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## The President's Corner

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We are only a short two weeks or so before the start of our 71<sup>st</sup> annual Reunion in Charleston, WV. A lot of planning has gone into this reunion. Among other activities we have the usual war era and unit luncheons, Purple Heart and Gold Star family breakfasts, Ladies Tea, a free concert; and, of course the Association Banquet on Saturday evening. Watching the posting of the Colors by the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Honor Guard is something everyone should see at least once. This is my fourteenth Reunion and I still look forward to seeing them in their period uniforms, Posting the Colors with so much respect. It makes you proud of our heritage and the young men and women who are keeping alive.

We've often heard that reunions give us the opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones. For some people reunions and events where they can interact with other Veterans are somewhat therapeutic. For me getting another Soldier's perspective on events where I was also involved is very instructive. The way you see, understand, and remember what happened depends on a number of things including your responsibilities at the time. As the F.O. my focus and therefore thoughts about what was happening was not even close to the same as that of the 11B only a few feet away. Something to think about, perhaps?

This is the first reunion in the east since Jacksonville, FL in 2008. For me this means that a number of us in the surrounding states can drive (4 1/2 hr. for Cathy and me) rather than having the hassle and expense of air travel. It is not too late to sign up. We are expecting a good crowd, but more is always better. The best way to have future reunions east of the Mississippi River is for those of us who live here to show our support by attending this reunion and then the 73<sup>rd</sup> reunion in 2020 when we will meet in Louisville, KY.

I look forward to seeing you in Charleston. If you see me wandering around as if I'm lost, say hello. And all comments are welcome, even if they are criticisms. We can't improve if we don't know about problems. And, when you speak with members of the Association's staff, let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. Check it out: [<www.1cda.org>](http://www.1cda.org)

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Watch out Charleston, the Cav is coming to town!! Here we are just weeks away from our 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion in Charleston, WV. We are quickly closing in on 600 members and guests attending. We will have the same events scheduled, with the exception of some added tours. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the West Virginia State Capital and the Culture Center on Wednesday, 20 June. The Governor's Mansion may also be open for a short walking tour. On 21 June, we have included a trip to the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine and lunch at Tamarack, with an opportunity to shop the thousands of unique retail artisan products. Lastly, on Friday evening at 1800, there will be a free concert held at Haddad Riverside Park. Looking forward to seeing everyone in West Virginia.

May and June have days set aside for our Mothers and Fathers; an opportunity for us to celebrate how much they are truly loved by their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Whether that parent was present or not in our lives, a lasting impact was made on the day we were born and will remain long after they are gone. Many thanks to all the moms and dads of our 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Troopers. We are truly blessed.

Since June 14, 1775, the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. Drawing on both long-standing militia traditions and recently introduced professional standards, it won the new republic's independence in an arduous eight-year struggle against Great Britain. At times,

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## HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT James J. Nance

Spring is here in Central Texas and the HCD is just as busy as ever with our recent turnover of Soldiers and new horses we are integrating into demonstrations. The last several months have been a growing experience as we train a new demonstration team and get ready for our annual public performances in the local community. Without our hard-working Troopers, this unit could not accomplish everything that we do. The HCD Troopers continue to set the standard of what a U.S. Army Mounted Trooper should be, and their professionalism and class are unmatched.

Even though it has been a time of growth at the HCD, it has also been a time of loss. We are sad to announce not only the passing of Thunder who served as a Cavalry Horse for over 27 years, but also SSG Buddy, our Detachment Dog and Mascot, who passed away after 14 years of service. A day will not

go by that we will not look to your guidons on the wall and think of all the amazing rides. Rest well Thunder, may you find rest and cool water on Fiddler's Green. Buddy, may you find a good shade tree, a place to steal people's lunches, cool water, and rest as well.

As many of you may or may not know there are riding ranks at the Detachment: C Group (Beginner) B Group (Intermediate) and A Group (Advanced). There is a written and riding portion to achieve each rank and each progressively more challenging. This month we will be conducting a B Group test and we wish luck to the 10 Troopers who have been working very hard to earn their spurs. The A Group test will be later this month.

May has seen the HCD participate in the many welcome home ceremonies on Cooper Field supporting retirement ceremonies, promotions, and changes of command. From 5-6 May the HCD supported the San Antonio Tri-Centennial on Fort Sam Houston with a mounted demonstration and charge. On 17 May, the HCD will kick off the Annual Killeen Rodeo Military Appreciation Night with a high-energy demonstration that is always a blast in front of the home crowd and on 26 May, the HCD is participating in the annual Harker Heights Stars and Stripes Celebration. These are two great events that we look forward to every year.

June does not slow down for the Detachment as we travel to following events:

- 17 May – Killeen Rodeo, Killeen TX
- 19 May – Leander Old Town Street Festival
- 20 May – Friendship Festival Demonstration, Friendship TX
- 26 May – Harker Heights Memorial Day Parade, Harker Heights TX

We hope to see you out at one or several of these events and please let us know if you read about it in The Saber, saw it on our official HCD Facebook page or just happened to be in the right place at the right time!

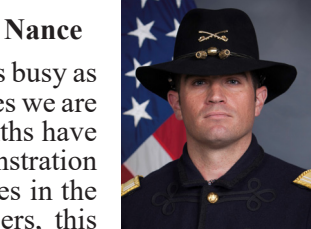
As always, we conduct public demonstrations at the detachment on Thursdays at 1000hrs this is the time we use to train new mounts and Troopers and invite the public to come out and enjoy the show.

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.



Thunder



SSG Buddy



SGT Chevalier picking up PFC Conatser demonstrating a downed rider pick up technique.



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SNOWBIRDS

If you have two addresses during the year, we need to know them. Please give us the dates and addresses for both households.  
(Circle one) Winter Summer

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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:  
**BRAUN**, SP-4 Hilmar R., B Co, 2-7 CAV, 1965. 11 April 2018.  
**HASTINGS**, SFC William K., HSC, 15th MED BN, 1967-68. 13 April 2018.  
**HEALY**, MG Michael D. "Iron Mike", 1CD, Japan. 28 April 2018.  
**MCNAMARA**, CPT Homer C., A Co, 1-7 CAV. 18 April 2018.  
**NOLEN**, SPC Glen E., B Co, 61st FA, 1952. 7 April 2018.  
**PARSLEY**, Trooper Thomas E., 1-7 CAV, 1970-71. 6 April 2018.  
**RUIZ**, SGT Robert, A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1968. 22 March 2018.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have no Active Duty deaths to report.

CAVALRY TROOPER'S MOUNT

**THUNDER**, HCD, 1991-2018. April 2018.

HCD MASCOT AND FRIEND

**BUDDY**, SSG, 2004-2018. April 2018.

WANTED/LOST/FOUND

I am looking for some pictures for my husband when he joined the Army. He states very proudly that he was with the First Cavalry, serving at Ft Hood & Fort Sill. Also went through Airborne Ranger School. He will be turning 66 in a few months and I would like to present him with something showing him in the army with his First Cavalry uniform. A picture of when he was young and invisible! Anyway, I would appreciate if you can help me in anyway or point me in the right direction. He and I were not married back then so I am flying a little blind here. The first wife threw everything away. I want to give him the honor he deserves for serving this country.

I have my father, 2 uncles and my husband that have served. So whatever help you can give would be huge!! Thank you again!

My Husband's name is Alan H. Standiford. He was in the 1st Battalion, 21st field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. He has a signed departure certificate given to him dated July 1, 1977. He served 3 1/2 years, so he would have joined in middle of 1973? His commander was Richard A. Bliss.

I hope this information helps. He is so patriotic and proud to have served. I just wanted to show some appreciation for his service and give back to him. Karen - my phone is 727-410-4327.

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

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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,

I am very grateful to the First Cavalry Division Association and for their financial support during my time at the University of South Carolina these past three and half years. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in English literature under the intensive track. My dream is to become a college professor and the First Cavalry greatly assisted in coming closer to that vision. I anticipate going to graduate school for my master's in the near future. This grant has also been important to me because my father, Karl Stiefel, served in the Vietnam War and his sacrifice allowed me to be eligible for this generous grant. Thank you again for your help and support during my undergraduate academic endeavor.

Sincerely, Vicotoria Stiefel



Dear Editor,

My name is Sydney McClary and I am a junior at Winthrop University. I wanted to express a huge thank you to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association for the scholarship grant I received this year. Because of this grant, I can focus more on my studies and pursue my dreams as a Marketing major. Not only this, but the Ia Drang scholarship reduced my financial hardships by giving me the means to purchases much needed textbooks. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart! I am truly grateful and honored to have been awarded this scholarship.

Sincerely, Sydney McClary



Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the very generous scholarships I have received, as it means many things to me. First and foremost, it is a means to an education. It means I can be a part of the small percent of people who are fortunate enough to attend college. It means I can pursue my desire to be an audio engineer. This scholarship also means that my grandfather's contributions to this nation will stretch farther than anyone expected. With this scholarship I will be able to carry on his legacy and memory. This scholarship has made more opportunity for my family and for that I am thankful.

Sincerely, Lucas Fisher



Dear Editor,

I was a Red Cross Donut Dollie in Vietnam April '67-'68. My first assignment was with the Cav at An Khe which spoiled me for my other two assignments at Danang with the Marines and Cu Chi with the 25th ID. I've written a memoir composed primarily of letters I wrote home at the time and emails I've written to veteran groups since then. I must have known about the Cav before I got to Vietnam because in my first letter from Saigon, I wrote, "We just found out our assignments, and joy of all joys, I got exactly the place I want—An Khe with the 1st Cavalry. I'm so excited and happy about it." The Cav figures prominently and frequently throughout my story, with one chapter entitled simply "The Cav."

The book is titled "Donut Dollies in Vietnam: Baby-Blue Dresses and OD Green" and is available on Amazon.com.

Nancy Smoyer





**CHAPTER NEWS**

We invite all of our Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents or POC's to contribute any photos, news, or updates about your Chapter, to be posted in the Saber.

We would love to hear updates from all of our Chapters spread across the United States. We encourage you to use this platform to share your bulletins.

Submission deadline to appear in the next Saber is Friday, 6 July 2018. Please send to Karleen at Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522, Attn: Karleen.

**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.

**COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE CHAPTER**

On April 18, 2018 members of the 1st Cavalry Division Columbia Willamette Chapter, Portland Oregon and their wives toured the USS Portland (LPD-27). A bit of History of USS Portland. USS Portland (CA 33) was first launched in 1932 and named for the City of Portland, Maine. She earned 16 Battle Stars for her service during various times of war. The second USS Portland (LSD 37) was an amphibious ship commissioned in 1970 and named for both Portland, Maine and Oregon. She accomplished 14 deployments all over the world prior to decommissioning. USS Portland (27) is the 11th San Antonio Class ship and the first ship named solely for the city of Portland Oregon. Those serving on the USS Portland (LPD-27) come from all over the United States. Each of the Navy Sailors, Seabees and Marines who were on board were very respectful and appreciative of the 1st Cavalry. The Ships Commissioning Ceremony was April 21, 2018 in Portland, Oregon.



L to R Gary Crapser, Nancy and Jim Jordan, Yolly and Terry Low, Charlene and Jim Johnson.

**CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER**

The Crossed Sabers Chapter is newly re-established. We had our General Membership meeting in April to appoint a new Board of Officers. Then on May 16th we had our next productive meeting. On Memorial Day we gathered at the Veteran Cemetery to show our respect in force showing stetsons and spurs. We will be having a Stable Call at the Association HQ's June 14 at 1800, all members are invited.

If you are a member of the Association, and you live in the Central Texas area....YOU are automatically a member of the Crossed Sabers Chapter. There are no additional dues or paperwork required.



L to R Dara Wydler, Charles Bunyard, John Arp, Dennis Webster, Reggie Howard, Scott Sjule, MSG Edward Ward, Doug Evans, Devester Carthan, Joe Wilgeroth, Tina Wilgeroth, Dave Clemons, Alan Knotts, Kurt Gustafson, Tim Hodge, Karleen Maloney

**NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER**

The New York-New Jersey Chapter Held its Spring Meeting on April 21 at the Elks Lodge in Ridgfield Park NJ. Fun was had by all.

The Fall meeting, will be announced soon. (see photo to the right)

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\$50 makes you a D-Troop member including a one year subscription and you receive a suitable poster or print.

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\$1,000 makes you a Gold Brigade member including a 20 year subscription.

- All D-Troopers receive a certificate suitable for framing, upon your first donation.
- Brigade members receive a handsome 1st Cavalry wall plaque.

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\$15 one year Associate Membership including a one year subscription.

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D-Troop milestones can be achieved cumulatively. We will keep track of your contributions.

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I served with 1st Team in Unit (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and (2) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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I served with the 1st Cavalry Division in (Circle one or more)

Pre-WWII WWII Japan Korean War Korea '57-'65 Fort Benning

Vietnam War Fort Hood Gulf War Bosnia Afghanistan Iraq Fort Bliss

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

BUSINESS CARDS DISCONTINUED

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

NO CHAPTER IN YOUR AREA?

Consider forming a new 1st Cavalry Division Association Chapter in your local area.

Contact the Chapter Coordinator, Karleen at <memberships@1CDA.org> or (254) 547-6537 and get started!



NY/NJ Sam Fantino and Bob Arbasetti



61st FA News

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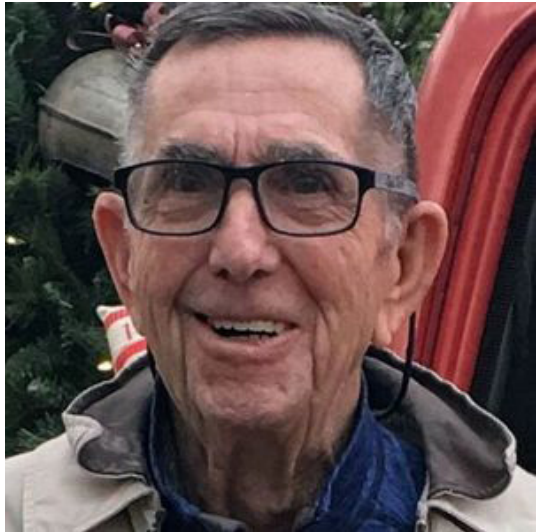


This issue of the Saber should be getting to you in mid-June. Parts of the country will be well into the summer season. Hope all of you survived the recent storms that ravaged the mid-western and eastern parts of the country and are enjoying life.

My wife and I are taking a vacation into Washington State and Canada the first two weeks of May. Some ex-neighbors from Carlsbad now have a B&B in central WA and we're going to stay with them for a couple of days. I really haven't spent much time in the Seattle area since my infantry and heavy weapons training days in the 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Lewis. Don't even want to think about how many years ago that was!

Got a call from Rich Weakley in mid-April. He passed on the sad news that Glen Nolen (B Btry 1953-55) had passed away on April 7<sup>th</sup> at age 86.. Unfortunately we're getting way too many of these notices lately. Our alumni group is getting smaller every year. Thanks for the call, Rich. Our condolences to the family.

In early April, received this note from Grady Tucker ... "Gordon, we have spent the last two weeks moving into a senior independent living facility and am still looking for things. Moving at my age is by no means fun. Grady." Thanks for the update, Grady. Hoping that you enjoy the new place.



Glen Nolen

Just another reminder that I do have about a dozen hats like this one. They are available to anyone who wants one; just send me \$3 to cover the packaging and postage and I'll shoot it out to you.

From Pete O'Brien in April ... "Hi Gordon, while watching a Civil War film recently, it struck me that I haven't left much of a footprint behind. Paid taxes, voted, obeyed (mostly) all the laws, hat off and hand over heart at the National Anthem, returned all library books on time, participated in making babies, bad-mouthed both Republicans and Democrats alike whenever appropriate,

stayed under speed limits almost always, - - - all of this just like everyone else.

1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
10TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON D.C.  
VETERANS DAY DINNER

The William A. Richardson National Capitol Region Chapter in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division Association will host the 10th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner on Sunday evening 11 November 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Dr., Arlington, Virginia. The guest speaker has yet to be determined.

- A host bar will be open at 1800.
- Dinner will begin at 1900 hours.
- For dinner reservations please send \$60 per ticket to the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703.
- Full payment must be received **no later than 02 November 2018**.
- We accept all credit cards - ensure that your card number and expiration dates are written correctly and legibly.
- Provide your name, address, unit you served with and the name(s) of your guests with your payment.

Tickets will be available for pickup in the 1st Cavalry Division Association Hospitality Suite or at the door to the banquet room.



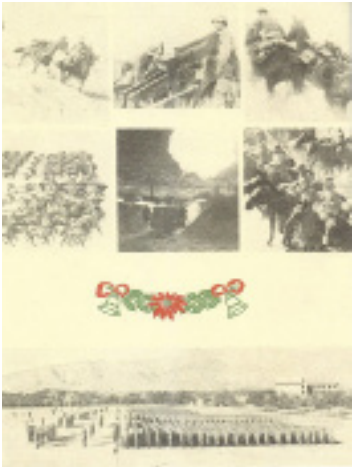
Then it dawned on me that we former members of the 61st Field Artillery Battalion in the 1st Cavalry Division, United States Army, are in the history books just like all the Soldiers in the Revolutionary, Civil, World and other wars. It really doesn't matter what we did; we were there, served our time and did what we were told. It makes me feel very good and I hope all our 61st Veterans feel the same way. And, as the former 99th Field Artillery Saber correspondent, Jim Miller, always said, "We're all in it together!" Hope this arrives without snowflakes and with best wishes and many thanks for all that you do, Pete O'Brien, Foxboro, Mass." Great to hear from you, Pete. Hope all is well in the Far East. It's been around 60+ years since we've had any snowflakes in Carlsbad!

From Bill Stewart in mid-April... "Gordon, Pat & I took a little trip after Thanksgiving. We got our 4 kids and their spouses together and went to Branson for four days. We got to see a few shows and one of my favorite things to do was see the Trail of Lights at the Shepherd of the Hills Park. It always seems to amaze us what can be done with a string of lights. Branson is a little quieter at that time of the year, the Christmas shows are great and put you in the mood for the holidays. I heard from Mara & Bob Hoppe recently. Bob is 90 and still doing fairly well. I was hoping to get more letters and emails but it just hasn't happened. Sure do miss those few days together each year. Pat & I are doing okay for our age. We just finished up our bowling for the year, 31 weeks in two leagues weekly sure seems like a lot of times to throw that ball down the alley. Hope everyone is okay and if anyone feels like it, drop us a line or two. Sta Bueno, Bill." Pat added... "Bill has been selected for the male "Senior Bowler of the Year" award from our local bowling association. He will be honored at Terre Haute Bowlers Hall of Fame banquet." Always good to hear from both of you and congratulations on the SBY award.

Had another nice chat with Speedy Speedman up in Big Bear, California. Speedy is 88 now and getting along pretty well. He's still riding with the San Bernardino Sheriff's department Search and Rescue posse and is their oldest member. Noted that he hates it when people take young ones out hiking in the mountains without food or water and then get lost overnight. Says he'd like to be traveling like my wife and I do, but doesn't like to leave feeding his horse to someone else.

Speedy also sent along this from a Christmas card he had received from SGT Thomas Doss way back in December 1999. The note on the back said "This is the way it was March 20, 1941. Most of the men in Battery A, 61<sup>st</sup> FA Bn went over to Australia in July, 1943. I was wondering what happened to all those men. I left Manteo August 17, 1945. Discharged Sept 13, 1945. SGT Thomas S. Doss. 84 years old Dec 6, 1999." He also listed a phone number, 806-637-2176. Speedy tried it, but it was disconnected. Not surprising after almost 20 years! Anyone still around who remembers SGT Doss?

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



A Btry 3-20-1941  
SGT Thomas S. Doss

10th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER  
\$60 per TICKET

Sunday, 11 November 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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You can fill out the above Veterans Day Dinner form and return in the mail or go to our website, <www.1CDA.org> Click on the button to download the form, print the form, fill out and mail with payment to the Association office in Copperas Cove, Texas.





### 5th CAV News

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It appears old man winter has finally accepted the change of command to spring. With it comes making plans to attend the 1CDA Reunion in Charleston, WV. June 20 – 24, 2018. More information can be found further into this issue of the Saber. The 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Association will conduct the annual Board of Governors and Officers meetings on June 22 around 10 AM, location TBA. Any members in good standing are invited to attend & participate in the discussions. The General Membership Meeting will take place right after the PH Breakfast, 0900-1100 on June 23.

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 with myself. In addition to 1<sup>st</sup> VP position, we will be voting to fill 6 Board of Governor's sets that are up for re-election and 4 vacant seats.

We will also consider the 2019 5<sup>th</sup> Cav Reunion. Currently we have a hotel contract with a hotel in Alexandria, VA. Our attendance numbers have decreased immensely for the past 3 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 officers, BOG members or myself. My contact information is <www.woodcamp@att.net>, or by phone at 417-844-5347.

The following article appeared in the Blackhorse Hoofbeats 18 February 1967. Hoofbeats was the newsletter for the Second Brigade.

D 2/5 Assaults - NVA Overrun

As dawn broke over the An Lao Valley in the last days of Operation Thayer II, D Company, 2/5 Cav made a combat air assault into that valley of ill-fame. Long a redoubt of the Viet Cong, it was a sure bet that they would find "Charlie" that day. They did.


The company moved from the LZ down a trail towards a suspected VC village, the target for the day's sweep. As the lead elements reached a rice paddy dike, they came under intense automatic weapons fire. The other elements of the company were told by CPT Richard McNerney, company commander, to move around and outflank the enemy positions blocking the advance.

The 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, commander by 1LT Gilbertson, swung around and began to move up on the enemy positions. As they reached the paddy dike, they too came under fire from another complex of bunkers. 1LT Gilbertson was wounded in the legs and Platoon Sergeant Pagan rushed to his aid. He charged the enemy positions with his hot 16 spraying deadly load but was driven back by the intense fire. By his courageous actions, however, the medic was able to drag Gilbertson to safety.

For the entire day, the men of Delta Company fought against entrenched Viet Cong. Actions of courage were common and the rolls of glory long. Later that day, airstrikes and aerial rocket artillery were called in. The Air Force Phantoms strafed and dropped their deadly "eggs" of napalm high explosives. The ARA ships fired their rockets into the positions after making low and lengthy passes over the VC who sent up a curtain of mass fire from AK's and SKS's.

As night closed in, the men pulled back into a tight perimeter and watched and waited through the long, sleepless night. The next morning, the men swept the village finding weapons and documents used by the fleeing VC. Once again, the fighting Devils of Delta had closed with and destroyed the enemy.

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## 12th CAV News



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had expanded on the data he had sent me up the wrong Google channel. My onus and not his. I got heavy handed on the keyboard (don't I always) and took the first answer I received instead of the correct one, without the proper fact checking and vetting. Let that be a life lesson to you. I have learned my lesson (until the next time!) (Who said that?). The majority of the details stand as stated: 11<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. Room reservations may be made by calling 1-800-808-9355 or 1-417-336-3575. Use the 12th Cavalry Reunion Group Ref # 523159. Rates are @ 2 per room, \$89.00 plus tax per night (\$99.67 Total), includes the daily breakfast buffet. \$9.00 per additional guest per room will also include the breakfast buffet. Add the location of the Welk Resorts Branson Hotel, 1984 State Highway 165, Branson, MO 65616. Fill'er up! <Thomas Crabtree>.

**0103** Specialist Devon Michael Wolff, 23, was found unresponsive in his Fort Hood residence Feb 28. He was transported to Scott & White Hospital and died March 3. Wolff, home of record Hicksville, Ohio, entered active-duty military service in August 2015 as 11 Bravo, Infantry. He had been assigned to 2-12 Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since February 2016. He deployed in support of the Republic of Korea from February through October 2016. Wolff's awards and decorations include a National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon. Circumstances surrounding this incident are under investigation, authorities said. In his death, Devon was able to save others through organ donation. He was a Cleveland Browns and Ohio State Buckeye fan, enjoyed working on and detailing cars, listening to music but most of all; he loved his family and the trips they would take to SeaWorld, and the zoo. Wolff was a 2015 graduate of Hicksville High School. His wife, Aimee, and daughter, Kaelyn, among others survive him. Burial was at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, with military honors by the U.S. Army Honor Guard. We honor Specialist Wolff, our fallen comrade. <SmithBrownFuneralHome.Com; JournalGazette.Net>.



SPC Devon M. Wolff

**0303** I remember the great Tony Kornheiser stating more than once on his radio programs that the best reporting, and writing, in the newspaper trade was to be found in the writing of obituaries. I have to say that I agree with his judgment and the superb examples to be found in your Sunday paper. Two late exemplars were sent to me listing the life and military accomplishments of a naval officer who was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in New Guinea during WWII, and a tuba and string bass playing bandsman of the Division during the Japanese Occupation. What family and military history, what pertinent intriguing details! It would be great if your local paper lists the Division and Regiment service of deceased persons and you send our Division associated personnel along to me or to the DIV Assoc. for the Taps memoriam section of our website. Personally, I will never rest easy unless all who can be memorialized in this fashion have had their say.

**0503** (1) From the D 1-12 Cavalry April newsletter Boot-to-Boot: "Delta 1-12 Calvary Reunion, Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 September 2018, at the El Tropicana Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Rooms are \$127.00 per night including all taxes and fees, with 2 free breakfast buffets. There will be no resort fee and the Wi-Fi is free. <ElTropicanoHotel.com>."

**0703** (2) Ten Delta Veterans and spouses departed on April 8 for a two-week tour of Vietnam designed specifically to visit the places the company fought; visiting Tay Ninh, Pleiku/Dak To, An Khe, Bong Son, Hue, Quang Tri, Khe Sanh, and the A Shau Valley. Traveling were: John Gergulis, Chuck Rose, Sam Watson, Walt Wilczak, George Davey and Thuy Chung, James and Sandra Neeley, David Hendrickson, and Frederick Lange.

**0903** (3) The 1-12 Documentary film is production. Are you willing to be interviewed for the documentary film already in production about the 1-12th Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam? To have the production team at the reunion in San Antonio we need to know in advance that at least 10 Veterans will participate." Watch the trailer at <Vimeo.Com/248661824>. Call Thomas Crabtree at 432-853-4851 or email him at <mmctlc3@aol.com> and tell him "I am in!" Finally? Join us in San Antonio!" <April Boot-to-Boot newsletter>. Y'all come!

**1103** Fifteen European journalists toured the Great Place to better understand US Army capabilities and to meet members of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, which is set to deploy to the European theater beginning in May in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Fort Hood was the final stop for the media tour. First at Fort Hood was a stop at the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Museum, a command briefing at III Corps Headquarters, the Phantom Warrior Academy's Air Assault School, and lunch in the Ironhorse Dining Facility. The media tour's last stop was the motor pool of 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, where Ironhorse Brigade and battalion leaders awaited. Brigade Commander COL Trey Rutherford said he's proud of the fact that his brigade will be "... the first Soldier 2020 Armored Brigade Combat Team to deploy with fully-integrated female infantry and armor Soldiers in our ranks. We look forward to showing how well this effort has worked



Media tour at the 2-12 motor pool

**0001** Hey Sailor, new in town? Belay most of that last issue scuttlebutt info on the 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Branson, Missouri, Reunion. Trooper Thomas Crabtree was watching out for your welfare and pointed out, rightly as it were, that I

within the unit and will allow us to accomplish all assigned missions." Though this OAR deployment is a first for the brigade, it's not the first time the unit conducted a European training rotation. "This brigade did the first deployment for the U.S. on a rotational basis before it was called Operation Atlantic Resolve," he said. "We have a lot of young folks excited for the opportunity to train and partner with our NATO allies and some of the other partnered countries over there." After taking time to meet with Ironhorse Troops and leaders, the media tour received a short windshield tour of the post before departing. Fort Hood left a lasting impression. "It's huge. I was amazed by the standards of this place," a journalist said. "It's not only very big, it's professional." <FortHoodSentinel.Com/News>.

**1303** Found on the Internet. Photo details "A search and seizure phase of "Operation Pershing" (Feb 12, 1967-Jan 19, 1968) in the village of Troun Lan, Binh Dinh Province, approximately 90 km northeast of An Khe. SGT George Nemosbatho (Detroit, MI), mortar Platoon Squad Leader, 1st Battalion, 12th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), takes a drink of fresh coconut milk during a break in the search for the enemy. (Department of Defense)." <KDMiner.Com>.



SGT George Nemosbatho

**1503** "The problem with war photography is that there is absolutely no way to do it from a distance. You have to be close." In April 2011, renowned photojournalist Chris Hondros got too close. He was killed in the same mortar attack in the rebel-held Libyan town of Misrata that took the life of Oscar-nominated British film-maker and photographer Tim Hetherington. Hondros is the subject of a new documentary film, directed by fellow journalist and childhood friend Greg Campbell, who he worked alongside in Kosovo, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Campbell was with Hondros in Libya until just a week before the mortar attack that ended his life. Hondros shot to fame during the 2003 Liberian civil war, with a photograph of government commander Joseph Duo celebrating after firing an RPG at rebel positions near a contested bridge in Monrovia. Hondros went back to Liberia after the civil war, tracking down Duo and paid for his college tuition. Hondros was driven to find the human angle of war photography. His photo of a young Iraqi girl crying after her parents were accidentally shot as they drove through a U.S. checkpoint led to worldwide outrage and a change in U.S. military protocols. The film follows in Hondros' footsteps as he returns to Iraq to find out what happened to the girl in the photo. Says Campbell: "Chris' skills as a photojournalist were matched only by the humanity he displayed in every situation. After studying so many of his photos in producing the film, I noticed his tendency to shoot humane moments amid turbulent events, particularly with children who were caught up in the wars that he covered. It wasn't until we began shooting in the many places where he left his footprints that we were able to see just how much of a lasting impact he had had on so many people who remember him fondly. The first 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry representative picture is "February 8, 2007: U.S. Army SGT Sergej Mithaud, of El Paso, Texas, from 1st Cavalry Division, Charlie company 2-12, smokes after treating a suspected Iraqi Shia insurgent they had shot earlier and tracked by his blood trail, in the Gazaliy neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq." The second is "February 16, 2007: PFC Devin Franey of Oakland, New Jersey of the 2-12 Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, smokes a cigarette at Combat Outpost Casino before a mission in the Gazaliyah neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq." The other 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division photo is "November 22, 2007: A Soldier in the First Cavalry Division eats with his weapon close at hand during a Thanksgiving Day dinner at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah in Baghdad, Iraq." The documentary 'Hondros' was released in selected theaters in the US on Friday, March 2. It is on iTunes and Amazon from March 6, and on Netflix from July 1. The article and the pictures are at: <http://www.newsweek.com/chris-hondros-photojournalism-war-photographer-tim-hetherington-getty-images-821858>.

**1703** Shingrix, a new shingles vaccine is rolling out and health care experts say it's a game changer. It is a two-dose series, with the second dose administered anywhere from two to six months after the first. It is recommended for healthy adults 50 and older to prevent shingles, a painful skin rash that can have debilitating long-term effects for older people. Who's at risk for getting shingles? Anyone who's had the chickenpox, about one-third of whom will get shingles at some point in their lives, if they're not protected. Anywhere from 90 to 99 percent of people now over the age of 40 had chickenpox before there was a chickenpox vaccine. An earlier shingles vaccine was introduced in 2006 but that vaccine was for people 60 and older when it first came out, and only about 70 percent effective in offering full protection against the virus. Also, shingles can recur, so even if you've already had shingles, get the new vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers recommendations about those who should not get the new vaccine. <Health.Mil/News>.

**1903** No Trooper left behind. Connect and reconnect with your fellow Veterans, leave no one hanging who you may help. Recognition, a nod, a kind word, and a smile work wonders for Veterans who feel abandoned by the world. It's as simple as opening your mouth, sending a card, or as complex as emailing, calling, visiting, visiting on social media in all the differing military venues, attending chapter meetings, and reuniting at our Reunions. Waki states: "In 2013, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs released a study that covered suicides from 1999 to 2010, which showed that roughly 22 Veterans were dying by suicide per day, or one every 65 minutes. Some sources suggest that this rate may be undercounting suicides." It should be our sacred duty to reverse that number to nil. <Wikipedia.Org>.

**2103** "In 1966, the Vietnam Vascular Registry was developed by Dr. Norman Rich at the Walter Reed General Hospital, based on cases he had seen while serving in Vietnam, along with hundreds of other cases added by colleagues. The registry documented and analyzed blood vessel injuries in Vietnam, resulting in documentation of more than 10,000 injuries from about 7,500 American casualties

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SPC Delvon Long, 1-12 Cavalry competes in the annual Fort Hood intramural bowling tournament.



## 7th CAV News



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Greetings my brothers, and thanks for once again looking at these missives. It continues to be my honor to be your scribe. However, I'm a little on the light side for stories in this issue, would love to have you help me with that. Please feel free to reach out with any of your stories and/or ideas that can be placed in one of our future columns. All stories are welcome! I would also welcome information about any of our brothers that is noteworthy; are you moving, have you recently retired, celebrated an anniversary, received an award, either military or civilian.

**Recognizing 1/7 Cavalry Troopers with long-overdue awards.** The following was reported in the Killeen Daily Herald on 9 March 2018. The article was written by David Bryant.

A Korean War Veteran and 12 Desert Storm Veterans of Garryowen 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment received recognition for their combat service in a long-overdue ceremony Friday at the unit's headquarters on Fort Hood.

The Veterans were awarded their gold spurs, a U.S. Army cavalry tradition inducting the former Troopers into the Order of the Spur. The gold spurs indicate the Troopers served in combat with a cavalry unit and are worn at ceremonial functions, according to LTC Kevin Bradley, the squadron's commander. The unit is a part of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "It's easy to say it's an honor (to recognize the Veterans), but it's what they deserve," said MAJ Jason Walsh, squadron executive officer. "It's doing the right thing. I know what it's like to serve, they served, and we're connected by that bond."

For former PFC Jess Freeman, receiving his gold spurs was nearly 70 years overdue. The Korean War Veteran served with the squadron in battles such as the Pusan Perimeter, one of the first major battles of the war in the fall of 1950. "It wasn't any fun when we went over there, but it sure was nice when we finally came home," Freeman said, adding that it felt "really good" to know his old outfit had not forgotten him.

All the Desert Storm Veterans were members of the unit's Echo Troop, which was later reorganized as Comanche Troop following Desert Storm. The squadron led the 1st Cavalry Division's assault into Iraq at the beginning of the ground war, Bradley said. "They went 250 kilometers in 24 hours, leading the charge into Iraq, destroying multiple enemy positions along the way and capturing about 500 prisoners," Bradley said.

For those Veterans receiving their spurs, the event held a lot of meaning. "It's an emotional event and I think it's long overdue, it's been 27 years," said former CPL Julio Marin, who currently works with the National Desert Storm War Memorial. "When we heard the Colonel (Bradley) was going out of his way to take care of us old Veterans ... It's a very special day, for a lot of us."

After awarding the spurs, Bradley reminded the Troopers that they were always welcome to return and visit as they would always be a part of the unit. "It is an absolute honor for us to be able to do this today, to honor your service in combat with the gold spurs," he said.

I received a request from Steven Schierman for information about his great-great uncle who served with 2nd of the 7th in Korea. Here is his story....

My name is Steven Schierman, I'm a college student from Washington State, and I hope I can ask for a few minutes of your time on the off chance that you might be able to help me. I've been researching my family history lately, as I'm trying to learn more about those who've come before me, and to hopefully preserve what information I'm able to find, before it's lost to time.

One of my great-grandfather's brothers, SFC Theodore Schierman was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean War, in which he was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions during the Battle of Pusan Perimeter in early August 1950. He was killed in action a few days later.

My great-great uncle's short life and early death made a profound impact upon his family-- my family-- but unfortunately most of my family members who knew him have passed away too, so I don't know a whole lot about him beyond basic biographical details. I would really love to find out more about him.

I hope to reach anyone who may have served in 7th Regt. 2nd battalion in 1950 and would be willing to share their experience, that of their battalion, and potentially even shine some light about Uncle Ted and his time in the war, on the off chance they knew him. I know the chances of this are vanishingly small, given how long ago these events transpired. I feel that I have to try, regardless.

The minuscule chance of first-hand information aside, I'd also be greatly interested in any second-hand information about the history of the 7th Cav. Regt. 2nd Battalion, its members' experiences in the early stage of the Korean War. Anyone who might have any photos, documents, memoirs, interviews, or company/battalion rosters or anything else of interest regarding the 2nd Battalion and its members during that time, or knows someone who might, please contact me.

If anyone does have information of this kind, which they're willing to share with me, feel free to contact me by email at <stevenschierman@gmail.com>, or by phone at (253)-651-7169 if they'd prefer to talk over the phone.

SFC Schierman's Distinguished Service Cross citation:

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Theodore A. Schierman (RA39482804), Sergeant

First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company G, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment (Infantry), 1st Cavalry Division. Sergeant First Class Schierman distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces near Taksong-dong, Korea, on 10 August 1950. Sergeant First Class Schierman was in command of a combat patrol en-route to establish an outpost when it was pinned down by a hail of deadly semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire. Realizing that the lives of the men in his patrol were in danger, Sergeant Schierman, without thought of his own personal safety, moved through the enemy fire to a new position. From there he deliberately laid a heavy volume of fire on the enemy in order to draw all of their fire on his position. This selfless act enabled his comrades to withdraw to safety. Artillery was called for and directed on the enemy position, neutralizing their fire. Sergeant Schierman then regrouped his patrol and again led his comrades into enemy territory. Once more the patrol was pinned down, this time by fire from an anti-tank gun. Courageously, he maneuvered to a position from which he single-handedly destroyed the anti-tank gun, permitting him to move forward with his patrol and accomplish his mission.

**Did you know?** The newly appointed United States Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, is a 7th Cavalry Trooper. Pompeo graduated first in his West Point class, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Armor branch in 1986 and spent five years on active duty. He rose to the rank of Captain and, according to his official CIA biography, served as a cavalry officer patrolling the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall with the 2nd Squadron of the 7th Cavalry. It's good to know some of the top leadership of the country is in the hands of a Garryowen Trooper.

**News from Fort Hood:** The following, written by CPT Scott Kuhn, was published in the Fort Hood Sentinel, and illustrates how active units and National Guard units are working together for the betterment of both.

### 1st Cav Unit Trains with Guard Partner

The Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, "Ghost," 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division along with elements of 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion conducted rail operations on Fort Hood March 14 in preparation to support the brigade's Army Total Force Partners, the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team of the Mississippi National Guard. The battalion is responsible for acting as the opposition force to the 155th. They will be a part of a much larger training force that includes the 177th Armored Brigade from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and elements of First Army Division West.

During their time there, they will conduct situational training exercises in conjunction with the 155th at platoon and company levels. They will also provide OPFOR to the battalion-level field training exercises. But they plan on maximizing their time within the Fort Bliss training area by conducting their own training as well.

"We are still working on our own maneuverability. We are still working on our lethality. We're not there just for their (155th ABCT) purpose, we're there for our own too," said SFC Aaron Keen, battalion master gunner. The Greywolf and Dixie Thunder Brigades have partnered for over three years as part of the Army's Total Force Partnership.

Not only has Greywolf provided them with training support, but the 155th ABCT has returned the favor.

"We have had a fruitful partnership with the 155th," said LTC Will Wade, commander of 2nd Bn, 7th Cav Regt. In January, the brigade, to include the battalion commanders, were able to provide lessons learned from Greywolf's recent deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield. The 155th ABCT is training in preparation for their deployment to Kuwait to assume the same mission Greywolf completed in November.

According to COL Jack Vantress, 177th Armored Brigade commander, "The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team will be the first Army National Guard Armored Brigade Combat Team to train and deploy prepared for decisive action operations that include operating all along the continuum of conflict."

This training mission included moving Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams Main Battle Tanks to Fort Bliss. The movement was coordinated and completed by the 96th Transportation Company, 553rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade.

So, my friends and brothers, here ends this issue of the 7th Cavalry column. Don't forget to send me stories that you want told about your combat days or stories of others that should be told. This is indeed the forum for all stories about the 7th Cavalry Regiment. Hope to see you all at the reunion!



SFC Ted Schierman

## 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN

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My name is Clifford Boxley. I am the new Association Historian and I am also a member of the Board of Governors of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

The Historian position has been vacant for a number of years, so I am going to ask for everyone's help in catching up, especially with more recent events.

With the new Mounted Warfare Museum that is to be built at Fort Hood, the 1st Cavalry Division Museum will close and more than likely all artifacts will go into storage. This will leave a big hole for the Association Historian to fill to preserve the history of the Division.

That is where I need everyone's assistance: over the next couple of years, I'll be collecting photos, stories and artifacts related to the people, places and events surrounding the history of the Division.

I look forward to hearing from everyone.



## 8th CAV News



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Hi again, back in Michigan, I spoke with my Florida next door neighbor yesterday morning (April 29). I told him it was a beautiful Michigan morning with a cloudless blue sky. The downside? That it was just 28 degrees! He rubbed in that it was to be 90-degrees in Port Charlotte today. And so, it goes. Now, why did I leave Florida so early this year?

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 was one of nine Vietnam Purple Heart Veterans chosen nationally by the VFW for a 2 week all-expense paid trip to Vietnam.

Their tour included time in Hanoi, Da Nang, Hue, and Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) April 5 through 18. He writes: "There were 9 guys selected from all over the country. The VFW National Commander picks a member of his inner circle to go along. He sent Roger Frye, who is currently the National Chief of Staff. The group was 1 Navy, 2 Marines, and 7 Army Veterans. There were 2 medics and 2 helicopter pilots.

One of the guys, Henry Beck who was with the 101st, recently had a Silver Star he had been awarded, upgraded to the DSC in an impressive ceremony at the Pentagon. Several of us had multiple Purple Hearts. The other medic, Ron Eagle D'Andre, was with the 1/7th at LZ Xray and was bayoneted by an NVA soldier who had got inside the perimeter. Ron was bent over a guy with a sucking chest wound and never saw the enemy soldier coming. Several guys drilled the attacker before he could stick Ron again. It shortened his tour, but he later came back 2 more times, once with the 2/8th and once as a MACV Adviser."



Doc

Steve was able to write a comprehensive blog while on the tour. It was interesting to follow him to places where many of us served. His blog includes many photos and excellent commentary. Take the tour with him at: <<https://stevesvietnamtrip.blogspot.com/>>

Hockey anyone? Most of you probably know Larry Hempfling, one of our Directors. Larry is the very proud dad of his son Joshua who is on active duty with the U.S. Army. Joshua is stationed in Italy with the 173rd following a tour in Afghanistan. Joshua, like many of us, wears the CIB.

Today's young Soldiers try and do things of which few of us would have thought during our active service. Joshua, an avid hockey player since the age of six, found that there was ice time available for rent at an arena near his base. What did this enterprising young sergeant do? He has started a hockey club, gathering members of his unit and others who like to skate and can handle a stick and puck. He was interviewed recently on AFN [Armed Forces Network]. You can see his interview online at <<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1C80YwK4RJ2u5CE2>>. As my old Aussie buddies used to say, "GOOD ON YA JOSHUA!"

A new monument to those who served: Jim Smith and Pete Genecki recently attended a dedication ceremony in Barnegat, NJ of a new monument on March 29, Vietnam Veterans Day. The monument was the culmination of an effort by Thy Cavagnaro, a 44-year-old Vietnamese woman who fled with her family from Saigon when it fell to the Communists on April 30th, 1975. Just one year old at the time, Thy said she has no memory of Vietnam, but without the support of the U.S. she said that her family never would have had "safe passage to your own country when we lost ours."

Thy made it her mission to find every Vietnam Veteran in Barnegat County and to personally thank him for his service. Hundreds of Vietnam Vets attended the ceremony as the black stone monument was dedicated. It bears the words: "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans: In Memory and Honor of those who served, died, or remain missing in the Vietnam War, ... Presented in Gratitude by the Vietnamese Community of New Jersey... Cam On Cac Ban (English translation -Thank You). Thy, wearing a beautiful *ao dai* of yellow with red stripes reminiscent of the South Vietnam flag, dedicated the monument with her husband James Cavanaro, March 29, 2018." The Cavagnaros were not finished with their thank you.

They have hosted dinners for groups of Veterans and told them, "Because of you, people like me and my family were able to start over. We were able to survive first, and then start over in this amazing country of yours." Read more of this amazing story at: <<https://on.app.com/2pTnDxp>>

Join up and be a part of something bigger than yourself: Sometimes people say that Vietnam Vets are people who are just not "joiners." It's something one might hear at a Legion Hall or at meetings are any of the multitudes of Veteran groups. Until a few years ago, I was one of those people. Not one to join any kind of fraternal organization, I finally found a reason to do so with the establishment of Eager Arms, a group of us who served with B 2/8 in Vietnam during the period 1967-1968.

A relatively small group, membership with these fellow warriors led me to join the 8th Cavalry Association, the 1st Cavalry Division Association and our local chapter in Florida, the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), The American Legion, The Military Officer Association (MOAA), the United Service Organizations (USO), and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). I now contribute to Army Emergency Relief (AER) each year as well as other charities focused on active duty and Veteran issues. Various military museums welcome our support.

I found it rewarding and personally beneficial to be member of and to support and serve with these organizations. There are many others like the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Combat Infantrymen's Organization, The U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association, and the many local Veteran groups about which I have

written over the years in this column. The opportunities are endless. If you haven't joined a Veteran's organization or group, consider doing so. You will meet others with whom you share a special bond that non-combatants cannot, let alone understand. We talk the same language, share common experiences, and bear the same memories. Join a group today, be proud of your service, you will not regret it.

From the President 8th Cavalry Regiment Association, Tommy Harris: I hope to see a large turnout from the men who have served with the 8th Cavalry at the Charleston W.V. Reunion on June 20th, 2018. In the past, the 8th Cavalry used to have one of the largest Regiments for attendance.

Let's make it happen again this year. The 8th Cavalry plans to have a hospitality room this year. Everyone stop by & say hello & stay awhile. If possible I would like all of you that can attend the 8th Cav luncheon on Saturday. There will be a meeting after the lunch in the same room. If you can't make the luncheon then try to make the meeting.

More on the 2018 Reunion: Our 2018 reunion will be held alongside the 1st Cavalry Division Association's in Charleston, W.V. 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!

A final note: This column is a bit shorter than normal. I received some interesting items from a couple of others that I wanted to include in this issue. Unfortunately, I will be tied up starting tomorrow with several doctor visits in Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor prior to another upcoming surgery in a couple of weeks at UofM Medical Center. [As I often say, "Getting' old ain't for sissies!" and "Don't get too soon old and too late smart;" or "Doctor, I know you are practicing medicine; can't you practice on somebody else once in a while?"] At any rate, I simply don't have the time to write up these items of interest right now - it takes some time to research, edit, rewrite, and get necessary reprint permissions for some of the articles and photos I would like to use. I plan to include them in the next issue - thanks to those who sent them on to me; sorry I couldn't get them in this time.

Until next time, Honor and Courage! Tom



Anyone recognize these two Troopers taking a smoke break with me?  
I'm the hard-core LT on the left.

## 12 Cav News

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in Southeast Asia. Each patient entered in to the registry was assigned a consecutive number and given a vascular registry card stating the registry's purpose. Rich has maintained the registry for more than 50 years. If stretched out completely, the entire registry itself would be about 114 linear feet, he noted. In 2016, the registry was digitized by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, making it much easier to search and find records from vascular patients seen during Vietnam. The originals were sent to the National Archives and Records Center in St. Louis. Do you have your registry card? Veterans who have held on to their cards have been able to use those cards, through the Registry and their medical records, to personally contact and thank the surgeons who operated on them, and sometimes saved their lives. Many make promises or have long wished to - if you can, there is no reason, or fear, not to try. What is there to fear, save fear itself? "This is what makes it valuable," Rich said, referring to the extensive Vietnam Vascular Registry. "It is really reassuring that what we were doing has merit." I'll send you the article if you want. If I can again find it. <[Defense.Gov/News](https://www.defense.gov/news)>.

**2303 Journal closed.** Karen and I hope to see each of you at the West Virginia Reunion, in Charleston, in June. But we are all aware that life at times can come at you hard and fast, granting no mercy. What is the military term for that - no quarter? Life gives us no quarter. As was stated by Ian Flemming, and his alleged alter ego, James '007' Bond said, "Never say Never". Excuse me while I go cut my VA pills in half, so I achieve a 90-day supply. (They will even supply you with the cutter, what great people!) From the English comedian Spike Milligan ~ "Are you going to come quietly, or do I have to use earplugs?" Semper Paratus! Write if you get work!

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



## 9th CAV News

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Greeting from beautiful Smith Mountain Lake where Spring has arrived finally. My wife and I ate lunch on our deck overlooking the river which we hadn't been able to do for over a year.

Many thanks to Pat Bieneman for sending in this After Action (AAR) from the most recent Charlie Troop reunion last September in Gettysburg, PA. My apologies for not including the entire report as space limitations required some editing. If you would like to see the entire AAR with photos, please contact Patrick Bieneman <pcbnamin@verizon.net>. Also, if you are a Charlie Troop Veteran who hasn't attended a reunion, please contact Patrick about their upcoming reunion.

Speaking of reunions, just a reminder of the upcoming Apache the Troop reunion scheduled for October 23-25, 2018, in Punta Gorda, FL. Contact me or Lance Catlin at <Apacheuprising2018@gmail.com>.

Remember, We Can and We Will; We Could and We Did. Until next time.

### Charlie Troop 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry Regiments 2017 Reunion After Action Report Gettysburg, PA 17-19 September 2017

Charlie Troop has concluded it's 2017 annual reunion. It was an amazing success. On September 17, 2017, we started our reunion with the introduction to the new Charlie Troopers, that is those who had never been to a Charlie Troop Reunion conducted by my wife Carol and me. The following Troopers, Troopettes and family made their first but not last reunion: Al and Sally Demailo 70-71; Dexter and Donna Evans 70-71; Percy "Doc" Hipple 68-69; Loyd Kelley 66-67; John and Hiesook Sacca 68-69; Herb and Coney Skinner 71; Frank Turner & Margaret Yanetti 67-68; Ed Evans 67; Ron Cepek 69-70; Jennifer Tuttle daughter of Mike Tuttle and niece of John A. Jelich; Greg and Elaine Allcut 69-70; Bruce and Sandra Campbell 70-71; Robert and Debbie Lemasters 70-71; Terry and Heidi Washburn 68-69.

We also welcomed a new Gold Star family. They are the family of John A. Jelich who was a Scout pilot in Charlie Troop in 1968/69. John returned to Vietnam on a 2nd Tour of duty with Delta Company 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion. John's helicopter was shot down on April 1, 1972 resulting in John's and his door gunner, James D. Owens, death.



With us at the reunion was: Cecelia "Tina" Tuttle Jelich Frost, John's widow; Dierdra "Dickie" Jelich Langworthy the daughter of John A. Jelich with her husband Cort and son Vaughn; John "Jake" Jelich II, the son of John A. Jelich with his wife Elizabeth; Maggie Jelich Corcoran, the sister of John A. Jelich and as mentioned before Jennifer Tuttle the daughter of Mike Tuttle who served in Charlie Troop 68-69 as a Scout pilot with John A. Jelich who became John's brother-in-law.

We were also honored to have a friend of mine and Carol's, SGT Francis Chesko, a WWII Veteran.

We honored Francis with a certificate that read: *Francis entered the Army in February 1943. After his advanced training, he was shipped off to England. From England, Francis landed on Utah Beach on June 7, 1944 as part of the 148th Combat Engineer Battalion. On July 19, 1944, Francis was wounded and sent back to England to mend. Returning to the war, Francis was assigned to the 7th Armored Division in Holland. Here, Francis narrowly missed being wounded*

*again when an 88mm mortar shell landed above his bunker but did not detonate. Francis's unit was dug in at the town of St. Vith, Belgium when the Battle of the Bulge broke out. The Germans attacked on December 17, 1944. His division was told to hold its position for three days. They held it for five. Francis said for Christmas Eve, all his unit had to eat was snow.*

*After the Battle of the Bulge, Francis's unit helped build the longest bridge of the war. It totaled 1,300 feet over the Rhine River. As Francis and his unit pushed into Germany they helped liberate 1,200 American prisoners. God Bless Francis Chesko, one of our true American Heroes. The certificate was read and presented to Francis by Ed Gruetzemacher.*

We also presented Francis with a plaque. On the plaque was a Hummel figurine, the Soldier Boy, and a plaque that read: *SGT Francis Chesko, A proud member of the greatest generation and a proud WWII Veteran, Charlie Troop 1/9 Cavalry, Thank you for our freedom.* This was presented to Francis by Carol Bieneman.

Upon completion of the presentation, Ed called all Troopers to their feet. He then gave the order of Attention and the commands to Present Arms and then Order Arms as our final display of honoring Francis.

The morning of the 18th came early as we had to eat at 6am and be on the buses by 7am for our "Journey to the Wall." We arrived at the Mall around 9:15, everyone departed the buses. We had 140 cavalry yellow roses. Over 125 had a Purple Heart name tag. The name tags had the Troopers name and date he became a casualty and the panel and line number of where he was located on the Wall. We also had a 1st cavalry wreath with *Always Honored and Never Forgotten* on the ribbons.

Our "Little Brothers of Charlie Troop" (the Boy Scouts from Smiths Station, Alabama) led by carrying the U.S. flag, and Max Pressman and Jack McKibben carrying the C Troop 1/9th guidon between them. They were followed by Jerry Duckworth (67) and Dutch Florez (69) as Front Guards, then came Artie Sanders (68), James Tyler (70) and Tom Betts (66) carrying the 1st Cavalry Division patch wreath, and the Jerry Schmochocha and Herb Skinner (70) representing the Rear Guard. Then came, Galen Rosher and the Gold Star families with the Troopers to follow. We all marched to the Wall. The Little Brothers placed the wreath at the center of the two walls. When the Troopers were lined up, Galen called the Troopers to Attention and then gave the Orders to Present Arms and Order Arms.

Afterward Troopers were given time to see the Three Servicemen Statute, The Vietnam Women's Statue and the Korean War Memorial. We then departed the Mall for lunch at Union Station. After the completion of lunch and at a designated time we reloaded the buses for a return to the Mall but this time at the WWII Memorial. Once again, our Little Brothers led the formation with the U.S. flag. Jack McKibben and Max Pressman once again carried the C Troop 1/9th guidon between them. Then came George Vansant (67) as Front Guard, Don Coshey (65) and Herb Skinner (70) carried the red, white and blue spray with a ribbon that read *The Greatest Generation* with Dutch Florez as Rear Guard. Behind then was Francis Chesko and daughter Sue, then came Gene Smith and the rest of the Troopers with families. Our Little Brothers proceeded to the Atlantic side of the WWII Memorial to the Battle of the Bulge site. Here they posted the Colors and the spray was then placed. This concluded our ceremonies at the Mall in Washington, D.C. Shortly afterwards we loaded the buses for our return to Gettysburg.

That evening, we had our meal at 7pm. The room once again the room was filled with talking, laughter and tears. What a great evening it was.

The morning of the 19th we began with a Troopers meeting. Carol discussed with the Troopers the status of our Trooper fund and our reunion fund. We can honestly say that we are in very good shape. She also explained that we now have a separate checking and savings account for our Charlie Troop funds.

I followed up with talking about next year's reunion. It will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN September 23, 24, and 25th. We will be holding it at the Holiday Inn. Everyone is looking forward to our next reunion.

I want to thank so many, I hope I don't forget anyone: All of the Troopers who participated in the ceremonies, the ladies for reading the names of our fallen, Ilah Rosher, Teri Duckworth, Therissa Duckworth, and John Sacca for reading the poem; my beautiful niece Lucy Bieneman for her singing, Amazing Graze had everyone crying, Grace Sanders for saying Grace before our dinners, Teri Nave for being our newly appointed Gold Star family liaison and for printing our programs, name tags and so much more, Therissa Duckworth for keeping everyone entertained with her dancing, and everyone who came to this reunion, new Troopers as well as old. I want to thank the wives for the love and support they give their husbands and I want to thank the Jelich family for attending their first of what I hope is many reunions. Most importantly, I want to thank God for the great weather and the safety of the Troopers/Troopettes and Gold Star Family members getting home safely. I would also like to thank the most important person in getting these reunions up and running, my beautiful wife, Carol Bieneman.

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# Saluting Our Fallen Heroes

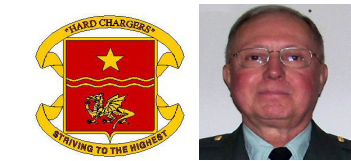
*"They defended our nation,  
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The person they love and miss is  
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George W. Bush,  
Memorial Day Address, 2004*



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30th FA News



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Greetings, Hard Chargers! On behalf of the Executive Board of the 30th FA Regimental Association, I’d like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your family, whether you are currently serving, a Veteran or Retiree, a family member, or a survivor of a Hard Charger. I hope to see all of you at the 30th FA Reunion in June as we celebrate 100 years of excellence. It is doubtful that the young recruits who formed the 30th Artillery in 1918 at Camp Funston, KS, (now part of Fort Riley) imagined that we would be celebrating the creation of the unit some 100 years later. They were busy being concerned about training for the trench warfare of Europe during the Great War and were thinking about their own weaknesses, possibly succumbing to disease or enemy fire.



Camp Funston, Kansas Bakery 1918

Sadly, I must explain that we lost 30 Hard Chargers who passed away from the Spanish Flu pandemic that was sweeping across our country in 1918. And here we are a century later. None of those WWI doughboys are with us anymore, but you can help us acknowledge their service and sacrifice as well as that of all Hard

Chargers at our reunion. Unfortunately, we have lost several more Association members recently, and I recommend that you come and celebrate with us and renew old friendships and make new ones.

The Executive Board and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 30th FA have been busy planning the reunion. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 30<sup>th</sup> FA requested a change of command date of 15 JUN 2018, so we are planning for the reunion dates to be June 12 thru 16 June 2018. Homewood Suites in Lawton is giving us the Fort Sill per diem rate of \$93/night and they will provide us with a great breakfast as well as an evening meal (Monday through Thursday) with beer and wine. They will also provide their ground floor meeting room for our headquarters/hospitality room. The rear doors open to a small patio with grills.

If you find the price a little steep, we have also secured the Sleep Inn next door for overflow or for a less expensive room option (\$79/night). Our meetings will be on Wednesday morning and we’ll share the Hard Charger history with the students and guests in the afternoon. Also, we will be visiting the General Tommy Franks Museum on Thursday. The Change of Command ceremony will be on Friday, followed in the evening by our annual banquet and our World-Famous Auction!

We are working with the battalion to see if there is time for us to attend or participate in some live fire and/or simulations exercises. I have talked to several Hard Chargers who would have liked to see more of the training that the Field Artillery officers and men are now receiving.

The registration form is included in our newsletter with more details. We are looking forward to seeing you all in June. Be sure to check out our website at: <www.HardChargers.com>. None of us will be around for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so we are trying to make it the best reunion celebration EVER!

If anyone has any questions regarding this celebration, contact me and I’ll be glad to assist you. This is Hard Charger 9G, End of Mission-Out! 1SG Retired, Dan Gillotti.



Camp Funston, Kansas Barracks 1918

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**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, September 7-9, 2018. Specifically Fort Riley Basic Training Companies HHC 1 Bn 85th Inf and Item Company 87th Inf Rgt Dec ‘53-Jan ‘54. Also, 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. Contact person is Steve Bosma 7109 Via Portada, San Jose, CA 95135, 408-270-1319 and 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.

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**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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## DIVISION DOINGS

**Family Donates Memorabilia of 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Legend** by MSG Jacob Caldwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Public Affairs



Daryl Dorcy, the grandson of COL Ben Dorcy.

had considered donating these items to The Oregon State Historical Society. They already possess several pieces of the colonel's memorabilia, since he was a resident of Oregon before he joined the Army. But because there was no real military connection, Daryl sought out a more fitting place to donate these items and stumbled upon the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum almost by accident when they moved to Austin a few years ago. He was driving down Interstate 35 and saw the sign for the Fort Hood exit. After a little investigating, he made a formal request to donate the items to the division's museum, said Daryl.

FORT HOOD, Texas – Thanks to the donation by a descendant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment legend, the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum will soon have some new, rare pieces of the division's history to display.

Two paintings and personal memorabilia of COL Ben Dorcy, the creator of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division patch, was donated to the division's museum by his grandson, Daryl Dorcy on April 5. COL Dorcy was commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment when the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division stood up in 1921. He and his wife, Gladys worked together to create the division's iconic patch.

Two paintings were donated. The first, a portrait of COL Dorcy, and the second a portrait of his son. LTC Laurence Dorcy, Daryl's father. Laurence also served in the Army during WWII in the Philippines.

The colonel's wife, Gladys, had the painting commissioned in 1926 from a photograph shortly after Ben had died.

The scrapbooks donated contained personal letters, military documents, and news articles about COL Dorcy throughout his life and career in the military. Daryl

The family spur ride is a useful event that helps families connect with each other, understand what their Soldier does or is going to be doing during Operation Atlantic Resolve and helps alleviate some of the family members fear's. "It's so important, on all fronts, for us to come out and see each other, see what our Soldiers are doing and meet the people they are doing it with. That really kind of puts you at ease, more so when their getting ready to deploy, because there are not so many questions," said Kathryn Light, wife of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division CSM James Light, "It gives you a better understanding of what they do or might do down range."

Events for the spur ride included a physical challenge event, time in the Engagement Skills Trainer to work on their marksmanship, clearing rooms and convoy operations in the Warrior Skills Training Center, carrying a litter at the Medical Simulation Training Center; along with static displays of the common equipment of 1st ABCT, 1st CD to include an M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a M109 Paladin for the family members to see.

Another advantage of the event was that some of the children of Ironhorse's Soldiers got to experience what their parents work is like and get in some of the vehicles that their parents operate. "My son doesn't know what I normally do every day, and why I come home so late, so him being able to get on the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank is a good experience," said SFC Jason Saad, M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank Crewman with 2nd Bn, 5th Cav Reg., 1st ABCT.



A Soldier & family member during the egg carry of the physical challenge portion.

**1-5 Cav Sniper Section Readies for Sniper School** by MAJ Carson Petry, 2 ABCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas -- "One shot, one kill," a catch-phrase to some, is the distinct motto of the sniper, Army's most elite marksman. Snipers are not limited to special operations units. These elite Soldiers fill the ranks of 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, known as the "Black Knights," a combined arms battalions in support of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. Think of an Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), and tanks are apparently the first image that comes to mind, but snipers play a vital role within the ABCT.

"A sniper is a massive battalion asset because a small three-man team can put shock and awe into a battalion size enemy element," said SPC John Lysell, sniper, 1-5 Cav. "The psychological aspect of a sniper is huge because we identify and take out key enemy targets." But the title of "sniper" is not given away after shooting expert at the range, nor can one self-identify as a sniper. Those who believe they have the physical and mental toughness for selection, and skill level to neutralize a target at over 800 meters, attend the demanding seven-week course at Ft. Benning, Ga.



PFC Michael Mathias, 1-5 Cav sniper, fires the M110 sniper rifle

And it's a request he doesn't regret. "It's an extraordinary honor ... our family had a long military history starting way before the colonel," Dorcy said. "We have ancestors that fought in the American Revolution and in the War of 1812 ... With that in mind, I knew we had to have a permanent place for these items, and this was the most logical place."

"To be able to make this donation today, and to be able to make another contribution to the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division is the greatest honor possible," Daryl said. Steve Draper, Director of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum, was honored to accept the donation of these rare pieces of the division's history. "The division is getting pretty close to celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary here in 2021," Draper said. "These kinds of things are really instrumental in helping us create a stronger story for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. This kind of donation is a real gem for us, and we're tickled to death to have it."

So where is the original patch that was created by COL Dorcy in 1921? Currently, it's on display at Carlisle Barracks, in Pennsylvania at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Draper hopes to have that original patch on display here at Fort Hood sometime this fall.

**Ironhorse Holds "Family Style" Spur Ride** by SGT Christopher Dennis, 1<sup>st</sup> ABCT PAO, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div

FORT HOOD, Texas – The sounds of children squealing and laughing filled the chilly early-morning March air as parents brought their children to the Warrior Skills Training Center on Fort Hood. When other kids in the Killeen area were in school, the children of Ironhorse Family got an excused absence from the Killeen ISD superintendent to attend the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's family Spur ride.

Ironhorse held the event March 2nd for the relatives of Soldiers soon to be deployed on 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's impending rotation to Europe.



Wagonmasters Hone Skills in Field Food Service

Competition by SGT Michael Smith, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Wagonmaster Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade (1CDSB) participated in the Phillip A. Connelly competition for proficiency in providing food service in the field using the containerized kitchen on Fort Hood, April 6.

Several companies within the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade rotated to the field training area for breakfast and lunch as judges graded the food service specialists on their performance. “Training exercises like this allow the Soldiers to become proficient in their job and compete to be the best in food service outside the garrison operation,” said SFC Derek Roseman, dining facility manager, 1CDSB. “There were seven Soldiers out here this year, and it was everyone’s first Phillip A. Connelly evaluation. The team did a great job.”

The Soldiers were graded on the entire spectrum of operations for providing food to Soldiers in the field, including proper setup of the equipment, preparation of the food, sanitation and safety. The young Soldiers being judged on their performance valued the experience and knowledge they received from practicing this aspect of their craft in a realistic, hands-on scenario.

“This training was hard work and exhausting, but I think we all learned a lot, and that’s what’s important,” said PFC Vicki Scott, culinary arts specialist, 1CDSB. “We put in some long hours, but this is training we don’t get to do every day.”

The Phillip A. Connelly competition grades all participating units’



Culinary Arts Specialists

dining facilities annually in different categories. This competition, testing proficiency of food service in field operations, will eventually declare a winning unit for Fort Hood who will compete with other units from installations throughout the country until a winner is declared as the best in the entire Department of the Army.

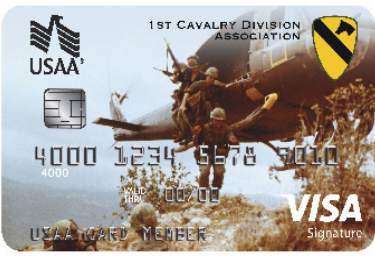
“It’s important that we practice this safely and efficiently because you never know what kind of situation we might be put in where people are depending on us,” said Scott. “Winning the competition would just be a bonus. Will just be a bonus.”

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DEHART, MICHAEL L.

Citation:

The President of the United States has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Michael L. DeHart, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action on 10 April 1969, while serving as a Platoon Sergeant with Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam.

On that day, Staff Sergeant DeHart’s platoon was ambushed by an enemy force estimated to be at least company-size delivering a withering volume of fire from the front and left flank of the platoon, seriously wounding a machine gunner in the lead squad and temporarily incapacitating the platoon leader. With complete disregard for his own safety, he immediately rose from his position near the rear of the platoon column and delivered a heavy volume of suppressive fire from his rifle as he and the platoon medic moved through enemy fire to the front of the column to aid the wounded machine gunner.

Using the wounded Soldier’s machine gun, Staff Sergeant DeHart continued providing suppressive fire to protect the medic while he treated the wounded man. When the medic was killed while attempting to move the wounded man, Staff Sergeant DeHart, now aware of the platoon leader’s status, directed the platoon to take cover in a large bomb crater.

During an intense two-hour firefight, he was the only man moving around within the crater. With total disregard for his own safety and at great risk to his life, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire as he moved from man to man to direct the defense, redistribute ammunition and water, and give encouragement.

With dusk rapidly approaching and the enemy now within 25 yards and threatening to overrun his platoon, Staff Sergeant DeHart, at extreme risk to his life, rose up atop the bomb crater and, shooting from the hip with his machine gun, delivered a devastating volume of fire that helped silence the enemy machine guns, killed a number of enemy soldiers, broke the forward momentum of the attack, and forced the enemy to pull back. Ordering his men to withdraw to an extraction site, he followed behind, continuing to fire his machine gun into the enemy until out of ammunition, then switched to his rifle. Staff Sergeant DeHart was the last man to board the extraction helicopters and while still fully exposed and braced on a skid, he continued firing into the enemy as his helicopter lifted off.

Staff Sergeant DeHart’s actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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## LRRP/Ranger News



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Hello from the Nation's capital. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs held a wreath laying ceremony at The Wall in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the first

anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The day recognizes all men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day was authorized by The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 – legislation that permanently designates March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It was passed unanimously by both chambers of Congress and signed into law on March 28, 2017 by President Donald Trump. It represents the first federal statute recognizing the Veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

It was on March 29, 1973, that the last U.S. combat Troops departed South Vietnam. Please note that the last U.S. *ground* combat Troops left South Vietnam seven months earlier in August 1972. They were the Troops of the “Garry Owen Task Force”, the stay behind brigade of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav, and the Troops of the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade (LIB), the stay behind brigade of the Americal Division. The Garry Owen Task Force operated in III Corps whereas the 196<sup>th</sup> LIB was stationed in Da Nang in I Corps. Both of these brigades departed the country at about the same time; mid-August 1972. The last U.S. combat Troops to leave on March 29<sup>th</sup>, consisted of advisors to the South Vietnamese military and to the South Vietnamese government, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) headquarters personnel, airmen, and support Troops. However, numerous U.S. Troops, such as advisors to the U.S. State Department, sailors on station in the South China Sea, U.S. Embassy personnel, etc., remained in country for another two years until the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

The significance of March 29<sup>th</sup> is tied to the Paris Peace Agreement that was signed in January 1973 by representatives of the U.S., North and South Vietnam, and the Viet Cong. The agreement called for a cease fire and an end to the direct involvement of the U.S. military in the war. It also called for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from South Vietnam and the release of U.S. prisoners of war, all within 60 days.

As history would have it, the Paris Peace Agreement did not hold and within a year or so, full-scale war had resumed between the North and South. On April 30, 1975, the last few Americans still in South Vietnam were airlifted out of the country as Saigon fell to the communist North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces.

While we are the subject about being last, it's worth noting that most military historians consider the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav to have fought the last battle in the Vietnam War between the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong, and the U.S. military. The battle was in April – July 1972, and it was the battle of An Loc where three divisions of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces attempted to attack Saigon from the northwest as part of 1972 Easter Offensive. The only thing that stood in their way was a small firebase adjacent to Provincial Quoc Lo 13 (Provincial Highway 13), next to the town of An Loc in Binh Long Province, between the Fishhook area of Cambodia and Saigon, 90 miles to the south. The firebase was manned by elements of the ARVN 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the ARVN 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Brigade, and for the U.S. military, it was the Garry Owen Task Force. The battle started on or around April 7<sup>th</sup> and lasted for more than two months, ending in a decisive victory for the South Vietnamese military and the U.S. It was widely recognized that U.S. air support played a key role in the victory and elements of the Garry Owen Task Force were later awarded Presidential Unit Citations by then-President Richard Nixon for their contributions to the battle.

On a different note, I received a call from Nat Ward (1967), San Diego, California. Nat was a platoon leader in Delta Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cav in January – April 1967 and moved over to Charlie Company, 2/8<sup>th</sup> Cav in April. He served in the Bong Son area in eastern Binh Dinh Province and was badly wounded in May. The wound resulted in him losing his leg in 1973. He retired from the Army as a captain. Nat's father was career military and served in South Vietnam in the late 1950s, and Nat and his family lived there with him from 1958 – 1960.

LRRP/Ranger teams frequently worked with the battalions, including one incident in October 1967 where my team, LRRP Team 1 Foxtrot, worked indirectly with Delta Company, 2/8<sup>th</sup> Cav. Late on the afternoon of October 29, 1967, Delta Company was on patrol in the northern Soui Ca Valley, approximately 25 kilometers south of Bong Son, and 5 kilometers directly west of Phy My and National Quoc Lo 1 (National Highway 1), the main road that ran north south along the coast, when a large North Vietnamese Army (NVA) force, likely a reinforced company, emerged from the jungle-covered Ho Son Mountains separating the Crow's Foot (i.e., Kim Son Valley) from the Soui Ca Valley. Delta Company engaged the NVA force and attempted to fix it in position but was unable to do so and the enemy broke contact and fled back into the jungle-covered mountains. The Delta Company Troops pursued the fleeing enemy and attempted to re-establish contact with them but were unable to do so, but they did succeed in capturing an NVA prisoner.

Papers found on the prisoner indicated that he was a member of the D114 Infiltration Group, a group of replacement troops fresh off the Ho Chi Minh Trail from North Vietnam. The group was on its way to join the NVA Sao Vang (Yellow Star) Division in eastern Binh Dinh Province. Nothing in the papers, however, indicated which unit of the Sao Vang the group would be joining or where it was located. But recent intelligence reports received from the district police of Hoi An District in eastern Binh Dinh Province, indicated that the Quyet Thang Regiment (18<sup>th</sup> NVA Regiment), one of the three regiments of the Sao Vang, had recently moved into the Phu Cat area of eastern Binh Dinh Province, somewhere in the southern Soui Ca Valley or Phu Cat Mountains, just south of where the prisoner was captured by Delta Company.

With that, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade issued an operations order to the LRRP platoon at LZ Uplift to deploy a team into the Soui Ca at first light on October 30<sup>th</sup> and find the D114 Infiltration Group. My team was the next team scheduled to deploy from LZ Uplift, so we got the order. We were a five-man team that had carried-out numerous missions in the Soui Ca and surrounding jungle-covered mountains in support of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade operations.

Immediately after receiving the order, LT George Utter, platoon leader of the

LRRP platoon at LZ Uplift, from Wellesley, Massachusetts; and SGT Ron Holte, team leader of Team 1 Foxtrot, from Colfax, Wisconsin, boarded the detachment's Command & Control helicopter and headed to the Soui Ca for a pre-mission fly-over. The purpose of it was to locate a suitable LZ for insertion of the team and to develop an operations plan that would ensure that we would find the NVA troops if they were in the valley. If the D114 Infiltration Group was on its way to join the 18<sup>th</sup> NVA Regiment in the southern Soui Ca, it would have to travel the entire length of the valley, roughly a distance of 12 kilometers from where they made contact with the Troops of Delta Company. With that in mind, an LZ at the southern end of the valley on the eastern side of the eastern ridge was chosen for insertion of the team. It was chosen because it was believed to be far enough away from where the enemy troops would likely be located to allow us to get on the ground without our helicopter being heard or seen by them. An alternate LZ was also chosen, but it would be used only if the primary LZ was unusable due to enemy activity.

At first light on the 30<sup>th</sup>, eastern Binh Dinh Province was firmly in the grip of the winter monsoon. Northeasterly winds from the South China Sea were sweeping across the province delivering drenching rains and preventing the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav's helicopters from getting off the ground. It wasn't until 1400 hours that afternoon that we got word from brigade that a helicopter team from LZ Dog in Bong Son was airborne and en route to LZ Uplift to pick us up.

Our insertion into the southern Soui Ca was unopposed and we wasted no time in moving out. It was after 1500 hours before we reached the ridge line on the eastern ridge and started to work our way down the western side towards the valley floor. It didn't take us long to find a spot about 100 meters from the valley floor on a grass-covered knoll in 5-foot high elephant grass that offered a good view of the southern end of the valley looking straight ahead and northward, and it provided good concealment. When we started to scan the valley with our binoculars, we almost choked, we couldn't believe what we were seeing; a column of NVA Soldiers was moving southward towards our position on a trail that paralleled the river. They were no more than 200 meters from us. This was not the first time that we had seen enemy Soldiers in the field, but it was the first time that we saw such a large number of them in the open in daylight. They were wearing pith helmets and khaki uniforms and were carrying rucksacks on their backs. They were equipped with web gear and automatic rifles with those distinctive large-capacity curved magazines. From what we could see, there were two groups of them of about 40 or so Soldiers in each group.

While I was busy pinpointing the location of the enemy troops on our topographic map, SGT Holte was on the radio with the Fire Direction Center at LZ Uplift requesting artillery support. The first few artillery rounds exploded near the rear of the column causing total panic and confusion among the enemy troops. SGT Holte and I immediately began to adjust the artillery towards the head of the column as the NVA Soldiers broke rank and attempted to run forward to escape the kill zone. More rounds exploded among the troops and those troops who could, scattered towards the river or towards the base of the hillside where we were located. The barrage continued for about 20 minutes before a team of aerial rocket artillery (ARA) helicopter gunships arrived on station and followed the tube artillery barrage with rocket and machine gun fire.

By now the nightly monsoon rain had started and because of the low cloud ceiling and reduced visibility in the valley, the helicopter gunships were forced to exit the valley and return to their base, but from our observation spot, we counted 18 definite KIAs and possibly 10-12 more, for a total of 28-30.

We spent the next five days reconnoitering the southern and middle Soui Ca for targets of opportunity but didn't find anything of any significance. On the fifth day, the division's helicopters extracted us from the valley and we returned to LZ Uplift.

The following email was received from Janelle Arden. “Greetings, I see that your next reunion is in Charleston WV, and I wanted to let you know of a memorial bridge named for my late husband, Rick Arden (1969-70), Columbus, Ohio. The memorial bridge sign is located at mile marker 90/exit 89 on the WV



SGT Richard E. Arden Memorial Bridge, WV  
Turnpike (I-64), Marmet, WV

Turnpike (I-64/I-77), which overlooks the small town of Marmet, where Rick was born and raised. The WV State Senate was made aware of Rick's commendations and dedicated the bridge on 7/2/2017. Thank you and God bless, Janelle Arden.”

On a different note, I had the pleasure recently of talking with an Army national guardswoman who at one time was the intelligence officer of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, (National Guard), Fort Belvoir. As we know, the history of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry is tied to that of the 75<sup>th</sup> Rangers. In the early morning hours of June 6, 1944, D-Day, the battalions of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry were in the first wave of Troops to land on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, alongside the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, to the east, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Rangers, later re-designated 75<sup>th</sup> Rangers, to the west. While we were talking, she explained to me the origin of the Ranger Motto: *Rangers Lead the Way*, which I probably should have known but didn't. On the morning of D-Day, at one point in the invasion when things seemed to have stalled on the beach, then-BG Norman Cota, assistant commanding officer of the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, approached MAJ Max Schneider, commanding officer of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Rangers, and asked “What outfit is this?”, MAJ Schneider answered “5<sup>th</sup>

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I received an e-mail from Mike Ingram who was in 2nd Platoon C 2-7 Cav '69-'70. Mike said that Raymond Ligons, whom I wrote about in the last *Saber*, was one of the first people Mike met when he

was new to the company. Mike said that Raymond Ligons took an interest in Mike welcoming him because Mike was from Charlotte, N.C., and from what he said, so was Raymond.

Mike said Raymond Ligons was moved to 3rd Platoon by the night of the attack because they were short. Mike had to go over and join 3rd Platoon because they were now short again with all the wounded, and one dead. Seeing what was left of his friend was not good.

Mike eventually returned to 2nd Platoon where he ended up carrying the M-60. Mike also then knew well Bill Walsh who came in as Medic. Bill later followed me into MEDEVAC. Mike Ingram was the only name Bill mentioned from C 2-7 Cav when I knew Bill stateside. I had only met him once when he came in for the MEDEVAC interview with the Platoon Leader, Captain Hagerty.

I also got a phone call from Howard Anderson who was the RTO I had mentioned telling us Ligons was killed. Howard said he just started getting the *Saber* again, so I knew he had read what I wrote about the sapper attack on LZ Jamie, 15 August 69. Howard thought that Raymond Ligons was in 2nd Platoon, which is now clarified.

Howard read to me what he had written in his diary. Howard was meticulous and thorough with every detail. I didn't remember none of it-or not like he wrote. He got everything down for all his time in Vietnam-and most of mine. Glad he wrote it down. It was mind boggling to hear it all.

Howard said when I asked that he wrote on just the stationery they gave us in the sundry packs. While the rest of us were writing letters to home, Howard was documenting his grunt Vietnam, to a T. When I asked he said that a girl he knew preserved these papers in a binding for him.

Howard confirmed LZ Jamie got incoming later on the 15th, which was what killed the artillerymen from 1st of the 30th. Howard also mentioned that E 2-7 Cav combat assaulted into LZ Becky on August 12th as a reactionary force because 2-8 Cav there had five killed and thirty-two wounded. That was a contributing factor why A Co. 15th MED and MEDEVAC got put in for the Valorous Unit Award doing their job with all those casualties.



**LZ Becky 12 AUG 69 photo Hard Charger Photo Gallery.**

Howard was the main reason why I extended to fly on MEDEVAC. He was so impressed with the way the MEDEVAC pilots came in for our wounded on 20 Jun 69, with nowhere to land but on a giant tree felled between giant bomb craters, he couldn't stop talking about it. Two days earlier on 18 Jun 69 we had combat assaulted into a large field which I have marked on the map. That was four clicks from where they put LZ Becky, just south of Bo Tuc on then Route 246 which Route 244 ran perpendicular to with LZ Jamie ten clicks south. We had received 120 mm incoming on the 18th when we landed and a burst in the tree line wounded our then RTO Joel Smith. When I got to him his spleen was sticking out, so I had to put it back in as best I could. Our battalion surgeon was on the Command and Control helicopter with the battalion commander, so he jumped off to take over and also earned his Combat Medical Badge. The NVA also had anti-aircraft pits dug like reverse donuts using an ant hill in the center for their gun, just on the other side of the wood line. One of our machine gunners yelled they were firing at the Cobras-but, not for long. We didn't even wait on MEDEVAC and sent Joel out with the battalion surgeon on a slick ship, under good care. MEDEVAC apparently picked him up at Jamie.

Only a click from that location was where our Alpha Company had worked over an NVA hospital complex with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Montana Raider when we built LZ Jamie. We relieved our A Co. as the 11th ACR were moving out. We were badly mortared that night on May 1st. Throughout May and June 1969, we worked that area. I have all notable locations marked on the map from the 2-7 Cav Daily Staff Journals.

Looking on Google Earth now I see that jungle hell and roads are lined with houses (shacks) and shopping malls called out. They look like endless farming fields squared off, with irrigation coming from if not the monsoons, Lake Dau Tieng which was created damming off the Song Saigon. War zones made habitable.

When my DEROS time came I had a year and a half left in the Army, so I extended six months to fly on MEDEVAC. The 1st Cav had gotten things under control where we were in War Zone C, so MEDEVAC seemed like a good outlet for my MOS. 2-7 and 2-8 Cav didn't stay quiet and both moved west of Tay Ninh. 2-8 Cav built FSB Ilingworth (shown on the 1st Cav Assn April 2018 calendar) and 2-7 Cav built FSB Jay (later named Hannas after the BC killed on Jay). I remember flying out to Hannas one night on MEDEVAC. Those firebases were ringed by dirt bearms.

After being poised on fixed vulnerable firebases which the NVA could attack from sanctuaries, President Nixon allowed the 1st Cav to spearhead an incursion into Cambodia in May 1970. The vulnerability was decreased when the attacked became the attacker.

I also received an e-mail from Dick Niesen of Madison WI, who wrote:

"HHC 2-7, 1st Air Cav Great job with the last article in the *Saber*. Hard to believe it's fifty years. Your article brought back some memories from my time in Nam. Some good and some not so good. Raymond Ligons looked very familiar but then, can't be sure if I knew him or not. I was over there in the last part of '68 (Camp Evans) all of '69 and first part of '70 (I extended six months to get out early). For the first year or so I was a cook then ended up doing the baking at night. I got out to LZ Jamie and some of the other LZ's a few times when we brought chow out in the containers (whatever they were called). Most of the time I got to fly back to Tay Ninh or wherever at night.

Don't know if you knew Jim Spurley, C 2-7. Died on Jamie 5-12-69. We lived about a mile apart and went to the same schools. One of my good memories was the first time we saw each other in Nam. He came through the chow line. Can't even explain what it was like to see him.

When he got killed on Jamie I think there were five others killed that night (D Co. and Arty). I don't think the rest of Charlie Company was there. He got a rear job a couple of weeks earlier and was damn glad to get out of the field. That's life.

The pic is Spurley, Me, Brad (Bruce) Hartman C 2-7 KIA 1-9-69. Always had a beer or three waiting for these guys. Wasn't always cold but it was always good. Back then Schlitz was hard to get. Most of the time it was Carling Black Label. That's it for now. Thanks for what you did and do for the Cav. Dick



**L to R Jim Spurley C 2-7 Cav KIA 12 MAY 69, Dick Niesen HHC 2-7 Cav, Brad (Bruce) Hartman C 2-7 Cav KIA 9 JAN 69.**

Another submission is:

"MEDEVAC MISSION-28 June 1971. On 28 June 1971, Scout Dog Handler, Carter 'Curley' Bowman and his Scout Dog, Cap, of the 34th Scout Dog Platoon were attached to C Company, 2nd Bn, 8th Cavalry which was on patrol near LZ Fanning, East-Southeast of LZ Mace. The patrol unexpectedly encountered a well-defended resupply point, manned by both NVA and VC. In the ensuing firefight, Curley was shot seven times over a three-hour period, including a sucking chest wound. His Scout Dog, Cap, was killed by enemy fire. Three members of C 2-8 were KIA: SSG Willie James, Mobile, Alabama; SGT Gerald Dowjotas, Hillside, Illinois; and CPL Bernard F Brzezinski, Clearwater, Florida.

The eighteen wounded were taken by MEDEVAC to the 15th Medical Bn. clearing station at LZ Mace, after a rigorous series of events! LTC (then CPT) David Sheets, aircraft commander; Mark Holiday, SP5 crew chief; and Kevin Raftery, SP5 Medic, were there and remember much about the events and the persons involved.

According to their recollections, there were three aircraft involved in this incident. No. 1 was attempting to pick up the wounded when it was hit by four RPG's and destroyed. No. 2 picked up and evacuated all five of the crew of No. 1. No. 3 was a hastily assembled crew who picked up the wounded infantrymen and transported them to the 15th MED Bn. clearing station at LZ Mace.

After stabilizing medical treatment, Curley was transported from LZ Mace to the 24th Evac Hospital in Long Binh for about a week, then to the Philippines for about a month, and then back to the U.S. He has been on a quest for as much information as possible on the incident, hoping to be able to express his appreciation to as many of the persons involved in saving his life as can be found.

This amazing story will be written up in detail and published as a 'War Story' on the 15th Medical Bn. Association website, and in a future 15th Medical Bn. column of *Saber* once some additional information about the persons involved can be gathered.

Below is a summary of the personnel involved. 'In contact' means that we are in communication with that person:

Aircraft No. 1:

Aircraft Commander: CPT David Sheets (In contact)

Copilot: 1LT William Cooley (Looking for)

Crew Chief: SP5 Ray Flynn (Looking for)

Medic: SP5 Larry Lund (Looking for)

Door Gunner: SP4 Richard Dubray (Looking for)

Aircraft No. 2:

Aircraft Commander: CW2 Warren G. Jackson (Deceased)

Copilot: 1LT Jack Powell (In contact)

Crew Chief: Unknown

Medic: Unknown

Door Gunner: Unknown

Aircraft No. 3:

Aircraft Commander: Unknown

Copilot: Unknown

Crew Chief: SP5 Harry Halle (In contact)

Medic: SP5 Kevin Raftery (In contact)

Door Gunner: SP5 Mark 'Doc' Holiday (In contact)

Additional Aircraft?

We suspect that there might have been additional aircraft also involved that day, due to the number of wounded that had to be taken to LZ Mace. Does anyone know? Medical Treatment Personnel at 15th MED Bn. clearing station at LZ Mace: Unknown.

If anyone was in or knows anyone that was in any of these three aircraft, or additional aircraft involved that day, or in the clearing station at LZ Mace when eighteen wounded were brought in on 28 June 1971, or knows who the unknowns were, or has any contact information for the people we are looking for, please send an e-mail to: <historian@15thmedbnassociation.org> or call (402)457-9807. Of course, if you believe any of the information presented above is incorrect, please let me know! Thank you!"

From MEDEVAC CE Randell J. Brewer <randelljbrewer@bellsouth.net>

"Fifty years ago (at least) two people got shot. I was one of them, MLK was the other, but he didn't have (door gunner) Jim Calibro watching his back. Jim saved all five of us. Three of those have gone to the great landing zone in the sky. Sky 6 left Jim and I around to tell the tale."

Always remembering our 1st Cav Troops on duty around the world; over and out. FIRST TEAM! Garryowen, Mike Bodnar C 2/7 Cav 1969 MEDEVAC 1-7/1970 SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE



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Greetings fellow ARAers from the “wonderful springtime weather of my beautiful east Tennessee Mountains!” Wonderful, by the fact that the daytime highs are in the 70s and low 80s, with the evenings lows 50s and 60s! Beautiful, by the fact that the grass has been mowed several times and has turned into a lovely thick green lawn worthy of our daily praises and enjoyment. We all know that by the time you read this I will be suffering through the early summer high temps and all its sweltering humidity along with the southerly flows out of the Gulf! Then, I will write about the anticipation of the cool autumn breezes.

Received mail from Carl Buick, Wenatchee, WA, recently and was pleased that he was reading the ARA column. Carl was a Birddog pilot in E Btry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Arty in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Arty, and as such was our sister battery and shared many missions with us by forming Hunter Killer Teams. E Btry/82 Arty furnished 2 OH-6 Cayuse helicopters while we, 2/20 ARA, provided 2 AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters. This team concept was used very successfully by the many Air Cav Squadrons supporting the Divisions throughout South Vietnam. The OH-6 LOH (Loach) could perform its designed mission of a scout helicopter that bigger, slower and louder helicopters couldn’t do. Under enemy fire this nimble machine flew low to the ground, just above the tree tops. Once the enemy opened fire at the LOH, they were destroyed by the mighty firepower of the escorting Cobras. The LOH had a high crash survival rate due to its designed construction to have the tailboom and engine to separate from the egg-like cabin, improving the survival chances of the crew and passengers. Many successful missions were flown in this shared Team concept and made for some lasting friendships.

Carl sent me a copy of the treasured publication, “We Gotta Get out of This Place.” The book was authored by Michael D. Lazares, who pulled together 45 stories of bravery, bravado, recklessness, and downright stupidity. The author added that there is a little humor thrown in because war can be damn funny.

Carl, I thank you for your initial contact. I appreciate your encouraging words about the ARA column. It was nice surprise. It gave us an opportunity to talk about those personnel whom we have known and shared unit assignments. Also, I have almost completed the book of stories from not only pilots, but many crew members, crew chiefs and door gunners, who never get to tell their stories. This gives me my entre to push for the stories from all aviation personnel. We need to get it all on paper for posterity; otherwise, it will be lost never to be repeated.

Now is the time to get my invitation out to all ARAers: pilots, crew chief, door



We were Soldiers, Once and Young!

gunner, POL, cooks and bakers, admin personnel, support maintenance and avionics, and the medical staff that kept us flying. Get your stories written and bring them to our next reunion at Fort Sill, OK.

While writing on my story this week, I came across several photos from my days in ARA in 1965-66. I share this one of Armed Falcon 28C (Jerry Hipp), on left, and me, Armed Fal-

con 28D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, A/2/20, on strip alert in the central highlands.

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 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 springtime! See you at Fort Sill!

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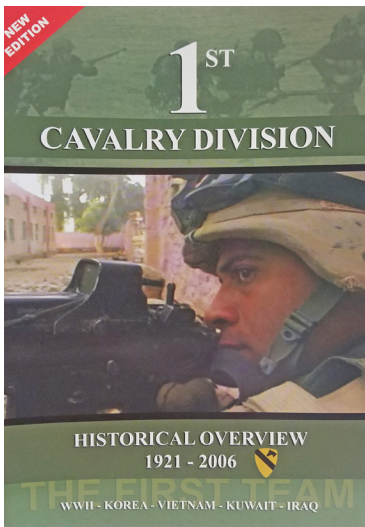
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*Going to Vietnam to Face My Father's Ghost* by Hugh Wilson  
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They say babies can hear in the womb. If so, then I have heard my father's voice. Deep and resonant. I have photos of him and my mother from that time, together for one last week in Los Angeles. They laughed and played in the pool, squinted from beach chairs holding hands, stood arm in arm. Some of the photos are torn in places, clipped at odd angles. Army personnel are instructed to remove all signs of combat before a Soldier's belongings are sent home. If I heard my father's voice at that time, then I heard more clearly my mother's laugh, full and carefree. I never heard her laugh like that again.

My father and I share the same name: Hugh. He died five days before I was born. It's not easy to be born to a woman in mourning, you have a job to do. I believe I did it well. We were two against the world and I grew to know her adoring gaze as both a son and all that was left of my father. It would take 48 years for me to learn I couldn't undo anyone's past; nobody told me I didn't have to.

My mom remarried just before my fourth birthday. I had a new father. Soon I had a new brother and sister. I lived a happy childhood. But underneath the perfect Family of five, white dog and half-acre plot on Millwood Lane laid a secret only my mom and I shared. I'd know it when I walked up the short walkway of my grandmother's home, the house of my birth, the same walk Hugh had strolled as a teen, the same walk the two men in their finest military dress had strode somberly, at whom my mother had screamed, sobbing, to go away.

Bull, Hugh's dad, who died when I was ten, was a grizzled ex-logger and machinist with massive forearms, who favored his corner armchair and white undershirts. Hugh's mom, Maebelle, was a tough daughter of a farmer who spent her years as the wife of a drinking man. Their life was simple and small and hard. What I ended up in was entirely different.

We stayed in touch for a while with Hugh's Family but lost contact once my teen years hit. I adapted to a new life, and over time my past faded into a far-off story about a hometown hero lost, the adored son with the half-cocked grin, beloved athlete and student of Plymouth High. The youth I would come to know was affluent and pressured. I attended prep school, Duke University, went to Wall Street for my 20s, finally quitting it all to study art. The prevailing feeling, I had at that point was one of not belonging. To any place.

Maebelle died when I was 31, and I was given two old suitcases of Hugh's. They were a matching set, worn maroon leather and monogrammed with his initials: H.S. He was the first in the family to go to college and the suitcases had been a gift from his parents to commemorate what a big deal that was.

Now they contained memories of his life. Military orders, old checkbooks, his letters home, a cracked Roy Smeck ukulele, funeral arrangements, stacks of newspaper spreads on the weekly local football results, and more carefully preserved clippings related to his death: "PHS Star Athlete Killed in Vietnam" and "Son Born to Slain Athlete." I'd open them from time to time but couldn't make sense of the contents. Somewhere along the line I realized my dad smelled like old paper.

The suitcases stayed in basements and attics, untouched for years, sometimes moved from place to place with my other belongings. The older I got, the stranger it all seemed. The story of my birth, the small-town romance between the homecoming queen and captain of the football team, was like a fairy tale. The place I had come from and the place I knew growing up were so at odds that they almost negated each other's existence.

By my mid-40s I was newly married, raising my own stepchildren. We moved three times in four years, and as I boxed and unboxed the spare belongings of my life and scrawled "Hugh – Books" or "Hugh – Art," I started to question who the name referenced. Hugh. Was it his, or mine? I could feel a chain to an invisible past but couldn't grasp hold of it, nor understand exactly what it was hooked onto.

A couple of Hugh's old buddies died. Then his older sister. The blind spot within me grew and I felt pressure for resolution. I began searching out people who knew him, hoping somebody would recognize something in me I couldn't see for myself. Time was running out.

I found two of his best friends from high school. One, a former track star, still lived in Michigan. I visited him and heard stories of the glory days, about drinking beer and racing cars out on Shelton Drive, fights behind the drive-thru. How my dad was "the greatest guy," the hard-hitting fullback, the strongest kid he'd ever seen, loved by all. It was an impossible standard to live up to. Hugh's other buddy was retired in Alabama, and his stories had less glory, more humanity, though he too revered my father. He and Hugh had worked odd jobs together; they cleaned chicken coops, built rock walls, took turns riding on the fender of the family car collecting bottles for gas money to go out cruising on the weekend.

Neither man gave me what I was looking for, though I wasn't quite sure what that was. I must have wanted them to say, "Hey Hugh, you're just like your old man," but they didn't say it. It was defeating, trying to connect with the myth of a man. I wondered what he would have thought of me. I attempted to rationalize the misconnection – Hugh was just a kid, really, these were high school stories and I was now twice his age. But deep down I feared there was little of him in me and he had become an irrelevant detail of my past.

The suitcases were all that were left to turn to. Most of the contents were related to the Army. I never thought of Hugh as a Soldier; he didn't want to go to war, worried he wouldn't be a proper hero, and doubted privately that he would make it home, but I sat down anyway to carefully catalog each item in the suitcases.

There were a lot of references to his platoon. I tracked down a list of surviving members of D Company, who called themselves the Angry Skipper Association.

I began contacting guys who would have served with Hugh during 1969 but didn't expect to find much; he had only been in-country for seven weeks when he died. Most men didn't return my calls. Finally, someone directed me to the man who'd been in charge when Hugh was killed.

When I went to Lytle, Texas, to meet Clyde "SGT B." Bonnelycke, I was more excited than anxious. By now, I had given up hope someone was going to give me any great insight into Hugh as a man, or myself. I was content just to pass through the lives of men who had known him, as if I could catch some residual energy like an old stone from a campfire might still be warm to the touch.

SGT B.'s home was on a quiet roundabout suburb in the flats not far from San Antonio. He greeted me with a loose handshake. His wife was chatty and brought me in. We sat at the small kitchen table and I brought out incidence reports, letters, news clippings, anything that could trigger his memory.

He'd snatch things out of my hands, "Let me see that," and tilt his chin back, peering through his reading glasses, but SGT B. couldn't remember anything specific about Hugh. This bothered him. He was a man who fought to save his men, and now I showed up to find out about a father I never knew, and he couldn't come up with details. He paced the kitchen, hallways, bedrooms and back, returning with gift after gift: Army pen, Marines pen, a Turkish rug he'd gotten while stationed in Germany, wall calendars from his native Hawaii, and one with cuddly pets, "For the kids, you know."

I didn't know what he had to tell me, if anything. He relayed war story after war story and I was happy listening; he earned two silver stars with the Marines before joining the Army, but all the while there seemed to be an answer he was looking for that was just out of reach.

Dusk set in. Finally, SGT B. pushed away from the kitchen table and snatched a small, framed map off the wall. A thick border snaked through it, "CAMBODIA" written above. The map was faded green and hard to read. He waved it in front of me and pointed to a small black line. "Here, here, you see this little line here?" I peered close to the frame. "Right here," he rapped the glass, "this bend in the river. See it? That's where it happened. That's where the RPG hit that goddamn tree."

The official incidence report had said Hugh was injured by a claymore mine. But SGT B. was certain it was an RPG. I didn't argue. When I left Lytle, he gave me a copy of the map. I stuffed it in my bag along with everything else he'd given me but didn't think I'd do anything with it.

Several months later I attended the annual reunion of the Angry Skipper guys in Herndon, Virginia. Former cops, truckers, real estate brokers, salesmen, and lawyers gathered at a windowless conference room at the Marriott Courtyard, and I heard stories of lost buddies, warm beer, weeks in the jungle, nine-inch centipedes, firefights and rain. None of them remembered Hugh but one man remembered the incident. It wasn't Hugh's injury he remembered, it was the call the platoon received announcing my birth: a boy born to a dead man. Joe Villa, second platoon sergeant, covered his face and cried.

Up to that point there had always been a part of the story I couldn't accept. I hadn't been sure if I fully believed SGT B., or the stacks of official military correspondence in the suitcases, the banal lists of personal effects, the browned telegrams, the letters from Nixon, the Army Chief of Staff, even a state senator from Pennsylvania, who clearly bore such a moral burden of the war that he handwrote condolence letters to the family of every fallen service member. But the way the Skipper guys at the reunion accepted me, some with hope, others with sorrow, confirmed indeed that it all had in fact happened.

I decided then I would go to the bend in the river, not knowing exactly why. I made light of the trip to people who asked. "Yeah, it will probably all be Nike factories now." But a piece of me worried I might peel back a bandage that had been laid over old wounds, possibly tinkering with the building blocks of who I understood myself to be. Still, I felt I needed to go.

I arrived at the Tan Son Nhat International Airport on July 15, 2017, three days before Hugh had, 48 years prior. It was early in the monsoon season and I went to the Cu Chi region between Saigon and Tây Ninh where the Angry Skipper guys had humped through the jungle. Like most of my generation, I had grown up with the American mythology of the Vietnam War: napalm, burning bodies, fucked-up kids with M 16s, "Apocalypse Now." What I found instead was peaceful and beatific. Bright rice paddies, the plowing farmer, stoic water buffalo, the only hint of danger was the grind of the daytime insects that dropped suddenly in the quiet.

Each day, I read Hugh's letters and then biked out into the countryside. His words described much of what I saw. The letters were familiar territory; I admired his penmanship, imagined listening to his words, tried to identify with this stranger who occupied some place within me, but here I felt close to him for the first time. I began to separate the looming father from a young man who didn't know much of the world beyond his small town. I was far more savvy now than he could have been then and I had a sudden urge to look out for him, a feeling I might have been able to protect him. I even came to the misjudged conclusion that if I had the opportunity to go back and serve with Hugh I would have taken it, to spend nights up pulling watch together and talking about life and back home, my mom, telling jokes, hearing to the croak of the frogs at dusk. Most importantly, to watch out for that RPG or tripwire that I might have been able to see coming.

A few days later, I found a ride north to the bend in the river, tucked deep in the Tây Ninh Province. During the war, Ho Chi Minh sent arms and supplies down through Laos and Cambodia and across the porous jungle around Tây Ninh, not far from Saigon. The Province became a hotspot for the Army. Helicopters ferried the platoons above the thick canopy, dropping the men into clearings to spend months living in the bush.

A young man named Minh drove me up. He had a boxy haircut and surprised eyes and didn't look much older than fifteen. We had crouched by my bed and zoomed in on my computer, tracing the route on the map SGT B. had given me. My anticipation built around what I might find. The old map matched up quite well with the current road system. There were new roads, but the structure was there. One of the new roads ran directly to the bend in the river.

When we got in the car he said, "You father, bambambam?" He nearly shouted certain words for emphasis. "Yes." "You, bambambam?" "No."

My stomach gave a turn. The story had always been mine alone. When other people referenced it, I felt like a kid who had fallen and didn't know he was hurt until he noticed the worried expressions on other people's faces. Had something

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## ENGINEER News



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**Sumo Wrestling:** Really? In the Engineer News? Trust me guys. It has a place. Ask Shawn Buller of McMinnville Oregon. Shawn has been dealing with PTSD and TBI since his Iraq tours in 2003 and 2005. The activity, the therapy that finally gave him some rest? Sumo Wrestling. Of course, that ain't for everybody but it fits one, him. In his words, "that's the one thing Veterans need to realize, that they have a heart and drive in them post-combat that they never had before and it's largely an untapped resource. If they can learn to tap into that resource, the sky's the limit. "For those of you who have spoken to me of these issues and for those who may just happen to be reading this paragraph, within every one of you is the Sumo. Find it. (extracted from the March 2018 issue of VFW, p.60.)

**The Best of America Part II (smells):** a Harbor Freight store, expended black powder, hot peanut oil with breaded chicken, Veteran Honor Roses, barber shops, southern pine forest after a rain, rhododendron undergrowth in the Appalachians, Tree Hut almond bath soap, the corsage on your first prom date, hickory chips on BBQ fires, newsprint, the interior of a restored 51 Chevy, leather in general, salt marshes, chain saw oil in use, burnt rubber at the start of an NHRA event not to mention nitro fuel, honeysuckle in bloom, mimeograph machine stencils, freshly mowed grass, plywood, shoe polish-if you still use it, Irish Whiskey on the rocks, cypress mulch and salicylic acid at work on your calluses.



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At LZ Uplift

**My Friend:** was recently injured by falling books but he only has his shelf to blame. Another friend was struck by lightning. He's been positive ever since.

**VETERAN SCAMS:** Vets are just as subject to scammers as anybody else. Do not think or believe that 1. Your VA loan can be financed at a lower rate 2. Your files need updating 3. That there is such a thing as secret benefits you can apply for 3. That you can get cash now for future payable benefits 4. Your benefits can be assigned to a trust so that your family can apply separately for benefits. If you hear any of this crap, hang up and call 877-908-3360 to report a scam in action. Or notify <aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork>.



Chewning and Verrigni

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**THE LIFE OF AN SSG:** James Gilmore decided to prop his feet up and let his squad utilize their MOS skills. James, your squad has a lug wrench for YOU to use next time. Ya gatta love those ¾ ton dump trucks.

**EOT:** As is said in the Signal Corps, End of Transmission. See you in Charleston.

**And Then:** There are those who found each other or somehow remained in contact. These guys do things like take vacations to France and Germany where they eat, shop, eat, drive around, eat, gawk like tourists, eat. Well, you get the idea like Steve Richey and Guy Patterson did.



Tourists Abroad

**FRONT PAGE:** Jacksonville Florida, Sunday April 1, 2018. Vietnam Veterans Day. 1st Cav standing tall. In this case Carlton Chewning and Steve Verrigni represented us at the National Cemetery ceremony. [Photo



SSG James Gilmore

## Trooper's Tale

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horrible happened to me? But Minh hadn't meant anything by it and we didn't talk about the war again.

We pulled out onto the road north and he flipped through Vietnamese club songs on the radio. I leafed through "A Pocket Guide to Vietnam," also from the suitcases. It had been published by the Department of Defense in 1966 and was crinkled with water damage. I was now nervous about what I could discover in the jungle.

After an hour, we passed under a decorated archway. "Tây Ninh!" Minh said and gave me a thumbs up. I took a photo. We skirted Black Lady Mountain and continued toward Cambodia. Forty-five minutes later the river appeared on our right and we crossed at a low dam. Huge nets were slung between tall poles like dinosaurs wading in the shallows and the water was muddy and even.

The bend wasn't far now. We crossed and headed back down river. The sky was stormy, and we rode in silence. In just a few turns we were on the new dirt road headed to the water, just north of Landing Zone Ike, the dirt base where my father had slept the night before the ambush, just a few clicks from the place where SGT B. had knocked on the glass and said, "Here. Right here. That's where it happened."

We stopped where the dirt became soft. Cassava grew at the water's edge. Behind it the jungle stretched anonymously. I passed through a rubber grove and found a worn path into the jungle and felt the uncertain space I had known my whole life.

I walked deeper into the foliage and noticed the shape of the trees, the gaps of tall grass. A thin snake sped across the path and wind rustled the leaves. I heard the putt-putt of an old engine and the faint bass of a local pop song. It was a peaceful place. Still, it seemed almost gimmicky to be here, to be searching for such a big answer on this random spit of land. I'd had a good life, a good man who raised me. Maybe this was self-indulgent.

I'd always had the feeling I had let Hugh down somehow. Maybe by not having my own children, or by not being able to easily settle down, always searching. But I didn't have those thoughts now and the past was far away. As I followed along a path he might have walked, I could almost imagine him as a young man alongside me. I eyed the trees halfheartedly for signs of battle, tripwires, but of course found nothing after so much time. I walked a little further, then it started to rain. It was a fine rain that doesn't really make you wet. The real rain was not far behind, so I stopped.

I knew I was supposed to feel something, but the moment was almost too grand. Should I say a prayer? Apologize for his life cut short? I'd cried for him before, for my mom, even for myself, though I couldn't be sure why. But standing there now, no emotion came. I was neutral and present. I saw Hugh from afar; not as a part of me, but as separate and distinct, and from that distance I could see that he was both my father and not my father, a hero to some and a forgettable man to others. I took a long look around. A woman who knew nothing about me had once told me Hugh's spirit was stuck around to watch over me. I pictured it there with me now, his spirit spread out like an invisible vast horizon. I was much further into life than he could have imagined.

The real rain started, and I ran back to the car. Rubber sap was collecting in the red dirt in places, milky white. Minh was sleeping with his feet up; a Viet-

namese crooner sang on the radio. Minh sat up blearily and turned his hands up. I shrugged. The rain pelted the roof and blurred the windows. I rested for a moment, seeing if it would stop. Minh waited patiently. It was late in the day and we were hungry; I signaled that we should eat. Minh started the car and we rolled forward.

I watched the jungle slip by in the rain. I didn't want to forget this place, like I didn't want to forget Hugh. But part of me knew in order to find myself I would have to let him go.

Hugh and I share the same name. That used to burden me, the pressure to live for two, and maybe that is something I will never be fully rid of. But in glimpsing the jungle from afar as we drove away, the clearest sense I had of him was that he was a young man who never had a chance to fulfill his dreams. I didn't see my father. And in that separation, I began to finally see the part of him that is in me.

For now, I have left him back at the bend in the river. I haven't abandoned him, we will know each other again. But I am traveling a little lighter. I must keep moving forward. As myself.

**He Had His Whole Life in Front of Him** by Ned Fourney

< <http://nedfourney.com/index.php/2018/03/28/mia-korean-war/> >

Their stories are heartbreaking. For decades, thousands of families, over 7,800 from America and 100,000 from Korea, have wondered how and when their son, husband, brother, or uncle died during the Korean War. They've spent a lifetime hoping their loved one would return. But there has been only silence. No letters. No calls. No military officials knocking at the door.

**Coming Home**

With improvements in DNA testing, however, things have changed. Over the past ten years, thousands of American and Korean men killed during the three-year conflict and listed as Missing in Action (MIA) have been found, identified, and returned to their loved ones. Last year I visited the National Museum of Korean Contemporary History and toured an exhibit that explained how servicemen from the Korean War are recovered and identified. It was a sobering afternoon. As I quickly discovered, searching and digging for human remains is a painstaking and meticulous job.

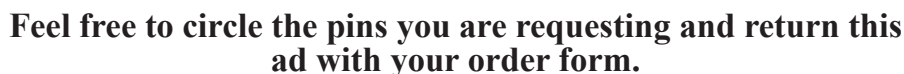
Once the backbreaking work is completed and a bone or tooth is found, the scientists step in. The remains are tagged, cleaned, analyzed with 3-D scanners, and tested for DNA. It's a time-consuming and costly process, but as MIA families can verify, well worth it. The ROK and U.S. governments are determined to find, identify, and return all the missing bodies.

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## HQ and Special Troops News



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Greetings Troopers and spouses from NW Louisiana where the spring has been really crazy. Cold one day, hot the next. Turn on the a/c, turn it off and turn on the heater. We grow thousands of Louisiana irises here and this crazy spring has them so confused they do not know whether they should bloom or just go back to sleep.

**Troopers!** The Association has a new website. You can now log into the website and after updating your information, you will be able to renew your "Saber" and many other things. Check it out. The Association is also seeking email addresses as a faster way of contacting members. You can log into the website and add your email to your data, or you can email the Membership Coordinator at <memberships@1cda.org> The website address is <www.1CDA.org> Please help us out with this effort.

Sue and I had a wonderful trip down to New Orleans for an iris convention in early April. It is always fun to visit the "Crescent City" even if you do not set foot in the "French Quarter" where all the drinking and partying takes place. Instead of partying, we visited gardens full of blooming irises. If you see me somewhere, ask me how a Trooper who spent most of his life in law enforcement got into growing flowers and hybridizing irises. Quite a story.

New Orleans is celebrating their 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year and lots of activities will be tagged to that celebration. We also took tours into the swamps of South Louisiana to see Louisiana Irises growing in their natural habitat. If you have never been to New Orleans, plan a trip and do not miss visiting the WWII Museum there. What a national treasure. Give yourself at least a whole day to visit this museum. Also visit the City Park and take in the Art Museum and the Sculpture Garden nearby. In April you will find many Louisiana Irises in bloom. Did I forget to mention, don't miss trying the great Cajun food. Wouldn't it be nice to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Reunion in New Orleans some year?

I received an e-mail from Tom Kuypers regarding previous articles about LZ Betty. Tom said, "Ron, a 'thank you' for the Saber posting of my recollection (memories) of LZ Betty. I also enjoyed Sam Estes's comments which gives credence to the important combat role that these Troopers provided. I cannot begin to explain the bravery these young men displayed daily in their missions as aerial scouts. Or the leadership of their SFC Platoon NCO's Greager and Webb during my particular 1967-68 tour. It was a small unit, an Aviation Platoon for heaven's sake; however, it says something for the camaraderie and the recognition that they did something significant for themselves and their country. Or to put it simply as George Patton did for his Soldiers in WW2, they ".... weren't shoveling shit in Louisiana."

Thanks Tom, your comments were the only feedback from previous issues. Your reference to WWII was obviously during the great maneuvers in Louisiana in early 1940's. People still find "commo wire" in the forests of middle Louisiana where the maneuvers were conducted.

So, folks, without feedback what does a columnist do? He invents stuff! No, not really, he finds interesting things to print that might be of interest to his readers. Again, my plea is that readers will send me their stories and comments so that we can keep this column alive. If you don't have a column in the "Saber" for your unit, consider using this column as your "sounding board". My objective is to be your place to look for old friends, tell war stories, share interesting stories, comment on recent books, share photographs, etc. My objective is not to surf the net looking for something to publish in this column.

**VA to open emergency rooms to "bad paper" Vets:** (Source – Military.com) In seeking more ways to help Veterans with other-than-honorable discharges, the VA is opening doors to "mental health emergencies" for these Veterans. This service may include inpatient services, residential care or outpatient options. 'Suicide prevention is my top clinical priority', VA Secretary Shulkin pledged. There are an estimated 300,000 Veterans who have been separated from the military with so called "bad paper" discharges. (Writer's comment: Wow, I had no idea that many of our military are being discharged with "bad paper.")

**Space, the final frontier:** (Source – Spacenews.com) While the DoD launched a space organization and management review on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the President unexpectedly suggested that the U.S. military create a "space force" to protect U.S. interests in the cosmos. Interested in obtaining the "space shuttle door gunner" MOS? Which branch of service will it be, or will it be a new branch of armed force? What will space Troopers wear? It appears this started as a joke, but who knows? (Want more info about this? Just "google" "president wants to start a space force.")

**Where are the Veterans in the federal workforce?** (Source – Federal Times) Federal government representatives talk about their commitment in hiring Veterans, but how well do they really do? Not too bad, actually. In fiscal 2016 (the latest year for which data is available), roughly ¼ to ½ of the workers at the largest agencies, such as the DoD and Homeland Security, are military Veterans. There's been relatively little variation from FY 2014 to 2016 in the percentages. Overall, 31.1 % of federal workers were Veterans in FY 2016, only a slight bump from 2012 when Veterans made up 29.7% of the workforce.

**Fraud and Abuse:** (Source – Associated Press) Four southern Indiana residents are accused of pocketing more than \$125,000 through fundraisers touted as benefiting Veterans and their families. All four were indicted on fraud charges alleging that they solicited funds from individuals and business in ID, KY, and OH. They allegedly pocketed more than \$125,000 in cash, gift cards, merchandise and other donations to the Wounded Warrior Fund Inc and the Wounded Warrior Foundation Inc. Come on people, please check them out before you give them money. Simply go to <https://www.charitynavigator.org/> and find out what they do with their money.

**Is the Air Force changing to Army uniforms?** (Source – Air Force Times) The AF could start switching to the Army's Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms as early as this fall, according to information that has leaked online. Comments: Why in the world do each of the armed forces need a different camouflage pattern work uniform?

**Given up smoking for vaping?** (Source – Army Times) The Army released a public health warning in January about potentially dangerous side effects of vaping. The warning advised Soldiers not to use electronic cigarettes or vaporizer pens containing cannabidiol, also known as CBD oil. According to the Army, CBD contains all kinds of hazardous substances. The Army has treated 60 patients for symptoms associated with these types of oils including headache, nausea, vomiting and palpitations, dizziness, disorientation and seizures.

**VA missed background checks for thousands of employees:** (Source – Military Times) VA officials employed more than 6,000 workers, many with access to patients and sensitive personal information without performing proper background checks, according to a new inspector general investigation. Find out more at <www.armytimes.com>.

**VA to overhaul medical records:** (Source – various military times) The VA plans to spend \$16 billion (no, that's not a typo) to implement a new medical record filing system. Plans to overhaul the Veterans Affairs medical records system, one of President Donald Trump's most touted achievements last year, may be on the verge of collapse because of the leadership upheaval at the department in recent weeks. Meanwhile, the department's new chief technology official, just appointed this week, is facing heavy criticism for a lawsuit accusing him of sexual harassment while he was working for Trump's presidential campaign, calling into question whether he can shepherd the deal to completion. Folks, it gets "worse" and "worse." Visit <www.militarytimes.com> for more info.

**Fake Facebook pages target Vietnam Vets:** (Source – various websites) Earlier this week, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg promised lawmakers that his platform would crack down on fake accounts and foreign influence. But at least two Facebook pages linked to websites operating out of Bulgaria are still targeting U.S. Veterans of the Vietnam War, according to a letter obtained by The Atlantic that was sent to lawmakers by a nonprofit Veteran's organization. The U.S. military community is not a new or unusual target for foreign influence operations. A study published in October by the University of Oxford found that three websites linked to Russia; <Veteranstoday.com>, <Veteransnewsnow.com> and <Southfront.org> engaged in "significant and persistent interactions" with Veterans during the election, concluding in part that Veterans are targeted because they tend to be "community leaders" trusted by the public. Russian operatives went as far as to use advertising tools to target users by demographics and geography throughout 2016, prompting House and Senate investigators to question Facebook, Google, and Twitter executives about how foreign actors were exploiting their platforms to conduct influence operations. Read more at <www.theatlantic.com>.

**VA to host Baby Showers Nationwide May 5-16:** (Source – VA.gov) "To honor and support Veterans welcoming new children into their families in 2018, 60 VA Medical Centers (VAMC) around the country will host baby showers between May 5-16, the weeks surrounding Mother's Day, in partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. "The Nationwide Baby Shower will ensure Veterans have what they need to focus on the joy of growing their families in those stressful first weeks," said acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "With this effort, our goal is to celebrate Veteran parents, especially moms, while also increasing awareness of VA's comprehensive maternity care services and to encourage women Veterans to Choose VA to support their health and wellness goals." (Writer's comment: Well, I hope they don't have to make an appointment to have a baby shower! If so, good luck with that. But, I must admit that my recent experience with the VA in Shreveport, LA, was very favorable.)

**Do you remember your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)?** MOS group 35 consists of: Intelligence Analyst, Geospatial intelligence imagery analyst, counterintelligence agent (it was CI Special Agent when I was active duty), Human Intelligence Collector, Signals Intelligence Analyst, Cryptologic Linguist, Cryptologic Network Warfare Specialist, Signals Collector/Analyst, Military Intelligence Systems Maintainer/Integrator. Did you think the 11B, Infantryman, was the first in a MOS list? Well, you are wrong. 09L – Interpreter/Translator is first with 92Z – Senior Noncommissioned Logistician listed last, all the last being in the Quartermaster Corps. Did you know 92R, Parachute Rigger is a quartermaster Corps MOS? Find the entire MOS list at <www.thebalancecareers.com>.

By the time this issue is published, we will be getting ready to head to West Virginia for the annual reunion. I hope to see you there. If you are there, please take the time to look me up. I'll be in the convention hotel and of course will be at the unit lunch where the HQ and Special Troops will eat lunch together, a varied group of many units and MOSs. Until then may God bless you and your family, the great 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div, the U.S. Army, and all our Soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who go into harm's way in defense of our way of life. Don't forget to write/email/call!



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## Trooper's Tale

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sent to Korea to lead an infantry platoon. Again, he was in battle.

According to a 2007 article in The Catholic Sentinel in Portland, Fr. McBride was known for being a tough but fair commander. One former Soldier claims he saved many lives with his relentless pursuit of order and commitment to putting the men first. Fr. McBride told the paper, "You don't eat until your Troops are fed. You don't bed down until your Troops are bedded down." In his spare time, he said he would pray the rosary. He claims the black wore off the beads.



Fr. John McBride, S.J.

After being wounded, McBride served a stint in Japan as an aide to U.S. Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington before the Korea War ended and he headed home. But Fr. McBride still wanted to do more. In 1952, at 27 years of age, he entered the Jesuit novitiate. He was ordained a priest in 1961 and made his final vows to the Society five years later. As a Jesuit, his battle-tested toughness and commitment to his men served him well as a teacher at Monroe Catholic High School in Fairbanks, Alaska, and parish priest at the nearby Immaculate Conception Church.

Later, while serving as pastor at St. Luke Church in Woodburn, Oregon, Fr. McBride once again heard the call to do more: this time, as a prison chaplain. For the next 20 years, he ministered to men incarcerated in federal prisons in California, Oregon and Washington.

"In prison, I helped the men form an Inmate Welfare Fund. It was sort of like a United Way, where inmates helped other inmates doing things like finding shoes for an inmate whose family could not afford to buy them," Fr. McBride said. "One time, we even raised money to buy a walker for an inmate's child."

A prison sentence, like war, is difficult to get through, and Fr. McBride led the inmates he ministered to through various battles. He taught self-improvement classes, led prayer groups, organized Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, celebrated Mass and even broke up a riot fueled by racial tension. "The men I worked with learned that all we do is for the common good," Fr. McBride said. "You are always teaching and asking, how do you want to be treated?"

When he retired from prison work, Fr. McBride served 15 years as a chaplain at Providence Hospital in Portland. "I worked on the floors visiting the sick and would say Mass," Fr. McBride said. "I would meet with patients to find out what their needs may be during their stay."

Whether on the battlefield or in a church, hospital or cellblock, Fr. McBride has always believed in the importance of putting his charges first.

Jesuits West News

Fr. McBride died October 20, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, CA. He was born March 23, 1925 and entered the Society on September 7, 1952. He was ordained June 17, 1961 and took final vows on August 15, 1966. Fr. McBride was a Jesuit for 65 years.

8 CAV, D Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion & Sheridan's Cavalry Chapter

## Wooden Box by Vicki Logan, Dwayne's sister &amp; Cavalry Associate Life Member

I'm wondering how many of you have heard of or experienced a supernatural event. I believe that I have, and I will describe it here, and you can decide for yourself what it means. It is taken almost nine years to the day since this truth-is-stranger-than-fiction occurrence happened, and the time has come to put it in writing. Thanks to the "Trooper's Tale" column published in The Saber, I thought best to recap the honest-to-God incident before more time passes us by.

April 8, 2009, six days after the death of my brother, Dwayne Serge Logan, I was awoken out of my sleep by the untimely and unusual sound of a rattling heat register which connected from the bedroom to the dining room. I was not alone in hearing this out-of-the-ordinary sound, because I remember my cat also woke up.

I found him sitting next to the heat register, cocking his head and staring at the source of the sound. Something strange was surely happening, so I got up and found shreds of Dwayne's papers that I had been sorting at the dining room table the past couple of days and thrown in the wastebasket scattered across the room. The scraps were on the carpet near the window. Also, nearby was Dwayne's Army scrapbook which I'd taken and placed on the corner of the coffee table by the sofa where he often sat while visiting. Yes, it was a strange, but for some reason, not a scary experience. Funny, but what came to mind was, whether in life or death, here I go again, picking up after him. To make sure it really happened, I've saved one of the tiny scraps of paper.

At the time, it was difficult to keep this phenomenon to myself. I'd never mentioned this to anyone (especially my mom and uncle), other than those friends who'd been helping sort the papers and a few of Dwayne's friends. I imagined anyone might think me overwrought with grief or emotion and imagining things. I wasn't.

The most startling event was yet to come. A couple weeks later (April 20), I visited my mom, and while watching TV at her home next door, we heard something drop to the floor from the flat above where Dwayne had lived. Neither one



of us thought much about it because it might have been his cat running around and perhaps knocking something over.

Feeling this probably wasn't the case, the next day I went upstairs to investigate and found a covered wooden box knocked from the coffee table onto the floor - too heavy for the cat to have pushed it down. Being a bit unnerved but curious, I opened the box to find within several personally collected Vietnam mementoes of 1st Cavalry patches, slides, movie reel and a calendar. The biggest revelation

in the assortment was the Vietnam calendar. Written within the dates April 1-2 (death of Dwayne was April 2nd), was noted "I was there." Landing Zone wiped out. Oh, my goodness! No wonder these strange incidents happened. Could it have been the spirit of my brother telling us this war experience is ultimately what caused his death? First, it was the spilled papers across room toward the

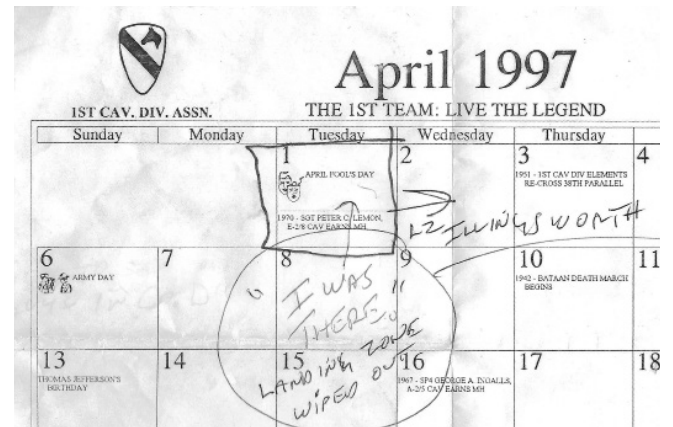
Army scrapbook and now, the falling wooden box noting what must have been a horrible memory crossing his mind before he died.

Not knowing their reaction, I only told a few people of this other occurrence, but I could never tell my mom or my uncle, Serge. However, I feel it's time to share this experience and tell his story to the most appropriate group, his fellow 1st Cavalry Division members.

All I can do is imagine how he must have suffered this terrible memory which most likely had contributed to the cause of his death on the very day he'd experienced this event during the war.

Thank you for allowing me to share this story, one I feel needed to be told to honor his memory. You are more than welcome to contact me with any thoughts or comments.

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ICDA calendar with personal notation of what happened on the highlighted date.



Got out of the field for a few days and were flown to a rear base. It was called a three-day stand down. Showers, decent food, sleep, new jungle fatigues, latest movie & plenty of letters to catch up on.

## LRRP News

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Rangers, Sir!" To this, BG Cota replied "Well, goddamn it, if you're Rangers, lead the way!" From this, the Ranger motto: "Rangers Lead the Way!" was born.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Rangers, the unit that we trace our unit lineage to, had the task of scaling the 100-foot high cliffs at Pointe du Hoc on the western end of Omaha Beach and capturing the German heavy-gun battery on top. The battery enabled the Germans to deliver devastating firepower down onto the American Soldiers on both Omaha and Utah Beaches. Once the Rangers captured the battery, they were to attack eastward along the top of the cliffs, parallel to the beach, knocking out the German pillboxes and clearing the trenches of the German Soldiers, thereby allowing the Troops of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry to establish a foothold on the beach below.

Finally, I hope to see everyone in the nation's capital on Memorial Day Weekend and at the reunion in Charleston, WV on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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