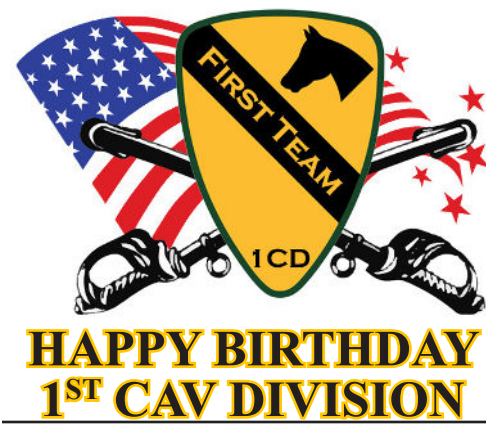




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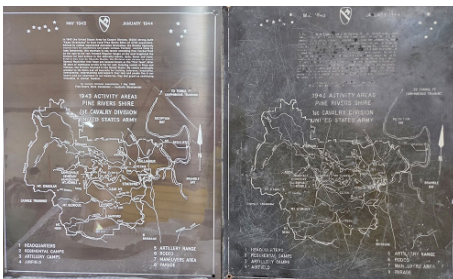
up for Reunion 78 in New Orleans, and I am happy to report back that we had a fantastic reunion. Certainly, a highlight was the banquet on Saturday evening at the WWII Museum which included a great performance by the Victory Bells a period-based musical trio who covered many of the most loved songs from the WWII era. Even better was the excellent presentation by Association VP's Glenn Vela and Rory Malloy on the life of COL (RET) Bruce Crandall who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroics at LZ X-Ray on 14 Nov 65 and who passed away in May. Well done!! The city of New Orleans also did not disappoint with its great food and eclectic entertainment.

On a sad note, LTC (RET) Neal Whetsel Jr, who attended the New Orleans Reunion and proudly wore his Dress Blues uniform to the banquet passed away peacefully in Knoxville, TN on 20 July 2026. In addition to being active in our Association, Neal was also active in the VFW, DAV, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Reserve Officers Association where he served as President of the Tennessee Department. He was laid to rest on 28 July at the Historical Bethesda Cemetery in Morrison, TN. Neal's smile was infectious and he will be missed.



LTC Neal Whetsel

As I am writing this, the Division is celebrating our 105th birthday with a week of sporting events, socials, and activities. Dara and our Office Team are bringing membership information and the mobile gift shop to the Family Day and we are also supporting trophies for the bowling tournament.



Last *Saber*, I let you know that through the charity and hard work of SeqWater (a local company in Australia), our 1st Cavalry Division memorial marker has been replaced in its original format and content. Here are pictures of the original marker placed in 1988, and the replacement marker installed this summer. If you find yourself in Queensland, Australia, please make it a point to visit our memorial at

the McGavin View park in Whiteside. If you let me know in advance, I will link you up with Mr. Paul Jones, who coordinated with us and who I am sure would be happy to meet up with you to tour the marker.

Our next major event for the Association is participating in the wreath laying ceremonies on the National Mall in Washington DC on Veterans Day. This year is extra special because the Desert Shield / Desert Storm memorial is being dedicated in October and we will be laying a wreath there in addition to the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Memorials. We participate in the WWII and Vietnam Memorial ceremonies and will conduct our own small ceremony at the Korea Memorial and DS/DS (if they don't have a formal event). If you are in the DC area on Veterans Day, please plan to attend at least one of the events - Stetson required! Our hospitality room and Veterans Day Reception are at the Crowne Plaza - Crystal City, which has garage parking and is very close to a metro station. You are welcome to join us. The National Military Monument at the Lincoln Memorial is now open through 12 November so you can add that to your list for the day. Last year was on the cold side to I am hoping for some warmer weather.

We are also very much deep into planning the 2027 Reunion at Fort Benning/ Columbus Georgia. There are both an AIT and Ranger graduation during our reunion, so we are working both into the schedule. The AIT graduation is on the parade field next to the Infantry Museum which is a public space. It is shaping up to be a great event. The Ranger demonstration and graduation are on post, so we are working through the logistics to get a bus on base. The Columbus Ironworks Convention Center has a lot to offer as does the downtown area. It has come a long way since I was there for airborne school in the 1980s ... likely unrecognizable to anyone who has not been back since the 1960s. The focus of this reunion is our Vietnam Era Veterans, so I highly encourage all of you to start planning now to join us from **4-8 August 2027** - less than a year from now. I'd like to thank John LeBrun and Dr. Elizabeth Pepe who are Board Members and volunteered to be part of the Reunion Committee along with our Executive Team. Dara sent out a survey last month for feedback from the New Orleans reunion and we are doing our best to incorporate your recommendations. On a positive note, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive so we know our reunions are enjoyed. People always say that the next event is going to be the best, but I am confident that this one is going to be special. You won't want to miss it and Bring A Buddy - old or new.

First Team, Rosey Carter

Greetings Troopers,
It's a great day to be a Cav Trooper! Greetings from Central Texas. In our last edition I was packing

HORSE DETACHMENT by 1LT Chad Tucker, Executive Officer

The Horse Cavalry Detachment (HCD) kept a busy pace throughout July, August, and September, supporting ceremonies and community events across Fort Hood and Central Texas. Among the summer's highlights, HCD Troopers and horses participated in the 1CD Relinquishment of Command and several other significant ceremonies, honoring incoming and outgoing leaders while continuing the mounted traditions of the First Team. The detachment also joined Troopers, Veterans, Families, and community members for CAV Week 105, celebrating the history and legacy of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Beyond events on Fort Hood, HCD Troopers took Cavalry traditions into communities across Central Texas through mounted demonstrations and color guard support at rodeos, expos, and other public events. Notable stops included the Gatesville Rodeo and Hometown Heroes and Family Fest in Belton, Texas. At each event, Troopers had the opportunity to engage with the public and give community members a firsthand look at Cavalry traditions.

The summer also brought an important leadership transition for the detachment as HCD conducted a Change of Responsibility, honoring and bidding farewell to 1SG Kyle Minor. His leadership, dedication, and service to the Horse Cavalry Detachment are unmatched.

Photo on right is 1SG Kyle Minor conducts the single saber route riding Boone during HCD's weekly mounted demonstration.



Looking ahead, the Horse Cavalry Detachment is already preparing for a full schedule of rodeos and public events across the United States. For those looking to experience the Cavalry's living history firsthand, the HCD welcomes the public to visit the detachment. HCD conducts a Mounted Cavalry Demonstration on Thursdays at 1000 (weather and schedule permitting) at 69007 Trooper Loop, Fort Hood, TX. Supporters and community members are also encouraged to follow the main 1CD Facebook page for the latest updates on the HCD's mission and upcoming events.

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I reached out to the President of the Publishing Copy in reference to our Oral History Books. He has offered his sincere apologies, both for the delay in completing the 1st Cavalry Division Oral History Project and for the lack of response

to your recent emails. More importantly, he fully understands the publication has taken far too long to complete and that our members entrusted them with your stories and purchased books with the expectation that we would deliver them in a timely manner. Mr. Clancy further states, "I plan to review exactly where we stand with our production team. I see the project is currently scheduled to complete production in **December**, but given how long your members have already waited, I have asked our team to determine what we can do to expedite the project." For those of you who choose to pursue the option of a refund please call the number provided: 1-800-982-1590.

The summer months came and went (quickly), leaving those of us in Texas with the summer weather. Putting on my forward-thinking hat tells me to be prepared for a very cold November in Washington, D.C., for Veterans Day. For those attending this year and those who are still on the fence, keep an eye on your weather app and pack/dress appropriately.

The Association will not be participating in the National Veterans Day parade this year. The parade is scheduled for 8 November, and many attendees will still be traveling. However, we do plan to place a wreath at the Desert Shield/Desert Storm Memorial approximately 1600 (or 4pm). You can find all the information about Veterans Day on our website <<https://1cda.org>>.

If you haven't heard by now, the Association is headed to Columbus, GA for our 2027 reunion. Look for specific information in our November/December issue of the *Saber*.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Foundation,

I'd like to thank you, truly, for not only supporting my dreams, but also believing in students like me. A chance as such does not come lightly, and I am so very grateful for being granted exactly that. It is due to your assistance that I will be able to complete a Major in Psychology: the first step in my journey towards a PhD. This will ease the stress of my college career, allowing for me to focus more on the educational aspects, rather than the financial. As the first college student of my immediate family, this opportunity will not only ensure my extended education but also bring further honor to my household. I am the first born to my mother: a Disabled Army Veteran who served in the 1st Cavalry Division as a combat medic in E Co 27th Main Support Battalion, before her deployment to OIF with the B Co 515th Forward Support Battalion. She was then stationed at Camp Falcon, later renamed Camp Ferrin-Huggins, where she earned her combat medical badge for successfully operating Care Under Fire. Now, she is the undeterred mother of four children, including my younger brother who is low functioning on the Autism Spectrum.

I am old enough to recognize, however, that PTSD can remain hidden. My mother has skillfully concealed the struggles of such that only maturity has revealed to me: the loss and horrors of war. Though despite being disabled, my mother remains a warrior. Of course, I will never operate Care Under Fire, yet I understand that my mother has saved lives. As a Psychology major, I have that same goal for myself. I will work towards my PhD, focusing on the research and experimental aspects of Abnormal Psychology. Fighting for clients who cannot fight for themselves, I hope to discover new treatment options for various disorders. Study the brain and heal what is mentally broken. I'll continue my mother's legacy, as well as my community's, by preserving the mental lives of our society.

Once more, I'd like to thank the Foundation for this wonderful opportunity. I am truly thankful to be recognized by this community; dare I say family. This grant is not only financial, as it also serves as a reminder that my mother's sacrifices have not, and will not, be forgotten—and for that, I cannot thank you enough. Thank you for believing in me, as well as honoring my mother's legacy. -1st Team

Sincerely,
Samiya A. Burch, Foundation grant



This award will pay for a portion of my tuition at Baylor, so that I may graduate with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in December 2026. I am thankful for this opportunity and honored to be selected! Thank you!

Best,
Emily Franke, Active-Duty spouse grant



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Consider making a donation to the Foundation to help a student achieve their educational goals.

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Culmination of treasured long lost stories or photos from our members.

A Day in the Life of a Combat Reporter/Photographer By Frank M. Smart, Public Information Office, 1st Cavalry Division (Am), Service in the Republic Of South Vietnam, April 1968 - April 1969

The grunts did the dirty, dangerous work of ferreting out the enemy and killing them. The helicopter pilots and door gunners did their part, often displaying uncommon valor. The medics risked their lives to save others. Someone had to tell their stories so the people back home would know.

In Vietnam, as in other wars, that job fell to the combat reporter/photographer. That was my Army job in Vietnam. To get these stories we had to hump the boonies with the grunts, suffer the agonizing cries of pain alongside the medics, and we rode with the chopper pilots and door gunners to bring those stories to life.

This then, is the story of a day in the life of Army men who performed these duties with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of South Vietnam. I served from April 1968 to April 1969, as a Staff Reporter/Photographer for the "Cavalair" newspaper, the official organ of the 1st Cav. And while the day I describe is not necessarily a typical day, it is nevertheless a close approximation of those days we spent plying our military trade during the Vietnam War.

Military journalists did not have the freedom of our civilian counterparts. Regardless of what went down in the field during any given day, we still had the military to contend with and all that entails. We could not, for instance, return to Saigon each day, file our stories and head to the Caravel Hotel rooftop bar for cocktails and dinner as they did. The best we could hope for, if we were in the field, was warmed-up C-Rations, a quick smoke before dark on some small Night Defensive Position (NDP) on a hilltop and a couple of hours fitful sleep before being roused for our stint on radio watch or foxhole guard duty.

If we were back at our main base camp, we would probably get a hot meal, a shower, maybe a couple of cold sodas or a beer, after we filed our stories. And then, of course, the Army extracted its pound of flesh with KP, guard duty, charge-of-quarters and the soulful, character-building duty of shit-burning detail.

Vietnam had no sewer system outside of the major cities, so all feces was burned using kerosene. This was a day-long duty in which the Soldier pulled a can from under the latrine, poured kerosene on, lit it and stood there and stirred it until all the feces were turned to ashes. Then on to the next can.

Working out of a Brigade Public Information Office, of which I was NCOIC of the 2nd Brigade PIO, required spending time in the field with the infantry companies to get our stories and photographs. Normally we would team up with an Army photographer who was assigned to my office, and we would spend three to five days in the field with the grunts. When enough cameras and film were available, we did our own photography as we were cross-trained.

Each Army Brigade consisted of three battalions of five companies each, plus support units. Our Brigade office attempted to cover as many of these units as possible with three or four reporters and one or two photographers available to us. Our articles and photographs were primarily written for the Division newspaper, "The Cavalier," but were also made available to the mainstream media in the US and to other military publications such as "The Stars and Stripes."

One factor we had to contend with was trying to be self-sustaining while in the field with the infantry. Logistic support for the Troops in the field was always a problem and each additional mouth to feed and water was just another burden on that system. The key was the proper loading of the field pack and that became an art, to keep it as light as possible and yet contain the minimum necessities of life. The rule of thumb was to take enough food for three days and enough water for two days. Of course, you wanted to keep your pack light since you had to hump it all day through oftentimes severe terrain in tropical heat. To accomplish this, you stripped the C-Rations down to one can of fruit cocktail and coffee for breakfast, a main meal for lunch and supper, a few heat tabs to warm things up, plenty of Tabasco sauce to liven up the meal, matches, toilet paper and you were basically set. Another necessity from home was Kool-Aid. You were required to put purification tablets in your canteen and that produced a terrible taste. Kool-Aid solved that problem.

In addition, you carried an Army .45 sidearm, your M-16 rifle, a bandoleer of ammo, (200 rounds) a bayonet, an entrenching tool, several fragmentation and smoke grenades, a couple of pen flares, a medical field kit, a poncho and liner, smokes, a bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, your steel pot, writing material, and one, two and sometimes, three cameras, both personal and military. And depending on the company you were traveling with, how the company commander felt and the situation, perhaps a gas mask and a flak jacket. At best

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OIF / OEF VETERAN 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion News

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**This column is a collection of stories submitted from
1BSTB Soldiers that served during OIF / OEF.**

As for most of the Bushmaster Company, this was this first time they all had to spend two consecutive holiday seasons away from their loved ones. Even though no one could replace their families at home they made the best of Christmas Day with their Brothers and Sisters in arms. In the early parts of November, they gathered names of all the Soldiers who wanted to participate in a "Secret Santa" gift exchange on Christmas Day. 42 Soldiers decided to take part in the gift exchange and drew a name for someone they would buy a gift for. What made the gift exchange so secret was that the Soldiers who participated did not tell whose name they had drawn and had no clue who had drawn their name.

Finally, after a month and a half of waiting, Christmas Day arrived and the Bushmaster Company celebrated as they did every holiday with a BBQ and finally the gift exchange. Soldiers were very surprised to see some of the people that had their name. It wasn't like a Christmas at home but the Bushmaster Company made up for it as best as they could and had a great time spending their holiday with their Bushmaster Company family.

In December 2007, the 2/25 ID unit started arriving. That meant it was finally time for 1BSTB to get ready and head home. Everyone was excited. On Christmas Day, Alpha Company played volleyball and beat the Battalion staff game after game.

In January 2008, family prayers were answered- Soldiers were finally coming home. There were some long, cold days and nights waiting on Cooper Field, but it was worth it for the families to see their Heroes finally home. There was mass confusion looking for the right gray person on the field but eventually every family found their Soldier. The 15-month deployment was finally over and the Centurion family was reunited.

Credit to the Soldiers of the 1BSTB Battalion Yearbook 2006-2008 Publication

Kenn is the same filmmaker that filmed The Longest Month at 1st Cav Div Assn HQs in 2019

(order form found on back page).

Now on Prime Video: Copperas Cove Local Publishes Documentary on U.S. Army Apache Flight Training by Elias Tremusini



A new documentary filmed partially at Fort Hood by a Copperas Cove local gives more insight on the U.S. Army's student aviators taking flight in the AH-64 Apache. Kenn Christenson, a seasoned filmmaker with decades of experience, recently finished and published a documentary about the rigor and training required to fly what he called "the most lethal attack helicopter in history."

After shooting footage at Fort Hood and Fort Rucker, Alabama, Christenson wrapped up production in Cove and released his film — "Gun Pilots" — which is now streaming on Amazon Prime Video. "Gun Pilots" is the third in a series of documentaries he's produced about the military. "The Longest Month," his first documentary, was centered on the Iraq War, while "Flight Photographers" focused on the history of aviation photography.

Army Roots

Christenson credited his interest in the military to his father. "The military ... comes from my dad," Christenson said. Christenson explained that his father served in World War II in Okinawa, Japan as a part of the 7th Infantry Division. His interest in aviation and the military has "been in the background my whole life," Christenson said. His interest in the military also influenced the directions he took with his filmmaking career. After getting his start working in Oregon, he eventually chose to move to Copperas Cove about seven years ago when he was shooting footage for "The Longest Month" in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.

These projects were part of a collaboration with Dangerpig Productions, "run by former U.S. Army Aviator, CW4 Dan McClinton," Christenson said. McClinton is known for many pieces of military aviation photography.

The film also required working with the Army itself. "We have to work with the Army's public affairs people to get permission for all this stuff," Christenson said. The ties to military culture and the opportunity to meet both the pilots and the helicopters were his favorite part of working on the film. "They got us, like, super super close ... within 20 feet of helicopters taking off," Christenson said.

Camera Pilot

Christenson got his professional start working in Medford, Oregon, after graduating from the California Institute of the Arts. The passion for film ran far deeper, though. "I started making movies when I was 13 years old," Christenson said. "I was very influenced by Star Wars when I was a kid ... otherwise I would've been in the military," Christenson continued. He worked with a local TV station in his area before branching out into his own company and creating commercials and promotional material. "For over 20 years, Kenn Christenson Films has been creating compelling messages for customers, employees and investors," his website said.

"The Longest Month" received numerous awards when it was presented at the Fort Worth Independent Film Festival, while his commercial productions have earned him multiple Telly Awards across the years. Now that he's released his newest documentary, he proposed a bit of a change. "I've always wanted to do a narrative kind of film," Christenson said, talking about his interest in the sci-fi genre. With "Gun Pilots," he said he wants to take a break of sorts from the documentary style of filmmaking.

In taking a break, however, he's not writing off his own work. "It was a blast to shoot this thing ... just to have that kind of opportunity ... it was a huge honor to be able to do that," Christenson said. "Gun Pilots" is now streaming on Amazon Prime. Clocking in at 48 minutes, it can be rented at \$2.99 or purchased at \$9.99. The trailer for the film can be watched on YouTube.

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LRRP/Ranger News



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Brothers I would like to start this edition off by honoring two of our brothers who did not return – David Torres and Julius Zaporozec. David was born in Los Angeles Ca on August 21st, 1946. Julius was born on October 14, 1948, in West Germany although his home of record was Hackettstown, NJ. They were both KIA on November 17, 1969. This was a new Team for both Torres and Zaporozec due to differing circumstances, but both were seasoned Rangers who had been previously decorated. They were now assigned to McIntyre's Team. The Story of their first mission together will be presented in the next issue of *Patrolling Magazine*. Thank you, Howard and Doug, for your Reunion Recap!!

I was asked to provide a summary of the reunion held in New Orleans in June. I believe everyone that attended was in good spirits and health. We accomplished some necessary business items that were confirmed by an almost unanimous vote of course we had that one "NO" vote. At the end of this note to all is the paperwork that was voted on and passed. The insert below is the proposal presented to the membership. The highlighted section is the one that was approved!

Last Man Standing

Three Options for H CO, 75th LRRP/Rangers

Option 1: Leave all assets from the H CO LRRP/Ranger Chapter to the 1st Cavalry Division Association. This includes all Money, Merchandise, and Memorabilia.

Option 2: Leave all assets from the H Co LRRP/Ranger Chapter to the 2nd Ranger Regiment at Fort Lewis McChord. This includes all Money, Merchandise, and Memorabilia.

Option 3: Divide LRRP/Ranger assets (2 options) including money and merchandise between the two organizations.

- Rangers get money assets and the 1st Cavalry Division gets the remaining merchandise and memorabilia.
- 1st Cavalry Division receives the money assets and the 2nd Ranger Battalion at Ft Lewis McChord receives the merchandise and memorabilia.

The calendar of events for the timing of the luncheon and meetings was changed so that any current members may attend the Cavalry's main meeting on Saturday. The change wasn't difficult with our Ranger business meeting being held on Friday. Our meeting room this year was the absolute best. We were on the top floor of the hotel, which was I believe the 42nd floor. What a view, it was truly magnificent. The room was large and we were able to have our meeting and gatherings with no complaints. (Unless you are unable to be on the top floor.) Our treasurer and others brought snacks and beverages and a good time was had by all! It was the only room left in the hotel where we were able to get a reduced price with the CAV's help.

Our luncheon was very nice, and the food wasn't bad either. We started with the memorial candle lighting and introductions with one first time attendee which was wonderful. Our raffle was also a great hit with many very hard to get items. We also honored a past president Sam Dixon for remarkable archive of our treasured documents and his effort to record funerals at Arlington, VA. Sam was given a hand engraved glass block of our unit logo, Sam loves creating items with his hands. I wanted to thank him because he sent me all his documentation which took me months to complete looking at and sharing! Thanks Sam!

Our ladies were also recognized for the continued love and kindness that they show every reunion. Our gratitude to them all and the traditional rose was given to each! We've had donated many items for the raffle, especially five new brass unit made belt buckles. The donation came from a member that acquired them on eBay and bought them so that the buckles would stay with unit members. There are currently eBay salesman trying to sell seven but now six of our buckles remain. He started at \$95 each and is now down to \$65 plus shipping. He'll come down more! I always check on eBay for unit merchandise. Other items at the raffle were watches, collectible and as always valuable items! The treasurer will report on the unit finances for our next newsletter.

Newsletters were also a topic of discussion and the general rule about mailing for free the newsletters have come to our attention that the cost of publication, mailing and declining general funds. It was decided by the board that the next newsletter will be the last for some members unless several conditions are fulfilled. In the next newsletter the conditions will be explained in full! First, we need all members that receive a mailed newsletter to validate the address to which it is being mailed, second, to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter you must either be current dues payer (\$15/yr) or have been a full paid lifetime member of the unit. The board feels that \$15 is not enough to cover the full cost but it will allow the unit to have a contributing member. The whole process will be explained in the next newsletter and the people to contact will be identified.

The next reunion in Georgia, Fort Benning in August 2027 will be an election year for new and current officers of the LRRP/Ranger"

If you have a desire to become one of the famous and beloved candidates for which you will receive such honor, you just will become speechless! Again, please give the notion THOUGHT!

This year's hospitality was truly wonderful with just about any kind of beverage was available. I truly enjoyed my time at this reunion. Thanks to the marvelous Bennie for again bringing and hauling our merchandise to reunions! WE LOVE YOU Sandy and of course Bennie!

One last item I would like to talk about was this year the board and I decide to present a QOV (Quilt of Valor). I am a representative of this national foundation centered in The Washington D.C. location. I went to high school with a quiltmaker that lives in Maryland Silver Springs area. Her name is Susan Snyder Carr and she alone



Quilt given to Karleen Maloney for her service to ICDA and our Ranger Association.

has made and given thousands of Valor Quilts. She heard about our reunion in New Orleans this year and offered to make a quilt of honor for our nation's 250 birthday. After discussion we decided to give the Quilt to a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. At our luncheon Sergeant Karleen Maloney. It went so well that we represented the Quilt at the Saturday general meeting of the Association.

Gentlemen our numbers are growing fewer, and our lives are only a blink away. The next reunion in Georgia will be a revisit of a much larger group visit many years ago. I'll also include a picture of that reunion. If you are able or need help please ask.....but please make every effort to attend the next reunion for some of us it just might be our last.

Look at the old pictures, we were so young and then there is now?



2026 LRRP Luncheon



The LRRP Ladies, 2026

Other reunion notes sent to me...

Received some good news - Bill Hand was released from the hospital and went home after suffering several health issues. If you may please send get well wishes to him!

Windy contacted me and said there is man on Facebook claiming to be a LRRP/Ranger however his Facebook documents aren't valid? He claims to know Parky and another Ranger but Windy contacted the second gentleman and said no. Above is what Windy sent me.

Next item the passing vote on the "*Last Man Issue*." I have included a copy of the proposal and the highlighted part was the section adopted with a majority vote and one dissention vote. This item is also included.

The last issue was the return of the mailing to the 2nd BN 75th Rangers Co D Box 339500 MS 80 3486 3rd Div/Mastin Ave. Joint Base Lewis -McChord, WA 98433-9500.

A picture of this return is also included in this email. John, if or when you are ever in the neighborhood of the RANGERS could you see if they have changed address, or have an email address? Whatever you could accomplish would help.

I also believe that I will create a message for the next newsletter about it being the last newsletter they will receive. We decided to help offset the mailing costs and we will have all groups receiving the mailed version to contact me to verify addresses and include the required dues payment.

So please look over these items any suggestion forward to the group and myself!

**PLEASE CONTACT PETE DENCKER TO
SHARE YOUR
LRRP RANGER STORIES!**

TROOPER'S TALE

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your pack would weigh about 50 pounds and at the worst about 70 pounds. There were other goodies you could bring along, like a pair of clean socks (we didn't wear underwear) mosquito repellent and some candy.

Checking with the Brigade Tactical Operations Center (BTOC) to see where the various units were and what they were doing was next and then a trip to that company's area to arrange a ride on the next outbound chopper to their location and your mission was on. Normally we took more than the required 200 rounds of M-16 ammo and plenty of hand grenades and anything else we could get our hands on to give to the grunts in the field. They never turned down ammo, clothing, food, writing materials, candy, smokes, and they always seemed grateful.

Arriving in the field the reporter/photographer introduced himself to the company commander or the platoon leader and explained what he was doing there and how long he expected to stay. Sometimes we were welcomed, especially if we were well known to the company as honest and fair journalists and had proven that we were not a liability in the field. We had to carry our own weight and not burden the operation in any way. We were often viewed as another gun in the foxhole.



5th CAV News

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July and August have been busy times for My old Battalion, 2/5th! I was pleased to see them honoring achievements of Soldiers in their ranks. The future of this association and all its organizations depends on these young people, and I have tried at times in the past to make connections with our active-duty units. Well, look at this! In a post on Facebook of August 6, SPC Curiel was honored for having earned two prestigious titles: USAEUR-AF Iron Soldier, and USAEUR-AF Soldier of the Year! Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors! Well done!



SGT Jacob Suzik



PV2 Beckford receiving AAM

On July 27, 2/5th recognized several more. SGT Jacob Suzik received the Army Commendation Medal, for exceptional leadership and adaptability while serving as the Division Liaison Officer (LNO) for the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (1 ABCT) during CPX3.

PV2 Beckford received the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) for actions while assigned to the Lancer Battalion (2/5th)



Recognition of these active-duty Soldiers and any attempt to support and encourage them to support the Division and Regimental Associations is only one way to reach out and hope they become active in these associations as their careers and lives unfold seems like the least, we could do. We are all aware of the decrease in print media use in recent generations and realize that many may not see this, even though I think it important that we try.

The 5th Cav Association is also currently trying to increase interaction with units of the 5th Cav assigned to other divisions or inactive. You will soon (or already) find a link to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry on the Association website, and we are talking to them about these things. Some of these units have been attached to our division at times, particularly during the Vietnam War but others as well and perhaps in the future. I would like to see the possibility of having these other parts of any regimental association becoming a part of an ongoing conversation. As I see it, a legitimate claim to being a "regimental" association should include an awareness that the first Cav, having more units of these regiments than any other division and therefore has associations that represent other parts of the same regiment, carries the weight of this idea.

The point of this message is that we talk about a good game when trying to encourage participation in our associations, but there are things we could do that we haven't talked about yet? The Division Association, of course, needs to be just that, but can the Division Association find a way to give the regiments enough room to find a reasonable way to include its sister units? Cavalry units, by definition, have been around long enough to have real historical roots. Those historical roots are one of the things the associations try to protect and promote.

A sort of "cross pollination" across the various parts of the Division is always interesting to me, yet some parts of the Division do not often make a full showing at the Division Reunions. The 15th Med is an example. They do show up in small numbers but more frequently hold a full reunion of their own and we don't see much of them. Yet we depended heavily on them for all kinds of support to keep our combat units operating smoothly. I was a member of A Co 15th Med before going to B Co 2/5th. As a result, I collaborated with people involved with Medivac from several different angles. Some of the most heroic acts I ever witnessed in combat involved Medivac! Yet locating medics of any kind has been difficult for me. Medivac units themselves need more recognition for the work they did (and still do!).

In September, as this is going out, several medivac units that operated in Vietnam will be recognized by receiving a Presidential Gold medal, and 15th Med's Medivac Unit will be one of those! There is one man going that I knew before we both transferred from A Co 5th Med (a medical clearing company), he to the 15th Med, medivac unit, and I the 2/5th. I plan to be there to see it and reconnect after all this time. His name is James Ramsey, and while he was not attached to the 5th Cavalry, he was important to more than a few of us. One day I'll put his story, (or part of it) in this column.

Contact the scribe to share your 5th Cav stories!
If you were in 5th CAV, join their Association <5thCav.org>
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the 1st Cavalry Division Association:

I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this scholarship support from the First Team family. I am currently pursuing my bachelor's degree in communications at Western Governors University. This education is a vital steppingstone for my professional goals, specifically equipping me with the strategic communication and media framework necessary to transition into a direct commission as a U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer. Balancing career and academic goals takes a village, and this scholarship significantly lightens the financial burden, allowing me to focus on my coursework and accelerate my path to service. Thank you to the Association, its members, and its donors for continuing to invest in military families and empowering Troopers to step up into new leadership roles. Gratitude to the First Team!

Sincerely, Mark Hovland, Active-Duty spouse grant



My dream is to become a therapist to help those who have undergone trauma and have experienced deep pain. I want to specialize in psychological manipulation and narcissistic abuse recovery. This scholarship means so much to me, as I am paying for my education on my own while also working. I am so grateful for every cent paid to me, and I am so appreciative of the support I have received from this division. Even the communication with the associates has been so easy and personal and has taken such a huge load off of my plate.

Ingrid Karabinos, Foundation grant



Dear 1CDA Foundation,

I sincerely want to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of your generous scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for your support as I continue my education and work toward becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

I will use this scholarship to help cover the costs of books, clinical fees, and tuition for my remaining coursework and clinical experiences. I have two semesters remaining in my program: Pediatrics and my final practicum in primary care. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference as I complete these final requirements and work toward becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Thank you again for investing in my education and supporting my journey in nursing. I truly appreciate your generosity and consideration.

Kind regards, Nicole Capps Mott, Active-Duty spouse grant



To the Foundation of 1CDA:

As a Scholarship recipient, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Foundation of the Cavalry Division Association. This scholarship has made my transition to college significantly less stressful than it otherwise would have been. By helping reduce the financial burden of tuition and other expenses, the 1st Cavalry Division Association has allowed me to focus more on my education and pursue opportunities, such as internships, that will help shape my future. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to focus on my academic and professional goals without stressing about student debt. The 1st Cavalry Division also holds special meaning for me because both of my parents served with HHC 1st Cavalry Division during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Both my Veteran parents have made tremendous sacrifices throughout their lives. Their service and the challenges they continue to face have shown me the true meaning of sacrifice and perseverance. Knowing that they gave so much in service to others—and, as they have always made clear, to help provide a better future for me—motivates me to work hard and make the most of every opportunity I am given. Because of the generosity of the Foundation of the Cavalry Division Association, I have been given additional support as I pursue my education and future career. I am determined to make the most of this opportunity, succeed in college, and build a meaningful future. I hope you know how sincerely grateful I am for your support and for the difference you have made in my life. Therefore, I hope this note finds you well and that you know I am determined to succeed with the opportunities given to me.

Thank you so much, -Logan Przybylowicz, Foundation grant



1st Cavalry Division Association,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of a scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity and support as I continue my education! I am half-way through my nurse anesthesia program and in clinical full-time in Austin, which makes this scholarship especially meaningful during such a demanding part of my program. I plan to use the funds toward my tuition, helping ease the financial burden while I focus on gaining the clinical experience and skills needed for my future career.

Thank you again,
Samantha Wendorf, Active-Duty spouse grant



12th CAV News



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The 12th Regiment of Cavalry was constituted in February 1901 and organized at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. The United States Border Patrol was officially established on May 28, 1924. So, in its early years, the regiment was the border patrol. The border with Mexico was plagued by lawlessness and cross-border raids. Troops of the Regiment were dispatched to border strongholds, including Fort Bliss, Fort Clark, and Fort McIntosh.

Squadrons of the regiment deployed to the Philippine islands in 1903 following the Philippine Insurrection. After a return to the United States in 1905, the regiment returned in 1909 for a second tour, stationed near Manila, before again returning home to Fort Robinson, Nebraska with Troops also at Fort Huachuca, and Fort Apache.

Want to learn more about the history of your Regiment? I summarized this from William H. Boudreau's excellent history the Association's site at <<https://1cda.org/history/history-12cav/>>

According to the column title, this is a "news" column. Clearly, the readers here know my emphasis is more on "column" than "news." Well, early fall is here, and we have seen the events of 2026 come and go—reunions, gatherings, and the Association's own annual get-together, the 2026 edition in New Orleans. (2027's will be in Columbus, Georgia/Fort Benning). Only the 12th Regiment's Reunion in Branson, Missouri (September 15-19), remains, and that will have ended by the time this goes to press.

I grew up in a small town (about 2,000 population) on the Minnesota prairie that had its own weekly newspaper. Along with County Commissioners' meeting reports and the hailstorms that damaged the corn crop, "news from (and about) your neighbors" was a thing. I try to keep in touch with the brothers with whom I served. For an idea of how we are doing a half-century, here is some recent news:

Fred MacLennan had his weekly meeting with his buddies at the Defiance Athletic Association. No, he doesn't take a gym bag, and yes, they do have a good beer selection.

According to Ann Downs, Gary was out in the yard, hopefully staying out of trouble. "He goes to Lowes every day. He won't touch anything Mexican on a menu, but he's taken to Jarritos, a Mexican soda pop. His bone cancer is still there. He has a memory test next week. Treatments are keeping his PSA low." Bob March is on "house and nursing duty," Katherine having thrown her back out (again).

Chuck Rose is on a cruise with Angie and a few of her close friends. You might say he's a rooster among the hens.

Brooke S. tells us she will try to get to next year's (still tentative) Colorado Springs gathering. She is the daughter of brother Charles Tapp (deceased). Others expressing interest are Steven Walker, James Neeley, Alex Barber, Chuck Rose, Tom Young, and Andy Rios.

John Flukes and Dave Gunther visited brother Larry Toczek in Phelan, California. Larry's chronic back pain has limited his travel. The night before they left to return home he fell and broke his femur for the second time.

FLAGS

There are all kinds of flags out there purporting to be emblems of the units in which we served (including the mostly black versions from China). Just so you know, here are the correct official versions.

The Cavalry Regimental flags are yellow with the coat-of-arms. (Right)

Army division flags include two horizontal panels, with the division's patch at the center. For cavalry and armor, the upper panel is red and the lower is yellow.



12th Regiment Flag



1st Cavalry Division Flag

tion. Sometimes we slept in them. It rained on us. The condensation in ponchos only soaked us more. It is pretty sad that the symbol of luxury was the poncho liner, a lightweight nylon "blanket." If we were on a firebase, we might be dryer and safer in a bunker, but we usually had to share it with its resident rats. In the heat we sometimes slept on top where the breeze moved a bit. We mostly lived on C Rations; the haute cuisine item was "peaches and pound cake." Fresh food? Even the occasional hot meals served from Mermite cans were prepared from canned and freeze-dried ingredients, as were the meals in the mess halls on the largest bases. Contact with home was postal mail (we thought it was a big deal to write "free" where a stamp would otherwise be placed). MARS stood for the

The United States Army flag features a blue representation of the Department of the Army/War Office seal centered on a white rectangular field, with a scarlet red scroll below reading "United States Army" and the year "1775" at the bottom.

Recently, I can't help but recall how comfortable—or not—Soldiers and sailors were in my era. Not much has changed for ground forces. We dug holes in the dirt for protec-

Military Affiliate Radio System was reportedly a way to "phone home." I can't say for sure; I never saw a MARS station.

Sailors, lived in somewhat better conditions and ate better than grunts. Still, the war zone was no picnic. Communication with loved ones was no better than on-shore. Meals at sea were similarly created in large part out of cans and bags. A friend served on the Oriskany during Vietnam. He wrote, "Oriskany had space for 3500, we had 5000. Hot bunking, cots in passageways, 12 on, 12 off. 30-day line periods on Yankee station. Pre-nuke (power) so water rationing, minimal showers..."

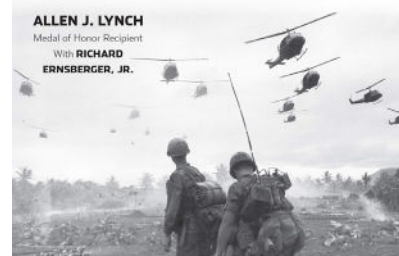
Lastly, here's something you can expect to see in future columns—a book review. I'm starting with a biography, but a library of non-fiction history, including about 100 volumes on the Vietnam War, will let me give you many literary genres over time.



US Army Flag

ZERO TO HERO

FROM BULLIED KID TO WARRIOR



ual responsibility, women, work and study habits, education...Dad had traditional ideas about marriage and the roles of men and women..." But "Mom, when she was determined, could get her way." It's a delightful first third of the book. Allen tells a story of growing up, of the Army and Vietnam, of "coming home," and the years after. Those who served with Allen will want to get to the middle third. To be sure, it's not military history, because it's first person, but Allen has added research to recollection, so an accurate narrative accompanies his memories of places, comrades, and events. If you were in foxholes anytime, you will recognize the reflections and feelings shared by infantrymen in combat. After that searing experience, there's the coming home, welcomed by a few, ignored or disdained by many. Lynch doesn't end there, as many do, and we're grateful for it, because Allen's "life after" is one of responsibility, education, and service. Whether one served with Allen, served at all, or never served, ZERO TO HERO is a satisfying read that deepens one's understanding not just of war, but of American life in the latter half of the 20th Century.

Contact the scribe above to share your
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In the last issue of *7th Cav News*, we highlighted the career of Command Sergeant Major Justin Mansfield, the senior enlisted Trooper of 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry. Many of you met and spoke with him during our reunion in New Orleans last July, where he served as the keynote speaker at the 7th Cavalry Unit Luncheon. CSM Mansfield laid out the sweeping changes the Regiment has undergone in recent years and offered a candid look at what lies ahead for The Cav. For a room filled largely with Vietnam Veterans, some of these developments were very surprising. The old days and the old ways are gone for good, replaced by an entirely new style of warfighting. In the next few issues of *7th Cav News*, we will publish some of CSM Mansfield's thoughts on what has changed and what is in store for the Regiment in the future.

Transforming in Contact: A Century of Adaptation by CSM Justin Mansfield

For many Cav Troopers, active duty sits so far in the rearview mirror that it can feel like another lifetime. Enough time has passed for the sharp edges of memory to soften, for the daily grind of training, combat operation, and long nights on guard duty to fade into something quieter. Yet the imprint of those years never really leaves. The Army we knew was built on paper maps, compasses, and leaders who measured everything by how well you could shoot and move. We lived in a world without smartphones, without GPS, without the constant digital hum that defines today's military. What we carried was simpler, heavier, and often more personal.

Much has changed since then. Equipment, missions, even the culture of service. Today's Troopers operate in an Army shaped by technology, rapid deployments, and a global landscape that looks nothing like the one we trained for. But the core remains familiar: young men and women stepping forward to serve, to learn, to lead, and to carry the Colors with the same pride we once did. Time may have moved on, but the bond between Cav Troopers doesn't weaken. It stretches across decades, connecting those who served long ago with those who serve now, reminding us that while the Army evolves, the spirit of the Cav endures.

Today, the Army has a name for its latest modernization effort: **Transforming in Contact**. It is a deliberate initiative designed to ensure we do not wait until the next war has exposed our shortcomings before we adapt. Instead, it challenges units to integrate emerging technologies, experiment with new concepts, learn continuously, and rapidly incorporate those lessons while training and preparing for future conflict. Transforming in Contact is a modern initiative created for the challenges of today's battlefield. However, although the initiative is new, the mindset it requires is not.

When I look at the First Team's history, I see a division that has repeatedly demonstrated the willingness to change when the character of warfare changes. The Army has given this philosophy a name, but the First Team has lived this mindset for more than a century.

The 1st Cavalry Division was activated on September 13, 1921, at Fort Bliss, Texas. The Soldiers who first wore the patch rode horses across the American Southwest, patrolling the border in an Army where mobility was measured in hoofbeats instead of horsepower. Yet even then, the identity of the First Team was never truly about horses or sabers. It was about mobility, initiative, boldness, and the willingness to go where others could not. Those values, rather than the equipment itself, became the foundation of this division's culture.

When World War II arrived, the battlefield changed dramatically. Mechanization was replacing mounted cavalry, and for an organization whose identity had long been tied to the horse, the transition represented far more than the introduction of new equipment. It required the willingness to let go of familiar methods in order to become more effective.

The First Team understood something that every successful military organization eventually learns: tradition should inspire us, but it should never imprison us. The mission mattered more than preserving old methods. The division embraced mechanization because winning mattered more than remaining comfortable.

That transition was not simply about replacing horses with vehicles. It was about recognizing that the purpose of cavalry was never the horse itself. The purpose was mobility, information, security, and the ability to create opportunities for commanders to make decisions and seize the initiative.

That same mindset defined the division during Vietnam. Military leaders began asking a revolutionary question: *What if helicopters were more than transportation? What if they fundamentally changed maneuver itself?* The answer transformed warfare.

The 1st Cavalry Division became the Army's first Airmobile Division, pioneering a concept that forever changed how armies fought. Soldiers could move over terrain instead of through it. Reinforcements could arrive in minutes instead of hours. Artillery could reposition with unprecedented speed. Medical evacuation dramatically increased the survival of wounded Soldiers.

The helicopter did not simply improve mobility; it redefined maneuver itself.

The Battle of Ia Drang demonstrated what could happen when leaders were willing to challenge assumptions, embrace emerging technology, and develop new methods of employing it. The First Team was not simply adapting to history. It was helping make history.

That pattern continued throughout the decades that followed. Whether experimenting with the TRICAP concept after Vietnam, adapting armored formations during the Cold War, demonstrating overwhelming combat power during Desert Storm, or evolving through two decades of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, every generation of First Team Soldiers inherited a different battlefield than the one before it.

Every generation was required to rethink how it fought.

Not every experiment succeeded. However, experimentation itself became part of the division's identity. Organizations that stop experimenting eventually stop

learning, and organizations that stop learning eventually stop leading. Today, we stand at another turning point in military history, perhaps one of the most significant since the introduction of airmobile warfare. The battlefield is changing at a pace unlike anything we have experienced before.

The difference today is that transformation is occurring across every aspect of warfare simultaneously. Technology is advancing rapidly. Information moves instantly. The electromagnetic spectrum has become contested terrain. Artificial intelligence is accelerating decision making. Autonomous systems are changing how formations sense, move, and create effects. This is why the Army launched Transforming in Contact.

The initiative recognizes that modernization can no longer occur only in laboratories, acquisition programs, or after-action reports years after conflict. The Army must learn while operating. It must experiment while training. It must integrate new capabilities into formations and determine how they change the way we fight. Consider the infantry squad of tomorrow.

Not long ago, clearing an enemy trench meant approaching an objective with limited visibility, relying on reconnaissance that may have been hours old, and accepting that Soldiers would often discover enemy positions only after making contact. Every bend in a trench, every bunker, and every fighting position represented an unknown that had to be cleared by Soldiers moving forward under fire.

Today, that same squad leader can launch a small, unmanned aircraft and fly directly over the objective, providing a live picture of the battlefield before a single Soldier crosses the line of departure. The drone can identify enemy positions, locate obstacles, detect movement, and update commanders in real time.

As the assault begins, additional drones can remain overhead, allowing leaders to see around corners, over berms, and beyond the next trench line. These systems provide a level of situational awareness that previous generations could scarcely imagine.

Increasingly, those drones are not limited to reconnaissance alone. First-person-view drones carrying precision payloads can fly directly into enemy trenches, bunkers, and fighting positions, reducing enemy combat power before Soldiers enter the objective. Instead of exposing Soldiers first and discovering resistance second, commanders can shape the fight before committing Soldiers into the most dangerous portions of the battlefield.

This is more than improved reconnaissance. It represents a fundamentally different way of conducting infantry operations. The same transformation is occurring in how we conduct reconnaissance and create effects against enemy formations.

For generations, cavalry formations have carried the responsibility of gaining information, providing security, and creating decision advantage for commanders. That mission remains unchanged. What is changing is how we accomplish it.

To be continued...

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY (Revisited)

Our plea for your hard-earned money was lost on page 19 of the last issue, so we're running it just one more time to ensure that you can support the return of our Association website. As you know, our former website had a plethora of information regarding the lineage and history of the 7th Cav. And the unit rosters allowed us to reunite, or at least remember, those with whom we served. There was so much information there!

We're doing our best to provide Association members with a new website that will have much of the old material on it, as well as lots of new stuff, however, the work is slow and expensive and we need your help. We're working with a professional web designer who has graciously cut us a hell of a deal, but we still must pay him.

And if you have some time and some things to add to the website, please let me know, you'll find my personal information in the banner of this article.

If you're inclined to help financially, please send your checks to our treasurer Bob Anderson, 9030 Conservancy Dr NE, Ada, MI 49301-8822. Whatever you are willing to give, we are willing to take!

You know, something has bothered me for a long time, and I guess it just spilled over at the reunion. It may seem silly to you but to me it's one of those things that causes the hair on the back of my neck to stick up - maybe it has to do with my background in teaching, or maybe it's because of my stint on active duty as the editor of *The Army Administrator*, the professional journal of the Adjutant General Corps and the Finance Corps. Well, my problem is misspelled and mispronounced words. Two that immediately come to mind are Garryowen and Cavalry.

Repeatedly, I heard people say Calvary, such as the 1st Calvary Division. I suppose it's an easy error to make, we can juxtapose one for the other; the two are really at opposite ends of the spectrum. Actually, Calvary is a hill just south of Jerusalem in Israel, the site of the crucifixion. So, here's the difference: The Cavalry is a military unit, initially riding horses and swinging sabers. That's why we say "If you ain't Cav, you ain't sh*t, instead of "If you ain't Cal, you..."

I've seen Garryowen in print as Garry Owen, Gary Owen, Gary Owens, and Gary's Own. The Army uses Garryowen as its regimental namesake for all elements of the 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. I know, I know - right now you're thinking that on the unit crest the point of the saber separates two words, Garry and Owen. The crest was designed and approved by the Army in 1924; that approval lists the correct spelling as Garryowen. The story behind the saber splitting it into two words? The saber stands straight up for a cavalry charge, and the saber must be held in a vertical position. That puts the saber point directly between the letters "Y" and "O" on the crest. Just think, if the verticality of the saber blade were not important, then it might have read "Garr yowen" or Garryo wen! Yes, the correct spelling is Garryowen.

Your input is requested. I can't remember the last time we ran a story from the "younger generation" of this group. We know your stories are out there; let us help you get them into print. In my best command voice that I last used in 1987, "It's time to hear from you! Send your stories in, or call one of us and give us the outline and we'll help you fill it in." We need some new stuff...

And so we close another issue of *7th Cav News*. We would like to thank CSM Mansfield for his inspirational leadership, and for his insights into the future of warfare in the modern world. I would also like to send get well wishes to Larry Connors (Crazy Horse 2/6) and thank him for sending in his excellent story about life and war, which you will be seeing in the next issue. Until next time, Garryowen!



8th CAV News

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Here I am back at it with report for the 8th Cavalry here in the *Saber*. First, I would like to talk more about the WWII museum. This was very interesting because my father was on his way to Saipan in the Pacific when he told me there was an announcement over the loudspeaker. “World War II is over.” Can you imagine what it was like on that boat! My father said the boat actually rocked from the reaction of the infantry Troops he was a part of and they were diverted to Hawaii. While in Hawaii they were then assigned to process and prepare all those KIA’s from the Pacific, not a very pleasant job, but my father knew just how important it was to those families here in the USA.

I don’t think I have spent more time in any museum than I did at that one in New Orleans and that was only one of the buildings displaying WWII items and films. So many different weapons and films are available for the public to view. We also took a trip to the Chalmette Battlefield. This was the site of the Battle of New Orleans which was the greatest American victory in the War of 1812. The US forces were commanded by Major General Andrew Jackson who vowed to drive the British from the American soil and his victory at New Orleans launched him on the road to the White House. This battle lasted less than two hours with the major fighting confined to about 30 minutes. The British lost approximately 2000 Troops and Americans less than 100. It was only days and the British withdrew ending the Louisiana Campaign.

Unfortunately, there was a very heavy thunderstorm at the time. Our group was preparing to go and visit the Chalmette Monument, the National Cemetery in which Union Soldiers lost in the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam and War of 1812 all are laid to rest there. And the Malus Beauregard House which is a beautiful mansion. I say that because I looked it up online.

Moving on from that I was recently contacted by the nephew of one of my best buddies in Vietnam, Carl Dale Pipher, (Pepe) to all of us who served with him. I will never forget that high-pitched laugh he had. It made all around him laugh right with him. I often think of Pepe when we are at Reunions. What a great time he would have had with all the other Brothers we served with. Anyway, I am trying to get any additional photos I have of Pepe so I can send copies of them to Joe, Pepe’s nephew. I am going to contact Joe again over the weekend so he knows I am at work on trying to attain additional photos for him. I had asked Joe how he came about finding my name and he said he saw a tribute I left at a Memorial and he looked me up. Sadly, Joe never met his Uncle Carl and regrets not having that opportunity.

Once again, I would like to say that the entertainment that was provided by the three ladies performance at the Reunion was I believe some of the best, if not the best at any Reunion I have ever attended. Sitting there I observed just about everyone singing those songs along with the three lovely ladies. What a

great era of music it was and rightly so as there weren’t a lot if any TV’s back in those days. I remember the first television our family had and it was a screen of hexagon shape maybe a 12 to 14 inches wide. Never did my only brother at that time and I watch the television except on Friday nights when the monster program “Spook Spectacular” would come on. We would sit there watching that monster program then lose sleep that night and usually call for dad to reassure us no monsters would come for us!

The following is a message from James Dotson, Top Gun who wrote for the *Saber*.

“Hello, my 1st Cav Brothers and Sisters. It’s been awhile since I wrote for you guys. First off, I want to congratulate my brother, Larry Hempfling for the success he has writing for the 8th Cav in the *Saber*. I must not forget to mention the best help a writer can have is my dear friend Terri.

Okay, my comrades, I want to address a rumor floating around. “Come to my place in the hills of Tennessee,” Billy Lewis said, “we’ll have a mini reunion here.” So, myself, Larry Hempfling, Johnny Mayes, George Thaler, and Tommy Harris head to Hanging Limb Highway in Monterey, Tennessee. This was around Labor Day 1999. The next year we moved to Kentucky, therefore, it became the famous Kentucky Campout. So, that’s the beginning of our history. So, the rumors are saying our dream is over.

I remind all the doubters near and far, the demise of the Kentucky Campout is greatly exaggerated. We will be here till the last Brother is by himself. The dates for the Kentucky Campout are as follows: October 14, Wednesday thru October 18, Sunday. We will not be at Fishtale Lodge this year. We are moving to the Paris Landing Motel. The new location is 2 miles north of where we were on highway 79 N. Everything is in place for another Kentucky campout. Give me 270-978-1075 or Larry Hemfling 314-229-7701 a call with any questions. We have 22 years and counting. Come early, stay late. See you there. I love each and every one of you.

Honor & Courage, Top Gun

The Kentucky Kampout has been going on just as Topgun has described. We genuinely roughed it that first one at Billy Lewis’s and over at the small piece of property Topgun and his friend Brad had in Kentucky. And, I do mean roughing it, but, then on to the resort down by the Kentucky Lake. It, too, was a bit rough, but better accommodations came quickly when we found a resort back in Tennessee right off the highway. Smiley brought practically everything needed for a kitchen to be set up under the pavilion and believe me there were some gourmet breakfasts cooked there. After a short move over to AM Vets has to another spot, we have settled there at last. Duck (Johnny Mays) and I took a large fuel tank that Smiley had attained and made a BBQ grille out of it. That project took me three trips to Duck’s place in Kentucky. Steaks and you name it were staples on Saturday night among other things being cooked on the grill which we still use.

So, as you can see this event every October is a good time and, if you can make it, you are welcome. Just let Topgun know. You will enjoy the food and all the Brothers sitting around the Kampfire. See you there!

With that I think I will wrap up this report for the 8th Cavalry and let you all know that I’m enjoying this more than I thought I would. So, until next me I will bid all of you adieu and talk to you all soon.

Honor & Courage, Larry Hempfling, D/2-8, 1968-69

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It is time for some 1st Cavalry Division Association History. I am going to introduce some of you to some special people that I think are some of the reasons our Association has flourished since its beginning in 1944. I know a few of these people and some I've never met but know them from their actions on behalf of the Association. A few of them are Charter members of the Association and some that came along more recently. Charter members are the original members that joined the Association when it was formed in the Admiralty Islands during World War II. The Troopers listed in this article are only a small percentage of those that made this Association great.

One of the strengths of our Association is that no one is considered an outsider or less than anyone else. I have observed during my time in the Association that our bonds are not restricted to the Troopers or units that we served in but overlap with other units and time periods of service. I know of other organizations that are not as inclusive of subsequent time periods or Veterans of other wars. You may notice at our reunions that the name tags given to our members do not have rank unless that member is still on active duty. The reason behind this is to ensure that we don't get rank conscious. I provided the rank of the individuals mentioned in this column.

Legends of the 1st Cavalry Division Association

William A. Richardson, whose wedding photo with his wife Eva (2 April 1942), began his service with the 1st Cavalry Division in July 1940 as Fort Bliss as an enlisted Trooper and served with the Division throughout World War II. He served with the 7th Cavalry throughout that time. He got out of the Army at the end of WWII as a Warrant Officer. He enlisted in 1946 as a Tech-Sergeant and returned to the 7th Cavalry in Japan. Commissioned as a 2LT by General MacArthur and later retired at the rank of Major. Bill was involved with reunions and serving on the Board of Governors and later as the President of the Association from 1996 to 1998, providing steady leadership that fostered inclusion of everyone that served with the First Team regardless of the time or location. The Washington DC area chapter of the Association is named in his honor. Bill died on 29 November 2015.



Charles C. "Judge" Young served as the Division Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Bliss and during World War II. He was the leading figure in the formation of the Association in the Admiralty Islands in 1944. LTC (Ret) Young served as the President of the Association in 1950. In an article in *Saber*, he said: "To me, the main purpose of the Association lies unchanged from that proclaimed in 1944 – to provide a means to carry on the gallant traditions of the 1st Cavalry Division, to honor its heroes and to encourage continuance of friendships bestowed upon us during our privileged period of service."

Hughes "Pappy" Seewald began his service with B Troop, 5th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss after graduating from Texas A&M in 1942. He was medically discharged as a Major after spending two years in military hospitals. Pappy was wounded from artillery fire while securing a bridge across the Pampanga River in the Philippines where he earned a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He wrote the 5th CAV News after Chaplain Trent for several years and served as the Association President in 1965 but was fully engaged with the Association from its beginning until his death in 1995.



Sherman P. Haight served with C Troop, 7th Cavalry beginning in 1942 and through World War II leaving the Army as a 1LT. Sherman was heavily involved with the Association from its beginnings and served as a member of the Board of Governors and was the President of the Association from 1968-70. As the President of the Association, he was active in getting Veterans of the Korean War and the Vietnam War to join the Association ensuring that all were welcome. He was instrumental in getting the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association started and later served as its Executive Trustee. Sherman, an avid horseman and fox hunter, was instrumental in helping the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment getting started and obtaining horses. Sherman died on 15 February 2016.

Robert P. "Bob" Cooper was a Sergeant with B Troop, 8th Cavalry beginning in 1943 and through the rest of World War II. He served on the Board of Governors for many years and as President of the Association from 1978-80. After his time as President, he continued with the Board of Governors and led the committee that supported the Horse Cavalry Detachment. He also was instrumental in coordinating the reunion and trail ride at the Billings, Montana reunion in 1992. Bob died on 21 September 2017.



Jimmy C. Marks served in the 61st FA from 1949-51 in Japan and during the Korean War retiring later as a Colonel. He wrote the History of the 61st FA and served as the 1st Cavalry Division Association Historian writing articles for *Saber*. Jim was a longtime member of the Association's Board of Governors and is still a great supporter of the Association and its Troopers.

William H. "Harry" Boudreau, a Private in F Troop, 8th CAV from 1946-47. He followed Jim Marks as the Association Historian and assisted in compiling the Division's order of battle and authoring numerous historical books and articles for the Association. Harry developed a great historical web page 1st Cavalry Division - The Scout's Prologue [www.first-team.us]. Unfortunately, most of the links on his web page are no longer active. Harry died 15 June 2014.



William J. Richardson Jr. was an enlisted Soldier with L Troop, 3-8th Cavalry during the Korean War and spent 34-months as a Prisoner of War after being captured by the Red Chinese at Unsan. Bill stayed in the Army after Korea and retired as a Colonel. He served a long time on the Board of Governors and was President of the Association from 2006 to 2008. He was heavily involved with the North Carolina - Tarheel Chapter. Bill died in 2021.

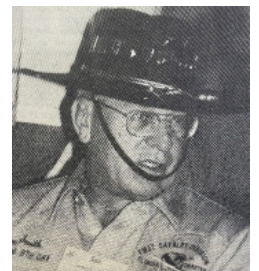
John T. "Jack" Hodes served with the 8th Cavalry during the Korean War and retired as a Colonel. He served on the Board of Governors and Chaired a committee to create a memorial to the war dead of the Division inside the 1st Cavalry Division Memorial Chapel by affixing bronze plaques with the names of the fallen from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. The Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1995. He later served as President of the Association from 2000 to 2002. Jack remained on the Advisory Council until his death in 2012.

Myron T. "Johnny" Johnston served in 1-9th Cavalry on the Korean DMZ from 1959-1960 and retired years later as a Colonel. Johnny served many years on the Finance and Budget Committee and on the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association as the Executive Trustee. Advising the Board of Governors and coordinating the investments run by Richard Bauchspies, his work made the Association financially successful while maintaining a \$10 life membership fee. Johnny died on 22 July 2010.

Robert W. Tagge served with Battery B, 1-77th Field Artillery at Fort Benning and in Vietnam in 1965 and was on the Division staff in 1966. Bob retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was the scribe for the 77th FA column in *Saber* and served on the Board of Governors and helped to start and then served on the 1st Cavalry Division Museum Foundation. He was instrumental in fund raising to build the Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial and in starting the efforts to name U.S. 190, now I-14, the 1st Cavalry Division Veterans Highway. He was generous and committed to remembering the Troopers that served with the First Team. Bob died on 20 August 2012.

Robert M. Shoemaker was part of the Division when at Fort Benning and deployed to Vietnam as the Commander of 1-12th CAV. He also commanded 1-9th CAV and served as the Division Chief of Staff and Assistant Division Commander in Vietnam. GEN Shoemaker commanded the Division at Fort Hood 1973-75. He was the President of the Association from 1984 to 1986 and served as the Chairman of the President's Advisory Council for many years. His commonsense approach to issues made him invaluable to the Association and he was heavily involved in positive changes in the Association until his death in 2017.

James C. Smith served as the Executive Officer of the Division Support Command, then commanded 1-9 CAV, and then 1st Brigade all in Vietnam beginning in 1965. He later commanded the Division at Fort Hood when the Division came home from Vietnam in 1971. Fully involved with the Association he served on the Board of Governors and was the Association President from 1982-84. As the CG he started the Horse Platoon, now the Horse Cavalry Detachment, and was a continual presence at reunions and meetings. MG (Ret) Smith died in 2016.



David J. Lutgen served as a Finance Officer with the 15th Admin at Fort Benning and in Vietnam in 1965-66. He is a long-time member and former Chairman of the Finance Committee and has served as a Trustee of the Foundation. His attendance at mid-year meetings of the Board of Governors and during annual reunions is remarkable. Dave is a consummate professional who provides great advice and counsel.

Hugh C. "Tim" Millar Jr. who served with 1-21 FA and 3d Brigade PIO 1968-69 and **Thomas E. Hartin** who was with the 1-7th CAV, 1968-69 are listed together here. Tim was the Association President from 1986 to 1988, and Tom was the President from 1988 to 1990. They were the first Vietnam Veterans to serve as President that were not a General Officer. After reading minutes of the Board of Governors meetings during their time on the Board and as President it is obvious how much their ideas helped to shape changes in the Association. Both have remained on the Advisory Council and have been great assets to the Association.

Peter Tattersall served with Company A, 15th Transportation Corps Battalion in 1969 and Company B, 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion in 1969-70 in Vietnam. A long-time member of the Association's Board of Governors and the Finance Committee he served two terms as the Association President in 1992-94 and again from 2002 to 2004. He also served as the Executive Trustee of the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 2007-2025. Pete is an avid supporter of the Association and the active-duty Troopers of the First Team. He has always been ready and willing to serve when needed.

Scribes of the Regiments

Former Troopers who wrote articles for *Saber* helped to keep those that served in their units involved but also became more than just a writer of a column. Some of the previous Troopers mentioned were also scribes, the following Troopers were especially important to the Association. As previously stated, this is not a complete list of important scribes, it is a few that I chose to highlight.

Charles V. Trent 5th CAV Chaplain during World War II started writing 5th CAV Newsletter then published *Saber* for nearly 8 years and continued to write for the 5th CAV for many years. Chaplain Trent's willingness to publish *Saber* at his own expense helped to spread the name of the Association to Troopers as individual members shared their copies with others who then subscribed and became involved in reunions and other Association events.

William R. "Bill" Oaxaca served as a medic with the 12th CAV during World War II and left the Army as a Staff Sergeant. He was the scribe for the 12th Cav News and later wrote the WWII News for *Saber*. A long-time member of the Board of Governors, he also was one of the founders of the 12th Cavalry Association. Bill died in August 2023.

Willard L. Gray served with A Battery, 82d Field Artillery in 1941 at Fort Bliss and served through WWII. He was a long-time scribe for the 82d FA News and a constant presence at reunions for many years.

Michael Bodnar wrote the 15th MED News in *Saber* from January 1999 to August 2025. That works out to be twenty-six and a half years, which makes him the longest serving Scribe, even exceeding Chaplain Trent's twenty years. Mike served with C Company, 2-7th Cavalry as a ground medic from April 1969 to December 1969 and then with HSC, 15th Medical Battalion as a Medevac Medic from January to July 1970.

Michael W. "Mouse" McGhie wrote the 8th CAV News and got very involved in all Cavalry events. Mouse was a SP4 who served in D Co, 2-8th CAV from 1968 to 1969 in Vietnam. Mouse was a fount of information on the 8th Cavalry and assisted the Association staff regularly in finding people and getting the real

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CSM William J. Shaw Jr.

Sad News! We received word from his cousin Barbara Cavanaugh that SGM William J. Shaw Jr. passed away on 12 July 2026. We have lost a member of “The First Shift of the First Cav in Vietnam.” Bill was in the Advance Party for the 15th Medical Battalion who arrived in-country in August 1965. His obituary may be seen at: <<https://www.coastalcremationsnc.com/obituaries/William-Shaw?obId=48997728>>



Bill served with the 15th Med BN 07/65-07/66 as SFC, Communications Chief. He attended the 2024 Reunion in Shreveport, LA. I had a great visit with him there about his experiences in Vietnam.

Above is a photo of him at the reunion with his cousin Barbara Cavanaugh and her husband Jeff.

Below is a photo of the 15th Med BN Advance Party at An Khe, 23 August 1965. Prints of this historic photo were handed out by Bill at the 2024 Reunion in Shreveport, LA. Bill gave me the following ID’s:
Front Row, 4th from left-hand end-SSG Daniel Blake, NCOIC, S-2
Front Row, 5th from left-hand end-SSG William Shaw, Communications Chief
Front Row, 6th from left-hand end-MSG Harold Baker, NCOIC, S-3
Front Row, 7th from left-hand end-SGT Reuben Carpenter, RTO
Back Row, 4th from left-hand end-SP5 James Casey, HQ Co. Cook
Back Row, 7th from left-hand end-MAJ Raymond Bosworth
Back Row, 11th from left-hand end-SSG Ned Fielding



If you are in this photo or can identify anyone who is, please contact me at <historian@15thmedbnassociation.org>. Thanks!
Here is a photo from Barbara Cavanaugh of Bill at his office at An Khe, Circa 1965.
Bill devoted more than twenty-two years of his life to serving our country. He served in Germany during the Cold War, in Korea, and during two tours in Vietnam.
If anyone has any memories or photos of Bill that they would like to share, please contact me at <historian@15thmedbnassociation.org>.
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story. Sadly, he died while attending an 8th CAV Reunion in Columbus, Georgia on 20 May 2011.

Daniel P. Gillotti wrote 30th FA Column and organized and was responsible for Operation Skytrooper which identified those killed in action in Vietnam down to Company level. Dan served twice in the Division with 5-82 FA 1960-61 in Korea and 1-30th FA 1968-69 in Vietnam. He retired from the Army at the rank of Master Sergeant. He often coordinated reunions for the 30th Field Artillery Association. Dan died 29 December 2023.

Robert J. Anderson served as a Lieutenant with 1-7 CAV 1969-70 and is a long-time member of the Association’s Board of Governors. Bob was twice the writer of the 7th CAV News. His first stint as the Scribe was from 1996 to 2002 and his second from 2006-2016 for a total of 101 columns. Bob’s writing helped to make our Association stronger. Bob is Garryowen and First Team through and through.

Ronald J. “Shortround” Migut, C Co, 1-7 CAV 1966-67, filled in during Bob Anderson’s break and was often a big help due to his ability to locate other Veterans from his unit in Vietnam. Ron served on the Board of Governors and donated money to assist CAV Troopers during deployments and to get tickets to Veterans Day events.

Russell L. Wariner served with C Battery, 2-20th ARA in Vietnam 1967-68. He wrote 20th ARA News in *Saber* for several years. His writing helped to increase Association membership, especially from the Troopers that served with the Aerial Rocket Artillery. He also authored a couple of books, “Empty Tubes and Back Seat Memories” and “Surviving Combat Memories” which were sold in the Crossed Sabers Gift Shop.

John J. Ramsden served with HHC 27th Maintenance 1968-69 and **Edward C. Jones**, who served as a Sergeant in the 27th Maintenance from 1868-70 were scribes for the 27th Maintenance and helped to get Troopers to participate in the Association Reunions and the Veterans Day gatherings in DC. John Retired from the Army as a Colonel. Both men are great supporters of the Association membership.

Keith N. Phillips, H Co, 75th INF 1971-72, and **Kenneth P. White**, who served in Vietnam 1966-67 with 229th AHB and E Co, 52nd INF, were both writers for the LRRP/Ranger News. Keith was a SGT and Ken was an SP5. Both have been instrumental in keeping their small group of Rangers involved with the Association and making it better.

Hank Llewellyn, who was a SP4 in the 229th AHB in 1967-68 was the long-time writer of the Silver Wings of the CAV column. He was also very supportive of the Association staff and helped to coordinate the Silver Wings Luncheon at reunions.

Louis J. “Rocket” Rochat wrote the 9th CAV News for several years. Lou served as a pilot with A Troop and E Troop, 1-9th CAV in Vietnam from 1970-71. CW3 (Ret) Rochat died in 2010.

CPT Sam Reinert served with the 545th MP Company in 1968 in Vietnam. He wrote the 545th MP Company News in *Saber* for several years and helped get other MPs involved with the Association regardless of when they served. Sam died in 2016.

I hope you enjoyed this look back at the Legends of the CAV. **Live the Legend!**

OTHER REUNIONS:

12th Cav Regiment Association Reunion, 15-19 September 2026. Branson Hillside Resort (Formerly Welk), MO. Contact Fred Wilson 740-331-1814.

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Dear ICDAScholarship Committee,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the \$1,250 Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association Scholarship. I am truly honored to be selected as a recipient and deeply appreciate your generosity and commitment to supporting students.

This scholarship means a great deal to me. As I continue my education at McMurry University, your support helps reduce the financial burden of tuition, books, and other educational expenses, allowing me to focus more on my academics and future goals. It is encouraging to know that organizations like yours invest in students who are working hard to build a successful future. Thank you again for your generosity and for making a positive impact on my educational journey. I am incredibly grateful for your support and will continue striving to make the most of this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Dylan Plake, Foundation grant

Receiving this scholarship grant means so much to me because it brings me one step closer to achieving my dream of earning a college education and becoming a nurse. My family has always supported me, but paying for college can be challenging, so this grant helps ease that financial burden. It allows me to focus more on my education and softball while working toward a career where I can make a positive difference in the lives of others. I am truly grateful for the generosity of the Foundation and the opportunity they have given me.

Kylee Plake, Foundation grant

2026 FOUNDATION OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW

The Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of scholarship grants towards the pursuit of an advanced education. These grants are reserved for children of those Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division who died or were totally and permanently disabled from wounds received or disease contracted while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in any armed conflict. Additionally, children of members of the Association who die while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in peacetime and Active-Duty Soldiers who are currently assigned or attached to the 1st Cavalry Division and their spouses are eligible to receive scholarship grants.

The Foundation also administers a separate program for descendants of Soldiers who served in designated qualifying units that engaged in the battles of the Ia Drang Valley during the period 3 through 19 November 1965.

The Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all donations are tax-deductible.

BACKGROUND

The scholarship program was initiated by the Association in 1967 during the Vietnam War in response to requests from the Sergeants Major of the Division who committed their support.

A trust agreement was signed on 16 August 1968 establishing the Foundation. Since that time, no child of a Trooper that has been killed or disabled has been turned away for lack of funds. Between the generous donations of Association Members and scholarship drives within the Division, the First Team has taken care of its own. In the 1970s, in response to a perceived downtrend in applications from the aging children of the Division’s Troopers that were killed in action from the Vietnam War, eligibility was expanded to children of Association Members killed or disabled while on active duty with the Division. This extension produced an unexpected response from Vietnam Veterans who were still producing children. In 1988, again at the behest of the Division Sergeants Major, the program was expanded further to include Active-Duty Soldiers and their spouses while assigned or attached to the Division. The Foundation assumed responsibility for the Ia Drang program in early 1994 and was awarded the first grant from this program in 1997.

Since its inception, the Foundation has provided:

- Over \$1,369,166 to 642 children of Troopers that were killed in action or totally and permanently disabled.
- Over \$435,577 to 467 active-duty Troopers and their Family members.
- Over \$1,197,775 to 392 descendants of the Ia Drang battles.

Scholarships currently provide \$2,500 per year with a maximum of \$10,000 for four years of schooling per student.

Funding for the program, less the Ia Drang element, derives primarily from the Foundation’s primary investment portfolio and random donations from the membership and those interested in providing support for education. The Association annually provides \$12,000 to satisfy projected shortfalls up to a predetermined maximum. All eligible candidates for grants who are children of deceased or 100% disabled members of the Division are funded. Active-Duty Soldiers and their spouses compete for grants and selections are made annually after the mid-year Trustee Meeting.

Funding for the Ia Drang program comes from donations specifically earmarked for this category of grant. Ia Drang funds are separately invested in a fenced program to build up investment monies which will sustain additional grants from its proceeds.

LEADERSHIP OF THE FOUNDATION

Six trustees elected by the Membership of the Association manage the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The trustees provide oversight and direction for the Foundation by meeting twice yearly to review operations and the fiscal ability of the investments to fuel the scholarship programs. While the day-to-day operations of the Foundation are run by the Foundation Secretary and the Association office staff, the trustees set clearly defined standards of eligibility and ensure that money is available to provide grants to those who meet the criteria. The Executive Director of the Association is a non-voting member and performs the Foundation Secretary duties.

The Trust Agreement, signed in 1968, requires that six Association members each be elected for three-year terms with one of the trustees being elected as the Executive Trustee. Each year the membership of the Association elects two trustees at the General Membership meeting of the Association conducted during the annual reunion. This provides the Foundation with continuity by ensuring a minimum of four trustees will continue their service to assist the two newly elected members. The Executive Trustee of the Foundation submits a report to the Board of Governors at each of their meetings and a report to the Association at the General Membership meeting.

Current trustees are: Executive Trustee Scott Sjule, Trustees Starr Corbin, Sam Dixon, Timothy Hodge, Glen Vela, and Michael Vuolo.

APPLICATIONS

For more information or an application to register for benefits send a request to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703, or e-mail us at <firstcav@1CDA.org>. You may also print the on-line Registration Form, fill it out completely, and mail it with all required supporting documentation to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

The application forms for Association Members who are active-duty Troopers currently serving with the First Team and their Families are no longer open. You can get the information about this program on our web page at <www.1CDA.org/Scholarships>. Printed forms are available at the National Headquarters in Copperas Cove beginning 1 April 2027. You can also fill out the online application and attach required documents.

DONATIONS

Please mail your tax-deductible donations to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703. Donations will be acknowledged in the *Saber* newspaper. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a tax certificate as required by the IRS. Donations intended for the Ia Drang Fund should be made out to the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Association has an ongoing Brick and Paver program where all the proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Brick and Pavers will eventually be installed around the 1st Cavalry Division Memorial on Cooper Field.

ACTIVE-DUTY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SPC ADOLPHINA BIFOUMA
215 BSB, Univ of Maryland Global Campus

YANELIS BURGOS
spouse of 1LT Angel Nagon, 54th Signal Co, Pontifical Catholic Univ of Puerto Rico

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3CR, Central Texas College

SPC STEVEN EVERETT
2-7 Cav, Southern New Hampshire Univ

EMILY FRANKE
spouse of 2LT Brandon Franke, 3-16 FA, Baylor Univ

PFC WYATT GARDNER
HHC 1CD Band, Southern Utah Univ

SGT IZEK GARZA
D/1-7 Cav, Texas Tech Univ

MARK HOVLAND
spouse of CPT Dalma Hovland, 553 CSB, Western Governors Univ

NICOLE MOTT
spouse of 1LT Elijah Mott, C/1-115 BSB, American Sentinel College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Post Univ

PV2 SAMUEL PADGETT
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spouse of SGT Izek Garza, D/1-7 Cav, Sul Ross Univ



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1LT TIMOTHY SPENCER III
2-7 Cav, Liberty Univ



MONIQUE TORRES
spouse of 2LT Thomas Hernandez, 2-12 Cav, Temple College

SAMANTHA WENDORF
spouse of 1LT Cody Wendorf, E/1-227 AB, Texas Christian Univ

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the scholarship recently awarded to me by the 1st Cavalry Division. This support will directly fund my pursuit of a Doctorate in Public Administration (DPA) at Liberty University. My journey with “The First Team” at Fort Hood has been a source of immense pride, and this investment in my education allows me to further my commitment to public service. I recently completed a 249-day rotation in the EUCOM area of responsibility in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. During this deployment, I was stationed at FOS Trzebień, Poland, with the 2-7 Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team. Receiving this honor from such a distinguished organization is a milestone in my professional development. Thank you again for your continued support of my academic and service-related goals.

V/R, 1LT Timothy Spencer, Active-Duty grant

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

1CDA supports four scholarships for qualified applicants:

ACTIVE DUTY SCHOLARSHIP
Soldier has to be a member of 1CDA & assigned to 1CD. This grant is offered to the Soldier and spouse.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
100% Offered to the child/children of 1CDA members with a 100% disability rating, that were assigned to 1CD.

KIA To be used by child/children of Troopers killed in action while assigned to 1CD.

IA DRANG SCHOLARSHIP
Exclusive to the children & grandchildren of the Veterans who were involved in the battles of the Ia Drang Valley during 3-19 Nov 1965.

BY MAKING A SCHOLARSHIP DONATION, YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR UNDER HONOR ROLL ON PAGE 23.

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302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522

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CHAPTER NEWS
UPDATES

We invite all of our Chapter Presidents, VPs or POC's to contribute any photos, news, or updates about your Chapter, to be **posted here in the Saber!** We would love to hear updates from all of our Chapters spread across the United States. **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THIS PLATFORM TO SHARE YOUR BULLETINS.**

Submission deadline to appear in the next Saber is **Monday, November 2, 2026.**
Please send to Memberships@1CDA.org

COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE CHAPTER

Having joined the chapter in 2011, I was the new guy, new to join this group of Vietnam Veterans meeting in Portland, Or. Members drew from Oregon and southwest Washington, all Vietnam Veterans and all having served in the 1st Cav. We were a vigorous chapter then, hosting the 2012 Portland national Reunion where I earned my MOS as LBS, Light Banquet Seating Coordinator. Wives were frequently present at meetings, especially each November, where we saluted the operations at LZ Xray and Albany, 1965, (one of our members was at LZ Albany). Wives and children of members were inquired of, followed, applauded, congratulated and included in the minutes of chapter meetings. We belonged and grew together for the healing that belonging promoted, with only the occasional passing of a member. Our Chapter attended memorials or internments, standing the roll call. Each passing had become personal, a known brother missing the meetings. Then too, a wife passed or a widow moved away, adult children graduated and were gone, passing out of the reach of the chapter. Our invocations before each lunch or dinner meeting raises a thanksgiving for our surviving the war, our return and re-adjustment to "the World," our being blessed by the healing of meeting together as brothers within this chapter, and the witnessing of each passing. Today, weakened by time, our aging members still benefit by meeting together and sharing our stories, but fewer chairs forecast our inevitable passing as a chapter. Our hope to be relieved by new members from recent eras of service is yet to be realized.

One recent passing, Team Al and Sandy Rackley, a husband and wife, witnesses all the natural bonds within the chapter, how we valued, anticipated, learned from, joined with, shared and built the chapter over the years. We marched together, shared reunion banquets, numerous feasts on Veterans' Day, High School Oral History Days, Banquets with other Veteran groups; a group welcoming all Veterans with a "Welcome Home."



Al & Sandy Rackley

Alvin Dale Rackley, 77, passed peacefully at home in the early morning hours on November 17, 2025, of pancreatic cancer, with Sandy by his side. Al served in the US Army with distinction as a Platoon Sergeant in the 8th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam, earning the CIB, Air Assault Badge, Bronze Star with V device, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and others. Sadly Sandra Moreno, 76, passed away on April 14 2026, at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center, Portland, after a heroic eight-year battle with ovarian cancer, surrounded by family and friends. This shared joyous life included children, fond friends and coworkers, but especially Veterans and Veterans' groups, of which ours benefited most. It was like they danced through whatever celebratory ball they found themselves attending, the prince and his Cinderella. May the souls of the faithful, in the mercy of God, rest in peace.

One more twist on the word passing, "passing on." Their children are passing on this joyous life by donating much of their estate as donations to the VVA. We compliment the survivors for passing on the value of this Veteran and his beloved wife's life together, so more Veterans may benefit. Garry Owen.

There is individual passing, as in our passing; the passing of a group, our chapter's passing unless relieved by the Cavalry coming over the hill; and the "passing on" of our lives and efforts by our members' personal lives in the community. The meaning in passing is the measure of the striving, contributing, cooperating, creating, and giving in cheerful service to others.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Some of the guys at our annual BBQ picnic 2-29-26. L-R Rich Magner D/229, Al Johnson B/15TC, Jack Kranyak D/229, Tom Uznanski A 1/9, Keith Moyer B 1/5, Bob Waz C 11/7.



Next General Membership Meeting: Saturday, **October 24, 1:00 pm** at 69 Hidden Lake Road, Higganum, CT, 06441. All members, prospective members, friends and guests are welcome no matter what branch of service. For further details contact President Keith Moyer, **860-885-4330** or [<kpmoyerco@hotmail.com>](mailto:kpmoyerco@hotmail.com).

NY/NJ CHAPTER

The next meetings of the NY/NJ Chapter will be held on **September 12** and **November 7** at the Elks Lodge in Ridgefield Park, NJ. Our guest speakers will be:

September 12: Speaker TBA
November 7: The NY/NJ Chapter will celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Our guest speaker will be COL (Ret) Rosey Carter, President of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, attending to help us celebrate our chapter anniversary. COL Carter served in the Army Signal Corps from 1985-2014 and with the 1st Cavalry Division from July 1999-July 2003 in various positions. Her first assignment was as an Airborne Platoon Leader at Ft. Bragg, and her last assignment was to build the communications budget for the Army at the Pentagon. Rosey is a Master Parachutist; She served as Vice President for four years and was elected President of 1CDA in July 2025.



COL (RET) Rosey Carter, current president of the 1st Cavalry Division Association

The NY/NJ Chapter holds quarterly meetings starting at **10:00 am** at the Elks Lodge in Ridgefield Park, NJ. Our meetings are open to all service members regardless of branch, division, or unit assignment. We welcome spouses, relatives, friends and interested parties. There are no dues to attend. Coffee and a buffet lunch is served and a donation to the chapter is requested. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Robin Bartlett, Chapter President to be added to the email list. Send an email to [<rbbartlett01@gmail.com>](mailto:rbbartlett01@gmail.com) or call **201-856-7530**. Join us to greet old friends and make new ones.

**Special Thank you to the
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Contact the Chapter president and meet new Cav brothers/sisters!

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Send us YOUR Chapter photo, so it can appear in the next issue!

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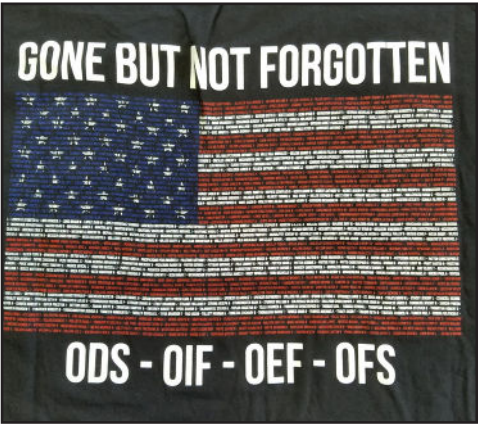
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Dr. Elizabeth Pepe

1/227 & 1/229 AVN, 1988

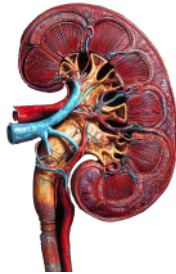
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Hi, I thought I would get this started off by introducing myself. I am Dr. Elizabeth Pepe, DO, Board Certified Family Physician. I was a Flight Surgeon assigned to 1/227 as well as 1/229 AVN in 1988. I did not know anything about the ICDA until about 2005 or so, then joined the Florida chapter.

I am your new scribe for medical newsletters. If there are any medical topics you would like to see covered, please send them in to the *Saber*, as I would like to address any items of medical topics or concerns in which you are interested.

To kick my first newsletter off, I have been asked to write something about kidney disease. This is a large topic, and I'm not sure how much detail I should cover, but I'll give it a go. No guts, no glory.

This is your basic kidney, anatomically correct, healthy, and happy. Most people have two fist-sized kidneys located toward the back of the abdomen, one on each side of the spine just below the rib cage. Each bean-shaped kidney has an outer cortex, an inner medulla, and a central renal pelvis. Blood enters through the renal artery (arteries are usually color coded in red) and leaves through the renal vein (veins are usually color coded in blue), while urine drains from the renal pelvis into a ureter and then travels to the bladder.



Inside each kidney there are up to about one million microscopic filtering units called nephrons. A nephron begins with a glomerulus, a cluster of tiny blood vessels that filter water and small dissolved substances from the blood. The resulting fluid then passes through a renal tubule, where the body reabsorbs most of the water, nutrients, and minerals it needs; the remaining wastes and excess fluid become urine.

The kidneys are two extraordinarily complex vital organs that continuously clean the blood and help keep the body's internal environment stable. They remove metabolic wastes and excess water, regulate electrolytes such as sodium and potassium, help maintain acid-base balance, and contribute to blood pressure control. They also release hormones involved in red blood cell production (erythropoietin, or EPO) and activate vitamin D, which supports healthy bones. If the blood oxygen level is determined to be low for too long, the body recognizes a state of anemia and the kidneys release EPO to signal the bone marrow to produce more blood cells.

The amount of blood in the human body varies with body size, but an adult weighing about 150–180 pounds generally has approximately 1.2–1.5 gallons, or roughly 4.5–5.7 liters. Blood consists of plasma plus red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets. Over the period of one day, the kidneys filter about 150 quarts of fluid from the blood, return most of it to circulation, and usually produce only about 1–2 quarts of urine.

Besides the role that people always assign to kidneys— the cleaning of blood and making of urine and being the occasional bizarre meat pie— they are extremely important for a whole host of other functions that their owners are unaware of... until they go bad. This is because the kidneys have several important hormone-related roles other than the production of EPO:

- **Renin:** Helps raise blood pressure when needed.
- **Calcitriol:** Helps maintain healthy bones and normal mineral balance.
- **Prostaglandins:** Help regulate blood flow within the kidneys.
- **Kallikrein-kinin:** Produces a substance that helps relax blood vessels.
- **Endothelins:** Help fine-tune blood flow, filtration, and the movement of salt and water through the nephrons, as well as other important actions.

The kidneys work closely with several other organs in interconnected partnerships. When one organ in a pair is impaired, the other can also be affected.

• **Heart-kidney axis:** The heart supplies the pressure and blood flow needed for kidney filtration, while the kidneys regulate blood volume, sodium, blood pressure, and hormones that affect the heart. Heart failure can reduce kidney perfusion or cause venous congestion, while kidney disease can worsen fluid overload, hypertension, inflammation, and heart disease. This is called cardiorenal syndrome. You may have noticed that someone you know with heart failure is not urinating very much and has swollen legs, which is a product of heart-related kidney involvement, or someone with kidney failure has elevated blood pressure or new-onset heart disease. It can be difficult to determine which came first, kidney failure or heart failure, because the two can be so closely intertwined.

• **The gut-kidney axis** is the two-way communication between the intestinal microbiome and the kidneys. When kidney function declines, the toxins accumulate, alter the gut microbiome, weaken the intestinal barrier, and promote inflammation and oxidative stress. This can create a cycle in which chronic kidney disease worsens intestinal imbalance, while gut-derived toxins contribute to further kidney injury, fibrosis, and cardiovascular complications.

• **Lung-kidney axis:** The lungs regulate oxygen, carbon dioxide, and part of acid-base balance; the kidneys regulate fluid volume, bicarbonate, and acid removal. Lung injury can reduce kidney blood flow and trigger inflammation, while kidney failure can cause fluid buildup in the lungs and disturb acid-base balance. Even though a person may have been smoking “forever,” if there is either lung disease OR kidney disease, that person can help each of the lung and kidney by stopping smoking to decrease inflammation.

• **Brain-kidney axis:** The brain influences kidney function through the sympathetic nervous system, thirst, blood-pressure control, and hormones. Kidney disease can affect the brain through many pathways, contributing to confusion or cognitive impairment. Taking care of your kidneys by practicing good kidney health techniques can help reduce mental decline.

• **Liver-kidney axis:** The liver and kidneys cooperate in metabolism, detoxification, circulation, and hormone signaling. You may have noticed that people with severe liver disease often have a yellow tint to their skin. That is jaundice, and is frequently associated with alcohol abuse, liver cancer, or gall bladder cancer. Now you see that it possibly is associated with kidney failure as well.

• **Bone-kidney axis:** The kidneys activate vitamin D and regulate calcium, phosphate, and parathyroid hormone activity. Kidney disease can therefore cause mineral imbalances and weak bones, while bone-derived hormones

influence the kidney's handling of minerals. These systems communicate through blood flow, nerves, hormones, immune signals, metabolites, fluid balance, and electrolytes.

What is chronic kidney disease, or CKD? Glad you asked! CKD occurs when kidney damage or structural abnormalities prevent the kidneys from filtering blood as effectively as they should. **What causes kidney disease?** There are major risk factors such as diabetes mellitus (DM), hypertension (HTN), cardiovascular disease, and obesity. Minor risk factors include smoking, older age, recurrent kidney infections, long-term NSAID use, and autoimmune diseases such as lupus. All these risk factors damage at least one part of the kidney, whether a blood vessel or a structural component.

Of the above major risk factors, DM is the most common and the most destructive because chronically elevated blood glucose levels damage the glomeruli, leading to protein leakage and progressive scarring. HTN is the second most common cause of kidney disease, with elevated blood pressure destroying delicate blood vessels, reducing their ability to regulate fluid and electrolyte balance. Cardiovascular disease increases inflammation and impairs blood flow. Obesity has both direct and indirect effects on CKD. The indirect effects are that obesity promotes hypertension which leads to CKD, increases insulin resistance (raising the risk of type 2 DM leading to CKD), and contributes to cardiovascular disease (by creating inflammation, producing abnormal cholesterol, as well as creating a greater cardiac workload). Obesity also causes direct kidney stress, as the kidneys must filter more blood than they should (glomerular hyperfiltration), damaging the kidneys, creating a chain of events creating worsening kidney problems.

Interestingly, people who have CKD are often anemic. Red blood cells are produced mostly in the red bone marrow of the spine, sternum, ribs, pelvis, and small parts of the upper arm and leg. This is because one function of the kidney is to produce EPO, which tells the bone marrow to produce red blood cells (RBC). If the kidneys are severely damaged, EPO is not produced; therefore, RBCs are not produced, and as RBCs die off (they have a lifespan of about 120 days), there are no replacements, resulting in anemia. This can cause mental foggy, fatigue, weakness, and shortness of breath. An EPO replacement should be given so that RBCs will be created and anemia resolved.

The mechanisms of action of the minor risk factors is summarized by saying that smoking worsens vascular injury and speeds kidney function loss; autoimmune disorders, such as lupus and similar conditions, directly attack kidney tissue; long-term NSAID use (ibuprofen, naproxyn, celecoxib, diclofenac, meloxicam, aspirin, etc.) reduces blood flow to the kidneys and can cause interstitial nephritis; and the natural decline in kidney reserve seen in older age increases vulnerability.

The three major risk factors, plus the minor risk factors, can collectively silently cause kidney damage before any symptoms emerge. For adults ages 65–70, kidney filtration commonly declines modestly as part of aging, but age alone does not mean kidney disease. The average estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) for people ages 60–69 is about 85 mL/min/1.73 m², compared with about 75 after age 70; an individual's trend over time is more informative than one result. Women have a higher overall measured prevalence of chronic kidney disease than men, partly because women generally live longer and creatinine-based estimates account for sex-related differences in muscle mass. However, men who develop CKD may be more likely to progress to kidney failure sooner.

Early Symptoms You Should Know:

- Fatigue and trouble concentrating — Waste buildup and anemia make you feel tired or mentally foggy.
- Changes in urination — More frequent urination (especially at night), foamy urine, or blood in the urine can signal early kidney filter damage.
- Swelling in ankles, feet, or hands — Reduced kidney function leads to salt and fluid retention.
- Dry, itchy skin — Mineral and bone imbalances occur when kidneys cannot maintain proper nutrient levels.
- Poor appetite — Toxin buildup can reduce appetite and cause nausea.
- Muscle cramps — Electrolyte imbalances, especially low calcium or high phosphorus, can trigger cramping.

Core Prevention Strategies:

- Manage diabetes effectively — Keeping blood glucose near target prevents glomerular damage.
- Control blood pressure — Aim for your provider's recommended range; ACE inhibitors or ARBs may help protect kidneys.
- Adopt a kidneyfriendly diet — Emphasize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lowfat dairy; limit salt to <2,300 mg/day and reduce added sugars.
- Stay physically active — At least 30 minutes most days helps control weight, blood sugar, and blood pressure.
- Maintain a healthy weight — Obesity increases risk of diabetes, hypertension, and CKD.
- Quit smoking — Smoking accelerates vascular damage and worsens kidney decline.
- Limit alcohol — Excess alcohol raises blood pressure and contributes to weight gain.
- Use NSAIDs cautiously — Longterm use of ibuprofen or naproxen can reduce kidney blood flow and cause injury.
- Manage cholesterol.

Stages of Kidney Failure:

- Stage 1 — *Kidney damage with normal function.* eGFR ≥ 90. Often no symptoms; may show protein in urine or structural abnormalities. Basically considered “normal.”
- Stage 2 — *Mild loss of kidney function.* eGFR 60–89. Usually it is still asymptomatic; early changes may appear in urine tests.
- Stage 3 — *Moderate loss of function.* eGFR 30–59. Fatigue, swelling, and lab abnormalities may begin. Often divided into 3a and 3b.
- Stage 4 — *Severe loss of function.* eGFR 15–29. Symptoms become more noticeable; preparation for probable future dialysis or transplant typically begins.
- Stage 5 — *Kidney failure (endstage).* eGFR < 15. Kidneys can no longer maintain fluid, electrolyte, and waste balance; dialysis or transplant is usually required.

For more information, you may visit the following sites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/kidney-disease/media/pdfs/CKD-Factsheet-H.pdf>
<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/>
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U.S. Army Armor and Cavalry Collection Now Open to Visitors

by COL (R) Michael Hamilton, retired Armor and Acquisition Corps officer, NACHF Board Member

Surprising to many, the largest collection of US armored vehicles, and the second largest international armored vehicle collection in the world is at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Army's Armor and Cavalry Collection includes 272 historic vehicles, 66 anti-tank weapons, countless artifacts, and an extensive Armor and Cavalry reference Library.



Think of an armored vehicle you've seen or heard about from all sides of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, and today's battlefields - likely the Collection has it. It includes vehicles such as World War I's Mark VIII Tank, the first US tank co-produced with our allies; World War II's feared killers, the German Tiger and Panther Tanks; the M26 Pershing and British Centurian tanks, heroes of the Korean War, and the list goes on and on. Along with vehicles and equipment from the US, Germany, and United Kingdom already described, there are examples from the Soviet Union, France, Italy, Israel, Poland, Sweden, Canada, and Japan.

The Collections indoor exhibit area is over 100,000 square feet while the "Armor & Cavalry Conservation Center" has an additional 96,000 square feet housing over 9,000 artifacts, the Armor Restoration Shop, the Collection's Reference Library, and administrative offices. The Collection continues to expand with recent additions such as Task Force 1-64 Armor's A11 ("Answer to This"), the M1A1 Abrams first into Baghdad during the 2003 Thunder Run, a Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer, and an M10 Booker Assault Gun to name but a few.

The Collections diversity and depth allow unique exhibits seldom found in other collections and museums. As an example, it physically displays the adaptations of towed anti-tank guns to their eventual use on track vehicles and tanks. An illustration being the modification of the German PAK 40 anti-tank gun which is shown side by side with the Mardar tank destroyer and Hetzer Jagdpanzer using versions of the gun. Also unique to the Collection are the many US prototype vehicles not found in any other location. Samples include the mammoth T28 Super Heavy Tank, the innovative MTB 70 co-developed with West Germany, and the High Survivability Test Vehicle-Light weight (HSTV-L) Auto-loading T69 medium tank.

The Collection continues gathering artifacts and archival materials related to mechanized warfare. For combat developers, historians, and hobbyists the Collection's Reference Library is an irreplaceable historical library of over 2,000 square feet of published military history books and documents focused on the development and application of armored fighting vehicles. The library also contains U.S. Armor and Cavalry Records: 10,000 square feet of documents including Technical manuals, field manuals, vehicle blueprints, Unit After Action Reports, maps and operations graphics, thousands of photos from World War I to the present, and evaluations and intelligence reports on foreign equipment and formations.

The Collection is associated with the US Army Center for Military History and its Army Museum Enterprise - its mission, preserve Cavalry's and Armor's heritage and history. Each week hundreds of Army Armor and Bradley Fighting Vehicle crewmen, and Cavalry Scouts visit the Collection to learn Armor Branch history from its earliest days as Revolutionary War's Continental Light Dragoons to today's mechanized Soldiers serving around the world. Additionally, the Collection aids future combat vehicle development by assisting Research and Development and Combat Development offices.

Visitors from around the world explore the Collection yearly - military history enthusiasts, tank and armor enthusiasts, and researchers. It also draws groups from elementary school through college, mechanized unit alumni associations, Veteran's organizations, Boy Scouts, and Army industry partners.

Managing and maintaining such an extensive facility, providing instruction, and hosting visitors is on the shoulders of only three staff members - the Director, Curator, and Restoration Curator. To maintain, improve, and expand the Collection an enthusiastic volunteer work force is needed. Organizing such assistance is the mission of The National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It recruits and trains volunteers to assist in restorations, exhibit creation, and community/public outreach events.

A second and critical part of the Foundations mission is raising funds for vehicle/equipment restoration and new exhibit displays. Although the Collection is funded by the Army for housing, managing, and preserving its artifacts, sadly little funding is provided for restoration and exhibit improvements. Donations from individuals, organizations, and industry are absolutely critical. Vehicles currently in the queue for restoration and requiring funding include a World War II German Jagdtiger and Nashorn tank destroyer, and a US M7 Medium tank (only one in the world!).

Many remember Patton (when he commanded the 2nd Armored Division) being at Fort Benning in 1940 and 1941. The Collection's presence at Fort Benning highlights how the Post is again the "Home of Armor and Cavalry." It is worth a special journey for anyone interested in military history and combat system design and is open the last Friday of every month and select weekends throughout the year. Small group visits can be arranged on weekdays. While you are in the area, visit the Armor and Cavalry Heritage Park. An outdoor display of US Combat Vehicles and the home of organizational memorial monuments from Armor and Cavalry units such as the 2nd and 3rd Armored Divisions, the 2nd, 3rd, and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiments, and the 755th Independent Tank Battalion.



See the Foundation Website <<https://www.armorcavalryheritagefoundation.org>> for visitation dates, how to gain entry to Fort Benning, and finding the Collection and Heritage Park. On the website, special announcements such as new vehicles, restoration updates, deep-dive vehicle videos, and Collection event updates are posted along with volunteer and donation opportunities.

Are you interested in volunteering your time or donating to support the Collection? If so, please contact the Foundation point of contact, Ricky Young, by calling 706-341-6123, or email him at <nachfexecutivedirector@gmail.com>.

WANTED:

SP4 MICHAEL GIBBONS, 2-8CAV, 1971 & SOLDIER NAMED MOOSE

My name is Aaron Mulready, and I'm researching the Vietnam service of SP4 Michael L. Gibbons, 2-8 Cav, as a surprise memorial project for his son. I am trying to identify the company, reconnaissance team and General Orders associated with Mike who was a combat medic with a six-man reconnaissance team with 2/8 Cavalry in 1971. He reportedly earned the Silver Star for action on 5 March 1971 and a Bronze Star for action on 20 February 1971. The Silver Star action involved rescuing a severely wounded Soldier nicknamed "Moose" from enemy fire near a bunker complex.

Around March 5, 1971, shortly after a helicopter insertion on a reconnaissance mission, his patrol encountered a fortified North Vietnamese bunker complex. A very large Soldier known to everyone as "Moose" was hit in the chest after a round reportedly ricocheted off his M-16 rifle. Under intense enemy fire, Mike crawled forward after hearing "Medic!," secured Moose to his back using the belt-carry technique and dragged him to cover where he treated his wounds. Moose survived and was medically evacuated. Mike then remained in the fight and attempted to rescue a wounded Cambodian ally.

Does anyone recognize the medic, the action or the nickname? Even the smallest memory—a first name, company, platoon, photograph, or story—could help preserve Mike's history for his family. If this sounds familiar, please contact me. I'd be honored to hear from anyone who served with him or remembers these events. Thank you for your service—and for helping keep the stories of our Veterans alive.

Aaron Mulready, 518-795-0710, <amulready27@gmail.com>

SP4 JAMES LOUIS ZYPH, A/2-7 CAV, KIA 24 FEB 1968

I'm researching the Vietnam War service and death of my great uncle, SP4 James Louis Zyp, who served in A Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division from 6/6/1967 - 3/24/1968. He was killed in action on 24 February 1968 in Thua Thien Province, during Operation Jeb Stuart, in the fighting northwest of Hue. He is commemorated on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Panel 41E, Line 15.

I'd be grateful for any recollections of that time, or of James Zyp specifically, that anyone might be willing to share. I'm especially interested in anything covering the battalion's move from Operation Pershing II (Binh Dinh Province) to Operation Jeb Stuart (Quang Tri/Thua Thien) in late February 1968, under the command of then-LTC Roscoe Robinson Jr. Firsthand accounts and unit-level materials from Veterans and the Association would mean a great deal, especially anything that might speak to what happened to A Company during this specific stretch.

Best regards,
Austin Zyp, 360-518-2329, <austin.zyp@gmail.com>

SSG CHARLES E. THOMPSON, 1-21 FA

I served in B/1-21 FA, December 1967-68. For anyone that remembers me, please contact me. 270-299-6741.

TAPS:

We were notified of the following deaths:

BRETT, COL (RET) Thomas H., B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1967-68. 26 August 2026.
GILMORE, SGM Franklin, HHC, 15ST & HHC, 1CD, 1979-80. 16 March 2026.
HAMILTON, SP4 Douglas V., B Btry., 1-30th FA, 1969-70. 08 June 2026.
HURSH, SGT John G., C Co, 1-7 CAV, 1966-67. 5 September 2026.
KEPLINGER, SP4 Larry D., C Co, 2-7 CAV, 1968-69 1 September 2026.
PARKER, CPL Michael Q., C Co, 8th ENG, 1971-74. 10 January 2026.
SHAW, CSM William J. Jr., HSC, 15th MED BN, 1965-66. 12 July 2026.

ACTIVE-DUTY TAPS:

We were notified of the following non-combat deaths:

HOUSTON, SPC LeRoque J., 2nd Sqdn, 3rd CR. 18 August 2026.
HUEY, CW2 Deontre T, B Co, 1-227 AVN. 12 August 2026.
OLMSTEAD, WO1 Seth L, B Co, 1-227 AVN. 12 August 2026.

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The crisp winds of autumn will soon be sweeping across the plains and training grounds, and the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (1ACB) will continue to write the next chapter of Army aviation history. True to the legacy forged in the RVN Central Highlands and carried forward through decades of global conflict, the “First Team” remains at the absolute cutting edge of tactical aviation, combining the unmatched grit of the past with revolutionary modern capabilities.

Modern Operations & Equipment Updates: The Unmanned Evolution

The 1ACB is evolving new technical and tactical advancements. For today’s Air Cav Troopers, the autumn training cycle brings a sharp focus on integration, multi-domain operations, and tactical modernization. Recent developments across the United States Army have rapidly accelerated the integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and drones into standard brigade combat team structures.

If you haven’t heard about it yet, the Army is actively reshaping aviation and maneuver elements to leverage small, medium, and large-scale unmanned platforms. Across recent modernization initiatives, the 1ACB has looked closely at how reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition (RSTA) are fundamentally altered by aerial drones. By pairing traditional manned platforms—like the AH-64E Apache and UH-60M Black Hawk—with advanced unmanned systems, the Brigade maximizes situational awareness and minimizes risk to flight crews.

Recent training rotations have emphasized:

- **Manned-Unmanned Teaming (MUM-T):** Pilots are routinely executing operations where cockpit crews control the flight paths and sensor payloads of nearby aerial drones, extending the brigade’s “eyes and ears” deep into contested environments.
- **Resilient Logistics and Supply Delivery:** Exploring the tactical implementation of heavy-lift and medium-lift tactical drones to resupply forward-deployed elements, keeping vulnerable ground supply routes secure.
- **Electronic Warfare & Counter-UAS Integration:** Adapting the airspace architecture to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum, ensuring that 1ACB aviators can operate safely while neutralizing adversary drone threats in simulated multinational environments.

Historical Perspective: Autumn Deployments and the Roots of Air Mobility

As modern crews master the skies alongside autonomous technology, it is vital to remember the foundational grit of those who flew before them. Looking back through the historical calendar, the autumn months have frequently tested the mettle of 1st Cavalry Division aviators – and did so from the very beginning.

During the fall of 1965, the newly minted 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was in the thick of its baptism by fire in the Republic of Vietnam. Many of our Association members were there. Following the grueling combat operations of the Pleiku Campaign and the Ia Drang Valley in late 1965, Hue-slinging UH-1 pilots and gunship crews redefined modern warfare. Flying through hazardous mountain weather and intense enemy fire, these aviators proved that the airmobile concept was not just viable, but a revolutionary leap in tactical mobility. These early warriors set a standard for future generations of pilots and crewmembers like me.

Decades later, during subsequent autumn rotations in the Balkans, the Middle East, and the Global War on Terrorism, First Team aviators similarly deployed under changing skies. Whether flying Chinook, Black Hawk, or Apache variants during fall operations in the Balkans in the late 1990s or supporting surge operations in the autumns of the 2000s, the mission remained unchanged: deliver combat power, extract the wounded, and never leave a fallen comrade behind. As my Apache Brothers and Sisters said in Baghdad, “Close Air Support for us is 30mm brass falling on the hoods of HMMWVs!”

The Unbroken Thread of the “First Team”

From the canvas-and-metal gunships of the Vietnam era to the digitized cockpits and drone-integrated architectures of today, the soul of the Air Cav has never wavered, and I think that’s pretty cool. Technology evolves—harnessing the power of silicon and algorithms alongside steel and turbine—but the courage required to strap into a bird and lift off remains identical.

As the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade looks toward the winter months ahead, the Troopers of the First Team stand ready. They carry forward the proud heritage of 1965 into a high-tech, multi-domain future, proving that whatever the horizon holds, the Air Cav leads the way. Y’all be safe out there!

Clear Right! Your friend, Shawn Perry

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1st Cavalry Division Marks Leadership Transition as Feltey Relinquishes Command, August 4, 2026, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FORT HOOD, Texas – The 1st Cavalry Division marked a leadership transition on August 4, as MG Thomas Feltey relinquished command during a ceremony at Fort Hood.

He assumed command of the division while its headquarters were deployed to Eastern Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. During his tenure, Feltey led the division through a period of modernization, including advancing the Transforming in Contact initiative, which accelerated experimentation and innovation across the formation.

“You have built an undeniable legacy of lethality, modernization, and care,” said LTG Kevin Admiral, commanding general of III Armored Corps and Fort Hood. “You leave behind a division that is more lethal, more modernized and more prepared to deploy, fight, sustain and win than ever before.”

Under his leadership, the division expanded efforts with emerging capabilities such as autonomous systems, loitering munitions and next-generation training approaches designed to prepare Soldiers for large-scale combat operations.

“Together, we built a culture around one simple idea: ‘READY.’ If you continue to build trust, develop people and uphold standards, then the First Team’s best days are still ahead,” Feltey said. “That’s what legends do – they don’t live in the past; they inspire the future.” Feltey, who has been selected for promotion to lieutenant general, will assume command of V Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

COL Daniel C. Gibson, New Deputy Commander for Support by MAJ Scott Kuhn August 4, 2026

Colonel (COL) Dan Gibson was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer following graduation from the Virginia Military Institute in 1998. His initial assignment was with 2nd Battalion, 319th AFAR at Fort Bragg, NC. After completion of the Field Artillery Captain’s Career Course, COL Gibson was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea as the Battalion S-1.

Subsequently, COL Gibson reported to 1st Battalion, 319th AFAR at Fort Bragg, NC and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer. In December 2004, he assumed command of B Battery, 1-319th AFAR. He later assumed command of Headquarters Company, 1-505th PIR in January 2005 and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Returning from Iraq in December 2006, he was assigned as the Fire Support Officer for 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Following graduation from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, COL Gibson served in 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii as the 3BCT Fire Support Officer and Operations Officer for 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon return from Afghanistan, he served as the 3BCT Operations Officer and later a maneuver planner in the 25th Infantry Division G-5. In July 2014, he was assigned as an Army Research Fellow at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California. COL Gibson returned to the 82nd Airborne Division in September 2015 and assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 319th AFAR in June 2016. While in command of 2-319th AFAR, COL Gibson deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and supported the Iraqi liberation of Mosul and Tal Afar from ISIS.

Following battalion command, he served as an instructor at the School for Command Preparation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and subsequently graduated from the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program at the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). COL Gibson was then assigned to the Joint Staff J-7 Joint Force Development Directorate.

COL Gibson commanded the 82d Airborne Division Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and served as the 82d Airborne Division Chief of Staff. He was then assigned to the Pentagon in 2025 and served as the Cross-Domain Fires Division Chief within HQDA G-8 Capability Directorate. In 2026, COL Gibson was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division and currently serves as the Deputy Commander for Support.

Command Sergeant Major Christopher R. Carey Assumes Responsibility of the First Team story by SPC Michelle Lessard-Terry

FORT HOOD, Texas – In a tradition-rich ceremony on Cooper Field, the 1st Cavalry Division welcomed CSM Christopher R. Carey as its 35th senior enlisted advisor on June 18, 2026. The ceremony, which included the symbolic passing of the division colors, underscored the significance of leadership transitions in one of the Army’s most storied divisions.

CSM LeVares J. Jackson Sr., Command Sergeant Major for the 1st Cavalry Division, who served as senior enlisted advisor since May 2023, was recognized for his unwavering commitment and leadership as he prepares to retire after three decades of service.

During the ceremony, Carey thanked Jackson as well as his family. “Thank you for your leadership, a world-class transition, and most of all, for your friendship,” Carey said. “The thoughtful way you welcomed our family shows exactly who you are.”

Carey, a seasoned leader with experience from team leader to the nominative level of sergeant major, most recently served as the Transformation and Training Command Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 Sergeant Major, at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

“He is returning home. He knows this Division, he knows our Troopers, he knows our culture,” MG Thomas M. Feltey, commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, said about Carey. “He is a proven warfighter, an experienced leader, and a trusted steward of Army standards.”

CSM Jackson, who served prior to Carey as the command sergeant major of the 1st Cavalry Division, is retiring after 30 years in the U.S. Army. During his speech, he thanked his family, colleagues, and Troopers. “You have taken care of me, and you have upheld the 1st Cavalry Division standard, and I believe in that,” Jackson said. “Thank you so much.”

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Reflecting on Jackson's legacy, MG Thomas M. Feltey, commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, expressed his pride and gratitude. "You have been a trusted advisor, a valued teammate, and a steadfast battle buddy," said Feltey. "You have made this division better, and you have made me a better commander. Thank you for your service, your friendship, and your leadership."

Carey accepted responsibility for the well-being of the division's Soldiers and families as he received the division colors from Jackson.

"As I step into the role of the division command sergeant major, I'm deeply aware of the weight of this responsibility and the legacy of the leaders who stood here before me," said Carey. "I will give everything I have to make sure this division remains ready, lethal, disciplined, and cared for."

In closing, Feltey said, "The colors are yours, the Troopers are ready, and the mission continues. I look forward to serving alongside you as we continue preparing this great division for whatever comes next. It's a great team. It's our team. We are the first team."

CSM Christopher R. Carey by SSG Zelika Stewart, June 18, 2026

Command Sergeant Major Christopher R. Carey is a native of Springtown, Texas. He enlisted in the Army in August 1995 and attended 19D Cavalry Scout One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

CSM Carey has served in every leadership position from Team Leader through nominative level Sergeant Major. His most recent positions include Transformation and Training Command Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 Sergeant Major, Austin, Texas; Training and Doctrine Command Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 Sergeant Major, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Brigade Command Sergeant Major of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss Texas; and Armor Proponent Sergeant Major, Office of the Chief of Armor, United States Army Armor School, Fort Benning Georgia.

He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Senior Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Basic Leaders Course, and Air Assault Course. CSM Carey has an Associate Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

His operational deployments include Bosnia (Stabilization Force), Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom -2 tours), Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom), Lithuania (Atlantic Resolve) and Korea (KRF-11).

CSM Carey's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Bronze Star (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Presidential Unit Citation Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct (9 Knots), National Defense Service Medal (BZS), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (3 CS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), NATO Medal (Numeral 2), Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, and German Armed Force Weapons Proficiency Gold Badge. He is also a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice, Order of Saint Barbara, and Order of Saint George Silver Medallion.

CSM Carey is married to Nicole Carey. Together they have four children - Joci, Madi, Elijah, and Brae, along with 3 grandchildren.

Pentagon picks LTG Kevin Admiral to lead Army Europe and Africa by Nicholas Slayton, July 24, 2026

The current III Armored Corps commander is tapped to replace GEN Chris Donahue, who announced last month he would retire earlier than expected. Army LTG Kevin Admiral is the Pentagon's pick to replace GEN Christopher Donahue as the top Army officer for Europe and Africa, officials said in statement Thursday.

Donahue, who drew national attention as the "last Soldier out of Afghanistan" in 2021, informed the Army he was stepping down as the head of Army Europe and Africa last month. Admiral currently serves as the head of the III Armored Corps and Fort Hood in Texas.

Admiral was nominated Thursday by President Donald Trump for the position, the Pentagon said in a release. He must still be confirmed by the Senate. If confirmed, Admiral will also serve as the head of NATO's Allied Land Command.

Donahue had led the command since late 2024. Donahue was the latest of several top officers who were fired or suddenly announced their retirement over the last year.

Admiral commissioned in 1994 and has led III Corps since 2024. He previously served as the commander of 1st Cavalry Division and Director, Force Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army. He has deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Europe, and his decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

If confirmed, Admiral will take over U.S. Army Europe and Africa after several months of turmoil in Europe. Tensions with NATO members escalated earlier this year over military threats from the United States over Greenland, with nations deploying Troops to the island that were prepared to take out its infrastructure. This spring, the Pentagon canceled Troop deployments as the president threatened to cut the size of the U.S.'s military presence in Europe. The command has been active in both bolstering NATO's eastern flank and training with allies in integrating drones into tactics.

At least one Army Europe and Africa command has suffered combat casualties while deployed in the Iran war. Isabella Gonzales, 19, of Carrollton, Texas, and SGT Angel Rampersad, 28, of Ozone Park, New York were killed by an Iranian rocket attack on July 17, at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, Jordan. Both Soldiers were deployed with the 57th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, an Ansbach, Germany-based unit under Army Europe and Africa.

Admiral's nomination also reappoints him as a lieutenant general. The Army command in Europe is one of several positions the Pentagon downgraded from a four-star post to a three-star post, as part of Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's push to reduce the number of senior officers.

**Restored 1st Cavalry Division Memorial Plaque Rededicated in Australia, Preserving Pacific War Legacy** by Courtesy July 22, 2026

PINE RIVERS SHIRE, Queensland, Australia - A restored memorial plaque commemorating the 1st Cavalry Division's training in Australia during World War II has been installed at McGavin View Park, ensuring a significant chapter of the division's history continues to be preserved for future generations.

The original plaque, which recognized the division's presence in the Pine Rivers Shire in 1943 before its deployment into the Pacific, had deteriorated over time. Seqwater coordinated the replacement of the memorial, working alongside local supporters to preserve the historic site.

Seqwater is a statutory authority of the Queensland Government that provides bulk water storage, transport and treatment, water grid management and planning, catchment management and flood mitigation services to the South East Queensland region of Australia.

The memorial honors the thousands of Soldiers assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, the America's Team, who trained throughout the Pine Rivers region after arriving in Australia during World War II. The division used the area to prepare for combat operations that would later support Allied efforts across the Pacific Theater.

"The reinstatement of the 1st Cavalry Division Memorial Plaque provides an important opportunity to honor and preserve the legacy of the American servicemen who trained in this area during World War II before deploying to the Pacific campaign," Paul Jones, Field Ranger for Seqwater. "Although much of the original training grounds now lie beneath the waters of Lake Samsonvale, the history and sacrifices associated with this landscape should never be forgotten."

He went on to say by restoring this plaque, Seqwater is helping ensure that future generations can better understand the significance of this site, recognize the enduring friendship between Australia and the United States, and pay tribute to the men and women who served. "We are proud to preserve this important chapter of local and military history," said Jones.

The 1st Cavalry Division Association welcomed news of the restoration, noting the historical significance of maintaining the memorial more than 80 years after the division trained in Australia.

"We were very excited to hear from Seqwater that they were replacing the damaged 1st Cavalry Division memorial plaque at the McGavin View Park," said retired COL Rosey Carter, president of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. "Our team located articles in the 1988 ICDA Saber newspaper about Cav Troopers attending the original ceremony that honored the Division's training in Australia prior to commencing the Pacific Campaign."

Although representatives from the association were unable to attend the 2026 dedication ceremony, Carter said the organization hopes members visiting Australia in the future will document the restored memorial. "We would have loved to send representatives to this 2026 event, but unfortunately could not," Carter said. "We hope to get pictures from our Association members as they visit down under in the future."

Carter also expressed gratitude to those who made the restoration possible. "We sincerely thank Seqwater and the Australian patriots who made this happen," Carter said. "It was a purposeful way to honor the Cav Troopers who fought for freedom in the Pacific."

The restored plaque serves as a lasting reminder of the enduring partnership between the United States and Australia forged during World War II and highlights the important role Australia played in preparing the 1st Cavalry Division for combat operations throughout the Pacific.



Memorial plaque



Veterans of 1CD at the original dedication ceremony

1st Cavalry Division Refines Counter-Drone Tactics by 1SG Luisito Brooks July 17, 2026

FORT HOOD, Texas — Soldiers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division tested a newly adapted counter-unmanned aerial system qualification designed to prepare Troops for one of the fastest-growing threats on the modern battlefield: drones.

The event is part of Pegasus Charge, the 1st Cavalry Division's Transformation in Contact initiative. The effort is designed not only to evaluate emerging equipment but also to challenge and evolve how the division thinks, organizes, trains and operates.

During the training event, Soldiers had to detect, track and engage the UAS using standard infantry weapons while providing drone operators the opportunity to maneuver aircraft in realistic combat scenarios.

"We had two primary purposes of being out here," said CPT Avery Fields, platoon leader for the Armored Strike Platoon, D Company, 2nd Battalion. "The first was to test a new counter-UAS qualification that we adapted from a qualification developed by the 101st Airborne Division. The second was to give our drone operators the opportunity to fly their drones in a realistic scenario where they are being engaged by small-arms fire while maneuvering toward a target."

The training consists of five progressively more difficult engagements that replicate the types of drone threats Soldiers could encounter during combat operations. Participants begin by engaging a stationary drone at 100 meters before advancing to moving targets and ultimately fast-moving strike scenarios where drones fly directly toward the firing position.

According to Fields, the battalion adjusted portions of the original qualification after evaluating current battlefield trends and lessons learned during recent training exercises.

"One of the biggest adaptations we made was increasing the speed of the drones," Fields said. "Based on our experience over the last several months,

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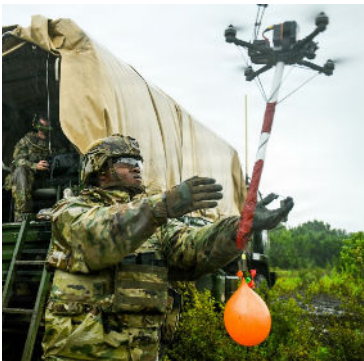
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drones are often conducting strikes at speeds exceeding 60 miles per hour. We wanted the qualification to be as realistic as possible.”
Supporting the effort was SPC Ian Zinsmeister, a first-person view strike drone operator assigned to D Company. Long before joining the battalion’s drone formation, Zinsmeister developed a passion for unmanned systems and expanded his expertise through self-study, hands-on experience, and military training. His dedication led him to attend the Unmanned Advanced Lethality Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he excelled among his peers.
Today, he applies that knowledge to help train fellow Soldiers and advance the integration of drone capabilities throughout the formation.
“My experience with drones started several years ago and steadily gained momentum throughout my career,” Zinsmeister said. “After my first operational experience with drones, I bought my own FPV drone to continue training. It became something I wanted to pursue professionally in the Army.” The growing role of drones has significantly changed how units gather information, identify targets and conduct operations. “Drones greatly increase a unit’s ability to gather information, complete missions and prosecute targets,” Zinsmeister said. “Because of that, Soldiers need to understand both how to employ them and how to defend against them.”
Training conditions added another level of complexity. Instead of the extreme heat commonly associated with Central Texas summers, Soldiers encountered heavy rain, mud and high humidity throughout the week. “We don’t want to be a unit that can only operate when conditions are perfect,” Fields said. “Training in the rain forces us to learn how to protect our equipment, manage power systems and continue accomplishing the mission despite difficult conditions.”
The weather created challenges for both operators and equipment. Drone teams were required to troubleshoot electronic systems affected by moisture while maintaining flight operations and supporting the qualification. “Every time I get hands-on with these systems, there’s more to learn,” Zinsmeister said. “Weather, terrain, wind and distance all affect how the drone performs and how the operator has to respond.”
To conserve limited drone resources while maintaining realistic training, Soldiers developed an innovative solution using water balloons attached beneath the drones to simulate critical components typically targeted during engagements. The adaptation allowed shooters to identify successful hits without destroying aircraft after every iteration. Fields said the qualification is part of a larger effort to build a capable counter-drone force within the battalion and prepare Soldiers for future collective training exercises.
“Everybody is going to have access to drones, including our enemies,” Fields said. “We need to learn how to engage those drones and protect our force. While there are advanced systems designed to defeat drones, every Soldier has access to an M4 or a shotgun. This qualification helps us determine what works and gives Soldiers the skills they need regardless of what equipment is available.”
As part of the battalion’s ongoing Transformation in Contact initiatives, Soldiers

also worked alongside industry partners testing emerging technologies, including swarm drone capabilities and artificial intelligence-enabled target recognition systems. These efforts help leaders evaluate new tools while developing tactics that can be integrated into future operations.
For Zinsmeister, the training reinforces a simple but important principle: technology is only as effective as the Soldiers employing it.
“The way I see it, it’s similar to land navigation,” he said. “We have advanced systems that can help us, but if those systems fail, Soldiers still need the fundamental skills to accomplish the mission.”
As unmanned systems continue to shape modern warfare, Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division are working to ensure they remain prepared to employ, counter and adapt to the technologies that will define future battlefields.

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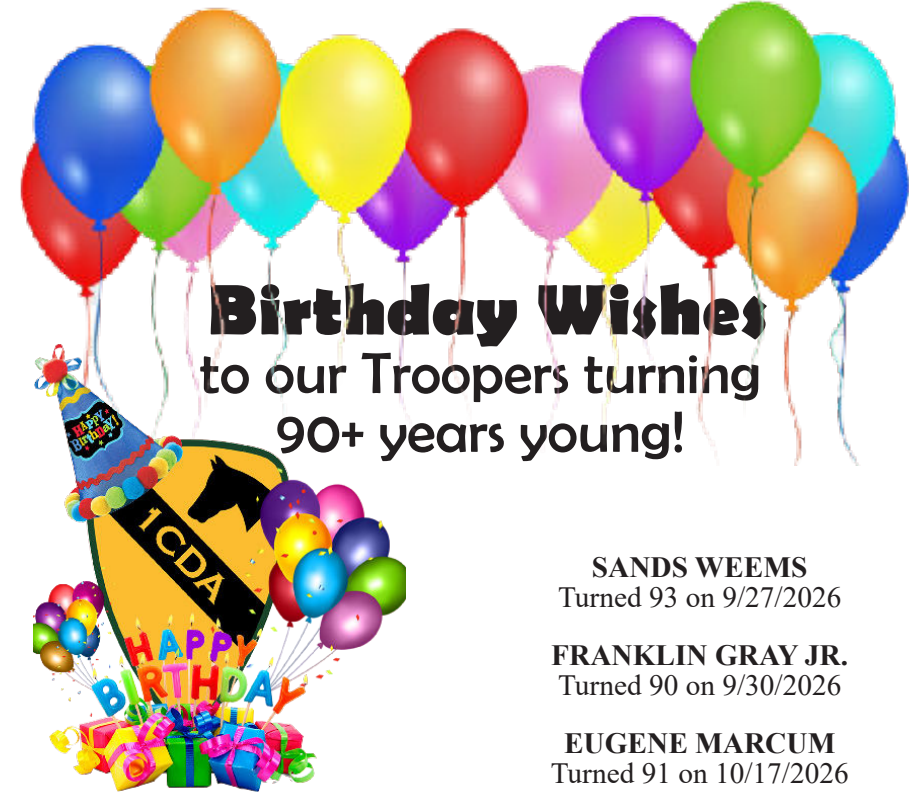
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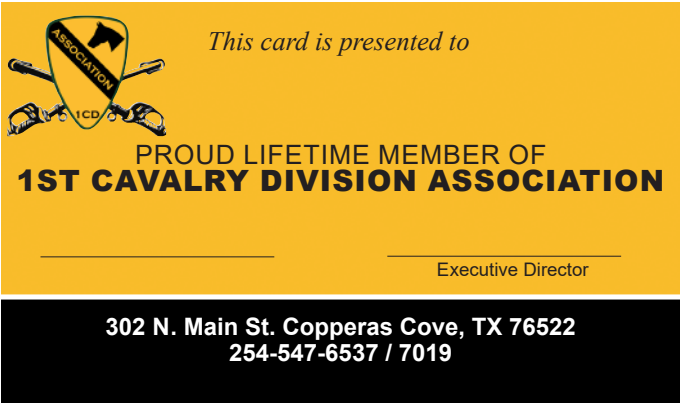
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