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## The President's Corner

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It's March already and thankfully, spring is coming soon. Last weekend we had our February meetings of the Association Board of Governors and Foundation Trustees. We had an excellent turnout for these meetings where much of the Association's work is done. All members of the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, and the Foundation Trustees are volunteers. And, to travel to Texas in the middle of the winter can be somewhat of a challenge for those men and women who do not live near Fort Hood/Killeen/Copperas Cove. Some members spend several days on the road and others fly into Texas. In every case adverse weather conditions can wreak havoc on travel plans. My flights to Killeen were uneventful; but, the final leg of the return flight, from Dallas to Charlotte, was quite bumpy. I asked for and received coffee before we hit turbulence. After just a few sips and without warning the jostling began. It took a great deal of concentration to keep from wearing my decision. As it was only one quarter of a cup or so spilled before the flight attendant took away what was left. It was cold by then anyway. No harm, no foul, I suppose.

If you haven't checked out the Association's new website I encourage you to do so. More than half of our members have already signed-on and logged-in to the site. It is user friendly and interactive. You can also sign up for the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion while you are there. A lot of work has gone in to this by the Association staff and the Marketing and Recruitment Committee. Check it out: <[www.1CDA.org](http://www.1CDA.org)> if you have problems, contact the Association staff. They will help you to get setup.

For those of you who ordered the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Commemorative Book, *1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division 1921-2017*, you should have received it by now. Additional copies will be available for purchase. I plan to get at least a couple more copies for my grandkids at the reunion.

Between this issue of the *Saber* and the next we will celebrate Memorial Day, a time when we honor our war dead. I believe that day has a deeper meaning for Combat Veterans and their Families than for the most others. With that in mind, something President Ronald Reagan said during Veterans Day ceremonies seems to me as being also appropriate for Memorial Day: "It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country in wars so far away. The imagination plays a trick.

We see these Soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the founding fathers, grave and gray-haired. But most of them were boys when they died. They gave up two lives: the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for their country, for us. All we can do is remember." Allen (TrailSpike 47)

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with the luck of the Irish, Easter, and Women's History Month.

Women have been involved in the U.S. military since 1775, more so in the civilian fields of nursing, laundering, mending clothes, and cooking. Several hundred women enlisted and fought in the Civil War, nearly all disguised as men and later discovered on the battlefield and in hospitals after becoming wounded. In 1917, Loretta Walsh became the first woman to enlist. However, it was not until 1948

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## HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT James J. Nance

2017 has been eventful for the Horse Cavalry Detachment. Since returning from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade in California we've hit the ground running with parades, ceremonies and now our demonstration season and Yesterday and Today's presentations are starting to increase. During the month of February, your Horse Cavalry Detachment traveled to San Antonio, TX for the Western Heritage Parade and then a week later headed east to Houston to participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR). After riding in the parade, we participated in local high school recruiting in support of the Houston Recruiting Battalion's recruiting efforts throughout the city. The trip culminated in our participation in the Grand Entry for the Military and First Responder Appreciation Night. The Houston trip is an event we do every year and is the best way to kick off the season.



SGT Chevalier riding Alamo during a sunrise staff ride.

March and April once again brings us a list of events. We will be performing in several demonstrations and participating in different parades throughout the Central Texas area, so make sure you come out and support the Horse Cavalry Detachment: April 14 in Burnet for the Bluebonnet Festival and April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Detachment we will be performing out Demonstration for the 35<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment Association. Early May will find us in Fort Sam Houston for the San Antonio Tri-Centennial

Military Appreciation weekend. We are always available after events for photos opportunities and Q&A!

Though spring is looking to be a busy time at the detachment, it is also going to be a period of mourning as we recently lost a great mount and legend. Cambrai served the Horse Cavalry Detachment from 1995 to 2018, and after over 20 years of faithful service his chronic laminitis and injured stifle joint left him unable to stand comfortably without pain or continued injury to himself. This incredible mount carried many 1CD Troopers on their first charge, demonstration, or parade. Several HCD Commanders, as well as Brigade and Division Commanders had Cambrai as their mount trusting him to take care of them no matter what. I know as this news spreads there will be no end to the First Team Troopers past and present that have loved this fine mount. Cambrai was the essence of a true Cavalry mount. On the trail he moved at a steady pace but when it was time To Ride the Ride and weapons were drawn he was a force to be recon with. Cambrai you will be missed, a day will not go by that we will not look to your guide-on on the wall and think of all the amazing rides. Rest well Cambrai may you find rest and cool water on Fiddler's Green.



Cambrai, 2nd horse from the right wearing the brass heart breast collar

As always, we conduct public demonstrations at the detachment on Thursdays at 1000hrs, this is the time we use to train new mounts and Troopers and invite the public to come out and enjoy the show. Feel free to call ahead and reserve some seats at (254) 287-2229. You can also find us on Facebook (Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and let you know about upcoming events and ceremonies.



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2018 Calendar of 1st Cavalry Division Association

Jun 20-24, 2018	71st Annual 1st Cav Division Reunion in Charleston, West Virginia
Nov 9-12, 2018	Veterans Day, Washington D.C.



TAPS

We were notified of the death of the following:  
**BREWER**, MAJ (Ret) Alvie L., HHC, DISCOM & 1CD Band, 1965. 7 February 2018.  
**COBB**, SFC Michael V., B Co, 615th ASB, 2006-2008. 1 February 2018.  
**FLOWERS**, SP-5 Kenneth R., 15<sup>th</sup> MED BN. 9 February 2018.  
**GLASSFORD**, CPT Gary W., C Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1971-1972. 1 February 2018.  
**GOEMMER**, CPT James S., C Co, & A Co, 1-21 FA, 1968-1969. 7 February 2018.  
**HEIM**, SFC (Ret) Dennis A., DIV Master Gunner, 1988. 12 February 2018.  
**KEIHN**, PVT Irving L., A Co, 5th CAV, 1943. 6 February 2018.  
**MAYFIELD**, CPL Harold J., A Co, 5 CAV, 1950. 8 February 2018.  
**MEADE**, SGT Richard E., B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1967. 9 December 2017.  
**MOORE**, SGT Dennis M., E Co 52nd INF, 1967. 23 February 2018.  
**MORRIS**, 1LT Richard A., A Co, 2-5 CAV, 1967. 21 November 2017.  
**PARRISH**, LTC (Ret) Robert D., C Co, 1-5 CAV, 1970. 16 February 2018.  
**REYES**, SGM (Ret) Roy C., B Co, 2-7 CAV, 1969. 2 February 2018.  
**SCHWARZ**, CW2 John R., C Co, 1-9 CAV, 1970. 16 February 2018.  
**SPILLER**, COL (Ret) Robert E., S3, HHC, 2BDE, 1965; G4, HHC, 1CD, 1966. 13 January 2018.  
**VANVLACK**, Trooper John W., D Co, 1-9 CAV, 1966. 9 December 2017.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have been notified of the following Active Duty deaths.  
**COMPTON**, SGT Tyler, D., 1-12<sup>th</sup> CAV, 2017-18. 18 January 2018.  
**VASSAR**, PV2 Colton E., 1-9 CAV, 2016-2018. 1 March 2018.  
**WOLFF**, SPC Devon M., 1-12 CAV, 2016-2018. 3 March 2018.

CAVALRY TROOPER'S MOUNT

**CAMBRAI**, HCD, 1995-2018. March 2018.

The Director's Chair  
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that a law was passed making women a permanent part of the military services.  
Some 40,000 American military women deployed during the Gulf War operations. Not one woman was able to take on any form of combat. Additionally, over 283,000 women were deployed in support of both Iraq and Afghanistan Operations, with 139 souls lost.  
The decision to officially permit women to assume combat roles was because women had served in those same roles from the beginning in both Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Women were injured, killed, and awarded some of the highest honors. Two women received the Silver Star, SGT Leigh Ann Hester (OIF) in 2005, and SGT Monica Lin Brown (OEF) in 2007 for their actions in combat. Over 10,000 combat action badges were awarded to women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.  
We have come a long way since the few brave women abandoned their traditional roles and instead served in combat alongside their husbands during America's earliest beginnings. Today women have a larger presence in our military. More than 200,000 women are serving in the active-duty military. Every day, our

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To be considered for publication, letters should not exceed 300 words and should be of general interest and in good taste. Letters express the writer's opinion, not that of the *Saber* or the 1st Cavalry Division Association.  
Political endorsement and poetry cannot be used. Form letters or third-party letters are not acceptable. Letters which contain libelous or obviously untrue statements will be automatically rejected.  
All letters must be signed with addresses and telephone numbers included. Names will be used with the letters but addresses and phone numbers may be omitted. Letters also may be edited for length or clarification.  
We reserve the right to reject for publication any letter received. Unused letters will not be acknowledged.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

My name is Haley Dudeck and I have been awarded the 1st Cavalry scholarship. I want to thank the members for this scholarship and allowing me to further my college education in nursing. This allows more focus on school and less time worrying about how I will be able to pay for the six or seven mandatory text books. Without the continued generosity, of the 1st Cavalry Division Alumni, students like myself will have a less enjoyable college experience.

Thank you, Haley Dudeck



Dear Editor,

As I study towards the completion of my undergraduate degree in Nutrition with minors in both Chemistry and Personal Training, I reflect back on the wonderful 4 years that I have experienced at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh thanks to the Ia Drang Foundational scholarship. This scholarship gave me the means to purchase needed textbooks, fully pay for my tuition, and allowed me extra funds to visit home for special weekends and other conferences.

In my freshman year, I made a goal to try something new each semester, this way by senior year I would have experienced everything that SUNY Plattsburg had to offer. This intention has proved to be life-changing. Over the course of my undergraduate career, I have acted as President of the Honors Student Association as well as Minor Adjustments A Cappella Ensemble, Vice President of SUNY Plattsburgh's Meditation Club, and served as a Senator in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislation of the Student Association. I am also a member of three honors societies as well as a sister of Theta Phi Alpha Fraternity. In my time here, I have earned five fitness certifications ranging from Yoga to CardioSport, and within a year, become a Supervisor in the Fitness Center. I am also the creator and manager of the SUNY Plattsburgh Fitness Center's Instagram account. I manage the photography, editing and advertising aspects of our account.

This being my final semester at Plattsburgh, I am in the final stages of my undergraduate research project, *The effects of decaffeinated green tea and high-intensity interval training on body composition as measured by body fat percentage and abdominal waist circumference*. I developed this project during my junior year; it will act as my Undergraduate Honors Thesis. This study will further the understanding of the effects of catechin action within the body on body fat loss when it is stimulated, not by caffeine, but rather by the norepinephrine and epinephrine produced during exercise.

The Ia Drang scholarship gave me the means to pursue my studies despite financial hardships. I work tirelessly to ensure that my time here will make my grandfather and the rest of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association proud of me. In May 2018, I will be receiving my bachelor's degree in Nutrition and will be graduating with advanced honors. I am eternally grateful for the opportunities that this scholarship has granted me and hope to continue making the foundation proud in my future endeavors.

Kyala Clegg

A donation to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association helps a student acheive their educational goals and is an investment in the future of America.



CHAPTER NEWS

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

There will be a Chapter Presidents Meeting at the 71st Annual Reunion in West Virginia on Thursday, 21 June at 0900-1000 . It is recommended that you start collecting your ideas to present them to the other Chapters.

JUMPING MUSTANGS

Beginning January 2019, members will receive their copy of the Bugle either by email, the Facebook page, or the Jumping Mustangs website. This will enable members to have access to the current edition of the Bugle faster and will reduce costs incurred by the organization approximately \$600.00 per quarter.

Currently only 86 of our members receive the Bugle by email. I encourage all of you to consider receiving your June 2018 and all subsequent editions by email instead of through the postal service.

If you would like to begin receiving all future editions by email, please contact me at 214-263-4567 or <jerryprater1018@yahoo.com>.

NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

The New York-New Jersey Chapter will hold its Spring Meeting on April 21, 2018 at the Elks Lodge in Ridgfield Park New Jersey. Chapter Updates, Veterans Updates, Lunch-50/50 and Raffle. See old friends, make new ones. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst presents the “Power in the Pines Open House Air Show”, Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>.



Bob Arbasetti & Nancy Dietrich  
of the Ridgfield Park Elks.

SHERIDAN’S CAVALRY CHAPTER

At our recent meeting one of our members – Allen Lynch (1<sup>st</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>) was recognized by the Chapter for the 50th anniversary of his actions in My An / Binh Dinh province 15 December 1967 which led to his award of the Medal of Honor by President Nixon in 1970.

The Chapter welcomed six new Associate Members: Renato Bacci, Paul Basile, Steve Corbo, Eugene Giudice, Philip Tenerelli, Donna Pacanowski from the Italian American Veterans Museum / Stone Park IL. This group has been supporting our Chapter for the past six years.

Sheridan’s Cavalry welcomes new members from any year or conflict who served or were attached with 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. We meet six times a year – for more information contact Terry Hodous <us67-hodo@outlook.com>.

OTHER REUNIONS

**15<sup>th</sup> MED BN Association Reunion, 26-28 April 2018.** Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA, <www.15medbnassociation.org>. POC Dan Toothman <dan-medvac19@outlook.com> or 757-872-8504.

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

**LZ Peanuts 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, 5 May 2018.** Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Columbus, GA. POC Scott Thompson <scottthompson38@gmail.com>; Mike Maynard <mnmaynard@aol.com>; Charles Brown <charles-brown1000@gmail.com>; John McGuire <moguijo@gmail.com>.

**11th Pathfinder Co. (Blackhats), May 21-24.** 11th AAD/1st Cav. Div. (Air) 1964-1972, Ft. Benning, GA, for details contact <r.wolaver@gmail.com>.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division “Big Red One” 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion, 1-5 August 2018.** at the West Lombard in Lombard, Illinois. <www.1stID.org>. POC Society of the First Infantry Division 215-654-1969 or <SFIDPA@gmail.com>.

**Reunion of 8th Cavalry Regiment, 7-9 September 2018.** Reunion of 8th Cavalry Regiment/10th Infantry Division Basic Trainees at The Drury Inn, 913-236-9200, Shawnee Mission, KS. Specifically Fort Riley Basic Training Companies HHC 1 Bn 85th Inf & Item Company 87th Inf Rgt Dec ‘53-Jan ‘54, George Company 86th Inf Rgt Feb-Apr ‘54. Also 8th Cav Rgt May ‘54-Nov ‘56 of Camp Crawford, Hokkaido and Camp Whittington, Honshu, Japan. POC is Steve Bosma 7109 Via Portada, San Jose, CA 95135, 408-270-1319 & Jack Hackley, P.O. Box 40 Oak Grove, MO, 64075-8198, 816-690-3443, <jackremembers@aol.com>.

**77th FA Regiment, 11-16 September 2018.** Hampton Inn, Fernadina Beach, Amelia Island, Florida. POC Juan Garcia, <juanito\_65@yahoo.com>, 713-870-4776. All battalions, all eras welcome.

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

**E Battery 82nd Artillery 1st Can. Div Vietnam, Sept 17 to 21st 2018.** All past unit members who served with the unit while in Vietnam and their significant others; Chattanooga Tn.; Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel; POC. Gordon Eatley, <geatley@cox.net> Please put E Battery in the subject line. Website: <<http://ebtry.myfreesites.net>>

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

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

**1/9 A Troop Punta Gorda Reunion, October 25-28, 2018.** More information will be in the upcoming column of the Saber. Currently contact Michael Bond <mbluvsrj@msn.com>.

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Have you served with any other military unit during a war time period? YES NO

BUSINESS CARDS DISCONTINUED

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

CALENDAR DONATIONS

We are grateful to all who have sent in your  
2018 1CDA Calendar Donation!

We have received a few generous donations & they are greatly appreciated.

Calendar donations keep this program operational. Without your donation we are unable to continue this program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!

NO CHAPTER IN YOUR AREA?

Are YOU interested in forming a new 1st Cavalry Division Association Chapter in your local area?

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First Team!



## 61st FA News

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Hi all, hope this issue of the Saber finds you in good health. We're well into 2018, have survived Super Bowl LII (great game and it was nice to see the Eagles win their first SB!), remembered our spouse on Valentine's Day and some of us survived several extremely severe winter storms (in spite of global warming). Memorial Day is approaching and it provides the opportunity to honor and remember those who served and some who gave all for our nation and freedom. Do hope that all of you who can, will take part in some kind of remembrance.

Ed Jakubowski sent along a few photos of the snow at his home near Lake Erie. He noted that it had added to the ten feet they had already received this winter and more is in the forecast. Keep warm, Ed!

Received a couple of nice phone calls in early February. The first was from Leroy Rogers in Tennessee. He'd noted the remembrances of Speedy Speedman (in the last issue of this column) regarding his assignment as an FO with the 70th Tank Battalion. He was there in the same area with the 7th Cav in December 1951. One of his clear recollections was of operation "Clobber." Now 88 years old, Leroy is doing okay. Enjoyed our chat.

Another call was from Tom McAndrews in South Carolina. He was with the 8th Cav in 1967-68. In the last issue Jimmy Marks noted his memories of the late COL John Kean. Tom also remembered John Kean as his boss and a fine officer and gentlemen from Ft. Johnson in 1975. He wanted to thank Jimmy for calling back those memories. Nice talking to Tom.

Also received an email from Joe Coleman (HQ 56) in PA. Joe said, "I was stationed at Camp Drake for most of 1955 prior to Camp Younghans in 1956 and then to Sendai. Loved Camp Drake, and its proximity to downtown Tokyo. I was in IX Corp HQ. A beautiful building all self-contained with its own mess

hall, supply room, and barracks, etc. I was a wireman/switchboard operator. A tactical switchboard was for emergency use should an outbreak occur. We mostly did line checks 24/7. A real easy job, exempt from details of any kind, KP, guard duty, etc. As you can see, being shipped to Younghans was a real experience. You didn't know named Arrowood or a one with a last name of Abner, did you? They were shipped to Tokyo from Younghans had served in IX Corps with me prior to my going north." Glad to hear from you, Joe, but no, I didn't know or remember anyone by those names. I sent Joe the rosters from both 61st groups for his information (and added him to the Chitose-Younghans roster). I was also at Camp Drake in the IX Corps during my last three or four months in 1955-56 prior to separation. Being so close to Tokyo was a fun time. I remember going into the Ginza district on Sunday, having a steak and lobster dinner and then a hot bath and massage. Nice way to start a new week.

My wife and I spent a staycation with a week in San Diego at the Marriott Pulse Vacation Club. Just needed a few days away from this hectic retirement life in Carlsbad. It's only about 30 miles south, but was nice to spend some time in the Gaslamp area, have some very nice dinners, visit some places we hadn't seen in years, etc. Parking prices in the downtown area are outrageous, but there's nothing much to do, but bite the bullet and pay them. We did visit beautiful Balboa Park and had a nice lunch at the famous Prado Restaurant. Also had the Sunday brunch at the Del Coronado Hotel. Very nice if a bit on the pricey side. San Diego is a great place to visit with the USS Midway, Balboa Park & Zoo, Gaslamp, Sea World, Sea Port Village, Legoland, great beaches, etc. No wonder we have so many tourists coming out here. We stopped on the way home to have a picnic lunch at Water Front Park. The sun was shining and lots of kids were enjoying the playground, but I was still glad I had my windbreaker on.

As you can see this issue is short as I didn't hear from many of you. Do hope you'll do better in the next 60 days as I have to rely on you for information on your activities to keep this column interesting to you and your comrades.

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

## DIVISION DOINGS

### *Troopers attend 1st Past and Present GarryOwen Reunion by David A. Bryant Herald Staff Writer*

KEMPNER, Texas — More than 400 past and present Troopers of the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment "GarryOwen," gathered Saturday night, March 10th, for a first-of-a-kind Past and Present Garryowen Reunion at the Kempner Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

The unit, which was established July 28, 1866, is part of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, and is most well-known for its participation in the Battle of Little Big Horn under the command of LTC George A. Custer and for its victory against a vastly superior force during the Vietnam War at the IaDrang Valley under the command of LTC Hal Moore, a victory later portrayed in the Mel Gibson movie "We Were Soldiers."

The unit's history, stretching from the Troopers' bravery during the Indian Wars through countless victories in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm and into actions in Iraq during the War on Terror, prompted current and former members of the unit to bring everyone together to help foster the deep pride shared by the unit's alumni in the newest generation of "Garryowen" Troopers.

"I love this. I think this is great," said SGT Janna M. Trevino, a combat medic with the squadron's Headquarters and Headquarters Troop. "It's inspiring. A lot of us are new to a (cavalry) unit and have no idea how the cavalry is run. To see all of these Veterans and see everyone get together is great, it makes us want to stay motivated and positive while we do our work." Trevino, who sang the national anthem at the start of the ceremonies, said watching the interaction between young Soldiers and the alumni Troopers who served as far back as the Korean War was amazing.

"This is a very fast-paced unit. The camaraderie is different. This is the type of stuff we need," she said, adding that she would love to do something similar and more often in order to help foster a sense of pride for the unit within the newest Troops who had never served with "GarryOwen" before.

"The new privates who have just gotten here have got to experience this," Trevino said. "Being able to see people who have so much experience in the military... This is just so great."

LTG Paul Funk, III Corps and Fort Hood commander and a former "GarryOwen" commander, even sent a video to the Troopers from the Middle East, where he

currently command Operation Inherent Resolve, the international coalition to defeat the Islamic State.

"I am even more proud I can hold my head high and say that I am a GarryOwen Trooper, just like you," Funk said in the video. "All GarryOwen Troopers have one thing in common, tenacity, the single most important trait of a Trooper. That fixed resolve not to quit when things get tough."

Retired SMA Raymond F. Chandler III, a former command sergeant major for the squadron and the 14th sergeant major of the Army, also offered some words of encouragement for all the Troopers at the event, both past and present.

"My time in 1/7 Cav for me was the most pivotal and most memorable part



**SGT Jenna M. Trevino, sings the National Anthem during the Garryowen Reunion.**

of my military career," he said. "A lot of people ask me, 'do you miss the Army?' Hell no, I do not. What I do miss is you. It's that blood we shared over in Iraq and unfortunately the lives we lost and those who suffer from the visible wounds of war and those who suffer from invisible wounds.

"I just want to tell each and every one of you, thank you for helping to shape my life and for teaching me one of the most important things, that honor is the most important value," Chandler added. "It's what makes GarryOwen, the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the pride of not only the 1st Cavalry Division, but as far as I'm concerned, the rest of the United States Army."

Plans have already begun for the 2019 reunion, which will occur once the unit returns from an upcoming deployment to Europe with the 1st Brigade.

### *Hood Soldier Makes Cover of Magazine by Todd Pruden, Sentinel Editor, FHS Todd Pruden*

Physical fitness is a pillar of the Army. For one Soldier on Fort Hood, it is a priority in his way of life. 1SG Diamond Ott, deputy commandant for the Fort Hood Resiliency Campus, was recognized for his fitness accomplishments this week by being featured on the cover of Men's Health magazine. The issue he is featured in is the magazine's inaugural Special Military Issue, a new feature for the publication, which will continue in the future.

"I would never thought I'd be on a platform such as Men's Health," Ott said. "I'm still trying to let it soak in right now, but I am just trying to keep a level head and not let it get to me." Ott said he got the opportunity to be featured on the cover after the editor of the magazine noticed videos of his workout routine on social media on the internet while deployed with his unit at that time, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

"I was deployed to Kuwait, the editor, he found me on Instagram, asking me to do a photo shoot and an interview with him," Ott said. "I told him I was still in Kuwait, unless they wanted to come to Kuwait to do a shoot by all means, but I told them I would be in contact once I hit ground stateside. Once I got to Fort Hood I reached out to them, 'Hey, you still interested?' They said, 'For sure,' and they flew onto Fort Hood within the next two weeks."

Ott said he started hitting the gym while in JROTC in high school and has not looked back on his fitness level since. "In high school, I was committed to the Army JROTC program," Ott said regarding his decision to join the Army. "I was kind of embedded to it, I had a good mentor. After high school, I knew I was going to get into (the Army). As far as working out, I played a lot of sports, a majority of baseball and soccer. I wasn't a whole lot into the gym atmosphere. That wasn't until after the deployment to Afghanistan."

Ott said the photo shoot for the publication was quite an experience for him and he didn't know he would be on the cover until the creative director of Men's Health sent him a message after the magazine had already gone to press. "It was intense. My very first fitness magazine, so I had to make sure I represented the service in a good way," he said. "The creative director of Men's Health shot me a DM (direct message). He took a photo of the magazine, I guess on the news stand in New York and then he said 'congrats,' and I had to confirm he wasn't Photoshopping it, and then he said, 'nope, it's been published and we're looking forward to when you get your physical copy.'"


In the end, Ott said he hopes he can inspire his fellow Soldiers to maintain their fitness and keep up with Army standards. "Usually, what I tell the people that work out with me, I just show them," Ott said. "This is my place and time. If you show up, you show up, alright and from there we'll figure out what your strengths and capabilities are, I can share ideas with that person and go from there. You just have to show up. That's the hard part."

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**(Ret) SMA Raymond F. Chandler III, PVT Spencer Baughman & (Ret) COL Bill Salter cutting the cake.**





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VOICES OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS

Greetings! During the upcoming General Membership Meeting to be conducted in Charleston, WV in conjunction with the ICDA reunion. George McKee who is currently the 1<sup>st</sup> VP has decided not to run for another term. George has served over the past several years and has been an asset to the Association. He co-authored the current version of the By Laws. In addition to 1<sup>st</sup> VP position, we will be voting to fill six Board of Governor’s seats that are up for re-election and four vacant seats.

We will also consider the 2019 5<sup>th</sup> Cav Reunion. Currently we have a contract with a hotel in Alexandria, VA. Our attendance numbers have decreased immensely for the past three reunions, of which I take full responsibility as the Reunion Coordinator. We have had discussions about moving the venue to Branson, Mo. Although the room rates probably won’t change a lot, the cost of food and other attractions in Branson would be quite a bit more affordable, hoping to encourage more members to attend.

I certainly hope we can obtain a lot more input from our members. If you can’t attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Reunion in June at our general membership meeting, please feel free to contact either any of our officers, BOG members, or myself. My contact information is <www.woodcamp@att.net>, or by phone at 417-844-5347.

“Intellectuals solve problems. Geniuses prevent them.” Einstein.  
Of which I’m neither, Jim.

A New Webmaster for 5<sup>th</sup> Cav Association!

Good news for all (especially Rich Sherwood), my daughter as agreed to pick up where her mother, Barbara, left off in June 2015 on her sudden death. Patti Reecamper has a lot of informal training through her jobs in varying capacities. Over the next couple of days and weeks she’ll be working with Rich in assuming these duties. Rich has been over whelmed by accepting not only the position of Treasurer, but also taking on a large portion of the Membership duties with the help of Phil Truit. Many of the jobs were assumed by Rich and Phil without being asked. They both display the “Can Do” spirit.

This photo was posted on Twitter by President Trump as a message to NFL Players that choose to kneel during the National Anthem. Regardless of your political beliefs and/or affiliation, one can’t help to be moved by this picture.

Although I don’t know her name or the name of the fallen warrior, I can’t stop myself looking at this picture and trying to sympathize with her pain & misery she experiences every day. How she endures the days of purgatory and nights of hell. The innocence of the infant beside her that will never really know her or his father and all the pleasures and joys having him to hold her in times of need.



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Los Angeles	8	7	.533	3					
Atlanta	7	7	.500	3 1/2					
Philadelphia	7	8	.467	4					
Houston	6	7	.462	4					
Pittsburgh	6	7	.462	4					
Chicago	6	8	.429	4 1/2					
New York	5	9	.357	5 1/2					
American League									
	W	L	PCT.	GB					
Detroit	10	3	.769	—					
Minnesota	9	5	.643	1 1/2					
Baltimore	8	5	.615	2					
Washington	9	6	.600	2					
Boston	7	5	.583	2 1/2					
New York	7	8	.467	4					
Cleveland	5	9	.357	5					
California	5	10	.333	6					
Chicago	1	11	.091	8 1/2					

REAL BASEBALL FANS REMEMBER THIS!

This was how MLB was set up before the several changes in the way leagues were split into the 3 divisions the way it is now. There was inter-league play before the World Series.

This was copied from The Saigon Post, dated Tuesday, April 30, 1968. This was just before I returned to the Land of the Big PX.

The Story of My Life

Author unknown

I have been in many places, but I’ve never been in Cahoots.

Apparently, you can’t go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I’ve also never been incognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don’t have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children,

friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I’m not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I’ve been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I’m in Capable, and I go there more often as I’m getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! I may have been in Continent, but I don’t remember what country I was in. It’s an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

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Satellite Communication Systems Operator-Maintainer, and how he was rocking the sand hills of Ft Benning. Tyler was last seen by you with Bill Bocock and I at the 2006 Louisville, Kentucky Reunion, as a mere lad of 11 years. FYI, "Satellite communication systems operator-maintainers are responsible for making sure that the lines of communication are always up and running. They maintain the multichannel satellite communications for the entire Army. Job training for a satellite communication systems operator-maintainer requires 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training and 18 weeks of Advanced Individual Training with on-the-job instruction. Part of this time is (*and I love this part*) spent in the classroom and in the field." Unfortunately, (and who hasn't done this?), within the week he had fallen from the monkey-bars, broken his leg, dislocated his ankle, and wound up in hospital with a plate and innumerable screws to reattach detached pieces. As I craft, we are expecting him home today for convalescent leave. The following and in no particular order:

**0202** Sergeant Tyler Dylan Compton (insert photo) 1-12 Cavalry Regiment of Fredericksburg, Virginia died 18 January 2018. He was a 2010 graduate of Brooke Point High School in Stafford, Va. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Infantryman. Assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division since April 2017, SGT Compton deployed in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel from September 2015 to March 2016 and deployed to Kuwait from April to November 2017. He was a highly decorated Soldier and proud of his service. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sons, Chase and Brentley Compton, among others. The Family requests expressions of sympathy be made in SGT Compton's honor to the Blue Star Mothers of America at <www.BlueStarMothers.Org>. <KDHNews.Com> "I was your sons Weapons Squad Leader while in Hawaii. Tyler was an outstanding Soldier and friend. Tyler was an energetic, intelligent, and hardworking man. He was the very best of his generation and volunteered to be a part of something much greater than himself; he was a true hero and patriot in every way. Thank you so much for allowing me to have the opportunity to lead your wonderful boy for the time I was able to do so. He was a blessing in my life as I know he was to so many people. His name and memory will forever be carried on my heart. I will miss Tyler and his goofy antics. 1SG Scott "Daddy" Homer (Tyler gave me that nickname)."

**0402** From Mister Peabody's WABAC machine, the Valley Morningstar of Brownsville, Texas: (As in 1915, not 2015) 1 January 15, - "With the area still fairly quiet, servicemen were able to arrange for an inter-service football match. The 12th Cavalry at Harlingen played the Coast Artillery contingent from Brownsville to a 13:13 tie. LT Burwell was the Harlingen's team captain and quarterback. He played well as did W. Largent and lineman Gee." (Come on Lads! Tied by the Coast Artillery? Where was the old Cavalry Spirit?) 2/19/15 - "Captain A.O.P. Anderson commanding Troop B of the 12th Cavalry thanks Lon C. Hill for suggesting willow poles for erection of a corral and then permitting the cutting of them from his property." (So, the Devil's Advocate in me poses, 'Was Mr. Lon C. indeed being a nice generous sharing kind of guy, or did he have a lot of shrub willows he wished to be rid of on the cheap?' You may email me your answers.) <ValleyMorningstar.Com>.

**0602** The 12th Cavalry Regiment 2018 Branson, Missouri Reunion shall be from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> instance of September 2018. Site shall be The Lodges at Timber Ridge by Welk Resorts, 1984 State Highway 165, Branson, MO 65616. "Offering spacious luxury vacation lodge rentals, on-premise dining, unique resort experiences, fitness center, mini golf, game room and world-class live theatre entertainment. In addition, our 10,000 square foot Splash-a-Torium is open year-round, with a 100-foot slide, splash zone, indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, plenty of deck chairs for lounging, and locker rooms." Sounds like a great location to relax so as not to have your nerves grate, (or some such). Room reservations may now be made by calling 1-800-808-9355 or 1-417-336-3575. Use 12th Cavalry Reunion, Group Ref # 523159. Rates are \$89.00 plus tax per night, 2 per room, cost includes your Breakfast Buffet. Fill'er up! <ThomasCrabtree>.

**0802** Per last issue's M16 story request: "My name is Bruce Thatcher, I was a FO from Battery C 1/77th FA, attached to Company C 2-12th Cav 1966-1967. We were told to clean them M16s dry with no oil. Then clean them in a bath of oil. I even think that they said clean them in hot soapy water and the dry them off. (It's a bit hard to do out in the field.) Anyway, it must

have been sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We were involved in a small fire fight. I was adjusting fire support from a 105-howitzer battery when I heard something behind us. It was a NVA soldier starting to mount his AK 47. I swing my M-16 around and squeezed the trigger and it went CLICK. He squeezes the AK's trigger and it went CLICK. I threw a hand grenade and it went BANG. I never carried an M-16 after that. My favorite weapon was the Grease Gun! It never failed me plus I used the folding stock as a cooking grill to make coffee." <Trooper Bruce Thather>. Thanks Cousin Brucie (Cousin Brucie Morrow, 77-WABC, NY, back in the day reference.)

**1002** Ken, "I've been enjoying the Facebook posts, and after watching episode 6 of the Ken Burns series, I thought I'd send you a positive picture of Ace High 2-12<sup>th</sup> 1st Air Cav. The attached is a picture from February 1970. Finally, out of the bush doing med-caps and waiting to ETS. PICKZS. <SP 5 Ken Knutson, 6 Band Aid>.

**1202** Trooper Bill Bocock and I were discussing Ken Knutson's emails about Tony and his cousin Hal Richards who served together with us in Ace High 2-12. Ken stated this Trooper had died and Bo Googled up this obituary. Last I knew he was still with A2-12 and was a Specialist four. Sadly, I have no picture of him, nor was one posted with his notice. Anthony J. 'Tony' Wawrzonkiewicz, 64, "of Jersey City, N.J., entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 2, 2012. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, July 6, at St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church, Jersey City. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, N.J. Born in Jersey City, Anthony was a warehouseman at Union Cold Storage for 14 years. A Vietnam War Veteran, he served in the U.S. Army, A2-12 Cavalry, and was awarded two Bronze Stars, and numerous medals. Anthony is survived by close friend, Natasha Boobis, a niece and a nephew, among others. Published in Star-Ledger on July 4, 2012." May all our honored dead find eternal peace and rest. Semper Paratus! <Obits.NJ.Com>.

**1402** Following up on, and making moot previous stories here, "The Department of Defense announced the launch of an easily-accessible web-based tool that will provide customized individual guidance to Veterans who desire to upgrade or change the conditions of their military discharge. Over the years, some Veterans have criticized the review process as daunting or difficult to understand. The issuance of supplemental guidance over the past few years had the unwanted side effect of creating multiple guidance documents that could be confusing to some. Some Veterans also suffer with mental health or other conditions that make tasks like these more difficult for them than for others. Simplifying and customizing the guidance; by answering a few short questions, Veterans will know which board they need to go to, what form to fill out, any special guidance applicable to their case, where to send their application, and some helpful tips for appealing their discharge. Any Veterans who believes their discharge was unjust, erroneous, or warrants an upgrade are encouraged to use this tool and then apply for review. <www.Vets.Gov/Discharge-Upgrade-Instructions>.

**1602** Mo' WABAC. "50 years ago: 3rd Diné dies in Vietnam. For the third time since 1966, the Navajo Times published a story on a member of the tribe who was killed fighting in Vietnam. Between 1965 and 1973, more than 4,000 Navajos would serve in Vietnam and the Navajo Times informed its readers not only where tribal members were stationed but when they were injured seriously or died. Sp4 Patrick Skeet was on a combat mission 25 February 1968 when he was killed by hostile forces. (*A ground causality of small arms fire in Thua Thien Province, his tour began 28 January 1968.*) He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Money Skeet who received their mail at the Cousins, New Mexico, Trading Post. He was a member of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry. His services were held at the Pine Hill, New Mexico, mission. The Navajo Times published several stories during the Vietnam War about the patriotism of Navajo young men who volunteered to go to Vietnam at a time when many young people were going to college or even Canada to avoid the draft. Part of the reason, according to the Times, was because their fathers were Veterans of World War II. While the role of the Navajo Code Talkers was known to some, it was not officially made public until that August so that definitely played a major role in recruitment from 1969 on. But the main factor was the efforts of recruiting officers during the war. They visited reservation high schools several times during the school year, especially BIA boarding schools that had ROTC programs." <NavajoTimes.Com>. It still hurts to read of this tragedy, even after the passage of 50 years. I hope some of you might know and continue to remember Patrick and treasure his memory.

**1802** The 12th Cavalry Mounted Band. "In August the afternoon temperature on a parade ground in Brownsville, TX might hover around 100°+ F. Most concerts by the 12th Cavalry Band were scheduled for later in the cooler evening with the band performing on the post bandstand. The band acted as ambassadors for Ft. Brown's Army Troops to Brownsville's and Texas' and Mexico's civilian communities. During the summertime in the 1920s the band gave public concerts twice a week. Their music programs usually began with a march, followed by an arrangement of an opera overture, a few light popular tunes featuring a solo instrument, and finished with a foxtrot. Cavalry horses were apparently very fond of dancing. The Bandmaster of the Twelfth Cavalry Band was named George A. Horton. Bandmaster Horton was married and had two daughters with musical talent on violin and voice (*making them quite the catch?*)

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Sergeant Tyler Compton



Thunder Horse 2-12 Yoga Training



1970 Ken Knutson Med-Cap

### Band Concert Will Be Given at Post

The Twelfth cavalry band, under the direction of Bandmaster George A. Horton, will give a concert tonight in the band pavilion at Fort Brown. The public is invited to attend.

#### Program

1. March, Entrance of the Guards, Flath.
2. Overture, The Silver Bell, Schlip-angell.
3. Selection, Under Mant Flags, Klein.
4. Double Number, Love in Idleness, (renade). Macbeth; Little Egypt (dance), Bangerholte.
5. Medley, The Master, O'Harte.
6. Fox Trot, Driftwood, Gold.

#### 12 November 1924 Program



## 7th CAV News



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Greetings again, my friends! Here we are, so much closer to the 2018 Annual Reunion for the 1st Cavalry Division Association, scheduled for June 20-24 in Charleston, West Virginia. I truly look forward to seeing you there. Make sure that you get your reservations in as soon as possible, go to <www.1CDA.org> for more information.

I found some interesting stories in my email inbox for this issue that I want to share with you. Once again, I urge you to submit your own stories for publication here. Just get in touch with me using the information above.

If you watched this year's Super Bowl, then you saw several Medal of Honor recipients honored during the coin toss at the beginning of the game. One of those was Joe Marm, who was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry on 14 November 1965. His local newspaper, the Wilson Times, had this to say about him, "It was very special with all the applause just to be in the company of the two football teams and the other Medal of Honor recipients, to be with them and be at the Super Bowl," said Marm. "I have never been to a Super Bowl before, so that was unique to be there for the first time and to be honored and to be out there on the field." Marm and the other recipients stood together at midfield at the beginning of the game as World War II Veteran Woody Williams, himself a Medal of Honor recipient, tossed the coin to determine which team would receive the kickoff.



**COL (Ret) Joe Marm**

"Woody is a legend. He was on Iwo Jima and they had a very high mortality rate, particularly his job of carrying a flamethrower," Marm said of Williams. "He was able to make it through and earned a Medal of Honor for his actions. He is one of our four living recipients from World War II of the 71 that are still living total." But for the people in Fremont, it is Walter Joseph Marm Jr. who is the legend. Marm, a native of Washington, Pennsylvania, enlisted in the U.S. Army five days after graduation from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. In a 30-year career that spanned from 1964 to 1995, Marm completed two tours in Vietnam.

COL (Ret) Marm's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. As a platoon leader in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 1LT Marm demonstrated indomitable courage during a combat operation. His company was moving through the valley to relieve a friendly unit surrounded by an enemy force of estimated regimental size. 1LT Marm led his platoon through withering fire until they were finally forced to take cover. Realizing that his platoon could not hold very long, and seeing four enemy soldiers moving into his position, he moved quickly under heavy fire and annihilated all 4. Then, seeing that his platoon was receiving intense fire from a concealed machine gun, he deliberately exposed himself to draw its fire. Thus, locating its position, he attempted to destroy it with an antitank weapon. Although he inflicted casualties, the weapon did not silence the enemy fire. Quickly, disregarding the intense fire directed on him and his platoon, he charged 30 meters across open ground, and hurled grenades into the enemy position, killing some of the 8 insurgents manning it. Although severely wounded, when his grenades were expended, armed with only a rifle, he continued the momentum of his assault on the position and killed the remainder of the enemy. 1LT Marm's selfless actions reduced the fire on his platoon, broke the enemy assault, and rallied his unit to continue toward the accomplishment of this mission. 1LT Marm's gallantry on the battlefield and his extraordinary intrepidity at the risk of his life are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.

**This is from Edd (HeavyHeavy) Vanderpool**, who served with the 3rd platoon of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry. On 1 March 1968, Bravo Company, 2/7 Cavalry, was on a company sweep northwest of Hue when we made contact with a well-entrenched NVA unit of unknown size. I carried the M60 machine gun and was called "HeavyHeavy" because the gun and my size. The 2nd Platoon almost immediately had a man wounded and the 3rd Platoon (light)



**PFC Eugene Calhoun Martin**

was sent out to secure an LZ for medivac. Some "higher being" decided that we should move all of our platoons on line, as had been done in previous wars. That's when all hell broke loose.

Larry Carpenter (Carp) was on the far end of the right flank, he was wounded in the opening salvo. I moved out to help Carp and I was shot just after I got to him. Soon afterwards, the medic John Vaz and Thomas Smith (Smitty) slid in to assist. They were both wounded immediately. Eugene Martin (we called him Calhoun) slid in next to see what was going on. He started laying down covering fire while I tried to figure out what to do next.

A few minutes later SGT Roy

Townsend and Ray Brown dropped into position behind a termite mound that we were using for cover and concealment. The medic that came down with them moved forward to render aid and was shot the minute he dropped down beside me. Calhoun was still laying down covering fire and we were starting to get air support from Gunships and fast movers. After a while, the medic asked Calhoun to patch me up, so Calhoun came over to see what he could do. Just as he reached out to put a patch on the hole in my back an NVA soldier fired a shot that hit Calhoun's glasses—blew them right off his face. He fell backwards and started crying out that he was blind. We tried to convince him that he wasn't. SGTs Townsend and Brown were behind us laying down covering fire and calling in the fire support. Finally, being convinced that he wasn't blind, he decided to make another attempt at patching up the hole in my back.

Just as he got in position to apply the patch the NVA really started laying the fire in our direction. Rounds were popping everywhere but Calhoun wouldn't roll away and instead laid over my head and shoulders and took the bullet that would have killed me. The bullet traveled through his shoulder and flak jacket and then hit me in the hip. Calhoun wanted to know if I was okay, not concerned about his own wound. He asked for another weapon and ammo and returned to putting down covering fire with his shoulder ripped apart and bleeding.

I was the first one to be medevac'd and choppered out. I lost track of him after that as I was medevac'd to Japan before returning to the World. I ran into Calhoun at Ft. Campbell KY after we both had returned to the States and he was looking good. We shared a bunch of beers after that. Calhoun was one of the first people I met when I got to the field in May 67 and we had become close friends.

Calhoun passed away from cancer in 2004. Calhoun was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for his heroic actions that day, the same award I got for getting shot, his decoration should have been much higher, in my estimation he should have received the Silver Star for what he did and the lives he saved. Calhoun is a hero to my family and me because he took the bullet that was meant to end my life. As a result, I was able to return to the World and enjoy the rest of my life. My whole family knows of Calhoun's bravery and that we are all here because him. I have shared this story with everyone who would listen. I went to St. Louis this past summer and met his twin brother, who also served in Vietnam, and shared the story with him. I'm telling you this story because Calhoun was not properly acknowledged for his bravery. Please remember him when you remember others from our war.



**Bill Doc McClung**

**The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum** in Holmdel Township pays tribute to the 1,562 men and 1 woman from that state who were killed or are missing in action. The memorial was dedicated in 1995 and tours are conducted by volunteer New Jersey Veterans. One of those Veterans is one of our own. Bill 'Doc' McClung acts as both a tour guide and tour captain at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation. He has volunteered at the Memorial since 2009. Bill was drafted into the US Army from his hometown of Kearny, NJ after graduating from college and teaching for a year in the NJ public school

system. He entered the service in June 1968. He received his basic training at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina and advanced training at the Army's Medical Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, and San Antonio, Texas. He remained at Fort Sam for 6 months as an instructor at Medical Training Center. He was then sent to The Republic of South Vietnam and served as a combat medic for a reconnaissance platoon with the 1st Cavalry Division in III Corps for 7 months and then as a medic at a Battalion Aid Station for 5 months.

Today, Bill is retired after 27 years with Johnson & Johnson as Director of Management Education & Development. He lives in Little Silver, NJ with his wife Lorraine. They have two grown sons who still live in the Monmouth County area.

Bill is a member of the VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, the First Cavalry Division Assn, the 7th Cavalry Assn, the 5th Bn 7 Cav Assn and the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation. He enjoys volunteering at the Memorial and Education Center to ensure that today's younger generation supplements their classroom learning and hear from Veterans who experienced the Vietnam Era and War.

Thanks to you, Bill, for the work that you do at the Memorial, and for your service to our country. Welcome home, Doc!

**A fellow member of Echo Company, 1st of the 7th, Tom Preece**, recently had a book published. I have read it and recommend it to all who like mystery-thrillers with a connection to Vietnam. Tom's book takes place in the States years after the main character's return to the World. You can find the book on Amazon, it is: *The Last Lost Warrior* by Tom A. Preece, ISBN 978-1539728153.

I'm sure that you noticed our stories this issue was about Vietnam Veterans. It is not that I am favoring folks from that war, but instead they are the only stories I received. This column is for the stories of all 7th Cavalrymen. Please consider sending them to me. Don't worry about the layout of the story, I will be happy to help with the formatting. If you like, please call me and we can discuss how to best get your ideas into writing and then into the column. So, until we meet again, Garryowen!

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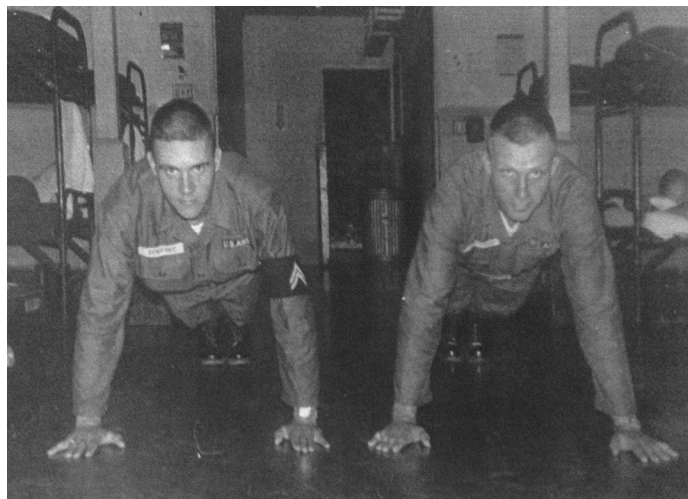
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**Reconnecting:** I wrote in the last column about reconnecting with those whom we served with so long ago but with whom we have lost contact over the years. That is the main reason I encourage currently servicing service members to make it a point to stay in touch with one another. I recount with them our experiences of trying to do so after 50 years, it is quite a challenge. This note arrived the other day from Donn H. Berney <dhahb21@gmail.com>:



Sekavec-Berney

“Retired MSG Brackie D. Sekavec and CPT Donn H. Berney in Pre-Airborne AIT at Fort Gordon in 1965 are shown in the photo here. The Special Forces Procurement Team from Fort Bragg administered the PT test before 232 classmates transferred to Fort Benning. All 232 were shipped to RVN as the first airborne replacements to the 1st Airborne Brigade, 1st Cavalry

Division. Brackie served in Bravo and Donn in Charlie Companies 2/8th in Ahn Khe during 1965-1966. Brackie moved up to Pathfinders in the Battalion and Donn became LTC Tackberry's RTO just prior to going to Fort Benning to attend Infantry OCS. Brackie returned to attend the Special Forces Training Program, was combat wounded and retired. He is also retired as a homicide detective in Tucson, AZ. Donn served in the 1st Airborne Brigade of the 8th Infantry Division (2/509th Airborne/Mechanized Battalion) and then went back to RVN serving in the 26th GS Group in direct support of the 101st Airborne Division. He then went back to Fort Bragg for three years in the 82nd Airborne Division and then served in the 20th Special Forces Group. Brackie lives in Tucson, AZ and Donn lives in Parrottsville, TN. Reunited after 38 years, they visit together almost every year. They would like to hear from anyone who served in the 2/8th Cav in 1965-1966.”

**A return visit:** Many of you know “Doc” Stephen Bird. He was a medic with us in 2/8 Cav and 15th Med in Vietnam 1968-69. Steve is one of nine Vietnam Purple Heart Veterans chosen nationally by the VFW for a 2 week all-expense paid trip to Vietnam. Their tour will include time in Hanoi, Da Nang, Hue, and Saigon [Ho Chi Minh City] April 5 through 18. He plans to visit our old base camp area in Quan Loi and promises to take lots of pictures to share with us. He said he may even try to do a “blog” [whatever that is... Ed]. *Bon Voyage, Steve!*



Steve Bird Quang Tri 1968

“Deploy or find something else to do in civilian life.” A recent article in the website <military.com> caught my eye recently. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis had some direct comments regarding a very serious problem facing our military today that was brought to his attention by the Army – deployability. Faced with the ongoing challenges of a military force that is often dealing with too many missions and too few deployable service members, the burden of frequent deployments has fallen disproportionately on some. Mattis is quoted as saying, “I’m not going to have some people deploying constantly and then other people, who seem not to pay that price, in the US military.” His statement “Deploy or find something else to do in civilian life” really struck a chord. Many of us have experienced this issue first hand. Here is another quote: “If you can’t go overseas and carry a combat load, then obviously someone else has got to go. I want to spread fairly and expertly across the force.” What brought about this new “12 Month Deploy or Remove policy?” Here are some of the numbers from the article: Army CSM John Traxell stated that 11% or 235,000 of our 2.1 million service members are non-deployable: 20,000 due to pregnancy and 116,000 due to short term injuries or wounds. Robert Wilkie, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee indicated that up to 286,000 service members could be forced out under the new “12 month deploy or remove” policy. That is the number that he said are non-deployable on any given day. Secretary Mattis told of an encounter with one serviceman’s wife who told him that they had been married eleven years and that her husband was on his sixth combat deployment. The Secretary is very concerned with the lethality of the force, and these indicators are certainly the reasons why he is taking action to address the issue. He is at the same time of one mind with those who have been wounded in action and who wish to remain in the force, if that is their choice. “We’ll find a place to use them. That’s a special category. They’ve earned that special status,” he said.

There are exceptions to the policy, or course, but the force is empowered to begin applying the policy now. Read the entire article at <<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2018/02/18/mattis-deploy-or-find-something-else-do-civilian-life.html>>. Ongoing reports can be usually found at <military.com>.

**Recruiting problems:** I mentioned above steps Secretary Mattis is taking to address the lethality issue facing the force. The “deploy or out” policy tackles one aspect of it but may negatively affect another aspect as it does. Another serious issue confronting today’s military is addressed by Gina Harkins in the February issue of *Military Officer*. She writes, “More than 70% of 17 to 24 year-old are ineligible for military service, according to DoD data. Nearly a third of those young people weigh too much to qualify.” Retention is another aspect of the personnel shortage facing today’s military. Harkins reports “The military services also are fighting their own battles with obesity. Nearly a fifth of Soldiers were classified as obese in 2015 according to the Army’s 2016 Health of the Force report. Criminal records, past drug abuse, and failure to meet educational requirements are other top disqualifiers.” The improved economy exacerbates the problem of this shortage of eligible recruits. At a time when the military is adding additional Troops to its end strength, the problem becomes even more acute. A change in recruiting standards is one approach some services are taking to help alleviate the problem. Those of us who served in the 1960’s and ‘70’s have been down this road before and are aware of the implications of such an approach. This is a serious situation facing the nation. Go to <[moaa.org](http://moaa.org)> and click on “View the February 2018 edition” to read her insightful article, “Recruiting Woes.”

**History sadly repeats itself:** Helicopters and accidents seem to go hand-in-hand. We had more than a few during my time in 2/8 Cav in Vietnam. Some had to do with mechanical failures, some with weapon discharges in flight. Many were due to enemy action. A few were due to pilots making extraordinary, heroic attempts to help us on the ground when they might have been better off leaving us on our own for their safety. The ones that really made one cringe were tail rotor accidents in which a Soldier looking down due to the dirt stirred up by the rotor wash would walk into a rotor blade. We had such an accident with a Huey and with a Chinook. We reinforced safety after each incident: “Never approach a Chinook with spinning blades from the front – never approach a Huey from the rear!!!” It brought me vividly back to those incidents when I read about the recent such fatal training accident involving Navy LT James A. Mazzuchelli, a 32-year-old flight surgeon; it makes one shudder. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his Family. We understand and know the pain that accompanies such a loss. Rest in Peace, Lieutenant Mazzuchelli.

**2018 Reunion:** Our 2018 reunion will be held alongside the 1st Cavalry Division Association’s in Charleston, WV June 20-24. Signed up for the reunion yet? It’s not too soon. Rooms are going fast at the main hotel, so you might want to get your reservation in now, you can always cancel later if you can’t make it. As always, we plan to have our own 8th Cavalry hospitality room. Some groups who often host their own, separate reunions plan to attend, so it should be an even better gathering. We hope to see you there! Until next time, Honor and Courage! Tom

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REUNION 2018

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

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

**1st Vice President**  
**2nd Vice President**  
**3rd Vice President**  
**Three Foundation Trustees**  
**Two Museum Foundation Trustees**  
**Ten Places on the Board of Governors**

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, 2018 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 15 April 2018 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 71th Annual Reunion of the Association on Saturday 23 June 2018 in Charleston, West Virginia. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. A Life Member making such nomination will be expected to provide the information outlined above on the nominee and in addition provide assurance that the nominee is either present at the General Membership meeting or has agreed to accept nomination to the specified office.



## 9th CAV News

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Greetings from Southwest Virginia, at beautiful Smith Mountain Lake, the Jewel of the Blue Ridge.

Here is a story from **Rodney A. Love** who was in the D Troop 1/9<sup>th</sup> on an incident that took

place on June 6, 1969:

As a sergeant and trained scout, I spent 1969 in the jungles and plantations around our base camp, located in Quan Loi, in Phonic Vhin Province, III Corp Area. We (1<sup>st</sup> Platoon) rarely ever got back into base camp. Our area of operation covered a very large area, along with the Cambodian Border, south of Ahn Loc, and the entire Phouc Vhin Province. To move quickly and cover that area, our platoon consisted of four-gun jeeps mounted with M-60 machine guns, two-gun jeeps mounted with 106 recoilless rifles, two light trucks, one carrying our mortar spread and the other carrying a rifle squad, some 35 men total.

We had run into a lot of enemy activity in our area and knew that the NVA were building up for an assault on Quan Loi. At least two NVA Regiments were in the area. We were called back into the base camp and assigned to perimeter bunkers on the eastern end of the runway, where our helicopters were parked in revetments. It was June 4, 1969.

At about 3:30 on the morning of June 6, 1969, the lieutenant radioed my bunker and wanted me to see him at the CP, which was the next bunker up the line. The bunkers were spaced approximately 100 feet apart with a 6-foot berm, built up between each bunker.

As I walked into the bunker's back door opening, an RPG entered the bunker through the front window opening and detonated. I was temporarily blinded in the flash and felt the sting of hot, razor sharp shrapnel cutting into my right side, face, and arm as the percussion from the blast bounced me off the bunker wall and threw me out the back door opening. I struggled to my feet, disoriented and could not hear. I remember the lingering smell of spent gun powder as another, more powerful blast went off right behind me. I was standing about 3 feet behind the sandbag wall of the bunker and the full force of the blast was directed outward and upward, taking me with it.

The blast threw me some 40 feet and I landed on my back near the end of the flight line in a flat, wide open space. My whole body was numb, and I was coughing up blood, I couldn't breathe. I was drowning in my own blood. When I coughed, the blood went up in the air and came back down, landing in my eyes. I remember seeing the artillery flares drifting down from above and incoming mortar rounds exploding all around me. I could not hear anything and was fighting to remain conscious. It took all my strength to wipe some of the blood out of my eyes and roll over on my side so that the blood would run out of my mouth allowing me to breathe. I took my hand and tried to feel the back of my leg but couldn't feel anything. When I brought my hand back around, it was drenched in blood, I remember saying to myself, "Huh." Then I saw an NVA Sapper running toward me, he probably wanted to finish me off. I rolled over on my stomach, pulled out my 45 and took real careful aim. When he was about 15 feet away from me, I pumped three 45 caliber slugs into him.

I thought to myself, I must get back to that bunker line. If I stay here, I'm a dead man. I struggled to my feet, but my right leg would not work at all. So, I used it as a crutch and hobbled back to the berm between the bunkers and sat on my leg hoping to put enough pressure on my wound to slow down the bleeding. I was losing a lot of blood and my strength was waning. I covered the rear of the bunker as there were no more NVA behind us than in front of us. When using a revolver, you always count your rounds as you fire. When I got down to two round left, I reached for my ammo pouch on my web belt. It was gone. The blast must have ripped it off my web belt. So, I pulled out my knife and stuck it in the dirt next to me. I remember saying to myself, "No damned NVA is going to make it alive to that bunker door opening." Tracer rounds peppered the ground around me and the incoming mortar rounds continued to detonate, seemingly everywhere. I was still losing a lot of blood.

As I took aim again, my 45 felt like it weighed 100 pounds. I could not hold it up and my eyes got very blurry. Then everything went black and I crumpled over. The next time I regained consciousness I was in a helicopter flying at night. I felt the damp, cool night air blowing in on me and a baggage tag tied to me was fluttering around in the wind. I felt like I was lying in a puddle of warm water. I looked over and saw some of the wounded men and a medic working on one of them. Their screams of agony still haunt me. I looked at the floor next to me and the helicopter floor was awash in blood, which I was lying in. Everything went black again.

The next time I regained consciousness, I was in the hospital at Cham Rahn Bay. I looked down, reluctantly, to see if I still had two legs. They were still there. I had cuts all over me and every bone in my body hurt. I felt my back side and felt a line of stitches running from the upper part of my back right thigh, over my buttocks, and all the way up to my waist. I thought to myself, that explosion really laid me wide open. A nurse came over and I asked her, "How long?" She replied, "Three days. You need to rest. The doctor dug imbedded rocks, bits of sand bag material, and a lot of shrapnel out of you, and stitched up your back side."

I did not like being there. I had no rifle, no 45, not even a knife. All an enemy Soldier had to do is toss a few hand grenades and we would all be dead. I felt too vulnerable. About two months later they released me from the hospital and I was eager to get back in the jungle with my men. At least there, I could fight Charlie on my terms, not his.

I learned the fate of my men in that bunker, 1 KIA and 6 wounded. Four were critically wounded but made it back home. To this day, I am still in contact with some of those men.

We encourage you to send more stories of this nature for the 9<sup>th</sup> Cav Column. Always remember: We Can & We Will. We Could & We Did. And until next time in the Saber.

## 12th Cav News

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that sometimes caught the attention of the Brownsville newspaper. Horton also played violin and led the bandsmen when they appeared as an orchestra at the post's social soirees for officers and wives. Horton conducted the 12th Cavalry band from at least 1922 until 1929 when another bandmaster took over." <TempoSenzaTempo.BlogSpot.Com, Mike Brubaker>. Nothing is stated as to his further career, in or out of the Army.

**2002 Avenger Company 1-12 Cav Chargers.** "8 February, Avenger Company conducted M4 and M9 qualification at Blackwell rifle range to qualify new Soldiers the company received after redeployment, on their assigned weapons, as well as maintain currency for other Soldiers. 14 February, yesterday and last night, Avenger Company conducted Gun Table III, a dry execution of gunnery utilizing the MILES laser system to train crews and build proficiency prior to shooting live rounds. 15 February, Avenger platoons competed in a "Viking" workout. Soldiers rowed 1500 meters, ran a quarter mile with a sledgehammer, hit a tire 20 times, ran another quarter mile with the sledgehammer and a sandbag, and finished by rowing another 1500 meters before handing their sledgehammer off to the next Soldier in their platoon. After an hour and a half of completion, 3rd Platoon won by finishing first. 27 February, It's a wrap! 1-12 Cav Chargers, 3BCT, 1CD, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Avenger Company finished Gun Table VI

qualification with a company average of 826, with 4 crews shooting Distinguished, and 5 crews shooting Superior. Congratulations to all the crews and especially to SSG Demmons and PV2 Leves who shot Top Gun as TC and Gunner with a score of 979, and 10/10 qualified engagements."

<Avenger Company Facebook page>. Any other Unit Groups taking notice? This is what your secretary needs and craves. If only

we could think of some way to keep them busy...

**2202 Delta, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Reunion, San Antonio, Texas, 6-9 September 2018.** "We have identified 438 Delta Veterans who returned home. 140, nearly a third, have already gone on to Fiddler's Green, joining the 84 lost in Vietnam. Delta's success at finding its Brothers-in-Arms has made its reunions bigger and better every time. Our Reunions of the Regiment and Division have never attracted that many Delta Vietnam Veterans. 72 Veterans gathered at our Reunion in Tucson in 2017, and we plan to exceed that at San Antonio in 2018. A full schedule is planned. Rooms are \$127.00 per night including all taxes and fees, with 2 free breakfast buffets. There is no resort fee and the WiFi is free. Rooms are available at this rate for three days before, and after, the reunion." (I myself have found my wife and I enjoy this extra down time, the early arrival, and specially the late check out and start home. Just saying.) (You can also find the best watering holes!) <ElTropicanoHotel.com>.

**2302 Journal closed.** Parting shot toward the head, (or the tail), of your horse: "Those who can laugh without cause have either found the true meaning of happiness or have gone stark raving mad." ~ Norm Papernick. To alter and give modernity to the words of the great Chester A. Riley, 'I think I have that one nailed.' (And have for years!) Semper Paratus! Write if you get work!



**PV2 Leves and SSG Demmons**

## The Director's Chair

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servicewomen and our military take giant leaps forward that pave the path for our next generation of heroes.

The Association receives letters and emails from members, Veterans, and concerned citizens about our welfare and the unseen wounds associated with combat. We had an office visit with a couple of gentlemen from the Lancer Legacy Ranch located here in Texas. This group of great Americans are working with Veterans to help them reclaim their lives. They can provide temporary housing, connections to medical, legal, educational, and employment resources as needed. Sometimes we need a little push to stay on the right track. Visit their web page for more information: <www.lancerlegacyranch.org>.

Another great group of Americans are in Brodheadsville, PA. These Veterans established the Veterans Assisted Living Out Reach (VALOR), an organization for Veterans helping other Veterans navigate through the process of recovering and rebuilding. VALOR has spearheaded the creation of a specialized program to address Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) called Veterans Unstoppable. The three-phase program, spread over several months, is facilitated by Veterans for Veterans to foster healthy life adjustments. You can visit their web site at <www.valoreclinic.org>.

I need to address chapter support. Our chapter members are dwindling, and I am quite sure I know who or what the culprit is: age primarily and the generation gap between Vietnam, the Gulf, and Iraq/Afghanistan Wars. The Association will be holding a Chapter Presidents meeting in Charleston, WV on Thursday, June 21, at 0900 hours. I am encouraging all Chapters have a member present for this meeting. Topics of discussions will include reunions, membership/retention, and fundraising; other ideas or topics are welcomed. Please start formulating your questions now so we can make this a positive and informational experience for all the Chapters. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

There is a need for additional scribes to write columns or articles for the Saber. If you are interested in supporting the Association as a scribe or submitting occasional articles, please contact Tina via email at <programs@lca.org>.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Reunion is just around the corner and we continue to receive registrations every day. We here at the Association and the group in Charleston hope you have a wonderful time. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in June 2018.

**Help us recruit,  
make sure those that you served with in the Division  
are also members of the  
1st Cavalry Division Association!**



30th FA News



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Constituted 5 July 1919, and assigned  
to the 10th Division

Greetings to all former members that served in any unit of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment including 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, 4th Bn, 5th Bn, 30th FA Bn, 521st FA Bn, 550th FA Bn, D Battery, 30th FA Bn, 30th FA

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The 30th Field Artillery Regiment Association is proud to announce the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the organization of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment. All former members of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment are welcome to attend this once in a Lifetime event. If you are in contact with any other members who served in the 30th FA Regiment, please pass on this invitation to them.  
Our celebration and annual reunion will be held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on 12-16 June 2018. Please visit our website at: <www.HARDCHARGERS.com> and click on Reunion News.

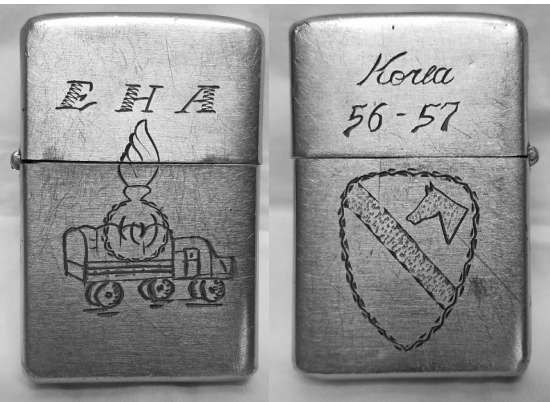
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WANTED/LOST/FOUND

I was in a 229th AHB helicopter on 15 May 1970. We were shot down in Cambodia. Two of my 8th Engineer Battalion sergeants and the door gunner were killed. I am looking to get in contact with the pilot, CWO Neil “Beeper” Blume, anyone with info please contact Scott Smith <skybeaver6@carbonpower.net>.

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Looking for anyone who knew William Coburn, A Co, 1-12 CAV, killed during Operation Masher 1966. I am writing a book about the 25 men from my hometown killed in Vietnam. POC is Craig Blackman, <craigblackman59@yahoo.com>.

Can anyone tell me where I can find a story or photo of Davis Hill in Vietnam. I was there back in 1968 and I can't find a thing about it anywhere. COL Dingeman is the only other one I've heard even mention it in a letter that he gave to the guys under his command. I was 19 years old at the time now I'm pushing 70 years old. I was trying to tell my grandson as much as I could about some places that we had been so that is how all this came to be. Now I am afraid I am running out of time....Thank you for your help. Richard Miller <cmiller65@casscomm.com>

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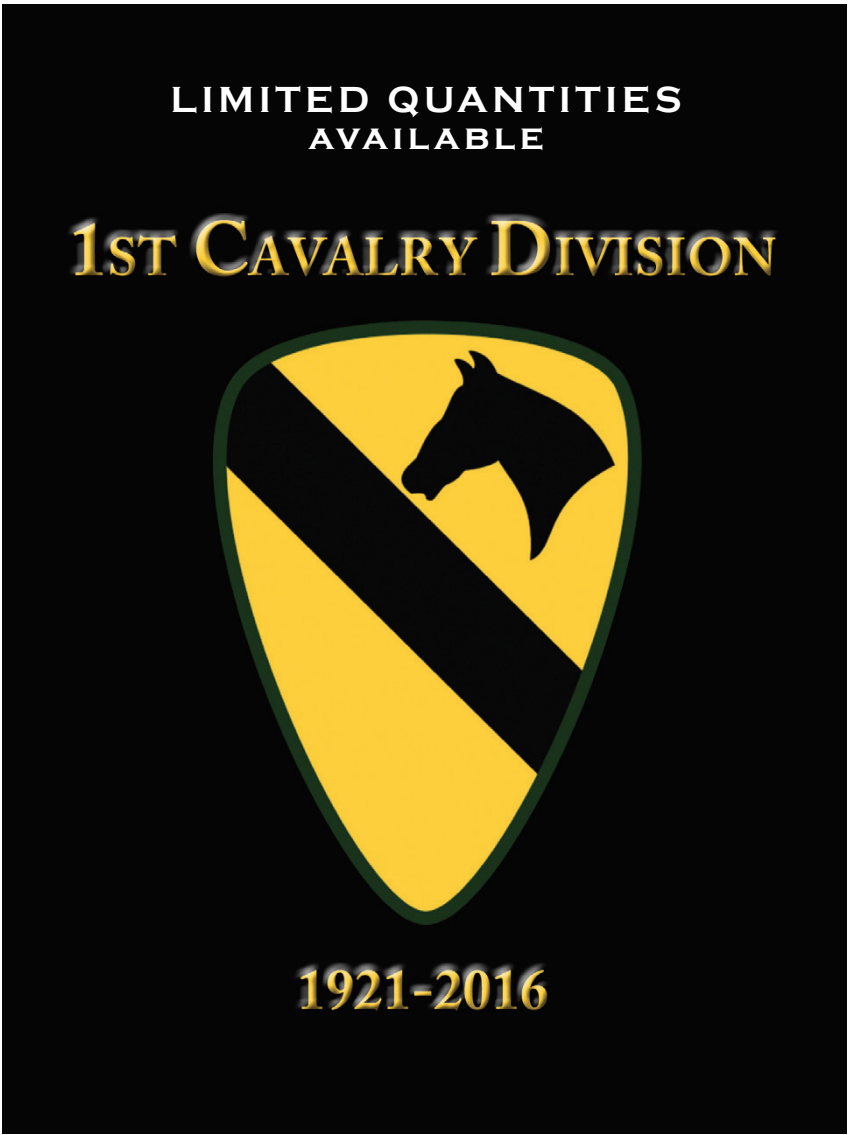
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2018 71st ANNUAL REUNION OF THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 20-24 JUNE CHARLESTON, WV

Reunions are a time for all of us to gather and renew old friendships or make new ones and we want each of you to be a part of this great event. The Almost Heaven West Virginia Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team Family in Charleston, West Virginia for the 71st Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 20-24 June 2018. We are planning numerous events and with ample opportunity for you to go off on your own and see the surrounding area. All Life Members and Associate Members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association are welcome to attend this special event. As always, Family members of our war dead, Gold Star Families, and widows of our members are welcome to join us for this reunion.

Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events will have limited seating available due to the size of available rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the Registration Fee in order to attend the reunion. Early registration, November 2017 through 01 June 2018 will be \$20 for members, except those on active duty. Active Duty Troopers pay \$10 to register. Those sending in Registrations post-marked after 01 June 2018 must pay late registration fee of \$40. Family members attending with an Association Member, widows of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers and Gold Star Family members that attend do not have to pay a registration fee.

LODGING

We will be utilizing the Charleston Marriott Town Center as the Reunion Headquarters and will hold many of the scheduled reunion events at that same location. The Charleston Marriott Town Center has a guaranteed room rate of \$99 per night plus tax (12.5%) for up to 300 rooms on peak nights and there is no charge for parking. Call (304) 345-6500 to reserve a room. The hotel's reservation toll-free number is (800) 228-9290. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion and make your reservations prior to 01 June 2018. The hotel does provide a free shuttle service from the Yeager Airport. Shuttles and rental cars are also available. The hotel is located at 200 Lee St E., Charleston, WV 25301. Additional hotels to consider and within a short walking distance are:

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TRANSPORTATION

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REUNION EVENT OVERVIEW

The 71st Annual Reunion will run from Wednesday, 20 June through Sunday morning 24 June 2018 and is full of events and time to visit with one another. As usual, we will also have our Welcome Mixer, War Era Lunches, Unit Lunches, Gold Star Family Breakfast, Purple Heart Breakfast, Ladies Tea, Sweetheart Dance, Annual Association Banquet, Group Breakfast and Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation and Museum Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors and our General Membership meeting. During our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, we will hold elections for the Association and both Foundations.

There will be two tours offered this year. The first tour will be on Wednesday 20 June and members will have the opportunity to visit the Capital building, Cultural Center, museum, and the West Virginia Veterans Memorial. The cost for this tour is \$10. The second tour offered will be Thursday 21 June and members will be given the opportunity to tour a coal village/ mine and take in some shopping at Tamarack (<https://www.tamarackwv.com/>). The cost of this tour is \$40 and includes a plated lunch at Tamarack. Seating for all events is open, with the exception of the Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. If you are attending the banquet, you must get your tickets marked with a table number at the Banquet Seating table when picking up your registration packet. If you want to sit with specific people, we recommend that you ALL go to the Banquet Seating table together with your tickets available. 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, or jeans or shorts. We want you to attend and are not overly concerned with what you wear, as long as it is decent. The Association will provide a Reunion Room in the hotel during the reunion for you to gather and enjoy yourself. Drinks in the Reunion Room are free, but we ask that you generously donate to help us pay for this room. The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop will set up a store in the hotel selling all kinds of First Team merchandise including shirts, hats, Stetsons, pins, decals and other items too numerous to mention. A Reunion T-shirt may be ordered, and the order form will start running in this edition of the Saber.

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 join us in Charleston in 2018!



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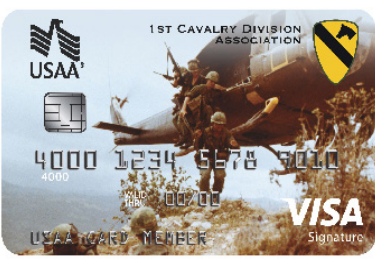
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<b>WEDNESDAY JUNE 20</b> 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 1300-1800 Souvenir Shop Open 1200-UTC Capital/Culture Center Tour 1200-2400 Reunion Room Open	<b>FRIDAY JUNE 22</b> 0700-0830 Gold Start Family Breakfast 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open 1100-1400 Ladies Tea (JQ Dickinson; http://www.jqdsalt.com/) 1100-1400 War Era Luncheons 1200-2400 Reunion Room Open 1800-UTC Live on the Levee Concert	<b>SATURDAY cont'd</b> 1200-1400 Unit Luncheons 1200-2400 Reunion Room Open 1500-1600 Veterans Benefits Briefing 1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar) 1900-2230 Association Banquet
<b>THURSDAY JUNE 21</b> 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open 0900-1000 Chapter President's Meeting 0930-1030 Museum Trustees Meeting 1045-1145 Foundation Trustee Meeting 1200-UTC Tamarak/Coal Mine Tour (includes Lunch) 1330-1500 Board of Governors Meeting 1200-2400 Reunion Room Open 1700-1900 Welcome Mixer	<b>SATURDAY JUNE 23</b> 0730-0845 Purple Heart Breakfast 0900-1100 General Membership Meeting 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open	<b>SUNDAY JUNE 24</b> 0700-0830 Group Breakfast 0700-0830 LRRP/Ranger Breakfast 0900-1000 Memorial Service (Long Roll Muster)

1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 71st REUNION (2018) REGISTRATION FORM

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I will attend the 1st Cavalry Division Association's 71st Annual Reunion at the Marriott Charleston Town Center, Charleston, WV June 20-24, 2018. Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm Friday, June 01, 2018 in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. Seating at some functions is limited. Hotel Cancellations must be done personally with the hotel.

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

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

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I will be accompanied by:

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

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Registration Fee (Members Only)	1	\$20.00	_____	<b>SATURDAY JUNE 23</b>			
After June 1, 2018	1	\$40.00	_____	Purple Heart Breakfast	_____	\$20.00	_____
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Capital/Cultural Center Tour	_____	\$10.00	_____	ARTY   HQ   LRRP/Ranger   E			
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Welcome Mixer	_____	\$25.00	_____	*(circle one)                      (Child)	_____	\$22.00	_____
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<b>FRIDAY JUNE 22</b>				ARTY   HQ   LRRP/Ranger   E			
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## LRRP/Ranger News

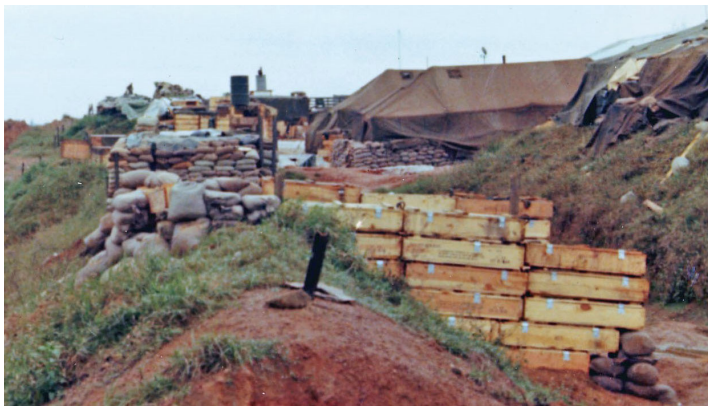


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forces launched surprise attacks against the cities, towns, and military installations throughout South Vietnam in the early morning hours of January 31, 1968. As it would turn out, the TET Offensive would prove to be one of the bloodiest and longest battles of the Vietnam War, lasting more than a month before the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces were defeated. The aftermath of the offensive would last another two months and would include lifting the siege at the U.S. Marines Combat Base at Khe Sanh and invading the A Shau Valley to drive the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong out of South Vietnam.

The worst fighting of the offensive took place in the two northernmost provinces of South Vietnam: Quang Tri and Thua Thien, where Quang Tri City, the provincial capital of Quang Tri Province, and Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam and the third largest city in South Vietnam after Saigon and Da Nang, were located, respectively. It took the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong more than a month to maneuver the equivalent of two infantry divisions—mostly disciplined and well-equipped North Vietnamese regulars, into positions in Quang Tri and Hue without alerting the South Vietnam military or the Americans, and it would take them almost that long again, once defeated by the Americans and South Vietnamese, to withdraw from Quang Tri and Hue and escape to the mountain sanctuaries in the western parts of the provinces.

By late February/early March 1968, the Americans and the South Vietnamese had retaken Quang Tri City, closed off the resupply routes into Hue from the Khe Sanh area to the northwest and from the DMZ to the north, recaptured southern Hue, cleaned up remnants of the enemy forces still at large north and west of the Citadel, and were extinguishing enemy resistance in the Citadel itself. The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces were fleeing the battlefields westward to Base Areas 101 and 114 where they first massed troops and supplies for the offensive against Quang Tri City and Hue, respectively. The LRRP/Ranger teams operating out of LZ Betty and Camp Evans deployed into those areas to locate the fleeing enemy troops, and where they had no luck finding them in late January or February, they were now finding them in large numbers. Most of them were part of the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 304<sup>th</sup> PAVN Division, or 803<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, 324B PAVN Division, who were working their way back to the Khe Sanh area. As the month of March progressed, the LRRP/Ranger teams spent more and more time on missions directly west of LZ Betty, near LZ Pedro, north of the Thach Han River, and east of Khe Sanh, in an area that the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav dubbed “the golf course,” because of its lack of heavy jungle vegetation.



LZ Betty, Quang Tri Province Jan 1968

intended to lift the siege that the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong had put on the marine base at Khe Sanh and to retake the Special Forces camp at Lang Vei. Within a couple of weeks, the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces had been driven from the area, Route 9 was declared open to traffic, Lang Vei had been retaken, and the link-up between the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav and the marines at Khe Sanh was completed.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the equivalent of a platoon of LRRP/Rangers, along with engineers from the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion and volunteers from the 13<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, air assaulted onto a 5,000-foot-high mountain ridge on the eastern side of the A Shau Valley, five kilometers northeast of A Loui Airfield in far northwestern South Vietnam along the Laotian border just below the DMZ, and roughly 30 kilometers southwest of Khe Sanh. The ridge was named Signal Hill. There they established a radio relay site for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Troops who would be air assaulting onto the valley floor on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> and attacking the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers who were using the valley as a staging area to attack the coastal cities in the northernmost provinces of South Vietnam.

On the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>, the A Shau Valley was solid overcast. The cloud tops, however, were at about 4500 feet and the top of Signal Hill was above the clouds. With the main assault aircraft from the 227<sup>th</sup> AHB on a temporary weather hold, Company B, with four UH-1H helicopters, a command and control ship, and two escort gunships was in the lead. Carrying an aircraft load of five, the four lift ships departed Camp Evans, climbed through the thin clouds, and were vectored to the initial landing zone approaching from east to west. It was briefed to be a single ship LZ and intelligence reports had spotted anti-aircraft positions along the ridge to the northeast and a heavy concentration of assorted weapons on the valley floor to the west. Touchdown was impossible due to the tall trees and the LRRPs had to repel from the helicopters to the mountain ridge below from about 50-60 feet. The lead aircraft was unable to maintain a position over the LZ and made a “go around.” The second aircraft attempting the drop, lost lift and came crashing down through the trees to the LZ below, sliding down the mountain side before becoming wedged between the trees with the crew and most of the LRRPs still onboard. After that, the approach to the LZ was shifted from west to east and the lead aircraft on a second approach successfully repelled the LRRPs.

The LRRP/Ranger platoon, with the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers and members of the 13<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, came under sniper attack from the North Vietnamese on the morning of April 20<sup>th</sup>. The dense foliage on the ridge and the blaring noise from the chainsaws used to cut down the trees and clear the LZ, made it nearly impos-

sible for the LRRPs to pinpoint the location of the snipers. By early evening, a small clearing capable of accommodating a single helicopter had been cut out on the ridge, but not before the enemy snipers shot and killed Glenn Lambert, (Pensacola, Florida); Dick Turbitt, (Waukegan, Illinois); Bob Noto, (St. Louis, Missouri); and James F. MacManus, (Anaheim, California, 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers). Lieutenant Dilger received a near-fatal gunshot wound to the chest.

Captain Gooding (St. Louis, Missouri), along with an additional LRRP team, arrived at the LZ at first light on the 21<sup>st</sup>. A systematic sweep of the ridge was ordered, and several snipers were located and killed. That evening, a helicopter arrived to retrieve the bodies of the dead troopers and transport them to Graves Registration at Camp Evans.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, several Chinook helicopters delivered 105mm howitzers to the LZ and it was expanded to include an artillery battery that would provide support to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Troops on the valley floor below.



LZ Betty, March 1968 Glenn Lambert KIA, Ken Easter, Burt Penkunis, Angel Elias KIA

remainder of 1968 reconnoitering enemy strongholds in eastern Quang Tri Province and the rice-growing coastal lowlands of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. In October, they moved south from I Corps to III Corps along with the rest of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav in Operation Liberty Canyon.

On a different note, the Army has announced that it will redesign the basic training course that all new recruits must complete upon joining the service. The 10-week course, now called Basic Combat Training, teaches recruits basic tactical and survival skills along with how to shoot, rappel, and march. It also teaches the basics of Army life and military customs, including the Seven Core Army Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. The course is taught at Fort Benning, Fort Bliss, and, Fort Jackson.

Major General Malcolm B. Frost, Commanding General of the Center for Initial Military Training, announced that basic training will be redesigned to build stronger discipline among recruits. Unit commanders have been complaining that new Soldiers often times report to their first units with sloppy appearances and undisciplined attitudes. By early summer, new recruits will go through the redesigned course, which will instill strict discipline and a sense of unity and common interests and responsibilities. It will do this by placing a new emphasis in drill and ceremony, inspections, pride in military history, while increasing the focus on critical trainings, such as physical fitness, marksmanship, communications, and battlefield first aid skills, according to Frost. The redesigned course will also feature three new field training exercises that place a greater emphasis on forcing recruits to demonstrate warrior tasks, battle drills, and the list of key skills all Soldiers are taught to survive in combat.

The redesigned course is the result of surveys taken from thousands of leaders who have observed a trend of new Soldiers fresh out of training displaying a lack of obedience and a poor work ethic, as well as being careless with equipment, uniform, and appearance, according to Frost.

“What leaders have observed in general is they believe that there is too much of a sense of entitlement, questioning of lawful orders, not listening to instruction, too much of a buddy mentality with NCOs and officers, and a lot of tardiness being late to formation and duties,” Frost said. “These are trends that they see as increasing that they think are part of the discipline aspect that is missing and that they would like to see in the trainees that become Soldiers who come to them as their first unit of assignment. After compiling the data from surveys of about 27,000 commissioned officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers, the message was very clear, Frost said. “The number-one thing that was asked for five-fold or five times as much as any of the other categories was discipline,” Frost said. “First-unit-of-assignment leaders want basic training to deliver disciplined, physically-fit new Soldiers who are willing to learn, who are mentally tough, professional, and are proud to serve in the Army.”

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On a different note, the funeral for LTC Bill Anton (1971-72), Las Vegas, Nevada, has been scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am at Arlington National Cemetery. Bill served as the executive office of the LRRP/Ranger unit in the 1971-72 timeframe. He died on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 68 years old. Bill is the first Nevadan to be inducted into the

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I received a phone call from Bob Tortolani in reference to his diary about a Valorous Unit Award citation for A Co. 15th MED, 11-12 Aug 69, which I had mentioned in the Saber previously. Bob was 1-7 Cav

Battalion Surgeon '68-'69 and finished his Vietnam tour of duty in 1969 at A Co. 15th MED in Tay Ninh.

I called him back to clarify what he had mentioned to me. Bob read from his diary, that after returning from a leave in Japan, things got very busy at A 15th MED August 8-16, 1969. He said that it got very depressing seeing all the casualties.

When he first called, Bob read that on August 15th there were a lot of casualties from Jamie. I said that my battalion, 2-7 Cav, was on LZ Jamie, which surprised him because he didn't know that. I said off the top of my head that I thought my company, C 2-7 Cav, was working down by the river then, Song Saigon, and I didn't remember any notable activity or enemy movements. Later in the day I remembered that C 2-7 was on Jamie once when it got hit. My platoon was on the NE corner sector, and the attack seemed to be concentrated on the corner in the next platoon's sector. That was at night, and our RTO said that Ligons was killed.

I then looked up on the C 2-7 website on the Memorial page which lists those KIA in Vietnam <<http://www.charlie2-7.org/memorial.html>> and found: Raymond Ligons, 2nd Platoon, KIA 8/15/69, Panel 19W, 46. So, that did confirm that C 2-7 Cav was doing base security at the time. I don't recall anything else happening after that, which seemed to be a brief period of flashes. Bob had read from his diary that Jamie had a sapper attack. That would explain why my platoon's sector was seeing no activity. And, that the NVA sappers were probably concentrating their attack trying to get to the artillery.



**Raymond Ligons C 2-7 Cav  
KIA 15 AUG 69 LZ Jamie**

The National Archives e-mailed complimentary copies of the Daily Staff Journals to me for 2-7 Cav and 15th MED for August 15th and I see that the attack happened at 0325 listing the SW portion of the LZ taking small arms fire with bunker 15 taking a direct hit with a B-40 (RPG). Other B-40s (09 listed) and Chicom grenades being thrown by seven NVA thirty feet in front of bunker 14 and were returned with artillery, 81mm mortars, small arms and frags. It says Blue Max (ARA Cobras) arrived and expended.

Results were 07 NVA KIA, 01 US KIA, 10 US WIA, 02 KCS (Kit Carson Scouts) WIA. 04 US were MEDEVACed at 0350 listing all by name and line numbers, but I do not see any of them on the C 2-7 website. The Daily Journal wouldn't just make them up. Something doesn't jibe. More to research.

The 15th MED Daily Journal does not mention MEDEVAC to LZ Jamie. I have to consider their journal not helpful for this information. At 0920 2-7 Cav Bn. Aid re-



**Chester Leon Goins A 1-30 Artillery  
KIA 15 AUG 69 LZ Jamie**

quested MEDEVAC for 04 individuals, three from C Co. and one from A 1-30. Names and line numbers are given, but again I do not see them on the C 2-7 website. It also mentions that E 2-7 was using a lot of radar effectively, adding 05 NVA KIA at 0650. At 0810 A 1-9 Cav saw one NVA S of LZ and killed the same.

I did find one website <<http://www.honorstates.org/index.php?do=q&date=08-15-1969>> that lists all KIA on 15 Aug 69 in RVN. As well as Raymond Ligons, I found two artillerymen, Frank Charles Armijo, and Chester Leon Goins, who are listed as 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, Battery A. I also found on the 1-30 Hard Chargers' website that those Troopers were KIA on LZ Jamie, as I suspected.

Bob read that Jamie was mortared later. I do remember a day, if not later, on the 15th and then on the 16th, that the LZ took incoming. I had no memory or diary to know when that happened; probably then, but it all just blurs together. While doing this research I read that LZ Becky, about fifteen clicks northwest of Jamie and closer to the border, was badly attacked on 12 Aug 69. The attack was termed by a gunship pilot as "the most intense stand-off attack on a firebase I've seen since the Cav moved to War Zone C." Some four hundred enemy mortar and rocket rounds repeatedly riveted holes in the surface of the LZ, as the enemy battalion launched a ground attack from the north. 2-8 Cav was on LZ Becky and A 1-30 Artillery again suffered. All casualties were MEDEVACed to A 15th MED in Tay Ninh. All this is why Bob and staff were so busy and shared in the Valorous Unit Award citation for 15th Medical Battalion mentioned.

Bob was very "short" at the time. He read from his diary that all previous DEROS drops were suspended because of the activity. Tay Ninh itself was ex-

pecting an NVA attack. He read that he left Tay Ninh on the 19th. He said no notations on the 20th. Bob said he plans to attend his first 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion in West Virginia. You can talk to him there if all attend.

I also received a phone call from Ron Rousseau. He called to mention PFC Frank David Garrett being added to the 15th MED Bn Assn Memorial Wall. Ron said that he and Frank David Garrett served together in the 11th MED which was in the 11th Air Assault Test Division which became the 15th Medical Battalion when the 11th Air Assault Test Division and the 2nd Infantry Division became the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and deployed to Vietnam.

Ron said he was with Frank David Garrett on 28 Oct 65 when he was killed in an accident. They were picking up a water blivit which is quite heavy and bulky when filled. They had it on a mule or US Army M274 Truck which is a small flatbed transporter. Ron stepped inside a building and didn't see what happened. When he came out, the bladder had rolled over on Frank David Garrett impaling him to the mule. The water blivit was not properly secured. Ron says they would not let him see the body because it was so badly mauled.

Ron says that he was a proud Combat Medic and had been in 2-8 Cav. He said that he also was chosen to serve as General Kinnard's orderly. His phone number is: (480)203-1289. He gives <[ronsilvereagle617@gmail.com](mailto:ronsilvereagle617@gmail.com)> as his e-mail.

Ron was just ready to return to Vietnam to revisit when I returned his call. If you can get ahold of him he will have a lot to talk about. He did anyway.

I was notified of the death of MEDEVAC Medic SP5 Kenneth R. Flowers, AKA "Doc Nose". He is listed on the 15th MED website page "FINAL DEROS" <<https://15thmedbnassociation.org/final-deros>>. I see many other names I did not know about.

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## 20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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Greetings fellow ARA'ers from the "cool, rainy, snow-flurries, inside day" in my home in beautiful east Tennessee!!!! I can feel the springtime in the air; the crocus are up, the forsythia in full bloom, the Bradford pear trees cover the landscape, and the grass needs a trim!

Part of the life of a columnist is to report all and keep the reader informed.



Norval Glenn

This report is a difficult task for me; to report the death of a very close friend, Norval Glenn (NG) Brown. Glenn was not with me in ARA in 1965-66; he came later and served in 1968-69 in B and C Batteries as a CWO and LT. He was one of the Blue Max era pilots and was a dedicated and exacting pilot who led his aircrew with exceptional calmness, safety and care. I met Glenn for the first time in Ozark, AL, at the Days Inn Motel where we held the ARA reunion in 2008, to reorganize the ARA Association. His lovely wife, Linda, accompanied him, and we immediately formed a lasting friendship. Glenn was a gentle man and sensitive to the needs of others. He valued others' opinions; thereby, getting the whole picture before making decisions.

I will dedicate most of this article to the memory of Glenn Brown because that reunion in 2009 was

the first one after the reorganization of the Association and the beginning of annual reunions for ARA and gave us a platform for archiving all the accomplishments of all ARA units. Through Glenn's initial efforts and continued contributions, we have seen seventeen very successful reunions and have achieved a camaraderie among our vast membership.



Nose art panels

Glenn set the stage for future ARA Reunions when he volunteered to host the 2009 reunion in Midland, TX. Someone commented about the extreme temperatures in Midland and asked why in the world we would hold a reunion there. Glenn, being born and raised there, had the perfect reply, "We will hold it when the temperatures are low!" He picked a time that provided us with cool weather and fair skies.

When he informed the Board

of Directors that he had two tours set up to cover the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and the CAF Museum, several members questioned how an Oil Museum would interest ARA gunship pilots and crew members and what interest we would have in the Confederate Air Force Museum.

Well, we all learned a lot! First, CAF had been changed to read Commemorative Air Force and the CAF Airpower Museum (formerly the American Airpower Heritage Museum) was a great experience. We observed planes from the air battles fought in World War II and viewed the largest collection of permanent exhibits of nose art panels with pin-up like images preserved from aircraft sitting out in the desert at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. The art would have been destroyed with the aircraft when they went from storage to salvage.

We saw the Veterans Wall of Honor and an American Combat Airman Hall of Fame. The Museum is about celebrating and remembering the men and women who were connected to the aircraft. The museum was a great way to learn about

the history of the war that changed the course of human history forever. The museum has a large collection of oral histories and encourages all aviation Veterans of World War II to tell their story before it is too late. We aviation Veterans of the Vietnam era should take note and get our stories on paper before it's too late! There was a great library for referencing research and work on aviation subjects.



The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum has been in business for over 35 years and gives the visitor an amazing journey through over 230 million years of history, including the vast sea that covered the heart of the Permian Basin and offers interactive education and entertainment for adventurers of all ages. The 40,000 square feet of interactive exhibits covers all aspects of the petroleum industry. The exhibits tell the petroleum and energy story of the Permian Basin. The exhibits include racing cars designed by Jim Hall, and paintings by Tom Lovell. Plus, there was a great collection of antique cars and trucks.

When we left the two museums we were elated that Glenn had shared his life in Midland area with us. We had been educated and entertained! The bar for future reunions had been set very high! We will remember Glenn's efforts and his contribution to ARA and to the Association. One could always count on

Glenn greeting them with his firm hand shake and big smile.

As many of us have experienced, Glenn also fell victim to Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam and he was diagnosed in 2008-time period and elected the non-surgical treatment. The radiation treatments seemed to have caught it in time; however, after a period of about five years, Glenn's cancer resurfaced and left Glenn with few options. Glenn died January 8, 2018, at the Hendrick Hospice in Abilene, TX.

Glenn was born August 22, 1947 in Odessa, Texas to the late Loal and Jewel Smith Brown. On July 1, 1966, he married the love of his life, Linda Williams,



in Odessa, Texas. Glenn was a Retired Army Reserves Officer and a Pilot in Vietnam. He was a member of the NRA, the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association and was inducted into the American Airman Combat Hall of Fame. After retirement from his military service with the rank of LTC, he worked in the oilfield in sales. Glenn was a member of the Church of Christ in Haskell. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Loal and Jewel Brown,

and sisters, Cathleen Martell and Patricia Norman. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda of Haskell; son, Casey Brown of Haskell; grandsons, Brayson Brown and Korvin Brown, both of Midland; nephew, Mike Norman of Odessa; nieces, Aimee Williams and Ashlee Wheeler, both of Huffman; two great-nieces and one great-nephew; and a host of dear friends. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ with Philip Sims officiating. The inurnment will take place at a later date at the Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

May we all join to celebrate how long we had Glenn on this journey and thank God for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. And pray for God's boundless compassion to console us who mourn, and God's aid so that we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by God's call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us.

Glenn, we miss you friend. We all love you! Rest in God's love! Until the day we are together again, keep the engines warm and the rotors turning so that we all will be able to join you in that last and final formation flight in Glory!

I mentioned earlier that ARA was an innovation in direct close air support for the ground Troops. When I did, my mind went back to my first tour of duty out of flight school with the 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Battalion, Combat (Provisional), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell in 1961. I was assigned to the Combat Aviation Company, flying the Cessna L-19 Birddogs, the DeHaviland L-20 Beavers, and later, after the Helicopter Qualification course at Fort Wolters, the Bell OH-13 Sioux. In 1962, while performing the pre-flight checks on my L-19, I saw an OH-13 hover in with 2 each .30 caliber machine guns mounted in fixed positions on the skids, where the med-evac pods were usually mounted when we flew cover for airborne drops on the many LZs at Fort Campbell. This really caught my attention and I went over to the crew to find out what in the world they were doing. They explained that they were part of a new "Air Cavalry" concept called "Sky Cav or Sky Con," with the helicopter armed to provide direct aerial fire in support of the airborne Soldiers. The helicopter was flown in a straight running dive (gun run) and the machine guns were fired remotely from inside the cockpit. We tried using the M50 machine guns but experienced a lot of vibration. Since the guns were fixed, any need to change the direction of fire had to be accomplished by changing the direction of flight. Many of us became very proficient in this support role.

Not until I arrived at Fort Benning in 1965, had I seen any other weapons mounted on an Army helicopter. I knew that back in the 1950s there were several senior officers engaged in remaking organic Army Aviation after the creation of a separate Department of the U. S. Air Force (USAF). They were LTG James Gavin, LTG John Tolson, BG Carl Hutton, and COL Carl Vanderpool. Because of their efforts they provided us with Army Aviation doctrinal; organizational and materiel innovations that would be proven in combat during the Vietnam War. I was able to witness the emergence of Air mobility and the "Sky Cavalry" concepts and use them in the first year of their deployment in combat. Army aircrew members and support personnel are more than just plain Soldiers. They are always a Soldier first and aviation second. They are Soldiers with special aviation skills and capabilities which they put at the service of all other Soldiers in our Army. Army aviation is an integral, organic part of ground operations.

We all know the results of the Howze Board and out of it came the new concept of utilizing the Army's first rotary-wing gunship equipped with ordnance designed specifically for ground attack missions to provide direct close air support as an aviation unit within the Division Artillery. That artillery battalion was called Aerial Rocket Artillery (ARA). It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 20<sup>th</sup> Arty (ARA) and it proved itself in combat in 1965, initially, and then with other ARA units the seven years to come.

I feel fortunate to have been a part of that great milestone in Army Aviation history and its relationship to Field Artillery combat arms, my branch! That history needs to be written for those who follow.

Now, let us move on to the present and the near time future. We don't know how many more take-offs and landings we will execute. Nor do we know how many more reunion we will attend. So, now is a good time to pitch the news about our next reunion, which will be held at Fort Sill, OK, on Wednesday, September 12 to Sunday, September 16, 2018.

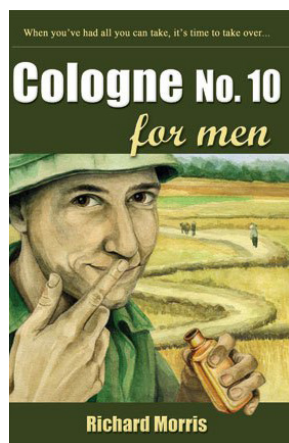
This is another important reunion as we greet and honor all those members who came into Vietnam in 1968 as this is their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Also, this is a special place for the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Artillery (ARA) who departed Fort Sill to join the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in 1969. Again, I want to emphasize

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



**Cologne No. 10 for Men**

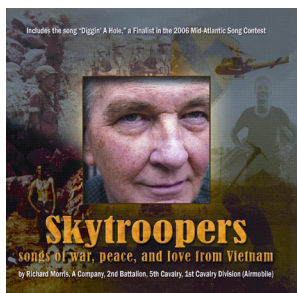
The Veteran (VVA) said, "There aren't very many funny Vietnam War infantry books. This is one of them. Read it and be amazed."

In hindsight it may be noted that ten times in his blog posts, Morris wrote about Agent Orange as one of the many lingering tragedies of the Vietnam war. But he never linked these references to the fact that Agent Orange was the presumptive cause of the cancer (multiple myeloma) which had caused his retirement. This was also the cancer that led to an emergency surgery that ended with complications and his death 13 years after diagnosis. As part of his writings about war, Morris also produced a CD, *Skytroopers: Songs of war, peace, and love from Vietnam* <[www.cdbaby.com/cd/RichardMorris](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/RichardMorris)> of nineteen songs he wrote while serving as a rifle platoon leader with the First Cavalry (Airmobile) Division in Vietnam.

Richard's music followed him throughout life, as well as his time in the Army. In early 1967 at Ft. Polk, LA, Morris (as training officer of B-1) directed the 2nd Tng Bde chorus at the 4th AUSA Regional meeting April 20-22. He sang a new song he had written, "I Am Infantry (I'd Rather Run!)" and sang, by request, "The Cry of the Infantry" – the Infantry OCS Song. In Vietnam, during the monotonous waiting, he wrote songs which many years later were recorded on his CD. SGT Mendoza played guitar for the several recordings which he sent home. In 2008, Richard Morris reconnected with A/2/5 Vietnam at the reunion in Las Vegas and again in Springfield, VA in 2010. He was thrilled to attend the 1st Cavalry Division 62nd Annual Reunion (and the accompanying 5th Cavalry meeting) at Killeen, Texas, and to have the opportunity to sing his songs, including 5th Cav songs not on the *Skytroopers* CD.



**2nd Training Brigade Chorus**



**Skytroopers CD**



**Memorial day writers project**

moves-on...-without-a-song/>. Until his death Richard Morris participated with the Memorial Day Writers Project, performing songs and writings each Memorial Day and Veterans Day on the mall in Washington, D.C. near the Vietnam wall <<http://www.memorialdaywritersproject.com/>>.

*Written by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Morris*

## 8th CAV

### Welcome Home Baby Killer

Ever since servicemen and women have returned from a tour in Iraq or other Middle East localities, they have been welcomed home as heroes by a grateful nation. Some reunions with their Families occurred on the field before baseball or football games and were recorded and televised nationally. Many returning Veterans were given free season tickets to major league baseball games.

Veterans returning home from Vietnam did not get this type of reception. The one thing all Soldiers looked forward to when they arrived in Vietnam, particularly those with an MOS of 11 Bravo (Light Weapons Infantry), was their DEROS date, Date Eligible for Return from Overseas. After serving my one-year tour of duty, I arrived at the Replacement Battalion in Cam Ranh Bay very early in the morning of May 19, 1968 and I was scheduled to depart on Military Air Command (MAC) flight number N254 at 0230 on May 21.

After we boarded the MAC flight at 0200, Edward House, Larry Nunn, and

I sat in the row of seats together, just like we did when we flew from Oakland to Pleiku one year earlier. As I sat in my seat, I was hoping and praying that the VC or NVA would not attack the plane or runway with mortars or artillery before we took off. Then, after what seemed to be an eternity, the plane started moving and taxiing toward the runway for the takeoff. The plane turned onto the runway and stopped while waiting for permission to takeoff. Then, the plane started moving and picking up speed until we were able to take off. When I heard the wheels being raised and locked, I knew we were totally out of range of any hostile fire and on our way back to the world!

Ed, Larry and I began talking, and I made up my mind that I was going to stay awake the entire trip back because I didn't know when, or if I would ever see my two very good friends again. After about an hour, I fell asleep and I didn't wake up until we made a refueling stop which, I believe, was in Japan. The stop was very brief, and we did not deplane. After we took off, I tried to stay awake and talk, but I fell asleep again in about an hour. I just couldn't stay awake because I had very little sleep during the previous two nights, and I had come down from being so keyed up and excited about leaving Vietnam. Also, we were in darkness from the time we left Vietnam until less than an hour before we landed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

We landed at Fort Lewis at approximately 0600 on May 21, the date did not change because we crossed back over the International Date Line. Now, I was looking forward to that wonderful steak meal we had heard would be served on our return. We didn't get a steak, we were fed eggs and pancakes, but that was fine with me because I wanted to get to the Seattle airport and on my plane home as soon as humanly possible. Since we wore jungle fatigues and boots on the plane home, we were issued a set of dress greens, a pair of dress shoes and socks, a blue infantry shoulder rope, and a rain coat. They also sewed on 1st Cav patch and our rank insignia on the dress coat.

Since I was scheduled to leave on Braniff flight 183 departing at 1045, I was on one of the first busses that took the Soldiers to the Seattle Airport. After getting off the bus, about six or seven of us Soldiers began walking to the waiting area that served three or four gates. As we arrived at the waiting area, we were greeted with a group of protestors who began yelling at us, saying "How many babies did you kill?" and "How does it feel to be a murderer?" and many other similar comments, including a lot of profanity. They also threw a lot of objects at us, but none were hard enough to hurt us. They kept cussing and yelling at us for several minutes, then they left and went to another waiting area. None of this really bothered us at the time because we were so happy to be home and away from the constant danger of being killed. Plus, the six or seven of us were there to support each other. I began to feel a sense of loneliness and emptiness as the other Soldiers boarded their plane.

I boarded my plane, and we made a short flight for a stopover in Portland, Oregon. We took off within 30 minutes of the time we landed, and we were now on our way for a non-stop flight to Love field in Dallas! One thing I noticed was all the other passengers were getting soft drinks and the stewardess was taking their liquor orders. However, she didn't offer me a soft drink, and didn't ask if I wanted any liquor. I finally had to ask for a coke, and the stewardess was very curt and rude when she finally brought it to me. The same thing happened when they started serving the lunch meal. All the other passengers got their lunch, and I had to ask for mine, and I got a very rude and hostile comment when my plate was delivered to me. Since the economy section of the plane was about one quarter full, the stewardess was not busy and had no reason not to serve me the same as she did for all the other passengers. The only difference between me and all the other passengers was that I was in my army uniform and all the other passengers were in civilian clothing.

We landed in Dallas at about 1445 and I got off the plane and started walking toward the terminal and baggage claim area. Shortly after entering the terminal area, I was again the object of protestors who were yelling "Baby killer," "Nazi dog," "Hitler henchman" and several other vulgar comments. They also threw some objects at me but, once again, none were hard enough to hurt when they hit me. I kept walking and finally got to the baggage claim area and my wife was there waiting for me. We went to the parking lot and I got to drive my car for the first time in a year. I drove to my parent's house in Garland, which took about 25 minutes. As we arrived at the house I saw a big banner they had put over top of the garage door that said, "Welcome Home Jerry." I finally was able to be around people who loved me, were glad to see me, and who were glad that I was finally home and out of danger.

The comments and actions of the protestors didn't bother me when I first returned from Vietnam. While we were still in the Army, all of us Vietnam Veterans always supported each other. We understood and cared for each other because we were the only people who really understood what we had endured while we were in Vietnam. When we were discharged from the army, we all lost that connection and we were on our own.

A few months after my discharge, all the negative reporting on television and in the newspapers caused me to become very angry, bitter and depressed. It seemed that the media depicted us as dope heads who were unstable and may go off on a violent rage at any time. Also, when some people learned that I was a combat Veteran, they distanced themselves from me and would have little or nothing to do with me.

Welcome home Soldier. You answered when your government called, you didn't move to Canada or do something to yourself, so you wouldn't be called to serve. We all paid a price a lot higher than anyone, other than other Vietnam Veterans, will ever know, care, understand, or appreciate. We gave up more than just the one year of our lives, we gave up our innocence and, in many cases, we lost our wives or girlfriends.

When we were drafted, the army spent eight weeks of basic training teaching us how to become Soldiers. They forced us to forget all the freedoms we had as civilians and drilled into our heads how to think and act as Soldiers. Then we spent nine weeks being taught how to be infantrymen, with emphasis on how to kill enemy soldiers. We spent a year in Vietnam killing the enemy and trying not to be killed. When our tour was over, we spent our last six months in the army performing duties specific to the infantry, such as guard duty, riot control training, and being the guinea pig for young officers or cadets from West Point so they could get some tactical experience leading Vietnam Veterans in combat type situations. However, the army made no effort to teach us how to adjust

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## ENGINEER News



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**A Work of Love and Respect:** One of our own, Lynn Titus out of Grand Prairie TX, has now assembled a bound journal of our 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers who gave their lives in service in Vietnam. This project has been a long time in the making but worth the wait. Lynn has produced a comprehensive work presented with painstaking detail. To quote from Lynn's introduction, "With humble reverence and upmost respect I introduce and praise the men of the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion who gave the ultimate price during the conflict. We came from many different places with varying cultures, races and creeds. However, we were brought together by a common cause. Today we are in a brotherly bond known by only a select few." You may correspond with Lynn at 637 Chestnut Dr, Grand Prairie TX, 75052. He is currently retired from Facebook and email as recent hacking poisoned those means of communication. If any of you wish to restart the Facebook "Skybeaver or 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer" page do so and let the rest of us know.

**Hurricanes:** Engineers to the front line. The 178 Eng. Bn. of the SCNG was activated to Puerto Rico to clear roadways after the 2017 hurricanes. True it's not Cav news but who but engineers have a battalion's worth of chain saws? Thanks guys.

**Payback Time:** A cynic might say we left a mess of a mess in Vietnam and Iraq, you know bomb craters and all that kind of stuff. But beyond that we also left an impression and a good one I would say. Character counts and I believe the integrity and forthrightness of the American Soldiers has left a legacy in the minds of the peoples than any weaponry ever could. Here is my proof and an opportunity for you as well to state your legacy decades later. There is an organization named International Cooperating Ministries. They build churches at the village level. Astoundingly there are now some 200 structures built for use as Christian churches in Vietnam and one (1) in Iraq. You can figure out for yourselves why the cultural and political climate has impacted the numeric difference. But that's not the point. The legacy, the payback, we can leave to these countries will be in the spirit of Americanism not in the armored fist. The fist had its place. Now for the legacy. Visit < ICM.org > and form your own opinion as to what you can payback.

**It's Your Money:** You guys over age 66-70 might tune out. The groups that should read on are ACTIVE DUTY or recently retired under the ages listed. Now, interested in keeping your money? Consider these three equations. Have<Spend, Have=Spend, Have>Spend. The first is government in action and were you to utilize that formula for long, your iPhone would be ringing with calls from bill collectors. Government can postpone debt payments almost indefinitely. You cannot. So, enough said about that. The second is balanced. You may not be buying everything you desire but your head is above water. That is, you drive your Ford to work or vacation not your Lamborghini. The third is where you should be. So how do you get to and stay there? (Get To) 1. Employ sound judgment. If you impulsively buy a normally priced \$100 item at 40% off, say on Black Friday, you are not saving \$40. You are spending \$60. Think of such purchases in terms of your work then or now. How many hours do you or did you work to have that item? 2. Think in terms of absolute dollars not percentages. If a fee for financial advising is 10% of \$1000 or 1% of \$10,000 it's still \$100 out of your pocket and has bought the same thing. 3. Pay cash. Let it hurt. Any financing, anywhere, anytime costs you invisibly. (Stay There) Save and forget. Save and forget you saved. In other words, save something on a regular basis and don't look at it longingly as lost. Rather, you are buying a future almost in secret. And that gets us to the most commonly used method of buying a future, the IRA/401k. Simply put, the IRA is a fund-it-yourself vehicle while the 401k has a partially and in some generous cases a fully matching employer contribution. In either of those two, your income taxes are reduced in the present and paid later upon final accumulation and mandatory withdrawal. (A third option is the Roth option where you invest your present after-tax dollars but pay no future taxes upon withdrawal and conversion to income. The Roth is the best option, but you reduce your present disposable cash therefore Roth could be looked upon as unsuitable unless you are fully living under the Have>Spend life style.) **Now the meat of the matter.** How do you invest your savings so that your nest egg is present and larger in the future than in the present? Ever heard of Tencent Music? Me neither. But 700 million people mainly Chinese and most likely under the age of 40 have and use the phone application to buy music. Of that number, 15 million are subscribers, dues payers. How about Spotify out of Sweden? Well I'd heard of it but not much more. That application has only 140 million active users but 60 million subscribers. Again, you ask so what? If you are drawing Social Security, skip the rest of this paragraph. If you are living on your military retirement and still working to get even or ahead, listen up. The financial world is filled with opportunities. And this is where you and somebody called a broker or advisor have a serious conversation about your future. You have been smart enough to save. Now where do you invest? Well, Tencent and Spotify are going to invest in (by shares of) each other in 2018 and issue joint public stock. The 14-44 aged people of this world, the next generation, are going to use this product. (Like it or not, these are the people who walk out in traffic with their earphones plugged into their heads. Those that survive will be buying music.) The point is that you, now, must be alert to such trends and this is just one of many. That is where you park some of your money (say 10%) anticipating future growth in such companies. The bulk of your dollars (say 60%) should be wisely parked and left to mature in stable stock funds of which there are many (most of the Fidelity or American funds come to mind.) The rest put into contract funds such as Treasuries, Insurance Notes, or Corporate Bonds. Then NO withdrawals and let things accumulate. Next month, you and your advisor.

**You Matter:** Unless you multiply yourself by the speed of light then your energy. **Worth Pondering:** Some, on the philosophical left, would have us believe that history moves in great sweeps or waves merciless, mindless and irresistibly. Others, more thoughtful, know that history is more a function of individual choices made at critical times where those choices spin out to impact the destiny of peoples and nations. We are all familiar with Churchill's public broadcast to the face of Hitler

when he proclaimed, "We will fight on the beaches the landing fields and never surrender." That speech was preceded by a more revealing private moment in a Cabinet meeting after the fall of France where a man almost unknown to history, Hugh Dalton, Minister of War Finance, recorded the following of Churchill's words. "If this long island story of ours is to end at last, let it end only when each one of us lies choking in his own blood upon the ground." Now that's the kind of backbone we need as the leading world nation of our time and for which our comrades, squad members, friends and buddies died. Nuff said.

**Operation Duke and Dean Contover:** From the 84<sup>th</sup> Eng. Bn. (Construction) we have the story of the only engineer operation to have a separate title. "At 03:00 we were awakened by our Staff Sergeant to assemble for a mission briefing to take place near Bong Son. We were to build a runway on high priority orders out of Saigon, MACV. We prepared our equipment and assembled into five convoys. I drove a five-ton truck with two six-hundred-gallon fuel bladders. Other equipment included scrapers, bulldozers, and graders, in short everything we could put our hands on. Because the VC had blown up bridges along the normal road route, we had to drive to Qui Nhon and load up on a Naval landing craft, the U.S.S. Gunston Hull. We lashed down our equipment on deck and retired to the mess hall. There we were treated to such things as soup, fresh tomatoes, air conditioning and four interior walls. Two nights later, with full sleep, we were to land in bad surf and harassing VC fire. A naval destroyer was peppering the beach with its gunfire while jets bombed further inland. We waited till noon and for three bridge rebuilding companies to precede us before our own landing. We finally moved to ARVN compound four miles inland from the beach. We expected being attacked but were not issued grenades for some reason. We cleaned our M-14's and dug in deep. We woke up to a fire fight about a quarter mile away between the ARVN and VC. After that our mine sweep team (probably the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers) moved out to clear the road while we waited with our heavy equipment, motors running. The ARVN's provided our rear security and they seemed to have a good idea as to where the VC and NVA would hide. The ARVN LT told us that his father had been taken by the Viet Minh and never seen again. We informed him that we were here to put in an airstrip in two weeks' time working at night with floodlights. The LT thought we were crazy to do that. (We had something of a similar idea. Common sense later prevailed not MACV thinking.) Anyway, two months later we

were done and the first C-130 landed and we finally got some hot meals. All this was done in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav and LZ English."



Caribou landing LZ Crystal

Contover also recommends the book "Engineers at War" by Adian Traas. If you wish to contact Dean Contover, he is in Chelmsford MA at 978-251-4849. When this writer last talked to him, he was headed out to get generator fuel as an ice storm was bearing down. Good luck with that as I went out to play golf



Does that sign say PX?

in Florida.

**Pictures:** We thank Les White for this month's pictures. Les has posted these and many others under Skybeaver Facebook. Take a look and join the group.

**Five Sit Ups:** I do that every morning. I mean how many times do you really expect me to hit the snooze button?

**Odd but True Department:**

One of the ingredients in the Great Wall of China is rice to make the bricks stronger. The dinosaur Stegosaurus had an elephant sized body but a walnut sized brain. On Antiques Road Show a dusty worn Navajo blanket from the 1850's was appraised at \$400,000 and now hangs in the Detroit Institute of Arts. The first use of a police car was in 1899 in England where a Benz was used to chase a ticket forger of circus tickets. In 1760 King George II fell to his death from a toilet seat. Babe Ruth's home run record was broken in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning of the 4<sup>th</sup> game of 1974 by Hank Aaron wearing #44 off of Al Downing wearing #44. **My Squad:** William Sillery was rummaging thru his attic one day and came across this picture of his 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Squad near Bong Son. Look closely as the picture is small and somewhat faded but should show up better on the internet version of



Saber. William was in B. Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon and would doubtless like to hear from any of those pictured. I don't have an address or phone, but you can meet William on Facebook or at <sillery@msn.com>. Those pictured are Charlie Imperato NY, Percy Maynard WV, Richard Fernandez CO, Humphrey, SGT Ed Parris NY, John Hopkins NJ, Sillery NJ, Billy Flowers MI, taking the picture was Ronnie Robinson MI. All you guys are not forgotten and live still with William. Perhaps

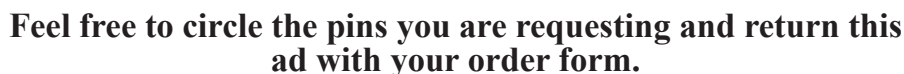
Maynard and Sillery will reunite at the Reunion in Charleston WV.

**Sinks Grove:** It's not every day that one thinks about Sinks Grove, West Virginia. In fact, I wonder if they have a stoplight there and it might be twenty miles

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Greetings Troopers from NW Louisiana where the weather, as usual, is crazy. Hot one day, cold the next. As has become the norm for this part of LA, the rain has been plentiful, and Caddo Lake and the Red River are at flood stages. Fortunately, we are not yet adversely affected by the flooding.

Sue and I just returned from the annual 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association (CDA) meetings at Killeen, TX. The Board, the Foundation, the Museum, the Finance Committee and others rendered their reports. Start planning now for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2021! The reunion will be at Fort Hood that year and it should be a hum dinger!

Our Association continues to be in good shape. The stock market has been good to the associational and foundation investments this past year. The foundation continues to give scholarships to children and even grandchildren of the Ia Drang Battle. This is a special fund and will eventually be exhausted. The regular scholarship fund is available to wives and children of our Troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division who died or were totally and permanently disabled because of wounds received or disease contracted while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in any armed conflict. Additionally, children of members of the Association who die while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in peacetime and active duty Soldiers currently assigned or attached to the 1st Cavalry Division and their spouses and children are eligible to receive scholarship grants. Donations to these scholarship funds or to the Association are always welcomed!

I received a letter from Charles Hancock of Sinks Grove, WV. Charles served with the Cav at Fort Hood in 73. Charles doesn't have email so if you want to contact him, contact me and I'll send you his USPS address. Charles said:

"Greetings from WV Ron. I have enjoyed your column in the Saber for years. Last issue you asked for humor in the Cav. I was assigned to Fort Hood for my last 8 months after 2 years in the 32<sup>nd</sup> ADA in Germany. This was 1973. I was sure I would have my first winter without snow in a long time. One morning I found about an inch of snow on the ground. I had already gotten an article 15 for being late for formation at the 227<sup>th</sup> Avn. My Mustang Mach I had straight tread tires and a 390 engine. I made it from Copperas Cove to my duty station on time. There was not one man around. I waited two hours and then drove back home in my own tracks. No one else was on the road. No salt trucks like we have here in the hills of West Virginia. The other experience I remember on days like today (it is -3 degrees outside) is the time we left Fort Hood with a long line of Huey's for some place in Oklahoma. We refueled without shutting down with the next Huey hovering close by. The ones that had fueled up were hovering on the other side. When we set down in Oklahoma there was a large tent already up and about 12 inches of snow on the ground. I was a 52B30. I set up my generators and went into our tent. The tent was heated with diesel or kerosene stoves with a pipe going through the tent roof with a boot to keep the tent from catching fire. The first night was so cold the fuel jelled up in the lines - no heat. Someone said that the JP4 chopper fuel pad was nearby, so we hooked the stove line up to the fuel point. The stove worked great until about 2 AM when the pipe through the roof got red hot and burned into the tent top, fell across about 10 men in sleeping bags. We were kicking the hot pipe around, trying to get it out of the tent and into the snow outside. That was a long night in the cold. The next day they transported us back to Fort Hood in the back of a canvas covered truck. I was so cold when I jumped out of the 2 1/2 ton truck in the middle of the night, flat as a wet towel! I could see my Mustang under the street light. I popped the hood to check if there was ice in the radiator. My fingers were so cold I couldn't tell if I felt liquid or not.

I skipped high school and got my GED in basic training. I learned to weld at Central Texas College. I ended up teaching a GED class with a vocational instructor's license. Uncle Sam has been good to me. The VA hospital has been great - free hearing aids and glasses. My great grandfather was in the 7<sup>th</sup> Cav in 1864. My father survived a German machine gun bullet at Normandy beach. I wear my dress uniform at church on Veterans' Day. I pray for the active duty Troopers every day. First Team!" Thanks Charles and hope to see you at the reunion in WV.

I also heard from Sam Estes who served in Nam from 68-69. Sam wrote: "Good morning Ron. Just read your article in the Saber and viewed the aerial photo of LZ Betty. You said you would like to hear from anyone who was there. I was at LZ Betty with the aviation platoon (The Flying Circus), HHC, 1st Bde, 1st Cav from the middle of June 68 until we moved south in September. I was a crew chief/ aerial scout starting with the OH-13 and moving to the OH-06. Living conditions at that LZ were very primitive to say the least. I've seen news footage of the water tower with a huge hole blasted through it after Quang Tri was over run when Vietnam fell to the NVA. The Aviation Platoon is having a reunion the weekend of 15-16 Sept in Branson. More details can be found on our website <flying-circus.org>. Thanks for the article and continued good luck. Regards, Sam Estes." You can reach Sam at <sam@cardmansam.com>.

I also received an email from Tom Kuypers, LTC (Ret), who also responded to the picture of LZ Betty. Tom wrote:

"What a surprise observing your aerial photo of LZ Betty. I was assigned as the First Air Cavalry Division's First Brigade (Airborne) Brigade Aviation Officer/ Aviation Platoon Leader from October 1967 through September 1968. The Brigade was in the Bong Son (LZ English) when I arrived and moved to the Central Highlands in vicinity of Dak To in November in support of the 4th Infantry Division and their operations involving its support of the 173rd Airborne. The unit returned to LZ English in December, and in late December 1967 I flew the First Brigade Commander, COL Donald "Snapper" Ratan and our Brigade S-3, MAJ Hardin Olson to Da Nang in I Corps, anticipating a move to that area of operations due to an increasing enemy buildup of forces and increasing North Vietnam operations in I Corps, particularly around Khe Sanh. We moved from the Bong Son to LZ Tombstone outside of Hue in January, followed by another move in mid to late January to an abandoned Army of Vietnam facility at Quang Tri, which became the First Brigade's Headquarters, LZ Betty. The "shit hit the

fan" on 31 January, the start of the Tet Offensive. The photo shows a water tower which was just outside the berm that was built and reinforced around LZ Betty's perimeter. Just over and immediately to the rear of the berm were the sand bag revetments for our OH-13S Scout observation helicopters. They worked in pairs with a 19-21-year-old Warrant Officer aviator and an 18-21-year-old Machine gunner - observer. The two buildings on the left of the photo housed the enlisted Soldiers (the left most building) and the Platoon Operations Center and Aviator quarters. Aviation maintenance was scheduled and accomplished in the area on the right side of the photo. The UH-1 Command and Control helicopters were in the large open field in the center left. Headquarters and Headquarters Company was the building complex to the left of the open field. The Brigade Tactical Operations Center was in the building in the center of the photo at the end of the line of trees. The mess hall was located within the tree shaded area center right. The Brigade Scouts became known as "The Flying Circus" and former members of the unit have had reunions every two years since 1998. This year we will gather the weekend of 15-16 September at the Grand Plaza Hotel, Branson, MO. Please go to our web site at <www.flying-circus.org> for more information and to join us by making your reservation. Branson is a patriotic military friendly location. Great hospitality, great music." Tom can be contacted at <tokpachyderm@aol.com>.

Tom asked for copies of any pictures I have of LZ English and I sent him a couple. Thanks Tom and Sam for your input about LZ English.



**Ladies of the 1st Cav Div Association**

Ever wonder who does all the hard work for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Association? Well, here are the ladies who do all the hard work and carry a huge load at every convention. From left to right: Michelle Napolitano is manager of the Crossed Sabers gift shop; Dara Wylder is the Executive Director of the Association; Tina Wilgeroth is the

Program Director and Karleen Maloney is the Chapter Coordinator and membership person. Why not find out their birthdays and send them a birthday card each year? Be sure to express your appreciation for them at the annual reunions. If you are ever in Copperas Cove, TX, visit the Association Office. You will be amazed at what these ladies have done to that place!

Well, Troopers, that's a wrap for this issue. We will have one more issue before the reunion in West VA. If you haven't made your reservations, get with the program Trooper! Sue and I hope to see all of you there. Meantime please pray for our nation, our Troops and our leaders. Keep your heads down, watch your backs and may God bless all of you, the great 1<sup>st</sup> Team, the US Army and our nation. Keep the letters and emails coming. I never tire of hearing from old friends and new friends.

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the importance of this to all ARA members because we are of one brotherhood. For those who may not have used the call signs; "Muggy Parlor" (First Team in 1965), "Armed Falcon" or "Blue Max," we were part of an innovation in close air support in direct support of the Sky Soldiers of 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div and the Screamer Eagles of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Div with call signs of: "Dragons," "Toros," and "Griffins."

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

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

Thursday is devoted to observing a Life Fire Exercise and tour of the Artillery and Air Defense Artillery Museums at Fort Sill. After the complimentary breakfast, the bus will depart at 0840 and return for the Hotel Social at 1700. Lunch will be with the Troops in their dining facility.

Friday is an open day for your enjoyment to visit and spend time doing whatever your heart desires. Saturday morning, we will have the Annual Meeting with election of new officers and directors while the ladies are having their meeting. We will have open time 'til the buses leave for the Historic Patriots Club and our farewell dinner. The name of the guest speaker will be published as soon as we have a confirmation.

Sunday morning, we will gather for our traditional farewell breakfast from 0630 to 0930. Then we say our goodbyes and look forward to meeting again in 2019.

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

Have a great year! See you at Fort Sill!

"This is Armed Falcon 28 Delta, breaking right!"

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## THE HICCUP - Health Care Information Committee Report

### Emergency Health Care for Veterans

One of the many benefits that you earned is access to Veterans Administration Hospitals and non-VA Hospitals for emergency treatment. This is why it is so important for all Veterans to register with their local VA Medical Facilities prior to an emergency and always carry their VA Card.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has two authorities to pay for emergency care in non-VA facilities for eligible Veterans. These authorities allow VA to pay for emergency care rendered for service-connected Veterans and nonservice-connected conditions for enrolled Veterans who have no other source of payment for the care.

Service-connected Veterans may be eligible for payment or reimbursement for emergency treatment received in non-VA emergency departments if they receive emergency treatment:

- VA-adjudicated, SC condition
- Non-service connected (NSC) disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service connected condition
- Condition of a Veteran who is considered permanently and totally (P&T) disabled from a service connected disability
- Condition of a Veteran participating in a Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation

VA may pay for emergency care provided in a non-VA facility for treatment of a nonservice-connected condition only if all of the following conditions are met:

- Care was provided in a hospital emergency department (or similar public facility held to provide emergency treatment to the public); AND
- The emergency was of such a nature that the Veteran (or other prudent layperson without medical training) would reasonably believe that any delay in seeking immediate medical attention would cause their life or health to be placed in jeopardy; AND
- A VA medical facility or another Federal facility was not reasonably available to provide the care; AND
- The Veteran had received care within a VA facility during the 24-months before the emergency care; AND
- The Veteran is financially liable to the provider of emergency treatment.

After emergency care has been provided, the Veteran, his or her Family members, friends or medical facility staff should notify the nearest VA medical facility immediately (preferably within 72 hours). VA staff will be able to assist to ensure Veterans receive immediate medical attention without interruption. After the emergency condition has been treated and the Veteran is stable, a Veteran can be transferred to VA if the care and treatment is available.

Again, this is available to only registered Veteran's in the Medical side of VA. This is not something you can expect to occur if you have done nothing with VA. More information on this can be found at the VA website <[http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/emergency\\_care.asp](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/emergency_care.asp)>.

### Division Doings

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therefore no two Spur Rides are exactly the same. For Saber Squadron, the ride consisted of an Army Physical Fitness Test followed by a written exam and Spur Board to test a candidate's cavalry knowledge. They then went to the small arms ranges for weapon qualification.

The heat was turned up on the second day when the candidates had to complete an obstacle course followed by 14 testing lanes over a nearly 10-mile course. The candidates rucked from lane to lane where they had to complete specific tasks ranging from medical, to call for fire, to react to contact and vehicle identification. The second day wrapped up close to midnight.

Part of the planning included discussion on how to balance, esprit de corps and motivation while ensuring safety and respect. "We wanted to make sure they got training value out of the event, but still had a memorable experience that they'll be able to draw on in their career," said Horne, who was participating in his fifth Spur Ride, the third as a Spur Holder.

One of the ways the Spur Holders ensured a safe and challenging Spur Ride was to have the lane walkers and lane graders walk the course and rehearse prior to executing the event. This gave them an opportunity to identify potential areas that were not safe or would require some mitigation. Most of the candidates said it was a great experience and one they would not soon forget. "This is great stuff, good training," said SSG Ryan Rice a wheeled vehicle mechanic. "This is something that not a lot of my peers have, so it means a little more to earn my spurs. I think they (scouts) look at you a little differently when you have earned your spurs."

There were also the traditional aspects that are common to almost all Spur Rides such as Soldiers reciting Fiddler's Green-multiple times. The key to success was staying motivated. Soldiers could be cut for showing a lack of motivation during the event.

"I think the motivation has to be internal, they have to want to be here," said Horne. "I think they understand that and they want to earn the right to wear their spurs on Fridays. We told the lane walkers, 'You're not there to make them quit. You're there to keep them propped up and motivated. Let the lanes try to break them down.' Because the goal of this isn't to see who is the toughest, the goal is to indoctrinate them into the rich tradition of the Cavalry."

Of the 253 spur candidates that started on Jan. 29, 191 received their spurs at a spur dinner on Feb. 1.



### Steel Dragon Gunnery Competition Tests Readiness by SGT Jessica DuVernay, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division



Leader's Reaction Course

FORT HOOD, Texas -- The 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Greywolf," 1st Cavalry Division, conducted their Best By Test across Fort Hood over the last three weeks. "A Best By test is a battalion run event that the firing batteries participate in and it allows us to determine who the best cannon section and fire direction section are in the battalion," explained CPT Nicholas Lemza, commander, C Battery. Batteries participated in a number of events to determine who the best battery is within 2-82 FA. The events included an Army Physical Fitness Test, M4 rifle qualification, leader's reaction course, obstacle course, a series of technical tests to include the Artillery Skills Proficiency Test and artillery gunnery tables five and six.

"It's essentially the same as the Top Gun, but that only refers to the gun sections," said CPT Will Woodruff, Battalion Fire Direction Officer. "So instead of saying Top Gun, which would be exclusive to the guns, we say Best By Test, which is the best section by testing."

The sections include cannon, fire control center and fire support teams. Along with finding out who the best sections are, the Best By test also allows for the battalion to remain current on their qualifications, which are required to be updated every six months. This also ensures the battalion's readiness levels are maintained at fully mission capable.

"We are evaluating our readiness right now," Lemza explained. "The whole point of the test is to see who is the most proficient in the battalion and we can take the lessons learned from that section and apply it to the rest of the formation to get us all up to the same level of proficiency." As readiness remains a top priority for the Army, it's best for high functioning units that their recertification periods are turned into morale boosters for the Soldiers.

According to Woodruff, making a task like qualification into a competition sparks the competitive spirit in the teams. "When they see their name on the bottom of the list, they are pumping up their guys and talking trash to the other platoons," said Woodruff. "It's a friendly competition and I think we will be pleased with the results."

Greywolf returned from a nine-month deployment to Kuwait last November. Since then they have received and prepared their equipment for continued combat readiness. "We are doing a great job out here in terms of turning around so quickly from Kuwait," Lemza said. "I think that we are going to be ready to go if the flag goes up."

The overall best gun section was B23 from 2nd platoon, Bravo Battery and the overall best Fire Direction Center was 1st platoon, A Battery. The best fire support team was team attached to Bravo Company, 2-7 Cavalry Regiment.

### Blackjack Returns, Uncases Colors by MSG Jacob S. Caldwell, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas -- The final flight of Blackjack Troopers returned home to Fort Hood from Korea Sunday evening, and leaders from the brigade and its battalions uncased their colors on Cooper Field, formally marking their return to The Great Place.

1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team has successfully complete its nine-month rotation to Korea and is followed there by 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Blackjack's mission in Korea was three-fold: to deter North Korean aggression, increase combat readiness, and strengthen the U.S. and Republic of Korea alliance.

CPT Tristan Robinson, a troop commander for 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, was met on Cooper Field by his wife, Chantel, and sons Parker and Graham. Their dog Rowdy was there too. Robinson said he is glad to be back with his Family. "It's a lot of weight was lifted off my shoulders. It feels good. It feels great," he said.



CPT Robinson hugs his son Parker, with wife Chantel, and younger son, Graham.

Chantel said it's amazing to have her husband back at The Great Place, and spoke about their plans for the next few weeks. "We'll relax and then go home and spend time with our Family in Colorado."



COL Adams, Blackjack commander & CSM Justice, uncasing the brigade's colors during a welcome home ceremony.

"I think technology helped. Just being able to talk to Family back home as much as we can over FaceTime," said Robinson. "Other than that, just keeping the team here and making sure everything is straight and good here while I was over there. But, we made it work. This is my second deployment, so we've made it work before. This was probably one of the longer ones, and one of the harder ones for sure. Especially when you've got kids. This is the first time where I've had [a deployment] with two kids. And they're big!"





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