

# Fort Ord Guestbook

June 2003

**Date:**

01 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:37:20

**Name or Email**

jkjmc@hotmail.com

**Comments**

I was stationed at Ft. Ord 4 times. The first time was Oct 1970 at the old ramp Hospital as a PV2. When I came back in Aug. 1984 I got the same room as a CW2.

**Date:**

02 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:42:36

**Name or Email**

hawkeye138@onewest.net

**Comments**

I remember my Basic Training at Fort Ord, A-3-1 March 1968 thru May 1968. Then off to Fort Sill for Artillery training. I remember the cool damp mornings and the hot humid afternoons. Anyone out there attached to the same brigade, or there at the same time, lets compare notes and stories. Feel free to email me with comments and stories, lord knows we have a bunch of them. I'm sure we will never forget the long trek to the firing range. Looking forward to hearing from anyone, Wally Christina A-3-1 Mar. '68 thru May '68

**Date:**

02 Jun 2003

**Time:**

19:22:31

**Name or Email**

john w. harkonen jwhm\_2000@yahoo.com

### Comments

i had basic training at ft. ord 1975. H-6-3 up on the hill.

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**Date:**

02 Jun 2003

**Time:**

23:53:40

**Name or Email**

srollf@attbi.com

### Comments

Excellent. I have been searching for Sgt. Robert "Jonsey" Jones for the last 7.5 years. He was last stationed at Ft. Ord in 1963 and I am not having much luck finding him. We have been in constant contact with the beauro, and even visited Ft. ORD and the Presidio. So it is a breath of fresh air to finally see that Ft. Ord has their own web page. Do you know of any old timers that were stationed there during that time? Skip

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**Date:**

03 Jun 2003

**Time:**

09:24:54

**Name or Email**

grantmoni@aol.com

### Comments

was stationed at Ft. Ord in Jan 67 waiting for my trip over the big pond there about a week. Anyone else remember the worlds largest formation? Does anyone know what unit we might have been attached to?

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**Date:**

05 Jun 2003

**Time:**

04:26:24

**Name or Email**

**Comments**

In response to the entry left by Matt Pistel Lori is marries and lives in Chatsworth California....Her husband is a highway patrolman. I know she thinks of you often too.

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**Date:**

07 Jun 2003

**Time:**

03:09:15

**Name or Email**

SFCJHonGar1@aol.com

**Comments**

Basic training at Ft Ord began 10Jan59 with Co A 9th Battle Group 3d Brig. Began Basic Army Admin Course (BAAC) Co A 3d Battle Gp, 4th Bde. Our first sergeant at BAAC was 1SG Lee who was glad to see our class leave. I remember the NCO yelling at us to stay off the Generals ice grass. I really believed the damn ice grass belonged to him.

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**Date:**

08 Jun 2003

**Time:**

01:34:54

**Name or Email**

Rich Lindstrom

**Comments**

B22 March 1971

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**Date:**

09 Jun 2003

**Time:**

15:02:28

**Name or Email**

Swallows@gordon.army.mil

### Comments

My husband was stationed at Ft. Gordon in 1976-1978. (PFC David Swallow)We lived in Marina, CA. before moving on post in the Stillwell housing area. Retired from the army in 1995 and Living in Augusta, GA.

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**Date:**

09 Jun 2003

**Time:**

20:00:27

**Name or Email**

tparker@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us

### Comments

Great photos. Great site

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**Date:**

09 Jun 2003

**Time:**

22:21:07

**Name or Email**

bobglennwb6yje@peoplepc.com

### Comments

Looking for anyone who: Took Inf. Basic Feb.53' to July 53' Stationed in Leopold Kaserne Munich Germany Aug 53' Busac or Ingrandes France Feb 54' to Apr. 54' Sheridan Kaserne Augsburg Germany April 54' - 56' Fort Ord Feb 56' - Feb. 58'

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**Date:**

09 Jun 2003

**Time:**

23:00:08

### Name or Email

Don Miller

### Comments

Drafted October 69; lived in the ole wooden barracks.I stand 6'8" and this wasn't a highlight in my young adult life. I find the most interesting fact, I still think about those miserable days. Stationed at White Sands Missile Range, was an absolute blast. Vietnam was a different matter, I still have nighmares and night sweats over that time, 30 yrs ago.

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**Date:**

10 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:36:00

### Name or Email

danscott@valuelinx.net

### Comments

nice web site,i was in b co. 3/9 inf. from 85 till 92.

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**Date:**

11 Jun 2003

**Time:**

00:01:18

### Name or Email

Bob Rupert - rupes@cwo.com

## Comments

Sent to Ft. Ord from Ft. Leonard Wood in Feb '73. From there to Hunter Liggett Military Reservation and assigned to Engineer Company / Support Bn. Operated heavy equipment (62L20) until re-assigned to the 14th Eng. Co. in '75. Had some good brothers in HHC Co. \ "Heavy Junk platoon". Stayed in the "super hooches" overlooking Monterey Bay. Went back a couple of years ago and roamed around Ft. Ord. What a waste!! The went and saw Liggett. I mean, er, ah, "Fort" Hunter Liggett??? Never goina' happen! Both places are still "home" in my heart. Each for what it was. Thanks for the website C R Swann.

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### Date:

11 Jun 2003

### Time:

11:38:21

## Name or Email

Petersfamily3@aol.com

## Comments

My husband, Kendall John Peters, went through basic training and AIT in 1962 at Ft. Ord. His drill instructor's last name was Turk. Does anyone have any information on SGT Turk? Does anyone have a Ft. Ord yearbook for 1962 that they would be willing to sell? Kendall is currently on active duty at the National Guard Bureau, attached to the Old Guard at Ft. Myer, VA, and would love to see the photos taken during his time at Ft. Ord. Any leads would be appreciated. Thanks. Sharon Dannen-Peters

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### Date:

14 Jun 2003

### Time:

06:58:25

## Name or Email

Tim Mosteller [dottiemockbee@msn.com]

## Comments

I lived on the plant ord from 1982-83.I called the 2/10 air cav my home for 2 years.I was one of a few recon medics allowed to go out and jump out of huey's,hunt tanks,vacation at all the fine ranges,take long hikes in the middle of the night,had the pleasure of taking two titles at the 83 gen. match from the grunts.beach parties in carmel.In other words the best two years of my life. Thanks to the officers who gave us repect when we gave them our all.Thanks to the pilots who would scrape the tree tops,bank 90 degrees with us sitting in the door way and making sure the rope was touching the ground when I was on the skid some 70 feet in the air.Thanks to B-C and delta troop,sgt martin and the rest of the medics at the balt. aid station.I leave chattanooga TN from time to time to walk aroud the old mostly vacant ord.and remember my life as a soldier.air cav sgt major.

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**Date:**

16 Jun 2003

**Time:**

21:48:41

**Name or Email**

fotoman@eddiemeeks.com

**Comments**

B-5-1...Basic...1969...Great Site....Eddie Meeks

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**Date:**

16 Jun 2003

**Time:**

21:59:52

**Name or Email**

fotoman@eddiemeeks.com

**Comments**

I would like to add to your nice vast info ...I am picture in the B-5-1...Mar 1969..and would like to add that the drill instructor on the left...Is Sgt. Hocatan...from Hawaii..much like drill instructor....awesome Karate Instructor....Eddie Meeks

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**Date:**

17 Jun 2003

**Time:**

15:34:23

**Name or Email**

tdbarnes@area51specialprojects.com

**Comments**

Excellent site. Attended basic training at Fort Ord in 1955. Was there when actor James Dean died in a car wreck. From there to Camp Chaffee and then Korea. Would like to link your site to mine: <http://area51specialprojects.com/>

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**Date:**

17 Jun 2003

**Time:**

20:27:22

**Name or Email**

gducote@lycos.com

**Comments**

Wow what a place...you can always share something in common with a fellow light-fighter from "The Planet" X-SSG G. Ducote

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**Date:**

17 Jun 2003

**Time:**

21:05:25

**Name or Email**

dennisnewell@msn.com

**Comments**

B-4-1 1963

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**Date:**

18 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:32:58

**Name or Email**

Teaforme44@yahoo.com

**Comments**

My name is Ida Salinas. I arrived at Fort Ord in 1989-1991. I was with the 590th Supply and Service company during Desert Storm/Desert Shield. When we arrived back to Fort Ord after Saudi, I was moved to HHC 67th Maint. Bn..I met a great person. Jami Gillish which I am looking for. I lost contact after I got stationed in Hawaii. Fort Ord has many memories for me. I was only 18 when I arrived there and learned many harsh harsh realities of life. I have many reserved feelings, although I met alot of people. I think of it sometimes and remember good times and bad. Spent alot of time in Monterrey and Monterrey Club. I grew up quickly at Fort Ord and learned many valuable lessons. Life is great now and I think back now and would never go through

it again...whew glad it is over..I was disappointed when they closed down the base. I feel like I left alot of unresolved issues there. Nonetheless, those are lifes lessons.

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**Date:**

18 Jun 2003

**Time:**

21:58:11

**Name or Email**

djmcfee@ameriflight.com

**Comments**

Great site, great memories. I was there in 1966 for basic H-1-1 and AIT C-1-2. Then off to Friedberg Germany 3rd Armored Div till 1968 then off to Vietnam 1st Inf. Div. 2nd of the 16th Infantry Rangers. Then back to Ft. Ord 1969 and 1970 as a DI on the hill D-2-3. Had some great times stationed at Ft. Ord and living in Monterey, the old Mission Ranch, the Bear Cave in Salinas, boardwalk at Santa Cruz, great times. Love to hear from anyone that was in D-2-3 or H-1-1 around that time. Keep the site going ! SSG Daniel J. Mc Fee

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**Date:**

18 Jun 2003

**Time:**

22:17:37

**Name or Email**

cmp@msn.com

**Comments**

SPC4 Pachuillo, 7th Med BN 1987-1990. Rites of Passage, EFMB, Div Runs, BN co's Driver. All fond memories of the planet. Thanks for the trip back. Lightfighter Medic!!!!!!

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**Date:**

19 Jun 2003

**Time:**

08:14:28

**Name or Email**

GUY MAN <OMOTA@MUGU.COM>

**Comments**



Really enjoyed browsing through your site. Lots of information and an nice desgin. Keep going! <a href="http://www.cheapflightselect.com/">cheap flights airline tickets airfares</a>

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**Date:**

21 Jun 2003

**Time:**

20:28:58

**Name or Email**

Dave Glahn

**Comments**

A Co. 127th SIGNAL BN 4/80 - 12/82 IO SPEED DOWN THE COAST ON CHRISTMAS EVE. SO MANY FRIENDS, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE ...ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT SGT. VERNON HEBERT ...ANY HELP ? TX DAVID GLAHN DGLAHN@YAHOO.COM DANBURY CT.

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**Date:**

22 Jun 2003

**Time:**

10:18:53

**Name or Email**

kls949@charter.net

**Comments**

Thank you for creating this web site. I was born at Fort Ord Station Hospital in 1949. My father was a Corporal at the time. My parents lived in Marina. Might you have a photo of the hospital?

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**Date:**

22 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:40:56

**Name or Email**

utiguy1@attbi.com

**Comments**

Hi All...SSG Stan Anderson, Drill Sergeant, H-4-1, from January 67 to December 69, and then a return trip to Vietnam. Anyone out there, trainees or drill sergeants who are out there? I have been back a few times to visit. Have a few photos. My wife and I are going back next month to Monterey for a vacation (our favorite). Let me hear from you. Looking for any photos from that era. Will update you all when I return around August 1. See ya..

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**Date:**

22 Jun 2003

**Time:**

19:23:16

**Name or Email**

Alan Leiran alanleiran@loretel.net

**Comments**

I was in basic Feb 67. I submitted photo of 67 Basic company. Like to hear from others in that company: (Feasby, Wanamaker, Cecil E. Buddin, anyone.) Also, would like to get photos if anyone has some of our company.

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**Date:**

24 Jun 2003

**Time:**

01:03:02

**Name or Email**

Isaacdavis@mchsi.com

**Comments**

I was born at Silas B Hays on 9-7-80 12:50p.m Mother name is Susan, She was 16 at the time. My Grandmother's name is Elizabeth Lewis if anyone know either of them please contact me.

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**Date:**

24 Jun 2003

**Time:**

14:51:40

**Name or Email**

banyon@scattercreek.com Ron Spahman

## Comments

A-3-1, Fifth Platoon, April-1970. Best Damn Company on the "Hill". Men from all over the U.S. became, in two months, close friends and a great team. Drill Sgt. Harris, Drill Sgt. Powell, and SDI Sgt. Crosby guided us all the way. Terry Brown was our platoon leader and proved that "Big Guys" can really run fast. I returned in August 1978 to visit and talked to Drill Sgt. Powell, who was still there. Take care all.....

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**Date:**

24 Jun 2003

**Time:**

18:14:51

**Name or Email**

hkt-pat@lcc.net Keith Thompson

## Comments

I went through Basic training at Fort Ord From Aug-Nov, 1955. I was in Fox company 1st Inf. Regt. I fondly remember my time there. I made friends that I never saw again which is sad to me now. After we finished Basic we were sent all over the U S, I ended up at Fort Belvoir, Va. Later I spent time overseas at Camp Tuto, Greenland. I particularly remember 2 squad buddies, Jack Stewart of Sundown, Tx and Adoph Wagner of Fresno, Ca If anyone knows anything about these two or any other members of our training company, I'd like to hear from you. I live in Lufkin, Tx 936-634-8068.

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**Date:**

24 Jun 2003

**Time:**

20:50:24

**Name or Email**

Becky24us@yahoo.com

**Comments**

Hey my name is becky and i am 16 i was born at the hospital on fort ord. It is nice to see pictures of this place that can no longer be seen. thank you

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**Date:**

26 Jun 2003

**Time:**

02:03:24

**Name or Email**

VETELECT@SBCGLOBOL.NET

**Comments**

HI MY NAME IS MICHAEL SCHWINN IN 1970 I JOINED THE BELOVED US ARMY AND DID MY B.C.T.THERE, I WAS CHARLEY 1-3.UP ON THE HILL THEY HAD JUST BUILT THE NEW HOSPITAL THEN,AND DO I REMEMBER THE OLD ONE ,FOLLOW THE LINES , THEY WENT ON AND ON THE NEW HOSP IS A VA. HOSP . I LIVE IN FRISCO, SO I ROAD THE NEW HARLEY DOWN TO CHEK ON MY OLD BCT COMPANY ITS STILL THERE!STILLWELL IS CLOSED BACK THEN C-1-3 WAS MY BASIC COMBAT TRAINING UNIT THE DATES WERE OCTOBER 2 ,1970 TO DECEMBER 23 RD THEN A 10 DAY LEAVE, DO YOU REMEMBER ME? 4 TH PATTON ,I HAD A PROFILE MY HAND WAS IN A CAST MY FIRST 4WEEKS COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN EDIE, DRILL SARGENTS LARRY GREEN E6 SENIOR DRILL SARGENT HAMMON, SARGENT CALLAWAY ( JERSY BOY )THATS IT.WERE YOU IN BASIC WITH ME?

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## HAMMON, SARGENT CALLAWAY ( JERSY BOY)THATS IT.WERE YOU IN BASIC WITH ME?

**Date:**

26 Jun 2003

**Time:**

12:19:39

**Name or Email**

mvbolling@ameritech.net

**Comments**

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**Date:**

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**Time:**

12:19:50

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27 Jun 2003

**Time:**

00:20:23

**Name or Email**

jehifitz@msn.com jehifitz@msn.com

## Comments

Jarold H. Fitzsimmons I was in Boot Camp at Fort Ord in 1963, B53, Was a reception station cook until November 5, 1965. Would like to hear from anyone from that time. What happened to the group that talked about a re-union with the guys from Stockton area???

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**Date:**

27 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:58:38

## Name or Email

jbrenda\_kay@hotmail.com (Brenda Johnson)

## Comments

Fort Ord was my first duty station; I was there from 1979 to 1982. I was in HHC DISCOM and was the Unit Clerk and Unit Mail Clerk. My youngest daughter was born in Silas B. Hayes in June 1981. My husband was attending Monterey Peninsula College where he received a degree in Fire Science. He drove a cab on Fort Ord during that time. He did basic training at Fort Ord in 1972. I loved my assignment there, although it was difficult at first due to the high cost of living. I was a Private/E2 when I arrived and was a Specialist Five/E5 when I left for Fort Richardson, Alaska (where I spent 11 years!). I retired in 1999 as a Sergeant First Class/E7. I was looking for information about the commissary - that's how I found this website. It's a great website and I will send at least the requested \$1 to help support it.

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**Date:**

28 Jun 2003

**Time:**

13:58:16

## Name or Email

Carol Ellison-Grubbs shodevil@aol.com

## Comments

Was stationed at Fort Ord 1983-1986 HHC 1/32 Bearcats. Was the best time of my life. Would love to connect with old friends, such as Sgt. James Reynolds and wife Jenna, Sgt. Chuck Dawson and wife Linda, and many more, too many to name. If you were in 1/32 during this time, would love to hear from you. My x-husband was Sgt. Rick Ellison, and when we left Ft. Ord, we went to Ft. Carson, Co. Please e-mail me back with any contacts that were here during this time. Would love to hear from anyone. Great to find this site.

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**Date:**

28 Jun 2003

**Time:**

15:19:04

**Name or Email**

poyer4life@aol.com

**Comments**

leaved in abram park from mid 1988 until 1992

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**Date:**

28 Jun 2003

**Time:**

16:27:14

**Name or Email**

shodevil@aol.com

**Comments**

My x-husband and myself, Rick & Carol Ellison, were stationed at Ft. Ord from 1983-1986, assigned to HHC 1/32 Bearcats. We lived @ 214 Velasco St. on Ft. Ord. I worked in Seaside, at a Plumbing Co., was Mayor of Hayes Park where we lived, and we had 1 son named Dallas. We made lots of friends while stationed there, but lost contact after leaving. We have since divorced, and Dallas and I now live in Southern California. He is married with 4 children, and is welding for a living. If anyone out there reconizes any of this information, please contact me at my e-mail address, shodevil@aol.com or call me at 909-824-2057 home or work 909-825-9075. I would love to get in contact with old friends, and see how lives have changed over the years. Thanks and I hope to hear from someone soon. Carol Ellison-Grubbs

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**Date:**

28 Jun 2003

**Time:**

16:58:16

**Name or Email**

**Comments**

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**Date:**

28 Jun 2003

**Time:**

16:59:32

**Name or Email**

**Comments**

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**Date:**

30 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:53:07

**Name or Email**

makinmusic@missvalley.com

**Comments**

I searched for history about my Dad. He was there when I was born. I was born there 1968. My Dad's name is Jim Johnson. He is alive and well, still at work. I'll let him know about this site. I found it under (Ft.Ord California history).

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30 Jun 2003

**Time:**

11:53:52

**Name or Email**

makinmusic@missvalley.com

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**Date:**

30 Jun 2003

**Time:**

16:50:50

**Name or Email**

Don D.

## Comments

Basic training Dec. 1955, 1st Platoon, Co. "C", 20th Inf Reg. Old wooden Barracks. Soldier's Club. Cold and wet but otherwise not bad. Sorry to see it go.

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### Date:

30 Jun 2003

### Time:

23:45:26

### Name or Email

Michelle (Lipsius) Hendricks

## Comments

It was a pleasure to find this website, i was born in the Fort Ord Army hospital in November of 1973. My Klint G. Lipsius was stationed at this base.