

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



GEORGE AND MARY MURPHY
2/320 FA



STEVE AND SUSAN WALLACE
B2/506



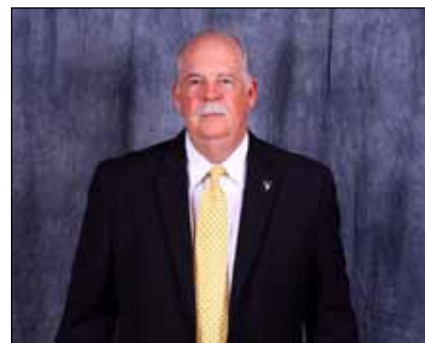
ERIC AND SERENA MEYER WITH
SERENA AND MADDY GUESTS



**BOB AND JACKIE WALLACE
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**DICK AND LINDA HAWKINS
GUESTS**



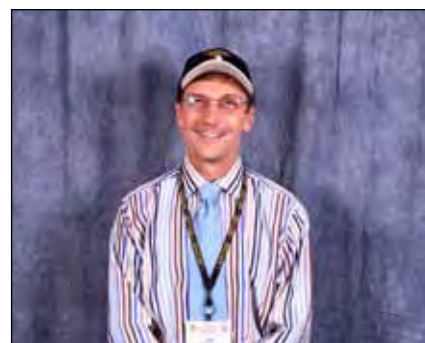
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58TH SCOUT DOG**



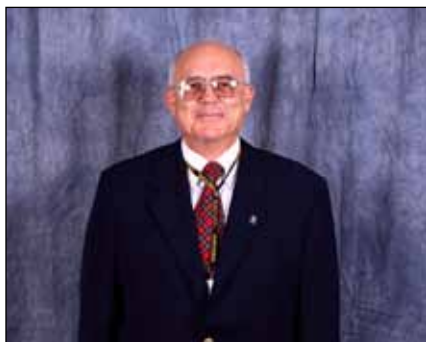
**DENNIS AND JANE STORTZ
D 2/506**



**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



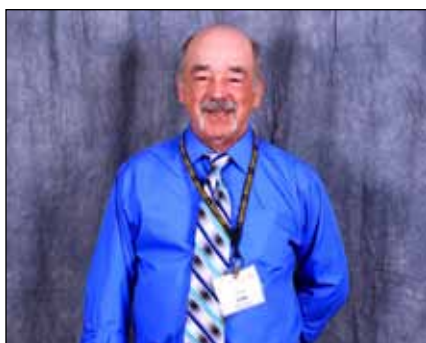
**JOHN AND DEBBIE FOWLER
C 2/506**



**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**



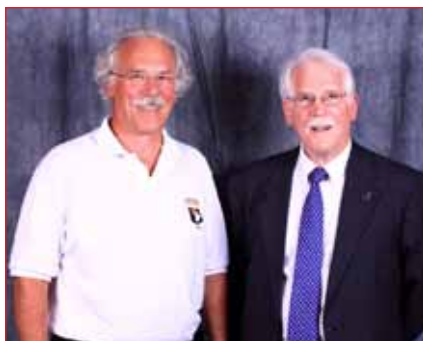
**ALBERT BURCKARD AND
BROTHER A 2/506**



**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 101st 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**



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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
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LUIS CARRASQUILLO
D 2/506



BOB ROMIG
D & E 2/506



SAM RAWLINSON
ASSOCIATE MEMBER



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



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BRAVO COMPANY 2/506TH



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ECHO COMPANY, 2ND 506TH



DELTA COMPANY, 1/506TH



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2/319TH FIELD ARTILLERY



2/11TH FIELD ARTILLERY



1/39TH FA XXIV CORPS



326TH MED., EAGLE DUSTOFF



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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





