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Memorial Comments from Captain Cory Berg.
...as a commander bids final farewell to one of his Soldiers

* SGT Juanita Fantroy *
6 May 1980 - 6 November 2004

It was an honor for me to serve as SGT Fantroy's commanding officer. SGT Fantroy was an outstanding Soldier. She was a Soldier in our company that everyone knew. She had a tremendous impact on all of our customers as they brought in jobs to be worked. She was the first and last person to take care of the paperwork as it made its way through shop office.

She worked her way through the ranks quickly during her five years in the United States Army. She attended the promotion board while deployed to Iraq and prepared herself for PLDC when she returned from deployment. She graduated from PLDC with honors, making everyone in the unit and her family proud as she had done her entire life. All of her accomplishments in the Army have been recognized with a posthumous promotion to SGT (E5) and award of Army Commendation Medal.

On November 13th, I attended SGT Fantroy's funeral service in Alexandria, Louisiana. I knew that she was loved greatly as I saw many friends and family gathered at the Funeral Home to pay their last respects. She was given a full honors burial with a 21 gun salute and a very meaningfully played Taps. SGT Fantroy's family recognized the Army family that we have here within the unit and at Fort Sill. Her family regrettably could not be with us for the memorial service at Fort Sill, but we kept them in our thoughts and prayers as they deal with the sudden and unexpected loss of the young lady, mother, daughter, and sister that they so lovingly called, Na Na.



We conducted the memorial service to remember SGT Juanita Fantroy, who was a valued friend, Soldier and dedicated hard worker. I will remember her job dedication while she was in Iraq ensuring shop office ran smoothly; she volunteered to deploy with the 588th, just after her youngest son Jalen was born. We will all remember SGT Fantroy in different ways, but most of us will remember her as a friend and Soldier who, honorably served her country and was dedicated to her family and friends.

SGT Fantroy is survived by her mother Bonita Johnson, her sister Patrice Johnson, and her three children Jasmin (6), Caleb (3), and Jalen (1).

Captain: Cory Berg
Former Commanding Officer – 588th Maintenance Company

(Editor's Note) It is with great honor, that we dedicate this edition of the MCA Newsletter to the memory of Juanita. The loss of a fellow soldier is always difficult and it shows in Cory's respect for her, what an outstanding officer Corey is. We wish him well in his new duty assignment. A change of command ceremony took place in late November and Captain Marci Miller now holds the reins. I extend best wishes to her and reiterate that the MCA will be here to help and support our comrades and friends of the 588th. Lt. George Taylor, executive officer of the 588th, asked for "special blessings toward SPC Fantroy's family and the entire "Bulldog" family".

Reflection.

So how do you sit with a shattered soul? Gently, with gracious and deep respect. Patiently, for time stands still for the shattered, and the momentum of healing will be slow at first, with the tender strength that comes from the openness to your own deepest wounding, and to your own deepest healing. Firmly, never wavering in the utmost conviction that evil is powerful but there is a good that is more powerful still.

Stay connected to that Goodness with all of your being, however it manifests itself to you. Acquaint yourself with the shadows that lie deep inside you. Then open yourself, all that is you, to the Light. Give freely, take in abundantly. Find this your safety, your refuge and go there as your need directs. Hear what you can and be honest with the rest; be honest at all cost.

Words won't always come; sometimes there are no words in the face of tragic evil. But in your willingness to be with them, they will hear you; from soul to soul they will hear that for which there are no words. (Author unknown).

(Editor's Note) My parish priest, Denny Hayes, is also a county sheriff who completes all of the city/county traumatic death notifications and also consults with the FBI for critical incident counseling. He came across this reflection during his last FBI briefing in Seattle and thought the readers of our Letter might gather some peaceful thoughts from it. I have.

From the Floor of the Beltway Puzzle Palace.

Senator Metzenbaum to Senator Glenn: "How can you run for Senate when you've never held a real job?"

Senator Glenn: "I served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps. I served through two wars. I flew 149 missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program. It wasn't my checkbook, Howard; it was my life on the line. It was not a nine-to-five job, where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank. I ask you to go with me ... as I went the other day... to a veteran's hospital and look those men - with their mangled bodies - in the eye, and tell THEM they didn't hold a job!

You go with me to the Space Program at NASA and go, as I have gone, to the widows and orphans of Ed White, Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee...and you look those kids in the eye and tell them that their DADS didn't hold a job.

You go with me on Memorial Day and you stand in Arlington National Cemetery, where I have more friends buried than I'd like to remember, and you watch those waving flags. You stand there, and you think about this nation, and you tell ME that those people didn't have a job? I'll tell you, Howard Metzenbaum; you should be on your knees every day of your life thanking God that there were some men - SOME REAL MEN - who held REAL jobs. And they required a dedication to a purpose - and a love of country and a dedication to duty - that was more important than life itself. And their self-sacrifice is what made this country possible. I HAVE held a job, Howard! What about you?"

(Editor's Note) I friend of mine, Maj. Charles Johnson retired, sent this to me and I thought it to be very pertinent in these times. Charlie noted that during W.W.II, Howard Metzenbaum was an attorney representing the Communist Party in the USA. Charlie believes if you can read this, thank a teacher....if you are reading it in English thank a Veteran. This is a typical, though sad, example of what some who have never served, think of the military. The majority of the members of Congress have NEVER served a day in any of the military services. They do not and cannot understand what the military is and does on a daily basis. I thank God every day for their dedication and service.

Officer's Corner.

"CC - The Man"

When Bill Molloy asked me to write something for the Newsletter, I was reluctant to do so because I thought "What can I say that would interest these men". However, I will try to express my feeling about the unit and the men who served in it.

I was chosen to replace Bob O'Donnell as the second commander of this magnificent company and the men who made it what it is and was. No one could have ever taken command of a better established and run company. I was and am very honored to have been part of this group and its history. I have many memories of the work you did and the excellence and professionalism you did it with. Even though there were times I thought some of you would get me sent to the "Long Bin Jail". The time a certain CWO told an impatient Artillery Colonel that maybe he should **order** a disabled 8inch self propelled cannon to run because the CWO and his men could not get it fixed fast enough to suit the Colonel.

I know that I am fortunate to have known and served with the men of the 588th. This became very clear to me when I attended the first reunion. To see and talk to each of you after such a long time was almost over whelming. The second reunion was much more enjoyable for me because the first had relieved the emotions and now it was just relax and enjoy the people and time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Smitty and Bill for staying after me to come to the reunions.

I have some pictures of the transfer of command of the Company from Bob O'Donnell to me and will try to get them put on the web site for all to share. I am in the process of having all of my old slides of the 588th put on a CD. I will make a copy for inclusion on the web site if people are interested. Thanks for your service and sacrifice.

Former Captain and Second Commander of the 588th

William H. Baily, Jr.



(Editor's Note) Please excuse my still evolving, cut + paste skills. Have patience. Also note that Captains Baily (left foreground) and O'Donnell (right background passing the flag) are facing the company formation. March (?) '68 - just before I arrived in Company. Does anyone know who the others are in the photos?

Reminiscences

Bill Molloy called me this morning and asked if I could write something for the newsletter. He said it didn't have to be about the 588th, it could be about anything, just not too political. I agreed. It was 7:30 am and my mind was still a bit fuzzy. I didn't have a clue what I would write but there was no question that it would center on the 588th Maintenance Company (DS) (DIV).

Yesterday was my 40th Army anniversary. While I spent only six years in the Army, I have celebrated this date every year, no matter where I was, with at least a nod of the head and thoughts of my Army days and the men I served with. My memories of those days are clouded through the mists of time. If I cannot remember how things really were, I remember them now, as they should have been!

I was assigned to the 588th in July 1968. One of the first things I noticed was the sign on the main shop that said "We Owe Charlie One". For those of you who came along later, it was a reference to the destruction of our shop building by mortar fire. The debt was repaid one night when an unfortunate VC sapper got hung up on our perimeter wire in range of two of our guard bunkers. I have often remarked that it is unbelievable what 19 year olds with M16s can accomplish.

The 588th was the first and last company with which I served that had a true combat support mission. My first 6 months in Viet Nam were spent in a General Support company. We had a lot of time on our hands in that unit because the DS units were doing such an excellent job. I remember the 588th as always being busy. About the time I arrived the company had a Maintenance Survey Inspection. I guess the purpose of the inspection was to make sure we were ready for combat operations, but we were already there! Anyway, I recall working all day on our supported unit's equipment and half the night on our own. The company had been in country for a while and the emphasis was always on getting the work out ASAP, so our own equipment typically suffered.

The normal workweek was 6½ days, with one-half day off unless something hot was going on. I remember one occasion when an S&T convoy platoon rolled into our shop area. The vehicles were a mess; they had been run ragged on convoy duty. As I recall, they were not one of our supported units, but they needed help, badly. We started running their vehicles through, working the rest of the day, through the night and into the next day. When we got them back on the road they were in pretty good shape. On the way out the convoy commander asked me to thank my "night crew" for their hard work. I informed the lieutenant that my "night crew" was also my "day crew" and that they had just worked 30 hours without a break and they weren't done yet. I was so proud of those guys.

Our Supply Sergeant had cornered the market on jungle boots and they were used as a medium of exchange for things we couldn't get. The first time I saw the supply room, I noted that there were jungle boots stacked in a huge pile. I asked the supply sergeant about this and he made vague reference to them being "for the company". If so, every man could have 10 pair. I learned later they were trade items. As I remember it, only Marine Infantry were issued jungle boots. All others had to get theirs "outside the regular source of supply". The 588th was a source for a lot of Marines. There was a vigorous trade with both the Marines and Navy for virtually everything. When you think about it, the supply system was very complex and supply sergeants made it work, one way or another.

I remember it raining for days at a time. When the sun came out it was hot and humid. There were times when men would come into the shop office drenched and you would have to look closely to see if it was rain or profuse sweating. The rain turned the shop area into a red-mud swamp. I can still visualize stepping into the red mud and hitting red dusty dirt underneath. It gave your boots a two-toned look.

I had an unfortunate incident one night while I was Officer of Guard. One of the guard posts reported taking incoming fire. I drove out with the Sergeant of the Guard and turned off my lights before I got to the perimeter. I thought I could see the road well enough to drive. I was wrong. I hit the edge of the road and rolled the jeep over the side. My sergeant pulled me out from underneath the jeep. I was lucky to have been wearing my steel helmet, flak jacket, and jump boots. Everything not covered by these was later one big black and blue mark. Anyway, I went to the 2nd Surgical Hospital and the jeep went to our maintenance shop. Three days later we were both back to work. Someone painted "Crash McKinnon" on the jeep and I think both the jeep and I carried that nickname from then on.

The Company Fund used to pay for "Floor Shows" at our theater. Some were better than others. Some were just plain awful. One group was from England and I noticed one of the entertainers looking at the names of the soldiers around him. We had "US Army" on one side of our chest and our name on the other. After a bit he said "O'Donnell... Kelley...McKinnon... this isn't the US Army, this is the bloody IRA!"

A few words about the people I remember:

I shared a hooch with 1LT Steve Zaccanino, from New York, 1LT Bill Moyer from California, and 1LT Tom Biermann, also from California. Tom was later my best man when I got married. SP5 Dennis Loeb kept everything running smoothly in the shop office along with SP4 Steve Littell. CPT Bailey was the Company Commander when I arrived and he was followed by CPT William Wright in October, '68. CWO Kenneth Reed had the Armament Section, SFC Planvil Griffin had the Maintenance Platoon, and SGT Don Triebley was our supply sergeant. Littell, Reed, Griffin and Triebley are unfortunately listed in the *In Memorial* section of the Association web-site. I was particularly

dismayed to see Littell and Triebly's names on the site. Both survived Vietnam and both were relatively young men. As I recall, Steve Littell was only 17 and Don Triebly was only 21 when I knew them. I understand that Tom Biermann and Bill Moyer have been located by the Association, but Steve Zaccanino has not.

Former First Lieutenant and Executive Officer of the the 588th

Ron McKinnon



(Editor's Note) Smitty tells me that he thinks the pneumatic "crash" appearing on the windshield was painted by Steve Littell. How in the world did this get by America? Note the jeep pushed into the snow fence? Thanks Ron for your sense of humor and reminding us that in the middle of insanity you helped us to find the courage to take some things a little lighter! God bless.

Once Upon a Christmas Past.



The "Christmas Truce" of '68, a contradictory oxymoron in its own rite, seemed like neither. Lonely and feeling far away from all that we cherished, the common strengths which we had come to respect from each other held intact what little reserve we had left. The little artificial tree sent from home, Arnao's sloppy Joe's, saltine crackers with PBJ and shared care packages, plenty of booze, a little canned fruit, some pinochle and the company of some of the best men that I ever thought I would meet before and now after the 'Nam.

You have all been in my thoughts more often than not for 36 years but this year I tip the glass a little longer to all of our found 588th brothers and sisters including our extended family at Fort Sill, who gave once and continue to give and to those, like **SGT Juanita Fantroy**, who have departed from our immediate presence and who now wait for us.

I hope everyone will find a little space from the crowd and within the quiet of your own heart, consider that despite all that we have been through, I believe myself to be a better man for knowing you all and walking with you through that horrible abyss. God Bless.

(Editor's note to the editor's comments) If you note the various items on Mat's table, the key ingredient is not the peanut butter and jelly (probably "red balled" through air freight) but the booze. I suppose that if you lay on enough Smirnoff, anything can start tasting good. I don't know if it was Mat's cooking or the fact that most of us were blasted by the time solid food became available. Thanks for everything Mat, from all of us! Your work at making sure mail got to where it needed to be is more appreciated than you will ever know.

Incoming.

This is the space dedicated to the membership and friends of the 588th MCA. Please send in your thoughts and comments via snail mail or email. The veterans of the 588th and associate members always have opinions and the editor solicits and welcomes these views.

Smitty's advice for inner peace. I am passing this on to you because it has definitely worked for me. And at this time of year we all could use a little... calm!!! By following this simple advice I read in an article, I have finally found inner peace. The article read, "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started." So I looked around the house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished. And before coming to work this morning I finished off a bottle of red wine, a bottle of white, the Bailey's, Kailua and Wild Turkey, my Prozac, some valium and a box of chocolates. You have no idea how freakin good I feel! **Also.** The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans suffers from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's you! **Smitty**

Good Going! One thing I forgot to mention while we were on the phone. I had a telephone conversation with Richard Kerr who was with the 590th Maint. Co. It was the 588th's sister company that went through training at Lewis and went to Nam on the Pope at the same time. He never found anyone he served with. He gave me some names so I called Ron Nicely in WV who drove for the 590th's CO and put him in touch with Kerr. Now both are happy. Kerr says if Nicely will meet him there, he will come to Lawton next year! Just another good thing happening from being able to do all this. Took 5 minutes of my time and have two happy brother veterans. **Smitty**
Note: This is **not** the first time Smitty has set up the opportunity for friendships and associations once critical to our emotional and physical survival to evolve once again. America desperately needs to remember who we are, **not** perhaps what we were asked to do by a brain dead collection of McNamaraites with predisposed conclusions proven by warped mathematical algorithms, but with the moral and ethical fundamental goodness that is America. Thanks Smitty from the bottom of our hearts!

Prayers. Please have good thoughts and prayers for Plez Jackson, 588th, 1/69 to 1/70. He is a fighter and is desperately assaulting his disability in the hospital. He is a good man and wants to see everyone at Lawton. Let's all

ask for special intervention for his recovery. Also remember Mrs. Smitty (Ethel) who had a second heart attack after her surgery but is fighting back!

Dennis Moore (MSG E8 retired). Yes, I am well and kicking. I have a management job in a security company and I work 24/7. Sorry I haven't been very helpful in helping you set up the Association. Tell Smitty that he can call me anytime. I hope I can support in other ways besides being with you guys, I will continue to support! **Denny**

Note: No sweat Denny, If just being there is all that you can do for now, that's ok. Maybe another time you will have more cycles. How about writing a story or something during those times you might have a breather. I would love to include them in our MCA Letter and share your thoughts with others!

Bruce Brigham. Good to hear from you. After 35 years it feels good to read the newsletters of this ancient, long forgotten time. It's easy to reflect on what seems more like a movie than a life I lived. As Jack Benny would say "thanks for the memories". I'll be digging out some of my old photos and scanning them into jpeg files and sending them to you guys. Are you planning to add the list of our names on the website? Might be fun to see who you've found. No, I'm not a webmaster. Maybe next life. Thanks for the work you guys are doing. **Bruce**

Note: Smitty and I discussed early on about publishing any of the "found" list due to privacy concerns. However, if anyone would like to know the whereabouts of one of your old associates drop Smitty a line, send an email or give him a call.

Manley's Mania. Extracted from an email floating through the ether... "Bob Buchanan? Now that name rings a bell, a very small one but the name sounds familiar to me. Must be a good bloke as he drives a bus not like Molloy, who for sheer pretence, has been put on this earth just to piss people off and cause aggravation."

And the following...

"Seeing you live in upstate NY are you any relation to a certain "Boiled Oysters Molloy" who ran a grog shop in the Bowery district of Manhattan in the 1880's? By all accounts he was a fair bastard also, selling turpentine as whiskey, thus sending a good many to an early grave or ending up in the looney bin at Bellevue. He amassed a fortune in the late 1800's some say nearly \$2 million, big money back then for a publican. Also he was a bit of a brawler and was known to bite off ears and noses, bottle the items and have them on a shelf behind the bar for all to see and admire. They say he hung himself from a whiskey spigot after finding God and atoning for his sins. Read the 588th Newsletter, good reading and proud of the Aussie bit about Long Tan. Just wish I could make it to Lawton and be with you all. Keep up the good work mate." **John**

Muses from the mail. It took less time to take Iraq than it took Janet Reno to take the Branch Davidian compound. That was a 51-day operation. We've been looking for evidence of chemical weapons in Iraq for less time than it took for Hillary Clinton to find the Rose Law Firm billing records. It took less time for the 3rd Infantry Division and the Marines to destroy the Medina Republican Guard than it took Ted Kennedy to call the police after his Oldsmobile sank at Chappaquiddick. It took less time to take Iraq than it took to count the votes in the '00 Florida election!!!!

MCA Business.

I would like to thank Val Hayes, of Concept Consulting, 505.877.3193, for working so hard to help us to find a creative solution to our printing and mailing of the newsletter. After analyzing the projected cost, however, we just don't have the financial position yet to outsource the product. Smitty and I decided that the best solution for now is to continue to print and mail the newsletter in-house.

We purchased a small business HP color printer with duplex capability for \$317 and believe we can upgrade the print quality of the letter and probably at least for the short term, continue to reach out to all 650 or so former 588th members Smitty has found. At some point though, when new membership levels off, we will only be able to post the letter to paid membership. Each newsletter costs about \$400 in paper, print cartridges and postage.

In less than a year, we have at this printing, 98 paid members. After sending out the January newsletter, the MCA will have an unencumbered cash balance of \$334.38 based on income of \$2,865.00 and expense of \$2,530.62. I am probably sounding like a tormented preacher, but try and renew your dues as soon as possible in '05. Remember that dues are \$20 per year, January to January. I know some have just recently joined but do your best to keep our cash flow going to sustain our growth.

Company Store.

The screen design for the "mox-nix" logo is finished. I reviewed it, and now the 4 tiered color scheme process is being filled in. I was told the color pattern is simple - the design was hard. As soon as I get a prototype, I will start asking for orders. I won't be able to print too many more at a time than I have orders for because the shirt business is cash up front and I can't personally bank roll the start-up. If anyone would like to step up and accept that position we would be very grateful.

The "radical bull dog" seen on the left of our front page is next and I hope to be able to have a bunch of each style ready for the reunion.

What-The-Heck?



(Editor's Addon) Remember the Go-cart? Remember Lucky driving the thing along the beach faster than any normal, sane human being should even contemplate? Direct chain drive into oblivion! Remember the afternoon he started racing Huey's right down on the deck? Some more non -TOI but very important equipment - Does anyone have more pictures and info on the beast? Would like to print them in the next letter.

Smitty's Shorts.

The 2005, 588th MCA reunion is scheduled for July 14 - 17 at the Red Lion Hotel, 3134 NW Cache RD, Lawton, Oklahoma. The hotel telephone number is 800-207-7869 or 580-353-1682. When calling for a reservation, please remember to mention that you are with the 588th Maintenance Company Association so you can receive the group discount rate. Automobile travel directions: From I-44, take exit 39A, travel west about 1.5 miles, the hotel is on the left.

I have a few suggestions for those who will be using air travel to the reunion. Lawton does have a commercial airport, which I believe is for commuter flights only. When scheduling flights, check on availability into Wichita Falls Texas or Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City. OKC is about 140 miles from Lawton. I am told that Lawton is down the HE Bailey Turnpike (toll) from OKC and the speed limit is 75 which means everyone drives 90 anyway so figure under 2 hours.

July 14th, 05 is a Thursday and is basically arrival day. We are working on plans to have some live music in the Red Lion Banquet Hall either Thursday or Friday evening for some dancing and fun. Friday the 15th, during the day, we are scheduled to be guests of the active 588th at what I believe is called organization day. I am not too sure at this point what they have planned for us but it was mentioned that we can take a tour of the post and share in a picnic and cook-out with the families of today's 588th. The XO told me he would need a list of everyone planning to attend to obtain the clearance required for us to get on post.

There are a number of attractions in the area. Indian Casino gambling, public nature areas in the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, museums, and parks are just some of your options. (Yes, I am sure there are golf courses!).

Saturday we will have a business meeting with all paid members to vote on a new slate of officers for the next 2 years and discussions regarding other MCA business. We are still seeking a volunteer who will take over the web-master responsibilities for our web site! Be thinking about accepting and volunteering for an officer post. We could use the help. Saturday evening is the banquet. Hopefully many of the active duty roster and their significant others can join us.

Sunday is sign out day. I hope many of us can get together for breakfast before departure.

(Editor's Note) I plan on traveling Wednesday the 13th and having a bunch of mox-nix T-shirts and 588th logo's available for sale on Thursday until sold out. All proceeds will go to the 588th MCA. Smitty suggested that as a fund raiser, Bill Wright and I should put on a sumo wrestling exhibition match followed by Stycheck taking on all comers who think they can best him in a one-liner contest. Big John Garmen can set the odds and take the bets!

As I mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter, I wish to include the names of a few more people I have been unable to locate and seek out information anyone may have.

Billingsley, Bob. RA11672208 1967-68. I was told he was from WV.

Anderson, Jerry W. RA54564126 1968-69. Not sure where Jerry was from but guessing from his serial#, I would say Oklahoma or Texas.

Owens, Kenneth. I do not have a serial# for Ken but I was told he was from Texas - 1970.

Hart, Olan. CWO-3. Olan was part of the 588th in Geissen Germany in 1973. I think he was originally from Texas.

I have no rosters dated after 1973 and my 1970-71 roster is not complete nor are any of the other years. Anyone who has names of others, old orders, etc. anything that can help trace those you served with, call me at 918-653-4606 or e-mail me at smids37@classicnet.net.

For those who trained at Fort Lewis and went over on the Pope, do you remember the 590th Maint. Co. which was our sister company that ended up at Bear Cat ? Four of the men who served with the 590th have been in touch and we welcome them and anyone else from their company to join the MCA. I am trying to help them obtain a unit roster for Oct. 67. I would like to hear about anyone else who was in that company. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Lawton in '05 !

Smitty

[Web Site.](#)

Please check out the Association's web site @ www.588thmaintco.com. The site is quite simple to navigate. Just use the tabs on the left to access the various information tracks. Work on the site will continue as new information arrives.

I am looking for anyone with familiarization in MS Front Page to assist in growing the site. Please let me know if you would like to lend a hand. This certainly includes our current active duty brothers and sisters who would like to create an online repository for the 588th's tradition.

[Search Info.](#)

For all subsequent newsletters, I will include a section devoted to individuals seeking out information concerning a person they would like to locate for health purposes, for VA claims or other personal reasons; who needs to reach out to the 588th community. All you need to do is email me a short note detailing the reason you want to be included in the newsletter and your permission to publish a communication channel back to the requestor. Its important to have permission to post this information as it may contain personal information, which will be publicly displayed.

[Who can join.](#)

Anyone who has served with the 588th is eligible and welcome to join with full membership. This includes all of those units who were attached to the 588th such as the 12th Ordinance Detachment, 196th Engineer Detachment, signal detachments, baker's platoon and any others I can't remember. If the reader remembers others, please let Smitty or me know.

Also welcome to join are the members of the 57th Transportation, 79th and 19th Maintenance Battalions and those serving with the 80th Group during the times the 588th was attached to their organizations. We are looking forward to participation from today's 588th.

Associate membership is open to all spouses, family members and others who remember the 588th and our extended service such as the 14th Aviation, 3/18th and 1st/82nd Artillery, etc. Don't forget we would like to obtain a photo or replica of all colors of these organizations especially the 588th. I want to put them on a new tab on the web site.

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Membership Form. Please tear off the following form and send to Bill Molloy via snail mail with your \$20 dues. Please make sure that all entries are very legible, the old man's eyes are not that good anymore even though the rest of him is still grinding the gears!

Full Name + Rank _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Include area code) _____

Email Address _____

Enter Year(s) Served and Location(s) for example 68-69, Vietnam.

Full or Associate Member _____

What was your unit (ex. 588th, 196th, etc.) _____