The President’s Corner

In the last issue of the Saber Scott Smith announced his resignation effective February 25. That was also the date the Board of Governors was scheduled to meet. At that meeting in accordance with bylaws of the Association, I was elected to complete Scott’s term as President.

I would like to thank all those who participated in our election to the 1st Cavalry Division Association. MG (Ret) Scott B. Smith is a Vietnam Veteran having served with the 1st Cavalry Division as the 8th Engineer Battalion Commander 1969 – 70. He was with the Cav again in 1977-78 as Commander of the Division Support Command at Fort Hood.

Prior to his becoming Association President in 2016 he served on the Board of Governors, as 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice President. He was the driving force in the formation of the Health Care Information Committee, served as its chairman, and in that capacity wrote a number of articles for the Saber. He has also pushed for the formation of a Marketing and Recruitment Committee. He was a founding member of the Association’s Nevada Chapter. Scott was the Director of the Institute of Security Studies at UNLV and served on Nevada’s Veterans Services Commission. I ask you to keep Scott in your thoughts and prayers.

In this issue is information about election of officers of the Association. If you would like to serve the Association and your fellow Troopers, please send your information to the nominating committee. Association Officers are elected at the General Membership meeting during the Annual Reunion.

Plans for the 1st Cavalry Division Association’s 70th annual have been finalized. You can sign up by using the form in this issue or download a form from <www.1CDA.org>. Our annual reunions are a great time for you to connect with fellow Troopers, meet old friends, and make new ones. I hope to see you there. (Thanks to Dennis Webster for contributing to this article).

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By now, all of you should have read the last edition of the Saber and found that MG (Ret) Scott Smith has resigned as our Association President. We here at the HQ, wish him the best and are hoping his health takes a turn for the better. Additionally I need to make a correction on Scott’s rank. Last edition I had demoted him to Brigadier General, he in fact is a retired Major General. So sorry for the mistake Scott, not sure what I was thinking while writing my article.

The Board Members met in February and elected Allen Norris to serve as President for the remainder of Scott’s term. I look forward to working with Allen in the future.

This Saber edition says goodbye to a legendary officer, LTG (Ret) Harold G. Moore, more commonly known as ‘Hal’ by his Troopers and friends. My only knowledge of the General is through the memories of his men and the movie “We Were Soldiers”. His men loved him dearly and their stories will continue to live the spirit of the cavalry by its transformation into a unit from the proud heritage of the United States Cavalry.

As a part of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, one of seven mounted cavalry units on active duty in the United States Army, brings to life the spirit of the cavalry by its transformation into a unit from the proud heritage of the United States Cavalry.

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The garrison, workshops and stables are located in a rural setting adjacent to the main entrance of Fort Hood. The detachment is organized and equipped to represent the division as an 1870 era "horse soldier" troop, complete with cavalry uniforms consisting of government issue blouses, trousers, hats, belts and boots, authentic firearms, sabers, saddles and work details of the period. The standard weapons issued to the troops are the 1875 Model 45-70 Springfield "Trap Door" Carbine, the 1875 Colt Single Action, 45 Caliber Revolver and the 1860 Light Carbine Saber which was considered as standard issue for the Civil War period. Saddles used on the horses are the McClellan 1885 Saddle, which has been modified with the 1904 quarter strap.

The close order mounted drills are patterned as in the 1883 Manual of Tactics. Even the horses chosen for platoon mounts are selected to the same physical standards imposed a century ago. Each horse must be no less than 15 hands high, and it must be dark, with a minimum of white markings. In addition to the horses and mules, the platoon has a Studebaker escort wagon from the 1890s, which has been restored by members. The wagon was originally used to haul supplies, but it is now mostly used to give rides to children attending the horse platoon shows.

The detachment operates as a self-sufficient unit, performing all of its specialized functional support. The leather shop is equipped with the tools and specialized equipment needed to provide functional support. The leather shop is equipped with the tools and specialized equipment needed to provide functional support.

Horse Detachment by CPT Jeremy A. Woodard

The present day Horse Cavalry Detachment of the 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas, was formed under the direction of MG James C. Smith (Commander May 1971 to September 1973) of the 1st Cavalry Division - a general noted both for his ability to build morale among his troops and a keen sense of public relations. The Horse Cavalry Detachment of the 1st Cavalry Division, one of seven mounted cavalry units on active duty in the United States Army, brings to life the spirit of the cavalry by its transformation into a unit from the proud heritage of the United States Cavalry.

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Pvt. Gage Higgins, HQ Support BN Soldier, “Going in now that I know what to expect is very motivating,” he said.
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We reserve the right to reject for publication any letter received. Unused letters will not be acknowledged.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Dear Editor,**

I wanted to take this time to thank 1st Cavalry for your continued support over the years. I am happy to say that this May I will be graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Georgia with a B.B.S. in Risk Management and Insurance. Through my time at UGA, I have also earned a certificate in Legal Studies and have been presented with so many wonderful opportunities. I could not have gotten to this point without this scholarship, and your generosity means everything to me. Thank you so much! Best, Skylor Hanson

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**KOREAN WAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY 19-22 APRIL 2017**

**Springfield, VA.**

**POC** Tim Story <timmoni15@yahoo.com>

**227th AHB 2017 Reunion, 25-29 APR 2017**

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**Army Skipper Association Reunion, 17-20 MAY 2017**

Delta Company 2-8 Cav, 65-72, Washington, DC; <www.armyskipperassociation.org>

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Killeen Expo Center, Killeen, TX, pocs. kitty Colella <bobbylgay@yahoo.com>, (386) 366-4803. D Company, 2-8th Cav (Army Skipper 65-67), 21-17 May 2017. Crown Plaza (Dulles Airport), Herndon, VA. Info <www.armyskipperassociation.org>, contact Robin Woo, <ctwo@suresetwest.net>

**A-2-12 ICD Reunion 1-4 June 2017**

Bell Cow Ranch Cabins and Lodges; Chandler, OK. 30th FA Reunion, 19-22 June 2017. Lake George, NY, POC John Hootker (518) 377-9420 or <nyfma@aol.com>

**Apache Troop Reunion, 3-6 August 2017**

Arlington, VA. POC is Mike Bond <nbhluvaj@msn.com>


**4th Infantry Division Celebrates 70 Years, Fort Carson, CO August 13-20, 2017; visit <http://www.4infantry.org>**

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

**12th Cav Regiment Reunion 12-17 September 2017.** Weik Resorts Branson, MO. 20th Annual ARA Reunion, 13-17 September 2017. Williamsburg, VA.

**CHARLIE Troop19 Cav, 17-19 September 2017.** Gettysburg, PA; Contact: Patrick Bienenman <pcbmin@verizon.net>

CHAPTER NEWS

New York/New Jersey Chapter (1 pic)
The New York-New Jersey Chapter will host its Spring meeting and lunch on April 8, 2017 11:00AM at the Elks Lodge, Ridgefield Park NJ there will be Chapter Updates-Lunch. Hanging out with your friends. It’s time for another group chapter picture.

Set GPS: to 19 Cr St., Ridgefield Park New Jersey
North Carolina – Tarheel Chapter
March 29 is Vietnam Veterans Day. BRING a VN artifact or souvenir to this meeting (no guns).

Asheboro is in the geographic center of North Carolina and is within 100 miles of 140 of our 225 NC members. There are seven hundred 1st Cavalry NC veterans listed by our National Assn. We need new members.

Minutes from the December 3rd Meeting: Members and guests met on December 3rd at the historic Seaboard Station Restaurant in Hamlet, NC. Several members visited the National Railroad Museum in downtown. Martha Haskins won the 50-50 drawing.

A 50th Year Vietnam War Commemoration Event planned for our Asheboro Meeting.

Donations: Thanks to all who make donations to our chapter and to the participants in the 50:50.

Meeting Plans
Chapter Meeting March 11, 2017 Asheboro, NC
Chapter Meeting June 10, 2017 Raleigh, NC
Chapter Meeting September 9, 2017 Mooresville, NC

Division Doings

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“Not having weekends off will be more physically demanding on the students, as they won’t have those extra days to recover” said Staff Sgt. Joe Keiser, an instructor at the PWA. “But the upside is the information we put out to them will be fresh in their minds, and they’ll retain better things.”

Although the physical demands for the course are high, all staff agree that the most rewarding part of their job is when a Soldier finally understands the material and succeeds in passing the course. “The point when a student gets it, when they understand all the stuff that we’re teaching them and apply it,” said Sgt. Grace Laster, an instructor at the PWA. “Seeing students succeed and, at the end, them wanting to put your pins on, that’s the best part.”

Air Cav trains with military dogs

by Spc. DeMarco Wills, 1st ACB Pao, 1st Cav. Div. FORT HOOD, Texas – Crew chiefs and flight medics from Company C, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion ("Lobos"), 226th Military Police Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division conducted K-9 aircraft familiarization and flight crew K-9 training March 2 on Hood Army Air Field. Lobos coordinated with handlers from the 226th Military Working Dog Detachment, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade to arrange a two-part training where flight crew members could get comfortable around the dogs and familiarize the dogs with the HH-60 Blackhawk. “We want to ensure that the first time a military working dog, handler, and paramedic work together isn’t in a combat environment,” said HH-60M Blackhawk pilot 1st Lt. David Caskey. In the first half of training, Troopers spent time with the handlers learning how to muzzel the dogs and giving basic commands to the dogs. In the second half of the training, the handlers and their dogs visited the Lobos hangar to be briefed on the capabilities of the HH-60 Blackhawk and receive flying experience. “I think it is great to find out the difference in reactions between an experienced and an inexperienced dog, and how to handle the situation to avoid injuries to both dogs and handlers,” said Sgt. Raul Garza, a flight medic from Company C, 2-227th Aviation Regiment. During the flight training, Troopers simulated scenarios in which a 9-Line MEDEVAC was requested for a K-9. The medics learned to work with a stressed animal in a confined space and still provide care to the patient. “The back of a MEDEVAC helicopter (HH-60M) is a tight space when packed with our complete medical loadout,” said Caskey, “This gives our medics and crew chiefs an opportunity to see what it’s going to be like to throw medical working dog and handler into the mix.”

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WANTED/LOST/FOUND

Looking for Jack Moneyhan; served with the Division in Vietnam; rank and unit are unknown; please contact the Association at <firstcav@1cda.org> if you have information.

Looking for items related to Camp Greaves, Korea DMZ (circa. 1950) documents, photos, maps etc. The country of Korea would like the items for a museum being established at the location of the camp. Send all items to the Association at 302 N Main St, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

Looking for a Vietnam Veteran from 3rd BCT that remained in Bien Hoa, on his 2nd tour, from 1971 until June 26, 1972. His name is Bob; last name is not known by his daughter who was born in Bien Hoa on July 5, 1972. The girlfriend of Bob and mother of the baby girl is Tha Tran Ha, and still lives in Vietnam. The daughter, named 'Vicky' Ha at the request of Bob, the father. Vicky and her 3 children, ages 11, 13, 15, live in Santa Ana, CA. POC Jerry Bussjaeger, 949-370-6845, San Clemente, CA.

Horse Detachment

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tools and specialized machinery, which is required to meet the needs of tack repair and remanufacture, saddle repair and restoration, and boot repair and manufacture. Major use of this equipment is made during the late fall and winter months to ensure that all gear is in readiness for the spring and summer parade season. In addition to the personal gear that must be maintained by each trooper, the small “motor pool” of special horse trailers, which are used to transport the horses and equipment to remote locations, are also maintained by the troopers. Since its inception in 1972, the detachment has performed for all types of audiences, from children to Presidential Inaugural Parades, the 1984 World’s Fair, the 1996 Tournament of Roses Parade and literally thousands of state and local fairs, parades, and rodeos. The detachment performs formal military parades and reviews, civic and community street parades, and a 30 minute mounted drill and weapons demonstration. Demonstrations are on Thursdays at 1000 hours.
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61st Day Room

Sta Bueno and keep those cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails coming.

A donation to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association helps a student achieve their educational goals and is an investment in the future of America.
I saw a D Co men bringing up a wounded man on a poncho. Who got hit? Oh bandaged up. He was in real pain by the look on his face. I asked him what D Co we would have a chance and be a reinforcement to them. When we joined 13 men didn't have a chance by ourselves against that large enemy force. With Kellogg going after him to look out for him. I noticed Sergeant Misel had two Meyers said he would go. So Doc headed out with Pat Rankin and Sergeant McInerney, a good brave and kind man. May God rest his soul and the souls of minute of hearing the shots, we heard the bad news come in over the radio. The we can all be proud of. Down the trail they went. In five minutes I heard that of man. Even though I was in a world of hurt and thought this might be my last dangerous position for an officer, especially in the middle of a firefight. I shouted to me up. He knew I was in a world of hurt. I said, “Lieutenant, I am giving up the fight.” He said, “No way, Doc!” He headed out with me. It was only a minute or so that I was able to get my huffing and puffing. McInerney, D Co Commander. He came right up to me, smiled in my face, apologized for my condition, and then hotfooted it to the building. Something just didn't seem right because behind me. They were quite noisy. I thought, now we're going to really catch sounds like a lot of ammo, but I felt naked against all those NV A soldiers armed with AK-47s, RPG machine guns, RPG rocket launchers, hand grenades and mortars. I was saving this for the “counter attack.” By the way, it never came, but one must be prepared for it. Anyways, I heard noise of people coming from the direction of my flank and behind me. They were quite noisy. I thought, now we're going to really catch it. I had my gun up and was ready to pop it if necessary. I heard a shot from the left side, followed by another, then a third, and then a fourth. I noticed G.I. M-1 helmets with camo so I knew they were our guys. I noticed those. What does all of this have to do with the separate but equal (not). Once we reached our pass in the local lockup. Our drinks were taken from a very friendly bartender, and I do mean friendly. He was kind enough to give us a drink at the bar. We went into the bar and each of us took a stool and ordered our meal by a very friendly carhop. She smiled, took our order, then hotfooted it to the building. Something just didn't seem right because behind me. They were quite noisy. I thought, now we're going to really catch sounds like a lot of ammo, but I felt naked against all those NV A soldiers armed with AK-47s, RPG machine guns, RPG rocket launchers, hand grenades and mortars. I was saving this for the “counter attack.” By the way, it never came, but one must be prepared for it. Anyways, I heard noise of people coming from the direction of my flank and behind me. They were quite noisy. I thought, now we're going to really catch it. I had my gun up and was ready to pop it if necessary. I heard a shot from the left side, followed by another, then a third, and then a fourth. I noticed G.I. M-1 helmets with camo so I knew they were our guys. I noticed the lead man was older so he must be an officer or Sergeant. There's a lot of guys coming. It looks like a platoon, no it's a company. The lead man was CPT McInerney, D Co Commander. He came right up to me, smiled in my face, shook my left shoulder, and said, "Not to worry C Co, Delta is here to save the of him if I had tried. We sat, drank, and socialized. He danced with some of the ladies. My sense of fact, that is exactly what we did. I accompanied him to an all black private club. We were on maneuvers in the Carolina's and Georgia flying in every conceivable aircraft and landing in many different kinds of fields not classified as airports. We were on maneuvers most of the time. When I say most of the time, I mean for weeks at a time and once for three months. Moreover, that lead to an overload crisis nine months later when we got back to Fort Gordon. I was an officer due to my corrected eyesight. His thinking was I could not lead Troops in combat. I am thankful that no one told that to the young men who served under my direction as a Staff Sergeant in 1965 and 1966 in Vietnam. So I went to Korea for 13 months and then came back to Fort Benning. Orders for the 11th Air Assault Division. What was Air Assault? I was in the Army not the Air Force. I was a GI, that's what I was. OK so we were spending the night at the bus terminal in Augusta. GA While I had my wheels with me, I was advised and learned that having northern plates on a vehicle was an open invitation to receiving a traffic citation. Of course, all you had to do was pay the fine on the spot or be locked up and in those days, you were then AWOL. What a shake down. The ruling by the Supreme Court that you could not be AWOL if you were in government custody certainly put a damper on that game. The Surgeon General Dept. of the Army decided I was not ready to be an officer due to my corrected eyesight. His thinking was I could not lead Troops in combat. I am thankful that no one told that to the young men who served under my direction as a Staff Sergeant in 1965 and 1966 in Vietnam. When the South was Separate But Equal? no, it was Doc Meyers. Doc was really an all right guy who cared about other guys unlike some of the previous medics in our platoon whose names I won't mention. To be continued...
blessed us in life and many others. His 'Forever Smile' was for everyone, not just his family and close friends. We spent some remarkable times together. Jim had a large and enduring impact on the lives of many. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge among others. We held the reflagging ceremony on February 3, 2017 at 1000, on Thunder field, by our Battalion Headquarters. The Army's redesign concept for the Combined Arms Battalion reorganizes the Battalion to one Infantry Company and two Tank Companies. In an effort to reconnect with our lineage, we are reaching out to the survivors of the Vietnam era call signs. They will reflag as Aces High (Alpha Company), Bad Bet (Bravo Company), Wild Card (Charlie Company), Gambler (Golf Company), and Hold 'em (HHC). If you are in the local Fort Hood area on February 3, 2017, then please join us for the reflagging ceremony on Thunder Field at 1000. We also plan to host this year's 12th Cavalry Regiment Reunion during the 1st Cavalry Division Reunion (June 5 through June 9, 2017). Thunderhorse! General Fil, 1st Cavalry Division Commander. The Multi-National Corps-Iraq, under the command of Major General Karpinski, 1st Cavalry Division; 3-64 Armor Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division; and the 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. Baghdad was the responsibility of Multi-National Division, Baghdad (MND-B), under the command of Major General Fil, 1st Cavalry Division Commander. The Multi-National Corps-Iraq was on Camp Victory, under the command of Lt General Raymond Odierno, which was the place where Uday and Qusay Hussein had kept game animals for canned hunting purposes. 2-12 Cavalry Battalion had been there awhile before which was the place where Uday and Qusay Hussein had kept game animals for canned hunting purposes. 2-12 Cavalry Battalion had been there awhile before which was the place where Uday and Qusay Hussein had kept game animals for canned hunting purposes. 2-12 Cavalry Battalion had been there awhile before which was the place where Uday and Qusay Hussein had kept game animals for canned hunting purposes. 2-12 Cavalry Battalion had been there awhile before which was the place where Uday and Qusay Hussein had kept game animals for canned hunting purposes.
NEW MEMBERS

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SGT AFOA NEEMIA TX HHC 155BSTB 1506
SGT ANDERSON JAMES JOSEPH M I-1 12C 7108
SP-4 ARPAN KEN SD D 2-5C 65
SGT BAH FATOMATEA TX HHC 2-5C 1508
COL BAKER PHILLIP TX A 1CA 00
SGT BECKETT ORIS GLENN W TX B-2 6098
E-4 BERTONE GERALD D 1-12C 6612
SGT BOREN JEFFERY D. TX B-2 69004
1LT BOWIE CHARLES AR D-1 8C 6303
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SGT BULLOCK MICHAEL CA HHC 1-5C 8702
SSG BURRIS LATOYIA TX 1-96TC 1105
SGT BRYAN FREDERICK TX A 1-12C 6612
SSG BURRIS LATOMA TX 1-96C 1105
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E-4 COE SIDNEY TD D-1 76507
SSG DANIEL BAKER VA HHC DISCOM 0011
E-4 DAVIS CLIFTON GA A-1 8C 6807
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SP-5 GORE KENT W. OR 1-15AC 6508
SP-5 JENSEN JOHN C JR MI 1-155BSTB 6702
E-5 HILL ANDREW A. CA 11AVN 6702
PCF HILL LEROY E. JR IA A-1 12C 6407
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72nd Anniversary Liberation of Santo Tomas

Not a day goes by that I, Rosemary Hoyt Weber do not give thank God for the First Cavalry. Seventy-two years ago, 800 men of the Flying Columns traveled 100 miles in three days to rescue and free the 3700 internees that were held in Santo Tomas for 37 months. The 44th Infantry and the 7th Infantry were also part of the rescue. Some people do not realize the “gift” of freedom. The First Cav and the 44th tank Battalion gave us this gift. We had not seen our American flag for 37 months. I keep in touch with Chelly Mendoza Family, Jack Pike, Chethly Calvery, and John Yunker who was 100 in July of 2016. I am in touch with his Family, also Bob Harrison and his son. Freedom is not free, you all took a risk in your lives and freed total strangers. Each of you are in my prayers, and my husband and I carry the tremendous fear of not knowing what our future held was on February 3rd, 1945. I pray every night for your ultimate courage. Her address: 10200 West Bluemound Apt 529 Milwaukee, WI 53226. A million thanks to each of you.

Below is an excerpt from “Three Years in Santo Tomas” by Eve Foss Hoyt, mother of 10-year-old Rosemary Hoyt regarding their horrid experience and liberation.

As I look back to those long dark days of imprisonment, I realize more and more that it was truly God’s grace that we were still alive. Though our captors kept our bodies hungry and our minds tortured, they permitted us to go to Mass and to receive the Sacraments.

Our troops rescued us on the evening of February 3, 1945. We thought then our long nightmare was over, but we were to experience new horrors. On 7 February, the Japanese began shelling us with artillery fire from a new vantage point. I thought that the air raids of those three years were bad, but the artillery fire did something to my nerves that is beyond description. Food did not agree with us after such a long period of starvation, but we ate ravenously, the K-rations of our Soldiers. Although we did not know it at the time, when our battle-scarred troops came into Santo Tomas, they gave us our own rations, willingly going hungry themselves.

My husband did not come back. He was killed when our own forces sank the unmarked Japanese ship on which he was being taken prisoner to Japan. I am sure he is praying for us in heaven.”

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Hi again, there’s an old saying about those of you who fly airplanes: “There are two kinds of pilots, but there is never a good one.” As for me and my wife Martha are legends in the private pilot community. They have run an aviation flight training company that has trained literally thousands of pilots. John and Martha state that they hold every license and rating the FAA has, as they both fly their planes from single engine to personal jet; they even have airship ratings. Martha is very much all business while John has a bit of a warped sense of humor. In one of his seminars that I attended a few years ago, John asked a question that went something like this: “You are flying at night in a single engine plane… a dark moonless night, and you experience an engine failure. You look out the window and see a dark, flat plain and a dark hole. What do you do?” Hmnn, now there’s a good question that has crossed the mind of many of us flyers. John’s answer: “Turn on your landing light. If you don’t like what you see, TURN IT OFF!”

We can be like that sometimes. When trouble comes our way, there often doesn’t seem to be a good way with which to address it. I have had several calls lately from brother Vets for whom life seems very much like that black hole, a future that seems like a dark void with no good outcomes. It’s not the time to be “bold” on the way to “old,” to suffer alone and in silence. The outreach hand of a fellow Vet who personally understands the darkness that comes with thoughts of combat, of loss, of relationships broken or lost through tragedy is the saving thing that can lift him up and be that saving ballistic emergency parachute that sometimes saves thousands of us. What better than helping hand by being an active participant in our Veteran organizations. Whether the trauma is brought on by PTSD or by a recent tragedy, the effect on the soul can be equally devastating. We can be for others. If you haven’t attended a unit reunion lately, plan on doing so. If you are retired and have some time, volunteer at the Legion, the VFW, the VFW, the USAO or one of the many other Veteran organizations. The very fact that we can be together in an atmosphere of shared experiences can be the thing that helps our fellow Vets and indeed ourselves deal with the darkness that at times can be overwhelming.

There are many other ways that you can reach out to fellow Veterans; some in classes sometimes referred to as “Lessons when we got home with those about to ship out with our preparations. The flight training company that has trained literally thousands of pilots. John and Martha state that they hold every license and rating the FAA has, as they both fly their planes from single engine to personal jet; they even have airship ratings. Martha is very much all business while John has a bit of a warped sense of humor.

Memorials:

Saber News is pleased to announce the last issue of Saber, 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 Hamburger Hill on 1/28/68. Rights of those currently serving on active duty will be among those attending. We are looking forward to a great turn-out this year. This is an important reunion: we will be electing officers and discussing the future efforts of our Association. We are extending an invitation to units assigned or attached to the 9th Cav over the years as well. The registration form and other information are posted on our website, <www.savar.org> so make sure you check it out. Register now if you can – it will assist us immensely in our preparations.

May 12-17, 2017: Planning is well underway for our 8th Cavalry Regiment Association’s Reunion in Columbia, 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, Iraq, and Afghanistan those currently serving on active duty will be among those attending. We are looking forward to a great turn-out this year. This is an important reunion: we will be electing officers and discussing the future efforts of our Association. We are extending an invitation to units assigned or attached to the 9th Cav over the years as well. The registration form and other information are posted on our website, <www.savar.org> so make sure you check it out. Register now if you can – it will assist us immensely in our preparations.

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May 20-26, 2017: The last reunion we will be attending in 2017 is the 50 year reunion of the 50th Motor Company of the 101st Airborne Division. “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 July 1967 – July 1968. One of their excursions will be to the Huyu 360 Museum at Grissim Air Reserve Base in Peru, Indiana about which I wrote in the last issue of Saber. <www.eagerarms.com>.
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST SQUADRON, 9TH CAVALRY
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
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AVDAUX-C 17 June 1971

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Air Cavalry Combat Operations in Cambodia
THRU: Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade, APO San Francisco 96289

TO: See Distribution

1.DATES OF OPERATION: 22 February 1971 to 19 May 1971

2.LOCATION: Republic of Cambodia

3.COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry

4.REPORTING OFFICER: LTC Carl M. Putnam

5.TASK FORCE ORGANIZATION:
HQ, 1st Squadron, 9th Air Cavalry (1-9 ACS); A Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry; A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Field Artillery (Blue Max) (A/2-20)

6.TRAINING:
In the two months prior to the Cambodian operation, the Air Cavalry Troops familiarized these teams with rappelling, rigging downed helicopters to secure downed aircraft or to rescue shot down crews. This training proved very effective as can be seen by results attained by some of the platoons.

7.TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a. rove and registration form on pages 12 and 13 in this issue of SABER.

b. Deep penetration into Cambodia and the necessity to return to Vietnam to refuel and refarm meant the visual reconnaissance (VR) time in the area of operations would be greatly reduced. The key to increasing VR time was to increase the endurance of the AH-1G. Since the H-60 did not have fuel consumption problems. To maximize VR time, it was necessary to reduce the ordnance load of the AH-1G and increase fuel load nearer to capacity. To compensate for this, a longer lager time at the target's base camp was possible, and the use of AH-1G aircraft could be more safely and effectively engaged with the Cobra – thus forgetting the AH-1G altogether.

8. MAINTENANCE:

a. Maintenance Stand down

b. To support the cross-border operations, forward operating locations (FOL) with rearm/refuel points were established at Katum and Thien Ngon. A-1/9 lived at Song Be operated from Loc Ninh and later laagered at Tay Ninh while the rear elements moved to Phuoc Vinh and then to Di An. B/1-9 lived at Qui Nhon and had its rear elements at Loc Ninh. C/1-9 was already laagered at Tay Ninh with its rear at Phuoc Vinh and later this was moved to Di An. A-1/9, already laagered at Quan Loi, operated from Katum and later operated from Loc Ninh. Headquarters 1-9 established a forward command post (CP) at Katum to facilitate coordination with the Air Cavalry Troops and the ARVN Task Forces. The forward CP was moved to Tay Ninh East in April to facilitate coordination with MR-III headquarters, which was also at Tay Ninh.

9. LESSONS LEARNED

a. Use of Mini-Gun on the OH-6A:

- The use of mini-guns mounted on the OH-6A scout aircraft did not prove successful for 1-9 ACS in Cambodia or Vietnam. The Squadron eventually utilized only non-mini-gun aircraft. It was felt the advantages of using a three-man crew far outweighed the advantages offered by a two-man crew with a mini-gun.

b. Three-man crew advantages:

1. Three pair of eyes for reconnaissance
2. Effective firepower from both sides of aircraft in nearly all directions
3. Ability of gunner to carry a wide variety of weapons for use against varied targets (including smoke, CS, fragmentation, incendiary, and white phosphorous grenades; M-79 grenade launcher, and M-60 machine-guns)
4. A superior mark option with smoke while gunner engages enemy
5. Pilot utilizes right turns
6. Advantages of mini-gun:

1. Tremendous firepower
2. It was discovered that when taking fire from an enemy position the more noise from the mini-gun, regardless of the direction of fire, would occasionally cause the enemy to cease fire and move for cover; however, this makes it difficult to assess the size of the enemy force being encountered.

b. Disadvantages of two-man crew:

1. Pilots tend to make left turns so the observer can maintain visual contact with target.
2. It is an established fact that when hovering or in slow flight at near max-gross loads, less power will be required and better aircraft performance can be achieved by utilizing right turns.
3. The mini-gun tempts the pilot to use his aircraft as a gunship against targets that could be more safely and effectively engaged with the Cobra – thus forgetting his primary mission of reconnaissance.

4. The mini-gun puts excessive structural strain on the aircraft. (When the mini-gun is engaged while flying straight and level the aircraft will yaw as much as 10-15 degrees to the left, and the airspeed will bleed off 5-10 knots in a sustained burst.)

Maintenance Stand down:

Most ground combat units are allowed a maintenance stand down; this was not the case for Air Cavalry. It was found in both Cambodia and Vietnam that a 1-2 day maintenance stand down per month gives the Air Cavalry Troop time to repair battle damaged aircraft. With the type of flying performed by the Air Cavalry is subject to an extraordinarily high rate of battle damage, much more so than any other aviation unit. It is therefore reasonable that the Air Cavalry be allowed a monthly stand down to repair these aircraft without sustaining further aircraft damage. During this stand down the Troop's operational mission can be adequately covered by one or more of the other Troops in the Squadron.

To be continued...
1923 - February 16, 2017

Col. Robert B Tully

As written in San Antonio Express News by Sig Christenson, Staff Writer

Col. Robert B. Tully came home at last Tuesday after a long military career that included the dramatic rescue of a decimated platoon during the Army's first major battle of the Vietnam War. It was a fight Family and friends say he rarely discussed but, still, they say, he was anything but a subdued man.

"He was a magnet for people," said his nephew, retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Tully Clark, 68, of San Antonio and a former commander of the 5th U.S. Army at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. "People just wanted to get close to him and hear his jokes, listen to his stories." Tully died Feb. 16 in Avon Park, Florida. He was 93.

He served two tours in Vietnam, leading the rescue of the "Lost Platoon," which had been cut off early in the Battle at Ia Drang. Tully later commanded a 1st Cavalry Division brigade, and served as an aide to Gen. Guy S. Meloy, Jr., when he led the 5th U.S. Army at Fort Sam during the late 1950s. "(Tully) was soft-spoken, stuttered a bit, but was a real Soldier's Soldier all the way," said G. V. "Buck" Herren, 81, who served with the 29-man platoon in the battle.

Tully was on one of my many visits to his home in Florida that I was sure that many of us came home that might not have had we been under the command of another officer," said West, 75, of Miami, Florida, a draftee who joined the Army in 1956 after graduating high school.

"I think he was really sad because so many in that platoon got killed," said Tully, 66, of Cottage Grove, Oregon. "They fought to the bitter end."

The battle involving Moore's battalion lasted four days, leaving 234 American and roughly 1,800 North Vietnamese solids dead. "Tully's men looked up to him because he would never order them to do something he was not willing to do himself, because he always saw to their needs ahead of his own," Galloway said. "Said Clark: "He was a hero to me all of my life.""sige@express-news.net

Excerpt from "The word was the Ia Drang would be a walk. The word was wrong" by Joseph L. Galloway

"Earlier in the day, the Brigade Commander, Colonel Brown, had moved the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Cavalry, led by Lt. Col. Robert Tully, to Landing Zone Victor, 2 miles from X-Ray, and told them to reinforce Moore. By noon, they were closing in on Moore's position, and what they saw stunned them. Sergeant Adams was on the line when the first of Tully's men marched in. "My God, there's enemy bodies all over this valley," the newcomer shouted. "For the last 30 minutes, we've been walking around and over and through bodies."

Moore now ordered a two-pronged attack -- by two companies of Tully's men across the slope of Chu Pong and by Herron's Bravo Company to rescue the Lost Platoon. At last light, Herron members told them that it was safe to get up, not one of them moved for 5 minutes. "They just stared at us in disbelief," Deal says.
Greetings Troopers from NW Louisiana where we are having the craziest of winters. I have never believed in “Global Warming” but I have become a believer in “Climate Change.” We have gone from 75 degrees one day to below freezing the next. Now we are in a warm spell that has lasted so long that bushes have started to grow. We run the a/c one day and the heat the next! We get from one extreme to another day to day. I am glad the holiday season is over and things can return to normal. We wish all of you the best in the New Year. We now have a new president of the USA and time will tell if political promises will be kept. A lot of people did not get the president they hoped for and voted for and are showing their displeasure. We change direction so fast, we usually change presidents every eight years or sooner, and that it is impossible to please everyone. However, most of us seldom display our displeasure by rioting, demonstrating and threatening. As far as those who promised to leave if Trump was elected, all I have to say is good luck in getting us to move to the other country of your choice. I served overseas in many countries and have failed to find one better than the US of A.

News from the active duty Cav: The 3rd Cav Reg has returned from deployment. The 1st Bde (Ironhorse) and the 2nd Bde (Black Jack) are training for movement to Fort Irwin National Training Center in California, obviously readying for deployment into harm’s way. The 1st Cav Div Headquarters and band are in Afghanistan. The Cav Band performs for the Troops throughout that battle area. The 3rd Bde (Gray Wolf) had deployed to Kuwait. The 1st Cav Horse Cavalry Detachment participated in the 58th Presidential Inauguration parade.

If you are an active duty Trooper deployed, or at Fort Hood, we would like to hear from you. The Veterans of the great 1st Cav Div Association are ALWAYS concerned about the active duty Troopers! News from your unit is always welcomed.

I received an email from Sheldon Sindelar of Prior Lake, Minnesota, who served with the 1st Cav in the occupation of Japan and then in Korea during the Korean War. Shel wrote: “I served with the 1st Cav, 13th Signal Company from 1949 to ’51. I was stationed in Japan at Camp Drake and then was deployed to Korea at the start of the Korean War. Hardly anyone writes about Korea anymore, ever since Jim Minett from Winona, Minnesota retired. I wanted to share some pictures of Korea from my personal library.

The first picture takes place when U.S. forces broke out of the Pusan Perimeter and made it up to Seoul. At the time, most of the buildings were still standing. By our third or fourth trip though, Seoul was leveled. My Troop was on its way to the Yalu River. We crossed the 38th parallel many times, including the time when the Chinese forced us back. In the picture you can see me standing on the 38th parallel. My tent sits in the background.

In 2011 I had an opportunity to go back to Korea. The Seoul I knew as a young man had changed from a destroyed city, to an ultramodern metropolis. The ground where I pitched my tent in 1950 was now home to a five star hotel and several are still awarding scholarships to children and grandchildren of the Veterans of the Association board meeting and will probably be appointed to finish out Scott’s term as President of the Association. The Association remains in good financial shape. The MDA Scholarship Program is running out of money but the foundation has awarded $633,853 in scholarships to 261 students and we are still awarding scholarships to children and grandchildren of the Veterans of the 1st Cav Div. They are over 410 students still receiving this financial aid. Under the Association’s Scholarship Program for KIA or 100% disability of active Troopers, there are 11 children receiving these scholarships. We have three children/spouses of active duty Troopers receiving scholarships. If you want to support these scholarships, contributions are always welcomed.

Well, fellow Troopers, that about wraps it up for this issue. I hope to see you at Killeen for the reunion. Meantime keep your powder dry, watch your back, thank a Veteran if you see one and may God bless you and your Family, the great 1st Cav Div, and the US of A.

8TH CAV NEWS

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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 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 active duty units has returned home from a long rotation, others are departing. Keep these brave, selfless young men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

It is hard to believe that winter has passed so quickly. The weather up in Michigan has been unusually mild this year. It also means that it’s time for this issue to start running the area pushed off to the side, filled with ordnance that I used to fight in the Korean War and was part of the peace-keeping effort in the following years. Across of green grass Tanks, helicopters, and a beat up ship. It just amazed me the amount of technology it took to fight a war. It made me think of my own company motto. All it needed was a jeep or a truck. Never too much stuff. It shocked me to see how much ordnance there really was. The rest of my stay in Korea was very pleasant. As we traveled the country, we had a young Korean gentleman accompany us. He was about the same age as I was when I had fought back in ’50 and ’51. I remember need the respect he addressed me with when he found out I had served with the U.S. Forces in Korea. Together we made a trip to a small village, I can’t remember the name. However, residing there was an old Signal Corps Soldier from the South Korean Army. Although we didn’t speak the same language, we understood each other like brothers. They treated me like royalty for my service to their country and I am so glad that I made it back when I still could.”

Great story and pictures Shelf!! If you find time, it would be interesting to read about the 13th Signal Bn did during the Korean War. I’m pretty sure the 13th Signal later became the 13th Signal Bn and continued to serve with the Cav until most of the support battalions, including the 312th MI Bn, my old unit, were deactivated shortly after Desert Storm. Shel would like to hear from anyone who served with the Cav during his years in Japan and Korea. You can contact Shel at <sheltonmarc@gmail.com> or contact me by email for his address and telephone number.

If you plan to attend the 70th annual reunion of the 1st Cav Div Association at Killeen (June 6-11) (you haven’t registered yet???) be sure to check out the new memorial to the Soldiers and civilians killed or wounded in the shooting at Fort Hood back in 2009. (13 were killed, one unborn, and over 30 were injured, some critically.) (MAJ Nidal Malik Hasan was sentenced to death in 2013.) It is a gazebo built between the Shilo Hotel and the Convention Center and is quite impressive. Also, on the left column of the Shilo Hotel, under the drive through area near the front desk area, there is a bronze memorial to David A. Steiner who organized the building of the Shilo Hotel and owned it. There are some interesting words of President Abraham Lincoln thereon. If you are ever driving through Texas, there are thousands of historical markers well marked on most highways. Stop and read one from time to time. Some of them are very interesting.

Sue and I just returned from the annual board meeting of the 1st Cav Div Assoc that is held at Killeen, Texas, every February. The meetings included the Board of Governors meeting for the Association, the Foundation trustees meeting and the Museum Foundation meeting. Our Association president, Scott Smith, has resigned as president of the Association due to health issues. Our prayers and hopes for improved health go out to Scott. Allen Norris, the 1st VP, conducted the Association board meeting and will probably be appointed to fill out Scott’s term as President of the Association. The Association remains in good financial shape. The Ia Drang Scholarship Program is running out of money but the foundation has awarded $633,853 in scholarships to 261 students and we are still awarding scholarships to children and grandchildren of the Veterans of the 1st Cav Div. There are over 410 students still receiving this financial aid. Under the Foundation’s other Scholarship Program for KIA or 100% disability of active Troopers, there are 11 children receiving these scholarships. We have three children/spouses of active duty Troopers receiving scholarships. If you want to support these scholarships, contributions are always welcomed.

Well, fellow Troopers, that about wraps it up for this issue. I hope to see you at Killeen for the reunion. Meantime keep your powder dry, watch your back, thank a Veteran if you see one and may God bless you and your Family, the great 1st Cav Div, and the US of A.

LOCAL CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER MEETING

• 1st Cav Division Association HQ’s
• 302 N. Main St., COPPERAS COVE
  OPEN TO ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
• LAST MEETING OF THE MONTH, 11:30am
• 254-547-6537/7019
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 family 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 and all registered are welcome to attend this special event! As always, family members of our war dead, Gold Star Families, and widows of our 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 of non-members attending with an active duty 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 buses to get together for our events. The Shilo Inn has a graduated 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) 699-0099 for a special room rate for the reunion or book online. 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 break-in-the-window which also includes a complimentary daily breakfast. 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, Killeen, Texas (254) 526-2244.

Courtyard by Marriott, 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 remedied and looks brand new with new plumbing and air conditioning and a new floor. Updated 2017: More information on the January 2017 Saber.

Shilo Inn & Suites

Shilo Inn suit to $104 (800) 222-2244 or (254) 699-0999

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

Courtyard Marriott

$104 (800) 521-2211

1721 E. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen, Texas

Residence Inn

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

Holiday Inn Express

300 Northridge Drive, 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 of 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 (KCCC).

RV Park Information

If you are coming in a Recreational Vehicle there is an RV Park located behind the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. The fee is $20 per night and the RV Park does have dump stations. Contact the KCCC at (254) 501-3888 for additional information. If you are active duty or retired military the West Fort Hood RV Park is available to you which is located right behind 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, 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 for our Scholarship Foundation on Wednesday. The golf tournament will be held on Monday, 5 June at Fort Hood. We are offering a special price of $150 per team so that you can cut 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 more will join us who 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 Thursday evening.

As usual, we will also have our Welcoming Mixer, War Era Luncheons, Unit Luncheons, Gold Star Family Breakfast, Purple Heart Breakfast, Ladies Tea, Shilo Inn Welcome Breakfast, Shilo Inn Groom’s Breakfast and Military Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation and Museum Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors and our General Meeting. During the General Meeting on Wednesday 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 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, bumper stickers, magnets, and more! The Reunion 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.

Updates will be posted in the January/February 2017 Saber. 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. Children of Association Members who died in Desert Storm, Fort Hood, Bosnia, and the latest combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan will be there throughout the reunion. The grants are mainly for children of 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers who died in battle or due to injuries from an injury during active duty service. The First Team Association was formed in 1944 by a group of First Team Soldiers who wanted to keep in touch with one another and held its first meeting in 1948 at Fort Bliss. The National Headquarters for the Association is located in Copperas Cove, Texas. According to the Association’s website, the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of scholarship grants toward the pursuit of an advanced education.

The First Team Association is composed of all the First Team Cavalry Division Soldiers who died or were totally and permanently disabled while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in any armed conflict. Children of Association Members who died while serving with the Division in peacetime are also eligible to receive scholarship grants, as are active-duty Soldiers currently assigned or attached to the Division, their spouses and children of active-duty Troopers, scholarships for the children of (killed in action) Soldiers and scholarships for our 100 percent disabled Veterans and their children,” she said.

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The restaurant provided a percentage of all sales from customers requesting and the donation on behalf of the Association. The fundraiser was held to support the different programs within the 1st Cavalry Division Association, said Dara Wyler, the Association’s Executive Director. “We offer scholarships to spouses and children of service members, scholarships, scholarships to active duty Troopers, scholarships for the children of (killed in action) Soldiers and scholarships for our 100 percent disabled Veterans and their children,” she said.

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

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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!
Hello from the nation’s capital. You most likely read the Division Dinner notice in the January-February 2017 issue of the Saber about the deactivation of the Army’s last active-duty Long Range Surveillance (LRS) units, Delta Company, 52nd Infantry (Long Range Surveillance), 3rd Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood in January. The Army had announced in early 2016 that it would be deactivating its three active-duty LRS companies in 2017, along with its four remaining National Guard units in Nebraska, Georgia, Indiana, and Alabama in 2018. The active-duty LRS companies had been reorganized and re-missioned by a status of less than, and they specialized in navigating forward positions to monitor enemy movement and gathering intelligence for commanders. However, it was determined some time ago that senior ground commanders had a growing preference to use technology, such as drones and satellites, for intelligence gathering rather than using small teams of infantrymen. The nearest LRS units were reassigned to other active duty units, and those in the National Guard units were reassigned to other National Guard units.

The use of small teams of infantry soldiers to gather intelligence has been part of our military’s history since the early days of America. Bob has a wonderful home. I know now why he talked so highly of Fort Myers. Captain James had previously commanded the Airborne Recon Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division, with the 1st Cav in Vietnam. He was the key member of the 1st Cav for that unit’s success in Vietnam. The LRRP concept was well known throughout the Army, though concentrated in Europe.

The experiences of these LRRP units formed the basis of the ones that General Westmoreland chose for the Army. The LRRP was a product of the 1st Cav's Detachment for the 1st Cav was formed in mid-to-late 1966. It was a widely dispersed strength of 120 men, and Captain James D. James (1966-67), Woolwich, ME, a Special Forces-trained officer, was selected as the company commander. Captain James had previously commanded the Airborne Recon Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division, with the 1st Cav in Vietnam. He was the key member of the 1st Cav LRRP unit, as well as that for the other LRRP units, was simply enough: 1) search out and locate enemy troop encampments, 2) report on enemy movements, and, 3) direct artillery and airpower at targets of opportunity.

If you would like to read more about this decision by the Army, please read the article that LTC Wright sent in from the Stars & Stripes. The URL for it is as follows: <http://www.stripes.com/news/army-quietly-deactivates-its-small-team-recon-units-1450392-ULWY1E6wW70>. (copy and paste the link into your browser’s http/ window.)

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Hello once again fellow Sky Troopers. Let’s pull pitch and launch this Wings sortie. I am but one, among so many, who mourned the recent passing of Lt. Gen. Hal Moore. Norman Mailer, who was the first to explore that morning with incomplete knowledge of dozens of readers of your yellow rag Saber, informed me of his passing. I don’t want to be redundant, as I’m sure you’ll find this tribute to great Soldier between the pages of this issue. However, communicating with a friend from Taos, NM generated this thought: “Maybe you were right that I want to share the story I have somewhat with him or known of his character, Hal Moore was the leader on the ground of 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry in the giant battle of Ia Drang in 1965. The book and movie starring Mel Gibson, We Were Soldiers, was Lt. Col. Moore’s story of early combat exploits. The book he finances the Districting Service Cross. He rose to Lt. Gen. before retiring. Virtually none of the command officers or NCOs, who were not KIA in the Ia Drang Battle, is still with us. Correspondent and co-writer of the book Joe Galloway and MOH pilot Bruce “Snake” Crandall still remain. But Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley passed in 2012, Ed “Too Tall” Freeman 2009, and Jack B. Gilpin, 2015. General Crandall’s wife, Julia, known to Sky Troopers of the Cav, passed away in 2004. These were incredible people of great strength, courage, and character. For all you old First Cav Troopers, whether you served with General Moore, before or after the Ia Drang, and all you grunts, redlegs, and rottweiler wingsmen worldwide, say a quiet prayer for the General’s easy passage through the gates of heaven to serve on God’s honor guard in perpetuity. He will be greatly missed. I inquired via email of “Little Sister” Julie Kink, wife of MOH recipient Mike Sprayberry to ask if she had seen the inauguration in DC, as all surviving Medal of Honor recipients are always invited. She stated they had not. So I performed some intel and fired off a “Checking In” note to the Lt. Col. to which I received an almost immediate reply. “Hank, I am fighting old age, had 13 vertebrae titanium wired/screwed together a little over 2 years ago. I need a wheelchair and cannot drive anymore.” “You had stitches removed today, back did not heal very well. Can’t turn my neck UT about 1/3.” Bruce noted that he WILL be going to an event with Joe Galloway at C and GSC in late February and MOH events in NYC 23 March and 25 March in D.C. However, he plans to cut his traveling down due to back and neck problems. “Vertebrae problems created when a number were crushed when chopper downed in Vietnam, Jan 68. I suspect it may be more old age and neck problems. “Vertebrae problems created when a number were crushed when chopper downed in Vietnam, Jan 68. I suspect it may be more old age than combat related.” Thanks for checking in, Bruce. I’m sure that Air Cav Pilot Swiggy will offset any old age travel concerns and you’ll do fine. July added, “Our trip to Washington was great. . .now we’re home and getting cat up! As requested, here’s a piece I wrote about the experience . . . hope you can use it somewhere.” Indeed, I can. I wanted to share Julie’s inauguration insight/summary/experience with the readers of this column. “Inauguration was both commonplace and miraculous. In his opening remarks at the inauguration of President Donald Trump on January 20, Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri noted that the ceremony about to take place, the formal and orderly transition of power - was both “commonplace and miraculous.” “Commonplace for this country, and yet miraculous, compared to many dark corners of the world where the transition of power is neither peaceful nor orderly. One of the most notable places was Washington, DC where a poor economy and foreboding political uncertainty led his parents to leave their homeland and bring their son to the U.S. in 1927 in search of a better life. Another such place was Vietnam, where my brother flew helicopters as a proud Soldier of the U.S. Cavalry. It was there, in 1969, he became one of tens of thousands of Americans to lose their lives on foreign soil. “I attended the 2017 inauguration, not to cheer or jeer our leaders, but to witness a tradition that’s part of the fabric of America. As a non-political person, it was a lesson in citizenship. As the daughter of an immigrant, the sister of a fallen Soldier, and the wife of a Medal of Honor recipient, it was an honor. “All of the nation’s 75 living Medal of Honor recipients were invited to attend the 2017 Inauguration ceremony for each of us. Thirty-four of them were there. Our schedule included receptions hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, and a luncheon at the Navy Yard hosted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. On Inauguration Day, we attended a briefing hosted by the officers Association Headquarters and then walked a short distance to the Capitol where we sat as a group on the lawn near the steps for the swearing in ceremony. That evening, we were guests at the Veterans Inaugural Ball, hosted by the American Legion and the Veterans Inaugural Committee of Greater New Orleans.” “Among the incredible people I was honored to meet was Kimberly Mitchell, who grew up on a farm in Wisconsin, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and rose to Lt. Commander. Kim was born in Vietnam during the war. As a newborn, she was found on a road clinging to the body of her dead mother, and was taken by a South Vietnamese soldier, who was later adopted by an American Family. Kim now runs a non-profit center for Veterans.” “I met Jane Horton, whose husband, Army sniper, Spc. Christopher Horton, was 26 years old when he was killed in Afghanistan in 2011. Jane has served as an advisor to Veterans groups and officials on survivor issues, and was involved in changing legislation to enable spouses to use GI Bill education benefits. She is the Military and Congressional Liaison at the Embassy of Afghanistan. “I met Hindmullah Mohib, Afghanistan’s ambassador to the United States, who told a roomful of Veterans that because of the service and sacrifices of Americans, Afghanistan is coming closer to the day when it will be a peaceful, self-reliant, productive nation. Forty percent of the student girls are, and relationships are taking place across every area of government.” “Kim’s story, and Jane’s, and the Ambassador’s comments, remind me that the United States is a land of new beginnings. We’ve never experienced a forced change in government due to war. Tragedy and hope co-exist from the moment they co-exist. But the ability to share our differences peacefully, and to start fresh, is miraculous. It’s as much a part of our national fabric as the stripes on our flag. “We are a land of the commonplace and the miraculous, and we are all fortunate that is the case.” Julie, thank you for your thoughts and sharing this experience with us. Okay, moving on let’s get to some Silver Wings mail. The first one came from Sam Verdini of Montoursville, PA. “Hank, I just read your article on the Flying Crane (Jan/Feb Saber). In 1965-1966 I served as a CH-54 at the 1st BCT in S. Korea. In Dec, 1965, we had the 1st flying Operating Room, attached to Flying Crane. I have a few pictures I could mail to you.” Sam was a SP4 Communications Specialist with A-Company, 15th TC and he did mail 5 photos that I scanned, added to my archives and returned. “I’ve included two articles in this Sam. Many thanks for your nice comments and photos.” I heard from Maj. Fred Ferguson (ret.) and Col. (ret.) Wilford Jackson concerning inaccuracies in the summary about LTC (ret.) William (Back) Anderson’s and Maj. Ferguson’s rescue mission 31 Jan 1968 by Mel Canon that appeared in the Feb/Saber. I’m aware of the inaccuracy, but will not be able to include the new rules in the new edition. For more on Army uniform policies, see Army Regulation 670-1, uniform policy, for the turban, worn by male Soldiers; the under-turban, male hair worn under a turban; the hijab, which is a head scarf worn by females; and beards worn by men members. Because the next edition of AR 670-1 is expected to be published in Feb 2017, the Army will not be able to include the new rules in the new edition. For more on Army uniforms, visit the Military.com equipment section.” Another: After two years of study and debate, the DOD has made a policy change, effective next November (Nov 11th Veteran’s Day), to allow 16 million honorably discharged Veterans to shop online for discounted mail Order change products. Several million Vets already are eligible to shop in exchanges, on base and online, because of their active or reserve component including retirees and 100 percent service connected as well as Medal of Honor recipients. Thomas Shall, Chief Executive Officer of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service lead the quest to expand online exchange shopping to ALL honorably discharged Veterans. The online benefit does not extend to Veterans’ dependents, although Veterans and Family members theoretically could use the authorized customer’s login. With that, I’ll bring this month’s Silver Wings of the Cav sortie to an end. If you former Sky Troopers have anything of interest to share or say, a reflection from your Olive Drab past perhaps, then get it into the Wings mailbox or call. I’m also going to take a moment to do a little recruiting. I took over writing your Silver Wings of the Cav column as your aviator correspondent from “Double Duck” Frank Tierney in 1998. It was to be a “Temporary Duty Assignment.” I’m now approaching the twentieth rewarding year and looking for someone to take over this “assignment.” Hopefully before the end of the year as the Nov/Dec issue shall be my last. So, if you believe busy hands are happy hands then I’d like to hear from you. Spring is here, get out and enjoy it. I shall. Until next time, clear right! Hank
becomes a primary motivation. 'It's why I joined the Army,' said MEDEVAC courage, the dedication and espirit de corps of the men in MEDEVAC that flight. Please fasten your seatbelts and observe the 'No Smoking' sign. The earth. I am sobbing and falling apart. I begin to vomit.

fingers wet with blood. 'Please help me?' "The jungle is roaring a rain of in sheets, my lungs heaving, my heart pumping a rapid pulse to the brain. Any am stiff and trembling as bullets crack and whiz randomly about. The air is full in full view. I grind my pelvis tighter into the ground. It will go no lower. I soil. I try to be thin but feel grossly conspicuous. Certain my rear is high up of my body is pressed flat hard against the earth, my face compressed into the bag in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away. I feel no wounds. The whole length in a shallow grave like depression. My arms are free. My pack lies with the aid in a clump of weeds a few feet away.
of Oakland, CA; son, Doug, wife Suzy, granddaughters, Maddie and Emily of St. Charles, MO; son, Chris, wife Teresa and grandson, Michael, of Glenwood Springs, CO; his brother Richard Wilson of Clarksburg, WV, sister-in-law Joan Poimöro and her Family of El Dorado Hills, CA, brother-in-law Walt Gabler and his Family of Ukiah, CA. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for COL Van Wood III was held on December 8th, 2016, in Christ Lutheran Church, Lakewood, WA.

Visit the website of <www.220thaviationcompany.com> for additional information.

Next, let me turn your attention to the status of planning for the 20th Annual Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia, on September 13 -17, 2017. Our Board has approved the following for your use in making plans. The information is divided into three main topics: The Embassy Suites, the Jamestown and Yorktown bus tour, and the Fort Magruder Farewell Dinner. Embassy Suites:

After reviewing several properties in Williamsburg, the Board of Directors approved the Embassy Suites. The Embassy Suites has a very competitive room rate of $89/night for Wednesday and Thursday and $119/night for Friday and Saturday. These rates do not include an 11% sales tax or $2.00/night occupancy charge. If you include the taxes and the occupancy charge, the bill for four nights is $470 or an average of $117.74 per night. This is a little confusing, but we do not want anyone to be surprised at check out. The breakfast included for two people has a value of $25.00 and we have the “happy hour” from 5:30 – 7:30 PM every day.

The Embassy Suites has two styles of rooms: The Executive King Suite w/ sleeper sofa and Executive Double Suite w/sleeper sofa. Both are priced the same and have a living area and bedroom. We have a block of rooms on reserve until August 14th, 2017. After this date, unreserved rooms will be released for general sales.

Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations. Individuals may contact the hotel directly at (757) 229-6800 or toll free at (800) 284-3930 and mention the ARA room reservation, the hotel will furnish a “Reservation Link” in which individuals may reserve their room reservation directly through www.embassysuiteswilliamsburg.com.

We will have our welcome dinner at the Embassy Suites on Wednesday evening. The cost for a two-entrée dinner is listed at $28.95, but our cost will be $26.95 net of 10% sales tax and an 18% service charge. The per person charge, is $34.98 with tax and service charge included. The menu will consist of grilled herb roasted boneless breast of chicken, carved roast beef au jus and selected vegetables.

The Jamestown and Yorktown Bus Tour:

On Friday, September 15th, we have scheduled a bus tour of the Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown. In 1607, three ships landed at Cape Henry. They soon proceeded up a river to establish the first permanent English settlement in America. We will visit Jamestown first on our bus tour. After Jamestown, we will visit Yorktown, the site of the final battle of the Revolutionary War. When we arrive at Yorktown, we will have lunch. There is a variety of restaurants with different prices. Our participants are on their own for lunch, but our guides are available for suggestions.

Our bus capacity is 55 people. The cost per person based on 40 paid participants is $49 and drops to $41 based on 50 paid participants. The cost includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, admission to Historic Jamestown and the Yorktown Battlefield, escort/guide to accompany the group, applicable taxes, and gratuities. If you travel by yourself without a golden pass, the price is about $14.00 for admission to the parks. Scooters are available if needed, but this cost is not included.

Fort Magruder Final Banquet:

It is important to remember that Williamsburg is not so much a convention destination as a tourist destination, so many of the hotels do not have large banquet rooms. For this reason, the Board felt it was necessary to choose a facility that was better suited for our farewell banquet on Saturday, September 16th. Their banquet facilities have recently been renovated and will easily accommodate our group with tables in the round. Since we are not staying at the Fort Magruder, there is a one-time charge of $500 to reserve the room plus applicable taxes due on March 1st. All food and beverages must be provided by the hotel. The group agrees to spend a minimum of $2,500 in food and beverage revenues not including sales tax or service charges.

The cost for the banquet is $29 per person. If you add sales tax (10%) and the service charge (22%), the cost per person is $47. In order to break even on the billing minimum ($2500/$34.95), we need to have 72 people sign up for dinner.

Please go to <www.araassociation.com> for more details and copy of the registration form.

I hope you will make your plans to attend our 2017 Reunion. It is always 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!*
This is a story about Harry “The Horse” Lambert on the day Harry captured Gen Patton, written by 1LT Jim Farquharson, B Btry, 82nd FA, WWII. While we were sitting at the airport in Killeen, Texas Aug 1993, waiting for our flight to Dallas/Ft Worth, Harry “The Horse” Lambert turned to me and asked, “Did you know that during the time he was in command of the Patton School, he asked his staff, their commanders, tank commanders and their people, Umpires, and that silly-assed reserve FA Lieutenant who had been on a recon he had no right to be on in the first place, but the Umpire, being a fair man, and drawing on some inner-strength, held his ground. The HQ had indeed been destroyed and was our Walter. No doubt the rest of the morning for some six hours, I think Harry said. Those 6 hours was probably the longest 6 hours that any staff officer in the Red Army ever went through. In all fairness, it was probably the same for ‘Of Blood & Guts, but it was a lesson never forgotten. Patton’s, the 1st Cav DIVARY Commander, COL Joe Swing, a very quiet man, turned away, pale as death, said “You’re all dead,” and dropped off near “Nowhere.” The Army never let us get near a town, because civilians objected to the smell we brought with us, plus of what the left behind. Any recrui that had not been in the Army more than 2 months could agree with that complaint. After you got so used to those earthly odors that came with 15,000 horses and men that you believed that everybody smelled like that. That was the way the world smelled! “The ‘41 Maneuvers were the biggest the Army put on since WWI. As Harry recalled, it was Gen Hughes who was in command. He ordered the platoon of horses to be sacred to death that he would be killed or captured at any moment as he thought under him in WWII, I think he had a good idea of what he wanted to do, but he really destructive on the Red Army with the very small number of assets he had. SGT Horine went on to suggest that if they took just the Wheel Horse 75mm howitzers was drawn by 3 teams of horse, called lead, swing, and wheel. Three teams of horses also drew each limber and caisson holding the ammo. A...
I had the duty to go to all the guard posts and check on the trainees that had been company billboard and it crashed right through the Company Captain's office. The Army not recognizing him for his intelligence took and failed the test. So three of us passed. Hughes was a fat kid who was always complaining about being a regular Soldier. Training progressed. Five of us were sent down to get our way to be regular Soldieries, if there was ever going to be us getting to it. I think you can see we were all in the same. A day or so later, you were able to recognize the guy from his face, and on. You no longer remembered him by his face and haircut. We all looked the same. At first, we didn’t think anything of it. But when I took out all the initial contact information, I list you here now in this Engineer Page of Honor and invite you here to the Reunion at Ft. Hood in June. You are: Len White, B Co, LZ English, 66-67; Carlos Estremo, Gulf War 90-91; Jim Plumbman, Pipewrench Tyne, TAC 69-70; Mike Gibbons A Co 67-68; Thomas Hodge, A Co, 85-88; Larry Tomczyk, C Co, 67-68; Phil Yank, C Co 67-68. But I think Plumbman Pipewrench might be a “nome de plume” for the person whose end is an undetermined to be Don Ward. In all of this is to say that your Association’s Board of Directors has approved and funded a comprehensive new web page that will be the face for our Association. Check us out on all the electronic data media places.

Recruit or Die: Well, that’s it in a nutshell. Our Association either begins attracting significant numbers of post 911 Vets and actives or we wither away a slow death. So how do I do my part you ask? Two word answer: listen-talk. Write to the Association. Get them involved with the applications that you saw pictured in the last Saber. Then as you go about your daily life listen for clues that occur in all sorts of conversations. Associate members count too. For example Robert Pool over in Mississippi has committed to membership based on respect for persons who served within our Division. In other words, when you hear respect give back the same by offering membership to membership based on respect for persons who served within our Division.

More Than An Apology: This is a confession of internet stupidity. In 2015, I posted a greeting under the Engineer section of our Association’s Facebook page. Not knowing any better and walking away blindly, I missed several rows and columns. So now my sympathy is to whom I am writing this article in front of negligence, I list you here now in this Engineer Page of Honor and invite you to the Reunion at Ft. Hood in June. You are: Len White, B Co, LZ English, 66-67; Carlos Estremo, Gulf War 90-91; Jim Plumbman, Pipewrench Tyne, TAC 69-70; Mike Gibbons A Co 67-68; Thomas Hodge, A Co, 85-88; Larry Tomczyk, C Co, 67-68; Phil Yank, C Co 67-68. But I think Plumbman Pipewrench might be a “nome de plume” for the person whose end is an undetermined to be Don Ward. In all of this is to say that your Association’s Board of Directors has approved and funded a comprehensive new web page that will be the face for our Association. Check us out on all the electronic data media places.

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and hitting the road again. What is your warm weather fun thing to do? How about dropping a line and letting us know what you are up to this summer. For a lot of us it is Reunion time in June. This year the 50th 1st Cavalry Division Reunion Association Reunion is back in Killeen, Texas. It is always great to be at Fort Hood and interact with the active duty Troopers.

Headquarters Battery: I have no one reporting for Headquarters Battery in this issue. If there is anyone that was in HQ Battery during the 1st Cavalry’s time, give everyone a report to what life was like in HQ Battery.

A Battery: I did have someone from A Battery contact me, Paul Novak. After basic and AIT, Paul was stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado on a 4th SP. After a year in Korea, Paul, left for Vietnam as a Corporal. Paul arrived in the 1st Cavalry on January 2, 1968 and assigned to A Battery 1/21 FA. He was promoted to E-5 and put in charge of a gun section. He started in Phan Thiet to LZ Englishto Canada South. From there he worked his way through the area of operations as a Captain. The Ponomy was in the front of April, 1968 and crashed in Ashau Valley, LZ Tiger (lower); got bashed up and stationed until DEROS in September 1968. He retired from Delta Airlines, finished law school while still working for Delta Airlines. He still practices law in Long Island, NY. Paul keeps in contact with Jesse (Honcho) Ramon from San Antonio, Texas; who served two tours in Vietnam. Paul is trying to find Bobby Swan from Mississippi. I hope that we can put Paul Novak and Bobby Sullivan in touch with each other.

B Battery: I have not had contact with B Battery lately. I guess they are under radio silence for security reasons. It is time for B Battery to check in with C Battery: I guess C Battery is having too much fun on their R&R. Rest and Refit is ending. Need someone to let me know that all is well. C Battery is to report back soon.

That does it for 1/21 FA Battalion report for this issue of the SABER. I have a story I will share with you. I graduated from high school in 1967. That summer I worked with a construction company as I had every summer the past three years with no plans to stay in high school. The first job site was working for a church in the capital. The VVMF has scheduled a number of events to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the battle of LZ XRAY. LTG Hal led the 1/7 Cavalry and Col. Robert Tully led the 2/5 Cavalry. A big Garryowen to these gallant officers. I want to thank Tim Millar for spearheading the effort in getting a paver for CSM Arlyn Wood. CSM Wood passed away in December and a group of us are donating to honor his memory paver for him at Ft. Hood. Dr. Chesney, our Chief of Battery, 1969-1970. If anyone is interested, message me for information. A Challenge Coin is being made for the 1/21 Field Artillery. It should be ready by the first of April, 2017. If you are interested, message me for information about this coin.

That wraps it up for this issue. The next deadline is the first week of May. I look forward to hearing from you. You can email me at 1/21 FieldArtillery & Cavalry Friends and message me. Garr Haywood and the Troopers.

Thank you for your generous donations made in honor of LTG Moore to the IaDrang scholarships.

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more than that. He did as much as anyone in this country, or more, to help the process of national reconciliation after the war with the book he co-authored with Joe Galloway, We Were Soldiers Once… and Young, by separating the issue of military service of those who fought the war from the issue of U.S. policy directing the war. May he rest in Peace. “Garry Owen, Sir!”

Finally, 2017 marks the 35th anniversary of the dedication of The Wall ensuring that Memorial Day 2017 will be an exciting time here in the nation’s capital. The VVMF has scheduled a number of events to commemorate the anniversary, and of course there will be Rolling Thunder. Hope to see you there. RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.
In Loving Memory

Retired Lieutenant General Harold “Hal” Moore
February 13, 1922 - February 10, 2017

Written by Gen Hal Moore’s eldest son, and delivered at funeral

Before I speak about my father, on behalf of all of his children and grandchildren, we wish to say thank you to Auburn and to St. Michael’s Church for all your care, devotion, and support. This is perhaps our Family’s one last time to embrace all of you in thanks. Thank you to our Auburn friends for your generosity to our parents and to us for many, many years. It is why life here in this small spot of God’s creation in East Alabama is so wondrous and so rare. My father’s life was a love story. Now, Love is not the word that comes readily to mind when speaking of a General. Love is not the first word that comes to mind when you think of a Soldier, when you think of life in combat.

But love is foremost in what we children and grandchildren know of our father. Love for our mother is what we saw when he gently kissed her at the kitchen stove when they thought we weren’t looking. Love for his Troopers, his band of brothers, who he led under desperate circumstances in two wars. It is what they know on their faces when they have received his devotion to his faith and to his God.

Love of Family. His love was an engaged love. Never a spectator, he wanted to be on the field itself, hiking with us deep into the mountains, setting up fishing camps, skiing with us into the dark hours. Yet coupled with this physical love was a serious love—the kind you don’t recognize until years later you say to yourself, “thank God they did that for me.”

Serious love principle one: Get your kids a good education. He and my mother took on debt to send us to Catholic schools, even when stationed in Norway and the nuns taught us in indecipherable Norwegian.

Serious love principle two: Get your kids’ teeth fixed. Again, he and my mother took on debt to put each of us in braces. He believed that a great smile leads to self-confidence, and self-confidence leads to great things. Teeth matter. Smiles count.

Love of Julia Compton, our mother. Let me read a letter he wrote to his grandmother, dated November 14, 1949, just a week before he and Julie got married.

“Dear Granny, Well of course, you know that old stale news by now I am getting married up. I just wanted to write to tell you that she is tops. She is taking me – dog and all.” Here is how we knew they loved one another. There are pictures of him beaming on his skis and she on hers, a little bewildered, but with a game, half-smile on her face. It is clear that this isn’t her natural habitat. By contrast, there are pictures of her beaming in lovely dresses at Washington affairs, shaking hands with some diplomat, while he stands next to her, with that same game, half-smile on his face. It was clear that she and wighton wasn’t his natural habitat. Somehow, they each willed themselves to be in the world that the other loved, and so in that way they could never be separated.

Love of his Troopers. Later today, he will be buried with our mother at the Fort Benning Cemetery. He will be surrounded by those he led and loved in the la Drang Valley campaigns. He has never stopped missing them, and now he will be with them. I believe he wrote his book, “We Were Soldiers” with Joe Galloway in order to explain to us the unique kind of love that men feel for one another in combat—love for one another that drives them to bear any pain, any sacrifice, and even death for one another. The love came transformed, and he needed to honor his Troopers by making us understand it and understand them.

You may be surprised to learn of his eventual friendship with Vietnamese Gen. Huan An, who had tried to kill him in the la Drang Valley battle. In a memoir he wrote these lines, “My unending thirst for peace and unity drove me back to the “Valley of Death” in 1993. Returning in a helicopter, I and 4 or 5 of my Troopers approached the very same area we left in 1965; there was no visual evidence from the air of there ever having been a battle there. The foxholes had eroded and beautiful wildflowers were everywhere. Lt. General Nguyen Huan An and I came face-to-face. Instead of charging one another with bayonets, we mutually offered open arms. Although we did not understand each other’s language, we quickly learned that the soul requires no interpreter. Ever so gently, General An placed his open arms. Unity was sealed through the reverent affection of one arm in the other.” Together, we listened to and learned from the land, as it too not only forgot, but was also forgiving.

Love of God. Finally, we remember – particularly in this sacred space – his love of God. Someone once asked him, “General, what do you consider your most important accomplishment?” He replied, “It hasn’t happened yet. My most important accomplishment,” he said, “will be when I cross that line at St. Peter’s gate.” Now, of course, you are asking this question of someone nearly 95 years old, with somewhat of a resume. “What is your most important accomplishment?” He replied, “It hasn’t happened yet. My most important accomplishment,” he said, “will be when I cross that line at St. Peter’s gate and meet my God and my Julie.” The one accomplishment he cherished most about is actually one that we now share together with him. No one can know God’s will, but I believe that in this church, here today, we can celebrate the one great accomplishment that mattered most to him of all accomplishments in his life, the one he still longed to achieve after 95 years – it is here. And we all get to be part of it.

By Harold G. Moore, III

The 7th Cavalry Regiment was organized in 1866 and in our 150-year history there have been well over 1,000 Regimental and Battalion Commanders. Most can name only two, but today, I wish to acknowledge the one man who exemplified Duty, Honor, Country – Harold Gregory Moore, Jr., LTG (Ret). In 1963, then LTC Moore took his Troopers through 2 years of training at Fort Benning and molded them into the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry. Colonel Moore, a student of military history, helped to re-write the proud legacy of the 7th Cavalry with exceptional bravery and a commanding presence on the battlefield. So, to his Family and the Sky Troopers with whom he served, I say thank you for sharing him with us for these past 50+ years. Bob Anderson, 1/7 Cavalry, Vietnam, 1969-1970! GarryOwen!

My Battalion Commander at LZ-Xray and My friend later in life. When we visited and when we wrote, neither was ashamed to express love for one another. I’ll always remember our trip back to X-Ray/Albany in 1997. Drive On Trojan 6, Hotwire 3/6 Out. LT. Bill Franklin

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General Moore was a great Soldier and I fought right beside him when he said, “Fix bayonets and we are fighting to the last man.” GarryOwen my friends, Gary Kidd, garykidd4@yahoo.com, Morter Platoon 1-7th Cav C Co 1965 laDrang Vietnam

I just returned from the funeral of my 1-7th Cav Brigade Commander LTG Hal Moore. It was a great memorial to a great man. It was truly an honor to serve with such a great gentleman and I was honored to have the opportunity to meet with him at his home on 15 February 2015. Rest in Peace my friend. George Hughes, D Co, 1-7th Cav 1966-1967 gwhughes@insight-rr.com

Soon after landing, a NVA Soldier walked into our hastily-formed perimeter who provided (then) LTC Moore intelligence which caused him to order B Co to proceed up the 900’ Chu Pong mountain to make contact. First Platoon led by 2LT Al Devney and his tough and experienced Platoon Sergeant Larry Gilreath, led the way as the 1st Platoon in the column of B Co commanded by (then) CPT John Herron. Within minutes, loud noises began rolling down the mountain which increased with intensity until they reached a crescendo of pops, sounding like popcorn machines placed next to all of our ears. Third Platoon led by 2LT Dennis Deal and his very tough Platoon Sergeant, Leroy Williams, began to enter the dry creek bed, were third and bringing up the rear in the column of Bravo Co. As I entered the creek bed, LTC Moore was alone and literally “snap shooting” into heavy brush to cover us in which he must have thought there were possible enemy Soldiers. As I passed him, he yelled to me, “Go get ‘em, chums.” It was then another loud noise and small arms popping that I realized the very aggressive, inspirational and tough LTC Moore finally had “his war” 6 weeks after we arrived in Vietnam.

Dennis Deal 3rd B Co I-7 CAV.

To his country he was Lieutenant General Harold Gregory Moore, Jr., but to his men he just a good friend. Martin Latigué C.Company 1st Bn 7th Cavalry. mlatiguac@aol.com
Eulogy written by Joe Galloway:

I know for absolute certain that Hal Moore is sitting with Julie looking down on us. He would have loved that because he put his last word of love on his pal Joe Galloway. Many years back he insisted on us shaking hands on a deal that whichever one of us died first; the other would agree to preach at his funeral. I was pretty sure the deck was stacked against me but as all those years rolled past we all began to wonder if Hal was going to outlive all of us. He knew better and all I can say is Hal would have been proud. The promise is a promise, but I swear I can hear him laughing as I stand here before you.

Besides being my best friend for the last half century Hal Moore was my co-author in writing and publishing two books. Partnering in writing a book is at least as fraught with possible dangers as the institution of marriage….and yet we remain best of friends throughout.

The year that Hal’s beloved wife Julie died, I marked the next new year by sending an email to Hal that read: “I did not want another year to pass without telling you how much you have meant in my life and how much I will miss you.”

He responded several days later with an email painfully punched in his computer one letter and one finger at a time; Julie had done all his correspondence to that point. What Hal said was this: “what is there between us transcends all other relationships. You are my best friend! We placed our lives in each other’s hands in battle and there is only pure trust between us.”

We have not come here to mourn the passing of a great man. We have come to celebrate the life he lived….the people he loved….the good times and laughter that we all remember when we think of Hal Moore.

I first met LTC Hal Moore one morning in early November 1965 when we had all spent a wet, miserable night in our foxholes on a high mountain plateau east of Plei Me Special Forces camp. We had endured a long hot walk in the sun and that cold night. I had shivered and shook all night long and finally the sun was coming up at an altitude of 4,000 feet and it was hot and I started boiling a canteen cup of water for my coffee. Just then four combat boots appeared on the edge of my foxhole, there stood Hal Moore and his alter ego CSM Plumley. Moore took one look at me and told me, “In my battalion we all shave in the morning and that includes raggedy ass reporters.” I looked at my razor and soap and said, “Never mind, just do as he says.”

That chopper had not made it back to Pleiku before the most awesome monsoon clouds rolled in over us. I had the only poncho and it was seized and placed over our woodpile. We just stood there in a blinding rain like a bunch of jackasses in a hailstorm. There would be no helicopter coming back for us anytime soon. We could not go back to our trenches, not in this thick fog and cloud and rain. We just stood there in a blinding rain like a bunch of jackasses in a hailstorm. There would be no helicopter coming back for us. I knew Hal Moore had arranged this whole thing in one of his conversations with God.

When the rain stopped, we built our fire, sat back, and watched a clear sky full of stars overhead. Suddenly, there was a meteor shower like nothing any of us had ever witnessed. Every few seconds another flash across the sky. It went on for an hour or more. We all took it as a sign from all the souls who had died in this lonely wilderness. They were telling us that they were at peace and so should we be.

That night with my back against one of those little scrub trees, I napped. When I woke up, I saw the figure of Hal Moore walking the perimeter, communing with his beloved Troopers who had held the line until death claimed them. All that night, he patrolled the perimeter. Back in Pleiku LTG Nguyen Huan An, Hal’s opposite number in the Battle, was walking the floor of his hotel room worried sick that something would happen to us out in the Valley. He had called the Defense Ministry trying to get them to order the chopper pilots to fly back out in darkness. What he heard was, General, you mean to tell us that you have let an American General, an American reporter and a network film crew get stranded out in a highly insecure zone??? He had reason to worry about us. We were laboring away on the book 16 or 17 hours a day and I knew Hal had come to take a break.

I was at Julie’s bedside the night before she passed away. She awoke and told me, “Oh Joe, we have come so far together and still have so far to go!” Her death took a lot of the joy out of Hal’s life and brought loneliness into it for the first time ever. He talked of wanting to die when we sat outside talking in the garden, the place he loved so much. And Young at my farmhouse in the northern Virginia countryside. Hal and Julie were staying at their sons home, Steve 15 miles away in Woodbridge. We were laboring away on the book 16 or 18 hours each day, seven days a week. In December of 1991 we were done and Hal was going to catch a train with Julie back to Auburn. He stood outside my home, shaking his head, and declared, “Now I know why Virginia was famous for slave drivers!!” He claimed I had knocked it out of the ballpark.

Forrest Sawyer and an ABC crew, we finally achieved Hal’s lifelong dream of a return to the Ia Drang Battlefields. Hal had told me years before that one day he wanted to go there, to walk the perimeter of those foxholes around LZ X-Ray and more than that, he wanted to spend the night on that battlefield. I told him the North Vietnamese would never allow that. He said something to the effect of hide and watch, Joe.

That magical day finally came true and we filed off the Old Russian hind helicopter ABC was paying a fortune to charter for us. At the end of a long hot day walking, that ground and being interviewed on camera, it was time to leave. The helicopter would have to take two round trips to get us all back to Pleiku. We sent most of the Vietnamese and most of the American Veterans out in the first lift. It was still in sight when Hal said, “Joe, tell the boys to gather up a bunch of firewood and fill all our canteens from the creek.” I asked, why? He said, “Never mind, just do as he says.”

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When I made a particularly emotional speech Julie would tell me, “Joe Galloway you may not get me cry again. It ruins my makeup. You’ve got to stop that!”

I called the Moore residence one morning to read to Hal the prologue to our book that I had written early that morning. Hal was off getting the mail so I read it to Julie, at the end there was silence. Then Julie said, “Joe Galloway you may live to be 100 years old and I hope you do, but you will never write anything finer than this in your life!” I knew then I had knocked it out of the ballpark.

Hal and I made two research trips back to Vietnam to interview the Commander who had been their best friend and kill us all in the Ia Drang Valley. On a third trip with Forrest Sawyer and an ABC crew, we finally achieved Hal’s lifelong dream of a return to the Ia Drang Battlefields. Hal had told me years before that one day he wanted to go there, to walk the perimeter of those foxholes around LZ X-Ray and more than that, he wanted to spend the night on that battlefield. I told him the North Vietnamese would never allow that. He said something to the effect of hide and watch, Joe.

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Thank you for what you left with me.

I would like to close with this Native American prayer of farewell:

Thank you for what you gave to me.

Thank you for what you took from me.

Thank you for what you left with me.

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