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# *The Currahee!*

The Newsletter of  
The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association  
Airmobile - Air Assault

*Our Motto: We Stand Together - Then, Now, and Always*

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## **A special greeting from Currahee 6 — COL “Pete” Johnson**

Greetings fellow Currahees! First of all I want to thank the 506th Infantry Regiment Association for all the encouragement and support you have provided to our Currahee Soldiers and their families while our regiment is deployed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom IX here in Afghanistan. It is a great comfort to me and the Soldiers here, that the 506th Association “Stands Alone” yet “Stands Together” with various other agencies to take care of our Currahee families back home.

Combined Task Force Currahee assumed responsibility for the provinces of Ghazni, Paktika, Khost, Paktya, Logar and Wardak from Combined Task Force Fury (508th Parachute Infantry Regiment from the 82nd) on April 7th at a ceremony here at FOB Salerno. We are over 5000 strong with forces also from Poland and the Czech Republic. Our area of operations is about the size of West Virginia with twice the population, and terrain that is incredibly rugged with altitudes ranging from 3500 feet to 12,000 feet above sea level. Our Currahees have followed in your footsteps by facing the challenges of being deployed in foreign lands for the cause of freedom. This is a noble mission and we are very proud to have Currahees a part of it. We are confident in Soldiers, our equipment, our leaders and strive everyday to make a difference for the Afghan people.



It has not been easy as we have already suffered the tragic loss of ten Currahees who paid the full measure of devotion selflessly serving our great Nation. We honored their sacrifice in the highest traditions of our heritage and are now pressing forward to accomplish our mission fully knowing they would want it no other way.

I can't express to you how proud I am of these Currahees and the work they are doing for the people of Afghanistan. My Command Sergeant Major and I are continuously circulating our battlespace and are impressed with what we see. Our Currahees understand the challenges of fighting the counterinsurgency and continue to proudly represent our Nation and the legacy of our historic regiment.

I want to encourage each of you to attend this year's 506th Association reunion in Reno, Nevada, where I plan on addressing the membership body in attendance and announcing our recently selected Distinguished Members of the Regiment. It will be an event you will not want to miss.

Again, thank you for your support of our Currahees and their families before, during, and after our deployment. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Currahee Rendezvous upon our return from Afghanistan next year.

Currahee!

John “Pete” Johnson, Commander  
506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat  
Team, 101st Airborne Division

*For biographical information on COL Johnson, go to page 12*

**Don't forget the “Rendezvous in Reno” — the 2008 Currahee Reunion will be held August 13-16, 2008 at Circus Circus Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada. The registration form for the reunion is on page 8.**

## Message from the President –

This issue of *Currahee!* will be published in the middle of what might be termed the “patriotic season” for veterans. Memorial Day is just past—the day which reminds us all of the sacrifices that veterans have made for our freedoms. The Fourth of July is just ahead, which reminds us of those freedoms, and of the foresight of the revolutionaries who defined our individual liberties as the foundation of our nation. D-Day fits in there as well, with its special meaning for Currahees past and present. And Americans should cherish Flag Day, the symbol of our nation and its values.

For veterans, these celebrations are more than just national picnic days, Indy race days or days off. Whatever our political persuasion, our position on national issues or our understanding of our patriotic obligations, we can all relate to each other on the basis of our shared experiences. By banding together – again – we don’t lose our individuality but regain the sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves.

In less than two months, we will have an opportunity to renew and reinforce our bonds with one another. The reunion in Reno brings together Currahees and other elements of the 101st Airborne Division to greet old friends and make new ones. Whether we served together fighting the wars or served together keeping the peace, these bonds are strong. If you haven’t already made plans to attend, please think again. The reunions are always great fun, and Reno has many attractions to offer between reunion events. Particularly if you’ve never attended a regimental reunion in the past, this will be an excellent opportunity to join in. It will be a special night, in part because COL Johnson has committed to providing a Color Guard Detail for the Currahee Memorial Dinner. He will also be addressing us at the Currahee Memorial Dinner from Afghanistan, and will be announcing the names of the 2008 Distinguished Member Of the Regiment Awardees during his address to us.

The dinner program will be excellent as usual; the socialization opportunities will be many and varied; and the business meeting will be short and painless. Reunion information, registration forms and hotel info are elsewhere in this issue.

One indication and benefit of these bonds uniting Currahees of all eras is the strong relationship we enjoy with active duty Currahees. Thanks to the efforts of Fred May, Joe Bossi, Bob Seitz, Gene Overton and many others, we are in constant communications with our comrades on line in the Middle East, with the rear detachment, and especially with the wounded and with families of men killed in action. The heartfelt thanks we’ve gotten from hospital visits, from aid to families and, sadly, from our presence at funerals have been heartwarming. Our members, reaching across years and even generations of veterans, have gone the extra mile for this war’s veterans. If you want to contribute to these valuable and rewarding efforts, you can do so by volunteering to help with visitations or by financially supporting the effort through your contributions to the Association and particularly to the Widows, Orphans and Wounded Fund.

We are pleased to be able to include in this issue a number of articles and letters from our fellow Currahees serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. These items, which are the result of a great deal of effort by Fred May and others working with the overseas unit commanders and the rear area detachment, are a reminder to us all that this is a real war our comrades are fighting...perhaps smaller in scale of combat than the conflicts in World War II and Vietnam, but every bit as deadly and important.

My thanks to our Quartermaster, Ron Helwig, for his ongoing efforts of improving the range and quality of Currahee merchandise in our online store. Not only do these items show our commitment to our heritage and our organization, they are also excellent ways to reach out to others in the community with ties to or interest in the 506th. Speaking from experience, these are good values and good quality, and they get noticed.

Enjoy the summer, the holidays and (I hope) we’ll see you in Reno in August.

***CURRAHEE!***

John Lally, President

A Co., 1/506th — Vietnam, 1970-71

**Visit the Currahee website - [www.506infantry.org](http://www.506infantry.org)**

## COL David Clark To Retire

by Fred May A/1-506 RVN 70 - 71

COL David L. Clark, the longest serving Currahee 6 in the history of the Regiment has announced his retirement from the Army. From 1987 to 2004 only the 1st Battalion of the 506th Infantry was activated and it was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division stationed in Korea. Then LTC and later COL Clark was the highest ranking Currahee Officer for over 40 months and commanded the unit from May 22, 2002 to September 29, 2005.

During the summer of 2004, the 1st Battalion of the 506th deployed to Iraq, and was reinforced with attached Engineer, Armor, and Air Defense Artillery companies, along with Marine and Air Force personnel. The name Task Force Currahee was adopted, and the unit was led by COL Clark.

After serving their one year tour in Iraq the Currahees were reassigned to Fort Carson, CO. Subsequently the Army reflagged the troops at Fort Carson and reactivated the 506th Infantry at Fort Campbell as the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division. This action ended COL Clark's journey from Korea to Iraq to CONUS while serving as commander of the 506th. Not only does COL Clark now hold the time in command record but he also has the lead in continents while in command with three.

COL Clark will move to his new home in San Antonio, TX this summer. All of us in the 506th Association wish him a great retirement. To commemorate this occasion, The 506th Association has presented David with their Presidential Citation for exemplary support to us while on active duty.

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## New Quartermaster Items:

As a response to member requests, the 506th Association has begun offering customized and personalized T-Shirts (long sleeve and short sleeve), Sweatshirts (crewneck and hooded pullover), Polo Shirts, and Hats (nylon and cotton). Select front and back designs, colors, and personalized text to create your own custom-made Currahee items. Complete descriptions of these items and options can be found on-line on the 506th Association Items for Sale web page [506infantry.org/quartermaster.html](http://506infantry.org/quartermaster.html). The order form for these custom-made hats and shirts is on page 17 of this newsletter.

Other new items for sale include an 11-ounce Ceramic Mug w/Currahee Shield, a 16-ounce Pub Glass w/Currahee Shield, and Personalized Currahee Return Address Labels. These are 1"x 2-5/8" self-stick labels; up to 4 lines of 26 letters and spaces per line; 30 labels per sheet; minimum order: 3 sheets (90 labels). Complete descriptions of the mug, glass, and labels can also be found on-line on the 506th Association Items for Sale web and may be ordered via the order form on page 19 of this newsletter.

## Currahees Forever

By Mike Bookser, B&E/1-506th RVN 69-70

I was in Philadelphia this past week for a Military Order of the Cootie Convention. On Friday night I walked in to the hotel bar and one of the guys I was with told me that there were two 101st troopers at the other end of the bar. I walk over to them and noticed that one soldier was wearing a 4th BCT T-shirt. I asked him if he was with the 4th BCT, he said he was. I told him I was a Currahee and asked him why he wasn't in Afghanistan. He told me he was on an escort detail to take PFC Deysie home. I had just put Deysies name on our KIA list before I left for the convention. I explained my relationship with the 506th Association and the website and talked to both of the soldiers before leaving for a Memorial Service. Before I left the bar I grabbed the bartender and paid for their meals and drinks. I told the bartender not to say anything to them until I was gone. I explained to the guys I was with who and what the 101st guys were doing and they were from the unit I had served with.

After the service I went back to the bar and the troopers were still there. Apparently they couldn't pay for anything as the guys from the convention paid for their entire evening. I talked to the SSG for the remainder of the evening about his duty, his experiences, his current wishes etc.. He has been a Currahee in Korea with the 2nd ID and with the 101st. He told me that he had attended the functions and 506th Hospitality Room the Association had for the guys after the reflagging in 2005, and his current unit was the 1st Squadron of the 61st Cavalry (Currahee). I gave him my card and told him to contact me if he needed anything from me or the Association. He shook my hand and pressed a Black Spade Challenge Coin in my hand that had the 1/61st Cav and "Currahee" across the top. A tear came to his eye as well as mine when I told him once a Currahee always a Currahee.

He believes he has been lucky to serve in a unit like the 506th because of the esprit de corps that is never forgotten. The work you do for the Association pays off in ways you can't even imagine, thank you. I leave this Friday for Washington to meet with my Company from 39 years ago, for the first time. Then Now and Always.

Currahee!

Mike

*The Military Order of the Cootie is recognized as a subordinate and auxiliary order of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It is considered the "Honor Degree" of the parent organization and is governed by and under the control of the National convention, the National Council of Administration and the Commander-in-Chief. Only active members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are eligible for membership in the Military Order of the Cootie, and such membership continues and is conditioned upon retaining active membership in the V.F.W.*

*The objectives of the organization are to promote social and reunion features among the members of the order and to keep alive therein the spirit of optimism and humor so characteristic of the American service man.*

## Vietnam Currahee Trains Afghan and Iraqi Police Forces

Retired California Highway Patrolman Jim McCoy (D Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1970-1971; FSB Ripcord) deployed to Afghanistan in April 2006 as a civilian to help train Afghan police forces. †After spending a year in Afghanistan, Jim returned to the US in April 2007, but then deployed again in December 2007, this time to Iraq as a civilian helping to train Iraqi police forces.

In January 2008, Jim met SFC Rick Lopez, who was serving in Iraq as a medic. †SFC Lopez is the son of Wally Jurinen, who also served in D Co, 1st BN, 506th during the battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord in 1970.

Jim is currently working with the 58th Military Police Company, which deployed to Iraq from Hawaii.



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## The Wall

By Jim O'Laughlin

A Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1969-1970

May 1, 2008

The traveling wall came to a town near mine today. I was not sure if I should go or not, but something just drew me there.

When I asked the guys how to find the names of those that I knew and served with, they not only told me but also printed out a short history of how they had died. I was surprised that those I had gone to school with had died in accidents. I was relieved to find out that the bodies of two others were recovered. When I left, I was filled with different emotions, but was glad that I finally went.



It wasn't until I returned home and showed my wife the printouts that she pointed out that today's date was the day that my squad leader, Larry Henshaw was KIA. Now I know what drew me there today.

To all of you who read this, thank the good Lord that you can! To those that can't, thanks for getting me home safe and may you rest in peace knowing that we will never forget you.



*Jim O'Laughlin in 1970*

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## Letters to the Association

Gentlemen,

I am the Squadron Commander for PFCs Deysie and Trimble. I cannot express my appreciation for what you have done for the families of our fallen Troopers. I have been a Currahee since 1994 when I commanded C/1-506th in Korea and I have never been prouder to be associated with the 506th.

I look forward to meeting and thanking all of you when I return to the United States.

Currahee!

Tom O'Steen

LTC Tom O'Steen, SCO, 1-61 CAV, 4 BCT, 101 AASLT

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## From 2nd Infantry Division Currahees:

Thank you Bruce.

It's amazing traveling around the world how many fellow Currahees you run into. What a great unit and all the great memories I have from there! Again, thanks a lot. I will be sure to print up that Membership form and get it out soon. I am currently in Iraq, so it might be awhile. But I will be sure to do it anyways.

Thanks brother,

SGT R. Dan Thompson Jr. (56th MMB Night Battle NCO)  
D Co, 1st BN, 506th, 1994-1996



## Active Duty Notes

**Editor's Note:** We are privileged to be able to include articles from active duty Currahees on duty in the Middle East. We are indebted to the authors and to their respective units for permission to publish these articles.

### Alpha Company Notes

Alpha Company 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion Sappers from CTF Currahee recently conducted training for ANP Soldiers in the Kharwar District of Logar. This joint training has enabled the ANP to provide a higher level of security for the District's citizens and gave greater legitimacy to the local government. This joint team of Sappers and ANP Soldiers packs a "1-2 punch" for CTF Currahee!



*Sappers from 1/A/4th BSTB, Team Logar, work closely with ANP counterparts during joint training in Kharwar District.*

### Soldiers of 4<sup>th</sup> PLT Bravo Battery 4-320<sup>th</sup> FAR at FOB Airborne provide fires to thwart Taliban attack

The Soldiers of 4-320th FAR, "Guns of Glory" battalion, are conducting missions throughout the Currahee AO in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. These are well trained and professional Soldiers focused on the mission of the Task Force. Some are conducting maneuver missions in their areas of responsibility. Many of the Guns of Glory element's primary missions are still the delivery off accurate and timely fires in support of their maneuver counterparts.

A prime example of the King of Battle's power is the Soldiers of 4th platoon Bravo Battery 4-320th FAR. They man their 105mm howitzers which they are highly trained at delivering the consistently accurate fires required to defeat a determined enemy. These fine artillerymen are co-located with maneuver elements at FOB Airborne. They form Team Wardek, and they stand primed and ready to defeat the enemy at every turn.

The 4th platoon Bravo Battery Soldier's skills and training were put to test in a recent attack on their FOB. Team Wardek was able to defeat the enemy in this attack by massing fire power in a complete combined arms engagement. The Guns of Glory Soldiers provided the fires with their howitzers in support of the maneuver elements with a surgeon's accuracy. Each piece of the team conducted itself professionally, responsibly, and precisely to thwart the attack on FOB Airborne.

### Charlie Company, 1-506<sup>th</sup> INF, Team Ghazni FOB Warrior, Afghanistan-

Charlie Company, 1-506<sup>th</sup> INF has made success early in their deployment by helping partner Afghan tribal elders with their government. Afghan tribal elders met with local government officials at the Gelan District Center for the first time in months. This event marked the first time local tribal elders have been to the District Center in months. To make the meeting even more monumental, tribal elders from 12 different villages signed a mutual support agreement. The agreement states that the villages are pledged to stand up to the Taliban together if one village is threatened.

The Afghan government did not achieve this milestone without any effort. Prior to the mutual support agreement, the Afghan government coordinated for a major seed distribution to the locals in the area. A seed distribution drop was coordinated by Afghan officials and delivered 100,000 pounds of seed with plans to distribute 200,000 pounds next spring. Furthermore, Afghan officials provided a village medical outreach program in order to assess and care for over 600 locals.

The Afghan government has set forth to show signs of goodwill to its people. Its attempts to reach out to the local people have netted two major victories; win the support of its populous and inspire them to work together to achieve a common goal.



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# 2008 Currahee Reunion

## August 13-16, 2008, Reno, Nevada



Mark your calendar and start making plans to attend the 2008 Currahee Reunion, August 13-16, 2008. This Reunion will be conducted in coordination with the 101st Airborne Association as well as other Regimental Associations. This provides the opportunity to reestablish friendships across the broad spectrum of units that have served within the 101st Airborne Division while maintaining our special identity.

The 506th Association events include a Regimental Buffet, Association General Membership Meeting and Reunion Hospitality/Display/QM Sales Room and the Currahee Memorial Dinner. As it is conducted in coordination with the 101st Association, members of the 506th Association are invited to participate in 101st events. All that is necessary is to sign up for the 101st events you desire on 101st Association web site – membership in the 101st Association is not required. Be advised that the 101st Association is offering discounts to those who register early for their events / functions. We will reciprocate for current 101st Association members who are not currently members of the 506th Association.

Our host city is Reno, Nevada, which modestly bills itself as “The Biggest Little City in the World” and offers a large array of famous casino hotels and many other forms of entertainment besides gambling, dining and music. The area has some of the most creative mountain, river and desert attractions, including beautiful Lake Tahoe, a magnificent mountain lake. Located on the border of Nevada and California, it offers convenient access from across the nation.

The Headquarters for the 2008 Currahee Reunion will be:

**Circus Circus Hotel**  
**500 North Sierra Street**  
**Reno, Nevada**

### Special Reunion room rates in each of the hotel towers are:

#### Sky Tower:

Sunday - Thursday = \$59 or \$68.01 per night to include tax  
Friday & Saturday = \$89 or \$102.14 per night to include tax

#### Main Tower:

Sunday - Thursday = \$69 or \$79.44 per night to include tax  
Friday & Saturday = \$99 or \$112.37 per night to include tax



#### Room Reservations:

Direct hotel phone numbers are 800-648-5010 or 775-329-0711. Use the Reservation Code I 101 (I as in "India")

Check the [Currahee Reunion Schedule of Events](#) on page 7 for the full schedule.

Use the [2008 Currahee Reunion Registration Form](#) on page 8 to register for the 2008 Currahee Reunion.

## 2008 Currahee Reunion — Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, August 13:

- 1 pm - 10:30 pm: 506th Association Hospitality Room opens/check-in and pick up 2008 Currahee Reunion Name Tag(s) + Information Packet. (location: Mandalay Room B)
- 1 pm - 5:30 pm; 10 pm - 11 pm: 101st Association Hospitality Room opens (location: Mandalay Room A; separate fee for hospitality room to be paid to 101st Association)

### Thursday, August 14:

- 9 am - 4 pm: 506th Association Hospitality Room open/check-in and pick up 2008 Currahee Reunion Name Tag(s) + Information Packet. (location: Mandalay Room B)
- 1 pm - 5:30 pm; 10 pm - 11 pm: 101st Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room A)
- 6 pm - 10 pm: 506th Association Unit Social (cash bar; location: Mandalay Room B)
- 10 pm - TBD: 506th Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room B)

### Friday, August 15:

- 9 am - 4 pm: 506th Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room B)
- 1 pm - 5 pm; 10 pm - 11 pm: 101st Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room A)
- 10:30 am - 1 pm: 101st Association Ladies Luncheon (location: Restaurant Patio; separate fee to be paid to 101st Association)
- 6 pm - 10 pm: 101st Association Memorial Dinner (location: Salons 1, 2, 5&6, Convention Center; separate fee to be paid to 101st Association)
- 8 pm - TBD: 506th Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room B)
- 10 pm - 11 pm: 101st Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room A)

### Saturday, August 16:

- 10 am - noon: 506th Association General Membership Meeting (location: Mandalay Room B)
- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: 506th Association Board of Directors Meeting (location: TBD)
- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: 506th Association Hospitality Room open (Location: Mandalay Room B)
- 6 pm - 7 pm: 506th Association Reception (cash bar; location: Silver Legacy Resort Hotel Silver Baron Ballrooms C/D/E; the Silver Legacy Hotel is next door to the Circus Circus Hotel; covered walkway between the two hotels)
- 7 pm - 9:30 pm: 506th Association Memorial Dinner (cash bar; location: Silver Legacy Resort Hotel Silver Baron Ballrooms C/D/E)
- 6 pm - 10 pm: 101st Association Awards Dinner (location: Salons 1, 2, 5&6, Convention Center; separate fee to be paid to 101st Association)
- 10 pm - TBD: 506th Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room B)
- 10 pm - 11 pm: 101st Association Hospitality Room open (location: Mandalay Room A)

### Sunday, August 17:

- 6 am - TBD: Departure

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**A Reminder: Contributions to the Association are fully tax deductible.**

**If you, your company or other organization want to contribute to help either Currahee veterans or current active duty soldiers of the regiment, here is some important information that may benefit you.**

The IRS has recognized the 506th Association as a War Veterans Organization under section 501(c)(19), so donors making contributions to the Association can deduct such donations on their personal or corporate tax filings, as provided for by IRS rules and regulations. The Association is listed in IRS Publication 78, *Cumulative List of Organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, the list of organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

For exemption/deduction purposes, the Association Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-2088108.

# 2008 Currahee Reunion Registration Form

August 13-16, 2008 – Circus Circus Hotel, Reno, NV

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ eMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF SPOUSE/GUEST(S) ATTENDING THE REUNION: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION ACTIVITY	# OF PERSONS	\$ PER PERSON (before 08/01/08)	\$ PER PERSON (after 08/01/08)	TOTAL
Registration Fee	#	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$
<b>WEDNESDAY, August 13</b>				
Welcome Table/Hospitality/Display Room (1pm-10:30pm; snacks/non-alcohol beverages)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
<b>THURSDAY, August 14</b>				
Welcome Table/Hospitality/Display Room (9am-4pm; snacks/non-alcohol beverages)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
506 <sup>th</sup> Unit Social (hor d'oeuvres/cash bar) (6pm-10pm)	#	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$
Hospitality/Display Room (10pm-TBD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
<b>FRIDAY, August 15</b>				
Hospitality/Display Room (9am-4pm; 8pm-TBD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
<b>SATURDAY, August 16</b>				
General Membership Meeting (10am-noon)	Association Members	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hospitality/Display Room (1:30pm-3:30pm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
Reception (6pm-7pm) Currahee Memorial Dinner (7pm-9:30pm)  (SELECT YOUR ENTREES)	Beef # _____ Chicken # _____ Fish # _____ Child's Meal # _____	(cash bar) \$35/adult \$18/child (under 12)	(cash bar) \$40/adult \$20/child (under 12)	\$
Hospitality/Display Room (10pm-TBD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>				\$

Make your check/money order payable to: **The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault)**  
 Mail this form and your check to: **Hoyt Bruce Moore, III, 4126 Cole Way, San Diego, CA 92117-1123**

**REFUND POLICY:** all cancellations and refund requests must be made via phone **858-274-4317**  
 or eMail **TheMOE\_A1506@msn.com** no later than **August 1, 2008**.

**NOTES:**

1. The 101<sup>st</sup> Association is holding its annual reunion August 13-16, 2008, at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno and will be allowing members of the 506<sup>th</sup> Association to register for 101<sup>st</sup> Association events on an "a la carte" basis, even if they are not 101<sup>st</sup> Association members. Information can be found at the 101<sup>st</sup> Association web site [www.screamingeagle.org/reunion.htm](http://www.screamingeagle.org/reunion.htm), or they can be reached at [101exec@comcast.net](mailto:101exec@comcast.net) or 931-431-0199.
2. The 506<sup>th</sup> Association will NOT be serving alcoholic beverages in their Hospitality Room, so anyone wanting alcoholic beverages will need to register for the 101<sup>st</sup> Association Hospitality Room.

## Active Duty Notes

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### Hotel Company, 1-506<sup>th</sup> IN, Team Ghazni

FOB Ghazni, Afghanistan- When the battalion mortar platoon from 1-506<sup>th</sup> IN found out that they had deployment orders to Afghanistan they knew that they would have the chance to fire mortars in combat, just what they had joined the Army for. Shortly after the receipt of their orders, they were given a different mission. The battalion mortar platoon would serve as a mobile reaction force for an area the size of West Virginia. Their mission would require them to respond to a myriad of tasks that mortarmen generally would not be tasked to complete.

In only a few short weeks of being in country, the battalion mortar platoon call sign "Reaper," has already responded to troops in enemy contact that needed assistance, conducted vehicle recovery operations for downed vehicles and executed multiple critical resupply missions. Most recently the "Reapers" have engaged in counterinsurgency operations. These operations have included key leader engagements with Afghan officials and collecting atmospherics from local Afghans. The Soldiers of the battalion mortar platoon certainly have their work cut out for them, but their motivation and opportunity to engage in numerous types of operations keeps them always asking for more opportunities to help the Afghan people.

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### Trying to Locate:

*From SK1(SW) Robert Gonzalez, HAZMAT Supervisor on the USS COWPENS (CG-63):* I proudly serve my country as a Sailor in the US Navy and have proudly served as a Soldier in the US Army Infantry. I am looking for anyone who served with D Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th. My uncle was killed in Thua Thien on 6/9/69. His name was Guadelupe Prado, Jr. "Wally" was the name his buddies called him. Anyone with any info, please email me at [gonzalesr@cg63.navy.mil](mailto:gonzalesr@cg63.navy.mil).

*From Mike Kenney in Washington, DC:* I am looking for information on my Uncle Joe Kenney (2LT Joseph Hayden Kenney). Joe was in C Company, 1st Battalion, 506th, MOS 1542. He was only in Vietnam for a short time. 17 Mar 1969 was the start of his tour. Information on his death is few and far between. He was KIA on 24 Jun 1969, Thua Thien Province. My eMail is [acn8s@yahoo.com](mailto:acn8s@yahoo.com)

*From Woodrow "Woody" Hall in Dallas, GA:* I am looking

## Widows, Orphans, and Wounded Soldiers Fund serves our families

by Fred May A/1-506 RVN 70 - 71

WOWS Fund Committee Chair



One of the most important and appreciated activities of the Association is the Widows, Orphans and Wounded Soldiers Fund, better known as the "WOWS Fund". Supported entirely by contributions from Association members and supporters, the WOWS Fund was established by Thomas G. Lee (CSC, 1st BN, 1987-1988) to provide visible indications of our support to wounded Currahees, and emergency financial assistance to living, current and former Currahees or family members of active-duty Currahees killed, wounded, or missing in action. Under the fund requirements, the recipient's parent, child or spouse must have served with the 506th Infantry Regiment or a supporting unit as defined in the Association by-laws.

The association provides a selection of Currahee items to the wounded, including 506th Association Gym/Duffel Bag, Currahee Shield Pin, 506th Association Hat, Currahee Flag, 506th Infantry Bracelet, Static Cling Currahee Decal and 506th Association Challenge Coin

There is no formal application form used to apply for the assistance grants; the sole criterion for the award is the financial need of the recipient. The decision to provide aid is made by a three-person committee, which also determines the amount of the award. The committee is appointed by the Association Board of Directors. Information about the identity and circumstances of applicants is limited to the members of the committee, but the names of recipients will be made public after the award decision is made. The committee and the amount of contributed funds available determines the size and frequency of awards.

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for Currahees who served with my uncle, CWO2(R) Woodrow H. Smith, who was the First Sergeant of G Company, 3rd Battalion, 506th PIR, from 1942 until he was taken prisoner of war in June 44 in Normandy. Any pictures or remembrances they would share with me would be appreciated. My eMail is [woodrow1-hall@bellsouth.net](mailto:woodrow1-hall@bellsouth.net).

*From Perry Schroeder in Saint James, MN:* Do any of you 506th soldiers know of or heard of B. Pfeil? Probably 1968 or 1969 at Camp Evans. The spelling may not be exact. Would appreciate any information. My eMail is [perryjs@rconnect.com](mailto:perryjs@rconnect.com).

*From Robert L. Larkin:* looking for Currahees or the family members of fallen Currahees who participated in combat action in Vietnam. I am writing a book in which I will feature the stories I am told. These stories will not be edited by me or anyone else. If interested please send an email to: [robert.l.larkin@gmail.com](mailto:robert.l.larkin@gmail.com) or visit the temporary site for the book: [www.freewebs.com/thebloodofpatriotsvietnam](http://www.freewebs.com/thebloodofpatriotsvietnam). I hope to make this a project you are all proud of and thank you for your service to our great country!

## Last Roll Call:

James D. Crook, E Co (Recon), 1st BN, Vietnam, died August 30, 2007  
 Roy L. Denham, E Co (Recon), 3rd BN, Vietnam, died September 21, 2007  
 Roy E. Pickel, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died January 2, 2008  
 George S. Koziol, B Co, 3rd BN, Vietnam, died January 23, 2008  
 Gerald W. Ake, B Co, 2nd BN, Vietnam, died February 20, 2008  
 Denny L. Stanga, B Co, 2nd BN, Vietnam, died February 26, 2008  
 CSM(R) Theodore M. Reeves III, B Co, 2nd BN, Vietnam, died March 12, 2008  
 Maxwell M. Clark, E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died March 14, 2008  
 James H. Alley, Jr., E Co, 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died March 14, 2008  
 Quentin D. Sjodin, D Co, 1st ABG, died March 27, 2008  
 Louis W. Cioni, F/HQ (LMG), 2nd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died April 12, 2008  
 Stanley B. Clever, Sr., G Co, 3rd BN, 506th PIR, WWII, died April 26, 2008

## Currahees KIA in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)

<p><b>CPL Grzegorz Politowski</b>, Polish Battle Group, 04/08/08, Andar District, Ghazni Province</p> <p><b>SSG Radim Vaculik</b>, 102 Czech Recon BN, 04/30/08, Mohamed Agha District, Logar Province</p> <p><b>SSG Kevin Casey Roberts</b>, D Co, 2nd BN, 506th, 05/07/08, Sabari District, Khost Province</p> <p><b>SPC Jeremy R. Gullett</b>, HHB, 4th BN, 320th FA, 05/07/08, Sabari District, Khost Province</p> <p><b>Mr. Michael V. Bhatia</b>, Human Terrain Team, 05/07/08, Sabari District, Khost Province</p>	<p><b>SGT Isaac Palomarez</b>, A Co, 1st BN, 506th, 05/09/08, Tagab District, Kapisa Province</p> <p><b>PFC Ara T. Deysie</b>, C Troop, 1-61st Cavalry, 05/09/08, Zadran District, Paktya Province</p> <p><b>LT Jeffrey A. Ammon</b>, Provincial Reconstruction Team-Ghazni, 05/20/08, Ab Band District, Ghazni Province</p> <p><b>1LT Jeffrey F. DePrimo</b>, Provincial Reconstruction Team-Ghazni, 05/20/08, Ab Band District, Ghazni Province</p> <p><b>PFC Chad Trimble</b>, C Troop, 1-61st Cavalry, 05/28/08, Gardez District, Gardez Province</p>
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## Treasurer's Report

### Hoyt B. Moore III, A/1-506 RVN 1970-71

As of April 30, 2008, year-to-date operating income of \$16,704.12 exceeded operating expenses of \$7,271.95 for net operating income of \$9,432.17, with \$2,301.00 of that net operating income earmarked for 2008 Currahee Reunion events. Total funds in Association cash accounts included the following:

Fidelity Business Account (PrePaid Dues)	\$13,802.47
Business Shares, Financial 21 Credit Union, San Diego:	125.10
Checking Account: Unrestricted Funds	23,846.57
Temporarily Restricted Funds:	21,157.73
Non-Association Jump Fund	**
Currahee Packages Fund	1,891.17
Widows/Orphans/Wounded Soldiers Fund	8,897.69
Scholarship Fund	10,368.87
TOTAL CASH 04/30/08	\$58,931.87

\*\* The Non-Association Jump Fund was advanced \$157.68 from Unrestricted Funds.

The 5-year Membership Dues plan continues to be successful. As of April 30, 2008, the amount of PrePaid Dues was as follows:

Year 2009	\$ 4,475.00
Year 2010	4,410.00
Year 2011	4,410.00
Year 2012	1,076.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME	\$14,371.00

**Thanks to all of you who responded to the various membership drives and to those who have made additional donations for Association expenses, the Scholarship Fund, and the Widows, Orphans, & Wounded Soldiers Fund.**

## Active Duty Notes *(Continued from page 9)*

### Charlie Company:

#### ANA Conducts well assessment in Ab Band

This week in the Ab Band district of Ghazni, Afghanistan, Soldiers from Charlie Company, 1-506<sup>th</sup> Infantry and their Afghan counterparts conducted a well assessment in the area of Delani village. The purpose of this visit was to ensure that the wells in this area are in good working order. Being that wells are the main source for Afghans to get water and irrigate their farming lands, Coalition and Afghan leadership took heed to reports that locals were in need of wells. Charlie Company and their Afghan National Army counterparts went to several villages to see to the needs of the villagers.

ANA agreed to put a power driven well into the village as soon as possible. They also provided 10 gallons of fuel for the villagers generator that had been out of fuel for some time. After this assessment, the ANA is working through the government of Afghanistan to bring many more wells into the Ab Band district for both drinking and irrigation purposes.



## WOWS Fund *Continued from page 9*

As of this writing, four families have received financial assistance from the Association so far this year.

For information on contributing or on applying or nominating a recipient, check the 506th Association website ([www.506infantry.org](http://www.506infantry.org)), email committee chair Fred May at [alfredmay@aol.com](mailto:alfredmay@aol.com), or write to:

The 506th Infantry Regiment Association  
Widows and Orphans Fund  
c/o Alfred May  
30 Sweetman Lane  
West Milford, NJ 07480-2933

Contributions to the WOWS fund are of course tax deductible, but the greatest reward comes from the heartfelt thanks we get from the wounded and the families of Currahee casualties. With the volunteer hospital visits and attendance at funerals, the Association continually demonstrates its commitment to Currahees and their families.

## B Co/4 BSTB Daggers Officially OEF Veterans

*By CPT Wilfredo Franceschini*

*7 May 2008*

It was a busy day as usual in the Currahee Area of Operations. The weather was acting up, going from “not so bad” in the morning to “the skies are going to fall” by noon, then to a nice sunny afternoon with a light breeze. The Bravo Company “Daggers” were scheduled to conduct their internal Shoulder Sleeve Insignia – Former Wartime Service, otherwise known as the “Combat Patch,” ceremony at 1500 local time in front of the command post. Little did they know, brothers in arms from the Currahee team would lose their lives, falling victim to a road side IED. The incident set a very somber tone to the ceremony, as both CPT Will Franceschini and 1SG Ryan Brassard addressed their company. Themes on sacrifice, pride, and military heritage were all covered, as the Soldiers absorbed the harsh realities of war while proudly accepting their part in the history of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and their newest Rendezvous with Destiny.

The intelligence mission is not an easy task. It requires focus, attention to detail, and more importantly commitment and dedication. It requires highly specialized Soldiers to accomplish complex missions with little to no supervision - no “ifs, ands or buts” about it - because other Soldier’s lives are at stake. The Soldiers of Bravo Company were reminded of their key role during the special ceremony.

“There are many things nobody can take away from you; education and life experiences for example. As others chose to continue with their lives enjoying freedoms sometimes taken for granted, you chose to service a Nation at war. Nobody can take that away from you...nobody, and for that I commend you and thank you today.”

Some Daggers have been deployed previously and already had combat patches. Regardless of previous patches worn while assigned to other great units, they proudly displayed the patch of the great American Eagle in honor of the their fellow Soldiers who fell earlier today.

Bravo Company, 506<sup>th</sup> Special Troops Battalion is the only military intelligence unit in the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team and provide subordinate units with tactical intelligence collection in the areas of human intelligence (HIMINT), signals intelligence (SIGINT), and un-manned aerial reconnaissance.



## Membership Director's Report

By Eugene L. Overton, Jr. [Gene] – Membership Director C  
Co., 1st Bn, 506th – 1967 / 1968

As of month-end May 30, 2008, the total number of members who have paid their dues is 491, or 93% of our goal [530] for the year. GREAT... we're within striking distance of reaching our goal; so are you going to help in not only meeting this year's goal but to exceed it? Surely with a database / roster of over 3,000+ Currahees we can do it. You can help by contacting a Currahee that you served with who is not a member and talk about joining your Regimental Association!



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### Special Greeting from Currahee 6 *continued from page 1*

COL John P. "Pete" Johnson currently commands Combined Task Force Currahee, which consists of a combination of over 5,000 American, Czech and Polish military service-members deployed in support of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Regional Command-East, Afghanistan. The CTF Currahee Area of Responsibility covers an over 25K square mile area, roughly the size of West Virginia. The CTF Currahee AOR includes the Afghan provinces of Ghazni, Paktika, Khost, Paktya, Logar and Wardak.

COL Johnson is a graduate of West Point, Airborne, Ranger and Pathfinder training, and has a Master of Science in Operations Analysis. He followed this training with a tour on the Army Staff from July 1995 to July 1997, with duty as a program analyst in ODCSPER. Following the Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, KS, he served as the Battalion Liaison Officer and later S3 for the 2d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, WA. In January 2001 he arrived at Fort Bragg, NC where he served with the Joint Special Operations Command as an operational planner and Deputy Chief of Current Operations until May 2003. COL Johnson commanded 3d Battalion 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment (3 PANTHER) from June 2003 until June 2005 and served as the G3, 82d Airborne Division from June 2005 – June 2006. He recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College.

His combat service includes Operation JUST CAUSE, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, and multiple deployments to Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. His awards, decorations and badges include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead, Southwest Asia Service Medal, GWOT Expeditionary and Service Medals, Humanitarian Service Medal (1 OLC), NATO Service Medal, Army Staff Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge with combat jump star, Combat Infantryman's Badge (2d Award), Expert Infantryman's Badge, Pathfinder Badge and Ranger Tab.

## **Funeral Service for SGT Isaac Palomarez, A by SSG Paul R. Hiltibidal 4th BCT, 506th Infantry**

I have just returned from executing the escort duties for SGT Palomarez. I just wanted to get a message out about the overall experience and treatment of SGT Palomarez.

Let me begin by saying I have never seen a community so completely committed to the support of a fallen soldier and their family. Upon arrival at the Loveland Airfield SGT Palomarez was met with full honors from the Loveland Fire and Rescue, the Loveland Police, and the Larimer Sheriff Dept. There was also a large crowd and news coverage from several news stations out of Denver.

The Patriot Guard Riders provided 80 motorcycles and riders all bearing flags to line the entrance into the church and later the cemetery. The Riders are also, in my opinion, the reason the protesters, who had posted on their website that they would be there, never showed up. The local Knights of Columbus provided a honor guard in full dress with sabers to salute as SGT Palomarez was brought into the church, and later provided their meeting hall for a reception. The VFW, the American Legion, and the Sons of the Legion were all present providing all the support they possibly could.

The Loveland Police with assistance from the Fort Collins Police and the Larimer Sheriff Dept ensured the entire procession route was cleared and controlled, as well as providing un-uniformed officers to deal with any protesters should any incidents occur. The Loveland Fire and Rescue were standing by at the cemetery with two trucks, ladders extended, and a giant flag hanging over the entrance route.

The local residents of Loveland lined the entire procession route, a distance over six miles, almost all of them holding some size of flag. Numerous news agencies from Denver were present once again to film the event, and aired the coverage that evening at 1700. Denver provides the media coverage for almost the entire state, so the event received state-wide attention.

Finally the CAO assigned, LT Terman out of Fort Carson, did everything he possibly could for the family from start to finish and beyond; going above the expected duties of a CAO. All together, from the time I arrived till the time I left, everyone who could have possibly been involved did absolutely everything they could to provide the most impressive and respectful farewell to SGT Palomarez. I am personally ensuring that the various agencies I named receive certificates of appreciation and BN coins for all they did. The entire community of Loveland, Fort Collins, Larimer county, and even the state of Colorado have earned my respect and gratitude for supporting our fallen comrade.



## **Funeral Service for SSG Kevin Casey Roberts by Hoyt B. Moore III, A Co. 1/506th Vietnam 1970-71**

Octavio Laguna, C Co, 2nd BN, 506th, 1964-1966, and MOPH Chapter 1991 Commander, represented the 506th Association and the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the funeral service for SSG Kevin Casey Roberts on Friday, May 16, 2008 in Texas. SSG Roberts was serving in D Co, 2nd BN, 506th, when he was KIA on 05/07/08 in the Sabari District of Afghanistan.

Octavio spoke briefly at the service at the Mangrum Funeral Home in Center, TX, and presented SSG Roberts' widow, Donnice with a Currahee Flag from the 506th Association. BG Genaro J. Dellarocco, Program Executive Officer for Missiles and Space, Redstone Arsenal, AL, presented Donnice with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After the services, BG Dellarocco presented Octavio with a Missiles and Space challenge coin.

After the service, Patriot Guard Riders led the motorcade through downtown Center, TX streets, which were lined with hundreds of people, many waving American flags. The motorcade traveled 1-1/2 hours to West Hamilton Cemetery, Shelbyville, TX, where SSG Roberts was buried with full military honors. His grandparents, Bob and Delsia Powell, live in Shelbyville.

Soldiers from the 7th Cavalry (GarryOwen) Regiment, Fort Hood, TX, carried the casket, and seven of them fired the three-volley salute. Several active-duty Currahee soldiers from the Rear Detachment at Fort Campbell, KY, also attended the services. US Representative Louie Gohmert presented two American flags that had been flown over the Capitol, one for SSG Roberts' daughter, Caehlen, and one for his son, Keeghan.

SSG Roberts and SPC Jeremy Raymond Gullett, HHB, 4th BN, 320th FA, were both killed instantly when their Humvee was hit. Two other occupants in the vehicle, both from D Co, 2nd BN, 506th, were wounded and subsequently transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. COL(R) Bob Seitz, B/C/E (Recon)/HHC, 2nd BN, 506th, 1970-1971, is the leader of the 506th Association Hospital Visitation Team for WRAMC. Bob has visited the two D/2-506th WIAs and their families, presenting them with various 506th Association items, including a gym bag, hat, decal, and challenge coin, plus a Currahee flag, Currahee pin, and 506th Infantry bracelet.



## A fallen brother Currahee! is honored with the Medal of Honor

By LTC Ronald P. Clark, BN CMDR 1-506th Ramadi, 2006

Forward by Joseph E. Huesing, 1st Bn Reporter - C Co. 1/506, Fort Campbell 1975 -1979



Navy Medal of Honor

### FORWARD

*Navy SEAL Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Monsoor was awarded the Medal of Honor for his courage and sacrifice while serving with Task Force Red Currahee and Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. His actions and service exemplify the motto of the Navy Seals – “The only easy day was yesterday”*

*UN Chief Ban Ki-Moon announced to the world that Iraq was “stepping back from the abyss that we feared most.” He should justly have added “thanks to the courage and sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States.” The story of KENTUCKY JUMPER and of PO2 Monsoor illustrates the challenges our servicemen face, and the courage and dedication of our troops.*

In 2006, the situation in Iraq was grave and nowhere was it worse than in Ar Ramadi the capital of Al Anbar Province in the southwest of the dreaded Sunni Triangle. Al Anbar was the stronghold of the Sunni insurgency and home turf of Al-Qaeda in Iraq. Currahees knew this piece of real estate because as part of the 2nd ID they



had deployed from the front lines of Korea to pull a tough tour in Ramadi in the summer of 2005. In March of that year, the situation in Al Anbar was deteriorating rapidly. Al Qaeda had determined that this was the place to drive the stake into the heart of the fledgling Iraqi nation. By June, U.S.

casualties were at an all time high and terrorist attacks on the Iraqi people were the highest in the country.

During Operation Kentucky Jumper, a combined Coalition battalion clearance and isolation operation in southern Ar Ramadi, PO Michael Monsoor served as automatic weapons gunner in a combined SEAL and Iraqi Army (IA) operation. His sniper overwatch element was positioned on a residential rooftop in a violent sector and historical stronghold for insurgents. In the morning, his team observed four enemy fighters armed with AK-47s reconnoitering from roads in the sector to conduct follow-on attacks. SEAL snipers from his roof engaged two of them, which resulted in one enemy wounded and one enemy killed. A mutually supporting SEAL/IA position also killed an enemy fighter. After the engagements, the local populace blocked off the roads in the area with rocks to keep civilians away and to warn insurgents of the presence of his Coalition sniper element. A nearby mosque called on insurgents to fight Coalition forces.

PO Monsoor was in a small, confined sniper position between two SEAL snipers on an outcropping of the roof, which allowed the three SEALs maximum coverage of the area. He was located closest to the egress route out of the sniper position. An enemy fighter hurled a hand grenade onto the roof from an unseen location. The grenade hit PO Monsoor in the chest and bounced onto the deck. He immediately leapt to his feet and yelled "grenade" to alert his teammates of impending danger, but they could not evacuate the position in time to escape harm. Without hesitation and showing no regard for his own life, he threw himself onto the grenade, smothering it to protect his teammates who were lying in close proximity. The grenade detonated as he came down on top of it, mortally wounding him.

On April 8th, 2008, PO Monsoor's parents, George and Sally Monsoor, were given the Medal of Honor on his behalf by President Bush. PO Monsoor's comrades, SEALs, and members of the 1-506th INF were present for the ceremony.

He is survived by his parents, his sister Sara, and his two brothers James and Joseph.



## The SEALs and Task Force Red Currahee

By LTC Ronald P. Clark, BN CMDR 1-506th Ramadi, 2006

Al Ramadi is one of the most persistent hotspots in Iraq, and the Currahees have been in the middle of some of the most intense actions of this conflict. General George Casey, senior coalition commander in Iraq, had already ordered two of his three strategic reserve battalions into Ramadi. Into this maelstrom the 506th RCT, 101st ABN(AASLT), deployed from Sadr City to reinforce terror stricken Ramadi. During April the 75th Rangers were taking casualties in the AO while hunting al Qaeda leader Abu al-Zarqawi and in return they and the Screaming Eagles killed no less than 200 front line hardened terrorists. By summer, many sources were sure that a repeat of the brutal Fallujah-style campaign of 2004 was in the works. The Army promised that this operation would be different and urged Iraqis not to flee their city.

The offensive to retake Ramadi was launched on June 18, 2006. Use of heavy weapons was purposely more limited than in the earlier Fallujah campaign. While other U.S. Army, Marine and Iraqi units secured the northern main entrances to the city and the river and bridges, the 506th held the main thoroughfare and eastern exits.

U.S. and Iraqi forces established a series of mutually supporting combat outposts throughout the city to pressure Al Qaeda and its sympathizers. By the end of July al Qaeda retaliated in force, suffering heavy casualties, in an effort to drive the allies from the city. Outreach efforts by coalition forces were also coming into play with local Sheikhs helping to direct the placement of locally recruited police at key positions. By August, their plans frustrated, al Qaeda shifted tactics and began attacking these police and murdering the Sheikh responsible. This time however, the Iraqi Police did not quit the fight as al Qaeda had expected and in September, 2006, local Sheikhs banded together to work with the Coalition instead of against it giving birth to the now famous Anbar Awakening. Other tribes followed suit, recruitment of Iraqi Police and troops increased dramatically to the point that al Anbar is considered one of the best success stories in Iraq.

Delta Platoon, SEAL Team 3 was TACON (under tactical control) to 1-506th INF in Ramadi from April to October 2006. At the time of the SEAL Team's arrival, Ramadi was a very "kinetic" and extremely dangerous environment. By reputation, SEALs are physically and mentally tough and know how to fight - which made them a welcomed addition to our task organization in Task Force Red Currahee. Their primary mission involved training Iraqi Army (IA) scouts - which was a definite combat multiplier because the SEALs were responsible for training and mentoring the most proficient and capable Iraqi soldiers.

Initially we assigned the SEALs to missions with our BN Sniper Section to familiarize them with our area of operations as well as tactics, techniques and procedures that we used with great success in East Ramadi. Later, the SEALs conducted training for the 1st Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division's Scouts and accompanied them on raids, cordon and search and sniper/counter-sniper operations. The SEALs fit well into our operations because they accompanied the Iraqi Scouts, which gave us good situational understanding of the IA situation (without language barriers or translation) and they led by example in their actions during contact, which made the Iraqis more confident during numerous direct fire contacts. OPERATION KENTUCKY JUMPER was a great example of the combined efforts of SEALs working closely with elements of the Iraqi Army under the command and control of TF 1-506th INF.

One operation in particular with the SEALs that comes to mind was OPERATION TAME THE WEST, where Task Force 1-506 INF conducted a cordon and search operation west of the Ma'laab District in September 2006 in order deny to Anti Iraqi Forces (AIF) safe haven and access to arms, ammunition, and equipment in the area. During the mission, the SEALs conducted security and overwatch operations in support of clearance operations by 1/1/1 IA (1st BN, 1st BDE, 1st Division Iraqi Army) and elements of TF 1-506 INF. The SEALs and 1-506th INF snipers developed mutually supporting engagement areas which limited the AIF's ability to reinforce elements in contact, to emplace IEDs (SEALs engaged and killed an insurgent as he emplaced an IED during the mission) and to reposition to interdict friendly forces during the operation. The efforts of the SEALs and 1-506th INF snipers contributed immeasurably to our success during OPERATION TAME THE WEST. 1/1/1 IA and TF 1-506th INF conducted a successful cordon and search, aided by the SEALs and snipers who combined to kill 8 AIF with no friendly casualties. This operation stood out as a great illustration of the teamwork and synergy within our task force between the SEALs, Iraqi Army and TF 1-506th INF as we successfully planned and executed an operation in one of the most dangerous areas of the city - with outstanding results. I have no doubt that our ability to destroy enemy forces in Ramadi led to the Al Anbar awakening and yielded the stability and peace that the citizens of the city and province enjoy today.

The leaders and Soldiers of 1-506th INF were very impressed with the SEALs ability to adapt not only to working within a conventional construct with an Army unit in combat (which is becoming more common in the joint context of current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan), but also with their humility and willingness to adopt our combat-tested tactics, techniques, and procedures in Ramadi. Their adaptability was crucial to our successful relationship that was forged in combat and has carried forward to today. We are very proud of our association with SEAL Team 3 (whom as a result of their efforts in Ramadi is now the most decorated of the SEAL Teams with 11 Silver Stars) and their contributions to the storied history of 1-506th INF.



## Fund Donation Form

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### *Currahee Packages Donation*

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### *Scholarship Fund Donation*

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### *Widows & Orphans Fund Donation*

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The IRS has recognized the 506th Association as a War Veterans Organization under section 501(c)(19), so donors making contributions to the Association can deduct such donations on their personal or corporate tax filings, as provided for by IRS rules and regulations. The Association is listed in IRS Publication 78, *Cumulative List of Organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, the list of organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. For exemption/deduction purposes, the Association Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-2088108.

# The 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association (Airmobile-Air Assault)

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## a "member" is someone who has paid their 506<sup>th</sup> Association 2008 Membership Dues.

**\*\*Colors:** W=White; B=Black; G=Gray; T=Tan; LBL=Light Blue; LGR=Light Green; DGR=Forest Green; K=Khaki; P=Pink; RBL=Royal Blue

**Front Design Codes:**

Embroidered designs: (1) 506<sup>th</sup> Currahee [shirt]; (2) 4BCT ParaDice [shirt]; (8) 506<sup>th</sup> Currahee [hat]; (9) 4BCT ParaDice [hat]  
 Full-front printed designs: (3) 506<sup>th</sup> Regiment; (4) Spade w/Insignia; (5) Sink Montage; (6) Always Currahee; (7) ParaDice Currahee;  
 (10) Airborne Currahee; (11) 506th Coat of Arms; (12) Strike from the Sky

Item	Front Design Codes	Colors**	Sizes	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##
Hat: 5-Panel Cotton	(8) (9)	W, B, T, RBL, DGR	One size	\$14.00	\$12.00
Hat: 5-Panel Nylon	(8) (9)	W, B, RBL, DGR	One size	\$14.00	\$12.00
Polo Shirt: (left chest area design with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2)	W, B, LBL, G, T	S, M, L, XL	\$32.00	\$29.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$34.00	\$31.00
Short Sleeve T-Shirt: Full front design; no personalization Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00	(3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, LBL, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$18.00	\$15.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$19.00	\$16.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirt: Full front design; no personalization Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00	(3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, LBL, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$20.00	\$17.00
			2XL, 3XL, 4XL	\$21.00	\$18.00
Crewneck Sweatshirt: Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00 (Designs 3-12: full front; no personalization) (Designs 1-2: left chest area with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$23.00	\$20.00
			2XL, 3XL	\$24.00	\$21.00
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt: Optional: World Tour on back for \$1.00 (Designs 3-12: full front; no personalization) (Designs 1-2: left chest area with optional right chest area personalization)	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (10) (11) (12)	W, B, G, T, P, LGR, DGR, K	S, M, L, XL	\$33.00	\$30.00
			2XL, 3XL	\$36.00	\$33.00

Quantity	Item	Front Design #	Personalize?	World Tour?	Color	Size	Price Each	TOTAL
			Y N	Y N				\$
			Y N	Y N				
			Y N	Y N				
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	Optional Currahee World Tour on back (\$1.00 per T-Shirt/Sweatshirt)						\$ 1.00	\$
	Optional Personalization Information (\$3.00 per Sweatshirt/Polo)						\$ 3.00	\$
	Line 1:							
	Line 2:							
	Line 3:							
	Shipping (\$4.80 for the 1st item + \$2.50 shipping per additional item)							\$
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>							<b>\$</b>

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## a "member" is someone who has paid their 506th Association 2008 Membership Dues.				
Quantity	Item	Each (non-members)	Each (members)##	TOTAL COST
	Pin: Currahee Shield Full-Size (1"x 1-1/4")	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$
	Pin: Currahee Shield Lapel (3/8"x 1/2")	\$4.00	\$3.00	
	Decal: Currahee Shield (2.75"x 3.5" Adhesive)	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Decal: Para-Dice (3" diameter)	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Decal: 506th Association (8"x 5" Static Cling)	\$3.00	\$2.00	
	Neck Cooler (44")	\$4.00	\$2.50	
	Patch: Currahee Shield (3"x 3.5")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Patch: Para-Dice (3" diameter)	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Patch: Shield with Airborne Wings (4.25"x 2.25")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	Patch: Shield with Air Assault Wings (4.25"x 2.25")	\$6.00	\$5.00	
	CD: <i>Coming Home</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Wait on the Bridge</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Call Me Crazy</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Lover's Midnight Concerto</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	CD: <i>Piano, Spirit In My Hands</i>	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	Currahee License Plate	\$12.00**	\$10.00**	
	License Plate Frame: White w/Blue Letters	\$7.00*	\$5.00*	
	License Plate Frame: Black w/Gold Letters	\$7.00*	\$5.00*	
	506th Association Challenge Coin (1-1/2" diameter)	\$10.00*	\$8.00*	
	506th Infantry Knife (2-3/8")	\$7.00*	\$5.00*	
	506th Infantry Bracelet	\$12.00*	\$10.00*	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$</b>
<b>Shipping @ \$0.50 per item</b>				
<b>*ADD \$0.80 additional shipping for each COIN, KNIFE, BRACELET, or LICENSE PLATE FRAME</b>				
<b>**ADD \$1.60 additional shipping for each CD or LICENSE PLATE</b>				
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	Association Gym/Duffel Bag (23.75"x 13"x 11.5")	\$34.00**	\$30.00**	\$
	FSB Map, I Corps, Vietnam (26.5"x 18")	\$20.00	\$15.00	
	Currahee Flag (3' x 5')	\$40.00	\$35.00	
	Ceramic Mug w/Currahee Shield (11-oz)	\$7.00	\$5.00	
	Pub Glass w/Currahee Shield (16-oz)	\$11.00	\$8.50	
	Book: <i>The Story of a Soldier</i>	\$12.00	\$9.00	
	Hat: Currahee w/Airborne Wings Insignia	\$10.00	\$8.00	
	Hat: Currahee w/Air Assault Wings Insignia	\$10.00	\$8.00	
	506 <sup>th</sup> World Tour 2006 T-Shirt (Black; XL only)	\$15.00	\$12.50	
	Original Polo Original (White; XL only)	\$32.00	\$29.00	
BLACK	GRAY	2006 Memorial Jump T-Shirt		
		Small	\$15.00	\$12.50
		Medium	\$15.00	\$12.50
	SOLD OUT	Large	\$15.00	\$12.50
	SOLD OUT	X-Large	\$15.00	\$12.50
		XX-Large	\$15.00	\$12.50
Shipping (\$4.80 for the 1st item + \$2.50 shipping per additional item)				\$
**ADD \$4.50 additional shipping for each GYM/DUFFEL BAG				
# of SHEETS	Currahee Return Address Labels			
	Size: 1"x 2-5/8"; 30 self-stick labels per sheet Minimum Order: 3 sheets (90 labels)		\$3.00 per sheet	\$2.00 per sheet \$
Shipping (\$0.50 shipping for each sheet of labels)				\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>				<b>\$</b>
Name and Address for Labels (Up to 4 lines, 26 letters and spaces per line):				
Line 1:				
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