



HOOK UP

Hilton Head Winter Weekend, February 2018--

Laying A Wreath To Fallen Paratroopers



Reuben Tucker's sons, Jeffrey and Scott, lay a wreath in Beaufort National Cemetery during our annual Hilton Head Weekend. Also shown rendering honors are Jim Andrews, Dennis Conlon, Bill Eberle, and Robert Sebring. (Sonny Peppers is standing behind Jim.)

The service of remembrance was attended by a Color Guard from 505th PIR, and music was provided by a contingent from Parris Island Marine Corps Band.

(more Hilton Head Weekend photos inside.

All Hilton Head Weekend photos courtesy of Randy Duston II)



**We remembered,
and rendered
honors to
23 deceased
chapter brothers.**

WALTER KROENER 1918-2005 LtCOL 5 COMBAT JUMPS

HANK BILDSTEIN 1934-2006; 82ND ABN, 101ST AIRBORNE, SPECIAL FORCES

JOHN M SUTHARD 1961-2007; 82ND AIRBORNE

LOUIS E ORVIN 1922-2008; 504TH/82ND AIRBORNE

RAYMOND L KUSS 1941-2009; 187TH RAKKASANS

JOSEF RHEINBERGER 1923-2009; 17TH AIRBORNE, 325 GIR 82ND AIRBORNE

RALPH E SIMMONS 1929-2010; 9TH RANGERS, 11TH SPECIAL FORCES

GENE A HEWITT 1934-2010; 82ND AIRBORNE

KENNETH ROSS 1938-2011; 82ND AIRBORNE, SPECIAL FORCES

GEORGE R CAMPOT 1934-2011

DANIEL C ROPER III 1934-2011; 505/82ND AIRBORNE

JOHN (JACK) K DOWNS 1924-2012; 101ST AIRBORNE

MICHAEL COFIELD 1931-2013; 325/82ND AIRBORNE

DAVID SANSOM 1941-2013; 82ND AIRBORNE

ROBERT J HOLLY 1926-2010; 17TH AIRBORNE

BRYAN I PUFFINBERGER 1934-2013; 82ND AIRBORNE

ROBERT C GOCKLEY 1926-2014 B BATT/376 BN

ROBERT S CHAPMAN 1925-2015; 101ST AIRBORNE

JAMES E FLUDD 1940-2016; 82ND AIRBORNE

GERARD M DEVLIN 1933 - 2016; 187TH RAKKASANS, 11TH AIRBORNE

WILLARD BLANKENSHIP 1921-2016; 11TH AIRBORNE, 82ND AIRBORNE

STEVEN COLE 1936-2017; 82ND AIRBORNE

MAURICE TUBIN 1927-2017; 11TH AIRBORNE

Hilton Head Winter Weekend, February 2018-- Remembering Fallen Paratroopers



Above: Bill Eberle, Jeff Tucker speak of fallen paratroopers, and the ethos of the airborne. Audience included, from left, Doug Andrews, Leona Devllin, Barbara Gavin & Clancy Fauntleroy, Melissa & Jim Huggins, Bob Pearson. Bill Eberle recalled each of the 23 fallen brothers.

Beaufort National Cemetery-- Service Of Remembrance For Fallen Paratroopers



COLOR GUARD FROM 505TH PIR: SGT YACOB GEORGE; SPC JOHNNY KING;
PFC JOHN DERHAK; PFC CHRISTOPHER GOLINOWSKI



PARRIS ISLAND BAND UNDER
DIRECTION OF USMC SSGT
RICHARD ANDERSON.

ABOVE - SONNY PEPPERS, DIR OF BEAUFORT NATIONAL CEMETERY

Beaufort National Cemetery-- Service Of Remembrance For Fallen Paratroopers



Above photos: Jim Andrews as Ceremony Adjutant; Robert Sebring with World War II vet of Bastogne, Vince Speranza; Chapter guys with wreath - Joe Spingler, Robert Sebring, Jim Andrews, Carter Magee. Bill Warren stands in background.

Hilton Head Weekend 2018-- A Bastogne Vet Meets - Today's Troopers from 505th PIR



Pfc Christopher Golinowski,
Spc Johnny King; Sgt Yacob George; Pfc John Derhak.

They spent time in the hospitality suite with Vince Speranza, a 101st vet of Bastogne in World War II.



Hilton Head Weekend 2018--

Executive Committee Takes Its Oath, Then Congratulates Itself



From left: Charlie Richman, Trustee; Doug Andrews, Secretary; Jim Andrews, Trustee; Tom Haase, Treasurer; Ron Thompson, Vice Chairman; Bill Eberle, Chairman. Not shown: Robert Sebring, Sergeant-at-Arms, Carter Magee, Trustee..



How Quilters Became Our Benefactors

Left: Spc Johnny King;



right: Pfc John Derhak.



Ed. Note: This letter was sent to Bill back in 2013:

Good Morning Mr. Eberle,

I am the Quilters of South Carolina Historian with whom you met this past weekend. I do believe that God works in the most wonderful ways. Allowing us to be able to share our love of quilting with two military families was amazing. We were not expecting to be able to give one of our Quilts of Valor away so quickly. And what an inspiration for the ladies and gentlemen in our audience, to see Sgt Lyle receive the quilt was an emotional encouragement to make more quilts. I grew up with a military family, my father was a retired Navy Chief, so I am truly grateful for the sacrifices made by our soldiers and their families. I can't wait to start on another Quilt of Valor.

I can't say Thank You enough for all that you do, my husband and I continue to pray daily for the safety of our military soldiers and their families, with much Gratitude,

Amanda W. Brown,

Historian, Quilters of South Carolina, Greenwood, SC

Bill Eberle Recounts the Quilter Relationship

That letter in 2013 was the start of a very productive relationship. From the first encounter we met Diana Sala, who has been our primary contact with the Quilters. In the past six years since we met, Diane and her sister quilters have provided our Chapter with at least two quilts every year. This year I called Diane and ask what she thought about FIVE quilts. I thought I heard a slight sigh, but she said 'no problem'. In the last two years, in an effort to help us raise money for the monument Diane

personally provided us with two quilts to raffle. These two quilts have helped us raise \$2,000.

It is clear to me that Amanda's comments in 2013, "I do believe that God works in the most wonderful, ways". has proven correct. With the help of these quilters our chapter has brought joy to nearly 20 active duty families. I can only hope that this relationship will continue for years to come.

Bill Eberle.

Troopers Receive Quilts of Valor

On hand were the generous and talented ladies of South Carolina Quilters, Mary McKenzie, Lana Armstrong and Marilyn Zelnick, who presented their patriotic quilts to our active duty troopers.

Recipient troopers: left - Sgt Yacob George; right - Pfc Christopher Golinowski.



Hilton Head Weekend 2018--

Banquet Brings Old Troopers Together



82nd Abn Assn ExDir Bill and Laura Bauer; Michael & Bob Pearson.

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More Donated Quilts of Valor



Bill Eberle and his grandson, Grayson Buck hold up for display additional donated quilts, 5 in addition to those quilts donated to active duty troopers. Top, with sewn-in AA patch, was purchased for \$1,000. Five quilts were raffled and brought in \$2,700. Another AA quilt is in the works, to be raffled this summer.



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Top left: Steve & Kindy Holcomb; right: John Austin & Susan Hartmann; Above left: Tom & Mamie Smith; Above right: Kimberly & Grayson Buck (daughter & grandson of Barbara & Bill Eberle)

Hilton Head Weekend 2018-- Guests of Honor

LtGen (Ret.) Jim & Melissa Huggins

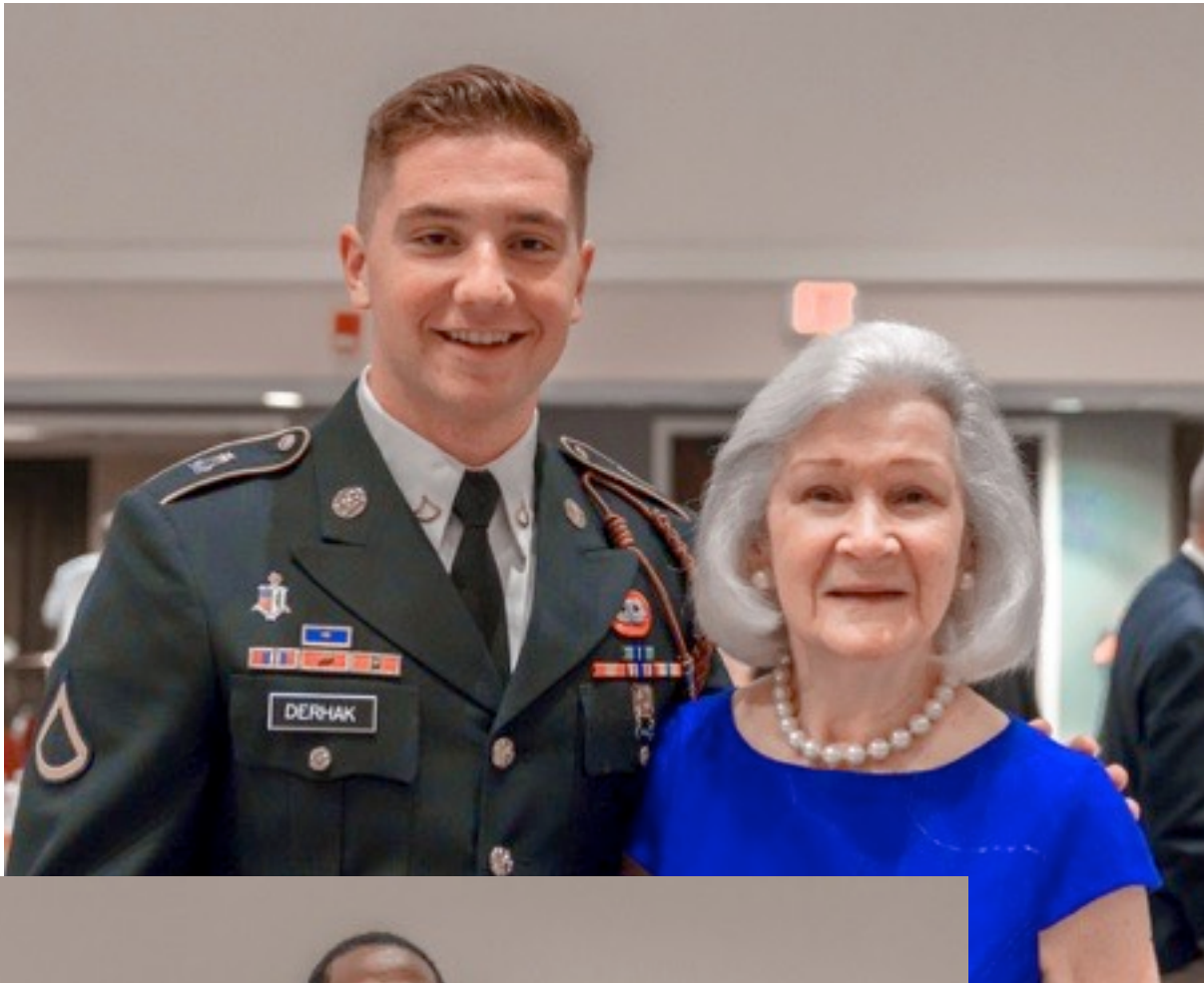


Melissa Huggins spent time with each trooper, advising each of the value and significance of the Quilt of Valor they had been given. She also spent time with the Quilting Ladies, recounting Quilts of Valor stories from Purple Heart recipients from various deployments.



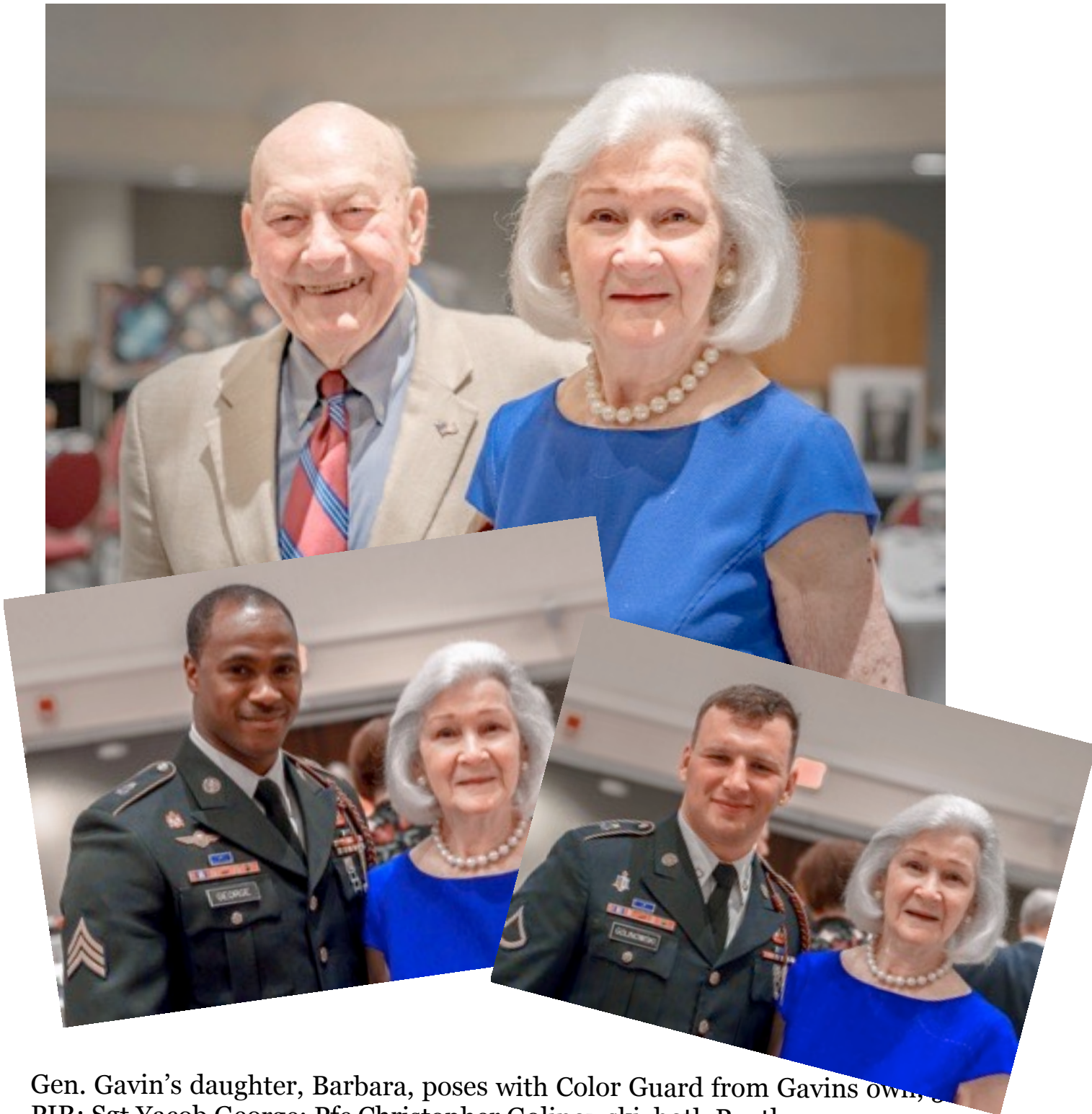
Jim Huggins recounted his service, and his long connection with the Gavin family. To the question, what's the best thing about being a paratrooper, "Being among other paratroopers." Bill Eberle presents him with a collection of Jerry Devlin's books.

Hilton Head Weekend 2018-- Guests of Honor
Barbara Gavin with Troopers



Barbara Gavin
Fauntleroy with
Pfc John Derhak
and with. Spc
Johnny King,

Hilton Head Weekend 2018-- Guests of Honor Barbara Gavin and Clancy Fauntleroy



Gen. Gavin's daughter, Barbara, poses with Color Guard from Gavins own PIR: Sgt Yacob George; Pfc Christopher Golinowski, both Panthers.

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Banquet Photos of Paratroopers



Photo left:
Troopers of 508th
PIR sit together:
George Monk, Gillis
Taylor, Al Robinson

Below left:
Jim Andrews
accepts, for the
chapter, Certificate
of Merit for
Newsletter
Excellence,
from Association
President Rich
Becker;

Below right:
Jim Andrews with
Jim Huggins.



Hilton Head Weekend 2018--

Banquet Photos



Photo above:
Jean Soucy & Yum Caha;
Yesum & Mike Wiltse.



Left;; Stan Johnson and
Tyler Fox, the 504th
historian who has been
gathering historical
memorabilia and
conducting interviews.

Hilton Head Weekend 2018-- Guests of Honor Banquet Brings Old Troopers Together

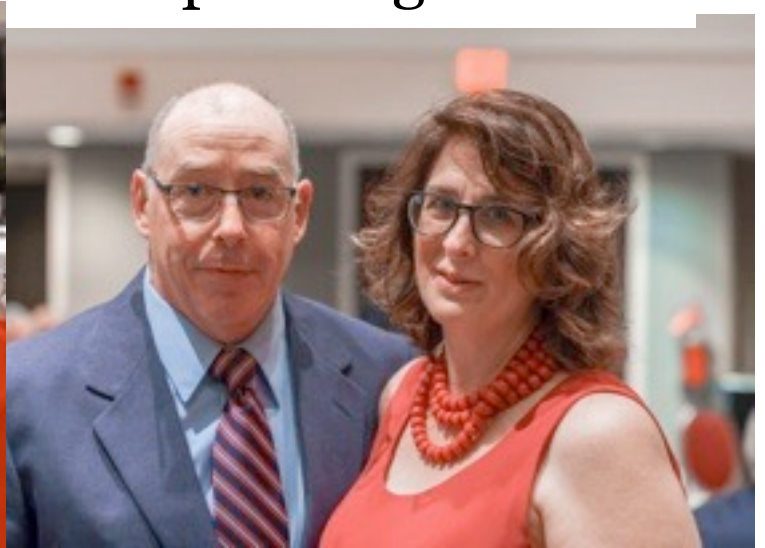


Photo left: Homer Payne & Thalia McGrady. Right: David & Sylvia Loveland;



CSM (Ret.) Gillis Taylor; Mamie & Tom Smith; Dr. (CSM Ret.) George Monk,
SGM (Ret.) Alexander Robinson.

Thanks For The Memories!



PHOTOGRAPHER RANDY DUSTON, II

Ed. Note:

Special thanks to Doug Andrews' grandson, Randy Duston II.

Randy was the digital photographer with the good lens and the very good eye, who composed and recorded all the images from our 2018 Hilton Head Weekend.

Many thanks, Randy.

Hook Up Boosters So Far In 2018

Jim Andrews - \$20

Dennis Conlon - \$25

Barbara Gavin Fauntleroy - \$25

Tom Kiernan - \$50

Ed Lacey - \$20

Ron Mitrook - \$50

Ron Rath - \$50

Vic Sosa - \$50

Thanks to Hook Up Boosters in 2017

Jim Andrews - \$20

Dennis Conlon - \$25

Tom Haase - \$20

Ed Lacey - \$20

Earle Lasseter - \$50

Ron Mitrook - \$25

Barb & Lou Nunziata - \$25

Vic Sosa - \$70

Bill TenEyck - \$50

Hal Wrigley - \$100

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Banquet Photo of Paratroopers - Then and Now



Front row: Jim Andrews, Sgt George, Pfc Golinowski, Bastogne vet Vince Speranza, Pfc Derhak, Spc Johnny King, Jean Soucy, Doug Andrews.

Row two Joe Spingler, Joe Steen, Rich Becker, Ron Thompson, Gary Rezabek, Dave Loveland, Bob Pearson

Row three: Stan Johnson, Bill Eberle, Tom Smith, Charlie Richman, Steve Holcomb, Dave McGlaflin, Mike Wiltse, Rick Dalton, Bill Bauer;

Row Four: John Austin, Tom Weber, Homer Payne, Jim Huggins, Ron Rath, Mike Walding,

Monthly Chapter Meetings -- January Meeting in Pooler



From left: Carter Magee, Ed Lacey, Jake Ruiz' son, Tom Haase, Bill Eberle, Ron Thompson, Jake Ruiz, Joe Spingler, Dennis Conlon, Charlie Richman, Robert Sebring, Jim Andrews. All having had our usual very good lunch at Lovezzano's



March Chapter Meeting in Pooler



Above from left: Deb & Robert Sebring; Right: New member Jason Durrence with Bill Eberle, as Tom Haase takes care of business.

Good of the Order --

A Look Back in AA History - 6 March 1957



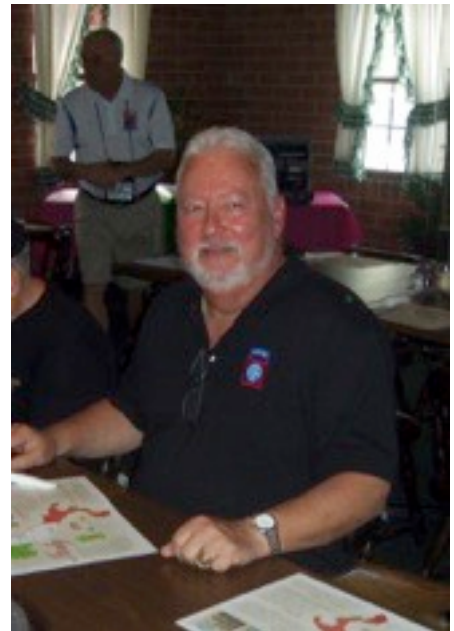
61 YEARS AGO IN ALL AMERICAN HISTORY:

Lieutenant General James Gavin, then the U.S. Army's Chief of Research & Development, made only his second visit to America's Guard of Honor since leaving command of the Division. He witnessed a series of parachute drops from a helicopter, and spoke with approximately 600 Paratroopers. He returned to Fort Bragg a living legend and was greeted as a returning hero. This is a picture taken on Fort Bragg that day.

March Chapter Meeting in Pooler



Above from left: John Austin, Richard Steeves, Tom Haase, Bill Eberle, Ron Mitrook, Carter Magee, Robert Sebring, Charlie Richman, Ron Thompson, Ed Lacey, Vic Sosa, Jim Andrews, Jason Durrence.



Above left: Ron Thompson and Vic Sosa. At right: John Austin.

Good of the Order - Beaufort National Cemetery Director So Long, Sonny, and Godspeed.

Sonny Peppers has been Director of Beaufort National Cemetery. Now he is being promoted and reassigned to a much larger facility in southern Florida. We will miss him. Prior to his departure, Carter Magee, Bill Eberle, Robert Sebring and Jim Andrews said farewell, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation



The Way We Were

*Can You Name This
Young Trooper?*

Ed Lacey

