



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

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## 2006 Reunion

We are only five 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

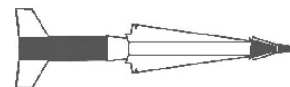
You should make your hotel reservations directly with the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD in order to obtain the 2nd Missile Bn discount rate of \$74.00 (plus tax). Their telephone number is (605) 343-8550. You will not get the 2nd Missile Bn. discount rate if you make the reservation through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

## 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.



**B Battery Launchers by Herb Terbill**

## 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.

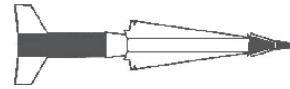
We hope that all of you are in good health and doing well financially, but we know this is not always the case. If you could make it to Rapid City for the reunion, but do not feel that you can attend, because of the cost of hotel rooms, tours, banquets, etc., let Bob Mackintosh know. He will take your 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!**



## In Memoriam

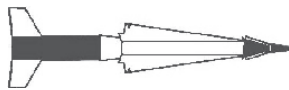
**Johnnie E. Nale**, McAlester, OK (B Btry)  
**Frederick A. Durocher**, Negaunee, MI (B Btry)  
**Gilberto Bedia**, Redlands, CA (B Btry)

Obituary from the McAlester News-Capital, 11 July 2005

**Johnnie 'Gene' Nale**, 80, of McAlester, died Friday, July 8, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services were at 2 today at Frink Baptist Church with the Rev. James Collins officiating with personal comments by Bob Pate. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Bishop Funeral Service. Pallbearers include Kevin Sharp, Bob Pate, George Scott, Ben Suter, Mark Clayton and Jim Richards. Honorary pallbearers include deacons of the Frink Baptist Church. Born Feb. 28, 1925, in Indianola, to Daniel Jackson and Pearl Alice Pitts Nale, he grew up and attended schools in the Crowder area. He entered the United States Navy at the age of 16 on Nov. 27, 1942, and served with the Seabees in the Pacific during World War II and was attached with the United States Marines. During his Navy service, he received the Asiatic Pacific Medal with four battle stars, Victory Ribbons and was given the Good Conduct Medal on two occasions. He was discharged in January of 1946. He married Betty Crabtree on May 17, 1947, in Van Buren, Ark. In 1947, he joined the United States Army and was trained at Fort Jackson, S.C. He was then stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Salzburg, Austria, Red Cannon Range in Carrizozo, N.M., China and Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. While in the army, he received the Good Conduct Medal three times, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and an Honor Medal

from the Chinese army and a Chinese Army Missile Medal. He also received a Chinese Medal with two stars and the Army Expeditionary Medal. In January of 1964, he retired from the Army as a first sergeant E8 after serving 21 years. After returning to McAlester in 1964, he worked for the city of McAlester for a short time and then worked as a deputy sheriff of Pittsburg County under Sheriff Jim Kindred. After this term was over, he went to work at the Navy Ammunition Depot and retired in 1989. During interim times when he was laid off from the base, he worked for the National Park Service in Sulphur. He was a deacon and member of the Frink Baptist Church. He played softball for many years as a pitcher and coached many teams including the U.S. Marine Softball team and many teams his daughter played on. While in the Navy, he boxed and was a Golden Glove champion. He was very active in the Choctaw Community and was the cook for the senior citizens at the Choctaw Community Center for about two years. He was also active in the Archeology Club in McAlester and was an avid collector of arrowheads and Indian artifacts. In 2002, after being unable to graduate from high school with his class due to joining the service during World War II, he finally received his high school diploma of which he was very proud. Survivors include his wife, Betty Nale, of the home; two daughter and sons-in-law, Michelle and Wayland Westbrook, of McAlester, Kimberly and Audie Shields, of McAlester; seven grandsons, Dirk Lee, of Longview, Texas, Lon Lee and wife, Tru, of St. Paul, Minn., Chan Lee and wife, Trina, of Krebs, Toby Westbrook, of McAlester, Kevin Pierce, of Longview, Texas, Justin Wimsett and wife, Sheila, of McAlester, John Wimsett, of McAlester. And, two granddaughters, Amber Shields, of McAlester, Ande Shields, of McAlester; three great-grandchildren, Ayden Edwards, China Lee, Lillian Lee, and two sisters, Joyce Wilcox, of Crowder, Catherine Kypher, of Smithville, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Harold Nale, Frank Nale and Ben Nale, and a sister, Helen Haynes.

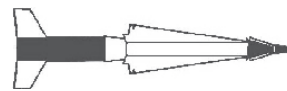
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## Membership Renewals

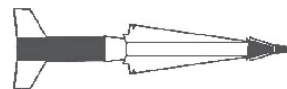
**Baker, Billy**, McKenzie, TN (C Btry)  
**Baxter, Ollie**, Huntsville, AL (178 Ord)  
**Brelje, Howard**, Glencoe, MN (D Btry)  
**Burlage, Bob**, Monticello, IA (D Btry)  
**Conniff, Mike**, Eden Prairie, MN (Hq & D Btry)  
**Corbin, Ray**, Littleton, CO (B & D Btry)  
**Diedrich, David**, Athens, WI (D Btry)  
**Douglas, Bob**, Arlington, TX (B Btry)

**Drum, Connie**, Eutawville, SC (178 Ord)  
**Friederick, Harold**, La Vernia, TX (D Btry)  
**Gamble, Richard**, Battle Ground, WA (A Btry)  
**Gaughrin, Dan**, Glenview, IL (D Btry)  
**Heilman, Robert**, Janesville, WI (B Btry)  
**Hurst, Claxton**, Meigs, GA (Aug Gp)  
**Jarrell, Bob**, El Paso, TX (D Btry)  
**Johnson, Ken**, Pfafftown, NC (B Btry)  
**Lapham, Paul**, Port Charlotte, FL (Hq Btry)  
**Lefrancois, Leo**, Plainfield, CT (Hq Btry)  
**Leyder, Don**, Mechanicsburg, PA (Hq Btry)  
**Lisiewski, Al**, Aston, PA (D Btry)  
**Moody, Stuart**, Butler, PA (Hq & B Btrys)  
**Nezelek, Fran**, Endicott, NY (A Btry)  
**Pack, Robert**, Cleburne, TX (Hq Btry)  
**Peoples, Jim**, Ewing, NJ (D Btry)  
**Phillips, Harry**, Kirkland, WA (D Btry)  
**Pierzynski, Ed**, Richmond Hill, GA (D Btry)  
**Privott, Henry**, Kitty Hawk, NC (D Btry)  
**Ramsey, Glen**, Riceville, TN (A Btry)  
**Spegele, John**, Roanoke, VA (D Btry)  
**Stacks, George**, Salem, OR (Hq Btry)  
**Telford, Jim**, Racine, WI (A Btry)  
**Terbille, Herb**, Durham, NC (B Btry)  
**Toney, Aubrey**, Conley, GA (D Btry)  
**Wrench, Jim**, Fort Walton Beach, FL (A & Hq Btrys)



## New Members

**Hutchison, Aubrey**, Hagerstown, MD (D Btry)



## Notes from the troops

1/4/06

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

Do not know if you know it or not. I just received a Christmas card from **Betty Nale** advising me that Johnnie passed away on July 8, 2005. Sorry to have such bad news, do not have any other info on his death. Will call Betty tomorrow.

Hope 2006 is good to you both.

Bob and Kay

1/6/06

From: **Herb Terbille** (B Btry)

Bob

I am very sorry to hear about **Sgt Nale** passing away.

**Sgt Nale** was a great 1st Sgt who took care of his men. His

leadership helped a lot of us cope with the adverse conditions we were living with.

I can remember when boots were hard to come by and we were having our boots re soled by the locals. The soles were like paper and wore thru quickly so **Greenberg** decided to have a boot inspection and everybody had to display their footwear soles up at the end of their bunks.

**Greenberg** comes by with Sgt Nale, takes one look at my sorry boots and orders Nale to place me on one weeks restriction. Sgt Nale says "Yes Sir" and makes notes in his clip board.

After **Greenberg** left the battery area Sgt Nale came by my tent and said "**Terbille**, your boots are a mess and you are restricted to the island of Formosa for one whole week"!

Another time **Sgt Nale** had me rushed to Taipei to have a badly cut hand treated.

I could go on about how he helped.

We have lost a good man.

Herb Terbille

1/6/06

From: **Walt Lapsley** (B & D Btrys)  
Bob,

Thanks for the update (on **Johnnie Nale**).

Another sad passing.

I just checked, and think that I forgot to send in my membership dues. Please let me know if this is the case.

I was busy last year, still working for my company as a go to guru on civil engineering issues on a three day a week work schedule. The work activities consist primarily of checking civil design discipline work that stretches across the United States, although the bulk of the work is for West Coast projects.

Last June, my brother Ed, a friend from Alaska who owns a forty-two foot Valiant sailboat, and I took a ten day sail trip (450+ miles) from Lake Union in Seattle, Washington to Port Hardy, on the northern tip of Vancouver, British Columbia.

In September, I attended the County Search and Rescue (SAR) Academy, which under the County Sheriff Office of Emergency Service (OES). This is also part of FEMA/Homeland Security program. I graduated in mid November and was accepted as Type 3 Searcher in the SAR program. The lower Searcher number, the more rigorous the training. I'm going to stop with the Type 2 Searcher level, as rappelling off cliffs in mountainous area searches for Type 1 Searcher training is not to my taste at this stage of life.

For the past month or so, I have been receiving training as a "Tracker", which is one of the many SAR resources, such as Ground Search, Equestrian, Search Dogs, ATV, Bicycle and Helicopter. On Monday the team begins First Responder training, which includes over forty hours of advanced first aid. The goal is to have all members trained as first responders to better serve the community. The motto of this volunteer organization is "We Serve, So Others May Live".

If you think that reporting the activities of this SAR adventure would be of interest to others of our group, please let me know and I can periodically jot down some of the happen-

ings for the newsletter. These activities may provide an uplift to some of the folk. This is a rather different experience for me, and I like to consider the program as "Hiking with a Mission."

Regards,

Walt Lapsley

1/9/06

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

**Johnnie Nale** had a great sense of humor and will be missed. This again points out the need for the group to keep on meeting, and to encourage others of the command to come to the reunions.

Mimi and I are looking forward to this year's reunion in the Black Hills.

Mimi and Ray

1/8/06

**Henry Privott** (D Btry)

Dear Bob,

I now have a new e-mail address. Could you update it for me, Thanks.

Both Peggy and I are looking forward to our next reunion. Hope you and yours are fine. Please keep me informed of any news. Have a great day!!!

Happy New Year.

Henry L. Privott

1/5/06

From **Herb Terbille** (B Btry)

Bob,

Still working on getting to the reunion in Rapid City, but it is close to the date of my daughter's wedding in California; so we will see what we can do.

Hope this finds you all in good health and good cheer.

Herb and Janet Terbille

P.S. I might have an old uniform for that Gary Powers museum. Please put me on your list of potential donors.

1/4/06

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

Bob,

Please use the extra forty dollars for our strapped members, or for mailing expenses.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Rapid City, SD.

Don & Ruby Woodin

1/10/06

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

Thanks for your letter about **Johnny Nale**.....had read it in the paper when it happened. Will miss seeing him on Veterans Day and other holidays that he attended at our local Veterans Center. We met with **Jim and Ruth Ann Rogers** and Don in Paris, Texas a couple weeks ago and had a wonderful visit with them. It was a central meeting place for all of us and worked out just great. Spent about six hours with them.

Makes us eager to get together with everyone in October. Are beginning to look forward to that more each day. Hope you and yours are well. We have been a little down but are getting back up gradually. Finally had some rain in Talihina and we are very happy about that.

Sonny and Betty Davis, D Battery

1/10/06

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

I am e-mailing this for my husband **Joe Wood (Woody)** who would like the address of Kent Smith since he knew his father when they were both in D Btry. If you could give us his address or his E-mail address my husband would like to get in contact with him. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
Maria A. Wood

1/11/06

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

Dear Bob & Lois,

Thank you for all you both do for the 2/71st Assn.

Hope you are both well and that 2006 will be a great year for you.

Here are my dues and a little more for use as you see fit.

I am improving but still see a lot of doctors each week. My strength is not back but they say I am lucky to be alive after 2 aortic aneurysm surgeries.

Fortunately I had outstanding surgical teams in Aug. and Sept. 2005.

Thanks for everyone's prayers, letters, e-mail.

God bless each of you.

Bob Douglas  
B Btry

1/13/06

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

Dear Bob,

Lurye and I are planning to attend the next reunion...is for helping where it is needed most.

Please say "Hello" to Lois for us.

I am empanelled on a case hearing a malpractice suit.

Interesting!

For now,  
Harry Phillips

1/14/06

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

Subject: **Johnnie Nale**

Bob,

I finally got to talk to **Betty Nale** today. She seems to be holding up pretty well. She said Johnny's cancer finally got him but thank God he did not have a lot of pain.

She spends days at her home on D street and at night she spends at one of her daughters. She is building a "Mothers" room at one of her daughters home and will move there when it is finished. Her two daughters live just outside of town in the country and about 3 blocks distance from each

other. Her son is buying her home in town. Betty will keep the same telephone number when she moves which is 918-423-6822. She will keep in touch. Please keep Betty and her family in your prayers.

My best to everyone,  
Bob Douglas

1/22/06

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

We thank you and your committee for keeping our 2-71 Association active. Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in the Black Hills of So. Dakota. It will be interesting to find out what happened to the Nike sites around Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City. Since a few of us were reassigned there in 1959 to complete our enlistment after our tour of duty in Taiwan.

**Jim Norby** and myself drove home for Christmas (1959) thru a 500 mile heavy snow storm. On the return trip, Jim drove his car and reported on time. I took the train and it got stuck in a huge snow drift, and I reported in late at night. Since the paper work was completed the next day, I was charged for being AWOL 1 day. I didn't find this out until I was discharged. I was charged for meal allowance, clothing allowance, processing of paper's, etc. for that day. It cost me \$28.00. Interesting. That amounted to \$840 a month. If I remember right a Specialist rate of pay was a little over \$100 a month. I was charged for everything I didn't use and should have gotten a credit of \$28, not a bill, don't you think? I'll bet when these people that did the paper work on me left the Army they went right to work for the I.R.S. If anyone remembers what the Specialist pay rate was in '59, let me know. My E-Mail address is Jctnan@hotmail.com.

I read and enjoyed **Gil Garcia's** letter. Ah yes! **Bob Gross**, a guy you meet and never forget. Just assign him to a 5 ton to drive and he was in heaven. I also remember he was good at riding a water buffalo, too, but you'll have to come to the reunion to hear the r-r-r-rest of that story.

God Bless,  
Jim Telford

1/26/06

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

Enclosed is my dues for two years and extra for expenses. We hope to see you in Rapid City.

Bob Burlage

2/2/06

From: Kent Smith (son of **Dave Smith**) (D Btry)

Good evening gentlemen,

I am moving this weekend and wanted to give you my new address and phone number. Please feel free to write or call to talk about my dad "Smitty" anytime.

I hope you all are having a great 2006 so far. Thank you again for sharing your stories, pictures and information about dad with me. With the help of the 2-71's web site, I was able to order all of dad's medals and put them into a display case.

I also was able to share everything with my mom, brother and 2 sisters at Christmas.

**Howard (Brelje)**, the audio tape, pics and letter you sent made both my mom and sister cry when they heard dad's voice. It was such a thrill to hear him again after all this time, and to know that I can hear his voice anytime I want to. You don't know how much that means to me.

Again, I can't thank you all enough for the memories you have shared. I am thinking it might be fun to join you in South Dakota this summer at the reunion, we'll have to see how finances and time off work fit into the picture.

Thanks again!

Kent Smith  
14349 Hickory Way  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

2/3/06

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

Dear Bob,

Sorry to be late with my dues...

Enjoy reading your newsletter and all the comments. Keep up the good work. Can't be there in person, but always in spirit.

Billy G. Baker

2/7/06

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

Hi Bob and Lois,

Glad to hear about the Reunion. Because of my health and what I have been through this last year we will not make the reunion. Really sorry as we had looked forward to attending and seeing everyone. I'm sure it will be a great time for everyone. Please keep in touch and our best wishes to you both and all of the 2/71 Btry group.

Bob and Kay Douglas

2/8/06

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

Bob,

Looking forward to the reunion. Thanks again for all your planning to make these get-together's so special.

Ray

2/13/06

From: **Gilberto Bedia, Jr.** son of **Gilberto Bedia** (B Btry)

I found my fathers name on your site we were estranged at the time of his death 4-6-2004. He was laid to rest at Riverside Nat. Cem., CA. He is listed as SP4 U.S. Army. If anyone knew him and what his time in the army was like I would like to know, be it good or bad.

Thank you

2/14/06

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

Bob,

Thanks for all your hard work in seeing that these reunions run smoothly.

Bob Buchanan

2/26/06

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

Bob,

When I called for reservations, I asked that my room be adjoining **Merle Weller**. The lady told me that there were no connecting doors, but all of the 2nd BN would be housed in the same area. That will be nice. That way, all us old folks can go to bed at the same time and not be disturbed by the young folks.

See you there,

Nick

2/27/06

From: **Dave Diedrich** (D Btry)

Bob,

Thanks for the reminder to make my motel reservation. I did it this morning, so can't wait for Sept. to roll around.

Keep up the good work and we shall see you in Sept.

Thanks again David Diedrich

3/1/06

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

Dear family and friends,

Yep, we closed on our condo at 1 p.m. today the 1st of Mar. Will empty the RV on coming Sat if things go as planned. New address is 1955 Trawood Dr # 4, El Paso, TX 79935. The phone is the same 1 -915-203-8065 our cell phone. Kind of exciting. Putting the RV on consignment to sell. Sure will seem strange not to live on wheels. We will be looking for furniture as we now have a folding card table and two lawn chairs. Ha! Ha!

Hope you are all well.

Love to all,

Bob and Kay

3/5/06

From: **Willard Ottman**, Lemmon, SD (Hq & C Btry)

Dear Bob, Lois, and all,

Greetings from South Dakota where all things should be ready for the reunion. For more information call the Convention and Visitor's Bureau: 1-800-487-3223, ext 8311, or visit their web site -- Feel free to call Pat or I at 605-374-5371, or write 111 Fourth Ave. W., Lemmon, SD 57638.

There are several attractions in and near Rapid City -- The Journey Museum (journey through time), SD Air and Space Museum, downtown walking tour with street-corner bronze presidential statues, Prairie Edge (Lakota Indian Art and Culture), The Badlands, Deadwood gaming and history, and much more.

Willard

P.S. World's largest Petrified Wood Park, Lemmon, SD  
Pat

3/6/06

From: **Herb Terbille** (B Btry)

Bob,

Am sending you this photo because a while back you sent a message from someone that was looking for info on his father that might have been in B battery.

I lost the message and can't remember the name (**Dave Smith**), but I was going thru some pictures and for some reason I think the trooper on the right MIGHT be him. I say Might with a great degree of uncertainty.

The trooper on the left is a guy by the name of **Jernigan** - standing directly in front of the LCT.

Let me know if this gets to you OK  
Herb



3/10/06

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

Hope this finds you both well. Kay and I are fine, don't have my strength back yet but am better. Have just received e-mail from Hank's wife Anita informing me that Hank has cancer and it has spread to his liver. They are having more tests done. Their mailing address is 121 Desert Garden Dr, Santa Teresa, N.M. 88008. Hope everyone will keep them in their prayers.

Bob Douglas

3/10/06

From: **Anita Weber** (wife of **Hank Weber**) (B Btry)

I am saddened to let you know that Hank has just been diagnosed with cancer that has spread to his liver. We ask for your prayers and support. We are very busy getting things in order and running more tests. May the spirit of our Lord be with you both and pray that Bob is doing well.

Anita & Hank  
121 Desert Garden Drive  
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

3/8/06

From: **Harold Friederick**, (D Btry)

Dear Bob,

Enclosed are my dues and a little extra for stamps.

I enjoy reading the newsletter. Everyone is doing a great job of keeping everyone informed.

Harold Friederick  
D Btry

3/17/06

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

Sorry that I am so late with the dues and registration. Betty and I are looking forward to Rapid City and seeing all of our friends.

See you in Sept.  
Mike Conniff

3/18/06

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

Bob,

Betty and I will not be able to attend the next reunion.

I have enclosed membership fee. I hope this catches us up.

Hope you have a Great Reunion.

Bob

3/27/06

From: **Dock "Sunny" Price** (C Btry)

Hi Bob, It is me again. Say man, I have a new gospel CD and I'm trying to sell some records here. Here's a copy of the old blue, R&B plus a copy of the new one "The Fishers of Souls".

I would appreciate it if you would let all the fellows know, so as many as would like to can buy one and help me out. I'm retired (or just tired) and working at home. I would like to tour for a few years if I can get the hook up.

In the meantime, you can check out my web site:

e-mail: [sunnyrarebird.aol.com](mailto:sunnyrarebird.aol.com)

(615) 865-4178 (office)

(615) 568-8081 (cell)

Thanks a million,

Respectfully,

Your Taiwan Buddy.

Signed "Sunny"

PFC. Dock Sunny Price

3/28/06

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

We will be coming if the Good Lord allows, and we will be camping, due to pets.

I lost the last newsletter. I wanted to keep it since it had the article I wrote. But, oh well.

I hope I will see some of "A Btry". We were all younger by a couple of weeks; but, oh well.

4/7/06

From: **Aubrey Toney** (D Btry)

Dear Bob,

I'm sending you this check in hopes it will cover my past due membership dues. I guess I'm getting a little on the old side. Time passes so fast that things like that just slips your mind.

One thing I can say for sure is, I was the youngest, or one of the youngest, members of the unit 2-71st.

We enjoy reading the newsletters!

Well, anyway, I hope this will help the cause.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey & Elba Toney

## Other Messages

2/19/06

Dear Robert Mackintosh:

I was an 11 to 13 year old Army brat living in the MAAG compound in Hsinchu, Taiwan during 1957-1959. I have inherited several 35mm Kodachrome slides images of that period, now also in .jpg form, and a few might be slightly interesting to your members.

I don't recall my father saying anything about the 2nd Missile Battalion 71st Artillery. What he did was not discussed much. He in Army Ordnance and I think he worked at Chung Li to "advise" the Chinese National Army.

I do recall there was an infirmary, US Hostel, and Officer club down near "Beautiful Lake" east of the Hsinchu railroad station. I suspect that some of your members may have stayed at the Hostel because I recall that there were bachelor soldiers living there.

Bruce Rayle

Huntsville, Alabama

2/20/06

From: Shirley Miles

I would like to join you guys during the Missile Group reunion with our friend **Don Sneckenburger's** help. (Shirley attended our St. Charles reunion and was involved in a terrible car accident. Ed.)

## Message from Red Canyon Range Camp

Thought that those of you who were at Ft. Bliss or Red Canyon would appreciate this note on another web page. The author, Jim Hedlund, is now deceased. (Ed.)

From: Jim Hedlund hedlund@iname.com

Dear Ed,

Received a notice from JP asking for information on the RCRC/ORC reunion for your newsletter. Here are my memories of the RCAT rotary launcher at Oscura.

It was a little sad seeing the launch track unused and over

grown with weeds. When I was stationed at Oscura in 1956 it was one of the busiest places at White Sands. Mostly I saw the launch area through the optics from our M-33 radar van which was near the camp and several hundred yards from the track.

The RCAT was on a wheeled rack which was hooked by cable to a post in the middle of the track. After getting up to speed the RCAT would take off, flown by a sergeant with a remote control box. Then the control of the RCAT was switched to a sergeant in our M-33 while we locked on to the RCAT with our track radar. The whole operation was done very quickly.

Sometimes they'd be a malfunction on lift off and the RCAT would go cart wheeling across the desert, much to the amusement of us watching from the radar van. "Well, there goes some more of the taxpayers' money."

After lift-off the controller would fly the RCAT in wide circles, getting it up to a high altitude. This was the boring time. The track radar would be locked on to the RCAT so we didn't have much to do.

The hum of the radar unit and the rising heat inside the metal van would start to make us sleepy. Too much beer from the night before didn't help the situation. Then the controller would call out "altitude!" and we'd all snap back into action. The controller would then fly the RCAT north to Red Canyon where the Nikes were waiting.

The word would come from Red Canyon the Nike was ready to fire. This was pucker up time. Looking into the optics we could see nothing but blue sky because of the distance. Then there would be an explosion in the middle of the cross hairs. Nice kill! We'd have to scramble to lock back on to what was left of the RCAT. The Army wanted to know where it went down before sending out the recovery crew.

If there was a miss the controller would try and fly the RCAT back to Oscura. Sometimes he'd wait too long to pop the chute and the RCAT would come in low and fast over the camp, scaring the hell out of everyone.

After the RCAT crashed or returned near camp we would swing the tracking radar back down to the track for another launch. So it went all day. Hours of boredom and moments of pure excitement.

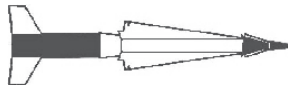
After climbing back into our buses we drove into the camp at Oscura. I couldn't believe it was still there after all these years. Now it was so neat and tidy. Mostly all new buildings. Where were all the young GI's that used to walk around the area with sun-tanned fatigues, shirt tails out and sleeves rolled up? We were a scruffy looking bunch of desert rats. Nothing but memories now. You can go back to a place but you can't go back to a time.

I wonder if anyone still spends the night at Oscura. If they do, maybe over the sound of the wind they can hear a ghost RCAT flying north to Red Canyon, and maybe at Red Canton there are still phantom Nikes streaking into the night sky.

It's a nice thought anyway.

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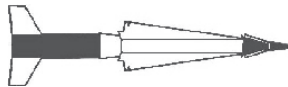
Jim Hedlund\_Questa, New Mexico



### E-mail Addresses

In addition to the newsletter, we use e-mail to keep our members informed. Please keep Bob Mackintosh informed if you change your e-mail address. Recently a message was sent to members and several were returned. Some of you had changed e-mail providers, while others had full mailboxes. The following had their e-mail returned:

- Terry DuToi**
- Fred Thurmond**
- Frank Rivers**
- Dan Funamura**
- Charles Gray**
- Larry Trieglaff**
- Bob Buchanan** (quota exceeded)
- Leo LeFrancois** (quota exceeded)



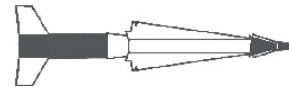
Please confirm your e-mail address. Send changes to [bmack@ardmore.net](mailto:bmack@ardmore.net)

### Reunion Reservations Received

We have received the following reservations. That is a total of 76 people to date.

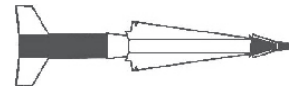
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| <b>Neal Boothe</b>             | C       | 2 |
| <b>Bob Buchanan</b>            | C       | 2 |
| <b>Thomas Conniff</b>          | Hq      | 2 |
| <b>Raymond Corbin</b>          | D & B   | 2 |
| <b>Richard Croft</b>           | A       | 2 |
| <b>S.B. Davis</b>              | D       | 2 |
| <b>David Diedrich</b>          | D       | 2 |
| <b>Richard Gamble</b>          | A       | 2 |
| <b>Gilberto Garcia</b>         | A       | 2 |
| <b>Daniel Gaughrin</b>         | D       | 2 |
| <b>Nick Hodge</b>              | C       | 2 |
| <b>Claxton Hurst</b>           | Aug Gp  | 2 |
| <b>Aubrey "Bill" Hutchison</b> | D       | 2 |
| <b>Ken Johnson</b>             | B       | 2 |
| <b>Edwin Jones</b>             | C       | 2 |
| <b>James Kjersgaard</b>        | D       | 2 |

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| <b>Paul Lapham</b>       | Hq     | 4 |
| <b>Robert Mackintosh</b> | B & C  | 2 |
| <b>Thomas McGranahan</b> | Hq     | 2 |
| <b>Stuart Moody</b>      | Hq & B | 2 |
| <b>Francis Nezelek</b>   | A      | 1 |
| <b>Willard Ottman</b>    | Hq & C | 2 |
| <b>James Peoples</b>     | D      | 2 |
| <b>Harry Phillips</b>    | D      | 2 |
| <b>Edward Pierzynski</b> | D      | 2 |
| <b>Henry Privott</b>     | D      | 2 |
| <b>Glen Ramsey</b>       | A      | 2 |
| <b>Jimmie Rogers</b>     | D      | 3 |
| <b>John Spegele</b>      | D      | 2 |
| <b>James Telford</b>     | A      | 2 |
| <b>Larry Trieglaff</b>   | Hq     | 2 |
| <b>LaVern Trupp</b>      | D      | 2 |
| <b>Merle Weller</b>      | C      | 2 |
| <b>Joseph Wood</b>       | D      | 2 |
| <b>Donald Woodin</b>     | Hq     | 2 |
| <b>James Wrench</b>      | A & Hq | 2 |



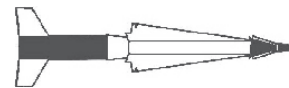
### Membership Dues

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.



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

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| President/Treasurer | <b>Bob Mackintosh</b> |
| Vice President      | <b>John Spegele</b>   |
| Secretary           | <b>Dave O'Connell</b> |
| 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>     |



## For Sale Items at 2006 Rapid City 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 hat 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](mailto: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 \$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:

### 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 Rapid City Reunion, October 2006**

Yes\_\_No \_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail me the items selected. Check is attached.** Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Add \$3.00 for mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 2-71 Reunion Registration

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

**Registration Fee is \$30 per person** (See list above for those who have pre-paid \$30)  
(Includes 28 September social & buffet, and miscellaneous reunion costs.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) x \$30 per person; **(unless you pre-paid \$30)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Assn. Membership Fee for 2006 is \$15 per member** (do not include guests)  
2006 membership fee (if applicable, Check newsletter mailing address label)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Reunion Activities (Optional)

**Thursday, 28 September, 2006 - Reception & Buffet** 6:00 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) \$ \_\_\_N/C\_\_\_

**Friday, 29 September, 2006 – All Day Tour to Mt. Rushmore, etc.** 10:30 am  
\_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) x \$45 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, 30 September, 2006 – Social and Banquet** 6:00 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) x \$25 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, 1 October, 2006 - Memorial Breakfast** 8:30 am  
Sit down breakfast and memorial service for our departed troops  
\_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) x \$10 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**

*Cancellations for meals will be refunded if notification is received by 13 September 2006  
Tour will be refunded wherever possible.*



