

Fort Ord Guestbook

February 2003

Date:

01 Feb 2003

Time:

11:59:42

Name or Email

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Comments

Great Site, brings back a lot of good memories. Dam shame they closed one of the best Posts in the US. Drafted on 11-21-66 in St.Louis MO. Sent direct to Ord for basic. Did BCT in C-3-1, on to LPC and AIT. After AIT went to Drill Corporal School then on to Drill Sergeant 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. Spent the last four months of my tour in D-5-1 as the Traoining NCO.

Date:

01 Feb 2003

Time:

22:44:27

Name or Email

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Comments

Hi I did boot at Ord in 1973. And came back in 1975 with the 7th Light I D Gene

Date:

01 Feb 2003

Time:

23:00:18

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Comments

I was in basic training in King Co., 20th Inf Reg. in the old WWII barracks, May-July 1954. From there was sent to clerks school for second eight weeks. Pneumonia season was rampant during the foggy summer. The soldier's club was our only recreation. I can never forget the days in training requiring inspection at reveille for clean uniforms only to be marched down to the end of the street to the mud and sand and required to crawl several yards to break in the clean fatigues. Hated to see the place closed down. Would enjoy hearing from anyone from that era. Great website.

Date:

02 Feb 2003

Time:

07:30:48

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Comments

Does anyone remember The Armed Forces Entertainment Services Team out of Fort Ord and DLI, who staged shows for the military. At companies, hospitals, service clubs at home and abroad. Looking for old friends from 1967-70.

Date:

02 Feb 2003

Time:

09:49:03

Name or Email

MATT Lowery

Comments

My lovely wife sent a comment that I served at Fort Ord from 85 till 88. It was actually from 86 till 89. I was in Charlie 2/9 7th Infantry Division. Love the site...brought back good memories of Greathouse and Lynch and the rest of Charlie Company. I don't have an e-mail address @ this time. If you guys are out there...send a note through this site! MANCHUS RULE!!!! YOU CAN'T SMOKE A ROCK!!!

Date:

02 Feb 2003

Time:

16:09:02

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Comments

Like the pictorial options. Will you be including a history of Fort Ord? How about the current activities that can take place there...like biking or hiking? Thanks.

Date:

03 Feb 2003

Time:

16:08:12

Name or Email

Pamela King Pamking32@aol.com

Comments

was in Ft.Ord 1993 The greatest place I have ever been to. Lived on Landdrum dr

Date:

04 Feb 2003

Time:

00:15:08

Name or Email

Dave Davis E-mail Monkasen@aol.com

Comments

I did basic at Fort Ord from Oct 72 - Dec 72. My company was H-1-3 up on the hill, "Yea Mongoose".
Went to Fort Ord last October and again Feb 2, 03. Hadn't been there in 30 years. Suprised to see the
vandalism in the reception station just from Oct 02 to Feb 03. Would love to hear from anyone from H-1-
3 I have several pictures I will e-mail to anyone interested.

Date:

04 Feb 2003

Time:

00:27:34

Name or Email

Comments

Date:

04 Feb 2003

Time:

02:25:34

Name or Email

Dean Havens dhavens94606@yahoo.com

Comments

BCT Aug-Oct 1966 on "the hill" C-2-1. 19 yo draftee. "In the Army now".. complete with uniform and saluting and ATTENTION.."your military mind"..fall out ..fall in shitheads..ya had a good home but ya left (you`re right) sound off...Our DI was Sgt. Poso, probably the kindest most soft spoken DI in the history of the Army. In contrast to Sgt Mattingly the hardass of the company. Wish I could remember the name of our 1st Sgt. ...he was probably the baddest dude in the Army and was the most "military correct" with his super snappy salutes and fatigues so heavily starched you could bounce a quarter off of 'em and had thee coolest cadence calls. We were proud to call him our 1st Sgt. AIT D-4-3 at Tigerland Ft. Polk then 5/60th Mech 9th Div. Mekong Delta. Memories of Ft. Ord..learnin' how to march on the parade grounds..the runs out to the beach ranges(and back)..before dawn cattle truck pick ups in front of the barracks..4am KP..Reveille in the morning and Taps at sundown..the sound of Wolfman Jack on the radio late at nite in the barracks("I'll Be There" by the 4 Tops)..the LOW CRAWL!!!(And that gentlemen, could ruin your whole damn day!)Went back for a visit mid 90s and couldn't believe how small the bays in the barracks seemed and how narrow the halls and stairwells. How the hell did a hundred of us get down those stairwells for formation? Would like to hear from anyone there with me and N. Pennington and Tony Fields if you come across this post. Anybody have the yearbook or info?? please contact me. The Army has to be the best experience in any young mans' life. The first step to growing up..what memories!

Date:

08 Feb 2003

Time:

01:26:08

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Comments

I was really happy to learn of the Ft. Ord site today! The most rewarding assignment I had in 21 years was at Ft. Ord in 1965-66 as CO C-2-1 "Chargin Charlie Rah". John Giboney, LtC Inf (Ret)

Date:

08 Feb 2003

Time:

01:49:49

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Comments

1989 - 1993 Planet Ord... haven't heard that in a long time. 8th Evac Hospital - "The Best of Many" - 6 months in Desert Storm. Anyone out there? Nice job on the site - just what the Dr. ordered! Thank you!

Date:

09 Feb 2003

Time:

15:51:08

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Comments

was there from 1987 to 1993. was in BCSB and HHB Divarty. wow, what a time.

Date:

09 Feb 2003

Time:

19:30:51

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Comments

I served in 1965 and 1966 as CO of C-2-1 "Chargin Charlie Rah". Just connected with Norm Pennington our Company Clerk and would like to re-connect with anyone who served or trained in C-2-1 during 1965-66, or anyone who was in the 1st Brigade during that time. John Giboney, LtC Infantry USA (Ret.)

Date:

10 Feb 2003

Time:

03:18:30

Name or Email

rye1991@hotmail.com

Comments

Very neat and interesting site. My father Robert (Bob) Black was at Fort Ord in 1967 and I believe 1968. He has always talked about a great friend Lee Thomas, and all the great times they had. I was wondering if anyone knew my father or where or what happened to Lee Thomas, I think it was A Company 4th Brigade, road runners?? Please email me with any info at all anything will help. Keep up the good work. rye1991@hotmail.com THANK YOU!!!!

Date:

10 Feb 2003

Time:

07:41:51

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Comments

I REALLY LIKED YOUR WEBSITE. I THINK THAT IT IS VERY NICE TO STILL REMEMBER THE OLD FORT. YOUR WEBSITE IS GOOD FOR ANYONE THAT WAS ONCE STATIONED AT FT.ORD, I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL APPRECIATE WHAT YOUR DOING.THE PICTURES

ARE NICE AND GIVE AN IDEA OF HOW IT WAS AT FT.ORD. I ESPECIALLY LIKED THE OLD WW11 PICTURES.GREAT JOB

Date:

10 Feb 2003

Time:

17:53:32

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Comments

I was stationed there 66-68 and 72-73 on Mortar committe, wonderfull memories on last visit.

Date:

10 Feb 2003

Time:

21:17:57

Name or Email

Comments

Date:

10 Feb 2003

Time:

21:23:59

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Comments

I was stationed at Fort Ord with the 8th Combat Support Hospital from 9/1982 untill 7/1984. Right before I left the unit became the 8th Evac Hospital. Who else went to Bold Eagle 84 with me from the 8th? I went there with the 629th Clearing Company in Oct 83. I remember a few others from the 8th went with the 629th as well.

Date:

10 Feb 2003

Time:

21:29:57

Name or Email

Chris Reynolds- pappypsg@charter.net

Comments

Boy do those pictures bring back memories!!!!!!

Date:

11 Feb 2003

Time:

23:23:06

Name or Email

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Comments

I had BCT at Ft Ord 20 Oct to 21 Dec '67. My unit was A-3-3. I think I was in 1st platoon. Anyone there at that time, please contact me via email, thank you!

Date:

12 Feb 2003

Time:

21:24:58

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Comments

My father, Don Pedersen was a drill Sgt at Fort Ord 1967-1969. He has lost touch with all his friends over the years. I am interested in having some friends contact him since it was an important time in his life. He taught hand to hand combat and more. I am very thankful for what he did and for all those that protcted our country. I hope someone can get back to me that remebers my father. He is my best friend and I know he would love to here from some friends from the past. Thank You, Mark Pedersen

Date:

12 Feb 2003

Time:

22:05:57

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Comments

Looking for Charles Ray Davis that was at FortOrd in 1987 to 1989 please Email me if you can help me trac62@earthlink.net Thank you Tracey

Date:

14 Feb 2003

Time:

09:19:16

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Comments

Finance office veterans from years 1953 to 1955 are holding a reunion in Carmel March 25 through 27 at the La Playa hotel ..Over 40 have been contacted and current registration includes over 20 together with their spouses. Many are bringing photos and all are bringing memories..

Date:

14 Feb 2003

Time:

09:44:32

Name or Email

Standiford

Comments

Served with Bco 13TH ENG 85-88 Looking for Sowers and Rodriguez the last two members of the Sinia Brew Crew We are getting together in Vegas in July contact me at stndtec@msn.com (I Have Bond Money)

Date:

14 Feb 2003

Time:

13:50:16

Name or Email

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Comments

I attended Basic training here March of 1966, was in Head Two Three Wetsu Bird. Went to Viet-Nam in 1968 was with the 4/31st 196th Light Infantry Brigade Feb68-Feb69. Now I come back every year and

burn down some of our old barracks, I am an Arson Investigator with the California Conference of Arson Investigators, and twice a year we go to Seaside and conduct live fire burns. I still think of all the guys that went through Ft,Ord and wonder how many made it back from Viet-Nam. I was awarded the Combat Medical Badge and a Purple Heart, and two Bronze Stars with V device. So I guess Drill Sgt. Van Peske did his job right. Doc La Palio.

Date:

15 Feb 2003

Time:

16:29:12

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Comments

Did my basic and AIT training at Ord from 5 October 1967 thru March of 1968. Sgt. Miranda was DI during basic and had just received his Smokey Hat. Anyone remember or trained at that time drop me an e-mail.

Date:

16 Feb 2003

Time:

02:13:11

Name or Email

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Comments

I was at Fort Ord from Dec 82 to May 84 with the 7th Military Police Company. If there is anyone who was with the MPs from that time, please drop me a line. I remember the wooden barracks, the salt smell of the air blowing from the bay..the patrols of DLI and walking along Monterey Row, and I miss the Fort as it was closed and the sorrow that no one else will experience the thrills it offered.

Date:

16 Feb 2003

Time:

19:18:05

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Comments

I was there!1978-1980.Anybody that knows me, please E-MAIL me thanks! MIKE

Date:

16 Feb 2003

Time:

22:24:55

Name or Email

Bob Castleberry (bcastle@webtv.net

Comments

I went through basic training at Fort Ord starting Apr 09--1950 finished in time to go to Korea.Reported to camp Stoeman took troop train to Fort Lanton in Seattle given m-i and flew to Japan,joined 7th. inf. mount Fugi spent a few days training on tank 32 inf.reg.7th.div.Made Inchon,Soul,Chosin,tague etc. discharged 4-16-1953

Date:

17 Feb 2003

Time:

04:31:56

Name or Email

tc233nam@dtgnet.com Robert Puterbaugh

Comments

Did Basic in 67 C-1-1 thinking back the best i ever was. Went to nam spent 3 1/2 years ther

Date:

17 Feb 2003

Time:

11:13:38

Name or Email

MSG Clint Conklin, clintkc1@yahoo.com

Comments

Looking for Tim White or Rick Arreola, or any member of B Co 2/9 INF. Were at Ft Ord 1982-1984, then to Korea. Spent 2 years at Ord, had AIT there as 11B. Planet Ord as we called it, was a great place to work and the area a great place to play

Date:

17 Feb 2003

Time:

12:03:30

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Comments

David Fournet Bravo Co. 3/9 Manchu Warriors Keep Up The Fire. While is was in the Army I always wanted out, now that I have been for almost 13 years, I still think of the good and bad times we had. I miss alot of the friends that I met and would like to talk to some of them. I still talk to Gator, Possum and Mike England. We had a small reunion at Gators about 10 years ago and had a good time. We had a

good turn out of about 12 old Buddys. I would like to try to have another reunion one day.

Date:

17 Feb 2003

Time:

13:22:19

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Dennis Dorrell johnson_24343@msn.com

Comments

I took basic trainig at Fort Ord, Feb-Mar 1974. I was in C-5-3 up on the hill. Drill Sargents name was Daley. Still have my yearbook.

Date:

17 Feb 2003

Time:

15:30:38

Name or Email

hal r johnson

Comments

did bct in oct 1974 brovo 2/3

Date:

19 Feb 2003

Time:

23:06:00

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Comments

My name is Michael Branley and I was stationed at Ft. Ord from 1987 to 1990 with A co. 4-17 Inf. I participated in operation just cause in Panama in 1989 with the 7th I.D. Im looking for some old buddies from the unit who may remember me. Please email me.Nice website. I miss old Planet Ord.....

Date:

20 Feb 2003

Time:

16:58:07

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Comments

A blast from the past..was there in 1967. BCT, A-2-1, "Lean and Mean." AIT in the old barracks. The pictures are great and the memories better...although it didn't seem so then. Drill Sarg. was Pete Meduna.

Date:

20 Feb 2003

Time:

19:37:47

Name or Email

Larry Gammons

Comments

I feel that this is a vey good site, it brings back memories of when I was station at this installation.

Date:

21 Feb 2003

Time:

12:21:47

Name or Email

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Comments

Great site. My Dad was in the 519th Maintenance and I can still remember catching lizards and snakes in Devil's ditch on Roosevelt Dr. Brings back some memories looking at the PX too.

Date:

22 Feb 2003

Time:

10:24:16

Name or Email

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Comments

I'm Jim McMahon, and was stationed at Fort Ord from Aug 72 to Oct 72 for boot camp. Last of the draftees. Great group of guys, memorable experience. Trying to write a book about how it was. Some memories are clear as yesterday, some are as nebulous and difficult to grasp as smoke. Company C kicked some butt.

Date:

22 Feb 2003

Time:

15:50:59

Name or Email

Jennifer Hansen email: jennifer_99@inbox.com.pk

Comments

Those pictures bring back the good old memories of living at Fort Ord. I'm a army brat, and proud of it. My dad was stationed at Fort Ord from 1986 to 1990.

Date:

23 Feb 2003

Time:

22:34:12

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Comments

I know they still have a military hospital on Ft Ord, the name escapes me at the moment. But i'm wondering do they have transient quarters there also.

Date:

24 Feb 2003

Time:

22:53:15

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Comments

I was at ord for basic in 1990 bravo co. 4th platoon. Anyone else from the matc 90 out there?

Date:

25 Feb 2003

Time:

09:29:56

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Comments

It's been almost 20 years since I first arrived at Planet Ord. It was first duty station after AIT. I was in the 519th Maint. Co. 52C was my MOS. I have some fond memories of my time spent there. I remember Stillwell Hall, the NCO club and I had pretty cool apartment in Monterey for a while. I used to work with the civilians a lot. Don't know if anybody remembers Lou Hunt. I was at Ft. Ord from Dec 83 to May 85.

Date:

25 Feb 2003

Time:

20:19:04

Name or Email

Ernie Chiaradonna

Comments

I spent 9 weeks at Ft Ord beginning in May 1972 while I completed Basic Training. My BCT Company was H-5-1 We were the second unit to occupy the newly constructed barracks that were located across the street from (well, in view of) the new hospital. Unfortunately the years have not been kind to my memory and the only pictures I remember are of The hospital and the sand. Would love to heard from some of my old Buddies from basic training (Nick Contaxis...you out there?) I can be reached at Ernie235@attbi.com

Date:

27 Feb 2003

Time:

00:02:40

Name or Email

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Comments

An OD green bus picked up a group of us fresh, new recruits at the Monterey airport on February 1, 1973. We were taken to the reception center in the old, wood barracks of Fort Ord. After a quick briefing and "welcome", we were given a one-time "amnesty" opportunity to drop anything, such as drugs or weapons, without questions. My 6 year, 9 months, 19 day military career was just beginning. We spent maybe a week in those old barracks getting haircuts and our military gear issued. When we were finished with that, we were taken up to the three story infantry barracks in those cattle cars for the duration. We were met and greeted by a bunch of screaming drill sergeants. Geez, maybe we were maggots. They sure thought so. A friend of mine and I had enlisted together in the "buddy program" and were assigned to the same platoon. We started with one drill sergeant, but later got a second. Drill Sgt. Wong and Drill Sgt. Izzard. I wish I could remember my basic unit for certain (maybe D-5-3?). After basic training I was transferred to Fort Lewis for AIT and a year and a half duty with a 111-day TDY stint at Edgewood Arsenal tossed in there during the summer of 74 as a medical research volunteer. In January 1975, I was transferred to Fort Richardson, Alaska (of course I'd officially requested Hawaii, so I'm sure some bastard got a huge laugh when he typed up THOSE orders). After 2 years and 3 months of freezing my ass off, I was transferred back to Fort Ord in June of 77. It was great! I never had the chance to really love the place during basic, but I sure did when I came back. By some cruel coincidence, I came right back to the same, old, wood barracks that I first went to in basic training. In fact, our battalion headquarters had served as a little PX when I was there for basic. It was just too weird. One of our other battalion headquarter buildings was the same building that that OD green bus took us to for our Army "welcome". My NBC building (I was the NBC NCO for CSC 3/17) was a small building just 3 or 4 buildings down from where I got my first military haircut. Sometime towards the end of my duty, we moved to the "newer" concrete barracks. You know, the military life in general, and Fort Ord in particular, was fantastic. I had no complaints against that at all. I just couldn't handle the crap that an infantry outfit put people through. Too many head games. Too much B.S. Of course a couple months before my ETS, my re-up NCO started putting the pressure on me to reenlist. I thought long and hard about it. About a month before my ETS, my battalion commander personally started putting the pressure on me too. I thought more about it. I thought about changing my MOS from 11C (mortars, infantry), to something more "civilian" like air traffic control. I just wanted something more like a real job, not a daily routine of crap. I even spent the better part of one day out at the airfield observing and talking to air traffic controllers and learning more about it. Although it's a whole 'nuther story, I found out then that there were two different types of air traffic controllers and there was no way to get exactly

what I wanted because I only had station of choice or duty of choice..... but not both. I decided to get out. Of course about 2 weeks before my ETS, my battalion commander caught me between the buildings and asked me when he could swear me in on my re-up. I broke the news to him that I decided to get out and go to school. Of course he was under pressure to re-up an NCO. Too many of us were leaving... hmmm, wonder why. Anyway, he tried to talk me out of it by giving me the same line that I'd heard so many times before. "Oh, it's so tough out there in the civilian world and you'll never make it. Blah, blah, blah." I told him that I'd made my decision and that I'd be leaving. At that point, he looked me in the eye and said, "Get the f--- outta my face." I looked right back at him, saluted, said "yes, sir", and I was on my way more determined than ever before. I never looked back. I got out on November 19th, 1979, started college 6 weeks later, graduated in 4 years exactly in December 1983 from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in mechanical engineering and have done far better than I ever would have expected back then. But all things aside, and with a few exceptions (including one jerk of a battalion commander), the military was a life changing experience and one that I'll never forget. Fort Ord... it was without question, the greatest of them all. When I think back about it all, I think back to Fort Ord. I've been back to Monterey a few times and to Fort Ord itself a couple times since the closure to drive around and reminisce. Although it is depressing to see it closed down and deteriorating, I'm glad that I had a chance to see it again before it's gone forever. To all my Fort Ord friends, take care and best wishes. Rick Lake

Date:

28 Feb 2003

Time:

14:55:31

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Comments

I was stationed at Ford Ord from March 1961 thru Dec 1961. My maiden name is Doris Piper. My memories of Fort Ord remain some of the most pleasant of my entire lifetime. It is one of the most beautiful places that I have ever seen, and the Pacific Ocean was and is one of the most magnificent of God's creations. I still remember its many changing moods and the sight of the sun as it seemingly set into the depths of the blue. I cherish the memory of the many friends that I enjoyed and of the GI that I fell in love with and who gave me a son, now almost 42 years of age and who was and remains, a good "kid." When I was stationed at Fort Ord, I was told that there were 15,000 soldiers there...the WAC detachment of which I was a part, only numbered 150 women. It was very difficult to leave Ord, and someday I hope to return to the area just to see it again.

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