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Greetings Troopers,
Happy New Year!
It’s hard to believe
that it is already 2023.
It seems like not long

ago we were all worried about Y2K and how it was going to stop the world because the computers wouldn’t be able to recognize the year 2000. We also worried how much computers and technology had taken over the world. Where does that leave us now?

As we remember Y2K and try to reflect on how far technology has come, we can take comfort in knowing, some things will never change. The human spirit is alive and well; there is no greater example than the Spirit of the CAV... Courageous, Audacious, Victorious! Year in and year out, as time marches on and the world changes, the Troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division diligently mount up and ride to the troubled places in the world. Whether showing solidarity with America’s Allies, providing humanitarian assistance in crisis, or bringing the Combat Arm of Decision to any battlefield, the First Team shows up!

For over 101 years the First Team has been a decisive force. Troopers from all generations have fought, shed blood, and died, while bringing America’s principle of freedom and self-governance to oppressed people around. We must Never Forget their sacrifice! We memorialize those that have paid the cost of war as part of healing and connecting the necessary perspective for our Veterans and Active Duty to continue after battles and campaigns. Our Veterans move to find their new role after their service, and the Active Troopers continue to train and prepare

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Happy New Year to all!! The Association and Gift Shop Staff wish all our members and their Families a year of health, wealth, and happiness.

It is a new year, and we have three new projects happening. The first

is to design and build the Desert Storm Memorial. This memorial is long overdue and has a home on Cooper Field.

The second project has been ongoing for quite some time. Many of you remember the Brick and Paver Campaign that was established to raise funds for an eventual 1st Cavalry Division Museum and later changed to support our Scholarship Program. Already purchased pavers were placed at the front entrance to our old museum with an uncertainty as to where the final home would be when that building was demolished. I am here to tell you a new home has been found. We have been allocated real estate at the south entrance to the 1st Cavalry Division HQ (which leads into Heritage Hall).

Project number three includes the Gift Shop. We have been asked to set up a small store inside the HQ specifically catering to the new Soldiers (Pegasus Troop) of the Division. These items will be on display in Heritage Hall with a QR Code that will direct them to the Gift Shop website. Any items ordered will be brought to the HQs for those Soldiers to pick-up, or they can stop by the shop and pick up the items themselves and maybe do a bit more shopping.

Our goal is to have the pavers and Gulf War Memorial in place and unveiled on May 5th, 2023. Why May 5th you ask? The Division is planning a Grand Cavalry Celebration which will include the unveiling. More information will follow in an email and included in the *Saber* for those members who wish to attend.

Members wanting to help support with donations can send checks to the Association: 302 N Main St, Copperas Cove, TX, 76522. Please makes all checks payable to the 1CDA Foundation and include a note so we can ensure the money is used for the memorial. All donations to the Foundation are tax exempt.

Our reunion in Louisville is going to be a great one. This is a reminder to get your registration turned in and a hotel reservation made. You can find more information in the *Saber* and online at <<https://1cda.org>>. Looking forward to seeing everyone somewhere along the Bourbon Trail in 2023.

HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Abby Edwards, Commander



HCD Parade Team during the 2023 Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA

Howdy Y’all and Happy New Year! The Detachment had a blast bringing in the New Year as we once again were honored to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade and Equestfest in Pasadena, CA. We hope you were able to watch us either conducting our mounted demonstration or riding down the parade route. Thanks to all of you for the support we received to be able to take part in such a memorable experience.



HCD Demo Team celebrating after a successful demonstration during Equestfest

January gives the Troopers and Horses some much needed recovery time after getting home from California. Though it won’t be long before we’re on the move again to go participate in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo in the middle of February and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo later that month. While we’re showing support in the rodeo, we’ll also be helping out the local recruiting battalions with visits to schools for demonstrations and our informational Yesterday and Today Presentations. If you’re in the area come out and see us!

Closer to home we’ve had our first class this year of Trainees to go through CAV School to learn how to be a detachment member. We’re excited for them to pass the test and requirements necessary to join our ranks and be a part of our distinguished heritage. We’d also like to congratulate our newest trained farrier, SPC Roman, for successfully graduating from farrier school. Without the hard work and dedication of him and our other farriers we wouldn’t be able to take care of our horses and continue to do what we all love.

The Horse Cavalry Detachment is fully open to the public! Please come visit us at our barn for a barn tour or our Thursday 1000 demonstration at 69007 Trooper Loop, Fort Hood, TX. We love and appreciate the support that this amazing community bestows on us and look forward to our continued engagements and exchanges long into the future. Please check out the link on the Association website to make it easier to request the HCD to support an event in your area. We do ask that you have the request turned in for consideration 120 days before the event so that we have enough time to prepare. Please call (254) 287-2229 with any questions. Check us out on Facebook (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and strive to keep everyone informed of upcoming events and ceremonies. We have an Instagram (horsecavalrydetachment) as well where we post pictures of the great things our Troopers are doing. HOT TO TROT!

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We reserve the right to reject for publication any letter received. Unused letters will not be acknowledged.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Ryan Bedford. I would like to thank you for sending me a 2023 calendar in the mail. Trying to figure out where to hang it up. I currently work for the Coast Guard here in Elizabeth City in North Carolina. I was thinking about hanging in the office. I served with 6/32FA field artillery unit from 2008 to 2012. 2005 to 2008 I was at Fort Sill. I'm proud to be a member of 1st Cavalry Division Association. I'm thankful for the outstanding leadership the 1st Cav provided me when I was in. I can't believe it has been 10 years since I left. Still, I keep memories and tell great stories about the 1st Cav. God Bless all the Veterans that have served before and currently serving. Thank you again. You have boosted my spirits up. Thank you again, for sending me the calendar.

I am grateful to receive the 1st Cavalry Division Association Scholarship grant. With this grant, I can further my education more than I initially anticipated. Pursuing higher education past the high school level is very important to me, and with this grant, I will be able to accomplish that. I want to thank the Veterans and members of the 1st Cavalry Division and the members and staff of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. I feel fortunate to have lessened the stress of tuition and additional expenses while attending college with this assistance. This is one more reason I am proud to say that my father is a 1st Cavalry Division Veteran and a 1st Cavalry Division Association member.
With eternal gratitude,
Cali G. Olvera



My grandfather, COL John H. Prokopowicz, we call him "Papa John" is one of the most interesting people I know. The process of applying for the Ia Drang Scholarship actually brought us closer together and I learned more about his participation in the battle and his nearly 30-year military career. I also came to the realization I'm lucky to be here because my mother was born after the Battle of Ia Drang and his survival during the battle is directly linked to me being here today. Knowing this makes me appreciate all that he did for our nation and my responsibility to give back to America, too. I appreciate the scholarship as it has also helped to reduce the burden on my family for my education at Indiana University in Bloomington.
John Atlee Sears
University of Indiana Class of 2026

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

From the Jumping Mustang's Bugle newsletter, 1-8 Cavalry 1965 Airborne - Air Assault - Air Mobile 1971

PLEIKU HIGHLANDS 1965 by 1LT Bill Wilson

CPT Stone, company commander of A Co acting as Alpha Six, "Alpha Six this is Red Team Six, over." "Alpha Six go ahead Red Team Six, over." "Roger Alpha Six, lifting off 10:30 for LZ High Ground, over." "Alpha Six, roger out."

This is a story of a reaction force called the Red Team. At one juncture, the 1st Brigade of the 8th Cavalry's search and destroy operation included security when the enemy were attacking civilians along Highway 19 in the Highlands near the town of Pleiku. These Rebels (civilian sympathizers) were robbing anyone on the highway when they had opportunity. Piasters, Vietnamese money, was especially high on the list of bounty and if they paid them usually there was no harm done to these civilian vehicle owners. You could not predict where these rebels would show up next.

Our Tactical Operations Command (TOC) came up with an idea to confront and destroy these rebels and sometimes regulars. This project was called the Red Team. A platoon of infantry Soldiers, 20 plus strong would be on alert standing by at a landing zone (LZ) for quick deployment. The concept was for the stand-by platoon to be ready to depart to any location in the shortest amount of time and surprise the enemy. This meant one platoon was on call for a period of days and the 1st Platoon of A Company was placed on this stand-by detail.

The highlands of Vietnam are beautiful, pristine, looking untouched by humans. If you have seen the Ethiopian Highlands in Africa, you recall untouched fields of waist high grass and acacia trees as far as the eye could see. This was the view but not as expansive a view as on the African continent. The ground is soft and felt like compacted saw dust, spongy but firm. It was reddish in color and felt strange to walk on. This condition in the highlands was unusual since the remainder of the country was relatively forested, some jungle and thick underbrush and along the coast it looked like any other South Pacific country with beautiful beaches and coconut palms. Here in the Highlands, it was quite different, and the elevation was not more than two thousand feet above sea level.

The 1st platoon designated the Red Team was called to stand by for pickup. "Red Team Six, this is Alpha Six, proceed to LZ for extraction, over." "Roger, Red Team Six, out." I was the First Lieutenant in charge and was briefed where we were going. Trouble along Highway 19, the traffic was blocked. Four Huey aircraft were on their way to pick up the platoon. Using this system, the reaction time was just minutes before these men could get to their destination. Many times, this quick response would shock the rebels/enemy. These were identified as civilian sympathizers dressed in black pajamas and straw hats. Sometimes they were called Viet Cong and may have been indoctrinated, but these people were not well trained and were to my knowledge mostly rebels with limited weapons. We could hear the choppers coming. Their noise is distinctive, chop, chop, chop and swoosh sounds as they landed all four kicking up a cloud of dust on the LZ at the Tea Plantation. The men loaded and these whirly birds lifted off in less than 40 seconds. We flew across the landscape just barely above the treetops. Ten minutes later we touched down in an open field with chest high grass.

I warned the guys to look out for Punjabi stakes that were ideal weapons for this tall grass. It's a touch and go landing which means the men have seconds to get off the chopper. We had to get our bearings once on the ground and with help from the platoon sergeant we checked for due north before we set our direction and headed toward the highway 3/4 mile away. These infantry Soldiers were young guys with no experience. The platoon sergeant and platoon leader had a little. Age wise the platoon sergeant was just 40 with prior military experience and the platoon leader was in his late twenties also with prior military experience. Age was not necessarily a factor, but experience was important.

The platoon formed up in single file with the platoon leader in the middle and platoon sergeant taking up the rear of the column. There were approximately 4 to 5 paces between the men. The platoon was strung out and looked like a giant anaconda weaving through the tall grass. The point man was a pure blood American Indian recruit who was just a few years older than most of the others. He had a good sense about him and was almost always the guy out in front. He could sense anything abnormal that would tip him off to some activity looming ahead. When his arm raised high the whole column stopped. Wait, listen, listen some more, and then he would wave us on when the coast was clear.

The grass was chest high and looking carefully I did not see where the grass had been disturbed. We were heading in the direction of Highway 19 and at times when stopped we thought we could hear faint voices off in the distance in the direction we were traveling. Moving slowly and stealth-fully without a sound, there was off on my right about five yards away a mighty blood curdling roar!

Every foot locked in place and every head turned to see what it was. It was the

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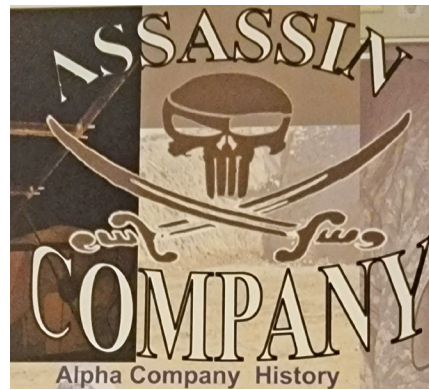
OIF / OEF VETERAN 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion News

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



1BSTB, Alpha Company
"Assassin Company"

Alpha Company was initially formed at the Two Rock Ranch Station, California as C/313th Army Security Agency Battalion, later re-designated 371st Army Security Agency (ASA) Unit. The company was awarded fourteen United States and Vietnamese Unit Citations and Decorations, to include two Presidential Unit Citations. It became the most decorated ASA Company in the United States Army. On 1 October 1981, the company was re-designated Alpha Company, 312th Military Intelligence

Battalion. On 17 October 1990, Alpha Company deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and fought in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Alpha Company was subsequently reorganized in November of 1995 into a Direct Support Military Intelligence Company, in support of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry, and the Ironhorse Brigade.

In September of 1998, Alpha Company deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Forge. The unit served at Camp McGovern in northern Bosnia. In March of 2004, Alpha Company deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, where it continued to provide intelligence support to the Ironhorse Brigade Combat Team. In July 2005, the company was designated as A/1st Special Troops Battalion, to conform to the Army's new Unit of Action concept. In October 2006, the company was deployed to Taji, Iraqi support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. Since its deployment, Alpha Company has provided intelligence support to the Special Troops Battalion, Ironhorse Brigade Combat Team, and the 1st Cavalry Division with its unique makeup of SIGINT (Signals Intelligence), HUMINT (Human Intelligence), CGS (Common Ground Station), and TUAV (Tactical Un-manned Aerial Vehicle) intelligence assets.



The SIGINT contributions include the capturing of over 53 high value targets (HVT's) within the Ironhorse area of operation making the 1BSTB's SIGINT section, one of the most successful sections in theater. The HUMINT team has conducted numerous tactical missions, raids, source meets, and produced numerous draft intelligence information reports and spot reports resulting in the capture of many criminals. A branch of the HUMINT team is responsible for running the Taji Detention Holding Area- Annex (DHA-A).

The TUAV platoon gives commanders a near real time view of the battlefield. TUAV can be directed by the commander on the ground to specific targets, routes, or area scanning. The TUAV Platoon is given target decks by higher elements and report on their findings. Typical roles are route clearance, counter mortar, counter rocket, and target development. Since arriving in Iraq, the TUAV platoon has flown 3,304 flight hours, conducted 3,044 mission coverage hours, 1,050 total missions, using 1,356 sorties.

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

OTHER REUNIONS:

15th Medical Battalion Association, 26-30 April 2023. Austin, TX. Holiday Inn Austin Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX 78752. Reservations 512-451-5757, Group code is MBA. POC: Ron Huether, <medevac2@15thmedbnassociation.org> or call or text 830-456-5580. Info at <15thmedbnassociation.org>.

75th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion, 13-17 June 2023. Louisville, KY. Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center, \$124/night plus tax. (866) 888-0620 reference code: SAL.


18th Annual 12th Cavalry Reunion, 5-9 September 2023. Branson, MO. Branson Hillside Hotel and Theater, formerly (The Welk). Reservations: 417-243-1335, Mellodie Suire. POC: Fred Wilson, 740-331-1814 or <fnwilson49@hotmail.com>.

77th FA 2023 Reunion, 6-10 September 2023. Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, FL, Hampton Inn. POC: John Moran, 937-361-1333.

Jumping Mustangs 37th Annual Reunion, 11-14 September 2023. Pigeon Forge, TN. The Ramsey Hotel, 3230 Parkway Pigeon Forge TN. Reservations 865-428-2700, \$159/night plus tax. POC: James Knafel, (260) 244-3864.

Have your upcoming reunions posted here!
Email to Programs@1CDA.org

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I apologize for this submission being very short – will be looking for some help with the next submission. Hoping everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. Hard to believe that it’s now 2023.

I hope that I have everyone on the Company mailing list – a few of you have sent me names and email addresses for Brothers who were not included previously on the list. I believe I’ve incorporated all the names that have been sent, but please let me know if I’ve missed the boat. You can see all who are included on my last email.

There seems to have been some confusion with regard to the Louisville reunion and the dates. Come to find out, the dates shifted to the left one day earlier due to a contract mix-up. Reunion registration is open now, you can register online <<https://1cda.org/annual-reunion/annual-reunion-registration-form/>>, or send in your registration form that was included in your 2023 calendars.

The first day of the reunion starts on Tuesday June 13, and the reunion will run through Saturday morning the 17th with our group breakfast and the memorial service. I believe there are folks working on changing some reservations and plans – but not sure exactly what’s happening so I expect that we’ll hear something soon from our board with the necessary changes and clarifications.

I’ve been posting on LinkedIn on the anniversary dates of each of our Brothers who were KIA. If you’re not already on LinkedIn, you can join at no cost and set up your profile and link to mine to see these posts. There are also a few Ranger sites on LinkedIn that you may be interested in following. For those not interested in that route I will continue to email my entries to all on the mailing list so you can see who has been remembered. I’m using the (KIA) list that was on the old website – which I believe is accurate – if there’s a more recent or more accurate list, please send it to me so I can adjust my entries.

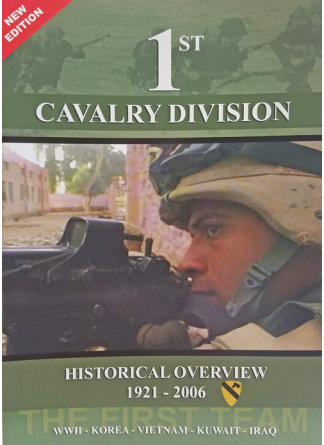
For one of the next *Patrolling* issues, I would really like to put together a story about George Pacerelli and his time as Company Commander – similar to what I have done previously for Jim James and Mike Gooding. I’m looking for volunteers that would like to make a contribution to this effort.

Once again – best to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!!

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roar of a tiger, a Bengal tiger that inhabited South and North Vietnam. In that second when the tiger roared, he was expressing his frustration and anger for us disturbing him. He did not charge us, fortunately. Half of the platoon had passed by not seeing him in the tall grass and he was OK with that. The continual movement of Troops filing by finally upset him. He jumped up from his position on his belly where he had been eating his meal.

When I observed his position, I saw the remains of half a carcass of a wild pig. This meant we had intruded on his kill. Now was not the time to discuss what had just happened. I, the platoon leader, was truly the closest to the tiger and he was full grown and probably weighed easily 300 or more pounds. This is one of the areas of the world that is habitat for Bengal tigers. If there had not been this whole file of men coming so close to him, he would probably have attacked, but our numbers overwhelmed him.

We continued in file for another hundred yards before we stopped again. Not a word was spoken, not a sound made through all of this, and my heart was pounding out of my chest. Still in file we continued in the direction of the sounds we heard in the distance. As we approached, we hunkered down. We could see several individuals with weapons in front of a truck holding back the traffic and I waved to the squad leaders to go left and to go right so that we were in a line facing the road. The platoon moved into position, and I instructed only one man to fire his weapon. This way we had the element of surprise and could see what the enemy would do. We could not identify how many there were, but there were at least a dozen vehicles stopped. We received a return volley and that was it. Only one volley in our direction and they were gone. When we rushed over to the road the rebels departed into the thickest of the grass heading for the river. We did not follow. After talking with the driver of the truck who understood a little English, he told me these rebels were trying to extort money from them. Those in this vehicle convoy had been stalling with any payment and hoping someone would come along to rescue them.

“Alpha Six this is Red Team Leader, over.” “Red Team Leader, mission complete, ready for pickup at LZ high-ground, over.” “Roger that, Alpha Six out.” We hustled our way back to the spot closest to where we were dropped off. Now there was something to talk about later that day and how we might have had a tiger pelt to bring back with us. We were then asking about other animals in the area we should know about including the elephants seen a month ago. We had heard a few stories about monkeys, snakes, and other dangerous insects like scorpions. But nobody told us to watch out for tigers!

A few weeks later after the Red Team experience, the platoon was in the highlands again close to Pleiku City. There had been for many years a French family who owned a tea plantation and had built a small runway for their plane. It was a good place to bivouac and for the choppers to pick up Troops. Because there was a hard top to the runway which helped keep the dust down. The platoon was spread out around one end of the landing strip and were on duty for security at night but were there waiting for a call to reinforce another company if needed. During the nights only 30% were on the alert at one time and so the Troops alternated being on guard through the night. It was a three-hour shift and so each shift had time to sleep.

One night I awoke to relieve myself and as I stepped around several sleeping Troops to find a location to urinate, I notice something on the ground race by me. Shadows in the night are always alarming if you do not know what they are. I waited for the shadow to return but after a few minutes I returned to my position. There would be time in the morning to research what I saw in the moonlight.

As dawn approached, I was up as the battalion mess arrived from An Khe by chopper and began to serve breakfast. I could smell the food cooking, and this was a real treat since we did not have hot meals in the field. This morning we would get more rations for later, mail distribution and some hot cereal or SOS and coffee. This was really living. After breakfast I told the platoon sergeant about my observation in the night, and we started to look around for any signs of rodents or whatever.

Looking over the ground I noticed several holes in the ground the diameter of my thumb and I began to remember. When at Fort Sill, Oklahoma one summer camp we were given an orientation about wildlife and insects found there on the reservation and how to be careful. These holes looked familiar, and I told the platoon sergeant I thought these holes looked like spider holes. His eyes perked up and he wanted to know what kind of spider. I said, “holes this big can only mean big spiders like tarantulas.” His eyes got even bigger when I said this. He started backing up and I told him not to be alarmed and that I would dig a small hole around this entry and see if we could find what it was for sure.

As I began to extract some soil around the hole a number of Troops began to congregate around me. I told my one Native American squad leader what I was doing, and he proceeded to help with the digging. When we got down 12 inches or so we could see something was there but not until we went down further did the spider jump up and out of his hiding place. He just sat there looking at us and he was the size of a small grapefruit in diameter.

The corporal wanted to know what to do with it. We discussed delivering it a hundred yards away, but this would only aggravate the spider and he would be back for sure. After some discussion it was executed by flame and fire. The execution was by spraying the spider with insect repellent and throwing a match at him. After that, the entire platoon began the search for more holes and there were many. For hours, this action of finding holes and digging out these insects took place until there were no more holes in the vicinity. Everyone slept better the next night knowing this enemy was eliminated. This story never was published but those that were there in 1965 can testify to truth of both stories.

Bill Wilson, 1st Lieutenant

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5th CAV News

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As I write this, many things are going on around me. But one thing dominates my mind. We all know of the more obvious sacrifices that our Troops sometimes make, but they often do things that no one sees or hears about as well. As with the things we do that everyone knows about, sacrifices are also made that no one can see. There is more than one reason that we do not hear these stories and suffice it to say, if we do not hear them, their families often do not know or understand why a parent they love cannot be with them more or what it is that has caused that parent to be so badly injured or even gone from them forever.

Blessings of all kinds have been showered on me over the years, and certainly not because I earned them. One of those blessings is the number of Veterans of every description that I have met. One I watched throughout his career become a Master Chief Petty Officer. Some I did not have the privilege of knowing for that long. All have made a lasting impact on me, and all made great sacrifices to serve our country. It is some of those sacrifices that now persistently shadow my thoughts. Friends who perished. Men and women who lost a limb. Men and women who will to some degree always grieve a friend they lost to the missions we undertake. Heroes, everyone.

One in particular will always be in my heart and mind. A Soldier who worked alone or with a small team. The assignments were all over the world. Many happened at times most of us were unaware our country was even involved. And in places where we might not have known the extent of involvement. There is no glory for such individuals and really no way for them to allow their families to know and understand why they could not be present for a birthday or anniversary. For the Soldier on my mind, family issues because of absence became heart rending problems. Ones that would play out over an extended period. In addition, over time, things happened that are now having a grave effect on this Soldier's health, that in all likelihood will cost this individual their life. And this in a way that the children can see, but not understand. I have been involved in several cases where an assist was needed, but never one like this. Knowing what to do to help has been a problem, made worse by the fact that the individual involved has had a hard time knowing what would come next as well as concern for how his children could be best served.

Why would this be such a special story to me? And why choose to put it here, in the *Saber*? As it turns out, and while my particular sample may not be totally representative of the whole U.S. military scene, I'm pretty sure you will know someone who has had at least some of these problems. I want you to know if times are hard, you are not alone. My mind has not sorted out whether one is better off if a fatal injury is sudden and over, or if having some time to say goodbye would be a blessing. Certainly, the suffering being prolonged does not sound anything but brutal. It is not a Soldier's way, when faced with a fight for which they have trained to contemplate all the ways in which the day could end badly. Nothing is to be gained by that. Nevertheless, we know that given time we will see some of the downside. This is the reason I feel so privileged to know so many of you. Every one of you is a hero to my way of seeing things and I know others who feel the same. It is hard for my friend in the situation above to feel that all the struggles are worth the price, but I happen to know a little about some of the things done in a very successful career and I am overwhelmed by thankfulness this person went down the road they did. There is always someone who thinks in every situation our country sends Troops to, that it was a bad choice. I'm too optimistic, but I know that in the mix there will be some very noble acts. And these acts will have consequences that go beyond what we can see. The holidays are now behind us, and we are moving into a brand-new year. My resolution is to try to find something to say that can ease the mind of one Soldier somewhere. If I can do that, I would not be a genius over achiever by any means, but I will feel that my year will not have been wasted.

There has been lots of action lately from C 1/5. In the last issue, I reviewed a book by Steve Hassett. In the interim I have been informed that another from C 1/5 will be coming out in January, written by Robin Bartlett. I haven't finished Robin's book yet but what I have read shows promise. Ron Bates was part of 1/5 and also read and had good things to say about Steve's book.

Two issues back, I spoke of efforts to find people who knew Melvin Lee. Jay Phillips was part of C 2/5, Melvin's unit and was able to attend the dedication of a street in Pacolet, SC to the memory of Melvin. I was pleased to hear from him about the event which came off to everyone's satisfaction. Not many who fell are recognized in such a way by their home folks. I say again, Rest in Peace, Melvin Lee. There are more than you know who remember and wish you were still with us.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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to sway future conflict and crisis.
With the recent closing of the 1st Cav Museum, MG Richardson, CSM Munday, along with the 1CD leadership, have done an exceptional job connecting First Team heritage with Active Troopers as a critical principle of success. The south foyer of the Division Headquarters has been converted into the new Heritage Hall with many displays of heroic Troopers, and engagements of First Team history. Current plans are underway for the First Cavalry Division Walking History Tour. This tour will start at the Heritage Hall with a walking path around the Headquarters and Cooper Field. Plans and actions are currently underway to build the Desert Storm Memorial which will complete the Memorials of all 1CD Campaigns. The tour will have a QR download to a custom narrative for listening on smart phones or tablets while walking.

In the past, the 1CDA Museum Foundation had raised funds through a Brick and Paver Campaign. These pavers were placed near the entrance of the 1st Cav Museum. With the closing of the museum there has been an ongoing question of where to move these pavers. In coordination with 1CD leaders, we have selected a site at the entrance of the Heritage Hall as a permanent home. Veterans and Family members will be able to view the legacy of their loved ones for many years. Future Bricks and Pavers will be available through the 1CDA. Funds will be used for maintenance and future updates of the History Walk, with a target opening of mid to late Spring 2023.

Don't forget to register for the annual 1CDA Reunion in Louisville, KY 13-17 June. The application is in the *Saber* and online at <<https://1cda.org/annual-reunion/annual-reunion-registration-form/>>.

Another great opportunity to visit 1st Cav Division at Fort Hood is the 1st Cav Birthday Parade at Cooper Field on or about 13 September 2023. This event is complete with many unit displays, and an increasing opportunity to interact with Active Troopers. Veterans of the First Team are always welcome. With the addition of the new 1CD History Walk and other ceremonial events throughout the year, there has never been a better time to visit Your Division!

The legacy continues... 1st Cavalry Division. Courageous, Audacious, Victorious! Great reasons to be an active member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association! Stay connected with your Military Service, for many it was the most formative time of their lives. Share your experiences with others, especially those that also Served.

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Respectfully, Scott Sjule

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12th CAV News



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Happy New Year! Semper Paratus

Hope all survived the Siberian weather express onslaught, and your holidays were merry, bright, and incoming New Year started with a bang. Maggie and I started with left feet forward, in unison, Saturday 31st Dec 2022, celebrating our 22nd year together. As I write this at 10:30 am CT, fog is thick and visibility is five feet from our front porch, this year looks sunnier than the previous. Move to warmer climate is in the offing some time during this year

Troopers who read the Nov-Dec 2022 column are familiar with the story and contacts with North Vietnamese influencer Linh Hoang, Vice President-Film Producer, Vietnam Television (VTV), Hanoi. Following correspondence between Linh and COL (RET) John G. Gergulis, D Company, 1-12 Commander, 1965-1966, offers a glimpse of what 2023 will bring to the Division and 12th Cavalry Regiment legacies:

In response to a Veterans Week letter sent by Linh, COL Gergulis wrote:
Our dear Mr. Linh,

Many, many, thanks for your profound and very meaningful words! All the 'DELTA' Brothers enjoyed meeting you at our annual reunion and thank you for "your call-to-action" initiative. Together, let us make it happen!

Very much looking forward to receiving your documentary early next year. Please, stay in touch with Delta Brother Bob March and our beloved Charlie Company CSM Kin Lo. Together, we stay in touch and chat on a regular basis.

Stay healthy, well, hang tough and drive on! With all good wishes, always..."
Boot to Boot: J'y'

John G. Gergulis, Colonel, INFANTRY, U.S. Army (Retired)

Linh had sent an uplifting letter commending our group and all U.S. Veterans during Veterans Week Nov 2022:

Dear Uncles,

Today is America's Veterans Day, the day to honor the service of all US Military Veterans. I want to take this chance to send my gratitude to you, who put all your effort into fostering the relationship between Vietnam and the US, by bringing me to your reunion more than a month ago.

When I first knew about this endeavor 5 years ago, I never imagined that this could go this far. In my wildest dreams, I would never have thought that I could do something as meaningful as that: send a message of peace and a call-to-action to the Vietnam Veterans, most of whom I believe had never heard of something like this before. But I did, and it went out so well that until now I still feel emotional thinking about all the tears the Veterans and their families had at the reunion. I wish I had been there physically, but the video has fulfilled its mission. After that, I have received two sets of information about two potential mass graves and I am working with the persons in charge to decode them, hoping to bring closure to the Vietnamese families of the 'Martys.' I could only do that thanks to the financial support you have contributed to my trip to the US. I will never thank you enough for that chance to speak, to share and to understand.

For the documentary that I am doing about this mission, I hope to finish it next year and I am thinking about a film tour where I will screen the film in different locations across the US and also receive information about mass graves during that tour. I have spoken to the US Institute of Peace, and they are interested in making it happen around April next year. I will try my best to make it a great film to watch and share.

Thank you again for what you have done. I send my best regards to you and your families and hope to see you again soon!"

Best from Hanoi
Le Hoang Linh (Mr)

BOB MARCH - From Grunt to Electrical Engineer, now Documentary Producer served in Vietnam with Delta Company, 1-12 (Airborne) 1965-66 and 82D Airborne 1968-69. Over the past several years he did audio recorded interviews of Delta Company Brothers and paired them with photos to produce a documentary about Operation Shiny Bayonet, 10-14 October 1965 in Happy Valley. He posted his production on You Tube in late 2021. It received over 1.5 million hits in short time span and was seen by former 22D NVA Regiment Officer, MAJ Thuy. Bob was contacted by an interpreter in Jan 2022 informing him of MAJ Thuy's effort to locate mass burial site at the LZ Bird Battle 27 December 1966. Bob contacted me about locating Troopers in the battle to help in the effort. Through a series of events that led to Linh who proposed, Troopers who were part of the battle, come to Vietnam to assist in the project. Troopers Spencer Matteson, Ivory Whitaker, Kinborne Lo, C Co, 1-12; Steve Hassert, C Co, 1-5, made the trip in July 2022 (story in Sep-Oct 2022 column). Four other Troopers were involved in the effort via Zoom link, Bob March, Comar Johnson, Thomas Crabtree and Doug Warden. Through this collaborative effort, Linh was invited to Delta Company Reunion in Las Vegas, October 2022. Most certainly a legacy we are honored to have been a part of and evidently appreciated by our former 22D NVA Regiment enemies. We will be looking forward to Linh's documentary! Bob March's thoughts are like Linh's, in Bob's words, "I never thought my audio recordings would become a documentary with 1.5 million hits on You Tube." My (TLC's) thoughts are, "57 years since Vietnam, we have come full circle, this project is much greater than any of us as individuals. I urge our Troopers to follow these continuing events, when the "call-to-action" comes, step up in 12th Cavalry 'Semper Paratus' personage." An Airborne 'Strack' Salute to Bob March and the participants in this venture, good leaders, 'Always Ready' to go beyond limits to discover and share the facts of our legacy, 'Boot to Boot'!

MEMORY LANE - From the '*Buckner Banner*' - Sunday, 5 September 1965, Vol 1, Issue 19, (Excerpts paraphrased below)

KASHMIR WAR CONTINUES-KASHMIR-Indian and Pakistani fighters battled in the sky over disputed Kashmir for the third consecutive day. Each claimed victories as the undeclared war border showed continuous signs of speeding up. India claimed its first kills of the three days of air duals. It said its British made planes shot down one Pakistani F-86 Saber Jet and ground fire shot down a second. Pakistan claimed three planes shot down Friday and seven over three days.

The war was taking on religious overtones between the Hindu Indians and the Moslem Pakistanis. The situation was so serious that President Johnson let it be known that he viewed the fighting with serious concern. Meanwhile in Jakarta, Indonesia an estimated 1,000 Moslem Indonesians demonstrated before the Indian Embassy and plastered the Wall with signs supporting Pakistan's position on Kashmir.

(Page 3) From the **CHART ROOM** - As of 0800 5 September 1965 Distance from Charleston 8510, Distance from Long Beach 4233, Distance to Junction Point 2163, Latitude 30 degrees 58' N/ Longitude 158 degrees 27' E: During the past 25 hours average 18.40 Knots/ Barometer 29/ Air 81 degrees/ Water 72 Degrees/ Course 266 degrees/ Distance 460/ Time Unchanged tonight.

(Page 2) **BUCKNER SPORTS** - Wrestling competition introduced last night, handled on the same basis as boxing competition. In the first match Willie McCloud B Co, 2-12 Cav decisioned Bryan Miller 1-9 Cav, 5-3. Second match went to Dan Marris, 2-5 Cav over Eddie Fish, HHC 1-77 Artillery.

Boxing competition (page 4)- First fight heavyweight Santos Rodrigues C Co, 2-5 Cav decisioned Sidney Deruen. Rodger Tursky, A Co, 2-12 Cav victorious last night was defeated by Jesse Echols, C Co, 2-5 Cav in a Welterweight bout. Final match, Tyrone Evans, D Co, 2-5 Cav TKO'd Leonard Oby Battery C, 1-77 Artillery.

(Page 5) **CONGS STRIKE COPTER**-SAIGON-Viet Cong gunners shot down a Troop-carrying U.S. Army Helicopter as it flew toward a guerilla area which had been hit by a B-52 raid, a spokesman said all aboard were killed. The helicopter capable of carrying a dozen men burst into flames after plunging to earth. Military authorities withheld number involved on security grounds but said the casualties were heavy. Normally the Huey carried four crewmen. A spokesman also said yesterday that the U.S. finally is coming up with some clear-cut evidence that B-52 bombing raids from Guam are taking their toll on communist Viet Cong. The spokesman declined to give details but said the latest raid dealt a severe blow to the communist war effort near Saigon.

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF DETROIT-A "plain Joe" clerk was charged Friday with strangling his beautiful blonde paramour, estranged wife of a millionaire Chinese nuclear scientist, after furtively watching her entertain another man in her apartment.

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I found this copy in the S-3 Operations files, thought it provided a different and interesting slant on the legacy of our regiment. If there was a similar publication on the USNS Geiger transporting 1st Brigade from Savannah, please inform me as to where I might locate it. Another significant aspect of our actual history, told by us.

I received an email from **Jane Clark** on behalf of a 2-12 Trooper. She wanted to know why I seem to ignore the fact that there was another Battalion other than 1-12. To others who might ask this, "If you read the columns, you will see stories both from 1-12 and 2-12. We ask in each issue that Troopers who would like to see a story in the column, to submit them to Thomas Crabtree, <mmctlc3@aol.com>."

Understand that we work by specific guidelines for article submission to accommodate the space available in each Saber newspaper layout by Tina Wilgeroth, Programs Director and layout designer. In each edition I try to get as much information into the article within these parameters. In some issues stories of both 1-12 and 2-12 may appear. In others, depending on content, I try to alternate focus on 1-12 then 2-12 in the succeeding issue in an effort to cover both groups. If you have stories to be told, submit them to us, eventually you will see it. If you have questions, feel free to call me at 432-853-4851. We welcome stories from Troopers of all war eras. It is your column, help us to serve you with your input. Next issue the Ray Welch saga will continue from Sep/Oct 2022 issue, updates about the ongoing Vietnam Project, and stories from two Troopers, James Breen, D Co, 2-12, 1966-67 and John Hagar 1-12, 1968-69. "The legacy is ours, if we do not tell it, who will?"

Until March/April issue - "May the chief chopper pilot hover over us, the original paratrooper corrects our parachute malfunctions, the head point man keep us in the assigned AO." Crabtree out!

Semper Paratus
Boot to Boot



7th CAV News



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Greetings to all 7th US Cavalry members! My name is Jack Parente. I am the new replacement for my platoon leader, commanding officer, and E 1/7 brother, Karl Swenson. Like Karl, my job will be to report on all things related to the 7th US Cavalry Regiment, past, present, and future. Regarding that, I would like to ask that you send me your stories. Grammar and spelling do not matter. An accompanying photo or two would be great. Tell us about the things you remember most. Tell us about the experiences you had in the 7th Cavalry that changed your life and the lives of the people around you. Especially, we are requesting active-duty Troopers and GWOT Veterans to tell us about what's been going on recently with the regiment and relay their experiences as war fighters in the type of conflict that has been happening for the past thirty years. When I served with Echo/Recon 1/7 back in 1969 they called me "Boz" because the squad already had a Jack. Nowadays I respond to either Boz or Jack. My contact information is up at the header of this column.

Who am I? I grew up in a small town on Long Island and spent most of my youth on, in, or near the water. Because of a severe case of misplaced priorities, I spent way too much time playing guitar in a bar-band and too little studying for my college exams. Consequently, I was drafted and, thanks to the 6-month-drop policy implemented towards the end of 1969, I only spent a total of 18 months in the Army, 13 of them in Vietnam and about 10 of those months in the field with Karl Swenson. It was a long 10 months, and I was very lucky to have survived. Since then, PTSD, hearing loss, a bum leg, and a couple of different kinds of cancer have been a constant reminder of my tour. They cut me loose when I landed in San Francisco, and I never looked back. I married Pam, my high-school sweetheart. We had three kids that grew into smart strong people, and they all bought houses close by. Our kids had a total of eight kids of their own, and now there are grandchildren at our house all the time... eating. There's always a crowd of twenty to thirty crammed into our small home for all the birthdays and holidays and yes, we do know how incredibly lucky we are. I worked in many positions in all sorts of industries and retired in 2014 from the video production field as a producer/director, mostly doing propaganda for Big Pharma. My hobbies are mountain biking, guitar playing, swimming, traveling with Pam, hot rods, fishing, shooting, reloading, fossil collecting, building/fixing stuff, my greenhouse and garden, and writing war stories.

News from the Active Units

1st of the 7th reports: Greetings to all the Garryowen Troopers, Families, and Veterans and we hope that your holiday season is off to a great start. The SQDN concluded the year with a SQDN Ball. It was the first SQDN Ball in four years and it was a lot of fun for all involved. CSM Gomez and I especially appreciate all of our Veterans that joined us for the evening.

As I look back on the last 12 months, I am astounded by all the fantastic work that the Troopers put towards mastering their profession. We started off the year shooting Tank Gunnery with the latest tanks in the Army's inventory, then completed individual skills before progressing into crew gunnery in the early summer. Following gunnery, we started our collective training and participated in the Army's largest robotics training events ever held. One event was five-weeks long at Ft Hood and the other was 60 days long at Project Convergence 22 at Ft Irwin, CA. The Troopers earned accolades at every event and Army Senior Leaders such as the Secretary of the Army, Chief of Staff of the Army, Army Futures Command Commander, III Armored Corps Commander, and the 1st Cavalry Division Commander awarded Troopers special recognition for their efforts.

This next year will be pivotal for the SQDN. We will receive the rest of the personnel and equipment required to test out the Army's Division Cavalry concept. We are the first in the Army to take on this undertaking and we have all the support required to achieve success. My number one priority over this next year is to integrate the new Troopers and Families into the formation to ensure we can continue on our path to success.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you need more information or want to reconnect with the Squadron. You can follow us on Facebook @1stSquadron, 7th Cavalry "Garryowen." CSM Gomez and I also hold a Facebook Live session every other Thursdays at 1700 CST.

GARRY OWEN! Brennan Speakes, LTC Armor, Commander 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry

2nd of the 7th reports: As part of our mission here in the EUCOM Theater, conducting Operation Assure, Deter, Reinforce, the Ghost Battalion has been called upon to move to Lithuania to stand on the Eastern border of NATO. This will not only provide assurance to our Lithuanian allies but will also deter any force that may threaten NATO. This move was made possible by the extremely hard work and careful planning of your Ghost Troopers, who worked tirelessly at our wheeled and tracked motor pools in Poland as well as at our new home in Lithuania to ensure that all vehicles were properly and safely loaded and unloaded.

Our J FSC team led by 1LT Watson, SFC Adams, and SFC Martinez took charge of the wheeled motor pool, loading hundreds of rolling stock items and containers. CCO managed the tracked motor pool, loading the battalion's tracked fleet in expert fashion. While the teams at our tracked and wheeled motor

pools were hard at work loading vehicles in Poland, a small group of Troopers were receiving and downloading these vehicles in Lithuania. These Troopers worked diligently in cold and muddy conditions to ensure that all vehicles and containers were downloaded quickly and safely. The whole Ghost Battalion is grateful for these stellar Troopers!

After arriving in Lithuania 2-7 CAV was honored to participate in Lithuania's Armed Forces Day Parade. Our Troopers marched alongside our NATO allies as we showed our solidarity and cooperation. This event celebrates the restoration of Lithuania's armed forces on November 23, 1918. This year's celebration was also the 20th anniversary of President George W. Bush's formal invitation for Lithuania to join the NATO alliance, saying "Anyone who would choose Lithuania as an enemy, has also made an enemy of the United States of America." Since this invitation the United States, Lithuania, and NATO have continued to work together and strengthen our commitment and competence as an alliance. The Ghost Battalion is honored to be a part of this celebration and to be in Lithuania on the Eastern edge of the NATO alliance. We look forward to our continued cooperation with our Lithuanian host nation and our NATO allies! Mike Wellock, LTC INF, Commander 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry



SGT Jack Thomas speaks to the Troopers

won the coveted Turkey Trophy with a phenomenal late quarter drive.

We also had SGT (R) Jack Thomas attend the Turkey Bowl. Jack is a Vietnam Veteran who served in 5-7 CAV from '69-70 and took part in the Vietnam War's Cambodian Incursion that attempted to sever North Vietnamese supply lines along the Ho Chi Min Trail. Jack spoke to the squadron about the importance of staying connected with your buddies and invited each Soldier to join the 5-7 CAV Association.

Speaking of the Association, they held their annual Veterans Day gathering in DC at the Holiday Inn Crystal City. There were 64 at the dinner on Wednesday, November 10. The evening began with this year's wreath presenters, Jack Thomas and Jim Miller, making the Missing Soldier presentation. The morning of November 11, Veterans Day, the weather Gods decided to bless us with on and off rain. Many ventured to The Wall, and some stayed for the entire ceremony. Our faithful wreath presenters were at The Wall to perform their official duty of presenting the 5/7 Cavalry wreath at the ceremonies. Andrew Marsh, LTC Armor, Commander 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry



Jack Thomas and Jim Miller

Officers Election

This is a note from your Association Secretary, John Guillory, letting you know there will be an election of Association Officers at the June 2023 ICDA Reunion in Louisville, KY. The open officer positions are as follows: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Each of the officer position terms is three years and conclude at the 2026 ICDA Reunion. If you are a member of the 7th Cavalry Association, and would like to fill an officer position, please contact me. Email John Guillory at <manhunter6869@yahoo.com>, include your name, email address, phone number, the position you are seeking, and please let me know if you have any questions.

From Karl Swenson: My final words to you as the outgoing scribe for the 7th US Cavalry. It has been my honor to do this, and it has been a true joy to talk to many of you and to hear your stories of times long ago. It is a privilege to maintain the history of such a glorious organization as this, as well as to meet some of the Soldiers of war, the Soldiers who fought bravely in some of the 37 campaigns credited to the 7th US Cavalry. But the time has come for me to move on, to let "new blood" make a mark. I know you will treat Boz with the same respect you have shown me, and you will provide him with the stories of your youth. I hope to see you all at the next reunion, to be held in Louisville 13-17 June. Until then, my friends, Garryowen!



Lithuanian Armed Forces Day parade in Vilnius Lithuania-US Army National Guard photo by SPC Casandra B. Ancheta

8th CAV News



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Happy New Year, everyone! 2022 has been a strange year, to say the least. Quite a few of us have struggled with health issues and just plain getting old. I was on the way to recovery from my heart issues when, lo and behold, I broke my left leg due to the ice here in West Kentucky and West Tennessee at Christmas.

A little good news, we got a surprisingly good raise on our VA checks. We need it with eggs \$5.00 a dozen and a bag of groceries \$50.00 at the store.

I hope all my Cav family has a good year in 2023. Let's all be good to each other and kind to everyone we meet. Call a Cav brother or sister, offer help any way you can. Most of all, be good to yourself and stay healthy. God bless us all.

Leadership

From Dec '71 to April '72 my duty station was at FSB Melanie, and I had the honor to serve under the command of COL Thomas Blagg.

My MOS was 31B Field Radio Mechanic and I was also trained as an RTO. Among my other duties I was honored to be chosen by COL Blagg to be his RTO during base alerts which happened quite often real or not. When the sirens went off I had only minutes to grab my radio, helmet and M16 and meet up with the Colonel at a designated location.

FSB Melanie had only one gravel road in and out with a bridge that crossed a creek about a click or two down the road. If the bridge was destroyed, the only way in or out was by chopper. I recall this incident happened in Jan '72.

The bridge was guarded 24/7 and one night the men stationed there came under attack. The alert that night was quite different because instead of sending out a patrol to reinforce the men at the bridge, COL Blagg wanted to see for himself what happened and personally provide support for the men there. So, in the middle of the night our group started walking down the road behind a Cat bulldozer obtained from our Engineer Company. The dozer blade was scraping the road in case there were any IED's planted along the way. Another brilliant idea from the Colonel!

With night flares burning brightly and contrary to some reports of riding on the dozer the Colonel and I and the rest of the group walked right behind the dozer all the way to the bridge. After securing the bridge the Colonel fearing an ambush on the way back made the decision that it was too risky to return to Melanie that night. None of us had planned for an overnight so we made the best of what we had and the ground under us. It was a long night and I remember monitoring the radio and none of us slept. As we did not know if we had been set up for an attack everyone was fearful and on edge. But the Colonel always in command presented us with a strong sense of calm. All night he would make the rounds of the men reassuring them that everything was going to be OK, and I will never forget his exact words to me. He kept saying, "Son are you doing alright!" He was more concerned about his men then he was about himself! That is the kind of leader he was to his men in Nam! He treated us with dignity and respect, and I am sure I am not the only one who would have walked through a brick wall for him. He always had our back, and this is only one example of how he ran his command!

The next morning, we returned to Melanie without further incident but that is a night I will never forget!

And I also will never forget COL Blagg as I patterned my life around him and the leadership, he taught us!

Respectfully submitted!

SP4 Rick Bassuk, HHC/A Company, 2/8, RVN Aug '71 to April '72

Korean Vet Reaching Out

(Note from Top Gun: I enjoy snail mail from Vets so much. I talked to Joe Daversa on the phone, he is a very nice man. Maybe something will click in someone's mind, making them remember him. His phone number is in the following letter, feel free to call him. The letter is reprinted in full.)

Mr. Dotson,

My name is Joseph Daversa. I was a corporal in the Army from 1953-1955. I was acting tank commander in the Tank Company 8th Regiment, 1st Cav Division stationed in Hokkaido Japan. Our motto too, was Honor and Courage.

I started tour of duty at Fort Knox, Kentucky. There, my company was Baker 36 CCA AIB. We had 8 weeks of infantry and 8 weeks of armor. It was there I became a tanker. We learned tanker commands, radio procedure, care of the tank and of course, how to fire all the weapons! That got a little loud! During one of the training episodes someone gave a command "jellyroll left" and the entire column went down the side of the hill into a raven. Well it took us almost all night to get the column out, pulling all the tanks back up the hill to the road. That is how we learned to retrieve stuck tanks, proper radio commands and what channel we should be listening on in our tanks!

I understand my company may have been the last to receive 16 weeks of training at that time. When we graduated, we were considered armored infantry.

We then were shipped to Camp Crawford, Hokkaido Japan. Here we had 1st Cav patches and 3rd Armor patches on our uniforms. We were staying in barracks that were originally built for the Japanese Navy! It sure was cold there. In September of 1954, we were leaving Hokkaido to go to the main island of Honshu. So, we were packed on Troop trucks, and we headed to the ferry docks.

It was my company that was on shore waiting to board the ferry, "The Toya Maru" in 1954. The storm was really bad, and our company commander would not let us board the ferry. We spent the entire night, throughout the storm packed in our Troop trucks in full gear! It was not comfortable but turned out to be a blessing when we found the disaster in the morning. We were assigned to help retrieve bodies along the shore. There were Japanese citizens along with some of our military. Our company lost one Soldier who was assigned to go ahead of the

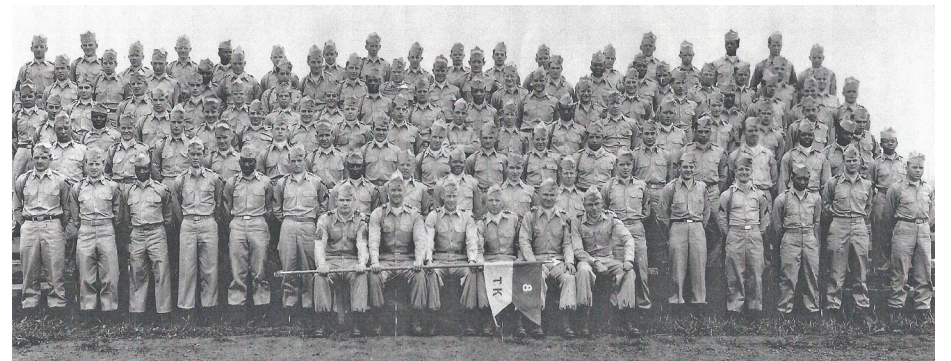
company to prepare for our arrival in Honshu. It was an extremely sad situation.

We had to camp out for 2 days in the field and when we reassembled at the docks, the biggest U.S. Navy battleship I ever saw was there to take us to Honshu. The sailors treated us with such friendliness, I will never forget them!

Upon arriving in Honshu, we then had to build our own barracks and camp. The camp was called Camp Weir. It was with pride and honor that I served with such a great group of men!



Joseph Daversa & Paul Siddons



Tank Company 8th Cav Regt, Camp Crawford Hokkaido Japan, 1954

I have enclosed a couple of pictures, including ones of me now and then, and one of our company. I belong to our local VFW Post 4043, then you see my portrait picture in uniform. Next is me and Paul Siddons on a bunk. Paul went on to become a 2-star General in the Indiana National Guard, but sadly has passed away.

I will be 90 years old on June 6, 2023 and am writing to see if you could put my company picture in the Saber (maybe even in next year's calendar). I would really like to talk to anyone that was there with me. I am sure our numbers have declined. My home phone is 989-366-4465 and I live in Prudenville, Michigan. I enjoy getting the Saber and reading your article very much.

Sincerely,

CPL Joseph T. Daversa

205 Driftwood Circle, Prudenville, Michigan 48651

Passing of a Trooper

It's with a heavy heart and much sadness that I pass along the passing of a true Cav member and a fine Trooper. Richard O'Brien had many, many friends. He was dedicated to his family, his friends, and all Veterans. I know because he and I travelled many miles together. His daughter Jill gave us a special name: heterosexual life partners. "Road Trip" was one of his favorite expressions. My nickname for Rich was "Tough Guy." He would take on any challenge in front of him. He was strong, humble and the nicest man you would ever meet. Never complaining, never asking "Why me?" He was the "Tough Guy."

Rich leaves behind his wife Kathy, who he called his fiercest advocate. He also leaves behind two dedicated children, Jill and Michael, and the rest of the great O'Brien clan from across the U.S.A. and Ireland.

Rich served with D 2/8 1st Cav Division in Vietnam in 1967. He was a grunt, spent his tour in the boonies. He had two Purple Hearts and many other medals, but the one he was most proud of was the CIB. Rich was wounded early on in the field, sent to the hospital then back to the field. A short time later he was hit by a booby trap, resulting in the loss of a leg. He took it like a man and a Soldier.

Along with his sisters, Mary and Theresa, Rich was responsible for finding a lot of Veterans and helping them reconnect with other Vets. If not for their efforts, a lot of Veterans, including myself, would not be enjoying the comradery we have today. Rich was also a big help to many Vets in getting the compensation they were owed.

Rich was an active member of the 1st Cavalry Association, Angry Skipper Association, Purple Heart Association, the Sheridan's Chapter of 1st Cavalry Division Association, Chapter 242 Vietnam Veterans of America and many more. He was a leader.

Rich died at 75 after a long struggle with his health. He was buried in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery with full military honors and a celebration of life was held in his honor after. I, Larry Hempfling and Ed Reagan from Angry Skipper were there, along with Jim Wiggington from the 227 Helicopter Battalion.



Jill, Kathy, Rich, Michael

Countless others from Veterans' organizations around Chicago along with friends and family attended. There was an outstanding show of support and honor from Chapter 242 of the VVA, Sheridan's Cavalry Chapter of the 1st Cav Division Association. It was a great attendance for a great man. I'll see Rich again in heaven where we will once again say "Road Trip."

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IS AIR CAVALRY MAKING A COMEBACK?

An *Army Times* article from last May says Air Cav is already back. According to the article, “Aviation leaders were quick to remind *Army Times* that it technically never left, but throughout the Global War on Terror, the massed deep reconnaissance missions and raids that featured in air cavalry’s early years were largely relegated to Vietnam movies, set to Wagner.” That’s a reference to “Ride of the Valkyries,” a piece of opera music by Richard Wagner, which Wikipedia tells us was featured in the movie *Apocalypse Now* “where the 1/9 Air Cavalry squadron plays it on helicopter-mounted loudspeakers during their assault on a Viet Cong-controlled village as psychological warfare and to motivate their own Troops.”

AIR CAVALRY FORCE STRUCTURE

The *Army Times* article describes efforts to rework Army force structure and doctrine in preparation for potential large-scale conflict with an adversary like Russia, China or Iran. One result of those efforts is that air cavalry doctrine and units are coming back into vogue. As evidence of the renewed interest, the article highlights an Air Cavalry Leader’s Course at Fort Rucker that was started in 2015 with the Army’s next war in mind. For years, the article says, the Army used its Apache gunships as mobile fire support platforms rather than maneuver reconnaissance assets, and as a result many senior aviators have never known anything different. The two-week course is intended for mid-career officers, senior warrant officers, and experienced unmanned aerial surveillance operators.

As more officers complete the course, the Army is adding more air cavalry assets and determining where and how to use them. In May, the 2nd Infantry Division reactivated the 5-17 Cav to provide reconnaissance support to forces in Korea, permanently replacing the aviation units previously sent to South Korea for nine-month rotations. According to *Stars & Stripes*, the new squadron will have around 500 Troops and 24 AH-64E Apache helicopters, as well as RQ-7B Shadows (unmanned aircraft systems that provide reconnaissance and surveillance assistance to aviation brigades).

Closer to home, a pilot program is underway in our own 1st Cavalry Division to explore ways to remake Army divisions as warfighting units for conventional wars against peer adversaries, after two decades of counterinsurgency and counterterrorism operations. The concept includes a divisional cavalry squadron consisting of two air cavalry Troops, an armored cavalry Troop, and support companies. At a 2022 Maneuver Warfighter Conference at Fort Benning last February, MG Richardson said the cavalry squadron is meant to enable the division to conduct reconnaissance and maintain a security screen of up to 60 kilometers, all while serving as the commander’s “eyes and ears” in order to ensure they meet the enemy “on our terms.”

AIR CAVALRY “HORSES”

Horse cavalry needed horses; Air Cavalry needs aircraft. Fortunately, the Army thought of that, and established two programs aimed at producing aircraft that can fly further and faster, carrying larger loads and offering more capabilities than the legacy fleet. The Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) is seen as a replacement for the Black Hawk, and the Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA) is intended to perform the scout mission that was performed by the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior until it was retired in 2013. News accounts suggest both the FLRAA and the FARA may replace the AH-64 for different missions.

The FLRAA program had two main competitors, Bell Helicopters’ V-280 Valor, a tilt-rotor aircraft, and Boeing-Sikorsky’s Defiant, looking more like a traditional helicopter but with coaxial counter-rotating rotor blades.

For several years, teams from Bell and Sikorsky-Boeing have been competing for the FLRAA contract, producing prototypes and logging flight hours. In early December, the Army announced that Bell Textron’s Valor tiltrotor had won the competition to be the successor to the aging UH-60 Black Hawk and a key component of the Army’s future force, including the future Air Cavalry force.



Bell V-280 Valor



Boeing-Sikorski Defiant

According to news coverage, FLRAA will not be a one-for-one replacement for existing aircraft but will assume the roles of the Black Hawk. Ultimately, the Army will also replace around 1,200 Apache attack helicopters, among other legacy aircraft, through pursuit of the FARA.

Selection of the Valor, a tilt-rotor design similar in appearance to the V-22, prompted strong comments. In a column published by *Task & Purpose*, reporter Max Hauptman observed that—

The biggest difference between the Black Hawk and the Valor is, of course, the tiltrotors. While it looks like the V-22 Osprey, the Valor works somewhat differently. The engines remain in place in nacelles, streamlined containers, on the wing — it’s the rotors themselves that tilt up and down. They’re also what give the aircraft its high speed, which is more than 100 miles per hour faster than the Black Hawk’s top speed of 222 miles per hour.

On the other hand, Loel Ewart, an Army Aviator since 1963 and a member of the 1-9 Cav “Boat People” whose credentials include serving as a Standardization Instructor Pilot (SIP) on all UH-1 series aircraft and an IP on Cobras; working on and flying every Army aircraft from the CH-47A thru D down to the OH-13 B thru S; FAA fixed- and rotary-wing licenses with instruments; an FAA Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics License; and ownership of a Piper Comanche for 25 years, had this to say about the Valor:

As many problems the Marine Corps has had with the V-22, I can see a big problem for the Army. I know how the aircraft is put together, and how it works. In theory great, but in actual operations, I see a lot of problems. You do not fly this bird as a helo but something different. Lose one prop system and you are dead. And the cross-drive system has yet to be proven. The cross driveshaft

allows one engine to drive both props — when you have loss of one engine. BUT, if you lose both engines, you are in deep trouble — a passenger to the crash site.

Writing for *The War Zone* website, Tyler Rogoway observed the following—*Bell spent decades developing the V-22 Osprey and has since fielded hundreds of them that have racked-up huge sums of operational hours in some of the harshest conditions on the planet. The Osprey has its issues still, but it has also been successful in surviving massively bad press and extreme controversy. Today, MV-22s and CV-22s, and now CMV22s, operate all over the world all day every day.*

The Valor is Bell’s ‘tiltrotor 2.0’ of sorts. It was designed to make good on areas where the Osprey fell short. This included everything from reliability, nacelle design, and acquisition cost, to cost per flight hour and disc loading. Bell built an impressive demonstrator that has flown for half a decade and hundreds of hours in all kinds of tests, during which it explored its operating envelope potential, reaching speeds of over 300 knots. This is a highly impressive feat that substantially knocks down risk even further and gives the Army a clearer idea of what they will be buying, not just in terms of projections on paper, but in hardware sitting on the ramp that has been rung out in the air.

The Defiant, on the other hand, seemed to capture the public’s mind far more than the Valor. It looked like something brand new and futuristic, but at the same time, it also looked more like the Black Hawk it was supposed to replace. It seemed to be a tighter package (although it is still remarkably large, especially in how tall it is) and even appeared to many as comparatively less complex, although that is a totally subjective notion. It had ‘sex appeal’ that the Valor seemed to lack, and by now, tiltrotors are just a normal fixture in military aviation. A compound, coaxial rigid-rotor configuration certainly is not.

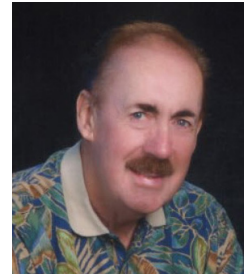
While tiltrotors still get a bad rap in some circles, Valor is not an Osprey, but it builds on decades of development and operations of that type. Concerns about Valor’s ability to autorotate in an emergency and being able to access tight landing zones due to its larger footprint are absolutely valid. The same can be said for historical concerns about vibration and clutch system concerns found on a compound rigid-rotor design.

Army aviation is entering into an existential crisis of sorts. The force was built for short-range conflicts in Europe and, to some degree, the Middle East, not the vast expanses of the Pacific. When combat radius is measured in a couple of hundred miles, thousands of helicopters suddenly have much less to do during a peer-state conflict in that theater. Basing UH-60 Black Hawks and AH-64 Apaches forward close enough to make an impact in terms of most types of operations would put them squarely in the crosshairs of a very watchful and aware enemy. And even operating deep within the enemy’s anti-access space puts traditional helicopters at extreme risk. With range and speed, the Army buys back relevance. It’s as simple and hard to swallow as that. And no, that doesn’t mean those factors solve all the Army’s rotor-wing relevancy problems. Survivability is still a huge issue alone, but it goes a long way to making a case as to its value in a future conflict.

At the end of December, Sikorsky-Boeing formally protested the Army’s selection of the Valor over the Defiant, asking the Government Accounting Office to review the decision. The GAO has 100 days to rule in a bid protest.

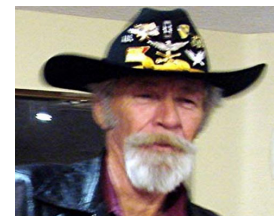
IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Stewart “Stew” Scannell of Edmond, OK died 4 Feb 2022 from Metastatic Melanoma. He served two tours in Vietnam, the second in 1971-72 as Saber 28 in B Troop, 1-9 Cav, which became H Troop, 16th Cav and then F Troop, 9th Cav. After leaving the Army, he joined Bell Helicopter and was sent to Iran to train their military how to fly helicopters. He later joined Hughes Helicopters as a test pilot on the AH-64A Apache Attack Helicopter.



James S. “Jim” Reid of Lake City, FL died November 26, 2022. He was Thirsty 35 in C Troop, 1-9 Cav in 1965-66 and is remembered as the pilot of first Huey to fly into a hot LZ at night in Vietnam during the night of November 3-4, 1965. During the night he had to change aircraft because his had too many holes in it and was leaking fluids. Jim and the flight he led were able to land only a couple of ships at a time because the LZ was so small. They ferried the Ready Reaction Force (A Co, 1st Bn, 8th Cav), retrieved the wounded, and supplied ammo and water. Jim was a CW3 at the time but retired as a CW4.

Darwin E. Heffner of Bloomington, CA passed away on December 4, 2022. He flew as Thirsty Blue 36 in C Troop, 1-9 Cav in 1965-66. He is remembered for the time he was shot in the arm and his pilot was shot in the feet. Darwin worked the pedals and the pilot worked the cyclic and collective until they were far enough away from the action to set down.



Rayburn “Gene” Smith died December 22, 2022, in Lynchburg, VA. In 1965-66 he was Thirsty Red 21 in C Troop, 1-9 Cav. He is remembered as the youngest 2LT in the squadron when it deployed to Vietnam in 1965. When the Bullwhip Squadron held its first reunion, COL John B. Stockton appointed Gene as “The Keeper of the Rock.” This was a piece of the foundation of Harmony Church on Fort Benning, where the squadron had trained before being shipped to Vietnam. Gene kept that “Rock” in a box he had made for it and took it to every reunion. After retiring from the Army as a Colonel, Gene was the senior Army instructor for several JROTC units.

May They Rest in Peace



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I started off my tenure as Historian by writing about the beginning of the 1st Cavalry Division in 1921, so this edition will cover the beginning of the 1st Cavalry Division Association which began in 1944.

Veterans of different units and wars have been gathering to remember their service and each other for centuries. They may not have been formal associations that have been legally formed and chartered but the desire to see each other after serving in difficult circumstances has always been there.

To provide as much accuracy as possible, the next seven paragraphs were copied directly from the *1st Cavalry Division in World War II* compiled by the Division Historian, Major Bertrum C. Wright. This book was initially printed in occupied Japan in 1947 and has been reprinted by Turner Publishing Company in 2000.

THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

“In the summer of 1944, when the Admiralty fighting had quieted down, a group of officers and men organized themselves into the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The memory of the campaign’s brave deeds and unselfish sacrifices were still fresh in their minds when they formed this association for the purpose of recognizing and preserving the high traditions and heroic accomplishments of the 1st Cavalry Division. Other aims of the association were to promote good fellowship, to preserve and strengthen for all time the fine friendships which had sprung from cooperation in battle, and to provide a means of continuing the 1st Cav spirit after the Troopers have laid down their arms and returned to civilian pursuits.

“Membership in the association is open to all Troopers, commissioned, warrant, and enlisted, who have served with honor in the 1st Cavalry Division, charter membership being extended to eligible persons who join the association during the period of hostilities of World War II and six months thereafter.

“Sometime during the year following the declaration of peace, the association will hold a reunion of all members to determine a program which will promote the aims and purposes set forth above.

“The cost of becoming a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association is three pounds (Australian) or ten dollars (American) payable through the secretary, Colonel Edmund P. Stone, P.O. Box 201, Pomona, California. There are no annual dues, and the payment of the initiation fee entitles each payee to life membership.

“One of the proposed uses of funds resulting from the collection of membership fees is the erection of a monument in memory of the gallant heroes of the division. Its type and location will be decided by the members at the first annual meeting.

“Every member of the association may, upon application, become a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Last Squad Club. This club will meet annually for a dinner party and will drink a toast to the memory of all Troopers who have answered the Final Roll Call.

“At the time of publication of this book, there were 5,000 members of the association. Any of the many other eligible Veterans of the 1st Cavalry Division who wish to join the association may do so by sending their initiation fee to Colonel Stone.”

The 1st Cavalry Division Association was formed on the Admiralty Islands after the 1st Cavalry Division’s first combat action during World War II on 17 July 1944. I do not have accurate numbers of the Charter Members of the Association, but the 1950 Directory lists 1,023 as of that printing.

The first reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was held in November 1948 in the city of El Paso, Texas near the birthplace of the 1st Cavalry Division

at Fort Bliss. The Association unanimously adopted its Constitution at the first reunion and was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on 1 September 1949. The Constitution begins by listing the aims and objectives of the Association. It states, “The 1st Cavalry Division Association was organized in the Admiralty Islands with the common aims: to perpetuate the fine traditions and the gallant accomplishments of the Division; to provide a suitable memorial dedicated to the memory of our fallen comrades; to establish an endowment program to continue as a lasting reminder in their memory; to preserve and strengthen the fine friendships that found root during war service in the 1st Cavalry Division; and to be mutually helpful to one another in the years which lie ahead.”

The Association has held reunions every year since 1948, except in 2020 due to COVID. Reunions have been held in 18 different states and the District of Columbia. The state of Texas has been the location of the most reunions (34); with Killeen hosting 23, El Paso hosting 8, and San Antonio hosting 3.

The first printing of *SABER NEWS* from October 1951 reports that the Division Memorial was dedicated on 25 March 1950. The paper states, “A great bronze plaque, fifteen feet from left to right and of ample size and quality and dignity in every foot of the flagpole on Fort Bliss.” I personally have seen this memorial at the base of the Fort Hood flagpole at Pershing Circle. The Association also dedicated the 1st Cavalry Division Memorial Chapel in 1995 which has bronze plaques listing those of the First Team who were killed in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Gulf War. A memorial honoring the dead from the War on Terror was constructed and dedicated in 2006 on Cooper Field continuing the tradition of memorializing our fallen.

There are three types of memberships in the Association:

(1) Life Members have been assigned or attached to the 1st Cavalry Division at any time and that pay an initiation fee of \$10.

(2) Associate Members are “Friends of the 1st Cavalry who although not eligible for life membership wish to support the Association by paying an annual membership fee of \$15 or a Life Associate membership of \$150.

(3) Honorary Members are individuals who may have been appointed as such by the Commanding General of the First Team and/or by the Board of Governors in recognition of their exemplary service or contributions to the First Team or the Association.

Currently there are over 26,800 active Life Members of the Association. There are more Life Members that are inactive because their address on file is no longer active. There are currently 191 Associate Members and 85 Life Associate Members of the Association.

The 1st Cavalry Division Association is governed by a President, three Vice Presidents, and twenty members of the Board of Governors, all of which are elected by the general membership of the Association at the annual reunion. The Officers, Board of Governors, and Trustees of the Foundation are all non-paid volunteers.

The first President of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was Major General Innis Palmer Swift, the Commanding General of the Division when the Association was formed. A total of fifty men have served as President of the Association, some of them were career Soldiers and others only served one term. They held ranks from private to general when on active duty.

The 1st Cavalry Division Veterans of World War II started the Association and were gracious enough to welcome following generations of First Team Troopers into their family and every generation thereafter has continued to welcome the next.

We are the CAV! Courageous, Audacious, Victorious!



NEW MEMBERS

MAJ (RET) AGUILERA, JAVIER TX D 3-8C
SPC ANDREWS, PHILIP AR 1CD
SGT BOWE, JOHN E. GA 191MI
E-5 BURNETT, UJEAN SR. IL HHC 3-7C
SP-5 CARRICO, RANDY MO HQ 27MNT
SPC CHRISTENSEN, ALEXANDER TX B 3-8C
SP-5 ELLIS, MARK AZ 15SS
SGT ELLMO, MICHAEL FL A 1-13SIG
SFC JACOBS, NATHAN TX A 2-8C
SP-5 KING, VICKI MO C 8ENG
SP-5 KNEELAND, THOMAAS OH 1-238AVN
CPT MARTINEZ, JOSHUA TX HHC 1-9C
SP-4 MILES, RICHARD K. AR HQ 15MED
SFC (RET) MILLS, JOHN C. NC 30HBCT
SGT MOLINE, EDWARD F. WI H LRRP
SPC MURRAY, AARON NC B 1-12C
SSG NGUYEN, NAM TX HHC 1-5C
SSG PANNELL, KENNETH TX HHC 1BSTB
MSG PHILLIPS, KELVIN TX B 215BSB
SSG PORTER, MICHAEL GA HHB 3-82FA
LTC (RET) POUMADE, MICHAEL VA HHC 1-227AVN
SSG QUINTANILLA, FERNANDO TX C 1-82FA
E-1 RODRIGUEZ, ANTHONY TX HHB DIVARTY
E-6 SMITH, JOE D. SR. TN B 1-7C
SPC SOULE, CLIFFORD OR 525SIG
COL SUYDAM, MARTIN VA HHC 8ENG
E-5 SWEET, BERNARD AK A 1-7C
SPC WADE, HAYDEN TX C 2-227AVN
CW3 WATKINS, SHEMEKA TX 1-5C
CPT WESGAITES, LARRY CA B 411ENG
2LT WOODLIEF, JONATHON TX 1-5C
2LT WOODLIEF, JULIA D TX 1-5C



WANTED / IN SEARCHING OF:

TED/CLARENCE WOODARD, C CO, 228th AVIATION

I would like to have contact information on a Ted Woodward. Ted served as a door gunner in 1968-69 with C Co 228th Aviation, 1st Air Cav. His first name could be Clarence, but I’m not sure. Thinking he may reside in Missouri.

Thanks, if you can help.
Don Helmick <don.helmick@gmail.com>

FIRST FORWARD PLATOON, 15th S&S BN, 1966-67

I am looking for my lost buddies. Looking for Keel (from Chicago), Richard Turner (from Flomaton, Ala.), Charlie Meade (from VA.) or anyone else who served with me in the First Forward Platoon of the 15th S&S Bn in 1966 and 67.

James Pontz <jcpontz@yahoo.com>

HQ & A CO, 229th AHB, BIEN HOA, 1971-72

I am searching for members of Headquarters and Co A of the 229th AHB, 1st CAV, Bien Hoa, Vietnam, 1971 & 1972.

Thank you,
Spec4 Michael Czaplewski <michael.czaplewski@gmail.com> (262) 677-9101

LOOKING FOR A LONG LOST BATTLE BUDDY?

If you have been searching for someone that you served with within 1st Cav, try posting it here.

Submit requests to
<Programs@1CDA.org> for the next
Saber!



WELCOME to the 1CDA TEAM!

DIVISION DOINGS

'First Team' participates in Project Convergence 2022 by SGT Brayton Daniel

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The 1st Cavalry Division recently participated in Project Convergence 2022 from Sep 29 to Nov 9 at Fort Irwin. Project Convergence is an Army-led experiment offering opportunities to access future warfighting strategies, including how the all-service and multinational force can work together to detect and defeat threats.

The First Team's primary mission during the experiment consisted of forming attack positions each morning while moving to a landing departure zone in the M113 Tracked Armored Personnel Carrier, M1A2 SEP v3 Abrams Tank, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle while fighting the opposing forces. Each day new technology was added to the mission to test its success and practicality when used in a lifelike scenario.

Electronic assets allowed the unit to conduct reconnaissance and bring out the enemy without endangering Troopers, preserve combat power of larger platforms, scan the battlefield in a minimal amount of time and allowed the commander to make decisions with less risk. The assets also provided rapid communications with allied partners across the spectrum of operations, reducing the time needed for decision making and allowing for more rapid target engagement by the 1st Cav artillery.

The 1st Cav is transforming by integrating these new technologies across the formation to enhance their ability to compete globally, deter adversaries and win on all-domain battlefields. "I firmly believe that everything we do here is something that we'll see throughout the Army over the next 60 years," said LTC Brennan Speakes, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment commanding officer. "This is the equivalent of the Army moving from the horse drawn cavalry to the armored formations we know today."

Army Futures Command established Project Convergence in 2020 as an opportunity for collaboration, experimentation and a way of informing how we fight, how we organize, the talent we need and what we fight with. "1-7 Cav is going to be the best trained squadron in the Army by next summer," said MG John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general. "You are building an incredible reputation right now across the Army."

Project Convergence is designed to aggressively advance and integrate the Army's contributions to the joint and multinational force and ensure that the Army, as part of that force, can rapidly and continuously converge effects across all domains including air, land, sea, space and cyberspace, to overmatch our adversaries, increase operational tempo and generate decision advantage over our adversaries.

Convergence — the namesake of the project — refers to integrating efforts across all echelons, from the tactical to the strategic level, to deliver optimal lethal and non-lethal effects across all domains. "Project Convergence 2022 is good for not only the training value for the squadron, but to learn the use and capabilities of this new technology," said SGT Kyler Tackett, a Bradley gunner with 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. "Hopefully PC22 will help with the further development of these vehicles, and to help solve problems for the future of the Army."

Through Project Convergence, the Army is demonstrating new technologies continuously throughout the year to ensure we can fight and win as one team by framing objectives within the Joint Warfighting Concept and Joint All-Domain Command and Control network. These experiment demonstrations and future modernization capabilities inform Army emerging technologies, future concepts and future formations. "Hopefully we leave our mark as a contributor to future technologies that are going to help the Army fight our future wars," said CPT Rannie Lintag, a human resources officer with 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Looking to Project Convergence 2023 and beyond, the Army will continue to expand its alliances and demonstrate the impact modernization will have in various theaters of our geographic combatant commands. "I couldn't be prouder of the team that's out here," said Speakes. "This team is making things happen, and I've seen a stark improvement in not only their capabilities, but also their leadership potential."

US Army's Greywolf Soldiers Host Army Ten-Miler in Poland by SSG Charles Porter

DRAWSKO POMORSKIE, Poland - The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, hosted an Army Ten-Miler event in Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland. This is the first time the race took place there.

The Ten-Miler began in 1985, hosted by the U.S. Army in the nation's capital of Washington, D.C. Since its inception 37 years ago, more than 443,685 runners have participated, making it the world's third largest 10-mile road race.

This year's race was hosted by the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. Over 500 participants showed up to run Drawsko Pomorskie's first Army Ten-Miler race. Participants included members of the U.S. and Polish armed forces, the Drawsko Pomorskie Fire and Police Departments, and Polish civilians.

"It's an opportunity to build partnership with our Polish allies and a chance to have that cultural experience 'out in the economy,' and for Polish people to participate in a longstanding army tradition," said U.S. Army MAJ Thomas F. Lorenson, battalion operations officer for 2-7 Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. "So, we're doing it in conjunction with the main event in D.C., as a satellite race affiliated with it,"

The course started at Chopina Park and brought runners through the Polish countryside and streets of Drawsko Pomorskie, where they could experience some of the important landmarks throughout



the city.

"We've done a lot of work to make it a quality event for everyone involved," Lorenson said. "It's a great opportunity for young Soldiers to interact with the local population and to realize that there is a really important mission that we are all doing here in Poland."

U.S. Army SGT Eric Poindexter, assigned to Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, was the first overall U.S. Army Soldier to finish the race with a time of just over an hour. "It was a great race, I am honored to have the privilege and opportunity to be able to run the Army Ten-Miler here in Poland," said SGT Poindexter.

1LT Annika Smith, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, was the first U.S. Army female Soldier to finish. "The course was very challenging," Smith said. "This event was awesome. It was a very cool experience that I will remember for a long time."

Hosting this event with the Polish military and civilian population helps to grow lasting partnerships between 3ABCT and regional security partners, as well as the local communities in the area. "To our Polish friends here today and our partners from the Polish Military, thank you for having us," said U.S. Army COL John B. Gilliam, commander of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "The Army Ten-Miler is a big deal for us back in the States and we appreciate the opportunity to share this event with people here. It continues to speak to the great bonds we have both with the Polish military as well as the Polish people."

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BLACK JACK Honors Gulf War Troopers by SGT Alex Romey

Gulf War Veterans and 1st battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment alumni had their service and dedication acknowledged during the 2nd Brigade Combat Team ceremony dedicating a Bradley to two fallen Troopers from 1-5 Cav. The Bradley display is meant to increase awareness and appreciation of the 1st Cavalry Divisions heroes and was unveiled at the dedication ceremony on Oct 14 at Fort Hood, Texas.



LTC (RET) Mike Kirkton,
Photo by SGT Alex Romey

"It really goes with the Army ethics, the warrior ethos, which is we never leave a fallen comrade," began MG John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general. "We will always keep all of our Troopers in our mind and our heart, and we will always remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

SGT Ronald M. Randazzo, a vehicle commander from Glen Burie, Md., and PFC Ardon B. Cooper, an infantryman from Seattle, Wash., two Troopers from Alpha Company, 1-5 Cav, were killed in action when their vehicle was hit by enemy fire on Feb 20, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm.

The Troopers were honored during the ceremony by having their names and their vehicles bumper number, A-51, inscribed on a Bradley that will be displayed on Cooper Field alongside a variety of displays which honor the division's rich

history. The displays are meant to increase awareness and appreciation among newer members of the First Team for the division's heroes.

"PFC Cooper and SGT Randazzo are the embodiment of service and self-sacrifice," said retired LTC Mike Kirkton, the former Alpha Company, 1-5 Cav commander, as he spoke during the ceremony. "And our fallen comrades stepped up and met the danger with their lives for a noble purpose." Kirkstone was joined by other members of 1-5 Cav, Veterans and families.

COL C.J. Kirkpatrick, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander, said that he hopes junior Troopers who attend will understand the importance of honoring the service members who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our future.

The ceremony was followed by the formal activation of Delta Troop, 5th Cavalry Regiment as the Brigade's Armored Cavalry Troop.

15th BSB Welcomes Soldiers to the NCO Corps by PFC Jacob Nunnenkamp

FORT HOOD, TEXAS - The 15th Brigade Support Battalion hosted a non-commissioned officer induction ceremony welcoming newly promoted "First Team" NCOs to the time-honored Corps, Oct. 25. "The history of the non-commissioned officer dates back to the birth of the Continental Army in 1775," said CSM



Photo by SGT Alex Romey

Stephanie McAdoo-Duff, 15th BSB command sergeant major. "This ceremony is a celebration of Soldiers joining the ranks of such an honorable and elite corps of professional men and women."

As the crowd sat waiting for their NCO to pass under the arch, the lights dimmed to reveal a Fallen Soldier table on display honoring those who served but did not come home. After a moment of silence, the ceremony continued with the history and tradition of the NCO Corps. Inductees and guests learned what it truly means to be an NCO.

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75th ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
LOUISVILLE, KY 13-17 JUNE 2023

Overview of 75th Annual Reunion June 13 - 17, 2023

The Fort Knox Area Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team Family in Louisville, KY for the 75th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 13-17 June 2023. All Life and Associate Members are welcome to attend this special event. Gold Star Families and Widows of our members are always welcome to attend.

Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events have limited seating available due to the size of available rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the **\$30 Registration Fee** except for our Active-Duty Troopers who pay \$20 to register. Family members attending with an Association member, Widows of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers, and Gold Star Family members that attend do not have to pay a registration

On-line registration starts 1 October 2022; the Reunion registration form will be included in the *Saber* from November '22 through April '23. Those sending in registrations post-marked after 1 May 2023 must pay a late registration fee of \$50.

The Association will be providing our guests with transportation to the Louisville Slugger Museum and back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Buses will run from 0930-1800, on 13-14 June and from 0930-1600 on 15 June 2023. Bus passes can be purchased when you initially register, either by mail-in or on-line, or at the Walk-in Registration area. **A bus pass is per person if you plan to visit the Downtown Louisville area.** There will be no bus passes issued for those attending the mixer. A one-day bus pass will cost \$10, or you can purchase a three-day bus for \$25.

NOTE: Cancellations are non-refundable after the 1 May 2023 deadline.

HOTEL INFORMATION

We will be utilizing the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center for all our events. The Crowne Plaza has guaranteed a room rate of \$124 per night plus tax for up to rooms on peak nights and there is no charge for parking. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion. The hotel does provide a free shuttle service from the Louisville Airport and rental cars are available at the airport.

Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport (866) 888-0620 reference code: SAL
830 Phillips Ln
Louisville, KY 40209

Or use the provided link on the right-side menu of the Association web site.

I do not foresee the hotel running out of rooms, however if the need arises, I have provided additional hotels for our members to consider and in walking distance to the Crowne Plaza.

Spring Hill Suites Louisville Airport	(502) 361-9009
Tru by Hilton Louisville Airport	(502) 792-8800
Hampton Inn Louisville Airport	(502) 366-8100
Howard Johnson by Windham Louisville Airport	(502) 363-9952
Courtyard by Marriott Louisville Airport	(502) 368-5678

RV PARK INFORMATION

For our members traveling with an RV, I have provided you with several options:

Derby Park Campgrounds & RV Parking (502) 636-3532
2900 7th Street Rd
Louisville, KY 40216

Brooks Mobile & RV Park (502) 276-6090
205 Sarver Ln
Brooks, KY 40109

Louisville North Campground (812) 282-4474
900 Marriott Dr
Clarksville, IN 47129

REUNION EVENT OVERVIEW

You will notice several event changes on the registration form. Instead of War Lunches we will be having a Legacy Breakfast. The Mixer has now been changed to the President's Reception. We did raise the registration costs, to include late registrations and Walk-in registrations.

This year's Ladies Tea will be a Louisville River Cruise (lunch included). Steamboat travel and transportation revolutionized the river, Louisville, and our nation. To board the Belle of Louisville is to do more than to see Louisville and the Ohio River from a unique perspective – it is also a step onto a piece of American history.

Transportation arrangements have been made for our members to visit the Downtown Louisville area. There is a slight cost required for this transportation. Louisville is a city full of culture and compassion. For the "Foodie," Louisville is ranked among the top ten best new food cities; if Bourbon gets your engine running try the world's only Urban Bourbon 'city-wide' experience; and for the kid in all of us, visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory or the Muhammad Ali Center. These are just a few things to do. Hop on the 'LouLift,' free downtown transportation, and you can see everything else the downtown area has to offer.

The President's Reception/Mixer will be done differently in 2023. We will be taking you to Churchill Downs. Thursday is Night Racing in Kentucky. There will be a light meal available for attendees, a cash bar, and camaraderie while you take in a race or two.

As usual, we will have all other planned events in the Crowne Plaza: Legacy Breakfast, Unit Lunches, Purple Heart Breakfast, Association Banquet, Group Breakfasts, and Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors, and our General

Membership meeting. During our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, we will hold elections for the Association and Foundation.

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

Cavalry casual attire is appropriate for all reunion events. Wear what you feel comfortable wearing; a coat and tie, your uniform (if it still fits), casual clothing with open collar, jeans, or shorts. We want you to attend and are not overly concerned with what you wear, so long as it is not indecent!

The Association will provide a Reunion Room in the Crowne Plaza for you to gather and enjoy yourself. Drinks (beer and wine) in the Reunion Room are free but we ask that you generously donate to help us pay for this room. The Reunion Room will open daily at 0900 with the bar opening at 1200 hours.

The Crossed Sabers Gift Shop will set up a store in the hotel to sell all kinds of Cav-tastic First Team merchandise including shirts, hats, Stetsons, pins, decals, and other items too numerous to mention.

THE BEST PART OF THE REUNION

As always, the best part of any reunion is the people that attend. The 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion brings in Troopers from every era of the First Team's history. Troopers that rode horses, fought in the Pacific with MacArthur, occupied Japan, fought in Korea, or stood watch on the DMZ will spend time with the Sky Troopers of Vietnam and the Troopers from Operation Desert Storm, Fort Hood, Bosnia, and the latest combat Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The equipment and terrain might be different, but the common bond of serving with America's First Team binds us together. Saddle up and ride on down to Louisville in 2023!



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75th ANNUAL 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION, JUNE 13-17, 2023, in LOUISVILLE, KY
is open to all members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association

TUESDAY JUNE 13 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-1800 Gift Shop Open 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 0930-1800 Bus Downtown	THURSDAY JUNE 15 0730-0900 Legacy Breakfast (in place of War Lunches) 0900-1600 Registration Desk Open 0900-1600 Gift Shop Open 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 0930-1600 Bus Downtown 1200-1400 Ladies Tea (River Cruise) 1430-1530 Veterans Benefits Briefing 1700-2000 President's Reception/Mixer	FRIDAY JUNE 16 0730-0845 Purple Heart Breakfast 0900-1100 General Membership Mtg 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 0900-1500 Registration Desk Open 0900-1600 Gift Shop Open 1100-1300 Unit Luncheons 1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar) 1900-2230 Association Banquet
WEDNESDAY JUNE 14 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-1800 Gift Shop Open 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 0930-1800 Bus Downtown 1000-1100 Foundation Mtg 1100-1300 Board of Governor's Mtg 1330-1400 Chapter Presidents Mtg		SATURDAY JUNE 17 0700-0830 Group Breakfast 0700-0830 LRRP/Ranger Breakfast 0900-1000 Memorial Service (Long Roll Muster)

Mail to:
1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSN. REUNION, 302 N. MAIN, COPPERAS COVE, TX 76522-1703
The 1st Cavalry Division Association 75th Annual Reunion is at Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport, 830 Phillips Lane 40209, Louisville, KY (866)888-0620, June 13-17, 2023.
Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm May 1, 2023, in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. ****Cancellations are non-refundable after the May 1, 2023 deadline.**
*Registration fee is required for Lifetime and Association Member only (Widows and Gold Star Family members pay no fee).
*Registration fee includes Name Tags, Reunion Booklet, Reunion Pin, and an information packet.

Are you a member of 1CDA? Yes No
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BUS PASSES (per person): One-Day \$10 or Three-Day \$25 per Person

- Needed to go Downtown Tues - Thurs 1-Day \$10 Qty: _____ \$ _____
- See above schedule 3-Day \$25 Qty: _____ \$ _____

THURSDAY JUNE 15

Legacy Breakfast (in place of War Lunches)	_____	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
Ladies Tea Includes lunch on Belle of Louisville Steamboat No bus pass needed	_____	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
President's Reception/Mixer Cash Bar, Buffet No bus pass needed	_____	\$ 45.00	\$ _____

FRIDAY JUNE 16

Purple Heart Breakfast	_____	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Unit Lunch (Circle your unit) 5C 7C 8C 9C 12C ENG AVN ARTY HQ LRRP	_____	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
Assoc Banquet (Circle your unit) 5C 7C 8C 9C 12C ENG AVN ARTY HQ LRRP	_____	\$ 48.00	\$ _____

SATURDAY JUNE 17

Group Breakfast	_____	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
LRRP Breakfast	_____	\$ 25.00	\$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE:
(For member, not guests)

Active Duty w/ID	_____	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Reunion Donation	_____	Donation	\$ _____
Saber Newspaper Renewal (\$10 per year)	_____	(\$10 per year)	\$ _____
<u>REGISTRATION FEE AFTER MAY 15, 2023</u>	_____	\$ 50.00	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

SEATING AT SOME FUNCTIONS IS LIMITED

CHAPTER NEWS
UPDATES

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next Saber is **Wednesday, March 1, 2023.** Please send to Memberships@1CDA.org

COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE CHAPTER



We celebrated with our annual December Banquet Dec 11th, held this year at Saylor's Old Country Kitchen banquet room. Again, this venue is very accommodating to Veteran groups and the food was excellent. The servers were festive and cheery, everyone socialized around the room, it was a wonderful end to our calendar year. Terry Low and Yolly, John Kirk and Sue, Mike Carter and Jacquetta, Steven Kernek and Karen, Frank Bayer and Welby, Barry Corno and Patty, Jim Johnson and Charlene, and Bill Schwindt participated.

Of the 43 in attendance, we enjoyed the company of the 25th ID and representatives of the K9 Cavalry headed by Dan Regester and LTC Ranger (dog). The US Flag, both Division Flags and the POW Flag were displayed at the head table. Following the flag ceremony and the pledge of allegiance, Frank B. gave the invocation. Barry C delivered a heartfelt Remembrance to the Fallen Soldier and POWs, where we stood and toasted but did not drink the toast to the Fallen/POW. We stood and clapped throughout the playing of the song Garry Owen. Guests were then introduced around the room. Veterans were finally asked to stand, and we toasted the Commander-in-Chief, the Army, the Divisions, the Regiments, and "the Ladies" present.

We had time before the food service to share stories. Snakes, shelling, sanitation, sandbags, and sticky situations were predominant themes.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER



CT Chapter meeting. L-R: Bob Waz, Paul Marling, Al Johnson, Jack Kranyak, Steve Carter, Keith Moyer, Glen Bentz, John Larensen.

Next general meeting, Saturday, **April 22** at the **Manchester Ct. American Legion**. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. All members and their guests are invited. Prospective members are encouraged to attend.

FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST CHAPTER



From St. Augustine to St. Mary's, we have traveled the roads of Clay, Duval, St. John's, Nassau, and Putman counties to literally be the Cavalry of Florida's First Coast.

Our meeting speakers have been Afghan Vets, POW flame keepers, terrorist interrogators, and therapists. But more importantly, we speak to each other in comradeship. We are members of the Duval County Veterans Council and endorse the American Legion by memberships and support of the Auxiliary.

If you are reading this and live in the North Florida area, our contact information is included. Think about it. Wouldn't it be interesting to meet a Veteran from the 1st Cav's Occupation of Japan? **904-534-8899**, call us about our next meeting.

Wouldn't it be informative to learn the inside ropes of negotiating the VA system? Come. We have insights. We even have an Air Force Vet who attends just because he likes us.

FORT KNOX AREA CHAPTER



We held our Christmas Party on Dec 17 and had a good turnout. Some of us went to the Ft. Knox Cemetery Central and placed wreaths. A small group of us went to our Vietnam Memorial Wall and placed wreaths there.

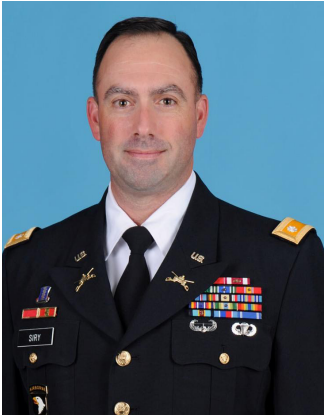
JAMES H. UNRUH, CENTRAL PA CHAPTER

The next meeting of our chapter will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 pm** at **Lititz VFW Post 1463**, located at 14 N. Spruce St. in Lititz, Pa, 17543 (Lancaster County). We are the only 1st Cavalry Division Association Chapter in the state of Pennsylvania, and we welcome anyone who is serving or ever served with the Cav to attend one of our meetings and join our ranks. We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you on March 14, 2023.

NY/NJ CHAPTER

The next meeting of the NY/NJ Chapter is now scheduled for **February 25, 2023, from 11am to 2pm** at the **Elks Lodge** in Ridgefield Park (30 Spruce Avenue.) There is no charge to attend, and a buffet lunch will be served. Inclement weather date is March 4.

Our guest speaker will be LTC David Siry, recently retired, currently is an Assistant Professor of Military History at the US Military Academy. David is the Director of the Center for Oral History at West Point. He graduated from USMA in 1994 and chose Armor as his branch. He served in many assignments that include: Iraq, Kuwait, Bosnia, Haiti, Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox, KY. Most recently, he served as an Operations Officer and Executive Officer with the 3d Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division and as a Team Chief on a Military Transition Team working with the Iraqi Army, Air Force and Police in Wasit Province with the 1st Cavalry Division.



He retired from active service in May 2022 after 28 years. Please plan to come to the February meeting to hear more about some of the interesting stories David has conducted as Director of the West Point Oral History Project.

Some Useful Information: The NY/NJ VA Health Care Network is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at VA Health Connect. You can speak with a nurse, have a virtual visit with a medical provider, get medication assistance, and make and change primary care appointments after business hours. You can call them at 1-800-877-6976.

Retire Guides: The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs recommends that Veterans enroll in Medicare when they turn 65 even if they have VA benefits. To help Veterans learn more, they have created a comprehensive Medicare for Veterans Guide that explores coverage, eligibility, and more. Check out the following link for more information: <https://www.retireguide.com/guides/medicare-for-veterans/>

There is also an in-depth guide on Tricare for Life, including information on what it is, eligibility details, and how it works alongside Medicare. More information at this link: <https://www.retireguide.com/medicare/basics/coordination-of-benefits/tricare/>

Reminder - All are welcome to attend our chapter meetings. Our meetings are open to all service members regardless of branch, division, or unit assignment, and for relatives and interested parties. For questions or more information about our next meeting or our chapter please contact: Robin Bartlett, President <rb-bartlett01@gmail.com>.

SHERIDAN'S CAVALRY CHAPTER

Chapter Member Richard O'Brien (Co D - 2/8 CAV) passed away November 10, 2022. Rich was interred at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery / Elwood, Illinois.

Our Chapter Christmas Dinner was held December 3. Chapter Member Paul Brian video recorded our attendees.

"Go Army / Beat Navy" cheer for CBS Sports Television inclusion during the big game.

2023 Meetings / Event dates - March 11 / May 13 / August 12 Picnic / October 4 / December 2 Christmas Dinner

Our meetings and events are normally held at the Roselle American Legion Post #1084, 322 East Maple Ave., Roselle, IL 60172. Our Sheridan Chapter cordially invites anyone who served or was attached at any year with the 1st Cav to join our group. Contact Terry Hodous POC at us67-hodo@outlook.com or 773-445-1213 for additional information regarding membership or attending our future events.

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1st CAVALRY DIVISION UNIT BREAKDOWN

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "IRONHORSE"

- 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment "GarryOwen"
- 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment "Lancers"
- 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment "Stallions"
- 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment "ThunderHorse"
- 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment "Dragons"
- 91st Engineer Battalion "Sabers"
- 115th Brigade Support Battalion "Muleskinners"

FACEBOOK: 1st ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team "BLACKJACK"

- 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment "BlackKnights"
- 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment "Mustangs"
- 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment "HeadHunters"
- 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment "DarkHorse"
- 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment "RollingThunder"
- 8th Engineer Battalion "TrojanHorse"
- 15th Brigade Support Battalion "Gamblers"

FACEBOOK: 2nd ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "GREYWOLF"

- 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment "Chargers"
- 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment "Ghost"
- 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment "WarHorse"
- 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment "Saber"
- 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment "SteelDragons"
- 3rd Engineer Battalion "Beavers"
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1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE "AIRCAV"

- 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment "Attack"
- 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment "Lobos"
- 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment "SpearHead"
- 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry regiment "PaleHorse"
- 615th Aviation Support Battalion "ColdSteel"

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1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade "WAGONMASTERS"

- 1st Special Troops Battalion
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It was the worst of times to be a platoon leader in Vietnam, let alone a grunt serving in a combat unit. Bartlett also had to cope with personal issues of commitment to a war that was rapidly losing support not only back home but among the Soldiers he was leading through the jungles. Fifty years later, Bartlett’s vivid combat experiences are brought to light in a fast-moving, well-written, first-person narrative expressing the horror, fear, anguish, and sometimes illogical humor of that war.
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Below is the most recent recording of the latest gathering of 15th Medical Battalion Vietnam Veterans, 2022.

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DIVISION DOINGS

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"Our professional NCO Corps is what sets us apart from both allies and adversaries," said CSM Anthony McAdoo, human resource command, command sergeant major. "It ensures that we will win on any battlefield and under any circumstance."

The time came for the inductees to officially join the corps. Two NCOs, equipped with sabers, stand guard as the prospective NCOs wait to pass through the arch and officially make their transformation from Soldier to leader. "Once you put on this rank, you're inducted into a corps bigger than yourself," said SSG Dewayne Reed, platoon sergeant, Bravo Company, 15th BSB. "Everything they talked about in the ceremony is what I strive to be for my Soldiers."

As the prospective NCOs approach the arch, the guardsmen only raise their sabers to allow those they deem worthy to pass. "Being an NCO is more than just a leader in the formation, it's tradition that generations before, have built for us," said SSG Bamidele Agbaje, senior mechanic, Bravo Company, 15th BSB.

The Troopers of 15th BSB voiced their concerns by asking the "Soldiers Request" to the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in attendance. "The Soldiers Request during the ceremony, symbolizes the relationship between the NCO and the Soldier," said SPC William Westbrook, information technology specialist, 15th BSB.

As a part of the Soldier's Request, Westbrook, asked CSM McAdoo-Duff, to treat Soldiers with respect. "The NCO motivates the Soldiers and in return the Soldiers motivate the NCO," added Westbrook. Being able to watch the ceremony served as motivation for junior Troopers to strive to become NCOs.

"When the Army song came on, I was in tears," said Westbrook. "Seeing everybody here in dress uniform is inspiring me to one day walk through the NCO arch myself."

WAGONMASTERS Welcome New Commander by SGT Alex Romey November 29, 2022

Fort Hood, TX – During a traditional ceremony held on Cooper Field on Nov 29, COL Christopher Jones took command of the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade "Wagonmasters." MG John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, presided over the ceremony which included the military traditions of conducting a pass and review on horseback and passing the unit guidon to the incoming commander.



Photo by SPC Cheyne Hanoski

During his remarks, Richardson highlighted the brigade's professionalism, work ethic and dedication, while also commenting on Jones' long history of selfless service, cultivating positive command culture and his extensive experience as a logistician and leader while supporting operations around the globe.

Jones has served with the Army logistics career field for almost 20 years and has successfully held positions as a staff officer and leader at every level of command while supporting a variety of operations and exercises including joint and Special Operations in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and the Middle East. He recently completed a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School in Washington, D.C. followed by a tour with the Department of the Army G-4 in the Logistics Initiatives Group.

"I am astonished on a daily basis by what the Wagonmasters Brigade does to keep this Division moving forward," Richardson said. "Producing combat power and lethality, and leading the Army in building readiness across all warfighting functions."

The 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade, "Wagonmasters" provide combat support and combat service support including supply, maintenance, transportation, field services, human resources, and financial support to 1st Cavalry Division units deployed and at home station. Over the past year, the brigade supported Operation Allies Welcome at Dulles International Airport, VA. Currently, elements of the brigade are providing sustainment support to operations in Europe and the Middle East while also preparing 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division equipment to deploy in the months ahead.

As the brigade begins the next chapter in its history, it will continue under Jones to accomplish its mission anywhere, at any time, supporting the rest of the Division as it continues to maintain a global presence.

"Tonight, I will sleep much better," Richardson said. "Knowing that we have COL Chris Jones at the helm of the hardest working, most proficient and professional sustainment brigade I have ever served with, the Wagonmasters of the 1st Cavalry Division."

In his remarks, Jones thanked the III Armored Corps and 1st Cavalry Division leaders for warmly welcoming him and his family to Fort Hood. He also recognized gold star family member Ms. Kathleen Perry and several retired Command Sergeants Major who attended the ceremony. He then thanked the Troopers and families of the Wagonmasters Brigade.

"It's easy to see how the First Team is a cohesive team of teams led by adaptive leaders, masters of the fundamentals who are ready to seize the initiative," Jones said. "The 1st Cavalry Division is set to fight and win decisively at the point of contact with the enemy." The Wagonmasters Brigade stands ready to provide logistical support to the entire 1st Cavalry Division here at Fort Hood and across the globe and wherever the Division is needed.

"It is said that the most dangerous times in operations are during transitions," said Jones. "But I know that my assumption of command is simply a change of leadership, not a change in your mission and purpose. The brigade remains ready to sustain the First Team during, through and following transitions of mission phases of operations, to innovate and to best sustain, enable and to enhance the 1st Cavalry Division."

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team Welcomes New Command Sergeant Major by SGT Alex Romey

FORT HOOD, TX — The 2nd Armored Combat Brigade Team, 1st Cavalry Division, held a change of responsibility ceremony Dec 2 at Cooper Field. CSM Steven Campbell relinquished responsibility of the brigade to CSM Brian Adams. For Campbell, the ceremony also marked the end of a military career spanning nearly 30 years.

"GEN Powell once said that "the day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care," said COL Christopher Kirkpatrick, commander,



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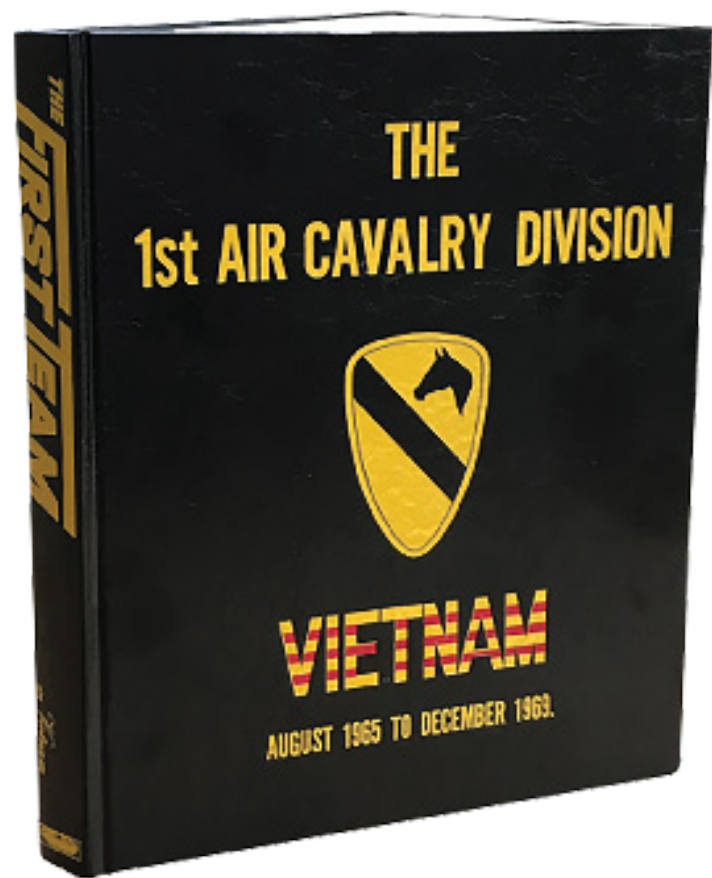
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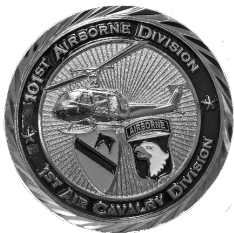
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To the reader community:
I been asked to author a series of articles about the experiences of the men of the 545th MP Company of the 1st Cavalry Division (AIRMOBILE). I joined

the company in July of 1964, shortly after its inception at Ft. Benning, GA, as the 11th MP Company of the 11th Air Assault Division (TEST). The men still alive of the original company of 1964-1966 are now in their late 70's and early 80's and wanted their stories documented while they could still remember them. This I will attempt.

CONTINUING WITH AIR ASSAULT II (TESTING THE THEORY OF HELICOPTER BORNE ASSAULT TROOPS IN THE FALL OF 1964).

Refer to the November/December issue for more information about Air Assault II. As I mentioned earlier, during the test phase in the Carolina's, the 11th MPs were oft times out of contact with direct supervision. The following testimony is from Ted Wilson of the 3rd platoon.

Ted's background: Ted grew up in Townsend, TN, which is the little town adjacent to the southwestern entrance to the Great Smokey Mountain National Park (Cades Cove entrance). In his youth, Ted worked in his father's restaurant, Wilson's Hillbilly Restaurant, there in Townsend. The majority of the privates of the 3rd platoon were from the southeast US.

AS TOLD BY TED WILSON:

My partner and I were on patrol on a side road somewhere around Camden, SC, when we came across a group of deer hunters with dogs. After we stopped to converse with them, an older gentleman inquired of us if we had seen one of his dogs that was missing. We had not, but he indicated that if we were to come across it, he would be proud to have it back. Shortly after we left the hunting party, we did spot the dog. When we stopped and called it, the dog jumped right into the jeep, whereupon we transported it to the owner. The owner was so pleased with us, that he invited us to his house with the promise that his wife would fix us a dinner of venison. As we were waiting out in the yard for said wife to fix the meal, the old man asked if we would like a drink of moonshine. I, being experienced in such matters, allowed that I was not above taking a drink, but was mighty particular about the source of any that I might drink. When the old gentleman kicked a pile of brush by which we were standing, I could hear the clink of glass. He was the distiller of some that had a light brown color that been aged, and some that was clear. My partner, I suspect, was not used to such drink. I saw right away that at the rate he was drinking, I had better limit my intake because I was going to have to drive. Don't remember the name of my partner, but I remember that he was somewhat under the weather for a day or two afterwards. What I do remember was that true to his word, the old gentleman's wife fixed us a great meal.

TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT (TCP) EXPERIENCE

AS TOLD BY BOB DEAN:

Since the division was moving to the Carolina's via convoy, each morning a detail from the 11th MP would travel the convoy route, dropping off an MP at traffic lights, turns, or any place where military and civilian traffic might conflict. One time I was dropped off at a traffic light on the edge of a small town in GA. There I stood with a canteen of warm water and a box of C-rations to last the day. I had not been there long when I was approached by an older man wearing a Stetson hat with a marshal's badge on his shirt. He also had a revolver stuck into his waist band. He inquired as to why I was there. I explained what my purpose was, and we spoke for several minutes. It seemed as though he suddenly had an idea. He said, "Tell you what, when the convoy comes through, I give you permission to ignore the light like it wasn't there." I opened my mouth to indignantly inform him of the Federal law concerning military in convoy, and I did not need his permission. But then I thought, why start a fight when he is already on my side.

We spoke for a few more minutes and he asked if I would like a cold drink. He left and came back with a cold Coke and refused payment. As it got later in the morning, he asked what I was going to do about lunch. I showed him my "C's" and he said, "You can't eat that stuff. I'll have my wife make you a lunch." He came back at 12:00 with a sandwich, an apple, a piece of cake, and a Coke. He brought me another drink later.

I learned a valuable lesson that day which was, "pick your battles wisely." The memory of this has served me well during my forty years in law enforcement.

I said earlier that I was dropped off on the edge of a small town. I was not familiar with the name. But then, in 1964, who had ever heard of Plains, GA?

AS TOLD BY DALLAS MILLS:

To continue the South Carolina saga, I remember one rainy spell we had that lasted for several days and the wind was at gale proportions several times and until we went to the local sporting goods stores all we had was the issue poncho which was useless unless you used it as a tent or lean to. One morning SSG Hogeland came to me and said I was to take my squad and report to a certain 2-1/2-ton truck that would transport us to Division HQs and we would be given orders on what our mission was to be.

After we arrived at the G-3 tent we were briefed that the 82nd Russian Airborne had parachuted units into our Operating Area the night before and we were to patrol a certain area and attempt to close with them. (Remember now, this is war games, we are playing Armies in combat). So, we took their hand drawn map and started our patrol in this "monsoon" weather. Remember the wind is at gale proportions, the rain is coming down in torrents and we are braving it with no wet weather protection (not even a self-respecting private would go on patrol wearing a poncho). Now we are talking a squad of MPs, mostly privates doing a so-called combat patrol for a division having three organic Light Infantry Brigades??? As we patrolled, the weather became worse and in that pine forest the old dead widow-makers were falling all around us, and I had to threaten the squad to get them to continue. I spent several winters in Germany and three winters in Alaska and I do not believe I ever felt as cold as I did that day. As Providence would have it, we stumbled upon a covered 3/4-ton trailer and on investigating discovered a box of 12" candles inside. We lit several of those candles and stripped off our wet clothes and packed in that trailer like sardines. I opined that we needed to post a guard that IF the Russian Paratroopers were about, they may slip up on us; the squad opined that if I wanted a guard, I better

be prepared to be the guard. We actually spent the night there and when we did not report back, G-3 sent a helicopter looking for us and once spotted, a 2-1/2 ton soon came to get us. Once back at G-3 the Operations Sergeant wanted to chew on us a little, but I figured that a good offense was better than a bad defense and I started on him for sending us out in a dangerous storm. About two hours later we made it back to the unit and started looking for some C Rats, but to this day, every time I see a candle I have to smile and say, "thank your brother for me if he isn't all burned out by now."

AS TOLD BY BOB STAMEY:

The late SGT Jim Lee was the one of the squad leaders in the third platoon of which I was a member. Jim was a great person, well-liked by his men, was a family man, and was very faithful about writing his wife every night when he was not at home in Dothan, AL. Jim had his own pup tent where in the evenings by candlelight, he would pen a letter to his wife. At this time, we were somewhere around Lugoff, SC. One rainy night as he was in his tent writing, knowing that Jim had a great aversion to snakes and having procured a rubber snake somewhere, I got the brilliant idea to surprise him with it. I very quietly slipped it under the flap of his tent without his knowing it. I then hollered "snake!" and when Jim saw it, he jumped straight up, uprooting the tent pegs, and ended up with the tent wrapped around his head and dancing a jig trying to get away from the snake. Even after he realized it was a rubber snake, he still would not touch it. So, there he was in the rain trying to erect his tent. It was about the only time he was seen to be angry. He wanted to know who put the snake in his tent, but nobody seemed to know who the guilty party was. At that point I felt bad about what I had done and carried the guilt until the day I left Vietnam. I went to him and told him that I could not go home without relieving my burden and confessed to being the one who put the snake in his tent. A year after the incident he thought it was an amusing joke.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

On payday at Ft. Benning, Jim would take his money home to his wife, then borrow \$20 from your author, and get in craps/poker games. In a day or two he would be paying me back. One or two times he borrowed an additional \$20 before he was in the money. When we left Charleston, SC, on the Troop ship the general patch on our way to Vietnam, he borrowed \$20. As I understand it, he was successful enough to send home \$500 from Panama on our passage through the canal and \$2400 from Long Beach, CA. After we arrived in Vietnam his skill at craps/cards was the same.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

One of the pieces of equipment being tested by the 11th MP was a "Cushman" type of motor scooter powered by a single cylinder motor with a centrifugal clutch. During Air Assault II they were used by the squad leaders to check on posted guards, etc. I remember them as being rather awkward and slow. Do not remember if they were taken to Vietnam.

AS TOLD BY CHARLES ADCOCK: (A GOOD USE DISCOVERED)

According to Charles, he was a party to a card game during one of the slack times of Air Assault II. As the evening wore on, the throats of the participants were getting dry. Charles was given the task of obtaining some refreshments by riding one of the motor scooters to Ridgeway, SC, a rather lengthy trip, to make a purchase. In 1964 Ridgeway was not a metropolis. The only alcoholic liquid that Charles could find was cooking wine at a grocery, so that had to suffice. Must have satisfied the thirst of the card game participants, but later in the evening, after retiring for the night Charles, got sick and threw up in his sleeping bag.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REUNION 2023

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 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 16 June 2023:

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Any Life member of the Association, including an incumbent, who wishes to be considered by the nominating committee for one of these positions, should forward a letter to the Chairman, 2023 Nominating Committee, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703, requesting consideration for nomination to the specific office. The Nominating Committee must receive all requests no later than 30 April 2023 to assure sufficient time for processing and full consideration. Requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation that includes proof of service with the 1st Cavalry Division (e.g., a DD214 or equivalent) and a biographical sketch. The biographical sketch needs to outline the applicant's full name and provide ranks, dates of service and units assigned to in the 1st Cavalry Division. Additionally, it needs to provide the dates and positions for any offices held at National or Chapter level in the Association and similar information for any other Veteran's organizations the applicant belongs to. Any instances of special support for Association programs should also be included if applicable.

The election will be held during the General Membership meeting at the 75th Annual Reunion of the Association on Friday 16 June 2023 in Louisville, KY. 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.

AIR CAV NEWS



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

It takes a team to put an aircraft into the air. From Production Control, the TIs and other maintainers, flight operations, Air Traffic Controllers, refueling and armament Soldiers, to crew chiefs, door gunners, and pilots. Many hands, eyes, and brains go into a successful mission. Up front, I will own the misprint in the last issue of the *Saber*, where I did not catch my misspelling of LTG Hal Moore's name. A big thank you to Michael Bodnar of C/2-7 Cav who alerted me to this mistake and for keeping me on azimuth!

And special thanks to Hank Llewellyn for sharing more with me about his time as the author behind this column. Capturing the interests of a wide variety of people is not an easy task, yet Hank did so with grace and hard work.

I rejoice at the new friends I've made since taking up this column; and I will continue to highlight those who reach out to me.

Today, let me highlight **SGT Elvis Poe** from A/2-12 Cav (Ace High) who wrote me a wonderful, hand-written letter that included a gift of two beaded necklaces that he made for me (see picture). One is of the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon colors and the other from the OIF colors. He has been making these necklaces for Veterans all over the country, at no charge. An amazing Soldier, and an amazing man. Thank you, Elvis! Let me know if you're interested in contacting Elvis and I'll put you in touch.

A couple of interesting updates from the last few *Army Aviation Association of America* (AAAA) magazines.

No NDSM after 31 December:

The National Defense Service Ribbon (NDSM) went back into retirement on 31 December 2022. The award, which all Troops serving since 9/11 have been eligible to wear after initial training, won't be awarded for the foreseeable future. "Termination is based on the US no longer conducting large-scale combat operations in designated geographic locations...", Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin wrote in a signed memo on 30 August.

The NDSM was previously activated for five years during the first Gulf War, 13 years for Vietnam, and four years for the Korean War.

eVTOL Applications (Electric Vertical Take Off and Landing):

It would be difficult to not see the evolution of electric vehicles populating our interstates, highways, and backroads. Truck manufacturers are also improving upon their designs to provide trucks with the hauling and pulling strength of traditional fuel-based trucks.

Army Aviation is looking forward into electric vehicle applications as well. According to a AAAA article in the November issue, the US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, is dedicating resources into exploring these new technologies.

Earlier this year, MAJ Wes Ogden made history when he completed his initial evaluation flight of the BETA ALIA 250C, an eVTOL aircraft developed by BETA Technologies, becoming the first Army aviator to fly an electric aircraft.

Ogden observed, "The control strategies were a little different, but in general, there were quite a few times that I had forgotten that it was an electric aircraft - it was just another airplane to go fly."

When it comes to the idea of virtual take off, Ogden continues, "When you're hovering an aircraft you're not as efficient as an airplane, so the battery and motor temperatures have the potential to rise as all of that energy is converted to vertical thrust. As you're hovering, how much of your endurance and range are you eating up, and what are your other limitations?"

Read more about this historic flight at <www.ArmyAviationMagazine.com>.

I want to hear from you!

I once had a crew chief fall out of a UH-60 Blackhawk during a slingload mission under Night Vision Goggles. Fortunately, he was connected to the helicopter via a "monkey harness." Doing like he was supposed to do, he was prone on the floor monitoring the load when for some reason I cannot recall (pilot induced "turbulence" maybe?), he fell from the aircraft and was dangling there next to the slingload. Since he was safe, the joking and joshing soon began about how committed he was to inspecting the slingload, that he wanted to get a closer look at it, and on-and-on. Army humor, right?

Since we all know nothing ever really goes totally according to plan, what are some of the funniest slingload stories you can share with me that I can post here for others to enjoy?

I remember in Baghdad we flew the ring routes picking up and dropping passengers at various FOBs and locations. Passengers ranged from military, DoD civilians, the occasional celebrity, and of course a number of different defense contractors. I remember a crew chief keying the mike while loading passengers that one of them had a 3.5'x2.5' suitcase he was traveling with... a suitcase in the middle of a warzone!

What sort of unusual equipment, device, or container have you seen a passenger try to bring with them onto your aircraft? And how about the passengers themselves? Who stands out in your memory?

Let me know and we'll share those moments! I look forward to hearing from you! Clear Right! Shawn

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DIVISION DOINGS

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2ABCT, 1CD. "CSM Campbell never ever stops leading, and in my time as Black Jack 6 I have watched an endless parade of Soldiers coming into my battle buddy's office."

The change of responsibility is a traditional military ceremony, which included the outgoing command sergeant major, Campbell passing the brigade colors to Kirkpatrick, who in turn passed them to the incoming command sergeant major, Adams, representing his assumption responsibility for the brigade and its Soldiers.

"Campbell's passion for sharing what it takes to win in combat never wavered," said Kirkpatrick. "He brought the wisdom of eight deployments in support of some of our nation's toughest missions, and his own experiences as one of America's fiercest warriors to every single conversation."

Campbell first joined the Army in 1993. His time was spent as an infantryman, he served in every leadership position from rifle team leader to command sergeant major. Campbell holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Excelsior College and an associates in criminal justice from Troy State.

"Black Jack, around here we say live the legend, be the legend," said Campbell. "They renamed Battalion Ave to Legends Way because you are the legends."

After passing the formation to his successor, CSM Bryan Adams, the division held a retirement ceremony to bid farewell to Campbell and his family as he transitions out of the military.

"Troopers there are three things that I will leave you with," said Campbell. "Be in the right place at the right time with a positive attitude, surround yourself with the right people, and treat each training event like it's the last bit of training before your country calls for you to pick up your gun and step on the field of battle."

"The leadership and service Campbell has provided to the Black Jack family was truly all in," said Kirkpatrick. "On behalf of this organization, I can't thank you enough for your steady hand, passion, wisdom, and rock-solid leadership." Adams joined the United States Army in 2000, is a native of Iowa, and joined as an armored reconnaissance specialist. He has served in the division for the last eight years and has served in various leadership positions leading to his assumption of responsibility of "Black Jack."

"CSM Adams, it is only natural for you to take the next step as Black Jack 9," added Kirkpatrick. "Once again, the Army got it right."

The history of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, can be traced to Aug 29, 1917, when it was first constituted in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Brigade. It was organized on Dec 27, 1917, at Fort Bliss, Texas, as an element of the 15th Cavalry Division. The early years of the Brigade consisted of rigorous training and patrolling of the Mexican border. Operating from horseback, the cavalry was ideal for fighting in the harsh desert terrain along the Mexican border. Today, the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, stands ready to lead the way to any contingency area world-wide to accomplish any mission that the future might bring.

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team will replace the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, in the upcoming winter rotation as part of a regular rotation of forces to support the United States' commitment to Atlantic Resolve. The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team has previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Atlantic Resolve.

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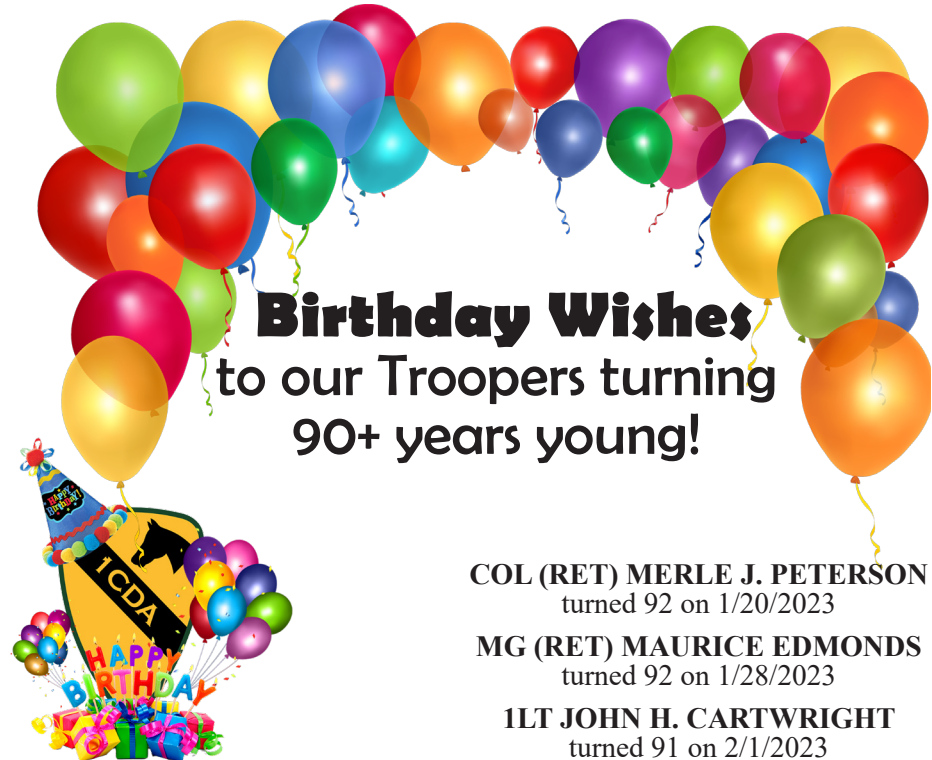
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We were notified of the following deaths:
BARKER, LTC (RET) Robert "Bob" L., C Co, 1-21FA, 1965; HHC, 1CD, 1969; HHB, 1-21FA, 1974-76. 1 December 2022.
BENNETT, SGT Max L., D Co, 2-7 CAV, 1967-68. 5 January 2023.
CALVITTI, PFC Joseph, A Co, 2-7 CAV. 24 April 2022.
CHIVERS, SPC Dave, B Co, 2-8 CAV, 1970-71. 22 April 2022.
EDWARDS, SSG Lyle P., 27 ORD, 1949. 4 February 2022.
HEFFNER, Trooper Darwin E., C Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1965-66. 4 December 2022.
JENKINS, 1SG (RET) Jerry L., C Co, 1-9 CAV, 1966-67. 16 February 2022.
KVARNES, CPL David H., F Co, 5 CAV, 1951. 13 February 2022.
LANGEVIN, CPL Joseph T., HHC, 2-7 CAV, 1950. 7 July 2022.
MAURER, SP5 Steve, HHB, 1-77 FA, 1970-71. 16 December 2022.
McGREEVY, CPT Robert L., L Co, 3-8 CAV, 1950. 10 July 2022.
MINER, SSG Ralph G., A Co, 27 MSB & D Co, 2-12 CAV, 1961. 15 March 2022.
MORDUE, CPT Norman A. "Judge," C Co, 1-12 CAV, 1967-68. 29 December 2022 (DSC Recipient).
O'BRIEN, PFC Richard M., D Co, 2-8 CAV, 1967-68. 10 November 2022.
PEARSON, SGM (RET) James W., HM, 8 CAV, 1950. 21 September 2022.
POWELL, SGT Thomas I., A Co, 1-8 CAV & HHC, 1-8CAV, 1966-67. 24 May 2021.
REID, CW4 James S., C Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1965-66. 26 November 2022.
SCANNELL, Trooper Ralph, B Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1971-72. 4 February 2022.
SCHRAMM, CW4 (RET) Walter J., B Co, 229AVN, 1965-66. 9 August 2022.
SKELLY, SGT Thomas D., C Co & HHC, 1-12 CAV, 1969-70. 1 February 2022.
SMITH, MSG Franklin R., D Co, 1-12 CAV, 1966. 6 November 2022.
SMITH, COL Rayburn "Gene" G., C Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1965. 22 December 2022.
SUTTON, CPL Ernest L., HHC, G-2, 1CD, 1952. 11 May 2022.
WELCH, COL (RET) Arthur J., B Co, 1-9 CAV & F Co, 1-9 CAV, 1971-72. 5 October 2022.

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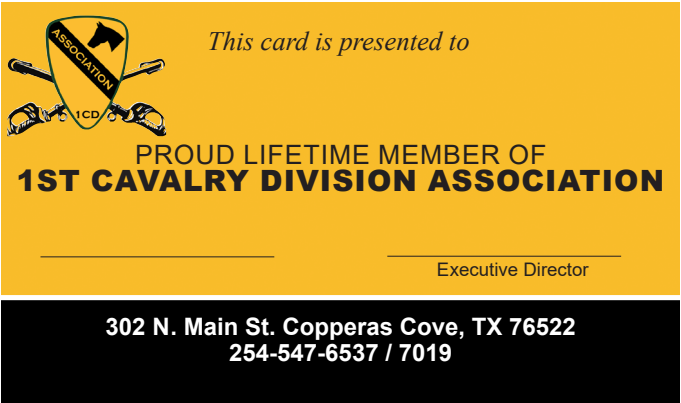
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turned 91 on 1/4/2023
- SGT CULLEN D. FROST
turned 91 on 1/7/2023
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turned 91 on 1/14/2023
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turned 95 on 1/16/2023
- SGT RICHARD M. JOHNSON
turned 93 on 1/19/2023
- COL (RET) MERLE J. PETERSON
turned 92 on 1/20/2023
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turned 92 on 1/28/2023
- 1LT JOHN H. CARTWRIGHT
turned 91 on 2/1/2023
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turned 92 on 2/6/2023
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turned 90 on 2/17/2023
- SGT ANDREW J. MICHEL
turned 91 on 2/18/2023
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turned 90 on 2/22/2023
- SGT THEODORE BOMBARDIER
turned 104 on 2/24/2023
- CW4 (RET) ALBERT MEDEIROS
turned 93 on 2/25/2023
- T-5 ARLIE D. WOOD
turned 100 on 2/25/2023
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DOCUMENTARY: *THE LONGEST MONTH*



You may remember back to the May/ June 2019 *Saber*, a film crew was at the 1CDA Headquarters office recording interviews for an upcoming documentary of their days in and around Baghdad in early 2007. The time finally has arrived! *The Longest Month* premiered on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at the Isis Theater in Fort Worth, Texas.

“The Longest Month” is a documentary film dedicated to telling the story of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade Soldiers that participated in the events during “The Surge” in OIF 06-08.

The Longest Month is an unscripted documentary, covering events that took place in Iraq during February of 2007 at

the beginning of what is commonly known as “The Surge.”

This documentary examines the actions undertaken by members of the 1st and 4th Battalions, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, as described by the Soldiers involved in these events. More helicopters were shot down in Iraq during this time period than any time since the Vietnam War.

The Longest Month chronicles four events that exemplify the challenges faced by these individuals to not only complete their missions but survive the unprecedented 15-month deployment.

Produced by: Dan McClinton and Directed and Edited by: Kenn Christenson

If you wish to read the story behind this documentary:

<<https://www.hollywoodintoto.com/longest-month-movie-us-veterans/>>

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