



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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MailCall News

Hi All,

Just to let you all know that my Dad, **Jesse K. Davis**, is still going strong and enjoying his twilight years in Sevier, Utah. He was a member of B Company. We are unable to get MailCall on our computer in Utah, so I print it all out for him in Nevada and take it home. At 96, it is hard for him to remember people and places, but he can tell you everything he did in the war. He would love to hear from anyone. He feels he has been forgotten.

Kathy McIntosh



Jesse K. Davis,
B Company

Jesse in Le Muy,
2004





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Bob: loved the pictures of **Allan Johnson**, **Leo Dean** and **Hoyt Kelley** in the South of France, and the article on **Hoyt Kelley** and his son's letter to the editor. It was a real pep me upper to see them looking so "Airborne All the Way." What amazing guys. Also thank you for the help you gave **Jerry Wilbur** about his grandfather. Hearing what his grandfather did after the war, underscores that the men of the 517th were truly amazing both in war and peace.

Pat Seitz

Please put me on the mail list. I was in the 1st Battalion Headquarters Company and A Company from Toccoa to Germany. I just spoke to my buddy, **John Marsinko** who informed me that there may be a "final" reunion. John is now 89 years going on 90 and I am 88 and we are both pretty active.

I received a call from a sister of **Gordon J. Lippman** who was in the machine gun platoon of the first battalion and who served in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam and was killed in Viet Nam in 1965. If any living member of the 517 has information regarding Gordon, they should communicate with his sister, Marlys Buchenau at martymyh@aol.com.

Thanks!

Gerry Hayes
Longhome, PA

Photos from the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FirstAirborneTaskForceTheForgottenFront>



Les engineers du 1st platoon de la 596th Airborne Engineer Company au Muy. Ils avaient la mission de s'emparer et de tenir les ponts au sud du Muy pour les troupes débarqués par mer.

The engineers of the 1 st platoon of the 596th Airborne Engineer Company in le Muy. They had the mission to capture and hold the bridges South of le Muy for troops landing by sea.



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Men of the 1/596 Airborne Engineer repair the Col de Braus road. Mid-September 1944.

517th **Don Fraser's** CP
near Ridge X (Col de
Braus), September 1944.
At the right **Milton**
"Chopper" Kienlen -
A/517





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Fw: What's The Dumbest Thing You Could Say To A Congresswoman...

What a brilliant lady! She didn't mince any words in putting this moron to shame....but, like so many others of his ilk at the government 'money trough' it rolled off like water off a duck. Too many have really suffered serious disabilities and it took forever to get any satisfaction from the VA, all due to the blood suckers in Washington DC and their followers.

Phil McSapdden

Congresswoman Duckworth was BRILLIANT AND BRINGS TO MIND THE FACT THAT SHE IS A REAL WAR HERO. As a Capt. and Pilot, her helicopter was shot down over Iraq. She lost both of her legs and use of her arm.

In this video she is addressing a man named Castillo. Mr. Castillo is an example of what is known as "Pin-Stripe Patronage," which is not confined to Chicago. In this system we create Welfare and the government work for those who are connected and contributors to whomever is in power.



Mr. Castillo's business received \$500 Million dollars in Federal Business because he claimed he was a disabled veteran.

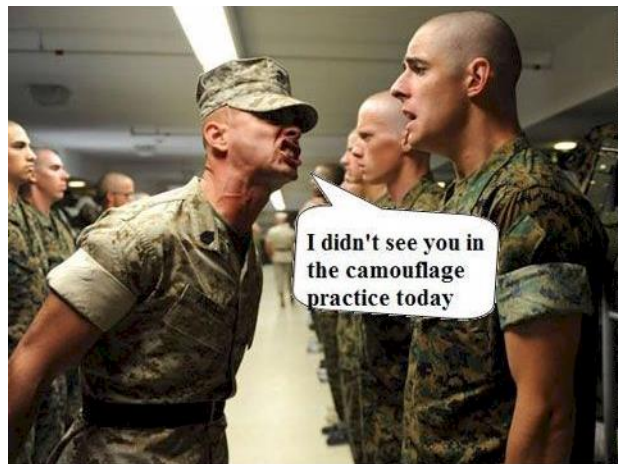
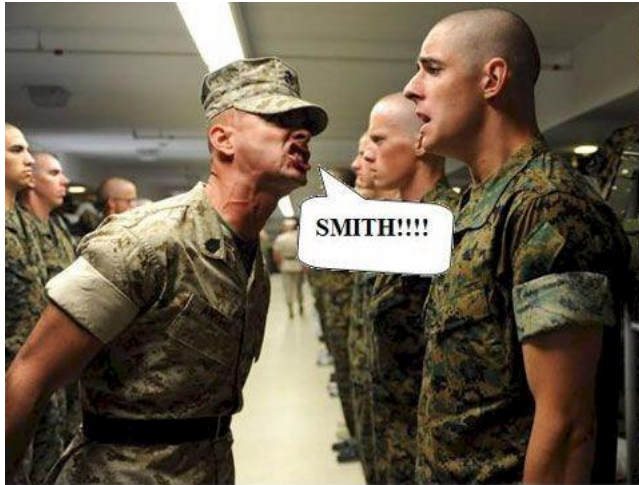
MR. CASTILLO's INJURY CONSISTS OF HURTING HIS FOOT WHILE PLAYING FOOTBALL AT AN ELITE COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL (HIGH SCHOOL) ! HE NEVER SERVED A DAY IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY, NEVER PICKED UP A WEAPON IN AN ACTUAL UNIFORM, BUT HE CLAIMED PLAYING FOOTBALL AT COLLEGE PREP ROTC WAS AN INJURY AS IN COMBAT! THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE AND INFURIATING BEYOND BELIEF. WATCH WHAT DUCKWORTH SAYS TO THIS PIECE OF SH**, WHO HAS MADE MILLIONS FROM HIS "DISABLED VETERAN STATUS," WHILE REAL DISABLED VETERANS LIVE UNDER VIADUCTS AND IN ALLEYS BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY SAW OR DID IN THE DEFENSE OF THIS UNGRATEFUL NATION.

<http://www.upworthy.com/whats-the-worst-thing-you-could-say-to-a-congresswoman-who-lost-her-legs-in-battle-found-it?g=2>



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Military Humor



Administrivia

- If you miss any MailCalls, they are all available online at <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/>
- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know.
- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: MailCall@517prct.org
- If you send me email that you do not want included in MailCall, just label it as FYEO.
- I now understand how Ben could get confused about what he already posted and what he didn't. If I miss something, please just send it again.
- Donations for any programs involving the 517th should be sent to our new Association Treasurer: Identify the purpose of any donation (Annual Donations, In Memory of... etc.) and make all checks payable to:

517 PRCT Association, Inc.
c/o Joanne Barrett
70 Pleasant Street
Cohasset, MA 02025



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How to Obtain Military Service Records

From: Teyuna Darris [mailto:teyuna.darris@nara.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 7:57 AM

Greetings,

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. The Privacy Act requires a written release authorization before we can provide copies of the requested document(s). We need complete information to identify and locate the service record: complete name of veteran, branch and approximate dates of service, and service number if one was issued, date and place of birth. We need a signature from the veteran, if deceased, next of kin, date, and include your mailing address. *** **For security purposes, we will not accept request via email** ***

If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, the easiest way to submit your request is online at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

You may also submit a Standard Form 180 for this request. You can download a copy of the Standard Form 180 from our web site, <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpsf180.html>.

[Form and instructions are attached at the end of this MailCall.]

You can send a written request that includes the above information.

That request can be faxed or mailed.

Also, if you have an urgency, please be sure to include a letter **with** your request **fully explaining your urgency** and provide a **specific date** by when you need it--- ***we will try to accommodate your urgency.***

FAX: (314) 801-9195 or (314) 801-9049

Or

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Drive

St. Louis, MO 63138

Thanks

Teyuna D.

Customer Service Representative

National Personnel Record Center

[Thanks to Dannie Perry for getting this information. – BB]

INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET FOR SF 180, REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

1. General Information. The Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF180) is used to request information from military records. Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on the SF 180. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available." Include as much of the requested information as you can. Incomplete information may delay response time. To determine where to mail this request see Page 2 of the SF180 for record locations and facility addresses.

Online requests may be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) by a veteran or deceased veteran's next of kin using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

2. Personnel Records/Military Human Resource Records/Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) and Medical Records/Service Treatment Records (STR). Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **less than 62 years** ago and medical records are in the legal custody of the military service department and are administered in accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, Coast Guard). STR's of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic, and usually are available from the Department of Veterans Affairs approximately 40 days after the last day of active duty. (See item 3, Archival Records, if the military member was discharged, retired or died in service over 62 years ago.)

a. Release of information: Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. An authorization signature, of the service member or the member's legal guardian, is needed in Section III of the SF180. Others requesting information from military personnel records and/or STR's must have the release authorization in Section III of the SF 180 signed by the member or legal guardian. If the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided. If the former member is deceased, surviving next of kin may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the general public. The next of kin may be any of the following: unremarried surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Requesters **must provide proof of death, such as a copy of a death certificate, newspaper article (obituary) or death notice, coroner's report of death; funeral director's signed statement of death, or verdict of coroner's jury.**

b. Fees for records: There is no charge for most services provided to service members or next of kin of deceased veterans. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will be notified.

3. Archival Records. Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **62 or more years** ago have been transferred to the legal custody of NARA and are referred to as "archival" records.

a. Release of Information: Archival records are open to the public. The Privacy Act of 1974 does not apply to archival records, therefore, written authorization from the veteran or next of kin is not required. However, in order to protect the privacy of the veteran, his/her family, and third parties named in the records, the personal privacy exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6)) may still apply and preclude the release of some information.

b. Fees for Archival Records: Access to archival records is granted by offering copies of the records for a fee (44 U.S.C. 2116 (c)). You will be notified if there is a charge for photocopies of documents contained in the record you are requesting. For more information see <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/military-personnel-archival/ompf-archival-requests.html>.

4. Where reply may be sent. The reply may be sent to the service member or any other address designated by the service member or other authorized requester.

5. Definitions and abbreviations. DISCHARGED -- the individual has no current military status; SERVICE TREATMENT RECORD (STR) -- The chronology of medical, mental health and dental care received by service members during the course of their military career (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL -- Temporary Disability Retired List.

6. Service completed before World War I. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquire@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address on page 2 of the SF 180.

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996), as amended in title 31, section 7701. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then retained as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per request, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (NHP), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND COMPLETED FORMS AS INDICATED IN THE ADDRESS LIST ON PAGE 2 OF THE SF 180.

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

* Requests from veterans or deceased veteran's next-of-kin may be submitted online by using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>*

(To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. Please print clearly or type.)

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, and middle)		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH	
5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that all service be shown below.)					
	BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
SERVICE NUMBER (If unknown, write "unknown")					
a. ACTIVE COMPONENT					
b. RESERVE COMPONENT					
c. NATIONAL GUARD					
6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? If "YES" enter the date of death. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			7. IS (WAS) THIS PERSON RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		

SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING:

- ☐ **DD Form 214 or equivalent.** When was the DD Form(s) 214 issued? YEAR(S): _____
If more than one period of service was performed, even in the same branch, there may be more than one DD214.
This form contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next of kin, or other persons or organizations if authorized in Section III, below. **An UNDELETED DD214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.** Sensitive items, such as, the character of separation, authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and dates of time lost are usually shown.
An undeleted copy will be sent unless you specify a deleted copy. Indicate here if you want a deleted copy of the DD Form 214 . ☐.
The following items are deleted: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost.
- ☐ **All Documents in Official Military Personnel File (OMPF)**
- ☐ **Medical Records** (Includes Service Treatment Records, Health (outpatient) and dental records.) If hospitalized (inpatient), the facility name and date for each admission **must** be provided: _____
- ☐ **Other** (Specify): _____

2. PURPOSE: (An explanation of the purpose of the request is **strictly voluntary**; however, such information may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.) Check appropriate box:

- ☐ Benefits ☐ Employment ☐ VA Loan Programs ☐ Medical ☐ Genealogy ☐ Correction ☐ Personal
- ☐ Other, explain: _____

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

1. REQUESTER IS: (Signature Required in # 3 below of veteran, next of kin, legal guardian, authorized government agent or "other" authorized representative. If "other" authorized representative, provide copy of authorization letter.) No signature required for Archival records.

- ☐ Military service member or veteran identified in Section I, above ☐ Legal guardian (Must submit copy of court appointment.)
- ☐ Next of kin of deceased veteran: _____ ☐ Other (specify) _____
- (Relationship)

MUST HAVE PROOF OF DEATH - See item 2a on instruction sheet.

2. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:

(Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)

3. AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE WHEN REQUIRED (See items 2a or 3a on accompanying instructions.) I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section III is true and correct. No signature required for Archival records.

Name		Signature Required - Do not print		Date
Street		Daytime phone		Fax Number
City	State	Zip Code	Email address	

LOCATION OF MILITARY RECORDS

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	ADDRESS CODE	
		Personnel Record	Medical or Service Treatment Record
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 5/1/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 9/30/2004	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2004	1	11
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1	
	Reserve, retired reserve in nonpay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2	
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	13	
COAST GUARD	Discharge, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1898	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1898 – 3/31/1998	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 4/1/1998	14	11
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	3	
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1905	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1905 – 4/30/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 12/31/1998	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/1999	4	11
	Individual Ready Reserve	5	
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, TDRL	4	
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 11/1/1912 (enlisted) or before 7/1/1917 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 11/1/1912 – 10/15/1992 (enlisted) or 7/1/1917 – 10/15/1992 (officer)	14	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired after 10/16/1992	14	11
	Active enlisted, officers	7	
	Former National Guard/USAR personnel	14	
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1886 (enlisted) or before 1/1/1903 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1886 – 1/30/1994 (enlisted) or 1/1/1903 – 1/30/1994 (officer)	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/31/1994 – 12/31/1994	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/1995	10	11
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	10	
PHS	Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps officers only	12	

ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) – Where to write/send this form

1	Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/DPSIRP 550 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721	6	National Archives & Records Administration Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB-Military) Textual Services Division 700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20408-0001	11	Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center P.O. Box 5020 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center Records Management Branch (DPTARA) 18420 E. Silver Creek Ave. Bldg. 390 MS 68 Buckley AFB, CO 80011	7	US Army Human Resources Command ATTN: AHRC-PDR-V 1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Dept 420 Fort Knox, KY 40122-5402 askhrc.army@us.army.mil	12	Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support ATTN: Records Officer 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852
3	Commander, Personnel Service Center (PSD-MR) MS7200 US Coast Guard 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100 Arlington, VA 29598-7200 http://uscg.mil/psc/adm	8	<i>Reserved.</i>	13	<i>Reserved.</i>
4	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Manpower Management Support Branch (MMSB-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030	9	<i>Reserved.</i>	14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 1 Archives Dr. St. Louis, MO 63138-1002 <i>eVetRecs!</i> http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
5	Marine Forces Reserve 4400 Dauphine St. New Orleans, LA 70146-5400	10	Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312E) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3120		