



# Berlin Brats Alumni Association Newsletter

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## 2012 REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

In the following pages we will attempt to report on some of the Reunion activity, those in attendance and give kudos to all those who made this one a wonderful memory for years to come!

### Pre-Reunion Activities

### Kip Taylor Memorial Service



Since we were in the DC area for our Reunion we wanted to personally visit Kip Taylor's "memorial bench" at the Pentagon Memorial. Kip was class of '81 and as most of you know was killed in the attack on 9-11. Kip, a young Major at the time was the aide to Lt. General Maude. Lt. General Maude was also killed.

(To learn more about Kip, his wife Nancy and the two boys please visit:

<http://www.berlinbrats.org/bios/81Taylor.htm>)

With burgundy and white roses in hand....

4 car loads of Berlin Brats made their way to the Memorial prepared to pay their respect to Kip. While we were waiting at the entrance to the Memorial for the last carload to arrive a young Park Service docent approached us and asked if we needed help locating a particular bench. I piped up, "No thank you, I've been here before and know the location of Kip's bench. Kip?....she said. I know Kip." At the risk of whiplash I turned to face what I expected to be a new found Berlin Brat. "How do you know Kip, I asked? I'm Lt General Maude's daughter, Kip worked.....

I know, I know I practically screamed. . Oh my God....as I rushed in for a hug. (Brugs = Brat Hugs) Come to find out she volunteers 3 hours a month at the Memorial. What were the odds that on the very day and very hour that the Berlin Brats show for Kip she would be there?



"Karen Maude - the General's daughter"



After talking, picture taking and the arrival of the last BB carload we proceeded to Kip's Bench. I spoke of the Kip I knew from news accounts after the tragedy, about Nancy and the boys, then read a favorite poem of Kip's that hung in their family living room. Others present said a few words about their time with Kip in Berlin. I then asked Paul Greer '72 to lead us in prayer. Just as the last word was spoken a military helicopter buzzed us.

I looked up and said..... "Kip that's for YOU!

*Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72*

Soon after we all returned home from the Reunion, Mike Fredrich (our no class Berlin Brat) found this on the net:

**Reflections on 9-11 by: COL Chandler "Skip" Sherrell, BAHS Class of '81**

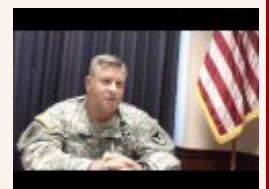
(Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army's Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM)

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Jeri immediately shot off an email to Skip -

informing him of the Reunion we just had, the ceremony for Kip and learned this:

*Jeri, thank you so much for the info and update. Thank you for recognizing Kip that way as well. Kip and I were both in the Pentagon on 9/11 and following the attack, I served as his family's escort for the Memorial ceremony. I had not seen his older brother Dean or his mother since we both left Berlin. Was very sad to see them after all those years under those circumstances.*



Jeri comments: The presence of General Maude's daughter, the helicopter fly over, and then to learn that a fellow Berlin Brat, Skip Sherrell '81, was serving with Skip in the Pentagon and then served as the family's escort for the actual Memorial Service just completes the circle.