

## Fort Ord Guestbook

October 2003.

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**Date:**

01 Oct 2003

**Time:**

09:22:24

**Name or Email**

butchwain@yahoo.com

**Comments**

Nice site! You should check out [www.buyautomotive.com](http://www.buyautomotive.com) They have, car covers, classic car covers, car bras, classic car bras dash mats, tonneau covers , seat covers, tire covers, floor mats and many other auto accessories and products at excellent prices. I think it would be good to add this link to your site. [www.buyautomotive.com](http://www.buyautomotive.com) Butch M. Waingro

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**Date:**

02 Oct 2003

**Time:**

18:05:33

**Name or Email**

bernardsantos@hotmail.com

**Comments**

jan 17 69 i was 17 went join the army took bas/ait co delta 11 and i really enjoy that time ft ord is a nice place i hope that someday i'll visit that place i know that its not a training area now but the army should keep it for the boys that die in nam and the boys that are still alive the state would change the looks of

fort ord to a tourist place thank you iam now 54 yrs old but i always think of fort ord

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**Date:**

04 Oct 2003

**Time:**

23:49:20

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

I worked at Silas B Hays Hospital and wanted to know about Dorthoy Lane who was a colonol and ran the physical thearapy department. Would like to know where she is now. Chris Salcido

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**Date:**

04 Oct 2003

**Time:**

23:56:15

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

First, I want to thank the individual(s) who are responsible for this website. It is a thoughtful thing to do for those individuals that need to look back and reflect, like me. (I will be sending a donation). As I peruse the BCT/ACT photos (especially those of the late 60's and early 70's), I can't help the pensive feeling that overtakes me. I wonder how many of those faces I look at met an untimely death in Vietnam? How many lost a limb? If it's just one from those photos, that is one too many. It's odd, but I have no desire to visit my old high school or my college, but I have had an overwhelming desire to visit Ord, to see my barracks and reflect, which I accomplished this past summer. I took my BCT (D-3-3) in May of 70 and was housed on the hill. It was not the best of times but I met some outstanding individuals there while training. I was drafted and I didn't like the idea of being sent off to Vietnam. I wasn't buying into the domino theory nor did I think that North Vietnam was going to attack the U.S.

anytime soon and I had a real anathema in the way we conducted that war. (And for the record, I am neither a peacenik nor a leftist – i.e. if you, Mr. Politician, send American soldiers into WAR, allow the military to do its job – to win the damn thing. By the way, some of the military command should also have been be ashamed of themselves for not disapproving the prosecution of that wasteful war.) I recall the bus ride from LA going up to Monterey to start basic. It was a gorgeous spring day and seeing the surfers along the coast riding those waves just heightened my melancholy. We stopped for dinner somewhere, (I think it was Buellton) but I didn't go into the restaurant - I just started walking along a sidewalk and as I walked, I entertained the thought of bolting. It was so tempting but rational thought won the argument against the idea and I got back onto the bus. We finally arrived at Ord at around midnight. They fed us and put us in some temporary barracks. As we crawled into our bunks some guy turned his radio on and wouldn't you know it, Creedence Clearwater's song "Run through the Jungle" came on and a nervous and loud laugh erupted. After the haircuts and all the preliminary stuff we finally climbed into those cattle trucks and made our way to the hill. As we arrived the screams from those drill sergeants became more and more shrill. As we lined up, the drill sergeants picked out one guy from the formation and started hitting him with their fists. After a couple of weeks I tried to find that guy in the company, but was unable. I started to think that "beating" thing was staged. There are so many incidental stories within the story but I have been too indulgent already. The one thing though that makes me feel a type of guilt to this day, is the day I received my orders – 76Y20. Supply. And I was to report to Ft Hood Texas. It wasn't 11B and it wasn't Nam. But as I stood there with those orders in my hand and relieved about my luck, I looked up and saw many tense faces that did get those types of orders and to report to AIT. I'll never forget them. As I indicated earlier, I needed to get up to Ord and see my barracks. I made arrangements with two very nice people; one with the University (who was kind enough to open up my old barracks for me) and another individual from the BRAC office who allowed me to visit some secured areas. Those two gentlemen were very accommodating and understanding as they allowed me to "feel" my barracks and the fort once again. One more little story: I also visited the rifle ranges. As I was taking pictures, I ran into a guy around my age who was also visiting. He was a Vietnam vet. As we were taking about our BCT, he relayed a story to me as to why he visits whenever he can. It seems there was a overweight guy in his platoon and this guy was constantly harassed by the drill sergeants about his weight. While at the very range I was standing on, the soldier took his M16, pointed into his mouth and pulled the trigger. Anyway, there are many times when I try to come to terms with the young men having to die in a dubious war. Did they die in vain? I CAN say that one brave boy went so I didn't have to. I tell myself he died so that I could have the chance to fall in love with a pretty woman, get married and have two wonderful children. His ultimate sacrifice has allowed me these wonderful things. I hope God has a special place for him.

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**Date:**

05 Oct 2003

**Time:**

22:21:42

**Name or Email**

Joe Dalkowski

## Comments

I was in the 298th MP co. 1966 & 1967. Also worked at the PX catching shoplifters for \$1.20 an hour. I dated Miss Teen California 66 or 67? She lived on Ft. Ord. I can't remember her name. I frequented "Caruso's Corner" Italian restaurant as well as "Pied Piper" Pizza and "Neil De Vaughns" on Canary Row. Also trained with A-3-2 (WETSU") acting corporal pushing troops. I worked Laguna Seca race and went to the Monterey Jazz Festival. Loved Uncle Johns pancake house for the fluffy omelets and had coffee at Dennys when the "Momma's and Pappa's were staying accross the street. Can anyone identify with these times?

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**Date:**

06 Oct 2003

**Time:**

13:25:37

## Name or Email

Kevin.Compston@us.army.mil

## Comments

I was stationed at Fort Ord, California with C Btry 1st Bn 79th Field Artillery. I was a CPL assigned as the Btry NBC NCO / 3rd Howitzer Section Gunner. This was my first Army Duty Sation after spending my first three years in the USMC. I had a great time while stationed at Ft. Ord. CH(CPT)Kevin Compston

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**Date:**

07 Oct 2003

**Time:**

00:38:34

## Name or Email

Robert Vasquez rwvasquez@charter.net

## Comments

This is a great site, brings back a lot of good memories. Drafted 11/21/66 in St. Louis MO. Sent direct to Fort Ord for basic. Did BCT in C-3-1, on to LPC & AIT. After AIT went to Drill Corporal School then Drill sergeants 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 four months of my tour in D-5-1 as the training NCO. Bob Vasquez St. Louis MO.

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**Date:**

07 Oct 2003

**Time:**

07:41:40

**Name or Email**

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## Comments

I was stationed there from July of 86-November of 1987, then left with my now ex husband for a tour in Germany. I was in the 7th Medical Battalion. I am looking for Debbi Nelson (Nelsen?). I think she was in the 519th S&S company. I think she had gotten married there too, but can't remember her married name. We hung out together when we first got to the planet. Anyone else who was there at that time, in 7th Med?

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**Date:**

07 Oct 2003

**Time:**

14:49:02

**Name or Email**

dennis l. hart, rock hill, south carolina

## Comments

i was stationed at ft. ord from 1977-1980 and i have never been back to the west coast, and i just wanted to let you know how grateful it was to see some of the old sites that i used to walk to get to, thanks for the memories and ft. ord will always be in my heart because that is where i became a man.

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**Date:**

07 Oct 2003

**Time:**

16:23:49

**Name or Email**

ameliaperk2002@yahoo.com

**Comments**

I love your site. My dad was there in 1944 with the 3499th Ordnance Medium Auto Maintenance Co. He died in 1972 and I have been serching for any of his military service. My mother died in 1976. All I have is a handful of letters he wrote her from there and a few pictures taken there. The fire in 1972 at the army records place took care of any infomation I might get that way. At least it's good to see your site. Amelia (daughter of a WWII vet and mother of a Spc. in the army now serving in Kuwait)

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**Date:**

08 Oct 2003

**Time:**

10:00:01

**Name or Email**

Lloyd Cresci

**Comments**

PFFFFFFT!

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**Date:**

10 Oct 2003

**Time:**

03:45:15

**Name or Email**

lester d. frothinger

**Comments**

I enlisted into the u.s. army in june 1972.. co. b 4 3 2nd platoon.. although i was discharged in sept. 72 due to illness, i can say that sharing the moments there were quite memorable.. i'm glad i came across this site.. it brings back memories of a life i was unable to make....

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**Date:**

10 Oct 2003

**Time:**

12:23:28

**Name or Email**

bethkrepich@yahoo.com

**Comments**

i was in the regular army and stayed at fort ord from 1979 thru 1983. what a beautiful base. thanks for the memories!

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**Date:**

11 Oct 2003

**Time:**

08:50:14

**Name or Email**

Company Clerk, Btry B 51st F A B 1952, RA

## Comments

BOB HOPE REMEMBERED..HE ENTERTAINED AT SOLDIER'S FIELD, A PEACFUL SPOT, AND OTHER PLACES PRETTY HOT. PLACES WHERE SHRAPNEL FLEW. HE LEFT US WITH OUT HIS REPLACEMENT THATS BECAUSE LIKE HIM THERE ARE TOO FEW. THANK YOU MR. HOPE...Teddy Soares

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**Date:**

11 Oct 2003

**Time:**

19:24:16

**Name or Email**

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## Comments

For publicity at the time of the Korean conflict, the Army formed a recruit "Golden Gate Company" from the San Francisco Bay Area in July 1951, to be all volunteer. Due to underwhelming response, volunteers from Southern California and a few draftees made up the company. It was a sixteen week basic training cycle, but our enlistment commitment took us out after eight weeks. Not too popular with the rest of the troops. Discussions with troops that we met later, Fort Ord was the garden spot of the Army.

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**Date:**

14 Oct 2003

**Time:**

02:14:38

**Name or Email**

K. Sinon sksinon@aol.com

## Comments

Just throwing the name on here for any fellow B Co. 3/9ers out there from 87-90. What's become of

everyone?

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**Date:**

15 Oct 2003

**Time:**

05:17:31

**Name or Email**

shawna cox tappyhappy@hotmail.com

**Comments**

my dad was stationed in fort ord in around 1977, i went to hayes school and was in second grade... i was sitting here thinking about it and was wondering if anyone still remembered me or something... my dad was in the army and his name is harold cox if u know him please send me an email thanks

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**Date:**

15 Oct 2003

**Time:**

13:41:46

**Name or Email**

gary Christian Gchrist448@aol.com

**Comments**

Started basic in september 0f 1968 C\_5-1 (can do sir) then clerk-typist school. Some good and bad memories. Anyone that went through basic in C-5-1 feel free to contact me. would like to know about the cadre.

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**Date:**

16 Oct 2003

**Time:**

05:29:47

## Name or Email

Blackshaw223@aol.com

## Comments

My Grandfather was stationed at Fort Ord in 1943 and served in WWII. You have a beautiful site. I enjoyed my visit.

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### Date:

17 Oct 2003

### Time:

12:38:40

## Name or Email

jgomez10@comcast.net

## Comments

I'm looking for old friends from Fort Ord BCT A-5-1. Barracks were at 3rd Ave. & 3rd Street near across the street from the snack bar & PT field. I was there in Jan. 1969. Sgt. Eubanks our D.I. or anyone else that was there please email.

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### Date:

17 Oct 2003

### Time:

13:59:21

## Name or Email

john f kinsey 1989-1991

## Comments

## Comments

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**Date:**

18 Oct 2003

**Time:**

00:13:31

## Name or Email

Edward.spain@us.army.mil

## Comments

On our way comrades to the other side of the pond. Hello to all Alpha Battery 2/8th FA.

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**Date:**

20 Oct 2003

**Time:**

17:16:18

## Name or Email

algrob@lycos.com

## Comments

I took basic training at Fort Ord with A Co 1st Bn 3rd Bde in 1966. It is a pleasure to find a site about a place I both hated and loved.

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**Date:**

22 Oct 2003

**Time:**

13:21:04

## Name or Email

charisebatiste895@yahoo.com

## Comments

Is there some way I can see more pictures of Fort Ord? I would like to see my old school Stilwell Elementary and Fitch Middle School. I miss Fort Ord very badly. I also went to Seaside High School. I am very thankful for this website because I got to see some very good pictures and had some good memories.

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### Date:

22 Oct 2003

### Time:

13:29:38

## Name or Email

charisebatiste895@yahoo.com charisebatiste895yahoo.com

## Comments

I am very glad the person responded to mekus's comment. It is people like that who make the world the way it is today. That was very silly and you were right the word nigger is not just for one race!!!

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### Date:

23 Oct 2003

### Time:

17:26:59

## Name or Email

Tom Pursley

## Comments

Was fortunate to have been stationed at Ord twice for a total of nine years. Great place to train (Hunter Liggett)and live too.

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**Date:**

23 Oct 2003

**Time:**

19:52:20

**Name or Email**

Bob De Vito DeVitoR@mansfieldct.org

**Comments**

I was stationed at FT. Ord from 1978-1980. Was in the MEDDAC, Preventive Medicine.

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**Date:**

23 Oct 2003

**Time:**

20:17:22

**Name or Email**

DeVitoR@mansfieldct.org

**Comments**

Now that I have looked through the site I concur with the previous comments. This is a great site. I have so many great memories from Ft. Ord. It was my friends and co-workers that made it great for me. I was active duty from 1978-1980 with the Meddac. Some of the names I remember, Rod Stevens, Lyle Chenaux, Art(A.B.) Moyer, Tammy Marr, Jerry Cladwell,Dany Gogen. Thank you all. Bob De Vito. Hope to hear from someone.

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**Date:**

24 Oct 2003

**Time:**

12:13:59

**Name or Email**

Chris A. Wille (cawille@msn.com)

**Comments**

I was in C-2-2BCT from 23 Feb, 1972 through 4 May, 1972. I then went to Clerk School for AIT. I remember all the potato peeling, never having dry boots, cleaning the grease pits on KP. The sand and rain that would jam the M-16 (we had the old style with the 3 prong flash suppressor) I also remember not being able to go to the PX until our 5th week, candy bars never tasted better! When I came back from overseas in August 73, I was stationed at Ft. Riley. After I got out, I ran into one of the DI's from C-2-2 in a bar in Junction City, KS. Small world.

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**Date:**

25 Oct 2003

**Time:**

00:34:42

**Name or Email**

roostr51@aol.com

**Comments**

i was here from sept.3.1971 to jan.6th,1972 c42 then 63b20.

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**Date:**

27 Oct 2003

**Time:**

09:18:49

**Name or Email**

great site ..brings back memories

## Comments

i was in 7th s&t battalion 84-86 sgt rock platoon any of sgt rocks troops read this drop me a line its been 20 years guys ..man life really flies by but i still remember the air from the ocean blowing and how different the west coast was compared to over here in the east..love to hear from some of you old dogs ... yes i said old hahahah d.adams rock platoon

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**Date:**

27 Oct 2003

**Time:**

19:55:16

**Name or Email**

jneff11@excite.com

## Comments

I completed h13 bas training in July, 1972. I enjoyed your site it brings back great memories. I spent a week in Silas B Hay and enjoyed the fire works display over the bay July 4, 1972. This weeks burning of Ord was aweome. I'll send in the class photo. JLN

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**Date:**

27 Oct 2003

**Time:**

19:55:58

**Name or Email**

andersonedward@sbcglobal.net

## Comments

Ed Anderson B-1-1 first plt

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**Date:**

27 Oct 2003

**Time:**

19:58:40

**Name or Email**

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**Comments**

Ed Anderson B-1-1 first plt May 1965

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**Date:**

27 Oct 2003

**Time:**

20:11:33

**Name or Email**

Mike Duncan

**Comments**

I was stationed at Fort Ord from Oct. 1973-Nov.1974 on CDEC Hill, and in Fort Hunter Liggett as a Photo Lab Specialist. Then worked Civil Service as a Ozalid Machine Operator in Slides, Transparencies, and Duplicates on CDEC Hill from Nov. 1974-July 1975. I remember playing tennis on Christmas Day in shirt sleeves and shorts-couldn't believe how warm it was. Met some friends there that I still keep in touch with.

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**Date:**

28 Oct 2003

**Time:**

14:25:56

## Name or Email

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## Comments

Will be there to visit in a few days. this has been a wonderful pre-visit way to see what the area looks like. Keep up the good work Mr. Swann.

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### Date:

29 Oct 2003

### Time:

23:39:32

## Name or Email

Dave Davis Monkasen@aol.com

## Comments

Basic training H-1-3 2nd Platoon. SFC Bell was DI Oct 13, 72 thru Dec 12, 72. AIT D-3-4 Dec 72 thru Feb 73 36K20

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### Date:

30 Oct 2003

### Time:

11:25:59

## Name or Email

James Boyd (James.Boyd@Fedex.com)

## Comments

Station at Ft. Ord, CA 1983-1984 Field Artillery (13B) unit. Great time was had by all..

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**Date:**

30 Oct 2003

**Time:**

11:26:04

**Name or Email**

James Boyd (James.Boyd@Fedex.com)

**Comments**

Station at Ft. Ord, CA 1983-1984 Field Artillery (13B) unit. Great time was had by all..

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**Date:**

30 Oct 2003

**Time:**

11:39:18

**Name or Email**

James Boyd (james.boyd@fedex.com)

**Comments**

Was station at the "Planet" from 9/83 to 8/84. Served duty with several great guys: James Gates and Daryl Griffin to name a few. Served in Field Artillery (13B). Loved crusing to Monterey and santa Cruz on the weekends.

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**Date:**

30 Oct 2003

**Time:**

17:56:12

**Name or Email**

Guy Cagle gcagle@ppbchouston.org

## Comments

Would like to hear from any of the guys out of BCT A/3/1....March, April 1970.

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