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The Holiday season has arrived with all the excitement and, unfortunately for some, the dread that comes with it. For many of

us it is a time for celebration; for others this time of year brings sadness. Whether it's the reminder of loved ones stationed far away and in harm's way, of lost friends and family, or other traumatic or unsettling events these people need our love, our thoughts, and even our prayers. If you know someone who has a hard time coping during period, reach out to them. A kind word via phone or in person can go a long way to help ease the pain.

Even though the Thanksgiving Holiday has past we continue to have a lot to be thankful for:

Thankful that we live in this great country.

Thankful for the men and women who protect us and our freedoms.

Thankful that the political season is over - at least for a few weeks.

November 20, 1943, 75 years ago, 5,600 men most of them with the Second Marine Division invaded the Tarawa Atoll located in the Pacific Gilbert Islands. The Japanese commander had said that it would take one million men 100 years to take Tarawa. The Marines took it in 76 hours. The cost was high, 60% casualties for the Marines - 1,085 KIA. Only 17 of the over 4,800 Japanese survived. My father was a 25-year-old Marine Captain with the Second Marine Division during the invasion and survived with no physical injuries. My mother was 23 with a 4-month-old daughter.

When I was growing up I knew that my father had been in that battle but didn't know any of the details, he never talked about it. He would not even watch television shows about the Pacific battles. Then I didn't know to ask and it's too late now. Three of my father's brothers were also WWII Veterans (Iwo Jima, Battle of the Bulge, Italy) and I cannot recall any conversation where they discussed their service. Years ago, I didn't know why - I do now.

Cathy and I send our best wishes to you, your families, and your friends during this holiday season. Also, a safe, prosperous, and Happy New Year. And, as always, thank you for your service.

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As our members receive their November/December issue of the *Saber*, Veterans Day in D.C. will be a thing of the past and their thoughts will be on turkey with all the fixings and Christmas. Here, in the office, we will be busy with

calendar donations and reunion registrations.

The reunion registration is on pages 12-13 of this *Saber* issue and will continue through the March/April issue. Online registration opened on 1 November and a copy of the registration was sent out with the calendar. We have great things planned for the 2019 Reunion and will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Association (circa 1944).

I would like to thank all our members who donate through the Network for Good. These donations go towards scholarships for the children of our KIA/100% disabled Troopers. In September, we received over \$700 in donations. Again, we thank you for your support.

As 2018 comes to close, take the time to reflect on the past year...both good and bad. My eldest son, Chris, once said, "No matter how bad your day (or year) was, the sun will always rise in the East and set in the West and tomorrow brings a new day."

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to our members and their Families. We will 'talk to' or 'see you' again in 2019....

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HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Jenny Nocella

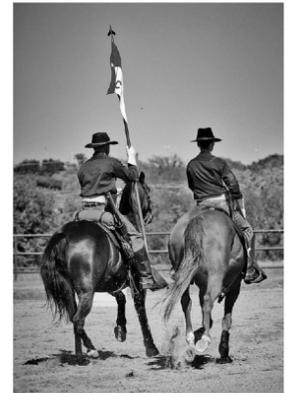
As the Detachment welcomes the cooler weather of a changing season we have also been fortunate enough to welcome some new members to our team! We have eight new Soldiers who will be going through a rigorous training cycle for the next month to earn the coveted blue shirt and become a Detachment Trooper. We are wishing them all the best of luck and look forward to seeing what each of them accomplishes.

Since taking command, the Detachment has presented the Nation's Colors on Military Appreciation Night at the Belton Rodeo, the Centerville TX Military Appreciation Day, and the Elgin Veterans Appreciation Parade. HCD recently put on a demonstration for the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, we were honored and humbled to perform for such an amazing audience. We look forward to several of the upcoming events at the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, the demonstration at the R.O.C.K. in Georgetown, Texas, presenting the Nation's Colors at the Veterans Festival in Pflugerville, the Salado Christmas Parade, and our time-honored tradition of delivering Santa Claus at the III Corps Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Troopers are continuing to perform Yesterday and Today Presentations at local middle and high schools and will also be conducting several Barn Tours for local JROTC organizations in the area.

As always, we will stay busy conducting performances, and providing historical information to groups around the area. We enjoy being involved with the local community parades and rodeos and look forward to our upcoming events.

We conduct our demonstrations at the detachment every Thursday at 1000 hundred hours (depending on weather and mission requirements). We use this time to train new mounts and Troopers and invite the public to come out and enjoy the show. Feel free to call ahead to check our schedule at (254) 287-2229. You can also find us on Facebook at 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment. It is truly an honor to represent America's First Team. First Team! Hot to Trot!

Photo caption: Retiree Appreciation Day Demonstration. Photo Courtesy of Deborah Schultz, featuring SGT Randy Raper as Guidon and the Commander, CPT Jenny Nocella.



DIVISION DOINGS

The Army Base Yoga Studio That's Healing Wounded Warriors by Reader's Digest Editors

This isn't your typical yoga class—it's a sanctuary. Army LTG Paul E. Funk II is no stranger to stress. He's been deployed five times, leading Soldiers in combat in Operation Desert Shield and more recent efforts in Iraq and Syria.

But these days, when General Funk II needs to work out his stress, he's more likely to stand in warrior pose than to drop and give you 20. In 2011, the U.S. Army completed the biggest update to its physical fitness program in over 30 years and, for the first time ever, yoga is now part of the routine.

Known for their toughness and macho swagger, Soldiers have been slow to replace "Yes, Sir!" and "Hooah!" with "om" and "Namaste." But a movement that aims to change that is gaining momentum in Killeen, Texas, home to Fort Hood, the largest military base in the country. Its goal is to help service-members build physical and mental strength, even when they are battling wounds, both seen and unseen. And it's starting at the top.

After his fifth tour, Funk returned home to take the helm at Fort Hood. He was born there, when his father, Paul Funk Sr., was commander-in-chief. He met his wife, Beth, there and they got married at the chapel on base.

"I've found yoga to be relaxing, but it also gives me an opportunity to think and put life in a balanced perspective," GEN Funk II told *Reader's Digest*. "It's a good practice for Soldiers and families for that reason: It gives us time to slow down and get in tune with our environments while also building strength and endurance."

Lucky for GEN Funk II, he doesn't have to go far to find his center. Life Moves Yoga, a studio owned and operated by his wife Beth Funk, is right across the street from the fort. She opened the studio in 2017 with a goal of helping wounded warriors regain mobility as well as peace of mind. In addition to offering various kinds of yoga to the Soldiers and general public, Life Moves also holds a free class on Wednesdays called "Warriors at Ease," which caters to Soldiers who have suffered physical and mental trauma. Until recently, the class was paid for by a grant from the Bob Woodruff Foundation; when the grant dried up, Life Moves kept the classes going for free and has since trained more teachers in this special kind of yoga who give classes on the base itself. "We had to continue it because it's that powerful for the community," said Beth Funk.

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1st Cavalry Division Association Event Calendar

Feb 22-24, 2019	Board of Governor's Mtg, Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX
June 5-9, 2019	72nd Annual 1CDA Reunion Fort Hood, TX
Nov 8-12, 2019	11th Annual Veterans Day in Washington D.C.
June 10-14, 2020	73rd Annual 1CDA Reunion, Louisville, KY



TAPS

We were notified of the death of the following:

BARRERA, MSG (Ret) Noe, HHC, 615th ASB & HHC, 1ACB, 2003-2008. 21 October 2018.

BLEVINS, LTC (Ret) Dean, HHB DIVARTY, 1967 & HHB, 1-77 FA, 1968. 18 July 2018.

BREWER, SP5 Randell J., HHC, 15th MED, 1967. 28 September 2018.

BURKLE, SGT Ronald E., D Co, 1-12 CAV, 1969-70. 9 September 2018 (Silver Star Recipient).

COOPER, SGT David M., 15th MED, 1970. 30 September 2018.

DIMARIA, SP5 Barry, A Btry, 1-77 FA, 1968. 3 May 2018.

DOUGHERTY, SP4 Charles W., B Co, 1-7 CAV & A Co 1-50 INF, 1967-68. 21 August 2018.

GRISHAM, LTC (Ret) Robert H., Associate Member since 2009. 23 October 2018.

JARVIS, SP4 Stephen W., E Co, 1-8 CAV, 1968. 22 September 2018.

PERKINS, CW2, John P., B Btry, 99FA, 1949. 11 October 2018.

POWELL, SPC Ronald B., HHC, 8th ENG, 1969. 2 October 2018.

RAVAGO, SSG Victor, CSC, 2-12 CAV, 1953. 2 October 2018.

RUIZ, Trooper Ruben, 25 August 2018.

THOMPSON, SGT Scott, A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1968. 11 October 2018.

VANDAL, LTG Thomas P., DIVARTY. 7 October 2018.

YOUNG, SP4 James C., A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1965. 15 September 2018.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have no Active Duty deaths to report.

Division Doings

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Caity Underwood, 31, is a student. She served for seven years but had to leave the Army because of medical problems that severely limited her mobility. "By the time I got out, I couldn't do a pushup because I couldn't put pressure on certain joints," she told *Reader's Digest*. After just a few months at Life Moves, she can do many. Underwood goes every Wednesday. "Wednesday is my favorite day," she said. "It puts me in a better mood just by knowing I have that outlet."

Another student is LTG Paul Funk, Sr., 78, a Vietnam and Desert Storm Veteran who, in addition to being the former commanding officer of Fort Hood, is the commanding officer of the Funk family.

"The whole notion of mind, body, spirit is something that can be valuable to anybody and in particular those who have had setbacks, like being wounded in war," he told *Reader's Digest*. Before you assume the whole base has swapped doing 100 pushups a day for warrior poses, GEN Funk, Sr. admits that getting Soldiers excited about a slower-paced workout has been a challenge. But the Army likes challenges. "If ordered, I can promise you that all the members will try it," he said. "But you can't just order this and expect it to produce results."

One enterprising non-commissioned officer at Fort Hood, who spoke with us on the condition of anonymity, has done just that. When asked to come up with a new physical training program for her crew, she suggested a yoga day. "When I told my crew that we're having a private class, they said, 'I can't do yoga because I'm not flexible,'" she said. "But they didn't have a choice because they had to come with me." Given that this is no ordinary yoga class, it won't be long until they too see what makes it so special. And once they're ready to try it again, Life Moves Yoga will be there.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To be considered for publication, letters should not exceed 300 words and should be of general interest and in good taste. Letters express the writer's opinion, not that of the *Saber* or the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

Political endorsement and poetry cannot be used. Form letters or third-party letters are not acceptable. Letters which contain libelous or obviously untrue statements will be automatically rejected.

All letters must be signed with addresses and telephone numbers included. Names will be used with the letters but addresses and phone numbers may be omitted. Letters also may be edited for length or clarification.

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

WANTED

Looking for any **D Co 2-12 Cav** Soldiers that discovered the cache of weapons known as Rock Island East Arsenal in Cambodia. "Stump" William L. Marshall would like to reconnect, call him at 409-385-7283. Also see his article on pg. 17 under Trooper Tales.

My name is Rodolfo (Rudy) Garcia, **Korean War** Veteran. I was stationed at Camp McGill in Japan in 1950 in **C Co 5th Cav Regt**, 1st Cav Div. Around the July 6, 1950, my outfit got alerted to go to Korea. My company got orders to send all the WWII Vets to the 24th Inf Div in southern Japan. I'm trying to find out what happened to all those buddies of mine, were they all wiped out? Some of their names were 1SG Downs, SGTs DeSuatels, Cook, Mudd, Shultz; PVTs Morgan, McCune, Maui, Martinez, & Meehan among others. The rest of the Company left on July 13, 1950. We went on the USS Cavalier, it was an A.P.A. Navy Ship. We had taken Amphibious Landing Training on July 18 at PoHang Dong, north of Pusan. I am 88 years old and still wonder what happened to my friends from C Co. Please reach out to Rudy at 805-289-9268 or 6319 Hunter St. Ventura, CA 93003.

I went to **Desert Storm** with **E Co 2/5 Cav**. My name is Robert Pate, I was the SGT NBC NCO for the company in Desert Storm. I remember a few names SFC Swann and SGT Jones commo guy. E Co was a tow unit, they were disbanded after Desert Storm. It's hard to remember all names, I had a severe TBI. Would like to hear from anyone in my old unit. I'm retired from army now living in Pearland, Texas. Please reach out to Robert at 281-763-0514 or <robertpate1961@yahoo.com>



OTHER REUNIONS

15th Medical Battalion Association Reunion, 3-7 April 2019. Holiday Inn Downtown (Market Square), San Antonio, TX, <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>, POC Ron Huether, <medevac2@15thmedbnassociation.org> or 830-997-9686.

227th Assault Helicopter Battalion Reunion, 13-16 April 2019. Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN, <<http://reunion.227ahb.org>>, POC Howard Burbank, <chickenman@a227ahb.org>. All members, guests and friends of the 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion are invited to attend.

8 Cav (Airborne) D Co. 2nd BN Airmobile Reunion, Vietnam War 1965-1972, 15-18 May 2019. Double Tree by Hilton DFW Airport North, Dallas, TX, POC Rich O'Brien 630-901-8727 or <rmobri200@gmail.com>

1/7 Ia Drang Reunion (14-17 Nov 1965), 19-23 May 2019. Hampton Inn & Suites, Myrtle Beach, SC, Reservations Ph # 1-877-946-6400 Use code (1/7 Ia Drang) 1/7 Veterans of LZ Xray and families invited to attend, POC Hardy Brown <kbrown@ftc-i.net> or 843-355-7839

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

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

Have your upcoming reunions posted here!

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CHAPTER NEWS

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

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next *Saber* is Wednesday, 2 January 2019. Please send to Karleen at Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522, Attn: Karleen.

AMARILLO, TEXAS

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

CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER

If you are a Veteran or active duty member of the 1st Cavalry Division and a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association and live in the Fort Hood area, you are a member of the Crossed Sabers Chapter. We have no annual dues, your life membership in the Association is all that is required to be a member of this chapter.

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop located in the 1st Cavalry Division Museum is a part of our chapter and proceeds from the Souvenir Shop help support the museum, the Association, and the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

We conduct semi-annual meetings in the area surrounding Fort Hood and conduct regular Stable Calls to allow our members to spend time with one another. We won't have any stable calls during November and December due to the holidays. Join us at the next Stable Call on the third Wednesday of January at 1730 at the Copperas Cove VFW Post 8577 located at 1506 Veterans Ave. in Copperas Cove, Texas. Stable Calls move around and are announced on our Facebook page (1st Cavalry Division Association Crossed Saber Chapter). The next meeting for the Chapter is in March 2019.

The Chapter will be providing support for the 72nd Annual Reunion of the Association from 5-9 June 2019. We will need volunteers to assist with running the Souvenir Shop and assisting with registration and the various unit and war era lunches during the reunion. First Team! Tim Hodge, President



Crossed Sabers Stable Call 25Oct18

FORT KNOX AREA CHAPTER

Our December meeting will be at Camp Knox Masons Lodge, 15 Dec. from 11 AM until 2 PM. This will include our annual Christmas Party. God Bless and keep you all. Grif

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CHAPTER



Bob Arbasetti and Anthony Perrone of the Elks

chapter. We held talks about Veterans space available travel, Veteran's dentals benefits and a briefing on Veteran's suicide issues. Free 1st Cavalry Chapter tee-shirts and 1st Cavalry pens were given away to everyone. A special thanks to Doran Johnson for his donation of wine toward the 50/50 drawing. With our 50/50 drawing and some personal contribution, we raised \$360.00 with we donated to the Fisher House Foundation.

On October 30, 2018, the New York-New Jersey Chapter held its fall meeting at the Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge. It was well attended despite a northeaster; many real Troopers were there. The chapter presented the Ridgefield Park Elks with a saber in appreciation for what they've done to help and support our



Don Voss & Ernie Ryan

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Come enjoy the fellowship with your fellow 1st Cav Association Northwest members. Our last meeting for 2018 is Dec. 1st, 12:30pm at the Bremerton Elks Club, 4131 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton, WA.

Our first meeting for 2019 is on Groundhog Day, February 2nd, at Carr's Restaurant (11006 Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood, WA 98499). It starts at 12:00 noon.

Call Ernie at 360-731-8924 for more information and to let us know you're coming.

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WALTER H. WESTMAN NORTHLAND CHAPTER

Members attended the 5th annual Nest Fest on August 25. Nest Fest hosted the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall, vendors, silent auction, music, jump houses, tours, the POW/MIA Hot Air Balloon, and concerts. Chapter Treasurer Jim Wright was given a tour of The Nest by Randy "Hook" Eberling and his wife, Kerri. Kerri and Randy were there with another organization helping with the Traveling Wall escort and security. Kerri said, "It's humbling to help visitors locate their loved one's name on the Wall." The POW/MIA balloon was there providing tethered rides as well. The Eagle's Healing Nest is a non-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of Veterans, service members and their families who suffer from the invisible wounds of war. There are two locations: Sauk Centre and Anoka. The guiding vision of the Eagle's Healing Nest is "to never have those who served in our military live in darkness, but to bring them into the light to soar and fly free, to help restore the honor, dignity, pride and purpose each deserves."



Randy (Hook), Jim, Kerri

Share what's going on in your Chapter, we'd love to hear an update!
When is your next Chapter meeting?
Have your Chapter bulletins & upcoming meetings posted here!

61st FA News

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You should be reading this a bit before Christmas. Hope you've had a scary Halloween and a terrific Thanksgiving while looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a great New Year. We all have a lot to be thankful for (not the least of which is that the elections are over). Hopefully the candidates will be picking up their yard and road signs and we can once again watch TV without all those "helpful" voting commercials.

My wife is starting her chemo treatments in mid-October as this is written, and we're both hoping it does the trick. She'll be getting the treatments weekly for three months. After her surgery, there was no sign of additional cancer, but the chemo is just to make sure none of those evasive little cancer cells escaped safely to some other part of her anatomy. Time will tell. Keeping a positive outlook helps immeasurably and she has a great support group with both daughters helping out. At this date she's completed just two of the twelve scheduled treatments and so far seems to be handling it pretty well.

From Peter O'Brien... "Hi Gordon, recently a Younghans pal, Norm Prasatik of New Braunfels, Texas, asked for info on the Troopship he sailed on going home from Japan in April 1956; the USS General H. J. Gaffey. He remembered that I had mentioned in an earlier column of yours that I had a reference book showing all the war and peace Troopships. Anyway, when I went to the book looking for the Gaffey, I found nothing. Further investigation disclosed that the Gaffey had been launched in 1944 as the Troopship Admiral W. L. Capps. Like most WWII Troopships, it was reassigned as a peace-time Army Troopship after the war. However, when the Capps was reassigned, it was renamed the General Hugh J. Gaffey. About 1978 the Gaffey was reclassified again and became a floating barracks ship called IX-507. In June of 2000 IX-507 was sunk as a missile target. This website: <<https://www.navsource.org/archives/09/22/22121.htm>> has details and several photos of the Capps/Gaffey during her various war and peace-time duties. Best regards, Peter O'Brien." Thanks, Peter, always appreciate your interesting and historical items.

And thanks to Norma Prasatik for sending along those smile-worthy cartoons and items. Never hurts to get something to lighten up the day!

Ed Jakubowski also gets a "thumbs up" for his LOL items. One especially

gave me a laugh; it was Paul Horning, the great Notre Dame star of old, when he said, "When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."

From Bill Stewart... "Gordon, not much going on right now. Have been trying to keep up with this crazy weather. It was 89 degrees for two days and three days later it was down in the 50's. It has been quite a while since I had ice on the windshield in mid-October. I told everyone when they were complaining about the heat in July and Aug that they would want some of it pretty soon, but I didn't think it would be this soon. I've been having trouble with my ankles lately. They ache most of the time and I'm not sure when I step on them if they will hold me. Sure put a stop to my bowling until I get them fixed up. I have a couple of tests soon and maybe then the Doc will know exactly what he's dealing with. Hope everyone else is doing OK and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Keep writing about the 61st because it is my main source of news about all of you. Sta Bueno, Bill." Thanks for the update Bill.

Due to my wife's chemo schedule we had to cancel her planned cruise with daughter #2 and Lorna's cousin. They'll be going on their own and hope they have a good time. We also had to cancel a week in Palm Springs and a follow-on trip to Oahu/Kauai with daughter #1 and granddaughter. They didn't want to go without us. We're going to try to fit in a couple of days in a condo at Newport Beach if she's up to it.

This time the 61st doings is short. I haven't received any input from many of you. Please remember this column is supposed to be about you and your friends and buddies. I can't print what I don't receive so please take just a few minutes out of your busy retirement schedule to let me know what's going on in your life.

Our senior softball team is up to third place (out of ten teams) and hopefully heading for the post-season playoffs. This year marks my 45th season of senior softball. Started in Burbank, CA in an over-40 league and been at it in Marietta, GA and now here in Carlsbad ever since. This is my 20th year in the Carlsbad league and needless to say I'm one of the older guys. I feel like that old Yankee pitcher, Lefty Grove, in the later part of his career when the catcher came out and told him to throw harder. Lefty replied, "I'm throwing harder than I ever have, the ball just doesn't go as fast anymore." That's exactly how I feel; I'm running harder, but not going as fast, throwing harder, but not near as far, swinging the bat harder, but not hitting it as far, etc. Guess it's just Old Father Time catching up with me. As long as I'm having fun I'll continue. The senior softball website says, "You don't quit playing because you get old, you get old because you quit playing."

Looking forward to more printable items from you for the next issue of the *Saber*. Take care, 'Sta Bueno and keep those cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails coming.

77th FA News

The 77th Field Artillery Regiment Association held its 2018 reunion September 12-16, at Fernandina Beach, Florida, on Amelia Island. We were fortunately spared the direct effects of Hurricane Florence, and several attendees got thru the Carolinas right before evacuations were ordered. Mark Schwartz, Fred Taylor, Dave Morehead, Lu Merritt, Paige Lanier, Paul Guetter, Tony Hartley, Ray Kreiner, Richard Hanesworth, Mike Gallucci, John Moran, William Brown, Leslie Ward, Warren Owens, Dwayne Fowler, Juan Garcia, Lawrence Ebaugh, Lindsay Jones, Waymond Graham, Don Gross, Mike Maynard, John Avera, Mike Carter, and LTC Don Cherry, BNCO, 2/77th FA, attended, along with eleven of their wives. An interesting note on the attendees is that eleven of us served in the Battalion FDC in the 1969-70-time frame. Mike Gallucci deserves special recognition for tracking down many of us. We did lose 2 members of our Association this past year; Dean Blevins and Barry DiMaria. They will be missed.

We stayed at the Hampton Inn in downtown Fernandina Beach, a perfect location, within walking distance of great restaurants and nice shops, to include about a half dozen ice cream stores! In addition to the sight-seeing around town, several went fishing on a charter boat on Friday morning, and were quite successful. They caught their lunch, which was prepared for them at a restaurant right by the dock. Others went that same morning on a river cruise, which went by Cumberland Island, off the coast of Georgia.

We had originally planned to have our Reunion Banquet at the local Maritime Museum. Dave Morehead had set up a shrimp boil, using shrimp caught that morning. Unfortunately, Hurricane Florence changed that plan. The Museum Director (who had been in the First Cav during the First Gulf War), and his staff who were going to prepare our meal, were also part of the local Emergency Response Team. They were mobilized Thursday and were gone Friday. That left us scrambling. Several of us had eaten at a local restaurant, the Down Under, previously, and really enjoyed the food and atmosphere. Dave contacted the manager of the restaurant, explained our predicament, and asked for his help. The manager was able to give us a section of the restaurant, so that we were all together.

Two amazing things happened that evening at the restaurant. It was pretty obvious that we were a Veterans group (the Cav Stetsons were a giveaway). Another patron told the manager that he would put \$100 towards our bar bill. While we were still marveling at that generosity, we discovered that another patron, and his wife, had paid our entire food and drink bill, including the tip. We were floored!

After a wonderful and blessed meal, we returned to our meeting room at the hotel,

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LTC Cherry, Dave Morehead, Juan Garcia

where LTC Cherry, BN CO, 2/77th FA, gave us an update on the 2/77th, and Army artillery in general. The 4th Division is going Mechanized, and the 2/77th along with it. They will be a Stryker unit, using a Unimog platform. LTC Cherry also installed 2 members of our Association, Juan Garcia and John Moran, into the US Field Artillery Association Honorable Order of St Barbara, a distinguished honor.

We had our Association business meeting Saturday morning. The two big subjects were the election of officers for the following year, and where we would have our 2019 reunion. Dave Morehead was elected President; Dwayne Fowler, 1st Vice President; Mark Schwartz, 2nd Vice President; and Lu Merritt, 3rd Vice President.



2019 will be an exceptional year in that the 2/77th will be commemorating the 10th anniversary of being reflagged at Ft Carson as part of the 4th Inf Div, and subsequently being sent to Afghanistan. COL Forsyth, who was Battalion Commander at the time will be hosting a Regimental reunion recognizing that event, at Ft Carson, over the Memorial Day weekend, 2019. All present, and past members of the Regiment are invited, and encouraged to attend.

There will also be an Association reunion in San Antonio, Texas, in September 2019. An exact date has not yet been set as the search committee is negotiating with the local hotels to get the best rates; dates will be announced.

All in all, this was an exceptionally fun reunion, and a good time was had by all!

I'd like to thank Gordon Cress of the 61st FA, who has mentioned the 77th FA in his most recent column in the September/October issue of the *Saber*. Thank you, Gordon, we appreciate the additional exposure..



The Lovely Ladies

John Moran, LTC Don Cherry (BNCO, 2-77 FA), Juan Garcia (outgoing President), Paige Lanier

5th CAV News



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Hello, to all 5th Cav Troopers, wherever you are. My name is Bill Shepherd. Due to the recent resignation

of Jim Recamper as president, because of personal issues, as Vice President of the Association, I have assumed the duties of president until the next election. Some of you know me and some don't, but I served with B Company 2nd Battalion 5th Cav Regiment in Viet Nam, June 1967 to May 1968. I was in the 77th Field Artillery and volunteered to go out with the Infantry with the forward observer party and due to fellow members being wounded I excelled to the Recon Sgt position. Several times during that period Nelson Koyle and I were the only two people in a four-party section. For a while on two different occasions we were two PFC's doing an LT and SGT's job, but we got it done. So much for my story with the 5th Cavalry Regiment.

With Jim's resignation he also gave up doing this article and The Voice of the Black Knights paper. I'm looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over these positions. I would like someone to step forward and take these two positions. Jim will become involved with the 5th Cav Association again when he gets his personal issues resolved.

We all need to keep in mind that we are a Band of Brothers and Sisters because of our association as members of the world famous 1st Cavalry Division. I proudly wear my 1st Cav ball cap daily, and my Stetson on several occasions during the year. So, in closing, I want to remind you that we all need to watch out for each other, and if you are or have served with the 5th Cav Regiment and you are not a member, I would like to invite you to join the association. If you know someone in the association, they can get you the information to join or call me at 304-480-1067 and I'll get an application to you.

Have a great month. I understand that we have a great story for the next *Saber*. I have not seen it yet. If you have a story send it to me. The following story was sent in by our CO Bob Fullerton:

Apache Dog, Member of A 2/5 Call Sign "Lean Apache"

Our company medic found Apache Dog in a village while she was a pup, she rode in Doc's medical bag with her head sticking out. While patrolling in the infamous Ashau Valley, she got lost and left behind.

The Troops were so upset that some came to me and asked to go back and search for her. It was nearly dark, and while I wanted the dog back too, it was way too

unsafe to send a platoon back down the mountain to the stream bed to search for her. Three or four days later we were picked up by choppers and set down on a mountain top to provide security to an artillery battery and our battalion HQ. We had steak brought in that night for dinner. After stuffing ourselves, and it was quite dark, a trip flare went off on the perimeter, and surprisingly it was Apache Dog! She had evidently listed to the artillery firing and followed her instincts.

She was starving. Everyone was making a big deal over her return and we started feeding her leftover steak and scraps. She gobbled faster than any dog I had seen. Suddenly, she began throwing up and out came sticks, leaves, bamboo, and even some rubber bands. She was a survivor.

The story made the Stars and Stripes a few days later and she became famous. She remained with our company from then on. She patrolled with us daily-ran ahead on the trails and alerted us if any enemy were lying in wait. She hated the smell of Vietnamese and would begin barking at them if they were near.

We promoted her to Corporal, but later, while in the rear, she got in a fight, and it was determined to bust her back to Private. Paperwork was typed up and forwarded to Division JAG for review. Finally, a clerk questioned, "What is this? Who the hell is Apache Dog?"

I heard later, after I returned to the states, that one guy left in the company said he last saw her, running down the ramp of a Riverine boat in the Mekong Delta, on an operation. She brought a feeling of home and normalcy to the Troops. RIP Apache Dog.

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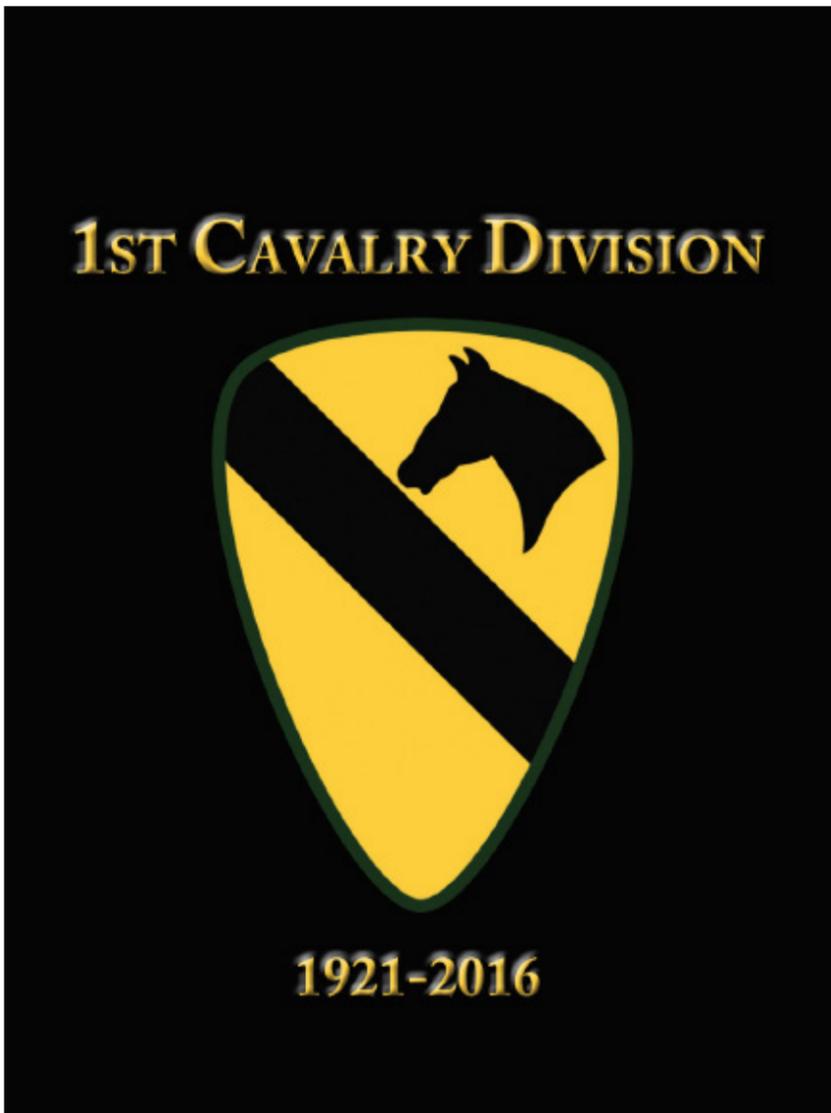
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PFC Ed Hill, M60 gunner and Private Kim Kip, asst. gunner

the usual suspects. Tighten cinches for a bumpy historical tour of the 12th Cav decades.

0206 "Staff Sergeant Victor Ravago, 87, born in El Monte Feb 14, 1931 and died October 2, 2018 in Escondido, CA. Trooper Ravago began a long military career with the United States Army in 1946 at the age of 15. It took the Army a little over a year to figure out he lied about his age and he was discharged, only to reenlist in 1947. He served the Army for 20 years, fighting in WWII, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and peacetime service overseas and in CONUS. He attained grade in 1966 and retired in 1968. One period of overseas service was in Combat Support Company, 2nd Brigade, 12th Cavalry, Korea. His humble beginnings during the Great Depression often found him shining shoes or collecting scraps from the butcher shop to help his family. No doubt this aided his incredible survivor skills while being shot down in Vietnam, or MIA in Korea. SSG Ravago's awards include the Purple Heart, Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and "V" Device, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, and Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star among many others." <Times-Advocate.Com>



SSG Victor Ravago

0406 Germany. Grafenwoehr Training Area. September 2, 1960. Around 0900 hrs. Cloudy, as usual. Just after roll-call a platoon of U.S. Army Soldiers is pitching a tent. Some are even on each other's shoulders, (Soldiers don't lug around ladders). Suddenly an 8-inch 200-pound shell, 36.75 of which is high explosive, fired by Angry Annie, Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery, 5 Corps; overcharged and badly aimed, missed the artillery impact area and traveled a mile beyond its target, landing at Camp Kasserine. It ripped through one tent, struck a tent pole in a second detonating in an air burst, and rained fragments on a third blasting the tent to bits. Everyone held their breath as they feared a fire for effect (meaning six more rounds) would follow, but they did not. 16 Troopers were killed and 27 were wounded, all members of the 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron, Third Armored Division. Human error had caused the accident that cost these young men their lives. At the time it was the largest U.S. ground-training accident since WWII, the accident with the most victims that the Grafenwoehr Training Area has seen to this day. "A memorial service was held in Grafenwoehr two days after the accident near the accident scene. "Soldiers of the Third Armored Division assembled in a hollow, with sixteen gaps in the ranks, before an altar between two fir trees. Sixteen steel helmets on tables near the altar bore testimony to the accident." A year or two later, the accident was little remembered or discussed in the unit or in Germany. <Many, many merged sources, saved until the next hard drive crash>.



Grafenwoehr 3-12 Memorial

0606 "Remember night patrols and stakeouts across the Imajin River by the 8th and 9th Cav? One-night Berny Neff, my best buddy, and another GI found we were in North Korea! No fences then. Concrete markers at times. We went south when we saw the 38th Parallel marker. Was across the 38th Parallel and the DMZ. They cross at a point. (Did not know! He's right. Google it.) Found Berny in 2014 in West Virginia, he remembers it well. He had stage 4 lung cancer from agent orange. He had gone to Vietnam he said. He tried to get back into the 1st Cav but couldn't. Was put into an aviation brigade. Planned a reunion, but he died first. Sad! Remember Gulf of Tonkin incident and other alerts on MBP (main battlefield positions)? When N. Korea would act up and fire artillery in their rear, etc.? We had life expectancy of 15 minutes. Remember devastating monsoon floods, and three U.S. aircraft shot down, etc., etc.? Best kept secret of the U.S. Army (Korea, DMZ) until 1966? And then still on back burner... Write and tell your untold true undocumented, or unrecorded stories, and experiences of No-Man's Land; The Dangerous Divide, Freedom's Frontier, and The Western Corridor main invasion route. God Bless the 1st Cav! A 1-12, 1st Platoon weapons squad, M-60 Gunner, 1st Cav Div 1964-1965; Straight Line Infantry!" <LeRoy Hill, PO Box 232, Eddyville, Iowa 52553-0232, (641-233-8719)>.

0806 Trooper Mark Williams: Our 12"x12" memorial paver was paid for by donations from the 3rd Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment Association. I'm going over to see our monument, which should be in place end of October and attempt to take some better pictures. Our monument will be dedicated along with the 3rd Armored Division monument, Saturday, November 17 in Patton Park, on Fort Benning, Georgia.

1006 "Unit History for 1-12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division - Korea 1965. Jay Ill Printing Company Seoul Korea, April 1965. Hardcover. First printing. Typical unit history with photos of commanders, officers, photos of each group in the unit. Lots of candid b/w snapshots. There are a few pages of the Troopers in the unit. This also includes Katusa HQ, A, and C Co photos. The last page has a photo and biography of the book's owner (Presumed). Starting bid \$40. Not to worry; bidding closed before my submission deadline.

1206 A continuing story> Troopers Bertuli, Compton and Vickers were reunited

in 2013 after 44 years apart thanks to the work of Gary's son Jason, who set out online to find members of his father's unit. Since then they've remained good friends, speaking weekly with each other and getting together once a year. Bertuli said he was inspired to write his version of events featured in "11 Days" after visiting with Compton, Vickers and another fellow Vietnam Veteran earlier this year in California, where Compton calls home. "Somewhere it dawned on me, we never tell our stories. Vietnam guys don't tell their stories. We came home, we buried it all and we keep it all to ourselves. It's absolutely the wrong thing to do. Nobody knows what we did, nobody knows what we went through," Bertuli said. "You start telling stories and things that you buried 40 years ago start to come back a little bit," he said. For Bertuli, revisiting his experiences from the war was an emotional challenge. "This was tough for me because I buried all these memories. I mean tough. I'd write for a night then I'd have to put it away and I couldn't sleep for two or three days. I had to be careful because I didn't want to draw this out of me and put myself in a bad place again. I caught myself before I got there." Compton, who began chronicling his memories from Vietnam about four years ago, said writing has proved cathartic. "It's a therapeutic process to be going through. Not just to be telling the stories, but have that emotion and experience, not to relive, but just kind of to purge yourself from it," said Compton, who struggled with retelling his war experiences in the past. "I couldn't even begin to talk about it without reliving it and having kinds of emotional episodes. I couldn't even finish a story if I started telling it," Compton said. "When I started writing it was so much overdue. When I sat down and started writing some of the stories it was like automatic writing. I just couldn't stop, it was free flowing." <Chris Yucus - NewsTrib.Com>. Same column, same page, next issue. If we get lucky.

1406 Don Houston served as an infantryman with the 2-12 Cavalry Regiment, from January 1968 to January 1969, and witnessed some of the bloodiest and most intense battles of the war. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He finds it difficult to talk about the horrors of war. "The 1st Cavalry division, which I was in, took more casualties than any other unit in Vietnam, including the Marines. That's hardly a record we were looking for," Houston said. Every mission, every time they left base camp, they were rolling the dice with the enemy. "There were all kinds of close calls. All you did is survive. They want to get as close as possible, and we want to keep them away as far as possible," he said. He fought in the battles of Hue and Khe Sanh, part of the 1968 Tet Offensive. "Our battalion took 65 percent casualties in five weeks. There were North Vietnamese running around everywhere," he said. He remembers what likely saved his life, "Most U.S. forces didn't move at night. My battalion did. It saved us. If we hadn't of been moving at night, we would have been overrun," he said. Houston remembers the men who died and the unusual discovery he made during one mission. He found a set of South Vietnamese stamps. "What a N Vietnamese soldier was doing with a S Vietnamese stamp collection is anybody's guess, but I got it and I sent it home," he said. Houston has visited the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., "The thing that struck me is how many names there were. It gives you a different view of things. It was big: 58,000. That's a lot of names. There were a lot of people that went into Vietnam and out," he said. <WPSDLocal6.Com>.



Trooper Don Houston

1606 The Cavalier May 27, 1970, By SP4 Ron Shirk. "FSB Buttons - As the 1st Air Cavalrymen hacked their way through the thick bamboo and up to the ridgeline they received B-40 rockets from the right flank. Immediately the men of Delta Company, 2nd Bn, 12th Cav, established a hasty perimeter with their M-60 machineguns in the area from which the rockets came. An exchange of small arms fire with the enemy followed, with the Americans receiving artillery and ARA (Aerial Rocket Artillery) support. Contact was soon broken. Later that day, a two-foot wide trail was found and deduced as the morning attackers' means of escape. SSG Cole Haywood, platoon sergeant of the 4th Platoon, said, "We saw two big trees to the right that looked suspicious. The point man started to take aim at the tree when the enemy opened up on my platoon." The Skytroopers returned fire with their weapons. The unmistakable crack of AK-47's and B-40 rockets filled the air. The thick jungle aided the Troopers detonating most of the B-40's before they could reach their positions. The platoon pulled back to the company NDP (night defensive position) and took cover as Blue Max came on station and tube artillery pounded the enemy. The next morning the 2nd Platoon made a reconnaissance of the contact area and received fire again. PFC William Bumgardner said, "They hit our lead column from the left with rifle fire and threw four B-40's at us. I got down with my '60' and put 3,000 rounds into them." The enemy was then engaged with tube artillery, 240 105mm rounds and 18 155's. When the rounds of high explosive stopped coming in and the contact area was swept, a total of 24 NVA soldiers had been killed by Delta Company and artillery support." <William 'Stump' L. Marshall, D 2-12 Cavalry. Anyone who would like to contact him? 510-385-7283>.

1806 50 Years Ago. "For the second time in less than a month, the military had a special ceremony at Fort Wingate to honor a Navajo Soldier who died in the Vietnam War as tribal leaders and representatives of the military honored Army SP4 Patrick Skeet on Oct 18 by bestowing posthumously the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for actions the previous February that led to his death on the battlefield. Skeet had been a rifleman with Company C, 2-12 Cavalry when he went into battle on Feb 23 and died later of injuries he suffered on that day. Army officials at the event said on Feb 23 Skeet's unit came under heavy fire from a large enemy force near a community called Hue in the Republic of Vietnam. "He exposed himself to hostile fire in order to move through an open area so that he could rout the enemy fortifications out of action," said COL Gordon T. Fearson, commanding officer of the depot. "Using a recoilless rifle, he managed to destroy



SSG Gary Vickers

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7th CAV News



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Greetings to all my brothers in the 7th Cavalry! It is good to be able to sit down and write this column, recounting the bravery, heroism, and service of this "band of brothers" that stretches generation over generation, war over war, always willing to fight for the freedoms in which we believe. Thanks to every one of you for your brave and enduring service! I know that we hear that a lot more than we used to, and it seems that for some folks it is more of a greeting than it is a true gesture of thankfulness. However, I have come to accept each of those "thank you for your service" comments to express to them that it was my HONOR to serve in the 7th Cavalry, and it was my HONOR to faithfully serve my country.

We received a request for information from anyone who may have served with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry. The son of John C. Kelley, Jr. is attempting to reach out for information concerning his father and his service in Vietnam. Here is his email to us:

My dad John C. Kelley Jr. served in the 1st Air Cavalry Division 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry Company B in Vietnam. Sadly, he passed away last November. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. I want to know if there is any information you can share about his company? Dad did not like talking about his time there probably for good reason. However, it would be great if I could possibly connect with some of his company to let them know he passed away. I have a few pictures I could share with them. Thank you for your help. The email is signed by Brad Kelley, who can be reached via email at <brad.kelley84@gmail.com> or by telephone at (901) 483-0312. Brad also tells us that he read a letter written to his grandmother by John indicating he was there at the end of 1968 into 1969. He went to Australia for his R&R around January 12, 1969. The letter indicated he only had a few more weeks left of his tour after his R&R.

If you remember John, or have information about him, please reach out to his son. I can remember how I wanted to know what my dad had done in WW2, because he would never talk about it. And I never got the opportunity to find out just what he endured....

The following is a story that appeared in the Archer County News, Archer County, Texas. It was written by the editor of the paper, Barbara Phillips. A ceremony on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 3:30pm was held at the American Legion Post 198 in Archer City to officially change the name from "The Ira Jones Post No. 198 American Legion, Department of Texas" to "Gary Johnston Post 198 American Legion, Department of Texas." The new name honors two Gary Johnstons: Gary C. Johnston (April 13, 1948-April 16, 1970) and SGT Gary S. Johnston (May 24, 1985-January 23, 2007).

The Legion Post has held the Ira Jones name since their charter was signed on April 14, 1919. Reasons for the change according to Burk Morris, Finance Officer Post 198, "Ira Jones was a Veteran of WWI who was killed in Action. Although he was an Archer County resident, I never knew him or his family. We in no way want to belittle his sacrifice; he is an American hero. There are no longer any Vets from WWI in our chapter and we are losing more of the WWII guys nationwide every day.

"The fourth phrase in the 'Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion states 'to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars' brings to my mind both Garys and many other Vets. I knew the first Gary and was his underclassman at ACHS. He was a good young man. I am also a Viet Nam era Vet. I felt it was time to honor these two men and all the men and women of the more current era that served and sacrificed."

SSG Gary Clarence Johnston of Archer City was Staff Sergeant D CO, 1st BN, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), USARV, Army of the United States. He was killed in action on April 16, 1970, in Binh Long Province, Viet Nam. He was the brother of Nubbin Johnston of Winthorst, TX. His friend Jeff Motyka, with whom he served, made a comment on the online "The Wall of Faces": "Gary and I were both members of Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Gary was in 3rd Platoon, and I was in 2nd Platoon. Gary was a natural leader, and he inspired confidence in all who served with him. Gary was a nice guy and was fun to be around. On the day he died, I had breakfast with him. We were relocating to a new area of operations that morning. Gary expressed concern for the unknown but probable dangers in this new area. Gary's concerns proved prophetic. In the days following Gary's death, Company D took numerous casualties. I think fondly of him often."



SSG Gary C. Johnston



SGT Gary S. Johnston

graduate where he was a standout football player and a standout individual. He made all-district his senior year when he played on both sides of the ball as a linebacker and fullback. He also played basketball, baseball, and ran track. Gary had lived in Archer City until the sixth grade when he moved to Windthorst. While in Archer City, he became a member of the 4-H Shooting Sports, earning numerous awards consisting of the 1999 Beretta's Top Gun Award where he received a new Beretta Shotgun. He had won various state championships in 4-H Shooting Sports and the Amateur Trap Shooting Association. In 2003, he received the Texas State Trap Shooters Association's Memorial Scholarship. Gary graduated from Windthorst High School with honors. He then attended Midwestern State University before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in

May of 2004. In his two-and-half-year career as a Marine, he had attained the rank of Sergeant. One of his proudest moments as a Marine was when he was assigned to the protection of President George W. Bush in Mongolia. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Windthorst where he had been an altar server and usher. SGT Gary S. Johnston was killed in action on January 23, 2007. Gary was preceded in death by his uncle and namesake, SSG Gary C. Johnston, who was killed in action on April 16, 1970; his paternal grandparents, Clarence and Cindy Johnston; and a special friend and namesake, Scott Edge. He was 21. How appropriate that this American Legion Post be renamed for an uncle and nephew, both lost in combat, one in Vietnam and one in Operation Enduring Freedom. Garryowen, Gary, we will see you again on Fiddler's Green.

Until we meet again, I am proud to be your scribe and look forward to continuing to pen this column. I ask that you continue to send more stories my way so that I can share them with all of our brothers. Send more stories, guys!!

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the enemy fortification and was mortally wounded by sniper fire," he added. A plaque was presented to his parents that not only included the Silver Star and the Purple Heart but also the numerous other awards Skeet earned during his military career. These included the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal and the marksmanship medals for his proficiency with his weapons." <NavajoTimes.Com>.

2006 N Ft Hood: Nearly 4,000 Soldiers and their associated vehicles and equipment from the 3rd ABCT conducted an exercise evaluation, known as Pegasus Forge III, from Sept. 24 to Oct. 4. "We have been focusing on night drivers training to prepare us for NTC," said CPT Tristan Laicer, commander of B 1-12 Cavalry Regiment. "Over half of my drivers and gunners are privates who have been in the Army for only about seven months. I am extremely proud of how they performed. We conducted several night movements and missions during this exercise and my Soldiers executed them without loss or damage to personnel or equipment." This was the culminating exercise for the Brigade. The companies began their training in July with crew qualifications and individual skills training, which paid dividends during the massive Brigade exercise. <DVidsHub.Net>.

2036 Oct 18, 2018, Ft Hood leaders came together Tuesday to discuss generational communication gaps among the five different generations currently within the United States Army. By hearing from the younger generation's leaders hope to use the information to strengthen their forces and bridge that communication gap with the younger generations. SGM Cesar Llanez, 1-12 Cav said he liked hearing about the shared experiences between the different units and how they were successful. Key things leading to those successes included trust, empathy, communication and bravery, he added. <FortHoodSentinel.Com>.

2206 Czech Republic, "Approx. 220,000 attended the 2018 Czech Republic NATO Days event viewing a variety of static and interactive displays, Sept 15-16, 2018. NATO began hosting the annual open house in 2001 as a regional public presentation of armed forces, police and rescue divisions. Since then it has grown into the largest military, security and air show in central Europe. The U.S. has participated in the Czech NATO Days since 2007. "We've been showing everybody our Bradley and Abrams, giving them a quick tour, taking pictures. It was a lot more people than I expected," said U.S. Army 2LT Sean Regan, a fire support officer for 2-12 Cav. "We've talked a lot with the Soldiers and bonded with them over different vehicles and weapons." "We did a dynamic display with a T-72 (M4) and Leopard 2," said U.S. Army SSG Bradley Labuga, a section leader with 2-12 Cav. "For the mobility maneuver, we showed the capabilities of our vehicle and our armament. We traversed the track, slewed the gun, did a little bit of donuts. Had fun with it." <DVidsHub.Net>.

2400 Journal closed. "Imagine how much more advanced society would be today if women, who comprise half the world's brain power, were socially and intellectually enfranchised from the beginning of civilization." ~ Neil deGrasse Tyson. Semper Paratus! Write if you get work - others do.



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All Veterans, regardless of their service and the era in which they served, have paid the price time and time again; defending America through both the best and worst of times and have performed their duties tirelessly, with little recognition or fanfare.

Thomas Paine said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Our members have shouldered that burden and experienced the fatigue of waging war to bring about peace.

As American citizens we owe an eternal debt to the untold number of Veterans, who chose to set aside their personal ambitions for the well being of our great Nation. We are indeed the beneficiaries of those sacrifices. May we always be humbly grateful... to those brave patriots...who suffered and sacrificed for the glory of God and for the freedom of all Americans.

Our Nation is fortunate to have had millions of its brave men and women stand and fight for freedom. We owe it to them and their Families to ensure that their service and sacrifices are always remembered.

We have a simple yet heartfelt message -- Thank You. Thank you for your unwavering service in peacetime and war, for our country... and throughout the world.

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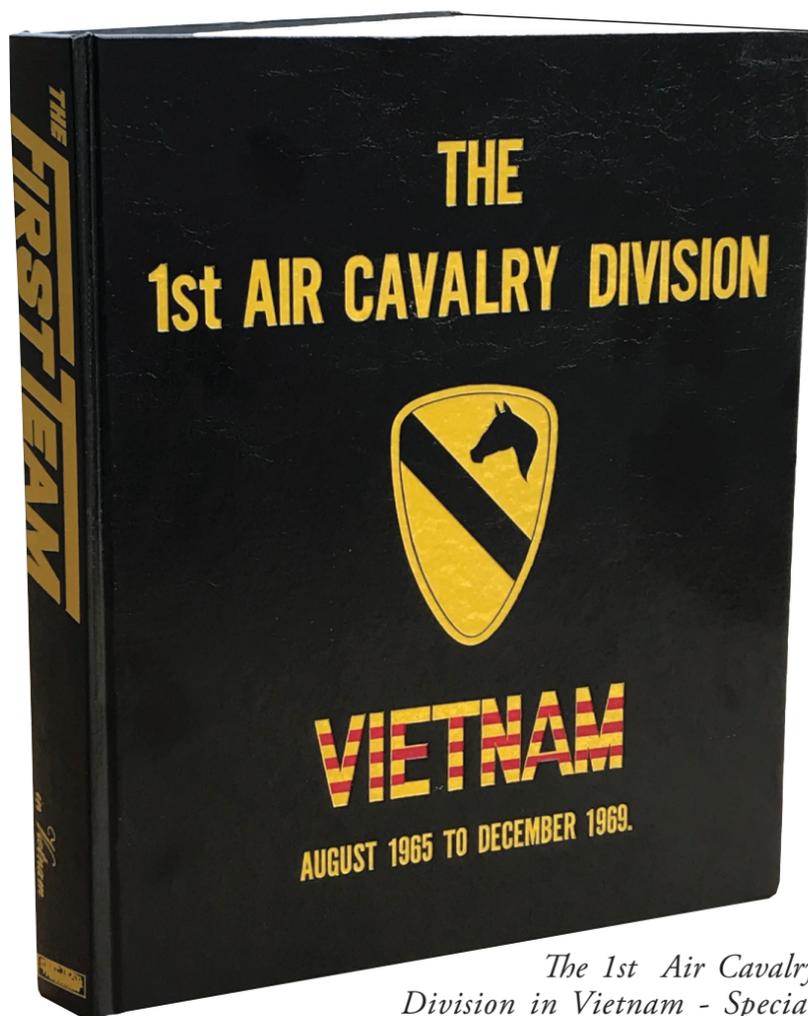
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30th FA News



"HARD CHARGERS"
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Greetings, HARD CHARGERS. On behalf of the Executive Board of the 30th FA Regiment Association, I'd like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your family, whether you are currently serving, a Veteran or Retiree, a family member or a survivor of a HARD CHARGER. We have already begun preparing for our 2019 Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio. Our Association President Ted Janosko has selected 10 thru 15 June 2019 as the dates for our next Reunion. There are 13 different local attractions in the greater Cleveland area. We'll be sending out more information as soon as we have more details. We'll post this information in our Hard Charger Newsletter as it becomes available.

Yes, we are in the early stages of our plans, and we will be sending out information to the membership as it is formulated. Look for updates soon. Hard Charger ~ Sirs!
1SG Dan Gillotti. End of Mission ~ Out!

OFFICIAL NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REUNION 2019

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 8 June 2019:

- 1st Vice President/President Elect**
- 2nd Vice President**
- 3rd Vice President**
- Executive Trustee and Trustee of the Foundation**
- Executive Trustee and Two Trustees of the Museum Foundation**
- 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, 2019 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 01 April 2019 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 72nd Annual Reunion of the Association on Saturday 8 June 2019 in Killeen, Texas. 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.

72nd Annual
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
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2019 72nd ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 5-9 JUNE KILLEEN, TX

The Crossed Sabers Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team family in Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas for the 72nd Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 5-9 June 2019. Most of the First Team will be home for this reunion and we are planning a CAV-tastic event. All Life and Associate Members are welcome to attend this special event. As always Gold Star Families and Widows of our members are welcome to join us at the 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 \$20 Registration Fee except for our Active Duty Troopers who pay \$10 to register. Early registration is October 2018 through 03 May 2019 for all members. Those sending in registrations post-marked after 03 May 2019 must pay a 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. **NOTE: Cancellations are non-refundable after the May 03, 2019 deadline.**

HOTEL INFORMATION

We will be utilizing the Shilo Inn as the Reunion Headquarters and we will hold all our paid events 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 transport members to the Shilo Inn.

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. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion. The Shilo Inn tends to fill quickly so make your reservations sooner rather than later. The Shilo restaurant will be open for breakfast will be open to support our reunion. The hotel does provide a free shuttle service from the Killeen Airport and rental cars are available at the airport.

ADDITIONAL HOTELS IN THE AREA ARE LISTED BELOW:

- Shilo Inn & Suites** \$109 (800) 222-2244 or 3701 S. W.S. Young Drive, Killeen, Texas (254) 699-0999
- Premium Inn and Suites** (254) 432-0100
2603 E. Elms Rd, Killeen, Texas
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- Holiday Inn Killeen** (254) 690-5511
300 E. Central Texas Expy, Killeen, Texas
- Fairfield Inn and Suites** (254) 526-3333
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There are several other good hotels in the Killeen area however, if you choose to stay at one of those hotels we will not provide bus transportation for you. All of 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 RV parking directly behind the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. 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 72nd Annual Reunion will run from Wednesday through Sunday (5-9 June 2019) and will be 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) which supports 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 Active Duty Scholarship Program. We will have teams/players from our Active Duty population and hope that many reunion attendees will also want to play and enjoy this event.

As usual, we will have our Welcome Mixer, War Era Lunches, Unit Lunches, Gold Star Family Breakfast, Purple Heart Breakfast, Ladies Tea, Association Banquet, Texas BBQ, Group Breakfasts and Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation and Museum Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors and our General Membership meeting. During our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, we will hold elections for the Association and both Foundations and select the location for the 2022 reunion.

This year's Ladies Tea will be a Wine Pairing event hosted by the Shilo. Chef and a local Sommelier will introduce the ladies to various wines and how to pair the wine with the perfect meal for their Trooper.

Seating for all events is open except for Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. If you are attending the banquet, you must get your tickets **marked with a table number** at the Banquet Seating table when picking up your registration packet. If you want to sit with specific people, we recommend that you all go to the Banquet Seating table together with your tickets available. Don't 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), casual clothing with open collar, jeans, or shorts. We want you to attend and aren't overly concerned with what you wear, so long as it isn't indecent!

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

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop will set up a store in the Shilo 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 (on-post) during the reunion.

The Division leadership is coordinating events to be held throughout "Cav Week" to include a Division Run and unit specific gatherings. On Friday, 7 June, the Division HQ will be open to our members for walking tours, a static display on Cooper Field, and finishing the day out with the "Spirit of the Cav". Busses will transport reunion attendees from the Shilo to Fort Hood on Friday for a vehicle display, 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 haven't 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 are American Eagle and United. 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.

You will find the following rental car agencies in our airport: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Dollar.com, and Thrifty 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 and Trailways bus service is also available to Killeen.

Please check with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) prior to packing for your trip if you are flying to the Reunion. The rules on what can and cannot be taken on the aircraft change regularly.

Road construction is always a factor and I-35 the main route from Dallas to San Antonio has numerous construction sites. Please check the Internet for road conditions and delays.

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 ride on down to Killeen in 2019!



2018 photos courtesy of Marie Dockery



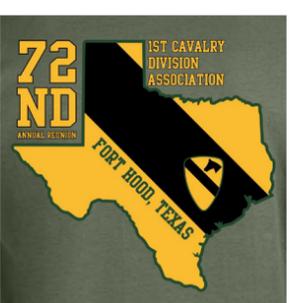
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Banquet 2018 photo courtesy of Emil (Lefty) Ercolano



Reunion Room 2018 photo courtesy of Marie Dockery



Banquet 2018 photo courtesy of Scott Hancock

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5

- 0900-UTC Association Golf Tournament
- 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
- 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
- 1200-2400 Reunion Room open

THURSDAY JUNE 6

- 0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
- 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
- 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
- 0930-1030 Museum Trustee Meeting
- 1045-1145 Foundation Trustee Meeting
- 1200-1400 Ladies Tea (3 Crs Meal & Wine Pairing)
- 1330-1500 Board of Gov Meeting
- 2000-2130 Welcome Mixer (Cash Bar)

FRIDAY JUNE 7

- 0730-0900 Gold Star Family Breakfast
- 0900-1600 Registration Desk Open
- 0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
- 0900-1700 Events on Fort Hood
- 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
- 1100-1300 War Era Luncheons
- 1500-1700 Spirit of the Cav
- 1800-2000 Texas BBQ

SATURDAY JUNE 8

- 0730-0845 Purple Heart Breakfast
- 0900-1100 General Membership Mtg

SATURDAY cont'd

- 0900-1600 Registration Desk Open
- 0900-1600 Souvenir Shop Open
- 0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
- 1200-1400 Unit Lunches
- 1400-1500 Chapter President's Mtg
- 1500-1600 Veterans Benefits Briefing
- 1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar)
- 1900-2230 Association Banquet

SUNDAY JUNE 9

- 0700-0830 Group Breakfast
- 0700-0830 LRRP/Ranger Breakfast
- 0900-1000 Memorial Service (Long Roll Muster)

1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 72nd REUNION (2019) 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 72nd Annual Reunion at the Killeen Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX June 5-9, 2019. Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm Friday, May 03, 2019 in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. ****Cancellations are non-refundable after May 03, 2019 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.

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

NICKNAME: _____

Contact #: _____

Unit#1: _____

Unit#2: _____

Unit#3: _____

Gold Star FM: _____

Is this your first 1CDA Reunion: Y / N

I will be accompanied by:

(As name will appear on Name Tag)

Spouse/Partner: _____

Guest#1: _____

Guest#2: _____

Guest#3: _____

Guest#4: _____

Guest#5: _____

Guest#6: _____

I am staying at: Shilo Inn Home RV

Other: _____

FUNCTION	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration Fee (Members Only)	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
After May 3, 2019	1	\$40.00	_____
Active Duty (w/ID Card)	1	\$10.00	_____

THURSDAY JUNE 6

Ladies Tea	_____	\$40.00	_____
Welcome Mixer	_____	\$25.00	_____

FRIDAY JUNE 7

Gold Star Family Breakfast	_____	\$23.00	_____
War Era Luncheon (circle one)	_____	\$25.00	_____
Korean War	_____	_____	_____
Vietnam War	_____	_____	_____
Gulf War	_____	_____	_____
OIF/OEF	_____	_____	_____
Texas BBQ Dinner	_____	\$30.00	_____

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SATURDAY JUNE 8

Purple Heart Breakfast	_____	\$23.00	_____
Unit Luncheons (circle one)	_____	\$25.00	_____
5C 7C 8C 9C 12C	_____	_____	_____
ARTY HQ LRRP ENG Wings	_____	_____	_____
Association Banquet	_____	\$40.00	_____
5C 7C 8C 9C 12C Wings	_____	_____	_____
ARTY HQ LRRP/Ranger ENG	_____	_____	_____

SUNDAY JUNE 9

Group Breakfast	_____	\$23.00	_____
LRRP Breakfast	_____	\$23.00	_____

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LRRP/Ranger News

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Maryland, who was there researching events surrounding American POWs/MIAs from the Vietnam War. He was working at the table next to mine in the research room and noticed that I was reading after action reports from the 1st Cav, and we got talking. He lives in Hawaii and works at the DPAA Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as a casualty resolution specialist for the Vietnam Era.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

He was telling me that he makes frequent trips to the National Archives as part of his job for gathering information, including location coordinates, names of commanding officers, intelligence reports on enemy units, etc., where available, and anything else that might be helpful in resolving cases. He also said that he makes frequent trips to Southeast Asia where he works on investigations and excavations throughout Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The trips to the National Archives are usually two weeks in length, but those to Southeast Asia are for a month or more, depending on the time of year and the weather. They are typically scheduled to coincide with the dry season between the winter and summer monsoons. He came to the U.S. from South Vietnam years ago and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 plus years of service when he went to work for the DPAA.

Efforts to locate, recover, and identify the remains of U.S. service members from the Vietnam War began in earnest after the Paris Peace Accords were signed by the U.S., the North and South Vietnamese, and the Viet Cong, in January 1973. Article Eight of the accords called for mutual assistance among all parties in accounting for the missing Americans, according to the DPAA website. Ongoing hostilities, however, limited access to many sites and the searches met with only limited success - 63 servicemen, 23 of whom had died in captivity in North Vietnam, and five of whom had been killed in Laos, were recovered and identified. Also, in December 1973, a member of one of the search teams was killed by the Viet Cong while conducting search efforts, resulting in restrictions on further recovery work. When the South Vietnamese government collapsed on April 30, 1975 and the North Vietnamese communists took control of South Vietnam, all search and recovery efforts were immediately terminated. At that time, there were roughly 2,600 Americans listed as unaccounted for from the war, with roughly that number again missing in action, or killed in action/body not recovered, totaling about 5,300 Americans.

It wasn't until the 1980s under then-President Ronald Reagan that the U.S. resumed its recovery efforts for its missing service members. In August 1987, President Reagan dispatched a special presidential emissary on POW/MIA issues to Vietnam to find ways to account for those still missing from the war. As a result, the Vietnamese gave permission to let American teams search throughout the country starting in September 1988. Parallel arrangements were also reached with the Laotians and Cambodians, and occasional targeted investigations were permitted in China by the Chinese government. Joint searches began in April 1988 in Laos, and in October 1991 in Cambodia.

The Vietnamese also gave permission to let Americans access military records at the Ministry of National Defense, Central Archives, in Hanoi. According to the DPAA website, casualty resolution specialists rotate to Hanoi on a continuous basis to do research and pursue leads associated with POW/MIA efforts. The records in the archives identify the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong units involved in the actions, and this makes it possible to identify the unit commanders and many of the individual members who served in the units. North Vietnamese and Viet Cong veterans are frequently invited to accompany DPAA teams to sites in the South, and in Cambodia and Laos to locate spots where American units were involved in fighting with the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

As of 2018, there are a total of 1,597 remaining missing Americans in Southeast Asia with 1,251 in Vietnam, 291 in Laos, 48 in Cambodia, and 7 in China. Of the 1,251 still unaccounted for in Vietnam, 470 are categorized as non-recoverable, meaning that the DPAA has conclusive evidence that the individuals perished, but that it does not believe it possible to recover their remains.

I've mentioned in previous articles in the *Saber* that a neighbor of mine from Waltham, Massachusetts, PFC Paul C. King, Jr., was killed in action in Laos in May 1968 and his body was never recovered. He was a member of a 6-man reconnaissance team, Recon Team Alabama, with the U.S. 5th Special Forces, operating out of Phu Bai in Thua Thien Province in I Corps. His team was inserted into extreme eastern Laos, adjacent to the A Shau Valley where the 1st Cav was sweeping the valley in Operation Delaware. The operation was intended to drive the North Vietnamese out of the A Shau which they had been using to orchestrate attacks against the coastal cities of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces and the U.S. Marine Combat Base at Khe Sanh. The North Vietnamese scattered into neighboring Laos to avoid the attacking 1st Cav but only far enough into Laos to be beyond the range of the 1st Cav's artillery and helicopters. Recon Team Alabama was inserted into Laos shortly afterwards in an attempt to locate the North

Vietnamese encampments and direct strategic air strikes on them.

The following account of what happened to Recon Team Alabama and Paul King is from the POW network, <<http://www.pownetwork.org>>. It has been shortened to accommodate space requirements.

On May 3, 1968, PFC Paul C. King Jr. was a rifleman and a member of the Special Forces reconnaissance team, Recon Team Alabama, composed of 3 Americans (SSG John Allen, SP5 Kenneth Cryan, and PFC Paul King) and 3 indigenous personnel (Nungs, identities unknown) were on a combat mission in Laos. The team was inserted into an area just across the South Vietnam/Laotian border adjacent to the A Shau Valley, in Saravane Province, coordinates 160218N, 10723E, for the purpose of locating a North Vietnamese force that had fled the attacking 1st Cav in the A Shau Valley. The insertion was unopposed but as the team moved off the LZ into the jungle, it received small arms fire from multiple directions from an enemy force of unknown size. The team attempted to return to the LZ for extraction but was unable to do so because of the enemy fire and instead was forced to execute an escape-and-evade maneuver to a nearby jungle-covered hill mass. There it took up a defensive position in a large bomb crater that provided open fields of fire in all directions. In the maneuver, SP5 Cryan was wounded by enemy fire and had to be carried by one of the other team members. One of the Nungs was also wounded.

The crater was quickly surrounded by an encircling enemy force and the team could do little more than exchange small arms fire with the enemy soldiers. PFC King, the RTO on the team, was able to raise a COVEY forward air controller (FAC) by radio and request air support. (COVEY was the call sign of the FAC unit that supported the Special Forces unit at Phu Bai. It operated out of Da Nang.) King and SSG Allen changed places so Allen could coordinate tactical air support with the FAC. King was later shot in the head and killed by enemy fire as he raised his head above the crater lip to fire on the enemy. The COVEY FAC was able to bring in tactical air to discourage the NVA from moving on the crater and an extraction attempt was made. As a UH-1 Huey approached the crater, it took multiple hits and was forced to withdraw. It crash-landed a short distance away from the hill mass but the crew was able to climb out of the helicopter and was rescued. Tactical air strikes were called in and continued until nightfall. The team stayed in position through the night, fighting off several enemy assaults. During the last assault, just before dawn, two of the Nungs were killed, leaving only SSG Allen, SP5 Cryan, and one wounded Nung alive in the crater. When COVEY and supporting tactical air arrived, they discovered that the NVA had placed a ring of 51-caliber and 37mm anti-aircraft guns around the crater. Almost immediately an F-4 Phantom was hit by ground fire and forced to return to Phu Bai. A larger USAF SAR helicopter then arrived at the scene and while it could not land, it was able to lower a 3-man penetrator seat down to the crater but conditions precluded lifting more than two men out at one time. The penetrator seat was lowered, and SP5 Cryan and the surviving Nung were helped into the seat by SSG Allen, and the lift began. As the two men were hoisted into the air, the enemy opened up on them killing both of them. Now alone on the ground, SSG Allen decided his only chance was to make a break for it, and he did so while the supporting aircraft were strafing the North Vietnamese positions. He crawled out of the crater on his stomach and into the surrounding jungle underbrush and was eventually able to move away from the crater and off the hill mass to a clearing where he could be picked up. The Covey FAC saturated the surrounding area with bombs and gunfire. Immediately after the strikes, a UH-1 Huey arrived at the scene to locate and rescue SSG Allen, but it was badly damaged by enemy ground fire and forced to head back to base. SSG Allen was able to evade the pursuing North Vietnamese troops and move away from the area. He was picked up the next day by another SVNAF 219th SOS H-34 helicopter. The bodies of PFC King and the two Nungs were left in the bomb crater.

The area adjacent to the A Shau Valley in Saravane Province remained consistently hostile throughout the war, and it was never possible for the U.S. to reenter the area. PFC King was listed as killed in action, body not recovered. He is listed with honor among the missing because no remains were ever found. Excavation teams from the DPAA have visited the hill mass site in Saravane Province where the bodies of PFC King and the two Nungs are believed to still be located on multiple occasions, but due to the geographical changes that have occurred to the terrain over the years, due to bombing campaigns and weather, no remains have ever been found. (End of Account.)

The location where Recon Team Alabama was inserted was only a short distance across the South Vietnam/Laotian border in Laos, and a kilometer or so west of the abandoned U.S. Special Forces Camp at the A Loui Airfield in the center of the A Shau. That puts it about five kilometers southwest of Signal Hill where a platoon of LRRP/Rangers from Echo Company, 52nd Infantry, later re-designated Hotel Company, 75th Rangers, air assaulted onto a 5,000 foot high mountain ridge on the eastern side of the valley, on April 19, 1968, and set-up a radio relay site for the 1st Cav Troops who would be air assaulting onto the valley floor on the morning of the 20th and attacking the North Vietnamese. No sooner did the LRRP/Rangers get the relay site up and running then they came under sniper attack from the North Vietnamese and were forced to fight off enemy snipers for several days. In the fighting, Glenn Lambert, (Pensacola, Florida); Dick Turbitt, (Waukegan, Illinois); Bob Noto, (St. Louis, Missouri); and James F. MacManus, (Anaheim, California, 8th Engineers) were killed. LT Dilger received a near-fatal gunshot wound to the chest.

On a more positive note, I received a card from Jim Regan (1968-69), Lexington, Kentucky with an embroidered star from a retired U.S. flag. The star had the following quote on the back of it: "I am part of our American flag that has flown over the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten." As noted in the quote, the star is from a retired U.S. flag, tattered and torn, and the legacy of it is being passed to one who defended it, a member of our military - currently serving or Veteran. I feel honored that someone would think enough of me to send this. Thank you, Jim.

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Embroidered Star from Retired U.S. Flag

PFC Paul C. King, Jr.

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I briefly spoke with James Odum on the telephone since the last column. James said that he didn't remember who was on the crew when he was awarded the DFC, but that the

flight was out of Phouc Vinh. He said that it was just a routine pickup, in other words, not urgent. All that getting shot up should have been unnecessary for a routine pickup, but the pilots made the decision.

James recalled an incident where one of the MEDEVAC Hueys was on a maintenance flight check and crashed. James said he himself had redlined that helicopter. Listening to James describe it, more caution should probably have been taken flying it and it went down killing the three maintenance personnel on board.

I just happened to be the flight medic on the MEDEVAC that brought in SP6 Conway. He was seized up probably from a concussion, or which is commonly referred to in the most recent wars, traumatic brain injury. There was nothing that I could do for him that I could see. No bleeding, no obstructed airway, no gasping for breath, just seized. It was a short ride from the rubber trees where they crashed, to the 15th MED in Phouc Vinh.



WO Rodney Keith Arnold

Looking up SP6 Conway on Google I found someone had posted on the Virtual Wall-no name given-the following: "02 Jan 2004 NEVERFORGOTTEN WO Rodney K. Arnold, SFC James H. Brooks, and SP6 James T. Conway, all assigned to Headquarters Company, 15th Medical Battalion, were lost when their UH-1H (tail number 68-16429) crashed during a post-maintenance test flight."

"I served with James Conway when I was a flying crew chief for UH-1H tail number 68-16429

in the MEDEVAC Platoon and he was working in the Maintenance Platoon for 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Division."

"In April 1970 I was hospitalized after being bitten by a rat at Quan Loi where my helicopter was stationed to make emergency pickups. While I was in the hospital, the MEDEVAC helicopter on which I was the assigned crew chief crashed during a maintenance flight check, killing all aboard including James, SFC Brooks and WO Arnold.

"I remember James Conway was married with two kids and one on the way. It was his second tour in Vietnam. He thought being in helicopter maintenance was safer than flying MEDEVAC missions like me. He had done his first tour flying as a crew chief. He loved his family and the only thing he wanted was to return to them. But, as fate would have it, I survived the war and he didn't, dying in the helicopter I should have been in. I will always be eternally grateful to James for doing his duty. He made the ultimate sacrifice. I will never forget him." Again, this author gives no name that I see.

SP6 James Thaddeus Conway died 25 Apr 70 at 15th Medical Battalion (1st Cav).

Home of Record (official): Tuscarawas, OH. Maintenance Sergeant SFC James Harrison Brooks, Jr. was from Itmann, WV. WO Rodney Keith Arnold was from Milwaukee, WI. All three died together 25 Apr 70. The crash was near the Song Be Bridge, a few kilometers south of the Phouc Vinh Base Camp. <<https://www.vhpa.org/KIA/incident/700425101ACD.HTM>>

"Helicopter UH-1H 68-16429

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1H tail number 68-16429:

The Army purchased this helicopter in 1169

Total flight hours at this point: 00000417

Date: 04/25/1970

Incident number: 700425101ACD Accident case

number: 700425101 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: 15 MED 1 CAV

The station for this helicopter was Phouc Vinh in South Vietnam

Number killed in accident = 3... Injured = 0... Passengers = 3

costing 395145

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Army Aviation Safety Center database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

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Crew Members: P WO1 Arnold Rodney Keith KIA

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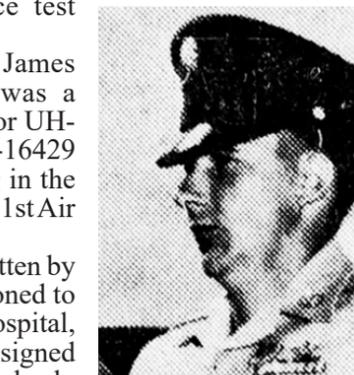
SFC Brooks James Harrison JR, CMP, A

SP6 Conway James Thaddeus, CMP, A

Accident Summary:

The crew of UH-1H, SN: 68-16429 was performing a test flight. The purpose of the test flight was to perform an N1 topping check. The aircraft departed Phouc Vinh at approximately 1030 hours and proceeded to the unit's test flight area south of the Song Be Bridge, RVN. At approximately 1100 hours, according to witnesses on the ground, aircraft 68-16429, which was heading in a northeasterly direction, began violently spinning to the right at an altitude of approximately 1200 feet above ground level. Witnesses also stated that at approximately 700 feet above ground level the aircraft began to recover from the spin and that at approximately 400 feet above ground level the aircraft again began to spin, finally crashing in a rubber plantation 8,000 meters to the southwest of Phouc Vinh. The aircraft was found resting on its right side heading approximately 120 degrees

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SFC James Harrison Brooks Jr



SP6 James Thaddeus Conway



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

D Co 2/12 CAV

Silsbee Veteran Recalls Tour in Vietnam by Danny Reneau, *The Silsbee Bee Newspaper*, May 23, 2018.

Almost half a century ago, more than 2.7 million American Soldiers served in Vietnam-less than one million served in the field. Several Soldiers were from Hardin County including a 20-year old from Silsbee, Texas; William L. Marshall. He turned 21 in the jungles of Vietnam.

Marshall served his first 5 months in South Vietnam with 82nd Airborne, then moved to D Co 2/12 First Cavalry Division where he moved and operated in the dense jungle areas near Cambodia.

The Soldiers were in the field for 35 days or more in a row. They would wear the same clothes for the whole tour and after it was over, they would throw the clothes away and pick out some more.

In the First Cavalry, they couldn't count on a hot meal everyday like in the 82nd. They lived on C-Rations and would get re-supplied every few days.

In the dense jungle, they dealt with snakes, bugs and leaches. "The mosquitos were huge and so thick that sometimes you would have to wipe them off of your face," said Marshall. "The bugs were everywhere. The primary ones were the North Vietnam ants and the big head bugs which had pinchers on their head. And on top of that, there were two different kinds of leaches."

He doesn't remember anyone getting bit by a snake but there were plenty of people who got bit by leaches. "Whether dryland or water leaches, they would latch on and begin to suck the blood," he said. "They would bleed unless you took a cigarette and burned the leach. Then it would let loose and the result was a lot less bleeding."

One of the strange things Marshall remembers about the tours was the Soldiers were provided with cigarettes, but very few men smoked. "If you lit up, you better be in a hole because they could see it from far away and you would get shot," he said. He remembers cutting up or destroying packs of cigarettes.

Another thing he remembers is that he was dirty all the time, ate out of a can with his hands but never getting sick.

Marshall remembers two remarkable events. One was near Saigon when a man known as Sanchez stepped in a hole and discovered 21 light machine guns and 16,000 rounds of ammunition. The other was while serving with the Cavalry near the end of the Ho Ch Ming Trail, right before his ETS, the Americans entered into a battle and discovered a cache of weapons all above ground, what was about

1,000 meters long and 500 meters wide. When the Americans came in, the Viet Cong were leaving in jeeps. In the process, they killed 24 North Vietnam Army soldiers and discovered the cache of weapons known as the "Rock Island East Arsenal" named after a big weapons depot in Rock Island, Illinois.



Cache of weapons; Rock Island East Arsenal

The cache included nine million 51-caliber rounds, 646 tons of rice, 7,000 new SKS rifles, 62 anti-tank mines, 500,000 small arms, 359 British infield rifles, three small Russian machine guns and other items.

Every Soldier in the squad was allowed to bring home one SKS rifle that shoots a 7.62-millimeter round. The guns were brand new and packed in grease.

Stump remembered their Platoon Leader's name of 2LT Roger Eubanks. Stump would love to hear from any of his long-lost battle buddies from D Co 2/12, please contact him at 409-385-7283.

1/9 Delta Troop in the 1st Air Cav

Memoir of Emmett Hicks in Vietnam, published on Amazon

Drafted A Look Back by Emmett Hicks <enjicks3@att.net>

Getting off the plane in Cam Ranh Bay a Warrant Officer (helicopter pilot) pulled me aside. "Hey Hicks, your entire unit was wiped out in a mile-long ambush." He knew me because he flew our unit out on missions, but he wore a helmet and I never saw his face. This was not good news and I hitched a ride in a Lotch helicopter (bubble top helicopter) back to Phu Vinh. When I arrived, they were still trying to get things settled from the aftermath of the devastating ambush.

Blue platoon was the lead platoon in the company and they were on their jeeps. The sergeant that took my place while I was on R&R was riding on the hood of the jeep and was the first man shot and he was also the lead jeep. It was a U shape ambush almost a mile long. They hit them with RPG's and heavy machine gun fire. My jeep was disabled, and no one could get past it and the last jeep in the company was disabled and no one could get out. Bodies were scattered everywhere up and down the road as the report that was written indicated. Out of my squad two guys made it out. Little Red, my tunnel rat, and Reb from NC were extremely lucky. Little Red crawled the entire mile back without a weapon and Reb fought his way back. Now the way it is supposed to work is that a

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20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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Greetings from the "finally fall season" of east Tennessee! The Fort Sill, OK reunion is a thing of the past, but will not be forgotten anytime soon! Our host was Clovis Jones, Jr. and here a few words from him about the event. It was a labor of love to have served as host of our 21st ARA Reunion to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the activation and deployment of the 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery (ARA) of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). As host, I wanted everyone to be warmly received and comfortable in every way possible. Having been an original member of A Battery and serving in B Battery, 4/77th ARA; I not only wanted proper honors for the 4/77th, but all for ARA units at the home of Field Artillery. I am confident that was accomplished as the Field Artillery Museum is seeking an ARA Cobra to be put on display in the Vietnam portion of the museum. Michael Sloniker of Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) visited to capture ARA history to be published in the VHPA magazine. Ed Miller gave a recap of ARA progression and development, Dan Petrosky spoke of the *trust* in Army Aviation created by the ARA through the excellent support and response provided to ground and maneuver units. Finally, the Field Artillery Historian wants books, notes, journals, mission briefs and information, personal logs and accounts of ARA missions in written or audio recordings. Please send your written and recorded accounts of your ARA experiences to the Field Artillery Historian before December 15, 2018 as he is retiring (after 41 years) on December 31, 2018. I will give his address at the end of my message. Mike Brokovich presented the Missing Man Ceremony and Jim Mitschke was instrumental in getting our farewell banquet speakers. We had individuals who served in all four 4/77th batteries present at the reunion; and special guests who are assigned to the 2/20th (MRLS). I look forward to our 2019 reunion in San Diego which Joe Galloway has put on his calendar to attend. Joe was invited to our Fort Sill Reunion, but Hurricane Florence prevented his travel. Joe is quite familiar with missions and protection provided by the ARA during the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley.

Reflections from Jesse Hobby, A Btry 1965-66: Reunion 2018 is now another memory on the road of life, but what a great reunion it was. We started out with 90 registered members and guests and 87 had actually shown up by the last day. Only three cancellations, one due to weather and two due to illness. After the meet and greet at the hotel on Wednesday afternoon we moved on to the Historic Patriots Club for the welcoming speech by our host, Clovis Jones, followed by dinner and presentation of some well-deserved awards to members of the association who have made significant contributions to its success over the last ten years. Deployment plaques on this night interestingly enough went to B/2/20 which had nine members present who had all deployed in 1968. With the addition of several others from other year groups, this was the largest group from a single battery. Thursday morning was spent on the range visiting with the young artillerymen and getting briefed on modern artillery equipment. Live fire was quite impressive. Smelling powder and hearing outgoing brought back memories of another time and place in what often seems to have been another life. Lunch with the Troops in a consolidated dining facility was okay, but it did not have the same feeling as having a meal in your own battery mess, eating food prepared by people you knew and trusted to give their best. They were some of our unsung and often unappreciated heroes. The afternoon was spent in the museums. The Field and Air Defense Artillery Museum was very interesting; seeing artillery from infancy all the way to the modern age, especially those guns that were part of our lives, long ago in a faraway place. For me one of the highlights on Thursday (our open day) was the opportunity to visit with the present day 2nd Battalion/20th Artillery (MRLS). The battalion is currently deployed to South Korea with an anticipated return sometime in November. The rear echelon commander, Captain Russell DeWitt, welcomed us and brought us up to date on the current unit, and we, in turn, filled in our history as ARA. It was both surprising and gratifying to see memorabilia of 2nd Bn/20th Arty (ARA) on display in their conference room. They have our patches (Griffins and Blue Max) on display along with an inert 2.75-inch rocket. After a slide show of our time in South Vietnam we left them more cloth patches, window patches, bumper stickers, and coffee cups. It appears that they are interested in learning more about us since we represent a chapter from the past and we have an open invitation to make a return visit next year. I am making plans to go and if anyone else is interested in making the trip please contact me. Saturday's business meeting went well and is covered elsewhere in this article.

Saturday evening's spotlight was on the 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery (ARA). With our host, now the association president, and the two guest speakers, and their wives, the head table was 4/77th. Appreciation awards went to them and their spouses and our host. Deployment plaques went to members who made the initial deployment to RVN in 68-69. (We did not know it was an incremental deployment over two calendar years). And lastly, we made two posthumous awards to attending members of deceased comrades. One for (then) MAJ Joseph J. Lahnstein, who was my commander at Fort Benning and in Vietnam, presented to his son, Joseph S. Lahnstein. The other was for CWO Harold "Uncle Hal" Caldwell (B/2/20-1968) presented to his widow Virginia by Johnny Grice, who served with Hal during that period. Needless to say, we also spent a lot of time in the hospitality suite doing what old comrades do when we get together. We drank, we lied, and the more we drank and lied the better we were. As Herb Hirst said on Wednesday, the best friends you have or will ever have are in this room. The bonds that were forged in combat are greater than love and stronger than blood. Thank you, Jesse, for those reflections!

For those of you that missed the reunion at Ft. Sill, you missed a great get-together. The first two days were packed with unique events. The training center demonstrated trainees firing different artillery pieces on the same ranges that many of us trained on over fifty or sixty years ago. The contrast between twenty-year-old Soldiers and seventy-eighty-year-old ARA members was notable. I really believe the trainees and cadre appreciated our presence.

The annual business meeting was held on Saturday and considered two main

items; reunion locations for the next five years and election of officers for the next two. Reunion locations drew the most heated discussion. The issue of how to be inclusive of all the ARA units at their original locations and units, alternating east coast/west coast and mid U.S. locations and naming individuals as sponsors was hotly debated. In the end it was agreed that San Diego, CA would be next year followed by Savannah, GA, Ft. Campbell, and Ft. Belvoir, Va. One of the objectives of having the reunions at the different units is to open the ARA to more members. The impression has been that the ARA is mostly drawn from the 2/20th and it should be all who served in the different ARA units.

The election of officers saw only two changes. Clovis Jones was elected President for two years and Rodger McAlister was named Secretary. All other positions: Vice President Jim Castillo, Chaplain and *Saber* Columnist Bruce Wilder, Treasurer Herb Hirst, Editor/Publisher Asa Talbot and Data Base Commander Jesse Hobby were extended for two more years. Our new president, Clovis Jones, who served with the 4/77th was also the sponsor for our reunion at Ft. Sill and definitely hit a home run. Thanks, from all of us. And the ladies seemed to enjoy themselves. Can anyone guess why we are returning to Savannah, GA? Respectfully submitted by Jim Foreman, the action reporter for the October issue of the Straphanger. Jim, thank you for the Yeoman's job on the write up!



Men & Ladies of ARA



Since we became The Aerial Rocket Association there have been eleven reunions all over the country. Some of our readers are new to the organization and may have missed some of them. Dave Borgeson compiled a list of people and places as a part of our association's history. Going through old records I have information about the preceding eleven reunions. We may have a missed year in our recording of reunions. If anyone has information that can put on the right track, please let me know. Here is the ARA Reunion History as I have it from Russ Warriner and those reunions planned in near-term:

President	Hosts	Year	Location
Russ Warriner	Russ Warriner	1996	Milwaukee, WI with 1CDA
	Russ Warriner	1998	Fort Rucker, AL
	Russ Warriner	1999	Williamsburg, VA/Fort Eustis with Guns-a-Go-Go
	Russ Warriner	2000	Melbourne, FL (Designated Blue Max ARA Association)
	Ray Pollard	2001	Denver, CO with VHPA
	Wilson/Toepel	2002	Phoenix, AZ with VHCMA
	Russ Warriner	2003	Atlanta, GA with VHCMA
	Russ Warriner	2004	Indianapolis, IN with VHCMA
	Warriner/Wilder	2005	Tampa, FL with VHPA Florida Chapter
	Rodger McAlister	2006	Louisville, KY with 1CDA
	Warriner/Wilder	2007	Orlando, FL with VHCMA
Bruce Wilder	2008	Ozark, AL/Fort Rucker (Re named ARA Association)	
Rodger McAlister	Glenn Brown	2009	Midland, TX
Jesse Hobby	Gary Bishop	2010	Bozeman, MT
	Hobby Hatfield	2011	Charleston, SC
Cecil Hengeveld	Ray Hatfield	2012	Portland, OR
	Herbert Hirst		Hershey, PA
	Wallace Tichenell		Branson, MO
Larry Mobley	Wilder/Hobby	2015	Fort Benning, Columbus, GA
	Larry Mobley		Colorado Springs, CO
Dave Borgeson	Dave Borgeson	2017	Williamsburg, VA
	Clovis Jones	2018	Fort Sill, Lawton, OK
Clovis Jones	Dave Borgeson	2019*	San Diego, CA
	Gerald Hipp	2020*	Savannah, GA
TBD by Election	Dave Cooper	2021*	Fort Campbell,
	Jule Szabo	2022*	Fort Belvoir, VA

*Planned future reunions at the ARA Reunion 2018, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In closing, I have included the words of our new president from Fort Sill. I am honored and humbled to have been elected president of our association and will continue to give my best efforts to reach out to all who served in all ARA units both in Vietnam and the States. It is my goal to see that the courageous, illustrious, and important history of the Aerial Rocket Artillery be documented, preserved, and correctly placed in the annals of the Field Artillery and Army Aviation history. Please send your written or audio recordings of your ARA

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reactionary force is to be able to get to your location in 15 minutes. The only problem was they did not have one assigned for the operation. Two hours later the tanks and APC showed up with guns blazing. That created a big problem as they shot two of our guys in the head with 50 caliber machine guns. Now you need to go back and remember the guy that never talked to me again. He lost it and went berserk. He climbed up the tank commander's tank and pulled him out to the ground and beat him unconscious. When I returned he was under house arrest. Again, I attempted to talk to him, but he just stared off into space. There was no name for it back then but today they call it PTSD. Top told me to get ready to return to the field in two days but that night I came down with a severe headache and I lost my sight for about 6 hours. I was put in the hospital for 3 days and they thought I had malaria but that was not the case. Personally, I think it may have been stress. I was discharged and was packing my gear for the field when Top came to my barracks and told me to stand down as 8 new sergeants just arrived, and he had some special jobs for me and I would be staying in the rear for the remainder of my tour. This did not piss me off at all. I got a good night's sleep and ate breakfast the next morning and went over to talk to Top about my new assignments.

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"My Buddies' Keeper" story by Ryan Welch

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On the night of October 16, 2004, Welch was piloting his Apache on a routine mission over the Tigris River outside Baghdad, reconnoitering sites that insurgents had previously used to launch mortars and rockets into the Green Zone. About fifteen minutes into their mission, another pilot issued a curious call over the radio. The call struck Welch as odd, particularly because it came over the "guard" frequency, the military's emergency radio frequency. The other pilot stated that two helicopters had crashed and that two pilots had been killed and two survived, but he was confused about the site of the incident. When the pilot reported the call sign of the downed helicopters, Welch knew it immediately, it was the call sign of his battalion's sister unit, and he knew a number of the pilots in that battalion.

Worse, Welch knew the zone in which the helicopters had reportedly crashed, it was southwest of the Baghdad airport in a dangerous, insurgent-infested area that was frequently called the Triangle of Death. Welch was a bit leery of going headlong into such hostile territory. He and his copilot had no idea what the situation on the ground was, other than the fact that enemy fighters were usually all over the place and there were no friendly ground forces anywhere nearby. Worse, an Army helicopter had recently been shot down there, killing two of Welch's close friends.

They flew in anyway. Welch and his copilot headed straight for the zone to look for the crash site and the surviving pilots. Welch engaged the infrared-vision equipment to look for heat emanating from the crash or the surviving pilots. He flew over one location that had a significant fire, but Iraqis regularly burned their household trash, so this blaze looked like any of the numerous fires raging in and around Baghdad at that time.

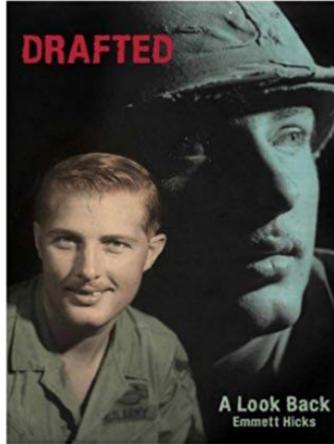
To get a closer look, Welch's copilot, who was flying the plane as Welch manned the guns, flew the aircraft over the site. They were highly concerned that the other helicopters had been shot down and that they were essentially flying right into an ambush, so they moved fast and low to the ground. As they flew over the site, Welch saw a ring of fire with what seemed like boards lying across the top, they still were not sure it was the crash site. Only when the surviving pilots said over the radio that the Apache had just flown overhead did they realize that the blaze was coming from the downed helicopters.

Welch quickly realized that a ground convoy and even a medevac helicopter would take too long to get to the site. He understood that he and his copilot would have to rescue the downed pilots. And that meant landing their helicopter in hostile territory.

Welch asked the survivors over the radio how they were marked, so he could see where they were. They responded that they had put out their strobe light, the emergency light that every pilot has, which has a filter that makes it visible with night-vision goggles but not infrared sensors or the naked eye. But Welch had lent his night-vision equipment to a colleague earlier that night and had only infrared gear, so he couldn't see the strobe. He asked the pilots to take off the filter so that the strobe light was just a naked bright light that Welch could see from the Apache. It was a risky move, as it would also make the light visible to the enemy forces who might be lurking in the darkness.

The downed pilots took off the strobe's cover, and the Apache pilots quickly spotted them, about ten to fifteen feet down in a deep trench near the crash site. Welch's copilot surveyed their surroundings and found a suitable landing site roughly three hundred feet to the south of the crash site and the survivors' position. They could not set down closer, Welch explained, because landing the aircraft requires a large, flat, open field, and the men were situated in a deep ditch. The copilot brought the helicopter down, kicking up a huge amount of dust and large clusters of tumbleweeds into the air. It was a delicate moment. Welch hoped that the men would race over to the helicopter, so they could get out of there right away. Every second that the Apache was on the ground was highly uncomfortable for Welch, because being on the ground is the Apache's most vulnerable point. "We're a fifty-foot-long helicopter, so we're sitting there like a school bus," he explained.

"Any guy in the bushes with an AK-47 or an RPG can probably ruin your day." They were basically a huge sitting duck. But nothing was happening. Welch recalled a long, uncomfortable pause filled with eerie silence. Finally, Welch said intently over the radio: "Ok, we're ready—*come on over.*" Then one of the



downed pilots responded that the other was severely injured and could not move. They were still in the ditch one hundred yards away and needed help. When he heard that, Welch's initial response was "Aw, *shit.*" He knew what it meant: he would have to get out of the helicopter, cross three hundred feet of hostile territory, and carry the injured men to the helicopter.

Welch discussed the situation with his copilot for about five to ten seconds, they both understood what had to happen. They could not simply take off and land closer to the injured men. Welch explained that they were essentially committed to their landing spot once the helicopter touches ground because of "brownout," which is the disorienting wall of dust and debris kicked up by the helicopter's rotor system. The brownout causes pilots to lose sight of the ground through all of the dust, making it impossible to take off and land nearby. So, the aircraft was staying put, and one of them had to go get the survivors.

Welch understood that he was the one who had to get out of the aircraft—he was the mission commander, and he believed it was his responsibility. Also, his copilot was in the rear seat that night, meaning that he was responsible for flying the helicopter, while Welch operated the guns from the front seat. Given the hostile nature of the territory and the possibility of enemy fire, the helicopter might have to take off at any moment, and Welch wanted the rear-seat pilot to remain in the helicopter to allow for a quick escape.

"Looks like I gotta get out and get these guys," Welch said to his copilot. As he unclipped himself from his seat and prepared to depart the helicopter, Welch said to his copilot, "If you start taking fire, just leave." He knew that meant he would be stranded in the Triangle of Death with two injured crash survivors, but he figured that getting the Apache destroyed or disabled on the ground would be a worst-case scenario, then they would be stranded *and* without any air support. Welch then hopped out of Apache and jumped into the maelstrom of dust swirling around the helicopter. He did not carry much gear with him. Most of the gear was standard survival equipment for Army pilots: a survival vest that held a radio, strobe light, first-aid kit, knife, compass, navigation gear, and a GPS. He also carried a pistol, a rifle, and a few additional rounds of ammunition. He had "enough to shoot myself out of a bad situation, but not a whole lot of offensive capability." Welch recalled that all of the gear was flapping around in the wind and must have made for a comical sight. "I was a big mess. I had cords hanging off of me. It was not the picture of grace that I thought it would be."

Wasting no time, Welch started running away from the helicopter toward the crash site, the length of a football field away. As he ran through the field, it was completely dark, a "zero-illumine night" in military parlance. There was no ambient light at all, except for fire coming from the burning helicopters one hundred yards in the distance. And Welch had no night vision gear. He was running furiously, stumbling blindly through the uneven field, tripping over clumps of claylike muck and large tumbleweeds of hard, fibrous plants that dotted the terrain.

There were also large trenches and ditches that appeared intermittently. "I fell down a big ditch just before I got to those guys, picked myself back up and dusted off," Welch said with a self-deprecating chuckle. "The night-vision goggles definitely would have helped." As he scurried through the field, Welch quickly realized just how far away the survivors were. "Everything looks closer in the air," Welch said. But he kept moving forward.

As he neared the crash site, he could hear the popping and whistling sounds and mini-explosions coming from the wreckage, the noise of the fire consuming the downed aircraft and the ammunition in the crashed helicopters igniting in the blaze. He knew the bodies of the two killed pilots lay in the wreckage and briefly considered trying to collect their remains. He knew one of them from a previous assignment. "He was a good guy," Welch recalled with a somber tone. But, with the fire still active and the ammunition "cooking off" so violently, it was just too dangerous to go near the wreck. "I felt horrible," Welch said of not retrieving his colleagues' bodies, but there was no way he could get them. "It was completely engulfed in fire." So, he ran directly to the survivors' position. Seeing them for the first time startled Welch because both men were bleeding profusely out of their eye sockets. He figured that the pilots' night-vision goggles must have smashed into their faces during the crash. One pilot was more injured and was obviously delirious.

"He got his bell rung pretty good," Welch said. "He had a vacant look on his face." He was also waving his weapon around aimlessly, so Welch quickly swiped it from him, saying: "I'll take that." The man could walk, but his steps were slow and labored. "It was like an old man shuffling along," Welch said. So, Welch and the less wounded survivor propped up the injured pilot with his arms draped over their shoulders, and they began hobbling back toward the helicopter. It was an excruciating experience. "The thing that sticks out in my mind was that it was *really* slow going getting back to the helicopter," Welch recalled. They were exposed in the middle of an open field in hostile territory, the Triangle of Death, no Less, and they were near a very loud helicopter. He knew their window of escape could slam shut at any moment. An anxious voice pounded in his head, saying: "We've gotta go! We've gotta go! We've gotta go!"

Welch implored the men to hurry up, but they could go only so fast due to their injuries and mental state. Worse, the men had various cords and gear tangled all over their bodies, which impeded their movement. After a few minutes of trudging across the field, Welch's heart sank. He saw that the survivors' strobe light, blinking brightly in the darkness, was dragging behind one of the pilots, attached by a cord. It followed only a few feet behind them as they crossed the open field, identifying for everyone precisely where they were. Welch promptly took out his survival knife, cut the cord, and chucked the light as far away as possible. Then they resumed their belabored procession to the helicopter.

As they plodded through the field between the violent, windy, noisy environment around the helicopter on one end and the crackling mini-explosions of the crash wreckage on the other, the atmosphere became disconcerting to Welch. "It was almost an eerie kind of peace," he recalled. So, Welch implored the men to hurry up. "I was trying to urge them to move faster because I didn't want to get shot."

Welch was exhausted and sweating profusely at this point. But adrenaline was powering him forward. Eventually, the men made it back to the helicopter. "It seemed like we were gone forever," Welch recalled. But they were not out of the woods yet. As they approached the helicopter, Welch was trying to figure out how he could get the men to safety. The big problem was that only two people could fit inside the Apache. The helicopter has no bay area or storage, as in a

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ENGINEER News



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Ok, Ok, I Get It: Well, I got slapped around after the Case 450 airdrop error in the July/August issue. The correction was published in the Sept/Oct issue. A couple of lessons were learned. 1. There are those of you out there (the silent majority) who actually read *Saber*. 2. There are those of you out there not necessarily waiting to pounce but surely adamant about correcting matters of error. 3. Where have all you people been for the past ten years of this column? 4. In almost every issue your many scribes plead for news, any news, like "me and the Mrs. went to see our grandkids in Homosassa Springs and we had a good time." 5. Therefore, (trumpet blare please) I may include a mistake in every column to see if you are paying attention. 6. In the past this writer has offered various prizes for various reasons with only a winner or two getting the non-reportable but spendable reward. 6. Fair warning. Stay alert. Cash or cash equivalent reward awaits you for corrections. 7. The size of your reward will be directly dependent upon the amount of news you send me about yourself or your unit in addition to the correct correction. Simple and fair enough.

July/August Saber Again: I must have struck a nerve as the photo "Target Practice" got a response from Aviation of all places. John La Due of the 227th AHB and later supporting the 2/7 responded with his own memory. "I just received my copy of the latest issue of *Saber* and noticed a photo titled "Target Practice." It grabbed my attention because it has a very similar composition to a photo I took at LZ Uplift, in 1967. At that time, I flew Slicks for B/227th AHB, and we often landed at Uplift between missions. In the foreground you'll see an M-42 "Duster," and a 2nd one in the background is conducting some (what we assumed was) target practice.

A Duster was a twin 40 mm M2A1 Bofors cannon mounted on (I believe) a M-41 light tank chassis. Our home base was at LZ Dog (across the highway from LZ English), and Dusters frequently were used to man our perimeter. The culvert half, and tube, in the foreground, was your basic outdoor urinal. Otherwise known as "Piss Tubes." The tube was usually the shipping container from 2.75" rockets. The culvert half was in place to provide some privacy and maybe some wind protection, although most of the Piss Tubes I saw, lacked that amenity. I have several memories of Uplift, including getting bitten on the hand by a monkey. But that's another story. :-)" John went on to subsequently say, "We loved the Dusters. One time, at LZ Dog we were on very short final, and one of our door gunners saw a VC take a shot at us from a tree line, a short distance away. It was the end of the day, and a Duster had just rolled into a hull down revetment on our perimeter. They must have seen the guy take the shot because within a few seconds they opened on him with those twin 40mm's. It was a beautiful thing to behold. By June of 67, I transferred to gunships and was assigned to the Cav's task force, at Phan Thiet, to support the 2/7th Cav." I have referred John to the Sky Beaver page on Facebook where you readers should also check in. Just as John found an odd beauty in Duster 40mm fire, so did I find a similar beauty in quad 50's firing up a wood line. You too?

And Again: Wow! You might want to keep your July-August *Saber* as a collector's edition. Another response to the Camp Blevins air drop came in from Ed Henk. "The 1st Cav Div and 8th Engr Bn arrived at Camp Evans 31Jan68. When the 8th Engr Bn arrived, the area was just an open field with the Division HQ and an old Marine air strip behind us. The 227th Avn Grp was trying to set up a base camp beside us, and the 1st Cav Div ammo dump and POL point was behind them. The road you see in the photo is the main highway QL-1. North was the battle of Quan Tri and Khe Sanh, also to the south was the battle of Hue. A special note, the 8th Engr Bn had several personnel that had to fight their way out of Hue to get to Camp Evans at the same time this photo was taken. During this time from what I found out later from intelligence reports that there were 11 NVA divisions between us and the DMZ. The NVA/VC controlled the area and QL-1 during the night and we controlled it during the day. The highway was heavily mined, and we had to clear the highway everyday. The only way the division could have been supplied was by the air drops. The biggest problem with that approach is it rained and was cloudy the month of February. Notice in the photo how low the clouds are. Many of the parachutes barely could open before they hit the ground. Also, note that the area in the photo was the front gate to the base. Do you notice the absence of the gate, bunkers and guard towers? That was the 8th Engr Bn Green Line. We were being mortared and rocketed every night. The NVA were trying to get at the helicopters at the 227th Avn Grp, and we were between the NVA and the helicopters. It was so bad that not only did we have to sandbag our tents and hooches, but we also put sandbags between our cots and laid PSP over the top. We slept with boots and our flak jackets on with our weapons locked and loaded beside us. I hope this explains why we needed the air drops."

Jeepers And Again: This time from the hidden scribe (not to be confused with the hidden Iman) who populates this column from time to time has chimed in on the air drop photo at Camp Evans. And no, the following is not the error you are to find in the text for the cash reward. "I think the picture with the mountain in the background COULD be Song Be, LZ Buttons. Not sure, the mountains look to close but the tents seem to be about right. I would go up there on the way out to our outer LZ's. Never went into the mess tent. The helicopters flying over the tent stirred the dust badly. I figured whatever I might have had to eat, and none of it was all that good, would be covered with laterite dust. So, I stuck to C's or LRRP rations. We had to steal our LRRP rations, but we figured it was all the same Army and we had as much right to them as the next guy.... and they were ever so much better than C-rations. The damn C-rations were not good!!! I don't care what you mixed with what, you still



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got lousy tasting food. I never saw an officer ever eat a C-ration. EVER!!!!!"

The Story That Will Not Die: The Case 450 again this time with photographic evidence of my original sin. The pictures are pretty good and if you want the whole set, email or call me. More than striking a nerve, I must have dug into an artery as SFC Richard Eckhardt (Ret) sent his proof directly to Dara. So, hopefully Richard will make it to Killen in 2019 for a reserved place at our table.

The Reunion That Will Not Die: Pictures, yes more pictures from 2018 in Charleston. This may continue till 2019 where you, the absent reader, can also be featured. And, by attending, you could continue to chew me out on the Case 450 error in person.



Then the sweat work



The 2018 Reunion Cup Collection

I Wish These Things Would Die: "We appreciate your business. A representative will be with you shortly." "All representatives are busy assisting other customers. Please continue to hold." "Para espanole, marke numeral ocho." "Due to an unusually high call volume..." "Please listen as our options have changed." Why not just tell the truth? We don't hire enough employees to answer calls promptly regardless of how much money you want to spend.

Mid Column Joke: My wife left me because I'm a compulsive gambler. Now all I can think about is how to win her back. OR Why did the chicken go to the séance? To get to the other side.

Irritating People: Horn tappers as soon as the light turns green. Those with visible metal pinned into their nostrils. Fake Veterans without a DD 214. Those who tell you how much money they make expecting a similar reply.

Ron Powell: For those of you looking for Ron, he was found by Steve Richey. Ron can be contacted at 6960 Sandusky Road, South, Hillpoint WI, 53937.

Just For The Record: Of the eight National Guard units activated for RVN service, two were Engineers, the 116th ENG Bn out of Idaho and the 131 ENG Co of Vermont.

Now Wait A Dang Minute: I just figured out a short while ago the difference between a .223, a 5.56, and a 7.62 bullet. And now I see that the Army is going to a 6.8? According to a "deep state" report unearthed by Leo Miller and "leaked" to Popular Mechanics. At no small personal risk, I have "unredacted" portions of the article. Read further at your own jeopardy. "Recently, the Army decided the 5.56 round was not going to cut it against modern body armor, particularly that worn by Russian Army troops. The service called for a larger, heavier round that could penetrate current and future body armors, but at the time, the service was kind of elusive about what exactly that caliber would be. The new round is also expected to be accurate to greater ranges. Now, we know the answer: The Army is bumping up to 6.8mm, adding more than a millimeter in diameter. This is close to the caliber the Army fielded in the early 1960s, the 7.62x51 round. The older round features considerably greater recoil than 5.56, making it more difficult to deliver rounds accurately in automatic fire. The 6.8 is an attempt to reach a compromise between the two"

Soldiers Will Find A Way: This story submitted by the Secret Engineer Scribe regarding his grandfather and WWI. Yes, WWI. "They had been on the front for a while and were sent back to get some rest... down the road was a vineyard. Being bored to death, he organized a group to go "liberate" some wine they couldn't afford to buy. Stole a giant barrel from the loft of a big barn... rolled it down to the company area, buried it under a pile of horse poop. The guys drank for weeks until the barrel was empty. The CO yelled at them and said, «I know you guys stole the wine. I can't find the barrel, but too many of you are too drunk too much of the time. It's here, I just can't find it.» So, he made the entire company chip in and pay for the wine, he paid his part too and told the guys to take the barrel back, which they did one night and put it back in the loft... no one got caught... American Soldiers doing what they do best. Taking care of themselves."

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The embroidered stars are available from a nonprofit organization located in upstate New York. The organization consists of volunteers who are patriotic and who take old tattered and faded U.S. flags retired from service and pass on the legacy of the embroidered stars to those who defended them. The organization was started in 2010 and embroidered stars were first distributed to a group of World War II Veterans and guardians in Washington, D.C. in September 2010 who flew there to visit the World War II Memorial on The National Mall. One of the guardians in the group who received a star was a Vietnam Veteran who said that this was one of the first recognitions he received for his military service since returning home many years ago. The adventure grew from there, according to the organization's founder, Susan Wells.

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experiences to the Field Artillery Historian before December 15, 2018 to: Department of the Army, Commandant, USAFAS ATTN: ATSF-AH (DASTRUP) 730 Schimmelpfennig Road, Suite 19W Fort Sill, OK 73503. The best, most endearing and important aspects of our reunions are the shared experiences resulting in the laughter, fellowship, friendship, camaraderie, and honest respect we have for each other. There were two people at this reunion that 49 years had passed since we had seen each other; yet the bond, trust, and friendship was strong as ever. Our relationships are the unspoken magic and beauty of our reunions. Let's continue to strengthen old friendships and to make new ones as we move through this magnificent journey we have been blessed to travel. The best of all things good and wonderful to you all!!! Clovis Jones, Jr. Thank you for those kind words, Clovis.

Now let us all start planning and sharing stories in preparation for the next reunion in San Diego, CA in 2019.

Dave Borgeson is already hard at work setting up hotel and attractions for the 22nd Reunion in San Diego. More information will be forthcoming!

I just picked up my mail tonight at 11:00 pm and found an envelope from Gary Adams with information about a mission flown at 2145 hours on 6 April 1967 by AC-Richard Mills, P-Charles Cox, and CE-James Seawright, where a LRRP Team's position had been compromised and it was being hit hard. The ARA flight was able to suppress the fires and extract the team safely. This mission will be a major portion of my next article. Should you have a story to tell, send it to me and I will make sure others hear it!

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HQ and Special Troops News



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Greetings and best wishes from Northwest Louisiana. By the time you read this Veterans Day will have come and gone. As usual, Sue and I will participate in the annual Veterans Day parade which is held every year at the Shreveport, LA, Fair Grounds in connection with the annual state fair of Louisiana. We hope you found a local celebration and proudly wore your "Cav" attire. I always wear my Stetson and it brings many comments and "welcome home brother" remarks. Civilians will never understand the comradery and lifetime friendships that military service brings to those who served. Sometimes we are without words when someone thanks us for our service. Instead of just saying "thank you" back to them, how about adopting what I have started saying? "It was my privilege to serve." And, I do believe it is a privilege and a responsibility to serve our nation, either in the armed forces, or some other method of public service.

I, like many others, am planning to eliminate my home telephone and started relying strictly on cell phone usage. So, please look above and note my new contact telephone number.

As usual I received very little "feedback" from my previous columns so let me start out by jumping on the soap box and "preaching" a little. Lately I have become very concerned with the lack of commitment that has become evident among too many of our citizens. This lack of commitment is evident in our organizations, churches and in our governments. Our members of congress are elected to go to Washington, D.C., and represent our best interest, our desires. They all make a commitment to do this but soon forget why they are there. Getting re-elected and adding to their "re-election cash chest" becomes their priority. Their own best interest becomes their one and only priority, instead of the best interest of those who elected them. Even within civic organizations the participation in almost all organizations has fallen to record lows. I am a board member of two other "non-profits" and the membership chairman of one of them. Recruiting and retaining members is an almost impossible task. People simply refuse to commit to supporting purposeful organizations and even churches. The few that do join are not always willing to "participate" outside of paying their annual dues or attendance in church twice a year. Finding someone to serve on the board of such organizations is always difficult and finding someone who will accept a position and DO SOMETHING is even harder. Accepting a position and doing something for the organization are two different things. Even within our great organization, the 1st Cavalry Division Association, we have thousands of members who never bother to support the "Saber" with their stories or comments, or to attend the annual conventions. Family reunions are a thing of the past. Our young people today are generally not interested in the history of the family or in meeting the senior citizens of the family. They do not even know their first cousins! And finally, they refuse to go out and vote. I sure hope you voted in the mid-term elections. Thousands died to give you that right.

I received an email from Arthur Crouse Jr who said, "I have many pictures from my two tours in Vietnam, from 67-69, and I do not have anyone to pass my legacy on to. I hate to see them thrown out. I served with the 1st Cav Air Mobile in HHC of the 3rd BDE, the Snoopy Scouts, and C&C. I was at Camp Evans when it was hit as well as at Khe Sanh, the A Shau Valley, Phu Bai and other areas. I was mostly in the I Corps areas during my tours. Since the "Silver Wings" no longer has a column in the "Saber", I contacted you to see if you would like to have the pictures. I even have some pictures of the First Cav Museum that was, I believe, in Vung Tau. If you would like to have the pictures and perhaps share them with the 1st Cav archives, I'll be happy to send them to you."



Chappy the Chaplin



CSM and his wife at Reunion 2018

My column is short, so I have provided some pictures from the reunion in West Virginia in June 2018.

I did not wear my uniform to the banquet this year, so I took some pictures of those who did wear their uniform. Sorry, I didn't have a chance to get their names, except for Chaplain "Chappy" Porter.

Best wishes to all of you during the holiday season. For those still young at heart, I hope Santa brings you something special this year. Keep your powder dry, watch your back, and may God bless you, your family, the US Army, the great First Team, and the USofA.

I contacted Arthur and told him that I would be very happy to have the pictures and to share them with the Association office. The Association uses such pictures when preparing the calendar every year. And, thanks Arthur for thinking of the Association to hold your pictures. It would be a good time for all Vietnam Vets to consider scanning their pictures into digital format and providing a copy to the Association.



SFC and his wife at Reunion 2018

We Honor the Passing of our Friend and Comrade in Arms

A Eulogy for Jim Young written by Joseph Galloway

James C. Young was a true American hero, a Missouri country boy who was drafted into the Army and found himself in Vietnam with Alpha Company of the 1st Battalion 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division Airmobile, on the eve of the biggest bloodiest battle of the entire Vietnam War. I first heard Jim's story over the phone as I was researching the battles of the Ia Drang Valley in November of 1965. What I heard in Jim's soft country drawl was a story that made my blood run cold. On November 17, 1965, Jim was with his battalion at the rear of a long column of 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry Troopers marching from Landing Zone XRay to a clearing code named Landing Zone Albany. The column had been ambushed by a fresh battalion of the North Vietnamese Army and was being chopped to pieces in the head high elephant grass in that jungle.

An M-60 machine gun was shooting up the 5th Cavalry Troops and their company commander, CPT George Forrest, thought it was an American on that gun shooting into the tangled grass and hitting fellow Americans. He wanted a volunteer to crawl out there, find that gun and tell that man to stop shooting in their direction. Jim Young, who had tracker skills from his days hunting in the Missouri woods, volunteered for that deadly mission. Another Soldier said he would go along with Jim.

The closer they got to that machine gun the closer the bullets were hitting around them. They were beginning to think that it was the enemy manning an American machine gun. The other man wanted to turn back. Jim wanted to go a little closer and be certain. The other man crawled off to the rear. Jim crawled forward and was hit in the side of his head by a bullet. He got a bandage on his wound. Now he was cut off from his company and the enemy were swarming all around him. Jim began crawling away from that machine gun, trying to find safety, trying to find his fellow Americans.

That was the beginning of two long days and two long nights of Jim playing a deadly game of hide and seek with the North Vietnamese Army troops who would kill him if they found him.

I can't tell you of all the horrors Jim witnessed on that battlefield. Or of his heart sinking when he realized he had walked and crawled in the wrong direction and had almost crossed into nearby Cambodia. All the while suffering terribly from his wound, from the heat, from hunger and thirst.

Finally Jim reached a position overlooking the American artillery base at Landing Zone Columbus. He was almost in reach of friends and safety. But night was falling, and he didn't dare approach the American sentries on full alert. They would shoot anyone moving out of that jungle. He hunkered down to spend one last night alone in the jungle. At daybreak he finally shouted to the sentries and slowly got through their lines.

Jim Young was sent to an Army hospital and by Christmas of 1965 he was discharged from the Army and back home in Missouri. He came home to no celebration, no welcome, no congratulations for his incredible feat of bravery

and survival. Like most Vietnam Veterans over the next ten years of war Jim Young just hunkered down and kept his memories and nightmares to himself.

Until I called him on the phone and asked him to tell his story. That story ended up in the book that LTG Hal Moore and I wrote, titled WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE...AND YOUNG. Finally, someone had listened to Jim's story and told it for the world to read. Finally, Jim Young could live in more peace. Jim Young was a fine Soldier. A fine husband. A fine father. A fine man. You are all lucky to have known him as a fine neighbor. He has left us now, but his story will live on through the years.

Our deepest sympathies are with the Young Family.

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with the tail boom still attached. Although remaining attached to the main body of the aircraft, the tail boom was bent approximately 60 degrees from its normal position and leaning against a rubber tree. The complete tail rotor section with half of the 90-degree gearbox attached was found approximately 15 meters northwest of the aircraft. The detached tail rotor section was found undamaged except for the 90-degree gearbox which was split in half. The remaining half of the 90-degree gearbox remained attached to the tail boom section. Impact with the rubber trees and found approximately 5 meters south of the main body of the aircraft. Small portions of the main rotor blade were found scattered throughout the crash site area. All three occupants survived the initial impact of the crash but died due to injuries after the accident.

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Trooper Tales

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larger aircraft. Every space is filled with either fuel or ammunition, so there was no obvious place to put the survivors. Welch initially expected that he and his copilot would sit inside to fly the helicopter, while the surviving pilots would sit on the outside of the helicopter, using a technique called self-extraction.

Self-extraction is a risky procedure used to evacuate people from dangerous situations. It is usually used as a last resort. Welch explained that the Apache has two avionics bays running down the outside of the helicopter, and during a self-extraction, the rescued person sits on one of the bays on the outside of the aircraft and attaches himself behind the helicopter's back canopy using a carabiner and an extraction strap. Then the rescued person sits outside of the aircraft as it flies away. Welch emphasized that the technique is hardly sophisticated: "It's not cosmic, by any stretch," he said. "There is no special technique." But, despite its simplicity, sitting on the outside of a helicopter as it flies through the air at one hundred miles per hour is perilous. In fact, although the military practices every other technique and maneuver ad nauseam, the self-extraction technique is simply too risky for normal training.

But self-extraction did not seem possible in this situation because at least one of the survivors seemed too injured and too deeply in shock for such a task. Welch thought to himself: "I'm not going to be able to get this guy to hold on to the outside of the helicopter." So, he made an instinctive decision: he would put the man in his seat and he would strap himself to the outside of the aircraft. With that, Welch yelled in the man's ear: "I'm going to put you in my seat. Don't touch anything!" Then he began hoisting the man into the front seat of the Apache. Once again, the scene was not a model of gracefulness, Welch explained, as the Apache sits four to five feet off the ground. Welch had to heave the man up to his shoulders and over the edge of the aircraft. "So here I am," Welch depicted the moment with self-deprecation, "squatting this guy up over (the lip of the helicopter) to get him in the aircraft and then shoehorn him into the front seat." Welch did not know the extent of the man's injuries or whether his hoisting him into the aircraft and jamming him in the seat would cause him further injury, but that was secondary in Welch's mind, he believed that putting him in the cockpit was the only way to evacuate him safely, and that was the only thing that mattered at that point. "I would never forgive myself if they'd gotten shot or kidnapped while waiting for someone else to show up."

Welch finally wedged him in, hopped up on the side of the helicopter, and reiterated sternly in the dazed man's ear: "*Do. Not. Touch. Anything.*" The injured man looked back at Welch with a semi vacant look and nodded in apparent assent. Welch threw the canopy door closed and prepared to help the second pilot attach himself to the outside of the aircraft. Welch knew the man was less injured than the first, so he figured securing him to the helicopter would be easier. He was wrong. As he turned toward the man, Welch saw that he was walking away, back toward the crash site. Welch was starting to get antsy, as their window of opportunity to escape without attracting enemy fire seemed to be dwindling rapidly. He yelled down to the man that he needed to get up on the side of the aircraft. The pilot hollered back that his commander was back in the wreckage, and he did not want to leave him. "You gotta leave, man," Welch pleaded, trying to convey the sense of urgency. "Your commander doesn't want you *dead*." The man continued to protest, saying that he did not have his extraction carabiner. Welch climbed up on the Apache and asked his copilot for his carabiner pack and gave it to the other pilot, but the pilot still insisted on staying with his commander. Welch was quite frustrated at this point, certain that the delay would create major problems for them. "I had to get aggressive with him," Welch recalled. He told the man: "You gotta leave! Your commander would want you to leave. I can't wait for you." The man reluctantly got up on the shelf on the side of the helicopter. As he clipped the man in with the borrowed carabiner, he glanced inside the aircraft, his copilot was watching him intently from the backseat and whirled his finger around, giving him the universal "Hurry up!" signal. Welch finally secured the reluctant man to the side of the helicopter and leaped to the ground. He darted around the back of the helicopter and climbed up on its left side. He took out his carabiner and clipped to the helicopter's back canopy. Secured to the aircraft, he banged on the roof and squatted down, bringing his face to the side of the window and gave his copilot the thumbs-up. Then he sat on the avionics bay running on the outside of the aircraft, with his feet resting on the missile launcher. "I never thought in a million years that I'd actually do it," Welch said of the self-extraction technique. "But when it came time to do so, it was second nature."

And they took off, with Welch and the less injured survivor riding on the sides of the aircraft. At first, Welch felt relatively secure, despite the intense wind coming from the rotor above. "I never felt like I would fall off." In fact, Welch planned on providing some security during the flight, thinking that he could watch for enemy forces and shoot his rifle if a problem arose. "As we started taking off, I had my rifle out and I was ready to return fire." But, as they ascended and sped up, "I quickly realized that was not going to be that effective." The wind coming from the rotors grew progressively more intense as the copilot increased the speed. Worse, Welch's helmet was channeling the airflow right into his face. "It was pretty violent," he said, comparing the impact of the wind to continuously wiping out on water skis or riding a speeding motorcycle without a helmet. He could not shut his mouth or keep his eyes open because the wind was blasting him so hard. All Welch could do was duck his head down, putting his chin to his chest, and grasp the extraction strap as tightly as possible. As he clung to the strap and took the punishment from the incessant wind, the situation finally sunk into Welch's mind. And he started *laughing*. He was not sure why, but thinking about what he was doing, flying on the outside of an Apache in the middle of the Triangle of Death, made him chuckle to himself incredulously. He thought to himself: "I can't believe I'm doing this. What the hell have I gotten myself into?!" "It just struck me as funny," he said.

Funny or not, he still wanted to get on terra firma as soon as possible. "That flight could not have been short enough for me." As they peeled away, Welch caught a brief glimpse of a convoy of ground Troops coming down the road to secure the crash site and recover the remains of the deceased pilots. Welch's copilot took them to a nearby forward operating base with a hospital, which sat more than twenty kilometers (twelve to thirteen miles) away. The flight took roughly ten minutes. Welch praised his copilot for flying the aircraft so well in such difficult circumstances without a second pilot. "It's a two-pilot helicopter,"

Welch explained. As they slowed down for the descent, the wind let up. "I was pretty glad when we were on our approach," Welch recalled. "It was a huge relief to get there." As they landed, Welch was concerned about the injured pilot in the front seat of the helicopter. He unbuckled his extraction strap and hopped off the helicopter to the tarmac. He ran straight to the hospital to get a litter to carry the injured men. The hospital staff asked what medevac unit Welch flew for. "I'm not a medevac pilot," Welch responded, to their surprise. "I'm an Apache pilot."

Welch did not know how long the rescue operation lasted, but the total time from the original takeoff to time they landed back at their camp was no more than an hour. "I call it a really crazy hour," he said. For their efforts to rescue the downed pilots that evening, Welch and his copilot were awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses, the fourth-highest combat award. Receiving an award was not something Welch ever expected or even thought about.

So, he described receiving a commendation as significant as the Distinguished Flying Cross as "kind of surreal," because he had heard of other pilots receiving the commendation, but many of them had died during their missions. Welch was modest about his Distinguished Flying Cross commendation. "It's not something that I advertise that I received.

In the Army, you're only as good as your next mission. So, I don't think about it too much," he said. "I'll be okay if I never get a higher award." He was also self-effacing about his actions during the rescue, saying: "I think anybody else would have done the same thing as we did, given the opportunity." He credited his training and his belief in the principles of brotherhood, instilled from his very first days at Norwich through his tenure in the Army. "It's a cliché to say, but your training kicks in in a high-stress situation and your values and your training are the things that will carry the day," he said. "Those values were ingrained into me in school, and throughout my military career to that point."

Despite the harrowing moments of the rescue, Welch said: "I wouldn't trade it for anything. I was glad I was able to help and be there. We didn't have to kill anyone, and we helped someone out. It was a good story. It came at a good time, when the American people were looking for some good news to come out of Iraq." The big thing, in Welch's mind, was that the two pilots survived. "I'm just glad those guys are okay," he said. Welch never saw the two men after the night of the rescue. The day after the episode, Welch's copilot saw the men having lunch at the mess hall and spoke with them for a while. He reported that they were banged up pretty badly but seemed to be in decent spirits. But Welch never saw them again. "It is kind of an oddity, I guess, but we never really ran into each other." Welch was okay with that, however, saying: "We don't look for thanks or anything like that. You just kind of move on." Although he never interacted with the men, the wife of one of the survivors later tracked Welch down and e-mailed him the following message: "I just wanted to thank you for taking care of my husband (and his copilot). Having a loved one get hurt (or worse) over there is something we wives pray never happens. But, I am comforted by the fact that you are doing your best to look out for each other. There really aren't enough words to express my gratitude, but again, thank you."

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Presumptive Conditions Added for Herbicide (Agent Orange) Exposure

Back in 2009, the VA added hairy cell and other B-cell leukemia's, Parkinson's disease, and ischemic heart disease. I bring this up, because over the course of the past month, I have heard of Veteran's that have not applied for benefits associated with Parkinson's disease. So, this is purely a reminder if Veterans were not aware. A complete list of diseases associated with Agent Orange visit the VA Website: <<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/index.asp#veterans>>

Also, another one that has not been added, but I know that two Veterans have won on appeal is Aplastic Anemia, they only got rated 10% because of 38 CFR 4.117 - 7716; because, they no longer require monthly transfusions.

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Another thing that many Veterans have failed to do - signing up for My HealthVet program Veterans, VA patients, military service members, and their dependents can sign into My HealthVet, a program that the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs manages to provide access to health records, on the <<https://www.MyHealth.VA.gov/>> website. Veterans are able to upgrade their accounts either in person or online.

To register for a basic My HealthVet account, go to the MyHealth.VA.gov main page, and click on Register Today under Not Registered. In the form, enter your name, gender, birth date, Social Security number and contact information. Select your relationship with the VA as Veteran, VA patient, VA employee, health care provider, or Veteran family member or friend. Create a user ID, password, and security question answers, and agree to the privacy policy and terms and conditions. Once you have finished registering, go back to the Myhealth.VA.gov main page, click on Go to My HealthVet Enter Here under Already a Member, and log into your account.

Although anyone can register and create basic accounts, only Veterans, and VA patients can create advanced or premium accounts. Veterans can create advanced accounts, which allow access to some personal VA and Department of Defense information, online without authentication. These accounts allow Veterans to refill prescriptions online through My HealthVet. For premium accounts, which provide better access to information, Veterans must authenticate their accounts online or at a VA medical facility or community outpatient clinic. Once registered, you are able to print off your medical records, view X-rays, view lab results, share your records with non-VA doctors, etc. I find being able to renew my prescriptions is one of the best features; with, being able to send messages to my medical team on any issues I have.

Looking for Suggestions

This section of the *Saber* is to highlight Veteran issues and benefits that some might not be aware of. I would like to ask your assistance in sharing what you think our fellow Troopers might find of interest. Also, share your successful tips for filing claims, Caregiver benefits, Home Care, etc.

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