



# Geronimo!



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## Ernestine receives Order of Geronimo



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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

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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

## 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.

<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 success-  
ful 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



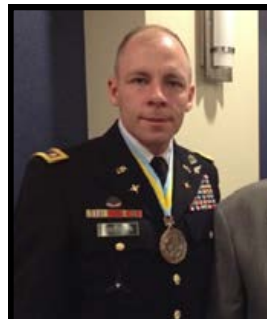
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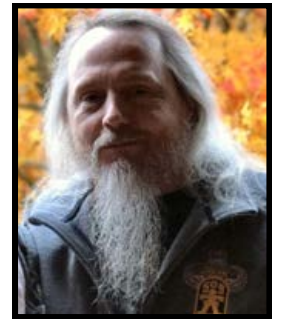
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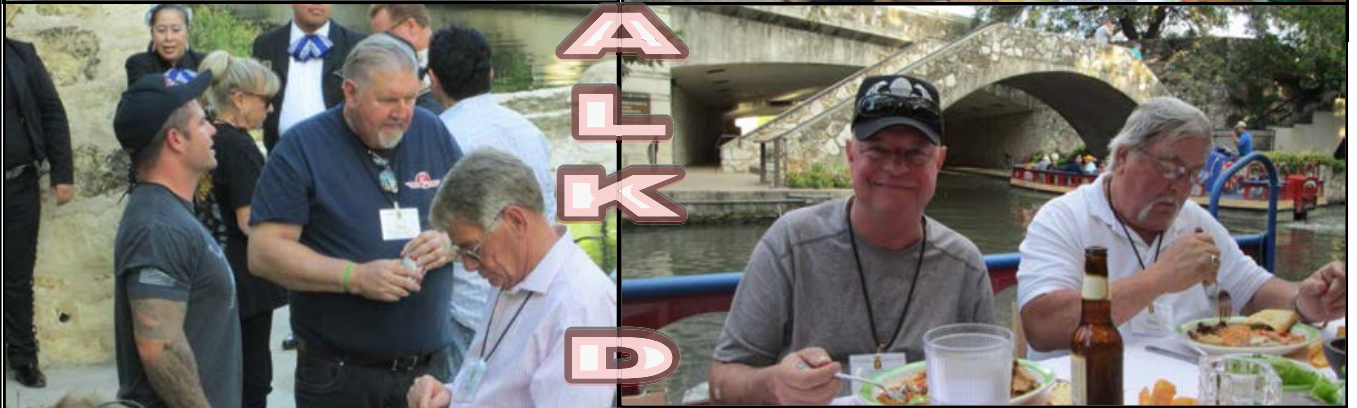


Matt Anderson



Kevin Boatman

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# 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



## g people from 2017 Reunion





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Troops



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509<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:june@housmanandassociates.com) OR Fax 512-413-0953**



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*509<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 509<sup>th</sup> PIA Membership**

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

*Please make check payable to:*

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

*and send to:*

**509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Association  
1309 Pasa Tiempo  
Leander, TX 78641**

***We Need Your Support***

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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