



Company I Poopsheet

Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne, US Army

March 2009

THOSE WHO CARE...

As silently as sunrise comes
the days flow into years;
and some are filled with happiness
and some are drenched in tears.

But always it is good to know,
that there are those who care;
who may today, lift up your name
with love in fervent prayer.

Author: Loraine Mueller

*Thank you Lisa and Harriet van Berkel, Son, Holland
for the above poem.*

Donald J. O'Neill, I Co, 502, Rochester Hills, MI formerly of Sarasota, FL passed away last spring in Michigan. His mail was returned in September and December, and after several attempts to reach him by phone and letter, it was December 28, 2008 when I was able to confirm through the assisted living facility where he lived that Don had indeed passed away. Don loved Item Company and enjoyed the Poopsheet. (Poopsheet Editor)

ADDITIONAL MESSAGES FOR THE PAST HOLIDAYS

Josephine Kokol, Omaha, NE, sister of Louis J. Morong, I-502, May peace, prosperity and happiness be yours throughout the holiday and new year.

Ray and June Dunlap, I-502, P.O. Box 65, Fayette, City, PA 15438, Nice to hear from you (our phone call) my wife, June and I are doing fine. We recently moved from our place to our daughter's which is only a matter of a few miles but sure is nice for us. We were told Teresa Callery inquired about us and we do hope everything is well with her. Enclosed is a donation for the Poopsheet. We really enjoy it. Ray and June Dunlap'

Mabel Howell, (James (Jim) Howell), I-502, Aberdeen, MS Wishing you happiness this holiday season. I enjoy the Poopsheet so much still. Jim will have been gone 7 years soon. I think of all the fun

times we had at reunions, trips to Korea, England and Holland. Enjoy the emails also. Enclosed donation for the Poopsheet. Mabel Howell

Kay Murdock (Walter A. Murdock), I-502) Placerville, CA Warm wishes to all for a happy and peaceful New Year. I'll be thinking of you and the Snowbird Reunion. And, as always a big thank you for the Poopsheet. Love, Kay

Joe and June Hennessey, I-502, Southbury, CT and Sarasota, FL May love fill your season with happiness. Hope you are well. Thank you for the article in the Poopsheet about our son. You do a great job. Enclosed you'll find a check to help with expenses. Have a great New Year. June and Joe

Edna Cooney (Paul Cooney, I-502) Texas City, TX May peace be with you this holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope you are okay, I am fine. Edna

(Editor's note: Paul Cooney was one of the close friends of my brother Lester A. Taylor in Item Company.)

Edward Mobley, I-502, Lawty, FL. Ed, his wife, Clara and daughter Barbara Slover recently sent this photo from Ed's WWII photo collection.



(L-R) Paul Cooney, Lester A. Taylor, Glenn Moe and James Franklin taken in 1944 in England. Thanks Ed for the great photos.

**Ray Lint Dunlap, Fayette City, PA, Medic,
I Company 502nd Regiment 101st Airborne
Written by Jeff Dunlap, Ray's son**

Ray Dunlap jumped in to Normandy in 1944, and landed somewhere around Ste. Mere Elise. He told me that he landed in a corral of horses that scared him to death, until he figured out what was going on. As it turned out, the horses did him no harm. They were as scared as he was. The horses stayed on the outside perimeter and trampled his chute down. This was a Godsend, because when he looked around there was a road along one side of the corral with German tanks and trucks going by. The Germans must have thought their vehicles were causing the horses to run around in that corral. When he tells this story, he says the horses saved his butt that night.



When I was growing up dad didn't say a lot about the war, and I didn't know enough to ask, but later when I got interested in reading about the war, and especially about the 101st he now tells me things if I ask. When I get him talking, he wants to talk about the good times he had in England or with friends, like the time he and two other guys, Bill Harvy and Charley Fair in Carentan when they got a hold of a German motorcycle with a side car. They stole wine from somewhere and passed it around. He and his buddies have a laugh at every 101st reunion when they talk about that motorcycle. I have heard him say on more than one occasion when people said how brave or crazy he was to jump out of airplanes. That he would jump anytime rather than come in on those beaches.

At some point during the invasion, dad was sent down to Utah Beach for supplies, before the dead were removed, and he has never forgotten what he saw. He was a medic so I know he saw the worst of war. So when I ask him about Carentan, all he will say is we were sitting ducks on those causeways. It was terrible.

In Holland, I think somewhere outside of Eindhoven dad dragged wounded men to a central fox hole, where they could be worked on by Captain Altof. He put dad in for, and he received The Bronze Star.

A week before he was to have a weekend pass in

Paris, they were sent to Bastogne. Dad ended up in the aid station in Bastogne, because of another guy's misfortune. This medic came back from leave late, and for that he was made to switch places with a medic on the line, and that turned out to be dad. He tells the story that the aid station was in an old farm house, and he found eggs stored in straw in a hole in the wall of the fruit cellar, when he was down there moving barrels around. So, he told the cooks were they were. The cooks where trying to cook meals for the wounded men in the aid station, and bringing men off the line for a hot meal. Behind the farm house was a barn with a lot of potatoes stored in it, so for Christmas they had eggs and potatoes. I know the 101st said they didn't need rescued and they would have held on as long as it took and I think they would have, but dad told me, he sure was glad to see General Patton's tanks.

Sometime after Bastogne and before Berchtesgaden, dad was in Haguenau at an old school house with a bad case of diarrhea. It was decided that eight senior men from head quarters G,H and I Company would put their names in a helmet and the last name out would get to go home to help sell war bonds. Dad says he knew nothing about this because he wasn't there when the drawing took place, since he was suffering with this diarrhea. He was one of the two senior men in I Company and was the last name pulled. He missed Berchtesgaden, and was told many times at the reunions what went on there and what good times he missed.

He also told me that at different times during the war he had just been lucky, and been in the right place at the right time and here again with every guy in the army wanting to go home he lucked out again. Dad was at Fort Dix New Jersey working in the dispensary when the war in Europe ended.

I am sending a picture and a fairly accurate telling of dad's time in the 101st during the war. Of which he is so very proud.

P. S. When I was a kid I thought every car or truck he ever owned came with Screaming Eagle stickers on them!

Harry William Osborn Kinnard, Lieutenant General U.S. Army (retired) at the age of 93 died peacefully at his home in Arlington, Virginia on January 5, 2009. A soldier, leader and statesman, he epitomized the motto of his Alma Mater, West Point, "Duty, Honor, Country". He was born into an Army family on 7 May 1915 in Dallas, Texas. He lived an



Army life of service to his country beginning with witnessing the attack on Pearl Harbor and defense of the island, then later parachuting into France on D-Day, commanding airborne soldiers in Holland and directing operations during the Battle of the Bulge with the 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne .

Audie Murphy Award 2005 Recipient, Lt. General Harry W.O. Kinnard (American Veterans Center, 1100 N. Glebe Rd. Suite 910, Arlington, VA 22201) www.americaveteranscenter.org

Surrounded by the German army in late December, 1944, the men of the 101st Airborne were determined to hold the city of Bastogne at all costs. The commander of the German forces, confident he would achieve a quick victory, demanded the surrender of the city's defenders. When confronted with this demand, the American commander at Bastogne, Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, laughed and exclaimed, "Us surrender? Aw, nuts!" McAuliffe's G-3, then-Lt. Col. Harry Kinnard, thought the remark was a perfect reply to the demand for surrender, and suggested it be sent immediately to the German commander. This one word, "Nuts!", became the rallying cry for the defenders of Bastogne. Impressed with Kinnard's wit, McAuliffe asked him to compose an address to be read to the men of the 101st on Christmas Eve, in order to keep their spirits high.

The legendary address read in part:

"What's merry about all this, you ask? We're fighting—it's cold—and we aren't home. All true, but what has the proud Eagle Division accomplished with its worthy comrades...? Just this: We have stopped cold everything that has been thrown at us from the north, east, south and west...How effectively this was done will be written in history; not alone in our Division's glorious history but in world history..."

Harry W.O. Kinnard's words, during some of the darkest days of the war in Europe, served to inspire the men of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division for not just the siege of Bastogne, but for generations to come.

Henk Duinhoven of Holland reflects the sentiment of his and many others in that country:

January 7, 2009, Many heartfelt thanks for sharing this with me. Harry William Osborn Kinnard was in the very area where Marion and I live peacefully, safely. He and all his men risked their lives to give us the freedom and the liberty. Before that he was in Pearl Harbor, later involved in the D-Day operations and after Heteren, Valburg en Zetten in the fall of '44, they went to the Ardennes...How can we ever thank them all, these brave, brave men who never gave up, who never quit their job, but carried on until the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany was signed. May God give them the award that these men deserve. Amen. Henk Duinhoven

After WWII, he continued to have a distinguished military career. In the early 1960's, he formed and tested a new type of Army division and after 2 ½ years transformed and lead it into combat in Vietnam as the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). This new Division set the standard for future U.S. Army airmobile operations. He ended his Army career as the Commander of Combat Developments Command at Ft. Belvoir , Virginia in 1969. He received many high military honors, including the Distinguished Service Cross, and being knighted by the Queen of Holland for his actions in Holland in 1944. After his retirement he remained very active as a consultant and advisor. He was president of the Army Aviation Association of America and inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame. He was president of both the 1st Cavalry Division and 101st Airborne Division Associations. He represented the President of the United States during the 50th Anniversary Commemorative events of WWII in "Market-Garden" ceremonies in the Netherlands .

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Kinnard; three daughters, Susan C. Payson, of Prescott, AZ, Kathleen L. Coursey of Stockton, CA and Cynthia L. Harman of Lexington, SC; two sons, Robert H. Kinnard of Prescott, AZ and Harry W. O. Kinnard III of Gainesville, FL; two stepdaughters, Libby Nicholson of San Clemente, CA and Janmarie Hall of Hamilton, VA and one step-son, COL (R) Tom M. Nicholson Jr. of Augusta, GA; sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. His son, Bruce Kinnard, preceded him in death.

A viewing and visitation will be on Sunday January 11th 2009 at the Demaine Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA. Gravesite service and interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on Thursday March 19th at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Calvary United Methodist Church , Memorial Fund, 2315 S. Grant St. Arlington , VA 22202



THE MOURNING WOMAN ..

The mourning woman stands alone ..
 her hand caressing the granite stone ..
 that marks the place where a loved one lies,
 while a part of the heart within her cries.

Her face shows the loss of youthful dreams ..
 swept away by one of life's cruel schemes
 that bared her soul to the universe
 as Tomorrow. rode on in a black-draped hearse.

In thought, she returns to the long-ago past
 and the times that she'd knownthat couldn't last.
 Reliving each moment in sepia tone
 and claiming the yesterdays as her own.

Having walked with Longing year after year ..
 Now friends, Longing quietly dries a tear,
 saying, "Those we love do not die, you see,
 for they live on forever in memory."

Hearing that truth, the woman looks to the sky
 . the whispers, "Aloha," but not "Goodbye."
 Always her silent companion in grieving,
 Longing walks beside her as she's leaving, ..

Carrying in her alabaster box:
 Bits and pieces of a broken dream ...
 Regrets..

The words and melody of a song: "Once upon a
 Time"

And a tiny star of hope for another Spring ...

Author: Elaine Smith

The poem was inspired by
 the statue which stands
 before the tower at the east
 end of the Court of Honor
 ... named "The Mourning
 Woman" with three doves
 on wing. In the American
 National Cemetery,
 Margarten, Netherlands.
 Today, I dedicate my words
 to all omen who weep for a lost love. Elaine Smith



*Elaine penned this poem on the 64th anniversary of
 the death of her fiancé, Carmen Ladner, 501 PIR,
 September 24, 1944 in an ammunition truck
 explosion near Eerde, Netherlands*

Fawn Jones, granddaughter of Edward M. Smith,
 I-502, May all the joy the season brings be yours now
 and in the coming year. I look forward to the
 newsletters and feel privileged to be part of a special
 "family". All our love and great things for 2009!
 Jessee, Fawn, Scott

One Tired Dog

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I
 could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had
 a home. He followed me into the
 house, down the
 hall, and fell asleep
 in a corner. An
 hour later, he went
 to the door, and I let
 him out. The next
 day he was back,
 resumed his position in the hall, and slept for an hour.
 This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a
 note to his collar: "Every fternoon your dog comes to
 my house for a nap." The next day he arrived with a
 different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home
 with ten children -- He's trying to catch up on his
 sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"



Heroes

WASHINGTON, DC June 16, 2005 – For the first time since World War II, a woman soldier was awarded the Silver Star Medal in Iraq. Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, vehicle commander, 617th Military Police Company, Richmond, Ky., stands at attention before receiving the Silver Star at an awards ceremony at Camp Liberty, Iraq, June 16.



Hester is the first woman soldier since World War II to receive the Silver Star. Sgt. Hester received the Silver Star, along with two other members of her unit, Staff Sgt. Timothy Nein and Spc.

Jason Mike, for their actions during an enemy ambush on their convoy. Other members of the unit also received awards. Hester's squad was shadowing a supply convoy March 20 when anti-Iraqi fighters ambushed the convoy. The squad moved to the side of the road, flanking the insurgents and cutting off their escape route. Hester led her team through the "kill zone" and into a flanking position, where she assaulted a trench line with grenades and M203 grenade-launcher rounds. She and Nein, her squad leader, then cleared two trenches, at which time she killed three insurgents with her rifle.

When the fight was over, 27 insurgents were dead, six were wounded, and one was captured. Hester, 23, who was born in Bowling Green, Ky., and later moved to Nashville, Tenn., said she was surprised when she heard she was being considered for the Silver Star. "I'm honored to even be considered, much less awarded, the medal," she said.

Being the first woman soldier since World War II to receive the medal is significant to Hester. But, she said, she doesn't dwell on the fact. "It really doesn't have anything to do with being a female," she said. "It's about the duties I performed that day as a soldier." Hester, who has been in the National Guard since April 2001, said she didn't have time to be scared when the fight started, and she didn't realize the impact of what had happened until much later. "Your training kicks in and the soldier kicks in," she said. "It's your life or theirs. ... You've got a job to do — protecting yourself and your fellow comrades."



Did you hear about the 83 year old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer

that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?

Makes perfectly good sense to me!!



Choochie Arahamson, (Eldon Abrahamson I-502)

Just a note to let you know I have moved. My new address is 1470 Quasar Ct. S, Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043. Keep up the great work with the Poopsheet. Sincerely, (A donation enclosed) Choochie Abrahamson

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE EXPENSE OF THE POOPSHEET.

Teresa Callery (Patrick J. Callery, I-502), 114 Syracuse Avenue, Medford, NY 11763 PH: 631-730-7700. In a phone call February 19, 2009 with Teresa we learned she has been critically ill since December. First it was pneumonia, then heart surgery to replace a valve and blocked artery. An aneurism was found but surgery for that has been postponed until she is stronger. After the time in re-hab she is now back at home with her daughter where she is recovering. She sends best wishes to all her friends in Item Company. Her late husband, Pat, was a medic in the company during WWII.

Operation torch

SEPTEMBER 8 - 22, 2009

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Remembering the sacrifice**

(passing the Torch to the next generation)

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Petra Wenstedt-Pulles, President

Joseph M. Bossi, CSM (Ret), Director, USA

PROGRAMME

2009 will be an anniversary year (65 years after the liberation in 1944).

Operation Torch 2009 will contain several commemoration ceremonies in The Netherlands, but the trip will start touring Normandy. After that, we head for the Bastogne area to visit different sites of the Battle of the Bulge. Then, we tour the Operation Market Garden area - visiting numerous sites with expert guides.

PRICES

Price for Operation Torch 2009 is \$ 3000 per person, based on double occupancy of hotel rooms.

Prices will include hotels, meals and day trips (airfare not included).

Registration form

Registration sets no obligation.

Should you be interested, please fill out a registration form. Availability will be limited to a group of 45.

Participation only after full payment.

Please read our [terms and conditions](#).

OPERATION TORCH : 8 - 22 September 2009

Terms and Conditions

Registration

Only by means of the registration form supplied through the *Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation*. Registrations will be accepted until June 1st, 2009, in which case full payment needs to accompany registration.

Payment and cancellation

Total payment of \$ 3,000,00 (based on double occupancy): \$ 500,00 deposit on registration. The remaining \$ 2,500,00 payment is due before **June 1st, 2009**.

Participants may cancel their registration up to June 1st, 2009 in which case a refund will be given for the payments received, minus \$ 100,00 non-refundable deposit covering administrative and banking costs. In case the *Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation* decides to cancel the tour, a full refund will apply (including the \$ 100,00 deposit). All participants will be informed before June 1st, 2009.

Please make checks payable to Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation and send to:

* Joseph M. Bossi CSM (Ret)

* 2231 Pendleton Dr., Clarksville, TN 37042-5618

* Cell Joe at: 931-624-8060

* Email: jmbossi@peoplepc.com

Payments may also be made using PayPal.

Credit card payments available from January 2009.

Travel insurance / Liability

Participants are advised to buy travel insurance, including insurance against individual cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances.

The *Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation* accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal effects or injury.

Airfare

Transatlantic airfare is NOT included. Participants arriving and/or departing on different dates than September 8th, 2009 and September 22nd, 2009 will need to ensure alternative transport and accommodation to join the tour.

Hotel room

Tour price is based on double occupancy of hotel rooms. Extra charge for single occupancy of hotel room is \$ 400,00.

On registration form, please state clearly if single occupancy is required.

Transport / Catering

Tour price covers all communal transport and catering (breakfast/lunch/dinner).

Standard drinks will be included with all meals. All other drinks or catering are billed separately.

NOTE: costs for the Welcome Party in WWII-style are included.

Non-smoking policy

By Dutch law, the *Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation* is required to enhance a smoke free environment.

This means **NO SMOKING** will be allowed during communal activities such as busride, party, meals and hotel accommodation.

Confirmation

The *Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation* will confirm registrations upon receipt of \$ 500,00 deposit.

Availability is limited to 40 - 45 persons.

Participation will be confirmed in order of receipt of payments.

SCREAMING EAGLES OF WWII
Petra Wenstedt-Pulles, President
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REGISTRATION FORM OPERATION TORCH 2009

Please fill in all fields with a *--Please fill your name as appears in your passport

*First name:	
*Middle initial:	
*Last Name:	
*Adress:	
*City:	
*State	
*Zip:	
*Telephone:	
*Email:	

Travel compaign e.g friend to be roomed together/room mate:

*First name:	
*Middle Initial:	
*Last name:	
First name2:	
Middle Initial2:	
Last name2:	

Affiliation with Operation Torch:

*WWII Unit:
Vietnam/later conflicts:
Awon fathers unit
Family members unit:
Current Unit:

**Special requests (dietary requirements/disability/individual interest special locations/ hotel room smoking/non smoking):*

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Registration Form for the September 2009 Operation Torch Tour. Ssend this form with your payment to: Joseph M. Bossi, * 2231 Pendleton Dr., Clarksville, TN 37042.

**** Cell Joe at: 931-624-8060 – Email: jmbossi@peoplepc.com ****

This form can be completed on-line at www.screamingeagles.nl

NEIGHBORHOOD ON WOODBRIDGE AVENUE IN ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT HONORS THEIR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY.

Joe and June Hennessey (I-502), Southbury CT share the pictures of a monument started in 1942 as a banner across Woodbridge Street in Ansonia, CT, it grew to a wooden monument and today stands the beautiful granite monuments honoring those from the Neighborhood who over the years has served in WWII, Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars. Some towns and cities in the States have monuments to honor their sldiers, however, we we believe a neighborhood monument is rare indeed. If



you know of another, please share with us. Memorial Day 1976 photo and story from Nantucket Valley newspaper:

Looking Back To Another Memorial Day
The annual memorial exercises conducted by th W dbridge Avenu AC in Annonia was launched 34'years ago in 1942 by this group paying tribute to the memory of Cadet Joseph D. Malloy. The list of those who made the total sacrifice grew as World War II moved on and it Includes two of the young men. shown here.

Left to right, front row, John'Gabriel. Harry Carruba, who was kill d in action on March rd, 1944; Cadet Malloy's sister. Mary and mother, Mr . Joseph Malloy; Dominick "'i'Urbano, killed In action on March 21, 1945, and Jo eph Gio\lacchino, Second r ow, left . to right, the late William Hennessey, William Clark, Frank D'Urbano; the! ate John Witlmann; William LaRovefa, Joseph Hennes"ey and Fr nklin Clarke. The youngsters at right re, top to bottom, Arthur Bernard. Albert Dell H Volpo and Glibert Tardiff. (May 1976)



The Woodbridge Avenue Monument as it is today.



On the WWli monument are the names of Joseph Hennessey *Co I 502 PIR) and his two brothers, Leroy and Alton. Joe's brother, Leroy, passed away recently, just after the Snowbird Reunion.
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The 2009 Snowbird Reunion was lots of fun --- was great to be there. Troopers from Item Company, 502 WWII, were **Edward Mobley** and his wife, Clara, Ed's daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Cecil Slover, and Ed'sd son, Wayne Mobley. **Harry Nivens** and wife, Joanie and Harry's daughter, Sherry. Harry's niece, Marlene and husband Phil Potter also joined us. Late Saturday, the niece of **Emmet Nix** (I-502, KIA Normandy), Ellen and Billy Palmer of Cleveland, GA came by for a visit with Harry and Joan. , **Joseph Hennessey** and wife, June were there. , **Earl R. Kelly** and his son and daughter-

in-law Peter and Denise Kelly. Lori Novotni attended representing her great-uncle, **Edward Sowder, KIA Normandy.**

We were honored to have four cadets from the Army's Westpoint Military Academy for the dinner on Saturday night. Also a jump team from Ft. Campbell and airborne friends from Antwerp, Belgium, Francois van Loo and wife Nelly, and Kris Polley from Normandy, Melanie Janssen from Eindhoven, and Cees Jansen and wife Yvonne.

Cees and Yvonne Jansen, Hemmen Holland
February 24, 2009, We arrived safely home - only the temperature was too cold for us comparing to the weather we have had in Florida. We have had a wonderful time at the reunion to see all the friends again.

MEMORIAL DAY IN WASHINGTON DC 2009

In a note from Brise Bickerton, he sends this info regarding activities in DC for Memorial Day.

The National Capital Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association, annually hosts a get together in the Washington DC area to celebrate Memorial Day. This is not a convention with formal meetings and semi-formal dinners, but more of a gathering whose highlights are shown on the first attachment. Activities are based at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington. On Friday, people can arrange rides with chapter members or take the subway to Arlington Cemetery. On Saturday buses are available to take groups to the three war memorials. The bus cost is \$5 per person each and a hospitality room is open Friday through Sunday beginning mid-afternoon. (There is always someone who will 'have your '6') to visit the Wall, the other Memorials and possibly make some new friends if you feel going may be difficult for you.

Because The 101st Airborne Division Association has adopted an open policy for its gatherings, you do not have to be a member of the Association to come to one of its events or to pick and choose from what is offered. You do have to pay the same fees that any regular member pays, no more/no less -- YOU DO need to pre-register so the organizers can have an idea of how many buses they will need. This policy also applies to your family and friends. If you would like a bit more information the following people are the local contacts:

- Dennis Husereau: dhusereau@aol.com;
- Bob Ponzio: oznopsf@comcast.net;

CK Gailey: ckgailey@hotmail.com
Family and health cooperating, I'll be there. I hope to see some of you there
AIRBORNE – AIRMOBILE – AIR ASSAULT
Brise Bickerton

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON DC

Friday, May 22 1 :15 PM 101 st ABN DIV ASSN wreath will be laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

3:00 PM Hospitality Suite opens at the Sheraton National Hotel. 900 South Orme St.

Saturday, May 23 10:00 AM Bus leaves the hotel for the National Mall. 101 st ABN Div Assn wreaths will be laid at The WWII Memorial, The Korean War Memorial and The Vietnam Wall. Informal lunch after return to hotel. Hospitality Suite to open after lunch.

Sunday, May 24 11 :00 AM Laying of wreaths at the 101 st Division Memorial

Note: Washington Blvd. will be closed between I-395 (Shirley Hwy) and Memorial Bridge beginning at 8:00 AM for Rolling Thunder.

12:30 PM Luncheon, followed by addresses TBA. Hospitality Suite opens after lunch.

Monday, May 25 1:00 PM Assemble for the Memorial Day Parade, which starts at 2:00 PM. We will assemble at the Mall near the south end of the Air and Space Museum. Look for the Eagles and Camaros! The nearest Metro station L'Enfant Plaza - cross Independence Ave. and walk down 7th St. to the Mall (Jefferson Dr.) and look to the right. You can also be dropped off at the north end of the Mall on 4th Street. From there, you can walk. The parade will go down Constitution Ave. and end at 17th St.

We have a set of rooms blocked for the 101st Airborne Association at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington. The room rate is \$ 705 plus 10.25% tax. That comes to about \$116 per night. Reservations must be made by April 21, 2009.

Individuals must make their own reservations by calling **1-888-6278210** and identifying themselves as members of our group. **HE SCREAMING EAGLE** Winter 2008

EXPENSE REPORT

Balance on hand before last issue	\$ 405
Contributions Received	\$ 125
Cost of Last Issue	\$ 177
Balance on hand before this issue	\$ 353

SNAPPY COMEBACK...

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. 'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk. 'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.

The Snowbird Reunion, February 2009



L-R: Earl Kelly, Edward Mobley, Harry Nivens, Joseph Hennessey,



L-R: Betty Taylor Hill, Earl Kelly, Peter Kelly



Joseph and June Hennessey



Edward and Clara Mobley (Insert: Ed as a young trooper)



L-R Tony Lujan, Amos Almedam Forrest J. Nichols,



Harry and Joan Nivens



L-R: Bety Taylor Hill, Earl Kelly (I-502), Joan Nvens, Harry Nivens I(I-502) , Joe Hennessey (I0502), June Hennessey, Mario Patrino (F-506) Clara Mobley, LoriNovotni, Barbara Slover, Cecil Slover, Wayne Mobley, Front on his new vehicle is Ed Mobley (I-502)



WWII veterans at Saturday night dinner, Snowbird Reunion 2009 See names of WWII group on address page of this issue. Some are missing from this shot



L-R: Earl Kelly, Joe Hennessey, Harry Nivens
Seated: Amos Almeda, Bob O'Mara.

Francois and Nelly van Loo, Belgium, and Kris Poley, Normandy

CO. I, 502 PARACHUTE



ROBERT HARTZELL

Care of:
Betty T. Hill
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Sugar Land, TX 77478
Phone: 281-277-3787

First Class Mail



Photo courtesy Ed Mobley, I-502
Berchtesgaden Lake, Germany 1945

airborne Friends on Mark Bando's website forum <http://www.101airborneww2.com> identify the WWII veterans in the group picture taken Saturday night at the 2009 Snowbird Reunion (a photo on picture page in this issue)

Standing l. to r.: **Earl R. Kelly** (*see Avenging Eagles-he's the star character)-his face is hidden by the speaker in the first photo but he is visible in another, next **Joe Hennesy** and **Harry Nivens**, both also Co. 502, next man, **Jim Brennan**, he was in a leg outfit in WW2, later served with the 101 and was in the Army thru Vietnam, next **Lt Kelly Stumpus**, a F.O. from the 907th GFAB, then **Eddie Hallo** (ops sgt) and **Leon Jedziniak** (medic), both A/501, **Robert Lundy** D/506, **John Primerano**, HQ/commo/501 PIR, **Willis Rohr** 327th GIR, **John Cassidy** HQ/1 LMG 506th PIR, **F.J. Nichols** B/502 PIR, **Ralph King** and **Lt. Al Andros** H/506th PIR, **Lt Tom Kennedy** G/506 PIR and **Tony Lujan** B/502 PIR.

Front row: l. to r.: **Amos Almeida** B/502 PIR, **Bob O'Mara** C/401 Glider, **Robert Wright** 2/501 medics, **Joe Pisano** F/327th GIR, **Vincent Vicari** DIVARTY, **Lt Jim Patton** HQ/501 DEMO, Unknown (possibly 327 man), **Abe Milkis** F/327 GIR, **Mario Patruno** F/506 PIR, and **Robert Lott** C/401 (later L/327) GIR.

NOTE: Bob Lott is not in the photo in this newsletter, he joined the group after this picture.

Avenging Eagles" The Forbidden Tales of the 101st Airborne in WWII by Mark Bando is available from Mark Bando. A large portion of stories in this book are from experiences of Item Company, 502.

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