

Fort Ord Guestbook

December 2004

Date:

01 Dec 2004

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Name or Email

(Hank Drabczak) Rivotup@aol.com

Comments

I love all the letters everybody writes. It seems like all of you know where your barracks were and that most of you were in Basic or AIT at Fort Ord. Well my story is a little different and maybe somebody can tell me where I was back in 1967. I returned from Korea and was stationed at Fort Ord in Aug 1966 till Feb 1967 and my three years were up and I returned to Minnesota. As far as I can tell from my orders I was in the CDCE Command. Co E, Btry B , 78th Artillery. Here I was a Sgt in the Infantry but now in the Artillery? I know I was in the old barracks, but after being in Korea it was paradise. I remember going out on field training and breaking down to squad size groups and working with civilians and weird electronic equipment. It was such a short time, but a great time, and I suppose all I was thinking of was getting out. Does anybody know if the area that I was in could have been around Corp Place and 13th St. And I think some of those bldgs are still there. It sure is a beautiful area and to bad it had to fall into such disrepair. E-mail me at Rivotup@aol.com Thanks, Hank Drabczak

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02 Dec 2004

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Name or Email

A friend of Fort Ord...

Comments

In life you look back at memories and think of how things would have turned out if you would have taken different paths or if you would have made differnt decisions on what to do or where to go with your life. We never know where these paths will take us. Usually things work out and sometimes they don't. My path led me to Fort Ord in the mid 80's. I was young, alone and wondering where my life was leading. I enlisted for 2 years to get money for college. My stay at Fort Ord was short, only 18 months in all. I knew I wasn't making a career of the military. During that time I had many chances to think of where my life was headed and how I can become a success & make something of myself. I was making only \$580.00 a month and knew that there had to be a better way to make a living. My military experience was, what I believe, the factor that changed my life. It was my driving force to stay focused on what I wanted to get out of life. These 18 months at Fort Ord showed me that I can succeed in life, it showed me how to be a stronger person!! I really enjoyed my stay at Ord. I bought a motorcycle and toured CA from San Fran to Big Sur. I felt free as the wind. I spent many nights at Stillwell Hall leaning up against that metal fence looking across the night sky at the night lights of Monterey... thinking of where I would be in 20 years...what I would be doing...where I would be living....just hoping my life would turn out for the best. I remember feeling the cold damp sea wind on my face thinking & wondering...Well here I am 20 years later, married with 2 children ages 7 & 5. I did go to college with my GI Bill Money and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State. Life is now good and I thank my experiences from Fort Ord for making me realize that you can do anything in life if you set your mind to it. These experiences showed me how to be a stronger person. I will never forget you Fort Ord or Stillwell Hall!! I know they had to raze Stillwell and I am sad to hear you are gone. I haven't been back to Ord since I left but I would like to bring my family there soon to visit. I know when I start to drive around the base, many more memories will surface. I can't wait! Think of the good memories of life, share them with your loved ones...tell them how Fort Ord turned children into Men!

Date:

05 Dec 2004

Time:

00:56:25

Name or Email

Steven Kirk pagan_coyote@yahoo.com

Comments

I was in HHC 3/9, Anti-Tank platoon from 1/85 to 1/87. Saw this site and wanted to register with you. Great site, and keep up the fire.

Date:

05 Dec 2004

Time:

01:31:54

Name or Email

Ryan Spellins

Comments

it was good i got to see a place that i have been to but never remembered. i was born there and i wanted to go visit myself but never got the chance. Pfc Spellins

Date:

08 Dec 2004

Time:

22:40:24

Name or Email

Mark Holloway tw@kittymother.com

Comments

Was in C-1-2 sept-nov '71

Date:

09 Dec 2004

Time:

02:22:09

Name or Email

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Comments

great photos; im a former 7th ID light soldier, was staioned there in 1992-1993 in A CO 27FSB thank you

Date:

09 Dec 2004

Time:

16:07:28

Name or Email

phxicee@hotmail.com

Comments

Date: 09 Aug 2004 Time: 22:42:08 Name or Email phxicee@hotmail.com Comments Basic training FEB-thru-AUG 1962 my Drill Sgt was (Sgt lampa) looking for anyone in my unit {D-5-1} The day of graduation a helicopter trying to landed between the barracks crashed landed on one of the barracks . Retired MSGT/William,Allaire.(Arizona) E-mail me. Thank you for this site.

Date:

10 Dec 2004

Time:

19:06:11

Name or Email

Harry Bartley harry.bartley@tek.com

Comments

I was teaching High School in Marysville, CA when I was drafted in March of 1967. After basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, I had AIT at Ft. Ord, I think the company was H-2-2. We were in the old buildings. I was a Platoon Guide, and our Drill Sgt. had just returned from Viet Nam. During our training he was sent to Drill Sgt. School, so we didn't have a Drill Sgt. I had signed up for OCS, and had a school date, but turned down the assignment so at the end of AIT I had no orders. We were the last company to train with M14s, and most of the company was being sent to Colorado and then to Germany. While they were processing to ship to Colorado, I was washing windows. I was called to the orderly room, given verbal orders to report to a Basic Training Company, A-1-1. By the time the rest of the company was returning to the company area, I had been assigned as permanent party, had my ascot and Sixth Army patch. I was there to see the trucks pull up, and say good bye. I spent the rest of my two years at Ft. Ord, assigned to A-1-1. I spent a few months working in the orderly room, then went to Drill Corporal School and Drill Sergeant School. I was a Drill Sergeant from late in 1968 until March 1970. I have a lot of memories associated with Ft. Ord, because without a doubt, that was the longest two years

of my life. One interesting memory was when I had two people in my platoon that needed to go to the main post for financial reimbursement. Word got out to the rest of the company, and I had 17 trainees that needed to go to finance. My plan had been to drive them in my car, a Ford Mustang (just so you know the amount of space we are talking about). Facing a group of 17, I gave them a choice. We could march, or they could ride if they could fit in the car. Only one could set in the front seat, so I wouldn't be crowded. Two blocks from our destination, I saw an MP go by. I pulled into a parking lot, and they were still getting out of the car when the MP pulled up. He couldn't believe how many people had been in the car. I got a ticket, the trainees got their reimbursements, and when I explained the ticket to the First Sergeant, he took care of the ticket.

Date:

10 Dec 2004

Time:

23:40:40

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Comments

Enjoyed your site. Basic training June 1968.

Date:

11 Dec 2004

Time:

01:15:38

Name or Email

krishonadanielle@yahoo.com

Comments

I was born in Fort Ord, California, and never really remembered it..i was three months when my mother was stationed in Germany around 1983-1984, i am just trying to find out about my birthplace and this site helped me...i may go back in the future, many people say it is beautiful now!

Date:

11 Dec 2004

Time:

04:58:37

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Comments

I TOOK BASIC TRAINING AT FORT ORD COMPANY C, THIRD BATTALLION, THIRD BRIGADE FROM 12-27-65 TO 4-66. I ALSO TOOK AIT THERE AND STAYED AS A HOLDOVER UNTIL SEPTEMBER '66 MY DRILL SRAGEANT WAS SSGT. SHIMABUKURO HE LOOKED JUST LIKE ODD JOB FROM THE GOLDFINGER MOVIE. ILIKED FORT ORD, THEY SHUIOLD HAVE KEPT IT OPEN. SPC.4 JOSEPH SACHSE

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Date:

12 Dec 2004

Time:

09:45:26

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Comments

I loved ft. ord i was with cdcec group from 1966-1968, also was a member of te ft. ord soccer team at that time, i have a team picture if anyone is interested, and stats from the forts paper

Date:

12 Dec 2004

Time:

15:44:25

Name or Email

mater@mtco.com

Comments

Would like to here from anyone who was at Ft-Ord Hunter Liggett (CDCEC)F Co, HHC from 69-71.
Dave Noel

Date:

14 Dec 2004

Time:

14:10:43

Name or Email

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Comments

My name is Alan I was staioned at Ft Ord, from Sept 74 thru July 76. I was the first arriving soldier to be assigned to the 7th Division prior to its arrival. Ft Ord was a grand place to be station with the a multitude of things to do in the surrounding areas, really gonna miss that base.

Date:

14 Dec 2004

Time:

20:38:13

Name or Email

Doyle Williams

Comments

I served at Fort Ord 1972 feb or march C-2-3. 1st platoon, Assistant Platoon Guide. Under Drill Sgt. Gann, Sgt. Alvarez, and Sgt. Knorvel. Your photos brought back the memories. Wow! I am still alive! Any Pictures out there?

Date:

16 Dec 2004

Time:

21:10:13

Name or Email

Fort Ord Vet

Comments

Happy Holidays to all the vets and active military

Date:

20 Dec 2004

Time:

22:55:17

Name or Email

RICK Rick Shelton labonte63@earthlink.net

Comments

My name is Rick Shelton. I was in B 1/51 ADA from 7-83/1-86. 16s and supply with Ssgt Fletcher. Like to hear from anyone in the unit. Fire for Effect.

Date:

23 Dec 2004

Time:

11:43:50

Name or Email

R.J. Deakins

Comments

Remember the "Running Chef" catering trucks? I would probably not go anywhere near the food on the Running Chef today. But, while in Basic Training in Jan. 1972, the steam table chili dogs were better than a gourmet meal. R.J. Deakins D-2-1 Jan.-Mar. 1972

Date:

23 Dec 2004

Time:

16:14:26

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Comments

I took AIT at Ft.Ord around July 69.Didnt see a unit photo ,but remember all the gusy well Eddie Molina,Eddie Stevenson ..Brings back a lot of good memories .Thanks Danny Elam,Texas

Date:

23 Dec 2004

Time:

16:19:51

Name or Email

Danny Elam

Comments

I visited Ft Ord in 96 and what a change .Saw where Stillwell hall used to be and at the time ,there was some sort of search for missing child so we could not get on the post but still got to see quite a lot of the surrounding area .We also went to visit the Laguna Seca race way which we could see from one of training sites .Still a lot of great memories .'69.On my way to Nam,

Date:

24 Dec 2004

Time:

00:53:36

Name or Email

bizzybe04@hotmail.com

Comments

My Father passed away in 2002. Just yesterday I found a "yearbook" about Fort Ord, I had never seen it before, Dad never spoke about his military days. But he is in this book, 6th Infantry Division.. F Company. 1st Infantry Regiment. His name was Gregorio A. Robles. What I do know is that he was in the "occupational forces" shortly after WW2 Korea. I wonder if there is someone out there who knew him or any information from that time. Even if you don't I'd like to learn about Fort Ord. Thank You.

Date:

24 Dec 2004

Time:

13:27:52

Name or Email

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Comments

Date:

24 Dec 2004

Time:

15:32:11

Name or Email

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Comments

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all the Veterans

Date:

25 Dec 2004

Time:

00:25:41

Name or Email

Ben

Comments

Did anyone see GEORGE JONES perform when he came to Seaside in 1966. He was great, as usual, but he came out and sung a few songs(after waiting what seemed like an incredibly long time) and then he went back to the dressing room, I guess. I had paid \$6.00, but wasn't cheated. I had gotten to see him sing "White lightning" - my favorite song of all time. Does anyone else remember?

Date:

26 Dec 2004

Time:

02:26:50

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Comments

C-3-3 July 1971 basic and then motor transport school. Great location for a base, the weekend passes were great. Great website. Thank you for the memories.

Date:

26 Dec 2004

Time:

20:05:45

Name or Email

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Comments

Just another post for anyone that took basic in D-2-3 from January of 1970 to March to contact me and say hello. I was in the third platoon but would appreciate a chance to reminisce with anyone at all from the company.

Date:

29 Dec 2004

Time:

16:33:31

Name or Email

ALEXANDER DORIS

Comments

I WAS T4 CO A 303RD SIG OPN BN IN 1942. PLEASE CONTACT ME RT 2 BOX 815 SCARBRO,
WV 25917

Date:

30 Dec 2004

Time:

04:45:01

Name or Email

Sedlak_Johann@hotmail.com

Comments

I was in A-1-1 CO LT BROWN.Can anybody help me.Johann I was up the hill new barracks at that time.
I was on the riflerange 12:1 when kannedy got shot.Does any body remember.Johann

Date:

30 Dec 2004

Time:

13:16:18

Name or Email

pjones57@sbcglobal.net

Comments

B-1/79 FA 1976-79 Pat Jones [PJ].

Date:

30 Dec 2004

Time:

13:56:59

Name or Email

Herman Hodge (luvme4me4now@aol.com)

Comments

I think is site is the best!!!! I was station at Fort Ord on 21 January 1975 to 21 August 1977. It was the best time of my life. Even though our unit was new (the 4th Signal Platoon) started out with nothing, our unit expanded over the period of to years and became the 24th Signal Bn. My first year there was cleaning up those WWII barracks and putting together wall lockers for the new personnel coming into the unit, because we had no equipment or vehicles to become a unit. We only have a 21/2 ton truck and it was deadline! And no motorpool. But we have fun during the first year preparing the unit to become fully staff. Can you beleived that our commander was a 1st LT. and the 1ST Sgt was an SSG! Everyone else was only E-1 to E-3's. But after a few months we have all type of ranks come to the unit. I remember my commander, Cpt.Davis, he was the best commander I ever had during my 25 years in the military. Anyway, I have lots of pictures during my time there and would like to put them on this site. Can anyone e-mail me to let me know how I can share the photo's? Thanks

Date:

31 Dec 2004

Time:

01:25:25

Name or Email

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Comments

i spent 19 years in the army and part of that was driving the M915 commercial big rig i used to enjoy dropping of equipment at d.r.m.o and talking to the personal there thank you a former 729th trans company driver fresno, ca

Date:

31 Dec 2004

Time:

08:06:06

Name or Email

Robert F. Iafrate ri5@dcx.com

Comments

Does anyone remember me? My name is Bob Iafrate I was at Ft Ord from Mar'63 - Jan'65. I was company clerk for D-2-3 and was Permanent Party for Hq & Hq 3rd Brigade Supply Co. I had a '61 Green Comet from Detroit Mi. All Permanent Party personnel lived in WWII barracks across from Snack Bar next to the Snack Bar was a group of Public Telephones located at 3rd Ave&3rd St. The PT Field was behind the Snack Bar. I worked under Capt.Chandler&1stSgt Anderson. I was good friends with the waitress at the Snack Bar named Ruth Quiroba the Red Head behind the counter. Contact me at ri5@dcx.com. I WISH EVERYONE WHO READS THIS SITE A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH HEALTH & HAPPINESS FOR 2005.

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Date:

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Robert F. Iafrate ri5@dcx.com

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Comments

I was stationed on the Planet from July 1984-January 1987 with C Co. 3/32 Infantry (later redesignated 4/21 Infantry).