

Fort Ord Guestbook

March 2005

Date:

01 Mar 2005

Time:

18:33:10

Name or Email

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Comments

For those of you that like to remember Ft. Ord try these two sites below. Good stuff and lots of memories there. Dan McFee H-1-1 1966, and D-2-3 1969 - 70 <http://www.fortord.org/> http://www.fortord.org/fort_ord.html

Date:

02 Mar 2005

Time:

13:33:10

Name or Email

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Comments

June to Aug 1971 Fort Ord - "A-4-2 Amore" 1st Platoon - Remember Drill Sergeant Llanos (1st Platoon) and Sr. Drill Sergeant Jervis? Later stationed at Fort Carson for 1 year and then onto Korea for the remainder of my duty. Bundy, are you out there? Remember the accidental night stick incident? Hope you nose healed!

Date:

03 Mar 2005

Time:

00:22:38

Name or Email

glenn walls-glennwalls54@yahoo.com

Comments

Was at Ft. Ord in 1967. Monterrey Jazz festival. A-2-1, Sgt. Pete Meduna. AIT at Ord also Sgt. Belcher... was tough but I had a good time.

Date:

03 Mar 2005

Time:

01:50:50

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Comments

Anyone that was in the 3/9 in 1991 that remembers E-1 SERRA please e-mail me!

Date:

03 Mar 2005

Time:

12:39:36

Name or Email

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Comments

....just remembered some details and names from June - August 1971 and A 4 2. Blevins and Carrasco were just a couple. I ran into these guys on the same night (and they were not together either) in the OB Tavern in Meyongdong (Seoul) Korea just prior to all of us ETSing. A 4 2 was located (if I remember correctly) just across the PT field from the Reception station in the WWII barracks. I was wondering if the scene from the movie "Forrest Gump" struck anybody like it struck me. The scene where Gump's DI asked him was his primary purpose in life was and his response was "To do whatever you tell me Drill Sergeant". I was 18 years old in BCT and had just graduated from high school 7 days prior to activation. I don't know about anybody else but the DI's scared the crap out of me and that was definitely my primary purpose in life for those 2 months. My Pop was in Viet Nam (USAF - Saigon) during my BCT and my one brother was in Fort Knox or Mainz Germany (armor), can't really remember exactly when he went. I'll try to track down my BCT platoon photo and send it in. Thanks for the website.

Date:

04 Mar 2005

Time:

12:10:26

Name or Email

Wade Stapleton

Comments

My wife and I stayed at Marina Dunes this past week. One night, while driving back from Monterey, we drove through Fort Ord and couldn't figure out why it was such a ghost town. It's a shame that it's vacant now.

Date:

05 Mar 2005

Time:

11:10:14

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Comments

I could use some help! My Wife SGM Carmen Overman is getting ready to retire and I am looking for a Unit Crest for Silas B Hayes. Carmen was a O.R tech when we met in 1982 and is now SGM of MEDCOM HQ Retention.

Date:

06 Mar 2005

Time:

14:45:29

Name or Email

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Comments

I am trying to recall what we went through in POW training and where that was located on the grounds. If anyone has any information please forward it to me. This would have been 1972-73. Thank You

Date:

06 Mar 2005

Time:

14:49:18

Name or Email

Comments

Date:

06 Mar 2005

Time:

14:51:08

Name or Email

benhurt@yahoo.com

Comments

I was at the base in 1972 with the last of the draftees from San Bernardino. Am looking for some of the others. Accuna, Moore, Dixon. I have been in contact with one other person.

Date:

07 Mar 2005

Time:

15:46:56

Name or Email

John T. Griffith (johntgriffith@juno.com)

Comments

Hi, I really enjoyed this site. I had basic training at Fort Ord after being drafted was there July 26, 1966 to Sep. 30, 1966 in D-3-1, best company on the hill, as all said in those days. After completion, I went as a MP to the 227th MP Detachment, Camp Roberts Ca. which was later made part of the Fort Ord 54th MP Company detached to Camp Roberts. At Camp Roberts I was a Desk Sgt. and Patrol Supervisor, worked at the base theater and played on the camp baseball team. Things sure have changed but I'm proud to have done my duty and serve my Country. If anyone whom I served with remembers I please contact me. I would like very much like to hear for you and thanks. John T. Griffith, Vista, California

Date:

08 Mar 2005

Time:

01:46:59

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Comments

My father was stationed there from 1987-1992 and it was the best time of my life. I met the most wonderful bunch of guys who ended up being my best friends for life. I miss the days and i miss ft. ord every day. I think that this is a great sight and WHOA to all my old buddies.. Tracie Hastings

Date:

08 Mar 2005

Time:

15:27:54

Name or Email

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Comments

Drafted Dec '65. BCT @ Fort Ord, A-2-3, graduated Apr '66. Went on to make the Army a career, retiring in 1991. CW4 (Ret) Lawrence "Larry" Drayton

Date:

08 Mar 2005

Time:

22:41:46

Name or Email

Krista kristafitzpatrick@yahoo.com

Comments

Hi. I am looking for any information at all about my father, Delmas Brent Fitzpatrick who was stationed at Fort Ord sometime around 1986, which was when I was born. I was born in the army hospital, and am now 18. My father died 2 years ago, and with my mother and him divorcing when I was very young and him always being on the road, I never got a chance to know him. If anyone can help me at all, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Date:

09 Mar 2005

Time:

17:40:14

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Comments

Served @ Planet Ord from 1981-1984 in Co. B, 13th Engineer Bat., 7th ID. Now as 42 year old Vet. living near Wash., DC, I often think of my fellow soldiers and the memories of that base that served as my home when I was a young man. Let's keep the memories of Fort Ord alive, along with Camp Roberts and Fort Hunter Liggett where many of us in combat arms regular stayed in the "field". Does anyone remember the 7th ID going to REFORGER in 1981, Germany was cool, but we ended up in a remote base I believe named "Wildflicker".

Date:

09 Mar 2005

Time:

22:59:36

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Comments

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Joe and Little Joe. Please let me hear from you. Daughter.

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Date:

10 Mar 2005

Time:

11:44:39

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Comments

I was born at the Fort Ord Hospital 7-8-53. I need my birth certificate! Any ideas how to get it? Please help! Nancy Davila

Date:

11 Mar 2005

Time:

23:59:54

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Comments

can you help me with my basic training companys photo it was C-1-3 new barracks on the hill middle october 1970 though january 10 th 1971 Id like to see it if available. thanks

Date:

12 Mar 2005

Time:

10:22:36

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Comments

I was born in fort ord..even though i dont remember it since i was about three when we left...it's great to see what it was back then.

Date:

12 Mar 2005

Time:

13:17:51

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Comments

I was first assigned to Fort Ord after rejoining the army in August 1950. Later in 1959 was assigned to

CDEC with duty station at Camp Roberts during the summer. Attended ALS in the Presidio in 1962, again in 1964 prior to a tour of duty in Vietnam. Returned in 1965 and was a Supply Instructor with the 4th Brigade. Finally served as NCOIC with G4 until my retirement in September 1970. My family had quarters on Luzon Street, then later on Solomon Road. My children attended the on base school, and later Seaside High School. On Sunday afternoons we would drive into the back areas of the base and hike or have picnics. One of our favorite spots was Mudhen Lake. Lots of pleasant memories, and regret that these happy moments will never be repeated due to the closure of Fort Ord. I have been stationed at numerous military installations during my 26 years of active service, but I still consider Fort Ord to be my favorite. Theodore McMullen SFC (Ret)

Date:

12 Mar 2005

Time:

17:48:15

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Johnny R. Perkins perkhhot@hotmail.com

Comments

I was stationed at Fort Ord (78-79)and enjoyed myself and always held onto thoughts of the place. I was 2/32nd Inf. as a sp4. I loved the area as well, did many interesting things on my off time. I hope to make a trip there soon!

Date:

12 Mar 2005

Time:

20:52:45

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Comments

i was stationed at ft. ord from 1987-89 and am trying to find an old roommate spc4.edward szspaniack ,i

believe that's how you spelled his last name, anyway we were both assigned to C co. 4th Bn. 17th. during that time and would sure like to get in contact with him again him after all these years. if anyone can help me i would appreciate it. feel free to email me with info

Date:

13 Mar 2005

Time:

17:37:03

Name or Email

Paula Smith

Comments

Thank you for this site. Great memories of a great place.

Date:

14 Mar 2005

Time:

12:25:49

Name or Email

Dick Cappels

Comments

We used to call it "The armpit of the Pacific". One of the happiest days of my life was the day Dan and I were REFRAD and drove home to Silicon Valley in his sports car. AIT in 1970, ASAR Summer Camp in 1975 & 1976.

Date:

14 Mar 2005

Time:

18:39:34

Name or Email

Joey L. Wilkes Joey Wilkes (SP4)

Comments

I served from 87 to Oct 89 with the 2nd Bn 27th Inf "Wolfhounds" HQ Co, I was the Bn Ops Clerk. It was a great place to do duty, gotta love Santa Cruze!! If any of my boys like "Crabtree, McCoy, Dibble, Erwin, Bluerock and the Big guy in S2 are out their give me a call Im in the book in Grayson Ky.....

Date:

14 Mar 2005

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18:40:49

Name or Email

Comments

Date:

15 Mar 2005

Time:

18:10:26

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Comments

Back in the late 60's into the early 70's My brother and his freinds would earn extra money and go from barrack to barrack to shine the soldiers boots and low quarters (Shoes) thats what they called them back in the day. I would go with my father to pick them up around 10:00-10:30pm on a Friday or Saturday nite wow that was late then!!! My Brother was a rich guy and so too were his freinds after a night of shining shoes from 5:00pm on. We lived in Seaside at the time the city next door. We moved away to L. A. 1975 been in L.A. ever since. My brother now lives in Hawaii presently. We miss living there!!! I go back every now and then. Miss you Fort Ord!!! Miss you Monterey Peninsula!!

Date:

16 Mar 2005

Time:

10:48:45

Name or Email

Jeffery k Stevens 7224 wicker hammond ind 46323

Comments

I was there 1977 thru 1979 HHC Engineers. My main job was water purification, there is nothing more Id rather do but contact some old buddies Sgt Eck TJ Smith. John Krueger, Sgt Poo Bear. I remember being in 17 Palms for SIX Boring weeks and couldnt wait to get back to base.

Date:

16 Mar 2005

Time:

15:19:48

Name or Email

tomwrap@texoma.net Thomas G. Smith

Comments

I was at Fort Ord January 1966 - October 1966 at the Radio Operators Couse school. Attended the school for 10 weeks and was then an instructor for the 6-10 weeks before being transfered to Fort Riley Kansas to join the 9th Division. The went to Vietnam in January 1967.

Date:

17 Mar 2005

Time:

00:21:41

Name or Email

Matt Latsha

Comments

I was an Army Brat. . . happy times. I lived at Stillwell Park, and attended Fitch Middle School. Dad served primarily with the Inspector General Corps, though he later joined 2/9. Of all the bases they had to close. Did it have to be the beloved Fort Ord. It was too beautiful, and too majestic. I remember Stillwell Hall: my family would sometimes visit the beach from there. I also was a Boy Scout, member of Troop 134 (the best for shore), and we had some happy times. Seeing that place closed down, and much of it destroyed is almost too much bear. I had some happy times, and hate to think that I probably will never see them again.

Date:

17 Mar 2005

Time:

05:25:51

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Philo Brence....wpbrence@cox.net

Comments

Stationed at Ft. Ord 1947 for basic training, again in 1949 preparing for shipment to Korea. My thoughts return to marching by platoons in company formation being about the third platoon back marching in ankle deep dust.

Date:

17 Mar 2005

Time:

09:51:40

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Comments

Please help I would like to get a Yearbook or "Cycle" book for Basic training for the year 1971. Does any one know where i can get one...this is for my husband. He was in Bravo company 4th battalion, 3rd brigade...or if anyone has pictures of this company please e-mail me information...Thank you

Date:

18 Mar 2005

Time:

13:36:09

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Comments

I'm trying to find out about the 7th Infantry Divisions training camp that was held in the Desert in California before WW 2 started. It was called the DTC "Desert training Center" started in 1942 By Gen. George Patton. There were about 12 camps that different divisions were camped at.I've done alot of research and have been out there twice.I just can't find anything on the internet about the 7th, just says went out to the mojave desert, but nobody says which camp. Does anybody know? Thanks

Date:

20 Mar 2005

Time:

00:19:36

Name or Email

HOWARD RATHBUN NIPOMO, CA

Comments

50th ANNIVERSARY: ON FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND 1955, 212 OF US NEW FORT ORD ROOKIES MOVED INTO THE NEW BARRACKS ON "THE HILL" AND BEGAN OUR EIGHT WEEKS OF INFANTRY BCT HELL AS SERVICE COMPANY, 1st INFANTRY REGIMENT, 6th INFANTRY DIVISION. WE GRADUATED ON 27 AUGUST AND WENT ON TO HONORABLY SERVE DURING THE PEAK OF THAT COLD WAR ERA. TODAY, ALTHOUGH MOST OF US ARE 70-ish OR MORE, I'M SURE MEMORIES OF FT ORD AND THE COMRADESHIP OF SERVICE COMPANY STILL LINGER. TO ALL OF YOU I WISH HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY.
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Date:

22 Mar 2005

Time:

03:00:23

Name or Email

Leigh Smith, leftd58@aol.com

Comments

I went through basic and AIT at Fort Ord in 1975 Drill Sgt. Goodman, cant believe it's been 30 years already. it was my first trip to the coast,it was the most beautiful place I had ever seen, even during Basic, I don't have any momentos anymore and would really like to locate some troop photos.Sept 26 1975

Date:

23 Mar 2005

Time:

14:22:32

Name or Email

Jim Wood bigblue1732@aol.com

Comments

Did my infantry (11C)AIT at Fort Ord in July-August 1966 with D-2-1. We were mostly New Yorkers who did basic at Fort Jackson but we also had a platoon of crazy midwest national guardsmen too. I can Remember the Barracks being on a hill. You could see the blue Pacific and the main gate. We were told we were all going to Viet Nam and for the 1st 6 weeks we were at Ft. Ord, every graduating infantry company shipped out to Viet Nam. Our orders came down and the majority of us went to units in Germany, Korea and some unlucky guys wound up going to Fort Riley to join the 9th Infantry which shipped to Viet Nam that Nov. We used to rent a car at the airport every weekend and head off to Santa Cruz for party time. Also got to San Francisco and Los Angles on a weekend pass. What did we know?? Remember some GI flop house we stayed at for \$2 a night in Santa Cruz. Nice place Fort Ord but was happy to leave and head to off to Germany. My platoon, all mortar crewmen broke the Fort Ord pistol range record for trainees while we were there. We used pens to punch holes in the targets and the drill Sgts. were astounded at our "marksmanship". Commanding General gave us a day off to boot. We proved the pen is mightier than the sword!!!!

Date:

23 Mar 2005

Time:

21:18:35

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Dennis Lesh ddl1061@webtv.net

Comments

Basic training - Jan. 1966 to Mar. 1966 A-2-1

Date:

24 Mar 2005

Time:

18:08:16

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Comments

I have made a prior entry in the guestbook. I just wanted to update. I was drafted, went through basic May- July 1962. Was before big Nam buildup. A few were going over as advisers. I didn't totally escape. I had to do a yr. at Thule,Greenland was considered a hardship tour. I visited Ft. Ord in 2004. My old co. area all gone. what a surprise to see the condition of the base. Hats off to all who were ever stationed at Ord, and did their part. Larry Vellema

Date:

27 Mar 2005

Time:

15:57:44

Name or Email

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Comments

Anyone that was stationed in Ft.Ord in 1991 in the old infantry area please e-mail me. If you knew Cliff Bryant contact me.If there is any way I could get a list of names of people who were stationed in Ft.Ord e-mail me. It is a very important matter! very important.Contact me asap!

Date:

28 Mar 2005

Time:

16:58:55

Name or Email

HAROLD TEAL

Comments

STATIONED AT FT ORD 1957 FOR BASIC TRAINING ON THE HILL. WENT TO FT HOT BLISS TX FOR 2ND EIGHT WEEKS.ON TO KOREA 1ST CAV DIV 19TH ARTY DNZ 16 MONTH WAS I HAPPY TO LEAVE. AND BACK TO HOT BLISS TX. E-MALL CCBCMB@FRONTIERNET.NET

Date:

29 Mar 2005

Time:

00:37:54

Name or Email

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Comments

I took my BCT & AIT at For. Ord in January 1969 my drill sgt was Sgt Ross & Sgt King. At A-4-1 A is up tight 4 is out of site & 1 is in the groove rrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaaaawwwwwwww my name is John E. Warkentin if anyone remembers me. Thanks for having this site

Date:

29 Mar 2005

Time:

16:25:23

Name or Email

ayers@as.net

Comments

Thank You for this site. My Father was stacioned at Fort Ord in 1942-43 and as I never knew him (Vernon P. Ayers) I was hoping to find out more about him. Can you tell me if the Army had year books with the servicemans pictures in it ? Would love to find picture of my dad. Gary Ayers

Date:

29 Mar 2005

Time:

20:31:42

Name or Email

Ronald Match match@springmail.com

Comments

Absolutely wonderful site...the memories are many for a huge number of people including myself (B-4-1) aug. to oct. 1963... thank you very much for this effort.

Date:

30 Mar 2005

Time:

12:49:01

Name or Email

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Comments

Hi guys C-1-1 october-december 1961!! Please, I urge any of my buddies, NCO's or Officers to send a short message remembering those wonderful days at Fort Ord. Pvt.(then) Jorge E. Rodriguez

Date:

31 Mar 2005

Time:

20:53:20

Name or Email

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Comments

THANKS TO THIS SITE IVE FOUND 4TO5 OF MY BEST FRIENDS IN MY UNIT AND WE NOW KEEP IN TOUCH ON A REGULAR BASIS THIS IS GREAT TO COME TO AND RELIVE YOUR YOUTH... THANKS AGAIN AND IF ANYONE ELSE FROM THE 7THS&T BATTALION B CO SGT ROCK PLATOON SEES THIS ... PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP ME A LINE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YA