



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

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Newsletter 2

July 2006

2006 Reunion

We are only three 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

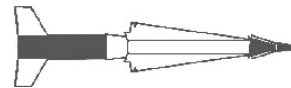
Sunday, 1 Oct 2006

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 Mis-

sile 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.



White Sands 1962 - U.S. Army Photo

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.

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. 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

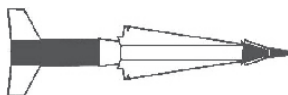
You will have all day Saturday to visit downtown Rapid City or take a trip to visit the Badlands. Nothing is programmed until Saturday evening.

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.



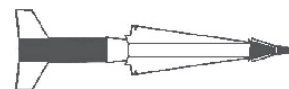
Message for Financially Strapped Members of our Assn.

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

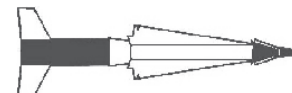
Start now to contact a buddy and make arrangements to see each other at the reunion. If you need an address, telephone number, or e-mail address of someone on our mailing list, write or call Bob Mackintosh (see newsletter letterhead). If you need help finding someone who is not on our mailing list, contact 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!



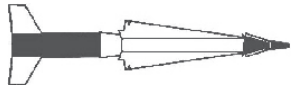
In Memoriam

**John E. Astin, Pompano Beach, FL (C Btry),
died 6 June 2006.**



Membership Renewals

Astin, Mrs. John, Pompano Beach, FL (C Btry)
Harris, David, Kendall Park, NJ (178 Ord)
Hodge, Norris, Marianna, AR (C Btry)
Martinez, Filimon, Denver, CO (C Btry)
O'Connell, Dave, East Aurora, NY (D Btry)
Roberts, John, Underwood, MN (D Btry)
Santak, Bill, Wilmington, DE (B Btry)
Serpico, Frank, Fountain Hills, AZ (B & Hq Btry)
St. Amour, Leo, Havre de Grace, MD (C Btry)



Notes from the Troops

4/3/06

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

Bob:

Annie and I do not plan to attend the reunion in Rapid City. I am sorry that we will not be there to see you and Lois and the others. I am sure you all will have a wonderful time in RC, there are interesting things to see and do. We were there last summer on a tour out west with my cousins. Don't take me off your list -- we hope to make 2008 wherever it is, but hopefully closer to Nashville next time.

Charlie

4/3/06

From: **Carl Paparazo** (C Btry)

Hello Bob

I have 35mm camera slides of "C" Battery area and the squad tents, etc., including the 1/2 ton water trailer we used to get water to shave, etc., using our steel pots for water containers. Quite a few, I believe, but have to have the slides transcribed onto a CD. I will check it out and send the disc, if I can.

Regards

Carl Paparazo

"C" Battery

4/21/06

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

Howdy from El Paso. Our new mailing address is 1955 Trawood Dr, El Paso Texas 79935. Our new Email address is kaybobep4@sbcglobal.net. Phone is still the same - our cell number.

Hope you are all well. We are still trying to get settled in to our condo. Have had painters and carpet people in for the last 2 weeks and still not completely finished, but will take a break for a while. Hope you get this as it is the first thing we have sent after reentering our COMPLETE ADDRESS BOOK.

Love to all,

Bob and Kay

4/22/06

From: **Frank Rivers** (A & C Btrys)

Bob:

My e-mail address is frankr1@infionline.net. It doesn't look as if I will be able to make it to the reunion. I will have to wait awhile before I commit. My wife still isn't able to travel and I can't leave her alone. Hopefully things will improve as we were looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion. We haven't given up yet.

Frank

4/24/06

From: **Jimmie Rogers** (D Btry)

Dear Bob & Lois,

Here's a little something I made for you all to use with your morning coffee and evening toddy. Hope it will remind you of Taiwan and the friendship we made there and especially during the last four reunions. Thank you for your work for the 2nd Msl Bn. It has been very gratifying.

Hope you all are doing OK. We are doing OK.

Weather here is windy and dry. Fire danger is high. Need some of your moisture.

Looking forward to seeing you all in S.D. We're ready. Got the Apr. newsletter today. Always glad to get it and catch up on the latest.

Take care, & thanks again for all your work.

Jimmie and Ruth Ann Rogers

4/27/06

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.

They say that no news is good news, so I guess I'm OK. My doctors tell me I'm in great shape for the shape I'm in - and my insurance company pays them for that kind of diagnosis! At any rate, I'm still looking at the grass from the right side.

Hope all is well with you folks.

Sincerely,

Leo St. Amour

4/25/06

From: **Charles Gray** (1st Sig Det)

My new e-mail address is charles.gray@okstate.edu.

I was in the 1st Signal Det (PFC/SP4) and later got a direct commission as a Signal Officer. After retiring from the Army I worked on engineering and managing the telephone networks for American Airlines for 21 years. When they had a RIF, I was the "old guy making too much money", so they retired me. I have now been teaching in a master's degree program in telecommunications management for six years.

Regards.

Charles G. Gray

Senior Lecturer, Telecommunications

Oklahoma State University - Tulsa

4/30/06

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

Here is a contribution for the Association Contingency Fund.

Looking forward to September!

Harry

5/5/06

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

Dear Bob,

I will only be able to attend Saturday evening, September 30th, and Sunday morning, October 1st. This is the first reunion I will have attended and am looking forward to meeting old Army buddies.

John G. Roberts

D Btry

5/16/06

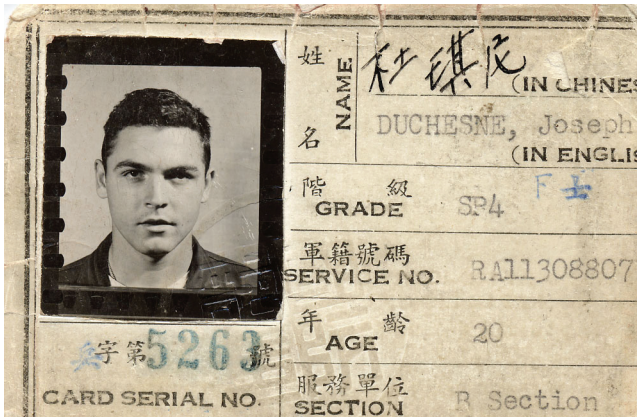
From: **Joe Duchesne** (A Btry)

Bob,

My ID for the newsletter. I'll pick it up at the reunion.

My son, Joseph, will be coming with me.

Joe



5/23/06

From: **Filimon Martinez** (C Btry)

Dear Bob & Lois,

We will see you in S.D.

We hope you have a great summer and were hoping all is well.

Gods love, and ours.

Filimon & Eleanor Martinez

5/31/06

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

Bob & Lois,

Hi:

Surgery has been cancelled pending review in two weeks. Am on electric shock machine which helps, but? With shock machine & pills, I'm doing fair. Still have some pain!

Looking forward to Black Hills in Sept.

Vern & Blanche

6/20/06

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

Dear Bob:

Judy and I are looking forward to the reunion in the fall and to seeing everyone again.

Just so I don't miss anything important, here is my new email address:

6/19/06

From: **Mrs. John (Lea) Astin** (C Btry)

Dear Bob,

John E. died in my arms on 06 06 2006. Enclosed his membership dues (from 10/31/2005 – 2006)

Sincerely, Lea M. Astin

7/3/06

From: **Glen Ramsey** (A Btry)

Hi Bob,

I need the address, etc for **Stephen Lamar Phillips**. I think he was in C Battery. We went to high school together. I haven't talked to him since we returned from Taiwan.

Thanks and I'll see you in Rapid City,

Glenn Ramsey

7/3/06

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

Bob

Looks like we are going to have to skip this reunion. Things just are not working out schedule wise and we are very disappointed that we can not make it.

Please give our regards to all the troops.

Lord willing we will make the next one for sure.

Herb and Janet

7/3/06

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

Bob:

Thanks for the e-mail. Guess we are all set to go. Have our plane tickets, hotel reservations and think we have paid for all the activities. If not, please let us know and we will take care of that. All is well in Oklahoma and we are hoping for another great time with everyone in Rapid City.

Love,

Sonny and Betty Davis

7/4/06

From: **Jim Wrench** (A & Hq Btry)

Happy Fourth to you also.

I'm pretty sure I'm paid up for Rapid City, but if not, let me know.

And count me in if you can swing a trip to Taiwan for our 50th reunion...I'm already packed.

Jim

7/4/06

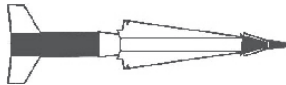
From: **Ray Corbin** (B & D Btry)
Bob,

Happy 4th to you and Lois and family.

I know things always seem to drag, but the old gang still seems very interested in our get-together's every two years. I don't know why, but I always assumed our 50th would be in El Paso? At least whenever I talked to any of our group, El Paso seems the obvious choice for 40, 50, 60, etc. reunions.

Again, we all appreciate your drive that has kept our organization together. Have a great summer, and if you like, I'm sure a number of us would be glad to contact others regarding the reunion.

Mimi and Ray



Other Notes

4/26/06

From: Lloyd Evans (BOHAUSA)
Hi Mac.

Another enjoyable "read" of the 2-71 NL. (I have placed your dead onto the Final Formation list in the May NL); we both have lots of members that are gravely ill and every loss for me is personal, more so for you as you have their faces in front of you. My condolences to all those of the 2-71.

I had not the name of Gilberto Bedia. I have added him to the Honor Roll along with your new member Aubrey Hutchison - has he email?

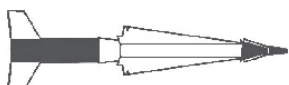
Henry Privott, has a new email addy, may I have the new one (Old: WFCHLP@aol.com)? If he's still making it, get him to bring some of that "World's Finest Chocolate" to your reunion.

Then, if Aubrey L. Toney is one of the youngest members of 2-71, how old is he now, then (1958)? Has he email?

I see that you too have email addy changes that are never given. I have over 1,700 men on email Bob, I guess I get back about 75 - which I do not attempt to locate. Let me give you all of the email addresses I have and perhaps some of your "missing" notified me and not you (as you know, you can easily navigate this list by searching with an Edit/Find.

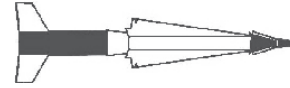
As an aside: The 2-71's compassion (For the financially strapped) is not lost on me. Every 2-71 member, for sure, considers every reunion, a "last." On behalf of we, "the others," of the BOHAUSA, I am sending you a check for \$100. Use it to assist members unable to get to their reunion - your men need to know how I envy your cohesive "family (a salute to it's 7 Board members)."

(We all thank Lloyd for his generous contribution. Ed.)



Veterans News

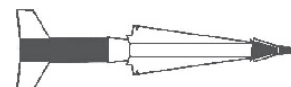
The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased military members to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.



Membership Dues

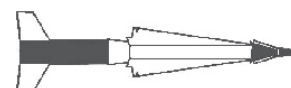
The 2006 membership year started 1 November 2005. If you would like to start, or continue. your membership in the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association, please submit your \$15.00 to Robert Mackintosh, 2-71 (Taiwan) Assn, 271 Shady Oak Drive, New Market, AL 35761. If you are currently a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

IF YOU HAVE A BLACK AND WHITE FRONT PAGE, YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IN ARREARS, OR YOU HAVE NOT BEEN A MEMBER. YOU ARE NOW ON THE NON-MEMBER LIST, GETTING A COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER. LET US KNOW IF THIS IS AN ERROR.



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

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



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.

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.*

