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50 Years Ago

On 15 August 1959, the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery (Nike Hercules) turned over their equipment to the 1st Guided Missile Battalion (Nike Hercules), Republic of China (ROC). Most of the ROC troops had been trained on-site by members of 2-71 (and support units), while the officers and some enlisted personnel were trained back in the U.S.

This same day, the unit was deactivated. Most of the battalion returned to CONUS on the USS General J.C. Breckenridge. A small contingent remained on Taiwan as members of the U.S. Army MAAG to be advisors to the ROC 1st Guided Missile Battalion (Nike Hercules),

The battalion Transfer of Command photo (to the right) is from the ROC archives. The ROC battalion commander was Col. Chang; the U.S. battalion commander was LTC Archie Walker.



Transfer of Command Ceremony 15 August 1959
COL Chang (ROC), LTC Archie Walker (USA)

50th Anniversary Coin

Many of you have not received your 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin. It was given to all members who paid their dues for 2008, or later. They are still available and will be sent to all who send in \$15.00 for membership dues. If you do not want to become a member, send \$10.00 for the cost of the coin and mailing. If you have already received a coin, you may purchase additional coins for \$10.00 each.

They will make a great keepsake for family members.



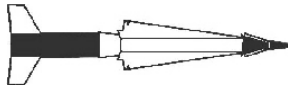
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C Battery Transfer of Command Ceremony, 15 August 1959

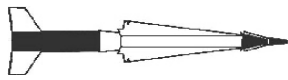


In Memoriam

Donald L. Einkauf (Hq Btry) Shepherd, TX,
died 12 Jan 2009.

Charles Scott, (A Btry), El Paso, TX,
died 10 May 2009.

Merle E. Weller, (C Btry), Strasburg, PA,
died 26 May 2009.



Notes from the Troops

5/17/09

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

I am very sad to report that **Charles (Scott)** (A Btry) passed away at home on May 10, 2009. There will not be a funeral per his instructions. The delay in reporting this is due to a problem with his son. He will be laid to rest at Ft. Bliss National cemetery at 10 AM on Monday, May 18, 2009. I plan to attend. He suffered with Lukemia for a long time but he is in a better place now.

Bob Douglas

5/18/09

From: **Karen O'Connell**, wife of **Dave O'Connell**,
(D Btry)

Hi Bob,

I thought it was time I let you know that **Dave** is battling rectal cancer. He was diagnosed toward the end of March. The Buffalo VA Hospital is magnificent. No complaints here.

He has had more appointments, seen so many people, and all along the way everyone is very caring. They even call here to see how he's feeling.

He is being treated with a combination of chemo and radiation. Six weeks altogether. The hope is the surgery after will be minimal. He's starting his fourth week. Last week was not a good week for him. The side effects of both treatments took their toll. They had to disconnect his chemo. (He had a mediport put in, so he gets chemo 24/7. Radiation is Monday through Friday.) His mouth sores were so bad, talking was difficult. He's much better now.

He started back on both treatments today, but they lessened the chemo dosage. I am quite happy he's as good a patient as he is. That was a welcome surprise!

Bless you all,
Karen

5/19/09

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

Thank you Bob for this sad notice (re **Charles Scott**). Just knowing about us guys, that once were all together back in the past, knowing that slowly, we are now the watch patrol on the members' passing, almost monthly! You have kept us all informed, and I congratulate you and your family for hanging in with us troops out here in civilian life. We have survived the wars, but ultimately we can't survive time.

Thank you
Carl Paparazo, C Battery BOH 58

5/18/09

From: **Chuck Lapsley** (B & D Btrys)

Bob,

The trip to Taiwan sounded great!

I'm kind of working through personal problems following my loss of Karla.

Hope to see you all later at a reunion.

Regards,
(Chuck) Walt Lapsley

5/16/09

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

Dear Bob & Lois,

Hope all is going well. We are doing OK...

Take care and we look forward to Sept. 16-19, 2010 in the D.C. area.

Mimi and Ray

5/25/09

From: **Dwight Rose** (B Btry)

Hi Bob

Thanks for the work you are doing keeping the troops informed about the 2/71. Please change my E-Mail address to ndr1935@bellsouth.net.

Hope you and your family are all doing fine. It is always good hearing from you. I receive E-Mails from **Bob Douglas** almost daily and enjoy them very much.

Dwight Rose
5941 US 13 South
Mt. Olive, NC 28365

5/30/09

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

Hope I can make the next reunion.
Frank

6/3/09

From: Melody Reinecke (granddaughter of **Stephen Woomer**) (178 Ord)

Hello Mr. Mackintosh,

My name is Melody Reinecke and I think I am the granddaughter of Stephen Woomer, a former Army ordnanceman listed in the Memoriam on your website. All I know about him is that he was in the Army and my grandmother and him split up before my mother was born. My mom may have met

him when she was a little kid, but he did not want to have anything to do with her. She is now in her late 50's and it appears that Mr. Woomer is deceased. My mother lives in Pasadena, MD and it appears that Mr. Woomer did not live too far away from her.

Would you be willing to help me figure out if this person is/was my actual grandfather? If so, I'd like to know more about him. It would solve a lot of mysteries in our family. Also, I am a veteran myself if that helps, former USMC.

Respectfully,
Melody Reinecke

(Ed. Sent Melody info we had on **Stephen Woomer**, his death, and further suggestions to determine this relationship.)

6/13/09

From Mary Oliver (daughter-in-law of **CPT Harold Oliver**) (Hqs & C Btrys)
Good Evening,

I am trying to help my mother-in-law locate the amahs that worked for them when they were stationed in Tein Mou from 1959-1960. Do you have any suggestions?

Mary Oliver

(Ed. Gave Mary the e-mail addresses of **Bob Douglas**, **Tom McGranahan**, and **Bob Jarrell**)

7/18/09

From: **Leo St. Amour** (C & D Btrys)
Bob -

I received the last two issues of the newsletter a few days back and today the coin came into my mailbox.

The coin is magnificent! Our history on the front and back. This will go with my most cherished mementos of my military career. My compliments and thanks to the designer.

Leo St. Amour, C/D batteries.

7/29/09

From: **Harry Phillips** (D Btry)
We are looking forward to the next reunion.
Harry Phillips

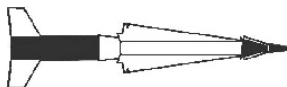
8/3/09

From: **S.B. Davis** (D Btry)
Hi Bob and Lois,

Enclosed are my dues for 0-10. Seems I can't get around to every thing I have to do any more.

Bob, due to health, I will not be able to attend the reunion in D.C. Will miss being there with D Btry and all the others friends that I have made. Thanks for everything you and Lois have put into the reunions.

The best to both.
S.B. Davis



Other Notes

5/21/09

From: Frank Niu
Hi,

My name is Frank Niu and I ran into your website while googling Hsinchu MAAG. I was born in Hsinchu and have since moved to the U.S. and now I am trying to better understand Hsinchu. My grandfather was based at Hsinchu, he was a armament officer for the RoCAF and was assigned to B-25s maybe even PB4Y-2. He served at the airbase from the mid 1950s to his retirement in the 70s. But he passed away before I was born. My great uncle was a pilot for the RoCAF, he flew P-51s during WW2 and eventually C-46s when the RoCAF moved to Taiwan. He is still alive and he lives in Taichung.

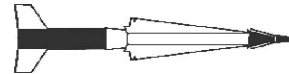
I grew up watching F-104s fly in and out of Hsinchu AB from 1980 till 1986 when my family moved to the States. Since my return to Hsinchu last year, it sparked an interest in me about the airbase, since my family was connected over the years and I knew very little about it. I searched online and found out there isn't a lot of information about the history of this airbase. I ran into your website and read that, "Some of the MAAG group in Hsinchu included Air Force people that flew the F-86's at the CAF air base in Hsinchu, and were Korean veterans." Can you please tell me more or steer me in the right direction in regards to this field? I am planning on writing an essay about the Hsinchu AB from the very beginning to modern day. I would appreciate any information that you can share with me.

I have gotten into contact with Bruce Rayle and also Kent Mathieu from Taipei Air Station, they have been the most helpful in helping me better understand Taiwan back in the 50s and 60s.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,
Frank Niu

(Ed. You can reach Frank Niu at frankchun.niu@gmail.com)

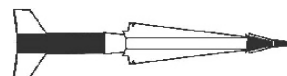


5/22/09

From: Frank Niu
Hi Bob,

Thank you so much for putting my email in the next newsletter, I really appreciate it! I will continue my search and see what I can find out. Please keep in touch and I will follow your website closely!

Frank Niu

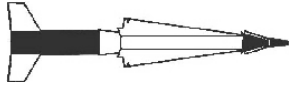


Lost E-mail Addresses

Don Melvin
C.K. McGee

Lost Postal Addresses

Hardy R. South, Okmulgee, OK (554th Ord)

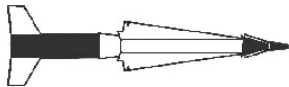


Membership Renewals

Buchanan, Bob, Clyde, NC (C Btry)
Corbin, Ray, Littleton, CO (B & D Btrys)
Davis, S.B., Talihina, TX (D Btry)
Lapsley, Walt, Martinez, CA (B & D Btrys)
Phillips, Harry, Kirkland, WA (D Btry)
Rivers, Frank, Pickens, SC (A & C Btrys)
Santak, Bill, Wilmington, DE (B Btry)
Seeley, Ben, Beryl, UT (B Btry)

Found Member

Gerald Ennis, San Antonio, TX (D Btry)



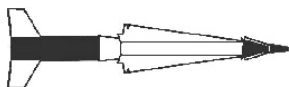
Membership Dues

Dues can still be paid for 2009. (Dues paid at this time will be credited to your 2009 and 2010 dues. The 2010 dues year starts 1 November 2009.)

Enclose payment of \$15.00 .

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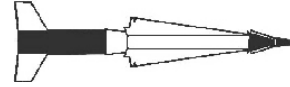
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2010 Reunion

The next 2-71 reunion will be held 16-19 September 2010. The reunion hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel next to Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, VA.

Plan on bringing the family, as we will have a tour to the memorials on the Washington D.C. Mall, including the new WWII Memorial . We also expect to have a tour to the new Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA, and the Dulles Air and Space Museum, officially named the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, next to Dulles International Airport.



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

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