

# Fort Ord Guestbook

April to June 2002

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**Date:**

01 Apr 2002

**Time:**

09:39:27

**Name or Email**

Paul Maskell Maskell\_3@teamdei.mail22.com

**Comments**

Stationed @ Ft. Ord from May 86 thru may 88 with B co. 307th Aviation Battalion before it was changed to 1/123rd Aviation Regiment. Lots of fond memories of the area and PLANET ORD. I'm still in touch with David "Spanky" Steele. Just wondering if anyone else would like to be in touch with us.

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**Date:**

01 Apr 2002

**Time:**

23:41:39

**Name or Email**

Dan Shapiro dshapiro3@cox.net

**Comments**

Was at Ord for basic training from 4/12/67 - 6/10/67. Basic Training was with 3rd Platoon, D-1-1. Great web site you have. Visited Ord last week (3/28/02). Really depressing on how the place has fallen apart. Went up on 'the hill'. Company barracks were boarded up. Got inside (don't ask how :) ), all of the squad bays had been turned into 2 man rooms. Whole building had been trashed. Found one set of curtains left

in the mess hall....they look to be the same ugly orange ones from 1967! Gounds outside were overgrown and untended. Have a lot of fond memories of the place....which probably shows hold old I'm getting. At 19 I was definitely not "having fun" at the time.

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**Date:**

04 Apr 2002

**Time:**

09:07:33

**Name or Email**

brad mobley indlimfab@bluemarble.net

**Comments**

151ADA 84-85 many of lifes lessons were learned on and off this sacred ground.

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**Date:**

04 Apr 2002

**Time:**

12:46:50

**Name or Email**

pwrines@aol.com

**Comments**

Excellent site more pictures please!

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**Date:**

04 Apr 2002

**Time:**

18:37:08

## Name or Email

gail\_salgado@csumb.edu

## Comments

I used to know someone named Roger Sandavol who was stationed here at Ft.Ord back in 1961 & 1962....I was 16/17 yrs old at the time and he was 10 years older than me. He came to see a "Road Show Performance" during the summer at the Mormon Church in Seaside and after the show, he came up and introduced himself to me. He started attending my church in Santa Cruz and was my first "serious" boyfriend. He used to write me beautiful letters almost everyday. I had to move to Southern California in September of 1962 and we broke up. (My father's decision!) I just wondered if anyone out there knew him or knows where he is now...it's been 40 years....lots can happen over the years!! By the way, It's funny how things work out...here I am working at CSUMB, the University that was built when Ft.Ord closed. I remember him with fond memories. Please let me know if anyone knew him or knows where he is now. Thanks!

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### Date:

04 Apr 2002

### Time:

19:34:18

## Name or Email

nheinold@ford.com

## Comments

My uncle, Kenneth Heinold, Sr. was stationed at Fort Ord in 1945/46. He was associated with amphibian tanks. His outfit was the 742nd Amphibian Tank Battalion, which was then dissolved and he was transferred out. He was a 'driver' - T4. He had three close friends, Joe Civello(sp?)from Pittsburg, PA, Joe Troy from Van Nuys, CA, and Joe LeChiney(sp?) from New York - are any of you out there? If so - please contact me. He would love to get in contact with you. Website is awesome - he's really enjoying looking at and reading all the info.

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### Date:

05 Apr 2002

**Time:**

00:44:02

**Name or Email**

CRYPTICWAYS@AOL.COM

**Comments**

very touching seeing the pictures. they bring back old memories. I was an army brat when my father, Cpt. Paul W. Rines, was stationed there with the 7th Inf. Between '85 and '89. Even though I was only ten when I left I can still remember the scenes in your pictures rather vividly. Thanks for a good page on a very memorable place. Adrian "Ian" Rines living in Palm Bay, Florida

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**Date:**

05 Apr 2002

**Time:**

23:36:46

**Name or Email**

William K Wilson pamelawilson9@excite.com

**Comments**

I was at the planet from 1987 to 1990. I was with Bravo 1/9 bushmasters then later transferring to HHC 1/9 support plt. Sure miss all the parties and people I served with. Cant forget "Just Cause" and the many other deployments iv'e been on. If my man Raymond Cordova is out there please contact me at pamelawilson9@excite.com I would love to hear from you bud. "We had a hell of a time, didn't we" .?! I'm still here at Hilo, Hawaii. Are you still at Denver, Colo.?

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**Date:**

06 Apr 2002

**Time:**

02:28:28

**Name or Email**

Stacy Sanders (Stacy\_sanders@csumb.edu)

## Comments

As a student at CSU Monterey Bay I love learning about the past of Fort Ord. It is so amazing to learn what used to go on around here!

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### Date:

06 Apr 2002

### Time:

11:14:54

## Name or Email

Deblrj@aol.com

## Comments

Love the Sight!!!!!! I was stationed there in 1977-1980 first as a cook up on the hill, Headquarters Company, if anyone is trying to remember me I was the smallest cook there. then I worked down at PCF till I Discharged in 1980, thanks for the sight

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### Date:

06 Apr 2002

### Time:

11:15:44

## Name or Email

Debbie Roessler Deblrj@aol.com

## Comments

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**Date:**

07 Apr 2002

**Time:**

00:14:36

**Name or Email**

John T Rogers

**Comments**

Went through basic C-3-3 and A.I.T D-2-4 May-Sept 1964 At FT Ord. From there to Ft Carson Colo. then Ft Benning Ga. Then to Viet-Nam with the First Air Cav.

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**Date:**

08 Apr 2002

**Time:**

12:46:29

**Name or Email**

troy\_vsanchez@hotmail.com

**Comments**

my grandpa served in the us army during world warII and fort ord was mentioned as one of his training grounds before joining the allied intelligence bureau.

my grnad pa's name is gerardo a. sanchez.

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**Date:**

08 Apr 2002

**Time:**

16:36:37

## Name or Email

ensadent@hotmail.com

## Comments

I entered the Army on 20 January 1970. I took my basic training at Fort Ord in B-2-1 (Company B, 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade). My D.I. was Sgt Holycross. We graduated in March of 1970. I went on to AIT at Fort Bliss, Texas and White Sands, New Mexico. I was a 55F20, Missile and Rocket Explosives Specialist. - Former Sp4 Glenn Wilder

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### Date:

09 Apr 2002

### Time:

13:42:09

## Name or Email

John Shelton

## Comments

Stationed there 1/72 - 12/75 in the Training Command. Two children born there. Learned to play golf while stationed there and also served as a marshal at the 1975 Crosby. Many fond memories.

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### Date:

12 Apr 2002

### Time:

03:48:41

## Name or Email

SPARKEY211.MSN.COM

## Comments

Great web site ,my wife attended DLI, and my father attended basic training at fort ord. "THANK YOU and GREAT JOB ".

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**Date:**

12 Apr 2002

**Time:**

23:48:31

**Name or Email**

cuanda@comcast.net

**Comments**

It was good to remember Fort Ord. I did not see any pictures of late 1960's when I was a kid there. My father was stationed there for three years. I wish that I had more pictures of Nimaga Rd. I loved watching my Dad run with his men on the road behind our house. It was a great place to grow up.  
Michael Krooss

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**Date:**

13 Apr 2002

**Time:**

19:32:14

**Name or Email**

chris walsh cdw11bravo@aol.com

**Comments**

I THINK THAT THIS A GREAT SITE! IT BRINGS BACK A LOT OF MEMORIES GOOD AND BAD, BUT IT'S WHERE A LOT OF US SPENT A PART OF OUR YOUNG LIVES.

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**Date:**

14 Apr 2002

**Time:**

08:04:21

**Name or Email**

Richard Lockhart - ftc@citlink.net

**Comments**

What Memories!! Took Basic Training at 'THE HILL'in 67' in B-1-1. Wish I could have got back before the base closed. Always loved Ord, will always be in my memory!!

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**Date:**

14 Apr 2002

**Time:**

19:14:36

**Name or Email**

Ron SIMS Sportsdaddy11 @AOL. Com

**Comments**

so far so good i went to basic there and ait training in 1965 had a drill in named Kirkland sure would like to hear from him

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**Date:**

15 Apr 2002

**Time:**

13:48:02

**Name or Email**

Jerry Basham jerry@basham.net

## Comments

Basic and AIT (radio) at Fort Ord from 1/69 to 4/69 .. then on to Fort Gordon, Ga for more radio and "radio teletype" (boy that sounds outdated now).

I posted in here a few months ago.. just reposting for the heck of it and Ord does have a piece of me.

What memories! Feel free to write.

--- Jerry

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### Date:

16 Apr 2002

### Time:

00:04:48

### Name or Email

boxfordma@attbi.com

## Comments

i passes thru ft ord in october 1973 - learned to play pool in the wwII barracks. fond memories of the beach and DLI girls!

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### Date:

16 Apr 2002

### Time:

17:57:34

### Name or Email

marcopet572001@yahoo.com

## Comments

SPENT THREE YEARS THERE FROM 76 TO 79MADE SOME GOOD CONTACTS THAT  
REMAIN UNTIL TODAY ,HATED TO SEE IT CLOSED DOWN.SGT. MARK PETRELLI,RETIRED

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**Date:**

17 Apr 2002

**Time:**

11:59:54

**Name or Email**

arthuraec@aol

**Comments**

bct april 71-june 71 ft ga then 56th mp co ft rich ak. like to hear from anyone from ord h41 and 56th mp  
co looking for z .

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**Date:**

17 Apr 2002

**Time:**

17:40:55

**Name or Email**

peacox@gloryroad.net

**Comments**

Still have my 1st grade report card from Fort Ord Elementary School, 1956-1957. My teacher was  
Carolyn Coulter. 2nd grade teacher was Miss Neal. Where can these ladies be today? Miss Neal attended  
Seaside Baptist Church where I attended. We lived at 211 Leinbach Avenue. I have lots of pictures of  
neighborhood kids. My dad was 1st Sgt Travis B. Cox, 34th Combat Engineers. Later a BCT company.  
Left Fort Ord in 1957 for Fort Lewis. I was back at Fort Ord and walked throug my childhood home at  
211 Leinbach Avenue in January 2001. That place, Fort Ord, will haunt us all forever. I have company  
pictures that I can email for members of the 34th Combat Engineers. Pat Cox

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**Date:**

17 Apr 2002

**Time:**

19:40:33

**Name or Email**

mrdaidsr1@aol.com

**Comments**

This is a great site, brings back a lot of good memories. It was the best of times and the worst of times. I took my BCT as a draftee (HHC 2/1) January 67 thru March 67 at Fort Ord. I will always remember my time at Fort Ord with the peolpe I served with, and the Cadre who change young man into fighting soldier. I also will never forget my Drill Sergeants, great outstanding soliers. My older brothers took there BCT at Ord years before me. Those were the good old days, before I went to the Nam 68 B 1/8 Cav. A lot of old memories.

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**Date:**

17 Apr 2002

**Time:**

21:49:04

**Name or Email**

MATUTEDM@HOTMAIL.COM

**Comments**

ANYBODY REMEMBER HHC-4-1 MAY 20 1968 AND FORT GORDON SIGNAL SCHOOL FROM OCT TO NOV 1968

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**Date:**

17 Apr 2002

**Time:**

21:56:05

## Name or Email

Jerry Basham jerry@in-box.net

## Comments

Signal school at Gordon in '69

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### Date:

18 Apr 2002

### Time:

00:12:42

## Name or Email

LARRY929@webtv.net

## Comments

forgot to put address on my comments at ord jan 67 to ets aug 68

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### Date:

19 Apr 2002

### Time:

11:38:46

## Name or Email

Tiffany@Screaltors.org Tiffany Lopez

## Comments

Thought this web site was great. My dad was stationed at Ft. Ord in 89-93. And they were great "ARMY BRAT" Days I went to Fitch Middle School and Seaside High School. My dad was CSM Carl Lopez..I know he was at 3/27 and then became the 3rd. Brigade CSM. I was sad to go but gotta love the army next stop was the Post CSM at Ft. Jackson, S.C and then on too USAPAC CSM in Honolulu HI!! Not a

bad life for a girl who is getting ready to be 24!! If you remember me or my family (Carl, Pam, Tiffany & Jessica) Please feel free to get in touch!!

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**Date:**

21 Apr 2002

**Time:**

16:29:34

**Name or Email**

Specialist Michael J Krugman

**Comments**

While assigned as an 11B10 at Camp Roberts, California I did play a role in transportation during the outload of Fort Ord. I assisted in transporting government property from Fort Ord to Camp Roberts where it would be stored and at some point redistributed.

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**Date:**

22 Apr 2002

**Time:**

00:49:10

**Name or Email**

bvasquez@peoplepc.com

**Comments**

This is a great site, brings back a lot of good memories. Dam shame they closed one of the best Post in the US. Drafted on November 21, 1966 in St. Louis MO.. Sent directly to Ord for basic. Did my basic in C-3-1, on to LPC and AIT in H-3-2. After AIT went to Drill Corporal School then Drill Sargent School. After DI School I was lucky enough to be assigned to C-3-1,how neat to be a DI in the same company you took Basic in. Spent the last 4 months of my two years in D-5-1 as the Training NCO. I sure would like to see the Old Post one more time, but I am sure it will be depersing the way it is now.

Bob Vasquez St. Louis MO.

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**Date:**

22 Apr 2002

**Time:**

05:19:20

**Name or Email**

sedlak\_johann@hotmail.com

**Comments**

18 SEDLAK JOHANN. INSTEAD RA19791728 N HOLLYWOOD, WRITE ABOVE E\_MAIL PLEASE.THANK YOU JOHANN

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**Date:**

22 Apr 2002

**Time:**

11:39:04

**Name or Email**

Phil Collins - phil@cbisearch.com

**Comments**

1975-1977; 1/51 ADA; Battery A; I was a 2nd LT Platoon Ldr in the towed Vulcan unit. Great times there as a young - and stupid - LT. Wow, have times changed! I remember the officers flag football team, Camp Roberts, bowling night, camping on hills over the race track; and, of course - Monterey & Carmel. Where is everybody? Tim, Rudy, Vernon, Brad, Westy, The Colonel, Ed - more names I can't remember?? Would like to hear from anyone there during that period.

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**Date:**

23 Apr 2002

**Time:**

11:32:18

## Name or Email

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## Comments

I completed AIT there in May '67. C-2-2 if my memory serves me right. The barracks were close to the bowling alley. Great times in Salinas/Alisal, Seaside and Monterey. Years later I spent several summer camps at the Fort while with the Army Reserves and had other opportunities to visit the area during vacations. Fantastic place if only I could afford it, especially Pebble Beach.

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### Date:

23 Apr 2002

### Time:

16:15:12

## Name or Email

Kenneth Knowles

## Comments

As a WW11 vet, I remember shipping out of Fort Ord headed overseas to the Pacific in Sept. of '42or43. At 85, memory is shifty. Looking to find other comrads from the 43rd Infantry. svivor@midmaine.com

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### Date:

24 Apr 2002

### Time:

02:28:22

## Name or Email

char61301@aol.com

## Comments

I was in Fort Ord with my family from 77-80 . I did a couple years of basic training at Hayes Elemetry school. I really did love Fort Ord. I liked having a view of the ocean only a short walk away from my home. I had my best friend Kim who lived next door. Kim- if you happen to read this e-mail me . Of course I loved it ! Spending my carefree days as a child on the prettiest place on Earth was truly a dream come true! I still miss it out there. It's a lot different from the Redstone Arsonal area in Alabama where I spent the other half of my life growing up. No ocean in site. ( but I do get to see NASA's Saturn V rocket everyday I go outside)

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**Date:**

24 Apr 2002

**Time:**

14:37:42

**Name or Email**

atheylaw@onr.com

## Comments

I did basic and AIT at Ft. Ord from 8/69 to 12/69. A place of mixed emotions. I would have rather been anywhere else at the time, but now am grateful for the experience.

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**Date:**

24 Apr 2002

**Time:**

16:29:32

**Name or Email**

Tom Watembach (twatembach@aol.com)

## Comments

My uncles (Adrian and Ted Moga) were stationed at Ft. Ord before leaving for North Africa in 1942. When I asked my uncle Ted (now deceased) what he remembered about Ft. Ord, his answer was: "Sand."

**Date:**

24 Apr 2002

**Time:**

21:45:26

**Name or Email**

David G.Bynum dbynum50@hotmail.com

**Comments**

I took my Basic in jan 1968. Went to Pleiku viet nam and served with C Co.54th Infantry at Camp Schmidt. In Basic I was with A-3-3 Ruff & Tough

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**Date:**

26 Apr 2002

**Time:**

02:08:54

**Name or Email**

princesstw\_9@hotmail.com

**Comments**

My parents were stationed there all through my elementary years (at Patton). I met a lot of geat friends there, and I think it was a great place to live. Great site to visit, more pics please!

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**Date:**

26 Apr 2002

**Time:**

17:30:40

**Name or Email**

clheld@earthlink.net

## Comments

I am looking for the "yearbook" which came with 'Graduation' from basic training: B-11-3, Nov.4, 1961. The Best: 1st Lt. Mosley Sgt Goins. The worst: The Army Cooks: all of them.....

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**Date:**

27 Apr 2002

**Time:**

08:13:06

**Name or Email**

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## Comments

Former: Sgt,E5, Squad Leader 106MM,R.R. Served: 1961-1964,Ft. Riley, Kansas Units: Co.A, 2 Bg. 12Th. Inf. Reg. 1961-1963 Co.E, 1St Bn. 16Th. Inf. Reg. 1963-1964 Both these Units were part of the 1St. Infantry Division"THE BIG RED ONE". During this...Cold War Era..period. Would greatly appreciate any information about, or responses from former members of either of these units. The 2/12Th. was disbanded at Ft. Riley, shortly after I left. The 1/16Th. went to Vietnam after I was discharged in 1964. Fellow members of that outfit would have been there 1965,66, possibly 1967. moy3rd@hotmail.com

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**Date:**

27 Apr 2002

**Time:**

08:13:19

**Name or Email**

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**Date:**

27 Apr 2002

**Time:**

21:07:44

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

There is a saying among the younger generation today which goes "I feel you". What they mean is "I can relate". Well, I can truly say "I feel your site". It is great and definitely needed. My Basic Combat Training (B-5-1)commenced on 12July71 at Fort Ord and completed on 03Sept71. Afterward, I went down the hill for Advanced Infantry Training (C-2-2) Sept71-Dec71. I will never forget Planet Ord. If there's anyone out there with graduation photos, etc., I would greatly appreciate you contacting me. 7th Infantry The Bayonet Leon Sanford lsanford1@houston.rr.com

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**Date:**

28 Apr 2002

**Time:**

11:24:06

**Name or Email**

Jim Wood woodeye851@aol.com

**Comments**

Was stationed in Fort ORD from June to Aug in 1966 for AIT. C-3-something. Nice barracks on a small hill just up the block from a beer hall which we hit every afternoon. Could see the main gate. trained for .81 mm mortars. Company had 11Bs, 11cs and 11h mos's. figured our next stop was Viet Nam as every company that was graduating AIT was sent there. We broke the Ft. Ord pistol record set in 1943 when we qualified with the .45. Pen was mightier than the sword. Most of the Company, including me, went to Germany. some to korea, some to alaska and some to Ft. Riley (9th Inf) Company was 50-50 with draftees (NY,NJ and Pa) and reservists(texas, nebraska)the reservists cracked me up. they were going home and could have cared less. drove the gung ho Sgts and Lt. wild. We used to rent a car every weekend and off we went to Santa Cruz. Even flew to LA one weekend to meet some old friends. Enjoyed my brief stay there. weather was beautiful. sorry to see they closed the fort. Hope some day to get a chance to see it again. Will always remember the hustle and bustle.

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**Date:**

28 Apr 2002

**Time:**

21:45:12

**Name or Email**

bonter@alltel.net

**Comments**

i was stationed at fort ord from nov 1983 to march 1987 i was assigned to c battery 6th bn 8th fa as part of a cohort unit along with about 80 other soldiers and then was transfered to b battery 2nd 8th fa before leaving to go to germany

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**Date:**

29 Apr 2002

**Time:**

00:08:49

**Name or Email**

Amanda Fahrenkrug littlebugg20012001@yahoo.com

## Comments

I am currently reading up on Fort Ord. I'm interested in learning more about it. My grandfather was stationed there in 1957. I'm trying to find pictures of that date, but no luck yet. So far I find it very interesting. Amanda L. Fahrenkrug

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**Date:**

29 Apr 2002

**Time:**

19:23:12

## Name or Email

John Sitting Bull

## Comments

Took basic @ Hq. 1, 1st Bn., 1st Bde. in late '67. John Sitting Bull, San Francisco.

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**Date:**

29 Apr 2002

**Time:**

19:30:06

## Name or Email

John Sitting Bull

## Comments

Took basic @ Hq. 1, 1st Bn., 1st Bde. in late '67. John Sitting Bull, San Francisco.

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**Date:**

30 Apr 2002

**Time:**

01:36:25

**Name or Email**

Phillip Buckley ( phbu1023@hotmail.com phbu1023@hotmail.com

**Comments**

I was in hcc cdec co from 79 to 82 looking for any one that served with me. would love to find lorna olsen or any one knowing her if you do email me

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**Date:**

30 Apr 2002

**Time:**

10:56:28

**Name or Email**

bob09101

**Comments**

I THINK IT SUCKS

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**Date:**

01 May 2002

**Time:**

18:40:56

**Name or Email**

Larry Vellema

**Comments**

Nice webb site. I did basic at Ft. Ord May 1962- July 1962. My 40 th- anniversary is coming up, time

marches on. As a draftee I wasn't too excited about the Army. But after a few other duty stations, I realized Ft. Ord was one of the better posts. Larry Vellema

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**Date:**

03 May 2002

**Time:**

17:57:48

**Name or Email**

Gabrielle Tanner ranafrogs@yahoo.com

**Comments**

Hi. My father was stationed at Ft. Ord when I was little. I believe it was the around the years of 1981-1984 or 85. His name is Tom (Thomas) Tanner. I was just wondering if any of his friends are still out there and if they are to email me at ranafrogs@yahoo.com. I am looking for one guy in particular that I can even remember.. he went by the name Quackenbush. Again I am his daughter Gabby(Gabrielle) Tanner. When we were at Ft. Ord I was in the Hospital with a broken leg and remembered quite a few of you visiting. I hope to hear from someone soon.

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**Date:**

04 May 2002

**Time:**

07:36:09

**Name or Email**

wendytreadaway@msn.com

**Comments**

I enjoyed reminiscing very much! I was born at Ft. Ord in 1950, and my father, then a major, was stationed there again from 1960-63. We lived at 285 Ardennes Circle, and I loved it. Our family is also originally from California, so it was the first time that I, as an Army brat, got to live near some relatives. I hated it when I heard they had closed the fort down. It was a very pretty post, as Army posts go, I always thought.

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**Date:**

05 May 2002

**Time:**

14:55:46

**Name or Email**

SGTFORD372@AOL.COM

**Comments**

nice site,i hope the local area will allow a ww2 historical livinghistory group take over the WW2 area. Would be nice to have a WW2 area left to use for historical interpretations.This way these groups can set up and authentic WW2 barracks display to show Army life back in the earlyto mid forties as a salute to that generation of americans.

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**Date:**

05 May 2002

**Time:**

16:16:22

**Name or Email**

idak

**Comments**

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**Date:**

05 May 2002

**Time:**

16:17:00

**Name or Email**

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## Comments

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**Date:**

05 May 2002

**Time:**

18:14:07

## Name or Email

Clarence Wilhite

## Comments

I am looking for information on how to contact any one who served in the 52nd field hospital 1st platoon, 1942-44. I was a medic there, my name is Clarence Wilhite.

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**Date:**

05 May 2002

**Time:**

21:07:18

## Name or Email

rwwilson@mesh.net

## Comments

Served there from 1948 to 1951 with the 8th, 22nd and 1st Inf Reg. Best service I had during my entire career.

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**Date:**

06 May 2002

**Time:**

05:12:57

**Name or Email**

G Patrick McDaniels; gpatmac@hotmail.com

**Comments**

Beautiful. Hard times in the field, laid-back times when not. Been back to Ft Ord around AUG 99, and the shape the place is in is horrendous. Should never have sold the land to Cal State. They aren't prepared to maintain all of the land and fixtures. If the government is still responsible for everything the school isn't using, they are doing a poor job. Thanks

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**Date:**

06 May 2002

**Time:**

19:50:22

**Name or Email**

chris

**Comments**

cool

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**Date:**

09 May 2002

**Time:**

13:29:43

**Name or Email**

Lonnie Buatte flattop2@rdr.net 3/17th from 80 to 84

**Comments**

i was at 7thID, sure miss the place 3/17th leads the way.

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**Date:**

10 May 2002

**Time:**

11:04:56

**Name or Email**

eichhorns@centrytel.net

**Comments**

My husband was stationed at fort ord from 84-93. he was in the 301st and the 546th trans co coscom. our daughter was born at silas b hayes in Dec.23,1992. My husband and my self served as cubmaster for the cub scout troop on base from 1990 - 1993 he was also stationed at fort hunter liggett during his time at the 546th Spc Eichhorn please email us if you know Spc Eichhorn.

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**Date:**

10 May 2002

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11:07:50

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**Comments**

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**Date:**

10 May 2002

**Time:**

11:08:56

**Name or Email**

eichhorns@centrytel.net

**Comments**

My husband was stationed at fort ord from 84-93. he was in the 301st and the 546th trans co coscom. our daughter was born at silas b hayes in Dec.23,1992. My husband and my self served as cubmaster for the cub scout troop on base from 1990 - 1993 he was also stationed at fort hunter liggett during his time at the 546th Spc Eichhorn please email us if you know Spc Eichhorn.

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**Date:**

11 May 2002

**Time:**

22:10:23

**Name or Email**

mark koloski skibiedo@aol.com

**Comments**

Many good memories of 4-17 Buffalos

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**Date:**

11 May 2002

**Time:**

22:15:39

**Name or Email**

mark koloski skibiedo@aol.com

## Comments

Many good memories of 4-17 Buffalos. I served in Aco. from 90 until it closed.

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**Date:**

11 May 2002

**Time:**

22:53:01

**Name or Email**

jjpg452YAHOO.COM

## Comments

I DID BASIC THERE IN JAN-FEB,1974. H-5-3, WITH SFC. DANCY, AND SGT, EARNHART I REMEMBER SOMEONE DRIVING A V.W, WITH A LOUD V8 IN IT.....LIKE THEY SAY, ALL GOOD THINGS, COME TO A END.....

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**Date:**

14 May 2002

**Time:**

12:40:32

**Name or Email**

pipest1@adelphia.net

## Comments

Tim Pipes - I was there for Basic and some AIT from Jan - Jun 67. Climbed poles in the pole orchard and had a general good time in BCT B-1-1

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**Date:**

14 May 2002

**Time:**

23:23:52

**Name or Email**

Eichhorns@centrytel.com

**Comments**

I was at Hunter Liggitt for three years from "84" to "86" with Trans. Co. working on many experiments. After that I found myself with 301st. Trans until the base closed. What an experience to go through closing the doors on a place that you call home for so long. thanks former SPC. Pete Eichhorn

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**Date:**

17 May 2002

**Time:**

13:00:07

**Name or Email**

Robert Altamirano

**Comments**

I am just checking to see if my posting takes. I've been unable to access the guestbook for about 2 weeks now.

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**Date:**

19 May 2002

**Time:**

17:46:27

**Name or Email**

bandbrado@yahoo.com

## Comments

hi: i was with the 7th in korea from 8-46 to 9-47!! i would like to find out where to go to find the info about a couple of the outfits i was in. we had some of the 1945 military academy football players on the team. i wonder if there would be any publications i might be able to look into to get that info.. any info would be appreciated.. bob radovich 19242401

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**Date:**

22 May 2002

**Time:**

16:49:50

**Name or Email**

mrkkpforjesus@yahoo.com

## Comments

Matthew Pistel My name is Kent Pistel and I was wondering if we are related. Email me. Thanks

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**Date:**

24 May 2002

**Time:**

06:06:22

**Name or Email**

STEVE

## Comments

GREAT SITE WISH THERE WERE MORE PICTURES

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**Date:**

25 May 2002

**Time:**

02:49:26

**Name or Email**

ronsz@aol.com

**Comments**

3/9 Alpha Company 7th ID (Light) from 84-88 part of the first COHORT Batallion...basic and advanced training at Ft. Benning, Ga in Bravo 4-2

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**Date:**

25 May 2002

**Time:**

18:27:15

**Name or Email**

candy98126@hotmail.com

**Comments**

Our family was stationed at Ft. Ord twice, 70-72 and again 73-75. One of our daughters was born there in 71. We have a lot of fun family memories from that period of our lives. Fishing at the East Garrison ponds, CB get togethers with other GI's and their families, the camaraderie of the military families. The fog. On a chilly night, with the kids all bundled up, laying in the back yard watching a meteor shower. Jim was assigned to Fritsche Airfield both times we were stationed there. He could often be seen driving the "FOLLOW ME" truck. We'll try and find some pic's from our time there. It was really fun seeing some pictures that brought back those memories. Jim and Candy Rasmussen

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**Date:**

26 May 2002

**Time:**

00:05:00

## Name or Email

David Harris raider642000@yahoo.com

## Comments

served in bravo co. 7Th s&t battalion 83-85 looking for kevin parker or anyone else

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### Date:

26 May 2002

### Time:

06:36:28

## Name or Email

Don Nickell, dnickell@icehouse.net

## Comments

Enlisted Sept 1949. Basic Co M 8th Infantry; Leadership School. Departed Feb 1950 for Camp Funston (Fort Riley), KS. Remember the long marches to the rifle range, and cold humid bivouacs on the beach in the fall. Got poison ivy of the genitals during forced march, rode home in Jeep "ambulance."

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### Date:

27 May 2002

### Time:

01:04:05

## Name or Email

arthuraec@aol.com

## Comments

what has happin? where are all the comments? h41 march 71. lets hear

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**Date:**

27 May 2002

**Time:**

10:46:18

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

test

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**Date:**

27 May 2002

**Time:**

15:51:46

**Name or Email**

James Carpenter

**Comments**

I had my BCT and AIT training at Fort Ord during the period May 1971 to September 1971. At the time I didn't realize what a great place it was (compared to other Army Bases). I returned for NCO Ojt training in January of 1972. I have been back twice in the past four years for a nostalgic look. My old barracks, Bldg. 2142, looks pretty much the same as when I left. I was disappointed I couldn't see some of the training areas, e.g. BCT proficiency area, mortar range, rifle qualifying range and bivouac area. Hopefully some time in the future they will be accessible. My BCT/AIT company was D-3-2.

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**Date:**

28 May 2002

**Time:**

01:43:07

## Name or Email

Tom Nyhan

## Comments

Company B, 10th Battle Group, 3rd Brigade February 16th, 1962 to May 1962. Looking back, it wasn't too bad.

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### Date:

28 May 2002

### Time:

19:17:14

## Name or Email

GuzmanMillieRick@aol.com

## Comments

I was initially assigned to the 9th Infantry Regiment as the Bde Chemical NCO in 1986 with Bde Commander Col, WasDezege. I have enjoyed reading all the entries from former LIGHT FIGHTERS "WOOAH!" I was later assigned as the First Sergeant for the first chemical COHORT company in the army, "COMBAT CHEMICAL!" Any LIGHT FIGHTER out there, "KEEP UP THE FIRE, MANCHU!" Upon returning from Korea was assigned to 3rd Brigade with COL. CANAVAAN, FIRST STRIKE! I was also assigned to the 14th Engineers. I am looking for my old company commander, Cpat. Robert McNamara.

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### Date:

28 May 2002

### Time:

20:10:09

## Name or Email

Anthony Malveaux mavo@gte.net

## Comments

I was stationed at Fort Ord from 1975 to 1977, 2nd BN 17th Infantry, Co. B (11-B-10 "Infantryman). I remember the humping, cold nights in the field, cold and foggy nights on guard duty and just plane old foggy. We stayed in the field. Areas we would frequent are machinegun flats and area Papa, which is located in the southeast corner of Fort Ord. The last hill on the road before going down into area Papa is a killer. We would also train at Fort Hunter Leggett (formerly known as Camp Hunter Leggett) and Camp Roberts. I've walked the circumference of Fort Ord at least 3 times and ran up most of the hills at Hunter Leggett, lol. I don't miss those days. When we weren't in the field, we were at the beach in SeaSide, south of the Holiday Inn.

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**Date:**

30 May 2002

**Time:**

12:33:11

**Name or Email**

[jakirk@compucom.com](mailto:jakirk@compucom.com)

## Comments

Attended Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training Jan 1968 through May 1968 as a guest of the Oklahoma National Guard CoA, 1st Battalion, 179th Inf, Sapulpa, OK. As beautiful as it was, it was almost the coldest I have ever experienced, though the temperature probably never went below 50.

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**Date:**

30 May 2002

**Time:**

12:53:20

**Name or Email**

[jbritt@onemain.com](mailto:jbritt@onemain.com)

## Comments

I was stationed at Fort Ord in 1959-60. It was a good place to be. I hate that it closed. Good to see some of the old secnes.

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**Date:**

30 May 2002

**Time:**

17:41:28

**Name or Email**

Robert Kerrigan: RKBALBOA@MSN.COM

**Comments**

I enjoyed the entries. I did basic there in 1962, (D-3-1) and was stationed at the hospital as a corpsman. If anyone out there remembers me, I'd appreciate a message. God Bless U.S.A.!

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**Date:**

30 May 2002

**Time:**

23:31:17

**Name or Email**

Istewart@pacbell.net

**Comments**

I went through Basic with Co. B, 3rd Battle Group, 1st Training Brigade in Jan-Feb 1962. We trained with the old M-1, Rifle Grenades, etc. I did A.I.T. in the General Supply School, down near the old P.X. I liked it there. I went from Fort Ord to Bamberg, Germany; re-enlisted and went to Basic Medical Training and on tto Neuro-Psychiatric Specialist School. I never forgot Fort Ord, or SSG Currie, my Platoon Sgt in basic. Lynton Stewart Former SFC AMEDS

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**Date:**

31 May 2002

**Time:**

04:20:45

**Name or Email**

J.H.Brian Sterrett

**Comments**

love your site. Good job.

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**Date:**

31 May 2002

**Time:**

16:39:03

**Name or Email**

Jeff Mitchell, Cpl. at the time '82-'86 11B jbejmitchell@aol.com

**Comments**

ATTENTION\*ATTENTION\*ATTENTION\*ATTENTION\*ATTENTION In March of 2000 I wrote the following: [My Dad received basic Training on Infantry Hill in '67. I was stationed at that exact spot from '82-'86. It was the 2/17 Buffalo Battalion, then changed to the 4/9 Manchu Regiment, "Keep up the Fire!" If there are any "Animals" out there, it would be great to hear from you.] The truth is, my experience was not unlike many others who have had a lineage of soldiering on the so affectionately called "Planet Ord". I review and check this site regularly and cannot express my strong feeling of melancholy when I read the words of those lucky enough to have experienced this unique opportunity. I lived in my home state of California for the past two years and chose not to visit the fallen symbol of "Think War" and the home of war outfitters for those of over four wars and various police actions world-wide. My Dad did in '98 and I'll simply say it was painful for him. Upon returning to Texas, an excellent state to live in, I have been overwhelmed with emotion as more than 1500 entries over the past four years has presented a literal anthology of life in the military during, peace, war and a little of both while stationed at this post. I think the part which is most painful, is ALL of us did not realize the beauty and awe of where we were stationed until we were years away from it. I write this note for one reason alone: Why cannot efforts be made to restore the memory institutionally? Our world as Americans and

Veterans has drastically changed recently and this spot in History, over 50 years of some of the best the Army has to offer, should be memorialized in a way deserving of those who were stationed, trained, shipped from and died in war after experiencing. Believe me, I am not attempting to toot my own horn, I enjoyed it fully like everyone else and I served honorably in peace time. Rather, this request is for those who yearn for contact with war buddies, "families" of friends stationed at the planet for years and ultimately that this very efficient Army post does not fade from History without it's story being told. I earnestly request the assistance of those who wish for something like this as well, to form a network of resources resulting in at least providing a strong foot hold for Ft. Ord firmly into this great country's History of War Museums for others to experience...Lest we Forget. Warmest Regards to all who serve and remember, Jeff Mitchell

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**Date:**

01 Jun 2002

**Time:**

02:04:46

**Name or Email**

grumpy36

**Comments**

fond memories of my time spent at ord

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**Date:**

02 Jun 2002

**Time:**

17:24:44

**Name or Email**

SARGEALVES@AOL.COM

**Comments**

IT WAS SO LONG AGO 29YRS TO BE EXACT WHEN I WAS THERE FOR BASIC TRAINING!!!! I SAID TO MYSELF WHAT DID I GET MY SELF INTO? BUT BELIEVE ME THAT WAS THE

BEST THING I DID AND THE BAST TIME I HAD,I THANK ALL THE DRILL INSTUCTORS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY PUT IN DAY AND NIGHT ALWAYS THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED THEM,I LEARNED ALOT AND IT REALLY HELPED ME IN LIFE I WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF FORT ORD I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE SERVED 21YRS. IN THE MILITARY!!!!!!!!!!!! SSG WARREN R. ALVES RETIRED

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**Date:**

03 Jun 2002

**Time:**

01:22:56

**Name or Email**

Jeanette Chervony (FrstAlto@yahoo.com)

**Comments**

My father went to Basic in Ft. Ord in Sep 1966. He was KIA in Vietnam in May 1968. I have a caricature of him, drawn by a PFC Humphries, wondering if anyone else has one or knows who he is. You can view it at <http://www.walldads.org/Chervony.html>

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**Date:**

03 Jun 2002

**Time:**

04:37:25

**Name or Email**

BOB KERRIGAN, AT "E" : RKBALBOA@MSN.COM

**Comments**

DID BASIC THERE- 1962; GREAT DUTY, WAS LATER A MEDIC AT OLD HOSPITAL, FOND MEMORIES; BASIC WAS D-3-1. KARL MEMMON, SGT. BUTLER, BERNIE KEANE, OTHERS-I WAS FROM CHICAGO. ANY ONE THERE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

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**Date:**

03 Jun 2002

**Time:**

16:49:36

**Name or Email**

Gene Jacobs, MajorJ@Royal.net

**Comments**

I was stationed at both Ft Ord and Hunter Liggett between the years of 1970 to 1972. Loved the stay at Hunter Liggett Gene

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**Date:**

04 Jun 2002

**Time:**

00:36:11

**Name or Email**

Larry Kuball LKuball@webtv.net

**Comments**

Brought back a lot of memories. I was stationed from Jan.to May in 1967. I had no idea that it is now a former army base. Thanks for sharing. Sincerely, Larry Kuball

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**Date:**

04 Jun 2002

**Time:**

22:13:36

**Name or Email**

MarsMissionCmdr@aol.com

## Comments

I was stationed at Fort Ord in 1979 thru 1980. I am going back there in June of 2002 for a visit. I have not seen it for over 22 years. I have many fond memories there having been stationed at Fort Ord as a young private. I hope to find my barracks still remaining. I was in CSC 3/32, 11H, a TOW anti-tank gunner. My name is Kevin Overton.

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**Date:**

05 Jun 2002

**Time:**

22:18:35

**Name or Email**

Amy Hood @ jaklynAz@aol.com

## Comments

My Dad Served here for a few years back in 1957 to 1964. His name is Clyde Jack Hood

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**Date:**

06 Jun 2002

**Time:**

15:41:36

**Name or Email**

Paul LaVanway

## Comments

Nice site. I was at Ord for BCT and Infantry AIT from Fall, 1970 to Spring, 1971. Great place to be if one "had" to be in the Army!

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**Date:**

07 Jun 2002

**Time:**

21:51:42

**Name or Email**

crawlfish@knology.net

**Comments**

Hello! Surprised to see this site, and grateful as well! I was a dependent in 1965/66, attending 5th grade at George S. Patton school. Have many fond memories of our time at Ft. Ord. I remember, among other things, hunting ground squirrels with my dog Coco, using iceplant flower pods as bait. My dad, Sgt. Jack Cummings was a signal instructor, got his orders for 'nam while we were there. Bye the way, I'm sure it's a stretch, but I've been thinking about looking up a classmate of mine, a black kid from Alabama whom I was friends with... don't suppose there are any yearbooks or any records by which I could trace him... just remember his first name... Sherman.

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**Date:**

08 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:43:23

**Name or Email**

rhostrander@suscom.net

**Comments**

Did my Basic & AIT at Ord 1967-1968, quite a place

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**Date:**

08 Jun 2002

**Time:**

23:42:16

## Name or Email

Lanard Crunston

## Comments

What battalions were in the first brigade and what battalions were in the 2nd brigade in the 1970's? I didn't pay much attention back then. How many Braveshields at Ft. Irwin did the division participate in and when were they. I remember going there 3 or four times and I a couple were for Braveshield. I remember G.S. Patton III being there before I ETS'd. Was he the post commander? He had an OD green jeep with the big white stars on it. Thank god our unit didn't have Gmma-Goats. Thank you.

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### Date:

08 Jun 2002

### Time:

23:53:16

## Name or Email

Lanard Crunston

## Comments

I was in the 7th Infantry Div. 1977-1979. What battalions were in the first brigade and what battalions were in the 2nd brigade in the 1970's? I didn't pay much attention back then. How many Braveshields at Ft. Irwin did the division participate in and when were they. I remember going there 3 or four times and a couple were for Braveshield. I remember G.S. Patton III being there before I ETS'd. Was he the post commander? He had an OD green jeep with the big white stars on it. Thank god our unit didn't have Gamma-Goats. Thank you

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### Date:

09 Jun 2002

### Time:

03:29:46

## Name or Email

Romeowiz@aol.com

## Comments

B Company Basic training Dec 1975 to Feb 1976. Pvt Russell K Churchill (Church) Six feet tall, 125lbs. dripping wet, seventeen and escaped reality to the Army. What had he done?

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**Date:**

12 Jun 2002

**Time:**

13:53:42

## Name or Email

haraujo@attbi.com

## Comments

12 Jun 72. Today marks thirty years I arrived at Ft Ord from LA. Did BCT (A-1-1, 5th PLT) and AIT (F-3-4)there. Hector Araujo

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**Date:**

12 Jun 2002

**Time:**

14:57:38

## Name or Email

charles1072@hotmail.com

## Comments

Dear Ndi Ibo, I don cross this arena,guy here me. Charles PHILADEPHIA.

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**Date:**

15 Jun 2002

**Time:**

04:25:27

**Name or Email**

Dennis Hall- dennistexstat@aol.com

**Comments**

1970 B-4-3 Looking for Gary Hunt, Isaac Hernandez(Fresno)

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**Date:**

15 Jun 2002

**Time:**

11:07:23

**Name or Email**

jamesmith@ureach.com

**Comments**

I AM 45 YEARS OLD.I AM SEARCH FOR A GOOD BUSINESS I CAN INVEST MONEY,AGAIN I DON'T NEED 419 GUYS TO EMAIL ME PLEASE.I FROM WEST COLUBIA.PLEASE CONTACT ME THROUGH MY EMAIL BOX:jamesmith@ureach.com FOR RELASIBLE PURPOSE/BUSINESS.

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**Date:**

18 Jun 2002

**Time:**

05:01:39

**Name or Email**

hughmccrory@btconnect.com

## Comments

Did my basic training at Fort Ord early 60s. Nice to see the old place again. Site is of interest to all GIs who spent their first days in the Army at Fort Ord. Good site keep up the good work. I will be a regular visitor. Sgt Hugh Mc Crory (Ret)RA 1905008.

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**Date:**

19 Jun 2002

**Time:**

11:37:09

**Name or Email**

hanson darryl k

## Comments

need more field artillery and more of the mid.1970's

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**Date:**

19 Jun 2002

**Time:**

11:39:47

**Name or Email**

tlynn@meadowsregional.org

## Comments

I really enjoyed your site. My daughter was born in Silas B. Hayes Hospital in 1988. She's always wanted to see where she was born and now she got the chance.

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**Date:**

19 Jun 2002

**Time:**

16:10:57

**Name or Email**

antpls@aol.com

**Comments**

Great site!! Did basic training 6-67 to 9-67-loved Fort Ord-A-2-1 run

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

03:06:29

**Name or Email**

N. Pennington

**Comments**

I was stationed at Fort Ord from 65 thru 67 starting in H-2-1 (BCT) and in C-2-1 as Morning Report Clerk. Served with some fantastic individuals and one Outstanding CO & 1stSGT. Had an opportunity to re-visit the "hill" and the "Ghost Town" in 1999. Sorry to see it closed, but I am glad that it will be in good hands. Coming from the SF Bay Area I don't miss Fort Ord weather nor the ice Plant and sand. Best wishes to all that served our country and to the families of all that didn't return.

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

17:08:05

**Name or Email**

Donpeterson@cs.com

## Comments

Great site. I was at Ord twice. BCT (D-1-3) from 8-67 to 10-67. And again from 70-72 with the 54th Military Police Company. Anyone from the 54? Would like to hear from you.

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

17:17:36

## Name or Email

Donpeterson@cs.com

## Comments

Great site. I was at Ord twice. BCT (D-1-3) from 8-67 to 10-67. And again from 70-72, with the 54th Military Police Co. Would like to hear from anyone who was in the 54th.

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

17:17:44

## Name or Email

Donpeterson@cs.com

## Comments

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

17:17:59

**Name or Email**

Donpeterson@cs.com

**Comments**

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:20:23

**Name or Email**

Donpeterson@cs.com

**Comments**

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:20:37

**Name or Email**

Donpeterson@cs.com

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:20:45

### Name or Email

Donpeterson@cs.com

## Comments

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:21:54

### Name or Email

Donpeterson@cs.com

## Comments

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**Date:**

20 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:22:04

**Name or Email**

Donpeterson@cs.com

**Comments**

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**Date:**

21 Jun 2002

**Time:**

09:45:33

**Name or Email**

carrieree\_15@yahoo.com

**Comments**

I like your site

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**Date:**

21 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:21:08

**Name or Email**

Coomer, C Rigelian@hotmail.com

**Comments**

Talk about, "Thanks for the Memories." I was 17 when I arrived at the process center that cold January morning in 1968. The head shaving, made it even colder still. After 3 days of the many shots, the exchange of civvies for fatigues and the endless testing. With full duffle bags and field gear. We boarded the cattle truck for the ride up to 'The Hill.' It stopped at A-3-3, the first barracks building at the top of 'The Hill.' Then the shouting began, "All right you maggots!! Get off that truck and fall in!! Let's Go, Move It, Move It, Move It !!" We lined up in a rag tag manner. Tripping over ourselves as we tried to response to the loud voice commands. We then took what proved to be the first of many jogs around the large parking lot in front of the barracks. That was the longest day I ever lived. I'll never forget that first night in the barracks as well. The windows were wide open to prevent meningitis. So there was even more cold to deal with. The echo in the bay area was louder and more pronounced than any highschool gym that I could ever remember at that time. After taps the sounds in the bay area took on a distant echo. The sounds of the bivouac war-games in the surrounding hills and platoons of more seasoned trainees marching back from night maneuvers. Were bouncing off the bay walls. These sounds reminded me of the wars movies I watched as a kid. There were three DIs I'll never forget. Sgt. Johnson, the DI in training. He was approachable. Sgt. Sims, assistant DI a six foot four inch walking muscle. He had a stare that would cut right through you. Then there was Sgt. Hunt the DI in charge. Five feet six inches of pure hell in human form. I've never before or since, hated anyone has much as Sgt. Hunt. Of course, that meant he was doing his job. Teaching a snot nose kid how to survive. I must honor Him by saying. If I ever had to go into battle. I wouldn't want anyone else by my side except Sgt. Hunt. He was the finest 'Soldier' I ever met. After basic, AIT was next. Then assignments at the Fort including a turnkey at the stockade. That was interesting. Then in December. I went on leave before flying to Germany. I went back to Ft Ord in June of 1990 to close out an old account I had forgotten about at the base credit union. After doing that I went to 'The Hill' to reminisce at A-3-3. The bays had been transformed into individual rooms. The mesh hall, where on Sgt. Hunt's orders I had done KP every weekend, was now a weight room. But even changed as it was, the memories came flooding back into my mind. The sounds, the smells, the physical pain, and the personal gratification all passed through me as if it were yesterday. Bittersweet memories all. I think I will go again this summer to see if I can find a ghost or two. Sp4 Coomer, C RA 18858466

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**Date:**

21 Jun 2002

**Time:**

23:05:17

**Name or Email**

Roger Venable spiritwhale@earthlink.net

**Comments**

I remember doing basic at Fort Ord back in 1958 I was in Company D, 2nd Battle Group 1st Training Brigade. The one thing that I remember vividly was how our boots turned white from the salt air. Another thing I remember was doing pullups before each meal. You didn't do 10...end of the line for you troop! I also remember our "First Shirt"...MSG Davis. Big guy...about 6 foot 9 and didn't take any shit off anyone...including the company commander, or any subordinate officer. After Basic I went down to Fort Sam Houston for Medic Training, then ended up in Vietnam for three tours. I am saddened to hear that Fort Ord has been closed. I will always remember my times there.

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**Date:**

22 Jun 2002

**Time:**

14:03:20

**Name or Email**

Don Williams

**Comments**

Thank you for this web site! I was here for Basic Training from the Army Reserve in 1964; A-1-3. My unit was the 753rd Quartermaster Co, part of 10th Corp. from Seattle, WA. I enjoyed your picture gallery, and I'm glad most of it is still in the public domain. dw

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**Date:**

22 Jun 2002

**Time:**

22:58:00

**Name or Email**

Ben Ferraro

**Comments**

Great idea and great site. Keep it up. I too basic there in 1954 with A Co, 6th Engineers, 6th Infantry Division

**Date:**

23 Jun 2002

**Time:**

08:49:48

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

Just updating e-mail....spent time on the planet as a cable dog(36c) with Aco 127th sig bn.....plz anyone who remembers me drop me a line..Barry Duvall

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**Date:**

24 Jun 2002

**Time:**

13:11:36

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

I was in fort ord in Feb. 1969. I was in the (c)company 4th Bat.3rd Br. It was a great place to go through basic training. When I was there it was the home of 101st airborne 1st calvary I think.

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**Date:**

24 Jun 2002

**Time:**

16:14:35

**Name or Email**

gclark@indy.net - Yvette Thomas

## Comments

My ex-husband Jay P. Thomas (3/9 Manchu) and I were stationed on the Planet in the late 80's. I still have a lot of wonderful memories of that place and the people that I met. Would love to hear from anyone who knew us. Still can get in touch with Jay if you would like to contact him.

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**Date:**

25 Jun 2002

**Time:**

03:31:15

**Name or Email**

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## Comments

First tour of duty was at Fort Ord in 1992. I fell in love with the place, the weather, the scenery, the comraderie of the soldiers, and the fact that the best and hardest light fighting soldiers lived there. I miss everything about Fort Ord, and I have nothing but good memories there. Hope to visit the area again some day. Tommy Villanueva "GIMLETS"

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**Date:**

25 Jun 2002

**Time:**

06:56:56

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## Comments

Was stationed there 65 till march 66 assigned to usacdec co b inf. also spent time at Hunter Liggett was a great place. I just visited Ord on June 6th 2002,it sure did change. The school charged me \$1.50 to

park my car! Frank Holt where are you . I would like to hear from anybody from my old unit.I would also like to hear from any guys from the 13th Quartermaster Bn 348th quartermaster co Korea or from 24th artillery group Coventry RI .I took my basic march and april 1963 FT dix . This is a great web site.

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**Date:**

27 Jun 2002

**Time:**

18:23:40

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

Did basic and AIT at Ft. Ord from June-Oct, 1972. Was in D-3-3 for basic and A-1-4 for AIT. Sgts Fisher and Vest were my drill sgts. I have fond memories of the place (although they weren't so fond back then). Great web site, need more pictures.

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**Date:**

27 Jun 2002

**Time:**

19:02:10

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**Comments**

I was with the 7th Div and stationed at Ft Ord in late 42 and early 43. I remember the smell from the still active fish cannery in Monterey and the trips to Salinas. Spent 2 and a half years in the Pacific with the 707 Ordnance Co. Would like to hear from any members of that outfit from that time period.....Ken Clegg

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**Date:**

28 Jun 2002

**Time:**

17:36:34

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

28 Jan 60 started basic training at Fort Ord until I was re-routed to Fort Carson Colorado.

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**Date:**

30 Jun 2002

**Time:**

08:53:22

**Name or Email**

Willis Robbins wbrsbr@lexcominc.net

**Comments**

Did Basic Trng. & AIT at Ft. Ord 1967. Company C Drill Sgt. Barriga. We had a lot of North Carolina guys in our Company at the same time. Would like to hear from some of you. I went on to N.C. Military Academy, Ft. Bragg for O.C.S.

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**Date:**

30 Jun 2002

**Time:**

11:06:45

**Name or Email**

EARNEST LAMAR MCQUEEN

## Comments

STATION AT FORT ORD 76-79 81-85 INFANTRYMAN 3YEARS FIRE SUPPORT SPECIALIST 4 YEARS CO B-2-17 INFANTRY HHB 6/8 FA I ENJOYED MY STAY AT FORT ORD