

# The Communicator

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FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION:  
SITE: RENO, NEVADA  
HOTEL: COMSTOCK HOTEL  
200 WEST SECOND STREET  
RENO, NEVADA 89501  
(800) 648 4866  
25 - 29 APRIL 1993



SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION:  
5 - 8 MAY 1994  
SITE: TUCSON, ARIZONA  
HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN  
4550 S PALO VERDE BLVD  
(602) 746 1161

- 1 FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION: The 97th Signal Battalion Association (ASSN) welcomes you to our fifth annual reunion at the Comstock Hotel, Reno, Nevada. For hotel reservations use the "800" number listed above. Please mention that you are attending the ASSN reunion in order to get reduced rates. Room rates: \$43.00 with tax, single or double occupancy, \$5.00 each additional person.

Hotel accommodations include:

Shuttle transportation from airport runs every 20 minutes and leaves hotel every 30 minutes.

Valet parking entrance on east side of hotel.

Hotel is equipped for the handicapped.

"Miners" coffee shop located on second floor open 24 hours.

RENO R V PARK is located nearby at 735 Mill Street, (702) 323 3381 Cost is \$17.99 per day including tax.  
GS, GA, AAA discounts available.

\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\* SAVE YOUR NICKLES, DIMES AND QUARTERS AS WE WILL HAVE OUR OWN SLOT MACHINE - WITH SPECIAL PRIZES TO BE GIVEN WHEN YOU HIT THE JACKPOT (97TH SIG BN CRESTS)

Within walking distance: Reno's famous strip, Gun Display & Museum @ Harold's Club, and Harrah's Automobile Museum.

THE VOICE OF  
THE  
97th SIGNAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION

2 TOURS: A selection of fine tours has been arranged for those persons desiring them. Tours are listed below:

TUESDAY - 27 APRIL 1993: TIME: 1000 - 1600

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Wear good walking shoes.

WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 1993: TIME 1000 - 1800

M.S.DIXIE LUNCHEON CRUISE ON LAKE TAHOE (Lunch Included)  
Enjoy lunch aboard an old paddle ship on this 2 1/4 hour cruise amid the majestic Sierras.  
PRICE: \$52.00 PER PERSON.

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 1993: TIME 1000 - ?

LADIES WALK TO TOUR THE "CRAFTERS MALL" near the hotel.  
Wear good walking shoes. PRICE: NO CHARGE.

3 BANQUET MENU: CHUCK WAGON BUFFET - Come join us for an old western BBQ with all the trimmings. BBQ sauce will be served on the side. Wear your finest western attire as a prize will be awarded for the best and most appropriate. Be prepared to enjoy yourself with a live country band. We will have someone to teach you the latest country dances.

MENU:

FRESH RANCH SALAD  
COLE SLAW  
FRESH FRUIT MIRROR  
BBQ RIBS  
SMOKED SAUSAGE  
CREAMED CORN  
HOT BISCUITS

TOMATO-ONION CUCUMBER SALAD  
POTATO SALAD  
SMOKED CHICKEN  
CHILI CON QUESO  
CARVED BARON OF BEEF  
OVEN ROASTED POTATOES  
APPLE COBBLER



There will be two buffet lines serving, so there will be no delay in serving as there was in Virginia Beach in 1991.

4 HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Each person is responsible to make his or her reservations. Mention that you are with the 97th Sig Bn Assn. Telephone # (800) 648 4866 Strongly recommend that reservations be made early. The CUT-OFF DATE IS: 7 APRIL 1993. On this date the rooms not reserved from our block of rooms will be returned to the hotel. Members then will have to take their chance in obtaining a room for our function. Rooms may be cancelled with 48 hours notice.

5 HOTEL & TOUR RESERVATIONS FORMS: Enclosed with this newsletter are Hotel and Tour reservations forms. Please complete the forms and mail to the person listed on the forms, Hotel and Banquet reservation to: DAVE HARRIS and Tour reservations to: JAN BROWN

6 REUNION SITE 1995: At our reunion in Reno the site for the 1995 reunion must be selected. As of this date no member has expressed interest in hosting or coordinating this meeting. It is expected that at least two hotel representatives from the CHICAGO area will present their proposals for 1995 at our general meeting 29 April 1993. There may be other proposals from other areas as well. If any member wishes to host a reunion please contact DAVE HARRIS for time allocation. Ensure your proposals and presentations are complete with all the "I's" dotted and the "T's" crossed. The Secretary will furnish upon request a "CHECK LIST" as a guide for site presentations. Is there a volunteer?? Or do we return to TEXAS or VA BEACH?

7 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT/OFFICERS: (REPEAT) At the 1993 reunion' General Meeting, the membership must nominate and elect a VICE PRESIDENT and TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Those desiring to nominate members for any position must obtain the nominee' approval. Then notify the Secretary so that nominee' name may be put on the ballot. Nominations will be accepted from the floor as usual. NOTE: THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS THAT SERVED IN THE LATER YEARS TO GET THEIR ERA COMRADES ON THE BOARD. ALL YOU THAT SERVED IN THE 60's, 70's and LATER, "GET THINGS GOING" "MAKE IT HAPPEN"



8 CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, ETC.: Make appropriate changes to your membership roster:

ADDITIONS



Bernard J Jansen  
A Co, 97th Sig Bn  
Unit 29275  
APO AE 09028-  
5446

Paul W. Muuss  
1358 Luna Drive  
Fountain, CO 80817  
719 390 7274 56-60

Theresa H S Alexander  
2306 SW 39th Street  
Lawton, OK 73505  
405 353 2490 88-92  
Hqs Co, Bn Mtr Sec

Alva C Barefoot  
801 Cashew Crt, Apt E  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410 638 9252 70-73  
A Co, TTY Opr

LAST RETREAT

Earl E Emerson 1992 Jacques DeGlas Oct 92 Guston W Klein 1985

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JOHN J TRUFFA, 4244 Royal Oak Dr, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410  
(407) 626 5939

JOSEPH T ADINARO, 9000 Belvoir Woods Pky, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

# Thanks for VOLUNTEERING

9 ASSOCIATION AREA COORDINATORS: Great effort has been exerted by our Vice President JOHN TRUFFA to organize our Association into "AREAS". This program is made to encourage more of our members to participate in and help the organization grow, also to establish better communication between and among our members. To accomplish this, a very informal and most important organizational structure, composed of dedicated volunteers willing to serve a two year tour of duty, has been established. This structure consists of four areas similar to our Continental Armies. It is felt that this concept will provide opportunities to recruit new members as well as creating an environment to further promote closer relationships within our Association. A copy of this plan along with those volunteers will be available in Reno, April 93. This is a great opportunity for all members to become involved in our group. **DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THE AREA COORDINATORS CALL UPON YOU FOR ASSISTANCE.**



10 "TRIED AND TRUE COOK BOOK": (AN OLD ADAGE; A SOLDIER TRAVELS UPON HIS STOMACH) In the upcoming year an effort will be made to compile and publish a "TRIED AND TRUE COOK BOOK" from recipes submitted by spouses, widows and members of our group. The main problem foreseen is having someone take on the task of coordinating this endeavor in order to have the book published. The Secretary will be contacting members at the Reno reunion for their input relative to this plan. In the meantime review your recipe file and come up with the very best for: APPETIZERS - SOUPS - ENTREE'S - DESSERTS, or any other recipe you feel would be appropriate. With the ethnic background of our members, we should really come up with some excellent ideas. More on this subject later

11 AVIS CAR RENTAL: Avis Automobile Rental has provided our ASSN a discount plan for auto rentals during our reunion, plus one week before and after the event. The discount number is below with rates:

AVIS WORLD DISCOUNT #: B146418 (800) 331 1600

<u>CAR CLASS</u>		<u>DAILY</u>	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>WEEK-END</u>
Subcompact	A	\$ 31 00	\$ 108 00	\$ 22 00
Compact	B	33 00	129 00	24 00
Intermediate	C	35 00	145 00	25 00
4-Dr Full Size	E	40 00	168 00	28 00
Luxury	H	48 00	199 00	39 00
Mini Van	V	59 00	199 00	39 00

Normal rental rules apply,

SEE YOU IN RENO.

*Dave Harris*  
 DAVE HARRIS  
 SEC/TREAS  
 12 Jan 93

ADVANCE REGISTRATION  
 97TH SIGNAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
 25 - 29 APRIL 1993  
 RENO, NEVADA

MAIL TO: DAVE HARRIS  
 3608 DUPONT CIRCLE  
 VA BEACH, VA 23455

REGISTRATION FEE: \$3.00 PER PERSON  
 CUT OFF DATE: 8 APRIL 1993

NAMES AS WILL APPEAR ON NAME TAGS:

MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

"REGISTRATION FOR SOCIAL EVENTS"

FUNCTION	SELF	SPOUSE	GUEST	COST	TOTAL
REGISTRATION FEE:	_____	_____	_____	X \$ 3.00	\$ _____
BANQUET & MUSIC :	_____	_____	_____	X \$ 25.00	\$ _____
HOSPITALITY ROOM : (NO ASSN FUNDS MAY BE USED)					\$ _____
CURRENT YEARS DUES ENCLOSED: \$ 10.00 PER YEAR					\$ _____
				TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOTEL RES MADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPART DATE : \_\_\_\_\_ AVIS AUTO RES MADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Use this #: B146418)

CANCELLATION POLICY: ROOMS: 48 HOURS BANQUET: 72 HOURS  
NO REFUNDS MADE FOR CP ROOM OR REGISTRATION FEE

TOURS: TOUR INFORMATION INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER. COST OF  
 TOURS TO BE MAILED TO: JAN BROWN, 3866 DAVIS ROAD, MODESTO, CA  
 95355. CANCELLATION POLICY ON TOURS 72 HOURS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
 TO : JAN BROWN

DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL MEDICAL PROBLEMS?: \_\_\_\_\_ IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WHOM  
 SHOULD BE NOTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOU HOST A REUNION IN YOUR CITY OR AREA: \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOU PERFORM A SHORT TOUR OF DUTY AT THE REUNION IN RENO? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \* NOTE \* \* \* AVERAGE WEATHER TEMPERATURE IN RENO, NEVADA:  
 APRIL - 46.4 MAY - 54.6  
 SUGGEST THAT ALL BRING APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

\* \* \* PLEASE BRING YOUR CURRENT DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE  
 REUNION. MEMBERS MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING TO PARTICIPATE  
 IN VOTING, REUNION SITE SELECTION AND OTHER DECISION MAKING  
 EVENTS. \* \* \*

**RETURN BY 8 APR 93**

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MAIL TO: JAN BROWN  
3866 Davis Road  
Modesto, CA 95355

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



TOUR:

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SELF    SPOUSE    GUEST    GUEST    X \$31.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

M S DIXIE LUNCHEON CRUISE: \$52 00 PER PERSON

SELF    SPOUSE    GUEST    GUEST    X \$52.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: GOOD WALKING SHOES SHOULD BE WORN.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS REQUIRED ?: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE RETURN**

**BEFORE 8 APR 93**