

# Ripcord Association



## 2014 Myrtle Beach, SC Reunion



# The Reunion

The purpose then and now is to enable survivors of the Ripcord battle the opportunity to meet and talk to others who went through the same hard times. The FSB Ripcord Association held its first reunion in 1986 in Whippany, NJ directed by Chip Collins and John Mihalko. In 1987 Chuck Hawkins put together one on the edge of Washington, DC. Then none were held until 1995 when John Mihalko put one on in Golden Colorado. Since then the annual reunions have been set up by Fred Spaulding with the exception of the 2000 reunion in Shreveport, LA which was honchoed by Jim Campbell. We have been in Fredericksburg, VA, Mobile, AL, Atlantic City, NJ, Savannah, GA, Shreve Port, LA, Charleston, SC, Carlisle, PA, Colorado Springs, CO, Des Moines, IA, Laughlin, NV, Springfield, MO, Indianapolis, IN, Fort Worth, TX, and Myrtle, Beach, SC. Some places twice or more. Fred Spaulding has continued for years to find appropriate locations that can accommodate our group needs and budget with assistance from Bob and Red Judd and Lee and Kathy Widjeskog.



## Paul Buhr

In the past few years, Paul Buhr (A 2/506) has kindly taken his time to shoot the photos for the yearbook. It takes a lot of one's time to do this work and gives him less time to chat with the guys. Thanks for all your efforts Paul!





**PAUL BUHR**  
**A 2/506**



**UWE AND DIANE MEYER**  
**B 2/506**



**BILL BOLES**  
**D 2/506**



**LEE AND KATHY WIDJESKOG**  
**A2/506**



**BOB AND RED JUDD**  
**B 2/506**



**G.RAY AND SHEILA POTTS**  
**2/319 FA**



**BILL HEATH**  
**A 2/506**



**DAVID AND ARLENE GRUBB**  
**158 AVN**



**BILL ROSE**  
**A2/506**



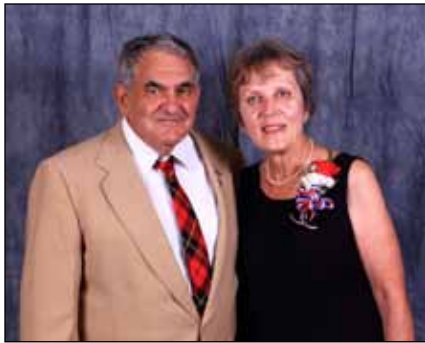
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**2/320 FA**



**STEVE AND SUSAN WALLACE**  
**B2/506**



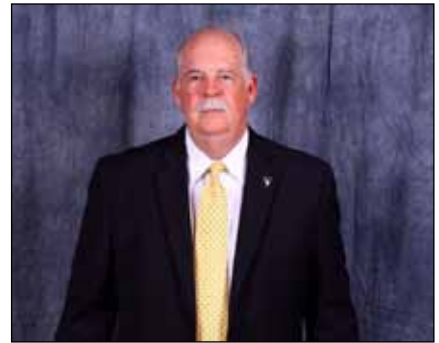
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**SERENA AND MADDY GUESTS**



**BOB AND JACKIE WALLACE  
C2/506**



**DICK AND LINDA HAWKINS  
GUESTS**



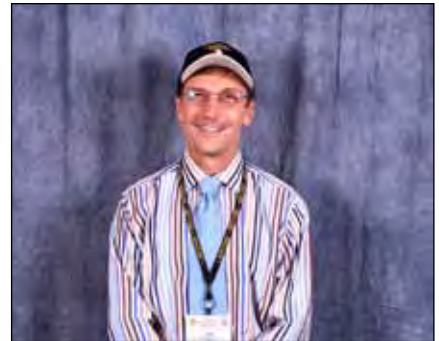
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58TH SCOUT DOG**



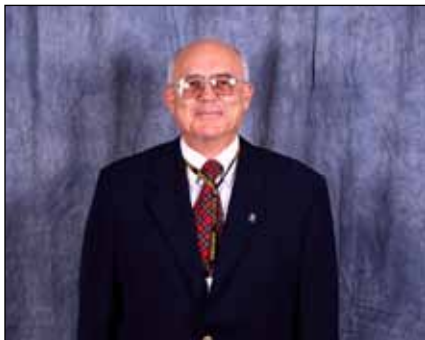
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D 2/506**



**LEONARD AND CAROLE MOORE  
3RD BDE AIR**



**TIM BOHAN  
PATHFINDER BROTHER**



**JIM HARRIS  
HHC 2/506**



**TOM AND LINDA CHASE  
163 AVN**



**DOUGLAS AND IRIS PUFFER  
D 2/506**



**JOHN RICHARDS AND YVONNE  
ROBERTSON B 2/506**



**DON AND LINDA HOLTHAUSEN  
C 2/506**



**GREG AND KRISTI KIEKINTVELD  
326 ENG**





**JIM AND MICHELE MCCOY**  
**D 1/506**



**BOB AND MABEL LEMON**  
**C 2/506**



**RICK AND BETTY KELLOGG**  
**B 2/506**



**JERRY AND LUCI RODGERS**  
**326 MED**



**DAVE AND LISA SNYDER**  
**A 2/11 FA**



**FRED CONNOR**  
**HHC 2/506**



**DAVID AND SOPHIA KENYON**  
**326 ENG**



**BOB AND JEANE SMOKER**  
**C 2/506**



**FRANK MARSHALL AND DEE**  
**LACERTE A 2/506**



**CRAIG AND SANDY VAN HOUT**  
**B 2/506**



**BOB PAGANO**  
**B 2/506**



**MURPHY AND PHYLLIS MAJORIA**  
**GUESTS**



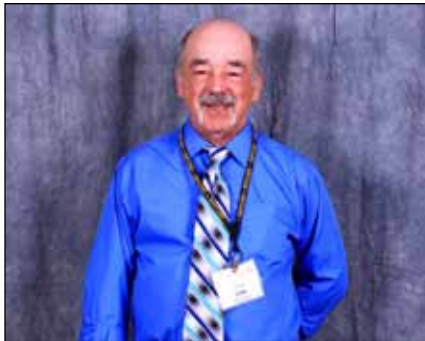
**JOHN AND DEBBIE FOWLER  
C 2/506**



**CARNELL, CHAD AND KIM  
EVANS 2/319 FA**



**MERLE, RUTH, AND JOSH  
DELAGRANGE D 1/506**



**RONALD ZAHN  
A 2/11 FA**



**BRUCE BRADY AND KAROLYN  
KRUGER A 2/506**



**RUSS AND MARYANN DIXON  
B 2/319 FA**



**LARRY AND CHERYL BRADY  
GUESTS**



**BOB AND SUE ROMIG  
D & E 2/506**



**BOB TARBUCK, PAIGE CORKHILL  
AND ROB TARBUCK C 2/506**



**SAM AND LUREE RAWLINSON  
ASSOC. MEMBERS**



**FRED AND CAROL GILBERT  
D 2/506**



**RON AND LINDA HUDSON  
1/39 FA XXIV CO**





**DICK AND PAT DRURY  
D 1/506**



**MIKE AND LEE FOREMAN  
B 2/506**



**BILL AND LYNN HAND  
B 2/506**



**KEITH AND SANDRA BOWMAN  
D 2/506**



**GEORGE AND CHERYL SCOTT  
A 2/11 FA**



**DICK AND DEBBIE CABLE  
E 2/506**



**JIM AND IRENE AANONSEN  
A 2/506**



**POLLY ATKINS  
GUEST**



**BEN AND CAROLYN HARRISON  
HQ 3RD BDE**



**JOSEPH AND MARION MINIAS  
C 2/506**



**LIN AND PINKY BASHFORD  
D 2/506**



**KEN AND MARYANN DAVID  
D 1/506**



**THOMAS GAUT  
D 2/506**



**CHUCK AND JEAN HOLMEN  
A 159 AVN**



**CLEM NEIDERER  
HHC 2/501**



**JIM CAMPBELL  
C 2/506**



**RON AND LINDA MCCRORY  
E 2/506**



**DAVE AND CHERYL CORRADETTI  
C 2/506**



**MIKE AND CATHY CHIARELLI  
B 2/506**



**RANDE HALL AND ANDREA  
FERGUSON HHC 2/506**



**ALVIN DODD  
D 2/506**



**LUIS CARRASQUILLO  
D 2/506**



**REX FLANSBURG  
D 2/506**



**GARY AND PATTY RADFORD  
D 2/506**





**BEN AND LILLIAN PETERS  
B 2/506**



**DAVID AND LINDA YONTS  
A 2/506**



**DAVID AND WENDY YONTS  
GUESTS**



**FRED AND MICKI SPAULDING  
HHC 3RD BDE**



**STEVE AND MELINDA HUGGINS  
E 2/506**



**BUZZ, CHARLENE AND RONNI  
IRELAND C 159 AVN**



**PETER MELORO  
C 2/506**



**CHRIS BRADY  
Author "Remembering Ripcord"**



**MARC SKINNER  
D 2/506**



**CHUCK HAWKINS  
A 2/506**



**FRED SHUTTLEWORTH  
E 2/506**



**JOHN AND ANNETIE KUENNEN  
C 2/506**



**DALE AND JANET TAUER  
D 1/506**



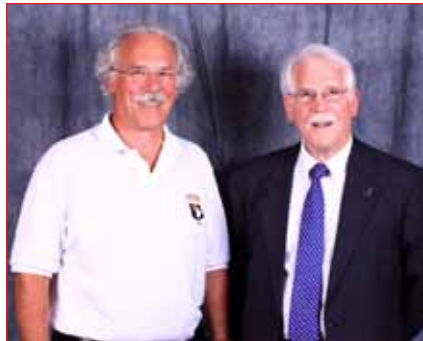
**ALBERT BURCKARD AND  
BROTHER A 2/506**



**JEFF AND KATHERINE WILCOX  
A & C 2/506**



**ALAN AND JUDY ALEXANDER  
A 159 AVN**



**CHUCK AND DICK HAWKINS  
BROTHERS**



**BOB LAYTON  
B 2/501**



**BOB WORRAL  
B 2/501**



**JOHN BEADLE AND NOREEN  
LABADIE A 2/11 FA**



**JIM AND PEGGY ROACH  
D 2/506**



**GREG KRAYAC AND JULIANN  
KNOTT D 1/506 SISTER**



**BILL AND SHEA HELVEY  
A 2/506**



**CHARLEY SILVETTI AND NANCY  
WOOD 2/17 AIR CAV**





**AUDREY WRIGHTSELL  
A 2/11 FA SISTER**



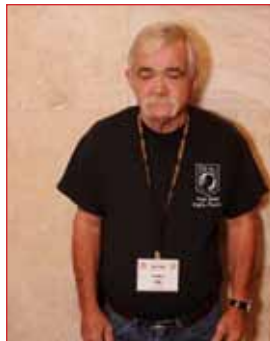
**HOWIE COLBERT  
C 2/506**



**EVAN, MICHAEL AND TOM  
DEWULF D 1/506 BROTHERS**



**TOMMIE WEBSTER  
A 2/506**



**JIMMIE HILL  
A 2/506**

## **Coin Presentation**

After attending a few reunions, General Harrison decided the survivors of Ripcord deserved a little more recognition. He came up with a design and had an artist draw his thoughts for the two sides. This coin shows the firebase with Hills 1000, 805 and 902 around it on one side while the obverse has sentiments and the 101<sup>st</sup> shield. Each year, since 1997, he presents a coin to those who survived the battle and make their first reunion. In cases where family members of those killed in action attend, they are presented the coin in memory of the departed. The recipient is called to the stage and cheered by his battle peers as the General presents him with a coin. The pictures that follow show the most recent recipients.



**CARNELL EVANS  
B 2/319 FA**



**TIM BOHAN  
PATHFINDER BROTHER**



**BRUCE BOND  
58TH SCOUT DOG**



**ALAN ALEXANDER  
A 158 AVN**



**RANDE HALL  
326 MED**



**GEORGE SCOTT  
A 2/11 FA**



**EVAN, THOMAS, AND MIKE DEWULF  
D 1/506 BROTHERS**



**JIM CAMPBELL  
C 2/506**





**DAVE CORRADETTI**  
**C 2/506**



**ROBERT LEMON**  
**C 2/506**



**JOSEPH MINIAS**  
**C 2/506**



**LUIS CARRASQUILLO**  
**D 2/506**



**BOB ROMIG**  
**D & E 2/506**



**SAM RAWLINSON**  
**ASSOCIATE MEMBER**





**HEADQUARTERS, 3rd BRIGADE,  
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION**



**HHC 2/506TH**



**ALPHA COMPANY 2/506TH**



**BRAVO COMPANY 2/506TH**



**CHARLIE COMPANY 2/506TH**



**DELTA COMPANY 2/506TH**





**ECHO COMPANY, 2ND 506TH**



**DELTA COMPANY, 1/506TH**



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**2/11TH FIELD ARTILLERY**



**1/39TH FA XXIV CORPS**





**326TH MED., EAGLE DUSTOFF**



**158TH AVIATION**



**163TH AVIATION**



**159TH AVIATION**



**326TH ENGINEERS**



**58TH SCOUT DOG**



# The Women of Ripcord

Each year we try to get a good picture of all the women who come with the men of Ripcord. They have provided a strong foundation for the association and for the men. Many of these women have lived through the year in Viet Nam supporting and worrying about their loved ones. All the women were the ones who helped the men re-adjust to civilian life and surmount their memories. Since 2002, they have supported the association by bringing items for the Chinese Auction each year for the benefit of the association. The proceeds have allowed us to keep the registration fees stable since 2003. Thank you ladies!



# Golf Expedition

Once again Fred Spaulding set up the opportunity for the duffers to get together and chase the little white ball across the expanse of greenery. When asked afterwards about who won, there is a lot of hemming and hawing. Some of it is from not wanting to look bad and some is from not wanting to make the others look poor. Regardless, the end results are that a lot of fun is had even if the dimpled balls did not do exactly as the golfers desired. At the end, the motto for the group is heard once more "Wait till next year!"



## Sands Ocean Club Resort Myrtle Beach, SC









