

Fort Ord Guestbook

March 2004

Date:

01 Mar 2004

Time:

00:22:26

Name or Email

gdsdriver@yahoo.com

Comments

I am Spc Gregory D. Smith AKA (SMITTY) worked for 1Sgt Lujan station in 1985-1993 glad to see this site could write a book on my experiences at Ft. Ord. Unit 3rd/123rd Avn Regt

Date:

04 Mar 2004

Time:

03:40:40

Name or Email

Domingo Matute matutedm@hotmail.com

Comments

may 20 1968 1st platoon H-4-1 NHA TRANG 1968 CAMP MCDERMOTT 54TH SIGNAL BN CO.A
LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU 808-671-6187

Date:

05 Mar 2004

Time:

00:29:40

Name or Email

Matthew R. Gendreau

Comments

Wow! I can't believe it. Finding this site literally put chills up my spine and a HUGE smile on my face. I haven't looked over the site completely, but I haven't seen any mention of the class of 1990. I arrived in beautiful "Planet Ord" on June 22, 1990. I went there for basic training. 91st Division (training) "Mobile Army Training Center". I was in Charlie company 3rd platoon. The pictures you have here are terrific! I hope I can get my hands on a digital scanner so I can submit the Platoon photo that I have. I have other pictures of graduation day as well. Ice plants...Stillwell Hall...marching over the highway...rally-marching past the race track...Looking at the 7th Infantry Lightfighters with awe. I could go on, but I have only fond memories. feel free to contact me... snafumaster@adelphia.net Oh yeah, Drill Sgt. Kykendall!!!

Date:

06 Mar 2004

Time:

15:00:24

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Comments

I have a backcountry map of Fort Ord that was hanging up in the Parker Flats building. The last person that stayed there took it off the wall and gave it to me when I asked for directions on my mountain bike trip. He had one week left before being transferred. I think he said he was with the Navy. Could that be right? The map is a copy of a 1962 map with the new roads overlaid. Its a large wall map. All I need is an address to send it. Frank

Date:

08 Mar 2004

Time:

23:53:19

Name or Email

phxicee@hotmail.com

Comments

1962 D51 anyone looking for Joe Abaoelod form Alaska William Allaire

Date:

09 Mar 2004

Time:

07:53:35

Name or Email

GozMPO10@aol.com

Comments

SP4 Michael Gosselin I served with the 7th Military Police Company 1980-1982.

Date:

10 Mar 2004

Time:

13:29:57

Name or Email

michaelchristian02134@yahoo.com

Comments

Wow, you have a picture of my barracks up on your site. i served with C Btry. 6/80 FA 83-85. Planet Ord Lives!

Date:

10 Mar 2004

Time:

13:33:40

Name or Email

Rita Denise Sheek

Comments

I was born at the Fort Ord Army Hospital in 1971. My father, mother and I moved to North Carolina in 1972 or early 1973. My father was in Vietnam then stationed at Fort Ord. His name is Phillip A. Sheek, Sr.

Date:

11 Mar 2004

Time:

15:08:10

Name or Email

John Weinrich jsweinrich@comcast.net

Comments

BCT 1973 Co A

Date:

11 Mar 2004

Time:

18:09:30

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gdmoodys35956@yahoo.com

Comments

I took my BCT a Ft. Ord Oct. thru Dec. 1972. Would like to hear from anyone assigned to A-2-2 during this time.

Date:

11 Mar 2004

Time:

18:19:53

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pjones8045@aol.com

Comments

Stationed there from 1976-79 in B 1/79 FA. Wish I could go back . Lots of good times. PJ

Date:

12 Mar 2004

Time:

04:39:04

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Comments

C.R.SWANN, I JUST LOGGED ON TO YOUR SITE AND IT BROUGHT BACK OLD MEMORIES

OF WHEN I WENT THROUGH MY BASCI TRAINING ON FEB. 1972. I LOOKED THROUGH THE PICTURE BUT DIDN'T FIND MY UNITS PICTURE ON YOUR WEBSITE. I WILL AWAIT FOR YOU TO E-MAIL AND I WILL SENT YOU A SMALL DONATION, TO KEEP THIS WEBSITE ON LINE GOOD JOB BUDDY. A FRIEND FROM THE PAST. MANUEL D. BAEZA, SR./ PVT. M. BAEZA.

Date:

12 Mar 2004

Time:

12:39:13

Name or Email

Chris Russell

Comments

Stationed there at HHC127 Signal from 1989-1993 when it closed. Miss old "Planet Ord" Chris Russell

Date:

12 Mar 2004

Time:

15:19:03

Name or Email

Anne Becker (Weathers)

Comments

Wonderful trip down memory lane.

Date:

12 Mar 2004

Time:

15:25:19

Name or Email

Annie (Weathers)

Comments

Wonderful trip down memory lane. Stationed Fort Ord 1977-1979, D 707th MNT BN.

Date:

12 Mar 2004

Time:

15:40:54

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Comments

I TOOK BASIC TRAINING AND A.I.T AT FORT ORD CALIFORNIA FROM JULY 1964 TO OCTOBER 1967. I WAS IN HEADQUARTERS 1STBN 3RD BRIGADE. IT WAS CALLED THE OLD BARRACKS. LOOKING FOR ANYBODY THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME UNIT ABOUT THAT TIME.

Date:

13 Mar 2004

Time:

10:05:19

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Comments

love the site.served at ord from july 61 thru jan 64. 19th ord co, and 784th maint. co. mostly tdy to hunter liggett. worked mainly assigned to hacienda while at hunter liggett. lots of great times and good friends. daughter lives in king city. i vist posts and reminisce when i visit. anybody remember merrick and buckas? we're both alive and well. e-mail for jim merrick is listed. maj604@aol.com

Date:

14 Mar 2004

Time:

00:59:42

Name or Email

Rudolph (Rudy) Estrada, email address: rudolph@estradagy.com

Comments

I have had an opportunity to visit Fort Ord over the past few years and was just there today (March 12, 2004). It was a bitter-sweet experience. I was drafted back in February '69 and finished my BCT and AIT training at Fort Ord. The fort is quickly transitioning from a military compound to a university campus (California State University Monterey Bay). Many of the old barricks have been demolished and are now making way for new student housing. I was able to visit the cement barricks on the hill were I went the Basic Trainig (B-1-1). They were vacant and I went through them and it sure brought back many old memories. The old bowling alley and PX and part of the old theater are now gone. They are making way for a street widening project. I was able to get into many of the old wooden barricks and was able to pick up several old momentos. If you have an opportunity you should get by the old fort before you no longer recognize it. My personal thanks to Charles Swann for maintaining this site.

Date:

14 Mar 2004

Time:

17:28:14

Name or Email

Bill Schrier

Comments

I had forgot how wonderful Fort Ord was. Then again as a boy I found it to be cold,windy and a testing place for courage.Basic training at D-5-1 June 1963, AIT at A-1-1 then on to jump school and 25 years in a military career. The long march to the firing range down on the beach and the freezing wind coming in from the ocean are now forgotten. For those who served at Ft.Ord or trained at Ft Ord the days of long ago seem less removed when we tell of children and grandchildren about those "good ole days" and how tough we once were.Thanks for the work you have done on the site, you are part of the Ft. Ord team

Date:

16 Mar 2004

Time:

20:46:38

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Comments

Did anyone out there serve at C-2-2 in 66 Or 67?

Date:

17 Mar 2004

Time:

19:05:28

Name or Email

azsciguy@msn.com

Comments

Nice to remember this part of my life. SPC4 Watson 3btn 17inf Light Fighters HO

Date:

17 Mar 2004

Time:

21:09:29

Name or Email

Comments

i was there 1984to1987 14th engineers spc hankins

Date:

19 Mar 2004

Time:

11:22:44

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Comments

I was one of the "un-lucky" ones that got drafted in the early part of 1968. After Basic and AIT, guess where I was sent...You guessed it. Vietnam...Right during TET. Many times while there I would fantasize about the times I spent at Stillwell Hall and the times that I swore that I would never drink again after getting plastered at that place. Had some wonderful times (after Basic). Ft. Ord will always have a place in my memory bank.

Date:

19 Mar 2004

Time:

12:11:29

Name or Email

Dallas Johnson

Comments

I was a soldier here at Fort Ord and i hate to see it all fall down, it was real nice. It is sad to see my old base fall down. Even Stillwell Hall is gone.

Date:

19 Mar 2004

Time:

12:12:45

Name or Email

Nicole Johnson

Comments

My grandfather Dallas was a soldier here and is very sad to see what is happening. I would like to see Fort Ord alive again.

Date:

20 Mar 2004

Time:

01:55:43

Name or Email

Allen Austin grandpa757@highstream.net

Comments

I took basic in Dec. 1955 to Jan. 1956. Many fond memories with exception of sadistic senior DI.

Date:

20 Mar 2004

Time:

14:29:23

Name or Email

Ted W. Tisdale wamcat1@hotmail.com

Comments

I took basic training there in April thru June 1957. The thing I remember most about the place is that it rained most of the time, however they called it fog and we were not allowed to put on our rain coats until we were throughly soaked. This resulted in many recruits ending up in the hospital with Pneumonia and have to start basic all over again. An remember don't step on the ice plants. It was an intersting time in my life to say the least. Ted

Date:

21 Mar 2004

Time:

16:08:35

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Comments

First off i would like to thank C R Swann for this site... I recided in planet ord back in the early 80s. with C btry 1/51 ADA Headquarters Platoon. Enjoyed this site but haven't seen any entries of anyone i know. My MOS was 63y10 track mechanic. I can say i'm a Native Veteran. And to all the Veterans...Happy Veterans Day... I would like to hear from those who served in 1/51 ADA from 81 to 83

Date:

25 Mar 2004

Time:

05:59:03

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Comments

My name is Herbert Leslie Everitt I did my basic at Fort Ord in 1 Nov till 1 Jan give or take a couple of days. Did my ait there also, and three weeks of jungle warfare training. Was sent straight to Viet Nam from Fort Ord. Fort ord was the prettest place I was station at. If anyone ever spent time at Ft. Sill, OK they will know wht I'm talking about. I would like to hear from anyone that was in Headquarters And Headquarters CO 3d Battlion 3d Brigade. The saying we had above our doors of our barricks was Home Of The Walking Solider. I think everyone will remember that. That is just what we did 90 percent of the time is we either walk ran or march to wherever we was going to. I would like to go back to those days for a short while there is couple of changes i would like to make. This site is really nice the other site I go to alot is is the one of the 19th Combat engineers it was the outfit I was with over in Viet Nam. Most of the guys I did baicwith went to Viet Nam I ran into alot of them in Saigon better known as Alpha camp and Beta camp. Iflew over there with some of them. Richard Biccum if you are out there somewheres in this big ole country we live in send me an e-mail would like to hear from you. remember the time we got to go home for Christmas for a few days we took the bus home and a bunch of guys flew home and was late getting back because of snow strom delayed thier flight back. We all kind of had a big laugh about it because they wanted to spend more time st home. Well anyway if there is anyone out there from that time I would like to hear from any of you guys. iknow alot of them was from southern California and alot was from the Wasington state area mostly I think from Spokane. Anyway the best to whoever is stil around. Just another ole solider from the hill.

Date:

25 Mar 2004

Time:

07:36:42

Name or Email

daniel.johnson11@us.army.mil

Comments

Seeing Fort Ord really bring back memory when I was station there in 1992-1993 time frame. It was a great place to be station at and disappointed that was on the hit list to close down. I was with C-CO 2/9 Infantry Regiment (Manchu) "KEEP UP THE FIRE"

Date:

26 Mar 2004

Time:

12:28:22

Name or Email

Spencer Frasher, sfrasher@hotmail.com

Comments

Thanks to Rudolph (Rudy) Estrada, email address: rudolph@estraday.com for the update on what Fort Ord is today. I was in A-1-1 in late 1970, graduated in early 1971. I remember being there over Christmas in 1970. Unfortunately, my unit's picture isn't there. I'll go through my storage and see if I can find it to send in. What memories! My draft number was 7!! I remember most of my unit going to Vietnam as infantry, and I've always wondered how they did. One in particular that I remember is Jim Garner. He had a lot of trouble in Basic and I took him under my wing. He got set back in a PT group. I've always wondered where he went and how he did from there. I spent 2 years in the Army, then switched over to the Air Force, then Air Force Reserve and retired in 1996. I now live in Rio Vista, CA and plan to visit there next week. Thanks to Charles R Swann for keeping this site alive. It's part of history, as Fort Ord should be! I hate to see our history being torn down for colleges and such! PS: seeing pictures of some of the old DIs brings back memories!!

Date:

26 Mar 2004

Time:

15:05:49

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Comments

Wonderful site, BCT C-2-3 from 2/73-5/73, Drill Sergeants Pantoja and Peet are the only two I can remember. Taught me a lot and always grateful. I have picture of our platoon if someone can e-mail me and tell me where to send. Thanks, Gary Williams

Date:

26 Mar 2004

Time:

18:28:19

Name or Email

Richard Murray ranger209@cox.net

Comments

What memories! I went through basic training at Fort Ord with C-2-3 from Sep to Nov 1973. Found some pictures of our old barracks and company street on your site.

Date:

26 Mar 2004

Time:

20:49:53

Name or Email

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Comments

D23...Basic Training...17 October 1973... Would LOVE to hear from my old basic training platoon members...(1st platoon)

Date:

27 Mar 2004

Time:

16:52:51

Name or Email

johnny.cannon@verizon.net

Comments

Would Like thank you for your labor of love. I completed BCT August 1971. I never received my unit book or group photos, so this site brings back fond memories, all the sights and sounds and pains of basic training. I moved on to Fort Sill and then on to the 3rd Armored Div. at Gelnhausen West Germany with the 2/6TH Arty. Now life is good in Texas.

Date:

28 Mar 2004

Time:

14:01:00

Name or Email

jfr76@hotmail

Comments

My name is John Rocha i was stationed at fort ord 1984-1986 7th inf division b btry 7/7ADA. Ur sight is good it brings back alot of old memories,thank u

Date:

28 Mar 2004

Time:

21:02:19

Name or Email

Charles "Chuck" Breider

Comments

Spent 16 weeks (1963)of my young life at Ft. Ord, basic and A.I.T. Basic training; Charlie Co. 1st BN, 1st BG (C 1 1...C "Run/Run"), Advanced Individual Training....Basic Army Administration Course. A few years ago I visited my old training center...very sad, many memories...first time away from home, I was a frightened young man. Stopped by the small BX...spotted a t-shirt (wish I would have purchased).

Can't remember the "wording" but something to do with remembering the "old" command. Know if shirt is still available? Anyone remember our drill instructor Sgt. Peitroski(sp)? How about Sgt. "pinnapple?" GREAT web site,thanks C R. Chuck Breider

Date:

28 Mar 2004

Time:

21:19:20

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Comments

Adding my e-mail address for anyone on the "hill" in 1963; Charlie Company, 1st BN, 1st BG. Hope to hear from "basic" or A.I. T. buddies. SP4 Chuck Breider

Date:

29 Mar 2004

Time:

05:59:40

Name or Email

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Comments

Hi, I was born in Fort Ord, January 18th 1979. My Dad was stationed there. His name is Michael E. Taylor, born May 25th 1944. Is there anyone who could send me some pictures of the hospital of Fort Ord or someone who knew my Dad and has some pictures? I grew up in Germany and have no pictures or anything that shows where I'm from.

Date:

29 Mar 2004

Time:

21:22:12

Name or Email

mitch_kilgore@yahoo.com

Comments

hi i took my basic in summer of 61 which i turn 18 then. was in the calif nation guard then. i was i old build with 7th bn. was something that ill never for get who my co was my sgt was. i learned a lot then.

Date:

29 Mar 2004

Time:

23:34:16

Name or Email

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Comments

This is my second entry over the years, but since I sent Mr Swann some bucks, I feel justified in another comment or 2. First, I just spent the weekend on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula; wife had a medical conference, so I joined her for a nice three days of golf and visiting ol friends -- (Attended Carmel HS, but can't afford to return). Driving by Ft Ord on Hwy One, I did not see Stillwell Club -- demolished? -- I never had the opportunity to see it from the inside. I was first at Ft Ord 25 Feb 1964, night Cassius Clay knocked out Sonny Liston; I listened to the fight on my transistor radio on the bus from Oakland induction center. Located my old barracks (C 5 1) on 9th and 1st, across from an old PT field where there also was a small PX (still there). Some of the barracks are still locked with No Trespassing signs, but others have their doors open, so before they are razed, you might have an opportunity so check out your old home. My building, 2232, was still locked. Presently am on active duty with the Air Force at Travis AFB in a C5 squadron; was recalled over a year ago, but face mandatory retirement in July; max age of 60. One last comment: I heard housing is planned for mil retirees in the Fort Ord area. Where does one sign up? msgtaa

Date:

30 Mar 2004

Time:

15:48:33

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Comments

So many great memories, what a blast... Station there from 6/89 to 9/92 with B 707 MSB. Would love to hear from anyone station with me. I married Phil Polacek or Pol-lock we live in Merrill, WI although since divorce but great friends. It would be great to hear from Tracy Hickey, Dawn Hill, Frank Dudas, Roxanne, I am getting old I can't remember names.

Date:

31 Mar 2004

Time:

01:27:10

Name or Email

jguerr0306@hotmail.com

Comments

I was an Army ROTC cadet at Cal State Long Beach and we used to do our Spring FTX at the Fort in the late '80s. It's too bad it had to close down. It was really the Army's last significant post with soldiers in California. The state used to have such a huge Army presence once upon a time. (Presidio of San Francisco, Ord, Oakland Army Base)
