



# Geronimo!



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<http://509thgeronimo.org/>

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS CALLED ON ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES OF THE 509 PIA AND THEIR GUESTS TO ASSEMBLE IN COLOMBUS, GA, ON MAY 10-14, 2016 FOR THE 509 PIA REUNION, WHERE WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FORMATION OF THE 509 PIR 75 YEARS AGO. PLEASE SEE PAGES 6 & 7 FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED. SEE YOU THERE**



# 3RD 509 NEWS



**This quarter, the 3-509<sup>th</sup> also had the opportunity to jump with the Canadian Soldiers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battalion Commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Jason Adair. After the joint jump 3-509<sup>th</sup> Commander, LTC Hardman presented each Canadian Soldier with US Jump wings.**







# 3RD 509 NEWS



**3-509<sup>th</sup> continues to train and produce a strong group of Para trooping war fighters, ready to deploy anywhere in the assigned AO within 18 hours. CSM Hanson, along with the G-men NCO Corp, held the first ever G-Stakes competition. NCO's created several different activities designed to challenge and train the BN's paratroopers for any possible Arctic mission. The G-men have been outside, in consistently sub-freezing temperatures, for the last week training and competing against each other for the title of G-man Stakes Champion. (Results are not yet in at the time of publication so stand by for the next newsletter when the winners will be recognized). The training is designed to build morale through intra-squad competition and prepare the G-men for Arctic Warfare. In addition to preparing for Arctic warfare conditions, the G-men trained to face 1-509<sup>th</sup> at their upcoming JRTC rotation. Training included G-men running through the Alaskan wilderness, in deep snow, up to 30 miles during Land navigation exercises. Other tasks included First Aid, tactical knowledge, and marksmanship challenges over the course of a week. Take a look at the 3-509<sup>th</sup> Facebook page for more pictures.**

**In addition to excelling in the field exercises, G-men are also excelling in the Board room. This week SPC Stratton of 3-509<sup>th</sup> Dog Company, was recognized by the USARAK CSM, CSM Gardner for earning BDE Soldier of the Quarter Honors. SPC Stratton was recognized for his dedication and hard work with an ARCOM and a USARAK coin. Congratulations and Geronimo.**





1-509 ABN began FY 16 with a bang (quite literally) by taking on 2nd BDE 101st AASLT in OCT 15 and 1st BDE 82nd ABN in NOV 15 at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Ft. Polk. Both of these rotations ended in decisive victories for our country's premier airborne infantry OPFOR battalion. They retain their title as the "Most Hated Unit in the Army". After a well-deserved block leave in December, our Geronimo brothers were at it again, this time facing off with 1st BDE 1st AD. 1st Armored found out the hard way what a well-rested Geronimo can do to a Brigade Combat Team, and were truly put through the crucible in "The Box".

In February 16, 1st BN will take on a formidable 4th BDE 25th ID and play host to their sister battalion 3-509. 4/25 proved to be a worthy adversary nearly two years ago, but came up short of taking the title away from our mighty Geronimo at Ft. Polk. These OPFOR Soldiers will continue to bring the fight as they have done before. May the best Geronimo win!

# 1ST 509 NEWS



Outside of JRTC Rotations, 1-509th was busy still. They claimed their second consecutive Turkey Bowl victory over the other task forces within JRTC Operations Group. It was a full day of family, fun and football.



In December 15, 1-509 soldiers competed for the Expert Infantryman's Badge. The battalion welcomed a new class of expert infantryman into the fold after a grueling two weeks of training, testing, and forced marches.

So far this New Year, 1-509th has welcomed their soldiers back to work by kicking off the first of two Yarbrough Miles. It was a grueling task, cold, wet, and dirty, but they wouldn't have it any other way. In fact LTC Rowland assisted in a special reenlistment in the swamps for two Geronimo Soldiers. This early test got the battalion back into the mindset of teamwork and cohesion leading to success. Therein lies some of that Geronimo spirit that makes them the most intimidating and formidable OPFOR for US Army Brigades at JRTC. We look forward to what is to come in the form of more Rotations that prove the battalion's resolve and sharpens the spear for the US Army, as well as another round of Foreign Wing jumps in early March. This is all followed by the 2nd annual Distinguished Member of the Regiment Ceremony at Ft. Polk on March 31st. All the Way! Airborne! Geronimo!



# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 1ST 509 AT FORT POLK

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Good Afternoon Team Geronimo,

Below are the details for the upcoming 509th activities.

\*\*\*\*\* 1-509th BBQ with 3-509th \*\*\*\*\*

Date: February 29, 2016

Time: 1100-1300

Locations: North Fort Polk - GBASE

\*\*\*\*DMOR Ceremony\*\*\*\*

Date: March 31, 2016

Time: 1030 -1130

Location: Bayou Theater  
7830 Mississippi Ave. - Bldg. 930  
Fort Polk, LA 71459

Military: Duty Uniform

Civilian: Business Casual

-Reception to follow at the BN HQs in Yarborough Hall

R.S.V.P. at: <https://invitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=274968&k=006646007D5F>

\*\*\*\*Geronimo Rendezvous: 1-509th Dining-In\*\*\*\*

Date: March 31, 2016

Time: 1700 - UTC

Location: Warrior Community Center  
352 Warrior Trail  
Fort Polk, LA 71459

Uniform:

Military- Army Service Uniform w/ Bow tie and Jump boots

Civilian- Semiformal

Ticket Cost

E6-E7: \$40.00

E8-E9: \$45.00

Officers: \$50.00

Guests: \$45.00

Purchase Tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geronimo-rendezvous-tickets-20736473350>

Very Respectfully,

Tony Starks

CPT, AG

BN S1 "GERONIMO 1"

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509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Association Reunion  
May 11-15, 2016 – Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus, Georgia

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 Graduation/Museum tour \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 And Lunch (includes transportation)  
 Bean Bag Toss tournament on Friday, must be 2 man 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.

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Name exactly as it appears on your credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

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The registration fee includes CP room Wednesday – Saturday, May 11-14<sup>th</sup>. CP room will open at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> and stay open until midnight. Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> CP room will open at 9:00 a.m. and stay open until midnight. Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the CP room will not open until we return from the off-site event. We figure the CP room will open around 2:30 p.m. until midnight. On Saturday at 9am we will have our Board of Directors meeting in the CP room. Bar will be closed until the end of the meeting. CP room will open after the meeting and will close at 2:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. we will need time to refresh the room for the dinner and decorate. In the CP room we will have our usual bar, sodas, coffee, decaf, hot water for tea and snacks. Dress in the CP room is casual. On Saturday night we will have our Banquet. Reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner and program will begin at 6:45 p.m. An agenda for the banquet will be available soon. Dress for the banquet is business casual (which means long pants or dresses and a nice shirt). We will have a DJ for dancing after dinner. 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.

Off-site event: We will leave the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and travel to Fort Benning for graduation of the Soldiers. Graduation will last approximately 2 hours. After graduation we will continue to the National Infantry Museum where we will have lunch and tour the facility until 2:00 p.m. We will leave the museum at 2:00 p.m. and head back to the Hilton Garden Inn. Dress is casual. Cost is \$70 per person.

If you have not paid your Association dues and would like to take care of that now there is a place on the registration form to include your dues with your registration payment. Please make checks payable to Housman and Associates.

#### HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

##### **Hilton Garden Inn**

**1500 Bradley Lake Blvd.**

**Columbus, Georgia 31904**

**For reservations:** Call for reservations at 706-660-1000 and ask for the 509 Reunion sleeping block. Sleeping room rate (includes a discount coupon for a full cooked breakfast in the restaurant) \$99.00 (standard room) plus \$5.00 Georgia State tourism fee and 8% local sales tax and 8% occupancy tax. If you would like to reserve your sleeping room online please copy and paste the following link into your browser. <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/C/CSGGHGI-509PIR-20160510/index.jhtml>

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS MAY 1, 2016. AS LONG AS THEY HAVE AVAILABILITY.** The hotel is non-smoking. The hotel does not allow pets unless you can prove your pet is a companion pet.

#### TRANSPORTION

If you fly into Columbus, Georgia the hotel will provide shuttle service to and from the airport. If you fly into Atlanta, Georgia Hartfield airport you can contact one of the following transportation agencies to make a reservation and secure your cost.

##### **Airport Star Shuttle**

770-653-8873

Courtesy Shuttle

706-221-2786

##### **Groome Transportation**

706-324-3939

##### **Train Express**

770-374-5066

If you prefer to rent a car and drive from the Atlanta airport rental car agencies are located adjacent to the airport. There is a bus you can take to get to the rental car facility.

**Organization Dues Statement**

**January 1-December 31**

**Annual 509<sup>th</sup> PIA Membership**

- CHARTER**        **WORLD WAR II VETERAN**                      **LIFETIME MEMBER**
- LEGACY**        **IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF VETERAN**              \$20.00 per year
- REGULAR**       **POST WORLD WAR II 509<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN**          \$25.00 per year
- ASSOCIATE**     **NON 509<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN**                              \$25.00 per year

*Please make check payable to:*

**509<sup>th</sup> PIA**

*and send to:*

**509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Association**  
**47 Washington Ave.**  
**Box 310**  
**Wheeling, WV 26003**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**509<sup>TH</sup> SERVICE:**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER COMBAT UNIT:**

Combat Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you do not want your name and information listed in a member directory please check the box*

[Click here for 509th PIA Application](#)