

Fort Ord Guestbook

March 2006

Date:

01 Mar 2006

Time:

01:04:04

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Comments

this is a very nice site. my dad was there in Fort Ord awaiting to be deployed to Vietnam in 1969. I am trying to find the photo of his platoon but i cannot find it. He was in the B41 BGT Platoon 2. So if you or a loved was in this platoon and have a photo, please share it so I can see him. Thank you very much.....

Date:

03 Mar 2006

Time:

10:42:04

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Comments

Manchu 3/9th INFANTRY, from 1985-1992, Headquarters Company. Great to review this sight, going to the planet in june, I always run the old squad trails, you know what I'm talking about. It's good to see the Lightfighter spirit still living, let's continue to keep it alive, our young kids and soldiers need all our experience and guidance to fight this new war. They need to recall the, "Dogs of War" "LIGHTFIGHTER'S".

Date:

03 Mar 2006

Time:

16:58:41

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Comments

Best times happened here @ Ord, great place to grow up. H-53

Date:

04 Mar 2006

Time:

21:51:31

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Comments

wanted to add my name to this years guestbook. i was at ft ord april to sept 1967 [c-1-1 basic, c-2-2 ait]. if anyone remembers me or there about that time and want to chat about times at the best army base in the usa, email me.--- mr swann, you will be receiving a donation in a week or so [p o box 3042] to help with your expenses. p.s. to all my old ft ord brothers, if you enjoy this site like i do, throw a little \$ to mr swann every now and then. its the best ord site on the net.

Date:

05 Mar 2006

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01:33:52

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Comments

I was at Fort Ord in Aug 1959. It was memorial experience. I still can remember the PT tests and how much better I was at the end of my basic training. I was in Company B, 10th Battle Group, and 3rd Brigade. My Drill Instructor was Sgt Diaz. I have a graduation book from that time that I will send to you if you want it. It is in excellent shape.

Date:

06 Mar 2006

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00:00:07

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Comments

i went through bct there in july of 1975 an not rember my unit but by drill sgt. was sgt. miller also went through ait there in cook school got 22 days leave in dec. and jan. then went to dexheim germany to hhc 12th engr ban. 8th inf. div apo 09111 got out in 1977. fort ord rocked.

Date:

07 Mar 2006

Time:

10:30:04

Remote User:

Name

Tom Cunningham

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Comments

Ft. Ord 2/69 C-5-1 Ssgt Burquest/Sgt Oats 3rd plt. Anyone else out there?

Date:

07 Mar 2006

Time:

16:03:21

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Comments

My father was an Italian pow in ww2 and his last camp was fort ord.He was sent home from the USA in January 1946.I am hoping to find out from where in California he was most likely sent home to Italy. ie was it by ship form somewhere in California or could he have been sent to the east coast and repatriated from there.He served in 27th italian service unit and always spoke highly of his treatment in Monterey. Best wishes Tony Balistreri ...Canberra Australia

Date:

07 Mar 2006

Time:

21:30:49

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Comments

I'm an alumnus of BCT at Ft. Ord, having spent the Summer of 1969 at A-1-1. SDI was Antino Sablan. Drill instructor was Jerry McAllister (2nd Plt). We earned the nickname "A-Run-Run." "No Slack!" Right, Sgt. Sablan? To those 240 or so of my fellow graduates, and particularly those who ended up in Vietnam: Welcome home, brothers. Marque French, Sqd. Ldr., 2nd Sqd., 2nd Plt., A-1-1.

Date:

09 Mar 2006

Time:

11:50:54

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Comments

SPENT 2 GREAT YEARS AT THE PLANET GREAT TO SEE PEOPLE STILL LOVE THIS PLACE!!! 3/32ND INFANTRY 83 TO 85!! SPENT LAST YEAR WITH 7TH ID COMPANY NEIL JAMES TED GONZO EMAIL ME AT RVPA31@YAHOO.COM IF YOUR HERE!! YOU TO KIM GREAT SITE LOVE IT!!

Date:

09 Mar 2006

Time:

15:01:19

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Comments

I did basic training from January 1966, then onto Fort Monmouth for AIT in the Signal Corp, then to Korat Thailand and back to Fort Huachuca to finish my tour of duty. I had a great time at Fort Ord and loved the rifle range. The funniest thing I remember was my squad leader writing love letters to three girl friends at the same time and getting his letters mixed up. It was funny watching the fire works develop once the letters arrived. And how he somehow silver tongued his way out of that mess. My unit was B-2-1 during basic.

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09 Mar 2006

Time:

15:58:07

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Comments

Drafted in 1951 off the farm in Littleton, Colorado and sent from Denver, Colorado to Fort Ord for Basic Training. After 8 weeks of basic I was assigned to 8 weeks of Basic Army Administration School at Fort Ord. Upon completion I shipped out to Armed Forces in Europe and was assigned to Com Z Headquarters in Orleans, France serving as a clerk typist with the Chemical Corp. Headquarters until the conclusion of my tour of duty. Still have my Fort Ord Company C Year Book. Most of the pictures therein resemble those shown on this web site. Pneumonia was a big problem among recruits during basic training - cold mornings and hot afternoons. Emphasis was on gurilla and night fighting. Hard, good training with a fine bunch of young men. I entered the Army just before turning 26 years of age, so, I was an old man among most of the recruits. I am grateful for the opportunity to see Europe while in the Army. I feel in love with the Monterey Bay area. I am now age 77 and have lived most of my entire life in Colorado.

Date:

10 Mar 2006

Time:

19:09:02

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Comments

I loved Ft. Ord. I did BCT from Nov 1961 - Jan 1962. I was in C-5-1. Our C.O. was Capt. Rubin A. Candia. I would like to hear from anyone that was in C-5-1, remembers where it was located or any info relevant, please. I go to Ft. Ord now every couple of months and get sad actually to see what has happened. This is a great site and I commend you highly.

Date:

11 Mar 2006

Time:

07:46:32

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Comments

Your site is awesome! Its like taking a trip back in time as I was stationed at Ft,Ord from 1980 to 1983. Just seeing some of the old buildings and sites really brought back a million memories. I wish there was a way to see more. The motorpools, ranges, and of course the dining hall. I was in CSC 2/32 Headquarters platoon. I have always wondered what has become of old friends,etc. Thanks for the walk back in time.....Sp4 Mark Kalmowitz

Date:
11 Mar 2006

Time:
08:33:44

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Comments

127th Signal BN, B-Company, Lightfighter, Spirit of the Bayonet, Team Spirit, Hooah. The planet is where is spent 3 of the best years of my life. 1985 through 1997. Motorcycle trips to San Fran, Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, North Hollywood. Danny Fergeson, George Baia, Ron Seeley, you guys out there?

Date:
12 Mar 2006

Time:
01:14:04

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Comments

I will be at Fort Ord on Tuesday, March 14th to take a bunch of pictures. I was in delta 1/51st ADA which later turned into the 7/7th ADA. 1984 to 1986. I have been looking for my old buddies, Sgt. Fig, Arthur Turner, Marcus Haug, (I bought your old car) SSGT. Phillip J. Royster. (You saved my butt quite a few times) Let me know if you are out there somewhere.

Date:

13 Mar 2006

Time:

11:28:55

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Comments

I went through BCT in January 71 even under those circumstances I loved the Monterey area and tried to settle there years ago to no avail, I'm now back to my roots in New England (not even close, but the seasons are nice).

Date:

14 Mar 2006

Time:

13:21:58

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Comments

I would like to hear from anybody that was in the 7th Military Police Corp at Fort Ord, January 1977-December 1978.

Date:

14 Mar 2006

Time:

21:45:31

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Comments

i was at fort ord from july 19, 1970 until sept, 1970. i recently visited fort ord for the first time since then. i was just there on february 22, 2006. would like to hear from anyone who was there in 1970 - july - september. cannot remember which platoon, etc. any pictures of that time? my graduation book has disappeared. would like to see some platoon pics. thanks. sp4 david yunker

Date:

15 Mar 2006

Time:

01:49:58

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Comments

Boot camp trainee August 27,1970 to Nov.1st 1970...lost 66 poundsalways tired and hungry...the best shape of my life...Sgt Gray was my DI...

Date:

15 Mar 2006

Time:

15:55:15

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Comments

I was in basic training at Ft. Ord early in 1974; B-6-3. Does anyone have the group photo?

Date:

15 Mar 2006

Time:

17:22:38

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Comments

Was there from June 1980 - Jan 1983 590th S&S co and also HHC 7th S&T Bn I have been back twice since Fort Ord was closed, its really sad to see what is going on there now. hopefully some of the WWII barracks can be saved, and used as a museum.

Date:

17 Mar 2006

Time:

16:28:22

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Comments

Date:

18 Mar 2006

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18:08:34

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Comments

I was at Fort Ord bct April 14 1970 to June 20. I was in BCT C23. My DI was SGT.Pascue, I'm trying to find a photo of my BCT group picture, can anyone help?

Date:

19 Mar 2006

Time:

02:18:03

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Comments

stationed @ Ft. Ord Sept 1971 to Dec 1971 basic and AIT. H-3-2. DI Sgt Sarmeinto and CO Cpt King. 18 year old kids grew up there. we went overseas, some did not come back. Monterey and Seaside treated us very badly but we still defended this country. Boys grew up to be men.

Date:

21 Mar 2006

Time:

18:50:49

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Comments

BCT Aug 71 H-4-1 Good to see the old days of my youth 35 years ago.

Date:

21 Mar 2006

Time:

20:23:44

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Comments

i went thru basic training 1-69 and was part of a51 4th platoon. is there anyone out there that served at the same time?

Date:

21 Mar 2006

Time:

20:45:29

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Comments

SERVED AT THE PLANET ORD FROM 1987-1990 ALFA COMPANY,4/21 GIMLETS.ANYONE SERVED DURING THAT TIME , GIVE ME A E-MAIL SHOUT.

Date:

22 Mar 2006

Time:

10:34:35

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Comments

I originally came to the site looking for floor plans of the DOD building (what used to be the hospital) at

what used to be Fort Ord since I have a feeling that my classroom might be where the morgue used to be. I came through here as a student (Defense Language Institute) in 2000. Now, I am here for a 4 month TDY and in 6 years a lot has changed. About half of the original base housing which was closest to Seaside High school has been renovated and half of it is private housing (two story homes). The remainder of the half was renovated by a private company and is still used for married initial entry students and NCO/Officer housing. These new homes are really nice compared to the old dilapidated housing I lived in in 2000. The University of Monterey Bay seems to be slowly taking over the area. The only military presence is for base housing for the Presidio (DLI) and the DOD/DFAS building in the former hospital. If anyone would like me to check something for them before I leave, I will try find what you're looking for. I will be here until 04 May, 2006.

Date:

22 Mar 2006

Time:

15:24:39

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Comments

I was stationed at Ord from 76 to 78, and again from 86 to 92. I sure miss it!

Date:

23 Mar 2006

Time:

19:22:59

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Comments

Went thru Basic Training (Sept-Oct 1972)in B-4-3 (D.I. SSG Reynolds)and then was transfered to H-1-1, got lucky and missed out on 1 week of basic. Didnt have to do bivvac week, due to being a Boy Scout (I wasnt gonna argue with anyone). I think about the foggy mornings and the "jogs" to the rifle ranges. Does anyone remember the S.E.E. (survival, evasion and escape)compound out in the middle of nowhere? Good Memories

Date:

24 Mar 2006

Time:

00:55:54

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Comments

I grew up on Fort Ord. My dad was in an infantry unit there from about 1985 to 1989.

Date:

24 Mar 2006

Time:

01:00:07

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Comments

Would love to hear from anyone who knew my dad. SSGT Benjamin, Jay he was there from about 1985 to 1989.

Date:

24 Mar 2006

Time:

23:12:32

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Comments

This was really fun.....remembering those old barracks and buildings. I was at Ord from about Jan 66 thru Aug 67. I loved the area. Had so many good times with buddies in Monterey and Seaside, Carmel, Big Sur.....on and on. I was a chaplain's assistant at the Post Chapel on North-South Road. Can you remember?? I went back to visit the old Fort about 20-years ago and had great difficulty finding my old barracks at HQ Co. I remember it was near the Post Hq. Other than that I found the PX, the bowling alley, the Post Chapel, the EM club, and the NCO club. But the place was like a ghost town

with very few troops living there. Ole the memories!1

Date:

25 Mar 2006

Time:

17:13:47

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Comments

We had been stationed at Ft. Ord in 1976 and went back this month (3/2006) to see what had become of it. Parts of it look like they have been hit by a hurricane. Windows are boarded up, trees and grass are overgrown. It was very sad to see this once thriving family community in such decay. We were shocked, but able to find the street and house we had lived in (Stilwell Park). Sad, so sad...

Date:

25 Mar 2006

Time:

18:40:23

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Comments

Just ran into this website once again, and it bought back old memories of my first duty assignment. I was here from Apr91-Aug93, and although it was a long time ago, I still remember it like it was just yesterday. Hope to get back there sometime in the future to visit the old planet.

Date:

26 Mar 2006

Time:

00:19:22

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Comments

Does anyone know Micheal L. Lieser he would have been at Fort Ord in 1976-1977

Date:

27 Mar 2006

Time:

10:49:13

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Comments

SFC Leffler, The S.E.E. area in the back of the post is now used for language training exercises. Foreign Americans act as players in different scenarios and the students access each individual situation and try to decide the best way to handle it. It was interesting.

Date:

27 Mar 2006

Time:

21:45:39

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Comments

I want to thank all who visit this site. Please accept my apologies in the delay of updating the Fort Ord Remembered site. Unfortunate circumstances such as the issue with webbot flooding and DoS attacks have prevented me from posting in a timely manner. Thanks for your patience.

Date:

28 Mar 2006

Time:

00:32:11

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Comments

I did my basic training at Ford Ord starting in March,1964. I have lost touch with many of my old Army buddies as I have lived in Australia for many years. John Larue, Eddie Izvorski and others, where are you now? Please get in touch if you read this. They were good days,perhaps the best of my life [although I didn't think so then!!!]. As they say,'once we were soldiers'.

Date:

28 Mar 2006

Time:

01:30:38

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Comments

I served @ Ft Ord from 1986-1988 as a member of the first cohorts 1/9 Manchu and the days and nights spent in and around this base will stay with me forever. I woke up to a view of the ocean and i spent many night walking the beach near Stillwell. if i were a millionaire, i would purchase the grounds that so many before me walked, only to retrace the steps. This base needs to be perserved forever for it is the only base that will ever have any significant meaning to me and so many others. Manchu!!

Date:

28 Mar 2006

Time:

14:06:41

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Comments

Joined the army on Aug 7,1964 B 5 3 hooray for the infantry

Date:

31 Mar 2006

Time:

23:14:00

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Comments

Served as Drill Sergeant with H-4-1 from January 1967 to December 1969. Returned to Vietnam as Platoon Sergeant, Co B, 1st Bn, 61st Inf, 5th Inf Div...up on the DMZ.
