

Fort Ord Guestbook

June 2005

Date:
01 Jun 2005

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15:35:22

Remote User:

Name or Email

msmirnoff@verizon.net

Comments

I was stationed at Ft.Ord 1960-1962 permanent party Spec 5 at HQ/HQ Co 3rd Brigades training aid. We were in charge of setting up equipment for various parades including retirement ceremonies. I remember my best times in the army was at Fort Ord. Being from the east cost, I really liked the area, Monterey and SF. on weekends. I still keep in touch with one buddy, who I worked with. Anyone interested chatting with me, drop me a line. Mike S.

Date:
01 Jun 2005

Time:
19:56:56

Remote User:

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Comments

I was at Fort Ord 1948 (forgot month) until September 1950,when I was sent to Korea. I loved Fort Ord, great weather-everything was great. Coy

Date:

02 Jun 2005

Time:

19:20:16

Remote User:

Name or Email

nicolemail2@netzero.com

Comments

my great-grandpa, robert brackett went to Ft. Ord before going to Okinawa to fight. i'm doing a report and would like to know if anyone has any information on him or what life was like in the barracks in 1945. any information would be greatly appreciated.

Date:

03 Jun 2005

Time:

13:57:16

Remote User:

Name or Email

Wendy Spradling

Comments

I am a research volunteer for VietVets, helping locate and obtain information regarding their service. I am trying to locate Jose A. Lugo, who rotated to Fort Ord from Vietnam in 1969 or 1970. I think I've

confirmed he was 1st Sgt at Fort Ord. He served with A/2/501 101st Abn Div during his tour in 1969. There are two separate VietVets requesting info on Sgt. Lugo. If any of this sounds familiar, please reply to me at china@semo.net with "Vietnam" in the subject line so as not to get thrown into my trash/spam folder. Thank you for your time.

Date:

03 Jun 2005

Time:

14:59:23

Remote User:

Name or Email

Donald St.John, SGT, US Army (091074 - 090977, 020978 - 112984) had1needed1got1@yahoo.com

Comments

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04 Jun 2005

Time:

05:54:17

Remote User:

Name or Email

Sgt. Ricke,David Liswat_1@yahoo.com

Comments

I LOve your sight, the pictures brought back some great memories. I was stationed there for 4 1/2 year, in C-ROCK!! 3/27.They were some of the best time of my life and my familys life. thank yu again for the great sight.

Date:

05 Jun 2005

Time:

01:37:51

Remote User:

Name or Email

Comments

I went through boot camp at Fort Ord in September 1974 and then to Germany. I just went down today

and walked through the abandoned barracks, hiked out to the rifle ranges by the beach. From what I know, after asking someone down there, Fort Ords buildings are slated for demolition within the next 3 years, so if your going to go see the base, better do it soon before it's just memories. There building a bunch of houses and a Marina there....

Date:

07 Jun 2005

Time:

06:54:39

Remote User:

Name or Email

mads0@aol.com

Comments

I was born 50 years ago today at Fort Ord. I have never been back, was hoping to see a picture of the hospital I was born in. Are there any? Dad shipped out to France shortly after I was born.

Date:

08 Jun 2005

Time:

02:40:34

Remote User:

Name or Email

noeldean@msn.com

Comments

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Date:

09 Jun 2005

Time:

17:24:51

Remote User:

Name or Email

CMSgt Alan Arndt (ret) USAFR; cmsgtaa@juno.com

Comments

Greetings: Just noted Michael Johnson's submission of BT photo from same unit (C-5-1) as I was in. He must have been in the group directly after mine -- I enlisted 25 Feb 64. I don't recall ever having our platoon or company photo taken. We were across from PT field and small PX annex (9th & 1st St) perhaps. Our c.o. was a Lt Kelly and our 1st Sgt was Sgt Lopez; I have tried to identify which row of barracks we were in on my trips to Fort Ord in the past few years; never could be certain which row of 1941 barracks were ours. 4 of us from Carmel enlisted together; one friend and I went to Fort Gordon; then to Germany. 14 years later, I joined the AF Reserve Command, and retired last year.

Date:

11 Jun 2005

Time:

00:13:36

Remote User:

Name or Email

daveduran@hotmail.com

Comments

Thanks for the Memories! I was stationed at Fort Ord with CDCEC, 194th Signal Company, from Apr. 1965 thru Dec 16th 1966. David Duranceau Hemet, Ca.

Date:

11 Jun 2005

Time:

13:50:40

Remote User:

Name or Email

wildbill68@sbcglobal.net

Comments

ty for the site my son served they till it was closed brings back good memories i wish u all the best and thank you for your service to this country GOD BLESS and again thank you very much

Date:

12 Jun 2005

Time:

19:51:53

Remote User:

Name or Email

Carmela Colagiacomio/ e-mail- overthebars@adelphia.net

Comments

Thank you for a wonderful website. My father was stationed at Fort Ord and I was born there in 1969. Since I have not had the chance to visit,(we live in Florida) this is the next best thing. I am creating an Army scrapbook for my father for Father's Day so this website was a great find. He retired after 25 years, so there is a lot to put into the scrapbook! Thanks again!!

Date:

12 Jun 2005

Time:

20:02:58

Remote User:

Name or Email

Carmela Colagiacomio e-mail overthebars@adelphia.net

Comments

Hi again, I forgot to ask if there is anyone who remembers my father, Mario Colagiacomio. He was at Fort Ord for a little over 2 years- 1969-1971. My mom and me were with him at the base, too. If anyone has anything to e-mail, please do, I would love to add the e-mail to his scrapbook I am making for him. Thanks!!!

Date:

15 Jun 2005

Time:

17:05:29

Remote User:

Name or Email

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Comments

I was trained at Ford Ord in August 1969, and stationed there until November 1971. That experience changed my life completely. I was B-4-1, then in the CDCEC Division. That hill, and my days there were some of the best in my life. Just the air, the breeze and the smell of a clean, fresh morning made me happy to be alive (in spite of that military fear). I got over it and later found the military to be the best thing for me. We visited Fort Ord about five years ago, to see a most sadning view, it's closer. The years of tradition, experiences, and what that place produced... would make quite a movie in itself! Those memories will always bring a smile to my face. Andrew D. Catalan B-4-1, CDCEC USA Army Sargent E-5

Date:

16 Jun 2005

Time:

14:27:39

Remote User:

Name or Email

Jose Alfredo (Fred) De Leon jadl01@yahoo.com

Comments

Thanks for the website and the memories. I went through basic and AIT in 1968. It's sad to see that some of the buildings have been or will be demolished. freddy de leon

Date:

17 Jun 2005

Time:

14:49:46

Remote User:

Name or Email

steven_nott@yahoo.com

Comments

Does anyone remember a William Nott or any one with the last name Nott. Possibly around the 50's or 60's?

Date:

18 Jun 2005

Time:

12:45:28

Remote User:

Name or Email

Beth (Chaffins) Birchfield beth0607@hotmail.com

Comments

I'm told that my grandfather served at Fort Ord. I would love to hear from anyone who knew him or has any information about him. He died in 1960 when his children were between the ages of 6 years to 6 months old, so they barely remember him. His wife passed away in '87. The only information that I have is from his cemetery marker that I found about 10 years ago. His marker reads: Harry L. Chaffins Jr. California PVT CO K 63 Infantry Regt Nov 11 1930 Feb 20 1960 He often went by the nickname of "Bennie". From what I've been able to gather, he may have been there from 1951-1953 I would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help me with any information about him. To find an army buddy that could tell me about him would be wonderful or someone who may have a yearbook with him in it or anything that pertains to him. I would appreciate any feedback that may help me learn about my grandfather and for his children to know something about him. Thank You

Date:

19 Jun 2005

Time:

11:17:44

Remote User:

Name or Email

Bob DeMuth

Comments

Looking for anyone who was in B-4-2 Jan 1972 to March 1972. I was in Bravo Company. You can reach me at bobdemuth@yahoo.com

Date:

19 Jun 2005

Time:

18:05:24

Remote User:

Name or Email

smokehound69@hotmail.com

Comments

anyone who was stationed at Hunter Leggett 69-70 in the transportation barracks would like to hear from you. Louis Pollard

Date:

20 Jun 2005

Time:

14:17:49

Remote User:

Name or Email

patl@lehardwood.com

Comments

Talk about old memories.. I grew up next to Fort Ord in the 60's & 70's. I knew the Fort well. My dad retired from the Army and worked on Ft. Ord as a civilian.

Date:

20 Jun 2005

Time:

23:05:17

Remote User:

Name or Email

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Comments

June 20, 1955...FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY, also on a monday, after an overnight train ride up from LA and Army bus from Salinas, ate my first Fort Ord 4AM "SOS" army breakfast. You know the rest and all that comes after! I remember it like it was yesterday. See BCT/AIT Photos... HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WHEREEVER YOU ARE! Howard Rathbun Nipomo, CA

Date:

21 Jun 2005

Time:

01:03:06

Remote User:

Name or Email

mikysee@hotmail.com

Comments

Very good site! I was stationed at Ft. Ord 1977 to 1978-- 7th Military Police Company. I remember the good times and the desert training at Ft. Irwin. Hate that sand! Remember all the great resturants and people. Also the scary times as a MP patrolling the post. Any one remember a Sarge. Gibson that ran into a 203 grenade range to save some kids that were playing baseball among some unexploded grenades? Can email Mike Corliss at; mikeysee@hotmail.com ---

Date:

21 Jun 2005

Time:

15:21:49

Remote User:

Name or Email

tinkerbelle_wings79@yahoo.com

Comments

My name is Tina Lee. I actually spent eight years living at Fort Ord. My family was one of the last

families to leave when the base was closed. That was where I grew up. I miss it. I never new that internet sites for Fort Ord actually exist. I loves looking at the pictures, it brought back alot of memories for me.

Date:

21 Jun 2005

Time:

17:06:07

Remote User:

Name or Email

cooperwoods@gmail.com

Comments

I was born on Fort Ord in December 1952. My father was a supply sergeant, SFC Lloyd Woods Does anyone remember him? Lloyd Jr.

Date:

22 Jun 2005

Time:

16:58:13

Remote User:

Name or Email

Larry Vellema- ahistorybuff@surfside.net

Comments

I went through basic at Ord May - July 1962. I was in D-4-1. I had 4 duty stations during my 2 yrs of active duty.Fort Ord was by far the best of them. I was able to go back in 2004. What a change. much different from the well kept post that I remembered.God Bless all who served at Ord ,and all over the world. And to those serving now.

Date:

22 Jun 2005

Time:

21:11:28

Remote User:

Name or Email

spec 4 jack nickerson 54th m.p. co.ft ord.calif

Comments

I was a military policeman at fort ord and did my basic training at ft ord 6/68-8/68 a-3-1 and was sent to hunter liggett and did 18 months as m.p. at hunter liggett 54th m.p. co jan 1969 to june 1970 anyone want to talk about ord or liggett drop me a line at rembnum3@ c.s.com good website thanks

Date:

23 Jun 2005

Time:

02:02:02

Remote User:

Name or Email

kjtravels@sbcglobal.net

Comments

I read a message that was posted in this guestbook in February of 2005 by Butch Noland who went through basic training with me at Ord from October to December of 1970. We were both in the 4th platoon and assigned to A-3-3 on the hill. I tried to e-mail Butch but, the message failed both times. He may have changed his e-mail address. Butch, if you by chance see this message, or anyone that went to basic with me, please e-mail me. I would love to talk to you. My wife and I just returned from the West Coast and I made a point of stopping to get a look at old Ft. Ord after nearly 35 years. For those of you who lived in the old concrete barracks on the hill prior to the days of the end of the draft, like I did, would be shocked to see the condition and the major changes to the buildings. The large open bays were converted to 2 and 4 man rooms. Newer style windows that slide from side to side were installed. The doors and windows on the first floor of my old barracks are boarded up like all other barracks on post. I was able to enter the building through the basement. Things just didn't look the same. I have to admit that I had a lump in my throat and my eyes welled up a little. I left home as a 18 year old kid and I became a man at old Ft. Ord. A large tree is growing much too close to the front of my old barracks and the roots have caused the sidewalk out front to buckle up like an earthquake had struck the area. It was

the same sidewalk where we stood most of our formations. The post is as quiet as a ghost town. The many rows of the old World War II era barracks still stand in perfect straight lines. You can still see a few paths that mark the way of the old rifle range by the coast line. It was very hard for me to leave. I felt that I was leaving a piece of my soul behind. Karl Salsberry 4th Platoon A-3-3 Oct. to Dec. 1970

Date:

24 Jun 2005

Time:

21:36:55

Remote User:

Name or Email

Tom H. e-mail, tdhtoo@aol.com

Comments

I was an army brat at fort ord from 69-71 or early 72. My step dad taught ait land nav. He did time in nam and before that korea. He was originally from Hawaii, scoffield barracks. I attended Fitch jr. high on base and Seaside for the 10th grade "72" I still remember hitch hiking to school or taking the taxi. I was part of the Jr. rifle club and did make the 71 state championships in el monte. I was also with John chow-hoon judo and karate club in marina.

Date:

25 Jun 2005

Time:

02:36:35

Remote User:

Name or Email

John Steciw Johnsteciw747@cs.com

Comments

Terrific site...talk about a tidal wave of memories. I did Infantry AIT at Ord in March of 1967. I was sent to Drill Corporal School and then Drill Sgt School afterwards. I got my Smokey and as a Drill Sgt. I was assigned to and spent the rest of my time in Basic at C-4-3, 1967 and all of 1968. These were the old wooden barracks. In my private moments I often think about the guys I put thru Basic. I wonder if they

got back from Nam okay, if I did enough to get them ready and just how they're doing. It would be such a kick to hear from someone out there. Thanks again for this site!

Date:

26 Jun 2005

Time:

02:56:04

Remote User:

Name or Email

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Comments

I HAD BASIC TRAINING, SEPT.63 TO NOV.63 AT B-3-3. ANYONE REMEMBER SGT.LAMB PLATOON SGT. LAST DAY OF BASIC WAS A SAD DAY, SINCE THAT WAS THE DAY THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED. AFTER BASIC I STAYED AT FORT ORD AT HQ CO, USAG,DW/SJA, UNTIL FEB.65. I WAS TRANSFERED TO FORT MONMOUTH,NJ AND ASSIGNED TO HHC,USASAC,COURTS & BOARDS UNTIL SEPT. 65. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO WAS AT B-3-3 AND HQ CO,USAG,DW/SJA. CONTACT ME ON MY E-MAIL, FRANCISCO MARTINEZ.

Date:

26 Jun 2005

Time:

17:09:22

Remote User:

Name or Email

Tony Wentworth, tojawent@bellsouth.net

Comments

I was trained in H-2-1, Oct.-Dec. 1967 for BCT. I have been in the Army/Army Reserve since that time. I currently serve in 1st Bn(EN), 3d Bde(CS), 108th Div(IT) at Ft. Jackson, SC. As soon as I find my photo book, I will send our BCT 2d platoon picture. Would very much like to hear from anyone who served in that BCT platoon with SSG John H. Woodfolk as our drill sergeant. By the way, if you did and

read this entry, John is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and the Army Reserve and living in the Greenville, SC area. I had the good fortune to find him in that area in 1979 and served again with him as fellow instructors in NCOES subjects for several years afterward. I very much like the site and still have very fond memories of the U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Ord, CA. I could not have asked for a better, more scenic location to enter Army service nearly 40 years ago. Very sorry it had to close.

Date:

28 Jun 2005

Time:

15:22:36

Remote User:**Name or Email**

mike@mikecaldwell.com

Comments

We lived in Patton Park and was stationed on the base for 11 years. I roamed the whole base as I grew up there from 1969 (5yrs old) till about 1980-1 (16-17). My dad was a sergeant and we raced motorcycles at the Varmits Mini Bike Track (Me-Mike, Mark and Scott all raced A LOT or at the seaside track). I knew every square inch of Fort Ord, I got around on my motorcycles, bikes, skateboards, and by foot running with my Doberman Pincher Sugar. Went to Patton, then Fitch and Seaside High. Later at around 16 I was a terror and started breaking into houses (instead of racing) and finally got us kicked off post after doing things I should have gotten killed for, many stories to tell. Some of my favorites were playing GI's for either weed or fishing worms in pool games. Made a lot of friends feel welcome since they were far from home. Had a girlfriend Yvonne Pecina (cant believe I remembered that). Learned how to do many things on post like Welding , ceramics, glass blowing, building cars and bikes all before I was 11. Lots of stories. I hung around with a guy name Kevin Butler (Black guy , I am white) for many years and he had a sister and his dad played bass. We used watch the cannon fire almost daily, and spent many times roaming the Welcome center, Fishing at East Garrison and Mud Hen Lake. Last Time I went out by East Garrison it looks as though DOD has taken over as there were black vans lurking in the trees as I drove the MiniVan toward the pond, I had the family with me, had to stop and turn around and go back. This was about 3 years ago. In any case after all the drugs and drinking and many more crazy years, I finally got my act together and I am married with 3 kids, work to keep hospital and surgery centers running using all the latest technology from Microsoft and GE. After being expelled from school 3 times and never graduating from Seaside/Marina La Via/ Monterey High I finally got my GED 2 years ago. <sigh> Many stories.... And others... The Bowling Alley The Officers Club The Barracks The Movie Theatre The MP's The Teen Center The old Original Hospital in Patton Park (one of the longest ever I guess) The Two Stories Marina Next Door (Civilians) PX and Commissary Outside FO: Laguna Seca Arroyo Seca Asilomar Beach Cannery Row The

Monterey Wharfs 1 & 2 Coast Guard Pier I think we were on post with a few others for being on base the longest. My dad finally made it to Sergeant Major E-11? Before we got kicked off post for my crap.

Date:

30 Jun 2005

Time:

15:56:48

Remote User:

Name or Email

DAVID T. MORRIS

Comments

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