwan, **Eldon Pomplun**, **Donald Possinger**, **Don Turner**, and **Richard Sullivan**. With the help of the internet, we were able to find Eldon Pomplun for Wes. Donald Possinger was located, unfortunately he was deceased. We had no luck with the search for Turner and Sullivan, but two out of four isn't bad.

6/25/05

From **Henry Mason** (Hq Btry)

Bob,

I'm sending dues for four additional years. Hope the association is moving along okay and everyone is well.

Will be sending a picture of my Taiwan outfit, as soon as I find my old photo album.

Good health and cheers to all.

Sincerely,

Henry M. Mason

6/28/05

From **Stephen Phillips** (C Btry)

Dear Robert,

I keep forgetting to write you about my change of address. My wife and I moved into our new home on August 17<sup>th</sup> (2004), our 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary. I appreciate all the work that you put into keeping our newsletter going. It is very well put together and very informative.

I am hoping that my wife and I may be able to attend the 2006 reunion. It sounds like once again ya'll (pardon my southern accent) have put a lot of work into assuring that we will have everything we need when and if we come.

I know that my dues are not due until October 31<sup>st</sup>, but decided to go ahead and send them while I was writing. I am including an extra \$5 to help with some of the postage expenses.

Thanks again,

Stephen L. Phillips

7/1/05

From: N. C. "**Nick**" **Hodge** (C Btry)

Bob,

Anything you can plan (for the reunion) that involves group participation will be great. Maybe the train ride, or

something similar. I enjoyed the B-B-Q at San Antonio, the boat ride at Nashville, the theatre at St Louis, and the Juarez jaunt at El Paso. That was the glue that held it all together.

I'm not wishing any of the life I have remaining away, but I wish we were departing for SD next week.

Thanks for doing such a great job.

Nick

7/17/05

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

Hi Bob and Lois from the cool mountains in Mayhill N.M. Hope this finds you both in good health. Kay and I are fine. You may have heard but I just read in the El Paso Times newspaper of the passing of our friend **Carlton Bell**. Kay and I had the opportunity of spending some time with him during the past two years as we attended computer classes at the community college in El Paso.

"Carlton was born in New Bern, North Carolina on Feb 8, 1936 and passed away on July 14, 2005. He retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of CSM after 28 years of service. He is survived by his wife Theresa of 49 years and sons and foster sons. Visitations will be held from 5-9p.m. on Tuesday July 19, 2005 at Sunset Funeral Homes located at 4631 Hondo Pass, in El Paso, Texas. Funeral services will begin at 9:00a.m. on Wednesday Jul 20, 2005 at Sunset Funeral Homes Northeast. Internment to follow at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be made to the El Paso Children's Orphanage, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association in Carlton's name."

Sorry to have such sad news. Our prayers are with his family.

Bob and Kay Douglas

7/19/05

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

Hello,

So good to hear you are both well. We are fine. Kay still having back problems but has a pain Dr. in El Paso and he seems to be able to get her some relief with medication.

We are in Mayhill N.M. at the Rio Penasco RV Park at 6,700 ft alt. 45 degrees at night and 78 in the day. The town has a population of 100 and that includes all the ranchers for miles around. Ha! Ha! Not exactly New York City. We plan to be here till 1 Sept then return to El Paso for a while for Doctor appointments for us both.

We are considering settling down in Las Cruces N.M in the next year and getting a small RV to take short trips. Old age is catching up with us and we know we can't keep up the life we have enjoyed for the past 16 years.

Well better go. Our best wishes to you both and members of the 2/71st Arty.

Love,

Bob and Kay Douglas

7/19/05

From: **Don McMahon** (D Btry)

Don called to say that he was feeling great, "If I got any better, I couldn't stand it." As most of you know Don was in the VA Hospital and missed our last reunion. Don reports that he had three different surgeries to remove aneurisms - aortal, thigh and abdomen. He walks two miles in 41 minutes each day, works with dumbbells and has got his weight up from 139 to 152 lbs.

8/10/05

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

Hi everyone:

Just a quick update. Last Friday, Bob had emergency surgery due to an aneurism. He is in ICU and stable. Will update every few days as time permits. Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo, NM. It was touch and go for 1st day or two but at present he is stable and able to communicate and joke. Not sure when he will be out of ICU.

Please hold any unnecessary e-mail, as I am at hospital daily and beat at night. Will advise of any major change. Keep him in your prayers.

Love,

Kay

8/16/05

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

Hi Everyone:

Thanks for your prayers and concerns. I just got to e-mail and I appreciate everyone's support. Bob moved out of ICU yesterday. Don't know how long he will be in hospital. Still has some infection and drainage in groin area where he has a number of staples, but he is alert, gets time confused, sometimes thinks am is pm; but understand this is normal after so many drugs and much stress on body. It is a real miracle he is with us.

Will try and start answering individual e-mails next week.

Thank you again. Your support has been so important to both of us.

Love,

Kay

8/18/05

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

Hi everyone: Bringing Bob to RV today. Still a little infection but antibiotics seem to be handling that problem. Will have staples out in 10 days or so. Our full timing days are over. Think we will settle down in Las Cruces, NM. It is time but will miss our carefree lifestyle. We have been blessed with so many friends. Our love to each one of you and our thanks for your concern and many prayers. Will get Bob to take over communications after today.

Hugs,

Kay

8/20/05

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

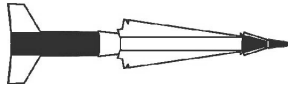
Hi:

Bob read your e-mails today, but was too weak to answer. He appreciated all of your expressions of concern and get well wishes and prayers. Doctor said recovery will be a long one but I can see his mental alertness is coming back. He wants to get a haircut, this from a man who is exhausted from taking a shower. Go figure!!!!

I hope he will be able to communicate with all of you in the near future, but guess you are stuck with me for a while longer. As long as he is getting better, I don't mind.

Hugs to everyone.

Kay

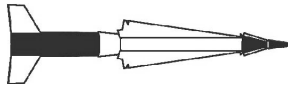


### Membership Renewal

Membership expiration date is on the newsletter mailing label, if you have been a member recently. If you are late, send in your \$15 dues and get credit for next year.

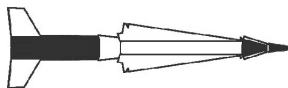
Recent renewals:

**Corbin, Ray**; Littleton, CO (B & D Btry)  
**Duchesne, Joe**; Ctr. Ossipee, NH (A Btry)  
**Hodge, Nick**; Marianna, AR(C Btry)  
**Mason, Henry**, Media, PA (Hq Btry)  
**Phillips, Stephen**, Mt. Pleasant, SC (C Btry)  
**Scott, Charlie**; El Paso, TX (A Btry)  
**St. Amour, Leo**; Havre de Grace, MD (C Btry)  
**Stohlman, Mrs. Robert**; Olney, MD (554<sup>th</sup> Ord Co.)  
**Weller, Merle**; Strasburg, PA (C Btry)



### Found Troops

**Eldon G. Pomplun**, Omro, WI (Aug Gp)  
**Donald W. Possinger**, Neptune, NJ (Aug Gp, deceased)



### Need E-mail Addresses

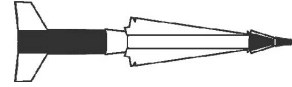
We have had e-mails returned from the following troops:

**Leo Lefrancois**  
**Terry DuToi**

We have had e-mails returned from the following individuals because of full mailboxes, or other problems:

**Ken Johnson**, us2@earthlink.net  
**Joe Dougherty**, joedougherty@cox.com

If anyone has a new e-mail address, please send it to [bmack@ardmore.net](mailto:bmack@ardmore.net).



### In Memoriam

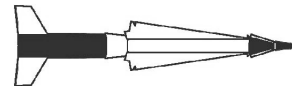
**Joseph R. Angelotti**, A Battery, died 15 Oct 2004

**Carlton L. Bell**, C Battery, died 14 Jul 2005

**William H. MacNeal III**, 178<sup>th</sup> Ord Det.,  
died 25 Dec 2004.

**Donald W. Possinger**, Augmentation Group,  
died 27 Feb 2004

**Robert F. Stohlman**, 554<sup>th</sup> Ord Co.  
died 12 Apr 2005



### Obituaries

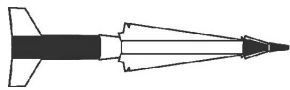


#### **BELL**

(CSM US ARMY RET) Carleton Linwood Bell, 69, of El Paso, beloved husband, Father, grandfather and best friend passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2005. He was born February 8, 1936 in New Bern, North Carolina and proudly

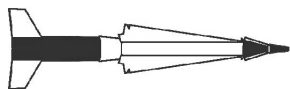
served his country and retired after 28 years of service in the U.S. Army. He received an Associate Degree from El Paso Community College in 1985. He was a long time member and Deacon of the Worldwide Church of God. He has many interest including bible study, computers, education, mentoring orphans and counseling widows. He is survived by his wife, Theresa of 49 years; sons, Carleton, Jr., Edward, Jeffery, and David; foster sons, John and Ray McDonald; daughters, Grace, Carletta, and Ramona; grandchildren, David, Paul, Andre, Thereza, Marcus, Rochanda, Theresa A., Italia, Marvin, Alexandria, Theresa L., Marita, and Jeffery, Jr.; brothers, James and wife, Lucy of New York, NY, Charles and wife, Rita of San Francisco, CA, and Edward and wife, Patricia of Durham, NC; sisters, Alvera of New Bern, NC, Anne of Brooklyn, NY, Delores of New York, NY, and Evelyn of Brooklyn, NY; and many more nephews, nieces, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly. Visitation will be held from 5-9pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast located at 4631 Hondo Pass. Funeral Service will begin at 9:00am on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast. Interment to follow at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the El Paso Children's Orphanage, The American Cancer Society or The American Heart Association in Carleton's name. Services entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-Northeast.

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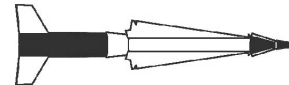
### Membership Dues

The 2006 membership year will start 1 November 2005. If you would like to start, or continue, your membership in the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association, please submit your \$15.00 to Robert Mackintosh, 2-71 (Taiwan) Assn, 271 Shady Oak Drive, New Market, AL 35761. If you are currently a member, or have recently been a member, your membership expiration date will show on your newsletter address label. Any dues submitted after this newsletter will be credited to the 2006 dues year.



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

President/Treasurer	<b>Bob Mackintosh</b>
Vice President	<b>John Spegele</b>
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Asst. Secretary	<b>Charlie Trost</b>
Board Member	<b>Walt Lapsley</b>
Board Member	<b>S.B. Davis</b>
Board Member	<b>Ray Corbin</b>



### More Historical Documents Related to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missile Battalion, 71<sup>st</sup> Artillery on Taiwan in 1958-59.

The first attachment is a Top Secret message (downgraded to Unclassified) from the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific (CINCPAC) and the Commander, Taiwan Defense Command, dated 25 August 1958. Paragraph 3.b. talks about the deployment of our 2-71 Nike-Hercules unit to Taiwan. In paragraph 1.f., the JCS advises the commanders to prepare to use atomic weapons. (This document is from the National Archives.)

The second attachment is the response from CINCPAC to JCS, dated 28 August 1958. Paragraph C. welcomes the augmentation of the Nike-Hercules battalion. (This document was downgraded to Unclassified and is from the National Archives.)

The third attachment, dated 6 September 1958, is part of JCS Situation Report No. 53. It mentions our Nike Regiment deployment in paragraph 1.c. Unfortunately, a portion of that paragraph was not declassified and has been redacted. The last page of this attachment shows the deployment of U.S. Forces in the Pacific as of 6 September 1958. It does not show 2-71 Artillery, as our unit did not arrive on Taiwan until 8 October 1958. However, it does show the Davis Line that played such a big part in the Air Defense Rules of Engagement during our tour. (This document was obtained from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library.)

