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is finally here. Summer and the heat are not far behind here in the south.

After many months in temporary housing Cathy and I moved into our new house on March 8th. We were in our last house for 23 years and it was significantly larger than this one. So, the challenge is finding room for all the stuff we have not already given away or disposed of some other way. A big problem is that we now have fewer walls. That means that there is not room for many of the family portraits, pictures, paintings, and other artwork. Which ones get hung and which ones end up in a closet? Maybe we can decide on a rotation scheme. Then there is the yard. That is, which plants/shrubs to purchase and where to plant them and will I get an established lawn before it is too hot to start grass from seed?

While going through our stuff I found something I hadn't seen in a long time,

my "Cherry Jark" rock. After the second or third week of Artillery OCS at Fort Sill those underclass candidates who had too many demerits (i.e., everyone) went on their first or "Cherry" Jark. The Jark was named after the first Artillery OCS commander and was a march/run/speed walk with M-14 rifles 2.1 miles from the barracks to the top of Medicine Bluffs (MB4) and back, led by middle and upperclassmen who also had excess demerits. The upperclassmen did not carry rifles. Anyway, on a candidate's first Jark tradition was that he would get a rock from the top of MB4 and bring it back. The rock was cleaned, painted red and personalized. Written on mine in 4 lines is "Cherry Jark 5 OCT 68 ALLEN NOR-RIS." That evening the tradition was that the owner of the rock got to place it in the bunk of his favorite member of the middleclass who had to sleep with it that night and could not move it around to improve his sleeping position. Some had to sleep with more than one rock. As far as I could determine, the record for the largest rock was 31 pounds also from 1968. Mine weighs 3 pounds - I was not an over achiever. Undetermined, is why I still have that rock more than 52 years later.

Do you ever get the feeling that some of our current military leaders are overly concerned about feelings and less about preparedness? From the 1967 movie The Dirty Dozen, "very pretty, but can they fight?"

Stay healthy, stay safe. And, as always, thank you for your service.

First Team

Allen (TrailSpike 47)

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As many of you know, the Association is working hard to process the mountain of Honorary Air Assault Badge applications that are pouring in daily; good thing our mail lady likes us. However, it is a time-consuming process. Please

keep the below information in mind if you have yet to mail one in:

- **NOT everyone is eligible.** Riding in a helicopter from point A to point B is not participating in an air assault.
- Application is required to be filled out by the member, not the Executive Director.
- **DD214** is a required document.
- I am already quite familiar with the history of this great Division. Stop schooling me on how it once was in Vietnam.
- Special circumstances are not on the application so no need to add.
- Filling out the application or not is your choice, be honest to
- Deadline for submission: 1 August 2021.

Furthermore, if the information is not marked on your DD214, do not mark it on the application, do not hand write it on the DD214, send me additional documents to show proof of the award(s). I have a stack of letters that will go out in June for those who have failed to follow the instructions given.

Lastly, your documents tell me what I need to know. Again, everyone is not eligible for this honorary badge. Enough said on this topic, now on to the next.

As a retiree, I have my own thoughts and opinions on the direction the Army has taken since October 2015. Reminder: The Association is a non-political, non-partisan, and non-sectarian entity. Regardless of what is happening on Fort Hood now or has happened in the past, the Association has no control. Notice I said Fort Hood and NOT 1st Cavalry Division. Leaders change, processes change. Change is good, embrace it.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September. Those Vietnam members and non-members not attending the reunion will have their certificates mailed out sometime in October.

#### It is May and spring HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Siddiq Hasan, Commander



SGT Lovett and SPC Dale driving Traveler and Trudy for Bluebonnet Festival Demo

The Horse Cavalry Detachment is charging into the summer with more events and ceremonies populating our calendar after a quiet travel year. The monthly division retirement ceremonies on Cooper Field, have allowed us to stretch our mounts legs and Troopers experiences.

Rolling out of spring, the Horse Detachment put on a full demonstration at the 38th Annual Burnet Bluebonnet Festival, our first road demonstration since February 2020. The Horse

Detachment hosted members of the 11th ACR Horse Detachment for three days and reinvigorated the equine conference with the seven other Army mounted units, paving the way for in person facility visits to each unit.



SGT Lovett displaying his new B Group Spurs

during her testing, what a feat!

demonstration.

At the beginning of April, the Detachment conducted testing for new B Groupers and A Groupers. The B Group test consists of a 50-question written test, followed by a flat work riding evaluation consisting of circles at a trot and canter in the correct lead, simple and complex (flying) lead changes. The final aspect of the B Group test is correctly negotiating three jumps at increasing heights. SGT Lovett demonstrated his understanding and ability to do all the above making him the newest B Group spur holder. SPC Christensen was the only person in a field of 10 Troopers to earn her A Group Buckle and spurs. She had to pass a 400-question written test followed by

riding different horses over two days. She had to do the B Group flat work on two different green horses and run all the weapons routes on an additional two horses. She additionally executed training demonstrations as the guidon bearer, both days

We were pleased to see all the smiling faces at our events across the Hill Country last month. We were able to support the 2021 Rabbit Festival in Copperas Cove with a parade formation. The Killeen Rodeo is always a blast along with the Groesbeck Heritage Day Parade to round out the month of May. Coming up in June we hope to see folks at Joint Base San Antonio Fiesta on June 20th, where we will perform our mounted



SPC Christensen shows off her new A Group buckle and spurs

We love and appreciate the support that this amazing community bestows on us and look forward to our continued engagements and exchanges long into the future. HOT TO TROT!

Feel free to call (254) 287-2229 or (254) 404-5193 with any questions. Please look us up on Facebook (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and strive to keep everyone informed of upcoming events and ceremonies. The Facebook page now has an official email that you can send questions and request for support to. FORWARD AT A GALLOP!

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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.

#### OTHER REUNIONS

**15**<sup>th</sup> **Medical Battalion Association Reunion, 10-13 June 2021.** Courtyard Kokomo, Kokomo, IN (near Grissom Aeroplex). Reservations 765-453-0800 use Group Code 15<sup>th</sup> Med Bn POC: Dan and Betty Korty, call or text 765-714-6838. Info at <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>.

**20**<sup>th</sup> & **79**<sup>th</sup> **ARA Reunion, 30 Aug-3 Sept 2021.** Holiday Inn Express 199 East Bay Street Savannah, GA. Reservations 912-231- 9000 or 888-978-6498; Hosts are Jerry and Ann Hipp.

A Trp, 9 Cav Vietnam Era Reunion, 1-5 Sept 2021. Albuquerque, NM; POC: Ron Livingston, <rflivingston@msn.com>.

**77FA Reunion, 15-20 Sept 2021.** Elegante Hotel, Colorado Springs. CO. Reservations 719-576-5900 use code #2696746; POC: John Moran, <johnjanmoran@who.rr.com>.

1st Cavalry Division Association 73rd Reunion (Division 100th Birthday), 22-26 Sept 2021. Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX. Refer to pages 12-13 for available hotels, registration form, & further information.

C Trp, 9 Cav Vietnam Era Reunion, 25-27 Sept 2021. Columbus, GA; POC: Pat Bieneman, (859) 771-6342 or pcbnamin@verizon.net>.

**D CO 1-12 Cav, 27-30 Sept 2021.** South Point Casino Hotel & Spa Las Vegas, NV. Reservations 702-797-8901; POC: Tom Kjos 480-352-2583 or Fred MacLennan 347-853-1281.

#### Have your upcoming reunions posted here!

#### **TAPS**

We were notified of the death of the following:

**BROWN**, WO Ricky C., C Co, 1-7 CAV & A Co, 1-7 CAV, 1970-71. 12 May 2020

**CROCKER,** PFC Robert Earl, B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1968. 16 November 2020. **DUREN**, SFC (RET) Charles J., HHB, 99 FA, 1950. 26 January 2021. (Occupation of Japan & Korean War)

**ESSINGTÔN**, CPL Gordon L., D Co, 1-8 CAV, 1951. 28 April 2021. (Occupation of Japan & Korean War)

**FUSSELL**, REV (SGT) Robert B., A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1968-69. 19 April 2021. **GILCHRIST**, SGT Joseph L., HHC, 15 MED & E Co, 52 INF, 1967. 26 April 2021.

**HARRIS**, SGT Chuck, A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1969-70. 4 November 2020.

KELLEY, SP-5 Michael A., 27 MNT. 13 April 2021.

MORRIS, LTC (RET) Hubert (Hugh), HHB, 2-20 FA, 1970. 20 March 2021. MOZEY, LTC William B. Jr, 1-8 CAV, 1965. 20 December 2020.

**RAINVILLE**, LTC (RET) Ronald D., D Co, 2-12 CAV, 1970; HHT, 2-12 CAV,

1989. 7 March 2018. **PASCHED** Dr. James J. HHC 2.8 CAV & 15th MED, 1067-68, 24 March 2021.

**RASCHER**, Dr. James J., HHC, 2-8 CAV & 15<sup>th</sup> MED, 1967-68. 24 March 2021. **SCHULTZ**, SP4 Joseph S., 15 ADM & A Co, 5-7 CAV, 1967-68. 26 February 2021.

**SIMMONS,** SP4 Phillip, A Co, 1-8 CAV, 1965. 2020.

**SKINNER**, SP-4 Perry D., B Co, 8 ENG, 1965. 27 April 2021.

STAFFON, MAJ (RET) Donald W., HHC, 1CD, 1983. 27 November 2020. STEVENSON, SGT Ricardo P., B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1968. 7 December 2020.

**SWANS,** SGT Bennie, A Co, 1-5 Cav, 1968-69. 19 September 2020. **VILLARONGA,** COL(RET) Raul G., B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1966-67. 20 March 2021.

We have not been notified of any non-combat Active-Duty deaths.



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

#### NOT YOUR GRANDFATHERS KOREA

In the last 5 to 15 years there has been significant change to the landscape of Korea. At one time there were a number of camps and posts positioned throughout



Aerial photo of Camp Humphrey's. Motor pools, barracks, digital range, and airfield.

the peninsula. Today, there has been a remarkable change from north to south. Camp Casey and Hove still remain north of Seoul. However, Camp Red Cloud, once the 2ID headquarters, closed and repositioned to Camp Humphreys. United States Forces Command and Eighth Army moved from Yongsan to Camp Humphreys. The housing area and schools on Yongsan closed in 2019. Remaining is the Dragon Hill Hotel. Yongsan will transition into a green space.

Camp Humphreys has become the most modern post in the Department of

Defense. New housing complexes, apartment towers and single-family homes, the second largest PX and Commissary is DoD, state of the art new hospital, new schools from high school to elementary and day care centers that provide the community the support they need. For our Soldiers, state of the art motor pools and hangars with the best maintenance facilities our military offers. A new indoor range complex, digital tank and bradley range, and simulation center that provides

training from squad to battalion level. Pyeongtaek, once a village, is now a city of 500,000 and expands to Osan AB. There is a tremendous relationship between Korean Community and U.S. forces on Camp Humphreys.

Three of nine Family housing towers on Camp Humphrey's.

The 19th ESC is located in Daegu. The command is located in the center of city, a city of 2,209,000 people. The command and its Soldiers have a close relationship with the city leaders and community members of Daegu. There have been changes in housing and services long overdue offered to our Soldiers and Family members. The 19th ESC is also responsible for the port operations in Busan.

U.S. Army HQs at Camp Hum-

phrey's. USFK and 2ID are similar.

Korea is considered to be an assignment of choice. Training as combined force with an incredibly strong U.S./Korea

relationship not found anywhere else in the world. Our Soldiers and Families continue to take advantage of the culture, history and travel throughout Korea as well as the region. After spending five years in Korea, this was one of our best assignments spanning a 40-year career.

MICHAEL A. BILLS

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired.

Former Commander (2014-2016), 1st Cavalry Division/8th U.S. Army

C Co 2-12th, 1965, Almost Alone in Indian Country by Ray Welch We leap frogged all over the Ia Drang mountain area for days looking for



enemy activity. Air Assaulting and extracting was old hat by now for Charlie Company. Operations and Intelligence had decided that a reconnaissance was needed in the Northern part of the Ia Drang Valley Operations area, so Charlie Company had been inserted into a Landing Zone in that area. We had been moving through heavy forested areas most of the day when we came upon an abandoned Mountain-Yard village along with an open field that showed evidence that it had been burned sometime in the past. This was typical of the Mountain-Yard people to live in an area for a period, raise a harvest a crop, then move on. They also hunted for food. Most

Mountain-Yards were anti Viet Cong. We determined that no enemy had been there recently but still on guard as many of the regular North Vietnamese units were still operating in the Ia Drang.

As the rays of the afternoon sun were getting longer and starting to dull the shadows the CO's radio began to crackle requesting a situation report. CPT Child responded that we had not seen any evidence of enemy activity so far. The Battalion S-3 (The Operations Officer) said we should prepare to be picked up and moved to another location. We would be getting 8 ships (helicopters) for this extraction. Based on our personnel present for field duty I determined we would need two separate lifts for this extraction. Charlie Company had been extremely lucky as for as combat casualties. Illness was a different story. Fevers of unknown origin, malaria and a variety of other maladies had reduced our Troop strength. LT Jon Wise, our Company Executive Officer (XO) had been evacuated with malaria, so I was now the Company XO. One of the duties of the XO was to ensure all members of the unit made it onto a chopper during an extraction.

Preparations began for the extraction. Those men who were going to be in the second lift fanned out to secure a landing zone for the incoming choppers. The area chosen was a gentle sloping, clear field with good visibility for some distance. Soon I could hear the noise of the chopper rotor blades slicing into the air with a whomp whomp whomp. As the sound got closer, I switched my radio onto the same frequency as the aircraft were on. A smoke grenade was thrown, and identification was made of the color. The choppers quickly landed and filled with the men of the first lift and were up and gone quickly. Charlie Company was now more venerable as almost half our firepower was gone. In less than twenty minutes the process would be repeated for those of us remaining. In the meantime, the sun was lower in the sky and the shadows were growing deeper and darker. Then the first sounds of the choppers interrupted the silence. Another smoke was popped and identified. Like the swiftness of a hawk after prey, the choppers were on the ground. Those men on the outer perimeter were running as fast as they could towards those waiting choppers and climbing aboard as this was the last ride out of hell. Simmons and I were scanning the terrain to insure everyone was on board a chopper then we started looking for an open spot. Each chopper we approached the chopper crew chief was waving us off as there was no more room on their chopper. As we approached the eighth chopper the flight started lifting off and I heard the flight leader broadcast on the radio, "We got them all!" I barked into the handset "HELL NO YOU DON'T, THERE ARE TWO OF US STILL DOWN HERE!!!" The radio went silent. I looked at Simmons, he was looking at me. We both had that "Oh Shit" look on our faces. I shouted into the handset, "Hey we still have 2 on the ground here." Finally, I heard the flight leader say, "Roger on 2 still on the ground, we'll be back for you as soon as we can." I said to Simmons, you and I are going to go to the center of this field, and we are going to sit down back-to-back and each of us will watch 180 until they come back for us. In about twenty minutes we heard choppers at a distance. We quickly got into a crouch and ready to run. Within a few minutes two choppers were visible. One started a wide arc around the field, the other chopper came in over Simmons and I and landed. We raced as fast as we could run. We dove into the chopper and we could feel the aircraft lifted into the air. Ten minutes later we were back with Charlie Company ready for another adventure.

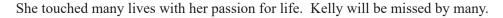
#### KELLY J. MADDOX

December 10, 1963 – April 5, 2021

Kelly Maddox, age 57, formerly of Clinton, Iowa passed away peacefully on April 5, 2021. She is survived by her parents Dan Hartman and Jo Ann Davis, brother Chris Hartman, and beloved husband Terry Maddox.

Kelly married Terry April 10, 1992. When he was the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Engineer Brigade Commander from 1994-96, Terry recommended that Kelly volunteer in the Crossed Sabers Souvenir Gift Shop on post. That is where Kelly developed her strong desire for volunteerism. She quickly took on the role as the head of the volunteers of the Division Spouses for the Souvenir Shop. Kelly was heavily involved in the management of the Souvenir Shop. She accumulated over 3,000 volunteer hours at the Souvenir Shop and Association Reunions. Kelly was an avid crafter, there was nothing that she could not "Cav" up with her talented designs. She always creatively found a way to Cav-orize trinkets, stuffed animals, jewelry, etc. that were sold in the Crossed Sabers Souvenir Gift Shop and at the Association Reunions. Her smiling face will be missed by many of our members who always found her at the reunions helping customers, dilegently working and shaping Stetsons in the Crossed Saber Souvenir Gift Shop.

Kelly was the 1st Cavalry Division Association Board of Governors Souvenir Shop Sub-Committee Chairperson since 2009 as well as the Souvenir Shop Chairperson for the Crossed Saber Chapter Board. She was deeply committed to the 1st Cavalry Division Association and the Gift Shop; she was a driving force to move the Gift Shop out to the Association HQ in Copperas Cove.





## LRRP/Ranger News



Ken White 3834 Inverness Road Fairfax, VA 22033 (703) 989-7630 KenWhite68@yahoo.com Hello from the nation's capital. I am happy to report that AMVETS, the Congressionally chartered Veterans-service organization formed more than 75 years ago to improve

the quality of life for Veterans, their families, and the communities where they live, plans to hold its Rolling-to-Remember motorcycle ride in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 30, 2021. The ride is intended to continue the tradition of the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Procession which had its final ride in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day Weekend, 2019, after staging annual rides in the nation's capital on Memorial Day for the past 32 years. And Rolling-to-Remember, like Rolling Thunder, will call attention by way of a demonstration to the issues facing veterans.



The first Rolling-to-Remember ride was planned for Memorial Day Weekend 2020, but due to the Covid-19 virus and the health restrictions that were in place in the nation's capital at the time, the event was cancelled.

As I understand it from local news reports, the leaders at AMVETS are currently negotiating with the security force at the Pentagon to use the Pentagon's parking lots to stage the event. The parking lots would be used to organize the ride

according to membership/non-membership status, chapters, etc., for the actual ride across the Memorial Bridge into the nation's capital and down Constitution Avenue past The Wall on The National Mall.

In parallel with the planning that is going on with AMVETS, the people at the Patriot Harley-Davidson® dealership in Fairfax, and the Fairfax Chapter of the Harley Owners Group, have also been busy planning what they hope will become the signature ride of the Ride of the Patriots® to the Pentagon to join the Rolling-to-Remember ride. The ride from Fairfax to the Pentagon will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual ride. The first 22 were to the Pentagon to join the Rolling Thunder procession.

The leaders of Rolling Thunder were forced to call it quits after the 2019 ride because of the cost of securing the Pentagon's parking lots which were used to stage the procession. The Pentagon's security force imposed new security requirements which would have cost most than the group could afford. The group said that the event already cost \$200,000 annually to stage and that the additional security measures would cost more than they could handle. According to the leaders, these costs could only be met if concession stands selling food and merchandise were allowed in the Pentagon parking areas with some opportunities for sponsorship. Well, the Pentagon would have no part of that, so the leaders of Rolling Thunder called it quits after the 2019 ride. We will see how things play out for AMVETS and the Rolling-to-Remember ride.

Rolling Thunder began in 1987 and grew each year in the number of riders and spectators participating in the event and evolved into a world-class spectacle that attracted riders and spectators from all over the world, and although it was still a demonstration, it was also a show of patriotism, it was uniquely American. AMVETS is hoping that the Rolling-to-



Ride of the Patriots to the Pentagon, 2019

Remember ride will also attract large numbers of riders and spectators and will also evolve into a world-class event.

On a somewhat related subject, no decision has yet been made by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), as to whether this year's Memorial Day Observance will be hosted in person at The Wall or will be virtually. The VVMF is optimistic that the observance can be held in person, according to the information posted on its website, but that a final decision will be made later depending on the health restrictions that are in-place in Washington, D.C. at that time. Since early 2020, all Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances, and other events hosted by the VVMF that ordinarily would have been hosted in person at The Wall, have been conducted virtually, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By the way, the VVMF has announced that it has created an online registry where you can create your profile and share your story of service. According to the VVMF website, "The registry enables Veterans across the world to be able to locate fellow Vietnam Veterans and of course, connect their stories with those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Every one of the names on The Wall has a story worth telling, as do all who served in our nation's Armed Forces during that time. The registry not only allows this, but it also helps preserve a legacy of service for all who served during the Vietnam Era. To sign-up for the registry, go to <a href="http://www.vvmf.org">http://www.vvmf.org</a>, click on the *JOIN THE REGISTRY* link, and follow the instructions for entering your information.

While we are on the subject of registries, you may be interested to know that the Army Historical Foundation (AHF), the organization responsible for leading the campaign to build the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, has created a registry for all who have served in the Army. The name of the registry is the *Registry for the American Soldier*. According to the AHF's website, the registry was created to serve as a digital archive of the personal stories of Soldiers past and present. The registry is currently available on the foundation's website, and once the museum at Fort Belvoir opens its doors to the public, the entire collection will be forever preserved and accessible to visitors via electronic kiosks. With this registry, you can register your service, that of a loved one, or that of a Soldier from history whose service you admire. When creating a registry entry, you can include as much information about a Soldier's service as you wish, and you can include photos.

The developer of the registry, Jerry Hansen, a long-time supporter of the museum being built at Fort Belvoir and of the AHF, developed the registries as a resource for recording stories of Soldiers, past and present. The registry recognizes the service of all Soldiers throughout Army history, ensuring that those lesser-known stories will be preserved for future generations. Currently, Mr. Hansen is working to document the stories of many of the Soldiers with whom he served. He explained "Researching their stories has created a great opportunity to contact these individuals after many years, tell them how much I appreciate their service, and ask them if I may document their story."

According to the AHF's website, two additional registries have also been developed. They are the Registry of the Army Community and the Registry for Animals in Service to the Army. You can access the registries at <a href="http://">http://</a>

armyhistory.org>.

On a different note, the following email to Bill Carpenter (1967) from **Jim Wright** (1967) follows. "Bill, after reviewing your great book, I became concerned that the 1st Cav LRRP legacy is being lost to history. We lost many great Soldiers to include MAJ David B. Tucker, who commanded the LRRP unit from June 1967 to October 1, 1967, at which time he took command of the newly formed LRRP unit of I Field Force, Vietnam (pronounced "FIRST" Field Force, Vietnam). Tragically, he died on his first day in his new job while riding in a helicopter on a recruiting mission to a 101st Airborne Division LZ. MAJ Tucker was hit in the neck with a 51-caliber Russian anti-aircraft round and died before he could be transported to a field hospital for treatment."

"MAJ Tucker inspired me and others, including SGT Jim Horne, to join the LRRPs. By the way, SGT Horne went down with me in the helicopter when we crashed on the beach just north of the fresh-water lake, Dam Tra O Lake, south of Bong Son, in July 1967. Your book will help preserve some of this legacy."

"Over the years I have been enthralled with many stories that have appeared in the newsletter, Ken White's articles in the *Saber*, and now, your great book. Your book caused me to start checking the Army Registry to determine how many of these stories have been recorded by former LRRPs, too many are missing. I trust you will encourage the membership to consider posting their stories to the Army Registry now integral to the National Museum of the Army at Fort Belvoir. This will expose their stories to millions of people and will help ensure that they are not lost to history, or to their families, or to posterity. Many stories have already been lost as so many have now passed from the ranks."

"I believe that these personal stories from the men who lived the experience will be more relevant to future historians as they try to piece together the true history of the LRRPs. Best regards, Jim."

On a different note, the following story was received from **Mike Blymyer** (1968-69), from Powell, Wyoming. "On July 20, 1969, while the world was watching on TV the landing of the Apollo 11 lunar module on the moon with Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, LRRP Team 36 was involved in its own drama along Highway 1 in III Corps. The Viet Cong had been stopping civilians traveling on Highway 1 and robbing them of their money and possessions, and the 1st Cav had been directed by II Field Force - Vietnam (pronounced Second Field Force – Vietnam) to find out why the ARVN had been unable to stop it. The division wanted a LRRP/Ranger Team to go in, observe the enemy activity on the highway, determine where the enemy was operating from, and what its strength was. My team, LRRP Team 36, got the mission."

"At first light on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we were inserted into the area where the robberies were taking place with our helicopter setting down in the middle of Highway 1. We quickly jumped out of the helicopter and hustled off the road and into a tree line several hundred feet away where we set-up a defensive position. Almost immediately, we started hearing sounds coming from the jungle around us, sounds like bolts being thrown. What we didn't know was that we had set-up our position right between two manned enemy bunkers."

"Next thing we know, we start hearing voices coming towards us. An enemy patrol was coming up a trail behind us. There were eight or nine of them in a column, all armed with AK-47s, and strangely enough, wearing Regional Police fatigues, or as Sergeant Tim Greenly from Concord, New Hampshire, team leader, called them, Ruff Puffs. SGT Greenly motioned to us to hold our fire until the approaching soldiers got closer, and he signaled to open fire."

"The jungle came alive with small arms fire as we engaged the enemy soldiers. But then we started receiving fire not only from the enemy soldiers in the column but also from another column of enemy soldiers that suddenly appeared to our left. SGT Greenly quickly got on the radio with brigade and requested gunship support."

"Tim started to call in a fire mission when suddenly a helicopter showed up and someone kept interrupting Tim on our frequency. It turned out to be the new division commander who promptly informed us that the 1/9th Blues had been alerted to move to our location. He also told us that from the air they had spotted several enemy bunkers spread out along the tree line and that helicopter gunships from the division would be arriving to neutralize them."

"The Blues arrived shortly afterwards and with the help of the helicopter gunships, were able to move to our position. The division commander notified the Blues that he wanted them to recon-in-force and see what developed. We were directed to fall-in with them."

"As we moved out, we heard firing up front, and everyone hit the ground and hunkered down waiting to hear what happened. One of the Blues told us that the platoon sergeant had been hit along with another member of the platoon. At that point, SGT Greenly and Milford Harvey (KIA) moved forward with the Blues medic to where the two wounded men were to help pull them back to the Blues position where they could receive first aid."

"Firing an M-79 grenade launcher at the bunker in front of where the two wounded men were located, SGT Greenly, Harvey and the Blues medic reached the two wounded men without receiving any return fire. The enemy soldiers had apparently vacated the bunker. The 1/9<sup>th</sup> slicks showed up and the two wounded men were evacuated to a field hospital for treatment. We were extracted along with the Blues. We never did find out why the Viet Cong were wearing Regional Police fatigues."

Finally, we are not yet out of the woods with the Covid-19 virus, but we are getting closer with the availability of the vaccines. If you have not received one yet, you may want to get one.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY



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There have been many people that have become part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cav alumni, so it follows that I can only know a fraction of them in any personal sense. How we come across those folks who decide to be our friends is a subject beyond the scope of a short article and probably not within my capability. The handful I know well includes enlisted personnel, warrant and commissioned officers and many from each group are more talented than I and very well educated. I therefore took the task of writing the column for the 5<sup>th</sup> Cav knowing that there are folks out there that could do much better. In the last cycle I said that I enjoyed each round more. That is true but to interpret the statement one would have to know the level of enjoyment I started with.

The *Saber* is a journal with its own list of needs and rules. Things seen in some publications are not appropriate here. It is done by the various regimental associations and the volunteer officers of that group, and to meet the needs of the group and inform us all, to the best of our ability, of the business and functions of the group, while also entertaining or even educating those who read it. In the case of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cav, we have a separate newsletter with a very capable scribe that is sent to members by email and relieves me of the need to print our minutes and related info in the *Saber*.

I have taken it on myself to try something I thought might be different and my goal was to make it more fun to read and to find things to build moral and pride of unit. To be informative and supportive of our Troops both past and present. I had tried to recruit several different people to do this column without success. So quite presumptuously, I took it on myself. We have people in our group who write for a living. We have more that have successfully published textbooks, fiction, and stories of their experiences for other reasons. Many of these I was aware of going in and have come across others because of this column. Quite frankly that is more than a bit humbling.

I have now received books from several of you and have read each one. Because some of the columns have been attempts to present history, and because I use it the way I do, a quote included in one of these books caused me to stop and reflect. The author, who many of you have read, presented an old Army saying, to wit, "the Army isn't what it used to be....as a matter of fact, it never was," and goes on to present a quote from Sir Lewis Namier who in 1942 said that "one would expect people to remember the past and to imagine the future. But in fact, when discoursing or writing about history, they imagine it in terms of their own experience, and when trying to gauge the future, they cite supposed analogies from the past: till by a double process of repetition, they imagine the past and remember the future." I am not big on drawing analogies but using

history to promote pride in one's unit does present the possibility of seeing it out of context. I find myself looking for the positive to the extent I could be accused of being a sort of "Pollyanna." My hope is that by pointing out both the danger and the goal, you can get the point, feel good and try not to hold me to the kind of presentations that seek more lofty things, like Pulitzer prizes. I have no wisdom to offer, only a hope that the generations of Soldiers that follow might have a better chance to avoid what happens when we take more responsibility for things than we should and end up wondering, as I did, whether some unpleasant thing was my fault. In my experience nearly all of us do that more than we should, and while we are not perfect and do make mistakes, Soldiers in combat function more on training and less on thinking things through. Even when a man's job means he is doing the thinking, it is usually a bit unfair to load him (or her) up with guilt since the things we do not lend themselves to perfection very often.

To the above end I have asked Tim Soyars, who was a platoon leader in Vietnam, and wrote a book of his time there called "Where's Charlie," if he was willing to write a particular kind of piece to put in this journal. He consented and I will present it next time assuming I am still around. I had noticed the things various NCO's and officers would do to help people in their command improve themselves in one way or another and after reading Tim's book I decided I liked his approach and asked him to do a piece on what he did. My guess would be that his approach was seen in many units in the Army. I have seen many leaders in the 5<sup>th</sup> Cav take an interest in their people and happen to feel that we can be proud of our leaders for many reasons, including this one.

A suggestion that I thank each person who contacts me about this column shortly after I started has proven extremely helpful. In this cycle however I am not entirely convinced everyone who wrote would place equal value on seeing their name here and so I will credit folks who would be mentioned here next time. There should be no doubt that I appreciate input from everyone and that no one, so far has been anything but supportive. Thank you, everyone.

Speaking of history, our division is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. I have my reservations and hope to see as many as possible of you there at Ft Hood in September.

There is something else I'd like to say. Our armed services do not get to call their own shots. We do the bidding of our civilian leadership, and that is the way things are designed. It must be that way. When we do these things and anyone decides they do not like how it turns out, I hear things that suggest "we" that is the services, failed. Whether that is so or not, I look at the world, see it getting more complicated, and know we have not seen the last of frustrating missions. I know how much effort goes into what we do, and I refuse to see these things as our failures. We must always be ready to go. Ready to give it the best we have. We have always done that. To keep our best in play, let us remember who makes the rules and in our own minds try to find peace and let someone else carry the stigma. Unspoken, so as not to cause discord, let us use the "F" word less. As I said above, I have no wisdom to offer. This is just the way it seems to me. Bless you all.



#### PFC BOBBIE RAY DANIELS

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Army PFC Bobbie Ray Daniels, 17, of Bedford, Virginia, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Sept. 21, 2020.

In August 1950, Daniels was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action on Aug 16 during battle near Waegwan, South Korea. His remains could not be immediately recovered. He was officially declared dead on May 1, 1953.

During a search of Korean War battlefields in February 1951, a partial set of remains was recovered from the area where Daniels went missing. After a preliminary examination at Tanggok United Nations Military Cemetery, an identification could not be made, and the remains were buried as Unknown X-412 Tanggok. In March 1951, another partial set of remains was found in the same area. After an identification could not be made, the remains were buried as Unknown X-817 Tanggok. Further attempts were made to identify both sets of remains but were unsuccessful. The remains were later transported with other unidentified Korean War remains and buried as Unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In 2017, the family of an unresolved Soldier associated with the same area where Daniels went missing requested both X-412 and X-817 be disinterred for comparison with their Soldier. Further research by a DPAA historian and forensic anthropologist determined both sets of remains could possibly be associated with Daniels, among others. X-412 and X-817 were disinterred Aug 20, 2018 and sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis.

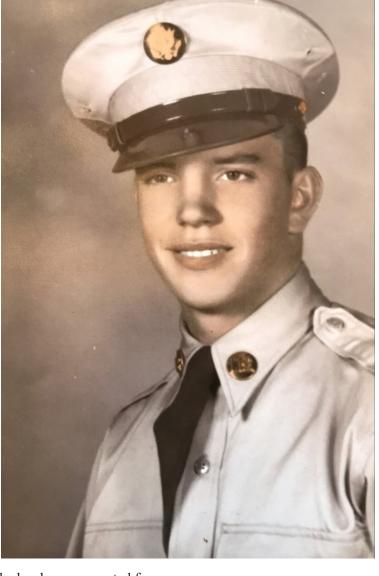
To identify Daniels' remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Daniels' name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Daniels was buried May 22, 2021, in his hometown.

To see the most up-to-date statistics on DPAA recovery efforts for those unaccounted for from the Korean War, go to the Korean War fact sheet on the DPAA website at:https://www.dpaa.mil/Resources/Fact-Sheets/Article-View/Article/569610/progress-on-korean-war-personnel-accounting/.

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 Facebook at <www.facebook.com/dodpaa>.





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Hear...Hear...Semper Paratus! Talked to 35 Troopers over past 10 days, reports from their bunkers are all is well! We may not be completely out of the COVID 19 jungle, but most are at the outer edge of the wood line and can see across the plain. Some had been affected to minor degrees, but they and family members are recovered, have completed vaccine routines, and looking forward to gathering with Brother Troopers and Sisters. Here in Branson, COVID 19 impact was minimal, as of today (3 May), tourist hubbub is on the upswing.



Gerry Gudinas-Harry Diamond-Truman Carroll-Richard Galvan-Alan Dorey, Eileen Sherrill Presenter

Jan/Feb issue listed five reunion gatherings planned in 2021. When you receive this issue three will be history: A Co 1-12th, D Co 2-12th, and 12th CAV 15.5. 16 couples of A Co 1-12<sup>th</sup> and one guest Trooper from C Co got together 19-23 April in Ashville, NC. April 22d, 5 Troopers: Gerry Gudinas, Harry Diamond, Truman Carroll, Richard Galvan, Alan Dorey received Quilts of Valor from Eileen Sherrill, Cumberland Valley Quilters Association, Franklin, TN. Some visited the Biltmore House, Asheville's premier attraction, a 250 room, 178,926 SF Mansion built between 1889-1895 for George Washington

Vanderbilt II. Lunch and visit to the winery and centuries old garden were a Spring felt experience. Departing 23 April, A Co Troopers agreed to do it again soon, details published when confirmed.

Troopers of D Co 2-12<sup>th</sup> "Stacked Deck" made their annual trek to Edgar Evins State Park, TN, lodged in the cabins on Centerhill Lake, fished, boated, recon-ed surrounding woods, and enjoyed camaraderie retelling war stories, bickering about details of Rock island, all while grilling steaks, frying caught fish, drinking a lot of beer and whiskey, departing 16 May, agreed to meet in two weeks for 12<sup>th</sup> CAV 15.5 Branson Gala. It is fun to watch this group, sometimes heated discussions rise to the point of drawing sabers, then steps Fred Wilson who defuses the situation and all go off for another beer, a fifth and toast to the 'Thunderhorse Stacked Deck Brotherhood' Good Lore for the 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Legacy.

An attendance uptick from the past two years, 12<sup>th</sup> CAV kicked off 2 June with welcome reception patio feed, our staple upbeat 'Hits of the 60s' show Thursday, some in house entertainment and spaghetti supper Friday 4 June. Saturday Night Live lifted everyone's spirits, most departed Sunday 6 June. Saturday morning men's meeting discussed new direction for 1-12/2-12 annual gathering, women's meeting with their mimosas were briefed about end-of-life issues when their Trooper crosses over and to go about burial and benefits resolution if they were not too clouded from the champaign. When that time comes, they should be prepared to dispose of us properly, claim our comp and find a new boyfriend Ha Ha!

More info about these two gatherings will be in the next Crossed Sabers newsletter. For those who missed these, we tried to get the message to everybody via emails, website postings and word of mouth. Due to postal service meltdown and some printer changes we could not get a Spring issue newsletter out. Visit the website often, it has been active as of week (3 May-7 May), it is new and updated due to Fred Wilson's daughter, Jocelyn's diligent work bringing us a medium to be proud of website. The address is the same as previous <www.12thcav.us.gov>. Old information has been archived, sections for newer and fresher material added and easier to access.

I am sure that most have been notified by receiving a letter from 1st Cavalry Division Association, by word of mouth or other source of the Honorary Air Assault Badge authorized for Vietnam Vet grunts. A ceremony is planned at 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion for Thursday 23 September at Vietnam War Era Luncheon. To be recognized and awarded the certificate, go to <www.1CDA.org> click on Reunion then on Honorary Assault Badge. Download the form, fill out, and send to the address indicated. Executive Director, Dara Wydler, 1SG (Ret), will conduct the ceremony at the Vietnam War Era Luncheon. Those not attending the Division Reunion, your certificates will be mailed to you in October. The deadline to have the forms filled out and returned is 1 August 2021. This should clear up any confusion over the years about whether those of us in Infantry were authorized to wear Air Assault Wings.

We have returned to a semblance of active life with lifting of several restrictions. An upside of the recommended cautions of staying in was an opportunity to sift through volumes of 12th Cavalry historical records. Although, I was out and about some during time, spent many hours going through 1-12 and 2-12, S-3 Operations and Annual History reports of our Vietnam Actions 1965-1972. We, the association officers are looking at gifting these to the TTUVN Center (Texas Tech University Vietnam Center), Samuel Johnson Archives, to be digitized to 12th Cavalry Association Collection Cell, setup 8 July 2009. To date, only information in this collection cell is from newsletters and directories. It is time to donate our extensive records collection to the center. Once they are received, they will be placed in a que, by date received, eventually digitized into the cell, to preserve our Vietnam legacy. Limited information now in the collection can be viewed at <vva.vietnam.ttu.edu>, Collection # 2033, 12th Cavalry Association. Since there are many other cases of material waiting in the que, it may take from two to five years before digitizing can proceed. As with most procedures an exception can be made, and digitizing can begin as soon as we ship our material to the center. There would be a cost involved to expedite this procedure based on lineal feet. Lineal feet are calculated per box of material, our depository consists of four bankers' boxes: L-15" x W-12" x D-10", each one considered a lineal foot.

I am doing a complete inventory of contents to send to Head of Collections Department, Andrew Hinton, to determine the full cost to proceed with this

project. To implement, a student will need to be trained and the least amount of time for digitizing will be one semester. Costs for this is about \$9.00 per hour. On a personal note, I believe we should do this as soon as possible before our history is relegated to the dust bin and just a side note mention. I will provide more details when the inventory is complete, and a cost specified.

Aclosing reminder, get your registrations in for 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion 22-26 September 2021. Make your hotel reservations and submit the forms for the Ceremony at Vietnam War Era Luncheon Thursday 23 September. Boot to Boot...Horse to Horse...Saber to Saber...Blessings and Take Care!

#### **QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION APRIL 22, 2021**



Harry and Cynthia Diamond



**Gerry and Jeanne Gudinas** 



**Alan and Wife Dorey** 



Richard and Florine Galvan

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REUNION 2021

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

The President has appointed a nominating committee to recommend Life Members of the Association for election or re-election to fill the terms of office for the following positions that become vacant as of 25 September 2021:

1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President
One Foundation Trustee
Ten Places on the Board of Governors

Any Life member of the Association, including an incumbent, who wishes to be considered by the nominating committee for one of these positions, should forward a letter to the Chairman, 2020 Nominating Committee, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703, requesting consideration for nomination to the specific office. The Nominating Committee must receive all requests no later than 30 June 2021 to assure sufficient time for processing and full consideration. Requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation that includes proof of service with the 1st Cavalry Division (e.g., a DD214 or equivalent) and a biographical sketch. The biographical sketch needs to outline the applicant's full name and provide ranks, dates of service and units assigned to in the 1st Cavalry Division. Additionally, it needs to provide the dates and positions for any offices held at National or Chapter level in the Association and similar information for any other Veteran's organizations the applicant belongs to. Any instances of special support for Association programs should also be included if applicable.

The election will be held during the General Membership meeting at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion of the Association on Saturday 25 September 2021 in Killeen, TX. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. A Life Member making such nomination will be expected to provide the information outlined above on the nominee and in addition provide assurance that the nominee is either present at the General Membership meeting or has agreed to accept nomination to the specified office.



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**Greetings to you all!** Spring is here, summer is not far away after that, and with summer comes the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association reunion at Fort Hood and Killeen. Check pages 12 and 13 in this issue for further information. You want to be there, as the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association will be electing a complete slate of officers this year and to be part of the election you must be present.

This is from our **president John Guillory**. I hope all 7th Cavalry Association Members are healthy, happy, and finally able get out and about with family and friends. Stay safe and may this summer season bring gentle breezes, bright smiles, bare feet, BBQ's, and happy thoughts. I look forward to seeing you this September in Killeen.

For many years now, I have been diagnosed as having Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), as I'm sure many of you have been too. Years after my time in war I began to feel some of the effects of that war, the mental anguish of losing men in my platoon, of feeling guilty because I came home, and they did not. As time rolled on, these feelings became stronger in my mind. At times, these feelings seemed to overtake my life; they caused me to "hole up" and stay away from people, even my loved ones. I was unable to explain to them how I felt or why I felt that way.

For the longest time I refused to believe that PTSD could happen to me – I really did not know what PTSD was. I thought that PTSD was a sign of mental weakness. I thought that PTSD was something that occurred immediately after a traumatic event, I did not know that it could build into a crescendo that could hit like a tidal wave. And all those people with PTSD that I saw in news broadcasts on TV were violent, I was not. There is a common misconception that people with PTSD are violent or dangerous, but this is not universally true. People can deal with these stressful and challenging symptoms in different ways. Some people may withdraw, some may appear fearful or jumpy and a small proportion may act violently.

And so, as I said in the beginning, I have been diagnosed as having PTSD for several years. That diagnosis was made by the VA, and my treatment has always been through the VA. At first, I was assigned to a licensed clinical social worker for therapy and a registered nurse for drug therapy. I was treated by these two people for several years but was not getting anywhere with my understanding or amelioration of the PTSD. But you know how it is with some drugs – the longer you take them, the less effective they become. And the more you talk about a situation, the more immune we become to it, it is almost like each time I talked about my wartime experiences the more insulated I became. The PTSD was not going away, and I was nowhere near controlling it. So, about 16 months ago, I asked if the VA could provide a more aggressive therapy, something that might better help me to get rid of the horrendous dreams, really nightmares, that I continued to have almost every night as the disorder got worse rather than better.

After going through some information from the VA, I soon found a therapy I wanted to try. But I had to have a psychologist to support me and help me through these therapies. I found one! He works out of the Cincinnati VA Medical Center at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, so our meetings are virtual.

The first therapy we tried was called Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). CPT is based on a social cognitive theory of PTSD that focuses on how the traumatic event is construed and coped with by a person who is trying to regain a sense of control in his or her life. This therapy requires a minimum of 12 sessions, with each building on the previous. This process allowed me to "rethink" those things that cause me the most difficulty with my PTSD, such as survivor's guilt and hypervigilance. The goals of Cognitive Processing Therapy are: Increase understanding of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and how it affects life. Accept the reality of the traumatic event. Feel emotions about the traumatic event and reduce avoidance. The idea is to remold my thought process about the things that created the survivor's guilt and the hypervigilance and in doing so, we were able to make me feel considerably better.

The other therapy is called Imaginal Exposure Therapy. This one deals with dreams, nightmares, and night terrors. My psychologist asked me to think of my worst nightmare and then to try to determine what event leads to that dream. Then, my psychologist had me relive the event, but in the present tense, while recording my verbal recall. You can imagine that this is exceedingly difficult – those of us with PTSD spend our lives trying to forget those events. However, I struggled through it and ended up with a 35-minute recording. Then, at least once a day, I listened to that recording until the next time I met with my doc. Each time I listened, the event became more and more clear in my mind. For example, the first time I listened to it, my men's faces were just a blur, but by the last time I listened to it, their faces were clear, just as they were on the day of the event way back in March of 1969. The nightmares associated with that event do not occur as often now.

My suggestion to you, if you have PTSD, is to contact the VA and inquire about these therapies. I thought there was nothing that would relieve the terrible, awful feelings that I had or the nightmares that have plagued me for over 50 years, but I was wrong, dead wrong. These therapies have helped me a great deal. Ask my wife and kids, they will tell you Give it a shot, my friend!

wife and kids, they will tell you Give it a shot, my friend! **Do you have film from Vietnam?** Did you, or someone else you know, shoot any 8mm film over there? We have had a request from Lou Reda Productions, internationally known as a producer of top-quality non-fiction programming garnering immense praise in the form of People's Choice Award, Peabody, and nine Emmy nominations including one win. Here is what they want, and what they can do with your movie footage. Lou Reda Productions has worked hard to preserve and share America's military history through film. The company has been a longtime collaborator with networks including the History Channel and National Geographic, producing high-quality, non-fiction programming. Lou Reda Productions also the Reda Archives, one of the largest privately owned film archives in the country, with a mission to accumulate, transfer, preserve, and restore footage of the nation's history.

Currently, we are looking for 8mm and 16mm film of the Vietnam War, partic-

ularly footage shot by Soldiers or individuals in-theater. We are also interested in collecting Vietnam War-era audio letters, as well as period footage from the 1950s-1970s highlighting the home front and the average "day in the life of an American," such as holiday celebrations, sporting events, and general Americana.

If you have film and are interested in having it digitized, then please contact Lou Reda Productions by calling 646-620-6181 or emailing <scott@redafilms.com>.

I recently heard from Marc Levy. He is a writer that has been featured in this column in the past. He informed me of some additions to his website, Medic in the Green Time <medicinthegreentime.com>. Marc served as a medic with Delta Company, 1<sup>st</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup>, in 1969 and 1970. I was initially assigned to Delta Company before being moved to Echo Company in January 1969, so I guess Marc and I must have passed in the night. I find Marc's website to be a fresh breath – he maintains several threads that deal with everything from war to poetry. Give it a look, I am sure that you will find something of interest there.

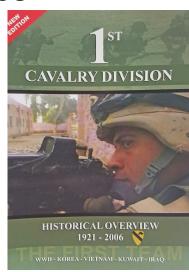
So, **this issue was different**, wasn't it? I need your help. For me to tell your story, I need to know what it is. And the only way I can know what your story is about is if you tell me. I need your stories, whether they are about your war, your friends, your life. All you must do is contact me and I will help you get the story ready for publishing. Everyone's story counts! Help me out here!! Help me write the column you want to read. Pictures are good, too, they help to tell the story. Together, we can keep this column alive and informative.

Lastly, I am looking forward to meeting and greeting many of you in Killeen this September. It has been a long time since we last met, some of us two years ago in Killeen, some of us 50 years ago on a battlefield. The Reunion is a time to renew past friendships and to make new ones. Please consider joining us there for a few days. A few days out of the rest of our lives is well worth it! GARRYOWEN all!

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## Do you have 1CD war stories you would like to share with other 1st Cav Veterans?

Send them to us and they will appear in the Trooper's Tale section in an upcoming Saber!

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Hello my fellow Troopers. I do not want to delve deeply into the woes of this country, but the country we fought for, and many of our brothers died for, is falling apart. No need to point and lay blame on anyone. My message is simply that we all need to stick together, help each other, pray for our country and most of all, stay safe.

I got the following observations, which I think are right on point, from a Trooper named **Robert Franks**, from Danville, PA. Robert served in Nam with C 1/8 from July '66 to July '67. Bob has published a book titled *Welcome Home Bro*. You can reach Bob at 570-742-3743 and he can tell you how to find the book.

#### **Observations from Robert Franks**

We were platoons forever jumping from one LZ to another, one hilltop to the next, and then ordered to sweep a valley, leapfrog over the next mountain, and come in heavy into a new valley. It came to me on one of these jaunts, that what we were doing resembled the early cavalry Soldiers in the western states, and their elusive Indian adversaries.

You were pony Soldiers. We were pony Soldiers. Let us remember together. You used wild mustangs for your mounts, and they called you pony Soldiers. We wore a horse head on our shoulder, and they called us pony Soldiers.

You rode a well-trained horse as your principle means of transportation.

We rode Huey Delta helicopters as our way of getting to the fight.

When you were in a fight, you got off your horses and fought on the ground. When we approached a hot LZ, we jumped from our hovering helicopters and fought as infantry.

You fought half a continent away from home, on desert or prairie.

We fought half a world away, in jungles and mountains.

You fought an enemy that could hide in the local village, and then come together quickly to attack.

We fought soldiers who hid and were protected by the villages until night when they attacked.

When you attacked, you made swift dashes on your horses, guns blazing, to maximize the shock effect.

We hugged the mountainsides and skimmed the treetops sprinting into the LZ, door gunners blazing.

You sometimes chased shadows and only found the enemy when he wanted to be found, and then often in great numbers

be found, and then often in great numbers.

We sometimes had to wait until we were fired upon before we knew the enemy was around.

You gave away your position with clouds of dust from horses shod feet and supply wagons.

We were likewise tracked in our movements by helicopter noise and our radio banter.

You passed by native villages that provided information to the enemy.

We were watched by local villagers who reported our numbers, positions, and direction of march.

Unlike previous wars, you fought battles where it accomplished little to capture ground, for the enemy melted away and returned at will.

The enemy was our target, for we could take a valley twenty times and he would always filter back.

You were dependent on Indian scouts to learn about and find your adversaries. We had ARVN allies and we depended on them to tell us the truth.

You came from a nation that built and deployed an immense well-equipped army, but it mattered not on your primitive battlefield.

We often fought in thick jungle terrain where aircraft could not see, and where tanks and other modern machines could not go.

You fought predominately in small units, isolated from your larger organization due to the need to search a wide area.

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We fought in platoon or company sized units, separated from battalion and brigade to search large, wooded mountains, or immense areas of thick jungle.

You had to rely on maps that had large areas of uncharted territory because the map makers did not know what was in them.

We had large expanses of green contoured jungle on our maps that failed to chart an immense trail network under the heavy canopy.

You were told and saw firsthand what you could expect if captured by your enemy.

We witnessed the atrocities committed on loyal village headmen and their families.

You were sent to fight by leaders who underestimated your enemy as a backward

people who should have been intimidated by the arms and tactics of the winner of the Civil War.

We also had leaders who could not imagine a third world country standing up

to the nation whose tanks plunged at the heart of the "Third Reich" and whose Navy retook the Pacific.

You lost a lot of good men because the successful cavalry tactics of the Civil War were ill-suited to the realities of the plains style of fighting and led to disasters

like the Little Big Horn.
We continually tried to force a large battle with sweeps and blocking maneuvers, designed to trap a big unit, while Charlie melted into the jungle singly or in small

groups.
You fought the greatest light cavalry in the world in the plains Indians.

We fought the fourth largest army in the world, with a seasoned cadre of Veterans from the French Indochina war, who used proven tactics in the same terrain they had previously fought over and won.

You learned to respect your enemy after you learned of his capabilities and determination.

We quickly learned to appreciate Charlie as a good soldier who could march all day and live off a handful of rice for a week.

You fought people defending their homeland, while you were the invader,

trying to push them onto reservations that politicians created, but they ignored. We were seen by the average peasant as no different than the French who proceeded us, while we played by the political rules of a police action and could not cross the DMZ or chase them into Laos.

You were not appreciated by many at home, who saw you fighting native people for reasons that were hard to understand, or to believe.

We were immersed in a war that increasingly lost support as it dragged on, and its early goals became blurred by reality both at home and in Vietnam.

But both of us knew why we were fighting - for each other, for your buddy riding on the next horse or on the same chopper. That is what it was about. That is why it mattered.

You were pony Soldiers. We were pony Soldiers. We will both be soon forgotten.

#### **Jumping Mustang News**

Glenn Sheathelm, the Public Information Officer for the 1st/8th (Vietnam) Jumping Mustangs, has informed me that they are hoping to gather in Gettysburg in October 2021. I will find out more info and pass it along. Glenn also has an interesting story about their 5th reunion that I will be putting in my next issue.

Unfortunately, the unit has had several deaths. Virginia Loughran passed away. She was the widow of the extremely popular 1SG of D/1/8 in 1967, John Loughran, who later became an SGM.

William B. Mozey died December 20, 2020. He commanded C/1/8 in 1966 after serving as adjutant in 1965. He made his mark with C Co by providing fire support for B/1/8 on May 21, 1966 when they ran into a slightly under strength NVA battalion. As a result, B Co was able to maneuver to take the pressure off their own 1st platoon and wipe out the NVA headquarters bunker. David Dolby was awarded the Medal of Honor, Roy Martin, and Michael Vinassa the Distinguished Service Cross in addition to some Silver and Bronze Stars to several others. Mozey did later tours with Advisory Team 162 which worked with the Vietnamese Airborne (he was in on the Cambodian Invasion with them). He then was advisor with the Korean Airborne. He received several compression fractures of the spine from a partially opened parachute and could not travel the last few years of his life. He was good friends with Roy Martin and Gerry Plummer who both commanded companies of 1st/8th and had been commander of the Golden Knights parachute team.

Phillip Simmons of Å 1/8 in 1965/1966 passed away in 2020. He and CPT Ted Danielson made the first night assault to support Troops in combat in 1965. They saved a unit of 1/9 Cav which had ambushed a group of NVA troops, that happened to be the lead element of a battalion of NVA soldiers.

Ricardo Stevenson B 1/8 Cav 1968/1969 passed away on December 7, 2020. Robert Earl Crocker B 1/8 Cav, hit by a booby trap on April 1, 1968, passed away in November 2020 due to an automobile accident.

May they all rest in peace.

#### **Tom Sawyer**

Also from **Glenn Sheathelm**: In the October 2020 issue of *Saber* there was a reference by Tom Sawyer in the "Looking For" column who was trying to verify what company he was with as a radio operator in 1st/8th about July of 1968. About 30 years ago there was a letter from a Tom Sawyer who also went from

A/2nd/19th Artillery to D/1/8. There is a good chance it is the same person. He can contact me directly at: Glenn H. Sheathelm, 1530 Beardsley Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441 or join the Jumping Mustang Chapter to get put in touch with the people in that unit at that time.

#### A Navy Man's View

When I was in Nam, I often wondered how other services went about their job. As I sat hunkered down in the bush, I still remember the awesomeness of fast movers supporting us. They were a thing of beauty and I was so thankful for them. At night, when we were operating around the South China Sea, I would look out over the ocean occasionally spotting a ship. Oh, how I longed to be on that ship. But wait, I have a buddy that was on one of those ships. His name is Chief Petty Officer (Ret) Glenn Taylor. He got his draft notice in November 1969. Not wanting to be drafted he enlisted in the Navy and went on to active-duty November 1969. He spent a lot of time training in Florida then was assigned to Aircraft Carrier USS Oriskany CVA-34.

His job was to load the armaments for missions. He spent 11 months off the coast of Nam, from the southern tip to Hanoi. Their mission was to seek out Migs, engage them, blow their asses out of the sky and support ground Troops. Glenn said a minimum shift was 12 hours a day duty. As you can imagine, they were bored a lot. Cards and other games helped with some of the boredom. Sleeping on a ship was hard but the food was not terrible. Bottom line, it was heavy duty work on board. I asked Glenn what they thought about the job they were doing at that time. He said they hoped they were on target and helped save American lives. Now that I have thought about it, maybe I have changed my mind: me on a ship?!?

#### April 11, 2021

Today, as I am writing, Chester Jon Kmit is in a place of honor on his birthday. He was born on 4/11/1945 and most of his buddies called him Jon. His name is listed on Panel 33W, Line 65 on that most honored place, The Wall. John was born in Hampshire County, Williamsburg, MA. He began his tour in Nam May 13, 1969. Jon's MOS was 11-B aka grunt. Many of us remember Jon as an exceptionally good Trooper and an overall good person, very well liked. Our company, D Co 2-8 Cavalry 1st Cavalry Division was operating in Tay Ninh province. Jon was killed in action and died February 5, 1969.

Rest in Peace Brother

#### **In Closing**

I hope everyone can get outside and enjoy this Spring weather. If you know of any of our brothers who have passed away, please let me know so that I can include them in my articles.

Honor and Courage, James Glenn "Top Gun" Dotson

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Early in April, my wife Diane and I drove from Northern Virginia to the Roanoke area to see our son and his family. As we drove south between Charlottesville and Lynchburg, we encountered a UH-1 Huey that appeared to be parked along the edge of southbound U.S. Highway 29. In a hurry to see grandkids for the first time in over a year, we did not stop, but did on the way back home. More about that later.

Covid-19 restrictions have caused a lot of places to close their doors to the public, and the fact that the phrase "Road Trip!" has a lot less appeal today than it did years ago mean some of us just are not up to going to see a museum in person. Fortunately for us, a lot of museums have figured that out, and many now offer virtual tours of their collections that make it easy and satisfying to pay them a visit.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. ARMY. The Army is the oldest of America's Armed Services, so it seems odd it never had a National Museum of its own, like the Navy's at the Washington Navy Yard; the Air Force's at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio; and the Marines' outside of Quantico, Virginia. Army museums have always been distributed across many posts, such as the Field Artillery Museum at Fort Sill and the Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker.

That changed on 11 November 2020, when the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, opened its doors for the first time. Less than a month later, COVID-19 protocols caused the doors to be closed again, but as a member of the National Capital Region Chapter of the First Cav Association, I was fortunate to be able to visit during the brief time it was open. It is an impressive place, and I intend to spend more time there when it reopens.

As you would expect in a museum devoted to the Army's entire 245-year history, Vietnam does not take center stage. The Vietnam War does not get a Gallery of its own but is presented along with the Korean War and the defensive

line manned by American Soldiers in Europe as part of the Cold War Gallery. Included in the display are numerous weapons and items of equipment used by the Army in Vietnam.

In our brief time there, I did not find any artifacts specific to the 9th Cavalry, but the Soldiers' Stories Gallery does include portraits and information about two early-day Troopers. COL Charles Young was a West Point graduate who served with the 9th Cavalry in Nebraska and Utah before commanding an all-black Ohio Volunteer Regiment in the



**SGT John Denny** 

Spanish American War.

SGT John Denny, who served for 30 years in the 9th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers, was awarded

the Medal of Honor for rescuing two wounded comrades in a fight during the Indian Wars.

**COL Charles Young** 

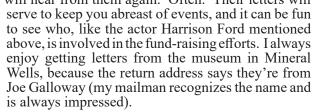
One upside to the Covid pandemic is the greater focus placed on virtual interaction (and not just Zoom). At the Army Museum's website, you can take a virtual tour of museum exhibits, register in advance for free virtual "Battle Briefs" and battlefield tours, and access an impressive archive of articles and essays about Army history to read at your leisure. Search for "National Museum of the U.S. Army" or go straight to <thenmusa.org>.

If the entire history of the United States Army is more than you wanted to check out, some museums are more narrowly focused on Vietnam.

THE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR MUSEUM. Though still under construction, this museum is open for business. It is located just east of Mineral Wells, Texas, which was the home of Fort Wolters, where many of us went through primary helicopter training and learned to fly in OH-23s or TH-55s.

This museum also has some interesting sights (and sounds) on its website. Search for "National Vietnam War Museum" or go straight to <nationalvnwarmuseum.org>. When you do, look for <u>Development Plan</u> in the menu bar across the top, and click on Museum Themes in the menu that drops down. Once there, scroll down to Technology & the War to learn from Han Solo (actor Harrison Ford) about the employment of helicopters in Vietnam. Then scroll down some more to Fort Wolters for a rousing recording of "Wings Over Wolters." Also be sure to check out the current outdoor and indoor exhibits under The Museum <u>Today</u>, especially the Southern Airways Exhibit—something not many of us ever expected to find in a museum!

More than one museum uses the title "National Vietnam War Museum." In addition to those listed here, in my online research I found one in Orlando, Florida; one in Waterloo, Iowa; and one in Chicago. Also, be aware that every museum needs and will ask for money, even the Smithsonian. The good news is that donations are tax-deductible. But be forewarned: once you make the first donation to a specific museum, you will hear from them again. Often. Their letters will



THE VIETNAM WAR AND FOREIGN CON-FLICTS MUSEUM. At the top of this column, I mentioned having come across a Huey parked along US Highway 29 south of Charlottesville, Virginia. The building the Huey was next to was closed on

Sunday when we stopped to check it out, but a sign on the closed door said it was the "Vietnam War & Foreign Conflicts Museum."

When we got home, I found out from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association that the Huey was not a Cav bird but had belonged to the 114th Assault Helicopter Company in Vinh Long, south of Saigon. I also found the museum's website, which includes many photos of the displays inside. Search for "Vietnam War and Foreign Conflicts Foundation" or go straight to <vietnamwarfoundationmuseum.com>.

THE REGISTRY OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER. As part of its mission to document and preserve the history of the Army since its birth in 1775, the National Museum of the U.S. Army wants to recognize the service and sacrifice of American Soldiers at home and around the world, in war and in peace. The Registry of the American Soldier provides an opportunity for anyone who has served in the Army to have his or her name and service history placed on record. The Registry will be on permanent display at the Museum and will be accessible via search at the Army Historical Foundation website. You can add your own name, that of a relative, or that of a friend who earned his or her place in the Registry by distinguished and selfless service to our nation. Simply search for "Registry of the American Soldier" or go to <armyhistory.org> and look for <u>Registries</u> in the menu bar across the top.

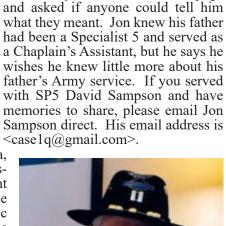
SINCE THE LAST ISSUE: David I. Sampson, who served as a Chaplain's Assistant in the 1-9 Cav from July 1968 to July 1969, passed away in Des



SP5 David I. Sampson

Robert Peterson of Grayson, Georgia, passed away March 31. He was commissioned in the Infantry but went on to flight school before going to Vietnam, where he joined A Troop. Former A Troop medic Howard Ketzner reports that Robert was flying Hueys as Apache 33 but took over as Apache Blue when Phil Hendrix was wounded in August 1968. He was thus one of the very few who earned his Combat Infantry Badge while on a flying tour. After retiring from the Army, Robert joined the DeKalb County Police Department and retired a second time as a Patrol Sergeant with 22 years of service.

REST IN PEACE, BROTHERS Jim Kurtz, Apache 03, 1970-71



Moines, Iowa, on February 9, 2021.

On April 3, his son Jon posted a photo

of his father's Vietnam awards on a

1st Cavalry Division Facebook page

**Bob Peterson** 



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## 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN

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When I arrived at 90<sup>th</sup> Replacement BN in Vietnam on Thanksgiving Day 1968, I had no idea where I was going. We, the new arrivals were told to check the bulletin board several times per day to see if our orders were posted. After a couple of days, I saw my orders posted. I read, "1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile)." Before going to Vietnam, I had not paid much attention to what Army Divisions were there, but I recalled President Lyndon B. Johnson announcing in July of 1965 that he was "ordering the Airmobile Division to Vietnam" and thinking, "Man, that 1<sup>st</sup> Cav must be the meanest, toughest outfit in the whole U.S. Army!"

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I asked the guy standing next to me at the bulletin board if he could tell me anything about the 1st Cavalry Division. He looked like maybe he had already served at least one tour in Vietnam. He replied, "All I know is that the Cav is the division that they send in when no other division can get the job done. They live and fight in the most filthy, dangerous, and primitive conditions imaginable!" With that, he patted me on the back and said (with a certain degree of sarcasm in his voice) "Have a great year, Buddy!"

What the guy standing next to me at the bulletin board at 90th Replacement BN said turned out to be true, but in my entire career, I never worked with more courageous, dedicated, and admirable people. Proud to have served with the FIRST TEAM!

#### 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (1CD) FACTS AND STATISTICS

There is no argument that 1CD was the U.S. Army Division that sustained the highest number of KIA's during the Vietnam War- a total of 5,618 by latest count (2020). That means that nearly 10% of all Vietnam War U.S. Military KIA's (58, 279 as per the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund) served with the 1CD! Furthermore, the 1CD KIA's constituted about 14% of all U.S. Army

In addition, 1CD reported approximately 26,600 WIA's, whose sacrifice must

also never be forgotten.

A frequent question that I hear is, "What were the KIA numbers for the other Divisions?" These statistics are not as readily available as one might think. The following statistics report KIA numbers in descending order from the Combat Area Casualty File of 11/93, National Archives. The list below includes only full divisions, that served in Vietnam.

5,464
4,561
4,022
3,151
2,629
2,541

For the full document, to see KIA numbers for all U. S. Army units as well as many other interesting Vietnam War statistics, go to <a href="https://lzsally.com/archives/namfacts.html">https://lzsally.com/archives/namfacts.html</a>. It is quite a large website, and you will need to scroll past several stories before getting to the statistics section near the end of the website.

The year 2020 1CD KIA count was 5,618; 2.8% higher than in November 1993. This difference is largely attributable to the finding of additional remains over the past 27 years. It would be reasonable to expect that the other divisions would have experienced similar increases between 1993 and 2020.

would have experienced similar increases between 1993 and 2020.

A moment of silence and slow hand salute for all 58,279 who gave all, recognizing also the approximately 340,000 U.S. Military WIA's. It can also be said that 1CD really "got around" Vietnam with frequent moves.

According to the book *Vietnam: Order of Battle* by Shelby L. Stanton, the 1CD HQ from 07/67-01/68 was at Bong Son in II Corps. In 02/68, 1CD HQ moved to Phong Dien (Camp Evans) in I Corps); then to Phuoc Vinh in III Corps in 11/68, where it remained until 04/71. So, within an 11- month period, from January 68 to November 1969, 1CD's HQ was in 3 different Corps Tactical Zones (II, then I, then III.)

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According to the book, The 1st Cav in Vietnam: Anatomy of a Division by Shelby L. Stanton, the 1CD was the only U.S. Army division to have served in all 4 Corps Tactical Zones of Vietnam. The Division's activities in I, II, and III Corps are well-documented, but less is known about its activities in IV Corps. Stanton's book describes that in the fall of 1968 when 1CD moved from the I Corps to the III Corps area, the U.S. Navy and 1CD conducted joint operations known as "Nav-Cav" with cavalrymen on Navy river patrol boats patrolling the rivers in both III Corps and IV Corps areas. No mention is made of what 1CD units were involved in these joint operations, but if anyone was involved in them, please contact me (future Historian Column material!)

#### 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION HISTORY ON WWW.1CDA.ORG

A quite frequent question that I hear is "Is there some history available for 1CD for the period that I served from X to Y?"

The answer is "Yes, there is an enormous amount of history of the Division 1CDA.org> clear back from the activation in 1921. Th history was compiled for the most part by former 1CDA Historian William H. "Harry" Boudreau, 1927-2014.

Here is the procedure for accessing the 1CD History:

1. Go to <www.1CDA.org>.

2. Click on the "History" tab at the top of the homepage. The "History" page will come up.

3. In the menu at the right, click on "1st Cavalry Division History (first-team. 3. In the menu at the right, click on "1st Cavalry Division History (first-team. us-Wm H. Boudreau). A page comes up entitled "Cavalry Outpost of the 1st Cavalry Division and Subordinate Units." The "Introduction" section describes how to proceed. Note that at this point, there is a diagram entitled "Website Map Instructions," however the "Expand" button to enlarge the diagram to a readable size is not functional. On your desktop computer, it should be possible to enlarge the image by holding down the "Ctrl (Control)" key while pressing the "+" key repeatedly until maximum enlargement is attained. To reverse the procedure, hold down "Ctrl" and press the "-" key. If you have a tablet, smart phone, or other touch-screen device, you should be able to expand and contract the size of the image with your fingers the size of the image with your fingers.

4. After reading those instructions, to get to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Narrative History, scroll down to the gold and black box that flashes alternately "FIRST-TEAM.US OUTPOST OPENS FOR YOUR REVIEW" and "GATEWAY TO

THE FIRST -TEAM.US OUTPOST"

5. Click on that box. A page entitled "The Scout's Prologue: Organizational Legacy of the 1st Cavalry Division and its Subordinate Commands" will come

6. As you scroll down through "The Scout's Report," you will come to "1st Cavalry Division -Table of Organization," then to "Major Subordinate Commands." Here you can look up unit has a subordinate to "Major Subordinate Commands." Here you can look up unit has a subordinate to "Major Subordinate Commands." you are/were in the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, find "1st BN, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regt" and click on it.

7. Up will come "8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment Organizational Legacy "Honor and Company" in the state of the 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry regiment.

Courage." Here you can read a history and status of the 8th Cavalry regiment. Click the "back" arrow to return to the previous page.

8. Continue scrolling down through "Birth of a Heritage." You will encounter a brief description of each chapter of the Narrative History. If you click on the title, like "Constitution, Activation and Organization," the pertinent chapter will

9. Scroll down to the "Table of Contents." The first chapter is "The Early Years1921-1941," and the last one is "Afghan War Closure 2012." Click on whichever chapter you wish to open. When finished, scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says, "Read On," and then click on "Return to Menu," Next Chapter," or 'Previous Chapter."

You have now taken the "Scenic Route" to access the Narrative History of 1CD. If you find this process a bit onerous and prefer a shortcut directly to the chapter(s) you want, the Table of Contents below should be helpful to you.

01- The Early Years 1921-1941 02 WW II Pacific 1941-1945

03 Occupation of Japan 1945-1950 04 Korean War 1950-1951

05 Return to Japan 1951-1957 06 Demilitarized Zone 1957-1965

07 Ft. Benning-Airmobile 1965

08 Vietnam War 1965-1972

09 Tri-Cap to Armor 1971-1990

10 Persian Gulf War 1990-1991

11 Force Restructuring 1991-1993 12 Desert Peacekeepers 1992-2000

13 Bosnia Peacekeepers 1998-1999

14 Closing the Century 2000

15 The Next Generation 2000-2020

16 Enduring Freedom 2001

17 Iraqi Freedom I 2003

18 Iraqi Transition 2003 19 Iraqi Freedom II 2003-2005

20 Modular Forces 2005

21 Iraqi Freedom IV 2006-2008

Reconstitution 2008 23 Iraqi Freedom VI 2008-2010

24 Iraqi Drawdown 2009-2010

25 Operation New Dawn 2011-2012 26 Re Integration 2012-

27 Afghan War Closure 2012-

You can search on your browser for any chapter directly. For example, if you wish to visit "Korean War, 1950-1951-Chapter 04," search on your browser for "first-team.us/tableaux/chapt\_04" and that chapter will come up. Once you are in a chapter, to go to another, scroll down to where you can select "Return to Mary" Not Clastic "Second Chapter".

Menu," Next Chapter," or 'Previous Chapter."

Need any help? Give me a call or send me an email and I will walk you

through it!



wish to acknowledge extraordinary efforts by former 1CDA Historian William H. "Harry" Boudreau who compiled this enormous amount of MO on March 6, 1927. He served as a PVT in F Troop, 8th Cavalry Regiment in Japan from 1946-1947 during the Occupation of Japan. Leaving the Army after that, he attended college at Bradley University and obtained a degree in mechanical engineering. In his engineering career, he focused on aviation and aero-space flight systems. After he retired, he focused on documenting the history of the 1st Cavalry Division and many of its regiments. Harry served as Historian from 1996 until he passed away 15 June 2014. Thanks, Harry!

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The William A. Richardson National Capitol Regional Chapter in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division Association will host the 12th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner at 1900 hours on Thursday evening, 11 November 2021 at the **Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel**, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The guest speaker has yet to be identified. Call 703-416-1600 to get your reservations and tell them you are with the 1st Cavalry Division.

- 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 2021.
- 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.

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.



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#### FIRST TEAM





### HONORARY AIR ASSAULT BADGE

The 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and the Association is planning to recognize our Veterans that served in Vietnam with the 1CD (Air Mobile) with an Honorary Air Assault Badge <u>Certificate</u> due to their contributions and execution of air assault missions during the campaign.

The Association mailed out letters that also included the application form. If we have your email address on file, to cut down postage expenses we emailed the documents to you. If you did not receive them, check your spam folder. If for some reason you did not receive the documents and you meet all the following qualifications listed below please email the Association, <firstcav@1CDA.org> or call 254-547-6537:

- Assigned or attached to a combat unit in 1CD during the period from 1965 – 1972 AND
- Served in direct combat (Infantry, Combat Medic, Cavalry, Engineers, Field Artillery, Aviation) with 1CD in Vietnam; OR was working in a Combat Support MOS assigned to 1CD combat unit AND
- Awarded the CIB, CMB, Air Medal, ARCOM with V device, Bronze Star, Silver Star, DSC/DFC, Medal of Honor; OR Conducted 25 or more Combat Helicopter Assaults or a lesser number of "hot" LZs AND
- Graduated from AIT, WOC/Flight Training, OCS, OBC, First Team Training, CLC or RECONDO during the Vietnam war era **AND**
- Provide a copy of your DD214 (social security number blocked out). Other proof of awards is accepted along with DD214.
- Deadline to submit is 1 August 2021.
- Air Assault Badges (old and new) can be purchased through our Gift Shop.

## PURCHASE YOUR AIR ASSAULT BADGE PINS through our Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Gift Shop



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## 73<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 22-26 SEPT 2021 KILLEEN, TX

#### Overview of 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion September 22-26, 2021

The Crossed Sabers Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team family in Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas for the 73rd Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 22-26 September 2021. Most of the First Team will be home for this reunion and we are planning an excellent event. All Life Members and Associate Members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association are welcome to attend this special event. As always, family members of our war dead, Gold Star Families, and widows of our members are welcome to join us for this reunion.

Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events will have limited seating available due to the size of available rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the Registration Fee to attend the reunion. Early registration, November 1, 2020 through July 30, 2021 is \$20 for all members, except those on active duty. Active Duty Troopers pay \$10 to register. Those sending in Registrations post-marked after 30 July 2021 must pay late registration fee of \$40. Family members attending with an Association member, widows of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers and Gold Star Family members that attend do not have to pay a registration fee.

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

We will be utilizing the Shilo Inn as the Reunion Headquarters and will hold many of the reunion events that are scheduled this year in the Killeen Civic and Conference Center (KCCC) located adjacent to the Shilo. There are no hotels in the area large enough to hold our group so we will be utilizing busses to get together for our events.

The Shilo Inn has guaranteed a room rate of \$109 per night plus tax for up to 130 rooms on peak nights and there is no charge for parking. Call (254) 699-0999 reserve a room. The reservation toll-free number is (800) 222-2244. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association reunion and make your reservations prior to 21 August 2021. The hotel does provide a free shuttle service from the Killeen Airport. Shuttles and rental cars are available at the airport. The hotel is located at 3701 South W S Young Drive in Killeen.

We expect to have rooms blocked at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 1721 E. Central Texas Expressway. Many of you may recognize this as the address of the hotel which we used to use (Plaza) but this is a much-improved hotel. The Courtyard Marriott has been completely renovated and remodeled and looks brand new with new plumbing and air conditioning and a fresh new look.

#### ADDITIONAL HOTELS IN THE AREA ARE LISTED BELOW:

Shilo Inn & Suites 3701 S. W.S. Young Drive,	<b>6109</b> Killeen, Texas	(254) 699-0999
Courtyard Marriott \$1721 E. Central Texas Exp	8 <b>109</b> y, Killeen, TX	(254) 616-2000 or (800) 321-2211
Residence Inn 400 E. Central Texas Expy	, Killeen, Texas	(254) 634-1020
Holiday Inn Killeen-Fort 300 E. Central Texsas Exp		(254) 690-5511
Candlewood Suites 2300 Florence Rd, Killeen,	Texas	(254) 501-3990
Fairfield Inn and Suites 200 E. Central Texas Expy	, Killeen, Texas	(254) 526-3333
Premium Inn and Suites 2603 E. Elms Rd, Killeen,	Texas	(254) 432-0100

There are several other good hotels in the general area in Killeen but if you choose to stay at one of those hotels, we will not be able to provide bus transportation for you. All the hotels provide free parking and there is ample parking at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center.

#### **RV PARK INFORMATION**

If you are coming in a Recreational Vehicle there is an RV Park directly behind the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. The fee is \$25 per night and they provide electric, water and dump facilities. Contact the KCCC at (254) 501-3888 for additional information. If you are active duty or retired military the West Fort Hood Travel Camp would also work but it is several miles from the KCCC, and they do not take reservations. The RV Park in Belton is still open but is no longer a KOA facility.

#### REUNION EVENT OVERVIEW

The 73rd Annual Reunion will run from Wednesday, 22 September through Sunday morning, 26 September 2021 and is full of events and time to visit with one another.

This year we will be running our usual events and have again included a Golf Tournament (four-person team, best-ball scramble) that will provide support to our Scholarship Foundation on Wednesday. The golf tournament will be held on the Courses of Clear Creek on Fort Hood. We are seeking sponsors to help off-set costs to maximize our income for the Foundation and its scholarship programs. We will have some teams from the active duty Troopers and hope that many reunion attendees will also want to play and enjoy this event.

This year the Ladies Tea will be held at the Killeen Vive Les Arts Community Theatre adjacent to the Killeen Civic Center and the Shilo Hotel. Lunch will be catered, and the ladies will have an opportunity to watch a live performance at the theatre.

As anticipated, we will have our Welcome Mixer, War Era Lunches, Unit Lunches, Texas BBQ, Purple Heart Breakfast, Ladies Tea, Association Banquet, a Sunday Breakfast, and Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors, and our General Membership meeting. During our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, we will hold elections for the Association and Foundation.

Seating for all events is open except for the Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. If you are attending the banquet, you must get your tickets marked with a table number at the Banquet Seating table when picking up your registration

packet. If you want to sit with specific people, we recommend that you go to the Banquet Seating table together with your tickets available. Do not wait until the last minute or we may not be able to accommodate your needs.

Cavalry casual attire is appropriate for all reunion events. We are always questioned about attire for the banquet. Wear what you feel comfortable wearing; a coat and tie, your uniform (if it still fits), or casual clothing with open collar. We want you to attend and are not overly concerned with what you wear.

The Association will provide a Reunion Room in the Shilo Inn during the reunion for you to gather and enjoy yourself. Drinks in the Reunion Room are free, but we ask that you generously donate to help us pay for this room.

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop will set up a store in the Shilo Inn to sell all kinds of First Team merchandise including shirts, hats, Stetsons, pins, decals, and other items too numerous to mention. The Souvenir Shop will also be open in the 1st Cavalry Division Museum during the reunion. A Reunion T-shirt may be ordered, and the order form is located on this page.

The Division will have units deployed but will have Troopers from all our units at Fort Hood during the reunion. The Division leadership is coordinating a special event on the evening of Friday, 24 September entitled "Spirit of the Cav" and other events on post during that day as well. This year we have offered an opportunity for our members to pre-purchase a box lunch for Friday's events. Busses will transport reunion attendees from the Shilo to Fort Hood on Friday for a vehicle displays, visits to the 1st Cavalry Division Museum, and a Demonstration by the Horse Cavalry Detachment. Visits to some of the unit areas will also be available and you can get a first-hand look at today's Army. If you have not been to Fort Hood for a reunion, make sure you attend and see the great Troopers of today's First Team.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

The Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (GRK) is a modern airport with jet service from Dallas and Houston. Airlines with flights to Killeen include American and United airlines. The Austin-Bergstrom Airport with other major airlines is located approximately 78 miles from Killeen and airports in Dallas are about a three-hour drive away.

The following rental car agencies are in the airport: Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and National Car Rental. Airport shuttle and taxi service is also available at the Killeen Airport.

AMTRAK offers services to Temple, Texas (25 miles away) if you wish to travel by train. Rental cars and bus service from Temple are available.

Trailways bus service is also available to Killeen.

#### THE BEST PART OF THE REUNION

As always, the best part of any reunion is the people that attend. The 1st Cavalry Division Association reunion brings in Troopers from almost every era of the First Team's history. Troopers that rode horses, fought in the Pacific with MacArthur, occupied Japan, fought in Korea, or stood watch on the DMZ will spend time with the Sky Troopers of Vietnam and the Troopers from Operation Desert Storm, Fort Hood, Bosnia, and the latest combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The equipment and terrain might be different, but the common bond of serving with America's First Team binds us together. Saddle up and join us in Killeen in 2021!

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Are you a member of the 1CDA: Y/N

## This reunion will be in conjunction with the Division's Centennial Birthday.

### Come celebrate with the Division!

Is this your first 1CDA Reunion: Y/N

#### WEDNESDAY SEPT 22 SATURDAY cont'd THURSDAY cont'd 0900-UTC Association Golf Tournament 1200-1400 Ladies Tea 0900-1100 General Membership Mtg 1930-2130 Welcome Mixer (Cash Bar) 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-1600 Registration Desk Open 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open 0900-1600 Souvenir Shop Open 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open FRIDAY SEPT 24 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 1300-1400 Foundation Trustee Mtg 0900-1600 Registration Desk Open **1200-1400** Unit Lunches 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open 1500-1600 Veterans Benefits Briefing **THURSDAY SEPT 23** 0900-1500 Events on Fort Hood 1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar) 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 1900-2230 Association Banquet **1500-1700** Spirit of the Cav 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open 1800-2000 Texas BBQ **SUNDAY SEPT 26** 0900-1000 Chapter President's Mtg 0700-0830 Group Breakfast **SATURDAY SEPT 25** 1100-1300 War Era Luncheons 0700-0830 LRRP/Ranger Breakfast **1330-1530** Board of Gov Mtg 0730-0845 Purple Heart Breakfast **0900-1000** Memorial Service (Long Roll Muster)

#### 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 73rd REUNION (2021) REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: 1st Cavalry Division Assn. Reunion, 302 N. Main, Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703

I will attend the 1st Cavalry Division Association 73rd Annual Reunion at **the Killeen Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX (254-699-0999)**, September 22-26, 2021. Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm Friday, August 20, 2021 in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. \*\*Cancellations are non-refundable after August 20, 2021 deadline. Registration fee required for Association Member only (Widows and Gold Star Family members pay no fee). Registration fee includes: Name Tags, Reunion Booklet, Reunion Pin, and an information packet.

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War Era Luncheon (circle one)		\$25.00		5C 7C 8C 9C 12C Wings			
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FRIDAY SEPT 24				Group Breakfast		\$25.00	
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## CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next Saber is **Thursday, July 1, 2021**. Please send to Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

#### **CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER**



We begin this edition of Chapter News with the sad report of the death of Mrs. Kelly Maddox who was the Chairperson of the Souvenir Shop Sub-Committee for many years. She volunteered many hours and every reunion working in the Souvenir Shop and made most of our Souvenir Shop Board meetings. Kelly was a sweet lady and I first met her when I was assigned to the Division in 1996. Her husband Terry commanded the Engineer Brigade of the First Team at that time. We will miss you, Kelly.

Planning for this year's Reunion and Division 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration continues, and we expect that there will be a large turnout as the end to the pandemic is in sight. We will need volunteers to assist the National Head-quarters in running the reunion and will get information out on email and Facebook. First Team! Dennis Webster, President.

#### **CONNECTICUT CHAPTER**

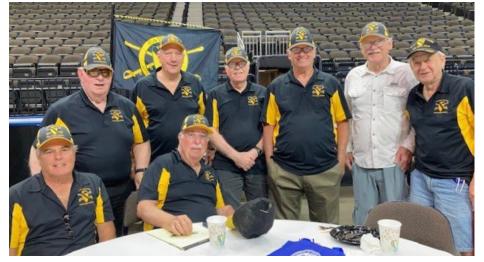


The Connecticut Chapter finally held an official meeting at the Manchester American Legion. Everyone was glad to get back together. Pictured are Bob Waz, Paul Marling, Al Johnson, Jack Kranyak, Steve Carter, Keith Moyer, Glen Bentz, John Larensen. Our next meeting will be the annual summer barbeque/meeting at the **Chester Marina** in Chester, CT starting at 1:00 pm on July 17. Food will be provided by the chapter. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. For further information contact President, **Keith Moyer**: 860-537-1716 or <kpmoyerco@hotmail.com>.

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of each month at the VFW 2093 on Edgewater Rd in Orlando at 1300 (1pm). Gilbert Harris is the new President (407-296-2413) and Tom Atkinson is the new Vice President (407-679-0780).

#### FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST CHAPTER



We made it to the Vets 4 Vets convention at the Jacksonville Arena as you can see. How about our Chapter caps? Pretty snazzy and ordered by Lou Urso our Treasurer. And what about our own Chapter Flag in the background? 1st Class operation we say. Sam Berninger is our VP, Ray Skipper our Secretary and Johnny Michael our Sgt at Arms.

Because of the geographic size of Jacksonville, we alternate meetings between Southside and Westside. You will get this *Saber* just in time to make our **June 15th** meeting at **Ted's Montana Grill** on San Jose Blvd. Stay tuned or get on the mailing list for more details.

Our only problem with the Arena meeting was that the next table over won the 50/50 door prize. We were one ticket away from having to report to the IRS. But we did add two more names to the email notification list. Feel left out? See contact info above.

We regret the passing of James Murphy. He was a great guy, and we keep his memory with us.

#### JAMES H. UNRUH, CENTRAL PA CHAPTER

The James H. Unruh, Central Pa Chapter of the First Cavalry Division Association held our first meeting in over a year on May 4. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **July 6** at **6:00 pm** at **Lititz V.F.W.**, **Post 1463**, 14 North Spruce St., Lititz, PA., 17543. Use the entrance door by the parking lot on the north side of the building. For additional information, email <cenpenn1cda@gmail.com> or call 717-389-1000. Letters can be sent to Michael T. Mazzaro, President, 2600 Willow Street Pike North, PMB 231, Willow Street, Pa. 17584. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every odd numbered month at the V.F.W. post.

#### **NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER**



Bob Arbasetti, Bob Jeanette, Edie Meeks, & Bob Anderson at Walter Reed

During the timeframe of the Afghanistan war, I thought about returning to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit wounded Soldiers. The best time to do this wound be Veterans Day week in Washington D.C. The 1st Cavalry Div Association stays at a hotel for Veterans week, and this is an excellent place to assemble our team. I knew that it would be a difficult visit and the best way was to form a team. Edie Meeks, a nurse in an army field hospital in Vietnam, was the first person I approached. I knew that her ability to deal with patients and hospital situations would steady the team. Then I sought chapter members and friends who were wounded in combat, whom I knew in Washington, to join the group.

On our first visit, I realize that none of us were prepared for what we were about to experience. Even though the Soldiers were in their twenties, they seem like school-age children. We were surprised to see many female Soldiers with a few missing limbs because of many roadside bombs.

All were happy to see us; some wanted to show us videos that they shot. Others wanted to show pieces of shrapnel that were taken out of their bodies. Others wanted to display their scars. Most patients wanted someone to talk to. The hospital can be a lonely place to be. Everyone seems pleased to visit with these Soldiers. It reminds one of the sacrifices they made. To me, it just how terrible war is and how costly the price that is paid.

The New York-New Jersey Chapter will hold its Fall Meeting on Oct 16, 2021, at the Ridgefield park Elks Lodge in Ridgefield Park NJ. Check out the Facebook page for updates. President Bob Arbasetti

## 1CDA Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents & POC's

Gentle Reminder!

Chapter President's Meeting at the Reunion

Thursday September 23, 2021 0900 - 1000

If you are attending the Reunion, please remember to bring your Chapter Banner to hang up in the Reunion room.

Also, tax packets will be mailed beginning in June. They will need to be returned to Headquarters <u>before</u> the reunion as the IRS deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **CROSSED SABERS**

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#### FLORIDA

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We meet quarterly on 2nd Sat of Mar,
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## From the Director's Desk office of 1CDA



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 (1CDA) 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 1CDA stands ready to help prepare those Soldiers to thrive as civilians and Veterans.

#### Why is this important to the Association?

The Soldier for Life concept helps <u>Veterans</u> 'bridge the gap' from the service through reintegration into their communities. The 1CDA has 25 chapters across the US to help facilitate veterans during their reintegration and beyond. It is here that their Army Story becomes a legacy that perpetuates the proud traditions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. "Once Cav, Always Cav.... First Team."

The next *Saber* newspaper is the July/August 2021 edition.

Deadline for submissions of your stories or photos is **Thursday, July 1, 2021** 

Please email to Programs@1CDA.org

#### 1CDA OFFICE UPDATES

- 1. Reunion Registrations: Please be sure to include your \$20 registration fee. Many members who have mailed in their registrations, have forgotten to add the \$20 into the grand total. You will receive a reunion confirmation letter in the mail. Please read it carefully; we will let you know if you owe money.
- 2. In preparation for the Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Gift Shop moving to 1CDA Headquarters in October 2021, catalog sales are now being run out of 1CDA Headquarters office. The current Gift Shop (inside the 1CD Museum on post) will close on or about 1 October 2021 when the 1st Cavalry Division Museum closes its doors in preparation for a move into the Mounted Warrior Museum. The current plan is to re-open the Gift Shop in Copperas Cove, 1 November 2021, just in time for the holidays. However, catalog sales will continue without interruption.
- 3. If you need to send anything to the Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Gift Shop please mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703 (the P.O. Box will no longer be used).

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Today's 1st Cavalry Division breakdown is not what it once was. Below is the breakdown of the current units of the Division. Also for anyone on social media, please feel free to look up the units on Facebook and see what your old unit is doing.

#### 1st CAVALRY DIVISION UNIT BREAKDOWN

#### 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "IRONHORSE"

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

#### FACEBOOK: 1st ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

#### 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team "BLACKJACK"

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

#### FACEBOOK: 2nd ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

#### 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "GREYWOLF"

- 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment "Chargers"
- 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment "Ghost"
- 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment "WarHorse"
- 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment "Saber"
- 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment "SteelDragons"
- 3rd Engineer Battalion "Beavers"
- 215th Brigade Support Battalion "Blacksmiths"

#### FACEBOOK: 3rd BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

#### 1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE "AIRCAV"

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

#### 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade "WAGONMASTERS"

- 1st Special Troops Battalion
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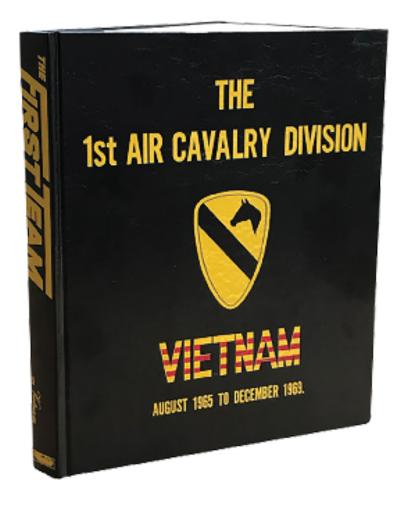
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In 1970, the Division published a full-color hardbound commemorative book to document the time spent by 1st Cavalry Skytroopers in Vietnam, from 1965-69. Many of our members received a copy of this special book nearly 50 years ago, but over time the books were lost, damaged or worn down from frequent use. This reprint is identical to the original printing that rolled off the presses in 1970, but brand new and in pristine condition!

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### 20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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**GREETINGS:** Our proverbial persistent pandemic posturing postponed 2020 Annual Reunion of the ARA Association is officially on again!

STORM SAVANNAH - ACT II: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion – Aerial Rocket Artillery Association, August 30 – September 3, 2021. PLEASE NOTE: Dates are Monday – Thursday

**GOODNEWS from our PRESIDENT**: So, please join us in Savannah, the oldest city in Georgia. Established in 1733 on the banks of the Savannah River, it was the British colonial capital of the – then – Province of Georgia, and later the first capital of the state. It was a strategic port during the American Revolution and during the American Civil War and is one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Important Note: Your leadership and our hosts are working to finalize the details of the week, please secure your hotel (it has a generous cancellation policy) so you do not miss out on the event. We look forward to being all together face-to-face this summer! Base Ops: Reunion headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Express Savannah-Historic District located at 199 East Bay Street, one block off River Street. Reunion rate for a double queen or a king bedroom is \$119.00 + tax. The \$119.00 is the rate for Sunday through Thursday night and changes to a higher weekend rate for Friday and Saturday. We switched the reunion to weekdays to ensure the lowest and best possible hotel rates.

**Hotel Reservations**: If calling for reservations, tell the agent our group discount code of ARA Reunion to get the room rate of \$119.00 + tax: Direct number to the hotel is 912-231-9000. (If you decide to book hotel nights before or after the event, please call the hotel directly to ensure that you receive our special group rate)

**More on Savannah:** As the oldest city in Georgia it is full of history and Savannah offers something for everyone. Tour the city on foot (if you are up to



it) or by trolley, horse drawn carriage, or golf cart. A walk along River Street is a must, with its monuments, shops, restaurants, and pubs. Go out on the river for a lunch, sunset, or dinner/entertainment cruise, or take a dolphin tour. Known as the most haunted city in the nation there are numerous cemetery tours, day, and night, including one with connections to "The Da Vinci Code" and is featured in "Midnight in The Garden of Good and Evil."

There is also a Haunted Pub Crawl. One tour is done in a real hearse. There are old forts and military museums including the museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Savannah is also famous for dining and several culinary tours are available. As usual, additional tours can be arranged through the hotel or individually. For more information, go to <www.savannah.com>.



This is only a sampling of things to come and while some details are still being ironed out, I am sure that our host and hostess, Jerry and Ann Hipp, will have an exciting agenda which will be published in the July/August/September issue of the Association newsletter. Thank you, Clovis Jones, for the good news and recent information. I will be sure to update all members in the July-August *Saber*.

Here is hoping that the rest of 2021 is a good New Year! This last year has been tough for all of us in one way or another. The Covid-19 pandemic alone was serious enough. Add to that the interruptions in travel, businesses, lost jobs, lost or reduction in wages, the impact on our education systems, and the disconnections in family and relationships. The houses of worship were closed in many states and we saw little of our church friends and lost most of the connectedness in our worship environment. Our congregation met in the parking lot and remained in our vehicles and tuned in to local FM radio station 99.7 and followed along in our church bulletin as we celebrated drive-by Holy Communion. Hopefully, now with opened houses of worship, we can become reconnected.



I remember so vividly the Christmas of 1944 when I received my first set of the original Lincoln Logs. The first thing I had to learn was how to connect the logs to build something substantial. Connections have been an important part of our lives and careers. Our next reunion will be our first time together in two years. Let us make it important to be there in Savannah together to celebrate this New Year and each other!

Also, this is the perfect time to connect with our creator. We know that our 43rd President, George W. Bush, was a religious man and spoke of his faith journey many times during his presidency. To para-

phrase what actor Josh Brolin who portrayed President George W. Bush in the movie "W" said at the end of his cabinet meetings in the Oval Office, "Let us now go to the commander upstairs." We have many other examples of leaders going to the "Commander Upstairs" in prayer; George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman, JFK, LBJ, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and the list goes on! Let us all connect with the Commander-in-Chief with praise and thanksgiving as we return to some sense of a normal life!

Until next time, "this is Armed Falcon 28Delta, breaking right!"

### THE DOCTOR'S REPORT

COL (Ret) James Noel HHC 1-5 Cav, 1990 JNoel2@live.com SSG (Ret) Jonathan Shockley HHC 1-5 Cav, 1988-1992 (Doc Shock) Jsho941055@aol.com

Sum, Sum, Summertime it is a coming!

We have spent the last 14 months in an effort to be health and safety conscious while doing our missions, wearing masks, social distancing and putting off a great many of our normal past times and adventures. While our active duty and retirees have made many sacrifices and dealt with economic issues, and the health issues of friends and family, we are turning the corner with immunizations and our sacrifices. To say we are looking forward to summertime and returning to many of our favorite pastimes, danger lurks.

Sun safety and the prevention of heat injuries are crucial in our completing a fun and enjoyable summer while maintaining our home and work effectiveness. Each year since 2014 in the U.S. Army 1500 Soldiers suffer from heat injuries. As we all know prevention of heat injuries in Soldiers is a major force protection goal. These injuries are occurring in young healthy Soldiers. Those of us who have retired and maybe aren't challenging our active-duty fitness level are even more susceptible to heat injury. Heat illness occurs when our body cannot shed itself of heat and our core temperature rises. High external temperatures, high humidity and increased activity result in an increase in core temperature. We eliminate this heat by sweating. As we lose body fluid by sweating our weight drops and our ability to compensate decrease. For each percent of body weight lost our temperature rises about 0.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Therefore, the first **goal of preventing heat injury is hydration.** Adequate hydration also preserves athletic performance. As we dehydrate muscle cells decrease in size and increase muscle stiffness and result in cramps. When engaged in outdoor activity do not wait to get thirsty, drink to prevent thirst and sorry folks, I do not mean beer. Avoid alcohol, sugary drinks, and caffeinated beverages. Water and low sugar electrolyte drinks are good hydration solutions. Remember that overbearing NCOIC drink until you pee clear. When your urine is darkening in color you need to get out of the heat and rehydrate.

Remember sun protection. Sun exposure can result in sunburn. Even slight or mild sunburn markedly increases fluid loss from the skin. So, avoiding sunburn is an important brick in the wall of preventing heat injury. Wear sunscreen on exposed skin and reapply throughout the day. Use a sunscreen with an SPF equal or above 30 but remember even the highest SPF sunscreen wears off with time, so reapply every 2 hours. When outside and in the sun wear cool, light-colored clothes made of natural fabrics like cotton and wear a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. The Australians call sun protection "Slip slop, slap." Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat. Pay attention to the weather forecast, and plan outdoor activities accordingly.

Be aware of the signs of overheating which include muscle cramps, light headedness, dizziness, thirst, headache, dry mouth, fatigue, swelling in the ankles and lower extremities, clumsiness, and cold clammy skin. Should these occur cease outdoor activity, hydrate, get inside or into the shade, elevate the feet, in a cooler place, or in a place with the breeze. With increased body temperature to 104 Fahrenheit, confusion, dry skin, or a lack of sweat despite the heat, one should be taken to an emergency room, these are signs of impending heat stroke.

Lastly be aware of those at higher risk of heat injury, and these include infants and young children, those who are 65 years of age and older, folks who are overweight, people who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, people with depression, insomnia, or poor circulation.

Again, any questions or suggestions for a topic let me know. We are looking for contributors so any docs, physician's assistants, medics or medical personnel who would like to contribute let me or Doc Shock know. You will find our contact information at the heading of this article.

#### WANTED

#### LARGE PAINTED CAV PATCH

I ran operations in the Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam in 1969-1970. I remember a large 1st Cav patch painted high on a rock in the valley. I assumed it was painted soon after the 1965 fight, but can anyone help with some background of who or when? Did anyone get a picture? Gary Chamberlin <gechamberlin@yahoo.com> or (808) 554-3623.

#### **PFC FREEMAN**

I'm looking for PFC Freeman who was a member of the **2nd platoon** of **A Company 1/8 Cav** and served in Vietnam during 1967. He lost both legs when he stepped on a tripwire or booby trap that set off a high explosive round. PFC Freeman was from East Point, Georgia. If you have any contact information on Freeman, please contact me at 706-587-8634. Thank you. Richard Flanders

#### LOOKING FOR A LONG LOST BATTLE BUDDY?

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

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### 15th MED/15th FSB/15th BSB

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I received an email and the two photos below from 1968-'69 MEDEVAC 21 **Art Jacobs** in response to the last column who wrote: "Mike: An excellent recap of the tragedy of 26

November 1968 in the April Saber.

"Some additional information on the three guys I knew the best: Jim Doran and I were in the same flight school class, graduating the end of October 1967. We attended the Medevac School at Fort Sam Houston together, and were on the same airplane from Travis AFB to Vietnam. For one short week in April 1968, after I made Aircraft Commander, he was my co-pilot at LZ Sharon. He was within a month of going home when he was killed. Three years ago, I was in touch with his nephew in New Jersey, exchanging information about Jim.



LZ Sharon. L to R WO Tom Grove, CPT Clarence Cooper, CWO Art Jacobs.

"Stephen Beals was my co-pilot in July 1968 at Camp Evans. We flew together for almost two months. He was wounded on 24 July 1968 on a hoist mission in the mountains near LZ Carol for Bravo Company, 2/8th Cavalry. His wound was from a bullet that ricocheted off the back of my seat and hit him in the left forearm. It was on that same mission that SP4 Jerry Dick, our door gunner, was shot in the head and 100% disabled. Two hoist missions later to the same coordinates I was shot in the right arm, our engine was shot out, and we crashed in the jungle. Stephen Beals attended the Oklahoma Military Academy in Claremore, OK. When he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame, I was invited to give his induction speech. I have been in touch with his sister Anne over the years.



The two MEDEVAC crews at LZ Sharon. John Alling is closest to the "C" in MEDEVAC. I am standing over his right shoulder. Next to him is (big) Jim Belair.

"John Alling was my crew chief at both LZ Sharon in April 1968, and Camp Evans in July 1968. He was on the first and second hoist missions with me on 24 July 1968. He was a quiet but very competent crew chief. You could always rely upon John to have his aircraft ready to go and to go the extra mile. He was genuinely liked and respected by everyone who knew him. Best regards, Art Jacobs 'Medevac 21'."

I also received email from **Thomas Ginop** <tree 1968.1969@gmail.com>A2-8 Cav 1968-'69. He said, "I just read your article in the *Saber*. I was a member of A2-8 from 7-26-68 to 7-26-69. I was with the company on Thanksgiving Day in 1968 when we recovered the bodies from the chopper crash. I am not sure how much I can remember but would help in any way I can. Tom."

I ask Tom if he could write, and about anything he remembers, and if he was at LZ Rita. He said, "Yes, we were working out of Rita at that time. I did make the big move south. No, I do not think I am much of a writer, but I can try. It may take a few days. I am also in contact with a couple of other guys that were there also [and responded]. No, I have not talked to Leif Aamot. Tom."

Thanks to Leif Aamot of A 5-7 Cav who wrote to me in February 2014 a concise account of the events that led up to MEDEVAC 18 being shot down with all crew and extracted casualties consumed by fire. I was able to look up all the coordinates on the maps of that area I have and know where everything he mentioned was.

In June of 1969 my company, C 2-7 Cav, on one occasion humped up that road (244) which both our LZ Jamie and LZ Rita were on. Rita, nine klicks north of Jamie, by then was an abandoned remnant, as we walked through. Its strategic location by the junction of road 246 which went from Quan Loi to Bo Tuc and on to Katum to the west parallel with the border of Cambodia at most eleven klicks to the north gave it a violent history with different names previously which I will mention another time.

Always remembering our 1st Cav Troops on duty around the world; over and out.

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#### ENGINEER News



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Get your vaccinations.

Look out. There is a Covid germ right over there ready to leap on you! Be cautious. Still. The covid has killed over two million people worldwide and it's not done. It's as serious as incoming 107 rockets, but you cannot hear the Covid coming.

How do I know what incoming 107 rockets sound like? I've heard them. They go over with a very soft whistle, from their engine burning, and explode louder than just about any other incoming. When I was in the 8th Engineers, I was stationed at Phouc Vinh, in Viet Nam. I was there for one year, part of 1969 and 1970. I heard a lot of them. We called Phouc Vinh, Camp Gorvad. We also called it Rocket Alley. If we didn't get incoming rockets or mortars after four or five days, we all felt a lot of tension. We knew they were coming, they were overdue, and you'd walk around gritting your teeth waiting. Finally, the enemy would oblige us with incoming and the next morning, the tension was gone, and it was a relaxed and relieved in the company area again. No one wanted the incoming, but since it had happened and was over, we could relax for a day or so, until the tension began to increase again.

I'm Steve Richey. When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers in the HHC company my MOS was a surveyor. There wasn't a lot of surveying to do, so I did some locating where future firebases would be built, did work on three air strips, often would go out on the log ship taking supplies to our line companies on the LZ's, and dodged as much KP and guard duty as I possibly could. I was a normal Soldier.

CPT Suydam was my company commander for a while. There were others, I just do not remember all their names, it has been a while. CPT Rich Estes was B company's commander and today I stop to visit him when I find myself in his area. Sadly, CPT Betteridge, A company's commander has gone to Fiddler's Green. CPT Suydam will be adding to this column. He writes very well and has a lot to say.

I want this column to be about Soldiers and their experiences. As a boy, I would fish with my grandfather who had been in WWI, back when the calvary had horses and mules in combat. He would talk to me about the war he fought in Europe and when I got to Viet Nam, some of the things he told me, actually helped me in what I did. The stories each of us have, have value to those still on active duty. A story or a sentence or mentioning how to do something, can have a lot of value to today's active-duty Soldiers. I want to hear them. I want to print them here to be read by other Soldiers.

Send me your stories. Let me know how it is you gained valuable experiences which could help other Soldiers. The 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers accomplished a lot. Tell me how you did it. You've heard from me, now let's hear from you. Pictures would be good. The best way to not have an 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers column, is to not contribute to it. You can send your stories to my email address at <d9dozer@verizon.net>. I really do want to hear from you. Send your pictures also.

**Martin Suydam**, as I said previously, was my CO for a time in the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineers. He's a Soldier's Soldier. Below is Part 1 of several parts to follow written by Martin. This is Part 1, in his own words:

**June 1966:** As part of my orders to Ranger, I was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cav, or simply the Cav. Immediately upon graduating from Ranger school I received a telegram cutting my expected 30-day leave short and I was ordered to depart within days for Vietnam as part of a 100-men-a-day replace-

ment for losses sustained by the 1st Cav in the Ia Drang offensive. This was an exciting time for someone who planned to be a combat Soldier.

July 1966: Flying to Vietnam over the 4th of July was the first time I had experienced the complete loss of a day by flying across the International Date Line, we went from July 3rd to July 5th. While I had parachuted from a jet aircraft, this was the first time I had participated in a new assault landing tactic with the C141 Starlifter cargo aircraft. As we passed over the coastline engine power was reduced to a minimum and the plane dropped like a rock from cruising altitude

to a couple thousand feet off the ground when engines were brought back to power just in time to land, an eerie experience. We punched through the heavy rain clouds only a couple hundred feet off the ground onto the Pleiku airfield in the Central Highlands landing on a metal-paneled runway. Engines continued to roar with blast deflectors extended. We were offloaded and the Air Force service



Landing at Pleiku

personnel jerked the pallets of cargo out the rear cargo door to be replaced by pallets heaped with body bags. Ambulatory wounded Soldiers wordlessly boarded staring at the green, khaki-clad replacements. The aircraft then started to roll, then blasted forward, and, as soon as the tires retracted, the plane shot nearly

An Khe, Camp Radcliff

straight up through low clouds and disappeared. We walked quickly to a smaller Army cargo aircraft, C-7A Caribou, for a flight from Pleiku to An Khe skimming over the mountains and jungle. An Khe was the base camp for the Division with a large helicopter landing area call the Golf Course.

We were still in our khaki uniforms and carrying duffel bags (our worldly possessions), that was the last day for the next six months I would wear khakis, and even clean fatigues, until I went on R&R leave. Upon arrival at An Khe we in-processed and packed all

our non-combat clothing and items in the same duffel bag for storage, I would finally return to An Khe after 6 months and was never able to locate my duffel.

"Welcome – you are now in the war." All our military sharpness and starched uniforms disappeared, for the rest of our tour living conditions were dominated by dust and mud – rarely anything in between.

#### **DIVISION DOINGS**

## III Corps Command Team Announces People First Plan by III Corps Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas -- III Corps "Operation People First" continues for Soldiers, Families, and civilian workers across all III Corps units and their communities.

"We are announcing "Operation People First," an initiative that ensures Soldiers, Families and civilians are always at the core of what we do. Throughout this initiative, Soldiers should expect engaged, personal leadership," LTG Pat White, III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general, said here, Nov 17. "Leadership is a contract between the leader and the led. Ultimately, Soldiers should expect that leaders know their teams; are invested in taking action to solve problems; and are committed to both demonstrate and enforce standards."

Operation People First prioritizes a back-to-basics, people-first approach to leadership and will focus on restoring the fundamentals of engaged personal leadership to restore trust with Soldiers, Families, civilians, and military communities.

"Our goal is to promote a positive culture across our formations. Soldiers should demand that leaders put their welfare, professional development and readiness first," CSM Cliff Burgoyne, III Corps and Fort Hood command sergeant major, said. "Our Soldiers, Families, and civilians across our teams can expect that leadership will seek your input and listen to your concerns. We will be highly trained, disciplined and fit, and give our people time with their loved ones."

Operation People First will be conducted in three phases. The first phase focuses on getting to know Soldiers and building trust; it began Oct 19 and runs through early December and concludes with a III Corps-wide People First Action Week. Phase two will incorporate leader certification programs and a servant leadership forum. Phase three will culminate in assessments that analyze the effectiveness of the initiative. This is a 12-month initiative that will be refined based on bottom-up feedback.

Operation People First is for all III Corps Soldiers which includes Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Carson, Colorado; and Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Validating Crews and Eliminating Corrosives Story & photo by SGT Calab Franklin, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, TEXAS – Troopers with Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment (2-82 FA), 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, validates their M109A7 Crews and uses the time in the field to get after the Army's People First initiative, Fort Hood, Texas, Jan. 19, 2021.

As the wintery weather and time off duty comes to an end at the GREYWOLF brigade, crews with 2-82 FA take to the rolling hills and muddy terrain of the



training areas to validate themselves on the Army's newest version of the Paladin self-propelled howitzer system.

"So, this exercise is like a basic building block," said CPT Joseph Oh, Alpha Battery Commander. "This is what certifies our sections, now they can move together, occupy as a section, and they can shoot as a section."

The training was predominantly conducted to ensure all crews are combat ready and are familiar with the systems, but with the Army's People First Initiative going on Oh decided to use down

time to eliminate some of the corrosives from their formation.

"One thing we tried to show was that training and People First are not mutually exclusive, we can do the two at the same time," said Oh. "I think a lot of people had it in their mind that we need to shut down and just do People First, or we can only train for a week, but we are doing both."

The unit talked about eliminating corrosives, while in the field, and used down time to invite the Fort Hood MWR out for events and discussions that lead to a more open and transparent formation.

"I do believe training and People First go hand in hand," said 1LT Junus Sela, Alpha Battery Platoon Leader. "It is possible to learn who your Soldiers are while conducting training, in-fact, I think it leads to better team cohesiveness if you are able to do your job under those conditions."

The Troopers and Leaders at 2-82 FA are proving to the world that you can still train to fight and protect the nation while taking care of the Soldiers and building a safe and healthy environment at the same time.

Sela stated, moving forward this is how they want to attack corrosives and he believes it is how we stay ready on and off the battlefield.

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## 545<sup>th</sup> MP Co News

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The Military Police Corps, Regimental History - Part Six - Korean War

On 25 June 1950 the North Koreans, to unify the Korean peninsula under communism, struck south of the 38th parallel. This action was followed by the immediate intervention of United Nations Troops to defend South Korea. Since American Troops were stationed in Japan, even though they were occupation Troops and not trained combat units, they were the first to see actual service in Korea. Following the outbreak of hostilities, the first military police company to arrive in Korea was the 622d Military Police Company, landing on 5 July 1950. During the conflict, this company received ten battle participation credits as well as a Meritorious Unit Citation and a Korean Presidential Unit Citation for service. In the demilitarized zone, the principal duty of this company was to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the area. Men from the company also supervised the Korean Security Guard Company, which patrolled thirty-five miles of gasoline pipeline passing through the I Corps area. In Korea, the military police faced many problems which had become routine and familiar during their past service. At the same time, in common with the rest of American forces, they faced circumstances and conditions which were entirely new to the Corps. For the first time, the Army was confronted with an organized oriental, Communist army which brought with it a new ideology, new concepts of warfare, and new methods of treating prisoners of war. The years of the Korean War taught many lessons to the American Soldier and produced many problems which were unusual or unfamiliar.

The military police had to expend a great deal of effort to combat black-market activities in that war-torn peninsula. Since the original Troops sent there were combat-hardened Veterans, the situation did not become serious until replacements were received from the States. As in other theaters, these replacements were young and inexperienced men who lacked the judgment to see that operations in the black-market were detrimental to their own country. Suddenly, with the outbreak of the war in 1950, a situation was created which increased black-market operations. A great mass of people were forced from their normal routines and away from their homes. A lack of material possessions became common throughout the entire peninsula. Practically anything possessed by an American Soldier was the object of an offer for purchase by a Korean.

From the initial phases of the war onward, the military police were involved in combat. The 2d Military Police Company, 2d Infantry Division, was called upon several times to supplement the perimeter defense of the division command post by protecting the avenues of approach. This necessitated setting up machine gun positions and outposts to give timely warning of the approach of the enemy. Another duty of the 2d Military Police Company was to combat guerrillas. Depending on the tactical situation, a large percentage of the military police were utilized to combat these irregular forces. The military police had as part of their mission control of traffic over defiles and through mountain passes. This was performed without regular tactical forces providing additional security units to protect the military police. A provisional security force, distinct from the division's military police company, and consisting of American officers with Republic of Korea Soldiers and military police under them was also established. Its mission was to ferret out small groups of guerrillas and determine the strength of the guerrilla bands operating within the zone between regimental and divisional command posts. The Military Police assigned to the 24th Division operated in the same manner as those assigned to the 2d Division. A traffic control post and system were established at Taejon. Two days after establishing the traffic control post, the military police were in the front line with the 21st Infantry Regiment. After engaging the enemy for almost a week, they returned to their primary duty of traffic control. As United Nations forces were pressed back, employing delaying



Reconnoitering to determine guerrilla strength

defensive tactics, these military policemen became combat Troops in rear guard units. One military police platoon of the 24th Military Police Company, with other rear-guard elements, remained in Taejon thirty-six hours after the main force had withdrawn. There they actively engaged in combat with communist tanks up to the last minute. Then they cut their way through enemy roadblocks and escorted the last convoy from the city.

During the advance to the Chosen Reservoir in North Korea the X Corps' military police company was responsible for traffic control along the main supply route. The military situation at the Chosen Reservoir deteriorated rapidly once Chinese forces came into the conflict. By 12 December 1950, an estimated 8,000 refugees were infiltrating into the port area per day, adding to the congestion and confusion of the UN retirement from North Korea. As Troops were returning from the reservoir, open roads became an absolute necessity. The military police rapidly learned the importance and method of controlling refugees during this crisis. Loudspeakers, operated by Korean interpreters, were used to direct the flow of refugees and to warn them of the danger of traveling at night and of congesting the roads. From 19 to 24 December 1950, the military police at Wonson collected, escorted, and loaded into ships more than 100,000 refugees, in addition to thousands of United Nations personnel and prisoners of war. During the planned withdrawal of the remainder of UN forces southward, the problem of refugees became enormous. Hundreds of thousands of these homeless people blocked the roads to the south. It therefore became necessary to halt all southward movements of refugees. This was accomplished by setting up roadblocks at critical points along the roads. Both United States and Republic of Korea forces were used for this purpose. The 519th Military Police Battalion, the 728th Military Police Battalion, the 772d Military Police Battalion, the 55th Military Police Company, and the 558th Military Police

Company were all utilized in this task. During January, the communist assault crossed the 38th parallel. With the enemy's objective being the western zone of South Korea, the evacuation of Seoul became necessary. The 8th Army Provost

Marshal and three staff officers from the Provost Marshal Section flew to the area and remained there until the evacuation was completed and all bridges had been destroyed.

Straggler control, particularly during the early operations in Korea, was one of the main problems of the military police. Whole units and large parts of others were separated from their parent organizations during the fighting. The situation required a vast amount



Moving convoy towards the front

of work by division and Army military police. Stragglers were apprehended by motor and foot patrols, by mess checks, by roadblocks, and by checks of such installations as dispensaries, cabarets, and restaurants. All stragglers apprehended within a division area were returned directly to their organization under military police escort.

Since the military police were shuttling back and forth over the fighting area, they proved invaluable in mapping roads and reporting on road conditions. With the information furnished by them, road nets and main supply routes were charted; traffic control points were established at defiles, bottlenecks, and intersections; roving patrols were organized to prevent traffic snarls and to observe and report changes in road conditions; and guides were able to escort convoys through difficult crossroads. One of the many units performing this type of duty was Company B of the 519th Military Police Battalion.

The use of helicopters by military police under combat conditions occurred in Korea to assist them in the accomplishment of certain of their missions such as 'road reconnaissance, emergency rerouting of traffic, and supervision of traffic control. These machines were used by the Provost Marshals of Army, Corps, and Divisions as well as by separate military police battalions and companies. Masses of refugees, fleeing in front of the advancing Communist armies, threatened to interfere with traffic on the main supply route and became an acute military police problem. Helicopters equipped with loudspeakers were utilized to direct them to assembly areas on and off the road. Such emergency operations as ambulance service, reconnaissance of burning areas, and the detection of escapes also were conducted by helicopters.

As a result of brilliant UN combat actions in 1950, including the Inchon landing and the subsequent cutting of the communist escape route to the north, the United Nations found themselves with almost 175,000 prisoners of war and civilian internees. This population had to be fed, sheltered, and given medical treatment without causing hardship to the captured individuals. Generally, the prisoners were evacuated to the southern end of the Korean peninsula and transported to the island of Koje-do, lying a few hours southwest of Pusan. At Koje-do the prisoners built their own camps, constructing fences, buildings, and sewage systems. At its peak, Koje-do housed approximately 160,000 prisoners of war and civilian internees. Military Police serving under the United Nations Command, contended with a shortage of personnel and continuous political agitation among the prisoners at the camp. Clever communist leaders, recognizing these factors, began a campaign of terror against their fellow prisoners which was designed to accomplish two objectives: to embarrass the United Nations Command and force the diversion of front-line Troops to Koje-do; and to convert noncommunist prisoners of war to communism by fear and actual violence. In September 1951, disorder among the prisoners was intensified with an increase in the beating and murder of prisoners by other prisoners. This open rebellion by the communist prisoners made it necessary to establish who was in control of the prisoner of war camps. BG Hayden Boatner was ordered to restore a semblance of order to the compounds. In a matter of days, the entire Koje-do camp was reconstructed. New enclosures, subdivided into four to eight compounds designed to accommodate five hundred prisoners each, were constructed. Segregating the prisoners into smaller groups, BG Boatner shattered the communist prisoners' influence over the other prisoners and restored order in the camp.



Preparing to patrol the demilitarized zone

On 27 July 1953, a truce in Korea was officially established. As a formal branch of the Army, Military Police remain on duty in Korea patrolling the demilitarized zone. During the Korean conflict, the Military Police Corps sustained casualties of 151 wounded and 54 killed. A breakdown of military police casualties revealed that thirty-nine had been killed in action, ten later died from wounds, four had been reported missing and presumed dead, and one died in captivity. While the Military Police

Corps was first in many things in Korea, it also claimed credit for being last in some things. This was true when the 701st Military Police Battalion was the last American unit to leave the Chinese mainland before the Communist advance. This was also true of the military police who were the last American Troops to leave North Korea after the advance to the Yalu River.

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## **HQ** and Special Troops News





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Greetings Troopers from NW Louisiana. We survived the "freeze" in February, and we are happy when the weeklong freezing weather finally left the South and went back up North where it belonged. Spring has arrived and all the trees are leafing and the flowers blooming. It is an incredibly special time of the year for us as we raise thousands of Louisiana irises, which are now blooming. Sue and I have received both of our virus shots and I hope all of you have at least had the opportunity to obtain yours. We had no adverse reaction to the shots.

You should have sent in your registration for the reunion in September by now. Hope you have your hotel reservations. It is going to be a special reunion, the celebration of 100 years for the great 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. The Division plans to provide plenty for us to see and do. If you have never attended a reunion, this

would be a great one to make your first.

I served many years as one of the board members for the Association and as a "trustee" for the Association's educational foundation. My terms for both are up in September, and while I will miss all the board and trustee meetings, it is time to turn the jobs over to some younger Troopers. It was a privilege to serve the Association in these leadership positions.

There was little feed-back from the previous column so my efforts to solicit remarks were unsuccessful. If anyone out there is interested in taking over the "scribe" position for this column, please contact me.

**Dave Lutgen**, one of the Troopers who shipped over with the new "Air Cav" in 1965, a finance officer in the Cav and a long-time hard worker for the Association, wrote me about an incident in Vietnam in which the local Military Intelligence

agents helped save payday for the Troopers. Dave wrote:

"In writing about the Military Intelligence branch recently, you reminded me of how the Troopers from the 191st MI Company in Vietnam helped us out of a jam on payday. I am sure I have shared this story with you before, but I am going to do it again. Background - At the time we shipped out for VN green backs and treasury checks were still being used. As there was uncertainty of how well the supply chain would work, we spent a lot of time planning on what supplies to ship. A decision was made by the Finance Officer to take a year's supply of treasury checks. These were obtained and packed into 20 field safes which were then packed into one of the finance's Conex containers. Just as we arrived in VN the use of greenbacks and treasury checks was discontinued. As soon as I arrived in the unit, MAJ Campbell (he had been in the advance party) made me cash control officer and gave me a couple of duffle bags of MPCs and piasters which were in a Conex container. That Conex container became my vault. One of our Conex containers did not show up. Yes, the one with the treasury checks. The story, as I recall, was that it was found with containers of helicopter parts and then returned to us. We sent the treasury checks back to the U.S. Treasury and then had 20 safes to use. About that time, a new guy, CW4 Robert Kennedy had reported in and became the cash control officer (and keeper of the safes) freeing me up to be Deputy Finance Officer. The only time we had all 20 of the field safes in use was for payday. We would count out and prepare each unit's payroll on the day (and night) before payday to have them ready for the agent officers first thing in the morning of payday. By regulation, the cash control officer (Bob) was the only one with the combinations to the safes. In normal conditions the cash control officer had one vault and had to remember only one combination. Our solution was for Bob to remember the combination to one safe and keep the combinations of the other 19 field safes on a card, which he kept in this safe. When we had the payroll ready, Bob would fill the safes and lock them up. We would then try to catch a couple of hours of sleep before the agents would arrive to pick up pay for their units. On the morning of payday Bob came to me looking white as a sheet. He had opened the one safe and his card was not in it! He had inadvertently put the card in one of the other safes when locking up. The agents were beginning to arrive to pick up their payrolls and we were unable to open the other 19 safes. I got on the field telephone and called the local MI company. As Bob said, 'the lair of the official Army burglars.' They sent a safe specialist over and he only had to drill a couple of safes before we found the one with the combination card inside. The MI safe crackers really saved the day for us. Thanks again for writing the column, good job!'

Thank you, Dave, for your service to the Association and for your input into this column.

**Ned Ricks** sent me an email in response to the column about the MI branch. Ned wrote:

"I am a Cav Association Life Member. In RVN, I served as S-1 of 1/9 Cav in 1970 and, later, as CO Troop C 1st Squadron 10th Cav in the Highlands under the I Field Force. Our 1/9 S-2 captain habitually wore Signal Corps collar insignia when leaving Camp Gorvad "just in case" the bird he was on went down." (Kon's comments: That was a common occurrence. Many MI types wore different branch insignia and many simply wore "U.S." insignia on their collars.) "After leaving active duty, I took a reserve commission that enabled me to continue to serve. One of the most gratifying assignments I had was the honor to be the Commanding Officer of the 312 MI. Not the battalion at Ft Hood, although I did serve at Ft Hood, but the 312 Military Intelligence Detachment (Sep Bde) in the USAR. Based out of the Army Reserve Center in New Orleans, our mission was to support various National Guard infantry brigades if activated. Unlike the usual reserve/ NG training routine of a weekend a month and two weeks in summer, we had our own weekend drill, a weekend at Camp Mabry in Austin, TX which was set up as a MI specific training facility to keep those skills current, and frequently another weekend with our NG supported unit. The TO&E called for a Counterintelligence Section, an Interrogation of Prisoners of War Section, Aerial Imagery Interpretation Section, an Analysis and Production Section to collate the results of the other sections and the command element. In addition to our NG support to train for, we were called upon to support XVIII Airborne Corps at Ft Bragg and the 101st Airborne Div at Ft Campbell, KY. These billets were difficult to fill in the 1980s. The skills required time to qualify in the MOS, the security clearances needed were high, and the time commitment was steeper

than most USAR units required. Nonetheless, the excellent folks of the 312th MID persevered. As a cavalry officer by training, experience, and temperament, we were a good fit. Cavalry being a reconnaissance arm, among other missions, as both a source and consumer of intelligence information. Our inside joke was that "their job was to put the intelligence in the military and my job was to put the military into the intelligence." Like a musical conductor, I did not have to be able to play all the instruments the symphony orchestra to make to unit function as a coordinated whole. The similar designation of the 312th MI led to confusion in the past as well as those of us old guys trying to recall history these days. The 312th MI Detachment (Sep Bde) I commanded was, as far as I know, always in the Reserve Component and based out of the reserve center in New Orleans. The TO&E was an old one, as I recall, and may have dated to the days of the ROAD (Reorganization of the Army Division) days in the early 1960s. My command tenure of the detachment was from 1983 to 1987. My time at Ft Hood was from my return from Vietnam in 1971 to leaving active duty in August 1975. All my time there was in the 1st Cavalry Division, making me what was called at the time "a Cav sandwich," because we wore the Cav patch on each shoulder, both former war unit and current unit. My first unit assignment was HQ of the 2d Brigade, at the time the ACCB or Air Cavalry Assault Brigade. During my time as Adjutant there, the commanders changed and the new boss was my old CO from the 1/9 Cav in RVN, now COL Robert H. Nevins! My next step was back to the Division Cavalry Squadron designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment (a source of some confusion being the 1st Cav within the 1st Cav) and then re-designated the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry. Assignment to the HHC of the 1st Brigade as CO and then Assistant S3 wrapped up my time there. I am not aware of where the battalion of the same number is currently. When I visited Ft Hood on Reserve business in the 1980s, I saw the unit signs for the 312th MI Battalion and chuckled to myself the opportunities for misunderstanding in the Army bureaucracy. Can you imagine the hub-hub if I were to roll onto post and identify myself as 'Commanding Officer of the 312 MI? Thanks for your story in March/April 2021 edition of *The Saber*."

Many thanks for your input Ned. Thank you for your active and reserve service to our country.

I believe I have now written a column about every combat service support branch. If you served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry and I have not written about your MOS or your branch, please let me know. I am always looking for input into the column. It is your column; it is meaningless without your input.

Well, Troopers and families, that is about a wrap for this issue. Sue and I hope to see you in September at the "great place." Meantime may God bless all of you, the U.S. Army, the great first Cav Troopers, their families, and the USofA. Try to spread a little cheer wherever you go. Pray for our military service men and women.

#### **DIVISION DOINGS**

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*Ironhorse to Continue Atlantic Resolve* by SFC Sharon Mock, 1st BCT, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs; Photo by SSG Thomas Stubblefield, 1st BCT, 1st Cav Div

HOHENFELS, Germany - The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, is on the move again following the conclusion of Combined Resolve XV. The brigade is hard at work conducting line haul and rail operations to push equipment out to European destinations to continue the mission for Atlantic Resolve.

The multinational training exercise, CBR XV, took place at Hohenfels Training Area to enhance interoperability with NATO partners and allies. Participants were able to learn and grow together, while employing tactics, techniques, and procedures as a combined force in the European theater.

"Combined Resolve was a great success for Comanche Troop, for the squadron and the brigade as a whole," CPT John Uvina, Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment commander, said. "We executed multiple missions, from individual training to platoon training and culminating to squadron, and the brigade exercise with multinational partners and allies."

COVID precautions made CBR XV unique, as this was the first time this exercise occurred since the global pandemic mitigations became a new standard requirement.

"Honestly, operating in a COVID environment is no different than we would typically operate in the Army because we're always putting people first, and safety is always at the forefront of what we do," MAJ Jamie Hickman, executive officer of the 115th Brigade Support Battalion, said. "It just really became a new normal for us in extending beyond that and just making sure we're enforcing the mask use, hand washing ..."



Soldiers assigned to 1BCT, 1st Cav walk on a railcar at Parsburg Germany

After successful completion of CBR XV, Soldiers of the 1st BCT, 1st Cav Div, load their tracked vehicles at the Parsberg Railhead, headed to Romania, Lithuania, and Poland. Rail provides an efficient way of moving across international borders to get equipment to forward operating sites.

"Our brigade operated exceptionally well, conducting safe, smart and deliberate

operations and (CBR) was really a good chance for us to train with our multinational partners," Hickman said. "As we exit Hohenfels, we're really looking forward to continuing to work with our multinational partners."

Once the brigade elements arrive at their locations, the multinational collaboration continues including small arms ranges and other interoperability training with NATO partners and allies.



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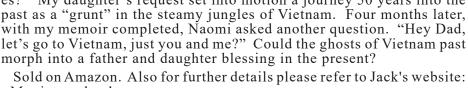
As a 19-year-old Army volunteer, SGT Jack Billups received the Bronze Star with the V attachment. He was awarded the Air Medal, assigned to the 1st Air Calvary infantry as a M60 machine gunner, Jack served in the steamy jungles near the Ho Chi Minh trail along the Cambodian border.

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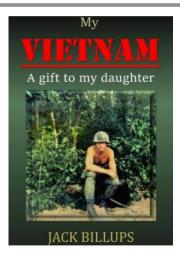
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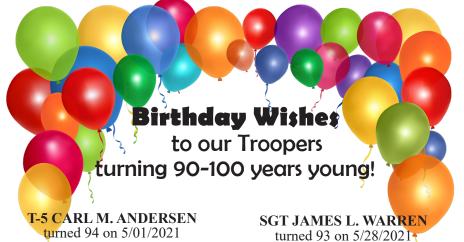
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