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We lost a long time and strong supporter of the First Cavalry Division Association last month. COL (Ret) Lyman "Chan" Duryea passed away on April 17, 2019. Chan was a former 1st Cavalry Division Association President (2010–2012) and current member of the Board of Governors. Chan would have been 81 on May 25. He was a great asset to the Association and served in numerous capacities for several years. He will be sorely missed. Please go to page 12 of this issue to read his obituary and tribute comments from friends and family.

We are considering the addition of a book review column to the *Saber*. There are times when we are contacted by people hoping that we will promote their new book. We have not worked out the specifics yet. First, we would need one or more member(s) who hopefully have some experience writing reviews to contact us. I think that we would offer reviews of books that would be of interest to our members. For example, Chan Duryea was co-author with Bob Orkand of a book "Misfire: The Tragic Failure of the M16 in Vietnam," that will be available July 1. A proper review would be a fitting tribute to Chan. If you would like this opportunity or know someone who would let us know. I do know that the potential reviewer will not/cannot be me. I have several books about Vietnam that I started but never finished.

And, we still need scribes for the *Saber*. If you know someone in your unit with writing talent give them a little push. We all benefit from the information and reflections that are provided in these unit column/reports. Unless someone has signed up recently, we **still need scribes** for 61st Arty, 82nd FA and Silver Wings of the Cav.

Meanwhile, closer to home, I decided to teach my grandson to shoot pool. I played a lot in high school but only periodically since then. We bought a pool table a few years ago, but not having someone to play against it didn't get much use. I thought our grandson Jack might be interested and he has really taken to it. He comes to visit one afternoon a week and he's not here more than a few minutes before he's asking to play. At first, I concentrated on the basics and we didn't play any games. I think he's going to be really good. He seems to have a knack for angles and isn't afraid to try a difficult shot. Our first game was 8-ball. Jack won! I tried to get fancy when shooting the 8, scratched and lost. Never-the less, I lost to eight-year-old. Now his brother Ryan (6) is starting to play. He will probably be good also and they are both having fun. As they get better, I will need to concentrate more but I think I'm safe for now. They haven't mentioned money – yet!

Next up - our 75th annual Reunion. I'll see of you there. We want your input, it is important and helpful.

Take care, be safe, and, as always, thank you for your service.

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Allen (TrailSpike 47)

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So much has happened between 1 May and 30 June: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, our 72nd Reunion and Father's Day.

First off, Happy Mother's Day to all the lovely Mothers, Grandmas, and Aunts. Whether we say

it enough or not, each of you are truly loved.

"Motherhood is not for the faint-hearted. Frogs, skinned knees, and the insults of teenage girls (and boys) are not meant for the wimpy." – Danielle Steel

Each year the Association is asked to help support Carry the Load: a non-profit dedicated to providing active, meaningful ways to honor and celebrate the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes — military, Veterans, first responders, and their families. This year's event took place on 23 May 2019. Look forward to seeing
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HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Jenny Nocella

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 for change as we bid a fond farewell to one of our Detachment Mules Tina. Tina was adopted by the Melton family, Randy Melton a former detachment muleskinner has promised to provide many more updates on her and as of right now she is contently pulling a wagon with her new teammate Willie! A day will not go by that we will not look to your guide-on's 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 peoples 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. Last month we conducted a B Group test and we would like to congratulate the two Troopers who earned their B Group Spurs, SSG Minor and SPC Cuchens.

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 will support the Burnet County Rodeo on 10 May, the Rabbit Festival on 18 May in Copperas Cove, and the Harker Heights Memorial Day Parade on 25 May. On 16 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.

May and June are the busiest for the Detachment as we travel to following events:

- 16 May – Killeen Rodeo, Killeen TX
- 18 May – Rabbit Festival, Cooperas Cove, TX
- 23 May – Carry the Load Demonstration, HCD, Fort Hood, TX
- 25 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 (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and let you know about upcoming events and ceremonies.

Photo caption: Pat & Jane with our Muleskinner SSG

Charleston, our Swamper SGT Rodriguez and our detachment dog PFC Bouncer during a ceremony on Cooper Field.

DIVISION DOINGS

Red Devil Battalion Cases Colors For Final Time Story by SSG Carolyn Hart, Photos by SSG Kelsey Miller, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas -- Gray hair peeking out from under Korean Veteran baseball caps is a stark difference from the patrol caps they once wore. Walkers and canes have replaced rifles.

The greenery that ushers in the Texas springtime, a huge change from the frigid winters they experienced on the peninsula. After a rainy weekend, Fort Hood welcomed the 92nd Armored Field Artillery Veterans with bright and sunny weather.

As the Veterans and their families took their seats, the ceremony was underway. The memorial and color casing ceremony honored the legacy of the 92nd AFA, Red Devil Battalion. They celebrated their 22nd, and final, yearly reunion on April 8 at The Great Place.

Activated Jan. 9, 1942, the Red Devil Battalion left San Francisco for Korea on
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1CDA EVENT CALENDAR

June 5-9, 2019 72nd Annual 1CDA Reunion Fort Hood, TX
 Nov 9-12, 2019 11th Annual Veterans Day in Washington D.C.
 June 10-14, 2020 73rd Annual 1CDA Reunion, Louisville, KY

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 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear 1st Cavalry Division Association,
 The final scholarship grant check was received in April and I can't believe how fast four years has gone! Thank you for the ongoing financial support that has made my dream of pursuing a degree in higher education come true. It has meant so much to be included in this amazing opportunity to continue on my grandfather's legacy through education. "Grandpa Fish" as I called him, who fought in the Battle of Ia Drang, passed away years ago. I can only imagine how wonderful it would be to have him attended my graduation this December from Cal Poly Pomona in Pomona California. My degree will be in music with an emphasis in music industry studies, which creates its curriculum by combining courses from business, technology and music.
 Since transferring to Cal Poly Pomona, I have made the Dean's List in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences each semester. This means I have achieved a grade point average for the semester of 3.5 or higher while taking at least twelve units of academic work. This is an accomplishment I have worked hard to earn, and I credit this success to the 1st Cavalry Division Association's support.
 Currently, I am employed at an on-campus job as an Audio-Visual Technician and am enrolled in 17 units. This part time job directly relates to my major and I am learning something new every day. I will complete my degree at the end of this year and aspire to find work in music production.
 Again, it is with much gratitude that I accept my final grant money and submit this update to be included on the Scholarship Poster. Going forward, I will continue to do my best work and be a positive influence in our world. Thank you for your generous support.
 Sincerely, Lucas Fisher



Dear Scholarship Committee,
 I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the 1st Cavalry Division Association scholarship. I was very happy and appreciate to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship.
 I am an accounting major with interests in working in audit. I plan to pursue an internship with a firm in my junior year. I am currently a freshman carrying 17 credits and plan to graduate in 2022. After graduation, I plan to take the CPA exam to complete my certification. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.
 By awarding me the 1st Cavalry Division Association scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.
 Sincerely, Garrett Sagerhorn

CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES

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 here in the *Saber*.

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next *Saber* is **Monday, 1 July 2019**. Please send to Karleen at Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522, Attn: Karleen.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Anyone in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area looking to start up a Chapter? Please contact Jim Jordan at 505-508-5454.

AMARILLO, TEXAS

Anyone in the Amarillo, Texas area looking to start up a Chapter? Please contact Ryan Hodge at 806-433-4467 or <Ryan@Hodgemgmt.com>.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER



The above photo is from a meeting of the Connecticut Chapter in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. For information to join our chapter contact Keith Moyer <kpmoyerco@hotmail.com>. Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CTCAV

CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER

Thank you to all who have been coming out to our Stable Calls! Upcoming Stable Calls are: July 25 Belton VFW 4008; Aug 29 Copperas Cove VFW 8577; Sept 26 Harker Heights VFW 3892 (Membership Meeting); Oct 24 ICDA HQ Copperas Cove BBQ. Stetsons are always encouraged! Come show off your Cav Pride & enjoy the Camaraderie. POC Tim Hodge 254-718-4533.

Facebook page: **1st Cavalry Division Association Crossed Saber Chapter**

FLORIDA CHAPTER



Mar 6th VP Gil Harris and Secretary Woody Hines participated in the annual Winter Park Florida Saint Patrick's Day Parade. There was a significant turnout.

Come join our next meeting. We meet 2nd Tues of each month at 1300 at VFW Post 2093, 4444 Edgewater Dr. in Orlando. Hope to see you there!

Facebook page: **Florida Chapter 1st Cavalry Division Association**

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Attention Jacksonville, FL, a local interest group of 1st Cav Veterans is forming a local in the chapter of the National Association in the Jacksonville, FL area. A local contact number is 904-534-8899. You may wish to confirm by checking the Times Union Veteran news section. You can also e-mail <TheCrimms@gmail.com> for more information. You and any 1st Cav alumni that you may know are welcome and invited to attend.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

On April 13, the New York-New Jersey Chapter held its spring meeting at the Elks Lodge in Ridgefield Park, NJ. A large crowd was on hand to enjoy the event. As always lunch and an early bird coffee were available.

A frank discussion on the V.A. healthcare system and its pros and cons. Members share many stories, experiences and advice. The Chapter new Golf and Tee are



Bob Jeanette and Bob Arbasetti

wildly popular and there are still some available and sold only at our meetings. Next meeting will in the fall. All updates will be on our **Facebook page, New York New Jersey Cavalry**. Just Google: New York New Jersey Cavalry

Photo above is from the NY/NJ Chapter spring meeting.

NORTH CAROLINA TARHEEL CHAPTER



The above photo is from our March 8, 2019 meeting in Kinston, N.C. For more information to join our chapter contact Johnny Parker at 704-517-5445 or email at <shagon19@gmail.com>.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER



Come for fellowship and fun times! Next meeting is at JBLM Tall Firs Picnic Shelter in August. Call President Ernie at 360-731-8924 or Secretary Gail at 360-265-6216 for more details.

SHERIDAN'S CAVALRY CHAPTER

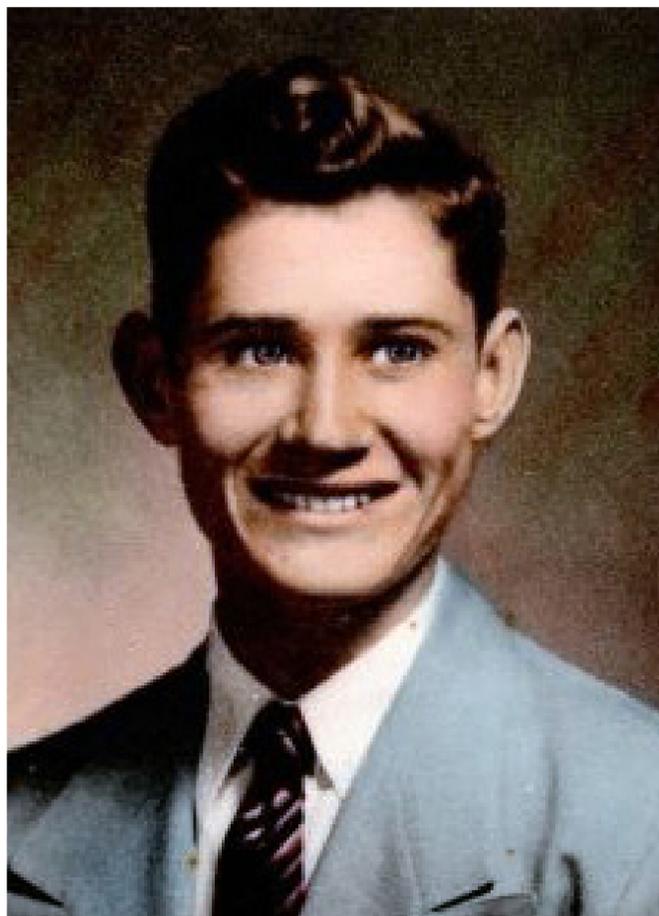
Regretfully – John Crowden a charter member and past president of the chapter passed away March 23, 2019. John served in Korea with the 7th & 2/5th Cavalry, then later in Vietnam with 1/12th Cavalry. He was honored by the membership and other Troopers with a memorial service at the Abraham Lincoln National Veterans Cemetery located in Elwood, IL.

Ron Bacci a board member of the Italian American Veterans Museum, was our guest speaker at the April meeting. Ron reviewed to the membership the Employer Support to Guard & Reserve (ESGR) Department of Defense program of employer support to the members of the National Guard and Military Reserve.

Linda Chapa La Via appointed as the Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) by Governor JB Pritzker in January 2019 will be our guest speaker at the June 15 meeting. She is responsible for over 1200 employees of the IDVA and manages a budget of approximately \$150 million.

Remaining 2019 Chapter Meeting Dates: June 15, August 10 Picnic, October 12, December 7 Xmas Party. Meetings are held at American Legion Post #1084, 322 East Maple Ave., Roselle, IL 61072. The Sheridan Chapter cordially invites anyone who served or was attached at any year with the 1st Cav to join our group. Contact Terry Hodous POC at <us67-hodo@outlook.com> or 773-445-1213 for additional information regarding attending our future events.

HAVE YOUR CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES POSTED HERE!



WELCOME HOME SOLDIER

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Rix, J.)

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Army CPL James C. Rix, 18, of Alamo, Georgia, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Feb. 8, 2019. This identification was initially announced on Feb. 14, 2019.

In November 1950, Rix was a member of Company E, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was killed in action on Nov. 30, 1950, during heavy fighting between the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) and the 7th Cavalry Regiment in the vicinity of North Pyongan Province, North Korea. His remains were interred at the United Nations Military Cemetery (UNMC) Pyongyang, on Dec. 2, 1950.

In 1954, the United Nations Command (UNC) and North Korea, along with the CPVF, reached an agreement regarding the recovery and return of war dead. The agreement, known as Operation Glory (OPGLORY,) resulted in the turn-over of 4,200 sets of remains to the UNC, including more than 400 sets reportedly disinterred from Pyongyang. One set of remains, designated X-16680 OPGLORY could not be identified, and were subsequently interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu (known as the Punchbowl), as an Unknown.

In June 2017, DPAA disinterred Unknown X-16680 OPGLORY for identification. To identify Rix's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as

circumstantial and material evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis. DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission.

Today, 7,663 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War. Using modern technology, identifications continue to be made from remains that were previously returned by North Korean officials or recovered from North Korea by American recovery teams. Rix's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others who are missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. For family contact information, contact the Army Service Casualty office at (800) 892-2490. Rix will be buried May 4, 2019, in his hometown.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at <www.dpaa.mil>, find us on social media at <www.facebook.com/dodpaa> or call (703) 699-1420/1169. Rix's personnel profile can be viewed at <<https://dpaa.secure.force.com/dpaaProfile?id=a0Jt-000000VJky1EAD>>



TAPS

We were notified of the death of the following:
ARBAUGH, CSM (RET), Thomas W., B Co, 4 CAV, 1953. 25 March 2019.
CHRIST, PV2 Nick, B Co, 2-7 CAV, 1966. 12 March 2019.
CROWDEN, PSG John D., G Co, 2-7 CAV 1951; G Co, 2-5 CAV, 1955; B Co, 1-12 CAV & 11 PATH, 1965. 23 March 2019.
DURYEA, COL Lyman "Chan", HHC & C Co, 2-7 CAV, 1966-67. 17 April 2019. (Association President, Vice President, and BOG 2005-April 2019)
IMSLAND, SPC Darrell E. J., HHC, 2-8 CAV, 1969-70. 22 November 2018.
LADOW, MAJ (RET) Sidney L., A Co, 27 Maint. Bn, 1968. 24 April 2019.
MARTZ, 1LT Wallace C., A Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1966-67, 3 February 2019.
MAYORAL, SGT Patrick, B Co, 13SIG, 2003-05; B Co, 2BSTB, 2005-08. 24 March 2019.
POYNTER, 1SG Ray E., B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1965. 25 March 2019.
STIVER, LTC (RET) Donald L., Jr., A Trp, 1-9 CAV, 1969-70, 31 March 2019.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have been notified of the following non-combat Active Duty deaths.
WHITWELL, SPC Max T, 2ABCT, 2019. 12 March 2019.

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more members participate at next year's gathering.

Then there were preparations for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony. This year the Crossed Sabers Chapter, along with several other groups, participated in the placing of flags at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery. We each took the time and paid respect to the Family and friends who have made their way to Fiddlers' Green.

The 72nd 1CDA Reunion was held in Killeen, TX this year. The Division and its Troopers received our Veterans with open arms. Cav Troopers of all ages interacted with each other while Troopers proudly displayed their new equipment and subject matter experts answered the many questions from our curious Veterans. As we wiped the sweat from our brows and packed our gear, plans for the 73rd Reunion (Kentucky) were already in the works (June 10-14, 2020).

After the completion of the reunion, the very next Sunday was Father's Day. This special day celebrates fatherhood and all the father figures who helped to make our lives better. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles, may your strength and love live on within our hearts.

Next up... Veterans Day in Washington, D.C., November 9-12, 2019. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division's First combat action as 2-5 Cavalry Regiment lands on the South shore of Hyane Harbor on the Island of Los Negros. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the annual event.

Saluting Our Fallen Heroes

*"They defended our nation,
they liberated the oppressed,
they served the cause of peace.
And all Americans who have
known the loss and sadness of war,
whether recently or long ago,
can know this:
The person they love and miss is
honored and remembered by the
United States of America."
George W. Bush,
Memorial Day Address, 2004*

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5th CAV News



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Greetings to Cav Troopers. Now it's time for another issue and I'm so far behind. Getting ready for cataract surgery this week, and then they have to let me know when I'm having my 2nd knee replacement surgery. Not looking forward to that again. I'm still hoping to get to the division reunion, it is really going to depend on when the VA gets my surgery scheduled. You just about have to do them when they want.

On a different note, the following email and photo was received from **Ron Bates** "I joined the Army in 1967, first duty station out of basic training at Fort Ord was Darmstadt Germany with the 7th Bridge Engineer Company. I was assigned to S-2 Intelligent section, which had I think only had three others as a clerk typist. After about a month the 1LT said you're not a typist, I must replace you, I was grateful. He asked if I knew anything about photography, I said no he said, "Start learning, you're the new Battalion photographer." I got pretty good at photography, but boredom set in. I saw posted they were asking if anyone wanted to go to Radio Operators' school in another little town for a three-week school. Sounded great to me and I went and got radio certified.

"Well back to Darmstadt and I got bored again. I had been in Germany for about 15-months. I went into 1SG's office one day and asked for a transfer. He must have thought I wanted to go stateside or Hawaii, he told me to get out. I wasn't half way out of his office and he said, "Just for the hell of it were did you want to go?" I said, "Nam" and he said, "Pack your bags." I was shipped to Fort Lewis, WA for jungle training. I got to VN and was assigned to HHQ 1/5 Cavalry (Air Mobile) in June 69 to June 70.

"Since I had the radio endorsement that was needed, I was sent to my first of many LZs. I came home to what a lot of us encountered in those days and just wanted to forget and get started in life after three years. I found a wonderful girl and got married (still married to the same wonderful girl), started a family and retired 5 years ago.

"Now with time on my hands, I am trying to remember people and places. If anyone remembers me or others in picture to the right, please contact me, I am the guy in the front row with the beer in hand."

Ron Bates <ronnybates@icloud.com>



HHQ 1/5 Cavalry (Air Mobile)

Hoping to see a good turn out in Killeen. Until Killeen and our next issue, be safe & prayers out to all of you.
Control 27 Mike Out, Bill

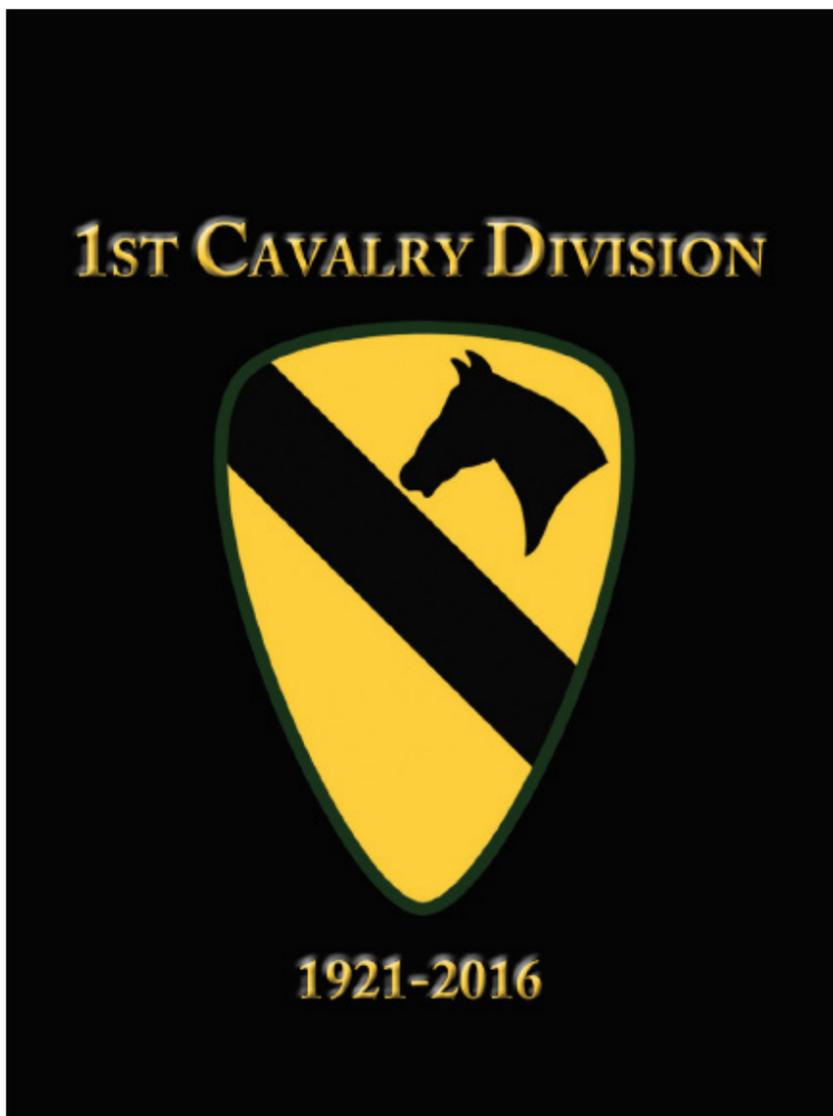
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12th Cavalry Association has issued The Call for three Troopers to step up and serve as Association Officers. After some deep and wretched soul searching, Ken Howser, Jr., Secretary-Scribe, serving our Troopers the past 10 years, decided it is time to pass the privilege to another member who walks in the light of SEMPER PARATUS. I have agreed to be interim scribe through Dec 2019 and possibly to June 2020. Ken has written informative and interesting columns over the years with a unique twist. A big pair of boots to fill (11EE, HA!), with my 10 1/2 Ds, I will give it the 'Charging Charger' rush to fill the gaps. Ken Howser, we hope that your retirement does not keep you from future reunion gatherings. *Thank you* for your loyal service!

Dennis Rasmussen, Webmaster since 2010, is ready to transfer the site to a Trooper interested in maintaining one of our primary points of contact for Association Members and preserving historical archives of the 12th Cavalry Legacy from first formation 8 February 1901 at Ft. Sam Houston to present day Ft. Hood. Due to life's many occurrences, Dennis feels he cannot give needed attention to the site. He calls for a conscientious Trooper to step up to hold the site together, and, build on the foundation he has laid. If interested contact Dennis at 336-228-0042 or email <rasmussdj@gmail.com>. Hope all works out for you Dennis and *thank you* for your years of loyal service and commitment to preserve a contact base for Trooper interaction. Hope to see you soon!

Klaus Lachmann, Treasurer, is ready to transfer his responsibility for regiment funds accounting to a "budding or wanna be bean counter." No accounting degree required, just a knack for adding, subtracting, an eye for detail to disburse payments, record receipts and monitor the excel membership database to record changes when needed. As a division level board member, Klaus has given us much guidance in 12th Cavalry Association activities. He has served as our treasurer since 2014. Klaus will guide a willing Trooper through the funds and Tax ID # transfer. Call him at 931-539-0405 or email <treasurer12cav@gmail.com>. Klaus always enjoy our conversations, your stories, and, the wisdom that comes from our talks. Hang around a while longer, we want to hear more!

These are volunteer positions. Some hours of your personal time will be required. For those who like to be always ready, put on your boots, lace up, blouse up, call Leon Hinton our 12th Cavalry Association President at 810-272-6524, email <leonhinton01@msn>. Be all we can be as Soldiers for Life, 'Once Cav always Cav'!

Soldiers for life of C Co 1-12th (ABN), 1965-1966: Men who served in C Co 1-12th, 1965-1972, know the story of the Battle at LZ Hereford, 21 May 1966, where 19 men of the mortar platoon left on a hill waiting for extraction, were overrun by 200 NVA. 15 Troopers perished this day including photo journalist Sam Castan of Look Magazine. One of the survivors of the assault was SSG Robert L. Kirby whose actions that day merited him a Silver Star and Purple Heart. Kirby who went on to retire as a 1SG, lived in Columbus, GA. He passed to Fiddlers Green March 2018. When his body was discovered there were no known next of kin contacts. His remains were taken by McMullen Mortuary and his death certified by Muscogee County coroner Buddy Bryan. Kirby was buried in a potter's field grave. After burial, coroner Bryan inventoried 1SG's effects and discovered a phone number of a brother Trooper who had served with Kirby in the 11th Airborne/Air Assault which became 1-12th Cavalry (Airborne) when mobilized July 1965 for Vietnam.



SSG Kirby 1966

Coroner Bryan contacted the Trooper and when informed of the potter's field burial and lack of next of kin contacts, this Trooper went to work. He contacted four other Soldiers who had trained and sailed with 1SG Kirby from Savannah, GA to Qui Nhon, VN. These men made contacts with other C Co Troopers, Department of the Army, and searched records for living relatives. They secured the necessary paperwork verifying 1SG Kirby's service and located two relatives. With coroner Buddy Bryan's and McMullen Mortuary's help, Kirby was disinterred, and arrangements made for proper burial with full Military Honors at Ft. Mitchell, AL National Cemetery. On 26 April 2019, 1230 hrs., 1SG Kirby was given appropriate honors by eight of his fellow 'Charging Charger' brothers and two of his located family members. Many thanks to Buddy Bryan, McMullen Funeral Parlor. Slow Hand Salute to 1SG Kirby and Family. Airborne 'Strack' Salute to Mike Chase, Jay Snyder, Gary Rhodes, Dave Wenzel, Ernie Crank, John Spranza, Doug Warden, Dave Hamrick (pictured here) who still march in "Boot to Boot and Semper Paratus" Cadence, a (short step hobble but still 'Charging On'), HA!



Month of May busy time for 12th Cavalry in Vietnam: May was nemesis month for the 12th Cavalry in Vietnam, 1966 through 1971. During this time period 116 brothers 'gave all!' In 1-12th, 66 Troopers were lost while 2-12th lost 50 Troopers. 1966 was the year with most casualties in May. LZ Hereford Operation Crazy Horse took 25 men. Five were of A Co

16-18 May. On 21 May, C Co mortar platoon lost 14 of their 19 men when overrun by 200 NVA. Look Magazine photo journalist, Sam Castan was killed this day on LZ Hereford.

18 May 1966, B Co 2-12th, two and one-half clicks east of Hereford as a ready reaction force, was ambushed by elements of the 2d Viet Cong Regiment. 16 men were lost in this fight, including SSG Jimmy G. Stewart, the first 12th Cavalry Regiment Trooper, who was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumous. Seven Medals of Honor were awarded to 12th Cavalry Regiment Troopers. Four in 1-12th, three in 2-12th.

Another 12th Cavalry Charge: Point man and 12th Cavalry Association Co-Chaplain, James E. Abram served in C Co



Jimmy G. Stewart

1-12th, October 1966-October 1967. He came to C Co from an Ordinance Detachment in Qui Nhon. One day he delivered ammo to 1-12th area while C Co was in camp. While we were unloading the carrier truck, SSG Delbert O. Jennings somehow had the planned return to Qui Nhon cancelled. Two days later we went back to the field with brother Abram in tow while he kicked and screamed to 'get outta this place.' After some laughter at his dilemma, a lot of encouragement and some 'Grunt' tutoring, 'Deacon' James became



one of the best point men to walk the Highlands.

Today, the 'Deacon' is still walking point on the set of his own TV Show that airs bi-weekly every other Tuesday at 1230 hrs. ET. He and his partner Ari Merretazon, 25th Infantry Vet 1968, address all the Veterans issues that concern us for 58 minutes. Tune into their next show 14 May 2019, WBGR News and Politics, Lanham, MD. You can access the show via internet.

Crabtree Out
SEMPER PARATUS and 'BOOT to BOOT'



James Abram (L) Ari Merretazon (R)

OTHER REUNIONS

1st Cavalry Division Association 72nd Reunion, 5-9 June 2019. Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX; Reservations can be made by calling 254-699-0999; Reunion registrations went out with the 2019 Calendar and you can register online via the website, <www.1CDA.org>.

50th Anniversary Reunion C 1/7 CAV, 5-9 June 2019. Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX; POC Tom Hartin <tomhartin@sbcglobal.net> or 972-387-4451.

30th FA Regiment Association Reunion, 10-15 June 2019. Sheffield Village, OH, POC: Daniel Gillotti <firstcav68@roadrunner.com> or 440-934-1750.

1/8 CAV Jumping Mustangs Vietnam Reunion, 4-8 Sept 2019. Anaheim, CA; POC: James Knafel <jknafel@gmail.com> or 260-244-3864. This includes medics, artillery FO teams and Air Force liaison teams. Other 1st Cavalry members may attend as associate members if for some reason they can't attend their regular reunion this year.

A Trp, 9 CAV Reunion, 5-8 September 2019. Kansas City, MO; POC: Pam Hoskin <pamelahoskin@comcast.net>.

Korean War and Korean Defense Troopers, 8 CAV/10th Inf Div Basic Trainees, 6-8 September 2019. The Drury Inn, Shawnee Mission, KS; Reservations call 913-236-9200; POC: Steve Bosma 408-270-1319 or Jack Hackley <jackremembers@aol.com> or 816-690-3443. Contact the POC's for specific/additional units and dates served.

12 CAV Reunion, 10-15 September 2019. Welk Resort, Branson, MO, \$89 plus tax/night. Reservations 1-800-808-9355 use Group Code (565466), POC: Thomas <mmctlc3@aol.com> or 432-853-4851.

77th FA Regiment Association, 10-15 Sept 2019. El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX; POC Dave Morehead <davemoreheadrealtor@gmail.com> or 352-483-6083 for details. All battalions, all eras welcome.

A 1/7 CAV Vietnam 68-72 Reunion, 12-15 Sept 2019. Hampton Inn, Brighton, MI; Reservations call 810-225-8363; POC: Fred Roscoe <froscoe440@aol.com> or 248-345-6220. Anybody can attend.

C Trp, 9 CAV Reunion, 28-30 September 2019. Gettysburg, PA; POC: Patrick Bieneman, <pcbnamin@verizon.net>.

B Trp, 9 CAV Reunion, 10-13 October 2019. Branson, MO; POC: Bat Murtha <batmurtha@yahoo.com>.

7th CAV News



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Greetings fellow friends and Troopers. This is the start of a very busy time. The 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion will be happening during the first full week in June. Summer will be starting, and folks will be traveling. Since several of us will be traveling to Killeen for the Reunion, this column contains news about our newest Troopers – those on active duty today. We want to celebrate their accomplishments as well.

But, before we do that, I want to report that Jim Savage, our webmaster for the 7th U.S. Cavalry website, has completed an ENORMOUS task, Jim has added a searchable roster of Korean War Troopers; the roster contains the names and units of 2553 men assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division between 1950 and 1953. If you are not familiar with the 7th Cavalry website, please visit! It is located at <www.us7thcavalry.com>. And, if you notice people who are missing from unit rosters, please notify me. Give me as much information as possible about those missing people, including copies of Unit Orders, if you have them. We would love to have a more complete record and you can help.

A while back, I spoke on the phone with **Elfred Steiter**, who served with **D Co, 1-7 Cavalry** in Japan from 1953 – 1954. Elfred started out in the heavy weapons platoon and was moved to the company communications center for his last six months allowing him to use the radio operator training he had received at Fort Gordon, GA. At the age of 90, Elfred is still spry and is currently living in the North Dakota Veterans Home. He reads each issue of the *Saber* and is very proud of the time he spent in the 7th Cavalry. If you are in North Dakota and want to visit Elfred, the address for the Veterans Home is 1600 Veterans Drive, Lisbon, ND 58054 and Elfred's phone number is 701-680-0547. Why don't you send him a card, or give him a call? Let him know that the 7th Cavalry still cares about all our Troopers.

This is from the Fort Hood Sentinel and was authored by SSG Kelsey Miller, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs.

Team Prepares for Gainey Cup The season of military competitions is here. Many have already taken place, such as the Army's Best Ranger competition, the Army's Best Sapper competition and the Army's Best Mortar competition.

This year, a team from 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team will represent the entire 1st Cavalry Division with expectations of securing the Gainey Cup at the Army-wide Best Scout Squad competition, beginning April 25, at Fort Benning, Georgia.



"For the past several weeks, we have been preparing mentally and physically to go and participate in the Gainey Cup Competition," SGT Samuel Hall, the dismount team leader for the competition said. "This competition has been our priority. Our command team has supported that and supported us throughout our training, from platoon level all the way up to squadron level."

The Soldiers on the team were selected by their leadership after completing several unit-internal competitions starting at the Troop

level and finishing at brigade level. The Soldiers who earned a coveted spot on the team displayed above average competency levels as well as stellar physical capabilities.

"Each and every single member of this team has performed very well," SSG Jermaul Sledge, the team's truck commander said, "They were chosen not only because they are physically fit, but because they are mentally fit as well. Every single one of them has that drive to keep going, and that is so important." The team began training while the brigade was deployed to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve and has not missed a beat since returning.

The physical train-up includes gym visits at least twice a day, distance running, extended ruck marches, general body conditioning in order to prevail during the intense competition and endurance building workouts. The mental train-up includes equipment familiarity, graphics and land navigation training, vehicle and small arms proficiency, among other things.

"We mentally and physically push ourselves every day, so we tend to get exhausted" PFC Benjamin Ortolan, the team's gunner said, "We definitely keep in mind that we are representing something bigger than any of us could have ever imagined. Regardless of what happens in this competition, we will come back with lessons and skills that will set us apart from the rest of our daily platoon mates."

Although the train-up has been thorough and the team feels extremely confident in their abilities, the thought of such a big competition provides some apprehension. "One of the biggest challenges for me has been to look at myself and determine what my weaknesses are" SPC Sylvia Gielarowicz, the team's driver said, "Continuing to push and make myself better in the areas I am lacking is a challenge." Even though this team is about to culminate one of their toughest journeys, they have confidence in one another and acknowledge that teamwork is the key to success.

"We work really well as a team," SPC Alan Garcia, the team's point man said, "We definitely care for each other, help each other out and encourage each other." The team's M240B gunner, PFC Ryan Murphy, said he looks forward to what being a part of this team means for him in the future, as far as career progression and promotion board knowledge. Attached to the team are SPC Robert McInteer and SPC Kevin Romero, both alternate dismounts. They have trained with the team every step of the way and will fill in if a team member cannot make it to the competition.

New Orleans native SP4 Michael Arthur Fontaine, affectionately called "Doc" by his fellow Soldiers was killed in action while serving in Vietnam with C Co, 2-7 Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. As a medic, his actual assignment was to

HHC, 2-7, however he was attached to C Co 2nd platoon, commanded by 1LT John Guillory, our current 7th Cavalry Regiment Association president.

SPC Michael Arthur Fontaine, born on Sept. 4, 1950, served as an Army medic during the Vietnam War. While assigned to C Co, 2-7 Cavalry Regiment, Fontaine took part in a search and clear mission northeast of Quan Loi on Jan. 10, 1969. Charlie Company contacted the enemy, who were reinforced and armed with rockets, mortars and automatic and semiautomatic weapons. Repeatedly exposing himself to hostile fire, Fontaine treated members of his platoon who were wounded and brought them to a central area where they could be evacuated. During his final attempt to aid the wounded, Fontaine managed to bandage two men and was in route to a third when the enemy's fire suddenly intensified. He threw himself onto the man to protect him and was mortally wounded by the enemy, but he saved the life of his stricken comrade. Fontaine was 18 years old when he died. For his extraordinary heroism, SPC Fontaine was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. His other awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Medical Badge. He was also inducted into the State of Louisiana Military Hall of Fame in Abbeville.

On March 29, 2019, the Troop Medical Clinic at Fort Polk was renamed the Fontaine Troop Medical Clinic as a memorial to the sacrifice displayed by Michael on January 10, 1969. During the building dedication ceremony held March 29, members of Fontaine's family and one of the members of his unit were there to help cut the ribbon.

David and Rene Fontaine are Michael Fontaine's brothers, and they attended the ceremony with their wives, both named Linda. Another Michael Fontaine was also there, Michael's nephew, son of David and Linda. "The greatest thing my parents ever did was name me after my uncle," he said. "I never knew him, but I try to live up to what he was. Being named for him is the greatest honor, and I wouldn't have missed this event today for the world."



Michael traveled from Oklahoma City to attend the dedication. David and Linda came in from the Houston area to take part in the ceremony. David said the family is honored that his brother's name is being memorialized in this way. "I think this dedication is not just in honor of my brother, but for all the combat medics, they save countless lives." His spouse, Linda, said the building is a legacy for the family. "We are grateful to the Army for doing this," she said. Rene and Linda live in the New Orleans area, and Rene said while the building dedication is important, he'd gladly trade it all to have his brother back. "It's certainly an honor that the Army is doing this for him, but to be honest, I would trade this for him any day," he said. "That's just the way it is."

Butch Watkins served with Fontaine in Vietnam. He attended as a representative of C Co 2-7th Cavalry Regiment and said everyone in the unit who met Fontaine fondly remembered "Doc Trip," as he was called. "He was a good guy and always looked out for all of us."

BG Patrick D. Frank, commanding general, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, pointed out a group photo that was printed in the ceremony program. Fontaine and Watkins are in the photo along with a few other Soldiers in Vietnam. "That's a pretty awesome photo. It really captures the essence of what Michael Fontaine meant to his unit, to his Family, his Army and his nation," said Frank. "It is amazing when you see a hero like Michael in that picture. You can imagine what kind of hero it takes to respond, under enemy fire, to Soldiers in his formation."

Frank also said it was fitting that the facility that now bears Fontaine's name is at Fort Polk, the Home of Heroes. "A combat infantry or cavalry unit will often refer to their medic as 'Doc.' That's a term of endearment," said Frank. "They're not medical doctors. But they are going to respond under fire, when you are injured, when you are pinned down - they are there, not the doctor in a white coat and stethoscope, but the medic, and that's what Michael Fontaine was. As Soldiers come through these doors, I think they'll feel his spirit and everything he meant to his cavalry unit."

New Publications and Requests: From **Richard Magner**, a Cobra pilot with D Co, 229th Smiling Tigers. I am seeking **Veterans of the 5-7 Cav** that came to the aid of **LZ Dot in the 13-Nov-1968 battle**. In the book "*IncurSION*," J.D. Coleman references 3 companies of the 5th Battalion that 23 did the sweep directly after the battle. Eventually 287 NVA KIAs were buried at Dot-Srôc Con Trâng according to after-action reports. Which companies of the 5th were involved? I have not been able to identify. It is my desire to locate Veterans of those companies involved in the 14-Nov-68 sweep of the area surrounding LZ Dot that may have any knowledge or recollections of the resulting grave.

I was a Cobra pilot with D/229th 1st Cav in 68 & 69. I have put a lot of effort into locating the mass grave from the Battle of Dau Tieng, Feb 22/23, 69 where I was based. The focus of my research is to assist the Vietnamese locate mass graves near the perimeters of FSBs & LZs where battles were fought. The Vietnamese are presently performing an exploratory dig at Dau Tieng. Hopefully, they will be successful and complete the excavating so the spirits may rest, and the families will finally find solace.

I have read all the Battle of LZ Dot-Srôc Con Trâng after-action reports. Fellow Cav pilot Robert F. Hartley, with whom I have conversed, describes his support of LZ Dot in his book "*Gunship Pilot*," chapter 20 for which he received the DFC. It is his memory from flying cover the next morning that a grave was dug less than 200 meters to the southeast. In some of my previous efforts, I have found the grave to be located outside the perimeter near the direction from where the main NVA/VC assaults originated.

In all my research, I have yet to discover a drawing or aerial photo of LZ Dot. Lat & Long of LZ Dot: 11.620947, 106.432696. The fire support base was manned by the 36th ARVN Rangers with an American advisor, Army CPT Frederick L. Kuhns. The artillery unit was D Battery, 1-5 Artillery, 1st Division

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8th CAV News



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Welcome Home: Welcome home to our battalions just back from deployments and rotations. We're proud of you and thank you for your dedication and your service.

8th Cavalry Regiment: The website <GlobalSecurity.org> tells part of the story that is the 8th Cavalry Regiment. Here is but a small part of their fine article, The 8th Cavalry Regiment was first organized on 21 September 1866 at Angel Island, California. In its early years, the 8th Cavalry fought many battles in the Indian Wars and conducted border duty along the New Mexico and Texas borders. During the Spanish-American War, the 8th Cavalry was assigned to Cuba to protect American citizens and their property. They were sent to defend the Philippines against guerrillas from 1905 to 1915.

"As a result of the U.S. entering World War II, the regiment arrived in Australia in 1943 and started an intense period of jungle warfare training to prepare it for combat. Men of the 8th Cavalry fought in many engagements throughout the Southwest Pacific Theater and received streamers for their actions in New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, Leyte and Luzon. The regiment was also awarded 2 Presidential Unit Citations for heroism plus the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

"Following the Second World War, the regiment was assigned to occupation duties in Japan and remained there until the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950. The regiment arrived in Korea on 18 July 1950 and initially assisted in establishing the Pusan Perimeter.

"In 1965, the "Jumping Mustangs" of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment arrived in Vietnam. There they participated in numerous campaigns in both South Vietnam and Cambodia. As a result of its gallant performance, the battalion was awarded 2 Presidential Unit Citations, the Valorous Unit Citation, and 5 Soldiers were awarded with the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor."

Want to know more?

Read more of a history of the 1/8th at: <<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/agency/army/1-8cav.htm>>

Read a history of the 2/8th at: <<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/agency/army/2-8cav.htm>>

Read a history of the 3/8th at: <<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/agency/army/3-8cav.htm>>

Headlines: I've subscribed to <Military.com> for many years. It's a good resource for keeping up with all things military. Interested? Here are just a few of the articles covered in recent issues: "Army's Brande-New Combat Vehicle Was Designed for the Last War, Esper Says;" "Guantanamo Bay Admiral Fired Due to Lack of Confidence;" "Retirees, Civilians Want to Live in Base Housing? Yes, You Can!" "VA Now Has Shorter Wait Times Than Private Clinics, AMA Study Finds." "Army Studies Electrical Brain Zaps for Enhancing Soldier Performance." Ugh! I don't know about that one. Look at <Military.com> for loads of interesting articles on things military.

Recognizing Another Achievement: Ruth Ford writes: "Some of you know that Butch was chosen as Stone County Veteran of the Year and was recognized at a Veterans Day Service in Wiggins on November 10, 2018. He received a flag which was flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor and sent from our Senator, Roger Wicker. He was genuinely surprised and honored to receive this recognition." Congratulations, **Butch Ford**, on this well deserve honor!

Kentucky Kampout: I think I missed getting this in last issue of *Saber*. Here's **Larry Hempfling's** report: "Kentucky Kampout's 20th Anniversary has come and gone. Despite the lower than normal attendance due to conflicting plans, health issues for attendees and their family members we still had the same good time as always. Weather was the best it's been in several years as it was more like a normal fall. Last year we had temperatures in the low 80's that made it way too warm for this time of year. Global Warming?? Yea right!!

I remember when we first started 20 years ago that we spent most of our time around the fire and running out of firewood due to the cold. Foraging the woods for anything that burned was part of the norm but now we have that wood delivered by very generous friends of James Topgun Dotson. As always Tommy Smiley Harris did all the shopping for everything but the meat that I purchase at Scott Air Force Base on the way down to Kentucky. You've all seen photos of the kitchen we assemble in the pavilion where we do some of the cooking. We now are discussing maybe having one of the meals either catered or us going to pick up BBQ at the local BBQ place right down the road. Call it experimenting if you will. We are all pushing 70 or right close, so making things easier is the goal. More time to visit or some site seeing or take naps. Did I say that? We must be getting old.

Wednesday night was again held at the AM Vets Hall across the street. This year we were treated to fresh catfish, hush puppies, slaw and all the fixing. Good stuff and we thank all who made that possible including Jennifer Dotson, Shirley and the Ladies Auxiliary and those responsible for the frying (Doug). The usual fare on Thursday was Chili and Burgers. Back to the pork chop dinner on Friday. Chicken breast was a bust last year. If I must say so myself chops were excellent. Ribeye steaks on Saturday with all the fixings on Saturday. Parting is always the worst, but we all vow to be there next year, God willing, and look forward to seeing those who could not be there this year. Want a good time with some good food, a Campfire and a lot of good guys? Come to the Kampout!!! See you all next year. Larry Hempfling"

Generation to Generation: I just finished reading Andrew Greig's beautifully crafted novel on the Battle of Britain, *The Clouds Above: A Novel of Love and War*. Set at the time of one of the most famous air conflicts in history, he draws on his mother's diary of her personal experience of the time that set an entire nation on edge. Not only is this a tragic and moving love story, the author also puts the reader at the controls of his Hurricane aircraft in repeated daily sorties where certain death is something anticipated and oddly accepted. The casualties on both sides in this air war were exceedingly high. The author tells the story

powerfully of very young men and women who went from sedate middle-class lives to face the hard reality of what was a world at war. I read along as the author alternates the stories of Royal Air Force Sergeant pilot Leonard Westbourne and Stella, his girlfriend, and something struck me as a thread common to all of us who have faced the reality of combat and its death, and destruction – the unwillingness to speak of it to others. In a scene following a mission, Len returns to base, his plane all shot up, and crashes inverted. After he is finally extricated from the wreckage, he says, "So, I sat down for an hour or two, feeling very strange. Then the CO talked to me. He didn't seem to make much sense but told me to stand down for the rest of the day, which was fine as I felt quite tired. I lay down in the long grass away from the huts but couldn't sleep, kept slipping back into that roar around my head. I was thinking about Sniff [another pilot, like so many with whom he served - killed in action(ed.)], how I couldn't remember much about him apart from his name and his sniffing from hay fever which drove everyone crazy and how he rattled away at the Mess piano, and a delighted quaff of fair hair that jumped up from his forehead, and there he was, suddenly past tense. Gone. He must have parents, brothers and sisters, maybe, a girlfriend. Just like whoever had shot him down. Who we must kill in turn?"

"I had a hell of a headache and felt edgy and snappy. I stopped at the edge of the field, cracked a dry branch and suddenly was close to tears. Then I went on to the village, sat down in the tea shop to get a decent cup of tea and some cake. The woman behind the counter told me she'd heard that the RAF had sunk barges full of German troops and the Channel was awash with bodies – did I know anything? I assured here I knew sweet Fanny Adams and concentrated on my cake.

"I found myself back at the airfield – it seems I can't stay away. I'd nothing else to do, nowhere to go. I sat in a chair in the sunlight, wondering. We're all desperate for this to end but what else are we fit for now? We're like elastic that has been stretched way beyond its size so when the pressure's off it won't spring back again. That's what the War does, and nobody told us. Our dads could have told us, but they didn't want to talk about it."

I've thought about this for several days - how our war experiences and our reactions to them in many ways are like those in this story and to those Vets who served in wars before and after us. I've thought how difficult it can be to process those experiences and how they seem like something we simply don't often want to talk about. That can have severe consequences on our ability to reintegrate in to what some might call "normal society."

I recalled an incident with my sister in 1968 following my first tour in Vietnam. Just home and still unable to adjust to it, she questioned my abrupt, angry moods (something quite out of character for the pre-war college music major me). She told me later that I replied, "I'd don't know – I guess I just haven't killed anybody yet today!" WOW! We didn't call it PTSD or PTS back then.

We were Soldiers and you had to just "suck it up." There was no one with whom to speak about our experiences in the war or those negative ones upon our return home. As said by Len, "Our dads could have told us, but they just didn't want to talk about it."

I hope our current generation of service members knows how important it is to talk about it and how we older Veterans know how important it is to do so with them and with each other. *The Clouds Above: A Novel of Love and War* is a small, 254-page, fast paced read that I commend to you. It might touch your soul in surprising ways as it did mine.

Confronting our war experiences and talking about them brings healing and resolution in so many cases. It's one of the positive benefits of our reunions – the opportunity to share, to talk about the experiences. Consider attending a reunion with those with whom you served.

The reunion is coming up soon. Our 8th Cavalry Regiment Association will attend the 1st Cavalry Association's 72nd Reunion 5-9 June in Killeen this year. We hope to see you there.

Honor and Courage!

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First Team commanders at the annual banquet of the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion, five of the past commanding generals of the first team joined with the current commander for this picture. From left to right they are MG George Putnam, commanded in Vietnam; MG (Ret) William C. Chase, the oldest living former commander; GEN Robert M. Shoemaker, commanded at Fort Hood from 1973 to 1975; MG James C. Smith, who also commanded the division at Fort Hood, 1971 to 1973; MG Paul S. Williams Jr., current First Team commander; and BG (Ret) William J. Bradley, who commanded the division while it was in Japan in 1953. Photo taken Oct 1980.

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9th CAV News

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units are assigned to the Division's three brigades, while at division level, in the Combat Aviation Brigade, there is one "Attack/Reconnaissance Squadron," the 7th of the 17th. To some Vietnam Veterans, it doesn't seem right to have the Division's recon squadron be anything but the 1st of the 9th, and it didn't seem right to have the 1st of the 9th be a battalion instead of a squadron, so I promised to look into things.

For help I turned initially to the Center of Military History, where they keep track of lineage and honors. The historian responsible for Armored and Cavalry-designated regiments told me that only the 6th and 17th Cavalry Regiments are today organized under Aviation MTOEs (Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment, for any who may have forgotten) and that Cavalry traditions are alive and well in these units. This was a decision made by Army Leadership during the development of the Army Modular Force (AMF). Although some previous "Air Cav" units had attack missions and were equipped with Apaches, the new alignments were based primarily on reconnaissance missions (a long-time Cavalry tradition) and airframes. AMF cavalry units were initially equipped with OH-58s, and when those were phased out, the units got Apaches and were assigned dual attack/reconnaissance missions.

CMH's explanation was a reminder that during Vietnam, Aviation was not a branch. The established branches, like Cavalry and Artillery, were free to equip their units with helicopters. The Cav's "Blue Max," for example, was an Artillery unit, the 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery. It became the AFA instead of the ARA when the Artillery split into Air Defense Artillery and Field Artillery in 1968. After Vietnam, the 2-20 AFA gave up its Cobras and was assigned as a cannon battalion to the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized). Today it has the MLRS (Multiple-Launch Rocket System) and is part of the 17th FA Brigade at Fort Sill.

If the Cavalry reclaimed previously helicopter-equipped regiments as its own and only two could continue as Aviation units, why wasn't the 9th Cavalry one of them? After all, the 1st of the 9th was the reconnaissance squadron of the Army's first and only Airmobile Division (because the 101st was and is not Airmobile, but rather Air Assault). Before the Cav's colors came back to Fort Benning from Korea, however, what became the Airmobile Division was the 11th Air Assault Division, and its reconnaissance squadron was the 3rd of the 17th, so that makes the 17th Cavalry the first, doesn't it? Maybe it does, but not that 17th.

The "rest of the story" is told in *A History of Army Aviation - From Its Beginnings to the War on Terror* by Dr. James W. Williams, former historian at the U.S. Army Aviation Center. Following a 1955 joint Army-Air Force exercise at Fort Polk that demonstrated the effectiveness of the Army's "Sky Cav" concept on a simulated nuclear battlefield, and after experiments with armed helicopters at Fort Rucker, MG Bogardus Cairns took command at Rucker, determined to develop effective doctrine and force structure. As related by Dr. Williams—

A former cavalryman, Cairns adapted the last cavalry field manual for horses, written in 1936, to incorporate the lessons coming out of Fort Rucker. The Fort Rucker crew reworked the 1936 FM, chapter by chapter, into a training text entitled New Tactical Doctrine. . . . On 5 March 1957 Fort Rucker created an undesignated Sky Cavalry Platoon (Provisional). This unit had eleven officers, sixteen enlisted, and ten helicopters. To eliminate confusion over differences in types of Sky Cavalry, the platoon was redesignated the Aerial Combat Reconnaissance Platoon, Provisional (Experimental) in November 1957. This unit went through several name changes, became D Troop (Air), 17th Cavalry at Fort Benning in 1962, and eventually went to Vietnam as the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, in 1965.

So, the 17th Cavalry did get there first, but it was D Troop, not the 3rd Squadron. That makes it only fitting that the 17th be one of the two Cavalry regiments organized under Aviation MTOEs, and that the 7th of the 17th have the honor of being the 1st Cav's divisional attack/reconnaissance squadron. But why is the 6th Cavalry the only other regiment allowed to call itself Cavalry while organized as an Aviation unit? Shouldn't that privilege belong to *OUR* squadron, the famous 1st of the 9th, the Cav of the Cav?

I haven't yet learned what the 6th Cavalry did to earn the honor, but I do know the 9th Cavalry existed long before there was Army Aviation, and it may just be that the Army decided to bring the 9th Cav back to its roots—as a ground Cavalry unit. In July 2019, the 9th Cavalry will be 153 years old. It was formed as an all-Black Cavalry Regiment, out West, to fight Indians. The regiment and its sister units, the 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments, came to be known as "Buffalo Soldiers." Legend says they got that name from their Native American adversaries, both on account of their tightly curled hair and out of respect for their bravery, which the Native Americans compared to that of the American Bison. Honoring that heritage may be the reason the 9th Cavalry is no longer the 9th Air Cavalry.

The mention of the Army Modular Force (AMF) raises another question, and at the same time provides the answer. Why does each brigade in the current 1st Cavalry Division need an entire cavalry squadron for reconnaissance when in Vietnam, one squadron covered the entire division, by providing an Air Cavalry Troop to support each brigade? Because today's brigades are different from those in the Vietnam era. In fact, they aren't "brigades" at all; today they are known as "Brigade Combat Teams," or BCTs.

To meet the needs of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Army switched from deploying whole divisions to deploying BCTs and began rotating them to and from overseas assignments as intact units rather than deploying them "for the duration" and keeping them manned by individual replacements, as was done in Vietnam. The resulting Army Modular Force took most of the combat support and combat service support that had been at division level and pushed it down to brigades. Division Artillery disappeared, for example, and the direct-support cannon battalions previously under DivArty became organic, one per BCT. Until a few years ago, the division had four BCTs, each with two battalions composed of tanks and mechanized infantry, in addition to its other supporting battalions. Today there are only three BCTs, each with three of the combined arms battalions).

In the January/February issue, I pointed out how in Vietnam, the division had one element of the 9th Cavalry Regiment—the 1st Squadron—and today there are three: the 4th and 6th Squadrons, and the 1st Battalion. The three 9th Cavalry

Long before that, though, at about the time Aviation became a separate branch in 1983, the "Army of Excellence" restructuring created a combat aviation brigade for each light division, one for the air assault division, six corps-level aviation brigades, and three regimental aviation brigades. To quote once more from *A History of Army Aviation*:

The creation of the Aviation brigades in the AOE design had huge effects for Aviation. These brigades brought unprecedented opportunities for Aviation colonels to command at the brigade level. Unlike in Vietnam, where there was one nominal Aviation brigade, ordinarily commanded by a major general, and several Aviation groups as force providers, the new structure made Aviation brigade commanders part of the maneuver command structure. Prior to that there were only five or six positions for aviator colonels in the entire Army. Having both the grades and numbers of positions was a prerequisite to creating a viable Aviation Branch, as well as to creating a corporate expertise that could fully employ the capabilities emerging in the new Aviation systems of the mid-1980s and beyond.

A key part of this professional development was the restructuring of Aviation units to align them in size and structure with other units in the Army. Previously the company commander was a major, compared to a captain in other branches. The size and complexity of unit he had often resembled a battalion in other branches. The same problems of span of control went on to battalion and, where present, group command. This force structure gave little opportunity for sequential, progressive development of Aviation leaders. Moreover, with time and attention split with their basic branches' requirements, there was little incentive or time to develop real aviation proficiency. The creation of the Aviation Branch, along with brigades and realignment to create their component battalions and companies, created a framework and incentives to grow professional aviation leadership.

As Aviation units grew smaller and brigades grew larger, it took a Cavalry squadron to do for a BCT what an Air Cavalry Troop had done for a brigade in the Airmobile Division in Vietnam.

Attention B Troopers: The daughter of a Trooper killed in Vietnam is seeking information about her father. **SP4 Larry Schoonmaker** joined **B Troop** on 12 March 1970. On 1 September, he was a crew chief in a UH-1H that departed FSB Nancy, outside Quan Loi, to establish contact with a Ranger team. Four kilometers southwest of Nancy, the Huey exploded in flight and all four aboard were KIA (1LT Joseph Lee Chambers, CW2 William Russell Kersey Jr., WO1 David Roger Noll, and SP4 Schoonmaker). Larry Schoonmaker was 25 years old and from Detroit. His daughter Laura is interested in connecting with men who knew Larry. She would welcome any memories of her birth father or of B Troop during the 1970 timeframe. Contact Laura Blue by email <langelee1966@gmail.com>.

9th Cav Trooper Joins Aviation Hall of Fame: At its 2019 annual gathering in April, the Army Aviation Association of America inducted CW4 (Ret) Bob Monette into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame. Bob was a Cobra pilot in F Troop, 9th Air Cavalry in 1972-73, and took part in the Battle of An Loc, and others. What a pleasure to see one of our own recognized with this honor!

Upcoming Reunions:

A Troop: 5-8 September 2019, Kansas City, MO. Contact Pam Hoskin <pamelahoskin@comcast.net>

B Troop: 10-13 October 2019, Branson, MO. Contact Bat Murtha <bat-murtha@yahoo.com>

C Troop: 28-30 September 2019, Gettysburg, PA. Contact Patrick Bieman <pcbnamin@verizon.net>

To Rest in Honored Glory: The 9th Cavalry lost three Vietnam Veterans since the last issue.



1LT Wally Martz
flew Lift in Apache Troop in
1966-67
He passed away from cancer
on 3 February
in
Blind Bay, British Columbia.



LTC (Ret) Don Stiver
Apache Troop
Maintenance Officer
in 1969-70
He passed away on 31 March
in Lansing, Michigan.



LTC (Ret) Billie G. Williams
commanded Charlie Troop at Fort Benning and led it to Vietnam, then became the Squadron S-3. He passed away 11 April, in Lufkin, Texas.

May they Rest in Peace.

Jim Kurtz
Apache 03, 1970-71

30th FA News



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Greetings, Hard Chargers. On behalf of the Executive Board of the 30th FA Regiment 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.

We have been steadily preparing for our 2019 Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio. Our president has decided 10 thru 15 June 2019 is the time period for our 2019 Reunion. We have contacted the Homewood Suites right here in my home town of Sheffield Village, Ohio. I've been working on gathering information about the costs for the local attractions listed in this article.

The local attractions are as follows:

- 1: NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio
- 2: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in downtown Cleveland
- 3: Great Lakes Science Museum next to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- 4: Museum of Natural History
- 5: The Cleveland Zoo
- 6: West Side Market
- 7: A Cleveland Indians Baseball Game
- 8: Women's Air & Space Museum
- 9: The Mather Steamship
- 10: The U.S. Cod WWII Submarine
- 11: Cedar Point Amusement Park
- 12: And a cruise on the Lake Erie Harbor and the River aboard the "GOOD TIMES" ship.

Hard Charger Condolences: I received an email from **Ron Schnelle** informing me that SP4 James Wasney Jr. passed away quietly on Thanksgiving Day. James served in C-1-30th FA and earned a Purple Heart among his other awards. Let us pray for his family that their loved ones are safe in the arms of our Lord, Amen!

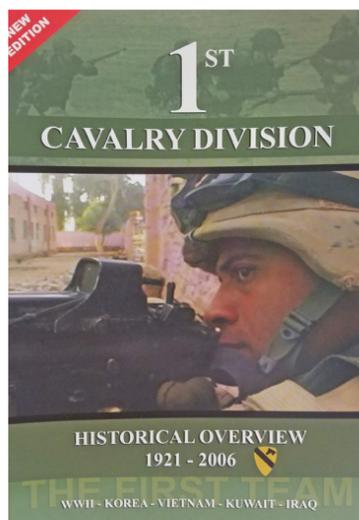
Look for updates in our periodic newsletter soon. Hard - Charger ~ Sirs! 1SG Dan Gillotti. End of Mission ~ Out! If there are any questions, please contact me at: <hardchargers30fa@gmail.com>. Or call me at 440-934-1750.

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Military Retirees Can Still Be Court-Martialed, Supreme Court Affirms, Military Times, 25 Feb 2019

The following information is a summary from an article in the Military Times, 25 Feb 2019 by Kyle Rempfer. - <<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2019/02/25/military-retirees-can-still-be-court-martialed-supreme-court-affirms/>>.

The Supreme Court in February 2019 chose not to review the case of a retired Marine who was court-martialed and convicted of sexual assault in 2015, upholding the Pentagon's authority to prosecute retirees for crimes they commit even after leaving the service. This decision leaves the possibility open for retirees to face punishment, such as sailors involved in the Navy's "Fat Leonard" scandal and retired Army GEN David Petraeus, who plead guilty to providing classified information to his biographer.

On February 19, the Supreme Court chose not to hear the case of retired Marine SSG Steven M. Larrabee, who left the Corps after 20 years of service but continued to reside in Iwakuni, Japan, his final duty station, where he managed two local bars.

On Nov. 15, 2015, after a night of drinking, Larrabee sexually assaulted a bartender at one of the bars he managed and used his cell phone to record the incident. Larrabee "was subsequently convicted by a court-martial, pursuant to his pleas, on one count of sexual assault and one count of indecent recording in violation of Articles 120 and 120c of the Uniform Code of Military Justice," according to court records. The military judge sentenced Larrabee to eight years' confinement, a reprimand, and a dishonorable discharge. As part of a pre-trial agreement, his prison term was reduced to 10 months.

In September 2018, Larrabee filed a petition for his conviction to be overturned on appeal based on the argument that he should have been tried as a civilian. However, the Supreme Court has denied that appeal, upholding the past standard that retirees are still subject to the UCMJ.

The defense in the appeal was that considering a retired service member a continuing member of the military is "anachronistic." "He receives pay in the form of his military pension, but he holds no active rank; he has no commanding officer or subordinates; he lacks the authority to issue binding orders; he has no obligation to follow orders; he performs no duties; and he participates in no regular military activities," Larrabee's petition reads. The prosecution argued that reliance on retirees, as a strategic reserve is not anachronistic at all, but in fact, a growing reality. It is quite possible to envision a future where America must be ready to use all available manpower and that retirees are not forced to collect retirement pay, but instead choose to keep a relationship with the military. They stated: "Moreover, as explained by the Solicitor General, Larrabee could have requested discharge in lieu of transfer to Fleet Marine Corps Reserve if he had wanted to do so." "If he had, he would have avoided potential court-martial jurisdiction, but doing so would have also ended his entitlement to retired pay."

Bottom Line: You can still be held liable by the military if you are collecting military pay from the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS).



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 mother's took time
 to enjoy your special day
 just for you!



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Aug. 12, 1950, aboard the United States Navy's "Marine Adder." The battalion arrived severely understrength and was augmented by 300 Korean soldiers. The battalion became attached to the 7th Infantry Division and landed in Incheon Sept. 20, 1950.

The Red Devils would see more than a thousand days of combat. On April 24, 1951, Alpha and Charlie batteries were attacked by a company-sized element of Chinese regulars. On that fateful day, they lost four men, while the enemy suffered between 175 and 200 casualties, both dead and wounded. Most of 1952 was spent supporting the Republic of Korea, the United Nations Forces and American Divisions in the Kumwha Valley.

In mid-July, the Chinese forces launched the largest offensive attack in two years, which consisted of 10 divisions. Encircled and facing staggering numbers of enemy troops, the 92nd was ordered to withdraw, but recovered and regained the advantage, stopping the advance only 36 hours after it began. On July 27, 1953, a truce was signed with the North Koreans bringing a halt to the Korean conflict. The battalion was deactivated two years later on July 27, 1955, at Camp Olympia, Japan. Years after the deactivation of the battalion, the remaining Veterans of the Red Devil Battalion have kept its legacy alive by uniting yearly for the last 22 years. "I've been to every reunion except two," said Korean War Vet Angelo Fanelli of Bravo Battery, 92nd AFA. "This one is extra special, because it's our last, and most of these people I probably will never see again."

The ceremony recognizing the final reunion of the Red Devil Battalion honored the prestige and legacy of this group of dedicated men. During the ceremony the names of the fallen Red Devils were read and served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by these men. "By far the greatest legacy of the Red Devils is in the gratitude of the men they fired in support of," said LTC Jonathan Rolfe, division fires cell coordinator and guest speaker at the ceremony. "The Soldiers and the marines the Red Devils saved."

When a unit deploys or permanently changes station, the colors are "cased," signifying the end of the unit's mission. They are literally folded and placed inside a canvas case. They are then uncased at the new location to signify that the command is operational and ready to assume its mission. On Apr. 8, 2019, the 92nd Armored Field Artillery's colors were cased for the final time.

"It's something special to witness them case their colors," said Tim Sheppard, a retired colonel who has served as the military liaison for the last seven reunions. "This is the greatest generation of men, these men who fought in the Korean War.

It's been my honor to help in any way I can." To say these men have paved the way for service members today is an understatement, Sheppard added.

"I've done three reunions," said Toncie Roberson, the event planner for the ceremony. "Just honoring these Soldiers for what they've done and knowing that what they've done has allowed me to serve and retire is an honor."



Joe Baker, 92 AFA Assn President



96AFA Veterans

Ironhorse Foundations Paves Way Ahead For 1ABCT

Story and photos by SSG Christopher Case, 1ABCT, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas—COL Michael Schoenfeldt, newly arrived commander of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "IRONHORSE," held a briefing on April 16 at the Fort Hood Community Events Center whereby he laid out eight tenants relevant to his command philosophy. Including leading, discipline, gunnery, caring, fitness, loyalty and team building, and training is paramount. "When we train, we train hard, to standard, not to time," said Schoenfeldt.

This was but just one of Schoenfeldt's intents regarding his brigade's readiness. In order to ensure that brigade leadership came together as one regarding these intentions, a meeting was held to lay out his vision and way ahead for the brigade. "This is about synchronizing the brigade," he continued. "We have a lot of brand-new people, and we need to make sure that we're all on the same sheet of music."

Leaders from brigade, battalions, companies and batteries including commanders, Sergeant's Major, First Sergeants as well as Warrant officers were in attendance at the event named Ironhorse Foundations to ensure the shared vision of the new brigade commander.

Ironhorse has experienced a high volume of leadership transitioning, and this meeting was an opportunity to bring everyone together and reinforce what it means to be "Ironhorse." The brigade is right now, in what is considered the "crawl" phase. This meeting helped lay the foundation for it to get to the walking, running and finally, sprinting phase. A major part of that process is the brigade S-3 laying out their initiatives regarding operations, plans and training.

Additionally, each battalion had an assigned topic to discuss that defines their respective parts regarding supporting the brigade. They discussed how they will conduct combat operations at the same time sustaining brigade operations. According to CPT Darnell Jones, battalion S-4, Saber battalion, "Today we learned how, within the brigade, we can all come together, merge and utilize our assets to become a more lethal force." He also said, "It is my hope that we can incorporate our lessons today with our junior leaders as they will become our senior leaders at some point. It will be important form to realize the 'big picture' rather than just what's in their immediate foxhole."

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under operational control of the 1st Cav's 2nd Brigade. I have been unsuccessful searching for any records of the Battery D, 1-5 Artillery from the Vietnam War, after many inquires through Ft. Riley and the First Division Museum.

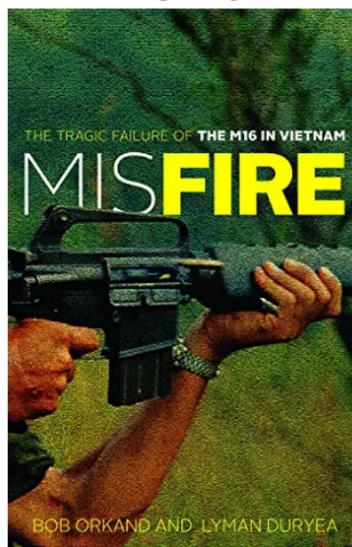
Additional battles that involved the 7th Cav I am researching for mass graves are:

25-Nov-1968, LZ Ann, BC 130 13-May-1969, LZ Jamie, BC 82
12-Jun-1969, LZ Joy, BC 36 12-Aug-1969, LZ Andy-Quan Loi, BC 54
29-Mar-1970, LZ Jay, BC 74

Any assistance you may offer in helping me locate Veterans from the above battles, especially LZ Dot, will be greatly appreciated. If you require assistance in reaching out to Richard, call me. My phone number is (812) 345-4055. Or feel free to email Richard Magner at <rwmagner@gmail.com>.

(Scribe's note: As you may have read elsewhere in this issue of *The Saber*, we lost COL Lyman "Chan" Duryea in April to an aggressive form of cancer. His obituary contains much more information about this hero. The book review listed below was written before COL Duryea passed to Fiddler's Green.)

Two 7th Cav Vietnam Veterans have collaborated on a definitive book about the problems many of us experienced in Vietnam with the troubled M16 rifle. Their book, "Misfire: The Tragic Failure of the M16 Rifle in Vietnam," analyzes the "black rifle's" flawed history, such as being rushed into combat with the 1st Cav and other units while it was still in an experimental mode and with an ammunition with which it was incompatible and lacking an adequate maintenance package.



The book is being published by Stackpole Books on July 1 and is already available for advance sale in hardback format from Amazon for \$29.95.

One of the book's co-authors, Lyman "Chan" Duryea, commanded Co. C, 2/7 Cav in 1966-67, while co-author Bob Orkand was XO/S-3 of the 1/7 Cav in 1967-68, holding down both jobs simultaneously because of casualties.

The authors present the numerous M16 shortcomings as a microcosm of the overall faulty decision-making by America's civilian and military leadership that resulted in the tragedy of the Vietnam War.

Congratulations to SSG Gary Stewart, CPL Ty Frame, SPC Kyle Bunnell and PFC Jonathan Schweinhaupt of 2-7 Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. This team finished in second place at the Best Mortar Crew Competition held in early April at

Fort Benning, GA. At Benning, four-man infantry mortar sections braved three days of events to test their general combat fitness, as well as their expertise with 60mm, 81mm, and 120mm rounds. Twenty-one four-man teams competed for the title of "Best Mortar." Participating teams completed a gauntlet of rigorous physical and mental events that tested the range of mortar skills, both technically and tactically, that included mortar technical gunnery skills, fire direction center tasks, call-for-fire tasks, and more. Way to go, team, way to go!

And, with that so passes another issue of this column. Please remember that I cannot know and write about your stories if you do not share them with me. If you have already done so and you did not see them here, then they will be in the next issue. Keep them coming, brothers and sisters, keep them coming! Until next time, Garryowen!

77th FA News

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En Garde! I want to remind, or inform, all our 77th Veterans, of our upcoming reunion. It's going to be September 11-15 in San Antonio, Texas, at the El Tropicana Hotel. The hotel is right on the Riverwalk, and within either easy walking distance, or a riverboat ride, of many restaurants and shops. In addition, there are many other interesting things to see and visit, such as the Alamo, Six Flags, golf, the Tower of the Americas, and Missions National Park. Our Advance Party is planning some fun activities and have lined up a well-known Texas BBQ for our Friday night banquet. For more information on the reunion, please call me at the above phone # / email, or our Association President, Dave Morehead, at 352-483-6083 or <davemoreheadrealtor@gmail.com>

I have learned that the 1/77th FA is being reactivated as part of the 41st Field Artillery Brigade in Grafenwoehr, Germany. They will be a Multiple Launch Rocket System battalion. Once they are fully staffed and operational, I plan to contact them and be able to report what they are doing.

I would also like to wish Gordon Cress of the 61st FA the best of luck in his retirement; I saw in the March/April issue of the *Saber* that that was his last column. He will be missed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio in September.



Happy Father's Day!

Always the pillar of strength and fountain of wisdom.

Enjoy your day!

Fond Farewell to the late Lyman "Chan" Duryea

May 25, 1938 - April 17, 2019



Chan Duryea a cancer victim at 80, former 1st Cavalry Association Division President and current Board of Governors member Lyman "Chan" Duryea died April 17 following a short bout with an aggressive cancer of the liver. He would have turned 81 on May 25.

Chan had recently returned from a skiing trip to Colorado, cut short when he took ill, after finishing up final editing of the book he co-authored, *"Misfire: The Tragic Failure of the M16 in Vietnam."*

A West Point graduate (class of 1960) commissioned in the infantry, Colonel Duryea was a test officer with the U.S. Infantry Board at Fort Benning in 1964-66 when the XM16E1 rifle was being evaluated as a possible replacement for the M14 rifle. He then went to Vietnam for his first tour there, commanding Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry (Airmobile), 1st Cavalry Division in 1966-67. On a subsequent assignment in Vietnam (1968-69) he was a district senior advisor in the Mekong Delta.

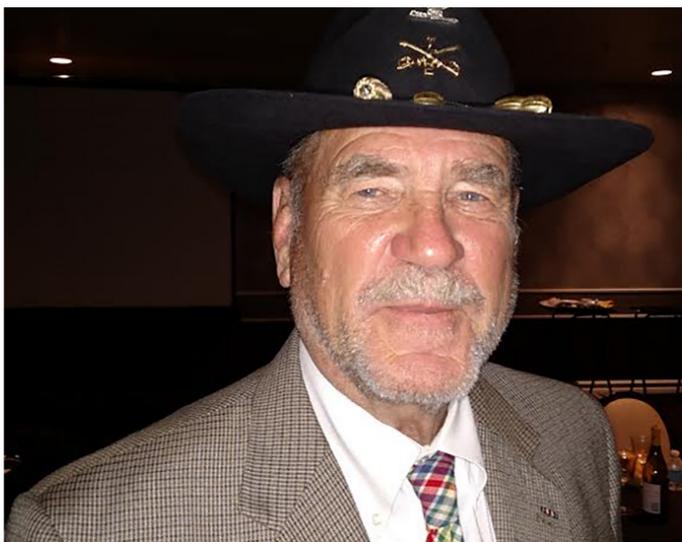
His master's degree thesis at the Command and General Staff College compared the M16 with the 7.62mm family of weapons. He earned another master's degree in modern languages from Middlebury College, completed in Paris, France, as well as a Ph.D. in military history from Temple University.

In his final active-duty assignment, Colonel Duryea served on the faculty of the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Airborne and Ranger qualifications, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with

"V" device, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster for meritorious service, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with numeral 2, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

In retirement, Colonel Duryea lived in McDaniels, Kentucky. In his final hours he was surrounded by his loved ones, before passing to Fiddlers' Green.



I didn't know Chan for long, but I found him to be a brilliant, kind, funny, and inspiring man. I am proud to have known him.
Barbara Boxley

Chan displayed what leadership is all about. He was a great friend, and I will miss him.
Clifford Boxley

Chan was my CO in Vietnam in '66, C Co 2/7 Cav. He was an outstanding officer and a great man. I was very fortunate to reconnect with him in the early 80's and we became very close friends for 30+ years.
Fernando (Nando) Salinas

Wish I had known Chan better while in Vietnam and/or while we were at the Association. Unfortunately, I never really served with him. Consequently, I can't really praise him based on first-hand knowledge.

I do know that Chan graduated as a member of West Point's class of 1960 (academically he stood 540th of the 550 grads...thus in Cadet slang, he was a "goat"). I also know that all his military service was gallant and distinguished (in the Cav, for example, he earned the SS, a BSM for valor, and so on). His later assignments---in Zaire, at the Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, at Middlebury College, at the Army War College, teaching a foreign language at West Point, in Haiti, in El Salvador---all were performed with distinction and were rewarded with various medals and other forms of praise.
Warm regards, Scott Smith

Chan Duryea was, and continues to be, an inspiration to those that knew and loved him. He lived life to the fullest and was either on an adventure or planning for the next one, the epitome of the concept to "keep moving". It was an honor and a privilege to be among those he considered friends.

Richard Hockett, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2004-2018, MNC-IC7 2008-2009

Chan became our partner for our annual Appalachian Trail hikes in July 2013 in central Virginia and came back for the next four years for even harder hiking in Maine. Chan was not a great hiker - slow going up major elevation changes - but he was a great friend. Over the miles I found that he was so passionate about life, about the 1st Cav Div, about his many hobbies, about his family, about helping others, and about never slowing down. We will miss him.
Ron Hudnell, AT Hiker "Tarheel"

Chan represented the true epitome of the Soldier-scholar. I was privileged to partner with him in his final venture, our book about the M16 rifle. From a valorous airmobile rifle company commander in 1966-1967 to a scholar who taught at the Army War College, West Point, and the School of the Americas, Chan represented the very finest in the ongoing tradition of dedicated, thoughtful, inspirational American servicemen and women. I was proud to have known him and to have worked alongside him.
Bob Orkand, Lt. Col. Infantry (Ret.), XO/S-3, 1/7 Cav, 1967-1968



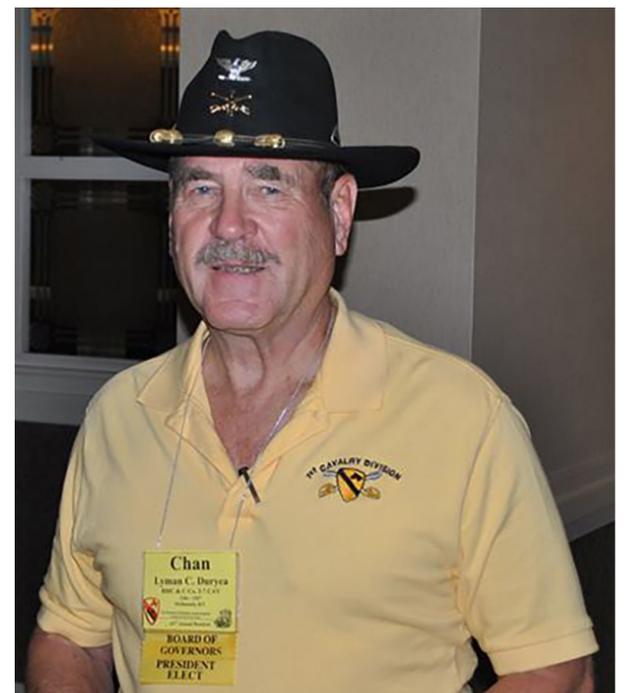
I've known Chan Duryea through the 1st Cavalry Division Association since 2002. In his capacity as a member of the Board of Governors, a VP, and President of the Association. Our shared times at meeting and reunions and getting to know him through the Troopers that he served with in Vietnam has provided a deeper insight into the man and what makes him tick. He loved his time in the military, but his truest love was those that he served with. I know that he will be missed by many of us and long remembered as a good friend, a great cavalry leader, and great man. Garryowen!
Dennis Webster

Chan touched a lot of people during his lifetime. Several years ago, a group of his former Soldiers who were in the 2nd of the 7th, got in touch with him at a reunion in Arkadelphia, AK. They were very appreciative of his leadership during their time in Vietnam and Chan was happy to know that most of them had taken advantage of the GI bill, had graduated from college and were very successful. There were multiple incidents like this during the time that I accompanied him to these reunions.

One of Chan's classmates from West Point nicknamed him the Energizer Bunny because he was always going somewhere or doing something. Chan did not let age slow him down - he kayaked, bicycled, went scuba diving, water skied, hiked the AT, cross country skied and downhill skied.

He was always taking courses in a variety of subjects from The Great Courses. He was continuously learning something new. He was always an inspiration to all that knew and loved him and will be greatly missed.
Patti Webster

**Warmest regards
to Chan's family**



1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 11TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON D.C. VETERANS DAY DINNER

The William A. Richardson National Capitol Regional Chapter in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division Association will host the 11th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner at 1900 hours on Monday evening, 11 November 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The guest speaker has yet to be identified.

- A host bar will be open at 1800 and 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 25 October 2019.
- We can 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.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel located at 1480 Crystal Drive in Arlington, Virginia.

Reserve your rooms at the rate of \$142 per night plus tax with free parking prior to 5 October 2019. Call 703-416-1600 and tell them you are with the 1st Cavalry Division.

HISTORY

This year marks the First combat in the history of the Division. Task Force Brewer, commanded by Brigadier General William Chase, landed on the South shore of Hyane Harbor on the Island of Los Negros. The assault force was the 2nd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, led by Lieutenant Colonel William Lobit. The 99th Field Artillery Battalion was also brought ashore. The assault began after 0800 hours. By 0950 hours Momote Airfield was taken. The Task Force had secured a foothold on the island by noon. From afternoon until dark patrols were sent out and the troops set up a perimeter.

ACTIVITIES

Wreaths will be placed at the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Memorials as they are each year on Veterans Day, 11 November. The ceremony conducted at the World War II Memorial begins at 0900, the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial begins at 1300 hours, and the Korean War Memorial ceremony is at 1600. Join us in D.C. for Veterans Day.

To tour the U.S. Capitol, White House, and the Pentagon you must coordinate your visit in advance.

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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.



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LRRP/Ranger News



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Hello from the nation's capital. June marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion where American Troops, along with British and Canadian Troops, assaulted the beaches of Normandy, France in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944 beginning the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control during World War II. Our unit, Hotel Company, 75 Infantry (Rangers), traces its lineage to one of the three units that was in the first wave of Troops to land on Omaha Beach – the 2nd Ranger Battalion, later re-designated 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Rangers). The 2nd Ranger Battalion, along with the 1st Ranger Battalion, was on the western flank of the assault force. The 1st and 2nd Battalions, 116th Infantry, 29th Infantry Division, a National Guard division from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, were in the center of the assault force, and the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, were on the eastern flank.

The two Ranger battalions had the mission of scaling the 100-foot high cliffs of Pointe du Hoc on the western end of Omaha Beach, and capturing the German heavy-gun battery on top. 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 116th Infantry to establish a foothold on the beach below. The cliffs were defended by the German 352nd Infantry Division and French collaborators firing from above.

The Rangers fired rockets attached to ropes with grapnels (metal hooks) up the 100-foot high cliffs and climbed up the ropes. They had spent months in England practicing this technique while preparing for the invasion. When they actually tried it on the beach that morning, however, they discovered that many of the ropes that they brought with them unraveled and came undone. It seems that the salt water splashing on the ropes during the three-hour trip from England to Normandy caused the strands in the rope to separate, and when the Rangers put their full weight on them, they tore apart and the Rangers fell down to the beach below. Fewer than 19 of the original 400 ropes assigned to the battalion were usable, but that was enough for 200 Rangers to make the climb to the top of the cliffs, all the while being sprayed with enemy machine gun fire and hand grenades from the Germans in the pillboxes and trenches above. Once they got to the top, they found themselves in intense close-quarters fighting with the German soldiers defending the beach. Just after 7:30 am, they succeeded in accomplishing their first objective – knocking out the machine guns at the top of the cliffs.

Next, they focused on the artillery pieces, but what they found were empty gun emplacements. The artillery pieces had been moved inland by the Germans when the preliminary bombing started earlier that morning, so the Rangers followed the deep-wheel tracks that led inland from the empty gun emplacements. When they reached a road that ran parallel to the beach, they came under intense enemy fire from more German machine gun positions. Using the mortars that they had carried on their backs while climbing up the cliffs, they proceeded to wipe-out the gun positions and neutralize the area. Shortly afterwards they found the artillery pieces, undamaged and unmanned, complete with mounds of ammunition. They wasted no time in disabling them with hand grenades and blowing up the ammunition. By mid-morning, they gave the all-clear signal to the reserve force, the 5th Ranger Battalion, which was being held offshore so it could land to the east with the regular infantry battalions.

Despite suffering 75 percent casualties, the 2nd Ranger Battalion accomplished both of its objectives and held on to Pointe du Hoc while repelling several German counterattacks from the German 914th Grenadier Regiment. The battalion was credited with the first American victory in Normandy on D-Day.

On a different note, an article recently appeared in a local newspaper about the

National Museum of the United States Army which is currently under construction at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 20 miles south of Washington, D.C. and is scheduled to open to the public sometime in 2020. The article noted that the 185,000 square foot main exhibition hall in the museum is



Huey Helicopter on display

going to consist of six galleries, and one of them, the Cold War Gallery, is going to have a UH-1D helicopter (nicknamed “Huey”) suspended from the ceiling as its centerpiece. As it turns out, the helicopter will have the markings of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 229th Aviation Battalion (Assault Helicopter), Alpha Company. You can’t help but feel a sense of pride in this. It certainly will be a well-deserved honor for the aviators and their crews in the 1st Cav who flew these helicopters, and it will also be a tribute to the concept of air mobility that was pioneered by the 1st Cav in Vietnam. The aviators and their crews were the heroes of the Vietnam War facing the dangers that they faced in support of the rest of us. I would hate to think what that war would have been like if it wasn’t for them and their Hueys. At the same time, this will be an honor for all of us who served in the 1st Cav. Congratulations!

The Huey helicopter was actually the Bell UH-1 Iroquois. It was originally designated HU-1, hence the Huey nickname. It was developed by Bell Helicopter to meet a United States Army 1952 requirement for a medical evacuation and utility helicopter, and it first flew in 1956. The UH-1 was the first turbine-powered helicopter produced for the United States military, and more than 16,000 of them have been built since 1960. During the Vietnam War, 7,000 Huey helicopters were deployed.

Interestingly, I recently received a 229th Aviation Battalion (AM) unit



patch from **Michael Leary** (Swannanoa, North Carolina), who served as a door gunner in Alpha Company 229th in the November 1970 – August 1971 timeframe. Mike served out of Phuoc Vinh, An Loc, Quan Loi, Loc Ninh, Tay Ninh, and the Lanyard in Cambodia. Thanks for the patch and thanks for your kind words.

On a different note, the following email was received from **LTC Jim Wright** (1967), Yorktown, Virginia. “Paloma Productions, a California producer of documentary films, is getting ready to release their latest film *The Donut Dollies*, A Documentary, the untold story of the

American women who volunteered to go to Vietnam on an impossible mission: help the Troops forget about the war. The *Donut Dollies* were instrumental in raising morale and spirits by taking attention off the war for a few moments. In some rare instances, they were fearless in the sense that they would persuade pilots to fly them to forward grunt log sites in the jungle which placed them at great risk. I was always sensitive to these surprise visits knowing if the shooting started while they were present, the men would willingly risk their lives to save them. The pending film should be a tribute to the special women who dared.” “The following URL provides some details of the film: <<http://www.donutdollies.com>>.” Jim

Donut Dollies were young American women who volunteered to serve in the American Red Cross during the Vietnam War as part of a program called Supplemental Recreation Activities Overseas (SRAO), better known by “The Donut Dollies.” Armed with nothing more than cookies and home-made entertainment programs, the *Donut Dollies* risked their lives every day as they tried to fulfill their mission and cheer up the U.S. Troops. Despite their service and sacrifice, their stories and contributions in Vietnam have largely gone unnoticed and unappreciated.

Many of us in the LRRP/Ranger unit had the pleasure of meeting Joyce Denke at the Louisville, Kentucky reunion in 2006 and to hear her speak at the Riverside, California reunion in 2007. Joyce served as a Donut Dollie in 1970-1971. She was engaged to marry **David Ives** (1967) who was the first KIA in our unit. David died in an early morning attack on his LRRP team by North Vietnamese soldiers on April 23, 1967 in the area east of the 1st Cav’s base in An Khe in the Central Highlands. Bill Carpenter, Fairmont, West Virginia, Art Guerrero, Lakewood, Colorado, and Geoff Koper, Barnstable, Massachusetts, were wounded in that incident.

Bill Carpenter forwarded a letter to me that Joyce had written and posted on the LRRP/Ranger website. It is entitled *Forty Years Ago*. The letter follows:

“Thru a curious turn of events, I was recently put in touch with the LRRPs who were with my fiancé David A. Ives when he was KIA 23 April 1967. I have now learned that he was the first LRRP killed in enemy combat. I was 19 years old when I heard the news of Dave and was devastated. He had only been in Vietnam about seven weeks. I kept the copy of the letter his parents received from CPT Jim James explaining the circumstances of his heroic death and that Doug Fletcher and John Simones stayed with him until the helicopter arrived and extracted them. I kept the letters I received from Doug and John. I kept all of Dave’s letters and remember his excitement over being selected for this elite group. Every few years, I would stumble across “Dave’s box” and sit down to re-read the letters and look at our pictures. As the years went by the memories of our engagement faded. I married and started my new life, never forgetting that my fiancé had died for his country and often being reminded our times together, when I heard certain songs from the 60’s. I will die with some of these memories.

“I volunteered to go to Vietnam for the Red Cross in 1970 after graduating from college. I did this as a salute to Dave and to thank him and others for what they had sacrificed. Recently, in preparation for a reunion of “Donut Dollies”, I was being interviewed for a documentary and the film editor put me in touch with your website and with Bill Carpenter. Lo and behold! The next thing I know I am talking to the man who last saw Dave alive.

“What a range of emotions I have had since that day! Many sleepless nights, some mixed feelings of guilt, some hesitation to get involved again in this memory. I would have to say that it literally consumed me for weeks!!! But what an overwhelmingly response I got from the LRRPs. I have heard from several on his team and from others who never knew him. I am more at peace now knowing that his team members were such a great group of guys and that you still see each other. I am especially proud that the picture of Dave which I shared is now posted on your website.”



David A. Ives KIA April 23, 1967

“In his last letter to me, he included this photo and said it was taken before they were to leave that afternoon for what turned out to be his first and only mission. The letter is dated April 19, 1967 and some of it reads: “Well, today is the day I find out if I learned anything in training. I don’t have much time before we leave, and rain is forecast the next two days. I only regret that I cannot take your pictures and I won’t get any mail for 5 days. How do you like this crazy hat and uniform? I really do want to go on this mission.”

“I have seen your photos from the Kentucky reunion and can just imagine the camaraderie between you and all LRRPs. James Ross (1967) says it best when in an e-mail he stated, “It is the random chaos of combat that rules who lives and who dies”. April 23, 1967 was random chaos. He also said, “If God were to send His Angel into this old group of stubborn warrior Veterans to tend and heal old wounds, it would certainly be you.” Well, to James Ross and all “old warriors”, God sent me some angels and I thank each one of you for sharing!” Joyce Rice Denke

On a different note, I received a call from **Donald Golf** (1968-69), Lufkin, Texas. Don served in **C Co, 1-8 Cav**, first in Quang Tri Province, I Corps, and

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From the Director's Desk Office of ICDA



The mission statement for *Soldier for Life* is to connect Army, governmental, and community efforts to build relationships that facilitate successful reintegration of our retiring Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families in order to keep them Army Strong and instill their

values, ethos, and leadership within communities.

Soldiers start strong, serve strong, reintegrate strong, and ultimately remain strong as Army ambassadors to their communities. The 1st Cavalry Division Association (ICDA) and its members will help to ensure Veterans connect to resources and their communities as they make the important transition from active, Reserve, Guard or become civilian leaders. The ICDA stands ready to help prepare those Soldiers to thrive as civilians and Veterans.

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John Rodney, 1-7 Cav from Baton Rouge, LA suffered a stroke April 20 and is working hard to regain mobility. Hope you continue to make everlasting strides. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

"I live vicariously through equine therapy."
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It's great seeing our members!

EXCITING NEWS!!

We received a call from a film crew requesting the use of our conference room and library so they can conduct interviews for their upcoming documentary!

The ICDA Headquarters office has been hopping here with lots of people, cameras and microphones. The crew have been diligently recording all the interviewees stories and recollections of their days in and around Baghdad in early 2007.

"The Longest Month" is the working title of a documentary intended to highlight the efforts of the Attack Helicopters in the 1st ACB during OIF 06-08. Specifically, the timeframe between 28 JAN 07 and 28 FEB 07. The events we will cover are not exclusively limited to that particular timeframe, but we are using that particular month to illustrate the intensity of operations during that deployment.

The film will feature interviews with the participants (both ground and air) and tell the compelling stories of several events that highlight the courage and sacrifice of those that were there."

If you wish to read the story behind this documentary, check out this link at <https://www.hollywoodintoto.com/longest-month-movie-us-veterans/>

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When I had written about the 1st Cavalry Division's recommendation for the Valorous Unit Award for the 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)

for its action in providing support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) under hazardous hostile conditions in the III Corps Area of Operation on the 11th and 12th of August 1969 in the 2018 Jan/Feb *Saber*; and following issues I started to look for more books through my Kindle eBook reader which searches all of Amazon and offers suggestions. I downloaded a lot of free sample and decided if I wanted to continue reading them or not, and then purchase them if I did.

One book I bought and read in its entirety was *Into Cambodia* by Keith William Nolan who is now deceased but was a prolific writer of the Vietnam War campaigns. I found his book to be thorough including all the important units involved in the Incursion. His narratives are hard to believe although they are probably based on a lot of interviews and do depict the seriousness of the struggle. I've seen reviewers say he is almost fiction-based on true incidents. His method seems very similar to S.L.A. Marshall.

I own and have read most of S.L.A. Marshall's books. I have also talked to several 1st Cav Veterans whom Marshall wrote about. They all said he got it wrong. S.L.A. Marshall conducted a lot of interviews, from WWII, through the Korean War, and Vietnam as the journalist he was, but he tended to be like a Hollywood script writer. In his memoirs he mentioned when someone had expressed their concerns if they remembered correctly, he'd tell them, "Don't worry, I'll take care of it."

With these types of writers, it recalls the saying, "Believe half of what you hear-or read, and all of what you see. It's easy to take what they write as factual, but it's not always the case."

As for books about the Cambodian Incursion I had also many years ago read *Incursion* by 1st Cavalry Division Veteran J.D. Coleman. J.D. Coleman didn't rely on narratives like the other two authors mentioned for his accounts, but more on factual documents. J.D. Coleman was in 1st Cav P.I.O. so had the experience to know where to research.

S.L.A. Marshall had written about J.D. Coleman in Marshall's book: *Battles in the Monsoon* when J.D. Coleman was the company commander of B 2-8 Cav in '66. Again, a lot of narrative. I asked J.D. Coleman at the 1st Cav Reunion in Orlando in 1988 about what Marshall had written and J.D. Coleman told me, "Marshall made up a lot of stuff." Fill in the blanks.

So, what I am getting at is about another Vietnam book I downloaded a free sample of on my Kindle reader. This other one sounded of interest and I bought and read it. This other one is called, *Eleven Bravo: A Skytrooper's Memoir of War in Vietnam*, by E. Tayloe Wise, published Jun 28, 2010.

When I spoke to **SGT Howard Anderson** from my C 2-7 Cav platoon after I had written in the *Saber* about our incidents on LZ Jamie in 1969 and he referred to his diary that he kept throughout his field experience I said to him he should write a book. He said that was the plan. He was going to call it "*Eleven Bravo.*" It appears someone else had the same idea.

Instead of reminisces from meticulous diary notes like SGT Anderson kept, **E. Tayloe Wise** recalls from the multitude of letters he wrote and kept about his time in the Army, **B 2-8 Cav**, and the 1st Cavalry Division.

I won't get into everything he wrote in his book; I'll leave it to be read if it is of interest. E. Tayloe Wise arrived in the 1st Cav in 1969 in B 2-8 Cav just after 2-8 Cav had been hit hard at LZ Caroline. He then moved with them to LZ Barbara and LZ White. I had never heard of LZ White but looked it up on the list of LZs and plotted it on the map. LZ White was about seven clicks east of LZ Grant, and nine clicks south of LZ Jamie, just a click and a half south of where Highway 13 from Dau Tieng to Tay Ninh intersected with road 244 which LZ Jamie was built on and ran north to road 246 which ran perpendicular from An Loc to Bo Tuc and Katum.

After leaving LZ White 2-8 Cav went to build LZ Becky just three and a half clicks south of Bo Tuc. E. Tayloe Wise thought that was a disaster in the making. He noted their green line-berm line was at one place only two hundred and fifty feet from the wood line.

The author was very bitter in his writing about his whole grunt experience. He said it was his own fault for enlisting. Like so many others in that situation and at that time, he didn't have many options short of going to Canada, which he said he even thought about, but didn't want to disgrace his family. He said he could have joined the Air Force or Navy, or perish the thought, the Marines.

He mentions being small in stature so having to initially hump the M-79 with its ammo was an extreme burden, as well as his rucksack with everything he needed to survive. I know Howard Anderson, like so many other 11Bs, was not happy about it, but made the best of it. I had no complaints as I was out there just clicks away from where this author was, at about the same time, but I was a Medic, and had a different purpose. I had also asked for it.

The author experienced the worst when the North Vietnamese launched their campaign on August 12, 1969. Things weren't bad enough for him when LZ Becky received more punishment than anyone else due to its position. The author was on LZ Becky when the full onslaught was unleashed, and the main target was the bunker his platoon was assigned to. He only survived because he went over to his sleeping hooch he had built, and observed the direct hit on his bunker, killing all his friends inside. He also describes all the carnage that ensued and learned how to deal with first aid on the job.

After this happened-and I had written in the *Saber* about the 1st Cav Pathfinder's recollections of the events bringing in MEDEVAC to help save as many as possible-2-8 Cav moved to where 2-5 Cav had left LZ Ike and reopened that.

The author didn't get much respite as things for his Blackfoot Platoon and B 2-8 Cav just got worse. Due to his experience with treating wounded on LZ Becky and the fact that their designated 91B Medic DEROSSED, E. Tayloe Wise assumed the unlikely role of combat Medic. The 2-8 Cav Bn Aid Station apparently did not have any objection due to the circumstances, and virtually sanctioned the move almost to the point of changing his MOS. The author said he felt so much more fulfillment being out there as an Eleven Bravo being able to help his fellow Eleven Bravos, saving lives, and doing even more, he felt, than his Medic who



left had done.

Things got very bad in September of 1969. September 5th to be exact, was a very bad day for them. It sounds like it was a bad day for MEDEVAC as well as they of course were very busy with this activity and on one of many occasions of hot hoists and taking fire, one MEDEVAC was shot down in

flames carrying one of B 2-8's lieutenants to his death dangling from the hoist. This was in the book, so if it didn't happen, that's what was written. I don't doubt it happened because this author has no reason to not get it right. I would like to see the DA 1594s for 2-8 Cav at this time to know where they were on the map and what was documented. As I've written previously, getting any after action reports about the MEDEVAC pickups is almost impossible. It would have to be word of mouth, and I doubt if anyone who knew is reading this. I'll find out one way or the other, possibly.

I checked the <HonorStates.org> site for those killed in Vietnam on 05 Sep 69 and I did find too many names from B 2-8 Cav as the author writes about. The lieutenant whom he had mentioned they called Lieutenant "K" because he was from Hawaii and his name was hard to pronounce. He was 1LT John Kuulei Kauhahao of Hawaii County, Hawaii.

I also found a MEDEVAC crew chief who was killed, SP5 Louis Scott di Bari of Santa Clara County, California. Mark Drake <handbikeamerica@yahoo.com> posted "Louis was a Crew Chief on one of the MEDEVACs assigned to A Company 15th MED when he was killed by antiaircraft fire. We became friends as we were both from Northern California. Louis was the only KIA at the fourteen months I was with A Co 15th Medical Battalion 1st Cavalry, Tay Ninh. I still think of him and our friendship."

I know of a lot of shootdowns that occurred in 1969 just from what I've heard. These incidents with 2-8 Cav in September '69 had to have contributed. MEDEVAC 8, Charlie Holmes, who left in 1970 when I first joined MEDEVAC, was said to have gotten shot down seven times. Door gunner Dave Parks uses the email <shootdown@yahoo.com> as one of those shot down more than once and take it light.

The good ending to this author's story is he finally got a coveted rear job as no less than a waiter in the 1st Cav Division Commanding General Ely B. Roberts' mess. The author says he almost didn't take the job because being a combat Medic was so rewarding to him but decided he wasn't that crazy in need of fulfillment over survival, even though he had contemplated it. He had done enough. And, with the bitterness he displays in his writings, more than enough.

One of the grunts in my C 2-7 Cav platoon, Bill Christenson, from St. Paul Park, MN, also got a rear job for the 1st Cav Division Commanding General. Bill was General Casey's door gunner. Not all rear jobs for the 1st Cav Division Commanding General worked out good as General Casey's helicopter crashed in bad weather while making his rounds in July '70, killing all on board.

I later read several reviews of this book and some were by the author's fellow Eleven Bravos. Some by them were good reactions and others were not. Everyone's experience was different. Everyone took it differently. Those who served I knew were all different. I didn't fault anyone for the way they felt. Like they say, lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way. Personally, I tried to do all I could to make it easier on the others I had served with. I know many others who did the same, whether it was as an Eleven Bravo, or flying on MEDEVAC, which this author seemed grateful for all that the MEDEVAC crews did for them, and further down the line all the units of 15th MED doing what they did.



Dr. Donald Barton
 A 15th MED '68-'69

This author is a scholar and displays it in his writings. His vocabulary and educated references are well above average. He has become a college professor but took the time to pen his thoughts and experiences for all to read or disregard.

I don't think I had noted the Final DEROS of 15th MED Veteran Dr. Donald C. Barton, M.D. of Corbin, KY, 7 Apr 18 at age 83. Dr. Don entered military service in June 1966, and received basic training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. In 1966, he was assigned to Fort Campbell, KY before transferring to Vietnam in 1967. He was assigned to the 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and became Company A commander from May '68 to '69.

He participated in numerous engagements, including: An Khe, LZ Baldy, LZ Evans, LZ Stud to support the liberation of Khe Sanh, A Shau Valley, and LZ Sharon at Quang Tri. He received the Air Medal (1968) and Bronze Star (1968). Dr. Don was discharged in Seattle, WA in June 1968, with the rank of CPT.

I had to double take because the MEDEVAC PSG when I joined MEDEVAC in 1970 was L. Don Barton. He was E-7 Mud Medic in 5th Cav previously.

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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Finally, we made it through another winter! The grass has been mowed thrice, the roses are in full bloom, and the soil is adequately soaked for the spring growth! The bird feeders are full, and we have seen our favorite positive and enlightening cardinal several times, as well as the beautiful mourning doves with their peaceful and calm cooing. Our Easter lilies are still in bloom, as well as the pansies, that add such a beauty to our walkway. It is a time to enjoy this great creation!

Need I remind you that reservations and plans for our San Diego reunion should be a top priority? As the summer approaches and one gets busy with other activities, it will be easy to let the reunion go to the back burner and miss out on a great event! I will give details at the end of this article.

The other day while working on my first, and probably my only book, "A Kentucky Colonel Reflects on His Career," I was reviewing my assignment to the 2/20 ARA, 1st Cav Div, and our unit's first trip into combat in 1965 when we left Fort Benning and sailed through the Panama Canal to Hawaii and on to Qui Nhon. On August 16, 1965, I flew back from leave in Richmond, Virginia, where I relocated my family, to Fort Benning on Southern Airways Military Standby. I spent the last night at Benning with dear friends, Tom and Sandra Denney (and their son, Jay), with whom we had shared Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill and Bliss (March - July 1960); Airborne School at Fort Benning (August-September 1960); and Officer Fixed-Wing Training at Fort Rucker, AL (October 1960-August 1961).



WO1 Ross Paterson

We lived five houses apart of Forest Avenue in Enterprise, AL and carpooled to flight training and aviation classes. They cared for Bruce, Jr. while we were at the Base Hospital during the birth of our second son, Shannon; and we were there for them at the birth of their son, Jay. Tom would later command three of the ARA units, closing out at Fort Campbell, KY. After a very early breakfast and emotional goodbyes, Tom drove me to the ARA battalion area for final actions prior to boarding the bus to Savannah. There I met the youngest and last aviator to join us before moving out. His name was WO1 Ross Paterson. Ross was from Palatine, IL and was recruited by CPT Bob Arnold, a member of the 3rd Platoon, A Battery, to which Ross was assigned. Bill Goodspeed was the Platoon Leader and Bob Arnold was the senior section leader in the 3rd platoon. Ross would become the first KIA of A Battery, along with SP5 Freddie Gean Lloyd on February 16, 1966, on a night mortar patrol mission at An Khe. Ross was 22 and Freddie was 25. Both Bill Goodspeed and Bob Arnold were KIA during their second tours in Vietnam in 1968-1969.



SP5 Freddie Lloyd

We boarded our buses in the dark and headed down highway 280 to Savannah, arriving about noon on August 17, 1965. The trip down was uneventful. When I went aboard the USNS UPSHUR, I was assigned to a room with Gus Cianciolo, Bill Swan, and Tommy Trent. I had served with Gus and Bill at Fort Campbell and for the last six months been with Bill at Fort Hood. Tommy Trent was from my hometown of Kingsport and was an all-state football player on the 1948 undefeated team at Dobyns-Bennett High School. He went on to achieve great success at Georgia Tech with fellow high school teammates; All American Hal Miller, Cecil Maddux, Ira Rathbun, Darrell Crawford, Jack Patterson, and Harry Wright, playing for another Kingsport graduate and now coach at GA Tech, Bobby Dodd. I felt right at home and did not mind being restricted to the room until the boarding was completed. The room had two bunk beds and was very nice. We would be on the ship for almost a month (Aug 17 - Sep 15).

Day two: Water, water everywhere - finally broken occasionally by the sight of an island today. We passed through the Bahamas early this morning and late this afternoon we passed the eastern coast of Cuba. Fidel was not there to wave to us!! Found out that liquor is not allowed a board a naval ship. Oh well! At least the food is good and while not a luxury cruise, we did have printed menus for all meals. We did have coffee call twice a day at 10:30 am and 9:30 pm. The evening coffee featured rolls, sandwiches, and some other pastries. If nothing else, we will all get fat on the way over!

A highlight of the trip was passing through the Panama Canal on August 21, 1965. Experiencing the passage was worth the eight hours it took to transit the canal. First, I was reminded that the Atlantic Ocean lies a little lower than the Pacific Ocean. The difference in the sea level required the ship to get up over the terrain of Panama, which is 26 meters above sea level, in order to reach the other end of the canal. While we transitioned through the locks, we passed several ships going from the other way. One was a Norwegian Freighter loaded with many young blond deck hands. They greeted us with their international symbol of friendship as each man lined up alongside their ship with their backs to us and in unison dropped their pants and mooned the men of the 1st Cav Div on the USNS UPSHUR! As you could guess, we all started taking photos immediately!

We were not able to complete any training on board because we were scattered all over the ship and doing other things. PT was the only thing we were able to accomplish the first days of the trip. When I took my first trip down below where the Troops were staying, I was amazed at the cramped and crowded conditions. It was reminiscent of old WWII movies of life in a submarine. I went to MAJ Lahnstein and requested permission to ask the ship's captain if I could use his conference room for training of the Troops to get them out of the bowels of the ship. I was given use of the conference room during the evenings after dinner until 10:00 pm. It made all the difference in the world to see their smiling faces as they entered. They reveled in the spaciousness of the extra room and fresh air. We made good use of the time. I led the Troops in the disassembling of the

M-16 and M-60 with the replacement of the firing pin. We did this so that every Soldier had the opportunity to learn to accomplish this feat in one minute. After many visual practical exercises, we learned how to do it blindfolded, simulating total darkness and going with just the feel of the weapons and their parts. This became a great contest and eventually led to having other aviators visit us to witness what we had achieved. It turned out to be a great morale booster. Many of the Troops talked about this time long after our arrival at An Khe. I don't know if anyone had to replace a firing pin in close combat, but it was an excellent way to pass time during the voyage. Another way for the Troops to get out of the hole was the daily boat drills. Seems as though we were not getting it right or as fast as the ship's master required so we did two a day until we got it right!

Boredom of watching water go by started to get to us on day six. I started to learn the game of Cribbage in the cabin with my roommates. Fast forward a week later after passing through the Panama Canal; I was winning most of the time. My roommates got tired of losing and left the cabin to join others in poker games. Poker was too rich for my blood, so I reverted to reading and watching the flying fish from the deck with the other eleven aviators from our Battery. Later, I did some research and learned that the fish propel themselves out of the ocean at speeds of more than 35 mph using their highly modified pectoral fins. Once in the air their rigid "wings" allowed them to glide for up to 650 feet. The wing like pectoral fins are primarily for gliding - the fish hold the fins flat at their sides when swimming. Their streamlined bodies reduce drag in flight. What made the fish fly? It is thought that flying fish evolved a flying mechanism to escape from many oceanic predators. Whatever, they helped pass along the time!



Twelve Aviators from A Battery

I have written many times about how time is fleeting, and we are ticking down the minutes. The photo above is proof once again that we need to stay in touch. Of the twelve in that photo, we have said goodbye to six. As said to me by the custodian at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte, NC as I looked through the nursery window at the birth of my first-born son in 1957, "time waits for no one, she just passes on by!" Take heed from one who has had too many missed opportunities for closure! A gentleman of our era, 87 years old, wrote his own obituary for our local paper. It was well written and uplifting. In closing he wrote; "I was born, I blinked, and I died!" That is the way it seems. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a "gift!"

Here is my standard plea for our/your reunion! The dates of the reunion are September 11th (Wed) to September 15th (Sun). It will be held at the Handlery Hotel. We have a choice of a superior king or a superior double room. The rate is \$119/night plus a 12.7% tax or about \$135/night. You can book reservations now through the reservation office at (800)-676-6567 or (619)-298-0511. Callers must refer to our group name of the Aerial Rocket Artillery Reunion to receive our preferred rate. To register online, the link is: <<http://reservations.travelclick.com/98118?groupID=2409813>>.

The hotel address is: The Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. The hotel is located about 6 miles from the San Diego Airport, adjacent to the Riverwalk Golf Course (27 holes), and close to Fashion Valley Mall with 200 stores. The hotel has a large pool and breakfast is included. The hotel will extend our rate if you are planning to come in a couple days early or stay a couple extra days. There is no charge for parking for hotel guests. There is an Enterprise car rental agency within the hotel. Malia Wimmel is the manager and she can be reached at (619)-296-7493.

Here is our special attraction! We have been informed by Joe Galloway that his boss at the Vietnam War 50th commemoration project run by the Office of the Secretary of Defense would like to send a video team to San Diego with him to conduct four or five interviews per day for the duration of our reunion. The video interview copies will go the Library of Congressional history archives and used on the commemoration website. More information will be forthcoming. Those selected to tell their story will be given questions to think about and asked to bring photos to be scanned into the video.

On Wednesday night at 5:30 pm, we will bus to the Casa Guadalajara for a Mexican fiesta in Old Town San Diego. Marvin J. Wolf will be our guest speaker. It will be a fun evening including a complimentary margarita.

On Thursday, we will depart the hotel at 09:30 am. Our destination is the San Diego Air and Space Museum. After a couple hours at the museum, we will travel for a waterfront lunch at the Harbor House Restaurant. Next to the restaurant is Seaport Village so the ladies can look for some souvenirs. The bus will take us around the downtown area and then return to the hotel.

Friday was originally scheduled to be an optional day, but we have contact with the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum and they agreed to fly their Cobra to the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport six miles north of San Diego to provide rides for our reunion attendees. We will have a shuttle to the airport. There will be a cost for the rides. If you choose the optional tour, a bus will take you to the WWII aircraft carrier Midway. The cost of admission is included. After the tour of the Midway, there is about a two-hour harbor cruise with a box lunch. After the cruise the bus will return you to the hotel. The cost for the day is \$79. A minimum of 20 people must sign up. We will refund money if enough people do not sign up.

On Saturday morning, we will hold business meetings between 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The afternoon is free time. The farewell banquet will be at the Handlery at 6:00 pm. Joseph L. Galloway will be our guest speaker.

This will be a fun filled week with many choices. San Diego is a special city so plan to take full advantage of your time here. We look forward to seeing everyone and sharing time together.

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



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

Japanese KP Taken to Korea and KIA

A young Japanese man who was employed by E Troop, 1st Cav, then stationed on Occupation Duty in Japan, departed Japan for Korea arriving on 15 July 1950. He supposedly disguised himself as a U.S. Soldier and smuggled himself aboard a ship. This information comes from a letter to his family dated 19 March 1951, from General Headquarters, Far East Command. (How could they know that?)

On 5 September this young man named Shigeji Hiratsuka, was reportedly killed in battle and was identified by several U.S. Soldiers. This ID was said to be positive. His family still does not know where he is buried. The letter his family wrote to MacArthur had a CIB at the head suggesting to me that some man or men from the American unit paid a visit to the family in Japan. That unit could have been E Troop.

All the above suggests to me that somewhere there is a paper trail. Shigeji would have been buried as a known casualty not as unknown. His remains could have been disinterred and sent to the lab in Kokura and later disinterred again and sent on to Hawaii and reburied again. He could still be there and remember he was not in our Army so there would not be great interest in him.

There were about 70 former KPs of U.S. military units who were taken to Korea with no authorization. Most were found by the CIC people and sent back to Japan and given some money and told to keep quiet.

One of them ended up with me as a POW in North Korea. He survived, was awarded a Medal of Freedom, joined the Army and served tours in Viet Nam and retired as an E-7. He died in Tokushima (his home town) some years ago.

I was captured on 16 July 1950 and was a POW for 37 months and 13 days. 58% of our group, mostly from the 24th ID perished in captivity. There were two men from the 5th Cav with us. They were Ancil Roten, A Company and Albert Mிக்கберг, B Company. Both survived and went to Glory as free men.

These men were at the Sunchon Tunnel where 100 men were shot. For reasons known only to God, a NK guard took these two through the tunnel and headed north to Mampo, where my group was out in a corn field. The NK officer in charge at Sunchon, Major Sil, also arrived and took over our group.

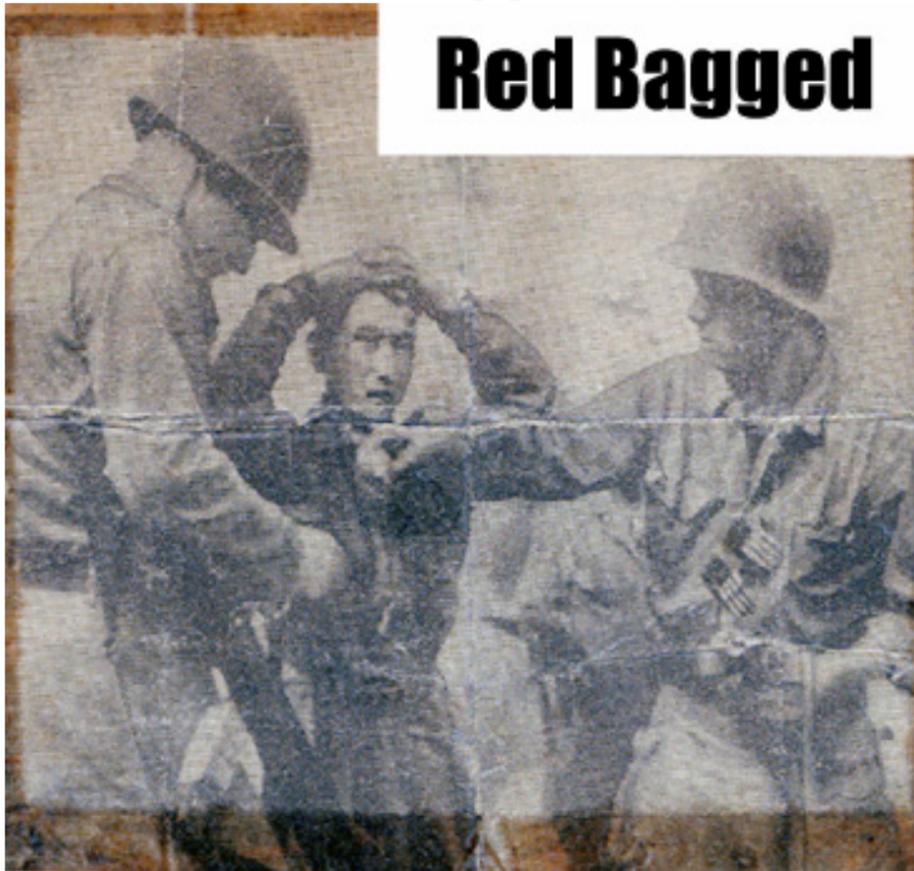
Perhaps some of your members who fought in Korea would remember this incident. I would like to get feedback as the family in Japan needs closure. If anyone who visited the family in Japan remembers doing that, I would like to hear from them.

At 88 years old I awoke today and thought "This is as old as I have ever been." I appreciate any help. <raymaresta@gmail.com>

Shorty Estabrook Retired E-7, Murrieta, CA
Founder of the Tiger Survivors (only 33 still alive)

3/7 CAV

Boston Evening American Newspaper, Thursday, October 19, 1950.



PFC Joseph Barca of Roslindale (right) and SGT Charles Oden of Muncy, PA search a communist sniper after they flushed him from a burning village near North Korea. They're members of the 1st Cavalry Division, first American unit to enter the Red capital.

"We chased the enemy all the way to the Yalu River. The rest is history."
Joseph S. Barca <jbarca3@aol.com>

Autopsy of an Unwinnable War: Vietnam -- An Analytic History

Casemate Publishers has just released an analytic history of the Vietnam War, *Autopsy of an Unwinnable War: Vietnam*.

Autopsy provides perspective on why neither the French, nor the United States, nor the South Vietnamese prevailed in the war. The Vietnamese struggled for independence across 2,000 years. Modern Vietnamese children thrilled to the stories of the Trung sisters of 40 AD who led a revolt against the hated Chinese, and to the tales of later men and women heroes who sometimes succeeded in ousting the foreigners. This folklore became imbedded in Vietnamese character. They would struggle and suffer any hardships for as long as it took to gain independence.

The author, Colonel (Ret) William Haponski, was commissioned in Armor. During the Vietnam War he commanded a task force varying from 800 to 2,000 men. At its core was armored cavalry. Depending on mission it also would include air cavalry, armor, infantry, mech infantry, engineer and signal units, and ARVN infantry. It was engaged in a wide range of U.S. operations--pacification, Vietnamization, anti-guerrilla and small unit engagements, air assault, and fierce day and night combat against enemy battalions and a regiment. The task force was supported by artillery and U.S. and Vietnamese air.

I am also a retired colonel, commissioned in infantry, and I am privileged to be a contributing author. As a lieutenant colonel I commanded an airmobile infantry battalion in Vietnam.

The Casemate Publishers website provides a synopsis of the book at: <<https://www.amazon.com/Autopsy-Unwinnable-Col-William-Haponski/dp/1612007198>>. *Autopsy* is also listed on Amazon.

Regards,

Jerry Burcham <jerryburcham@comcast.net>

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then in War Zone C in the Tay Ninh area in III Corps, along the Cambodian border east of the Dog's Head. After Vietnam, Don served as an instructor in Ranger School at Fort Benning, where he was one of Deverton Cochrane's (MIA 6/17/70) instructors. After learning of Deverton's death and his Body Not Recovered status, Don took to wearing an MIA bracelet for him. Well 45-plus years later, the bracelet is old and worn out, and Don is wondering where he can get another one. If anyone knows where a new one for Deverton can be purchased, please let Don know at 936-899-5340.

Finally, the following email was received from **Michael Crutcher** (1970), Carisle, Pennsylvania. "Ken, my name is Mike Crutcher, and I was the Company Commander of E Co, 1-5 Cavalry (Airmobile) in the spring and early summer of 1970, including the operations in Cambodia. On June 13/14, our FSB David was attacked by a strong North Vietnamese force reinforced by VC sappers. Fortunately, we were warned of the impending attack when survivor(s) of a LRRP team radioed for permission to enter our perimeter late in the evening or early morning hours. I recall being told that one of the Rangers said, "They are about 45 minutes behind us."

"I would like to write an account of the battle for FSB David, and I think inclusion of the related Ranger Team's actions is an important part of the story. Do you have any way of reaching out to guys who served in H/75th Rangers to see if any of the participants are still with us or others who may know of the action? I would like to get an account from someone who was involved, although at this date getting any information would be helpful. Thank you, in advance, for any help you might be able to give. Sincerely, Mike Crutcher." Mike's email address is as follows: <mcrutcher6797@me.com>.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.

ENGINEER News



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Purple Heart and Korea: Ever so often I need you to pay attention. That time is now as we have an 8th Eng Korea Vet in search of documentation for his Purple Heart. After 70 years the story gets a little complicated but read on. John Stevens was wounded by shrapnel as were several others in the original incident. John got patched up by a medic but told the medic to go on and take care of others as he would make it. So, decades later John walks into a Purple Heart meeting in Indiana and bumps into Lynn Wellman. Lynn happens to be in a position to help with the award in his own right and takes on John as a project. That leads to a phone call by Lynn to this writer who listens and routes him to Copperas Cove where the name of a witness may be found. That witness is Thomas Horas who lives in Orlando and is also a member of the 1st Cav Association. Lynn needed a written statement from Thomas verifying the original event. As it turns out, Thomas was more seriously wounded than John and would not be around today had not John told the medic to take care of others first. Wow talk about an easy payback for life. This would be it. All that has been accomplished and as of April 2019 and his documentation has been submitted to an Indiana Congressman for review and endorsement to the DOD for a form DD215. The 215 is a revised 214. So even now we're looking at a few months before the award is granted. In the meantime, John still has his Silver Star award. Now, if you are reading this and can help John or Lynn in any way, call Lynn at 304-617-9077. Hopefully John and Thomas are in touch now after 70 years.

Once Again: The cash award for catching an error in this column goes unpaid. The payout account continues to accrue interest. In the Mar/Apr issue, check the second paragraph. Aaahhh. Now you see it. Too late.

Our Own Snowbird: Yep that's our Carl Guerenoni who drifts between Pittsburgh, PA and Lake Worth, FL as the seasons come and go. Those of you who remember, and who can forget a name like Guerenoni, will recall that Carl drifted by Charleston, WV at the 2018 Reunion before heading on down south. He says he had a good time, but he never gets the Saber. Hummmm? So how did he know to go to Charleston? I suggested to him to perhaps call HQs in Copperas Cove. At any rate his buddy from the infantry side (B 2/12) sent him a copy and so he called me. Then, of all things, it turns out that we were in country same dates, same base camps, Tay Ninh + Phouc Vinh and the same LZs. Hummmm#2? Guess I didn't make much of an impression on him at the time or vice versa. Carl worked in the TOC as the radio sergeant and only had to be wakened one time by SGM Salazer after pulling a double shift. For those of you who made a better initial impression on Carl than me, call him at 917-453-6409. Hopefully, if your name is PSG Smart, LT Dacy, Legerre Summers, Arthur Webster, Butchy

Campbell the cook, or Herren the clerk, you will call Carl and even drop by his room at the 2019 Reunion at La Quinta. Free drinks?

And You Wonder Why I Drink? You may have recently noticed in *Saber* or on line at 1cda.org, that I have been promoting the formation of a Jacksonville FL Chapter of 1CDA. The time came to send email notices, properly provided by Copperas Cove. I had 8 of 72 bounce back as invalid. That's a 15% rejection rate. And some of you wonder why your *Saber* isn't delivered? You are probably the same people that drive at night with one headlight out and wonder why the road looks dim. Hint. Have you found the monthly error in this column yet to claim your cash prize? There are three, nearby and you must notate all three since the award money has rolled over just like in Lotto.

And a Special Thanks to Lynn Wellman out of Franklin Furnace Ohio, a place I've never heard of nor has my computer as it puts a red line under Furnace and wants me to spell France. Lynn actually sent me a condensed version of a book edited by Frank Armstrong titled *The 1st Cavalry Division and Their 8th Engineers in Korea*. I'm sure Lynn would do the same for you if you write him at 2825 Gallia Pike, Franklin Furnace, OH, 45629. (And yes, it's the same Wellman as in paragraph one). Now back to Frank. One of his edits concerns our own Engineers knocking out enemy tanks with daisy chains of mines laid by hand in front of the advancing tanks. CPL John Stevens got a Silver Star for his actions from MG Hobart Gay. Then when we flip the page, we find that Frank Armstrong himself being noted for having served both in WWII and Korea. Also mentioned as Combat Engineers serving in Korea are Worly Gentry, Rush Crum and Newton Kiser.

Gary Sinise: The guy is for real. You may have seen his TV shows or seen him and the LT Dan Band on a base. Don't miss a chance to see him if he comes your way. From his book I quote: "This is why I do what I do. My mission is one of respect, of honor, of gratitude. It's a mission of serving other people. Of helping us never forget." There is an organization called TAPS—Tragedy

Assistance Program for Survivors that Sinise endorses. TAPS offer compassionate care to all those grieving the loss of a military loved one. Check it out for yourself.

"Yeah, I Think I Can Do It." So said Hailey Faulk who became the first female graduate of the Sapper Leader Course at Ft. Leonard Wood. She goes on to say, in the March 2019 issue of *Army*, that "It was a lot harder than anything I heard. But honestly, I thought we'd be building stuff not blowing it up. But it's still cool. The school was all about doing your best and never giving up." Well said Hailey and welcome to the world of 12B with your red sapper tab on the left sleeve of your uniform.

And That's It. Except for this one picture and the question, Got One?



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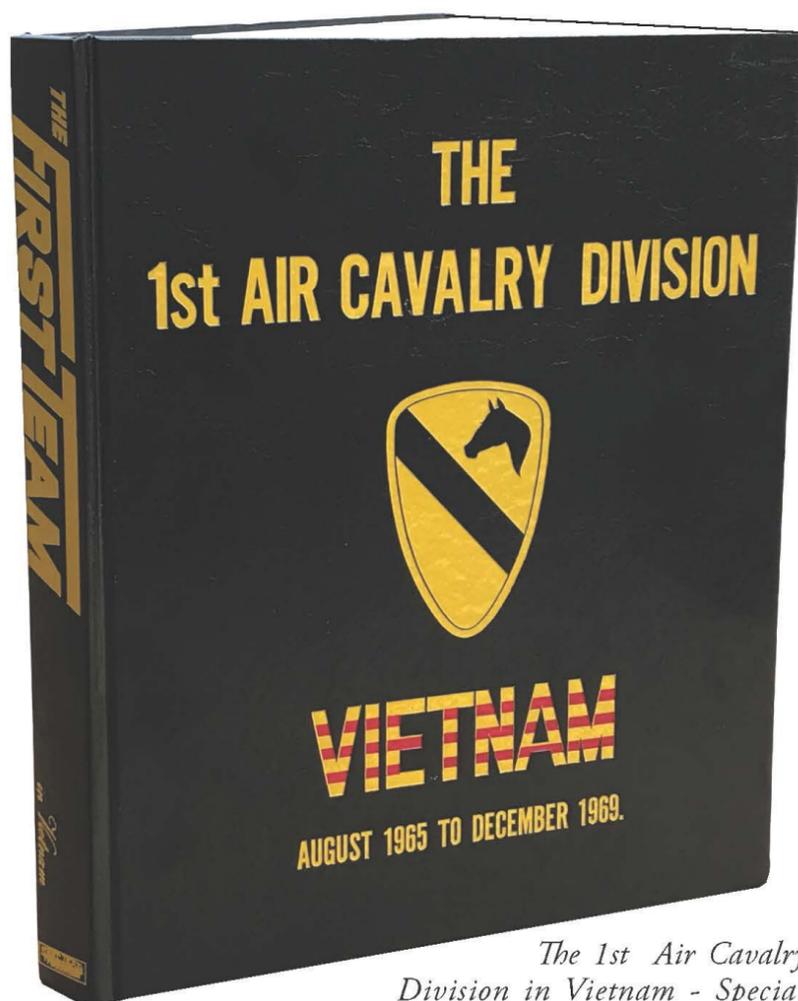
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Greetings Troopers from NW Louisiana. If you were assigned to any of the branches represented by the above insignias, then this is your column in the *Saber*, and I want to hear from you. Everyone of you have at least one funny story or something unusual that happened to you during your time in the U.S. Army and/or the 1st Cav Div. A column without comments from the readers can not exist for long. Let me hear from you! Next time we will display some more branch insignias.

By the time you read this, the 72nd Reunion at Killeen, TX, will be in the history books. If you missed it, I can assure you that you missed a great one at the "Great Place." It is about time you Gulf War Veterans started taking part in the Association. The old Vietnam Vets are getting older and we are wanting to turn leadership of the Association over to you younger Troopers. The best way to get with the program is to attend a reunion. Hope to see you there.

I received a few responses for my request in the *Saber* for anyone who served on FSB Mace in the 71-72 timeframe. I haven't been able to find much history of Mace, but it must have been one of the old French-Vietnam war camps as many of the building had stone walls up about four feet and then screen. One of those I heard from was **Mike Cooper** of El Dorado, KS. Mike wrote: "I was assigned to the 1st Cav Div, 2/8 Cav Regiment in August 1970. I served in Delta Company as an infantry platoon leader (Skull 6), until my hearing was damaged in a fire fight. During that time, I was promoted to 1LT while I was in the field. After the hearing problem got worse and I was unable to hear on the radio, this resulted in my being transferred to the battalion rear and I was assigned the temporary duty of the battalion S-5. During that time period, I worked with the 3rd Bde S-1, MAJ Dearlove. He had been one of my instructors in the ROTC department of Pittsburg State University and since we worked together before, he helped me find another 'full time' job. In October 70, he offered me the position of brigade psychological operations officer (S-5) that included managing the civil affairs for the brigade. I worked directly for the brigade commander, COL Billy Vaughn. He was a career infantry officer and a very strong leader. I was stationed at FSB Mace and served there until the division stood down. We then became the 3rd Brigade (Sep) and took on some additional duties. In April 1971, our unit was transferred to Bien Hoa and I set up shop there, where I operated until my DEROS in June 71. My replacement was another career officer, MAJ Taylor.

"Our brigade S-5 unit consisted of myself, one E-5 NCO, two E-4 enlisted Soldiers, one Cambodian interpreter and three Kit Carson Scouts. We worked with several units when they had contact with large groups of Montagnard farmers. We utilized interpreters, back pack audio transmissions, as well as helicopter audio missions and multiple leaflet drops. The Kit Carson Scouts were busy with the respective battalions when they had a 'Chu Hoi' situation. Additional duties included equipping, training and orientating multiple Kit Carson Scouts for 2/8 and 2/5 Cavalry, to work in the field with their units.

"Another priority for our unit was to assist in Med-Cap missions in the surrounding villages and our area of operation. These missions went a long way in winning the hearts and minds of the South Vietnamese people. There were several of them that had serious medical issues, along with their children with lesser health problems. During those missions, we distributed medicine, treats and C-ration candy as a morale booster. SGT Larry Munne, whom we worked along-side with, was extremely experienced and worked well with all the local village people.

"We flew psychological operations (psyops) missions several days per week, dropping leaflets in our respective area of operation. We coordinated the message and implementation of these missions with pending infantry operations. These were all approved by the brigade commander and his staff. From time to time, in-flight broadcasts were used as required. Some of these were used in conjunction with our Kit Carson Scout operations and resulted in multiple 'Chu Hoi' successes. We were also involved with the relocation of entire Montagnard villages during that time period.

"From the civil affairs side of the operation, we were very active in donating lots of captured rice and various food stuff. We distributed these to refugee centers in Xuan Loc, Ham Tan, Suoi Cat and Gay Ray. On multiple occasions, we

transported large amounts of flour by Chinook aircraft and rice in lesser quantities, by UH-1H helicopters. We also arranged to move captured food items and clothing to different orphanages. The same orphanages also received the donation of 200 health kits and 200 school kits. Last, but not least, the S-5 (Civil Affairs) unit was responsible for making required solatium payments to various Vietnamese families who were wounded and lost loved ones or livestock in conjunction with our brigade

operations. These were operations that involved misplaced artillery/mortar shells, automatic ambushes (claymores), vehicle wrecks, water buffalo shootings and road side accidents involving children walking down the road. These missions were sometimes quite challenging and resulted in dangerous situations in the respective villages. We did equip our vehicles with radios and adequate fire power, in the event of an incident. Fortunately, we did not experience any major problems or confrontations.

"To celebrate Christmas in 1970, the S-5 unit flew the psyops aircraft over our forward fire bases playing Christmas music and dropping multiple small bags of candy to the Troops. The weather was pleasant and warm that day, which was a great opportunity to treat the Troops at the fire bases. After almost fifty years, it is difficult to remember all the operations and high-lights of the position. I think the assistance to the orphanages was one of the most rewarding parts of the job."

Thank you, Mike, for those memories. Mike also sent me several pictures taken during his military operations.

The 191st MI used to take the medics and the dentist down to the local villages to provide limited medical and dental to the locals. The "papasoon" of the local whorehouse, the local Catholic priest, the village chief and the locals working in the logging business were excellent sources of human intelligence.

I also heard from **Douglas Kingery** of VA, who was also assigned to FSB Mace. Douglas wrote, "I was assigned to C Battery 1/21st Field Artillery, but I was attached to C Co 2/5 as the RTO for the Forward Observer. When I was assigned to Charlie Company, the 1SG drove me out to Firebase Mace in a jeep from Bien Hoa. As you know Mace was a large firebase and much more comfortable than the subsequent bases such as Firebase Charger or Firebase Gibraltar. There is a lot of info about Mace and Charlie Co on the website <TallComanche.org> during 1971 and 1972 that you may find interesting.

When I got home from Nam nobody was very interested in the war or my experiences, so I basically shut up and went on with my life. It took me 10 years to get myself straightened out. I never really talked about it at all until my son came home from the Marines after tours in Iraq and Afghanistan as a machine gunner. He and I have spent many hours sitting in my garage talking about our combat experiences. I think it was better therapy for me than it was for him.

We would typically pull 15-day missions in the bush and then come back to Mace for 5 days. Every 45 days we would go to the in-country R&R location of Vung Tau. The Cav had a small R&R center there, but all I can remember is everyone going into town, getting a hotel room, and drinking for 3 days. It was crazy. I remember a bar in Vung Tau that had a roof lounge that featured bands from the Philippines. <TallComanche.org> has some photos of our company area on Mace, the chow hall, chapel and a few others. Hope this helps. If no one else ever told you, I'm glad you made it back and I hope you have had a good life."

Thanks Douglas. You should try to attend a reunion sometimes. I started attending the reunions many years ago and it has been a great healing time for me to meet and talk with other Vets.

I also heard from **Thomas Smith**, of Tampa, FL, who retired as a COL. Thomas wrote "Ron, in your March/April 2019 *Saber* column you had a request for Cav Soldiers who had served on FSB Mace 71-72. I am guilty. I was Cmdr of MACV MAT # 32 and was headquartered in the small village of Soui Cat down the road a piece from FSB Mace. I would constantly go to FSB Mace to obtain (from the Cav unit there) needed equipment/ ammo/ aviation assets for my charges. We had zip. During these forays I met LTC Earl Spry, Cmdr 1/7 Cav, who asked if I wanted to command one of his rifle companies! A career changing request. My MACV MAT #32 command dates are July 1970-June 1971. I commanded C Co 1/7 from June 1971-February 1972. It was headquartered at FSB Mace. As with MACV, the daily Cav target was the 33d NVA Regt. In October 1971 we surprised their Regimental HQ in an early dawn attack. This battle turned into an all-day affair. My company 'had a tiger by the tail' but the 1st Cav aviation saved our butts. We scattered the enemies' staff /security. Other Cav units ambushed the fleeing enemy and killed eight of them. My enemy took his dead, however there was much blood on their bunkers and field triage sites but no 'step ons.' 1st Cav losses are mostly brave aviators of **H Troop 16th Cav**. My company KIA was SP4 Michael Farley, my WIAs were ten. The H Troop of 16th Cav KIAs are CWO Kenneth Berblinger, SSG Daniel Hogan, PFC Donald Tallman and PVT Robert Quandt. So, yes, I have been at Mace. 'Garryowen.' Thomas Dale Smith.

Thanks COL. It appears you went on to a great career in the U.S. Army. Hope to see you at a reunion.

Stand at ease, Troopers. That's a wrap for this issue. Sue and I hope to see you next year in KY. Those of you who live nearby should make a special effort to attend. I love that part of the USA. Meantime may God bless you and your family, the great USofA, the U.S. Army and the Troopers and wives of the legendary 1st Cavalry Division.

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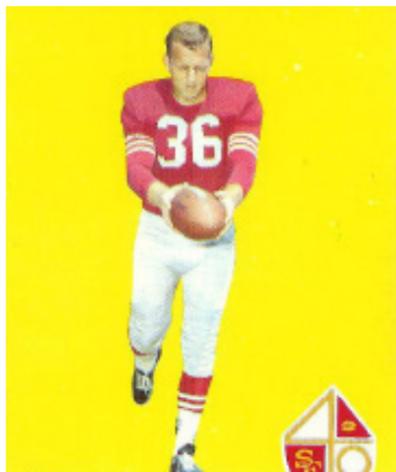
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Tom Davis was the fullback on the DIVARTY Red Raiders 1955 football team. He later played some ten years with the San Francisco 49er's and made the NFL Pro Bowl 1962 and '63. Tom was with the 29th AAA Bn.
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Tommy Davis football card



Tom Davis punting

1ST/21ST ARTILLERY SHOUT-OUT

Let me introduce myself. My name is Frank Bingham and I have been a member of the 1st Cav Association for 50 years. I have attended the Veterans' Day reunions in Arlington/Washington D.C. for the last four years. Each weekend resulted in many very enjoyable experiences spent with fellow Soldiers while enjoying the lights in Washington D.C. by night and the Veterans' Memorials, Veteran's Day celebrations, and historical sites of our Nation's Capital by day.

This past November I visited with two former C Battery 1st/21st Artillery Soldiers. Enclosed is the photo of myself from Boston, MA, SGT Parker Graham from Red Lion, PA and SPC Bob Head from Delaware. The three of us thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing about our Vietnam experience and plan to attend Veterans Day 2019 to share more stories of our past and the present.

My fellow cannoneers are reaching out to 1st/21st Artillery alumni to attend this year's reunion which marks the 50th anniversary since myself, Bob and Parker left the fire bases (LZ) of Vietnam. I landed in Vietnam on 12/31/68 and returned home on 1/1/70. I want to extend an invitation to fellow cannoneers I lived side by side with, SGT Porter, CPL Goldsby, SPC Gary Garska, LT Watts, SGT Gallegos, SGT Sawtel to invite them to come join us in Washington D.C. I can assure them of a very enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely, Frank Bingham <Frank.bingham@verizon.net>



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