

# Fort Ord Guestbook

August 2003

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**Date:**

01 Aug 2003

**Time:**

12:36:34

**Name or Email**

rcrouch2@yahoo.com

**Comments**

What a great site! Did BCT there 07/69-11/69 but will have to dig out the old yearbook to see what unit. I will definitely make a contribution for your efforts; you've done a fantastic job of preserving some wonderful memories. I'll search for my platoon photograph to submit to you so that maybe some of my fellow trainees can share the remembrance. Rick Croucher.

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**Date:**

01 Aug 2003

**Time:**

17:29:41

**Name or Email**

khillzb@hotmail.com

**Comments**

I was in a cohort unit at fort ord from 1983-1986(c 6/80 then it switched to c 5/15 anyone who was in the artillery at fort ord at that time please contact me

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**Date:**

06 Aug 2003

**Time:**

22:11:17

**Name or Email**

jacklewis\_1@juno.com

**Comments**

I find it very interesting.I served with the 5th inf. div. at Fort Ord May-Oct 1956.The 5th just gyroscoped from Germany.My company,B-company of the 10th inf reg.,trained the only group of basic trainees that summer.We then went to Hunter Liggert reservation. Not sure of the spelling. I will be back. Great job.

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**Date:**

07 Aug 2003

**Time:**

11:39:45

**Name or Email**

carl@sat-tel.com Commo Sgt. Moreno, B Co. 7th Med, 7th ID (1988 - 1991)

**Comments**

Dear fellow Fort Ordians, I'll shall be vacationing in Cali with in this month and I'm sure to visit our old post. I'll be sure to take some quality digtial pictures of our Plant Ord and I hope they'll eventually be placed on this quality site. Let's hope our friend continues to receive support so he can maintain this site. God Speed, Carl Moreno

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**Date:**

07 Aug 2003

**Time:**

15:19:16

## Name or Email

Cesar Aceves cesaraceves@msn.com

## Comments

Station in Ft. Ord from Dec. 92- Jan. 94. 14th Engineer. My daughter was born there, sure do miss the place.

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### Date:

07 Aug 2003

### Time:

15:21:31

## Name or Email

bullyb@comcast.com

## Comments

i sure do miss all the good times. especially friends like larry kidd and michael willis, and warren markon he loved guitar. always played it in the barracks. to miss my friends. i miss very much i hope they will see this and contact me.

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### Date:

07 Aug 2003

### Time:

15:33:49

## Name or Email

bullyb@comcast.com

## Comments

my name is brian goodgion i was stationed there in 1986. 4/21 infantry. anybody know me please send e

mail. love to meet old friends.

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**Date:**

07 Aug 2003

**Time:**

17:13:21

**Name or Email**

Charles Estrada/venturecrew71@aol.com

**Comments**

My dad served as a Drill SGT 1962 to 1964. I was a student of G. C. Marshall and Patton for the first part of my thrid grade year. I've always had a soft spot in my heart for Fort Ord. Later while serving in the Army Res. my unit visit Fort Ord through out the 1980. I was later one of the many Drill Sgt that served during MATC 90. I was hoping to see more photo of Fort Ord. If someone with high connection ask someone about the Photos taking during the training. I miss Fort Ord and what they are doing to my Fort and my past childhood. Thanks for you time. SFC Estrada, Charles T. 91st. TRN

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**Date:**

07 Aug 2003

**Time:**

21:19:48

**Name or Email**

Charles Estrada SFC venturecrew71@aol.com

**Comments**

Hey all you soldier trying to give my dad the best Birthday I know how to give. My dads years at FORT ORD as a DRILL SGT 1963 TO 1965. Anyone out there had my dad as a Drill Sgt. SSG Estrada, Charles. I remember as a young boy I use to go a visit my dad Company area and have Ice cream from the Mess Hall. I remember going on the runs with his soldiers and being pick up and placed on a soldier shoulder. I remember my dad telling me that he told his soldiers not to have spare change in there pockits during the Low and High crawl traing. He would take my brother and I to the pit and dig for

spare change. Man the memories of growing up on the post I can write a book on the memories of Fort Ord. I hope someone can remember my dad give me and Email I will be more then happy to sent you a Photo of him then and now. Thanks for your time. SFC Estrada, Charles T.

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**Date:**

09 Aug 2003

**Time:**

01:08:50

**Name or Email**

kskillings@donet.com

**Comments**

Great website - great memories! C Co. 2nd Bn. 9th Inf. Reft. One of the first "Light Infantry" units to hit Ft. Ord from Ft. Benning in Jan '84. Was there until Oct '86 after some great training in Panama, Alaska, Japan, Washington,etc. Spec. 4 Kevin S. Wayman (type back if you know me)

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**Date:**

11 Aug 2003

**Time:**

14:03:16

**Name or Email**

David Getchell

**Comments**

I have this old picture of Company C 53R.T. BN taken in March 26 1947. I found the picture in an apartment and would like to get it to someone who could tell me something about it. thanks

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**Date:**

12 Aug 2003

**Time:**

01:39:54

**Name or Email**

SFC Estrada, Charles T. venturecrew71@aol.com

**Comments**

I just wrote a letter and send a photo of your 4/21 but the maildom. sent it back. Please email me so I can send you the photo. This goes out to bullyb@comcast.com

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**Date:**

13 Aug 2003

**Time:**

14:02:37

**Name or Email**

aweeks@syneticsinc.com

**Comments**

I have found this web site very informative. My father went through Basic here in early part of '61 and I was curious what, and where this base was. Also if anyone could help me with any info or photos from that time frame I would greatly appreciate it. I am trying to better understand more about my father in his younger years since know he is no longer with us. Thank you very much.

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**Date:**

13 Aug 2003

**Time:**

23:16:42

**Name or Email**

gypcees2@charter.net

## Comments

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**Date:**

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13 Aug 2003

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**Date:**

15 Aug 2003

**Time:**

12:00:52

**Name or Email**

SFC Estrada, Charles T. [venturecrew71@aol.com](mailto:venturecrew71@aol.com)

**Comments**

I'm looking for any NG or Res. soldiers that were at the MATC 90 training camp here at our beloved Fort Ord. Any one out there that may know someone that attended the camp. There was one soldiers that said something about it but left no Eaddress. Give me any E. Thanks for your time and thanks for the memorier.

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**Date:**

15 Aug 2003

**Time:**

14:07:38

**Name or Email**

Rev. Dr. Andre Beaumonte

**Comments**

This is an excellent website and pictorial section. Your pictures of the various company by year photos was quite touching. If there is anyone who has a company picture of C company in July of 1955 please send a picture. I was in that old outfit.Thanks. .

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**Date:**

16 Aug 2003

**Time:**

02:57:35

**Name or Email**

caintx24@hotmail.com

**Comments**

my father was stationed at Ord twice once 82-85 and again 88-94, both times attending DLI. I grew up there and loved it. Upon his last TDY we were sent to Ft Hood. Talk about a change, Ord was by far the most beautiful base i had ever seen. I had been lucky enough to have been at the only other Army base i think worthy of the title Ft Devens before its demise also. I have fond memories of playing on the goal post on the at that time new foot ball stadium. and enjoying the pool on the north end of base near the highway. I wish i rembered more but dont. I attended Fitch Middle school, and its outside campus was

more than present, i remember Mr Boutistia my principal im sure thats not a good thing. i cant remember the housing area i know it was behind the library. I was known to walk over to the BurgerKing across the road with my friends for a bacon double cheeseburger, and continue across from the firehouse down the hill to the theater. I have so many fond memories of this wonderful base, and especially of the surrounding area, and long to return as soon as i am financially able. Great site Id love to here from any other Ft Ord brats my name is Casey im 25, and cant wait for my next Laguna Seca race..

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**Date:**

16 Aug 2003

**Time:**

20:27:00

**Name or Email**

mos88m31@aol.com

**Comments**

I went to basic at Ft. Ord, from july 66 to early sept 66, was at Co. B,5th Bn., 3rd Bde. Tigers RRRRRRRRAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHH. Drill sgts I remember, First and foremost, SSG Hooper, Also Sfc. Polite, and memory fails me. Great site. Ben Guerrero

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**Date:**

19 Aug 2003

**Time:**

13:16:01

**Name or Email**

arbaumonte2001@yahoo.com

**Comments**

I was there at Fort Ord in the summer of 1955 for my first eight weeks of basic training.If there is anybody who was in my outfit who is reading these comments please respond as soon as possible. I was in Charlie Company. Thank you, Rev. Dr. Andre Beaumonte

**Date:**

22 Aug 2003

**Time:**

13:56:17

**Name or Email**

Harveycal@aol.com

**Comments**

ITS BEEN ONLY TEN YEARS, BUT IT BROUGHT BACK SOME DAMN GOOD TIMES. SFC SMITH, B CO 3/27TH INF WOLFHOUSES 3RD PLT, SOLDIERS SALUTE YOU. SSG CALE

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**Date:**

23 Aug 2003

**Time:**

11:54:20

**Name or Email**

erfinn@metrocast.net

**Comments**

Hi: I re-enlisted in Aug 1950 and was sent to Ft Ord. The 4th Inf Div was a basic training outfit in those days. I was assigned to Hq & Hq Co, working in Initial processing & Assignment. After about a month we were redesignated the 6th Inf Div. A few months later, the 6230th reserve Reception Center was activated and all our functions and personnel were transferred to this unit. I still remember Ft Ord with affection. I remember when Bing Crosby had his golf tournament at Pebble Beach and in one week both Bob Hope and Crosby had their radio shows from the "Million Dollar Service Club" on the ocean front. I wonder if it is still there? I eventually spent 22 year of active and reserve time and retired as an E-8 Master sergeant. If anyone remembers Elliot Finn from Massachusetts, I would love to hear from them. Elliot Finn erfinn@metrocast.com

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**Date:**

23 Aug 2003

**Time:**

13:45:45

**Name or Email**

deb503@mail.com

**Comments**

My husband was stationed at Ft. Ord from October 1986-August 1989. The pictures brought back so many memories. Anyone from 2/9 feel free to email.

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**Date:**

23 Aug 2003

**Time:**

20:11:42

**Name or Email**

gklann@msn.com

**Comments**

Is there a way I can view all of the guest book entries? I could only view to July 03. I will send a donation to your Web Site, as I enjoy it, and will be in the area the first week of Sep, 03 and plan on visiting Ft. Ord. Keep up the good work! Regards, SP5 Gary E. Klann

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**Date:**

24 Aug 2003

**Time:**

01:29:51

**Name or Email**

BBwolfe@citlink.net

## Comments

Spent all of my stateside duty at Ft. Ord. After 32 years, I returned to a ghost town worthy of the Twilight Zone. It was sad to see this once vibrant place that held so many memories for so many people reduced to moth balls. God bless all the warriors that went through that place... It's as much a memorial to them as the Wall is in Washington DC. -Ken Pottmeyer

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**Date:**

24 Aug 2003

**Time:**

15:36:31

**Name or Email**

banjimdeb1@charter.net

## Comments

did bct in 1972 b-1-1 greatest experience of my military stay

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**Date:**

25 Aug 2003

**Time:**

13:52:22

**Name or Email**

gklann@msn.com

## Comments

Was at Ft. Ord from April to December, 1969. BCT at C-2-3, and AIT at clerk school. Temp. and then permanently assigned to the Reception Station wher I cut the special orders to send the troupes to the Hill for BCT. Was in the right place at the right time working for the right people and made SP5 after 9 months (not bad for a draftee). In Dec., 1969 got orders for Germany, and spent the rest of my 2 years as NCOIC of the Special Orders section at the 66 Military Intelligence Group in Munich, Germany. Was

provided a 3 bedroom furnished apartment that was 2 blocks from where I worked. I really loved my stay in Munich, and worked for a great group of people, especially my boss, CW4 Hopkins (Hoppy). Played on the championship basketball team for the 66th MI Gp. Discharged April, 1971. It would be great hearing from anybody that would remember me or were in the units that I was stationed at.  
Regards, SP5 Gary E. Klann

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**Date:**

25 Aug 2003

**Time:**

20:31:49

**Name or Email**

EricA@classmatestheshow.com

**Comments**

Classmates TV is looking for Michael Ali, who was stationed in Fort Ord in 1967. He was a private 1st class, Company C 1st Batallion 38 infantry. Anyone with information can e-mail or call me at (310) 945-3592. It is very important I speak with him as his son is looking to reunite with him for the first time.  
Eric Alonso Associate Producer Classmates TV [classmates.com](http://classmates.com)

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**Date:**

25 Aug 2003

**Time:**

21:42:44

**Name or Email**

carmineduke@aol.com

**Comments**

I served 13th eng. b.co july 1979- march 1981 any one seen goofy loco, Pacheco, how about hooper? called me fico the psycho, no war but had a hell of a time

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**Date:**

26 Aug 2003

**Time:**

17:10:03

**Name or Email**

Carolyn Devore Chamberlain

**Comments**

My Dad, E.L. "Pete" Devore shipped out of Fort Ord, CA in early WWII. He never talked about his war experiences with us kids, but he did say he shipped out of Fort Ord, CA. Thanks for keeping the site, and helping me learn about my Dad's history. He died 8 years ago this month and was very proud of his military service.

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**Date:**

26 Aug 2003

**Time:**

22:40:40

**Name or Email**

Tom Swenson at swen1117@aol.com

**Comments**

I loved the girls in California, lost my virginity there! Alpha 2/62 ADA from 85 to 88. Looking for by old buddies like John Flippo, Capt. Shotz-e and 1SG Phillips. Those were the days crusing Monterey on my Night Hog Cycle!! Chicks loved me.....ahhhh those were the days!!! SP4 Swen

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**Date:**

28 Aug 2003

**Time:**

03:37:55

## Name or Email

arvizu9618@cox.net

## Comments

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### Date:

28 Aug 2003

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03:38:04

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### Date:

28 Aug 2003

### Time:

04:14:00

## Name or Email

## Comments

I really enjoy looking at this it bring back a lot of memorys we was station on ford ord in 1971and 1972 i would like to get your book you was selling about fort ord . I lost the web sight that had the address on it and I cant seem to find it please put the address back on the web site if you have any more books thank you .

**Date:**

28 Aug 2003

**Time:**

23:24:47

**Name or Email**

sgt\_dfg1@bellsouth.net

**Comments**

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29 Aug 2003

**Time:**

15:58:43

**Name or Email**

Mark Beegle/mark.beegle@adelphia.com

**Comments**

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