



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

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2006 Reunion

We are only nine months away from our reunion in Rapid City, SD. The Ramkota Best Western Hotel will be our reunion hotel. The dates are 28 September through 1 October 2006.

Schedule :

Thursday, 28 Sep 2006

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- Board of Governors Meeting
(Board members only)
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Registration
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Welcome Social
7:00p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner

Friday, 29 Sep 2006

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – General Membership Meeting
(members only)
11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Bus tour to Crazy Horse,
Custer State Park Wildlife Loop
and Mt. Rushmore

Saturday, 30 Sep 2006

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Free time for sightseeing,
visiting, etc
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Social Hour, Group Photos
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Reunion Banquet

Sunday, 1 Oct 2006

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – Conclusion of Reunion Activities

Hotel Reservations

You should make your hotel reservations directly with the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD in order to obtain the 2nd Missile Bn discount rate of \$74.00 (plus tax). Their telephone number is (605) 343-8550. You will not get the 2nd Missile Bn. discount rate if you make the reservation through Best Western Hotels Central Booking.



Buffaloe at Custer State Park
(Courtesy of Brian.Madetzke@state.sd.us)



Needles Highway
(Courtesy of Jim.Rodoni:jrmr@gwtc.net)

Travel Discounts

Travel Discounts can be obtained by making your airline reservations through Black Hills Central Reservations, (800) 529-0105. They will get you discounts on Northwest Airlines or United Airlines. Just mention that you are with the 2nd Missile Battalion Reunion. You may also have to mention that our group has room reservations at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. If you need a rental car for sightseeing

on your own, they have rental car discounts also.

Reunion Advanced Reservations

If you are pretty sure that you will be attending the reunion, please send in an Advanced Registration Fee of \$30.00 per person. (See form on back page.) This will give us an indication of how many plan to attend. The registration fee will cover reunion administrative charges and will include the cost of the Thursday night buffet. Fees for the tour, the Reunion Banquet, and the Memorial Breakfast will be requested in the June newsletter.

Friday Bus Tour

The Friday tour will be our only organized tour. The tour will leave the hotel after the General Membership Meeting. We will proceed on motor coaches, with guides on each coach, to the Crazy Horse Monument that is under construction and the Crazy Horse Museum. We will take the Needles Scenic Highway to a Game Lodge where we will have a late lunch. (Lunch is on you.) The tour will continue via the Custer State Wildlife Loop (Buffaloes, etc.). We will end up at Mt. Rushmore where we will have dinner in the Buffalo Dining Room (on you) and attend the evening Sculpture Lighting Ceremony. We expect the fee for the tour to be \$40.00, but that depends on the number of participants. The fee includes the busses, tour guides, and admission to the parks, but does not include meals.

Saturday Open Time

You will have all day Saturday to visit downtown Rapid City or take a trip to visit the Badlands. Nothing is programmed until Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening Reunion Banquet

The Reunion Banquet will be in the Ramkota Hotel. There will be a social hour followed by the Reunion Banquet. Cost for the banquet will be provided in the next newsletter, after the menu is selected. The banquet speaker for past reunions has been a volunteer from within our membership. This year we may have an outside speaker. The Board of Directors is currently discussing the possibility of having Francis Gary Powers, Jr., Founder of the Cold War Museum, (and son of the famous U-2 pilot) as our guest speaker. This should be finalized early in January 2006. (See the Cold War Museum piece later in the newsletter.)

Sunday Memorial Breakfast

The Memorial Breakfast will be held in the hotel and will be similar to the Memorial Breakfasts of prior reunions. We will honor the departed members of 2-71 Artillery and our support units.

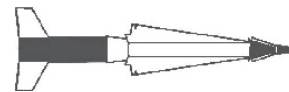
Message for Financially Strapped Members of our Assn.

We hope that all of you are in good health and doing well financially, but we know this is not always the case. If you could make it to Rapid City for the reunion, but do not feel that you can attend, because of the cost of hotel rooms, tours, banquets, etc., let Bob Mackintosh know. He will take your situation to the Board of Directors, and they will help, if possible. In the past, we have had monetary donations from members to help out where needed, so we have a limited ability to help those who are truly in need of assistance. Please submit any requests as early as possible, so that the Board of Directors can consider the request, and you can make appropriate plans. If the Assn. cannot accommodate all requests, they will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis, within the Association's resources.

Contact your Friends

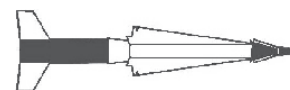
Start now to contact a buddy and make arrangements to see each other at the reunion. If you need an address, telephone number, or e-mail address of someone on our mailing list, write or call Bob Mackintosh (see newsletter letterhead). If you need help finding someone who is not on our mailing list, contact 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 information to follow-up, and possibly make contact with your Taiwan buddy. It won't work unless you check it out.

DO YOUR PART TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL REUNION!



New Members

Claussen, Jerome, Cave Junction, OR (B Btry)



Membership Renewals

Ambler, Tom, Harrisburg, PA (D Btry)
Breder, Milt, Quincy, IL (B Btry)
Buchanan, Bob, Clyde, NC (C Btry)
Croft, Rich, South Lake Tahoe, CA (A Btry)
Davis, S.B., Talihina, OK (D Btry)
Early, Lee, Monterey, CA (C & Hq Btrys)
Esperson, Warren, Zion, IL (1st Sig Det)
Grant, Sam, Darlington, S.C. (Hq Btry)
Haase, Jerry, Chicago, IL (D Btry)
Henryhand, David, Philadelphia, PA (C Btry)
Jackson, Dewey, Foley, AL (D Btry)
Kent, Dave, Mt. Prospect, IL (D Btry)
Kjersgaard, Jim, Perth Amboy, NJ (D Btry)
Kukowski, Dan, Glendive, MT (Hq Btry)
Martinez, Filimon, Denver, CO (C Btry)
Mayer, John, Osage, IA (D Btry)
McGranahan, Tom, Sunriver, OR (Hq Btry)
Melvin, Don, Superior, CO (Hq Btry)
Morin, Casimiro, Campbell, CA (A Btry)
Olivares, Fidel, Arlington, TX (Hq Btry)
O'Neill, Mrs. Ron (Nancy), Port Jefferson Sta., NY (D Btry)
Ottman, Willard, Lemmon, SD (Hq & C Btrys)
Pannell, James, Sylva, NC (C Btry)
Paparazzo, Carl, Garden Grove, CA (C Btry)
Pierzynski, Ed, Richmond Hill, GA (C Btry)
Provost, John, Mount Dora, FL (Hq Btry)
Rose, Dwight, Mount Olive, NC (B Btry)
Salzmann, Jim, San Francisco, CA (D Btry)
Seeley, Ben, Beryl, UT (Hq & B Btrys)
Sterk, Wayne, Clinton, IL (B Btry)
Trost, Charlie, Nashville, TN (Hq Btry)
Trupp, Vern, Caldwell, ID (D Btry)
Weber, Hank, Santa Teresa, NM (B Btry)
Whitson, Earl, Pampa, TX (D Btry)
Wood, Joe, Londonderry, NH (D Btry)

Status of Membership

Membership renewals for 2006 were due 31 Oct 2005.

As of this date, here is the status of our dues-paying membership and non-dues paying 2-71 troops:

Paid up members for 2006 and beyond: 64
Old members for 2005 who haven't renewed for 2006: 55
Old members for 2004 who haven't renewed for 2006: 9
Old members for 2003 who haven't renewed for 2006: 3
Other 2-71 troops receiving newsletter: 121

Notes from the Troops

8/27/05

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

Dear Family and Friends, God is Good. He gave me great Doctors and is letting me recover. This will not be long as I

tire fast. I go get the staples removed tomorrow. Thank you for all your prayers and visits. Please keep in touch. Love to all, Bob

8/31/05

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

Hi everyone:

Thank each one of you for your calls, cards, e-mails and especially your prayers. Surgeon took out staples from Bob's stomach yesterday.....looks like he has a zipper running up his middle.....we are still in Alamogordo and will be here at least another month as surgeon wants to see him the end of September....since we are only 89 miles from El Paso, he wants me to drive Bob to EP next week to see his cardiologist....there is concern about some damage to his heart...so we will go and get that checked out.... will stay overnight in EP as he still tires quickly ... then drive back to NM the next day... wish we could see those of you in EP but just don't think he can manage that yet... will let you know what doc finds...Hope this finds each one of you in good health and thanks again for your concern.....

Your friends,

Kay and Bob

8/31/05

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

Dear Bob and gang,

I did it again. I'm nearly a year overdue so I'll send for both this year and next year.

Thanks for all your time and efforts at keeping the old 71st alive and well.

Sincerely, John H. Mayer (D Btry)

Osage, Iowa 50461

P.S.

We hope you have not been seriously affected by hurricane Katrina

9/2/05

From: **Joe Wood**, (D Btry)

Hope to see everyone at the next reunion.

Joe (Woody) and Maria Wood

9/1/05

From: **Sam Grant** (Hq Btry)

Hi Bob:

Enclosed are my dues for next year.

Really enjoyed reading the "Top Secret" documents in the newsletter. Very interesting – what the JCS were thinking in 1958. I'm glad I didn't know, ha.

Sure hope you and your family were not adversely affected by the hurricane.

Thanks for all you do.

Sam

9/6/05

From **Ben Seeley** (Hq & B Btrys)

Hi, Bob & Lois

Here are my dues for 2006.

Sorry I couldn't make the last reunion, but will try for Rapid City.

Thank you for the newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Benjamin Seeley

9/7/05

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

Hi, Bob & Lois,

Dues, Dues, and Dues 2006, 2007, 2008; thinking long range. There may be a time when I won't be buying green banana, but that time is not here yet.

I hope Katrina left you alone.

All the best,

Lee

9/7/05

From: **Casimiro Morin** (A Btry)

Hi, Bob.

Looking to see all of you next year – 2006 reunion.

Casimiro & Lucy Morin

P.S. I keep in touch with Richard & Nancy Croft.

9/10/05

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

Earl and I are doing great. We are looking forward to the reunion in Rapid City.

Hope you are well. Did you feel any affects from the hurricane - we hope not.

Betty & Earl

9/16/05

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

Bob,

Hope everything with you is O.K. See you in Oct. 2006.

James Kjersgaard

9/26/05

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

Six members of Charlie Battery's Launcher Section met in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on the 22nd of September for a long weekend of fun and fellowship. The group visited the theme park "Dollywood" and the "Dixie Stampede." Troops visited the "Dixie Knifeworks" and a giant tool store, while the ladies enjoyed three full days of shopping.

Bob Buchanan, Neal Boothe and **Eddie Jones** hosted a prayer breakfast for the entire group Saturday morning in memory of fallen comrades **Vic Evans** and **Bobby Ratliff**. A good time was had by all. The entire group plans to attend the next reunion in South Dakota next year.



Front Row: Mary Booth, Doris Pannel, & Beth Hodge.

Second Row: James Pannell, Darlene O'Shields Weller, Barbara Buchanan, Jannean Jones, & Eddie Jones.

Back Row: Bob Buchanan, Merle Weller, Neal Booth, & Nick Hodge.

9/24/05

From: **Ed Pierzynski** (C Btry)

Hi to the members of the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery.

I'm proud to be a member and I'm sending my dues with a little extra for those who are not as fortunate.

My wife, Darlynn, and I are looking forward to the South Dakota reunion.

Sincerely,

Darlynn and Ed Pierzynski.

P.S. If any group is going to Taiwan in the near future, please let us know. 912-727-4925.

Thanks Ed and Darlynn Pierzynski

9/30/05

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

Hi everyone:

Brought Bob home from hospital yesterday.... after nearly two weeks there, he was ready to leave.... I am resigning as the family e-mail facilitator and am going to turn the majority of communications over to him.... my primary job is going to be trying to keep our RV as sterile as possible and help him to recover from his surgeries...if we can get through the next 4 to 6 months where all the stitching stays together, we will be home free in that area.... infectious disease doctor will be in charge of keeping bacterial infection in check...

Thanks again to all of you for your cards, letters, e-mails, phone calls, etc....they were so important in his recovery... Keep him in your prayers.... he can't drive yet and riding with me will give him the thrill of a lifetime!!!

Hope this finds all of you in good health...stay safe...

Kay Douglas

10/8/05

From: **Jerome Claussen** (B Btry)

I wont make it to the reunion but would like to keep in touch.

10/4/05

From: **Fidel Olivares** (Hq Btry)

Dear Mr. Mackintosh,

Here are my dues for 2005 and some extra for stamps.

So far I am doing fine with my heart, but all I can do is take it easy.

Sincerely, Fidel Olivares

10/7/05

From: **Charlie Trost** (Hq Btry)

Dear Bob and Lois,

Hope all is well with you both. So sorry we had to miss the reunion – it just couldn't work for us this year. It sounded great...

Love,
Annie

10/9/05

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

Enclosed you will find my dues for two years and a little extra to be used as you wish.

I appreciate all the work that you put into keeping the newsletter going.

Sincerely,
Jerry Haase
D Btry

10/10/05

From: **Jerome Claussen** (B Btry)

Hi,

I typed in my name on Google just to see what would appear. It was quite a surprise.

I have just retired and moved here from Southern CA. Looking forward to the newsletters.

B Btry
Jerome Claussen

10/11/05

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

All my best to all. Hope **John Brokowski** did not get hit hard in the last storms in Florida.

My best to **John Spegele** and family from his old driver.
James Salzman

10/18/05

From: **Gil Garcia** (A Btry)

Memories of my Taiwan tour in August 1958, "What a Vacation."

It all started with being issued new uniforms, if you can call Bermuda shorts, and Jungle Jim cardboard hats, and knee high wool stocking a uniform. We had known that Uncle Sam was planning a tour for us, but we had no clue as to where! We were in El Paso, Texas where it is very hot, and it didn't rate that uniform, so now we knew we were headed to an even hotter place.

The local B-girls in Juarez, Mexico had told us we were going to a place called Formosa, but we didn't believe that... we would have known if we were going to Spain.... It was top secret not even our Commander knew that.

There was a tear gas pistol incident in the barracks one night, before we left on a train to the west coast and onto the USS Breckenridge the biggest ship I had ever seen, a "troop transporter," It took on our whole Battalion, and all its equipment, our battery was assigned to the aft section that's the rear of the ship, "to you farmers," and because I knew the difference between port and starboard, and fore and aft, I was picked to be CQ at night on the bridge, while you farmers swabbed the decks and removed rust and painted, all the way to Taiwan. "See," it pays to watch all those Navy war movies. Remember when we left port that whole first day at sea we were one lone ship. The next day we are still one lone ship. But we are told where we are going, and the B-girls were right! "They must have a direct line to the Pentagon." Boy, when I looked around and saw all the battalion in our OD uniforms and our green faces mostly leaning over the railing, I was in doubt that we would make it to Taiwan, because we couldn't hold down our food, but we would die in camouflage all our faces were green.

And the next morning when we went to the main deck, there were ships all around our ship, all were blinking signal lights communicating with each other, "Now," I wish I had not seen any Navy war movies, because it looked just like in the war movies. Are we going to War? Am I going to die like in the movies? God, I am only 18 years old, why did I ever re-enlist? And if most of you guys weren't scared then, because you didn't see Navy war movies, I bet you were, when the day before we arrived in Taiwan, "when we were issued those Brand new M1 rifles and ammo." "I was thinking about climbing down nets and into awaiting LCT's and stuff."

Remember our first (lets call it assembly area) open air showers, and every thing open air, and that dirt road that led to our camp, rice paddies on one side and an embankment on the other. Well, one night coming back from town a group of us was walking to camp from town, and two taxi cabs were racing back to town from camp, we had to jump on the bank of the rice paddies to avoid getting hit, but one guy jumped on what he thought was a square cement foundation, that was really the fertilizer tank used on the paddies and sank to his neck. It must have had a crust, because when he broke it, it stunk to hell and back! We ran away from him, but he

was afraid of the dark and ran after us. We must have broken some record for getting to camp fast! The poor guy had to throw away his cloths and his new shoes, and stunk up the showers and the camp for days.

Most of A Btry used to ride paddy cabs fighting with cherry bombs all over Taipei. One day our **First Sgt. "Lyons"** joined the fight, and when we took a break, we met at this bar for a drink. **Sgt Wolfe** and us were there first, when **Sgt Lyons** walked in, he had put the cherry bombs in his back pocket; when he flopped down on the hard wood bench, he blew his green uniform back pocket off. We didn't dare laugh- not even a smile; but it was funny.

We worked all day, and pulled guard all night, every day at the launcher area; we slept only two on four off through the night. One night **LT. Goldstein** was Duty Officer and **Cohen** was LCT Operator and had hooked up all the guard posts and bunkers through the switchboard so we were all talking about "gung ho" Goldstein, when all of a sudden: "This is **LT. Goldstein** who is that talking?"..... Silence then all you hear is click, click, click- all hung up.

Night Perimeter duty manning the fifty-caliber machine gun, pitch dark, we hear what sounds like running steps in the mud, we send for **SGT Wolfe**. What do we do **Sarge? Wolfe**: "fire a burst of three we'll check it out in the morning"; done. Next morning we find a water buffalo dead and a farmer crying for it. Wolfe made us pitch in to buy him a new one. Same Farmer had to take in a girl that a couple of our guys bought in a slave market (they thought they were buying her freedom. They didn't want her, so we all paid the farmer to take her as his own. But we had to hire them to clean our trucks at the stream.

Thirteen MIG jets fly harassment around our launcher area. Four F104 jets come out of the sun, fire Sidewinders, "thirteen MIG jets become parachutes," one lands in front of our beach. NCA come out from under our area and take the CCAFP away. No more harassment by Chicom air force.

Chinese men carrying 55-Gal. drums of fuel up the mountain on their backs with little "A" frames from the launcher area to the IFC area, (remake made) "Chinamen are super men!" **Bob Gross** said: If them chinamen can do it, "so can I," Give me one of those "A" frames and load me up! He couldn't even stand up with the load! **Bob Gross** says "Chinamen are super men!" Is right.

First Launcher and missile are joined and are raised while Chinese and Americans look on. There must have been 200 Chinese men and women standing on the berms around the launcher, but when the launcher stopped and the missile didn't, the berms were clear of people before the missile hit the ground, only us dumb Americans stood there with our mouths open.

Travel from Launcher area to IFC area on red clay road when raining was done by hooking up a train of vehicles pulled by a bulldozer up the mountain, lighter vehicles to the rear. **LT Goldstein** refused to move his jeep to the rear. He was between two five-ton trucks. The bulldozer operator did not argue. The jeep was hooked up where it was, and when we started moving, the jeep's tires were not touching the

ground, at least not all four at the same time, and the operator didn't stop until he got us to the top. He was threatened with courts marshal by our famous LT.

It rains two hundred inches a year; we are never dry. I get infected with trench foot, soon after sent to Okinawa until 1960.

My military career continues to Germany, Vietnam, Egypt, Israel Germany and places I can't tell you about because I would have to kill you afterwards. Giggle ha ha.

The end.

Yours truly

Gilberto Garcia (US Army, retired)
Colorado City, CO. 81019

To: "You, **Joe Duchesne**, and all members of "A" Btry." If I forgot something, let me know! This should send us all back to our youth, and that worthwhile tour.

Something our loved ones can read and hold close to their hearts, about us, and that tour of hardship and sometimes fun. We the young soldiers of the cold war endured and made it fun at times, because of Soldiers like the LT., **1st Sgt Lyons, Sgt Wolfe, Sp5 Mann, Pfc Dietrich, Sp4 Bob Gross**. And all the others, you Joe, and, I.

10/17/05

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

Greetings from Idaho:

Was a hot & dry summer here! In late April and May, had some good rains. Really made the foothills green. Expected a lot of fire trouble, but was great it didn't happen too much.

Year ago had shoulder replaced with stainless steel pin and titanium washer to hold in place with no rotor cuff to hold in place. When I woke up, doctor said I had 60% use of arm. But with a lot of work and pain I think I have around 70-75%. Been told it will take 2 years to get over.

May have been "Dry" here, we haven't had the wind and rain the east and south have had. We do have small earthquakes but only 4-4.5. Have not felt any here.

Sending \$30 for 2 years dues.

Looking forward to Black Hills next year.

Vern

10/20/05

From: **Gil Garcia** (A Btry)

Do you know any one from "A" Btry that remembers the tear gun incident? One of the guys came back from Juarez, Mexico very late, and drunk and woke us all up waiving this gun around saying he is going to kill some one, and lined us all up against the back wall of the squad bay, some of us scared thinking he would kill someone then he fired the gun at us five shots, and laughing all the time. Tear gas! That is all it was! I remember looking out the third floor window and seeing a bunch of guys running across the quadrangle chancing a guy, all in their shorts, I don't remember if they caught him or not. Nor if the guy with the gun came back that night.

10/31/05

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

Bob, Looking forward to our next gathering. Hope all is well with you and yours.

S.B. and Betty

11/8/05

From Kent Smith (son of **David Smith**, D Btry)

Dear Bob,

Hello, I am **David C Smith's** son Kent looking for information on my dad's military career.

I have Dad's ID badge showing him as a member of the 2d Msl Bn 71st Arty Btry D, issued to him 2 March 1959.

Unfortunately, Dad passed away from Cancer on 12-26-1980.

I am trying to put together information packets for my siblings to give out at Christmas. I would love to hear from anyone who knew dad, or has memorabilia or information I could put in packets.

Thank you!

Kent D. Smith

(This has been sent to D Btry troops who have e-mail. If you have anything to report to Kent, let me know and I will get his mailing address. [Ed])

11/4/05

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

Dear Bob & Lois,

Sure hope you and your family are all well. We are sure looking forward to seeing you all again next year at our reunion. Here are my dues.

Take care and God bless until we meet again.

James & Doris Pannell.

11/12/05

From Gerald Trask, Albany, Oregon

I really am not sure how I got the lighter, I think it was given to my wife before we were married (1955-57) from a friend home on leave from Navy and has laid in her jewelry box ever since. (Gerald sent a photo of a Gen. Peng Ming Chi Lighter. Ed.)

11/9/05

From: **Dewey Jackson** (D Btry)

Bob,

As I get Older, I can't help but remember the time I spent with the 2nd Missile Bn., 71st Arty. After my time with you folks, I went on and spent a total of 33 yrs military service, retiring in 1979 as a Command SGM. I will never completely revert to the civilian life.

Bob, if there as a medal, patch, certificate or whatever I am authorized, please let me know, and the cost. I will be happy to continue my association with the 2-71.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas.

God Bless,

Dewey M. Jackson

12/2/05

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

Am looking forward to the reunion in Rapid City – 2006.

Earl and Betty

12/5/05

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

Looking forward to our reunion in September.

Merle and Darlene

12/8/05

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

See you at the reunion.

Peg and John

12/12/05

From **Ray Corbin** (D & B Btrys)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing you all in the Black Hills next year.

Mimi and Ray

12/17/05

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

Dear Lois & Bob,

We're very happy this year. Our son has returned safely from Iraq. Please let everyone know in the newsletter.

Thank them all for all their thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Jim

12/19/05

From: **Dan Kukowski** (Hq Btry)

Bob,

Sorry that I am late getting my dues to you. I thought of it earlier this fall but then just spaced it out.

I got an X-mas card from Ben Sealey and that jogged my memory about my dues.

I had plans to go to the last reunion but the wife wouldn't go so I didn't either. I usually pay my dues at the reunion.

OK, well hope to see you in Rapid City next fall. I better be there, its only about 300 miles from Glendive, MT.

So enclosed is a couple years dues, plus some extra to help with the bills.

Dan Kukowski

12/23/05

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

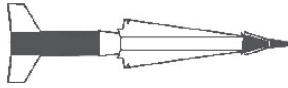
Bob,

I am enclosing a check for 2005-2006 dues for the 2-71st. I would like to continue to go to the reunions where Ron and I had so much fun these past several years.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

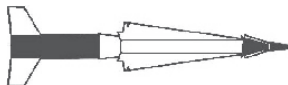
Sincerely,

Nancy



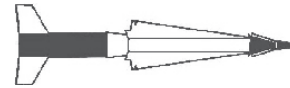
Cold War Museum

The Cold War Museum, founded by Francis Gary Powers, Jr., seeks to memorialize the people and events of the Cold War years and educate future generations about that era. Their web page is <http://www.coldwar.org>. They are currently looking forward to developing the museum at a permanent location at the Lorton Nike Missile Base upon approval from the Fairfax County Park Authority. 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 and more. The central hall may include a U-2, a section of the Berlin Wall, a KH-11 “Spy” satellite and other historical Cold War reminders. Gary Powers has contacted our association, and is willing to set up space in the Cold War Museum to highlight the 1958-59 exploits of 2-71 Artillery on Taiwan. Gary says that he would like to work with us to gather artifacts, photos, uniforms, etc for a display at the museum. If any of you have your old Taiwan fatigue, or “Class A”, uniform, or would like to donate other artifacts from our Taiwan tour to the museum, let Bob Mackintosh know. Do not send them at this time. We will make a list to avoid duplication, and will provide further guidance as to the documentation that will be required with each item.



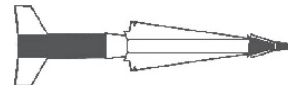
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The 2006 membership year started 1 November 2005. If you would like to start, or continue, your membership in the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association, please submit your \$15.00 to Robert Mackintosh, 2-71 (Taiwan) Assn, 271 Shady Oak 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.



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News for the Newsletter

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