



**AFTER ACTION REPORT**  
**328<sup>th</sup> Radio Research Reunion 2003**  
**Nashville TN June 12 – 15, 2003**

**ROLL CALL**

Gilbert and Rose Arias  
Ralph Benjamin  
Jennus and Rosanne Burton  
BJ Crawford  
Gary, Tia and Kristina Gustafson  
Tom and Sue Heiser  
Steve and Kathy Henley  
Richard Keen  
Alan Kershner and JoAnn Fanelli  
Bill and Sharon Martindale  
James Mellen and Tina Knuth  
Bruce, Julia and Kevin Miner  
Keith and Bitzey Mosier  
Paul Nett and DK Rhinehart  
Michael and Celeste Schmidt (**Hosts**)  
Steven Summers  
Dallas and Ann Vibbert  
Jarrett and Gail Watts (**Hosts**)  
Norman, Karen, Casey Waterman and Samantha Connelly  
Wallace “Woody” Woodward  
Richard Yoder and Cyndee Diesburg

**REPORTING DATE:     **Thursday, June 12, 2003****

Members of the 328<sup>th</sup> Radio Research Company began reporting to their “duty station”, Embassy Suites Hotel, Nashville Airport/Opryland Area, final destination, Governors Suite, room 315 (aka Glidden Hall). Hand sewn burlap “Ditty Bags” were provided by “The Nashville Chapter of Do-Nothing Dollies”, Jarrett and Gail Watts, and Michael and Celeste Schmidt. Also available to attendees were 328<sup>th</sup> “license plates” provided by Bruce Miner who did these without committing a crime! Refreshments in the Suite were provided by Richard Keen, a large thank you go out to all these people for their “above and beyond the call of duty actions”. From 1730 to 1930 there was a mustering of the troops for a manager’s reception in the hotel where free refreshments were provided by the hotel (economic loss to the hotel!). After the reception, members returned to room 315 to continue reminiscing and destruction of the refreshments provided by Richard Keen, and the wine and cheese eventually provided by the hotel.

## **Day 2      **Friday, June 13, 2003****

The hotel provided a free, cooked to order breakfast to start the day and many members were seen together again enjoying good fellowship. The day consisted of "recon missions" of the Nashville and Lynchburg TN areas. Members went to various parts of TN to include Opry Mills and other parts of Nashville. A large contingent went on a tour of the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg TN. The Watts', Schmidt's and Burton's provided transportation for the Distillery tour, again thank you. A picture can be seen at [www.jackdaniels.com](http://www.jackdaniels.com) check out June 13, 11:42am. (Front: Tour Guide "Sammy", Middle row: Rosanne Burton, Sharon Martindale, Ann Vibbert, Sue Heiser, JoAnn Fanelli, DK Rhinehart, BJ Crawford, Rose Arias, Gail Watts, Tia Gustafson. Back Row: Steve Summers, Mike Schmidt, Jennus Burton, Bill Martindale, Dallas Vibbert, Tom Heiser, Alan Kershner, Paul Nett, Ralph Benjamin, Gilbert Arias, Jarrett Watts, Gary Gustafson, Cyndee Diesburg, Richard Yoder. Lynchburg is located in a dry county so the only place "memorabilia" could be purchased was at the Distillery gift shop and there were some "souvenirs" purchased. Discussions were held in reference to purchasing a "single barrel" for the next reunion but the \$6000 price tag brought that discussion to a halt! After lunch and shopping in Lynchburg, the group returned to our hotel for more member arrivals and fellowship. That evening was the Grand Ole Opry and tour of the Roy Acuff Museum. The Opry was a two-hour live radio broadcast with a mix of new and old Country Western performers. After the show we returned to the hotel for fellowship and pizza until well after midnight. Needless to say there was a refreshment re-supply run made by "Woody" Woodward and "Buddy" Mosier.

## **DAY 3      **Saturday, June 14, 2003****

After the great breakfast at the hotel, this day also consisted of touring the Nashville area. Some of the areas toured included the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, The Hermitage, The Parthenon, Opry Mills, Wild Horse Saloon, Ernest Tubb Record Shop, Tootsies, Charlie Daniels Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Broadway area, Hard Rock Café to name a few. This evening was the banquet meal, which was an all-you-can-eat smorgasbord meal. I did not hear of anybody that left hungry. A pass-the-hat was proposed to assist with the costs of the vans for the reunion. All proceeds were given to Jarrett and Mike with thanks from the group. It was discussed having the reunion in 2005 in Texas, as there were two offers to assist with planning and this is the state with the most 328<sup>th</sup> vets residing. The cities mentioned were San Antonio and Dallas. An email was sent out to vote and these are the results:

San Antonio	76%
Dallas	10%
Either	14%

One of the primary concerns is time of year as June can be **HOT** in both cities. We will be working with this issue and advise the dates in the future.

Photographs were the order of the day after the meal. Cards were passed around to be signed that will be sent to Zach Martindale who is stationed in Iraq. After returning to the hotel again, group photographs were taken in the atrium of the hotel. There were pictures of the guys as well as the ladies. Once I figure out how to send pictures that are not many megs in size, I will send some out or forward any on that I receive.

**DAY 4      Sunday, June 15, 2003**

This is departure day. Many members were seen having breakfast together again and good-byes were commonplace. It was good to see the many new faces at this reunion as well as the people that have been at one or two of the previous reunions. It was also great to see the increased number of the many family members that included wives, girlfriends, fiancées, children and even one grandchild.

- ❖ Susan and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that participated in the reunion in one-way or another. It was interesting to see how people have changed since our time with the 328<sup>th</sup> but yet they remained the same. When assistance was needed for and at the reunion, people stepped up; when a member needed assistance, people stepped up; when transportation was needed, people stepped up. Even the vets who could not make it to this reunion sent emails encouraging the reunions continue are appreciated. So from Susan and I, a heartfelt thank you and hope to see you in San Antonio in 2005.

*Tom and Susan Heiser*

*(Reunion Co-Chairs)*