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many of you have much colder winters than we do. I'm not asking for sympathy, nor do I expect any will be forthcoming but, it's cold.

Most of us are fortunate enough that we can go inside somewhere to get warm. Soldiers don't always have that luxury. When it's cold outside I think of the Soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge (I had an uncle who was there) or many of our own First Cav brothers who fought in Korea (the Frozen Chosen). I can only imagine how hard that must have been on men, equipment, and more significantly on morale and the will to fight. We had a lot to contend with in Vietnam but cold wasn't one of them.

Besides the cold, this first week in January brought snow and ice to most of the east coast causing many flight cancellations and other delays. This left many of the service members needing to return to base after Christmas leave stranded in route. The USO in Charlotte was slammed with Soldiers and Marines some of whom were stuck there for three days or more. Several local businesses donated food, toiletry items, and other things someone stranded in an airport might need. Also, having seen television news accounts about these stranded service men and women, a number of local residents called the USO offering to have people stay in their homes until the situation improved. These local citizens including USO volunteers were showing their support for our Troops by their willingness to help. My hat's off to them.

I'm sure support and offers of support weren't limited to Charlotte, but I am a witness to what was happening here. The fact that those who protect us are held in such high regard is a good thing. That has not always been the case as some of you know very well.

By now you have the 71st Reunion information and registration form. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. And, spread the word! The quality of any reunion depends on who attends. Do your part to make seventy-one a great one. I hope to see you there. Allen (TrailSpike 47)

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to discuss. Rosemarie Weber is an amazing gal who calls to speak with me often and reminiscence about her wonderful story...one of hope and faith.

Rosemarie, although not a member, had her life turned upside down April 9, 1942. You see, her parents moved to the Philippines in 1927 to teach English to the Islanders. With the onset of WWII, and the fall of Bataan, her father, Neil Hoyt along with several other POWs became unfortunate victims of the Bataan Death March. Sadly, her father would never return to Rosemarie and her mother, Eva. The two would eventually learn of his passing in 1944.

The campus of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila became the internment camp; the new home for over 3,200 internees from January 1942 to February 1945. The internees were diverse: business executives, engineers, bankers, plantation owners, seamen, shoemakers, waiters, beachcombers, retired Soldiers from the Spanish-American War, missionaries, and others. Some came into the camp with their pockets full of money and numerous friends on the outside; others had only the clothes on their backs. The camp's population included Americans, Brits, Poles, Continued on pg. 3

The holiday season is over and we're into a new year. 2018 has started out very much on the cold side. Where we live in North Carolina the average *low* this time of year is about 30 degrees. So far one week into 2018 the average *high* has been 30 degrees. I know

HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT James J. Nance

The Horse Cavalry Detachment welcomed the New Year in Pasadena, California by representing the First Team in the 129th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade and conducted horsemanship skills training with the LAPD Metro Division Mounted! The seven-mile parade route was lined with thousands of spectators and is a true spectacle to behold. The members of the Detachment represented Fort Hood and Central Texas with class, whooping and hollering to the crowds and wishing everyone a Happy New Year. In addition to the parade itself, the HCD got to participate in Equestfest 2018, the equestrian portion of the Tournament of Roses. The Equestfest features the best equestrian performers from across America; the Detachment performed a fast-paced mounted Drill & Ceremony demonstration, which was aired on the Cowboy Channel. It was an exhilarating performance in front of a sold-out crowd at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.



Hitting the ground running after our trip to California, the HCD will host interviews, physical fitness testing, and the HCD Agility Test on 23 January for any 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers interested in becoming members of the HCD. If selected, Soldiers will enter a 30-day Cavalry School where they will train on basic military horsemanship and equine anatomy culminating in a final written and riding test. Those that pass will become members of the Detachment.

Look for the HCD at the 2018 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo at the end of February and at upcoming ceremonies at Cooper Field. We look forward to seeing you on the road at an event; or feel free to stop by the barn anytime for a tour or just to say hey. We conduct our demonstrations at the detachment every Thursday at 1000 hundred hours (depending on weather and mission requirements). We use this time to train new mounts and Troopers and invite the public to come out and enjoy the show. Feel free to call ahead to check our schedule at (254) 287-2229. You can also find us on Facebook at 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry. It is truly an honor to represent America's First Team and I look forward to the year ahead.

DIVISION DOINGS

A Deployed Single Mother's Dedication To Duty Public Affairs Office at Camp Red Cloud

Iconic images of Soldiers returning home from war are etched in our minds since time immemorial. The photograph, capturing a newborn in the arms of a tearful spouse; outstretched arms as the beloved Soldier returns home, receives heartfelt responses from an adoring public. These images are powerful, emotional and incomplete. Missing from our consciousness is the single mother who leaves her child in the care of another for duty. She volunteers. She goes eagerly. She doesn't want sympathy. But her story is just as relevant, interesting and inspiring.

"It's not an injustice but it is a bias we have because we think in terms of the pregnant women left behind, not the mothers deployed," said SFC Trinna Yazzie, S1 NCOIC, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "Yazzie understands her duty as a Soldier and mother. Torn between the responsibilities to a life she brought into this world, and her commitment to help defend a nation, she brings a unique perspective to the deployment. "Being a single parent is a challenge even though I've seen it in my career," said Yazzie. "I wasn't truly aware until it was me."

MAJ Jason Palmer, Chaplain, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division provides insight into the distinctiveness of the single-mother soldier. "The face of sacrifice looks different for every service member," said Palmer. "Female Soldiers with children have a unique aspect to their deployment generated by the mother-child bond." "You can't prepare for the emotional aspect of being deployed," said Yazzie.

A support group naturally forms between mothers who share the same burden. They depend on one another, often sharing stories to lift spirits and find support through difficult moments. "It's not just single moms but mothers in general that Continued on pg. 4



SFC Trinna Yazzie, 18-year Veteran, holds a photograph of her daughter.

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SNOWBIRDS

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Dates: _____ Tel: (____) _____

2018 Calendar of 1st Cavalry Division Association

Feb 23-24, 2018	Board of Governor's Meeting
Jun 20-24, 2018	71st Annual 1st Cav Division Reunion in Charleston, West Virginia



TAPS

We were notified of the death of the following:

BAUGHMAN, SGT John G., H Co, 2-5 CAV, 1951. 15 August 2017.

BROWN, LTC (Ret) Norvel Glen 'N. G.', C Co, 2-20ARA, 1968. 8 January 2018.

BUSSEY, SP4 James E., 1CD, 1953. 11 June 2017.

EDMOND, PFC Robert, Associate Member. 7 August 2017.

FERNANDEZ, CPL Thomas J., 15th SS, 1969. 31 August 2017.

FORTINO, CPL Placido S., HHC, 1CD, 1944. 22 August 2017.

GRINNELL, LTC (Ret) Jay W., 1-12 CAV & 2-19 FA, 1970. 8 August 2017.

INDERDAHL, MSG (Ret) Howard K., HHC, 61st FA, 1950. 12 September 2017.

LOEB, SSG Doug, C Co, 2-5 CAV, 1976. 31 December 2017.

MERRITT, GEN (Ret) Jack N., CDR, DIVARTY, 1972; CoS, 1CD, 1974; ADC, 1CD, 1975. 4 January 2018.

O'CONNELL, SGT Larry G., C Btry, 1-21 FA, 1969. 15 December 2017.

REIDA, SGT Ben A., B Co, 8th ENG, 1968. 26 December 2017.

SHEETS, SGT Timothy L., 1CD. 1 January 2018.

SIMPSON, Trooper Ron, B Btry, 1-30 FA, 1968-69. 17 December 2017.

STAPLETON, SP-5 James A., C Co, B Co, & A Co, 229 AVN, 1966-67. 20 October 2017.

SYKES, SFC (Ret) Alexander T., A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1949; B Btry, 61 FA, 1954. 1 January 2018.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have been notified of the following Active Duty deaths.

WANTED

If you served with, know, knew, or have any information about any of the following, please communicate with the contact listed:

I was station in Vietnam with the Cav August 1966 to August 1967, assigned to 17th Aviation Company (Caribou aircraft) then reassigned but I can't remember where. Is there anyone who can help me? POC Cosimo Tropeano <causie@aol.com>

My mom married Ray Brewer and now he has passed. Though I was never young enough to call him dad he is Papaw Ray to my kids. He served in 1st Cav 1/8 Jumping Mustangs Vietnam 1965-66 Company C. Is there a way to get in touch with any who may have served alongside him??? He would have been a young Sergeant then. Any help or info would be great. Randy Taylor, <the-way146@yahoo.com>, 859- 497-1672.

What is YOUR best way of reaching out and spreading the word about the benefits of the Association?

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Political endorsement and poetry cannot be used. Form letters or third-party letters are not acceptable. Letters which contain libelous or obviously untrue statements will be automatically rejected.
All letters must be signed with addresses and telephone numbers included. Names will be used with the letters but addresses and phone numbers may be omitted. Letters also may be edited for length or clarification.
We reserve the right to reject for publication any letter received. Unused letters will not be acknowledged.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

This grant is important to me because my grandfather, Riccardo Lombardo, served and allowed me to be eligible for this grant. It helps me pay for my tuition at Delta State University, which allows me to pursue my dream in becoming a nurse. Once I get my RN/BSN, I'll work as a trauma nurse locally for a few years, and then become an international travel nurse. After a while, I'll most likely get my PhD in Psychology, which will help me take better care of my trauma patients in the hospital.

Sincerely, Erin Lombardo



OTHER REUNIONS

7th Cavalry Regiment, 10 March 2018, 1700-2300. Kempner VFW, Kempner, TX. POC Dave Clemons, <dwclemons57@yahoo.com>, 254-630-3909.

B Co, 228th 'Longhorns' Gathering, 9-11 March 2018. San Antonio, TX; POC <clarkmb2@gmail.com>.

15th MED BN Association Reunion, 26-28 April 2018. Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA, <www.15medbnassociation.org>. POC Dan Toothman <danmedvac19@outlook.com> or 757.872.8504.

227th Assault Helicopter Battalion Reunion, 25-28 April 2018. Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee. For reunion and hotel information go to <<http://reunion.227ahb.org>>

LZ Peanuts 50th Reunion, 5 May 2018. Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Columbus, GA. POC Scott Thompson <scottthompson38@gmail.com>; Mike maynard <mnmaynard@aol.com>; Charles Brown <charlesbrown1000@gmail.com>; John McGuire <mcguijo@gmail.com>.

30th FA 'Hard Chargers' Reunion, 12-16 June 2018. Fort Sill, OK; Homewood Suites; The registration form is included in our newsletter with more details. Look forward to seeing you all in June. Be sure to check our website at: <www.HardChargers.com>.

ARA 50th Anniversary Celebration, 12-16 September 2018. Homewood Suites at 4155 East Interstate, Lawton, OK 73501, Phone: (580) 357-9800.

Charlie Troop 1-9 CAV + Reunion, 22-24 September 2018. Pigeon Forge, TN at the Holiday Inn. We invite all Charlie Troopers, HHT Troopers and Delta Troopers to attend. We have also opened our doors to any Trooper who cannot find another reunion for them. For information call: Pat Bieneman at 859-771-6342 or email me at <pcbnamin@verizon.net>.

1/8 CAV 'Jumping Mustangs' Reunion, October 2018. Colorado Springs, CO. Stay tuned for more information.

Plan now to attend the 71st Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 20-24 June 2018 in Charleston, West Virginia.

Details and registration form are on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of *Saber*, or for your convenience register online at www.1CDA.org!

CHAPTER NEWS

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

There will be a Chapter Presidents Meeting at the 71st Annual Reunion in West Virginia. It is recommended that you start collecting your ideas to present them to the other Chapters. Please stay tuned for further details.



NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

The New York-New Jersey Chapter will have its spring meeting on April 21, 2018 at the Elk's Lodge in Ridgefield Park NJ. Details are still being work out.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON
NATIONAL CAPITOL REGION CHAPTER

In Sep, COL Linda Jansen (12th Sig) spoke on her experiences serving in the CAV.
In Oct, Retired FBI Agent, Brad Garrett spoke on his participation in the 1995 arrest and interview of Ramzi Yousef in respect to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center north tower parking garage.
November has us at the Association's Veterans Day Events in Washington D.C. We thank all Veterans for their contributions to our Nation and the Division. Stay tuned for our Dec activities.
Gene Russell



Brad Garrett



Linda Jensen

Directors Chair
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Dutch and so many others from different nations. As for the younger generation, the one generation who would remember the atrocities long after the war had ended, the nearly 400 children who called the camp home, like 11-year-old Rosemarie. Rosemarie, now in her 80's, still has a vivid memory of what happened the day the Cavalry rolled into Santo Tomas on February 3, 1945. She remembers their names, stayed in touch with them until their deaths, and remains in touch with many of the Family members of those Troopers from that glorious day. Great Americans like Rosemarie keep our history alive each time they tell their story. She is a constant reminder that 'freedom is not free'.
During Black History Month, we take the time to honor African American achievement and inspire our communities to do the same. This year's theme is 'African Americans in Times of War' and it commemorates the centennial of the WWI. African Americans fought for and defended the United States, serving the very same country denying them their basic rights as citizens. Despite segregation and discrimination, African American Soldiers participated in crucial military roles from the colonial period to present. World War II marked the end of racial segregation within military units. In 1948, Harry S. Truman, signed Executive Order 9981 ordering the desegregation of the Armed Services and equality of treatment and opportunity without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. In 1991, forty years after military segregation ended, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense, oversaw Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. He was an African-American named Colin L. Powell.
In the great words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We are not makers of history. We are made by history."

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I served with the 1st Cavalry Division in (Circle one or more)
Pre-WWII WWII Japan Korean War Korea '57-'65 Fort Benning
Vietnam War Fort Hood Gulf War Bosnia Afghanistan Iraq Fort Bliss
Have you served with any other military unit during a war time period? YES NO

BUSINESS CARDS DISCONTINUED

Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest, we have discontinued the service of providing business cards to our members. Our printing company recommended a minimum order and that was difficult to uphold with the few orders we would receive. We apologize for any inconvenience.

CALENDAR DONATIONS

We are grateful to all who have sent in your 2018 1CDA Calendar Donation!
We have received a few generous donations & they are greatly appreciated.
Calendar donations keep this program operational. Without your donation we are unable to continue this program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!

NO CHAPTER IN YOUR AREA?

Are YOU interested in forming a new 1st Cavalry Division Association Chapter in your local area?
Contact the Association's Chapter Coordinator at <memberships@1CDA.org> or call (254) 547-6537 for assistance on how to get started!
First Team!

61st FA News



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Hopefully this issue of the Saber will be reaching you around the middle of February. Trust that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now we can concentrate on 2018. Naturally we all remembered our lovely wives on Valentine's Day. A special Thank You to all who sent along season's greetings. It's always nice to hear from you.

As I noted in the last issue regarding our trip to Austin and Houston, we did make it and had a very enjoyable time. We stayed in Austin for three days and had a good time doing some sightseeing around the capitol city. From there we drove to Houston just in time for their celebration of the Astros World Series win; never seen so much orange in my life! One of our Kiwanis Club member's son has a restaurant there called Field & Tides. We had a terrific dinner there and would certainly recommend it if you ever get to the Houston area. The Houston Convention Center was hosting a huge quilting convention and my wife spent the better part of three days there. Much as I wanted to attend, I decided on covering the Space Center instead. It was great, but disappointing in one sense in that they didn't have much of a Gemini display. I spent three years working on the Gemini Spacecraft Escape System back in the 60s. They had great displays of Mercury and Apollo things, but for some reason almost left out Gemini. Had some excellent dinners of Southern fried chicken, barbecue, Tex-Mex cuisine, etc. We then drove back to Austin and caught a return flight to San Diego. Nice trip.

From Bill Stewart in early November... "Gordon, I saw on the news the other night where winter has hit Minn., ready or not it will soon be getting farther south, and I can do without all the snow and ice. One way to look at this time of the year is in 6 months it will be warm again. I had the operation to replace my stimulator battery on 24 Oct without any snags. Just like any other operation, no lifting or straining of any type for several weeks, but at least I don't have the sharp pains I had after the old battery died 5 days before the scheduled surgery. So now I can move around only slowly. Everything else is a little behind, like raking all the leaves and cutting the grass once more this year. We did manage to get all our flowers in the green house for the winter and our feed for cows in place, so the other stuff is not so important. We are planning a trip to Branson the day after Thanksgiving for a few days. Hope to see a few shows and the trail of lights. If you haven't seen the trail of lights, you are missing quite a show. Hope all of you are doing fine and would like to hear from all of you, even a little email would be fine, Bill." Thanks for the note, Bill, always nice to hear from you.

Received this sad notice from Dorothy Inderdahl... "Dear Gordon, Just a note to let you know that Howard passed away on September 12th. He was at home under hospice care. Since February he had a bladder blockage that caused lots of problems. In August he was to have surgery, but just prior to it, his heart stopped. Fortunately, he came through it and was able to be at home with us for another three weeks. He knew us and was able to talk to us. It was very hard for Howard not to be able to do all the things he liked to do. It was great to have met you at the 61st reunion and Howard looked forward to getting the Saber. I, too, enjoyed reading about everyone. I have a wonderful Family who all live here in Wisconsin and keep me going. Thank for all you've done keeping us up on the news. Pray this finds you and your Family doing well, Dorothy." The obituary she included noted that they had celebrated 65 years of marriage. Howard was 89 at his passing and had received the Bronze Star during his service with the 61st in Korea. Howard and I used to exchange emails once in a while and I'll miss him. Our condolences to Dorothy and the Family.



ans Day Parade next Saturday with my Corvette." Looks like you're out there and having a good time, Dick. Thanks for the input.

From Jimmy Marks via Facebook on December 9th... "On this, the day of the Army-Navy football game, I always think of my Army foxhole buddy the late Colonel John P. Kean, who as a young First Lieutenant saved his Battery from certain disaster after being overrun by Chinese forces November 25/26 in North Korea. Kean, USMA 48, was the center on a West Point team that won the national championship. Once at Fort Benning we talked about his days playing football at the Point and he told me about an inscription on the gate of the football field, a quote from General MacArthur "Upon the fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds that on other fields, on other days, that bear the fruit of victory" I think he lived by it. As a Major, he was a Tac officer at the Point, his influence is still a part of "The Long Gray Line" GO ARMY!" Thanks for the posting, Jimmy.

In mid-December we here in California had a terrible fire season. It seemed like almost the whole area was going up and the Santa Ana winds were blowing fiercely, just adding to the problems in getting the fires under control. We had a number of friends and acquaintances who checked on us and we appreciate their concern. Fortunately, the fires didn't directly affect us, but we had several friends and acquaintances who had to evacuate and/or lost homes.

On December 12th we got a call from a Dan Lundy who resides in Anoka, MN. Dan was in Korea 1964-65 with the 1-21st HQ Btry. Among other assignments he was the CO's driver. Evidently, he called me because I was the only one he could find in the Saber who was west of the Mississippi. Dan just felt like

chatting with a fellow 1st Cav Vet (although he's some 12 years younger than I). Anyway, we did have a nice chat about his military service and things in general. Thanks for calling, Dan.

Ed Jakubowski sent along a beautiful Christmas poem supposedly written by a Marine, but unfortunately the Saber does not publish poems of any kind. Anyway, Ed, thanks for sending it along and we did appreciate it.

In mid-December my wife and I took a train from the Oceanside Transit Station to Anaheim. It was only an hour's trip and we enjoyed the ride. In Anaheim we were able to walk to our hotel and then to the Honda Center to take in the "Spin Stops Here" show with Bill O'Reilly and Dennis Miller. Good entertainment, if a bit on the pricey side. From there we walked across the street to a local Grill/Sports bar and had dinner and then back to the hotel. The next day we walked backed to the train station for the ride back to Oceanside. Again, enjoyed the scenery along the coast. Nice overnight trip without a car. Not many places you can go these days here in SoCal without an automobile.

This from Richard Speedman in mid-December... "Gordon, you're doing a fantastic job with your articles. From past experience, I know how hard it is to get info to put in the paper. Reading the different articles that people have sent in has made me think of the many jobs I had in the Battalion from December 1949 to April 1953. As a replacement for the 187th Airborne my assignment was changed in Japan to the 1st Cav. I arrived in Korea and assigned to the 61st. Same night, met the Battalion Commander, driven to B Btry, put in the mess tent for the night, awakened at 4 am, driven to join Fox Company, 5th Cav as their new FO. There were approximately 35 men left in the company. To this day I've never met the Btry CO or even remember his name. During my assignments I was an FO with 70th Tank Battalion, Artillery Liaison Officer with HQ, 2nd Battalion and then took over as B Btry XO. When my year was up for rotation home I extended, hoping to be promoted. To my surprise, the division rotated to Hokkaido and when I tried to transfer to the 7th Division, I was told my transfer was for the Cav and I would transfer to Hokkaido with the 61st. In early 1953 I returned to Korea still as the B Btry XO and later transferred to Bn staff as the Commo Officer. In May I was forced to rotate home because of the point system Gen. Clark installed. I have had a great ride with assignments in Turkey, Greece, Italy, Thailand, Germany, TDY to Libya and assigned to several American posts." Speedy included a picture of B Battery, 61st FA Bn in Ft. Bliss, TX along with the 1941 Christmas dinner menu. He also noted that he didn't think anyone in the photo was alive at this date. Thanks so much for the input, Speedy, always nice to hear from you.

From Dick Weakley in late December... "First, my apologies for being so late in contacting you on the following info. Deceased... Richard Martens, 84, passed away on 12/12/2016, Bill McSpadden, 87, 2016 along with Laura Tringali, wife of Matt Tringali on 12/24/2016. Blair McSpadden, wife of Bill, passed on 3/15/2017 (some of these were duly noted in previous 61st articles). Richard Heeter, in Mineral Point, MO and wife Judy are having a few medical problems, but still keeping busy. Phillip Lustgaaf and wife Janis of Council Bluffs are doing fairly well. Robert Bove, in South Chicago Height, IL is hard to contact (no answer at his listed number 708-203-3566). Joyce Walter, wife of Richard, is working at the machine shop every day. We spent Thanksgiving with our son in Boca Raton, FL. On the way home we had the pleasure of spending a couple of days with Grady and Phyllis Tucker. They have a beautiful home in Free Port, FL. Update on an old buddy, Willis Murray, Cambridge, IN is the oldest at 90+ years. He's doing great!" Later Richard called me, and we had a long chat. Thanks for the updates and the enjoyable chat.

Looking forward to a great year and more information from all of you! Take care, Stay Bueno and keep those cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails coming.

Division Doings

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brings us all together," said Yazzie. The emotional bond Yazzie feels towards her baby is a driving force behind her work ethic; pulling them closer together while pushing boundaries in her career to provide for her child.

"I think it's magnified my desire because I no longer do it for myself," said Yazzie. "I have to be that role model for my child. I can't fail. I'm going to make it home, and I think it's the same mindset for mothers in Iraq and Afghanistan." "A Soldier dedicated to the mission, unit, and Family is a valuable contribution to the fight," said CPT James Holman, S1 OIC, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "These are the primary motivators that drive a Soldier to succeed, and SFC Yazzie consistently displays each one."

Motivation is maintained through communication with Family. The post office no longer remains the intermediary for communications among deployed Troops and their loved ones. The connection is instant; they can see and hear those they love with the push of a button. "I video chat with my daughter every morning and every night," said Yazzie. I watch her grow up in video and pictures." Yazzie, an 18-year Veteran, considers her current rotational deployment to Korea the most difficult. The mother of a 10-month old daughter, she anxiously awaits her redeployment to Fort Hood, Texas and understands she may be called upon again.

Air Cav Battalions Uncase Colors For Atlantic Resolve by 1LT Jena E. Brown, 1st ACB Public Affairs Office, 1st Cavalry Division

ILLESHEIM, Germany – Air Cav marked its successful deployment from Fort Hood, Texas in support of Atlantic Resolve by uncasing battalion colors in a Color Uncasing and Award Ceremony on Illesheim Army Airbase, Friday for 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, and 615th Aviation Support Battalion. An additional color uncasing and award ceremony was held at Katterbach, Germany for 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment. The uncasing ceremony signifies the start of the unit's overseas mission and their readiness to support NATO Allies and partners throughout Europe.

Friday's uncasing ceremony allowed battalions to recognize Air Cav Troopers who have excelled in their roles and responsibilities during port operations in Belgium and the brigade's flow into Europe. These Troopers enabled Air Cav to assume the Atlantic Resolve mission and truly proved the successes of empowering junior leaders within the formation.

Air Cav Troopers are currently dispersed over four countries for the nine-month

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5th CAV News



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I hope everyone has made it through the holidays in good health and your families are doing well also. I'm sitting here, as many of you are in the bitter cold with anticipation of what the new year will bring. I have quite a few articles that have been submitted to me for inclusion in the Saber. I promise I will eventually publish all of them, but since some are rather long I must divide them between this article and upcoming articles.

This first article was submitted by Robert Duff, a Korean war Veteran that wrote about his trauma at the encouragement of his counselor at the VA. Here is an excerpt from the writings of Robert B. Duff, Private, Co. C, 2 Bn., 5th Cav:

My First Day of Battle

The first day that I went into battle, we were moving to the front, and we could hear the heavy artillery rounds going off. The first time I saw someone wounded was when our outfit was walking north, and I could see the open jeeps, holding the wounded, laying on stretchers. They were all bandaged up on the way to the medical station. I could tell many of these boys were not going to make it. That's when I got scared. It went right through me. Knowing that we were getting close to the front, and my first time under fire. I didn't know how I would react, but it wasn't long, maybe 2-3 miles, as we were walking in an open valley, that it started. There was a tree line along the valley, where there were four Russian T34's camouflaged along the tree line. We walked right into it and they opened up on us. This was my first time seeing men being killed and wounded. I dove behind a small bush and laid there, shaking and frozen. We had to get up and move up the hill. A Soldier walked by me and kicked me in the boot and said, "let's go". I realized that he wasn't getting shot at, so I jumped up and ran up a side hill. On the side of the hill, we stopped to bury one of our own men. We took his bayonet and put in on his rifle. Turned the rifle upside down and the bayonet was run into the ground. Then his helmet was hung on the top. This was done so that the medical team could locate the body.

The article is very lengthy and detailed, Mr. Duff took great pain to write his memories of war and sadly I'm not able to put them all here. But many of us can sympathize with Robert.

XM16E1 Rifle Help

I received a request for information of those who experienced problems with the XM16E1 by Troopers during the periods of 1965 through 1967. Among the units affected was the 1st Cavalry Division. The main malfunction was with failure to extract. Usually, if immediate action did not resolve the problem, a cleaning rod was needed to clear the chamber.

This request comes from LTC (Ret) Bob Orkland and Lyman C. Duryea who are co-authoring a book that addresses these issues. What these 2 gentlemen are requesting from the men who personally experienced problems, the approximate date and name of the operation, if known. Please contact Mr. Duryea via e-mail at <lymanduryea@yahoo.com>. Mailing address is 701 Timberlake Lane, McDaniels, KY, 40152. He does prefer e-mail.

The following event was submitted to me for inclusion, but I have egg on my face because I failed to keep the author's name. My bad!

Republic of South Vietnam 1969, First Cavalry Division (Airmobile)

The men of Alpha Company, Fifth Cavalry, had been breaking jungle for the better part of the morning when they stopped for a bit of helmet sitting and a smoke. The roar of US F-104 Phantom jets broke the jungle stillness by dropping their ordinance not far from our position. The whistling of shrapnel abounded in the aftershock. The man next to me took a hot chunk of metal to the shoulder but it bounced off him leaving only a smoking shirt and a sore shoulder as a reminder of how fast things can happen with the infantry in Vietnam. The jets departed as fast as they appeared. Shortly thereafter we received word that an inbound B-52 strike was not far out and headed to our location to obliterate a target. The big boys were coming. It was imperative that we vacate the area ASAP before all hell was unleashed upon the jungle and our position.

Company security was left in the dust as we broke bush looking to put as much distance between us and those bombers. Most of us had witnessed B-52 strikes from hill tops and could readily attest to the lethal effectiveness of such sorties. A single bomb from B-52 leaves crater 12 to 15 feet deep as well as wide. We got far enough away to take cover and to pray for deliverance from the coming carnage. It came without a sound and then blast after blast created concussion waves that gave you the feeling of being lifted off the ground. In what seemed an eternity, the bombs stopped falling.

We moved around in a daze of sorts talking with nervous laughter. In the infantry you came to expect the worse and sure enough the higher ups had a doozy for us. In a nutshell, they wanted us to go into the bomb site and assess the damage. This would be nasty but in we went. The site which was once triple canopy jungle but now a chaotic mass of limbs and vegetation. We dropped rucksacks and only brought weapons, ammo, and canteens.

Then began a continuous up, down, under and through, over and under this tangled mass of branches. The scene resembled a world turned upside down. The earth from the bomb craters was now deposited in the trees, and the giant holes covered by downed trees was our only footing into this confusing mayhem of limbs and branches. As we made are way in, the dirt was cascading down upon us mingling with our sweat. We were breathing so much dirt in that it was pouring out of our noses.

We normally are a smelly, dirty bunch from living in the jungle for 35 days per mission, but this took us to a new low. We were encrusted head to foot in an orange clay powder. Just eyes and teeth were all that remained of our human condition. The smell of death and rotting vegetation permeated the stifling air. Nothing could have gleaned from the chaos that surrounded us. All signs of the enemy seemed to be vaporized. No intel to be had. We gathered our gear and moved out while also scouting for a place to dig in for the night. A suitable site was located. It was time to put out claymores, trip flares and ambushes. We settled in to await what may come in the night.

Please keep these interesting stories coming.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

Headquarters, 1st Brigade
Combat Team,
1st Cavalry Division
(Iron Horse)

- Constituted 29 August 1917 in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Brigade
- Organized in February 1918 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as an element of the 15th Cavalry Division
- Relieved 12 May 1918 from assignment to the 15th Cavalry Division
Demobilized 14 July 1919 at Brownsville, Texas
- Reconstituted 20 August 1921 in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Brigade, and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (later redesignated as the 1st Cavalry Division, Special)
- Organized 1 September 1921 at Camp Harry J. Jones, Arizona
- Inactivated 25 March 1949 in Japan and relieved from assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division, Special
Converted and redesignated 20 May 1949 as Headquarters, 1st Constabulary Brigade, and activated in Germany
- Inactivated 15 August 1951 in Germany
- Disbanded 5 December 1951
- Reconstituted 15 July 1963 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division
- Activated 1 September 1963 in Korea
- Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, reorganized and redesignated 17 October 2005 as Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division - hereafter separate lineage)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II:

New Guinea
Bismarck Archipelago (with arrowhead)
Leyte (with arrowhead)
Luzon

Vietnam:

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969
Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Southwest Asia:

Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

War on Terrorism:

Iraq

DECORATIONS

- Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUZON
- Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE
- Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 1990-1991
- Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1969
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970-1971
- Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

12th CAV News



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my thoughts and parsing hard the year past and the last three months singularly. You thought the 'Stoned Kidney' story was a honey hey? Well you ain't heard nuttin' Jack. The Thursday afore Christmas, my lovely (child bride/trophy) wife went outside on a task and fell and broke her hip in two places and I was at the VA at the time, 26.4 miles away and I can prove it, your Honor. Traveling over the mountains at a high rate of speed (the posted speed limit), I was musing inadvertently on death and injuries to persons in general, and to those one loves in particular. I did spend loads of time with her during the day and slept in her room at night, overseeing her needs and care. I spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day with my wife. Simple existence, simple fare/room/trappings but a simple concise Christmas stripped of the extraneous and distractions. I consider this one of our best Christmases ever, another kind of a newlywed Christmas; we were alone with little of anything, but melded together, and who would need or want anything else, or indeed, more?

0301 Help a Brother? "I am working with 1st Cav Veteran co-author LTC (Ret) Bob Orkand about problems experienced with the XM16E1 rifle issued to deploying Army and Marine units in the early years of the Vietnam War, 1965 to and including much of 1967. Those units were the First and Third Marine Divisions, the 173d Airborne Brigade, the 1st Air Cavalry Division, and the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. While the M16 Family of weapons does increase the effective firepower of the fighting Soldier and offers many advantages over the 7.62mm Family of weapons, an early problem severely compromised those advantages. Those present knew that we had a problem with the XM16E1, failure to extract. Extraction was not remediable except by using a cleaning rod to remove a fired case from the chamber. I was commander of C 2/7 for most of 1966 and we experienced this problem frequently. Some men in the company carried captured weapons, and it was common to exchange a rifle with a bad performance history for one that, for one reason or another, was not so prone to malfunctions. (I lost one man when his AM16E1 malfunctioned at a critical moment.) First-hand accounts will be an important part of our book; we need as much input as we can get from men who experienced this problem as we document this in the book. Please send me any personal experience of this problem with the XM16E1. Please include relevant information such as the name of the Campaign/Operation if known, approximate date, unit involved, and anything else that seems important. If you have friends who had the same problems, please pass on this request. If you desire anonymity, you will not be identified by name. Our draft must be submitted in just under a year. We would like to have it to the publisher well inside that time frame. Postal address, 701 Timberlake Lane, McDaniels, KY 40152-7262. Cell phone, 270-316- 6295. Phone calls are tough due to my very poor hearing. If you call, be very loud and clear with any number you leave for a return call please. Email is great: <LymanDuryea@yahoo.com>. Thanks." <Trooper Lyman C. (Chan) Duryea; edited>.

0501 The 1st Cavalry Division Association 71st Annual Reunion at the Charleston Marriott Town Center in Charleston, WV, 2018, June 20-24. "All Life Members and Associate Members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association are welcome to attend this special event. As always, Family members of our war dead, Gold Star Families, and widows of our members are welcome to join us for this reunion. Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events will have limited seating due to the size of the rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the Registration Fee in order to attend." <www.1CDA.Org>.

0701 "The Sheridan Chapter of the 1CDA celebrates the Christmas season each year with a Christmas Gala. This year the organizers reached out to the 12th Cavalry



Leon Hinton, Allen Lynch,
LTC Andrew Kizer

Regiment Association along with the current command structure of the active 1/12 Cav, Ft Hood, to explore the idea of including in their program recognition of the actions of Medal of Honor recipient Allen J. Lynch fifty years ago, December. Association President Doug Warden and HCOTR Jim Dingeman moved forward without hesitation with plans to commission a commemorative plaque, and designate an Association Officer to attend the presentation. Logistically I was the easiest choice and I happily volunteered. LTC Andrew Kizer current CO of the 1/12th also volunteered to attend, bringing with him a commemorative gift from the Battalion. With great stealth our Regiment Association, in concert with the Sheridan Chapter of Chicago, planned and executed this 50th Year Anniversary surprise celebration for Allen, totally without his knowledge, to celebrate his actions as a member of D CO, 1/12th at the battle of My An on December 15th, 1967. The evening was festive and memorable, with LTC Kizer and I making our presentations amid a very appreciative and attentive audience." <Vice President Leon J Hinton; adapted>.

0901 Check yourself before you wreck yourself. If you have the symptoms of PTSD, you may try to deal with problems in ways that cause more harm than good. This is called negative coping. Negative coping means you use quick fixes that may make a situation worse in the end. Taking a lot of drugs or alcohol to feel better is called substance abuse. You may try to use drugs or alcohol to escape your problems, help you sleep, or make your symptoms go away. Substance abuse can cause serious problems. Drinking or using drugs can put your relationships, your job, and your health at risk. You may become more likely to be mean or violent. When under the influence of alcohol or drugs, people often make bad decisions. Certain social situations may cause you stress, make you angry, or remind you of bad memories. Because of this, you may try to avoid doing things with other

0001 Hey Sailor, new in town? As I sit here on the ship in midwinter, scribbling ink upon paper, enjoying the chill 19-degree weather (we had snow flurries today), listening to more Christmas music (I am vetted), I am ordering

people. You may even avoid your friends and Family. This is avoidance and isolation. Avoiding others can make you feel isolated. Isolation is when you tend to be alone a lot, rather than spending time around other people. Yet social support is critical to healthy coping. When you distance yourself from others, your problems may seem to build up. You may have more negative thoughts and feelings like sadness and fear. You may feel like you are facing life all alone. Take part in social activities even if you do not feel like it. It will increase the chances you have to feel good and have fun. <PTSD.VA.Gov>.

1101 Happy Birth Day, Trooper Ortiz! "World War II Veteran Andrew Ortiz celebrated his 101st birthday on November 20, 2017. Andrew was born Nov. 20, 1916 to Marcelino and Emma Valdez in the little mining town of Valdez, Colorado near Trinidad, CO. He was the oldest of five boys. He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, a public work relief program, planting trees when he was 18. He later served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1945, earning the rank of Master Sergeant. He was assigned to the 12th Cavalry and remembers the Soldiers trading in their horses for motorized vehicles. During his time in the service, he worked as an airplane mechanic, serving in Germany, New Guinea, Guam and the Philippines. He received a Letter of Commendation for his work. Andrew and his late wife, Rebecca Silva Ortiz, were married in 1947 and raised their family in Pueblo, CO while



MSG Andrew Ortiz

he worked as a foreman and inspector at the Pueblo Army Depot, a U.S. Army ammunition storage and supply facility. The couple moved to Fremont County, CO after they retired in 1979." <CanonCityDailyRecord.Com; annotated>.

1201 "Sleep is one of those hubs in the wheel of health," said Diana Jeffery, a health psychologist and health care research analyst. "Without sleep, you impair mental health, cognitive functions, and decision-making skills. There are very few health functions that don't require sleep." Sleep is a biological function that helps the body repair itself. In addition, it keeps the mind from racing. She likens a lack of sleep to running a car at 100 miles an hour: You can run at a high speed for short periods of time, but extended periods risk doing damage. "Prolonged periods of stress have profound impacts on the immune system, which needs to be at its optimal level to fight disease, to repair injured cells, and to control hormones needed to regulate the body," she said. "We need a period of rest." Recent health surveys show at least 10 to 20 percent of service members do not get enough sleep, while more than half say they do not *feel* they get enough sleep. Jeffery said military sleep clinics help diagnose what's keeping Troops and their Families up all night, but practicing good sleep hygiene is important: Avoid screen time near bedtime such as TVs, monitors, and smartphones; sleep in a darkened environment; use relaxation techniques the half-hour before bedtime; have regular, consistent bedtime hours. Another promising idea that might help people sleep is a new, blue-light-blocking lens being developed by Military Health System researchers. The lenses filter out the type of blue light from TVs, computers, and smartphones that suppresses production of melatonin (an important chemical that helps people sleep). A preliminary study on the tinted lenses showed that when worn two hours before going to bed, the wearers fell asleep about 30 percent faster than those who didn't use them. Jeffery recommended going to a military sleep clinic to eliminate some of the common causes of insomnia, such as sleep apnea or poor sleep habits. <Health.Mil, condensed>.

1301 I'll hazard you had no idea! "March 5 will be the 75th anniversary of a bill passed in the Georgia legislature officially renaming the community of Wellston, Houston County, Georgia, population 300, to Warner Robins. Warner Robins is named for Brigadier General Augustine Warner Robins, as is the Air Force base and an Airman and Family Readiness Center. Robins, a native of Gloucester County, Virginia, never visited the town. Born in 1882 to a patrician Virginia Family whose men had fought in the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, he graduated from West Point in 1907. Attached for two years with the 12th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, he spent a decade in the cavalry. In 1916 his Troop accompanied General John Pershing to New Mexico for the "punitive expedition" against Pancho Villa. The bandit escaped, but Robins did not. One of the other units on the border was the 1st Aero Squadron, a group of flimsy airplanes engaged in reconnaissance operations. Robins was intrigued by the possibilities of flight and submitted his papers for a transfer to the air arm. Considered 'the father of the Air Force's present-day system of supply and maintenance', in 1935 he was promoted to brigadier general, alone of only four in the Air Corps at the time, and given command of the Materiel Division at Wright Field. For the next four years, Robins oversaw the entire logistics side of the Air Corps. He instituted a supply accountability system that remained in effect until the advent of computers thirty years later. Likewise, in 1927 he opened a logistics school for nonflying officers so in the future it would be unnecessary to rely upon officers transferred from the cavalry! He pushed hard for increased funding for research and development, as well as key technologies ranging from the B17, to the Borden bombsight, to the high-octane gasoline needed to power the new high-performance engines. More importantly, he was in charge of the logistics end of the air arm just as the country began its massive expansion for World War II. As the old adage goes, "amateurs discuss strategy, but professionals talk about logistics." Serving under his permanent rank of Colonel, he was commander of the Randolph Field Flying School from March 1939 until his death." Now you are aware, and know not all, but more. Beware of imitations. <ArlingtonCemetery.Net, Macon.Com; revised>.



BG Augustine Warner Robins

1701 I have friends. Quit your laughing! They send me stuff. Take Josten's Military Sales Division. Here it is if you want it, the "12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Continued on pg. 7

7th CAV News



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Greetings and Salutations my friends and brothers! I hope that you are enjoying the New Year, and that Santa was very good to you. Unfortunately, he did not bring the Indian Chief Motorcycle I asked him for...

Any reporter/author/scribe worth a bit of salt readily admits to mistakes made, unfortunately those admissions are usually in small print at the end of the article. Instead of that, I want to bring to your attention that in the November/December issue I got two names wrong. My apologies to Chan Duryea, who provided me with the information and to those that I misnamed.

The first error was the name of Charles M. (Doc) Kinney whom I misnamed Doc McKinney.

The second was an incorrect name and email address for Bob Orkand. Because of the disservice I created, I want to repeat the message in which these errors occurred.

A request for information has been received from Chan Duryea, 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry. If you can help him, please reach out.

"I have agreed to co-author a book with another Cav Vet, Bob Orkand, on the malfunction issue (failure to extract) of the first issue of the M16 rifle to Vietnam bound Troops. My first KIA as company commander resulted from just such a malfunction when one of my guys got off just one round at a group of advancing NVA at night. He was killed by return fire. Before going to Vietnam in February of 1966, I had spent two years as a test officer on the Infantry Board at Fort Benning. I was acutely aware of the problems with the then XM16E1. Bob and I need first-hand accounts from men who had problems with the M16. This will be an essential part of the book. We would be greatly appreciative of any support and information we might receive from 7th Cavalry Vets."

Contact information for Chan and Bob is: Chan Duryea, 701 Timberlake Ln, McDaniels, KY 40153, <lymanduryea@yahoo.com>, (270) 316-6295. Bob Orkand, 27 Elkins Lake Huntsville, TX 77340, <boborkand@yahoo.com>.

A little bit more about your new scribe:

I think it is important that you know who is reporting on the 7th Cavalry Regiment so that you may have faith in what I write and also be willing to offer up your stories for others to read. I enlisted in 1966 right after graduating from high school, went through basic training and AIT, and then volunteered for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned after completing OCS at Fort Benning. I mentioned in my initial article that I was a member of Echo Company 1/7; my second tour began just 11 months after returning from my first. During that second tour, I served as an advisor to a Vietnamese RF/PF Training Center outside the village of Long Hai on the coast of the South China Sea near Vung Tau. I served for 13 years as an Infantry officer before being trained as a Public Affairs Officer at the Defense Information School housed at Fort Benjamin Harrison. After a stint as the editor of the Army Administrator, a professional journal for the Adjutant General and Finance Corps, I left active duty but remained active in the Army Reserve until I was retired in 1986. That makes me an old man with some writing skills, a perfect fit for this job.

I'm not sure how many of you might also be members of the Combat Infantrymen's Association (CIA) but I want to relay some information about a recent change in the chain of command for that organization. You will be happy to know that the CIA is in the hands of 1st Cavalry Division leadership! Please read the following biographical statements for the new National Commander, Fred Taylor, and Deputy Commander Phil Zook. As some of you may know, Phil served with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry in Vietnam.

National Commander Fred Taylor - email is <cibassoc.nc@gmail.com>. Fred Taylor has been active in Veterans' affairs since 1968. Among his achievements are being inducted into two Veterans' Halls of Fame [Florida and Indiana]; elected National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart [2000]; selected as the American Delegate to the World Veterans' Federation meeting in Paris, France [2000]; selected as one of 10 Americans to tour Israeli defense installations by AIPAC [2015]; selected by then IN Governor Mike Pence to receive the highest honor an Indiana Governor may bestow upon a person, the Sagamore of the Wabash [2016]; served in the First Cavalry Division [Airmobile] in 1968; recipient of 3 Purple Hearts and the CIB for Vietnam combat. Owner of F.A. Taylor & Associates, Inc. Married to wife, Patty Taylor.

Deputy Commander Phil Zook, email is <cibassoc.dc@gmail.com> From northern Indiana, now living in Bloomington, Indiana with wife Suzanne and in driving distance to 3 married daughters and their children. Commissioned an Infantry Officer from ROTC at Indiana University, January 1969. After duty assignments and school at Ft. Benning, Georgia, assigned to C Company 1/7th Cav, 1st Air Cav as platoon leader III Corp. RVN. Wounded in RVN April 1970 and a second time in Cambodia May 1970. Returned to states through hospital system, released and returned to active duty September 1970. Assigned 7th Special Forces Group Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and served with Group until March 1973 when I resigned my commission. Graduate school and employment in Bloomington until retirement July 2003. Life member and supporter of American Legion, VFW, MOPH and DAV.

Congratulations to both of these warriors and may your tours of duty with the Combat Infantrymen's Association be successful!

New Veteran ID Card Coming Soon!

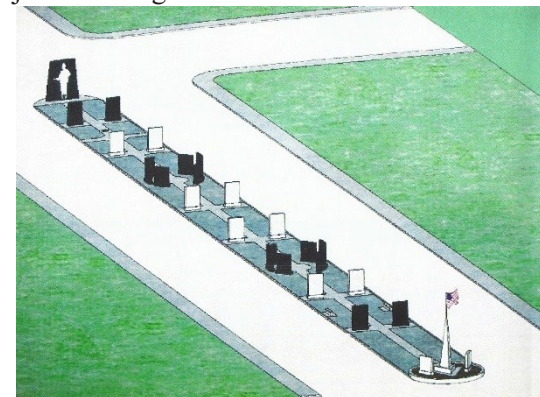
Currently, anyone who served in the armed forces and has an honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge may have "Veteran" added on their driver's license. What some people may not be aware of is that the Veterans Administration began accepting applications for Veteran Identification Cards Nov 1, 2017. These cards will serve as proof of service in the armed forces.

Anyone wishing to obtain a VIC should apply at <vets.gov>. Those eligible should receive their no cost ID card in the mail within three weeks. This is the only way to apply for the VIC. Medical centers and regional offices cannot assist in obtaining a VIC. For more information, visit <vets.gov>. Help Desk 1-855-574-7286, TTY: 1-800-877-8339, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

I received an update from Greg Schlieve, who served with Charlie Company, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry in 1969 and 1970. He has this to offer:

"I served most of my tour in the Infantry, but the last three months I was the supply sergeant for the Battalion. This gave me the opportunity to really become aware of all the duties that everyone in the rear were doing to keep our grunts well supported while they trashed it out in the jungles. I have since viewed the Virtual Wall on the internet, and have noticed that about 85% of those who died in Vietnam served in the Infantry. The 1st Cavalry Division lost more men KIA than any other Army Division did in World War II, either in the Pacific or in Europe. Thus, it was a shame that we had to hear that we only fought in a peace-keeping mission and were not qualified to join such organizations as the VFW when we came home.

I am now 68 years old and am working to build a very large Veterans Memorial in my hometown, Sunnyside, Washington. I wanted to make you aware of this Veterans Memorial. The city has given our Post the median in a one-block long boulevard. The median is 400 feet long and 25 feet wide. You can go to our Facebook page: American Legion Post #73 in Sunnyside, Washington to view our progress to date.



Virtual Wall

Our goal is to build a Veterans Memorial that will eventually have 42 large granite walls installed along the 400-foot long boulevard. Today, we have 12 large granite walls installed. The walls average 8 feet tall and either 4 or 4½ feet wide. Each wall weighs well over 3 tons. Just the massive amount of granite that will be installed will make this one of the largest Veterans Memorials in the Northwest, if not the entire



United States."

It's me again. I think that it is important to note that Greg has not asked for donations in the completion of this project, however I am certain that the American Legion Post #73 in Sunnyside, Washington has. I did a search and found this address for the Post: P.O. Box 654, Sunnyside, WA, 98944. Greg's address is Greg Schlieve, P.O. Box 369, Grandview, WA, 98930. I'm sure the Post would appreciate any and all donations for this most worthy project.

Don't forget to send me your stories, remembrances, requests for information, or whatever you would like to see published in this column. Until the Spring, Garryowen!

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Cavalry Division ring. Special offer 3092, Design N0: 0100-ZO741. Lustrium is an affordable alternative if you want the bright qualities of white gold. Questra gives your ring a priceless gold look and a brilliant surface that is so durable it carries Jostens exclusive lifetime warranty. Gold, the most popular quality and an excellent choice to commemorate your special years. Made in the USA, whichever alloy you choose, each has outstanding durability and wear ability characteristics. White Lustrium \$202.00; Questra \$285.00; 10 Karat White Gold /Yellow Gold \$778.80; 14 and 18 Karat Gold available, prices upon request. 800-433-5671." Only if you are interested. I do not know if the offer is still extant but contact me if you need help or are interested in further information. I do not need one; I still have the one I bought in Vietnam.

1901 The 12th Cavalry Mounted Band, Fort Brown, Texas, part the second; "Located about as far south as one can go in the continental United States, Fort Brown was originally just an earthworks defense built in 1846 on the north side of the Rio Grande River by General Zachary Taylor. Originally named Fort Texas, the Mexican government considered it an outrageous provocation by President James K. Polk to place American forces below the official border which was then 100 miles north at the Nueces River. The incursion started the Mexican-American War (1846-48) which began with a siege of Fort Texas. During the action, two American Soldiers were killed, including Major Jacob Brown. To honor the major's death, General Taylor renamed the site Fort Brown, and in 1849, the city of Brownsville, Texas, was established just north of the fort's perimeter. The city of Matamoros, Mexico lies just across the river from Brownsville. (In 1848, Zachary Taylor would use his military fame to succeed President Polk as the 12th President of the United States. Unfortunately, his term was cut short when he succumbed to an unknown digestive illness and died in July 1850.)" A superb site to visit and read with unique military and civilian band related content, <TempoSenzaTempo.BlogSpot.Com, Mike Brubaker>.

2301 Journal closed. I have my synonyms rocking... "A nation is a society united by delusions about its ancestry and by common hatred of its neighbors." ~ William Ralph Inge. Semper Paratus! Write if you get work!

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8th CAV News



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Hi again, "Boy it's cold!" That's what I told some friends in Michigan this morning (December 31st as I write this column). It got down to 51 last night here in Port Charlotte and our high temps remain only in the 60's. Brrrrrrrrrr... I felt the need to harass my Michigan friends where it was just 5 degrees this morning.

While I planned on staying down here through the winter this year, alas I must travel back to the frozen North in a few weeks. The doctors at UofM Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI want to "practice" medicine on me again, this time with sharp objects. Ouch! Well, hopefully I'll be back down here in February to enjoy the sunny South and my Florida get-away until April when I head back North where my newly acquired boat will demand my undivided attention. It is located at the River Haven Marina on the Grand River in Grand Haven, MI. I told friends last summer that I was learning to "marinate."

They thought I was speaking about grilling; I had to advise that it was about driving the boat. The big accomplishment at the end of last season was docking it alone with no mate to assist with the fenders and lines. I wasn't sure I could manage it, but I figured if I could land my plane I should be able to dock a 28-foot cabin cruiser.



We've got some catching up to do as a couple of items came in after I had already submitted the November/December column. So here are two reports:

Jumping Mustangs: This group of Troopers who served together in Vietnam with 1/8th Cav 1965-1971 had their reunion this year in Grand Rapids. Here is Glenn Sheatheim's report:

"Some of the early arrivals were in Grand Rapids and Muskegon as early as Sunday. Jim Knafl did some sight-seeing. On Tuesday, about a dozen of us went to the Muskegon Pistol & Rifle Club Range. At the range, we shot AR-15's, AK-47 semi-automatics, M-1 Garands, 1917 Enfields built by Eddystan, one was my rifle built in 1917 with a stamp honoring SGT York. Randy Howard was especially pleased with that. We also shot several new bolt action rifles with big scopes. Some of the wives like those, too, because Tom Osborne and his friend had several real nice rifles of that type. There was also an HK-91 recognizable by the smoked stripes it put on the cases.

"For the evening meal on Tuesday we went to Kruse Park on Lake Michigan. It has a covered pavilion where we had a catered meal of "sloppy Joes," corn on the cob, potato salad, cold drinks, cookies, pickles, etc. The left-over food went to Muskegon Rescue Mission which they really appreciated.

"On Wednesday, people visited the Gerald R. Ford Museum and the Frederick Meijer Gardens. The Gardens has a huge cast bronze horse created by Nina Akamu who was inspired by an original designed by Leonardo da Vinci for the Duke of Milan. Two castings were made of the horse and the second can be found in Milan, Italy. "Thursday, we had our opening flag raising ceremony in the courtyard of the hotel which had a nice area with chairs and an awning to keep the sun off. It was a good thing, too, because temperatures were about 88 which is high for Grand Rapids the 3rd week of October.



Al Conetto

"Some of the people went to visit the graves of our KIA as well as those who died after the war from Muskegon. Some of us who were unable to make the Tuesday shoot went back to the Muskegon range including Al Conetto (CO of D-1/8 1967-68). They charged him \$1 per round to shoot an AK-47 at the museum at CuChi.

"Tom Osborne and Margaret selected excellent Jumping Mustang engraved glasses for the dinner tables on Friday and Saturday nights. Thursday night was the ice breaker and we had a great time talking and reviewing the past year. "Sue Rice and Chaplain Roger Talmadge led a tour of Fort Custer National Cemetery near Battle Creek to visit our KIA buried there and at several other cemeteries. There are 24 KIA's from Michigan. One of the graves at Fort Custer is SGT Joe Musial, aka "SGT Rock." He was one of the more colorful characters in Vietnam.

"Friday a group of us went to Lansing, MI (The State Capital) and placed a wreath at the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial. "Saturday, we had our typical memorial dinner. The ceremony was opened by President Harvey Auger who was followed by a vocal rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by Melody Crough.

"Two weeks after the reunion, Seth Rice and I went to the funeral of Jim Voytila. Jim was an excellent artist from the Detroit area and did some art work for the Jumping Mustangs. "We are meeting for our reunion in Colorado Springs, October 2018. We hope to see you there."

Kentucky Kampout: Larry Hempfling sent in this report on this annual gathering of some of our 8th Cavalry Association members and friends:

"This year's edition of the Kentucky Kampout is over, but as always, it was a very successful event. We had 3 new attendees show up this year. Paul Braun who was a Medic with C 2-8 1969, Doug Venedola who was an Infantryman with B 2-7 69-70, and Gary McBee who was a Door Gunner with both the Americal and 25th Infantry Divisions in 71-72. I know they will be back as they all had a great time. Always a pleasure to watch those who are new and how they fit right in to the group of us that have been doing this what seems like forever. We had a few changes in the procedure we have used concerning our breakfast. At our

host James "Topgun" Dotson's suggestion, we had our good friend Shirley who has helped in several ways over the years, do the breakfast at the AMVETS Hall right across the street. Hall was open from 0800 to 0930 and if you didn't show up you missed out. The same items that we've done for years were provided for breakfast and no one had to work under the taskmaster Tommy "Smiley" Harris who supervises these meals. Once again Wednesday's dinner was provided by the Ladies Auxiliary at the AMVETS Hall. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were pretty much the same fare on the menu as in the past with one exception, grilled chicken breasts on Friday. I guess no one wants to eat healthy as there were several inquiries about the usual pork chops. Back to the chops next year. Plenty of good conversations were had around the campfire and one observation by more than just myself, we no longer are up until 0300 in the morning. Most guys are retiring around 2000 hours or so. Plus, there were the baseball playoffs and card games going on. Several of our regulars didn't make it due to health issues, once in a lifetime vacations, Family activities etc., but we have assurances they will be back next year.

"Speaking of next year, it will be the 20th Anniversary of the Kampout and we see no end coming soon. As long as we can walk, drive, crawl, or fly, this wonderful weekend will continue. Back in 1998 we started this tradition with a trip to Billy Lewis's home in Cookeville, Tenn. James Dotson, Johnny Mays, George Thaler, Tommy Harris, Billy Lewis and myself attended. Billy had a beautiful lot up in on the mountain there and we literally camped out, sleeping in tents around the fire or out in the elements. After Billy sold his place we moved to a piece of property that Topgun was partners in and did the same thing - out in the elements or the back of campers on pickups. We finally got wise and moved to a resort down the road and eventually the newer resort at which we now stay.

"As in the past, any and all 1st Cavalry Division Vets are welcome as well as any other Vets from no matter what era you're from. We would like to see some of the newer generation Vets take us up on the invitation. I promise a good time and a few extra pounds when you get home. See you next October."

M4A6 Sherman Tanks: Bob Skole sent this photo of an M4A6 Sherman Tank. He writes "While doing some checking for a book about the 'Fishbowl Army' (the 1940 draft being written by old pal and co-author Paul Dickson, I came across an illustration in a tank encyclopedia site about Sherman tanks. (I trained in them at Fort Knox). And among the many illustrations of various models, I was surprised to see one carrying the 8th badge. Here it is below and the website, in case you can use it: <http://www.tanks-encyclopedia.com/ww2/US/M4_Sherman.php>. No other information about the tank in the photo, could have been in Korea, or perhaps in Okinawa or Japan. Maybe someone remembers it.



Sherman 105 HVSS M4A6

"By the way, the draft chapter I was checking was about maneuvers in 1941 with tanks commanded by General Patton, driving from Fort Benning to Panama City, Florida and back. "This model had a cast front with welded and lengthened sides and was propelled by a diesel Caterpillar D200A radial. A total of only 75 were delivered between October 1943 and February 1944 by Detroit Arsenal."

XM16E1: I received this letter from Lyman C. Duryea concerning the problems with the XM16E1 that some of us had in Vietnam. He writes:



CAR15 XM16E1

"I have agreed to work with a co-author, another 1st Cav Veteran, LTC (Ret) Bob Orkand, about problems experienced with the XM16E1 rifle issued to deploying Army and Marine units in the early years of the Vietnam

War, 1965 to and including much of 1967. The units involved were the First and Third Marine Divisions, the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 1st Air Cavalry Division, and the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. Letters have gone out to the respective unit associations.

"Those of us who were there in '65, '66 and/or '67 knew that we had a problem with the XM16E1, that was the failure to extract. It was not remediable using any type of immediate action and required the use of a cleaning rod to remove a fired cartridge case from the chamber. I was the commander of Charlie Company 2/7th for most of 1966 and we experienced this problem frequently. Some men in the company carried captured weapons, and it was common to exchange a rifle with a bad performance history for one that, for one reason or another, was not so prone to malfunctions. I lost one man when his XM16E1 malfunctioned at a critical moment.

"Bob and I need as much input as we can get from men who experienced this problem as we document this problem in the book. What I am asking is for you to provide me with any personal experience of this problem with the XM16E1 as well as to please include our request in your next unit input to the Saber. This should include relevant information such as the name of the Campaign/Operation if known, the approximate date, the unit involved and anything else that seems important. If you have other friends who had the same problems, please pass on this request to them also. First-hand accounts will be an important part of the book. If anyone prefers anonymity he will not be identified by name. We have a contract with Stackpole Publishing Company and the draft must go to them in just under a year from now. We'd like to have it to the publisher well inside that time frame.

"The M16 Family of weapons does increase the effective firepower of the fighting Soldier and offers many advantages over the 7.62 Family of weapons, but early problems severely compromised these advantages.

I can be reached at <lymanduryea@yahoo.com> or cell phone 270-316-6295. My mailing address is 701 Timberlake Lane, McDaniels, KY 40152. Phone calls are tough due to my very poor hearing. If you call, be very loud and clear with any number you leave for a return call please. Email is great. "Thanks, Lyman C. (Chan) Duryea."

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SHADES OF GREEN

Buffalo Soldiers were originally members of the U.S. 10th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army, formed on September 21, 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This nickname was given to the “Negro Cavalry” by the Native American tribes they fought; the term eventually became synonymous with all of the African American regiments formed in 1866. Although several African American regiments were raised during the Civil War as part of the Union Army (including the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and the many United States Colored Troops Regiments), the “Buffalo Soldiers” were established by Congress July 28, 1866 as the first peacetime all-black regiments in the regular U.S. Army.

The regiment was constituted 21 July 1866 in the Regular Army as Company D, 9th Cavalry. On 3 August 1866, MG Philip H. Sheridan, commanding the Military Division of the Gulf, was “authorized to raise, among others, one regiment of colored (African-American) cavalry to be designated the 9th Regiment of U.S. Cavalry.”

The regiment was organized on 21 September 1866 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and mustered between September 1866 and 31 March 1867. Its first commanding officer was COL Edward Hatch. The men enlisted for five years and received \$13 per month plus room, board, and clothing. Later, they were dubbed “Buffalo Soldiers.” The regiment’s motto was, and remains, “We Can, We Will.”

The mobilization organized by MAJ Francis Moore, 65th U. S. Colored Infantry, formed the nucleus of the enlisted strength, and came from New Orleans and its vicinity. In the autumn of 1866, recruiting began in Kentucky and all the men of the ninth were from that state and Louisiana. The horses were procured from St. Louis, Missouri. About the middle of September, all recruits assembled in New Orleans. By the end of March 1867, the 9th Cavalry was nearly full strength with 885 enlisted men, or an average of over 70 to a Troop, and ordered to San Antonio, Texas, where it arrived early in April for three months of training. However, Troops L and M went directly to their duty station at Brownsville, Texas.

Indian Wars

In July 1867 the 9th Cavalry was ordered to western and southwestern Texas, to maintain law and order between the Rio Grande and Concho Rivers from Fort Clark to El Paso. Regimental Headquarters and Troops A, B, E and K, under COL Hatch, were stationed at Fort Stockton; Troops C, D, F, G, H and I, under LTC Wesley Merritt were at Fort Davis. Troops L and M under 1LT Hamilton had previously been sent to Brownsville. The 9th remained in Texas for eight years, nearly all of it in the field. The regiment went to New Mexico Military District, which covered parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, and participated in the Apache Wars from 1875 to 1881. That service included the Battle of Tularosa with Chiricahua (Apache) warriors led by Victorio in May 1880. The ninth Cavalry transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1881, and to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, in 1885. On 5 November 1887, Company H, of the 9th Cavalry fought at the Battle of Crow Agency during the Crow War, at Crow Agency, Montana.

Spanish-American War through WWI

In 1898, the 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment fought alongside Theodore Roosevelt’s Rough Riders at the battles of Kettle Hill and San Juan Hill. Later, they served as his honor guard during his visit to San Francisco.

In 1899 and again in 1904, the 9th Cavalry patrolled Yosemite National Park joining other cavalry and infantry as the first “rangers” of the park system. Under GEN John J. Pershing, the regiment fought in the Punitive Expedition against Pancho Villa in Mexico in 1916. The regiment spent World War I in the Philippines. From 3 April 1921 to 11 October 1922, BG Edward Anderson commanded the regiment. On 1 March 1933, the 9th Cavalry was assigned to the 3rd Cavalry Division.

West Point

On 23 March 1907, the United States Military Academy Detachment of Cavalry was changed to a “colored” unit. This had been a long time coming. Proposed in 1897 at the “Cavalry and Light Artillery School” at Fort Riley, Kansas West Point cadets would learn their riding skills from the black non-commissioned officers who were considered among the best. The one hundred-man detachment from the 9th Cavalry served to teach future officers at West Point riding instruction, mounted drill, and cavalry tactics until 1947.

Eleven members of the regiment received the Medal of Honor for actions between 1870 and 1890. SGT Emanuel Stance was the first in 1870. He was followed by SGT Thomas Boyne, PVT John Denny, CPL Clinton Greaves, PVT Henry Johnson, SGT George Jordan, SGT Thomas Shaw, SGT Augustus Wally, SGT Moses Williams, CPL William Wilson, and SGT Brent Woods. All of the awards were for bravery in combat against Indians, eight against Apaches. The first black regular army chaplain, Henry Vinton Plummer, served with the 9th from his appointment in 1884 until his dismissal from the service ten years later for conduct unbecoming an officer. LT John Alexander, the second black graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, served with the regiment from his graduation in 1887 until his death in 1894, as did the third, LT Charles Young, from 1889 to 1894. Benjamin O. Davis Sr. served with the regiment as an enlisted man and was mentored by Charles Young before receiving his commission in 1901. In 1940 Davis became the first African American promoted to General in the U.S. Army. The regiment remained on the Mexican border during World War I, except for another period in the Philippines. The 9th was still a horse cavalry regiment when it was assigned to be part of the 2nd Cavalry Division in October 1940. It saw no action in World War II and was deactivated in North Africa in May 1944. Its personnel were transferred to other Army service units.

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deployment: Germany, Poland, Latvia, and Romania. While in Europe, Soldiers will participate in numerous training exercises where they will train alongside and learn from their NATO Allies and partner nations.



Presenting arms during the Battalion Uncasing Ceremony.

Space Cadre Class Increases Lethality Of First Team by SGT Christopher M Case, 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas - Space, the final frontier ... These were the opening words in a popular television show that debuted in the sixties that followed an intrepid ship and its crew on missions of space exploration. Decades later and space is no longer science fiction, it’s a domain in which the military functions every day. The new mission of 26 Soldiers and officers from 1st Cavalry Division attending the Army Space Cadre Basic Course (ASCBC) here, is how to use space and gain tactical advantages. The class graduates Friday.



Discussing orbital trajectories, students attending the ASCBC gather around a study aid at Fort Hood.

The ASCBC is an Army Mandated Space training course that lasts two weeks and is being taught by a Mobile Training Team from the Space and Missile Defense Command based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. The ASCBC educates Signal, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Fires Soldiers and officers on how the Army employs space-based assets to multiply the combat power on the battlefield. Topics include orbital mechanics, space law, intelligence systems applications (ISR/SIGINT), missile warning, satellite communications and GPS. The intent of the course is to teach students how to integrate space systems into military operations, tactical employment and unit training.

CPT Jason Knight, 1st Cavalry Division Deputy Space Support Element chief, is the facilitator for this class. “This class educates our Soldiers on space systems used to dominate the battlefield, as well as, methods to detect and mitigate the opposition’s designs to thwart our battlefield dominance.” Knight said, “Additionally, we teach them how to employ space assets to ensure full spectrum functionality of our satellite systems, ultimately increasing the division’s lethality.”

ASCBC students will receive a 3Y additional skill identifier, marking them as “Space Enabler” and fulfills the educational requirement to earn the Army Space Badge. Upon successful completion of 12 months in a space billet, or 24 months in a justified space enabler position, Soldiers will be eligible to receive the Space Badge.

This course adds depth and breadth to the division’s combat power, providing Soldiers skills to enable space-based assets to support operations across every chain of command and counterinsurgency or direct-action fight in an effort to favorably shape the battlefield no matter the terrain or enemy capability.

SSG Billy Coolbaugh, 1st Cavalry Division Tactical Hub NCOIC, a network engineer responsible for division satellite terminals, registered for this class to obtain an even better understanding of satellite functions and capabilities on the battlefield. “This class is a broadening opportunity for me, as well as, provides me the necessary tools to go back to my unit and train my Soldiers,” he said.

Greywolf Conducts Port To Fort Operations by CPT Scott Kuhn, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division

FORT HOOD, Texas – Soldiers from 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division “Greywolf” downloaded almost 200 vehicles Saturday at the Rail Operations Center here. Although all 3,000 plus Greywolf Soldiers returned before Thanksgiving from their successful mission in Kuwait, the more than 2,000 vehicles and pieces of equipment they deployed with are finally arriving back at Fort Hood.

“This is our fourth train out of twelve to arrive back here to Fort Hood,” said MAJ Pete Crosthwaite, executive officer for 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment and the officer in charge of the Brigade’s rail operations. “Although we still have a way to go, it is good to be getting these vehicles back, so that we can get them reset and ready for our next mission.” The ships carrying the equipment from Kuwait arrive in Texas ports where a small team of Greywolf Soldiers observes the downloading of the vehicles and equipment. The vehicles and equipment then enter customs. Once they have cleared customs, the team coordinates the transfer of the vehicles to rail and ensures all paperwork is in

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30th FA News



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Greetings, Hard Chargers! On behalf of the Executive Board of the 30th FA Regimental Association, I'd like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your Family, whether you are currently serving, a Veteran or Retiree, a Family member, or a survivor of a Hard Charger. One of the real joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to show our gratitude. Thank you all for your service. As we turn the calendar to 2018, I pray that everyone had a Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a wonderful year.

I hope to see all of you at the 30th FA Reunion in June as we celebrate 100 years of excellence. It is doubtful that the young recruits who formed the 30th Artillery in 1918 at Camp Funston, Kansas, (now part of Fort Riley) imagined that we would be celebrating the creation of the unit some 100 years later. They were concerned about training for the trench warfare of Europe during the Great War and were thinking about their own weaknesses, possibly succumbing to disease or enemy fire. And here we are a century later. None of those WWI doughboys are with us anymore, but you can help us acknowledge their service and sacrifice as well as that of all Hard Chargers at our reunion.

Unfortunately, we have lost several more Association members recently, and I recommend that you come and celebrate with us and renew old friendships and make new ones. The Executive Board and the 1st Battalion, 30th FA have been busy planning the reunion. The 1st Bn, 30th FA requested a change of command date of 15 Jun 2018, so we are planning for the reunion dates to be June 12 thru 16 June 2018. Dan Mitchell and I have visited several hotels this fall and

recommended the Homewood Suites to the board. The Suites will give us the Fort Sill per diem rate of \$93/night, and have a great breakfast as well as an evening meal (Monday through Thursday) with beer and wine. They will provide their ground floor meeting room for our headquarters/hospitality room, and the rear doors open up to a small patio with grills. If you find the price a little steep, we have also secured the Sleep Inn next door for overflow or for a less expensive room option (\$79/night).

Our meetings will be on Wednesday morning and we'll share the Hard Charger history with the students and the battalion in the afternoon. We will visit the General Franks Museum on Thursday. The Change of Command ceremony will be on Friday, followed in the evening by our annual banquet and our world-famous auction! We are working with the battalion to see if there is time for us to attend or participate in some live fire and/or simulations exercises.

I have talked to several Hard Chargers who would have liked to see more of the training that the field artillery officers and men are now receiving. If you have any other ideas, please let us know, and we'll see if we can make it happen. The registration form is included in our newsletter with more details. Look forward to seeing you all in June. Be sure to check our website at: <www.HardChargers.com>.

I thank our Association President, COL (R) Ted Janosko for this well written synopsis of what we expect to happen at this special, once in a 100 years celebration. None of us will be around for the 200th Anniversary, so we are trying to make it the best reunion celebration ever! If anyone has any questions regarding this celebration, contact me and I'll be glad to assist you.

Another Hard Charger has gone to Fiddlers Green: We are sorry to report the loss of Ron Simpson who had been suffering with lung cancer for a very long time. He served with B-1-30th FA in Vietnam in 1968-69. His wife stated he passed away peacefully in the early morning of 17 December 2017. May he Rest in Peace, AMEN! This is Hard Charger 9G, End of Mission-Out! 1SG Retired, Dan Gillotti

"THE BALLARD NINETEEN"

My name is Jerry Edward Smith, <triplejsmith@msn.com>. I am the author of "The Ballard Nineteen", a book about the 19 men from Ballard High School (Seattle) that were killed in Vietnam. One of the 19 was Johnny Sigurdson, a Silver Star recipient, who was with C Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Division. I graduated from Ballard High School, as well, and served with the 16th Combat Aviation Group, Americal Division, at Chu Lai from March 1967 to March 1970. Below is a recently published article.

Duvall Fire Commissioner Honors Vietnam Vets With Book

"This plaque is dedicated to the memory of the brave and gallant men from Ballard High School who gave their lives in Vietnam," reads Ballard High's Vietnam Memorial Plaque. The plaque contains 19 names (the 19th only recently added) that are the subject of a new book called "The Ballard Nineteen" written by Vietnam Veteran and Duvall Fire Commissioner Jerry Edward Smith.

Smith, who is entering his 20th year as a fire commissioner in Duvall, graduated from Ballard High School in 1966. A few years ago, he set out to write a book about the year he spent in Vietnam, based on a diary he kept and the letters he wrote home during the time he was away. But while he was working on that first book, Smith received a kind of divine premonition that got a question stuck in his head: "Well it's fine that you're doing this, but what about the guys that didn't make it back? Why don't you honor them?" So that's exactly what Smith did.

It took him three and a half years to complete "The Ballard Nineteen." He did online research through universities and searched through yearbooks and numerous newspapers, including the Ballard High School paper, the Ballard Talisman. Smith also interviewed the friends and Families of many of the late Soldiers. "They would do their own research and funnel it to me," Smith said. "Getting to know them, I got a blessing out of it with each of the Family members that I met." As he spoke with the Families, Smith discovered that there was an additional Ballard graduate who had fought and been killed in Vietnam but whose name was not on the Ballard Vietnam Memorial Plaque. At that time, the plaque contained only 18 names. After that, the Ballard Eighteen became the Ballard Nineteen. "I think it was meant to be," Smith said of his book project. Without it, that 19th name may never have been added to the plaque.

"When we discovered that there were 19, it was sad, obviously. I don't want to find a 20th," Smith said. "But to be able to garner recognition for the 19th, it turned into a very happy event because the Family was so excited and so honored to have his name put on the plaque."

"The Ballard Nineteen" contains a chapter about each lost Soldier, organized by date of death. With biographical information, newspaper clippings, photos, and quotes and anecdotes from the Families, Smith crafts a brief overview of the life and death of each man. It's the small details and the words of the Family members themselves that make the book a painful but important piece of local history.

Bruce Randolph "Randy" Landis learned to read as a child by devouring comic books. John Michael "Mike" Riordan became a skilled metalworker before he graduated from high school and restored old vehicles such as a 1953 Packard pickup truck and a Triumph Bonneville motorcycle.

Ciro John Andreassi reportedly dragged an injured comrade to safety just days before he himself was killed. Johnny Allen Sigurdson was an Eagle Scout and a Young Life leader and attended graduate school at the Dallas Theological Seminary.

Smith was not able to get in touch with the Families of all 19 men, although he did make attempts to reach out to them. "Maybe it's too painful, and I can understand that," he said. However, Smith said he is open to revising the book if more information comes in about any of the 19. "I am overwhelmed by all the feelings and memories shared by so many Families, friends, and those who served with the "Nineteen." This book could not have happened without that willingness to share," Smith wrote in the book's introduction. Find "The Ballard Nineteen" online at Amazon.com.

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I do recall the problems we had with those early versions of the M16. They had to be kept clean and lubricated. Bug juice and lubricant helped break loose a jam. I had that happen at a very inopportune moment with a CAR15 I was carrying on patrol at the time. I really liked the CAR15, but it made for an easy target identification for an enemy sniper looking to get a platoon leader; I traded it for a shotgun for a while. While up North, after Tet '68, we received replacement buffer assemblies that were to slow the rate of fire. Newer versions had modification to the chambers and one item that irritated some of the guys was the new flash suppressor on the M16A2, you couldn't use your rifle to cut the wire on the c-ration boxes; I guess the idea was to keep the three-pronged tip of the barrel from getting caught in the underbrush. I also suspect the higher-ups didn't like us using an expensive weapon as a wire cutter. They also took away our bayonets, didn't like that we were using them as tent stakes. What a GI won't think of. I think I recall that there were also issues with some of the ammunition as well. What do you recall? Let Lyman know and me too. I'd like hearing your take on this issue.

Reconnecting: Every once in a while, you reconnect with someone with whom you served but with whom you had lost contact. To my surprise Joe O'Connor contacted me via email. He was a platoon leader and the XO of C-2/8 during



Joe O'Connor

June 1967- June 1968, a unit with which I also served. He's joined the 8th Cavalry Association and the 1st Cavalry Association. It was great to hear from him after 50 years. Some of you might remember Joe and may get a chance to meet him at the next reunion. Joe remained on active duty and retired in 1991. Welcome aboard, Joe!

2018 Reunion: Our 2018 reunion will be held alongside the 1st Cavalry Division Association's in Charleston, WV June 20-24. Signed up for the reunion yet? It's not too soon. Rooms are going fast at the main hotel, so you might want to get your reservation in now, you can always cancel later if you can't make it. As always, we plan to have our own 8th

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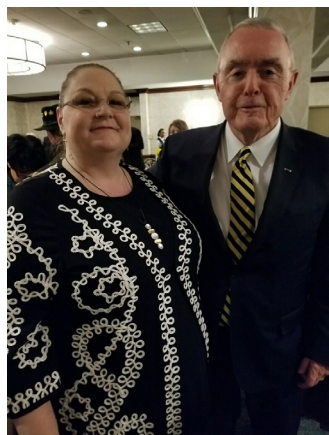
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represented at the 9th Annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Crystal City. LTC Jim Wright USA (Ret.) (1967, 1969-70) and his wife Mary, Yorktown, Virginia, were there, as were Sam Dixon (1971, 5th Past President) and his wife Cathy, New Castle, Delaware; Terry Smith (1970-71) Springfield, Virginia; Stephania Ryan, Gold Star Daughter of Dwight Durham (KIA, April 10, 1969), Santa Rosa, California; and my lovely lady friend, Katrina, and me.

Veterans Day 2017 marked the 35th Anniversary of the dedication of The Wall, and as such, there were a number of events to commemorate the occasion. On November 7th–10th, the names of the more than 58,000 service members inscribed on The Wall were read out loud in front of it, something that is done every five years. On November 10th, there was a reception at the Willard Hotel honoring Maya Lin, the designer of The Wall, and on November 11th, there was a breakfast discussion/conversation with Lynn Novick on PBS TV. Lynn co-directed the 10-part, 18-hour documentary *The Vietnam War*, which was aired on PBS the weeks of September 17th and 24th, 2017.

The Veterans Day Observance at The Wall was hosted by the Honorable Chuck Hagel, the 24th Secretary of Defense, under President Obama, and Chairman, 35th Anniversary of The Wall Committee. Special remarks were provided by Maya Lin. Hagel served as a squad leader in the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, in Vietnam, 1967-68, and served in the same squad as his brother. The two of them are believed to be the only brothers to have done so in the war. Maya Lin, of course, was the designer of The Wall. As a 21-year-old undergraduate student at the School of Architecture, Yale University, she submitted her design along with 1,441 others in a national competition. She later defended it in front of the U.S. Congress. Today, it is considered to be one of the most influential memorials of the post-World War II period.

The Honorable Ryan Zinke, 52nd Secretary of the Interior, and former Congressman from Montana, provided welcoming remarks. Secretary Zinke served 23 years as a Navy Seal officer, which included tours in Iraq and two tours at SEAL Team Six. He was the first Navy SEAL elected to the U.S. House and is the first SEAL to serve as a cabinet secretary. He was also an All-PAC 10 football player at the University of Oregon. In his remarks, he noted: "The Wall stands as a remembrance of the Vietnam War, and we should not run away from our history but instead learn from it."



Gold Star daughter, Stephania Ryan & Gen. McCaffrey

The 9th Annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Crystal City was a great time for all. If it wasn't a sellout, it was close to one at about 200 or so attendees. General Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.) was the guest speaker. Gen. McCaffrey, as a Captain, commanded Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cav in the A Shau Valley in the spring of 1968, where he earned the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his actions. He was also awarded a second DSC, in addition to two Silver Stars, and several Purple Hearts. He also commanded the 24th (Mechanized) Infantry Division in the Gulf War, and he is also a member of the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame.

The following email was received from Mary Wright: "Hi Ken, Hope you and Katrina are well and enjoying the holiday season. Attached are a few photos from the visit we made to Mt. Vernon during the Veterans Day activities in November. As I told you, we were visiting George and Martha's tomb on Friday, November 10th, and the tour guide recognized the guys' Veteran's hats, so she called them out to participate in the wreath-laying, which is done each day at noon. Jim read "Washington's Prayer for His Country," and Russ Berry 2/12 Cav (Georgia), Tom Hagar 1/8th Cav (Tennessee), and Mickey Moynihan 2/12th Cav (Pennsylvania) laid the wreath. Jim (Virginia), Mickey (Pennsylvania), and Russ (Georgia) were with 2/12 CAV, and Tom (Tennessee) was with 1/8 CAV. Mary."

George Washington's Prayer for His Country:

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly

for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation." Amen.

On a different note, this month marks the 50th anniversary of the TET Offensive of the Vietnam War when the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces launched surprise attacks against nearly every city, town, and military installation throughout South Vietnam in the early morning hours of January 31, 1968. The name of the offensive came from the TET holiday, the Vietnamese New Year, when the attacks first took place. Although the offensive was considered to be a failure, it had a

Hello from the nation's capital. Veterans Day 2017 is behind us and I'm happy to report that our unit had a good turnout for the Veterans activities here in Washington, DC. Our unit was also well

profound effect on the U.S. government and shocked the American people, who had been led to believe by its political leaders that the North Vietnamese were being defeated and were incapable of launching such a massive military campaign. The offensive proved to be a turning point in America's involvement in the war, and it began the slow, painful withdrawal of the Americans military from Southeast Asia.

For the LRRP/Ranger platoon operating out of LZ English in eastern Binh Dinh Province in central South Vietnam, our involvement in the offensive, along with that of the other units of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Cav, began several weeks earlier when on January 18th, or thereabouts, we were brought in from the field and told to prepare to move north to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating North and South Vietnam. There we would reinforce the U.S. 3rd Marine Division, which had responsibility for safeguarding the area along the DMZ. Apparently, the U.S. military knew that something was about to happen, they just didn't know when and where. I can remember that my team, LRRP Team 3 Charlie, with Rick Carlson, Yuba City, California; Bob Perez, San Diego, California; James Storey, Leesville, South Carolina; and Felix Leon (KIA), Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; was operating in the Nui Da Dan Mountains separating the Bong Son Plain from the An Lao Valley when Lieutenant George Utter, Wellesley, Massachusetts, contacted us via radio and told us to get to a clearing ASAP where we would be extracted by helicopter. When we got back to LZ English, we could see that the other units of the 1st Brigade were there and were also preparing to move north to the DMZ.

By that afternoon, we had moved via U.S. Air Force C-123 aircraft to the airfield at Hue-Phu Bai in Thua Thien Province in northern South Vietnam, and by that evening, via helicopter to an area adjacent to a large monk cemetery southwest of Hue and west of Phu Bai, along Highway 1 that the 1st Cav named LZ Tombstone. The entrance to the cemetery was lined with large ceramic tombs so the name "Tombstone" seemed fitting enough for the site at the time. The name, however, was later changed to LZ El Paso, and then to Camp Eagle when the 101st Airborne Division made the move north from II Corps and settled on LZ Tombstone as the site of their new base camp in northern South Vietnam. From LZ Tombstone, we moved north via helicopter to an area adjacent to Highway 1 about half way between Hue and Quang Tri City that would eventually become LZ Jane, home to the 1st Cav's 2nd Brigade. Within a day or so of that move, we moved again via helicopter to an old French fortress located on the banks of the Thach Han River just outside Quang Tri City and south of Route 9, which ran east-west just below the DMZ. This site would become the forward operating base for the 1st Brigade and would serve as a jump-off point for the 1st Cav into the Khe Sanh area and jungle mountains to the west. It was named LZ Betty. It's worth noting that we came under rocket and mortar attack from the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong every step of the way once we arrived in I Corps until the Cav was finally able to get its helicopter gunships into position to counterattack the enemy.

Once we got to LZ Betty, we wasted no time deploying west into the Ca Lu area at the mouth of the Khe Sanh Valley where the U.S. Marines Combat Base at Khe Sanh was located. As I remember it, several LRRP teams, including my team, were inserted into Base Area 101 in the Hai Lang National Forest just south of Ca Lu where the Thach Han River did a 90 degree turn eastward towards Quang Tri City. We found signs of recent enemy activity everywhere but no enemy soldiers. At first light on January 30th, we were extracted by the division's helicopters and returned to LZ Betty. Later that morning, the North Vietnamese 10th Sapper Battalion entered Quang Tri City while the 812th Regiment, 324th PAVN Division, and the 814th Main Force Battalion attacked the city from the east and northeast, respectively. LZ Betty came under sporadic mortar and rocket attack over the next several days but LZ Jane to the south was not so lucky. It was attacked repeatedly by ground elements of the 324th PAVN Division on its way to join the battle at Hue on January 31st.

On a different note, the following email was received from Bill Carpenter (1967), Fairmont, West Virginia. "Just to let you know, the Marriott Hotel is working to put an all-time military favorite on its breakfast menu, SOS. Bill."

The following email was received from Rick Barela, President of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association: "It's that time of year when most are celebrating a peaceful holiday season with Family and friends. We know all too well the numbers of our brothers and sisters not afforded that opportunity. Instead they take up, or continue in support of the task of keeping America safe at various locations both at home and around the globe."

"Please find a moment at your table, place of worship, or in the privacy of your own mind, to have a special thought or prayer, not only for our Rangers but for the men and women of all branches of the mightiest military in the world, all who have previously served, their Families, and Gold Star Family members who have lost one of their own in service of our great nation."

"Barb and I would like, on behalf of the officers of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association to wish each of you a safe, enjoyable, and wherever possible, peaceful holiday season and Happy New Year! Sincerely, Rick."

Richard A. Morris (1967), Hyattsville, Maryland, died Tuesday, November 21, 2017 after a long illness. Dick was a long time regular at the Memorial Day Writers Project on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day and Veterans Day contributing with poetry and songs he had written to commemorate the legacy of the 1st Cavalry Division and the Vietnam War. Dick was an officer in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cav in the 1967 timeframe in the Phu Cat and Bong Son areas of eastern Binh Dinh Province in central South Vietnam. Many of his poems and songs memorialize actions that the 2/5th Cav was involved in. Dick was very talented and prolific, and will be greatly missed.

In closing, I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season and that you and your Families have a very healthy, happy, and prosperous 2018. RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.



Laying Wreath at Tomb



LTC Jim Wright Reads Prayer

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Place and date: Near My An (2), Binh Dinh province, Republic of Vietnam, 15 December 1967.

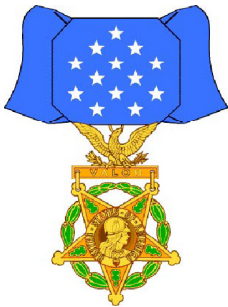
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1SG (Ret) Allen James Lynch was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard M. Nixon on 4 May 1970 in a ceremony at the White House.

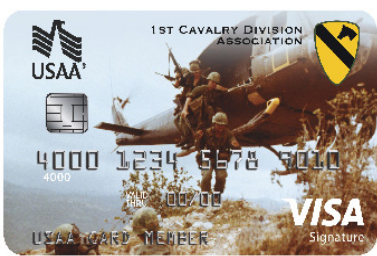


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The By Laws of the Association provide that the Officers and members of the Board of Governors shall be elected by the General Membership at the General Membership meeting conducted during the Annual Reunion. Further, that the President may appoint a Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for office and that other nominations may be made by Life members from the floor at the General Membership meeting. The Resolutions of the Trust Agreement of the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association and the By Laws of the Museum Foundation require the election to the Board of Trustees for positions coming vacant each year shall occur at the Annual Reunion. Candidates for all offices must be Life members of the Association.

The President has appointed a nominating committee to recommend Life Members of the Association for election or re-election to fill the terms of office for the following positions that become vacant as of 23 June 2018:

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The election will be held during the General Membership meeting at the 71th Annual Reunion of the Association on Saturday 23 June 2018 in Charleston, West Virginia. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. A Life Member making such nomination will be expected to provide the information outlined above on the nominee and in addition provide assurance that the nominee is either present at the General Membership meeting or has agreed to accept nomination to the specified office.

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I received an e-mail from the past Executive Director, Dennis Webster who included the 1st Cavalry Division's recommendation for the Valorous Unit Award for the 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry

Division (Airmobile) for its action in providing support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) under hazardous hostile conditions in the III Corps Area of Operation on the 11th and 12th of August 1969.

This was in response to the Nov/Dec column and 15th MED Veteran William "Bill" Dolinger who said he read that A Co 15th MED received the Valorous Unit Award for August 12, 1969 but he said that he didn't know why and what specifically had happened to warrant that.

Reading this "recommendation" for the award, and assuming there are orders for it out there if Bill read of confirmation, I now have proof of the action. 15th MED, including and mostly MEDEVAC, or the Air Ambulance Platoon, had to cover all of III Corps with their limited resources i.e. ten of twelve aeromedical evacuation helicopters, under fire, or hot LZs in most cases, but as usual supplied the necessary support.

All the personnel, Medics in the companies; A, B, C, D, and HHC; pilots, and

crewmembers, provided the needed support to the Skytroopers of the 1st Cav enduring combat, were cited. All were in the face of an enemy offensive; grunts to backup.

I received e-mail from Tom Garnella, who was a 1LT, Company B and HHC 15th MED Bn. He lives at 44625 Adobe Drive, Hemet, CA 92544 and says, "Thank you, Mike, for your fine article on page 17 of the November/December 2017 Saber."

An addition to the 15th Medical Bn Memorial Wall is as follows: the name of Frank David Garrett, PFC, Age 19, Scurry, TX, KIA October 28, 1965 has been added to the Memorial Wall on the 15th Medical Bn website. His unit was specified on several websites as "HHC, 11th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division."

There were questions as to whether he was a member of 15th MED Bn or not, there was no 11th Medical Bn serving in the Vietnam War, and the 1st Cavalry Division did not have any 11th Bn of any sort. To complicate matters, he did not have a medical MOS and the location of his death was not recorded.

A check of the recently obtained personnel rosters revealed that his name is on the one dated 08/65 for HSC, indicating that his unit was, in fact, HSC 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. His information, is posted on the Memorial Wall on the website <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>.

Always remembering our 1st Cav Troops on duty around the world; over and out. FIRST TEAM! Garryowen,

Mike Bodnar C 2/7 Cav 1969, MEDEVAC 1-7/1970
SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

Trooper's Tale



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

H Co 75th INF

On June 30, 2017, I was part of a group of 16 Patriot Guard Riders (members from the Arlington National Cemetery team) that departed for Canada on 9 motorcycles and 2 trikes...destination...the North Wall, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Although Canada did not enter the Vietnam War, about 30,000 Canadians came to the US and fought alongside their American counterparts.



Arlington National Cemetery Team

From Wikipedia...The North Wall, also known as the Canadian Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, is a war memorial located in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The monument was erected on July 2, 1995 in honor of the Canadian veterans who were killed in action, made prisoners of war, or declared missing in action during the Vietnam War.

We rode from Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland and met up in Frederick, MD. We rode our bikes to Youngstown, OH to spend the first night. On day 2, we entered Canada, which also happened to be Canada Day, their 100th anniversary. Upon crossing the Canadian border, we were met by members of the North Wall Riders Association, who escorted us to the host motel.

Members of the North Wall Riders Association and other motorcyclists converged on the host motel in preparation for the next two days' activities. The North Wall Riders Association also provided free pizza, wings, and beer for about 100 motorcyclists the first night in the motel's courtyard.

Scott, Jenny, Mike, Greg, and others of the North Wall Riders Association spent the next two days escorting us to and from our motel, breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, dinner at one of their homes, the Vietnamese War Memorial, the Iraq War Memorial, War of the Atlantic (WWII) Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and Peace Point. The memorials are along the Detroit River, visible

to people in Detroit.

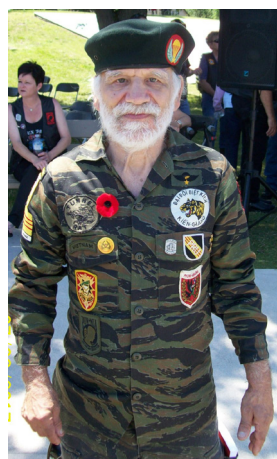
Every year on July 2 the Vietnam Memorial North Wall Riders Association's and others ride to their "Wall"—much like we do in the States for Memorial Day. At this year's ceremonies, Roland and I placed a wreath representing the Patriot Guard Riders Arlington National



Sid and Roland

Cemetery team.

Behind the granite Vietnam War Memorial on a grassy knoll are two 30' x 50' concrete slabs in the ground. One is painted as the Canadian flag, the other US...visible in Detroit.



Tunnel Rat

I met one Canadian about 5' tall, maybe 120 pounds. His vest read "Tunnel Rat." He told me his story...that he tried to enlist in the U.S. Forces, but was rejected. He then flew to Laos on his own dime, got to South Vietnam, and flagged a U.S. officer...asking him where he could enlist with the South Vietnamese Army. He joined the ARVNs (Army of the Republic of (South) Vietnam), who sent him to their Ranger training in Panama. After finishing training, he fought against the Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army.

I also met a 93-year-old WWII Vet. He is in one of the pictures. He rode on the back of one of the bikes to the Vietnam War Memorial.

I also met an Australian soldier who fought on the ground in Vietnam. We were both in country at the same time. He told me that the Australians were given their own province to patrol. I related to him how our Ranger unit detected movement once out in the boonies and that

we called headquarters to confirm that there were no known friendlies before we ordered artillery. Headquarters confirmed that there was an Australian unit nearby and asked them to "pop smoke" to identify themselves. Smoke was popped, and my Ranger unit then stood down. This incident occurred in July-August 1969. Anybody remember that mission?

The Australian lives in Colorado. He and an American who also served in Vietnam (also living in Colorado) will be leading the 2018 Run to the Wall...leaving from Central California and riding to the Vietnam Wall in DC. I shared beer with them...and they invited me to join them in their ride next year <https://www.rftw.us/> We'll see!

Please see the link to view pictures from Sid's ride <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/21qzjopsuxz8y6w/AABA5c12r6qwctueRXyERBSta?dl=0>.

Sid Marcus, May 1969 - June 1970, Co. H-75th Inf (Ranger), HHC 1ACD <somarcus1@verizon.net>



North Wall Riders and 93 year old WWII Vet

229th AHB

I served with D Company, 229th AHB, 3rd Brigade in Bien Hoa, Vietnam in 1972. I saw your email addresses in the recent issue of Saber. By the way, it's the only publication I read cover to cover, every word, every time. It's rare I get through it without a few tears.

I've attached a photo of me (left) and my cousin, Bill Karabinos who was the battalion chaplain of the 229th in August 1972.

When the colors came home in September 1972 we were sent to other units. Bill was sent home and I ended up in Plieku with H Troop, 17th Cavalry of the First Aviation Brigade. I flew combat missions with them and attached is a photo me returning from a mission in Kontum in, 1973. I came home in February 12, 1973 as part of the agreement to reduce troop levels in return for POWs.

Andy Karabinos <askandynow@gmail.com>



Andy and Bill Karabinos



Andy Karabinos - H Troop

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20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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Hello fellow ARAers!!!! Someday I will have my articles written to coincide with the seasons! Here it is the first week in December 2017 and I am celebrating the Season of Advent, while the majority of you are preparing for the Christmas Season. By the time you read this, it will be the Season of the Epiphany and Christmas will be history, except for the credit card invoices coming due. Anyway, I hope you had a great Christmas and now I can at least wish you a "Happy New Year!"

Sitting here, I am remembering December of 1965 while sitting in the GP medium tent in An Khe on the north side of the golf course. There were several close friends of 2nd Platoon, A Battery sharing that moment. As I recall those present were Bob Furney, Paul "P.I." Smith, Jerry Hipp, Hugh Leatherwood, Tom Cochran, Joe Pullano, and Ed Harbold. Paul and Bob are no longer with us and we are diminished by their absence. Some of us have seen one another at different times at other reunions of the 1st Cav Div, VHPA, ARA, and other special events. I never saw P.I. Smith after Vietnam nor have I seen Ed Harbold. Hugh Leatherwood made it to the 2006 reunion in Tampa when we met with the VHPA, FL Chapter. I have had the pleasure of seeing Tom, Joe, and Jerry at many reunions. Bob made the reunions until his health prevented his traveling.

Alright! Let us move on to the present and the near time future. I never talked in this frame of reference until I celebrated my 80th birthday! We don't know how many more Christmases we will celebrate. Nor do we know how many more reunions we will attend. So, now is a good time to pitch the news about our next reunion, which will be held at Fort Sill, OK, on Wednesday, September 12 to Sunday, September 16, 2018.

This is another important reunion as we greet and honor all those members who came into Vietnam in 1968 as this is their 50th Anniversary Celebration. Also, this is a special place for the 4th Battalion, 44th Artillery (ARA) who departed Fort Sill to join the 101st Airborne Division in 1969. Again, I want to emphasize the importance of this to all ARA members because we are of one brotherhood. For those who may not have used the call signs: "Muggy Parlor" (First Team in

1965), "Armed Falcon" or "Blue Max," we were part of an innovation in close air support in direct support of the Sky Soldiers of 1st Cav and the Screamer Eagles of the 101st Airborne with call signs of: "Dragons," "Toros," and "Griffins."

We have chosen the Homewood Suites at 4155 East Interstate, Lawton, OK 73501, Phone: (580) 357-9800. The Homewood Suites is an all-suites hotel, one of the Hilton hotel brands, complimentary breakfast is served daily from 0630 to 0930. A guest social is held Monday through Thursday evening from 1730 to 1930 where complementary beer, wine and a light meal is served. The hotel general manager has blocked 40 rooms for our reunion, 10 double queen bed suites and 30 king bed suites. Each suite has a kitchen. The room tax is 14.38%. Room rates are \$99.00 plus tax for the king suites (\$113.24) and \$109.00 plus tax for the double queen suites (\$124.68). The room rates are valid 2 days prior to and 2 days after the reunion.

Here is a brief outline of scheduled activities: Arrive and register 1200 - 1530 on Wednesday the 12th. Bus departs 1600 for Fort Sill Visitor Control Center and then on to the Fort Sill Patriots Club for cocktails and buffet dinner. We will be back at Homewood Suites by 2200.

Thursday is devoted to observing a Life Fire Exercise and tour of the Artillery and Air Defense Artillery Museums at Fort Sill. After the complimentary breakfast the bus will depart at 0840 and return for the hotel social at 1700. Lunch will be with the Troops in their dining facility. Friday is an open day for your enjoyment to visit and spend time doing whatever your heart desires. Saturday morning, we will have the annual meeting with election of new officers and directors while the ladies are having their meeting. We will have open time til the buses leave for the Historic Patriots Club and our farewell dinner. The name of the guest speaker will be published as soon as we have a confirmation. Sunday morning, we will gather for our traditional farewell breakfast from 0630 to 0930. Then we say our goodbyes and look forward to meeting again in 2019.

Looking forward to another great reunion and returning to Fort Sill for the first time since attending Basic and Advanced Artillery Courses there in 1960 and 1964-65. The "caissons rolling along" for some old timers will be matched this time with the airmobile platform of Aerial Rocket Artillery supporting the Infantry as part of Division Artillery. We have come a long way and we need to support that tactic found only in the Vietnam War. We were a special Artillery unit and that history needs to be remembered and documented for those who follow us.

Have a great year! See you at Fort Sill!
"This is Armed Falcon 28 Delta, breaking right!"

Division Doings Continued from pg. 9



Port Soldiers ground guide a Bradley Fighting Vehicle off of rail cars at the Fort Hood Rail Operations Center.

in order. The vehicles are then uploaded onto trains for the trip to Fort Hood.

Once the train arrives at the Fort Hood ROC, the team of Soldiers conducting rail operations receives a thorough safety brief, while the train engines push the cars loaded with tracked and wheeled vehicles into the yard. According to SGT Brennan Reeder, a mechanic with 2-82 Field Artillery Regiment, the safety briefs are extremely important. "If we didn't normally do a safety brief before each iteration of unloading these cars, we could have a safety violation, which may damage a vehicle or injure a Soldier" Once the brief is complete, the Soldiers attack the train cars like a swarm of locusts, undoing chains, laying platforms between the cars, starting up vehicles, and hooking up tow bars to the ones that don't start.

Once the vehicles are ready, they are driven off the rail cars and positioned in the holding yard to await transportation back to the motor pools. Getting them back into the motor pools is key to progressing the readiness of the Brigade, said Reeder. Once we get them back there, we can start working on them and getting them ready for the next fight. It takes about a day to download a train of 200 vehicles, and then one more day to move them to the motor pools. Crosthwaite says that although Greywolf still has a lot of work ahead to get the vehicles back to standard, to include conducting reset, training still must go on. "We are beginning to conduct a very deliberate, gated training progression that will culminate with gunnery in February."

Greywolf Reflects On Successful Nine Month Mission by Capt. Scott Kuhn, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division

FORT HOOD, Texas – The Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Greywolf," 1st Cavalry Division returned from a nine-month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield recently. That one sentence encapsulates the who, what, when, where and why but doesn't come close to telling the story of the deployment, the story of how the brigade sustained readiness and

conducted 12 theater security cooperation exercises with six different countries in the Central Command area of operations all the while conducting multiple missions sets in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve in its fight against ISIS.

COL John Woodward, commander of the Greywolf Brigade, said this deployment was unlike any that he had been on in his more than 20-year career. "This mission is pretty diverse where we have everything from the range of full combat operations to theater security cooperation missions where we are conducting training with our partners in the region," he said. "As well as remaining ready and trained in case, not just the CENTCOM commander needs to commit us, but with the instability in the world, if we need to go somewhere else in the world, we are ready on a moment's notice."

The brigade spent its time at the National Training Center last fall, training for decisive action missions, which meant that they were ready for large-scale combat operations. This training prepared them to assume the role as the maneuver brigade for Task Force Spartan during Operation Spartan Shield. Operation Spartan Shield is a combined forces contingency operation within the CENTCOM area of responsibility. One of the most dynamic regions of the world, this AO has tremendous impact on U.S. vital interests, specifically the free flow of resources through key shipping lanes, the defense of our homeland against the pervasive and persistent threat of terrorism and extremism, and the prevention of the proliferation of WMD. Operation Spartan Shield plays a role both in deterring regional aggression and reacting to possible threats within the Middle East.

Greywolf, one of five brigades that fell under Task Force Spartan, provided fire support and maneuver capability to the region while training alongside numerous partner nations to improve interoperability and partner cohesion. The brigade participated in 12 different theater security cooperation exercises in six nations. The exercises ranged from simulated command post exercises to force-on-force and combined arms live-fires. The brigade not only partnered with land forces from Kuwait, but also Jordan, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Kazakhstan.



An M1A2 tank during a field training exercise.

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

Trooper's Tale Continued from pg. 17 12th CAV

A Tale of Two G.I. Joes

Most Americans have heard of the mythical Soldier named G.I. Joe. He came out of WWII and became the name that represented every service member of that war and afterwards. This narrative, concerns two Soldiers named Joe, who served in the Vietnam War during the period 1966-1967 in a battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division.

One G.I. Joe was 1LT Joe Anderson, USMA class of 1965, who was a platoon leader in Company C, 1st BN (Airborne), 12th Cavalry. You may remember the TV documentary entitled "The Anderson Platoon" that focused on Joe and the platoon he led. Joe was highly decorated during that tour and again for his second tour in 1970-1971. Joe later earned a master's degree at UCLA, was an instructor at West Point, and was a White House Fellow before resigning from the Army as a major in 1978. He then entered the business world where he was very successful, serving as the CEO of several large companies.

The other Soldier named Joe was a young enlisted man in Company A of the same battalion as Joe Anderson. Although they were there at the same time, it is unlikely that Joe Cunningham ever crossed paths with Joe Anderson. Other than being infantry Soldiers in the same battalion and answering to the same first name, they had little in common, except that both were African-Americans. The only award Joe Cunningham received was a Purple Heart, and that's what this story is really about.

Joe was born on December 29, 1947 and grew up in Columbus, Mississippi. After finishing school, he enlisted in the Army, intending to make it his career. He completed basic training and advanced infantry training in early 1967, and was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Camp Radcliff, South Vietnam. He was further assigned to Company A, 1st BN (Airborne), 12 Cavalry. A SP4, he was a machine gunner in 4th PLT.

The U.S. Army in Vietnam was composed of Soldiers who were a cross-section of America's population: whites, blacks, Asians, and Native Americans. Company A was typical, and a Soldier's race or religion (or lack of one) didn't matter. What really mattered was how well the Soldier did his job, because we all depended on each other. Joe was good natured, performed his duties well, and was popular with everyone. I know all this because I commanded Company A, although my tour was up before the following event transpired, so I've relied on his close friends to help with this part of the story.

On December 18, 1967, the unit was engaged in the battle of Tam Quan in Binh Dinh Province. Joe's luck ran out that day. Company A was conducting platoon patrols in several different locations. The 4th PLT leader established a command post (CP) outside a village and sent out three squads on patrols. The CP consisted of the platoon leader, his radio telephone operator (RTO), his medic, and several other Soldiers, to include Joe and his machine gun. Located near the CP was a haystack and an old bomb crater filled with water. Soaked from rain the previous night, the Soldiers set fire to the haystack to dry themselves. The company commander, CPT Jack Burdett, saw the smoke from his CP, knew that it could reveal their position to the enemy, and called on the radio to put out the fire. Some of the Troops started dipping water from the bomb crater and throwing it on the burning haystack, but it was too late. Munitions hidden in the haystack by the Viet Cong exploded violently, throwing out a rain of shrapnel.

The RTO, SP4 Gerry Guidinas (who contributed this account), immediately started giving first aid to the nearest two wounded buddies. As he did so, he saw Joe Cunningham on the ground, his uniform smoldering. Joe had taken the brunt of the blast. He was riddled with shrapnel, but the wound on the side of his head was devastating. It was later found to be a traumatic brain injury. He was immediately evacuated by helicopter to a field hospital, but his buddies weren't optimistic about his chance of survival. It was not until many years later that they learned that Joe had been further evacuated to Japan and then to the States where he received extensive, lengthy treatment and was eventually medically discharged from the Army. He was sent home in a wheel chair with no memory of how he was wounded and very little memory of his Vietnam service. He was a shell of the happy young man he had been. Joe's wife divorced him, but he later found a wonderful, compassionate woman named Nancy and married again.

Fast forward to the year 2011. The 12th Cavalry Regiment had been having reunions in the Ozark resort town of Branson, Missouri since 2005. Joe's brother Troopers had searched for Joe for years without success, but was finally found, mainly through the investigative work of Truman Carroll (Kentucky), another contributor to the story, with help from Garry Gudinas (Arizona). Joe's stepson bought tickets to fly Joe and Nancy to the reunion, and a generous buddy, Dennis Barios (Alaska), paid for their hotel room.

Walking and talking was very difficult for Joe, but it was evident that he was excited and delighted to be with some of his old friends from Company A, although remembering was difficult. Some of the guys had photographs from their Vietnam days that they displayed on laptops. Joe was positioned in a chair in the hospitality room for these sessions, surrounded by his friends, usually the only black face in a gaggle of white, and that face was aglow. He began to remember some of his old friends, but it was heart wrenching to watch him struggle to do so.

A banquet is always held on the last evening of these reunions, a Saturday night. Having learned that Joe's Purple Heart medal had been lost in a house fire some years earlier, his buddies had procured a replacement with which to surprise him. The master of ceremonies, Doug Warden (Oklahoma), had asked me, his former company commander, to say a few words about Joe and his Purple Heart from the podium, and then take the medal to his table and present it to him. When I made the announcement, Joe indicated that he wanted to come forward to the podium to receive his award, and to the surprise of everyone, he walked to the podium without any assistance. After I had pinned on his medal, Joe then further surprised us by expressing his appreciation clearly in several sentences, and returned unaided to his table amid thunderous applause. It was an incredible moment. Joe's transformation during the few days of the reunion brought tears to the eyes of many of the tough old Veterans. Nancy later said that Joe spoke more words at that time than he had spoken in months.

The following day, after the usual memorial service, we all returned to our homes. Ten days later Truman Carroll received a midnight phone call from Joe's daughter, Stephanie, to tell him that her dad was gone. The next day Truman called the other A Company Troops with the sad news. We were stunned. He had seemed so hearty at the reunion. It was as though he had marshalled all his resources for one final time and then allowed death to overtake him. He was possibly the last casualty of the Vietnam War.

Truman and Theresa Carroll attended Joe's funeral, their expenses paid by his fellow Troopers, who also sent a beautiful floral arrangement. Truman brought a black Cavalry Stetson hat, which was placed atop Joe's casket. Truman later told me that although they were the only white people in attendance, they were treated like Family by Joe's widow, Nancy, even riding in the car with her to the cemetery.

What can be concluded about these two G.I. Joes, Joe Anderson and Joe Cunningham? One was lucky, and one wasn't? Maybe, but rather for me these were simply two brave, young American Soldiers who fought for their country in a bitter, brutal, and much misunderstood war. Neither one asked to go to Vietnam; most service members didn't. They answered the call of duty. One survived and prospered; the other's life was marred and ended prematurely. I'd like to think, however, that Joe Cunningham died a happy man, knowing that he was loved by his Company A brothers.

Phillip L. Blake Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

A Co 1/8

Six First Cavalry Grunts who served in Vietnam in 1968 spent a week together in September 2017 at Gulf Shores Alabama. We were all with Alpha Co. 1/8. See pictured below from left to right are: Mike Kelly from Central Point, Oregon; Jim Schaller from Buffalo, New York; Steve Pemberton from Spring Hill, TN; Rick Sneden from Brazoria, TX; David Paramore from Perry, FL. and Glen Williams from Post, TX. POC: Jim Schaller, (336)776-8449 or <Buffaloetcjc@aol.com>.



We want to hear from YOU. Do you have a long lost story to tell, perhaps you want to share an old photo of you and your battle buddy? Share your treasured thoughts with your 1st Cavalry Division Association Family.

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The Best of America: Waffle House, Sam Adams Winter Brew, Hurricane Recovery efforts by persons helping persons, Ford F250, Vermont in early October, a mosque that hasn't been defaced or bombed, Memphis BBQ, 1st Cav Association, low compression soft senior golf balls, the San Andreas Fault and its potential for societal correction, those bumper stickers that say check twice for motorcycles, purple mountains, Texas in general, minor league baseball, historically black colleges, Sunday School, a field of cotton in blossom, local weekly newspapers, great grandparents, laser surgery, spring water coming up from limestone, a pledge that includes the words under God, soccer moms, Hank Williams Jr. and Bruno Mars, Guam, Mississippi paddle boats, fireflies, tomahawk missiles just in case, the Canadian border, white water rafting, Mark Twain, 60,000 mile tires you can stretch to 70. Your list? Write me.

Robert Carothers: who served during 66/67 is looking for James Ward, LT Sudan and CPT Lawrence. For those looking for Robert or any combination of these names, go to Sky Beavers on FaceBook for a link up.

Strange But True: Vietnam now harvests and exports four times as many metric tons of cashews as India. All those rubber trees you remember? Gone and replanted. Eat well!

Orange Juice: As promised last month, a primer on OJ and your money. Let's say you are on your winter vacation in Florida and happen to notice extensive remaining orange tree damage from the last hurricanes. You scratch your chin and figure there won't be that much OJ to meet demand and that the price of the juice will rise. (see last issue chicken wings) That observation and about \$24,750 will get you one future option on the Chicago Board of Trade for delivery of 15,000 pounds of OJ about the time you are reading this sentence. Now option trading is a bit risky as my ole granpappy used to say. So typically, commodity futures are not included in a moderate to low risk portfolio of investments. Prices can change minute to minute based on news that you won't hear for a week. Those of you who farm know you can sell your crop in the ground (or livestock for that matter) before it is harvested. That's another form of a futures bet where you promise to deliver a product at a future date for money paid to you in the present time.

Unfortunately, with investments, all deposits are always at risk of loss to some degree. Even AAA bonds can default. Ask Enron or Valic bondholders. So, the question becomes can you sleep at night with a 25K bet? You, in conversation with your fund manager, decide that you and your CPAP will get along better on the assumption that Brazil or California will fill in the juice gap. But as the conversation drags on, you start to ask about the stocks that you do own. You wonder why some of your holdings produce no yield thus reducing the total yield of your portfolio. You are told that those common stocks are in developing or maturing companies where corporate income is retained and not distributed in the form of dividends but used to finance future company growth internally without external borrowing costs. You scratch your head and nod like you understand what's going on. Then you say, "Well wait a minute. I've had these stocks for several years and still no dividends." Your fund manager shuffles paper, glances over to the side and mentions that his advice is professional, just tag along. Then you say, "Well, how about cashing in some of the gain I have on paper." That question leads into a lecture on capital gains taxes and do you really want the present tax rate applied or wait to see what Washington cooks up as a tax package this budget year. You walk out muttering. {Just as a footnote, there are always market opportunities. China has recently tightened its acceptance of American scrap materials, plastic and paper refuse. So, what you say? Well, that means that companies like Waste Management Inc. will take a hit to its net income and hence the price of its stock. If not you, your financial advisor should be alert to a development of this size. But remember it's your job first to be alert to the composition of your stock holdings and how they are working for you and that includes any VFW, AL, DAV or Association posts that you are a member of or responsible for.} Next issue: 401K's.

Georgia: Not that Georgia, the other Georgia. Members of the 810th Engineer Company (Sapper) participated in a multi nation exercise in the other Georgia during exercise Noble Partner 2017. Troops from Armenia, Germany, Slovenia, the UK and Turkey also joined the exercise. The entire exercise was supported by the USA Georgia Air Guard's 165th Airlift Wing and their Hercules C-130 aircrafts. A round of applause please.

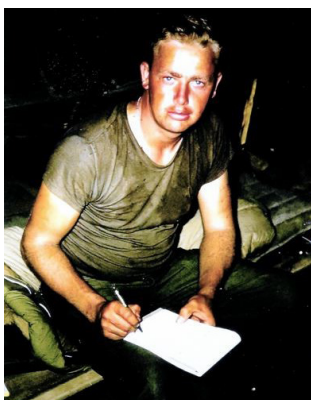
Bartender: "Your glass is empty. Want another one?"

Me: Why would I want two empty glasses?

You: Doctor! You've got to see me. I'm shrinking.

Doc: I'll try to squeeze you in, but you'll have to be a little patient.

From The Beginning At Benning: Yep, we've got ourselves a real live one here.



Ed Torbeck

That is Ed Torbeck now living in Montgomery City, Missouri. We're talking jump school and 11th Air Assault kind of person. Ed was told not to put on his 11th patch as it would be torn off in a few days when the 1st Cav came into being. After enduring jump school at Benning, Ed landed feet first In Country at An Khe in 65 with A Co. supporting the 8th Cav. As he said, "we were a rifle squad with tools." But let's let Ed tell his own story. "My first 28 days of Viet Nam service were on a merchant marine ship. That same ship was later sunk. Appropriate I thought. We anchored off shore at Qui Nhon and expected to hit the beach shooting like that other war. Instead we found the locals waiting for us and selling Cokes, beer and other delights. We convoyed to our new home at An Khe just before monsoon season. A bad

hint!! My tent mate and I had unmatched shelter half's. He had buttons and I

had snaps and here we were in a wilderness having to scrap out a base camp. Our company generally supported the 8th Cav. Our life was better in the field than in base camp. Our CO and 1SG were Aholes, more interested in their own comfort than the welfare of the Troops. It got so bad that when a call came down for volunteers to become door gunners, most of the company volunteered! That PO'd the CO so he called a formation and proceeded to chew us out saying none of us would be leaving. He later got kicked upstairs. Like a lot of Troops, I came home seated backwards in a C141. I shut down emotionally from Viet Nam for most of my working career until I began to access the VA health system. I saw Vets wearing service connected hats and decided to come out in the open myself. People thank me for service, but my best reward comes from being in the VFW Honor Guard serving at military funerals. The thanks received are healing for the Families and for myself and others. I would be glad to hear from any who served during 65 to 66. Thanks for listening to my story." Ed can be reached at 573-564-8076 or <etorbeck@gmail.com>.

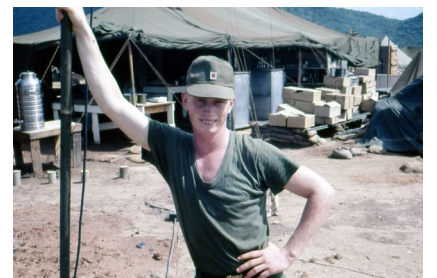
Plan Ahead: The 12B who first signs our roster at the 2018 Reunion will receive a unique, personalized, self-explanatory, important, meaningful T Shirt. Size XL.

Wayne Boss: Wayne picked up the phone the other day to make roll call. He is presently living in Mt. Carmel, Illinois and can be reached at 618-262-7236. Wayne was with A Co. during 69-70 and stays in contact with Mike Carlisle over in Evansville, IN. Does the name LT DeLeo come to anyone's mind? If so, call Wayne as those two need to hook up again. The Reunion in West VA is a good place to start for all of us.

Robert Comer: Robert made the mistake of attracting my attention by posting on the Skybeaver Facebook page. That led to a series of escalating demands for the picture of his reunion. (just kidding) So, as it turns out, a number of these guys spent a bunch of gas money to get to Pittsburgh and neither the Steelers nor Pirates were in town for a game. There were other motives, and someone must have kept track of where everybody was. And they all have the T Shirt to explain to their wives why they had to duck out of town for the weekend. So, for those who missed it, here are Bill Aranz, Robert Comer, Gary Rossseau, Robert Haff, Steve Berinti, Bernie Penfield, James Laird and Ed Gaines.



Red, The Water Guy: Again, from Facebook, another search. Guys, you have hopefully figured out that a good way to search for your lost buddies is to use either the Cav Association page or Skybeavers on Facebook. In this case, Les White would like to know that Red is ok. Meet Les on Facebook if you have any clue. The mess hall in the background is classic in every detail. It's somewhere between a base camp and an LZ.



RED the Water Guy



New 12B Mos Q

Go-NoGo: In the interest of attracting recruits born in the digital age into the 12B MOS, an additional skill set has been implemented. Pictured here is the course layout which has been integrated with Land Nav thus saving tax payer dollars. If you can't make out the detail in the newsprint, call me. I'll send you a copy. Better, Saber online is in color.

Les White: Well, Les never claimed his cash prize for the best engineer photo of 2017. Thus, the sum total of interest earned on my checking account paid in 2016 and 2017 remains and will be added to any announced 2018 engineer photo contest.

Be Thoughtful: This year, 2018, if you send me a Christmas card, don't sign on the inside. That way I use less white-out for sending out my Christmas cards.

Reunion 2018: I don't know about Charleston WV. Never been there and probably never would but for one reason, you. You may have seen the story circulating on the internet about the German fighter pilot who spared a damaged B17 in WWII by not shooting it down. Decades later the two pilots found and met each other in tears of joy from both. That is the essence of a Reunion. Ours may be less dramatic but just as meaningful for those at the Round Tables. See you there.

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Greetings Troopers from NW Louisiana and wishing you and your Family the very best possible New Year. We are currently (Jan 1st) experiencing unusually cold weather for this part of LA. We are expecting a week of temps below freezing. I think last year we had two freezing nights out of the whole winter.

I hope you have your hotel reservations and your registration sent in for the annual reunion to be held in West Virginia this year. Sue and I hope to see you there and renew old friendships. For those of you in the eastern part of our country, this is a great time to attend your first reunion. Sue and I will also be traveling to Fort Hood in February to attend the annual board meeting. So, if you have any suggestion to be brought to the attention of the Association's Board of Governors, please let me know.

I received an email from SGM (ret) Greg Garrett, the "ancient G3 SGM" of the 1st Cav, who commented concerning the information in the last Saber written by Rosey Carter. Greg said:

"It was a great pleasure to read the input from Rosey Carter. As the G3 SGM, I had a great relationship with the Dep G6's I served with in my 6-year tenure (96-02) there. (G9) MAJ's Morrison, Carter and Elliott were superb Officers that I was honored to serve with and they, with my equally superb group of Deputy G3's (Bayer, Grimsley, Mitchell, Dolan, Dewhurst come to mind) provided a fantastic working relationship. The DMAIN configuration, set up, tear down, move and reset is by far my most memorable experience from my time in the G3. Lucky for me, I had great NCOs, Soldiers and officers supporting our efforts with the DMAIN, DTAC and ACP. BTW... I *still* have nightmares about trying to "jump" the DMAIN!"



**Division Main Tactical Command Post (DMAIN)
in Training Area 10 on Ft Hood c 2000-2001**

Thanks Greg for your comments. If you served in the great 1st Cav with Greg, we would like to hear from you.

I also heard from Manuel Lozano, SFC, US Army (retired), who served with the Cav in Vietnam. Manuel wrote:

"I was with the 15th Admin Co back in 66-67, An Kay, Vietnam. I was assigned as secretary to LTC Baer, the Div AG at that time for 5 months and then assigned as NCOIC of the Publications section. I am wondering if it has been integrated with another unit in the Saber newspaper and what is its new designation? Also, would like to know if there are still any unit crests of the old 15th Admin?"

Thanks Manuel, for the input. Of course, the 15th Admin went away along with the other support battalions many years ago. There was a column for the 15th Admin but no one has been writing that column for quite a while. You are welcome to consider this column your voice in the Saber. If anyone out there knows where Manuel can obtain the unit crest for the 15th Admin, please contact him at <madmex@tds.net>. Manuel, did you keep any of the division publications from that time frame? I would be interested in publishing some of the articles from those old 1st Cav in Vietnam publications.

That's all the feedback I received since the Nov-Dec Saber, so I'll fill a few lines with some information of interest.

The VA motto "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan" is under attack by those who demand political correctness in everything we do. This is a quote from Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address in 1865. This motto has been declared "sexist, outdated and exclusionary" by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. I love the VA response to this: Spokesman Curt Cashour said, "VA has the utmost respect for the service and sacrifice of all Veterans, including women Veterans. But Lincoln's words are Lincoln's words."

People, we can't change history. And then we have officers and senior NCOs stealing from our military!

A federal judge has sentenced a high-ranking Army Reserves officer to four years in prison and ordered him to forfeit \$4.4 million for fraudulently supplying hundreds of thousands of Chinese-produced baseball caps and backpacks to the Army Recruiting Command and passing them off as American-made.

Federal authorities say 50-year-old LTC Frederick Burnett, of Madison, Alabama, received millions under contracts with the Army stating he must supply promotional items for the Recruiting Command that were "100% U.S. Made." A federal jury convicted Burnett in April on three counts of wire fraud for using his Huntsville-based company, Lamar International Inc., in the scheme to defraud the Defense Department on three contracts, worth \$6.2 million, between 2005

and 2009.

Stories like this never fail to amaze me, although I don't know why they should. I guess the LTC forgot that officers are supposed to be persons of good character. Nothing like selling your good reputation for a few bucks (or lots of bucks).

A former sailor from Chesapeake, VA already in prison for stealing the identities of two subordinates, as charged in connection with a separate \$1.6 million fraud involving the manipulation of the Navy's procurement procedures. Clayton Pressley III, a Bronze Star recipient, was charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conducting unlawful monetary transactions. The charges stem from alleged contract steering and product substitution from May to November 2014. Investigators said Pressley, then a senior chief petty officer, and his co-conspirators were selling Navy "inert training aids" that were never shipped but marked as delivered. The fraud involved two Defense Logistics Agency prime vendors, and a Tucson, AZ-based business that provided "logistical support" to the government.

To add to the number of problems Vietnam Vets are encountering, a VA study has now shown that many Vets were infected by a "slow-killing parasite" obtained from eating raw or undercooked fish. And the list goes on and on.

From my archives of pictures taken by the 191st MI in Vietnam and by COL (Ret) John McCann, who commanded the 191st MI during 67-68, I found this picture of the 1st Bde's LZ Betty. If you were on this LZ or on FSB Mace, I would like to hear from you. If you served on a fire base or LZ or similar small posting in Iraq or Afghanistan, I would be interested in publishing your story.



1st Bde's LZ Betty c 1968

Well, Troopers, that's about all I have for this issue. No input, no output. I refuse to troll the net and Facebook just to find something for the column. It would make my life easier and happier if you would take the time to send in your stories. I would especially like to hear from our Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan Vets as they are slowly taking over some of the jobs within the Association. Take care and may God bless you and your Family, the USofA and the great 1st Cav Div. Keep our Troopers that are in harm's way in your prayers. Keep your powder dry and watch your back.

Division Doings Continued from pg. 18

LTC Brian McCarthy, commander of 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd ABCT, said the TSC exercises send a strong message to other nations in the region that we are "both a viable ally and a visible deterrent." "When we fight we will never fight by ourselves," Woodward said. "We will fight as part of a coalition and in order to test those before we fight, when we train with them we test our interoperability between the two armies. How do we communicate with each other? How do we control direct and indirect fires? And even more importantly, it sends a message to that other country, that other army that we assure them we will be there for them to help protect their sovereignty. And it's also a message to our adversaries as a deterrence that they see our strong relationship."

In addition to conducting the first-ever Desert Observer exercise training with their Kuwaiti counterparts in the defense of Kuwait, units from 3rd ABCT were the first U.S. forces to participate in Operation Bright Star in Egypt since 2009. The exercises helped develop capabilities and partnerships, as well as gave young Soldiers the opportunity to experience other cultures, said McCarthy. "The exercises really helped them grow as Soldiers and really just grow as citizens of the world," he said. Not only was the Brigade responsible for conducting partnership exercises, but it also maintained ready-to-deploy elements that could be sent anywhere within the AO on a moment's notice.

The Operation Spartan Shield mission alone is enough to keep most brigades busy over a nine-month deployment, but the ongoing fight in Iraq and Syria against ISIS played a significant role in brigade operations and tested Greywolf's ability to respond and execute while maintaining its flexibility. Prior to deploying, Greywolf received an order directing some elements of the brigade to be sent to support the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve and their Iraqi Security Force partners in the fight against ISIS. The units that were sent played a decisive role in the support of the defeat of ISIS in Mosul and the eventual destruction of ISIS in Iraq. One of the units that rotated Soldiers into Iraq was the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment. The batteries provided fire support as well as force protection for the coalition.

They were there for the attack to retake Mosul from ISIS and witnessed the liberation and subsequent celebrations. "It was very rewarding, because as much as we are proud of what we accomplished and as much as it meant to us, we know it meant so much more to them and their country and their people," said 1LT Kristy Cordes, platoon leader in Alpha Battery. Every battalion within the brigade played a role in the support to the coalition, from combat, to logistics, to advise and assist, and route clearance. "Our success, to me, has come in two different ways," Woodward said. "One;

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**THE HICCUP - Health Care
Information Committee Report
VA Announces Rollout and Application Process for New
Veterans ID Card - Update**

As mentioned in an earlier HICCUP, the U.S. Congress directed that VA honor Veterans and provide an ID card to be used to verify their service, this was passed in 2015. Finally, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for Veterans — yet another action honoring their service. Only those Veterans with honorable service will be able to apply for the ID card, which will provide proof of military service, and may be accepted by retailers in lieu of the standard DD-214 form to obtain promotional discounts and other services where offered to Veterans.

“The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more convenient and efficient way for most Veterans to show proof of service,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “With the card, Veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain Veteran discounts and other services.”

The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service, but did not meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC.

To request a VIC, Veterans must visit <www.vets.gov>, click on “Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card” on the bottom of the page under “Popular on Vets.gov” and sign in or create an account. NOTE: This is not working, it asks you to enter your email address and then they will get back to you.

Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at <www.vets.gov>. A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December. NOTE: This is not working. BOTTOM LINE - go to the website, enter your email address and wait and see. Again, this will be a card similar to the VA card that you receive if you have a disability rating or registered in the VA Health Care system prior to 2001.

Exchange Online Shopping Open to Veterans - Update

As mentioned in an earlier HICCUP, the Army and Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) and the other branch exchange systems opened ONLINE at military exchanges effective Veterans Day, 11 November 2017 for Honorably Discharged Veterans. NOTE: this will only allow ONLINE shopping and not allow shopping at the brick and mortar stores.

As of November 2017, over 250,000 Veterans have registered for access to the ONLINE shopping, out of the 13 million eligible Veterans. It takes a few minutes - need first name, last name, last four of social security number, birth date, and email address (yes - email, you are shopping online), and branch of service. NOTE: this system is also used by several other online shopping sites to offer a 10% discount on shopping.

It is estimated that if 45,000 Veterans out of the 13 million Veterans shop online, the cost of the program will be recouped. Again, a way for PXs to make some extra money. There is no plan to extend this benefit to dependents, but there are no cameras, so they just need to know your login.

Again, only active duty service members, members of the Guard and Reserves, military retirees, 100-percent disabled Veterans, Medal of Honor recipients, and the Families of these groups are eligible to shop at AAFES locations, either online or on-base. There is no current proposal to allow Veterans to shop at on-base locations.

It takes three easy steps to be able to have access to tax-free shopping and free standard shipping to U.S. zip codes when the purchase is \$49 or more. However, it does not include the purchase of uniforms, alcohol, and tobacco products.

- Visit exchange websites at:
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**Division Doings
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we did a very stressful, realistic train-up to get here and when we got here performed flawlessly in support of OIR as well as made our partner nations stronger because of the training we provided them. But the second part that makes us so successful is that we are going to redeploy back to Fort Hood at a higher level of readiness, training-wise, and fleet readiness than we deployed with.” Woodward said the multiple mission sets and exercises could easily have served to disrupt the brigade’s ability to maintain their overall readiness, but that wasn’t the case for Greywolf. In the midst of all of this, they were able to complete two sustainment gunneries, company-level situational training exercises, a brigade-level command post exercise and numerous other training events in order to sustain their readiness throughout the deployment. On top of their normal training schedule, Soldiers also had the opportunity to rotate through various schools including air assault and basic leader course at Camp Buehring and Advanced and Senior Leader courses back in the U.S. Greywolf is redeploying, and following some well-deserved time off, it will be right back at it. Soldiers will reset their vehicles and reset themselves and be ready for any mission that the Army calls them to next, said Woodward. “They should be very proud of what they’ve done,” he said. “This is a lot of hard work. They didn’t just come [to Kuwait] and sit in the desert and shoot a couple of gunneries. They continued to get better. Over half of the formation has gained combat experience during this rotation. A lot of Soldiers have trained with armies all over the Middle East. We are not just professionally better, but personally better.”

Once Cav, Always Cav! 1st Cavalry Division Association

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First, Charleston is clean and SAFE. You can walk the streets 24/7 without an armed guard. If you are walking down the sidewalk and someone smiles and say “Hi,” you are not being hit on. They are just being friendly. Making eye contact is not considered a threat but is a friendly gesture. You will not see any panhandlers working the front entrance to the hotel. Count the number of “street people” you see during the reunion. You will need only one hand, maybe just your thumb. There are few weeds, even around a parking lot and the buildings look like they were just power washed.

Second, Charleston is not a big city. Almost everything is within walking distance. There are some two dozen restaurants within two blocks of the Marriott. Adelpia Grill has a very good reputation. One of my favorites is the City Market. The food at the Marriott is pretty good, too. The Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau will have an information table in the Marriott. They will have maps of the town that even a second lieutenant can read. If you don’t want to walk, fine, take the downtown shuttle. Show the 1st Cav name tag and the ride is free. So, you can put your car in the parking garage and let it set until you go home. If you stay at the Marriott, parking is free.

Please note that there are other hotels within a block or two of the Marriott. It is common for hotels that are not the HQ for an event to cut their prices to draw people from the HQ hotel. You may want to check that out before making reservations. Also, Charleston weather is not as hot as Texas, so the block or two walk between hotels shouldn’t be that big a deal.

For the shoppers, the largest urban mall east of the Mississippi River is directly across the street from the Marriott. Jay walking will not get you a ticket. In fact, expect cars to stop and motion you across, especially if you have grey hair and a slight limp.

Would you like to watch a craftsman build a psalter by hand? Would you like to play a thumb piano? It has only nine keys. Would you like to sample ramp jelly? Would you like to learn more about the first battle of the Revolutionary War or the first land battle of the War Between the States? Then you definitely want to take the Tamarack tour.

A “must see” for this reunion is the “Live on the Levee” concert on Friday night. The city has built an amphitheater on the bank of the Kanawha River. Regional musical groups provide the FREE entertainment. Nationally known talent has performed here. Who knows, you may be entertained by a future star! A front and center area will be reserved for the 1st Cav attendees, if you show your name tag. Just sit in the grass on the river bank, listen to the music and look at the stars. Want to bring a folding chair, fine. It is about 8 blocks from the Marriott. It is a pleasant walk for a summer evening. Of course, you can take the shuttle, just remember to show your name tag for a free ride.

A couple of exceptions to the “walk everywhere” comment. If you want to go to a casino or dog track, The Mardi Gras Casino and Resort is about nine miles down the interstate. The Marriott has free shuttle to and from the Mardi Gras, if there are enough people to fill the van. The buffet by the bleachers for the dog track has good inexpensive food. Another place you may want to see is the Blenko Glass Plant. All items are handmade, using the same techniques used over 125 years ago when the company began. It is on the interstate a few miles west of Charleston in Milton. There are tours on Thursday and Friday. Neither the dog track nor the glass plant is on the scheduled tours. There is simply not enough time to do it all.

How are you traveling: plane, train, automobile or boat? It is a very short drive from the airport to the hotel. Expect to be in your room in less than an hour after you pick up your luggage. By the way, if you should hear a very large plane flying very low over the city about noon one day; don’t expect to hear a crash. It is just Air Force 1 practicing small airport approaches. The airport is close enough to Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. and has light enough traffic to do this. A bit of trivia, the airport is named after Chuck Yeager, the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound. He grew up nearby. And Daniel Boone spent some of his final years in Charleston.

Charleston has passenger train service on certain days of the week. No, you do not have to play hobo on a coal train.

For you who are driving, one of Charleston’s “sayings” is, “There are no traffic jams in Charleston.” It is an easy half mile from the interstate to the hotel. A bit of advice for those of you who are driving to the reunion; when you come into West Virginia, get off the interstate onto a two-lane road. Slow down a bit and just enjoy the scenery. It will add some to your travel time, but it is worth it. Like they say about Ireland, there are about 275 different shades of green. Better yet, there is nothing like riding a motorcycle on West Virginia two-lanes.

There is no passenger boat service to Charleston, but a river big enough for coal barges is four blocks from HQ. So, if you want to come in your boat and tie up at the levee, fine. Do this and you can say you have ridden on the oldest river in North America. The Kanawha River starts as the New River in North Carolina, surprisingly close to the Atlantic Ocean.

Finally, on Sunday morning when you are heading home, remember that in West Virginia, heaven is a local phone call, unlike many other places. Ya’ll come back now, ya hear?

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