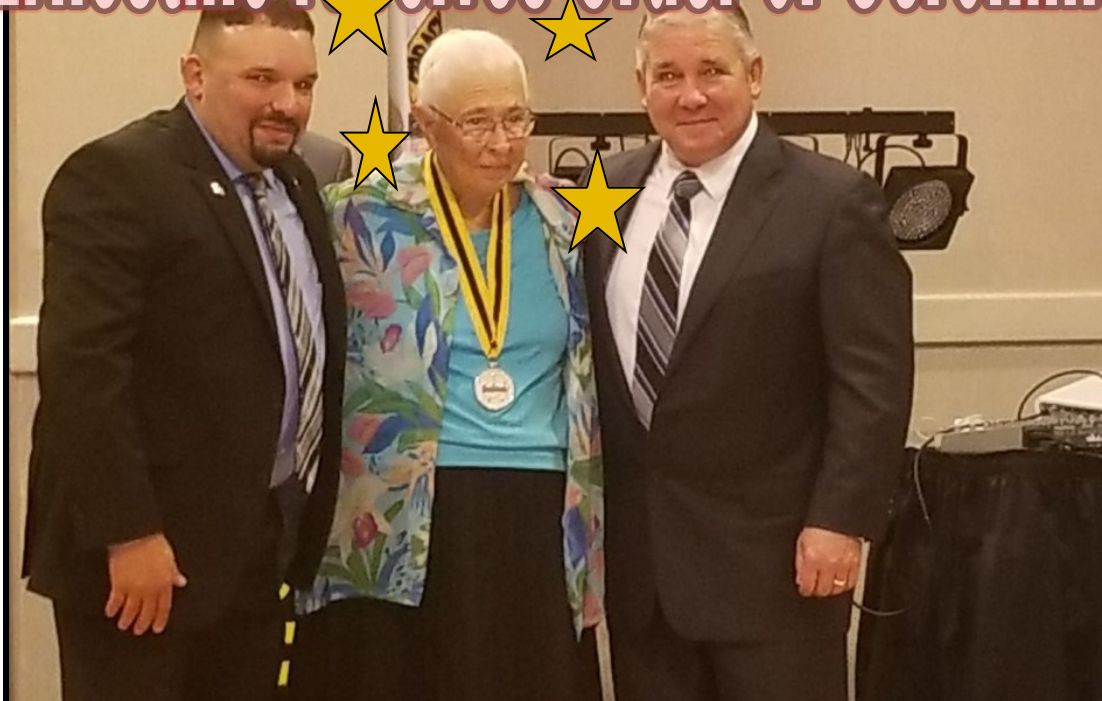




Geronimo!



Ernestine receives Order of Geronimo



At the Reunion of the 509 PIA, in San Antonio, TX, we were pleased to honor 3 recipients of the 509 Order of Geronimo. Pictured above is Ernestine Dellaca, with our President, Jaime Garza and our Vice-President, Drew Pumarejo. The other 2 Order of Geronimo recipients were Hal Persun (posthumously) and his wife, Jane. See reunion pictures on pages 3,4, & 5

2018 REUNION RENO, NV 5/30 - 6/3

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS CALLED ON ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES OF THE 509 PIA AND THEIR GUESTS TO ASSEMBLE IN RENO, NV ON MAY 30-JUNE 3, 2018 FOR THE 509 PIA REUNION, THE REUNION WILL BE HELD AT THE SILVER LEGACY IN RENO, NV. YOU WILL FIND THE APPLICATION AND HOTEL INFO ON PGS. 6/7 OF THIS NEWSLETTER. DON'T MISS OUT, AND PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 509 NEW BOARD
- 2016 REUNION NEWS & LOCATION
- MEMBERSHIP APP
- 509 REUNION PICS
- REUNION APP
- 509 PIA NEWS
- 509TH WEBSITE LINK

<http://509thgeronimo.org/>

OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017—2018



Jamie Garza,
President



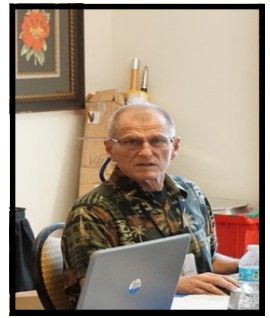
Drew Pumarejo,
Vice-President



Dale Fairbanks,
Treasurer



Margot Handscomb,
Secretary



John Eaves,
Membership



Philip Handscomb
Sergeant at Arms

A Sincere Thank You to Jaime Garza, our President

who is staying on and has organized a very successful reunion. All our thanks to June & John, for the time and hours they have put in, to make the 509 PIA reunion a success. **Welcome to Dale Fairbanks, our new 509 PIA Treasurer,** and to all our new members. A special thanks to our Treasurer, Heath Stanley, who will now do Special Projects.



Dave Bush,
Trustee



Barry Simpson,
Special Projects

TRUSTEES



Don McElroy



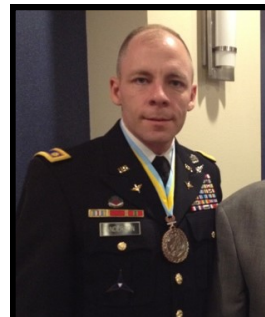
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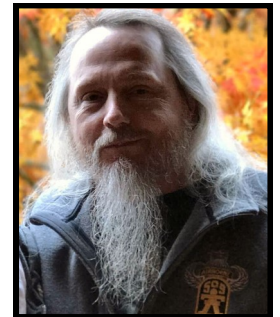
Tom Tsvigas



Lee Barber



Matt Anderson



Kevin Boatman



509 PIA Order of Geronimo

The 509TH PIA Order of Geronimo was established to recognize and honor persons who made positive, lasting and significant contributions to the association. Individuals are chosen solely on their significant contributions to the 509TH PIA and each selectee is able to stand up to close scrutiny. Attainment of high rank or position is not necessarily indicative of a significant contribution to the association.



2017's recipients of the Order of Geronimo were and/or are greatly loved and appreciated for all the love they have for the 509 PIA, and all their work for the association. The 3 recipients are: Hal Persun (posthumously), Hal's wife, Jane Persun, who sacrificed her time with Hal, so he could work for the 509 PIA, and our beloved Ernestine Dellaca, who has come to every reunion of the 509 PIA.



Mrs. Jane Persun



Mrs. Ernestine

Some beautiful & interesting



June Housman, Philip Handscomb, Tom Tsvigas, and Lloyd Plummer

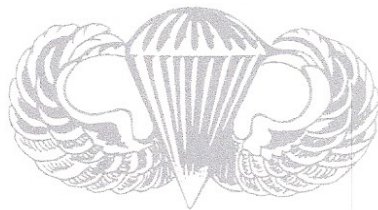


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509th Parachute Infantry Association Reunion
May 30, 2018 – June 3, 2018 – Silver Legacy Hotel – Reno, Nevada

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Names of those attending with you: _____

Meeting Registration: Number attending (including soldiers) _____ X \$120 = \$ _____

Number less than 21 yrs old attending _____ X \$ 70 = \$ _____

Dues for WWII Vets and Family Members _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Dues for Post WWII Vets and Non Vets _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

Off-Site Event _____ X \$70 = \$ _____

(currently being created)

Bean Bag Toss tournament on Friday, must be 2 person team, \$20 per team = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

*Make checks payable to **Housman and Associates – 509 Reunion***

Mail registration, checks and/or Credit Card Payment to:

Housman and Associates

1309 Pasa Tiempo

Leander, Tx. 78641

Or FAX Credit Card Payment to **512-259-5571**.

Credit Card Payment – All Information Requested Below is Required to Process Your Payment

Name exactly as it appears on your credit card: _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Security Code: _____

Provide the Address Your Credit Card Bill is mailed to: _____

Questions ???? Call 512-413-0953 or Email: june@housmanandassociates.com OR Fax 512-413-0953



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509th Parachute Infantry Association Reunion

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT RENO IS A HANDS FREE CITY. YOU CAN NOT TALK ON YOUR PHONE WITHOUT BLUETOOTH.

CURRENT AGENDA:

WEDNESDAY

CP room opens 1:00 p.m. – midnight. We will have our usual bar, sodas, coffee, decaf, hot water for tea and snacks.

THURSDAY

CP room opens 9:00 a.m. – midnight. If we do not go on a tour on Thursday we will have our usual coffee, decaf, hot water for tea, snacks, bar and also a lunch at noon. If we go on a tour the CP room will be closed during the tour times.

FRIDAY

CP room opens 9:00 a.m. – midnight. If we do not go on a tour on Friday we will have our usual coffee, decaf, hot water for tea, snacks, bar and also a lunch at noon. If we go on a tour the CP room will be closed during the tour times. We will also have a bean bag toss tournament around 4:30 p.m. Sign your team up for \$20 a team, (2 person team).

SATURDAY

Board meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Bar will be closed during the meeting. Meeting will be held in the CP room.

When board meeting ends CP room opens thru 3:00 p.m. then closes to refresh the room and decorate for the banquet. We will have our usual coffee, decaf, hot water for tea, snacks and bar. Reception will begin at 6pm with a cash bar. Cash bar will be open until 8:30 p.m. during dinner. Our complimentary bar will reopen at 8:30 p.m. with a DJ for dancing. We will have the 50/50 and auction. We welcome auction items.

Reunion Fee is \$120. Extra banquet tickets are \$55 per person. If you purchase an extra ticket for the banquet that does not allow that person to come into the CP room. Please register all attendees.

Silver Legacy Hotel/Casino
407 North Virginia St.
Reno, Nevada 89501

For reservations: For online reservations please click the following link

<https://silverlegacyreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1080&mode=b&pm=true&sr=312514&vr=3>
 Or call **800-687-8733** and ask for the rate code **IS509P8**.

To call the hotel and reserve your room, please call **800-687-8733** and ask for the rate code **IS509P8**.

Sleeping room rates are \$55 Monday – Friday, \$105 Friday and Saturday plus \$18 resort fee per day, tax and \$3 tourism charge. Tax currently is 13.5%. This resort fee provides guests with round-trip airport shuttle service 19 hours per day, both covered valet and covered self parking, unlimited local and toll free 800 phone calls, complimentary in guest room wireless internet for 2 devices per room and in meeting space, in-room guest coffee maker, admission to the health spa and boarding pass printing at the Bell Desk or Concierge Desk

DEADLINE FOR OUR HOTEL BLOCK RESERVATIONS IS May 1st, 2018 AS LONG AS THE BLOCK IS NOT FILLED BY THAT TIME. The hotel is mainly non-smoking but they do have a few smoking rooms. The hotel does allow pets.

Organization Dues Statement

January 1-December 31

Annual 509th PIA Membership

CHARTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	WORLD WAR II VETERAN	LIFETIME MEMBER
LEGACY	<input type="checkbox"/>	IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF VETERAN	\$20.00 per year
REGULAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	POST WORLD WAR II 509TH VETERAN	\$25.00 per year
ASSOCIATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NON 509TH VETERAN	\$25.00 per year

*Please make check payable to:***509th PIA***and send to:*

**509th Parachute Infantry Association
1309 Pasa Tiempo
Leander, TX 78641**

We Need Your Support

Name: _____

Address: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

509TH SERVICE:

Unit: _____ Time Period: _____

Combat Tour: _____ Time Period: _____

OTHER COMBAT UNIT:

Combat Tour: _____

If you do not want your name and information listed in a member directory please check the box[**Click here for 509th PIA Application**](#)