

## POW/MIA

### "PRISONERS OF WAR & MISSING IN ACTION"

#### "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN"

#### ***DAYS FOR (POW/MIA) FLAG DISPLAY***

Armed Forces Day	Third Saturday in May
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Flag Day	14 <sup>th</sup> of June
Independence Day	4 <sup>th</sup> of July
National (POW/MIA) Recognition Day	Third Friday of September
Veterans Day	11 <sup>th</sup> of November

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Mark Your Calendar	Days for (POW/MIA) Flag Display
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**Purchase a (POW/MIA)  
FLAG**

**Purchase a  
Streamer**

**"All the Way"**

Harvey S. Sutherland  
1/509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion (Airborne)

# POW PLEDGE OF ALLEGAINCE

## **I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

(POW response) I am an American. I was a Prisoner of War. I have served my country. I need no one to tell me what allegiance I owe my flag -- to my home.

## **OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

(POW) This is my country; I have fought for it, I have been imprisoned for it. I would die for it.

## **AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS:**

(POW) This flag stands for me for love. My love for my country, my friends, and my family. I did not forsake it when I was beaten or when I was starved.

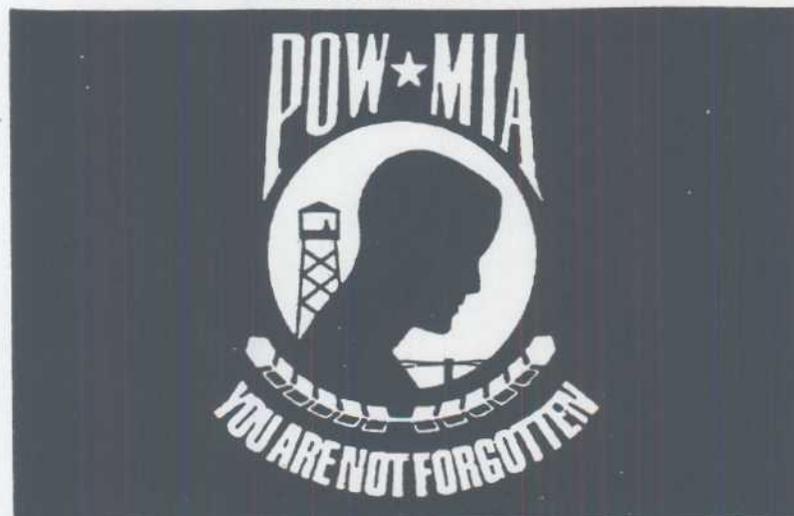
## **ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE:**

(POW) I am one man. I have one country. I worship one God. I was captured. Under one God I was saved. Under God I have no fear.

## **WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL:**

(POW) My allegiance is to liberty, to justice, my flag represents the best of myself, my effort, my home and my country. I will pledge allegiance to the flag. I will under the love of God. It is my right, my privilege, my duty. I have earned it. Tell me not how. I have given much. I am an American former Prisoner of War. Take nothing from me. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

I AM A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR



*"We Remember"*

## 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion (Airborne) Biographies

Copyright	Title	Author(s)	Forward By
1992	She Went to War Persian Gulf War	Rhonda Cornum Major, U.S. Army	Peter Copeland
1991	Pride of America U.S. Army Airborne	Richard K. Schrader	Matthew B. Ridgeway General, U.S. Army
1990	U.S.A. Airborne 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	All Airborne Units	George P. Bush President, United States John O. Marsh, Jr. Secretary of the Army
1989	Geronimo American Paratroopers World War II	William B. Breuer	James M. Gavin Lt. General U.S. Army (Ret.)
1988	Stand in the Door History of the Elite 509 <sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion	Charles H. Doyle/ Terrell Stewart	Mark W. Clark General U.S. Army
1982	Captain Cool! 509 <sup>th</sup> Paratrooper Ledgend	William B. Breuer	William B. Breuer
1981	Bloody Clash at Sadzot Hitler's Final Strike for Antwerp	William B. Breuer	Gerald M. Devlin Major, U.S. Army, DSC
1979	Paratrooper Airborne Combat Action World War II	Gerald M. Devlin Major, U.S. Army, DSC	William P. Yarborough Lt. General U.S. Army (Ret.)
1979	Bailout Over North Africa America's First Combat Parachute Mission, 1942	William P. Yarborough Lt. General U.S. Army (Ret.)	Charles H. Doyle/ 509 <sup>th</sup> Historian Mark W. Clark General U.S. Army (Ret.)
1944	We Jump to Fight First U.S.A Airborne Invasion	Edson D. Raff Colonel U.S. Army (Ret.)	Hanson W. Baldwin

**509<sup>th</sup> PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION  
 WWII ASSOCIATION  
 YEAR AND LOCATION OF REUNIONS AND MINI'S**

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2010		
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2003	New Jersey - McCarthy	
2002	Florida – Paul DeGaeta	
2001	Kentucky – Peggy Fite	
2000	Fayetteville, North Carolina	
1999	San Antonio, Texas	
1998	Baltimore, Maryland	
1997	Minnesota	
1996	Fort Polk, LA	
1995	Portland, Oregon	Plymouth, Mass
1994	Farmington, CT	Plymouth, Mass
1993	Norfolk, VA	Plymouth, Mass
1992	Dallas, TX	Plymouth, Mass
1991	Kansas City, MO	Plymouth, Mass
		Fort Rucker, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
1990	Washington, DC	Plymouth, Mass
1989	Fort Lauderdale, FL	
1988	Scottsdale, Arizona	
1987	Richmond, Virginia	
1986	Las Vegas, Nevada	Fort Rucker, 509 Reactivation

1985	Milwaukee, WI	Plymouth, Mass
1984	Indianapolis, Indiana	Plymouth, Mass
1983	Memphis, Tenn	Plymouth, Mass
1982	San Antonio, TX	
1981	Boston, Mass	
1980	Raleigh, North Carolina	
1979	Louisville, Kentucky	
1978	St. Louis, Missouri	
1977	Atlanta, Georgia	
1976	Chicago, Illinois	
1975	New York, New York	
1974	Chicago, Illinois	
1973	Chicago, Illinois	Plymouth, Mass
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1950	New York, New York	
1949	New York, New York	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reunion	
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1946		New York, New York

**GERONIMO MONUMENT  
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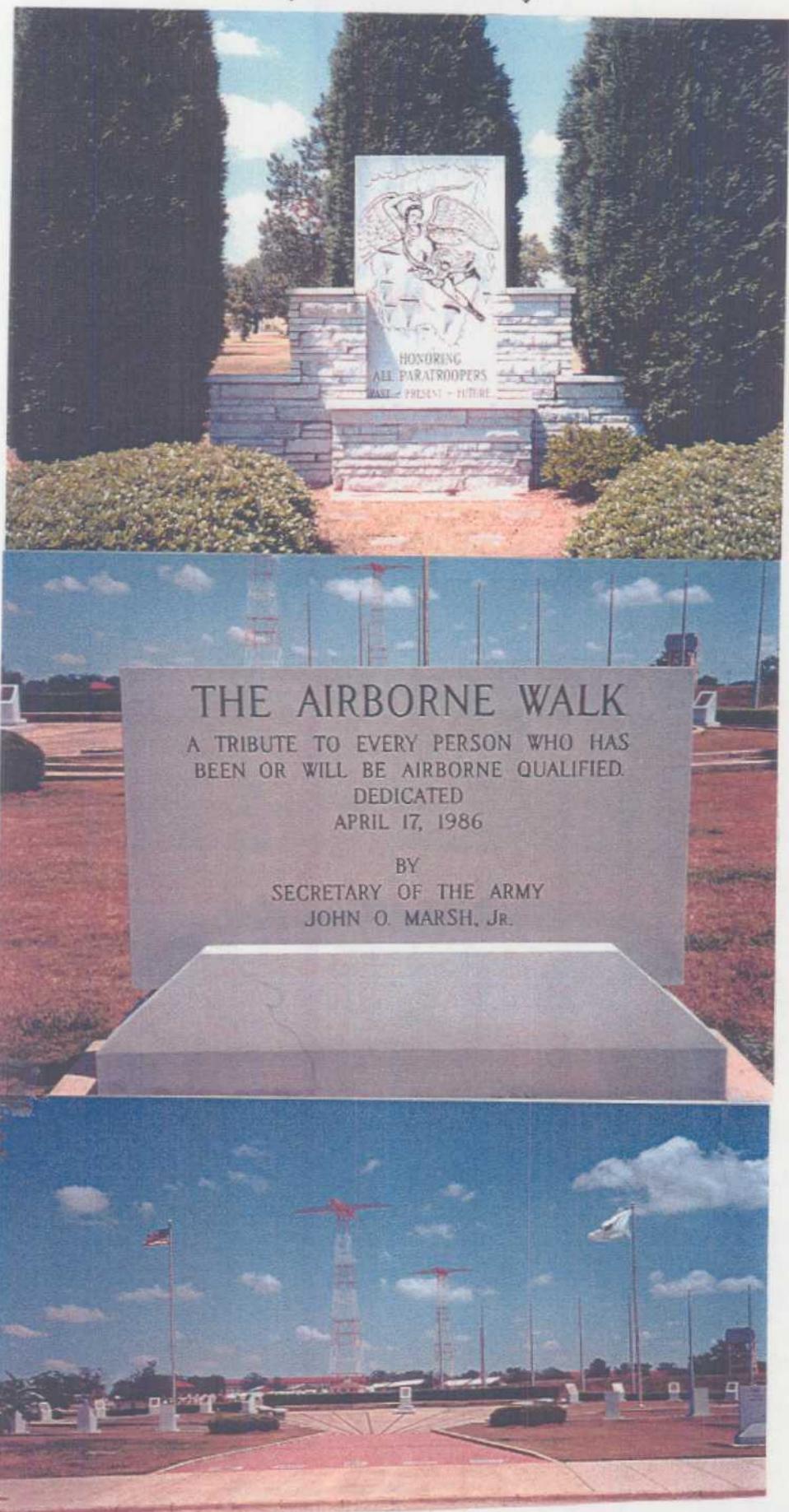
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# 509th PARACHUTE BN. INFANTRY

## CAMPAIGNS: . . . . . WWII-EAME

- Ⓛ Algeria-French Morocco (with Arrowhead)
- Ⓛ Tunisia (with Arrowhead)
- Ⓛ Naples-Foggia (with Arrowhead)
- Ⓛ Anzio (with Arrowhead)
- Rome-Airnd
- Ⓛ Southern France (with Arrowhead)
- Rhineland
- Ardenne-Alsace

## DECORATIONS:

Presidential Unit Citation (ARMY), Streamer Embroidered CARONA, ITALY  
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Presidential Unit Citation (ARMY), Streamer Embroidered LIEGE, BELGIUM  
French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, Streamer Embroidered MUY EN PROVENCE  
Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the ARDENNES  
Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at ST. VITH  
Personnel authorized to wear the insignia of the French 3d Zouaves Regiment

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY: *Will Smith* MG, USA, ADJUTANT GEN

## ALLIED MUSEUM, NETTUNO, ITALY

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# 509<sup>TH</sup> PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

THE FIRST PROVENCALE LAND LIBERATED AT DAWN ON AUGUST 15, 1944 BY THE MAURES BRIGADE OF THE FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR AND BY THE PARACHUTISTS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAN ARMY WHO JOINED OPERATIONS THERE.

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Honor and glory to the American, British, and French Marines who, on August 15, 1944, participated in the landing in Provence. Grateful thanks from the city of Saint-Tropez to the allied combattants who contributed to our liberation.

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(LEFT) The City of Saint-Tropez in grateful thanks to the pilots and to the crews of the Army of the Air and the Allied Air Forces for the landing operations in Provence on August 15, 1944.

(RIGHT) The City of Saint-Tropez in homage to the American parachutists of the 509<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Airborne Infantry who liberated the city with the aid of the Maures Brigade of the local resistance, landing in Provence on August 15, 1944.

These are within the walls of the Citadel.



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HERE AT DAWN ON AUGUST 15, 1944, ON BOARD ONE OF THE NUMEROUS C-47'S, 17 PARACHUTISTS OF COMPANY B OF THE 509<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION JUMPED INTO THE WATERS OF THE GULF OF SAINT-TROPEZ TO LIBERATE FRANCE. NOT ONE OF THEM WAS EVER FOUND

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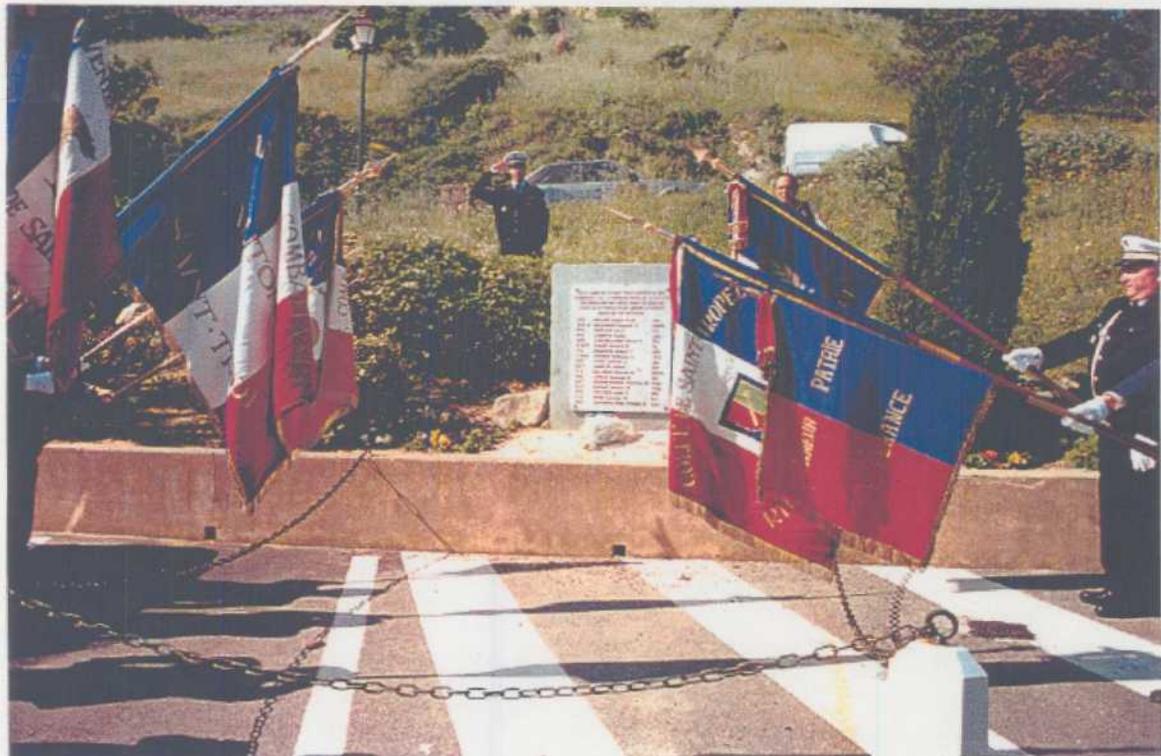
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