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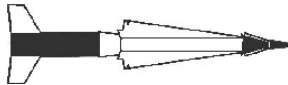
December 2009

In Memoriam

Allen Markwardt, Belleville, WI (C Btry),
died 18 Oct 2008.

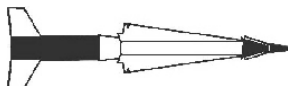
Franklin Straughan, Farmington, MO (D Btry),
died 6 Mar 2009

Bob Heilman, Janesville, WI, (B Btry),
died 5 Aug 2009.



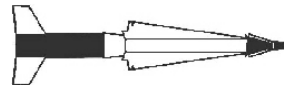
Membership Renewal

- Bowers, Robert**, North Little Rock, AR (D Btry)
- Breder, Milt**, Quincy, IL (B Btry)
- Bridges, Howard**, Lawton, OK (Hq & A Btrys)
- Dickerson, Harold**, Quinlan, TX (C Btry)
- Douglas, Bob**, El Paso, TX (B Btry)
- DuToi, Terry**, El Mirage, AZ (178th Ord)
- Funamura, Dan**, Lihue, HI (A Btry)
- Grant, Sam**, Darlington, SC (Hq Btry)
- Hodge, Nick**, Marianna, AR (C Btry)
- Hurst, Claxton**, Meigs, GA (Aug Gp)
- Jackson, Dewey**, Maryville, TN (D & Hq Btrys)
- Johnson, Jeraldine**, Arab, AL
(Widow of **Robert Johnson**, Hqs Btry)
- Kjersgaard, Jim**, Perth Amboy, NJ (D Btry)
- Lefrancois, Leo**, Plainfield, CT (Hq Btry)
- McGranahan, Tom**, Sunriver, OR (Hq Btry)
- Moody, Stu**, Butler, PA (Hq & B Btry)
- Morin, Milo**, Campbell, CA (A Btry)
- O'Neill, Nancy**, Port Jefferson Sta., NY
(Widow of **Ron O'Neill**, D Btry)
- Olivares, Fidel**, Arlington, TX (Hq Btry)
- Otting, Dan**, Waukon, IA (A Btry)
- Privott, Henry**, Kitty Hawk, NC (D Btry)
- Provost, John**, Mount Dora, FL (Hq Btry)
- Rogers, Ruth Ann**, Flower Mound, TX
(Widow of **Jimmie Rogers**, D Btry)
- Saylor, Lloyd**, El Paso, TX (554th Ord)
- Telford, Jim**, Racine, WI (A Btry)
- Whitson, Earl**, Pampa, TX (D Btry)



New Members

- Latham, Lloyd**, El Paso, TX (B Btry)
- Christensen, Marvin**, Vermillion, SD (C Btry)



Lost Member

Randll, Lee, Moss landing, CA (554th Ord) (Newsletter was returned with no forwarding address.)



**Nike Hercules Missiles in B Battery, 2-71
Launcher Revetment, 1959**

Notes From the Troops

8/19/09

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

Bob,

I hope all is well with you and Lois.

Thanks for a job well done.

Nick

8/20/09

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

The newsletter is such a blessing. We would not have known about **Dave O'Connell** nor **Charles Scott** without it.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2010.

Earl – Betty Whitson

8/20/09

From: **Chuck Lapsley**

Bob,

It is wonderful to know this continuation of a little known potentially world-shattering event of history. We served during a very tense time without firing a shot. It was nice to be young and immortal.

The brass medallion spells out the times very well. I'm enclosing a \$20 check for 2 additional medallions. If only one is available, use the remainder for another member's dues.

Keep your health,
Chuck Lapsley

8/20/09

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

Dear Bob,

I hope that you and Lois are doing well. It's been awhile since we've seen each other...way too long.

Bob, I had a catastrophic computer crash and lost my e-mail address file. Would you please send me an e-mail at ... so I can capture your e-mail address?

I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks,
Jim

8/20/09

From: **Ann Markwardt** (Wife of **Allen Markwardt**, C Btry)

To Bob Mackintosh,

Yes, I received the Newsletter 2, Volume 13! Thank you so much.

Allen died last year in 2008 on October 18th. It was very sad for me and my family. **Allen** had turned 74 on September 18, of 2008. So he lived one month after that. He died of aplastic anemia, something very rare.

I think it would make my family happy to receive the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin. I would like four of them. One for myself, one for my daughter, one for my son and one for my grand-daughter.

Enclosed, please find my check for \$40.00. The newsletter said it will cost \$10.00 for cost of the coin and mailing.

Thank you so much, Bob.
Ann Markwardt
Belleville, WI

8/28/09

From: **Claxton Hurst** (Augmentation Gp)

Hi Bob.

We are still in the mountains of North Georgia, but our mail was forwarded. I see that my membership needs to be renewed, and I will send you a check and would like the 50th anniversary coin....

We are planning to come to the reunion in D.C.
Claxton

8/20/09

From: **Terry DuToi** (178th Ord)

Bob,

I plan to keep these dues up.

Having health problems. Also, are the Taiwan Assn. stickers for cars available? (Terry, We do not have any Taiwan car stickers. You may be thinking about the Taiwan Vets Badge of Honor Assn. USA [BOHAUSA].)

8/30/09

From: **Robert Bowers**, (D Btry)

Mr. Mackintosh,

Excuse the sloppy penmanship. Just recovering from total shoulder replacement. Terrible ordeal.

Will not be attending the D.C. festivities.

I was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, VA prior to transfer to Ft. Bliss. Absolutely beautiful in the springtime, cherry blossoms, etc. 'course I'm sure it has changed immensely since early '58. The new monuments, et al.

Enclosed is check for 2010 assn. dues. Sure enjoy the newsletters. So sad to read of the illnesses and passing of our comrades.

I would suggest a page, or two, reserved for some anecdotes of the battalion personnel. Nothing that would embarrass anyone, family, or friends; e.g. "one of our jeeps hitting a huge honey wagon". No injuries, but hilarious. The locals made a big stink or of it. (Pun intended.)

Until next time.

Sincerely, Robert G. Bowers
Battery Clerk, "D" Battery

9/8/09

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

Hey back,

You know. I'm thinking hard 'cause I recognize the name (**Allen Markwardt**), but can't recall Allen. Was he in the launcher platoon of troopers? Let me know if you have any info.

Yes, it's sad, to hear of our fellow troop taking that last boat out, never to return. I'm wondering, was he in the launcher group there at "C" Battery, 'cause I was in the launcher area, and remember the name, but not Allen? Could you enlighten me, if you can.

Thanks,
Carl Paparazzo
C Battery

9/8/09

From: **Don Friese** (C Btry)

Robert,

I was so sad to hear this about **Allen (Markwardt)**, I would like to know if she (Ann) would mind if I sent her some pictures I have of him in Taiwan. I don't know how to get hold of her, so if you would please send me her address I will send them to her.

Thanks to you for letting me know about Allen. This is so sad.

Best to you for your help and support.
Don Friese

9/3/09

From: **Jeraldine Johnson** (Wife of **Robert Johnson**, Hqs Btry)

Dear Friend,

Received the newspaper, Thanks, as I read each line. I feel sorry for the loss of "life" of the members. My thoughts are with them and their families. I do hope the rest of the members, good health, hope, and a "better life". As we each grow older, life seems to be slipping by, "faster"!

I am well, still able to drive, but carefully. I do not drive far out of town, since we are on "Brindley Mountain" top. Roads are down hill, two lane roads, curves and scary for me.

Best for now, I am O.K. Thanks for the paper.

Enclosed check for next two years.

With love to all,

Mrs. Robert E. Johnson
(Jeraldine)

9/10/09

From: **Henry Privott** (D Btry)

Bob,

Enclosed is my dues plus a little extra for postage help.

Hope you are doing fine, our family is doing great.

Have a good day!!

Henry L. Privott

9/16/09

From: **Kay Heilman**, (wife of **Bob Heilman**, B Btry)

Bob,

I am sad to report that **Bob Heilman** passed away on Aug. 5th do to a heart attack and other complications. Our family misses him!!!

He enjoyed all of the reunions and was proud of the time he served in the Army.

We had planned on coming to the "last reunion". Relate my "special thanks" to all of the veterans and their spouses.

Thanks!

Kay Heilman

9/16/09

From: **Dewey Jackson**, Maryville, TN (D & Hq Btrys)

Hi Bob,

Thanks for all the work you do. Please update my address... Maryville, TN.

We moved home to the hills and to be closer to kids.

Please put my dues for 2011 & 12 to work. Also, please send me two coins. I don't recall receiving one.

Health and old age keeps me at home, so I wish everyone the best, and enjoy the D.C. Reunion. Wish I could renew old friendship with those I served with in the 2nd Bn.

My e-mail address is CSMRET33@HOTMAIL.COM.

Dewey M. Jackson

9/19/09

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

Bob,

So Sorry to hear of **Bob Heilman's** passing. I would like to send her an Email but do not have her Email address. Also, My Kay and I are flying in the morning to San Antonio and then driving up to Marble Falls Tx. Kay's youngest brother passed away day before yesterday of pancreatic cancer. He was 57. Will be out of touch until Thursday.

Please send me her address.

Best wishes to you and Lois. Bob D.

9/20/09

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

Bob

I am saddend to hear about **Bob Hielman's** passing. He was a good trooper and we enjoyed a lot of laughs together.

Our deepest sympathies to **Kay Hielman**.

Herb and Janet Terbille

9/28/09

From: **Dan Otting** (A Btry)

Dear Bob and Lois,

Thank you so much for the wonderful reunion at El Paso. As usual you do such a wonderful job. A wonderful time was had by all.

Would loved to have gone with the group to Taiwan, but my health says I should use some caution.

Hope to see you in D.C.

... Mary and I appreciate all you two do and wish you many blessings. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan and Mary Anne Otting

10/23/09

From: **Marvin Christensen** (C Btry)

Robert,

I received the newsletter and the 50 year coin, thank you. I will summarize what I've been up to in the past 50 years.

When I got out of the army I returned to the Vermillion (SD) area and started farming in 1960. Initially I was farming with my dad but he retired in 1971. For many years I also was in the trucking business in addition to farming.

My wife Ann and I have 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy and 4 grandchildren. We recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. I am more or less 'semi-retired' as my son continues to farm the family farm. My wife and I continue to live on the farm located north of Vermillion, South Dakota.

When I was stationed in El Paso, Texas 50 years ago, I rode a Harley Davidson motorcycle. I must be having a second wind because my wife and I still enjoy riding a Harley.

That about does it for the update. Please feel free to pass on my e-mail address to anyone in C-Battery that would like to write me.

Sincerely,

Marvin Christensen

11/2/09

From: **Tom McGranahan** (Hq Btry)

Dear Bob,

I finally got around to almost finishing a DVD covering our April trip to Taiwan. The enclosed is the next to final draft. I have had some trouble burning it, so the final draft is not yet on a disk, but thought you might like to see it.

Thank you again for all you did to set up the trip. Everyone enjoyed it immensely. Shay and Kappy are still talking about it.

Best regards,
Tom

11/5/09

From: **Milt Breder** (B Btry)

Were looking forward to the 2010 reunion since we missed the last one.

Hope this finds you and Lois in good health.

Milt Breder
B Battery

11/11/09

From: **Ruth Ann Rogers** (Widow of **Jimmie Rogers**, D Btry)

Dear Bob and Lois,

Enclosed is my check for dues for 2010. As of the 18th of November my address will change. I am moving to be near Don and I have bought a home there.

My address is: 1217 Silverwood Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028

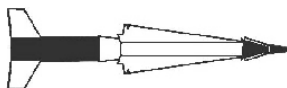
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From: **Stu Moody** (Hq & B Btry)

Bob,

... Dee and I are looking forward to the D.C. reunion next fall.

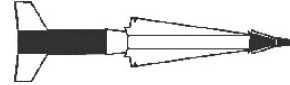
Stu Moody



2010 Reunion

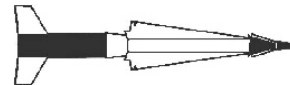
The next 2-71 reunion will be held 16-19 September 2010. The reunion hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel next to Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, VA.

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.



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The 2010 dues may be sent to:

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271 Shady Oak Drive
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Enclose payment of \$15.00.

