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The President's Corner



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This will be my last President's Corner. It is with deep humility and considerable sorrow that I must announce my resignation as the President

of the 1st Cavalry Division Association effective Saturday, 25 February 2017.

I must say, first of all, that I have enjoyed my association with all of you over the years...at Reunions, at Chapter meetings, at coffees, at casual b.s. sessions, and at various activities. My assignments to the 1st Cavalry Division itself and my friendships with you have been some of the highpoints of my life.

To my regret, my medical/physical condition precludes me from travelling. In that regard I apologize sincerely to those of you who've been kind enough to extend invitations to various Chapter meetings, regimental reunions, and other activities. I have had to decline all these invitations with great regret.

Inasmuch as I'll not be able to attend either the meeting of the Board of Governors in late February or the 70th Annual Reunion at Fort Hood this coming June, it seems fitting for me to give way to a more able individual. After all, a President who can't travel isn't a President at all.

So...my best wishes to all of you...along with my hopes that our Association becomes larger, stronger, more prosperous, and more relevant as the years pass.
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I hope your 2017 started off with a bang and that you all received

your 2017 calendars. I would like to thank all of our members who have sent in donations to the Association and (more importantly) updates for our database.

I would like to take this time to thank BG (Ret) Scott Smith for all he has done for the Association during his reign as our President. Unfortunately, his health prevents him from traveling. Scott our prayers are with you, take your time in regaining your health, and we hope to see you in West Virginia in 2018.

This edition of Saber includes two obituaries (pg. 10): LTG (Ret) Richard D. Lawrence and MG (Ret) James C. Smith. Both served as Division Commanders and MG (Ret) Smith was also an Association President.

The Board of Governors and the Trustees of the Foundation and the Museum Foundation will meet in Killeen at the end of February (24 & 25). They will approve the 2017 budget for the Association and discuss the business of the Association during their meeting. A move to get some younger blood into the ranks continues and we need your help in getting younger Veterans and active duty Troopers to join the Association and participate in activities like reunions and local chapters. You remember when you were a young Veteran or active duty Trooper, don't you. Ten dollars for a life membership, let's do it!

Reunion registrations continue to populate our office in droves. I expect that we will have a very good turnout in Killeen/Fort Hood for our 70th Reunion. What that means for you is that you don't need to wait to register



70th Annual Reunion pin

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Horse Detachment by CPT Jeremy A. Woodard

Horse Detachment to Represent First Team in Inauguration Parade By Sgt. Carolyn Hart, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs, Fort Hood, Texas.



SPC Glenn Morrison, walks his horse, Snap, to the area where horses are groomed.

A long standing tradition is being upheld as the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment gears up to participate in the Inauguration Day parade Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C. This will be the detachment's fifth time participating in the event. "It's a tremendous honor to be able to do this," Capt. Jeremy Woodard, Horse Cav. Det. commander, said. "The detachment has participated in four other inaugural parades, and it is a great honor to maintain that tradition." Having just returned from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade five days before leaving for the inaugural parade, preparation for this type of event is stressful, Woodard said. The steps taken to prepare are rigorous due to the limited amount of time

the group had until they began the five-day trip from Fort Hood to Washington, D.C. A lot of planning goes into the care of the horses during this trip, including frequent stops throughout to allow them time to eat, drink water and walk outside of the trailers. The troops and support personnel make the wellbeing of these horses a priority as they attempt to mitigate the stress that is put on the animals. "The most amount of work is our everyday schedule," Woodard said. "What these troops do day-to-day is what leads up to us having the ability to do this without it being a nightmare." Along with the flexibility required from the horses for this type of turnaround, the personnel involved have willingly made some sacrifices in order to make this successful. With the Rose Bowl parade having taken place over the holidays, time with Family was limited, and now they have taken another road trip for this historic event. "I volunteered for this," Sgt. Jeremy Franklin, a member of the horse detachment, said. "I was supposed to be on leave and actually cancelled my leave to be able to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity."

DIVISION DOINGS

Airborne unit deactivates at Fort Hood by Staff Sgt. Tomora Clark, 3d. Cavalry Regiment Public Affairs NCOIC, Fort Hood, Texas.

Being in the military is often described by many Soldiers as being part of a Family. And, a military unit often serves as a Soldier's second home. So, what happens when a unit deactivates? Many Soldiers find it to be a bittersweet experience. This was the case for Capt. William Fuller, the commander of Delta Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment



D Co 52nd Inf Regt Deactivation ceremony Jan. 10, 2017

(Long Range Surveillance), who spoke during the LRS unit's deactivation ceremony Dec. 10, 2017 in the III Corps headquarters building here. "Today is a bittersweet event, but we've known it was coming for quite some time, so I'm not overly emotional right now," said Fuller, who has been in command since May 2016. "When I took command of the unit, we knew that the unit would be deactivating." Fuller continued, "This is a very unique organization because of the level of talent within the company and the level of autonomy we were granted by our higher commanders. We were able to accomplish an immense amount of successful missions with a limited amount of Soldiers, which I think is a testament to the people that comprise the organization." Sgt. 1st Class Jory Mathis, the communications platoon sergeant, also said the deactivation ceremony was a bittersweet event. "It was a wonderful ceremony; I'm glad so

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Calendar of 1st Cavalry Division Association

2017

February 24-25 Board of Governors and Foundation Meeting, Killeen, TX
 June 7-11 70th Annual Reunion Fort Hood, TX

TAPS

We have been notified of the death of the following:
BLOOMQUIST, SGT Reginald L., A Co, 1-8 CAV, 1969-71, 18 December 2016.
BOWEN, Mr. Terry D., 213 ASHC, 205 ASHC, 1968-69. 6 December 2016
BOWERS, MSG (Ret) David M., 22 November 2016.
CHOLE, LTC (Ret), Hilbert "Bert", B Trp., 1-9th CAV, E Trp., 1-9th CAV, 1967-70. 26 November 2016
GIBBS, SFC Lyle R., G Trp., 2-7 CAV, E Trp., 1-7 CAV, 1948-50. 24 November 2016.
HAMMOND, SP4 Donald C. D Trp, 1-9 Cav, 1966-68. 12 November 2016.
JEWELL, CW3 John, A Co, 1-9 CAV, 1967. 8 November 2016.
JOHNSON, SP4 Ronald C., HHC, 5-7th CAV, 1966-67. 27 October 2016.
LAWRENCE, LTG (Ret) Richard D., HHC, 1BDE 1973, HHC, 1CDH 1980, 9 December 2016. *(Division CDR 80-82)**
MATTESON, 1LT Gordon A., MP PLT, 1945-46. 6 November 2016.
NORTON, CPL John A., 7th CAV, 1950, 1 November 2016.
OUELLETTE, SP4 Robert P., HHC, 1-7 CAV, 1965-66, 11 December 2016
PALUMBO, LTC (Ret) Joseph E., HHC, DIVARTY, 1963, 27 December 2016.
SCHROEDER, SSG Frederick W., A Co, 5th CAV, 1950. 19 November 2016.
SELECKY, SGT Andrew E., HHC, 11th AVN Grp, 1969. 13 December 2016.
SLATER, CPT A. David, HHC, 17 AVN, 1965. 23 December 2016.
SLEAD, SP4 Norman E., B Trp., 1-9 CAV, 1969-70, 7 December 2016
SMITH, MG (Ret) James C., HHT 1-9 CAV 1966, HHC, DISCOM 1965, HHC, 1BDE 1966, HHC, 1CDH 1971, 14 December 2016. *(Division CDR 71-73; Assn. Pres. 82-84)**
STRAIT, 1SG (Ret) Clem J., III, B Co, 15th BSB, 2011. 6 January 2017.
WOOD, CSM (Ret) Arlyn, A Co, 1-21 FA, 1969 and Co Co, 1-21 FA, 1976, 20 December 2016.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have been notified that the following Active Duty Troopers were killed while supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Afghanistan:
BROWN, SFC Allan E., HHC, STB, 1st Sust. BDE, 6 December 2016
 We have been notified of the death following Active Duty Troopers in the United States that were not combat related.
ANDERSON, PFC Randal K., 2-7 Cav, 3ABCT, 2 January 2017.
PAULINO, PVT Kevin, D Trp., 2-3d CAV, 2016. 16 November 2016.
VON REICHELT, SPC Barron, 2-82 FA, 3ABCT, 7 January 2017.
YANCY, PFC Kai Yemale, 1-12 Cav, 3ABCT, 1 January 2017.

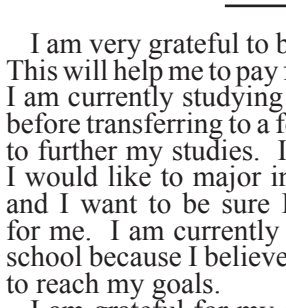
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 many Soldiers past and present showed up for this event. The ceremony displayed a true testament to the professionalism of each and every Soldier who was a part of the unit," said Mathis. Family was a common word used to describe the camaraderie amongst members of the unit.
 "I will definitely miss being a part of this unit because I had the best leadership, Soldiers and training. Out of my three years here, we became close; everyone was a valued member of the team. We became like Family" said Staff Sgt. Octavio Fuentes, a team leader with LRS. Even the senior leadership echoed the same sentiments as the Soldiers. "We were a very tight-knit group... a Family. It was both a fantastic place to work and learn because we were constantly pushed by other members within the unit to do our best," said Fuller. "The Soldiers in this unit are super talented, and they made the unit super fun."
 Although the LRS company was a III Corps operational asset, they were administratively task organized under 3rd Squadron "Thunder,"

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,
 This grant is very important to me. It is helping me continue my education in honor of my grandfather and the others who were in war. Going to school out of state is very expensive, but this scholarship helps to pay for my college so that I can continue playing soccer at the collegiate level. This scholarship has given me the motivation to work hard in school and set high standards for my academic success.
 Katie Kolar



Dear Editor,
 I am very grateful to be receiving this scholarship. This will help me to pay for college tuition and books. I am currently studying to earn my Associate's degree before transferring to a four-year college or a university to further my studies. I am still trying to decide what I would like to major in as there are so many options and I want to be sure I choose the path that is right for me. I am currently committed to working hard in school because I believe that an education will help me to reach my goals.
 I am grateful for my grandfather, Stephen T. Banko III, and his service to our country. Because of him and all US Veterans, I have the freedom to do whatever I choose to do.
 Devyn A. Banko

Dear Editor,

My name is Lisa, the wife of Thomas Cunningham. Thomas got shipped to Korea in 1986 on a one year hardship tour. We could not go with him, so my daughter (4 at the time), our brand new son (born at Fort Hood) and I went back to Pennsylvania to stay with my Mom and Dad. Tom was in Korea for 11 months when my Dad passed away. Tom left Korea early and was assigned to a recruiting station until he received orders to PCS to Arizona. Shortly thereafter, Tom was killed in a car accident and has been gone now for 30 years. I still love to get the mail from the military, bringing back a flood of memories of my past. Although God had another plan for Tom, it was all worth the time and effort all the military put into his life as he had the privilege of serving his country. Keep on keeping on... for your time and love for our country is not in vain.
 Lisa

3rd Cavalry Regt.

This was the ending of one chapter in many Soldiers lives, however, this also became the start of new beginnings. Many of the unit's Soldiers have been reassigned to other companies within 3rd Cav. Regt., while others are moving on to other unit's across the Army. "I think everyone is excited to go on and do their next assignment and continue to contribute to the Army. Most of the people in the organization will look back on this unit with very fond memories," Fuller said. Delta Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment (Long Range Surveillance) unit attached to 3rd Cavalry Regt., conducts Special Patrol Infiltration Exfiltration System (SPIES) training Oct. 2, 2015. The unit had its deactivation ceremony Jan. 10, 2017 inside the III Corp building at Fort Hood, Texas. This was the last active-duty LRS unit in the Army.
 A paratrooper with Delta Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment (Long Range Surveillance), looks out of a window of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter before exiting at Rapido Drop Zone Sept. 1, 2016 at Fort Hood, Texas. This was
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CHAPTER NEWS

FLORIDA CHAPTER

Hope everybody had a good and safe New Years, didn't lose too much money on the football games and wind up at Fiddlers Green.

Is everyone ready for the next year. Now February the 18th will be the yearly reunion and will be at the Perkins restaurant at 1:00 pm, GPS, 43522 us-27, Davenport. This is the location where I would like to set all the meetings and gatherings. It more central because it is right off I-4 at exit 55, HWY 27 convenient for folks coming south or north from the southern areas and Tampa. Jacksonville and Orlando would have an extra 40 miles going west. The out of Towner's that might want to spend the night there are local hotels with prices starting around \$60 but if you hit up hotwire for hotels in Davenport they should be cheaper.

At the February meeting/lunch I hope as many show up that can. Ask questions and make suggestions that you fill or think will help the Chapter grow. Talked with Tom Horas and he is going to get with the folks at the Association Gift Shop for a gift certificate for a Stetson or \$100.00.

I'm not sure when I'll be able to get around to another BBQ Cook off but if there are some of you that live in the same area and would like to get together please do and let me know because I would like to join you and meet you all.

Well that's about it from this end, don't forget the 18th of Feb. and please come on over. Contact me at <nogojo88@yahoo.com>. Joe Craig, President

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

The New York and New Jersey celebrated our 30th Anniversary on October 15, 2016.

A good time was had by all. I like to thank all who help, Bob Heintz, Fred Robins, Ridgefield Park Elks, General Poor's Traven, the singing group "Wide Variety" and all chapter members and Families.

Currently working on a date for spring meeting however the fall meeting will be held on Oct 21 2017.



SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO CHAPTER

The Southeastern Colorado Chapter held its first meeting of the year on Saturday January 7, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to elect the officers for the year.

Gregorio Trujillo from Las Animas was elected President; Jesus Garcia from Las Animas was elected Vice President and Treasurer; Benirito Gallegos from

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the last jump before the unit's deactivation ceremony, which occurred Jan. 10, 2017.

Soldiers with Delta Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment (Long Range Surveillance) conduct their units deactivation ceremony Jan. 10, 2017 at inside the III Corp building at Fort Hood, Texas.

Fort Hood Soldier Sets Sights on 2020 Olympic Team

By Kelby Wingert, Sentinel Sports Editor, Fort Hood, Texas
Nearly a decade ago, in Miami-Dade County, Florida, 11-year-old Daniel Bailey told his grandmother he wanted to check out a boxing gym one day. That's when he fell in love with the ring. Bailey kept coming back and just never wanted to leave. When he went home, he made an offer to his best friend – the friend had an old punching bag sitting in his back yard and Bailey had a bike he was more than willing to part with. The two boys made the trade and Bailey spent every night in his own back yard hitting that bag. When he couldn't sleep in the small hours of the morning – kept awake by thoughts of his goals for the future – he'd be outside hitting that bag.



PFC Bailey began boxing at age 11.

When people would walk by and ask him why he was working so hard, Bailey's answer was simple: "To get my Family into a better situation." Since the day that 11-year-old became enamored with the sport of boxing, he's had a pretty clear mindset: to do great, make history, be remembered forever and to help the people who showed him love along the way. Today, Bailey is a private first class in the Army, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood. He was in 9th grade when he started in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at his high school and learning about the Army's World Class Athlete Program, and that's where his dream of joining the Army began.

"This is where the best athletes get to serve our country and also represent the Army and our country at the same time in our respective sports," Bailey said. "So that's been my goal since I was in JROTC."

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That 11-year-old kid first dreamed about being an Olympic boxer and it was that 14-year-old young man who realized he can serve his country while working for and accomplishing his goal to box in the Olympics and that the Army can help him along the way. During his time in the Army, Bailey has already been selected for the All-Army Boxing camp twice, where he won gold in his weight class both times. In 2016, Bailey went with the rest of the gold medalists from All-Army to compete in the Police Activities League National Championship in Oxnard, California, where he won a bronze medal. Bailey hasn't yet been accepted into the WCAP, but he's hopeful. Most recently, Bailey competed in the 2016 USA Boxing National Championships in Kansas City in December. Competing in the Elite 123 lbs weight class, Bailey fell in the semifinals in a 4-1 decision against Shon Mondragon from Commerce City, Colorado. Bailey won bronze at the tournament, making him the No. 3-ranked boxer in his weight class, nationally. "It was a great experience and it was something to put my name out there, for sure," he said. "Nobody knew who I was before, but now they do."

Time is precious to Bailey. Even though the 2016 Olympics finished just five months ago, time is slowly ticking away to prepare for 2020 Games. The 21-year-old doesn't have the time to spend on the things 21-year-olds usually spend their time on. "I don't go out anymore or anything like that," he said. "I've put in my mind that the time I use going out, I could be doing film study, running or hitting a 24-hour gym. I'm just trying to really dedicate all my time to training because when I think about it, all those people – yeah, they're having fun, but one day they're going to be paying money to see me." For Bailey, most days start at 4:45 a.m. when he arrives at the Iron Horse Dining Facility, where he works as a cook. His schedule is perfectly crafted, so he has plenty of time to get his work done for the Army in the mornings before he hits the gym in the afternoons. "My unit supports me 100 percent," he said. "When I have a big competition coming up, they give me the time to train really hard for it and they give me that time off so I can go compete and represent the Army. It's a blessing." He usually wraps up work around 1 p.m. and he'll head home to iron his cook whites, take a shower and get ready for the gym, where he'll arrive 10-15 minutes early to get that extra time in.

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61st FA News



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Hopefully this issue of the *Saber* will be reaching you around the middle of February. Now that the major holidays (not to mention the presidential election) of 2016 are in the past, we can concentrate on this year. Naturally we all remembered our lovely wives on Valentine's Day. A special Thank You to all who sent along season's greetings. It's always nice to hear from you.

Our Kiwanis Club of Carlsbad held their semi-annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 6th. We all got at the site in downtown Carlsbad at 5AM! Believe me, that's early! We've been doing this twice a year for nearly 30 years now and have pretty much got the routine down pat. We have about 80,000 to 90,000 visitors to our May and November Carlsbad Street Faires. Anyway, we did serve close to 800 pancake breakfasts before we closed down at noon. The Boy Scout Troop we sponsor then sold pumpkin pie for an hour or so at the site and did pretty well, too. Another Faire out of the way and we did raise some money for our Kiwanis children's programs. That's always a good thing. Then in December we contacted the local Head Start facilities and got the particulars on about a dozen Families that needed some help over the holidays. We provided food, gift cards, toys, clothes, and did a lot to cheer up some Families for Christmas. It's always a great thing to help someone.

In mid-November we got this from Shirley Coppock... "Praise the Lord, our daughter Miriam finished the needed chemo yesterday before her surgery (now scheduled for February). So thankful to have this part of her health journey over. Cooked chicken and dumplings for her today...here's hoping she can eat a few bites and keep it down. Her faith in God continues to sustain her...plus knowing that others are praying for her gives much encouragement to all of us. We are blessed with Family and friends and so appreciative of their continual devotion to offer prayers on her behalf. Hope you have a Blessed Thanksgiving with Family. Hugs, Shirley for the Talbert, Rawhouser & Coppock Families." On 1 Dec we got this additional info... "An update on our daughter, Miriam Talbert. Today Miriam had a MRI and an in-depth evaluation with her doctors. Long day before giving the decision on the next step re: her status and the cancer. She has been in much prayer for several weeks on what to do...doctors have continuously insisted that the required surgery, etc. was her decision. So after all the medical team's assessments, she decided to have a double mastectomy with reconstruction surgery, which has now been scheduled for January 6th. Appreciate your prayers, encouragement and support in her journey of health challenges. Pete & Shirley." Thanks so much for the update, Shirley. We're all pulling for Miriam.

More from Pete and Shirley... "Sharing an arrangement that focuses on needlework by our daughter, Miriam Talbert. She made the counted cross stitch nativity scene for me a few years ago. The tallest angel was handcrafted for a late friend, Gladys Zahringer Jacobs, and after her death the Family presented it to me. Hope you enjoy this photo that was made by my great niece, Audrey Richardson, visiting while on break from the veterinarian college she attends in Oklahoma. She and our granddaughter, Laura Talbert Rawhouser, decorated our Family Christmas tree for us. It was done in red, white and blue featuring patriotic ornaments, etc. Will add this Christmas note to you: May peace, blessings, good health and happiness be yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Love with Hugs, Pete & Shirley Coppock."



We were sorry to hear from Grady Tucker that the November 61st reunion in Florida was not nearly the success he had hoped for. Only one other 'Sta Bueno guy showed up...Marion Watt and his wife Charlene. As they were accompanied by her brother and his wife along with Grady's two sons and daughter (with their spouses) were also there, it wasn't a total washout. I know Grady put a lot of effort and time into the preparations and it's just too bad the attendance wasn't better. It's probably going to be the last one as our ranks are thinning and travel is becoming more and more of a hassle.

Got this nice note from Speedy Speedman in late November... "Dear Gordon, I was going through some of my old papers the other day and came across a paper that I had made for Thanksgiving, 1951 while I was Executive Officer, Btry B, 61st FA Bn. I know we were in Korea, but don't remember exactly where. It was just a little over a month later that we transferred to Hokkaido, Japan. When I heard we were going to exchange places with the 45th Division, I decided to extend. Of course I did not know at the time the 61st would be returning to Korea in 1953 and that I was going with them." Speedy included a copy of the battery Thanksgiving Day program that included a listing all the battery members as well as a Thanksgiving Day Prayer and the lyrics to songs like Let Me Call You Sweetheart, The Bells are Ringing and Harvest Moon. As he noted in his letter, those old mimeograph reproduction systems of the day were not all that good and the program is only partly readable and not suitable for inclusion here (except for the cover). It does contain the names of all the officers and men of the battery. He then added... "I have wondered how many are still with us today. I know all the officers, except me, are gone. I am 87 and still in pretty good health except for my knees and blood clots in both legs. I take blood thinners every day. I am still a member of the Sheriff's Posse for Search and Rescue and ride my horse on the searches. I hope you and your wife and doing well and if you are ever in the Big Bear, California area please stop by." I had noticed that the rocker heading on the program said "Sinew Baker" and that intrigued me; I finally called Speedy and he told me that Sinew was the battery radio call sign; mystery solved! Really enjoyed the short chat with Speedy. The Thanksgiving program also proclaimed "The Best Damn Battery

in Korea" and I found out that came from DivArty CG, Brigadier General Hines (after an inspection) to battery CO Capt. Casper and XO Lt. Speedman.

Speedy also added that he's hosting his annual New Year's Day party and invited us to attend. It's always nice to hear from Speedy and that he's doing well. I remember way back in the autumn of 2002 when I took over the 61st FA Bn Saber column from Speedy and paid him a visit there in Big Bear to get as much background as I could. Hard to believe that it was more than 14 years ago! At six columns a year, that's more than 84 Saber columns. Thanks to all of you and your timely inputs, we've been able to keep it going.

After a week at Oxnard Beach and another week in Palm Springs (this retirement life is tough), our Family spent Christmas Day here at our home and my wife and the two daughters combined to make us a delicious Christmas Day Dinner. Everyone, especially the two grandchildren got plenty of gifts and we all are thankful for our blessings. Hope all of you had a joyous holiday season, too.

Dick Weakley sent along an email on 9 November... "Just a short note to inform you that Audrey was released from the hospital on Tuesday. After a couple of tough days on her and some needed rest, we had to go to Colorado Springs which took up most of the day. The doctor advised me to make sure she gets plenty of rest and not to travel too far. As a result I informed Grady that I wouldn't be able to make the Florida reunion. We had plans to attend this last reunion. So, in time, we might take off and try to see a number of our old Army buddies. Grady did get my money back from the hotel, which was appreciated. I know that there will only be a few attending. Will have each one of you in my prayers. And thanks for being my friend. Rich Weakley."

Then on 29 Nov., we received this from Rich... "Audrey fell while trying to get out of bed at 4 am on Monday morning (28 Nov), fell against the night stand, hitting her face on it and breaking her nose. After getting her all cleaned up and dressed, took her to the hospital ER. She is having a lot of other problems. The doctors are running a number of tests and we should have the results soon. It's been a trying time for the both of us. Please pray for her. Love, Richard." So very sorry to hear about this, Dick. Our best wishes for you both.

From Bill & Pat Stewart... "Yes, Gordon, we finally made it to Branson. After all the trips to Indy for Pat's eye operations and post-op checkups. We got to Branson on 14 Nov for 3 days. We couldn't even get a room at the Camden House and had to take the Savannah, which is on the outskirts of Branson. Branson was very busy because they still had a lot of buses in town due to Veterans Day. Every show we attended honored veterans. No one else came down as we didn't have much time to notify them. We got to see three shows and Pat did some Christmas shopping. We had a very nice Thanksgiving, but I always eat too much at these Family gatherings. Not much else going on, just getting feed in for our cows for the winter, the way they look, we will have some calves about Feb.

Now we get ready for Christmas, with all the get-togethers with meals we will all be stuffed by the time the holidays are over. We have a get together with Pat's brothers and sister, then our Family Christmas, a Christmas feast at the Moose Lodge and of course Christmas day. We hope everyone who gets the *Saber* are okay, especially us "Old Fogies". Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Maybe we can see some of you in 2017. Sta Bueno, Bill." Thanks for the note, Bill. Always nice to hear from you!

Peter O'Brien sent this along... "Hi Gordon, Merry Christmas to you and yours! After 43 years of active employment and 22 years of retirement, my former employer is cancelling my Medicare Supplement insurance at the end of this month. I have to buy new supplemental coverage on an exchange. Very happy I have VA to fall back on. I'd encourage anyone not enrolled at VA to do so, if for no other reason than backup. Having two primary care doctors, one at VA and the other in private practice, also insures a second opinion is always available. VA is also a hedge against disruptions in health care coverage in the new administration. Peter O'Brien, Hq Btry, '54-'55." Thanks for the note and information, Pete, and always enjoy hearing from you.

I was reading the December 4th issue of the San Diego Union Tribune and came across this article on Santo Tomas featuring a fellow Carlsbad resident, one Jim Crosby. They did quite an in-depth interview with him. Later I contacted Jim and we had a very nice visit. He's a retired electrical engineer and us two old engineers had something in common. He's coming out in April to our Kiwanis Club meeting to tell us about his Santo Tomas experience. He also has a bunch of really interesting old photos. If anyone is interested in contacting Jim, just let me know and I'll be glad to put you in contact with him. Looking forward to a great year and more information from all of you!

Take care, 'Sta Bueno and keep those cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails

Division Doings

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Every day, Bailey sets a goal for training. "When I come into the gym, my main agenda is to give it my all and to work harder than I did the day before," he said. He was always taught that if he's not still out of breath by the time he's leaving the gym, he's not working hard enough. He tries to "destroy" his body to gain the stamina and endurance he needs to outlast his opponents. "I know when it's time to get into that ring," he said, "it's basically like war." Bailey's training is in good hands. He trains at J.R. Boxing Club in downtown Killeen, where every wall is adorned with fight posters, posters of the greats like Muhammad Ali and photos commemorating wins by club boxers. A homemade boxing ring fills half the space and mirrors cover two walls. On one are the words "I am looking at a champion." Bailey is coached by Jesse Ravelo, a retired Army Sergeant Major who owns and runs the gym. Ravelo, affectionately called "Uncle Jesse" by the boxers in his gym, was an assistant coach for the 1996 and 2012 U.S. Olympic Boxing teams. Bailey is a hard worker and doesn't get conceited with wins, Ravelo said. "He's always willing to listen and to improve, and he came here with a good attitude," Ravelo said. "He's third in the nation right now and even though he went to the nationals, he's still willing to listen and to improve and everything that we tell him, he does it." When he's finished with his training for the day, Bailey will help out with some of the kids learning to box at the gym, Ravelo added. Ravelo has also been a coach for the WCAP since before he retired from the Army in 1997, and he believes Bailey has what it takes to train that

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5th CAV News



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What Suffering!

On November 11, 2016, I had a very humbling experience that I have not had in a very long time. I attended a memorial & wreath laying ceremony at the WWII & Vietnam Memorials in Washington DC. After the ceremony at the WWII Memorial, I strolled around this excellent beautiful structure, I couldn't help but think of the mostly young (under age 30) men & women who lost their lives and what could have become of them had they survived. I know of one, Capt. Harry E. Levy from Baltimore, Maryland. He was my mother's brother. I wasn't fortunate enough to have personally known him, I did hear of stories from my mother and grandfather. His letters never spoke of himself but how great and brave "his men" were. About 8 years ago, I had the honor to speak to two gentlemen that were under his command. Both men stated that he lead by example, he didn't say very much except when it was necessary. One of these men, Rudolph B. Davila was awarded a much overdue Congressional Medal of Honor in 2010. One told me that although mortally wounded, Capt. Levy refused to be evacuated by ambulance until his company achieved their objective. While these thoughts of "what if" rushed through my head, I too thought about what the Families went through. For instance, my Uncle Harry had been wounded twice prior to receiving his fatal wounds in Anzio, so my grandparents got the sad news about his wounds and eventually the news no Family wants hear. I can only imagine the pain and suffering they went through when the war ended, Families they knew were excited to have their loved ones returning home.

Later that same day, I attended the Vietnam Memorial ceremony with more wreaths, speaking and outward emotions of those in attendance. I too thought of those brave men I witnessed that gave the absolute sacrifice. I feel a special connection with both WWII & Vietnam Veteran groups honored. As a Vietnam Veteran, we were badly treated and ignored by this country (to include a large majority of the active duty Soldiers I met the first several years after returning home). These brave warriors also deserved more gratitude and recognition (doesn't make sense). However, I'm ashamed to say that I did not attend the ceremonies at the Korean War and the Women's Memorials.

Oh, how this country, myself included, has become so complacent in the way we live and take for granted the freedom we have. The comfort of knowing that there are still men and women serving in the armed services to continue the legacy that we helped develop and those who proudly served before us. They are the epitome of the words President John F. Kennedy spoke at his inauguration on January 20, 1961; "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." I was present as a naive young 12-year-old unappreciative boy at that important moment in America's history.

For those that aren't real familiar about the history of the 5th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, here are some facts:

The 5th United States Cavalry Regiment lost 7 officers and 60 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 2 officers and 90 enlisted men to disease in the Civil War. It is honored by a monument at Gettysburg. The regiment began the war as the 2nd United States Cavalry and was renamed in August of 1861 when the regiments of Dragoons and Mounted Rifles were redesignated as Cavalry. It took part in 125 battles during the Civil War, in which one or both participants suffered casualties. Its command changed 34 times during the war, and was usually held by a captain or lieutenant. (more information to follow in upcoming issues)

Private David A. Hurr, H Company, 5th Cavalry Regiment

The following is a proposed citation for the Medal of Honor in part that was located by "Prairie Boys at War." Mary Helm discovered during her research at the National Archives & Records Administration. Helms is working to get Pvt. Hurr's Distinguished Service Cross upgraded to the CMH. She feels his award status was downgraded due to his low rank.

"Private David A. Hurr, RA17268393, Infantry, United States Army, Company H, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy on 1-2 August 1950, near Kumchon, Korea. During the late afternoon hours, an overwhelming North Korean force struck furiously against the mountain positions of Company E in an effort to dislodge the stubborn defenders from the commanding terrain. As hordes of enemy soldiers assaulted over the rocky ground towards the small friendly force, Private Hurr, attached from Company H, remained steadfast at his heavy machine gun, and placed burst after burst of swooping automatic fire into the ranks of the onrushing foe. In the bitter, close in fighting that ensued, heavy casualties were suffered by Company E and the situation became precarious. As the tempo of the battle increased and the intensity hostile mortar fire became greater, a shell exploded near Private Hurr and badly wounded him. In spite of the great pain from his injury, he refused to be evacuated and doggedly resumed firing the machine gun until the last bullet was expended. Despite the terrific toll of casualties his withering fire had inflicted on the North Koreans, an ever increasing number kept pressing forward. When further defense of Company E's positions became impossible, a withdrawal was ordered. As Private Hurr's comrades began falling back, Private Hurr bade them to move on and leave him. Although grievously wounded, he picked up a rifle and singlehandedly held off the enemy until his company members had safely withdrawn. When last seen alive, this courageous soldier firing at the charging foe. The following day when Company E recovered the lost ground, the body of Private Hurr was found at the site of his machine gun with enemy dead on all sides reflecting mute evidence of the tremendous battle he fought."

The remainder of the recommendation is not legible as this was the only portion printed in the newspaper article by Vicki Gerdes, reporter for The Detroit Lakes Tribune. The article appeared in the paper 13 November 2016. Vicki Gerdes went on to say "One of the young men who made that ultimate sacrifice for his country is Becker County's own David A Hurr, who was killed in battle near Kumchon, Korea, during the overnight hours of Aug. 1-2, 1950. Just 19 years old, he became the first soldier from Becker County to die in the war. Though

Hurr was posthumously awarded the highly esteemed Distinguished Service Cross, back in 1951, 'Prairie Boys at War' author Mary Helms believes he should have received the top honor -The Congressional Medal of Honor- and in the course of her research at the National Archive and Records Administration (NARA) this past February, she found evidence that validated her belief. In Hurr's service files Helm discovered what she calls 'the smoking gun'... a "Proposed Citation for the Medal of Honor." Reference the above citation. I certainly wish Mary Helms all the luck in her pursuit of this endeavor to have Pvt. Hurr receive the award he justly deserved.

5th Cavalry Reunion

The next 5th U.S. Cavalry Association's Reunion is scheduled for 11-16 Sept 17. The host hotel is the Best Western Premier, Harrisburg, PA. Room rates are 119.95 + tax, which includes complete breakfast buffet for per night's stay, complimentary onsite parking, in room wi-fi and shuttle service to and from Harrisburg International Airport. To make your reservation, please call the hotel directly at 717-561-2800, be sure to tell them that you're with the 5th Cav Reunion. Recently an issue came up where a member desired a king room and there were none blocked for our event. This issue has been resolved but the hotel only has a limited number of this type room, so if you want a king room I recommend you make your reservations ASAP. Any questions, concerns and/or comments should be directed to Jim Reecamper at <woodcamp@att.net> or 417-844-5347.

Battle of March 11, 1967

As seen through the eyes of SGT Dennis Henzi who was a SP 4 Grenadier, C 2/5 Cav, 1st Platoon, 1st Squad during the battle. March 11, 1967, Bong Son Province, Vietnam, near the small village of Phu Ninh, is a day that those of us who were there will never forget. Our captain, Don Markham described the Battle for Hill 82 at the base of the Nui Mieu Mountains, also known as the "Battle of March 11th" and as the "Battle of Phu Ninh." ("A Great Trench of Bloody Hell" in an article where he wrote about it.) It is 35 years later and I still can't get it out of my mind. I was a 20 year old Sky Trooper in Charlie Company, 2/5 Cavalry, at the time, with two months to go to my 21st birthday. That morning if you told me you knew I might not make it until the end of the day, I would have laughed in your face. What follows is my recollection of the battle as I saw it through my eyes:

The morning of the 11 March 1967, found me and 1st Platoon out at the scenic white sand beaches of the South China Sea. I live in the High Sierras now. As I write this at eleven in the morning, it looks much like that day 35 years ago. The sun is out and shining brightly with a few cotton candy clouds floating by. During the 11th of March 1967, there were a few clouds floating across the sky in a similar fashion. The only real difference is we have snow on the ground and it's colder here. I remember half the platoon went out on a patrol. "Gee, I got to go again!" It was about 10:30 or 11 AM and we were searching a village. Over the PRC 25 radio we were ordered to get back to the beach "FAST", which was our landing zone. The company was in a fire fight. Five KIAs in our company and it was getting worse. We were told to get prepared to go in and help them out! We got back to the platoon area and we were told to sit down and wait. We would be going in anytime. This was before noon. We waited and waited. What was going on, were our buddies and friends dying? More and more reports of KIAs were coming in over the radio.

"Hey, what the hell are we waiting for? These guys are our friends. They need our help. Let's go!" No such luck. We had to sit and wait while we knew our friends were being butchered. It wasn't a nice feeling. We wanted to go in and help them. I was in the country seven months since September 1966. I was a good Sky Trooper. At least I thought so. I wanted to go in there and kick the enemy's ass! This waiting was unhinging me. I remember I started to get the shakes. "Let's Go" was all I could think of, but we had to continue waiting. We were told they couldn't get choppers for us, they were somewhere else. Then the message was relayed to us "Choppers on the way! Saddle Up!" Most of us had our gear on and were ready to go. I never had the shakes in the past, but on this morning, I was getting them very bad. I couldn't control it. I knew that today I die. I knew it. I had been in a previous fierce battle where a NVA Colonel had been captured and I remembered our guys who were killed in that one. I think the memory of knowing what happened to my friends in battle was getting to me. I sensed it was my turn this time.

I believe it was Pat Rankin who said to me "Denny, knock it off!" I guess I was upsetting everyone. I tried to get a hold of myself and did the best I could to calm myself down. It was impossible to stop the shakes, but I did manage to get myself somewhat under control. Messages kept coming in over the radio of more KIAs. At last count, it was 12 or 13 guys dead by now. That didn't help my shakes. Somehow, I just knew I was going to die this day.

Well, then the birds came in and landed. "Get ready to move out!" Once we started to roll I felt much better. Sitting around doesn't help. We loaded up on one of the choppers and off we went. I didn't know where we were going. No one knew except the Lieutenant and Platoon Sergeant. We were flying inland over the Bong Son Lagoon in towards the Nui Mieu Mountains. We are going in! Rockets were fired and machine guns opened up. I was feeling better. The action actually calmed my nerves. I made my peace with God. If I get it--- Well, I get it, but boy am I going to try and not get it. It looks good. No one is shooting at us so far. When you come in and receive enemy fire 20 feet off the ground, you can't do a thing. Well, so far, no enemy fire. At least that's good. As soon as that chopper was on the ground, everyone must have had the same idea as me. I never saw a bunch of Sky Troopers unload so fast. I didn't know guys could run that fast. I remember thinking, boy, would we do good at the Olympics! We moved out in a circle like we always do. We circled the landing zone where we had landed on top of the hill. We found out later it was called Hill 82. We all moved over to the side of the hill and looked over. It was a beautiful sunny day with deep blue skies. As I looked at the gorgeous Vietnamese paradise we were in, and I thought this is not a day to die, but a day to live - this place is too pretty. We stayed in that area about a half-hour when another message came over the PRC 25 radio. We were ordered to move out and relieve the hard-hit platoons.

Therefore, down the hill we went. I was in 1st Platoon, 1st Squad. I was feeling panic again. I just knew I was going to die today. Try as I did, I couldn't

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12th CAV News



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0001 Hey Sailor, new in town? Up and at 'em Strange, GI Josephine and Joe, a great new hour, day, and year breaks across your forehead while you lay snug-a-bed and the

shine dissipates from the apple. I am shocked; nay, shocked and appalled at thine tardy way. The early bird gets the worm and the late riser the leavings. Tisk-tisk.

0355 Plannest thou for the early-bird special? Dining, drinks, and casual mayhem with the members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association at the the 70th Annual Reunion? Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas from 7-11 June 2017? Is any of this getting through and ringing a bell, or am I talking to a knot on a board? The Shilo Inn Hotel is again the Reunion Headquarters with many reunion events being held in the adjacent Killeen Civic and Conference Center. The guaranteed room rate is a paltry \$104 a night, walk around money for a big spender like yourself, nay to mention a personage of the world and with some stature and street cred. Parking be *free* if you bring the Family sled or motor, even hoverboard. Call 254-699-0999 to reserve a room, or cheap it out at 800-222-2244. The early-bird gets (you guessed it) a room inside the Shilo. Maybe near an elevator. Events include the mixer, war lunches, unit lunches, membership meeting, association banquet, and the memorial service on Sunday to name a few events I enjoy. Ne'er to be forgotten is the attendant 12th Cavalry Association Reunion, annual Saturday unit lunch and business meeting. Be seen, be present, vote, talk, meet and greet and maybe a glimpse of Colonel Dingeman and into The Bottomless Footlocker. The biggest yearly gathering of 12th members and Veterans outside the active duty battalions. A chance to go on post and see them too! Go online, look it and book it.

0555 We are moving! No silly, not the 12th Cavalry or the Association, but Mrs. Trooper and my ownself. This should be accomplished on 15 February of 2017 and Mrs. Trooper is graciously and magnanimously allowing me to tag along. Our new address should be showing up below the header but in case you are unable to read it, it will be: 16505 Virginia Avenue Unit 1141, Williamsport, MD 21795-1483. We hope to keep the same email address and phone number but as with any battle plan, we have plotted contingent actions and reactions.

0755 After the pleas of last issue, would you care to guess how many changes of addresses, phone numbers, email address we received? Not any. Anything on 1LT Stone and PFC Trujillo? Nothing. PFC Daniel D. Wheaton? Nope. Trooper Bobbie Williams? Nada. Help for Trooper Duane Smythe? Zilch. Hello? Anyone? Adding insult to my injury, I cannot un-Google one story on either the 1-12 or the 2-12 active Battalions.



0955 PFC Joaquin Aguilera (pictured left), D Troop 12th Cavalry and the First Cavalry Division, was born to Joaquin and Henerietta Aguilera on March 20, 1924 in El Paso, Texas and entered into eternal rest on December 14, 2015 in Pomona, California. He was 91 years of age. PFC Aguilera was a proud Veteran of the United States Army and received an honorable discharge. He was a veteran of the 1st Cavalry Division and the 12th Cavalry Regiment during WWII, and was a life member of the 12th Cavalry Regiment Association. He had been employed as an assembler for an

electrical company for over 50 years. Joaquin was a resident of Montebello, California at the time of his passing. Mr. Aguilera is survived by his daughter Mary (Rudy) Roldan of West Covina, California. His final resting place is in Resurrection Cemetery, 966 N. Potrero Grande Drive, Rosemead, California, 91770. Condolences may be sent to his Family through the mortuary website. <Risher-Mortuary.Com>

1155 The DOD has announced a renewed effort to ensure Veterans are aware of the opportunity to have their discharges and military records reviewed. Through enhanced public outreach, engagement with Veterans Service Organizations, Military Service Organizations, and other groups as well as direct outreach to individual Veterans, the department encourages all Veterans who believe they have experienced an error or injustice to request relief from their service's Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records or Discharge Review Board. In the past few years, the department has issued guidance for consideration of post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as the repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and its predecessor policies. Supplemental guidance for separations involving victims of sexual assault is also being considered. Whether the discharge or other correction is the result of PTSD, sexual orientation, sexual assault, or some other consideration, the department is committed to rectifying errors or injustices and treating all Veterans with dignity and respect. Too detailed and involved to resolve here – contact me for details, forms, and affiliated sites. <DOD newsletter No. NR-459-16>

1355 The Army on Thursday, 8 December 2016 announced the upcoming deployment of about 3,800 Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team (you read that right, the 1-12 Battalion of the 12th Cavalry Regiment), to Kuwait this winter. The Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, will deploy to Kuwait to support the needs of the combatant Commander. "Our nation's Army continues to call on the 1st Cavalry Division to serve across the globe. The latest to be called is our 3rd ABCT," said Maj. Gen. John Thomson, Commander of the

1st Cavalry Division, who himself is deployed with the Division Headquarters to Afghanistan. "Greywolf Troopers have demonstrated a high level of proficiency with rigorous home-station training and a successful National Training Center rotation in October. They are prepared to execute their assigned mission for Central Command." The Soldiers from 3rd BCT will replace those from the 1st Armored Division's 3rd BCT, who have been deployed to Kuwait since the spring. <WHAS11.Com>

1555 "My name is Duane Smythe, 68 yrs old, good health, living life big time. I was with the 1st Cav, Delta Co. 2nd of the 12th working out of Quan Loi. I was wounded (shot) on Jan 26, 1969 at approx 2100 hr while on ambush. Three of my fellow Troopers were hit by shrapnel. We re-grouped and made our way back to the D Company perimeter. We were airlifted out at night (lucky us) to Tay Ninh. Our medic (doc) gave me 2 hits of morphine in the field, "for the flight" he said - it worked! Rotors and Stars all the way in!! You laid me down on a table, started cutting my clothes off as I was put into an induced sleep. Oh did I need sleep! I awoke the next day (out of the induced sleep) to the sounds of large explosions, a nurse rushing in and yelling "Outgoing!" I looked around at my surroundings; modern Quonset Hut, AC units, and clean W.O.T.W. I found out all of what had happened to me in Tay Ninh, a very surreal experience. I was no longer with my Family (tribe, company etc). I had arrived in Vietnam somewhat alone, and I left the same way. On the right side of my bed was a Warrant Officer that was hit by a 51cal. while flying a chopper - he died that morning. Across from my bed was a Vietnamese woman who got hit by a drunk driving GI - she also died. The next one is the one I think of most often. Two officers and one Vietnamese official in a black suit walked by me. One of the officers stops and asks are you from the 2-12 unit that was hit last night, I respond yes sir. He says the guy in the last bed is an enemy soldier from the unit that hit us. The Vietnamese official places a map on him, questions him, then slaps the Sierra out of him to make him talk. WHOA. I am now dealing with some things from the conflict (yeah right), realizing ages, etc., and kind of freaking out a bit. I want to locate 2 folks, Mario Dan Solorio and Ronald L. Combs. I retired in 2013, now playing catch up I suppose. *Thank you all for taking such good care of me!!!!* My doctor was from Oregon, and had a private practice before Uncle Sam. Thank you nurse for holding me while going to the bathroom as I almost fell. You knew it was going to happen. You know what I mean? (The shy type??) You did not want to sew up my two holes in Nam, you sent me to the 249th in Japan, then on to Fort Ord (cool fort). Thank You Again for all you did in my small corner of that large ugly war. You were much more courageous than I." ~ Duane Smythe <Email>

1755 The holiday season is often difficult for people with PTSD, but there are healthy ways to cope and manage stress. Tips that can help you manage your PTSD symptoms over this holiday season (or any time): Don't over schedule-leave time for yourself. Make a plan to get things done - set small, do-able goals. When stressed, remind yourself of what has helped in the past. Use the tools from PTSD Coach app or PTSD Coach online to help you manage stress. Reach out for support if you need it. Know who you can rely on for help. If your symptoms are getting worse or you feel down, reach out to your provider or call the PTSD Crisis Line. If you know someone with PTSD, there are things you can do to make sure the holiday season is pleasant and enjoyable for everyone. Educate yourself and talk to your Family member about what they need to feel comfortable during the holidays. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. <Veterans Health Administration bulletin 1783044>. # Buddy Check! No One Left Behind!

1955 Part the one concerning Iraq Veteran, 33-year-old Jonathan Michael "Mike" Gilotti, shot to death leaving his Hoover, Alabama home for the gym 5 January 2016, and reported on here. "Here are the photos I have found that have 1st Lt Gilotti in them. With any luck some of the Iraq Veterans will see them and provide more information. 1st Lt Gilotti worked for CPT Walker in A Company, and as an Armor Officer he kidded me about being 'seasoned' as I had been on M60 series tanks in years past, the most recent being the M60-A3. The M60-A3 is still quite a tank and is in use in Egypt, Taiwan, and Turkey. He *really* thought it was funny that I could run an M48 series also. A Company had a sector in the northern part of our area. It was northern Ghazaliyah and Shula, including Jawadine, Ramaniyam, and Kateeb; J-R-K was known as - you guessed it, 'The Jerk'. Shula was predominately Shiite, and we would encounter Kurdish Iraqi troops there – they were good Soldiers." See picture on right: "1st Lt Gilotti pictured second from left and Iraqi staff at a clinic in Jawadine. I think the bald guy with the yellow shirt was the head Iraqi. The meeting was done to assess their medical abilities, attempt to provide assistance, and also to check their ambulances to see if they were transporting explosives in them **Con-**



1st Lt Gilotti and Iraqi staff at a Jawadine clinic.

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12th Cavalry Regiment Bandmen, Ft. Brown, Texas, August 1924

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shake that feeling. My mind kept going back to "September of 66" a few weeks before I got to the company. A guy by the name of Billy Lauffer got to the company and was put in 1st Platoon, 1st Squad. Hey, that's where I was on March 11th. The old timers told me Billy got no training. They sent him right out to the field, and like the Army always does, they put him on point. That was out at the coast south of Bong Son near LZ Crystal. Billy looked up and saw NVA in bunches. It was an L shaped ambush. Billy started yelling "Ambush! Take Cover!" Old Billy had 13 Chinese made machine guns open up on him. He was firing his M-16 as he looked for cover, but he was cut to hamburger before he could find it. Billy received the Congressional Medal of Honor for that day's action. A lot of the guys I was with on this 11th of March 1967 didn't even know about Billy and what he had gone through. I couldn't get Billy off my mind. He was in my squad and platoon and a true hero. I didn't want to end up hamburger like poor Billy, but I was determined to uphold his honor and go out with my guns blazing, if it came to that. Well, just about then it happened. I thought an AK had opened up on me, but after watching the rate of fire on a History Channel program about these weapons, I now realized it fired too fast for an AK-47. Also, the accuracy was much better. So, after 35 years I now know that it was an RPD light machine gun, a SAW (Squad Automatic Weapon) that had fired at me. I always thought the 7 to 9 rounds that smashed into the ground inches under my feet were hitting a bit too fast to be from an AK-47. The guys and I ran for cover. There were these huge rocks, some two stories high, to our left all over the side of the hill from the top down. Most were as big as houses, some as big as barns. The majority of us ran to the left into these rocks. The enemy was firing many machine guns at us. We could hear bullets ricocheting and whistling all around us and smacking into the ground near our feet. We could hear the crack of rounds going over our heads and feel the wind like shockwave of rounds coming uncomfortably close to our face and bodies. At first the shots were low, then the gooks tried to correct their aim and the shots started coming in closer. Lucky for us the NVA hadn't thought about lifting their sights to correct for range. Some of the guys out front of me were firing M-79s out to 100 or 150 meters. Every time they would jump out and fire they would jump back behind the rocks for cover and you could see dozens of bullets hit where they had been standing and hear them ricochet off the rocks. In my opinion the NVA were 500 or more yards away and there were many of them all firing at once. Hundreds of rounds were fired at us. Luckily, none of our guys were hit. I fired over 20 rounds in the direction of the enemy from my M-79. I couldn't pinpoint their location exactly, but I put my rounds where I thought they were. Many of the other guys in our platoon were doing the same thing. Each time I would jump out from the rocks, fire and then jump back. A couple seconds later the area would be peppered with enemy rounds hitting the ground and rocks. After awhile things quieted down, the word went out that some of the guys will go back up the hill. I thought this is the Army all right, like I told the Lieutenant, "Why can't we just stay here?" We were told to move over to the right, by following orders, this put us into the beaten zone of the enemy guns. Well, as they say, "ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do and die!"

A Sergeant was ordering me to run out in the open area that was being riddled with NVA machine gun fire. I told him what I thought of that idea (in language I don't want to repeat here) and I also told him what I thought of him for asking such a thing. He said he didn't like what I was saying. I answered, "too F--n bad!" The Sergeant and Lieutenant Dooley were discussing whether they had the authority to order me to certain death into a field being chopped up by enemy machine guns.

In the meantime, I made my mind up that I must go out there. I was a Sky Trooper and Sky Troopers obey orders, but I was really enjoying the argument they were having. Then I just got up and ran across the field, bullets were hitting behind me as if they were chasing me to the big rocks. I heard bullets cracking over my head and ricocheting off the rocks after I got behind them. Then I started yelling at the lieutenant and sergeant to come on over "the water is just fine" I yelled. I just love sergeants and Lieutenants! They were giving me some really bad looks, but they didn't say a word to me. After all, I did what I was ordered to do, now it was their turn to eat some of the soup they wanted to drown me in.

I was in an excellent position between two huge rocks with bushes in-between. I had the perfect place to lob M-79 rounds at the enemy without being hit. One, then two, then three guys went up the hill. The fourth man turned and got one through both lungs, he was hit hard. Lieutenant Dooley gave the order, "Open Fire!" We put down repressing fire so some of the Sky Troopers could get the wounded man up the hill for helicopter extraction. The platoon let those NVA

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next level. "If he continues doing what he's doing, he's got good potential for being in the next Olympics," Ravelo said. Professional boxer Floyd Mayweather was on the 1996 U.S. Olympic team when Ravelo was one of the coaches, and Ravelo sees a little bit of Mayweather in Bailey. "Bailey's got a lot of good hand speeds, he moves pretty well," he said. "He combines his power with his speed." Bailey describes his fighting style as "defensive." He focuses on staying in the fight and wearing out his opponent. "If you can't hit me and I'm hitting you, I'm going to win," he said. He looks up to boxers like Mayweather, Willie Pep and Tevin Farmer. Most of the time, he's watching defensive fighters. Bailey wants to be the greatest defensive fighter, ever. "So I try to take small pieces from them and put it all into one boxer to try to see what I can get," he said.

Bailey doesn't like the word "if." It's not "if" he makes it to the 2020 Olympics, it's "when." It's not "if" he wins gold, it's "when." The only "if" Bailey wonders about is if he'll make a bid to win a second gold in 2024. A U.S. men's boxer hasn't won an Olympic gold medal since Andre Ward won the light heavyweight division in 2004. "So if I win two gold medals, that will put me in the conversation with greats from Cuba like Guillermo Rigondeaux and Teofilo Stevenson," he said. Rigondeaux has two Olympic gold medals, while Stevenson had three. Despite his distaste for the word "if," Bailey said on the occasion that he doesn't make the 2020 Olympic team, he thinks he'll go into the reserve-component of the Army and turn professional. "It'll still be great

see what we had going for us. It was beautiful! You should have seen the rounds us Sky Troopers put out. It was one for the record books. We covered every inch of that area with hot lead, interlocking fire from the two M-60 machine guns, M-79 rounds pounding everything in sight and M-16s spraying the area with hot lead. I even fired canister rounds (an M-79 shotgun load with police style buck shot riot loads) our cover fire kept the enemy pinned down so our guys were able to get the wounded man back up the hill and out of the fight.

We were at the bottom of the hill by now. The NVA were on us hot and heavy and they knew we were there. I was on the right, behind two large boulders with an excellent position to fire my M-79 grenade launcher without being seen by the enemy. I believe it was the furthest edge of the platoon. We were all shooting it out with the NVA. At first, we didn't know they were NVA (North Vietnamese Army) but after all the heavy fire power they were unleashing on us we knew it was NVA. Viet Cong shoot a couple shots at you and run, they don't stand and fight like a regular army unit. It was the NVA and not VC alright.

I saw a couple targets I wanted to work over with an M-16 but all I had was my M-79 and .45 automatic pistol. I yelled at Pat Rankin, and then at Tom Rutten, to throw me their M-16s. They were behind me on the trail and pinned down. If they lifted a finger, it would have been shot off. One by one, they tossed their M-16s to me, so I used them to work over a couple of areas really good. If anyone was behind those bushes, I turned them into hamburger. It sure looked like there were gooks hiding in there. World War II Vets, especially of the Pacific War, tell me they nearly never saw the enemy, they just shoot up everything where they figure the enemy might be. Vietnam was the same. I don't think I ever actually saw an NVA soldier that day of the 11th. I did see flashes from some of their guns though, and by the number of bullets they let fly in our direction, there had to be hundreds of them there.

While I was between those huge boulders, I kept remembering back to February '67. I was sent an XM-148 over under. It was an M-16 with an M-79 grenade launcher connected under it. I only had it seven days. Our Battalion Commander didn't like it because I guess he thought it was ugly. What in the hell would a rear echelon desk Soldier know about a combat weapon anyway? In February of '67 we were on a hill, don't remember its name if it had one, in the Bong Son area. The guys told me to go up the hill to the Platoon Sergeant and take along my XM-148 and some ammo. It was pitch dark already. Sergeant Misel (not sure of spelling) said "Hein-Zee, you see those flashlights in the creek down there?"

I said "Sure Sarge, I seem um!" "Take them out Hein-zee, if you think you are good enough! I don't think you are! A couple of the guys said you were pretty good with the M-79, so okay then, Hein-zee, take them out!" It was so dark I couldn't see my hand in front of my face. Some of the guys thought I would just point my weapon out there and shoot blindly. No way! I always used tactics. I could see the lights from those flashlights out at about 100 meters or so. So, I thought, let's see. They are moving to my left. If I shoot the VC farthest to the left, the guy in the back will kill his flashlight. Sergeant York of WWI would have shot the guy to the rear first so the one in front wouldn't see it happen. Then he could get both of them. So I thought, hell, I'll do it like that. It worked. Poomp, Kablam! Shot over the heads. Then I corrected and Poomp Kapow! One light out. Poomp, Blam! Second light out. I must have made a direct hit on the second VC's flash light. You could hear it bouncing off the rocks in the creek. Not bad for a shot in the dark of night where I couldn't even see my sights. Sergeant Misel thought that was pretty good shooting too. I thought, boy, if I only had that XM-148 up here on Hill 82 would I show those gooks something!

Back to Hill 82. I was getting really low on ammo. I kept telling myself, slow down Denny, stop shooting it all up. Make them last. This looks like it's going to be a long fight. We went down the trail that led to another trail that went down the hill. Anyone who showed himself got shot at. Plue and Evens told me someone was shooting at us from behind a bush. They could see the flashes from his weapon. Therefore, I jumped up, took a shot with the M-79, and then dove for the ground. Bullets started cracking the air right over the top of me. If I had stood up, they would have gotten me. No one could stand up. So I jumped up really fast and fired my M-79---Poop, Kablam! My second shot found its mark. I got a direct hit on the bush where Plue and Evens had seen flashes coming from. If that NVA machine gunner was still there he would be in a world of hurt, or dead. I could hear the shots from Plue and Even's M-16s as they were pouring it hot and heavy into the enemy. I was almost out of ammo. All I could do now was direct fire. I asked other grenadiers for extra ammo, but they said they were saving it for the counter attack. Good idea. So, I figured to leave it at that....To be continued in the next issue...

having these years of experience," he said. "That's why I'm going to fight as much as I can every week so I can get as much experience so when I do turn pro, even if I don't get the big goal I was looking for in the amateurs, I'll still go and compete in the top level in the pros.

"And also I can still represent the Army because once you join the Army, I feel like it's just going to be a part of you forever."

This time it's different by Capt. Grace Geiger, 3d Cavalry Regiment Public Affairs Office, SAROBI DISTRICT, Afghanistan

Radio chatter calling distance and direction crackles loudly through a handheld speaker. Afghan and U.S. forces perched on a dusty mountainside watch an element maneuver through the barren valley toward their objective Dec. 27, 2016. At first, a scene like this seems like it should be from previous years of the war here. This time the U.S. forces present are from Train Advise Assist Command-East. They are **Continued on pg. 9**



An Afghan CDR & CSM Barker discuss collective training during an expeditionary advisory package mission in Sarobi district.

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Hi again, I am putting this column together mid-December, a little earlier than usual. Many things pop up around the holidays that demand our time and attention, so I thought I had better get a jump on this. It takes several days to edit the bi-monthly column. It is always more informative when 8th Cav members send me items of interest to the membership. We columnists welcome your input, so please feel free to email anything current or past that you think would make an interesting story for our readers. If you have photos to accompany your story, simply attach them to your email as a ".jpg" file. We would like to hear more from those of you serving on active duty. It was great meeting with so many of you during our last reunion at Fort Hood. Let us "old-timers" know what you are up to. We totally support you in your service to the nation. We would like to know more of what your multiple rotations are like. Just send me a couple of photos with a short description of them, along with your personal stories and I'll be happy to write it up. Our readers will be grateful for anything you care to share with us about these exciting and demanding times in the 8th Cavalry!

Kentucky Kampout - 2016

Larry Hempfling sends this report on another successful Kentucky Kampout: "Another Kentucky Kampout has come and gone and as in the past it was another success. Despite several adjustments we had to make due to the sale of the Resort, we adapted and overcame. The pavilion with the outdoor dining room and fire pit we once used is now a parking lot. AMVETS across the road graciously gave us the use of their pavilion and it worked out just fine. We once dined under the pavilion, but now we are roughing it in the elements under the sun and stars, but it works; not too difficult of an adjustment for a group of former Infantry, Artillery, and Engineers. We built a new fire pit and burned up a lot of firewood thanks to Topgun, Brad, and Randy Whitman who cuts all his logs to the same dimension and delivers them to the Kampout site. Never saw a neater pile of firewood in all my days than what Randy supplies. He is so proud of his work that he took me on a personal tour of the firewood staging area during my recent visit to his home when we attended our former CO, Buddy Garner's funeral service. You would not believe this operation. Unfortunately, we dropped the ball on a group photo but it is the same group of Vets that attend yearly and vow to do so until we are too old to walk, ride, or fly. A few late cancellations due to health issues kept Danny Barnett and Stan Dillion from attending this year. We wish them both speedy recoveries and hope to see them next year. A plane cancellation due to "The Fog" at Arcata, California airport prevented Bill Henry Laferriere from attending, but he vows to fix that next year with an early arrival here in St. Louis as we always ride down to Kentucky together. Ladies of AMVETS led by Jennifer Dotson supplied us with a delicious home cooked meal on Wednesday evening, and then the usual fare with few exceptions was prepared at our new facility for the rest of the week. "As in the past, we invite any and all 1st Cavalry Division Vets both OLD and NEW to join us for a wonderful weekend of camaraderie. Come join us, you will make some new friends and have a weekend you will put on your calendar, as you will not want to miss another weekend like this. I promise!"

Memorials

There is a memorial walk at the National Infantry Museum in Fort Benning, Georgia called *The Walk of Honor*. It is a quiet place of reflection consisting of monuments to the fallen. One of the events we plan to attend at our May reunion will be a visit there for the dedication of a monument to the 10 men of the 2/8th Cav who lost their lives in the battle of LZ Carolyn on May 6th, 1969. A plaque will be mounted on the marble monument listing their names and units of assignment. There will be a short program. Doug Magruder provides the following details surrounding this memorial:



"On Saturday, 20 May 2017 at 1300hrs, the LZ Carolyn Memorial will be dedicated at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia to honor 10 Soldiers who were killed in action on 6 May 1969 in Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam. These 10 Soldiers were assigned to the 2/8th (Call Sign: Stone Mountain) under the command of LTC Richard W. Wood (Stone Mountain 6). These men were the epitome of the Regiment's motto *Honor And Courage!* They ranged in age from 18 (the youngest, a PFC) to 34 (the oldest, a Captain). They represented a cross section of the battalion: Two were from HHC; one from A Co; four from C Co and three from E Co. There were two PFCs, two CPLs, two Spec 4s, two SSGTs, one 1LT and one CPT."

The official record of the battle tells us that it started in the very early morning hours of 6 May 1969. The Soldiers of D Company, under the command of

CPT Henry "Rocky" Colavita (Angry Skipper 6), were on patrol several clicks away from the LZ, notified Mountain 6 on the evening of 5 May that they had spotted a very large unit of NVA Soldiers moving in the direction of the LZ. This early warning probably saved many American lives on the LZ. It cost the NVA dearly! CPT Harry "Skip" Taylor (Lone Armor 6), the C Company CO, who was manning the LZ Defensive Perimeter, will tell you that the battle actually began during the very late hours of 5 May, when one of his LP/OPs notified him of very heavy movement toward the LZ. Armor 6, lost 4 Soldiers killed in action on the LZ, also feared that his LP/OP had been eliminated, but he was overjoyed to learn later that morning that they had survived the NVA attack and withdrawal. According to Shelby L. Stanton in his book "Anatomy of a Division" (p. 168), "In the early morning darkness of 6 May, the NVA 95th Regiment delivered an intensive rocket and mortar barrage, followed by a massive pincer ground assault against two sides of the base. LZ Carolyn's garrison was reduced by the absence of several line companies on patrol, and the withering defensive fires of the battalion's Company C and E were unable to prevent the on rushing battalions from storming through the wire and into the landing zone from two different directions. Six perimeter bunkers were overrun, one of the medium howitzers was captured, and the enemy threatened to slice through the center of the base." According to J. D. Coleman in his book "Incursion" (p. 96), the LZ also included "Battery A, 2d Bn, 19th Artillery (105-mm) and Battery B, 1st Bn, 30th Artillery (155-mm). Counting the battalion headquarters company, there were 231 infantrymen, 156 artillerymen, 35 engineers and logistical support personnel. Altogether, 422 Americans to defend against an enemy force that exceeded a thousand men." According to the First Cav's history in Vietnam "The 1st Air Cavalry Division, Vietnam, August 1965 to December 1969" (p. 293): "The decimated enemy force began to withdraw at 4 a.m. and contact was broken by 6 a.m. At first light, three companies were air assaulted to block and interdict avenues of escape to the north and west. Delta Company saw 30 individuals carrying their wounded away and killed 18. Alpha got five and Delta Company killed six more later that day." According to Coleman's "Incursion" (p. 99 and 100), "When the NVA broke contact..., he left 172 Soldiers dead, 30 captured, and a truckload of arms and ammunition. The pursuit operations cost the NVA sixty more dead and fragmented what had once been a formidable fighting machine. Incredibly, despite the intensity of the assault, only ten Americans were killed, although another eighty were wounded."

"The names of these 10 KIA are carved on The Vietnam Memorial Wall on Panel 25, Lines 9 thru 15. We hope you will join us on 20 May 2017 at 1300 hours to touch their names on the LZ Carolyn Memorial, to acknowledge their *Honor And Courage*: SP4 Foster L. Sonnier, HHC; CPT Joseph Woodward, HHC; CPL William L. Negrini, A Co; 1LT Oliver A. Best, Jr., C Co; PFC Richard J. Daley, C Co; CPL Jackie R. McKenzie, C Co; SGT Fruto J. Oquendo, C Co; PFC Paul J. Kronthaler, E Co; SGT Gilbert G. Palacio, E Co; SP4 Jose Soto-Concepcion, E Co.

There will be bus transportation from the hotel to the Memorial to make sure we all get there on time. We look forward to seeing you at the Association Reunion from May 17-21, 2017.

Reunions

May 17-21, 2017: Planning is well underway for our 8th Cavalry Regiment Association's Reunion in Columbus, Georgia/Fort Benning so make sure to mark your calendars for this important gathering. Members of the 8th Cavalry: 1/8th, 2/8th, 3/8th, and 6/8th who served in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars, many other theaters of operation and those currently serving on active duty will be among those attending. We are looking forward to a great turn out this year. We are extending an invitation to units assigned or attached to the 8th Cav over the years as well. The registration form and other information is posted on our website, <www.8cavalry.org>, so make sure you check it out. Register early if you can, it will assist us immensely in our preparations.

May 17-20, 2017: Will bring the "Angry Skipper Association" to Washington, D.C. for a reunion at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Herndon, Virginia. This is a group of troopers who served together in Vietnam with Delta Company 2/8th during the period of 1965-1972. Registration opens the 1st week of February. <www.angryskipperassociation.org>

August 9-13, 2017: Will bring the "Eager Arms" troopers to Indianapolis, Indiana for a 50th year reunion. This is a group who served together in Vietnam with Bravo Company 2/8th Cav during the period of July 1967 - 1968. One of their excursions will be to the Huey 360 Museum at Grissom Air Reserve Base in Peru, Indiana about which I wrote in the last issue of *Saber*. www.eagerarms.com

September 15-18, 2017: Will bring the "Jumping Mustangs" to Grand Rapids, Michigan for a reunion. This is a group from 1/8th Cav who served together in Vietnam during the period of 1965-1971. My summer home is there, so I may pop in for a visit and get a few photos to share with you. <www.jumpingmustangs.com>

While one of our battalions has returned home from a 9-month rotation, others are departing. It's always hard for those who depart during the holidays. Many years ago during Operation Just Cause, I was at Fort Ord when the 7ID deployed to Panama right before Christmas. Our abbreviated nativity pageant at the main chapel, a shortened *Posadas Navideñas*, went on as planned, but Saint Joseph and the shepherds parts were filled by the wives and children who bravely "went on with the show." What a terrific and resourceful group are our military Families. We honor and pray for those whose Family lives face overseas rotations during this holy season. God bless you!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!

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Colorado Springs was elected Secretary; John Campos from La Junta was elected Public Relations. No other subjects were discussed. Due to bad weather the meeting was short. The next meeting will be on February 4, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Express in La Junta at 10 am.

Make plans to attend the 70th Annual Reunion in Killeen, Texas from 7-11 June 2017.

9th CAV News



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Greetings from beautiful Smith Mountain Lake, The Jewel of the Blue Ridge. The New Year has arrived and 2016 is in the rear view mirror. Winter is here and we're expecting

very cold weather over the next week as extremely cold air comes down from Canada, makes you wonder how come this cold air doesn't come down during the summer time!

We start with some sad news. Our beloved comrade John Jewell slipped the surly bonds of earth and flew his final mission to Fiddlers Green on November 8, 2016. We all loved John for his quick wit, winning smile and reliability in a fight. He will be missed by all of his Apache Family.

RESCUING APACH 6

In late January of 1968, I transferred from flying as Apache 6 X-ray to the Scout Platoon. We were still flying OH-13 S models and were getting ready to leave II Corps and move to I Corps just south of the DMZ. We moved to Dong Ha and were there only a short time before being rocketed and subsequently moved to LZ Sharon. We began operations in Quang Tri Province before moving west to the A Shau Valley and Khe Sanh during the month of February, 1968. We weren't prepared for the colder temperatures that we incurred moving so far north and many of us had to dig out our flight jackets from our duffle bags. We also purchased small gas fired stoves on the local economy to heat our GP medium tents we were occupying. My call sign was Apache 17 and since I was one of the new pilots I was paired with SFC Otto See, White Mike, as my observer. Even though I was new to Scouts my past experience as 6 X-ray allowed me to be a Team Leader. SFC See was a Soldier's Soldier and had been an Instructor at West Point.



Mike & Gordon

On the morning of 11 March 1968, we were working on the valley floor of the A Shau searching for an NVA Regimental HQ when we discovered a large barrack complex. We called in the Red Scorpion gunships from Apache Troop who attacked the complex. Going back in to assess the damage, the scouts and gunships received heavy ground fire and the Troop Commander, Apache 6, MAJ Gordon Stone and his pilot WO1 Jack Morrissey were wounded and the aircraft crashed and rolled over on its side with the engine running at full rpm. SFC See immediately volunteered to try and get

the wounded out of the aircraft. I brought our OH-13 to a hover about 4 feet off the ground beside the crash site and SFC See stood on the skid and jumped to the ground. He immediately ran to the aircraft and started pulling the wounded out. By then Apache Red, CPT Phil Branstuder, had landed his gunship on the knoll above the crash site and his co-pilot and crew left the aircraft to assist getting the wounded out of the downed aircraft. SFC See hoisted MAJ Stone onto

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(they were!) I believe they tested positive for HME (homemade explosives). Their pharmacy made a request for permethrin which is used to treat uniforms to keep insects away. When asked why they wanted it, they use it in Iraq to treat scabies! After explaining to them it was not designed for that, they wanted it anyway!" <Trooper Arthur Couch via email>.

2155 The 12th Cavalry Mounted Band, part the one. "This impressive mounted cavalry band is pictured on a so-called yard-long photograph, approximately 9" by 36", the type of photo displayed on a wall of the post headquarters. The mounted band is perhaps my favorite musical ensemble because of how these bands combined two seemingly contrary skills, instrumental musicianship with horseback riding. Learning to play a clarinet well is difficult enough without simultaneously mastering the control of a large horse that might take strong exception to a poorly executed tune. Few people in today's show business world aspire to acquiring such expertise. Yet not too many generations ago, a Soldier with both musical and equestrian talent might find a career as a bandsman in a mounted cavalry band. Behind the band is the Fort Brown parade field which understandably is quite large for the purpose of practicing cavalry drills. In the background are huge live oaks and bushy Rio Grande palmettos. In the center is the bandstand used for concerts minus horses. Though sepia tone photos seem eminently suited for army greens and khaki, I do regret we can't see if the horses are a matched set of bays. All red brown or are some blacks? Note also that one of the four clarinet players holds a smaller high E-flat clarinet, which despite its size, is a formidable weapon for any Soldier to wield." A superb site to visit and read with a plethora of unique content. <Mike Brubaker, TempoSenzaTempo.Blogspot.Com, go to 17 October 2016>.

2359 Journal closed. "If we slide into one of those rare moments of military honesty, we realize that the technical demands of modern warfare are so complex a considerable percentage of our material is bound to malfunction even before it is deployed against a foe. We no longer waste manpower by carrying the flag into battle. Instead we need battalions of electronic engineers to keep the terrible machinery grinding." ~ Ernest K. Gann, 'The Black Watch'. Semper Paratus! Write if you get work!

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part of an expeditionary advisory package observing the unit training with their Afghan counterparts. This mission is different because it allows the advisors to observe training within a brigade element, when ordinarily they are only able to see what happens within the corps headquarters. The ground forces conducting their attack battle drill belong to the 3rd Brigade, 201st Afghan National Army Corps operating out of Camp Torah in Sarobi district. The company level unit, known as a tolay, is conducting a collective training cycle as a part winter campaign strategy designed to build capability and capacity within the organization. "To our knowledge, nothing like this has been done before in the 201st Corps," said Maj. Tino Colon, the operations advisor in the military advisory team for Train Advise Assist Command-East. "Going through our old

his shoulder and started up the hill toward Apache Reds running aircraft while firing his pistol at an NVA unit trying to cut off his escape. In the meantime I was circling overhead, and started dropping hand grenades on the enemy troops below. SFC See reached Apache Reds aircraft and loaded MAJ Stone on board while the rest of the downed crew was loaded as well. They took off and headed to the Evac Hospital at Quang Tri. SFC See remained behind with the rest of the crew and fought off the NVA until a rescue helicopter arrived to pick them up. For his valorous action on 11 March 1968, SFC See was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the second highest award for extraordinary heroism in combat.

DSC Citation for SFC Otto William See:

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Sergeant First Class Otto William See (ASN: RA-13704655), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Troop A, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. Sergeant First Class See distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 11 March 1968 while serving as the observer on the lead ship of an aero-scout team reconnoitering an area in Quang Tri Province suspected to contain an enemy regimental headquarters. After locating the communists' barracks, the team called in armed helicopters which fired rockets into the buildings. As the scout ships returned to the area to assess the damage, they and the troop commander's helicopter came under intense automatic weapons fire. The troop commander and his pilot were wounded, and their craft crashed. Sergeant See immediately volunteered to attempt a rescue. Because his helicopter was unable to land near the crash site, he jumped from its skid as it hovered over the wreckage. The downed craft had begun to burn and its still running engine was spewing fuel on the spreading flames. Sergeant See climbed inside the ship and pulled the wounded out one at a time. As he started to carry the casualties up a ravine for extraction by a waiting aircraft, a North Vietnamese company began to advance on his position to cut off his maneuver. Armed only with a pistol, he returned their fire while continuing to assist the injured up the hill. Upon reaching the landing zone, he put the casualties safely aboard the ship and remained behind with some of its crew members, fighting off the aggressors until another rescue helicopter arrived. Platoon Sergeant See's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army." Since our Apache reunion was cancelled by Hurricane Matthew last October, our group has voted to hold a joint reunion with another Apache Troop group in August of 2017, in Arlington, Virginia. As always, any Apache Trooper from any era is welcome at our gathering. Our group is comprised of Troopers from 1967-68 and the other group is mostly 1970-71. POC is Mike Bond, email: <mbluvsrj@msn.com>; phone number: 540-815-5004. Please free to contact me for more information. See this space for future updates.

That wraps up this addition of the 1/9 column. Remember our motto: We Can and We Will, We Could and We Did.

records we found examples of training, but not like this. To them, collective training used to mean manning guard towers or observation posts. This time it's different." Colon, an engineer, is assigned to the 3d Cavalry Regiment stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. In his second deployment working with the 201st Corps, he has watched the transformation of the organization. His efforts have contributed to the success the corps is having. Colon and his team of advisors have been working with the 201st Corps on a daily basis emphasizing the need for realistic and quality training. They have been training the trainers and evaluators. Their advising efforts have resulted in Afghan-led training and a sustainable, long-term program for the corps. "Before, they didn't incorporate the entire tolay in the training process," Colon continued. "They are now incorporating not only the tolay leadership, but all organic elements and enablers. This allows them to build cohesion as a unit and increase their effectiveness." In addition to building confidence and improving leadership, the tolay training allows the unit to practice the integration of enabler support into their plan. This time, they used mortar fire as an enabler in conjunction with their maneuver to take out a simulated enemy outpost.

"The employment of fires [mortars] illustrates the communications between ground forces and the forces shooting," said Colon. "The corps artillery officer is already coming up with an improved scheme of fires for the next cycle of training. They are showing their determination to improve and succeed."

The man in charge of the entire training operation at Camp Torah is Col. Rahmatullah Mohmand, the 201st Corps training officer. He reiterated the fact this is the first time the corps has done training like this and how it would help them improve their skills. "The collective training is of great significance because the tolay commander has the opportunity to work with, and lead, his officers and noncommissioned officers while they are training," said Rahmatullah. "Not only does he [the tolay commander] get to lead, but he also gets to assess his subordinates and ensure the right people are in the right positions while they perform. Additionally, it gives me the opportunity to ensure the tolay is capable and make my assessment on whether or not retraining is required or if personnel changes need to be made. This is our program."

The leadership development that comes with the training is important to the advisors as well, especially Command Sgt. Maj. Bryan Barker, the Train Advise Assist Command-East command sergeant major.

"Training like this, collective unit training, is what develops leaders," said Barker, who is also the 3d Cavalry Regiment command sergeant major. "What the 201st Corps is doing with this training is not only building confidence within their organization, but also increasing their lethality. Both of those things are invaluable to a force that continues to fight a war while they are building their capabilities and capacity." The 201st Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Muhammad Waziri agrees with Barker about the value collective training provides to his unit.

"This training enhances not only our ground forces' combat skills, but also improves leadership development skills at the small unit level," said Waziri. "Ground force commanders are forced to make tactical decisions in a realistic training environment that will help them make the right decisions in actual

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30th FA News



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Hard Charger News: It is 26 December 2016 here on the shores of Lake Erie, and it is 60 degrees outside and raining. We are hoping Mother Nature will be good to us, and give us nice weather until the spring breaks. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2017 Hard Charger Reunion: Our 2017 Hard Charger Reunion will be held in Lake George, New York. We will actually be staying at the Queensbury Hotel in Glen's Falls, New York, the room rate is \$99 per night. The hotel is only a 10-minute drive to Lake George Village. The arrival date will be Monday, 19 June 2017. On Tuesday, 20 June, we'll be on a bus trip to Fort Ticonderoga and Prospect Mountain. We'll have lunch at their gift shop. On Wednesday, 21 June, we'll travel by bus to Lake George for a two-hour cruise around the lake. There is a snack bar near the dock before boarding if you want something to eat while we are waiting to board the boat. There is also a snack bar onboard. On Thursday, 22 June, we'll hold our annual membership meeting followed by our annual memorial service. Our banquet will begin in the evening at 6 PM. Please bring items for our traditional fundraising auction that we hold in our Hospitality Suite immediately after dinner. The complete details for the reunion will be published in the January Hard Charger Newsletter. If you are not a member of the 30th FA Regiment Association, you will not receive the newsletter via email. Contact me for a Membership Form using my email address above.



SGT Steve Hazlewood
Bn FDC 1967-68

my crew in Bn FDC at Camp Evans in 1968. When the ammo dump was hit by a cluster of 122mm NVA Rockets on 19 May 1968, that set off a huge fire in the artillery powder storage area. This raging fire set off sympathetic explosions of

artillery rounds causing the whole ammo dump to start exploding. We were 800 meters from the ammo dump and pieces of exploded and unexploded ordnance of all sizes began falling all over HHB compound and onto C Btry who was co-located with us. My Battery Commander put me in charge of a 12-man reaction force and ordered me to occupy an unfinished drainage ditch in case we were infiltrated by the NVA. After an hour and a half of sitting in this un-covered ditch, the sizes of the shrapnel pieces increased in size and were pinging all over us. I made the decision to send the reaction force back into the Bn TOC with orders to come back out immediately if they heard me firing. SP5 Hazlewood volunteered to stay with me in case I get wounded even though I ordered him to go back into the Bn TOC. After another half hour, a runner came out and told me the Battery Commander ordered me to return to the TOC. About 7 years ago, our Bn Commander recommend Steve and I for a Bronze Star Medal w/V device. However, the Army turned down those recommendations as both of us are retired. The correct method is to find a member of the Senate or Congress and ask for their assistance with processing those requests. Those requests were never processed. Even though Steve has passed away I would like to pursue this issue to have his award approved and issued to Steve's widow posthumously so his grandchildren will know of his brave actions. The 1st attached picture shows my Bn FDC posse. Steve is in the bottom row standing 2nd from the left.

Hard Charger Deceased: I received a Christmas card from Janice Hazlewood-Hutton on Wednesday 12/26/2016, informing me that MSG (R) Stephen R. Hazlewood passed away on 10 January 2016 (pictured left before retiring from the Army Reserves). Steve was part of

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30th FA Bn FDC Dong Ha 3-24-68

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- SSG BRUNER DON W. TX B 2- 5C 6910
- SP-4 BURKE MICHAEL NY 2- 5C 69
- MSG CHURCHILL WINSTON CA HQ 1- 1CDH 0501
- SP-5 DAILEY RICK TX HSC 15MED 6909
- SSG DE JESUS PABLO TX HHC 2- 12C 9809
- MR DELONG DONALD REX WV 1366 ASSOC
- SGT DOWNING DENNIS FL A 2- 8C 6807
- SGT ELLIOTT FRANK W. NH D 5- 7C 6804
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- SP-4 HARRINGTON LYNN ND 583SIG 65
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- MS LUTGEN ELLEN M. ND 140 L ASSOC
- MS LUTGEN EMILY R. MN 139 L ASSOC

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Looking for the owner of butane lighter that was found at Fort Bragg during the mid 70's. Anyone knowing a 1SG B. W. Smith please contact the Association.



Looking for the previous owner of an Uncle Henry Knife (pictured left) with a Shrade blade, and the blade had been professionally engraved "71 & 72 1st Cavalry Vietnam" and the shield had been stamped into the brass. Please contact David Hough via email <eyeontv@yahoo.com>.

Looking for information on Joseph Mara; served with B Btry, 1/21 FA

and C Btry, 2/17 FA at LZ Columbus in the Ia Drang Valley (listed as KIA on November 20 1965. Please contact Jack Picciolo at <persuader65@comcast.net>.

Looking for the identity of the pictured Soldier to the right. Picture was taken at An Khe (circa 1965). Please contact Kimberly Bayes-Bautista <armybratdoc@outlook.com>.



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27th ORD/MNT/MSB/BSB News



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The big news for this issue was the Veteran's Day Reunion in Washington. The William Richardson National Capitol Region Chapter in coordination Director Dara Wydler and Staff from the Association once again made our time together fun and memorable. The 27th was well represented, having in attendance the following:



Ron ('68/'69) and Bert Stokes, Jack Robak ('70/'71), Nelson Cardona ('70-'71), Jim ('68/'70) and Barbara Donahue, Sam ('67/'68) and Joanne Interante, Fred ('65/'66) and Bonnie Vath, Ray Puffer

('70/'71) and his daughter Ingrid Beggs, Pete Durno ('65/'66) and his daughter Lori and friend Russell, John Ramsden ('68/'69) and myself. Included are our photos from our Veterans Day Reunion lunch and dinner gathering. Not in either picture is Ron Stokes who while attending activities at the Mall took ill and was unable to attend.

It was a rough couple of days but he did gain a full recovery. We had hoped that Ralph Hoskins ('65/'66) would be able to attend but he could not. However, he was able to visit John Ramsden and was full of in-



formation about his service at C Detachment, '65/'66. It's been a good couple of months for adding former members of the Battalion to our "found" roster.

Bill Miller ('70/'71) was included with the help of Ray Puffer. Bill lives in Britton, Michigan. Bill arrived in March '70 and was originally assigned briefly to the orderly room of Co A. He soon was then assigned to BN HQ S-4 where he teamed up with WO1 Daugherty, SSG Lorenson and SP4 Humphries. Even-

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combat. This training is so imperative to our success going forward, and the 3rd brigade has set the standard for what collective training should look like." For those observing the training from the mountainside that day, it's easy to remember a war is still going on. A group of U.S. Soldiers provide overwatch for those who are advising their Afghan counterparts. There has been recent insurgent activity in Sarobi. "We are the first line of defense," said Sgt. Eric Capel, a guardian angel assigned to the 3d Cavalry Regiment. "Our job here is to defend the advisors." Capel is one of the many guardian angels, a term used for the Soldiers responsible for providing security to the advisory teams, who makes the train, advise and assist mission possible. Capel also recognized the significance of the advising mission in Sarobi. "Being here allows us [guardian angels] and the advisors to see the effect of the advising effort first-hand," said Capel. "We get to see the advisors in action, and also see how their efforts are enabling their Afghan counterparts to get better. This is really the whole reason why we are here."

Spc. Timothy Leslie, also a guardian angel assigned to the 3d Cavalry Regiment, agrees with Capel. This will be something people will look back on years from now and remember, said Leslie with pride.

"Being out here is important to me," said Leslie. "I get to be a part of history as it takes place. I get to watch the 201st Corps improve, and know I contributed to that effort by providing security for the advisors. Because of my work, the advisors were able to focus solely on their jobs."

The 201st Corps will continue conducting collective training iterations throughout



3d Cav Regt Soldiers provide security during the training mission.

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tually he was assigned as the Supply SGT in Phuoc Vinh until its relocation to FSB Mace. One person remembers from his HQ days was Jim "Carp" Pries. I was able to locate Jim.

Jim lives in Byron, Minnesota. His nickname, "Carp" was given as he was the BN HQ carpenter for his entire stay, 8/69-8/70. He was surprised when I contacted him as he hadn't been in touch with anyone since his tour ended.



Jack Jess

Also located was Jack Jess. Jack was assigned during 6/68-6/69. He lives in Sun City West, Arizona. Jack was LTC Ragano's driver for his first several months in country but his talents were needed in A Detachment, Tay Ninh, where he spent the remainder of his tour. We had been in touch years ago but had lost communications. Glad to have him back on board and to see that he has aged gracefully.

I'm sure that you all have been following the updates on the new *History of the First Team* in recent *Saber's*. As you know, John Ramsden spearheaded the effort to compile data and publish a detailed "History of the 27th Maintenance Battalion in Vietnam." John and I discussed our desire to make that information available for input in the new book. John sent away for the information packet and found a

1000 word limit on entries and he proceeded to write a "condensed" version of our history. I submitted this to the Association on 12/7/2016, the deadline being 1/31/2017 realizing that they would be able to get it into the proper hands. We did not submit photos with the history, suggesting that official 1st Cavalry Division photography is readily available but leaving open our ability to provide what we have from contributors to the effort. I look forward to the publication of this new book.

As I announced last *Saber*, this will be my final article as the scribe of this column. As of this writing, no one has stepped forward to take over but I am

hopeful. I will by all means, make myself available to help a new scribe until he/she is comfortable with the process. My thanks, to all those who have made this an enjoyable labor of love, there have been so many! I've had the privilege to work with the tremendous staff at the Association - they have bailed me out so often! Thank you all. Brightstar 2 Mike - OUT



Christmas, 1965, in An Khe

OTHERS REUNIONS

B Company, 1-8th CAV (Pig Iron 1969-70), 17-19 March 2017. La Quinta Inn (Federal Hwy), Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Contact Dan Houmes, 954-489-0684.

Korean War historical Seminar 19-22 April 2017. Springfield, VA. POC Tim Story <timmoni15@yahoo.com>.

227th AHB 2017 Reunion, 25-29 April 2017. Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Info at <http://reunion.227ahb.org/>. POC <chickenman@227ahb.org>.

15th Medical Battalion Association, 26-30 April 2017. Westgate Branson Woods Resort, Branson, MO. Info at <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>, POC Ron Ingram,

<papillion251@aol.com>, 402-670-1370.

Troop Surge, Battle of Baqubah, OIF 06-08, 2017 Reunion 25 May 2017. Killeen Expo Center, Killeen, TX, poc Bobby Colella <bobby1sg@yahoo.com>, (386) 366-4803.

D Company, 2-8th CAV (Angry Skipper 1965-72), 17-21 May 2017. Crowne Plaza (Dulles Airport), Herndon, VA. Info <www.angryskipperassociation.org>, contact Robin Woo, <rwoo@surewest.net>.

5th U.S. Cavalry Association, 11-16 September 2017. Best Western Premier, Harrisburg, PA. Info at <www.5thCAV.org/2017reunion.html>.

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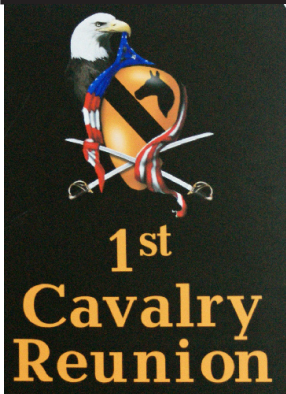
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with us or to reserve your room at the hotel. Some of our events will be limited in size due to a shortage of meeting space which will occur if we have a larger than normal turnout. By registering early you will help us to plan and coordinate the reunion and make the entire experience better. Remember, pre-orders are due for the Reunion T-Shirt by 1 March 2017. If you do not pre-order, you may not be able to buy one at the Reunion. The Souvenir Shop runs out quickly.

The Association is in the process of updating the webpage. There will be significant changes to include the ability to order the *Saber*, memberships, and process donations online. However, you will still be able to send in these items to the Association via snail mail. Due to the changes being made it will take time before it is up and running.

I look forward to seeing the BOG members this February and all the rest of y'all in Texas next June.

Read the SABER on-line at <www.1cda.org/SABER.htm>



70th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association - Killeen Texas 7-11 June 2017

The Crossed Sabers Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team family in Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas for the 70th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 7-11 June 2017. Most of the First Team will be home for this reunion and we are planning an excellent event. All Life members and Associate members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association are welcome to attend this special event. As always, family members of our war dead, Gold Star Families, and widows of our members are welcome to join us for this reunion.

Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events will have limited seating available due to the size of available rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the Registration Fee in order to attend the reunion. Early registration, December 2016 through 21 April 2017 is \$20 for all members, except those on active duty. Active Duty Troopers pay \$10 to register. Those sending in Registrations post-marked after 04 May 2017 must pay late registration fee of \$40. Family members attending with an Association member, widows of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers and Gold Star Family members that attend do not have to pay a registration fee.

Hotel Information

We will be utilizing the Shilo Inn Hotel as the Reunion Headquarters and will hold many of the reunion events that are scheduled this year in the Killeen Civic and Conference Center (KCCC) located adjacent to the Shilo. There are no hotels in the area large enough to hold our group so we will be utilizing busses to get together for our events.

The Shilo Hotel has guaranteed a room rate of \$104 per night plus tax for up to 125 rooms on peak nights and there is no charge for parking. Call (254) 699-0999 reserve a room. The reservation toll-free number is (800) 222-2244. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association reunion and make your reservations prior to 9 May 2017. The Shilo breakfast in the restaurant, which will be open to support our reunion. The hotel does provide a free shuttle service from the Killeen Airport. Shuttles and rental cars are available at the airport. The hotel is located at 3701 S. W.S. Young Drive in Killeen.

Courtyard by Marriot, located at 1721 E. Central Texas Expressway, has blocked rooms for the 2017 Reunion. Many of you may recognize this as the address of the hotel which we used to use (Plaza) but this is a much improved hotel. The Courtyard Marriott has been completely renovated and remodeled and looks brand new with new plumbing and air conditioning and a fresh new look. Updates will be posted in the January/February 2017 Saber.

Shilo Inn & Suites \$104 (800) 222-2244 or (254) 699-0999

3701 S. W.S. Young Drive, Killeen, Texas

Courtyard Marriott \$104 (800) 321-2211

E. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen, Texas

Residence Inn

400 E Central Expy, Killeen, Texas (254) 634-1020

Holiday Inn Express

300 E Central Expy, Killeen, Texas (254) 526-2022

Candlewood Suites

2300 Florence Rd, Killeen, Texas (254) 501-3990

TownePlace Suites

2401 Florence Rd, Killeen, Texas (254) 554-8899

There are several other good hotels in the general area in Killeen but if you choose to stay at one of those hotels we will not be able to provide bus transportation for you. All of the hotels provide free parking and there is ample parking at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center.

RV Park Information

If you are coming in a Recreational Vehicle there is an RV Park directly behind the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. The fee is \$20 per night and they provide electric, water and dump facilities. Contact the KCCC at (254) 501-3888 for additional information. If you are active duty or retired military the West Fort Hood Travel Camp would also work but it is several miles from the KCCC and they do not take reservations. The RV Park in Belton is still open but is no longer a KOA facility.

Reunion Event Overview

The 70th Annual Reunion will run from Wednesday, 7 June through Sunday morning, 11 June 2017 and is full of events and time to visit with one another.

This year we will be running our usual events and have again included a Golf Tournament (four-person team, best-ball scramble) that will provide support to our Scholarship Foundation on Wednesday. The golf tournament will be held on the Courses of Clear Creek on Fort Hood. We are seeking sponsors to help off-set costs to maximize our income for the Foundation and its scholarship programs. We will have some teams from the active duty Troopers and hope that many reunion attendees will also want to play and enjoy this event. We have also added back into our schedule a Texas Barbecue that will be on post on Friday afternoon.

As usual, we will also have our Welcoming Mixer, War Era Lunches, Unit Lunches, Gold Star Family Breakfast, Purple Heart Breakfast, Ladies Tea, Sweetheart Dance, Annual Association Banquet, Group Breakfast and Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation and Museum Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors and our General Membership meeting. During our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, we will hold elections for the Association and both Foundations and select the location for the 2020 reunion. We expect bids from several Chapters to host the 2020 reunion and will have specific details to provide at the reunion.

The Ladies tea will be a bit different in 2017. The ladies will be taken to a local establishment called Painting with a Twist (<http://paintingwithatwist.com/harkerheights>). Artwork will be established prior to the reunion. Be sure to leave room in your suitcase for the trip home.

Seating for all events is open with the exception of the Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. If you are attending the banquet, you must get your tickets marked with a table number at the Banquet Seating table when picking up your registration packet. If you want to sit with specific people, we recommend that you all go to the Banquet Seating table together with your tickets available. Don't wait until the last minute or we may not be able to accommodate your needs.

Cavalry casual attire is appropriate for all reunion events. We are always questioned about attire for the banquet. Wear what you feel comfortable wearing; a coat and tie, your uniform (if it still fits), casual clothing with open collar, or jeans or shorts. We want you to attend and aren't overly concerned

with what you wear, as long as it isn't indecent!

The Association will provide a Reunion Room in the Shilo Hotel during the reunion for you to gather together and enjoy yourself. Drinks in the Reunion Room are free but we ask that you generously donate to help us pay for this room.

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop will set up a store in the Shilo Hotel to sell all kinds of First Team merchandise including shirts, hats, Stetsons, pins, decals and other items too numerous to mention. The Souvenir Shop will also be open in the 1st Cavalry Division Museum during the reunion. A Reunion T-shirt may be ordered and the order form is located on this page.

The Division will have several units deployed but we will have Troopers from all of our units at Fort Hood during the reunion. The Division leadership is coordinating a special event on the evening of Friday, 9 June entitled "Spirit of the Cav" and other events on post during that day as well. Busses will transport reunion attendees from the two hotels and KCCC to Fort Hood on Friday for a vehicle display visits to the 1st Cavalry Division Museum and a Demonstration by the Horse Cavalry Detachment. Visits to some of the unit areas will also be available and you can get a first-hand look at today's Army. Coordination for additional events is also being done. If you haven't been to Fort Hood for a reunion, make sure you attend and see the great Troopers of today's First Team.

Transportation

The Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (GRK) is a modern airport with jet service from Dallas, Houston and Atlanta. Airlines with flights to Killeen include American Eagle, United, and Delta Airlines. The Austin-Bergstrom Airport with other major airlines is located approximately 78 miles from Killeen and airports in Dallas are about a three hour drive away.

The following rental car agencies are located in the airport: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National and Thrifty Car Rental. Airport shuttle and taxi service is also available at the Killeen Airport.

AMTRAK offers services to Temple, Texas (25 miles away) if you wish to travel by train. Rental cars and bus service from Temple are available.

Trailways bus service is also available to Killeen.

Please check with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) prior to packing for your trip if you are flying to the Reunion. The rules on what can and cannot be taken on the aircraft change regularly.

Road construction is always a factor and I-35 the main route from Dallas to San Antonio has numerous construction sites. Please check the Internet for road conditions and delays and drive safely on your way to the reunion and back home.

The Best Part of the Reunion

As always, the best part of any reunion is the people that attend. The 1st Cavalry Division Association reunion brings in Troopers from almost every era of the First Team's history. Troopers that rode horses, fought in the Pacific with MacArthur, occupied Japan, fought in Korea, or stood watch on the DMZ will spend time with the Sky Troopers of Vietnam and the Troopers from Operation Desert Storm, Fort Hood, Bosnia, and the latest combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The equipment and terrain might be different, but the common bond of serving with America's First Team binds us together. Saddle up and join us in Killeen in 2017!

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**Please mail the order form back to:
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To view artwork in color, or to order online, please visit our website @ www.crossedsabers-chapter-giftshop.com

70th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7
 0900-UTC Association Golf Tournament
 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
 1300-1800 Registration Desk open
 1300-2400 Reunion Room open

THURSDAY JUNE 8
 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
 0930-1030 Foundation Trustees Meeting
 1045-1145 Museum Trustee Meeting
 1200-1400 Ladies Tea (Painting with a Twist)
 1330-1500 Board of Governors Meeting
 1300-2400 Reunion Room Open
 1700-1900 Welcome Mixer

THURSDAY cont'd
 2000-2400 Sweetheart Dance

FRIDAY JUNE 9
 0730-0900 Gold Start Family Breakfast
 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
 0900-1600 Events on Fort Hood
 1100-1300 War Era Luncheons
 1300-2400 Reunion Room Open
 1700-1830 TX BBQ
 1900-2030 Spirit of the Cav

SATURDAY JUNE 10
 0730-0845 Purple Heart Breakfast

SATURDAY cont'd
 0900-1100 General Membership Meeting
 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
 1200-1400 Unit Luncheons
 1300-2400 Reunion Room Open
 1500-1600 Veterans Benefits Briefing
 1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar)
 1900-2230 Association Banquet

SUNDAY JUNE 11
 0700-0830 Group Breakfast
 0700-0830 LRRP/Ranger Breakfast
 0900-1000 Memorial Service (Long Roll Muster)

1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 70th REUNION - 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: 1st Cavalry Division Association - Reunion
 302 N. Main Street, Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703

I will attend the 1st Cavalry Division Association 70th Annual Reunion at the Killeen Shilo Inns Suite Hotel, Killeen, TX June 7-11, 2017. Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. Seating at some functions is limited. Hotel Cancellations must be done personally with the hotel.

Are you a member of the 1CDA: YES NO

Is this your first 1CDA Reunion? YES NO

NAME: _____

I will be accompanied by:

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NICKNAME: _____

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I served during (circle one or more): Pre-WWII WWII Japan (anytime)

Korean War Korea 57-65 Ft Benning Vietnam War Ft Hood

Gulf War Bosnia Iraq Afghanistan Ft Bliss Other: _____ EMAIL: _____

Registration fee required for Association Member only (Widows and Gold Star Family members pay no fee) – no fee for family members accompanying Association members. Registration fee includes: Name Tags (required for admission to Reunion Room and other activities), Official Reunion program, Reunion Pin and information package.

FUNCTION	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL	FUNCTION	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration Fee (Members Only)	1	\$20.00	_____	SATURDAY JUNE 10			
After May 4, 2017	1	\$40.00	_____	Purple Heart Breakfast		\$21.00	_____
Active Duty (w/ID Card)	1	\$10.00	_____	Unit Luncheons (circle one)		\$25.00	_____
				5C 7C 8C 9C 12C Wings			
WEDNESDAY JUNE 7				ARTY HQ LRRP/Ranger E			
Association Golf Tournament		\$70.00	_____	Association Banquet (Adult)		\$42.00	_____
				*(circle one) (Child)		\$22.00	_____
THURSDAY JUNE 8				5C 7C 8C 9C 12C Wings			
Ladies Tea		\$35.00	_____	ARTY HQ LRRP/Ranger E			
Welcome Mixer		\$25.00	_____				
Sweetheart Dance		\$10.00	_____				
FRIDAY JUNE 9				SUNDAY JUNE 11			
Gold Star Family Breakfast		\$21.00	_____	Group Breakfast		\$25.00	_____
War Era Luncheon				LRRP/Ranger Breakfast		\$25.00	_____
WWII Veterans		\$25.00	_____				
Korean War Veterans		\$25.00	_____	Add a little extra (Donation)			_____
Vietnam War Veterans		\$25.00	_____	Saber Renewal		\$10.00	_____
Gulf War Veterans		\$25.00	_____	New Life membership		\$10.00	_____
Iraq/Afghan War Veterans		\$25.00	_____	Rank _____			
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Banquet seating is assigned at the reunion. You must take your tickets to the Banquet Seating Table to get your table number assigned. NO ONE will be admitted into the banquet without a table number on their ticket. To assist us in organizing the seating, please circle the unit you wish to sit with at the banquet. Please get your table assigned prior to noon on Saturday.

NO CHAPTER IN YOUR AREA?

If there is no 1st Cavalry Division Association Chapter located near you, are you interested in forming a new Chapter? Contact the Association's Chapter Coordinator at <memberships@1cda.org> or call (254) 547-6537 for information on how to start a chapter in your area. Join a chapter near you or help start one. First Team!

LRRP/Ranger News



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Hello from the nation's capital. I'm happy to report that our unit had a good turnout for Veterans Day 2016 in Washington, DC, and that it was also well represented at the 8th Annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Crystal City. LTC Jim Wright USA (Ret.) (1967, '1969-'70) and his lovely wife Mary, were there as was Gold Star daughter Stephania Ryan, daughter of Dwight Durham (KIA, April 10, 1969), and my lovely lady friend Katrina, and me (1966-68). Many of the Veterans of Operation Masher/White Wing (a.k.a. the Bong Son Campaign) were also in town on Veterans Day to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the event. Operation Masher/White Wing was where the 1st Cav attacked the NVA Sao Vang Division in the coastal plain north of Bong Son in northeastern Binh Dinh Province marking the beginning of large-scale U.S. search-and-destroy operations against the NVA and VC.

The 1st Cav Color Guard did the presentation of colors at the Veterans Day observance at The Wall, and Sgt. Richard Dorsey USA (Ret.) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sgt Dorsey served in Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cav in 1968-69. General Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.) was the master of ceremonies. General McCaffrey commanded Bravo Company, 2nd Bn, 7th Cav, in the A Shau Valley in the far northwest corner of South Vietnam in 1968. Also, several 1st Cav Veterans were VIP guests at the observance, including MG Michael Nardotti, USA (Ret.). MG Nardotti was a Platoon Leader in Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cav, in III Corps in 1970. According to his biography, he was awarded a Silver Star for an incident involving the rescue of a LRRP/Ranger Team that had come under intense enemy fire from an NVA unit and was unable to maneuver. MG Nardotti, then a 1st Lieutenant, and the Bravo Blues, rode to the rescue and got the team out. With a little bit of luck, I'll get the chance to talk with him on Memorial Day 2017 at The Wall and get the details on what happened.

Veterans Day 2016 also marked the 75th Anniversary of the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS). As you might imagine, there were a large number of OCS graduates, both active and retired, in attendance at the observance at The Wall. This included LTC Jim Wright. OCS dates back to the period leading up to World War II when the Army needed large numbers of junior officers for service in the war. General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army at the time, recognized the importance of establishing rigorous training for new officers and was instrumental in establishing the school. This was done as part of the largest military expansion in U.S. History.

Initially, OCS was branch specific, with schools in infantry at Fort Benning, artillery at Fort Sill, coastal artillery at Fort Monroe, engineering at Fort Belvoir, ordnance at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Women's Army Corps at Fort Des Moines. It gradually expanded to include more than twelve individual schools. The first infantry OCS class included 204 candidates, and on September 27, 1941, graduated 171 2nd lieutenants. As time went on and the Army's manpower requirements changed, the schools were consolidated into two: OCS for the active Army, at Fort Benning, and OCS for the Army National Guard, at regional training institutes. During the height of the Vietnam War, the school at Fort Benning produced 7,000 officers annually.

Pictured to the right is the OCS Alumni at The National Mall, Veterans Day 2016 (LtoR: Dr. Patrick Smith, LTC Wil Walton USA (Ret), COL. Karla Langland USA (Ret.), LTC Jim Wright USA (Ret.), and MAJ. Harold Dobbs USA (Ret.) (Courtesy of LTC Jim Wright)



OCS Alumni at The National Mall

Dr. Smith, COL. Langland, and LTC Jim Wright, (above) are current members of the OCS Alumni Association Board of Directors at Fort Benning, and LTC Walton and MAJ. Dobbs, (above) are members of the Washington, DC Chapter of the Association.

The OCS course has varied in length over the years, depending on the specific requirements of the time, but generally, it has been between 12-17 weeks. Its mission has always been very specific though: train selected personnel in the fundamentals of leadership and basic military skills; and to instill professional ethics, evaluate leadership potential, and commission those who qualify as 2nd lieutenants in all branches of the Army.

In 1958, an OCS Hall of Fame was established to honor Infantry Officer graduates of the OCS program who distinguished themselves in military or civilian pursuits. In 2002, it was opened to all branches of the Army.



Laying of Wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

OCS Alumni Laying Wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Veterans Day 2016 (Courtesy of LTC. Jim Wright USA (Ret.))

It is interesting to read the names of the Hall of Fame inductees. For example, Robert J. Dole, retired U.S. Senator from Kansas, served as a Platoon Leader in the 10th Mountain Division in 1945, and while engaged in combat in the Apennine Mountains in Italy, was badly wounded by German machine

gunfire; Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense under President Ronald Reagan, served as a Platoon Leader in the 41st Infantry Division in the Pacific in WWII; and Rick Rescorla, a Platoon Leader in the 7th Cavalry fought in the Battles of the Ia Drang Valley and died in the World Trade Center attack on 9-11.

On a different note, 2017 marks the 75th Anniversary of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Modern Day Rangers trace their lineage to World War II when Maj.

William O. Darby stood up the 1st Ranger Battalion June 8, 1942 at Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland. The 3rd and 4th Ranger Battalions were activated and trained by Col. Darby in Africa near the end of the Tunisian Campaign. The 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions participated in the June 6, 1944 D-Day landings at Omaha Beach Normandy, and the 6th Ranger Battalion was the first American force to return to the Philippines with the mission of destroying coastal defense guns, radio stations, and other means of defense communications in Leyte Harbor.

The 75th Infantry Regiment (5307th Composite Unit) was the first United States ground combat force to meet the enemy on the Asian continent during World War II. It was during the campaigns in the China-Burma-India Theater that it became known as "Merrill's Marauders," after its Commander, Major General Frank D. Merrill.



75th Ranger Regiment Celebrates 75 Years in 2017

The outbreak of hostilities in Korea, June 1950 again signaled the need for Rangers. The first cycle completed their training November 13, 1950. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Ranger Companies prepared for an overseas shipment. The 3rd Ranger

Company prepared to assist in training the second cycle, which consisted of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Ranger Companies. The Rangers went into battle by land, sea and air.

With the growing involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War, Rangers were again called upon to serve their country. The 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment was re-organized once more on January 1, 1969, as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System. Fifteen separate Ranger Companies were formed from this reorganization. Thirteen served proudly in Vietnam until deactivation on August 15, 1974 and the other two served proudly in the defense of Western Europe.

The outbreak of the 1973 Middle East War prompted the Department of the Army to be concerned about the need for a light mobile force that could be moved quickly to any trouble spot in the world. On January 25, 1974, Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command, published General Orders 127, directing the activation of the 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry, with an effective date of January 31, 1974. On July 1, 1974, the 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry, parachuted into Fort Stewart, Georgia. The 2nd Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry soon followed with activation on October 1, 1974. These elite units eventually established Headquarters at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, respectively.

The 3rd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger), and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 75th Infantry (Ranger) received their colors on October 3, 1984 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After the United States was attacked on September 11, 2001, Rangers were called upon to lead the way in the Global War on Terror. Due to the changing nature of warfare and of the need for an agile and sustainable Ranger force, the Regimental Special Troops Battalion (Provisional), was activated in July 2006 and made a permanent part of the 75th Ranger Regiment. The 75th Ranger Regiment continues to take the fight to the enemy, in denied areas, every day, living the Ranger Creed: Rangers Lead the Way!

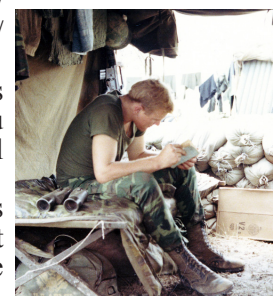
On a different note, I had mentioned in the November-December 2016 issue of the Saber that I was reading Bob Stein's new book Ghost Warriors Long Range Patrol Airborne Rangers. I came across an especially interesting section in it, Long Range Patrol Strategy, that makes the case that the U.S. military might have adopted a different approach to fighting the Vietnam War – one based on the long range patrol strategy instead of on the search-and-destroy strategy. With it, hundreds and hundreds of 5-6 man reconnaissance teams would have been deployed to the field to search out and locate enemy troop encampments, watch trails, and report on enemy movements. This would have allowed the U.S. military to keep track of where the NVA and VC were and to initiate offensive operations against them when it was advantageous to do so, instead of allowing the NVA and VC to decide on the time and place for battle.

The book also points out that this strategy would not have likely changed the outcome of the war. As long as the communist leaders in the North were hell-bend on re-uniting the two countries, there was little that could have been done in the south to prevent it – time was on their side.

The following email was received from Katie Barnes Lott, daughter of CSM John Barnes (1967-69), Clarksville, Tennessee. "I am John Barnes' daughter. I was going through some things tonight and realized that I never got around to notifying the LRRP/Rangers of my father's death. Dad looked forward to your yearly newsletters and to "keeping tabs" on some of his Army buddies. I had the chance to accompany my dad to the 1st Cav Reunion in Columbus, Georgia many years ago when I was a kid. That was one of the most enjoyable experiences I ever had with my Dad. Everyone was so nice and I LOVED hearing all the stories." "Dad passed on April 24, 2014 from a heart attack. He had been having some health issues in the months prior but was doing what he could to get healthy (as much as he could while still smoking his beloved cigars!) I have included a link to his obituary if you would like/wouldn't mind including it in your next edition: <<http://clarksvillenow.com/local/john-randall-barnes/>>."

I have gone through several of the past newsletters and have really enjoyed all the stories told, so if you have any more that you would like to pass on, I'm all ears! Warmest regards, Katie Barnes Lott."

If you would like to contact Katie, her email is <katiebarnes78@gmail.com>. Needless to say, Sergeant Barnes was a very colorful character. I had the privilege of serving on his team in the mid-1967 timeframe when we were operating out of LZ English in the Bong Son area, as did Burt Penkunis, Wally 'Spanky' Seymour, and Jim Dempsey. When you went out on a mission with John, you knew that things were going to 'pop.' John took the initiative and made things happen. Above is a photo of him at



SGT John Barnes Camp Evans, Thua Thien Province, March 1968

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Camp Evans in Thua Thien Province in I Corps, March 9, 1968. I was on my way back to An Khe from LZ Betty for the flight home and stopped at Camp Evans to hitch a ride. John was there in the company area taking a break. The following email was received from Richard S. Barela, President of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, by way of Jim Regan (1968-69), Lexington, Kentucky. "It is with a heavy heart that I pass on that Merrill's Marauder, SSG Quentin Waite died around 2100 12/04/16 at Battle Creek VA Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan. Quentin was surrounded by his wife, his eldest son, two U.S. Army Ranger Association Members, and one 75th Ranger Association Member. Details are still in the works, but he has requested full military honors and burial at the Battle Creek Veterans Cemetery. Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of our dear Brother, and that he may rest now in the place set aside for him by our Lord and Savior in Paradise."

In closing, I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season and that you and your Families have a very healthy, happy, and prosperous 2017. **RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.**

**Division Doings
Continued from pg. 11** the winter months to improve the overall readiness, with the coalition forces by their side. As the Corps undergoes its training cycle, it remains responsible for security in seven provinces, and the Sarobi district, in eastern Afghanistan.

Photos from the Inaugural Parade with 1st Cavalry Horse Cavalry Detachment

Soldiers with the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment march towards the reviewing stand during the 58th Presidential Inauguration parade for President Donald J. Trump in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2017. More than 5,000 military members from across all branches of the armed forces of the United States, including Reserve and National Guard components, provided ceremonial support and Defense Support of Civil Authorities during the inaugural period. (DoD photo by U.S. Army SPC Abigayle Marks)

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Hello once again fellow Sky Troopers. The Holiday season is almost behind us. In fact, it's New Years Eve afternoon as I write this Jan/Feb column. My thoughts are of the New Year ahead, but also of the many Sky Troopers who have gone onto Fiddlers Green these past 12 months. Some were close; many were those I've come in contact with over the years as your Cav Silver Wings scribe. All were brothers.

December saw the passing of MG James C. Smith (ret.) HHT 1-9 CAV 1966, HHC, DISCOM 1965, HHC, 1BDE 1966, HHC, 1CDH 1971, 14 December 2016. (Division Commander, 1971-73; Association President, 1982-84).

In 39 years of service in the Army, James Smith saw combat duty in WWII, the Korean War, as well as the Vietnam War, earning Medals of Valor including the DSM and multiple Flying Crosses, Silver Stars and Purple Hearts. He served in the early 1960s with the Joint Test and Evaluation Task Force of the U.S. Strike Command, charged with analyzing Air Force and Army activities related to air mobility, and which tested and validated the performance of the 11th Air Assault Division.

As a Field Test Officer specializing in tactical air reconnaissance, his efforts in the early 1960's were largely responsible for much of the current organizational and operational concepts of the Army and Air Force employment of the tactical air reconnaissance elements. He was assigned to several key positions in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in 1966-1967 in South Vietnam. In addition to commanding the Division's Support Command, he also commanded the 1st Squadron, 9th Cav Regt., which was then the Army's only Air Cavalry Squadron. Here he played a major role in developing one of the major new concepts of Army organization during the Vietnam War. Later as Commander of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cav Div., Smith's expertise in air cavalry techniques made significant contributions to the improvement of combined arms mobility tactics. In 1976, he was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.

I always enjoyed talking with MG Smith during and following his term as our Association President. Great guy, outstanding Soldier and leader, he will be missed by many.

January always brings brief thoughts of Tet-68, I was working the AO NW of Hue City (Camp Evans) when the fireworks began, and short of about three weeks until DEROS. So the events and anxious moments of that time are etched a little deeper on my mind. During the 30th anniversary of that event, one of our B/227th pilots, Mel Canon, shared his story of Tet with me and I will bring it to life once again in this column. Over Hue, 31 JAN 68: "The first day of Tet '68 was probably the most memorable day of my life. As I sit here today (30 years later), it is as though it happened only yesterday. I can still see the several hundred NVA in full battle dress, standing atop the buildings of Hue and lining the bridge across the Perfume River. I will never be able to erase that image from my mind. It was truly a day I'll always remember. We had just moved from the Que Son Valley near Tam Ky, headed up to join the rest of the Battalion at Camp Evans. The entire 1st Cav. Div. was moving to northern I Corps from the Bong Son Plains, but such was the life of the Cav, move here, work an area for a while, then move on. We were a gaggle of 10 slicks and the trip up was uneventful. We anticipated getting to Camp Evans about mid afternoon on 30 Jan 68, but as things normally went in the Cav, plans changed. We were ordered to land at a SEABEE compound just west of Phu Bai and logger overnight. It seemed that our company area at Evans wasn't ready to accommodate our aircraft yet so we set down in the SEABEE's baseball field. It was late afternoon; our advanced party had already arrived and had set up tents next to the baseball diamond. As I recall there were several James Way buildings on the compound but an interesting thing was the trench system they'd laid in across the compound. It reminded me of something out of a WWII movie. I'd later learn how effective those trenches could be. We secured the aircraft for the evening and found a tent to toss our gear in. Officers and enlisted were in good OLE Army tradition, separated, officers in their tents and enlisted in another. I had no idea where my crewmen were sleeping that night. I went to the tent to lie down and read a book I'd started some days earlier at LZ Baldy. I didn't last long and was asleep within a few minutes.

My next recollection was the sound of something very loud and very close by. I felt the concussions as the explosions erupted in rapid succession. There must have been four or five initial explosions and as my head began to register trouble. The upper part of the tent was opened up like Swiss cheese and I could see stars through the holes in the canvas. I didn't take the time to grab clothes. I'd kept my pants on when I laid down but was bare chested and without boots. I heard someone yelling to get the aircraft airborne and I ran to my ship instinctively. Several explosions erupted as I scurried toward the aircraft and the detonation nearly knocked me to the ground. When I got to the ship the crew chief was untying the blade and I climbed in the cockpit and started flipping switches for the crank. I was about halfway through the startup when my co-pilot climbed in the right seat. There were brilliant flashes all around us as the bombardment of the compound continued. I didn't even bother to put on a helmet, just pulled pitch when the gunner climbed onboard. The CP took the controls as we cleared the compound and I slipped into the helmet and plugged in. The radio was cracking with frantic queries about what was happening. No one knew what we were supposed to do only that we'd been told to get airborne. It was dark and we could see the incoming as it impacted the SEABEE compound. I didn't know how many of us made it off the ground at that time and those of us that were airborne tried to figure out what we were going to do. As I remember it, we never did get into any organized formation, but rather, went out individually trying to find targets for our gunners. There were flashes coming from the hills to the west of the compound and I headed in that direction. As we chattered back and forth on the radio I came to the realization that the incoming was 122mm rockets. I'd never been so scared before, and this was five months into my tour. We didn't do much damage to rocket launchers that night or if we ever actually found any or not. We flew west to the rolling hills and lobbed grenades out the ship at what we thought might be launch sites but never could verify

that our efforts were effective at all. The whole area had gone into blackout immediately after the attack. Nearby Phu Bai airbase was closed. We could talk to the tower on the radio but they were shut down with rocket damage to the runway and continual incoming. The attack had commenced at 0300 hours. We managed to stay airborne until just before dawn. There was talk of Phu Bai opening up their POL for us. As the night began to lighten up a bit, we managed to get into the airbase and get refueled. Most of us were on low fuel lights by that time. We got reorganized and began running CA's into the area around Hue City. Rumor had it that "Charlie" controlled the city and that they were everywhere that a major offensive was being staged by the regulars of the NVA. We'd been on CA's for several hours and were into the POL southwest of Hue to refuel the slicks and rearm the guns that were supporting us from our Delta Company. I was number two in a gaggle that was being led by Fred Ferguson a CW2 from C/227.

I'd flown with Fred on several occasions before becoming an AC myself, and had a lot of confidence in his leadership abilities. Ferguson had topped off and moved out to the clearing to the south to wait for the rest of the flight. He called me on the radio and asked if I was topped off. He said that he just picked up a MAYDAY from one of "Charlie" company's C and C ships and they were in trouble. In a few minutes he came back on the horn and told me that the crew was making their way to an ARVN compound nearby and he was in radio contact with someone that had contact with them. He asked if I wanted to go with him to try and pick them up and I replied in the affirmative. We pulled pitch, turning the flight over to one of the other ships. Fred was talking to other aircraft that were in the vicinity of the downed bird and then relaying information to me and my crew. The crew had made the ARVN compound and we were going to try to get in to get them out. They'd been shot down by an AAA position west of Hue so we avoided that area. We flew south between Hue and Phu Bai and came up the Perfume River from the east. While accounts of the episode have us low leveling up the river that is not what we did. We both climbed to about 3000-4000 AGL and coordinated everything from our position east of the city before going in. We got some A1E support on station and a couple C/Model gunships from somewhere. Things were such a blur that I was only aware of the two of us and all those damn NVA on the ground. Ferguson told me he was going to go in and for us to wait till he got out before descending. We orbited at 3000 AGL and watched him shoot one hellacious steep approach into the postage stamp sized compound below. He spent most of the time on Fox Mike talking to someone on the ground and relayed bits of info to me on UHF. As he got in, he started taking mortar rounds, shrapnel from mortars, and got some wounded on board and got out. I knew he'd been hit going in and coming out, but was not aware of the extent of his damage at that point. Now our turn, from 3000' that quadrangle looked too damn small to get the Huey into but I'd just seen Fred do it so it could be done. I asked the crew if they were all still willing to go in and they all replied, "Let's Do It!" The next minute or so were the longest of my life. I set up a steep approach into the compound by pointing the nose down, reducing power, and kicking the ship out of trim. We fell like a rock toward the quadrangle. About halfway through the descent I became aware of the NVA for the first time. There were hundreds of them. They were on top of the buildings all over the town. They lined the bridge over the Perfume River along Highway 1 and all seemed to be shooting at us. I think they probably were. I'm sure that the two A1E's that had us saddled were taking some heat off of us, as were the two Charlie models. Everyone was on full output with their weapons. The A1E's were dropping HE, the Charlie models were putting rockets in all around the compound and my gunners were trying to melt the barrels off our 60's. All that noise muffled out the sounds of the rounds we were taking during the last portion of the approach. I felt the tiny bits of trash flying through the air as rounds penetrated the ship. After what seemed like an hour, we were on the ground inside the quadrangle, walls all around us, giving a false sense of security. We'd just seen Ferguson get mortared inside the damn hole and we knew what was coming next. The crew chief and gunner got out of the ship and searched for survivors inside the building. In what seemed like several hours they returned to tell me that no one was still alive inside. They climbed on and I was certain the mortars would get us before liftoff, but they never came. The A1E's or the Hueys must have taken out some tubes. We pulled pitch. As we cleared the compound walls, the inevitable became reality. The NVA were not so occupied with the support aircraft that they didn't try their damndest to take us out. Both the 60's on our ship were working great and the gunners were putting them through their paces. I focused on clearing the compound walls and headed south. I could feel the air thick with incoming but we didn't take many hits going out. Thanks, I'm sure to the great air support. We'd gotten about a mile south of the compound and were still over populated area when one of the A1E pilots told me we were trailing smoke badly. The crew chief reported we were burning from the engine section. The gauges looked good, however and the ship was flying strong. I continued towards Phu Bai airbase. As I recall, either the A1E's or the gun-ships followed us south in case we went down. One of them encouraging me to set the ship down but there was no way I was going down with what I knew was on the ground below, not as long as the ship was flying anyway. We made it over the fence at Phu Bai and set the ship down immediately; turned out that a round had pierced the main fuel line as JP4 was streaming onto the hot section of the engine. Why the damn thing didn't blow up, or flash to flame with the JP4 running onto a hot engine I've never come to understand. My only explanation for it was that it was not time for Masher 17 and crew to check out. We had someone watching over us. I firmly believe that today.

CW2 Fred Ferguson was awarded the Medal of Honor for his part in the rescue mission and my crew and I received the DFC. There were a lot of heroics being conducted around the Hue area that day and I didn't feel we did anything that was that special. I'd even seen a 1/9th crew get into a situation that seemed more deserving. One ship had been shot down and its crew captured by the NVA, the wingman circled and finally went in to rescue the captured crew, landing right between two columns of NVA marching their prisoner down a rice paddy. Now that guy really had a set of cajones let me tell ya." Mel Canon (Masher 17).

Robert Rohde served with the 478th Avn. Co. Heavy Helicopter (Skycrane) from 3/67 - 3/68. Bob reminisced with me a while back about one occasion

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Worth noting, from the last *Saber*, about the photo with MEDVAC door gunner Bill Pickle (pictured here). It was mentioned that William H. "Bill" Pickle was the Ser-



"Bill" Pickle

geant at Arms of the U.S. Senate. The 37th United States Senate Sergeant at Arms, to be exact. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_H._Pickle> A notable achievement, also having served as an infantryman in C Company 2-8 Cav in 1968, and a MEDVAC door gunner in 1969!

Flying on 1st Cav MEDEVAC was not easy. For a grunt and Infantry Medics, it was out of the fire and into the frying pan. Like MEDVAC door gunner Larry Ash whom I had mentioned recently, Bill Pickle and others I have written about when I knew of them over the years had the CIB, further service to comrades in life and death situations.

Also in the last *Saber* photos, Dale McGuff, before becoming a MEDEVAC Medic, he was assigned to B 1-5 Cavalry in 1969. He humped the clicks. I had a couple of photos with him because I wanted to include the other MEDEVAC members pictured. Dale wrote a book about his experiences in '69 to '70 which I had posted in the *Saber* years ago: So That Others May Live. There were also many other MEDEVAC Medics over the years who had also earned the CMB by serving with infantry units.

From Ron HUEY Huether <medevac2@15thMedBnAssociation.org>: "Hello fellow 15th Medical Battalion members. Online registration is now open for our 2017 Reunion in Branson, Missouri the end of April. All the reunion information is on our website at: <<http://15thMedBnAssociation.org>>."

If you haven't attended one of our reunions, or if it's been several years since your last attendance, we are cordially inviting you to seriously consider attending the 2017 Reunion. Last year we had the largest attendance and interest in next year's reunion is even greater. Having the reunion in Branson, Missouri has

many advantages; it's centrally located in the United States, easy to get to, and plenty of entertainment. If you've never been to Branson – this be your time! The shows are all first-class.

One of the contributing factors to our last reunion being so popular was the publishing of registered attendees on our website. By knowing who has already registered and who is planning on attending, you will be amazed to find friends attending that you may have lost track of since our all-expense paid vacation to Southeast Asia. So, if you're on the fence about attending, periodically check back, and see who's registered and see if any of your old foxhole buddies are coming. Here's the short URL for the attendees list: <<https://goo.gl/kz1LIX>>.

If you're already planning on attending, how 'bout checking our searchable database to find long-lost friends you'd like to get together with and calling or sending an e-mail to encourage them to meet you in fun-filled Branson. The searchable database is located at this short URL: <<https://goo.gl/v066pj>>.

The Executive Council, Ron Ingram (Reunion Coordinator) and everyone working hard to make the 2017 Reunion one to remember would really like seeing you at the upcoming reunion.

Ron (Baby Huey) Huether Medevac 2 ('70-'71) (830)997-9686 <www.15thMedBnAssociation.org> "I'd give back all the medals to have saved just one more life."

Terry McCarl <terryamccarl@gmail.com> wrote to encourage the same. Terry also writes that 03/68-03/69 Weber Borrell (SGM Ret.) who was 1SGT of A Co., 15th MED Bn. 03/68-03/69, would like to reconnect with two PSG's who served in his company: SFC Kenneth Clayton 09/67-09/68 and SFC Martin (first name unknown) 10/67-10/68.

If anyone has contact information for these gentlemen, or remembers them at all, please contact Weber at <borrellsr@gmail.com> or 337-984-4897. I had included Weber's photos in previous *Saber* columns.

Also don't forget, you can encourage those you would like to see and everyone else from the 1st Cav Division at the 70th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Reunion 7-11 June 2017 - Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas. Check the *Saber* or online at <firstcav@lca.org>.

Always remembering our 1st Cav Troops on duty around the world; over and out.

Silver Wings News

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when they were to lift a Jolly Green Giant from the Hong Ha Marine base to Da Nang. "Normally for these missions we were to have an escort of choppers flying cover for the low and very slow crane. This particular day, I believe it was just before Tet-68 when we got the call to pick up the Jolly Green. We were based at Da Nang after the Cav moved from Ah Khe a few weeks earlier. We had at least 2 Cav Hueys flying off our left side and were snapping pictures of the formation." Bob was inquiring, at that time, if anyone reading this column remembers the flight and may still have copies of the photos so he can hand them down to his grandchildren.

I've had some conversations as well as email communications with former Skycrane pilots and crewmembers about this workhorse as well as the pilot selection process over the last few decades. I learned the cruise speed for his bird was 115 mph, which I found remarkable, as I've never seen one flying much faster than a Schwinn bicycle.

The 478th Avn Co and their CH-54 Flying Cranes made the trip to Nam by boat with the rest of the "First Shift" Troopers settling in An Khe. That large six-blade bird always fascinated me. I recall watching them work at Camp Radcliff and the fitting of the general's command pod or the medical surgical pod to the undercarriage on several occasions. I still remember well the distinctive sound they made over the rest of the aircraft at the "Golf Course."

In the late spring of 1962, Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, Connecticut, conducted an exhibition for the press and military brass at their flight field. It presented a new era in air transport as the free world's largest rotary wing craft was put through its paces. Virtually a trailer truck of the skies, the turbine-powered Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane was hailed as a prime mover. At the time it was asserted that the craft possessed the capability to haul an endless variety of cargo and conveyances. The following year, the bird was introduced to the Army as the CH-54A, passing exhaustive tests and maneuvers prior to being placed into production

and dispatched to Vietnam (54 CH-54A's would be built not counting 7 post-production trial units). In their first three months of service, these powerful birds saved almost twice their own cost by retrieving aircraft downed in combat areas. In that period, the four Skycranes, with a maximum lifting capacity of ten tons each, recovered a Douglas A1E Skyradier, a DeHavilland CV-2 Caribou, and 45 helicopters from the OH-13 to the full size Chinook CH-47. Most of the aircraft recovered were repaired and returned to duty. The value of this retrieved aircraft, all forced down by mechanical trouble or enemy action in areas from which there was no other means of recovery, was placed at \$15 million. That would be worth \$111,600,000.00 in today's (2016) buying market. In addition to their retrieval missions, they were called upon for a wide variety of special missions including the airlift of artillery, bulldozers (I remember seeing a lot of

D5 dozers being moved about by the CH-54), as well as conex containers.

The Army purchased 105 Ch-54's (both A and B models) before its discontinuation. The S-64 Aircrane is still in production today. There are currently complete and partial airframes in existence for this aircraft. Some CH-54's and some S-64's (both E and F models) are owned and have been remanufactured by Erickson Air-Crane Inc. The CH-54 was a very unique aircraft and essential to the Cav's early airmobility in Vietnam. If you have a Skycrane story to share, I'd like to hear from you.

My thanks to all for the holiday greetings and cards, some were unique, and all appreciated. Time to pull the plug on this Wings sortie. Our 70th Annual Reunion will be here in the blink of an eye. Attendees are encouraged to register as early as possible as it helps the Association in coordinating the events and ensuring a great reunion experience for all. With that, I'll bring this flight to an end. Until next time, "Clear right!" Hank

Division Doings

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The 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment marches along



Pennsylvania Avenue during the inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2017. More than 5,000 military members across from all branches of the armed forces of the United States, including Reserve and National Guard components, provided ceremonial support and Defense Support of Civil Authorities during the inaugural period. (DoD photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Logan Carlson) ceremonial support and Defense



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20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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Well, I am still here at the switch, having just completed Christmas 2016, and looking forward to the new year of 2017 with great hope and expectations. With a new year comes another birthday and the things that seem to match our DOB (date of birth)! In my case after 79 years on this earth, I was told that I am experiencing Afib! Afib? That's what my 1959 basketball playing opponent from West Virginia University, Jerry West, talks about on TV pitching the ad for Xarelto, which I had seen Arnold Palmer touting for many years. So, on to the future with Xarelto and Metoprolol to stay in the game!

In the issue prior to our reunion in Colorado Springs, I made a personal request that I would like to see all of the original members of the 2nd Platoon of A Battery, 2/20th in attendance. My reason was that we are not assured we would be around in 2017. While reading the latest VHPA Magazine, *The Aviator* and while checking out the obituary section, I was shocked to see the original Platoon Leader's obit! Colonel (RET) Robert "Bob" Furney, 84, pulled pitch for the last time on August 7, 2016 in his home in Pacific Grove, California. A native of Detroit, he graduated from Highland High School and attended Albion College where he was a Sigma Chi and met his "sweetheart," Mary Evelyn Craft. On graduation, they embarked on their first of 22 moves in his career as a fixed and rotary aviator, which included two tours in Vietnam, notably A Battery, 2/20th ARA (66-67) and HHC, 17th CAG (68-69). His last post was Fort Ord, California and they fell in love with the area and decided to stay. His marriage of 60 years ended with the passing of Mary in 2014. Bob was an active member and past Commodore of the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club who recently feted him for his 40 years at the helm of his beloved sailboat "Yankee." He certainly will be watching the Shields National from above and cheering on his club's team. He remained active in Sigma Chi, enjoyed the company of his fellow aviation compatriots of the Quiet Birdmen and the old Soldiers of the Fort Ord Alumni Association, and occasionally be seen at the annual reunions of the ARA Association. Bob's favorite destination was the VHPA gatherings and he was a talented vocalist in the choirs of the Fort Ord Main Post Chapel and the United Methodist Church. A devoted father and grandfather, Bob will be missed by his many descendants of whom he very proudly pointed out were all employed. He loved meeting people, helping strangers, giving directions and cooking breakfast for his many houseguests. One of the highlights of his year was to aid in the selection, meeting the recipients, and awarding the Fort Ord Alumni Association Scholarships. Donations in his memory to this fund can be sent to c/o CSUMB, 100 Campus Corner Drive, Seaside, California 93955 (denote FOAA Scholarship in the comments line) or online at <csumb.edu/give>. Colonel Furney was buried on August 11, 2016 with a private service at the El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove. A columnist note: Bob served as my first immediate commander in combat in 1965-66, and was the Personnel Officer at the 17th Combat Aviation Group who assigned me to the 7/17 Air Cav Sqdn at Pleiku during Tet 1968. He was more than just a commander; he was a friend, my friend! I miss him greatly! May God's love ever encircle Bob and give him peace!

We recently learned of the death of Keith Sherman Broeme, of Enterprise, Alabama, on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at Flowers Hospital. He was 67. Keith was born January 1, 1949, in Norfolk, Virginia. He retired as a CW4 from the U.S. Army after 25 years, during which time he served two tours in Vietnam. During his first tour he was a pilot in A/4/77th ARA in 1969-70. He then continued to serve his country through the private sector until he retired from Computer Science Corporation (CSC) as a Senior Battle Master in 2009. He was a founding lifetime member of the Army Aviation Museum in Fort Rucker, Alabama. Survivors include his son, Jeremy K. Broeme of Reno, Nevada; his daughter, Morgan F. Broeme of Enterprise, Alabama; his sister, Cherie Broeme Stephenson (Wayne) of Panama, New York; four grandchildren: Sonya, Jared, Maggie, and Sophia; and a nephew, Tucker. Memorial services were held at Arlington National Cemetery.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Patricia Mullen, wife of ARA Life Member Warren E. Mullen (A/2/20 ARA 65-66), on November 16, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with Warren and Family.

Additional ARA History

This information came to me from Jesse Hobby, Armed Falcon 29F1 (1965-66), who in July of 2016 received a letter from Joseph S. Lahnstein (COL USA Ret) who is the son of Joseph J. Lahnstein (LTC USA Ret). The letter held documents and photos of the early days of ARA at Fort Benning during the period 1963 - 1965, and photos and documents from the deployment to RVN through late 1966. Those who served with the 3/377th Arty (ARA), 11th AAD will remember that (then) MAJ Lahnstein served as the Acting Battalion Commander prior to the arrival of LTC Nelson "Mike" Mahone, then served as Commander, A/3/377 and Commander A/2/20/ and as XO 2/20th Arty (ARA) until his return to CONUS. Below is one of the documents from the letter. More will follow, at a later date.

Uniquely Aerial Artillery

During the development and subsequent commitment to combat of the 1st Air Cavalry Division's Aerial Artillery Battalion, the same question was raised time and again by those who were unfamiliar with the concept of Aerial Artillery. "Why is Aerial Artillery different from any other *gun ship* unit?" To answer this question we must first take a brief look at the background and organization of this unique unit.

The 2nd Battalion (Aerial Artillery), 20th Artillery, initially activated as the 3rd Battalion (Aerial Rocket), 377th Artillery in the 11th Air Assault Division, stands alone as the first and only unit of its type in the United States Army today. All tactics and techniques were devised, tested, evaluated and revised by members of the unit during the Air Assault test conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia from 13 February 1963 to 1 August 1965 and presently under actual combat conditions in the Republic of Vietnam.

The battalion follows the normal field artillery organization with a Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery and three firing batteries. Each firing battery

has twelve UH-1B helicopters armed with forty-eight 2.75" rockets per helicopter, which constitutes the major firepower of the battalion. Headquarters Battery has three UH-1B's each mounting a combination machine gun and rocket system for a total of thirty-nine aircraft organic to the battalion. In addition, all helicopters are capable of a rapid change from the rocket system to a system which fires, up to six SS-11 wire guided, missiles for use against hard or point targets. The Aerial Artillery Battalion also has the capability of providing battlefield illumination with helicopter-mounted searchlights and can drop riot control agents on hostile positions. The range of aerial artillery is limited, only by the range of its helicopters with the result that the battalion can provide fire support for the Air Mobile Division throughout its area of operations.

The differences between aerial artillery and cannon or rocket artillery are few. Aerial artillery has merely substituted helicopters and aerial rockets for the ground weapons of conventional artillery. This permits the aerial artillery to attack targets up to seventy nautical miles distant from the friendly base locations and adds a great range capability to the airmobile artillery. As is the case with conventional artillery, the mission of aerial artillery is to provide accurate and timely fire support to the ground commander in sufficient volume to inflict the maximum casualties, and damage on targets that jeopardize the accomplishment of his mission.

With few exceptions, aerial artillery fire missions are initiated and controlled through artillery channels by artillery personnel, and to the fullest extent possible, standard artillery terms are used. Aerial artillery fires are included in the artillery fire plans which are prepared in conjunction with, and may influence the ground maneuver plan of each operation. Aerial artillery is available to the ground commander throughout all phases of a combat mission and its employment includes fires to "soften-up" areas for troop heliborne landings and subsequent ground fire objectives; disrupt and destroy the enemy's communications network and supply and assembly areas deep in his territory; and neutralize armored or fortified targets through use of the SS-11 missile. Target information is provided by divisional acquisition means, Air Force reconnaissance, and photographic flights, through the division's vast intelligence network and often by the airborne aerial artillery crews themselves.

Since the current aerial artillery weapon is a direct fire system, a high degree of accuracy is achieved. Fires are frequently planned, within thirty to fifty meters of friendly front lines. Frequently this capability has neutralized and in some cases annihilated hostile forces heavily engaged with friendly Troops. Cannon artillery is normally assigned short and medium range targets while aerial artillery is committed on long-range missions and against fleeting of moving targets at any range. Beyond this, the difference between aerial and conventional artillery becomes insignificant.

The primary difference between Aerial Artillery and *gun ship* units lies in the basic concepts and underlying principles which govern the tactics and techniques of these units. The *gun ships* are normally available to protect the lightly armed troop lift, re-supply, and medical evacuation helicopters. They are not normally available, nor do they possess the firepower capability to influence the ground tactics. The fires can be pre-planned only to the extent of providing light suppressive fires in the landing zones. Their method of attacking targets is normally one or two aircraft in numerous firing passes. Whereas, aerial artillery masses the firepower necessary to place the maximum amount of metal on the target in the shortest time thereby completely neutralizing the target with one firing pass. This technique will insure maximum surprise and minimize the exposure of the attacking aircraft to hostile ground fire.

This discussion has attempted to provide an insight into the Aerial Artillery Battalion as a member of the artillery team and also why its concepts are unique in armed helicopter techniques. The departing Commanding General of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, Major General Harry W. O. Kinnard, stated in his farewell address to the officers and men of the 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery, that aerial artillery was the most questionable concept in the Air Mobile Division prior to the division's commitment to the Republic of Vietnam. Then added that the aerial artillery has more completely fulfilled the promise of the airmobile concept than any other unit in this division. Aerial artillery continued to prove its worth daily in counterinsurgency operations in the Republic of Vietnam and has equal application in a conventional warfare environment. *Thank you Joe, for providing your father's papers for use in this article. We will include them in the history of ARA.*

Our President Dave Borgeson, Jesse Hobby, and Jule Szabo have been working hard on our next reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia. The tentative dates for the reunion are September 13-17, 2017. The location will be the Embassy Suites. The Embassy Suites is a good choice for our Association because they have the breakfast included, a happy hour from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, reasonable rates, a hospitality suite where we can have liquid refreshments, a central location, and the hotel has 160 rooms so we will not be overwhelmed. The hotel will provide a special reservation code for the ARA rate. Colonial Williamsburg is the centerpiece of the historic triangle consisting in part of the restored capital of Colonial Virginia. The area includes 88 original buildings, 100 acres of gardens, and the active practice of more than 30 historical crafts. It can be interesting and educational to stroll around and see people in their original costumes. The remainder of the historic triangle includes the Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown. Jamestown was settled in 1607 (long before the Pilgrims) and Yorktown was the site of the last battle of the Revolutionary War. This is a *must* for history buffs. For the ladies, there is the notorious pottery—a sprawling collection of shops and treats. We are planning a guided bus trip to Jamestown on Friday morning, a no host lunch in Yorktown, and a tour of the Yorktown Battlefield. It will be a great day. There is so much to do in the Williamsburg area. I hope you will make your plans to attend our 2017 Reunion. It is always so good to renew old friendships, meet new associates, and share some of those great stories. I hope to see you all in Williamsburg.

"This is Armed Falcon28Delta, breaking right!"



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82nd FA News



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82nd FA News: Greetings from the shores of Lake Erie! It is Monday, 26 December 2016.

WANTED: We are asking for a volunteer to take over the duties as the 82nd FA Columnist. You may not be aware; I have been writing the column for the Hard Chargers of the 30th FA for the past 19 years. Next year I will be retiring from writing the column for the Hard Charger of the 30th FA after my 20th Year. I'm on my third tour as the temporary columnist for the 82nd FA since 2001. The first time was when long-time columnist Willard Gray passed away and I filled in until 2014. Bill Thomason then volunteered to take over the duties as the 82nd FA Columnist, and he really did a magnificent job until he passed away on 31 July, 2016. The arthritis in my hands is very painful as I hack at this keyboard with only two fingers. It is time to ride off into the sunset! Belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Everett Demeritt B-5 1960-61

in combat in Vietnam until inactivated on 10 April 1971 in Vietnam. This unit earned 13 Campaign Streamers and 8 Unit Awards. Activated 21 January 1977 at Fort Hood, Texas.



Al Catanzaro 1960-61

look forward to reading all of your accomplishments in years to come. While the battalion deactivated today, you all continue to serve, and you will continue to carry forward our legacy, just as past generations of *Black Dragon* Soldiers. We will keep this page and the BN public page active, but transition to an Alumni site. Where *Black Dragons* past and perhaps those to come can share their stories. I am honored to be counted in your number, Godspeed. LTC William T. Johnson *Black Dragon 6!*"

I was assigned to the 5-82nd FA when it was activated on 1 July 1960 in Korea, I'm very saddened to see this unit inactivated AGAIN! But I'm very proud of the *Black Dragons* as they added proudly to the history of our Regiment during their four combat tours. I thank all of our *Black Dragons* and gratefully salute them and say Can and Will! *Black Dragon 582, End of Mission ~ Out!*



PFC Gillotti 1961

History of the 5th Bn, 82nd FA: Redesignated 1 July 1960 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Bn, 82nd Artillery, assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. On 1 September 1963, Redesignated as the 5th Battalion, 82nd Artillery. Headquarters and Service Battery, 5th Battalion, 82nd Artillery, reorganized and Redesignated 1 July 1965 as battery E, 82nd Artillery. The organic elements of the 5th Battalion, 82nd Artillery, concurrently inactivated in Korea. E Battery, 82nd Field Artillery served valiantly

MEDAL OF HONOR - WILLIAM J. GRABIARZ



WILLIAM J. GRABIARZ
(Posthumous)

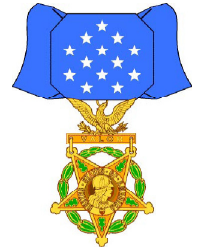
Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Army. Troop E, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.

Place and date: Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 23 February 1945.

Entered service at: Buffalo, N.Y.

Birth: Buffalo, N.Y.

G.O. No.: 115, 8 December 1945.



Citation:

He was a scout when the unit advanced with tanks along a street in Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Without warning, enemy machinegun and rifle fire from concealed positions in the Customs building swept the street, striking down the Troop commander and driving his men to cover. As the officer lay in the open road, unable to move and completely exposed to the pointblank enemy fire, PFC Grabiarz voluntarily ran from behind a tank to carry him to safety, but was himself wounded in the shoulder. Ignoring both the pain in his injured useless arm and his comrades' shouts to seek the cover which was only a few yards distant, the valiant rescuer continued his efforts to drag his commander out of range. Finding this impossible, he rejected the opportunity to save himself and deliberately covered the officer with his own body to form a human shield, calling as he did so for a tank to maneuver into position between him and the hostile emplacement. The enemy riddled him with concentrated fire before the tank could interpose itself. Our Troops found that he had been successful in preventing bullets from striking his leader, who survived. Through his magnificent sacrifice in gallantly giving his life to save that of his commander, PFC Grabiarz provided an outstanding and lasting inspiration to his fellow Soldiers.

MEDAL OF HONOR - FREDRICK E. FERGUSON

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Rank and organization: Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Company C, 227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

Place and date: Hue, Republic of Vietnam, 31 January 1968.

Entered service at: Phoenix, AZ

Birth: 18 August 1939, Pilot Point, Texas.



Citation:

F o r
conspicuous
gallantry and intrepidity in
action at the risk of his life
above and beyond the call of
duty. CWO Ferguson, U.S. Army
distinguished himself while
serving with Company C. CWO Ferguson, commander of a resupply helicopter monitoring an emergency call from wounded passengers and crewmen of a downed helicopter under heavy attack within the enemy controlled city of Hue, unhesitatingly volunteered to attempt evacuation. Despite warnings from all aircraft to stay clear of the area due to heavy antiaircraft fire, CWO Ferguson began a low-level night at maximum airspeed along the Perfume River toward the tiny, isolated South Vietnamese Army compound in which the crash survivors had taken refuge. Coolly and skillfully maintaining his course in the face of intense, short range fire from enemy occupied buildings and boats, he displayed superior flying skill and tenacity of purpose by landing his aircraft in an extremely confined area in a blinding dust cloud under heavy mortar and small-arms fire. Although the helicopter was severely damaged by mortar fragments during the loading of the wounded, CWO Ferguson disregarded the damage and, taking off through the continuing hail of mortar fire, he flew his crippled aircraft on the return route through the rain of fire that he had experienced earlier and safely returned his wounded passengers to friendly control. CWO Ferguson's extraordinary determination saved the lives of 5 of his comrades. His actions are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself and the U.S. Army.



Division Doings

Continued from pg. 17 Support of Civil Authorities during the inaugural period. (DoD photo by U.S. Army Pvt. Genesis Gomez).



Once Cav, Always Cav! 1st Cavalry Division Association

ENGINEER News



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Fat Ass: That was to get your attention. Now, if you happen to be one and if you live in a zip code starting with 322, I will pay for your gym membership at "Anytime Fitness" on San Jose/Lakewood for one year to get your fat ass in shape. Requirements: You must call me to make arrangements. You must badge in at the door of the facility three times a week and stay one hour each time. You must attend one yoga, aerobic dance, or kickboxing class each week. You must make an effort to unlard yourself. You can thank me later.



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Get Ten Use Ten: You have heard that our Association population is aging. You have figured that new memberships are needed for your Association to survive into the 22nd century, right? Now do something about it. Call Copperas Cove 254-547-6537 and get yourself a handful of these membership applications/brochures. Then do not leave them on your dresser top. Stick some above your windshield visor. Do not count on the Membership Committee to do all the recruiting. Talk! Recruit!

Cav membership brochure

Lead, follow or get out of the way: Your Board of Directors have taken a significant step towards the 22nd Century. Funding has been approved to seek out and sign up new members. We are going to use the tools most commonly employed these days for social connection and various social media. Our objective is to be present and visible, offering connection for those who deliberately or inadvertently find us. The absolute best way to recruit is for you to talk directly to someone. (see above paragraph) However, this is only half the story. We can and we must as an Association, address the matters of Veteran suicides and homelessness. The ability to address comes from a committed membership base. You and those you recruit are that base.

Nashville, Georgia: Yes, there is such a place and SGM Alexander Cousart lives there. But he also lived in RVN during 65, 66, 67 and 68 which explains in part his achievement to SGM. If you served with him, he would be glad to hear from you at 229-686-4496. In particular, Cousart is looking to reconnect with Billy Martin pictured here. As well, Cousart has reduced his photo memories to DVD form and will likely share them with you. Just call.



Alexander Cousart



Billy Martin

Cute T-shirts I Have Seen: (Never Trust an Atom--They Make up Everything) (i before e except after c— weird?) (Let's eat, mom—Let's eat mom—punctuation saves lives) (Listen and Silent have the same letters—Coincidence?) (What's another word for Synonym?) (Why is abbreviation such a long word?) (I may look lazy. At the molecular level I am quite busy) (Math illiteracy affects 7 of 5 people) (I will wear black till a darker color is made) (At my age I'm more apt to forget than forgive) (Top ten reasons to procrastinate: 1.) (Stupidity is not a crime. You are free to go.) (Jenius) (I recycle. I wore this shirt yesterday.) And finally the baseball cap that states USS Enterprise Crew Member with a picture of the Starship.

In Case You Missed It: Here for your enjoyment is a reprint of the official 8th Engineer Car, but let Leo Miller tell the story. I sold my "blower" 2008 red Mustang GT in Oct 2014 to help fund and manage a racecar project in cooperation with a local non-profit, "Drive One", and local High School Auto Shop program at Roseville High School, (Sep '14-Jun '16). The project was completed last May-June and I withdrew from the effort at that time. The car will be entered in this year's Detroit Autorama in Feb or Mar 2017 – expect to take 1st Place in the competition Car Class! BTW, it cost me \$60K out-of-pocket not counting labor, program management duties, mucho computer & printer time, phone bills, and incidentals – but it was/will be one helluva tax write-off for 2015 and 2016! The Coupe Project was based on a highly modified Factory Five Racing (FFR) 1965 Shelby Daytona Coupe kit car using small block Ford (SBF) power and intended for land speed racing events sanctioned by the East Coast Timing Association (ETCA) east of the Mississippi and the Southern California Timing Association

(SCTA) west of the river. Think Wilmington Ohio for the former ("standing mile") and Bonneville Salt Flats for the latter (5+ miles). I'm thinking about building another "blower" late model Mustang comparable to my previous 2008 GT Coupe next Spring, with another "8EB1ACD" handicapped plate on it, but health issues may preclude me doing any more street or race cars now. Oh well; getting old sucks!

Yolanda Young (Vereen): Don't tell me you can't recruit. I'm not buying your story. Here is why. I had to make a parts purchase the other day. As I finished the transaction, I handed my USAA 1st Cav card to the clerk. She did a double take when she saw the Cav emblem on the card. I did a double take to match hers and the real conversation began. As it turns out her dad, brother and uncle were all in the Cav. I said wait a minute I'll be right back and double timed out to the car. I came back with four Cav pamphlets show above, one for each of the guys and one for her. Now I don't know if they will join the Association but I do know the offer was made. The lesson? It's obvious. Keep your ears open anywhere you are and engage your mouth as you hand over a pamphlet.

Too Late: for the rest of you guys. Perhaps he had an unfair advantage with the postman being on time. Richard Esquivel read the Nov/Dec Saber Engineer News, did the research, hopped on his computer and is the official winner of the Engineer News prize. In an exchange of Christmas emails, Richard stated, in writing, that he really didn't want the prize but did enjoy this column. Actually it was something of a sweat as I only had \$8k of the \$10k prize in my pocket. See, if you read this column at all you gotta pay attention. Got your attention? Look below.

Active Duty News: For those of us that live in Buffalo, Miami or Pasadena and are mildly curious about whats going on in your Division right now, here is how I stay in touch other than pestering some PAO, who I don't know anyway. Sit at your computer. Type in Killeen, Texas newspaper or Fort Hood Sentinal. Pops right up. For examples of interest: Battery B, 62nd ADA Regiment, THAAD, has been activated. THAAD provides the capability to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles inside or outside the atmosphere. The 3rd Cav Regiment, including our engineer support, has returned from deployment to Afghanistan. Thats 220+ Soldiers home for Christmas.

The Next Prize Contest: All this horse business. So let's see who will do a bit of research. When was the last combat mounted Cav horse retired? For you nit pickers, combat mounted means a horse ridden on by a human in a combat action or campaign, not a mule pulling a load. Yes I know we have show horses and good ones even now, but the parade ground even with the theatrics is not a combat action. Remember you might get an IRS 1099 for the correct answer but you also get recognition here. And by the way, the Veteran Rock of Honor is in Iowa only an hour away from Esquivel at turnpike speed. People in the Horse Detachment and previous prize winners are eligible to answer. Yes, Danny Booth over in Mississippi you need to start digging for data.

With Regrets: We acknowledge the passing of Larry Joe Dennis, Larry Joe was in Co B, 8th Eng Bn while in RVN. His friend, Danny Booth from Mississippi, continues the story: «I enlisted in the MSARNG in Oct 74. LJ had enlisted a little earlier. He was a SSG in Vietnam and was when he got out of the Army. It wasn't long before he received a direct commission. LJ retired a Major. Our unit was 1-198th Armor, 155th Armored Brigade. We were mobilized 7 Dec 90 for Desert Shield/Storm. We didn't make it to the storm part. We made it to the desert but it was in California Fort Irwin (NTC). LJ was the Battalion S-4 during that period. I was notified by CSM (Ret) B.W. Ausborn.»

Detroit Update: Leo Miller, Joe Wagel and possibly others not named at press time held an 8th Eng reunion at Bryan's Steak House. Steak? Detroit? People actually live and eat there? Work is probably out of the question. Hopefully they have heard of cameras for the Mar/Apr Saber.

If possible add this text to the existing paragraph
 "We changed the location from our prior Famous Dave's BBQ and Hooters in Novi to the relatively near-by Brann's Steak House in Northville due to increasing old age and inactivity, and a good time was had by all (both of us). We even had an Air Force Security Forces Iraqi Vet wait

on us, which made for some interesting conversations along with a good meal. A re-meet is back on tap for our annual Woodward Dream Cruise outing in mid-August to keep that tradition going too". (Writers comment: note the oversized Marguerita as fitting to the occasion.)

One Digit Away: This is an 11B item granted a bit of space in a 12B area. Make your way over to Word Press and look up "Cherries-A Vietnam War Novel" by Bill Barth. Sure am glad we airmobile 12B types mostly moved by Huey. Barth makes light in some cases and brings sorrow in others of his 11B brothers who slogged out their tour in paddies or trapped in leg catching vines. But then again, we 12 types had our own complaints with all the dirt we got to shovel and blistered fingers laying PSP.

2017: May this blessing be yours throughout the year.



Live Long and Prosper

Horse-Mounted Bands of the U.S. Army

Dr. Bruce Gleason, member of the Walter H. Westman Northland Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, Veteran U.S. Army musician (298th Army Band of the Berlin Brigade, 1989 – 1991) and associate professor of music at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, announces the release of *Sound the Trumpet, Beat the Drums: Horse-Mounted Bands of the U.S. Army, 1820 – 1940* by the University of Oklahoma Press. The publishers write:

Stemming from the tradition of rallying Troops and frightening enemies, mounted bands played a unique and distinctive role in American military history. Their fascinating story within the U.S. Army unfolds



in this latest book from noted music historian and former army musician Bruce P. Gleason.

Sound the Trumpet, Beat the Drums follows American horse-mounted bands from the nation's military infancy through its emergence as a world power during World War II and the corresponding shift from horse-powered to mechanized cavalry. Gleason traces these bands to their origins, including the horn-blowing Celtic and Roman cavalries of antiquity and the mounted Middle Eastern musicians whom European Crusaders encountered in the Holy Land. He describes the performance, musical selections, composition, and duties of American mounted bands that have served regular, militia, volunteer, and National Guard regiments in military and civil parades and concerts, in ceremonies, and on the battlefield. Over time the composition of the bands has changed—beginning with trumpets and drums and expanding to full-fledged concert bands on horseback. Woven throughout the book are often-surprising

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Mail Call. Calling all you Tube Troopers. I hope everyone was able to make it through the Holiday Seasons. Remember those that are serving and are not able to spend the Holidays

with their Family. As we enter 2017, it is my hope that we are able to make this the best year for the 1/21 FA. The Reunion, this year, is in Fort Hood, Tx. The 70th 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion is June 7-11. I do advise anyone that is planning to attend to make your reservation as early as possible. It's more convenient to be next to the Conference Center. The last several years has seen an increase in attendees of the 1/21 FA and I've had many say to me, "after my first Reunion I don't want to miss another". The ceremony at the Banquet has something everyone can carry forward and the pride that comes with being a 1st Cavalry Division Trooper.

One of the many questions that is repeated; what LZ or where was it at? I came across a book that is full of information. The book is titled "Where We Were in Vietnam" by Michael Kelley. It is quite extensive so be prepared to do some digging. Another request is trying to locate someone that served. Contact the unit writer in the *Saber* of the unit the person served in. Give as much information as possible; such as unit, dates served, hometown, and other details that would be helpful. Another way is to use Facebook. There are numerous 1st Cavalry FB pages. Most are open to join. You'll just have to ask the administrator to let you join the group. Many units have their own unit associations. Mine started when I came across the Co. D 1/8 Cav. Association web page. I was a Recon Sergeant for part of my tour. I remember some of the faces, but at that point I wanted to find the 1/21 FA. I was able to find some information at Military.com.



Arlyn Wood, Vietnam '69-'70

There I found a post by SFC Arlyn Wood who was my Chief of Battery. He had kept a contact list of 1st Cavalry Troopers for that time period. I was able to expand the number of contacts with his help. There is a Facebook page: 1/21 Field Artillery & Cavalry Friends. With all the internet tools, it has become possible to connect with other Troopers these days.

Headquarter Battery 1/21 FA: Still looking for some more contacts with HQ battery. With having to provide support of three batteries in the field there must have been some trying times. Looking for some good stories of the early years in Vietnam. Anyone have something to tell about the battalion's move South to III Corps. There must have been some interesting times.

A Battery 1/21 FA: As I stated above, SFC Arlyn Wood was my Chief of Battery in 69-70. It is with great sadness that I report the passing of CSM Arlyn Wood. For those that served with "Smoke" Wood as we knew him, we give our humble last respects. He was a Soldier of the highest caliber. In the later years he was a quality statue at the reunions. He loved his Family and he loved the 1st Cavalry Division. He was a dedicated Family man and a dedicated professional Soldier. He will be missed by all that knew him and served with him. Garyowen, Smoke.

B Battery 1/21 FA: I keep in touch with a couple Trooper from B Brty. Just a shout to Mike Dunn. Mike was in that side trip to Cambodia. Another Brother Randy Bailey. An 8 in crewmen on a SP at Fort Hood.

C Battery 1/21 FA: Crossed messages with Jim Lawson from C Brty.

2/19 Field Artillery: I haven't heard from anyone in 2/19 FA except Allen Norris. He is featured in this issue. I was assigned the 2/19 FA for the first part of my tour even though I was out in the field with Co D 1/8 Cavalry. I'm more than happy to give you a little space. If you have something of interest about the 2/19 FA let me put it in print.

CSM was to be highlighted in this issue; but to honor his memory I will give a short of his life. Arlyn (Edward) Wood Sr. January 30, 1941 - December 20, 2016. Ed Wood was born in Eupora, Mississippi to Jess and Marie (Harrison) Wood. He was one of eight children. At an early age, he learned to hunt and work in the lumber business, to help provide for the Family.

He was a Soldier's Soldier, enlisting in the U.S. Army at the age of 17, and serving 28 years on active duty. While at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, he met Nancy Center of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The couple married in 1962. Together, they raised two sons. His other military assignments included Fort Still, Oklahoma, Fort Hood, Texas, Korea, two tours in South Vietnam, and multiples tours in Germany. He achieved the rank of Command Sergeant Major, serving twice as Division Sergeant Major for the 1st Armored Division in Amberg, Germany, and the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. During his military service, Command Sergeant Major Wood earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters and V Device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, and numerous other awards and decorations.

Shortly after military retirement, Ed joined the former Chevrolet dealership in Copperas Cove where he worked for many years until full retirement. He was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the 1st Cavalry Division Association. He was an avid Family man, a Dallas Cowboy fan, an expert gardener, and loved to barbecue and plan gatherings for Family and friends.

After battling health challenges for many years, Ed peacefully passed over to Fiddler's Green in his sleep, on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, while holding the hand of Nancy, his beloved bride of 54 years, at their home.

This has been a sad year's end with the death of another fellow Veteran. Terry Douglas Bowen passed over Fiddler's Green on December 6, 2016. He was born on August 30, 1947. He was a year and one-day-older than me. We lived side by side in a small town in North Carolina. As far back as my childhood

memory will take me, I can remember him. We were always outdoors playing and since we lived in the country it was only natural we stayed in the woods most of the time. We played together, went to school together, and remained lifelong friends. Those early childhood adventures of playing in the woods prepared me for my time in the jungles of Vietnam. His father served in the Cavalry in WWII. He served in 213 Black Cats and the 205 Geronimos ASHC, 1st Aviation Brigade(68-69). He was an active member of the Kings Mountain, North Carolina, Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Group. This is my way honoring my very first friend. Good-bye my friend.

The second Trooper I'm highlighting comes from the 2/19 FA. On a personal note, here is a little background about Allen Norris. I had been a 1st Cavalry Division Association member for a good many years, but Charlotte Motor Speedway hosted a Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans. Allen Norris had a space set up to recruit new members for the North Carolina Chapter. I signed up and I became involved with my local state chapter. Allen has since moved up through the national organization to become the First Vice President. Upon the next rotation of national officers, he became the next President of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. Allen was a great asset to the North Carolina Chapter and I look forward to seeing Allen as the next National Association President.



ALLEN O. NORRIS

DOB: March 22, 1945 - Parris Island, South Carolina
Education: BS Textile Chemistry - 1967, Clemson University, Clemson, MBA 1992, Queens College, Charlotte, NC

US Army: Mar 11, 1968 - Mar 7, 1974; Active Duty: Apr 22, 1968 - Jan 16, 1971; Basic Training: Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; AIT: Fort Sill, Oklahoma; OCS: Fort Sill, Oklahoma - Class 5-69 Commissioned: Mar 11, 1969

Duty Assignments: Mar 1969 - Jan 1970 US Army Artillery & Missile School, Office Candidate Brigade, S-3, Duties: Small Arms Instructor Jan 12, 1970 - Jan 11,

1971; USARVN First Cavalry Division: B Battery, 2/19 FA Duties: Forward Observer, Liaison Officer, Fire Direction Officer

My father was a Marine Captain with the 2nd Marine Division during the invasion of Tarawa. His youngest brother was also a Marine who fought on Iwo Jima. Two other brothers were in the Army; one in the Italian campaign and the other was in the Battle of the Bulge. What a blessing that they all returned from the war. I can only imagine how hard it was for my grandparents who had four sons in harm's way.

I had the honor and privilege to represent the 1st Cavalry Division Association at wreath laying ceremonies at the World War II Memorial during Veterans Day ceremonies this past November. As I sat there during the ceremonies, listening to the speakers I realized that I was not only representing the 1st Cav Soldiers from that war but also my father and three of his brothers.

I graduated college in December of 1967. Although I had taken the required two years of ROTC at Clemson, and have always been proud of my dad and my uncles; when I graduated college the career I had in mind did not include the military. However, my other uncle (Sam) had a different idea. When my draft classification changed from 2S to 1A I had to consider different options. The Air Force and National Guard were full, I didn't want to go into the Marines (think Tarawa/Iwo Jima), or the Navy. That left the Army. At that time I felt I would have better control of my options if I became an officer. I wanted to be an engineer officer, but the only openings were in infantry or artillery. I chose artillery.

After graduating from artillery OCS I was assigned as an instructor in the OC Brigade teaching small arms. This meant that when I arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970 that I had not done anything "artillery" in more than ten months. I was assigned to the First Cavalry Division, then to 2/19 FA and to B Battery which was supporting the 2/7 Cavalry from FSB Jamie. For the first few days I was the acting Artillery Liaison Officer working in the infantry battalion TOC because the regular LNO was away. Then I was sent out with a CIDG company as the Forward Observer for about a week. After that I was assigned to A Company 2/7 Cav as the Forward Observer. My learning curve was very steep.

I was the FO for Co A 2/7 Cav until the beginning of August of 1970. We had been on patrol in Tay Ninh Province, Cambodia, and Phoc Vinh Province. During that time I was also the acting LNO in the Division TOC for about three weeks at the end of May and beginning of June while Co A, 2/7 Cav and B Battery 2/19 were on "Palace Guard" in Phoc Vinh and the rest of the battalion was in Cambodia. NOTE: The back cover of the 2017 1st Cavalry Division Association calendar has a picture of a 2/19 FA three man Forward Observer Team. I've always thought that was a myth, sorta like Sasquatch. When I was with Co A, 2/7 Cav, I was the three man FO team.

About the beginning of August 1970 I finished my time as FO and became a Fire Direction Officer for B Battery, 2/19 FA until my tour ended in January 1971. I mentioned earlier how my grandparents must have felt about having four sons involved in battles during World War II. A few years ago I realized that my mother was only 50 and my dad 52 when their oldest son and their oldest daughter's husband were both in Vietnam (my brother-in-law was a slick pilot with MACV). Thankfully, both of us returned safely from the war.

When I returned to the US I had completed my active duty requirement and I became a civilian again. I started working as a textile chemist in the technical service department for a textile dye manufacturer in Rock Hill, South Carolina. I had worked there during the summers while in college and had a job waiting for me when I got out of the Army. I was transferred to the companies' New Jersey office in 1972. One year after moving to New Jersey, I met Cathy Judkins and we were married in January 1974. In 1982 after living and working in New Jersey for ten years, I changed companies. Cathy and I with our three children moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. I worked for BASF in various jobs until 2000.

When I left the Army in 1971, I decided that I was never going to willingly sleep on the ground again. That pledge was doomed to failure when our son joined the Cub Scouts. I became a Scout Leader and we went on many camping trips together including a trip to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. I also helped my wife who was a Girl Scout Leader whenever she took the girls camping. Our son Douglas became a Eagle Scout in 1966.

The textile manufacturing business in the US began a steep decline in the

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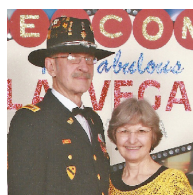


CSM Edward A. Wood

HQ and Special Troops News



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Greeting Troopers and

spouses from North West Louisiana where you run the heat one day and the air conditioner the next day. Christmas day was an unbelievable 75 degrees. A few days later, it was below freezing. Sue and I were blessed to have most of our family in for Christmas. We even got to spend time with our two great-grands – always wonderful to spoil them as best as we can before they depart.

If you have read the Saber and have not found your unit covered in any of the various columns, then you probably belong in this column. HQ and Special Troops covers just about anyone who has no other place to call “home” in the Saber. If your unit used to have a column in the Saber, but is temporarily without a scribe, then feel free to contact me about anything you would like to see published in the Saber.

Please do not forget the upcoming 1st Cav Div Association Reunion at Fort Hood, Texas, from June 7 to Jun 11, 2017. If you haven't registered, please do so! If you have never attended a reunion, words cannot express the fun, camaraderie, and joy of seeing old friends again. The active division always treats us with great respect and puts on a great show for us. Try attending a reunion – Sue and I did about 15 years ago and have missed very few since that time.

I received very little feedback from the Nov/Dec 2016 issue of the Saber so I will continue to publish some interesting “flash backs from the past” sent to me in various documents by John Hovdenes, who served in Korea with the Cav in '62-'63. I hope this will generate interest from those who served with the Cav between the Korean War and the Vietnam War. John also re-contacted me and stated: “Somewhere in your state (Louisiana) is a retired Army Officer named Ed Dappen (Major I think). Ed was an EM at Camp Howze, Korea, when I was there ('62-'63) and we both were stationed at Fort Ben Harrison for a while. Our enlistments were up at the same time, Ed went onto OCS, and I got out. It would be interesting if you had run into him. Ed is a very tall, big guy.” Ed, if you are out there, John and I would like to hear from you.

I received an email from Warren Dupre who said: “I live in Sheridan, Texas, about 70 miles west of Houston. I served in the 1st Cav from '62-'63, in HQ and Co B, 27th Ord Bn. (They will never get me on another ship!) When I get my Saber I turn and read your column first, as I think it is the best one there. I read in the Nov-Dec issue where you had a piece from the ‘Cavalier’ about 1st Sgt Paul M. Brachich Jr. He was one of my 1st Sergeants (I had three while there). Brachich did not stay there for a full tour. I also was in the track section of the 40th Armor. There were five of us, with a SFC in charge. I enjoyed my time in the 27th Ord and in the 1st Cav. Keep up the good column. Thanks for remembering us guys who served in Korea at that time.” You can contact Warren at <warrenduprejr2@gmail.com>. Thanks for the input, Warren. I hope you hear from more buddies from that time.

Someone sent me the website for “The Virtual Wall – Vietnam Veterans Memorial”, <www.virtualwall.org> that provides many ways to search for names on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. You can search by name, city and state or other means. While looking at the website, I found SGT James Wood Megehee from Minden, Louisiana, not far from where I live. SGT Megehee was a member of HQ Service Co, 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cav Div, and was killed in a helicopter crash, on which he was part of the crew, on September 7, 1969. If you knew or served with SGT Megehee, I would like to hear from you. So many names on that wall! Gone, but not forgotten!

Facebook: “Sgt. Kayci Landes made history when she was the first female Soldier to officially become a 19D, Cavalry Scout, in the U.S. Army. She is now assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. We welcome her to the First Team as she begins to Live the Legend.”

Army Information Digest Aug '62: “On 27 Jun '62, the Secretary of the Army approved a recommendation of the Army Chief of Staff and the Intelligence and Security Branch was established in the US Army. Inception of the new basic branch, the first since 1950 when the Military Police and Transportation Branches were added, will provide an attraction for high potential, high quality officers toward a career in intelligence and security. Intelligence has assumed a greater increased stature at both the national and military levels. The shortage of intelligence and security officers to fill vital Army requirements was reaching the critical point. Much of the shortage was related to the buildup in 1961 due to the Berlin crisis as well as increased intelligence requirements for Southeast Asia and Latin America and for support of counterinsurgency forces. In the past, intelligence and security requirements were met by personnel from the Army Intelligence and Army Security Reserve Branches, two-year obligated tour officers, one-tour levies on the various branches and by regular army officers in the specialized programs. It takes about a year and a half to train an area/language qualified counterintelligence officer.”

I remember when the Army Security Agency and Military Intelligence were separate branches of the Army. I attended the MI Counterintelligence course at Fort Holabird (Baltimore), Maryland. A soap factory on one side and a beer brewery on the other. Quite an interesting aroma.

Army Information Digest Aug '62: “This month, with the return of the 32nd Infantry Division and the 49th Armored Division to the Army National Guard, and the 100th Division (Training) to its Reserve status, the active Army will consist of sixteen modern, hard-hitting, highly trained divisions. Two of these Divisions: the 1st Armored at Fort Hood and the 5th Infantry (Mech) at Fort Carson, have been organized and are now undergoing training as the initial ROAD Divisions.” The pamphlet went on to list the divisions of the US Army: 1st Cav, 1st Inf, 82nd Airborne, 101st Airborne, 4th Inf, 5th Div, 2nd Inf, 25th Inf, 24th Inf, 3rd Inf, 1st Armor (Old Ironsides), 2nd Armor (Hell on Wheels), 3rd Armor (Spearhead), 4th Armor, 8th Inf and 7th Inf. The 1st Cav was in Korea, 1st Inf at Fort Riley, 2nd Inf at Fort Benning, 3rd Inf in Germany, 4th Inf at Fort Lewis, 5th Inf (Mech) at Fort Carson, 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, 1st Armor at Fort Hood, 2nd Armor at

Fort Hood, 3rd Armor in Germany, 4th Armor in Germany, 7th Inf in Korea (a very interesting division patch – “In War Invincible, In Peace Prepared” with a dagger pointing down), 8th Inf at Bad Kreuznach, Germany, 24th Inf at Southern Bavaria, Germany, 25th Inf at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. “ROAD” Divisions consisted of Armored, Mechanized, Infantry, and Airborne Divisions.

Army Information Digest Aug '62: “The first Pershing Missile Battalion in the US Army, activated in June '62 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, has been designated 2nd Missile Battalion (Pershing), 44th Artillery. Each of the firing batteries (four) has one launcher and other equipment necessary to deliver a nuclear warhead in excess of a 200-mile range. The Pershing system is intended to replace the operational Redstone ballistic missile.”

Cavalier Aug 27th, '62: “A Soldier who had the distinction of presenting the first M-14 rifle ever manufactured to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House in January 1961, is now serving as First Sergeant of A Co, 1st Battle Group, 5th Cav. In January '61, M/Sgt William S. Robinson, then serving as First Sergeant, Honor Guard Company, 3d Inf (The Old Guard), Fort Myer, Virginia, presented the M-14 to President Eisenhower. He was accompanied by Generals Lyman L. Lemnitzer, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and George H. Decker, Chief of Staff, US Army.”

Cavalier Aug 27th, '62: “4th Cav Finances New Lorean Church, Financed by contributions from members of the 4th Cav, and employing volunteer labor from the Btn, construction of the Munsan-ni-Methodist Church was begun last October. 1st Lt Wes Lofferts of Combat Support Co, originated planning

on the new structure last September. Lofferts' church in Midway, Pennsylvania, sent \$700 in contributions to the church to begin construction. Since that time, Troopers of the 4th Cav and their congregations at home have contributed over \$2000, which is being used to purchase building material for the new church. The first service in the new church was to be held Aug 19th. Chaplain (Capt) Richard L. Combs, 4th Cav, was to deliver the sermon. Many local Methodist dignitaries from throughout Korea will attend as well as Division Chaplain, Lt Col Ray W. Roland.”

Cavalier Sep 24th, '62: “The ‘Hitching Post’, the official newspaper of the 7th Cav, has been awarded the Department of Defense Armed Forces Newspaper Award Certificate of Merit. The co-editors of the newspaper are Sp4 Don J. Michael and PFC James P. Nelson, both of HQ Co.”

Cavalier Oct 8th, 1962: “This year the record of the Eighth Army in Korea has been marred by the cowardly defection of two members of the division to communist north Korea. The two men, PFC James F. Dresnok and Pvt Larry A. Absher, both turned their backs on freedom and crossed into a life of slavery and degradation. Radio Pyongyang, quoted the two young Soldiers as saying they turned their back on country and comrades because of ‘ideological’ reasons.

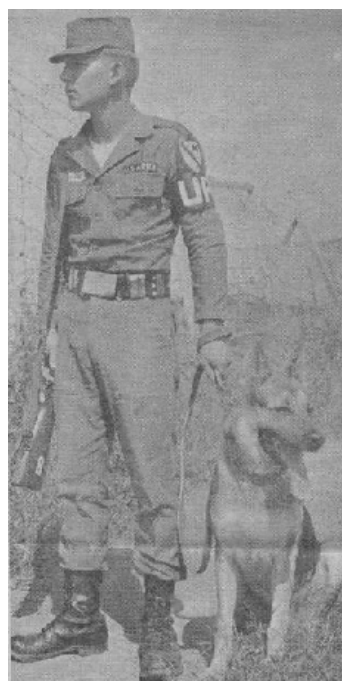
More than likely, their reason was to escape punishment or to escape real or imagined problems. Now serving as pawns for the propaganda machine of the communist world, Absher and Dresnok will in time realize what their treacherous move has cost them. Only then, it will be too late.”

I wonder what became of these defectors. If you know more about this event, please contact me.

Cavalier Oct 22, '62: “Maj Gen Clifton F. von Kann became Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Div on Oct 18, 1962. He replaced Brig Gen Donald C. Clayman, Deputy CG, who has been in temporary command since the departure of Maj Gen James K. Woolnough in August. Arriving at Kimpo Air Base on Oct 18, he was greeted by Gen Clayman, Brig Gen Oscar G. Goodhand, 1st Cav Div Arty Commanding General, and Col James B. Bonham, Division Chief of Staff.”

After research, I found that General von Kann had other connections with the 1st Cav. He was born in 1915 and died in 2014. He served in WWII as the Commander of the 39th Inf Reg, and over a year in Sicily and Italy as an Artillery Battalion Commander. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. After the war, he had some service in military intelligence and then comptroller work at the recently constructed Pentagon. In 1958, he served as the Asst. Div Commander of the 82nd Airborne where he became a senior paratrooper. He then became a fixed wing and helicopter pilot. Later assignments were as Director of Army Aviation in DC and then Deputy Chief of Staff for the newly created US Strike Command in Tampa, Florida. He served as a key member of the “Howze Board” (named for LTG Hamilton Howze, appointed by the Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara in 1962 to develop and test the concept of air mobility). The board's recommendation, that the Army commit itself to organic air assault, including extensive use of helicopters to transport troops, artillery, and supplies and provide local aerial fire support, was adopted by the Department of Defense and led to the creation of the 1st Air Cavalry Division. When General von Kann received his second star, he was the youngest Major General in the US Army. After his work on the Howze Board, he went to Korea to take command of the 1st Cav Div which later became the 1st Air Cav Division. His final assignment was as CG of the US Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He retired from the US Army in 1965, where he continued to serve the US in various federal aviation organizations, including

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Pvt Allen J. Billings, Post Engineer Security, with his 3 year old German Shepherd, “Major”, stand guard as a team (Korea 1962).



General von Kann

THE HICCUP - Health Care Information Committee Report



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Call to Action!
As we enter a new year, I want to challenge you to finally Get Around to It and consider

registering with the medical side of the Veterans Administration and filing a VA Claim. Over the past year, I have tried to help several Veterans and their Families getting into the VA Medical system and compensation to help pay for their health care.

Because of the changing financial world, it would have provided additional funds for the Veteran's health care and services if they had only gotten around to it, but when they try to start the long process of submitting a claim it takes time and remember you are dealing with the government.

So my challenge to you this New Year is just do it. If not for you, consider your Family. The VA has gone through a series of budget cuts, up until 2004 because Veterans were not using the VA facilities or programs. Remember – "use it or lose it." As we see the reduction in the active military and cuts, if we do not have a greater participation in the VA programs, they will be cut.

The VA claim process has improved because of the support of our active military and Veterans. One Vietnam Veteran that I have been bugging for years, finally submitted his claim in June 2010, and received a disability rating for 80% in December 2010. So, the process has improved and if you can show the service connection and health problems, then there is a very good chance you will be awarded a disability rating.

So in closing – just do it and don't place the burden on your Family when you really need it. If you need additional information, please contact me or visit my website where I have two tabs for "Veteran Benefits" and "Veterans in Business" at www.acpactx.org.

In the next HICCUP, I will provide some information on the claim filing system that has made it easier and faster for Veterans.

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as President of the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), <<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtontimes/obituary.aspx?pid=169249280>>.

It seems that many officers serve numerous tours with the great 1st Cav Division! I am sure many NCO's also serve more than one tour with the Cav. If you know of a great Trooper with many tours with the Cav, contact me, I would like to publish their history.

History of the 15th Administrative Company: First organized as HQ and HQ Troop, 1st Cav Div, QM, Trains, at Fort Bliss, Texas, in September 1941. It later became the 15th Replacement Company before evolving into a part of the 15th Admin Co in 1957. As the 15th Replacement Co, the unit earned two meritorious unit streamers for its outstanding record during WWII. It later served on duty with the 1st Cav Div in the occupation of Japan. When the 1st Cav Div was ordered to Korea at the start of hostilities, the 15th Replacement Co went along and continued to carry out its mission of processing in new troops. During the Korean War, the company was awarded its third meritorious unit streamer. The 15th Admin Co came into being with the reorganization of the 1st Cav Div as a pentomic unit in 1957, and the proud 15th Replacement Co became a section of the new administrative company.

Cavalier, Christmas 1961: M/Sgt William F. Lillis will celebrate his first of four Christmas' with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea as a free man, Dec 25th, 1962. The 40 year old sergeant first came to Korea with the 1st Cav Div in July 1950, just after the outbreak of the Korean War. On Nov 5th 1950, he was taken prisoner by communist soldiers somewhere north of Pyongyang, the north Korean capital. Fifty days later, at a temporary POW camp below the Yalu River, Lillis spent what he calls "the worst Christmas of my life." Lillis stated, "We were all very hungry. Our buddies were dying all around us. We knew it was Christmas but we were too exhausted, after nearly two months of forced marches on a starvation diet, to do much celebrating." By his second Christmas in captivity, Lillis was in a permanent camp at Pyukdong. Under the Chinese 'lenient policy', the POWs were allowed a special Christmas dinner of rice, a little pork, stuffed buns, and a hardboiled egg. They were given one pair of socks each as a Christmas present. In 1952, Lillis led a prisoner uprising in his compound against communist attempts to force confessions of germ warfare from American prisoners. As a result, he spent Christmas of 1952 in a jail compound reserved for reactionaries, such as himself. Lillis' 34-month trial by ordeal ended on August 31, 1953, when he was liberated at Panmunjom. He spent Christmas that year at his Oakland, California, home with his wife and two daughters. That, he recalls with a smile, "was an amazing Christmas."

If you are still out there Sergeant Lillis (or friend or relative), we would be honored to hear from you.

From the past: US Forces Korea Form 1, 5 Apr 60 (Rev): "Guard's Weapon Code" – "I am armed with a powerful weapon that will kill when fired at a person. I will never playfully or carelessly point my weapon at anyone nor use it as a bluff. I will never fire my weapon against persons who have abandoned their apparent intent to inflict injury, pilfer or destroy property, or who's only known offense is trespassing. Except when my own life, or the life of another whom it is my duty to protect as in imminent danger, I will fire at the lower extremities with the intent to injure rather than kill and this only after proper warning. I will be cautious and use conservative judgment governing the use of my weapon in any case and at all times."

Does the US Army still teach Soldiers the "Code of Conduct" and the general orders for guard duty? I can still recall some of both. "I will never forget that I am an American fighting man." (Guess that would have to have been changed now-a-days to fighting person?) "I will walk my post from plank to plank and salute every SOB above my rank?"

Well, Troopers, that's a wrap for this issue. Hope to see you at the reunion in June. Keep your powder dry and watch your back. Thank a fellow Veteran when you see one. Pray that God will bless and guide our president elect. May God bless and keep you and may He bless the USofA, the United States Army, the great 1st Cav Div, and every trooper/sailor/airman/marine/coastguardsman that goes into harm's way.

If you served with the 1st Cavalry Division, you are part of the First Team Family!

21st FA News

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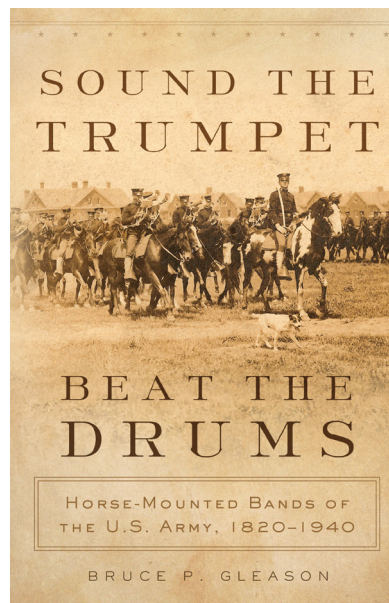
the 1990's, in 2000 our division at BASF was sold, and I was laid off. I began my search for employment and quickly found out that jobs in the textile industry were scarce. I decided to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association and do some networking. I had joined the Association during Vietnam in 1970 and had kept up my membership over the years, but had not attended meetings and didn't know any other members. My networking effort didn't help me get a job, but I decided that I wanted to become an active member of the National Association and the North Carolina Chapter. I did find employment in the paper industry and retired in 2015, after thirteen years. Now I'm enjoying retirement. Besides my duties with the 1st Cavalry Association, I volunteer at the USO in the Charlotte, North Carolina Airport. We watch our four year old grandson four afternoons a week (he's the youngest of six), and I've recently taken up fly-fishing. During our 43 years of marriage, Cathy and I have traveled to Europe, the Caribbean, Canada, and the US. We've also sailed in the Virgin Islands and currently own a 30' Catalina sailboat that we keep at our home on Lake Norman in North Carolina. We're the proud grandparents of six, four of whom live within an easy driving distance.

My time working with the 1st Cavalry Division Association at the local and national level has been most rewarding. I've been chapter Vice President and President. I've served on the Association Board of Governors, as 3rd VP, 2nd VP, and now as 1st VP. I am quite proud of this organization and the men and women who have served in the 1st Cavalry Division.

The mailbag is empty for now. I want to leave these lasting thoughts. Even though the Vietnam War has long been over it still is affecting many of us. If there is an old buddy you have been thinking of reaching out to, do it, there might not be a tomorrow. Until next time Tube Troopers, Garyowen.

Horse-Mounted Bands of the U.S. Army

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FROM THE 1CDA OFFICE:

Door Prizes for Upcoming Fort Hood, Texas Reunion

Doesn't everyone love the idea of winning something? Wouldn't it be fun to have a door prize at a few of our venues? With that being said, we would like to make this happen at the below events:

Ladies Tea
War Luncheons: Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, OEF/OIF
Banquet: 3 door prizes

We are asking for donated items/gifts for the door prizes. Monetary donations are accepted as well. We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation. Any questions, feel free to call the office at 254-547-6537. We look forward in seeing and meeting everyone at our most talked about event!



Come for a Visit:

If you are a member and never been to the office, or if you are in the area, please ensure to stop by to say "Hi" and see the First Cavalry Division Headquarters Office at 302 North Main Street in Copperas Cove, to see what we did to the place! We made some minor adjustments to redecorate the office and conference room. Check out the priceless, historical memorabilia/documents, given to us, that are on display. Drop by for a cup of coffee and conversation!

1CDA Staff

Attend a reunion, it's good therapy!
70th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association
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A donation to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association helps a student acheive their educational goals and is an investment in the future of America.

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We greatly appreciate all of our First Cav Members!

THANK YOU!

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

LTG (Ret) Richard D. Lawrence, age 86, died 9 December 2016. LTG (Ret) Lawrence went to West Point and graduated in 1953 with a Mechanical Engineering degree, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and married his wife, Pat Wiese.

They moved frequently with each Army assignment. He graduated top in his class at the Armor Advanced School, Fort Knox. He got his Masters in Engineering at USC and his Doctorate in Operations Research at Ohio State in 1968. He went to Vietnam and commanded the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment from 1968 to 1969 where he was awarded two Silver Stars.

Following this assignment, he became a Brookings Institute Fellow publishing his book U.S. Force Structure in NATO. At the end of that assignment he was selected as part of the design team for developing the Abrams M-1 tank, briefing the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Creighton Abrams, on its final design. He then commanded the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Following that assignment, he was selected as the Project Manager for modernizing the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG) and promoted to Brigadier General. During that assignment, he learned Arabic, became good friends with the future Saudi King Abdullah, and was recognized as an expert in Middle East affairs. He returned to Washington, D.C., and was promoted to Major General leading the Army Tank Management Office, Pentagon. During that time, he was selected by President Carter and Cyrus Vance to be the Senior U.S. Military Advisor to the Camp David Accords. He worked closely with senior military officials from Israel and Egypt negotiating the locations of the Israeli withdrawal phases from the Sinai. Many of those officials, such as Ezer Weizman, would become prominent leaders in the Middle East.

Following that agreement, he was tasked by President Carter to create a U.S. military response option for the Middle East if military conflict would be necessary in the future. He recommended a forward deployment of equipment within the Middle East and an initial rapid response force that was dedicated to Middle East operations. He recommended that response force expand to a Unified Command level over several years. That Unified Command would later become Central Command and the forward deployed equipment would be used in the rapid response for Desert Storm. He was selected as the 1st Cavalry Division Commander at Fort Hood in 1980 and was responsible for bringing the M-1 Tank into the U.S. Army. From there he was selected as the Commandant of the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was then selected as the President of the National Defense University and promoted to Lt. General. During his career, he was an advisor to three Presidents - Ford, Carter, and Reagan. He was a member of the Council



on Foreign Relations. He retired in 1986 and eventually moved to Austin where he was a UT professor working on the Advanced Electromagnetic Railgun. He became an accomplished portrait sculptor beginning at age 65.

During his life, LTG (Ret) Lawrence had a tremendous influence on world leaders and mentored great Soldiers, but his most profound impact was on his family and extended Family. He was a great dad. He loved his wife, his children and their spouses, his grandchildren and their spouses, and his great-grandchildren.

In Loving Memory



Major General James C. Smith, age 93, died December 14th in his residence in Lawrenceville, Georgia, after a long battle with illness. General Smith is survived by his wife of 66 years, Doris, and 7 children: Sandra Smith, Ripp Smith, Jamie Dahl, Carol Smith, Valerie Smith, Heidi Smith, and Robert Smith. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Son of a Sergeant Major in the 6th Cavalry, General Smith grew up with the Troopers, even participating in summer maneuvers as a schoolboy in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. He went on to join the Army as a 17-year-old. In a 39-year career, General Smith fought for

our country in 3 major wars: WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. When the Army first took to the air, he was among the young men first trained to fly. He made major contributions in Vietnam and in later years to the Army's advances in air mobility with helicopters.

MG(Ret) James C. Smith served as the DISCOM Commander in 1965, 1st Brigade Commander in 1966 and the Division Commander in 1971. MG (Ret) Smith served as the Association President from 1982 to 1984. After retiring from active duty, he served as a consultant and participated in the development of the modern drones. MG (Ret) Smith served as the Association President from 1982-1984.

General Smith served with distinction over the course of his career; he was awarded many medals of valor including the Distinguished Service Medal and multiple Distinguished Flying Crosses, Silver Stars, and Purple Hearts.



Warmest regards to their Families.



WALK-INS

We can not guarantee the availability of tickets.

1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 68th REUNION - 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

I will attend the 1st Cavalry Division Association 68th Annual Reunion at the Shilo Inn and Suites, Killeen, Texas, June 10-14, 2015. Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm Tuesday, June 4, 2013 in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. **Seating at all functions is limited.** Hotel cancellations must be done personally with the hotel.

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>NO. OF TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>
Registration Fee (Member Only)		\$20.00	\$ _____
Postmarked After May 1, 2015		\$40.00	\$ _____
Active Duty (Must have Active Duty ID Card)		\$10.00	\$ _____

YOU MUST BE AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER TO REGISTER. PLEASE PROVIDE ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

Are you a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association? Yes ___ No ___

Please Print Clearly or place a Return Address Label. Don't forget Nickname.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

NICKNAME _____

GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER _____

Telephone # (____) _____

Preferred Unit(s) order (1) _____

(2) _____

Date(s) Served in 1st Cav (1) _____ to _____

(2) _____ to _____

I served during (Circle one or more): Pre-WWII WWII JAPAN (Anytime)
KOREAN WAR KOREA '57-65 FT. BENNING VIETNAM WAR
FT. HOOD GULF WAR BOSNIA AFGHANISTAN IRAQ FT. BLISS.

I will be accompanied by my spouse or other (Full Name and Nickname) _____

and the following persons, please specify relationship. (Family members only.)

Name _____	Nickname _____	Age (Children) _____
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Is this your first 1st Cav. Div. Assn. Reunion? ___ Yes ___ No

My e-mail is: _____

am staying at: Red Lion Inn ___ Oxford Suites ___ Home ___ Local ___ RV
___ Other _____

Please specify where you are staying, as it will help us to find you in the event of an emergency. Thanks!

Registration fee required for **Association members only** (Widows and Gold Star Family members pay no Fee) - no fee for family members accompanying Association member. Registration includes: Name Tags (required for admission to Reunion Room and other activities), Official Reunion Program, Reunion Pin and information package.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Welcoming Mixer	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
Sweet Heart Dance	_____	\$ 8.00 ea.	\$ _____

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Purple Heart Breakfast	_____	\$21.00 ea.	\$ _____
War Era Luncheons			
World War II Veterans	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
Korean War Veterans	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
Vietnam War Veterans	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
Gulf War Veterans	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
Iraq/Afghan War Veterans	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
Texas BBQ	_____	\$23.00 ea.	\$ _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Gold Star Family Breakfast	_____	\$21.00 ea.	\$ _____
Ladies Tea	_____	\$16.00 ea.	\$ _____
Unit Luncheons	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____

I wish to attend lunch with: (Circle one)

5th Cav	7th Cav	8th Cav	9th Cav	12th Cav	Artillery
Engineers	HQ & Special Troops	LRRP/Ranger	Silver Wings		

Reunion Banquet

Adult	_____	\$42.00 ea.	\$ _____
Child (12 years and under)	_____	\$22.00 ea.	\$ _____

I wish to sit at the Reunion Banquet with: (Circle one)

5th Cav	7th Cav	8th Cav	9th Cav	12th Cav	Artillery
Engineers	HQ & Special Troops	LRRP/Ranger	Silver Wings		

Banquet table seating is assigned during the reunion. You must take your banquet tickets to the Banquet Seating Table to get your table number assigned. NO ONE will be admitted in without a table number on their ticket. To assist us in organizing the seating, please circle the unit that you wish to sit with at the Banquet. **Please get your table number assigned prior to noon Saturday.**

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Group Breakfast	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____
LRRP/Ranger Breakfast	_____	\$25.00 ea.	\$ _____

And a little extra to help cover expenses? \$ _____

Please renew my SABER Subscription (\$10 per year) \$ _____

New Life Membership (\$10) RANK _____ \$ _____

Last four of SSN _____ DOB _____

(Don't forget the Registration Fee)

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