

# Fort Ord Guestbook

July 2003

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**Date:**

01 Jul 2003

**Time:**

01:14:06

**Name or Email**

George Helmer srhercules@aol.com

**Comments**

I was at Fort Ord Summer of 1964 in basic training. Company C-5-1 then to B-2-4 I think, Wheel and Track school. Vietnam 1965 thru 1966. I really liked Fort Ord and have visited from time to time when business had me in the area.

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**Date:**

01 Jul 2003

**Time:**

12:06:24

**Name or Email**

Kurt Strecker

**Comments**

I am looking for a photo album of my training platoon, Sret-Nov. 1966, Ft. Ord. Our DI was Sgt. Tahud or Tahood (Phillipino) . Thank you very much. Kurt Strecker Scottsdale, AZ. cabokurt@cabokurt.com

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**Date:**

02 Jul 2003

**Time:**

20:40:35

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

Drafted in April '67 with BCT at Fort Ord A-2-1. Rain just about every day (ponchos on ;ponchos off) but because of the meningitis outbreak we were given 8 hours of sleep every night (almost). Great place for BCT, jog down to the beach for rifle (M-14) training. Remember guard duty, 2am at Stillwell Hall. Sorry to see it turned into a college campus.

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**Date:**

03 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:10:43

**Name or Email**

chopknocle

**Comments**

i love this site ooooooooooooooooookkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk

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**Date:**

03 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:13:19

**Name or Email**

chopknocle

## Comments

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**Date:**

03 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:48:07

**Name or Email**

Selina Kydd - Topkyd@hotmail.com

## Comments

I just returned from a visit to Fort Ord and was so sad to see my old housing area at 120 Monterey Ave, abandoned and in such poor condition. When my children and I lived there from 1982 - 84, Ford Ord was an active and vibrant community with beauty that was unmatched anywhere. We skated and played pool at Stilwell Hall that overlooked the ocean. My sister Adrienne, met her first love, John at this base. My brother Roger Cooper, did his basic training there in 1972. I miss my old friends, Marvin Smith from Tenn, Michael Lucci from Florida, Larry & Bonnie (now divorced). I miss Ford Ord with all its splendor, heartache, and blessings that I received when I lived there. Would like to see more housing photos to share with my family. Thank you for this wonderful site, I will continue to visit and support this site.

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**Date:**

03 Jul 2003

**Time:**

23:44:04

**Name or Email**

jehifitz@msn.com

## Comments

My brother, Dan Vaughan was stationed at Fort in 1958, in communications. Would love to hear from anyone who knew him. He was killed at the age of 33 in a car accident in Wilbur, Washington.

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**Date:**

06 Jul 2003

**Time:**

10:34:20

**Name or Email**

**Comments**

From the looks of things at Fort Ord now, this website should be called "Fort Ord Forgotten."

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**Date:**

07 Jul 2003

**Time:**

23:55:45

**Name or Email**

nestlings@webtv.net

**Comments**

We visited Fort Ord yesterday. Saddened by the appearance. I lived there in the early 70's as an army brat. We looked but couldn't find the building we lived in. I could walk to Marina Vista Elem school. I think it was the fredrick area by the looks of the playground in the back. Are there any books about the base available anywhere? Tnk you for your web site!!!

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**Date:**

09 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:05:18

## Name or Email

Cora Hardy cocobecca@hotmail.com

## Comments

I'm looking for Carol Jablonski who was stationed at Fort Ord in the late 60's. My father was stationed there also at that time. His name is Edgar Warren Hardy II otherwise known as Jody.

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### Date:

10 Jul 2003

### Time:

14:22:19

## Name or Email

pazuu@spiritone.com

## Comments

Great site Mr. Swann- Thank you! Would you please do me a favor and see if you can find a Thomas LeBlanc in the old 1965-65 year book? He is dying of cancer and trying to get his VA records, but they conveniently can't find them. Thank you! Patti

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### Date:

10 Jul 2003

### Time:

17:43:38

## Name or Email

David

## Comments

Patti, Your comment about the Veterans Administration conveniently unable to locate a veterans records reminds me that most veterans will have submitted a copy of their DD214 to the County Courthouse of their home of record. That is where you should begin your search. Let this be a reminder to all veterans that the DD214 is probably the one most important document that any veteran can possess.

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**Date:**

10 Jul 2003

**Time:**

18:28:43

**Name or Email**

Amy Emmons

**Comments**

I lived on Fort Ord from 1990 to 1994. I was nine when we moved there and thirteen when I left. I loved Monterey very much. My dad was then transfered to Fort Carson, Colorado where he then retired. My dads name is Rodnie Emmons and he was part of Fox Trot in California.

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**Date:**

11 Jul 2003

**Time:**

04:02:15

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

I went through BCT at Ft. Ord 9/69-11/69 C-3-1 ... I later was assigned to the Public Information Office under Sumner Wilson. Finally, I was assigned to the 52nd and, later, the 28th Army Bands under Arleigh Hatfield and William Jackson, respectively. Ft. Ord was my first exposure to California-34 years later I'm still here so it must have been a positive experience. If you were stationed in one these bands from 1969-1971 please drop me a line (Mike Rosenblum)

**Date:**

11 Jul 2003

**Time:**

11:37:31

**Name or Email**

Dawn Anderson Wheeler dn\_wheeler@yahoo.com

**Comments**

Fort Ord was my favorite assignment. I loved the Monterey area, so warm, so friendly. I am looking for a close friend of mine:E7-E8 Tony (anthony) Middleton, knew him and his wife there. They PCS'd to Fort Bragg where he retired. He went to work for Defense contractor. We last saw Tony in Nurnburg PX in 1990, he was working in Graf or Vilseck. He works in the field of Warplanning.

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**Date:**

12 Jul 2003

**Time:**

15:06:28

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

Enjoyed viewing the pictures. Went through basic there in 1958 and then to clerk-typist school. From there it was to the University of Virginia to court reporting school. Finished off with 18 months in Germany,

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**Date:**

12 Jul 2003

**Time:**

19:43:56

## Name or Email

DANIEL JOSEPH MCCRACKEN US56667765

## Comments

I WAS STATIONED AT FORT ORD FROM NOVEMBER 1966 UNTIL MAY 1967. MY BCT COMPANY WAS A 1-1. MY SDI WAS SGT.LIBED. MY D.I. WAS SGT.CARY AUSTIN. I WOULD LIKE TO FIND A LT. LEE HOLMER.IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING ME YOU CAN E-MAIL ME AT MY DAUGHTERS E-MAIL ADDRESS KD\_MCC@HOTMAIL.COM.

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### Date:

12 Jul 2003

### Time:

22:03:55

## Name or Email

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## Comments

I am looking for photos from 1956, and also so names to go along with them; I have a photo of a man that was stationed at Fort Ord during this time. There is no name to go with this face. Please contact me if you can help.

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### Date:

13 Jul 2003

### Time:

23:46:01

## Name or Email

jehifitz@msn.com

## Comments

I am looking for skip WEatherby, stationed at Fort Ord in 1954-58? HE was my brother's friend,Dan Vaughan from Wilbur Washington. Would love to hear from him???

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**Date:**

14 Jul 2003

**Time:**

00:38:56

## Name or Email

Kara Shields - karabear19@excite.com

## Comments

I lived on Fort Ord from 1986-1991 while my father Col Guy Shields (who was Capt and then Maj Shields at the time) was stationed there. We lived on Rome Road in the Stillwell housing area and I attended kindergarden through second grade at Marshall Elementary. I know my dad was in a couple of different jobs while he was there (I was young, I don't remember exactly what ones and he's in Baghdad right now so I can't really ask him) and spent a lot of time in Panama ;) . Just the other day I was thinking about Ord and today I just stumbled onto this site. If anyone knew me or my dad or my mom (Cindy), please e-mail me and I'll get you in touch with them or me.

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**Date:**

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**Date:**

15 Jul 2003

**Time:**

00:58:21

**Name or Email**

Howard Rathbun hwr8751@aol.com

**Comments**

My Fort Ord BCT days date back 48 years to the summer of 1955. Have many memories to cherish of the great (and ever June to August 1955 foggy and cold) place. I know there's still a few of us of that era around and I would like to exchange a few of our recollections of those days. For starters, How about M-1 at port arms double timing all the way from the 2400 barracks area, by bass drum beat, all the way through the fort then through the tunnel under to Pacific Coast Highway out to the rifle ranges on the beach. Oh yes, I forgot to add, you're going this while you're burning with fever from pneumonia and gulping down APC's, but have too much pride to give in- or worse know that if you do quit, you'll have to start BCT all over again from the bottom.

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**Date:**

16 Jul 2003

**Time:**

15:46:42

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

love the site. will be making contribution. jim merrick. ft. ord, camp roberts and ft. hunter liggett, july 61 to jan 64.

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**Date:**

16 Jul 2003

**Time:**

20:41:16

**Name or Email**

joel\_sunnie85@msn.com

**Comments**

I am looking for maps or some way to find my co.I was at headquarters h-4-3 in aug 68 .Igo back in the summer to get out of this heat, but i cant pin-point where my co. was. thanks for this site

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**Date:**

17 Jul 2003

**Time:**

16:04:56

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

For a lot of you, that are looking for old comrades, try Military.com, I was able to find two old buds I was stationed with at ord in 85 in the 13th engineers, I also found some buds from Korea, Sill, Polk and Leonard Wood.

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**Date:**

18 Jul 2003

**Time:**

00:25:26

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

I was stationed at Ft. Ord from September 1976 until April 1982. For about two and a half years I was assigned to HHT 2/10 Air Cavalry as a combat medic. During that time we took part in three 30 day deployments to the Mojave desert training for desert warfare in an operation called Braveshield. We realized then the next war would be fought in the desert and these were the first training excersises. Several divisions were involved. In 1979 I OJT"d in the band as a tuba player and re-enlisted for that MOS. All my buddies in the Air Cav thought I was nuts for re-enlisting but being in the Division Band was good duty most of the time. Well maybe except for having to spend an hour at a Girl Scout retreat in Monterey at eight o'clock on a Sarurday morning in our class a uniforms just to play the National Anthem sometimes. Duty called and we were there! We took Ft. Ord for granted then but I'm certain now all of us realize it was a great place to be in the Army. I hope to visit again someday to see what's left of it. Anyone remember me? Bob Richter, Memphis, TN

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**Date:**

18 Jul 2003

**Time:**

12:20:36

**Name or Email**

KBrattgirl26@aol.com

**Comments**

I really appreciated what you are doing on this site. It is really nice to see where Fort Ord started and where it is now. I spent 4 years of my childhood growing on Ft. Ord in the 80's and I loved it. I recently paid a visit to California and drove by Ft. Ord. Your site it helping me keep my fond memories of Fort Ord alive.....Thanks!

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**Date:**

19 Jul 2003

**Time:**

03:42:08

**Name or Email**

Claude Reginald Rivers CRRIVERS@AOL.COM

**Comments**

I took Basic Training at Fort Ord starting in August of 1967. My company was A-3-3. I was the trainee platoon sergeant. I was also the "Outstanding Trainee of the Cycle". I lost my yearbook many years ago and would like to have a copy of it. If anyone has one for sale or can copy one onto a disc please let me know. Thanks, C. Reginald Rivers CRRIVERS@AOL.COM

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**Date:**

19 Jul 2003

**Time:**

17:04:38

**Name or Email**

A.A.Rozell

## Comments

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## Name or Email

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### Date:

23 Jul 2003

### Time:

00:58:29

## Name or Email

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## Comments

I turned sixty this July and nostalgia has got ahold of me.....last year I went to take a look at Fort Ord as I was stationed there (right out of High School) from July 61 to June 64. My last position was 7th Battalion clerk (711.20), the barracks and battalion HQ buildings were still there but beat up real bad. Anyhow I decided to type in Fort Ord and see what was on the internet....I was amazed to find pictures of Fort Ord, but more than anything were pictures of Drill Instructors 66thru67. I went through Basic Training at D-8-3 and just as my cycle was being completed First Sergeants were being changed and Master Sergeant Anderson was taking over as First Sergeant.....Now forty some years later up pops his picture. I have the Basic Training album from D-8-3, July/Sep 61 and also as I stayed at Fort Ord until discharged in 1964, I have the Basic Training album from D-7-3 in 1963.I wish these internet picture were clearer, when I was there the shiny black helmet liners were worn by Drill Instructors, I always wondered when Drill Instructors went to the "smokey bear" hats, this was obviously a transition period. I remember when we were off loading in the company one of our trainee stepped right on Sergeant Anderson spit shined boots...I can still see it in my memory. There's so much more, but enough for now.....BUT what ever happened to Sgt Anderson.....Francis J.Ayre, Sp4, RA19712345

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**Date:**

23 Jul 2003

**Time:**

10:56:36

**Name or Email**

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## Comments

I was in a cohort unit in fort ord in 1982-1984. My unit was B 1/31st polar bears and then 2/9th inf manchus. I am still in the military only because of the leaders I had then like my squad leader SSG Donald Hanson or SFC Timothy White. They where real Leaders and now I am a 1SG in Ft Carson. My name is Lawrence Williams or better know at that time as williams L.V or SALT. Anyone there at that time email me thanks

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**Date:**

23 Jul 2003

**Time:**

17:25:29

## Name or Email

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## Comments

Took my basic training with A-1-3 in July of 1966. I remember Drill Sergeants Slaughter and Ezell. How can I forget the marches to the ranges. Daniel Frias

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### Date:

23 Jul 2003

### Time:

19:52:42

## Name or Email

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## Comments

Can anyone tell me about the work of the USACDEC at Ft. Ord in 1977-80 and whether there was any computer R&D work going on at the time? Thanks very much. G.R. Jones

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### Date:

24 Jul 2003

### Time:

11:43:33

## Name or Email

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## Comments

Looking at these pictures brought a lump in my throat. I was there from 1975-76 and 1979-83. I thought

the area was the most beautiful I'd ever seen. I made friends, married, had my daughter. It was a very impressive time in my life and I'll never forget my time at Ford Ord. We went back in 1993 to show my daughter where her dad and I had met, the old barracks we had lived in, the hospital where she was born (1980), the PX, Commissary, Chapel, etc., etc. And we went to visit old friends I still kept in touch with. I wish I could go back again, but I'm afraid it would feel very sad seeing the condition of the Fort, and what I see of Stillwell Hall. It was such a beautiful building. I think I will have to get involved somehow. Thank you for the great site, and I plan to send some money to help offset your costs. Thanks again!! Please keep up the great work.

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**Date:**

24 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:29:28

**Name or Email**

KIMBERLY

**Comments**

MY HUSBAND WAS STATIONED THERE FOR 4 YEARS TILL IT CLOSED. I LOVE TO VISIT HIM THERE, WHILE WE WERE DATING. I THINK IT IS A WASTE AND SHOULD STILL BE OPEN TODAY. I THINK THE MIL WILL REGRET CLOSING ALL THESE BASES. FORT ORD IS BEAUTIFUL!! THIS SITE IS GREAT!!

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**Date:**

25 Jul 2003

**Time:**

20:46:34

**Name or Email**

greyhoundpound@aol.com

**Comments**

Took my basic training at Fort Ord during 1966 time frame. I had the opportunity to visit the area a

couple of years ago (in passing)and it brought back good memories. I even remember my platoon sergent (SGT Love) and squade leader Corp. McCaylap). The most interesting thing I remember is that when the sun set over Montaray Bay.

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**Date:**

26 Jul 2003

**Time:**

17:02:31

**Name or Email**

Tim Tepas - Modern-Movement@cox.net

**Comments**

1990-1993, B Company 2/27 Infantry Regiment (2nd Brigade). The life of an Infantryman was tough, but I'll always remember the good times at Planet Ord. Wolfhounds! (Now living in Las Vegas)

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**Date:**

28 Jul 2003

**Time:**

10:22:48

**Name or Email**

dcline@sassmoore.com

**Comments**

We have dear friends, Dr. Kenneth & Elsie Cundy. Eslie's maiden name was Schlacter. I recently found a copy of an old Steve McQueen/ Jackie Gleason movie, 'Soldier in the Rain' which was filmed at Fort Ord in 1962. Elsie had a bit part as the front desk nurse in the scene where Steve McQueen dashes through the rain and into the hospital to find the dying Jackie Gleason. Elsie was a manjor in the army stationed at Fort Ord then. We had a wonderful time watching the movie one day on vacation and Elsie and Ken had great stories about their days at Fort Ord.

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**Date:**

28 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:36:09

**Name or Email**

Earl T. Leonard e-mail MARYLEON6@AOL.com

**Comments**

Clarence Wilhite looking for 52nd Field Hospital Veterans.How do I reach him ? I was with 52nd field hospital WW2, Guadalcanal, Bouganville, Davao City Earl T.Leonard

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**Date:**

28 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:36:40

**Name or Email**

**Comments**

**Date:**

28 Jul 2003

**Time:**

15:46:49

**Name or Email**

Audrey Kent Wilson aukele@maui.net

**Comments**

I am willing to share genealogical information with Elise Jean Kear who once lived at 141 4th Division Avenue. We share a nineteenth century Canadian ancestor. Any information about her whereabouts is

appreciated. Aloha, Audrey on Maui

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**Date:**

29 Jul 2003

**Time:**

14:18:22

**Name or Email**

TERRY W. STOCK

**Comments**

SPENT TIME AT "ORD", APRIL THRU MAY OF 1968 FOR AIT., E-3-2. HAVE TO SAY IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE EVEN THOUGH I WAS DRAFTED AND DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO BE ANYPLACE BUT BACK HOME!! WENT TO W/GERMANY FOR AN 18 MONTH TOUR... ASSIGNED TO 4TH ARMORED DIV.,MCKEE BARRACKS IN CRAILSHEIM,W/GERMANY HHC, 1/51 INFANTRY. SORRY TO SEE FT. ORD CLOSED DOWN. GREAT SITE, KEEP UP THE FINE WORK! TW STOCK (SGT/E5) (513) 598-6590.

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**Date:**

29 Jul 2003

**Time:**

15:21:17

**Name or Email**

pete\_vargas@aigag.com

**Comments**

I was stationed at Ft. Ord from 85-88 in Co A 1/9 Infantry Regiment as part of a cohort group. I remember the planet well...the fog, the cool mornings, the scenic coast and all those damn hills we humped in the backyard. Hoo ahh, Keep up the Fire, 1st Manchus!

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**Date:**

29 Jul 2003

**Time:**

22:40:53

**Name or Email**

Larry Miller larryd@kansas.net

**Comments**

I am looking for information or friends of my dad, Frances "Bud" Miller. He was at Ft. Ord in 1942. I have a picture of him with two friends in front of a Barracks, dated 1942. thanks Larry Miller

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**Date:**

29 Jul 2003

**Time:**

23:08:43

**Name or Email**

Eva jehifitz@msn.com

**Comments**

decline@sassmoore.com Thanks for mentioning the movie, "SOLDiers in the Rain" filmed at Fort Ord. I have trying to remember that title for a long time. Thank you again

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**Date:**

30 Jul 2003

**Time:**

03:19:34

**Name or Email**

lindaldyblu.1@juno.com

## Comments

My husband was stationed at Ft Ord from 1986-1992 with A3-27 Gregg and Linda Summers we lived at 214 Velasco St for many years. If anyone remembers us please feel free to email me. I remember my time in California fondly.

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**Date:**

30 Jul 2003

**Time:**

21:02:51

## Name or Email

K.kvcamp@verizon.net\_

## Comments

I took basic, B-2-3, at Ft. Ord from June /64 - August /64. My Drill Sgt. was SSG King (a mean S.O.B). I will never forget the guys I trained with or the lessons learned.

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