

## Toasts

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I propose a toast to The United States of America."

- To the United States

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I propose a toast to the President of the United States."

- To Commander in Chief

"Ladies and gentlemen, I propose a toast to the United States Army."

- To the Army

"Ladies and gentlemen, I propose a toast to the United States Army Alaska."

- Arctic Warriors!

"Ladies and gentlemen, I propose a toast to the 17th CSSB."

- Always Ready!

"Gentlemen, I would like to propose a toast to the Ladies"

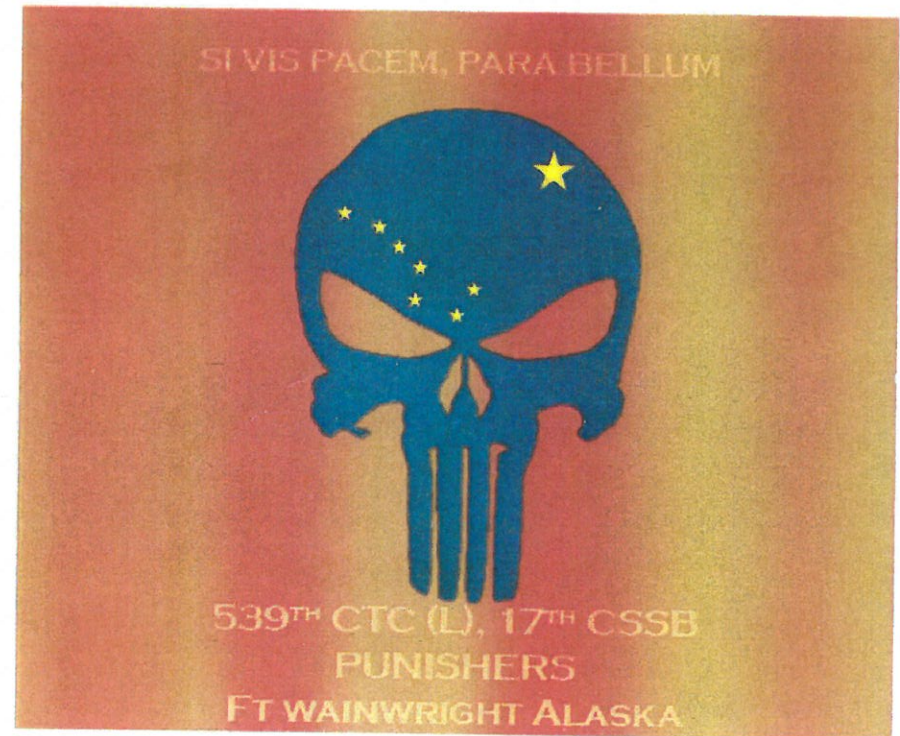
- To the Ladies



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## 539th CTC (L) Dining Out



08 September 2017

# Sequence of Events

**Cocktail Hour**

**Entering of the Official Party**

**Posting of the Colors**

**Playing of the National Anthem**

**Invocation**

**Toasts**

**POW/MIA Table**

**Grog Bowl Ceremony**

**Supper Served**

**Introduction of the Guest Speaker**

**Dessert Served**

**Gift Presentation**

**Grog Bowl Toast**

**Retiring of the Colors**

**Conclusion**

**TSGT Cerene J. Paul** is a native of Millersburg, Pennsylvania. He entered military service in the Army in March 1943 at the age of 18. After basic training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, he was assigned to the 39th Signal Company as a 35L and subsequently deployed to the European Theater during World War II. After landing at Utah Beach in September of 1944 his unit moved eastward with the famed Red Ball Express setting up communication systems. At the end of the war he was discharged and returned to Pennsylvania in January 1946. He later reenlisted in the Army as a private in July 1948 and was assigned to the 97th Signal Battalion, being stationed at Panzer Kazerne in southwest Germany. While there, he achieved the rank of Corporal, and subsequently Sergeant in 1951. In March 1952 he completed his enlistment and was discharged.

Returning to the United States, he applied to enlist in the newly formed Air Force. He had a rate determination and was given approval to keep his rank as Sergeant. He enlisted into the Air Force at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, where he was stationed from July 1952 until October 1953. He then served an unaccompanied tour to Bermuda from October 1953 until May 1955, and served from 1955 through 1959 at Erding and Ramstein Air Force Bases. Upon returning to the U.S., he was assigned to the 2860th GEEIA Squadron at Warner Robins Air Force Base, Georgia from 1959 to 1961. His next and final assignment was with the 1995<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, where he was promoted to Technical Sergeant in 1964. TSGT Paul completed his time in the Air Force and retired in October 1965.

TSGT Paul's awards include: American Campaign Medal, European-Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and Army Occupation Medal.

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