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In Memoriam

Betty Lois Davis, Wife of Sonny Davis (D Battery)

Obituaries

Betty Lois Davis

(September 24, 1934 - January 11, 2008)

Mrs. Betty Lois Davis, 73, of Talihina, passed away Friday, January 11th, 2008 at her residence.

Betty was born in Pelly, Texas on September 24, 1934, the daughter of the late Vivian Wilce and Alice B (DeVillier) Lancon. She was a member of Prairie Grove Baptist Church Talihina, Oklahoma.

She was retired as a Director of Recreation at Oklahoma Veterans Center Talihina, Oklahoma. She married Bobby B. Burns, Sr., June 27, 1952 in Anahuac, Texas, he passed away November 17, 1978, She later married **S. B. "Sonny" Davis** March 28, 1981 in Talihina, Oklahoma She is survived by her husband, "Sonny" of the home; one son; Brett Burns Sr. and wife Cynthia of Talihina, Oklahoma; one step-son; Sonny Davis and wife Rebecca of Kingsville, Texas; two daughters; Sabrina Detter and husband of Muse, Oklahoma, Gina Gregson and husband Kenny of Talihina, Oklahoma; two step-daughters; Sandra Garcia and husband Elmer of Goodyear, Arizona and Gail Waddoups and husband Mickey of Kailua-Kona, HI and one brother; Donald Lancon., also 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; Vivian "Pete" Lancon; Mother, Alice Lancon; Son, Bobby B. Burns, Jr.; son-in-law, Jimmy E. Timmons; Brothers; Podgie Lancon, Ira Lancon, Frank Lancon, Willie Lancon, Harold Lancon and Robert Lancon; her husband; Bobby B. Burns, Sr. Pallbearers for the service will be Brett Burns, Jr., Colton Burns, Bobby Burns, III, Ben Burns, Josh Gregson, Justin Gregson, Brandon Burns and Josh Kilbane. Honorary pallbearers will be Kerry Phillips, Jack Bates, Bob Wilcox, Paul Long, Jerry Vadnais, and Donny Sanford.

Religious Service at Talihina School Auditorium, Talihina, Oklahoma at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, January 15th, with Rev. Cecil Holcomb officiating. Interment following at Old Town Tuskahoma, Tuskahoma, Oklahoma under the direction of Talihina Funeral Home.

September 2008 Reunion

Everyone, in good health, should be planning to attend the 50th Anniversary Reunion in El Paso, 11-14 September 2008. It will be a once in a lifetime reunion. If you didn't make any other, please try and make this one; and bring your family. We will make a special attempt in contact widows, members who have made a previous reunion, and those who have not yet attended a reunion. We will be setting up teams to spread the workload, so that we can contact as many troops, and family members, as possible.

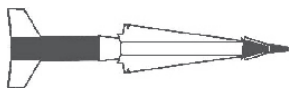
The Taiwan (ROC) government has been contacted to see if they will be providing to our group on the 50th anniversary of the Taiwan Straits Crisis, certificates similar to the recognition that they provided on the 40th anniversary in 1998. The Military Mission at the Washington, D.C. Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office (Embassy) has been contacted and they have agreed to forward our letter to the Taiwan Minister of National Defense. In fact, they assured us that we would get a Letter of Recognition of our service to Taiwan that would be delivered by one of their Military Attachés.

We will also be contacting some U.S. Government organizations, State Governors' offices, the mayor of El Paso, the El Paso Times, the Ft. Bliss CG, and the Taiwan and Economic Cultural Office for Letters of Recognition of 2-71's historic participation in the defense of Taiwan during the Taiwan Straits Crisis of 1958.

The biggest change to our bi-annual reunion format will be the taping of our "War Stories". With the help of the Air Defense Artillery historian at Ft. Bliss, we will be taping your stories for posterity. Where they will be archived is to be determined. Start thinking now about the story, or stories, you would like to record. Maybe you would like to tell a story as a small group, e.g. tent mates, or drinking buddies. I am sure we can set that up also. The details will be worked out before the reunion. **You can make it happen.**

We will not have any planned trips to Juarez. There will be a bus tour on Saturday, 13 September. See the schedule below.

We will be able to help our some of our most needy members with financial assistance, if they will privately communicate their need to the association.



Schedule:

Wednesday, 10 Sep 2008

p.m. – Early arrival of Board of Directors, and a few others

Thursday, 11 Sep 2008

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.– Board of Governors Meeting in Savoy Board Room

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Registration in Valencia Room

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Recording of Taiwan Stories in Savoy Board Room

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Reception w/cash bar in Atrium area

7:00p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner in Atrium area

Friday, 12 Sep 2008

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – General Membership Meeting in Ballroom

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Luncheon in Ballroom with Local civilian and military dignitaries, & Taiwan Military Attaché

2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Recording of Taiwan Stories in Board Room; Open Time (Possible bus shuttle to Air Defense Museum at Ft. Bliss)

Saturday, 13 Sep 2008

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Bus tour to Old Mesilla, shopping and lunch, “War Eagle” Aircraft Museum, and Stahmanns Pecan Farm

5:30 - 6:00 – Group photo in Atrium

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Social Hour

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Reunion Banquet and Entertainment

Sunday, 14 Sep 2008

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – Conclusion of Reunion Activities

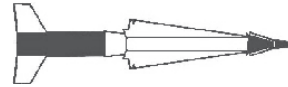
Hotel reservations

Hotel reservations for the reunion must be made directly to the Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport, and not through the Radisson Hotel central reservation system. The hotel telephone number is 1-915-772-3333. You must ask the front desk to make the reservation as part of a “Group Reservation” for the 2nd Missile Battalion. (The Reservation Desk does not handle group reservations.)

We have a complicated room rate schedule for this reunion. The room rate for Thursday, 11 Sept. 2008, is \$105.00, plus tax. The room rate for Friday, 12 Sept., and Saturday, 13 Sept., is \$91.00, plus tax. A few people will want to have reservations for Wednesday, 10 Sept. They will be members of the Board of Directors, and a few other early arrivals. There are only 15 rooms available at our group rate for that night. Sixty rooms are available, at the group rate, for Thursday through Saturday night.

This room rate is higher than we have paid at earlier reunions, but **each room reservation includes a full breakfast for two, and two tickets per room for the nightly happy hour.**

Please reserve your room NLT 8 August 2008, earlier if possible. Rooms not reserved 30 days in advance will be released to the general public and may not be available at the group rate.



2009 Trip to Taiwan

There is a change in the date for the travel to Taiwan!

The Taiwan trip is still in the early planning stage, but coming together quickly. A tour agency has been contacted, and a tentative itinerary has been proposed. **Our new date for this trip is 18 – 25 April 2009.** The tour agency suggests that we consider staying at a Five Star hotel in downtown Taipei, since we have already stayed at the Grand Hotel. One of the downtown hotels would permit us to walk to shops and not be as out of the way as the Grand Hotel.

The total number planning to make the trip has reached forty-five. We have had no new travelers since the last newsletter.

A final commitment will have to be made at the time of the El Paso Reunion. At that time, the tour agency will require a down payment that includes full-fare for the air travel. The approximate cost of the tour package and the draft itinerary follows.

Air Travel to Taiwan

This tour package includes air transportation from Los Angeles to Taipei via China Air. However, China Air does have flights departing from San Francisco, Chicago, and New York, and as we get closer the Tour Agency may be able to arrange flights from one of these airports.

Please confirm your interest in making the April 2009 Tour to Taiwan by filling out the form at the back of this newsletter.

Itinerary

18 Apr 2009 (Saturday) – China Airlines 005 depart from LAX at 14:50PM

19 Apr 2009 (Sunday) – Arrive in Taipei at 20:20PM

Meet / Transfer to Taipei City with guide and 41-person coach. (-/-/, No meals included)

Hotel: (1) Taipei Sheraton Hotel (5*), or
(2) Taipei Howard Plaza Hotel (5*)

(Hotels have not yet been selected)

20 Apr 2009 (Monday) – Full day Taipei City Tour

Visit National Palace Museum, Martyrs’ Shrine, Taiwan Democracy Memorial Hall (Old Chang

Kai-shek Memorial), **Taipei 101 Observatory (World's tallest building), and shopping Mall. Evening visit to Longshan Temple and Huashi snake alley (B/L/D included)**

Hotel: (1) Taipei Sheraton Hotel (5*), or
(2) Taipei Howard Plaza Hotel (5*)

21 Apr 2009 (Tuesday) Full day visit to old Bn sites.

Stops like Taishan, Linko & Tansui. (B/-/- included), (these stops will be arranged and contacted by 2-71 Tour coordinator.)

Hotel: (1) Taipei Sheraton Hotel (5*), or
(2) Taipei Howard Plaza Hotel (5*)

22 Apr 2009 (Wednesday) Taipei – Yangmei, Sun Moon Lake. After breakfast, proceed to Sun Moon Lake. (B/L/D included)

Enroute via Highway#1 to visit Yangmei town (Tour through old D Battery location). Then transfer to Sun Moon Lake.

Afternoon: arrive Sun Moon Lake; visit Puli Brewery Factory and Chung Tai Buddhist Temple.

Overnight: (1) The Lalu, Sun Moon Lake (5*), or
(2) The Richforest Resort, Sun Moon Lake (4*)

23 Apr 2009 (Thursday) Sun Moon Lake – return to Taipei

After breakfast, visit Sun Moon Lake by bus. Stops at Wenwu Temple, Tehua Village, Tse-En Pagoda, Holy Monk Shrine..etc.

Afternoon proceed to visit Jiji town. Then return back to Taipei City. (B/L/D included)

Hotel: (1) Taipei Sheraton Hotel (5*), or
(2) Taipei Howard Plaza Hotel (5*)

24 Apr 2009 (Friday) – In the morning, group will have free time until after lunch.

Afternoon, proceed to visit Yangmingshan National Park. Then enjoy a hot-spring bath at Yangmingshan Tien Lai Hot-spring resort (with swimming suit) (This is subject to change pending further study of the local attractions.)

Evening visit to Shin Lin Night Market. (B/-/D included)

Hotel: (1) Taipei Sheraton Hotel (5*), or
(2) Taipei Howard Plaza Hotel (5*)

25 Apr 2009 (Saturday) – Depart Taipei by China Airline 5 at 16:40 PM arrive LAX at 13:05PM (same day)

Group will be free until departure transfer.

Meet / Transfer to Taoyuan Int'l Airport with guide and coach. (B/-/- included)

End of tour.

Taiwan Tour Estimated Cost

1. Taipei Sheraton Hotel (5 Stars) Superior room & China airlines from LAX to Taipei round trip.
US\$2190.00 plus air fare tax (approximately \$75.00) per person based on double occupancy.
Single supplement US\$650.00

2. Taipei Howard Plaza Hotel (5 Stars) Superior room
US\$1999.00 plus air fare tax (approximately \$75.00) per person based on double occupancy.
Single supplement US\$550.00

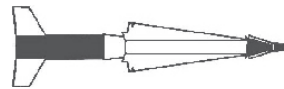
Price Includes:

- (1) 6 Nights hotel accommodation on twin room sharing basis.
- (2) All transfers with private English speaking guide and private deluxe A/C bus
- (3) Meals as listed in itinerary.
- (4) Entrance ticket for listed tourist stops.
- (5) Towels and bottled water during sightseeing.

Price excludes:

- (1) Personal expenses
- (2) Travel insurance
- (3) International airfare tax.
- (4) Tips.

The price is subject to change; the Tour Agency doesn't have the airfare for 2009 yet.



Notes From the Troops

1/5/08

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

Hello troopers,

This forward (e-mail not included) is about Midland, Texas. Isn't that the city that **Bobby Ratliff** was from? I sure did like that guy, always smiling and always willing to go along with the program over there on the tea fields in '58.

Bobby passed away quite a few years ago, but I never forgot that guy. He was always talking about his city of MIDLAND, TEXAS, and I think he said it was the pecan capital of the world? Not quite sure of that, but the city was famous for some type of food product.

Carl Paparazzo

1/3/08

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

Darlynne and I are looking forward to El Paso to reunite with old and new friends.

Ed and Darlynne

1/3/08

From: **Dewey Jackson**, Foley, AL (D & Hq Btry)

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is my check for dues '08, '09, '10 (if I live that long).

Although I spent several months of my time in Taiwan attached to the PMO in Taipei, I was with D Btry and then with the early warning radar site at Shihmen.

Some of our troops may remember me if they spent any time in Taipei's "Sin Alley". I saw many of them there. But I also remember the hillside of tea where D Btry radars were located.

Lord willing I will try to make the El Paso reunion.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy reading each newsletter.

Sincerely,

Dewey M. Jackson

1/10/08

From: **Howard Bridges** (Hq & A Btry)

Hi Bob,

I am enclosing a MO for two years membership. Please use the remainder for expenses.

I came to Taiwan with A Battery; we were in the tea field. Later I became 1st Sgt. of Hq. Battery with **Robert Johnson** as SGM (Sgt. major).

I hope to be in El Paso this year.

Good luck to you and other members.

Howard B. Bridges

1/14/08

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

Dear Bob and Lois,

It was with much sadness that we learned of **Betty Davis** passing. We can only imagine how difficult this must be for Sonny and their families. As we learn of these sad happenings we can only reflect back to happier times that we all shared. Thank you for helping to provide those happier times when we all were able to gather together at our reunions. This again underscores the reasons why we all should attend our reunions every two years.

See you all in El Paso.

Mimi and Ray

1/10/08

From: **Tom Conniff** (Hq & D Btrys)

Dear Bob and Lois,

Unlike most people, I have been lax on taking care of the important things. Please take out the dues I owe and use the rest for whatever is deemed to be necessary.

We are looking forward to El Paso.

Larry, don't forget your golf clubs.

See you all in Sept.

Mike and Betty Conniff

P.S. Have no email address for the present.

1/19/08

From: **Leroy Schuchardt** (B Btry)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is \$30.00 for two years dues.

Sure can tell we are getting older. Had pneumonia at Christmas time last year Dec. '06. Then had gall bladder attack last four days of March 2007. Got out of hospital April 1st. Every time they give me some medicine, I always have to take water pills for 30 to 45 days.

I'm supposed to be on jury duty, but am on water pills now from medicine for the flu...

I got a Polaris Ranger 700 shortly before Christmas. A nice Christmas present. It has fuel injection and runs good and starts good. We have a 145-acre farm and it is fun to drive around to look at deer. The Illinois Conservation Department put out bobcats and you can't hunt them so there goes the rabbits, quail, turkeys, squirrels, and groundhogs.

The Presidential election is coming up, wish it was over. I'm not for Mrs. Clinton. Stormy weather ahead. Had a bad drought and still dry yet.

I remember being on guard duty when the nose cone got stolen off of a missile. About 2:00 a.m. and real dark. It got stolen in A Section. I was on guard duty in C Section.

Lieutenant Fulp was a nice O.D.; he would shine the flashlight in his face to be recognized.

An R.A. 2nd Lieutenant tried to take my M-1 rifle away from me after I halted him. He came at me at a fast walk so I sidestepped him. I should have stuck him in the chin, or should have pulled back the bolt and let fly. I wonder if he would have tried to grab a loaded rifle. Who was the R.A. 2nd Lieutenant in the IFC area?

I would like to have a complete list of B Battery personnel when we arrived in Sept. of 1958.

Leroy Schuchardt

1/25/08

From: **Fred Churchill** (B Btry)

Dear Robert:

I wish to pay my dues. ...What is left over, put it to good use.

You do a great job.

Fred G. Churchill

1/31/08,

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

Dear Bob & Lois,

Enclosed is my check for 2 years.

We enjoy the newsletter but were saddened last letter to read of the deaths of **Dave Diedrich** and **Jimmie Rogers**.

We are planning on being in El Paso for the reunion.

Bob & Marilyn Burlage

2/8/08

From: **John Acker** (A Btry)

Dear Bob,

Jim Telford told me that he recently received a newsletter. For some reason I did not, and have not found one on the

web site. If possible, I would certainly appreciate receiving one, either by mail or email.

Thanks.

John Acker

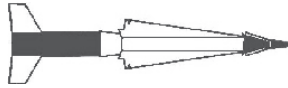
PS I am hoping to make it to El Paso, but it is not certain.

2/18/08

From: **Howard Brelje** (D Btry)

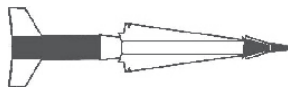
My health won't allow me to go (to Taiwan). Thanks,

Howard Brelje



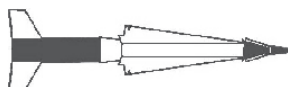
Membership Renewals

- Burlage, Bob**, Monticello, IA (D Btry)
- Churchill, Fred**, Janesville, WI (B Btry)
- Conniff, Tom**, Eden Prairie, MN (Hq & D Btrys)
- Garcia, Charles**, Buena Vista, CO (Hq & D Btrys)
- Heilman, Bob**, Janesville, WI (B Btry)
- Jackson, Dewey**, Foley, AL (D & Hq Btry)
- Jackson, Don**, El Paso, TX (D Btry)
- Lisiewski, Al**, Millsboro, DE (D Btry)
- Morgan, Ron**, Sand Point, ID (C Btry)
- Pierzynski, Ed**, Richmond Hill, GA (D Btry)
- Privott, Henry**, Kitty Hawk, NC (D Btry)
- Reichstadt, Mel**, Spring Lake Park, MN (178 Ord)
- Roberts, John**, Underwood, MN (D Btry)
- Rose, Dwight**, Mount Olive, NC (B Btry)
- Schuchardt, Leroy**, Waterloo, IL (B Btry)
- Serpico, Frank**, Fountain Hills, AZ (B & Hq Btrys)
- Spegele, John**, Roanoke, VA (D Btry)
- Stacks, George**, Salem, OR (Hq Btry)
- Telford, Jim**, Racine, WI (A Btry)
- Vuncannon, Jim**, Salinas, CA (Hq Btry)
- Wrench, Jim**, Ft. Walton Beach, FL (A & Hq Btrys)



New Memberships

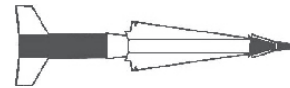
- Bridges, Howard**, Lawton, OK (Hq & A Btry)



DD 214 Information

(Provided by Bob Douglas)

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.



More Hank Weber PIO Photos



ROC Trainee and US 2-71 Instructor
(Can You Identify?)



2-71 Soldier and ROC NCOs



COL Chang Greets CPT Oliver, Advance Party



Chaplain's Assistant Plays the Organ for Service



A Battery? Troops in the Mud



A Battery Jeep in the Mud

2-71 Reunion Registration

Please submit your reservation form NLT 8 August 2008— earlier if possible.

Member Name _____

Spouse and Guest Names _____

Mailing Address _____

Tel. No. (with area code) _____ E-mail address _____

Registration Fee is \$35 per person (Includes 11 September reception & buffet, and miscellaneous reunion costs.)

_____ (number of persons) x \$35 per person. \$ _____

Assn. Membership Fee for 2008 is \$15 per member (do not include guests)

2008 membership fee (if applicable, check newsletter mailing address label) \$ _____

Reunion Activities (Optional)

Thursday, 11 September, 2008 - Reception & Buffet 6:00 pm
_____ (number of persons) \$ _____ N/C _____

Friday, 12 September, 2008 – Special Recognition Luncheon 12:00 pm
_____ (number of persons) x \$25 per person = \$ _____

Saturday, 13 September, 2008 – All Day Tour Old Mesilla 9:00 am
_____ (number of persons) x \$12 per person = \$ _____

Saturday, 13 September, 2008 – Social and Banquet 6:00 pm
_____ (number of persons) x \$40 per person = \$ _____

Sunday, 14 September, 2008 - Memorial Breakfast 8:30 am
Sit down breakfast and memorial service for our departed troops
_____ (number of persons) x \$12 per person = \$ _____

Grand Total Registration and Function Tickets: \$ _____
(Tickets will be included in registration packet at the Hotel.)

Send Full Payment (Payable to: 2-71 Artillery (Taiwan) Assn.) and 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 4 September 2006.
Tour will be refunded wherever possible.*

Please submit your reservation form NLT 8 August 2008— earlier if possible.

Taiwan Trip Confirmation

I plan to make the Taiwan Trip with the 2-71 Group 18 – 25 April 2009. I understand that a down payment will be required in September 2008.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____

E-mail address: _____

Taiwan unit(s): _____

Traveling with: _____

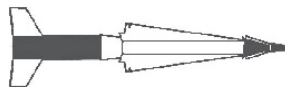
Comment on selection of a 5 Star Hotel for our trip:

The proposed hotel is OK with me. Yes _____ No _____

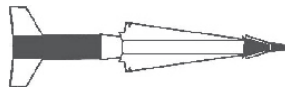
I would rather have a more affordable hotel. Yes _____ No _____

Send confirmation of your Taiwan trip interest to:

**2nd Missile Bn., 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Assn.
271 Shady Oak Drive
New Market, AL 35761**



2008 Membership Dues Are Payable Now



Membership Dues

I would like to pay my dues for 2008.
Payment of \$15.00 is enclosed.

Send to:

**2nd Missile Bn., 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Assn.
271 Shady Oak Drive
New Market, AL 35761**

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

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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