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Greetings fellow Troopers! The Cav 100-year birthday and reunion celebrations were a historic and

memorable occasion. Thank you to all the 1CDA staff and volunteers. I would like to recognize 1SG (RET) Joe Wilgeroth. Thank you Joe Wilgeroth for going above and beyond as a volunteer during the reunion. I would also like to thank Allen Norris for his service as Association President over the past four plus, years. Thank you, Allen!

I am Scott Sjule, retired First Sergeant. My wife Heidi and I have been married for over 30 years. We have three children: Bradley (32), Jessica (31), Neva (20), and five grandchildren. I have been a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association (1CDA) since April 1990, when I was first assigned to the 1/82 FA. I deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the 1CD in 1990-91. Upon returning from Desert Storm, I was assigned to the 1CD Horse Cavalry Detachment for numerous years.

I am privileged to have the opportunity to Serve as the 1st Cavalry Division Association President (2021-2023). I have attended many reunions, with my first being 1991. Most of the reunion attendees in 1991 were WWII and Korean War Veterans. (There were very few Vietnam Vets attending reunions in the early 1990s). I feel blessed to have been able to meet and become friends with Troopers of those great generations. I was able to hear firsthand accounts of battles in the Pacific, the liberation of prison camps, and the subsequent victory when 1st Cav became First in Tokyo. I have listened to Troopers who endured the bitter cold in the Korean winter and later were part of those who were First in Pyong Yang.

In the late 1990s, more Vietnam Veterans began attending reunions. It was an honor to meet and know Troopers that fought in the jungles of Vietnam, including those who flew into battle in helicopters for the first time at LZ XRAY in the Ia Drang Valley. I remember the heroics from a war I watched unfold on the evening news as a boy. I also learned from those who suffered terrible homecomings. When America learned one of its most painfully important lessons on the backs of the Vietnam Veterans: “The Warrior is not the War.” Today one of the best ways to greet a Vietnam Vet is to say “Welcome Home.”

These days the number of Desert Storm Troopers attending the reunions is growing. It is hard for me to believe it has been over 30 years. We are also starting to see more Troopers who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan attending the reunions.

Troopers past and present share a common thread of experience as members of the First Team. The founders of our great Association knew they and future Troopers would need understanding of the difficult experiences they shared, that so few would ever understand. They knew that encouragement from each other created the will to continue when times became hard and grim. The lifetime bonds would provide strength and desire to strive to build successful lives in the future. These ideas and values are just as important today as they were in the Admiralty Islands in 1944. They might even be more critical in the world of 2021 and beyond.

The Association is ready to meet the challenges of the modern 1st Cav Trooper. I encourage each Trooper, past and present, to look for ways to participate in the 1CDA, and other military associations. Our participation is the way we can uphold our commitment to those with whom we Served, especially those who have struggled with transition. Please do your part!

I will close with some great words from GEN (RET) David McKiernan, “It’s a Great Team, It’s Our Team, It’s the First Team!”

God Bless, Scott Sjule

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At 11:00 am on November 11, 2021, the people of the United States will mark the passage of 100 years since the interment of an unidentifiable member of the American Expeditionary Forces of World War I. The site honors

unknown Soldiers from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. This iconic place of interment has come to be known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (TUS): it is regarded as America’s most sacred shrine. As intended, it is dedicated to all that have served and sacrificed for America in times of war or armed conflict from the American Revolution to the present and to those yet to come.

Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the words “Here rests in honored glory an American Soldier known but to God.” Since 1926, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather by Tomb Guard Sentinels. The Sentinels, all volunteers, are the best of the elite 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment, known to many simply as The Old Guard. Most recently, on 29 September 2021, the 30,770<sup>th</sup> day of continuous guarding, the first all-female guard change occurred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There have been 953 Sentinels since 1931, only four were female. If you would like to read more on

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## HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Abby Edwards, Commander

Howdy all, I’m CPT Abby Edwards the new Horse Detachment Commander. I’m excited to be a part of such an amazing organization and I hope to see you all at some of our events.



SSG Dillard

Speaking of events, we’ve been busy this past November. Close to home the Detachment has welcomed our newest “A” Grouper, SSG Dillard (photo left of him posing with his well-earned buckle). He has proven himself to be an expert horseman and we look forward to him helping to grow and mentor the members of the Detachment. Our latest Trainee group arrived of hopefuls looking to join the ranks of the Detachment and will be finishing their training periods by the end of December. We’ve continued to support Fort Hood and 1CD with a charge for the Division Retirement Ceremonies and Trooper support for the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters and Headquarters

Battalion Spur Ride. The Detachment hosted the Killeen, TX Leadership and provided them with a barn tour of our facilities. Pascal High School’s JROTC program paid us a visit and was able to watch a mounted cavalry demonstration and barn tour. We hope you were able to see us as we rode in the Field of Honor Parade in Georgetown, TX and the Tarrant County Veteran’s Day Parade.

December is an exciting time as we prepare for the holidays. The Detachment will support the III Corps Christmas Tree Lighting and Copperas Cove, TX’s Krist Kindl Markt Parade. We supported several BDE Change of Responsibility Ceremonies across the Division. Our quarterly “B” Grouper test welcomed Troopers to the next level of horsemanship in the Detachment. One of the most exciting events that we are preparing for is to once again journey to Pasadena, CA to participate in the Tournament of Roses Equestfest and the Rose Bowl Parade on 29 December and 1 January. We hope to see you there!

The Horse Cavalry Detachment is fully open to the public! Please come visit us at our barn for a barn tour or our Thursday 1000 demonstration at 69007 Trooper Loop, Fort Hood, TX. We love and appreciate the support that this amazing community



Trooper Halvorson and Zeus engage targets with a 1860 Light Cavalry Saber during a Thursday Demonstration

bestows on us and look forward to our continued engagements and exchanges long into the future. Please check out the link on the Association website to make it easier to request the HCD to support an event in your area. We do ask that you have the request turned in for consideration 120 days before the event so that we have enough time to prepare. Please call (254) 287-2229 or (254) 404-5193 with any questions. Check us out on Facebook (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and strive to keep everyone informed of upcoming events and ceremonies. We have an Instagram now (horsecavalrydetachment) as well where we post pictures of the great things our Troopers are doing. The Facebook page now has an official email that you can send questions and request for support to. HOT TO TROT!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:



I want to thank the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund for its continued support for my education. The gift has made my journey much easier than I ever expected. Thank you so much for taking some of the pressure off of me.

Josh Forsythe



Thanks to the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund for the opportunity to gain funds to pursue my dream of graduating college. I appreciate the money so much. This kind gesture I do not deserve, and I am humbled that I am able to receive money to help with college especially during this time. The money will go towards one of my many classes and will purchase some books needed within the courses. I will also make sure to remember this whenever anybody else needs money just to make the world go round! Thank you once again!


Zachary Forsythe

I would like to reiterate my thanks for the support of this organization throughout the pursuit of my bachelor's degree. The freedom this scholarship has given me to achieve my dreams of higher education will always be remembered. I am currently at my first assignment at Pensacola, Florida. As a second lieutenant I do not yet have the financial freedom to become a donor, but I have sincere hopes I will be in the position soon.

Heather McGraw

A major thank you to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association for this scholarship. It has allowed me to go to the school of my choice and pursue a degree in marine science. Without this money, I wouldn't be able to chase my dreams and get the education I need to reach my goals. To me this scholarship is a huge help in paying for tuition at my school, I have no doubt that this will help me get the knowledge I need to continue my work in the Marine Science field. It is never lost on me the reason this scholarship exists. My grandfather, James McElwee is a great warrior. His service, as well as the service of all of his brothers in green, is what true heroes are made of. The suffering of the Vietnam War from physical wounds to the often-overlooked mental health wounds, to the loss of life, is not lost on myself or my family. I thank each of these men from the bottom of my heart for their service and to the donors to this scholarship, thank you. The 1st Cavalry Division will live on FOREVER!!!

Brodie Solomon



OTHER REUNIONS

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

ARTILLERY SURVEYING VIETNAM 1968, HHB DIVARTY  
by SSG Don Callahan, photos by James Chin of CA

At the last 1st Cav reunion people asked me what my MOS was, and I tell them “Artillery Surveyor, 82C40.” They asked what is that? So, I thought I might try to explain what this meant in 1968.

First, there were no handheld or lap top computers in those days. There was a Monroe Calculator back then, but it only did add and subtract, and it required electricity. All our math calculations were done long hand with the help of seven place logarithms. For the 1st Cav in late 68-69 in 3 Corps there was a mountain top that could be seen from the whole AO. Nui Ba Den was visible for many kilometers and was a perfect spot to run a control survey into the jungle for artillery location and fire direction control. A compass is not very accurate when you are firing a 155mm round into a target with Troopers nearby.

One problem with Nui Ba Den was often a cloud that covered the top and this gave us only 3-meter visibility. So, why did we need to survey these gun batteries on for precise coordinates and near precise true “grid” north direction? Try to visualize this: Draw a straight line between two points, your location and the enemy target. Now go out from your location end of the line about 25% of the distance to the target. Put a mark to left or right of your original line about 1 inch away from the original line at that 25% mark. Now draw a line from your original location and extend it through the new mark you just made left/right of the original line. You will find that new line will miss your original enemy mark by. This is called a directly proportional error. And your platoon could be at the map location 4” away, not the intended target.



Me talking through an EDM on top of Nui Ba Den in the middle of one of the “clouds.”

If you’re a golfer, you know that the ball doesn’t go in if you don’t start the ball right as it comes off the putter. Everything needs to be right. This also works if your original end of the line, your position is not correct with the rest of the paper you’re drawing on.

Our duty was to use a star or the sun (a star) to measure an angle from that star down to a point on the LZ. It had to be precisely measured to the second using a special time signal we could receive from Greenwich England with a short-wave radio that was hand cranked for power. Then we would measure the distance down to the battery control point using an instrument called an EDM, electronic distant measurer. It used a microwave signal and with a little calculation from the results we could determine that distance up to about 60 kilometers away with very precise accuracy. These

calculations and field work involved a lot of information from a lot of sources to complete. We got 5-8 different things out of a “Solar Ephemeris.” Again, we

were computing complex numbers without calculators. Only logarithms and a pencil. Ok, now consider we did a lot of this in the dark. Why, because of the haze and smoke coming off the jungle floor from the humidity and the artillery starting fires in Agent Orange jungle. We simply couldn’t see that 1” wide range pole through all of it. You were on one of these LZs where we did this at night, and it was scary because we lit a few trip flares attached to what we called a “range pole.” Nothing like lighting up a fire base from the center point.

This might take a few a few days to complete. It all depended on the cloud around the top of Nui Ba Den. You may not remember the cloud; trust me it was there often and was a big problem for us plus for resupply to the people who called the top home (notice the clouds in the photos). Our Division Commander was killed about July 7, 1970, on Nui Ba Den and I’m not sure but it could have been the cloud that caused his crash. MG George William Casey Sr. was his name and I believe he was a pilot and may have been at the controls.

What did we do if we weren’t doing a survey? Well, I measured the muzzle velocity of the 1st Cav artillery, several of us were crater analysis “experts” who measured incoming craters to determine what was fired at us, from what direction, and from how far out. It was really a lot simpler than it sounds. After all that we were probably REMFs and did a little of that special burning every morning, guard duty all night, a little kitchen help, and a lot of sandbag stacking. Oh, did I forget police call to pick up cigarette butts.

Yes, you could call us REMFs if you want, we did have a bed to go back to in a hooch in the big city of Phouc Vinh. But our main objective was to put the artillery on exact coordinates with an accurate direction so that they could support the men in the field with confidence and accuracy. We hope we helped all of you even without knowing we existed.

My story of how I ended up in VN might be of interest to some: I quit college one day and gave up a full ride. I got drafted in late 1967 and went down to the recruiters to see what they offered. It came down to the Army and becoming a surveyor. You know, the people who lay out the highways with all the curves and keep track of your property lines. I was told I would go to Ft Belvoir and have a lot of good times as it was a beautiful post and near some fun towns. 3 days from graduation from basic training and we received our AIT orders. Stop, this can’t be right, it says I’m going to Ft Sill, Oklahoma to be an Artillery Surveyor. I went to an AG, and he explained that I had signed up to be a surveyor and just so happens the Artillery had a need for surveyors. Well, I ended up 2nd in my class, was promoted to SP4 and our whole class had orders for Germany. This is mid-May and just after Tet of 68. We were all shocked but very happy with our luck. Just as we are about to leave for Germany 4 names were called off and told to hold up for further orders. One guy had a political friend and got out of the Army, one was sent to OCS and the last two of us were ordered to be Assistant Instructors. State side duty and it was pretty good for conditions. That lasted until Sept, and I received my orders for VN. I suppose I was just lucky to be assigned to the Cav.

After my return I did another 15 months as an Artillery Survey Instructor. Great duty.

SSG Don Callahan, HHB Divarty, 10/68-10/69, Moro, Illinois.



105 in background being set up, no ammo box berm yet, L: Earnest Hawkins, R: myself

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## LRRP/Ranger News



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Hello from the nation's capital. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks is behind us now but I thought that the following 9/11 story which I received from **Jim Wright** (1967) was worth repeating

here. It was told by a chaplain who was assigned to the Pentagon and was there on the morning of 9/11 when the Pentagon was attacked. The story never made the news.

"American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the west side of the Pentagon at 9:37am hours on September 11, 2001. A daycare facility inside the Pentagon had children in it when the building was attacked. Many of the children were infants who were in cribs, or toddlers who were playing close by. The daycare supervisor was in a panic over how to get the children out of the building safely. The building was on fire and there was no time to bundle the children into carriers and strollers. Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked her what she needed. After seeing that the daycare supervisor and staff were in a near-panic, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The daycare supervisor remembered "I prayed that he would return to help us with the children." About two minutes later, the young Marine returned with about 40 other Marines in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a baby in it or helped to gather up the toddlers. The director and her staff also helped. The Marines and the staff took the children out of the daycare center and into the smoke-filled hallway, and out of the building. Then they headed down to the park near the Potomac River, which was about three-fourths of a mile from the building. It was away from the fire and smoke, and explosions, and was a safe spot. Once the Marines reached the park, they did an amazing thing - they formed a circle with the cribs, which were sturdy and heavy, like the covered wagons in the Old West, with the babies in them and put the toddlers inside the circle to keep them from wandering off. The Marines formed a perimeter around the cribs and stood guard on the perimeter waiting for instructions. They remained there until all of the parents had made their way to the park to get their children."

The chaplain continued with the story: "I don't think any of us saw or heard this story on any of the news outlets that day. It is an incredible story of our men and women in military service."

"The thought of those Marines and how they reacted was unbelievable. Could we have expected any less from them? It was one of the most touching stories from 9/11."

"It is the men and women of the U.S. military not the politicians who ensure our right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. It is the men and women of the U.S. military who salute the flag, serve beneath the flag, and whose coffins are draped by the flag."

"If you care to offer a token of recognition and appreciation for our military, please pass this story on and pray for our men and women who have served and who are currently serving our country and pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

On a different note, the following email was received from **M.H. Medevac 8**. "Ken, I was a pilot of a medevac helicopter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav in late 1970 early 1971. My crew and I hoisted a surrounded in-contact LRRP team out of the jungle one night northeast of Landing Zone Mace. We were in the air returning to LZ Mace with a number of wounded Troopers onboard when a Blue Max Cobra pilot radioed that a LRRP team was in contact and was being pursued by a large enemy force, and that the regular lift ships would not be able to get to them in time to do any good."

"With the help of the helicopter gunships, we located the team on the ground and started to hoist the team members out of the jungle and up into our helicopter, with some difficulty. We already had a near-full load onboard. One of the LRRPs did not shoulder his rifle muzzle-down when he was being hoisted up and his rifle jammed the hoist. We could not clear it in midair so we had to leave the site and find a spot where we could set down long enough to clear the hoist and drop off the three LRRPs who had already been hoisted up and were on-board. Then we returned to the site where the other three LRRP's were still on the ground. They were in contact with the enemy force and the helicopter gunships were still on station keeping the enemy soldiers at bay. We managed to lift all the LRRPs out of the jungle and into the helicopter even though we were heavily over-loaded. When we dropped off the LRRPs at LZ Mace, one of them gave me the sloppiest kiss I've ever gotten."

"I was wondering whatever happened to those LRRP's - hell of a bunch of brave men. If you have any contacts with LRRP's who might have been on that team, I wonder if you could put them in contact with me. It was a night to remember - lots of gunships doing their thing, which is the only reason we succeeded in that mission."

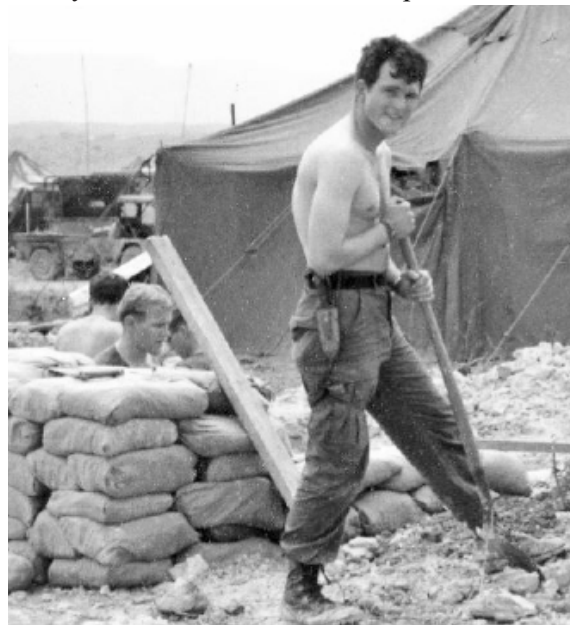
"I caught hell from my CO because I didn't follow orders picking up those guys. We were only supposed to extract wounded. According to the Blue Max pilot, the LRRPs would be wounded, or worse, if we did not get them out of there. So, my crew and I figured the smart thing to do was to be proactive and work with the gunships to extract them. And we did." "Thanks for any help you can provide. MH, <Medevac08@hotmail.com>."

On a different note, I spent Saturday, October 16, 2021, visiting the monuments on The National Mall with Pat Lyons (1967-68), and others from Honor Flight #68 - Austin, Texas. Pat's wife, Anita, had called me to say that Pat would be arriving in Washington, D.C. on October 16<sup>th</sup> on an Honor Flight. The Honor Flights bring groups of Veterans to the nation's capital to visit the memorials on The National Mall. Until she called, I did not realize that the Honor Flights had resumed operations in this post-pandemic environment.

The Honor Flights are part of a national network with the sole mission of bringing Veterans from all parts of America to Washington, D.C. to visit the monuments. Until Anita called me, I assumed that the Veterans they talk about on TV were World War II Veterans. They were the ones who you usually saw on the TV news sitting in wheelchairs touring the monuments. As it turns out, the Veterans are from all wars, WW II, Korea, and Vietnam, and the flights are also for Veterans from all service eras who are catastrophically ill or injured.

For those of you who know Pat, you know that he was on LRRP Team One Zulu that on May 8, 1968, encountered a large North Vietnamese force and SGT Bob Whitten (KIA), Fort Myers, Florida, and SP4 Gerald (Red) McConnel, Jr.

(KIA), Moses Lake, Washington, died. The other members of the team were Randy Kimes, RTO; Al Voelkel, point man; and, Bob Teagle, rear scout.



**Bob Whitten at Camp Evans, Mar 1968**

After returning to Camp Evans, LRRP Team One Zulu was given the mission to monitor and report on the movement of North Vietnamese in the vicinity of Bai Cay Tat Mountain, nine kilometers south of Camp Evans, and 20 kilometers directly west of Hue. The 1<sup>st</sup> Cav had been battling the North Vietnamese in that area in recent weeks as the North Vietnamese fled the city of Hue after the TET Offensive.

Three LRRP teams were deployed into the Bai Cay Tat Mountain area. LRRP Team One-Zulu was inserted onto the northwestern side of the mountain at last light on the evening of May 7<sup>th</sup>. On the morning of May 8<sup>th</sup>, the team came under heavy enemy fire as it attempted to move down a steep hillside towards a tree line that was about 75 meters below the ridge. Several shots hit SP4 McConnel and he died immediately before the team was able to get into the tree line.

Pat immediately got on the radio and called in the situation. "We need MEDVAC, air cover, and possible extraction!" SGT Whitten and the other members of the team pulled SP4 McConnel out of the open area on the hillside and into the tree line. SGT Whitten was hit with enemy ground fire at that time and died shortly afterwards from the loss of blood. A medevac helicopter arrived over the team's position but came under intense enemy ground fire from the enemy soldiers on the ridge and was forced to leave the area, but not before a crew member on the medevac threw out a stretcher to Pat, all the while, the team members were directing covering fire at the enemy soldiers.

Pat said, "Suddenly, there was a very loud explosion and I felt pain in my right arm and right thigh. I saw my fatigues turning red with blood. I fired two clips in the direction of the ridge. When I got back on the radio, I felt something warm on my hand. Blood was dripping on the handset from a wound on my head."

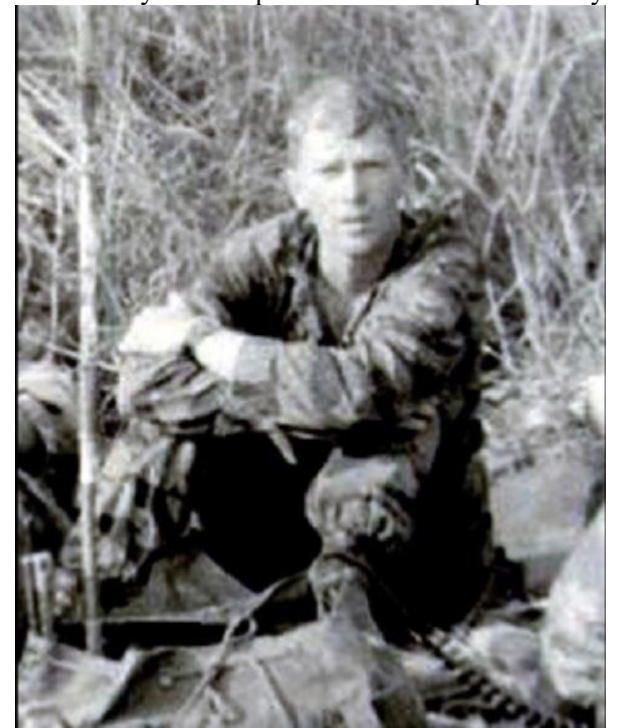
A helicopter gunship arrived overhead and made two runs at the enemy soldiers. On the first run, the bullets from the helicopter's mini guns hit the trees in the tree line next to Pat and the concussion from the bullets bounced him up into the air. The pilot came back on the radio and with great hesitation in his voice, asked him if he was all right. Pat said: "I am still alive, and I asked him to make another run."

At 1234 hours, a ready-reaction force, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Bravo Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, landed about 200 meters to the northwest of where Pat and the team were located and started to move overland to link up with the team. The ready reaction force reached Pat and the team in the early morning hours of May 9<sup>th</sup>. In doing so, four members of the ready-reaction force were lost to enemy fire: CPL Jimmy R. Brown, Cleburne, Texas; CPL Terrence A. Kandler, Torrance, California; PFC Russell W. Jarick, Los Angeles, California; and CPL Jimmy R. Wheless, San Angelo, Texas. A number of others from Bravo Company were also wounded.

At first light on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Pat was pulled off that hillside and MEDVACed to the 15<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion field hospital at Camp Evans. The bodies of SGT Whitten and SP4 McConnel were recovered at that time. Pat was transported to Tripler Army Medical Hospital in Hawaii for treatment and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. for additional treatment.

Finally, after 13 years of writing articles for the *Saber*, this one will be my last. I have enjoyed contributing to the *Saber* very much and I hope that I was able to help ensure the legacy of the LRRP/Ranger unit and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War. Thank you for all the stories and information you provided to me over those years.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.



**SP4 Gerald W. McConnel (KIA), Thua Thien Province, 1968**





5th CAV News

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September this year saw the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for our Division! Esprit de Corp in the Cav always impresses me, and this year was no exception! Talking to the Troops is always job number one. Back in “the day” accessing these guys was, it seems to me, much more difficult. Speaking to people now, from private to the Deputy Division Commander was only a matter of trying to engage folks, and I had a blast! Those of you who could not make it or that have never been to a Division reunion missed out! These get togethers are not just fun. Seeing our old unit, and its Troops brings perspective and healing. Now I realize some of you do not need healing, but I do. Before my first Division reunion I was not aware I needed it either. People I had never seen before and who were not from my unit went out of their way to help me see myself and my unit in a different light. That was my first step toward finding several hundred people who went through B Co 2/5 during “The Cav’s” tour in Vietnam. I cannot say I never looked back because, in fact I have done that! And what an impressive look it is! The regiments of the 1st Cav, brought together in 1921 have a lot of history! The 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment is the oldest in the Division though there are cavalry units that are older still. That is to say that parts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav date back to 1855. Looking back can be both fun and impressive! Adding with care the thought that no one understands a Soldier better than another Soldier, I would go farther, that is no one understands a Cav alum better than another Cav alum! One such man I met this year was 1SG (Ret) “Mac” Hall. He was no stranger to making connections, but this was his first Division reunion. A great guy, he was an excellent example of why I go to these! One of the things that I always marvel at is the fact that folks are always saying how proud they are of those that went before. I am as well but hasten to point out that I am proud going back a long way and of the formation as it now stands! These youngsters, (I can say that from top to bottom as none are older than I) are ready for anything! No need to wonder whether the Cav is ready to perform!

The *Saber* is unlike many papers. It has a special job and special needs. We want to inform, but there are things about which we do not talk. Personally, it takes me a bit of thought and a helping of humility to start each issues offering. I am always surprised at who reads the things I write. Being aware that among the readers are many that could do a much better job is just one item. For that reason, it warms my heart when I get an atta boy from any of them. Claude Roy, Tony Dai, and Ron Chastain all reached out this cycle and I always appreciate hearing from all of you! Thanks!

The various company reunions have started to crank up again after the ongoing Covid-19 fight has begun to let up. I attended one in Pigeon Forge TN after leaving the events at Ft. Hood, which was put on by the guys from B Co 2/5 and know

of at least two more. Mick DeHart asked if I could include an announcement of one for E Co 2/5 in the Ft. Walton-Destin Beach area, May 16 through 19 at the Island Hotel, (formerly the Ramada) in 2022. He will be the POC, contact him if you have questions or would like to sign up, <michael.dehart754@gmail.com> or 937-875-8446. I have not previously had many requests for that but could foresee it becoming a problem if all the folks needed a shout since there are quite a few. I am willing to help where I can, and I am as happy as anyone this virus is showing signs of letting up. It should be noted that the *Saber* will print upcoming reunion notices of this type if you contact <programs@1CDA.org>. Careful to include all pertinent information.

It is interesting to note that before vaccines, armies commonly lost more people to disease than to the actual fighting in many conflicts. That should underscore the current argument about such things as it is no small matter. Anything that can put a fighting force down when it desperately needs to function and that can be prevented is important. As it gets more easily spread and more deadly, more can be said, but merely cutting the effectiveness of a unit is important. Just something to think about since people die in our business, and more die if we are not at our best.

Foremost in my mind as any of the articles presented are put together is the morale and wellbeing of the Troops. That one thing is to me, job one. I cannot say success is always achieved but that is the aim. I like to present history of our unit, but of course you can expect I usually avoid things that might have a negative impact. That is a red flag to some, but there it is. I am still chasing stories of that kind but finding them can require many volumes of reading and does not always yield the sought-after result. We still get quite a few stories from my era but are losing our folks from Korea and before. Historically accurate presentations from the past I am constantly seeking. Suggestions as to where to look are welcome. It can be problematic to print stories of the more recent past, but if an appropriate person were to present one, properly sanitized, and checked out by the right folks I think we would like that as well. The old horse cavalry is not the only thing we need to hear about. The right folks can turn us on to some stories that took place from Desert Storm on. Some have already been on TV. These guys need credit for their work as much as anyone. Gaining perspective can be a big boost to folks still engaged! Being OK with our work is especially important and it helps to be able to see it from the perspective of our brothers and sisters who face portions of it we do not. Sometimes the view down the sights can be a bit too close. We have always been about leaving a better world and protecting our country. That can be hard to remember from up close. A senior officer or NCO can recall a story, a portion of which resulted in an award ceremony. Perhaps not. Forgive if I have overstepped. Suffice it to say, I am every bit as proud of our folks today as I am of any of us. Stay with it folks, you are doing great! We do the best we can with where we are sent. Having no real choice of where that will be. The naysayers and those who speak of failure will have their voice and reasons. I know we always do our best. We always follow our orders. And we can always be proud of our efforts! And yes, I am always both awed and sad when we pay a Soldiers price for what must be done.

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Extension of Gulf War Presumptives  
Focus on Gulf War Veterans - 1990 through Now

The Department of Veteran Affairs has extended the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to December 31, 2026.

More than 650,000 Service members served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 2, 1990, to July 31, 1991. For VA benefits eligibility purposes, the Gulf War period is still in effect. This means that anyone who served on active duty from August 2, 1990, to present is considered a Gulf War Veteran. For example, the Veterans Pension benefit requires service during a wartime period. Therefore, any Veteran who served on active military service for any period from August 2, 1990, to the present meets the wartime service requirement.

Prior to the extension, Persian Gulf War Veterans had to file a claim for disability compensation before the end of the 2021 calendar year. VA is extending the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities of 10% or more to ensure benefits established by Congress are fairly administered.

With scientific uncertainty remaining as to the cause and time of onset of illnesses suffered by Persian Gulf War Veterans and current research studies are inconclusive, limiting entitlement to benefits due to the expiration of the presumptive period would be premature. If an extension of the current presumptive period was not implemented, service members whose conditions arise after December 31, 2021, would be substantially disadvantaged compared to service members whose conditions manifested at an earlier date.

VA presumes certain medically unexplained illnesses are related to Gulf War service without regard to cause. These include chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders, and undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to: abnormal weight loss, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders, and sleep disturbances.

A wide variety of symptoms can qualify a Gulf War Veteran for presumptive service-connection, Veterans who are experiencing unexplained medical issues are encouraged to file a claim.

<<https://www.benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-gulfwar.asp>>

Help us recruit,  
make sure those that you served within the Division  
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“Doc Shock” has asked Erin Stockton DMD an Albuquerque, New Mexico dentist to help us in a series of articles to improve our dental care. The following article is submitted by Erin Stockton DMD.

Through listening to my patients speak, I have heard ideas and explanations that are common but are not correct. So, through the next issues of *Saber*, I would like to clear up the second of the five most common dental myths that I hear from patients.

As humans, we have a natural tendency to avoid pain and discomfort. We also are naturally driven toward protecting ourselves and avoiding harm. When it comes to our oral condition, we tend to do the same. If a tooth hurts to chew, we try to chew on the opposite side. If our gums are sore, we tend to avoid that area. And if it is uncomfortable, we might call the dentist. But is that best practice?

I have heard explanations from patients through the years on the symptoms they feel in their mouths and how they address it. They are well thought out and at surface-level, can seem to make sense. I would like to help clear up this confusion through a series of articles meant to debunk five popular myths that I have heard. Myth #1 was clarified in the July/August article in *Saber* News. Today I want to clear up another one:

Myth #2: **If my gums bleed when I brush or floss, I should leave them alone.** This myth is one where I can understand the patient’s thinking behind: if I see blood, I should stop doing what I am doing. However, this is not always true! With bleeding gums, the cause is usually gingivitis (inflammation of the gums) with or without periodontal disease (gum disease/bone loss). Plaque-induced is the most common, which means it is critically important that plaque and calculus be removed from the teeth, rather than avoided. Soft plaque can be removed from the teeth by brushing and flossing properly, but once it has calcified, it will need to be professionally removed.

This means if you see bleeding, or even other signs of inflammation: swelling, pain, redness, heat – it typically means that the area needs attention, not avoidance. You might need to have the area cleaned well, whether it is something you can do at home with brushing or flossing; or it may need professional attention. These signs also might indicate a more severe problem.

Most patients benefit from dental check-ups every 6 months. You and your dentist can establish what the best frequency is for you. If you are overdue for a check-up, it is important that you schedule an appointment with your dentist to have your mouth evaluated. Make sure you voice your concerns and listen carefully to any advice your healthcare providers give. Ask questions if you are confused. And most importantly, pay attention to your mouth. If something does not feel right, you should have it checked.

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## 12th CAV News



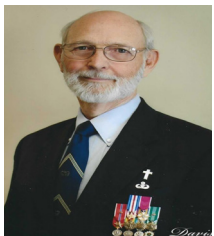
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Hello And Semper Paratus! Crabtree Here... It was good to be there at Ft Hood, 22-25 September 2021, for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the First Team, 600 Troopers and guests made the event. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was represented by presence of 23 Troopers, 11) 1-12<sup>th</sup> and 12) 2-12<sup>th</sup> with guests, for a total of 43. Troopers accounted for from 1-12<sup>th</sup> were Dick Gauthier and Fernando Mingua A Co 1966-67; B Co John Wilson 1965-66, Jim Stokely and Buddy York 1969-70; C Co Thomas Crabtree 1966-67, Doug Warden 1967-68, Rodney Young 1970; D Co Gary Pezzuti 1967-68, Kirk Werner 1973-77, Roger May 1988. Present from 2-12<sup>th</sup> were Troopers A Co McMiller 1965-66, Jack Pellington 1966-67, Butch Wells 1967-68, Al Freeland 1968-69; B Co Gary Oliver 1965-66, Dannie Cummings 1967-68/1970-71, Jose Heredia, Steve Aguilar and James Jordan 1969-70, Reiders Abel 1970-71 and Charles Swesey 1974-75; C Co Raymond Welch 1965-66.

A highlight event of the week was, War Era Luncheon, held Thursday, 23 September 2021. Dara Wydler, Division Association Director, called the roll as each Trooper present, went forward to receive their Honorary Air Assault Badge Certificate. MG John B. Richardson IV and CSM Shade S. Mundy presented the certificates, signed by Allen O. Norris outgoing President and Scott Sjule, President elect of Division Association, (to serve through June 2023). This was topped off by good food and high-level camaraderie amongst all present. We all thank GEN Richardson, CSM Munday, Allen Norris and Scott Sjule for this recognition... Salute! Our 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Officers: HCOR Jim Dingeman, HSGMOR Doug Warden, President Jim Stokely, Secretary-Scribe Thomas Crabtree, Treasurer Gary Pezzuti, and all Troopers. Congratulations Scott Sjule in his new position and wish him the best over the next two years. (If we can assist you in your mission, do not hesitate to call on us) Semper Paratus!

Friday, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, on post activities was a good day, visiting the 1-12/2-12 Bn CP tents talking with active-duty Troops. Cav historical tableau was the best I've seen in all the years I have attended, ending with Horse Cavalry Detachment Charge, shadowed by helicopter fly over. Afterwards the Cav Band and several active-duty Soldier Bands provided outstanding entertainment throughout the day. Saturday Regiment Luncheon, Pam Wilgonoski (wife of deceased Trooper August Wilgonoski) was our guest of honor. We were joined by 1-12 active Soldiers and family members: LTC Jose/Amber Reyes; SGM Chris Fowler and family, Michelle Piper, Caden, Regan and Renee; SFC Kendal, PFC Cooper, SPC Westmorland, SPC Ramirez, PFC Daly, and SPC Uomanisiaka. 2-12 Cavalry Troopers joining us were: Bn XO MAJ Kovach, SGM Hipolito Rodriquez, 1SG Johnson, PFC Diaz, PV2 Grijalva, PFC Jones. Saturday Banquet capped off the week with good food and high spirits. All said it was one of the best Ft. Hood Reunions in several years, looking forward to the next one!



Chaplain Lord

Two significant occurrences in our 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association since the Division Reunion, one sad and one a great honor. We are saddened by the passing of our respected and beloved Chaplain COL (Ret) Billy R. Lord. He crossed over 15 October 2021, after a long bout with pneumonia. Chaplain Lord served in the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault, 1-12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (Airborne) 1964-1966. He sailed with the battalion on the USNS Geiger from Savannah, Ga to Vn. In Operation Shiny Bayonet, 10-14 October 1965, Chaplain Lord was awarded the Silver Star, the first Chaplain to be decorated for valor in the Vietnam War, also awarded a Bronze Star and Air Medal. He served in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, 82d Airborne, XVIII Airborne Corps, was awarded a Master Parachutist Badge. Chaplain Lord Retired from military in 1984. He was a constant presence at 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reunions, "Always Ready" to serve Troopers and families in needed times. In Vn Chaplain Lord, went to the field with 1-12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Troopers and remained with them as a calming presence as many of the men would say, "We are okay now, The Lord is walking with us." With his presence in the big Lz/Dz, hell is quivering while music is blaring in Fiddlers' Green. Chaplain Lord, you are missed, we will see you when our call comes. 'Boot To Boot' Sir!

Chaplain Lord was also known for saving a few souls, baptizing some Troopers in the rivers flowing through the highlands. His services were conducted 21 October 2021, At Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home, Springfield, Mo with full military honors burial at Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.

Great Honor to HSGMOR Doug Warden. (SSG) Douglas Jason Warden was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, 23 October 2021. Ceremony



was held at the Vietnamese American Memorial Monument. Several OK Dignitaries, Veterans, and many Vietnamese Citizens were present at the ceremony. Doug served with Charlie Company, 1-12<sup>th</sup> (Airborne), May 1967-May 1968. He was awarded two Silver Stars, one Bronze Star, Soldiers Medal and three Purple Hearts during his service in Charlie Company. 1969, Doug served with 1<sup>st</sup> Special Group in Okinawa. After the military, he worked for AT&T and Gartner Group, retiring as an executive. Since 2003 Doug has served the 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association in several positions as Crossed Sabers editor, webmaster, treasurer, historian, vice president and president. He is a published author, his book is "Boy Sergeant-A Young Soldiers Story of Vietnam." Doug did extensive research on Charlie Company 1-12<sup>th</sup>, later publishing a historical manuscript titled "Boot to Boot." The story of Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion-12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, 1963-1972. He now serves the 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry as Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment. It is an honor to know Doug as a fellow Trooper. Congratulations and Salute." Boot To Boot!"

Last major event of the year is (Washington, D.C. Veterans Day), then planning

for next year events begins again. Division Reunion will be in Dayton, OH, 6-10 July 2022. Registration forms will be in the Jan/Feb *Saber*, but also went out in everyone's 2022 calendar. Reunion details can be found on pg. 16. All are encouraged to make hotel reservations now. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry get togethers are being looked at for some of the individual companies and a very tentative 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reunion in Branson, 7-12 September 2022. Look for details and/or confirmation for individual unit and regiment schedules in next column (Jan/Feb 2022) and the Crossed Sabers Newsletter near end of November 2021.

Holiday months November and December are approaching fast. Before we realize it, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year will be upon us. For some, this is a mixed blessing. Many stories about this time in Vietnam, some good, many not good! For 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, most intense fighting and casualties occurred in months Apr/May and Nov/Dec.

**Ray Welch, C Company 2-12<sup>th</sup>** sent this to me. Even though it is titled, "Christmas at Grandma England's 1965," it was a good Christmas in Vietnam, all things considered.

After a long month combing through the Ia Drang Valley, with minimal casualties, we were finally extracted to Camp Holloway. There we managed to have a semblance of Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and a few trimmings. Even though the turkey was still partly frozen it was a relief from the month of C rations we had become accustomed to. After Thanksgiving Day, we started a road march from Holloway to An Khe. There we were placed on green line duty, to be relieved at noon on Christmas Day. In country long enough to know what could happen at any moment, we prepared for the unexpected. I had some time to reminiscence and thought about the family back home, knowing they would have a big celebration feast.

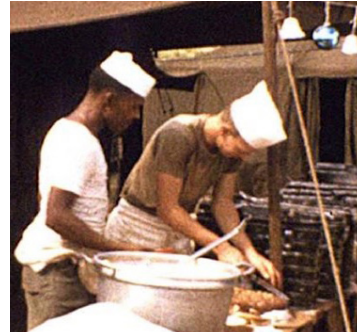
Christmas at Grandma England's house always took place on Sunday between Christmas and New Year's. It was a special time with all the family and an abundance of food of all types. One of my favorites was the huge bowl of mashed potatoes, mounded high with an indentation in the top mound with a huge amount of butter. Aroma coming from all that wonderful food sent special messages to your mind and body.

As I was thinking about these goodies at Grandma England's, my stomach was receiving messages, I decided to open the package received from home. Three pounds of packaged Swiss cheese, plenty to share with the Troops. When opened disappointment set in, 1/3 of the package was soaked in water from the long trip across the Pacific. I took it to the mess sergeant to see if he might have an idea how it could be saved. Needless to say, he was having no part of it. A fellow platoon leader, LT Broach, had received a package, a rum-soaked homemade fruit cake wrapped in white linen. As he removed the wrap the cake was dark green all the way through. Damaged from the same trip with my Swiss cheese. Christmas 1965 in An Khe was not looking good at this moment.

As I was thinking about all the relatives that I would miss at the England 1965 Christmas, it occurred to me my Christmas family was my fellow officers and Troops of C Company, 2-12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Since CPT Childs was on R&R, I was the interim commanding officer. It was then I thought of myself as the "host with the most" until LT Broach and I opened our packages of damaged goodies. An element of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry had been outside the perimeter just before 1200 am when we were to be relieved from the green line for Christmas dinner. The group was returning inside the perimeter, the lead man was driving a mule. On the back of the mule was a large 'constrictor snake' with a head the size of my fist. Beyond that snake's neckline, the body was expanded like the goodyear blimp all the way down to its tail. This did not look good, as the mule driver stopped in our area, we decided to cut it open. When we sliced it from neck to tail, out came a four-point deer. I wondered if this was a Christmas dinner surprise to be cooked up by the mess hall crew.

About 1230 am, our green line relief came. We were told to get ready for Christmas dinner at the mess tent area. When we had arrived from the Camp Holloway road march, the battalion had received some of the first issues of jungle fatigues. We received shirts but no pants. We put our ranks and names on them. As we were relieved from the towers, the order was given to put our new shirts on. Going off to the mess hall for Christmas dinner surprise, we surmised these were to be our dinner jackets. As happens often in unexpected circumstances rumors emerged. This time, the buzz was that the 'constrictor' was chopped up to be a garnish/relish for the main course, that four pointer that fell out of it when we cut him open."

The mess hall crew had managed to string some lights throughout the area, although, not as bright as Grandma England's, they did lift the spirits. Given the rumor circulated about the constrictor, I asked myself if our dinner would be merry and happy. Knowing that back home, family had loaded their plates and were filling their stomachs with delicacies. I was thinking that a can of C ration turkey might be a better choice for my Christmas Day dinner. I was later to learn that things aren't always what we imagine or want them to be in our minds.



As it turned out, the rumor was not true. 'Cookie' (Mess Sergeant) and his crew had prepared a pretty good dinner. Fresh hot turkey with the trimmings, ham, fresh boiled shrimp, fresh fruit of oranges and apples. Meanwhile back at Grandma's, things were stirring with the family as some of them were having gastric issues. My Uncle Jay Mereshon, a volunteer fireman and ambulance driver, realized that the ongoing gastric disturbances was a major medical situation. He called the ambulance; a joyful 1965 Christmas Day at Grandma's became a family gathering

at St. Elizabeth Emergency Room. I later learned from a newspaper article, twenty-three family members had been treated for botulism and food poisoning. Lab testing determined that the ham was the culprit. After 1965, at Grandma England's, Uncle Jay never ate another piece of ham to his dying day. For me and our 1965 An Khe Trooper family, our stomachs were full, and I concluded that being in Vietnam this Christmas Day 1965 was the safest place I could have been.

Hope this story churns up some good memories from one of the darker times of our lives. Happy Veterans Day, Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Until Next Time..." Soar with the chief chopper pilot, walk lightly with the head point man, and roll smoothly with the lead tanker."



## 7th CAV News



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Wow! Where has the year gone? This is the last issue of the *Saber* for the year 2021 and there is a column full of news to report to you. In this issue, we discuss changes of command, the reunion news, a spur ride, as well as other tidbits.

As you are aware, the 73rd Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association took place in Killeen and at Fort Hood in October. One of the highlights of the reunion was the 7th U.S. Cavalry unit luncheon during which we witnessed a changing of the guard. We said goodbye to 7th U.S. Cavalry Association long-time president John Guillory and hello to incoming president Mike Campbell. Following is the secretary's report for the official business meeting of the 7th Cavalry Association...

## MEETING MINUTES

7th United States Cavalry Association 12:00pm September 25, 2021

The minutes for the 7th U.S. Cavalry Association Luncheon and Business Meeting are as follows:

The luncheon was attended by 70 guests, including chapter members, their guests, and guests at large. Due to the absence of Association officers, the luncheon was presided over by the Association's Honorary Colonel, LTC Albert Guarnieri (Ret), Association President, John Guillory and Treasurer, Bob Anderson, attended via Zoom teleconferencing. Our guest speaker, Commander of the 1/7th Squadron, LTC Brennan Speakes, and candidate for Association President, Karl Swenson, also attended the meeting via Zoom.

The Association's Honorary Colonel, LTC Albert Guarnieri (Ret) provided the opening Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence which were followed by the luncheon meal. After the luncheon meal was consumed, each Association Member stood and provided their individual introductions: name, unit, and 7th Cav service years.

Our first guest speaker, LTC Brennan Speakes, Squadron Commander of the 1/7th Squadron, was introduced via Zoom. LTC Speakes spoke of the 1/7th's desire to foster a closer relationship between active-duty Troopers and 7th Cavalry's Veteran community. Our guest speaker from the 2/7th Battalion was CPT Alex Duffield, Rear D Commander, who spoke of the 2/7th's deployment to Indiana's Camp Atterbury to process Afghan refugees. He also spoke about the battalion's readiness for today's environment.

The election of Association Officers followed the presentations of the guest speakers. Those officer positions were President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Mike Campbell was elected Association President. The unopposed officer positions of Vice-President: Tim Hodge, Treasurer: Bob Anderson, and Secretary: John Guillory were elected without vote, as walkover candidates. The election was concluded with each candidate providing closing remarks. There was a thank you to Karl Swenson for his candidacy and a round of applause for his ongoing contributions as 7th Cavalry's Scribe.

The outgoing Association President, John Guillory bid Association Members farewell and safe travels and expressed his thanks to our host LTC Guarnieri (Ret) his assistant, newly elected Vice-President: Tim Hodge; our guest speakers LTC Speakes; and CPT Duffield; and our ICDA Director Dara Wydler and her team. There was a motion to close the meeting, the motion was seconded, passed and the meeting closed.

LTC Brennan Speakes spoke to us via Zoom, as he had fractured his ankle a couple of days prior to the event and was on bedrest waiting for surgery. However, he was able to provide us with the following Letter to The Veterans:

GARRYOWEN Veterans:

**It is the honor of a lifetime to come back to the 7th Cavalry** and it has been a dream of mine to be GARRYOWEN 6. I am privileged to serve and lead the best Troopers in the world and join the legacy of 1-7 CAV. In my first note to the GARRYOWEN Veterans, I want to outline my view on the GARRYOWEN Team.

I come from an Army Family and that has shaped my vision on serving. There are three groups in GARRYOWEN: Troopers, Families, and Veterans. All three groups are critical to our success and serve one another.

**Troopers**

The Troopers are our focal point. Without the Troopers, there would not be a GARRYOWEN. They are the reason that our formation has been the Army's Premier Cavalry formation since 1866.

**Families**

Growing up, I saw first-hand what Army life looks like as a dependent. I saw good leaders spend time ensuring that their Troopers' Families were provided for, and I learned about the amazing Army Family. We will plan events to incorporate our families because they are the part of the GARRYOWEN Team that keeps us all in the fight.

**Veterans**

What sets apart GARRYOWEN from other historic units are our Veterans, and not just for their battlefield prowess or successful careers, but they are also the rock upon which GARRYOWEN stands. I have never seen a group of Veterans that serves as much as the GARRYOWEN Veterans, and I want to ensure that the Veterans remain connected to the current GARRYOWEN Troopers.

I look forward to devoting time to each over my time in command. I will continue to devote time to addressing the force on Facebook Live and engaging with you either virtually or in person. Our calendar will fill up quickly between training and social events but know that you are always an integral part of the team.

SEVENTH FIRST!

BRENNAN SPEAKES, LTC, AR  
Commanding



LTC Brennan Speakes, Commander  
1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry

Here is a great story from the "other" 7th Cavalry squadron, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry currently assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA, ***Dogface Soldiers Uphold Cavalry Tradition in Rare Division Spur Ride***

Dogface Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division participated in a combined spur ride, Oct. 14-15 on Fort Stewart. The cavalry regiment within the Division, 5-7 Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team collaborated to make the first 3rd ID spur ride in recent memory. Two hundred forty-six out of 313 Soldiers completed the spur ride with 1st ABCT at an approximate 83% success rate.

A Soldier earning their spurs is a tradition that reaches back to the beginnings of the U.S. Army Cavalry in the 19th century. In modern times, a Soldier earns their spurs when they have proven their level of expertise and determination by completing a physically and mentally demanding test over the course of one to two days.

"A spur ride is a time-honored cavalry tradition that assesses and validates a Soldier's ability to perform basic Soldier tasks under pressure," said MG Charles Costanza, commanding general of 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield. "Spur rides are a way to induct Soldiers into the legacy of the U.S. Army Cavalry through shared hardship and training, all while they learn more about the storied history of the cavalry regiments represented in our division. I am extremely proud of all the candidates who earned their spurs."

The spur ride, a 30-hour event, pushed the Soldiers, referred to as spur candidates, to their physical and mental limits by assessing their ability to operate as part of a team under elevated levels of stress and fatigue throughout both day and night conditions. The spur candidates were placed into 12 teams, each with a spur holder, or spur guide, who rigorously coached the candidates through the spur ride.

"We are out here to motivate the candidates and give them that extra push when they feel like quitting," said CPL Eric Amphavannasouk, a spur holder assigned to 3rd Sqn, 17th Cav Regt, 3rd CAB, 3rd ID. "We also instill pride and educate the candidates on the historical importance of the cavalry."



The spur ride totaled over 25 miles of marching while carrying a 35-pound rucksack, navigating through 12 lanes where spur candidates demonstrated their cavalry knowledge and skills. Some tasks the Soldiers had to perform during the spur ride included the Army Combat Fitness Test, weapons

identification and a spur board that put their cavalry knowledge to the test. Spur candidates were also required to frequently recite the traditional cavalry poem known as "Fiddler's Green" from memory.

"The spur ride demanded a lot out of us candidates, physically and mentally," said SPC Glacius Misajon, an AH-64 attack helicopter repairer assigned to the 3rd Sqn, 17th Cav Regt, 3rd CAB, 3rd ID. "It took a lot of teamwork and determination to complete the event, but once I crossed the finish line and received my spurs it was all worth it."

The division-wide joint spur ride concluded with a ceremony held at Wright Army Airfield on Fort Stewart, Georgia, where spur candidates that were still standing were inducted into the Order of the Spur and presented with the coveted silver spurs.

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters in arms over there in the 3rd Infantry Division! We are glad to see that you still uphold the traditions of the Cavalry even though you are far from home.

It is not too early to start thinking about the **74th Annual Reunion**, to be held 6-10 July 2022 in Dayton, OH. Check for further information in this issue of the *Saber*. List pg # for ad There are many things to do and see in Dayton, including the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The reunion planners have scheduled a visit to the museum for Friday, 8 July. I have been to the museum before and was astounded at the collection of aircraft, including missiles. And the degree of access one is afforded is amazing. It will be your opportunity to see "how the other half lives."

As I grow older, I am more inclined to research before I buy, I very seldom "impulse shop" anymore. And as I do my research, I am surprised by the number of businesses that are now offering discounts to Veterans and active-duty military. I have decided to share that research from time to time in case you happen to be looking at purchasing some of the same things I am. This issue I am looking to buy a new security doorbell system for my house. I have looked at a bunch of them, but the system with the best discount for military associated buyers is the Ring system marketed by Amazon. But you must look for the discount, it does not just appear. As you are perusing the website for Ring, go all the way to the bottom of the page, and look under the Support listing. There you will find "military discount." When you click on it, it will take you to a page that will verify your service and will give you a code that allows you to receive a 20% discount on Ring products. And you can get a new code every 24 hours.

It is time to wrap this puppy up and send it off to our tireless workers at Association headquarters, but I want to wish each of you a very happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. No, I am not rushing the seasons, it is just that I will not be writing another column before the beginning of the new year. So, here is wishing you the absolute best for the upcoming holidays! I hope you can spend time with friends and loved ones.

I also want to ask if anyone has a burning desire to continue this work and take over the joy of writing this column. I have been at it for four years and found it enjoyable and fulfilling. I have enjoyed the opportunity to talk with many of you, but I am moving to a different stage of my life. If you have interest, please reach out and let me know.



## 8th CAV News



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Hello, my Cav brothers and sisters, I hope everyone is doing well. I also hope everyone is still sticking together, we still need to help each other. Call a buddy, try to help at a Veterans Center or a Veterans Clinic. Reach out, someone needs you. Tough times bring out the best of folks who care.

Summer flew past so quick this year. Of course, every season comes and goes more quickly, the older I get. Fall is here and what a beautiful time of the year it is. Getting cooler, leaves falling.... Seems like breathing is easier. The Holiday Season is upon us. My wish is that the world can come to grips with itself and we try to treat each other better. My wish for you, my Brothers, is the gift of a good heart and peace of mind. Again, I implore you to reach out to some you love and give them a chance to love you back. In the words of singer Bobby McFerrin, "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

**Nostalgia**

Nostalgia: A sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past for a period or place with happy personal associations. In the past I have asked readers to send me stories about their special memories of Christmas while in the military. I got quite a few back. I want to share a few with you.

A Trooper from Norwalk, Connecticut wrote me about getting to go to see the Bob Hope show in Nam 1966. After all the things got done in the company, we all know what can go wrong when planning things. Then it was on to Bien Hoa Air Base. Lots of excitement in the air. Number one: he is out of the bush for a few days, a warm and dry place to sleep, maybe a couple of cool cans of PBR. Talks of Christmas at home. Thousands of Troops seated in bleachers, some in wheelchairs, but all excited. After all the speeches of the dos and don'ts of what to during the show, game on. A comedian came first, do not know who, did not care. And then, there he was, Bob Hope, wearing a boonie hat and swinging a golf club. He was very entertaining. But the next act sent the testosterone level through the roof: Joey Heatherton and Ann Margret! After that going back to the unit was a long grind, but I enjoyed that day and will remember it forever.

In the next story, a cherry and a Trooper with six months share a hooch in An Khe. Not having much in common, the conversation lacked. It was the first time either one of them had been away from home for Christmas. Neither one felt comfortable talking about their sadness. But Cav Troopers do not cry. The girlfriend of the cherry sent him a copy of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Story*. The two strangers took turns reading it. That book, and their reading it together, made Christmas not so bad. Today, both feel it was one of their best Christmases ever. God Bless Everyone.

"A Brother don't need to be here," Tommy Wilson exclaimed. Tommy, who hailed from the great state of Alabama, was tired of Nam, as most of us were. Tommy said, "Christmas didn't mean much at home, we didn't look forward to it." Being in the rear at Christmas was a special gift. Packages from home, a bottle or two if they did not get broke, a warm meal, cards, and letters you could read in a dry place. Meanwhile, Tommy was still selling wool tickets to all that would listen about the unfairness of it all. Finally, the little bit of Christmas activities we enjoyed wound down. Back to the field tomorrow. When the last candle went out and all was quiet, a beautiful, full voice came from the cot in the end corner. Tommy's cot, he was singing softly, "Oh Silent Night."

Hope you liked the stories.

**Kokomo Reunion**

I attended the Kokomo, Indiana reunion in early September. This reunion is for all military branches of all eras. They are a great group of men to spend time with. I have included a picture of some of my brothers from Chicago. If you want more information about attending next year, contact me.



**Kokomo Reunion**

**Division Reunion**

I attended the Division Reunion in Ft. Hood, Texas in September. Rich O'Brien and I drove down from Kentucky. We saw some old familiar faces and failed to see others. The 8th Cav made a good showing in attendance. We had our own hospitality room with water, soft drinks, beer, wine, and other adult beverages. The room stayed busy, thanks to all who helped.



**Stallions Battalion HQ, LTC Minges in center**

On Friday buses and POV's went to Ft. Hood for the 100th anniversary of the 1st Cav. It was a great presentation. Afterwards, we went to Company units of different units. The men and women there were outstanding, they were so professional. It made us all proud of them and proud of the fact that we were all Cavalry Troopers. Well Done Stallions.

The luncheon went well. It was informal since the Association President was unable to be there due to illness. He is doing much better now. We all agreed to hold all officer and board member positions as they are. Good news, Tom DeYoung is doing better and has decided to come back and resume his leadership in the 8th Cavalry Association. Hope to see you in Ohio next year.

**Young Troopers**

Readers of my previous articles know that I am always stressing the need to get younger members involved in the 8th Cav Association. Before going to Ft. Hood, I contacted LTC Edwin "Les" Minges. Les is the commander of 2nd Battalion 8th Cavalry. I expressed my views about the current Troopers becoming members. He said that he agreed and would do anything he could to help. Saturday was the day of our 8th Cav luncheon. He attended the meeting and talked about a number of subjects in an incredibly positive way then he hung around and had lunch with us. He answered questions from the group, and everyone enjoyed his visit. I realized that with men like this, the future looks a little brighter. Thank you for your service, Brother. The Colonel asked me to call him "Les," which I am proud to do. Honor and Courage.

**Kentucky Kampout 2021 by Larry the Saint Hempfling**

In the previous 8th Cavalry article, our writer James Top Gun Dotson gave all readers a history of the above-mentioned reunion. Well, let me reinforce the good times that can be had at this event as I am one of the Gang of six who never misses this great reunion. Five or six of us came in on Tuesday to get settled in and enjoyed several bowls of Jennie Dotson's homemade vegetable beef soup for dinner.

On Wednesday we began the process of setting up the scaled down version of a professional type camping kitchen under the pavilion on the AmVets property provided by none other than Tommy Smiley Harris who brought it all the way from Georgia. The Kampfire got started and was never put out until Sunday afternoon. Thanks to Top Gun and Randy Whitman we always had plenty of firewood.



Wednesday, we went to the AmVets Hall for breakfast and dinner provided every morning and the rest of the week by the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Jennie and all of those who took care of the cooking. Thursday it was pulled pork from a local establishment along with all the trimmings. Friday it was a fish fry at the AmVets. Then the steak dinner on Saturday evening which was grilled by two professional steak grillers on the grill made by none other than the skilled welder Johnny Mays and the go for ME. Those cooks I refer to are Jim Nix and I let you all guess the other. We are a fortunate bunch of 1st Cavalry Veterans thanks to Ed Regan and Mike Mouse McGhie. Those 2 men

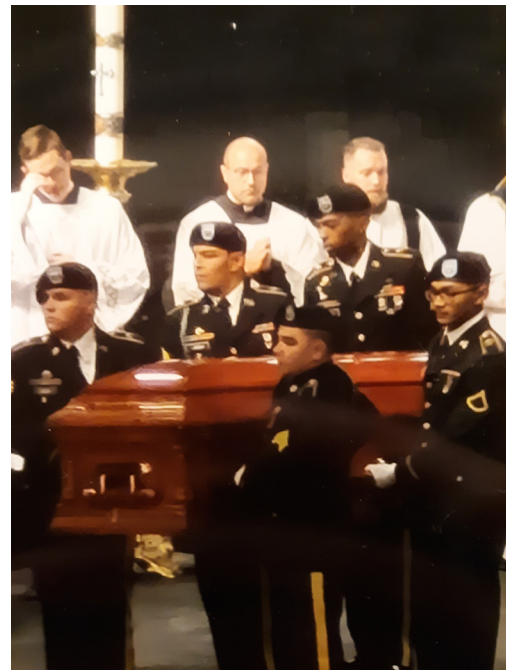


**Flags Flying Proudly at KY Kampout**

are the ones who 1st contacted all of us with the help of Rich O'Brien, Rich's sister, Terry Shoopman, and others who provided old orders, did the research, wrote letters, made phone calls, and started the very website <AngrySkipper.com> we can enjoy and communicate through. These were the tools that made all of us able to sit in front of that fire, go to the Reunion at Ft. Hood and most importantly spend valuable time with the men we call our Brothers and have the ultimate respect for. These guys mean as much to me as my own family. If you are looking for a great extended weekend with plenty of food and the best of company, I recommend you consider the Kentucky Kampout next October. I promise you we will be back again.

**Father Emil Kapaun Funeral**

The military had a strong presence at the funeral service for Father Emil Kapaun on September 29th in Wichita, Kansas. Father Kapaun was a priest, a Medal of Honor recipient, and Military Chaplain in Korea with the 8th Cavalry Regiment. He died as a POW in Korea in 1951. His remains were identified earlier this year and returned to his family in September. In attendance as pallbearers were active-duty members of the 3-8th Cav Regiment. Also, two of the Father's fellow prisoners in Korea, the Air Force Catholic Choir, the C.O. of 1st Cav Division GEN Torres (Head Chaplain at Ft. Hood), and Trooper Paul Braun and his wife. Please go to YouTube and watch the service on there. Rest in Peace, Brother.





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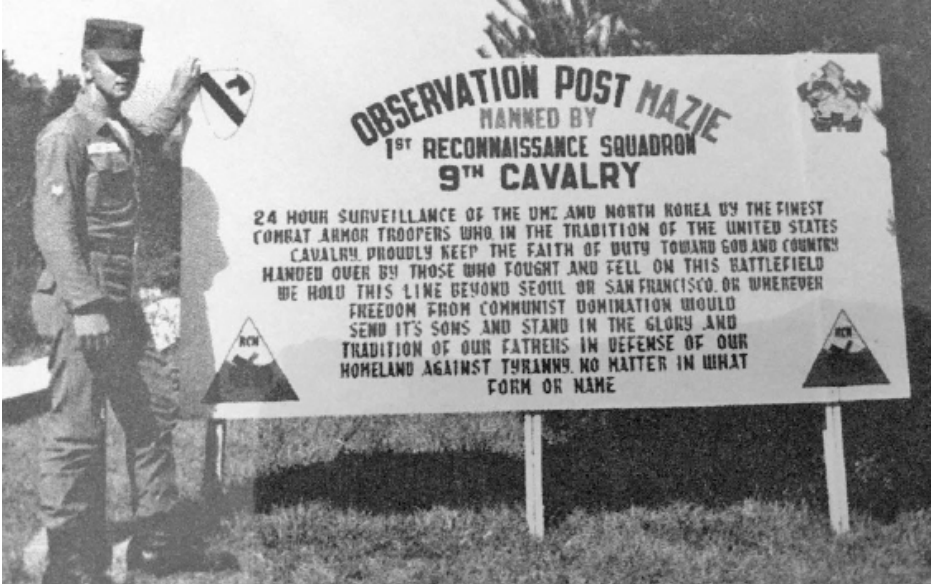


**WHEN RECON WAS OUR MIDDLE NAME**

The July/August issue introduced an odd-looking patch worn by the 1-9 Cav in Korea in the 1950s and early 60's. It was a triangle-shaped Armored Division patch without the slogan (like "Old Ironsides") underneath, and with the letters RCN added inside the triangle. In 1950, the 9th Cavalry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the 2nd Cavalry Division and redesignated the 509th Tank Battalion, which joined the 1st Cavalry Division to fight in the Korea War. After that war, the 509th patrolled the DMZ until 1956, when it was transferred back to Fort Knox. Company A, 509th Tank Battalion, was redesignated Troop A, 9th Cavalry and on 1 November 1957, Troop A was redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, 9th Cavalry, and activated in Korea.

Soon after the July/August *Saber* hit the street, former Trooper Mike Cassidy confirmed that RCN patches were worn by Troopers of the 1-9 Cav in Korea in 1963-64, when he served his first assignment as a Platoon Leader in Charlie Troop. Mike explained that 9th Cav Troopers wore the Cav patch on the left shoulder of their starched fatigues and field jackets, and the "RCN" patch on their chests. He went on to say that whenever members of the Squadron went north of the Imjin River, they wore Tanker Jackets rather than field jackets, and Tanker Boots with Straps instead of lace-up boots. Photographs of Mike in those uniforms appeared in the September/October *Saber*, and shortly thereafter another Veteran of the 9th Cav in Korea shared his memories and photographs.

Carl Lawrence joined the Army at age 18 in 1959. In January 1961 he deployed to Korea, where he served in B Troop. He later did a tour with the 2-5 Cav in Vietnam in 1966-67 and went back to Vietnam for one more tour with a Mobile Advisory Training Team in Kontum. Carl retired from the Army in 1979 and now lives in North Carolina.



Carl shared two photos that clearly depict the emphasis placed on the squadron's role in the early 1960s. The first one is a large sign that includes the 1st Cavalry Division patch and the 9th Cavalry distinctive unit insignia (We Can, We Will) in the top corners and one of those RCN patches in either bottom corner:

Of particular note is the squadron's designation as the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, 9th Cavalry.

That designation was not limited to large signs like the one at Observation Post Mazie. As Carl Lawrence shows us below, the Scout sections all had M-38 machinegun jeeps, and their bumper markings identified them as coming from the 1st Cav's 1R9—the 1st Recon Squadron, 9th Cavalry.



**BACK TO THE FUTURE?**

During the time we have been exploring the heritage of the 1st Squadron (Reconnaissance), 9th Cavalry, in this space in the *Saber*, there has been no 1st Squadron.

As shown in the "1st Cavalry Unit Breakdown" on page 16 of the September/October issue, the Division's 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team contains two 9th Cavalry units, the 4th Squadron, and the 1st Battalion. That is right—the unit Korea and Vietnam Veterans remember with such pride is today not configured as a Cavalry Squadron. Instead, it is a Combined Arms Battalion. There is nothing wrong with that except, well, . . . *it ain't Cav*.

But hold on, that might be changing. An Oct 15 article from *Inside Defense* announced "Army to pilot division-level cavalry with 1st CAV." It describes how leaders from the Maneuver Center of Excellence told the recent Association of the United States Army (AUSA) conference in Washington that the Army will shift many of the Division's cavalry units up from the brigade level to create a battalion-sized cavalry unit at the division level in the summer of 2023.

The division-level squadron will serve as a pilot program as the Army evaluates its planned shift from brigade combat teams back to the division formation as the battlefield "unit of action." Exercises with the division-level squadron will also help determine the role of unmanned aerial and ground vehicles within future cavalry formations.

According to the Commandant of the Armor School, for the pilot program there will be one squadron of cavalry, made up of three Troops. Each Troop will be equipped with eight or nine Abrams tanks and 13 or 14 Bradley fighting vehicles, along with mortars and other supporting capabilities. Provisions will be made to include future unmanned vehicles, and the Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle could eventually replace the Bradley.

In addition to the full cavalry squadron at division level, each of the three

armored brigades within the 1st Cavalry Division will have one cavalry Troop. As the pilot program goes forward and unit configurations and designations get changed, let us hope that those making the changes are aware the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, 9th Cavalry from Korea and the "Cav of the Cav" in Vietnam. Let us all hope that the First of the Ninth once more becomes, in the words of Korea Veteran Carl Lawrence, "the Eyes and Ears of the 1st Cavalry Division."

**HAT TRICK.**

**Ned Ricks**, 1st of the 9th S-1 circa 1970-71, shared the following "for the info of any Cav Hat wearing type"—

"While attending my grandson's BCT graduation at Ft Leonard Wood, I was showing the Cav heritage by wearing my Cav Hat. On the day of the graduation, the weather was wet and pouring rain. The hat I had in RVN had been much weather-beaten, but I wanted to keep my new one in better shape. What to do?"

"As it happened, we were having coffee in the PX complex, which included a uniform store. I saw a Drill Sergeant come in the building and remove his DS campaign hat, a well-cared for piece of headgear also made of felt! Inspired, I asked the uniform store clerk if they had such a thing as a DS hat rain cover. They did -- a plastic hat protector that just fit over my Cav Hat. For \$9.00 I could wear my hat to my grandson's graduation while preserving its ceremonial condition."

**IN MEMORIAM**

Former Apache White, Phil Raschke, reported that **Arthur "Art" Motta** died of a heart attack in September 2017, but his passing was never noted in



Motta



Hogeboom



Flanagan

this space. Art was a Scout observer/gunner in A Troop.

**Edward P. "Edd" Hogeboom** of Destin, Florida died of leukemia September 27 in Mariette, Georgia. Edd was a Scout pilot in C Troop.

**John E. Flanagan** of Radcliff, Kentucky passed away October 14. John was *Saber* Blue 37, a B Troop lift pilot. He was also the author of "*Born in Brooklyn, Raised in the Cav.*"

**REST IN PEACE, BROTHERS**

Jim Kurtz, Apache 03, 1970-71

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# WELCOME HOME SOLDIER CPT EMIL J. KAPAUN



Hundreds of people lined the streets as Chaplain (CPT) Emil J. Kapaun, arrived at his resting place Sep. 29 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Wichita, KS. Chaplain Kapaun began his long journey home after the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency fully identified his remains 70 years after his passing at a Korean War Camp on May 23, 1951.

The 1st Cavalry Division's command team: MG John Richardson and CSM Shade Munday along with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment command teams were in attendance to honor one of the First Team's Legacies.

"He was a chaplain, but he was a leader chaplain, he put his Soldiers before himself, he put his fellow men before himself, and that inspired those around him, and that inspiration is what helps a unit make it through the tough times," said MG Richardson. "That is something we can all walk away with today, the idea that your personal presence and inspiring people through your presence is a powerful leadership lesson."



(Photos by Army MSG Miriam Espinoza, 1st Cavalry Division PAO)

III Corps and Fort Hood U.S. Army U.S. Army Chaplain Corps U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM)

## Family, Friends Attend Homecoming for Chaplain Kapaun

by Devon L. Suits, Army News Service September 27, 2021 army.mil

PILSEN, Kan. – The bells of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church reverberated through the streets here, as a motorcade carrying the remains of Chaplain (CPT) Emil J. Kapaun drew close to his former hometown. A standing crowd of extended family, friends, Veterans, and church members watched in silence as the hearse carrying their local hero, "Father Kapaun," slowly drove up the main road lined with American flags. Among the long line of vehicles included a refurbished Willys M38, a green Jeep similar to the one Kapaun used to offer Holy Communion and celebrate Mass while deployed in the Korean War.

Many onlookers wore the same blue t-shirt with the words "Home at Last" printed on the back. "Father Kapaun is home," said Father Brian Bebak, the church's pastor who graduated from Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School in nearby Wichita, Kansas. "I stand here humbly ... as a servant of God. We are so blessed to have his remains back with us."

In May, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency fully identified Kapaun's remains, who previously served with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division during the war. Kapaun and other members of the battalion were taken as prisoners by Chinese forces after being overrun near Unsan, North Korea, on Nov. 2, 1950. While in captivity, he ministered to Soldiers, cared for the wounded or injured, and gave what little food he had to help others until he died May 23, 1951.

As a prisoner, Kapaun leveraged his "Kansas farm boy ingenuity," which helped him repurpose loose materials throughout the camp for use, said Rose Davidson, the church's bookkeeper. "What Father Kapaun did is something we can all aspire to," Davidson said. "He was there for every person and always asked, 'How can I help you?' Other Soldiers have said he is a 'man's man and very tough,' yet he still led with his faith and heart."

For his actions, Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2013. His nephew, Ray, accepted the honor on his behalf. Kapaun was also named a Servant of God in 1993, followed by his Cause for the Canonization in 2008. His formal life story, known as a Positio, was sent to the Congregation for Saints in Rome in 2015 for review and approval but was halted due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"We just completed the mission of [returning] Father Kapaun's remains back to Wichita, Kansas," said Chaplain (COL) Rajmund Kopec, assigned to U.S. Army Forces Command. As a senior priest under the Army Chief of Chaplains, Kopec accompanied the remains from Honolulu, Hawaii, as a special escort to honor Kapaun's dedication to service. "I can say that it was such an emotional roller coaster for me," Kopec said. "From laughing with the family to tears as they reminisce about Father Kapaun [and other] close friends they lost in other wars."

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division provided military funeral honors at both Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport and in Pilsen. Upon his arrival to Kansas, Kopec prayed over Kapaun's casket on the tarmac before Soldiers lifted his remains into the vehicle for transport.

"I would say the past few days helped me to think about what it means to be a true leader," Kopec said. "You have to be a humble servant who meets people where they are and who does simple tasks to help others."

"To have his return in my lifetime is mind blowing," Davidson said. "I'm over the moon happy. The preparations [for his return to Pilsen] are incredibly moving and a lasting tribute to this very special veteran as he comes home."

(Editor's note: Information collected and published by SSG Apryl Hall Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

## Former Division Command Sergeant Major, A.C. Cotton Dies

April 11, 1935 – Sept 7, 2021



CSM A.C. Cotton speaking at the 1st Cavalry Division Black History Month celebration in 2020.

A. C. Cotton was born the fifth child of eleven children to James and Mozell Cotton in Minter, Mississippi on 11 April 1935. He received his primary and secondary education in the Greenville-Lefflore Consolidated School System. After working as a laborer picking cotton, A. C. wanted something better and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 20 in 1955.

After basic training and advance individual training as an Armor Crewman he was assigned to Germany with duty in Company A, 709th Tank Battalion, 3rd Armored Division. His first overseas assignment was followed by two assignments at Fort Knox, Kentucky with the 37th Armor Battalion and the Armor and Engineer Board, General Test Section. CSM Cotton returned to Germany for his second assignment with the 23rd Engineer Battalion in Hanau. He was next assigned to Fort Knox with the 5th Battalion, 33rd Armor followed by his assignment with the 11th Armored

Cavalry Regiment as Flight Operations Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, and First Sergeant in Vietnam 1967-68. After his tour in Vietnam was completed, he returned to Fort Knox to serve as an instructor in the Armor School. After another tour in Germany from 1971-73 he was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas to serve as First Sergeant for HHC, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor. He was then sent to Fort Bliss, Texas to attend Class 10 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy followed by positions in the Training brigades at Fort Bliss as an Operations Sergeant Major and Command Sergeant Major. CSM Cotton was then assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment located in Fulda, Germany in May of 1980 to serve as the Blackhorse Regiment's Command Sergeant Major. Three years later he served as the CSM of the 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Knox. In February 1985 he was selected to be the 16th Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, the first Black Soldier to assume that position. CSM Cotton's last assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of the Armor Center and Fort Knox, Kentucky. CSM Cotton was respected and admired by the Troopers that he led during his 33-year career.

CSM Cotton attended numerous 1st Cavalry Division ceremonies and events once he returned to the Fort Hood area. He last assisted in cutting the cake at the Army Birthday celebration on Cooper Field in June 2021.

CSM Cotton was married for 59 years to the love of his life, Irene Cotton, until her death in 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and one daughter. He is survived by three daughters, three siblings, and six grandchildren.

His funeral was held on 23 September 2021 followed by burial in the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas.

## TAPS

We were notified of the following deaths:

**BROWN**, SP4 Allen J., 25ID Scout Dog Platoon, 1966. 29 September 2021.  
**BURNS**, 1LT Charles K., H Btry, 1-77 FA, 1970-71. 20 October 2021.  
**CARGILE**, LTC (RET) Eugene D., H Co, 1-12 CAV. 25 August 2021.  
**CHESSON**, CPT Richard K., B Co, 1-9 CAV, 1969. 13 September 2021.  
**COTTON**, CSM (RET) A.C., HHC, 1CDH, Division CSM 1984. 7 September 2021.  
**DAVIS**, MAJ (RET) Bruce A., B Co, 1-8 CAV, 1939; HHC, 1CD, 1948. 21 September 2021.  
**DILLER**, CW2 Ronald E., B Co, 227 AVN & HHC, 227 AVN, 1969-1970. 7 August 2021.  
**FLANAGAN**, MAJ (RET) John E., B Co, 1-9 CAV, 1967. 14 October 2021.  
**FORD**, 1LT Stephen E., HHC & B Co, 1-12 CAV, 1968-69. 17 August 2021.  
**HERNANDEZ**, SSG Carlos, B Co, 8 ENG, 1948. 13 July 2021.  
**HOGEBOM**, Trooper Edward P., C Trp, 9 CAV. 27 September 2021.  
**KNOX**, LTC Dean W., A Co, 2-12 CAV, 1965. 6 September 2021.  
**LORD**, CH (COL RET) Bill, HHC, 1-12 CAV, 1965-66. 15 October 2021.  
**McCORMICK**, SP4 Patrick L., C Co, 1-7 CAV, 1964-66. 3 September 2021.  
**McGRAW**, SGT William F., A Co, 2-8 CAV, 1965-66. 11 September 2021.  
**MOTTA**, Trooper Arthur (Art), A Trp, 9 CAV. September 2017.  
**ODIERNO**, GEN (RET) Raymond T., HHC, DIVARTY, 1CD, 1995-97. 8 October 2021. (DIVARTY CDR, 1995-1997; 38th Chief of Staff of the Army, 2011-2015)  
**OGLE**, Trooper John H., LRRP. 3 January 2021.  
**PUTNAM**, William 'Randy', C Co, 227 AVN, 1969-70. 8 May 2021.  
**SOLLENBERGER**, CPL Earl W., A Co, 1-7 CAV & HHT 1-7 CAV, 1951-57. 26 September 2021. (Korean War)  
**SPRINGER**, SP4 Robert E., A & E Co, 1-5 CAV & HHC, 1CD, 1969-70. 21 April 2021.  
**WHITE**, Trooper Ira, A Co, 1-77FA, 1948-51. 4 May 2020.  
**WILDER**, COL (RET) W. Bruce, A Btry 2-20 FA, 1965-66. 15 September 2021.

## ACTIVE-DUTY TAPS

We have been notified of the following non-combat Active-Duty death:

**HOCKIN**, SPC Maxwell, 91st ENG BN, 1ABCT, 2018. 9 October 2021.

## Want to see your name in the Saber under the Honor Roll?

Honor Roll privileges are given to members who make a \$25 or more D Trooper donation, donation to the Association, or scholarship donations to the laDrang or the Foundation. Please Consider!





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Follow Up to Sept-Oct 2021 Column: Bill Ellis Has Been Found!

After the Sept-Oct 2021 Issue of *Saber* was distributed, I received several calls from members of A/1/5<sup>th</sup> Cav who served with Bill Ellis in Vietnam. They had read my column in the previous issue of *Saber* in which I asked if anyone had contact information for Bill Ellis. They gave me Bill's email and phone number and I was able to get in contact with him. He was pleased with the column and said that for the most part it was historically accurate, but he fleshed the story out with many more details!

Following Bill's impromptu concert for the Troops at Quan Loi on New Year's Eve 1968, he was called to the office of the Division Commander, MG George I. Forsythe. Bill recounts that MG Forsythe said to him. "I don't know what I'm going to do with you, but I believe that your talents can be invaluable to the morale of this Division!"

Bill was asked if he could write a song about the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. He asked, "Do you mean like "Garryowen?" The response was," No, more like something about the history and traditions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav." Bill was given some Division history to study, and the result was that he composed "1<sup>st</sup> Cav," an inspiring song recounting the history of the Division from the Civil War through the Vietnam War. "Firefight," Freedom Bird," and "Grunt" followed.

Initially, Bill was flown by helicopter to LZ's (Landing Zones) and FSB's (Fire Support Bases) throughout the Division's Area of Operations. He would typically perform his songs at three locations on an LZ or FSB and then be taken to another location to perform.

Bill and a musician friend traveled to Tokyo to a recording studio where the record "Impressions of a Skytrooper" was recorded in May 1969. A total of 30,000 copies were made and distributed as follows: 8,000 were sold to establish an educational fund for the children of 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Soldiers killed in action and 1,500 were distributed to radio stations, leaving 20,500 which were presented to 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Troopers as they departed Vietnam for home. It is not known when those 20,500 records ran out, but one individual report receiving the record as late as April of 1971.

The following article was published in the Sept-Oct 1969 issue of *Saber*.

Phonograph Record Donated by Skytrooper Chapter



The Skytrooper Chapter has provided 8,000 of the Bill Ellis record, Impressions of a Skytrooper, for sale for the benefit of the Foundation. The record is offered at \$2.00 including postage and handling. Send your orders and remittances to Registrar, Box 11201, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112, and allow two weeks for delivery.

The numbers include FIRST CAV, FIREFIGHT, FREEDOM BIRD, AND GRUNT. Prior to his service in the Army and in THE FIRST TEAM, Bill Ellis was a member of a

singing group establishing a reputation in country and folk singing.

As a rifleman he represents Soldiers at the foxhole level, where dirt and weariness, fighting and dying, are as commonplace as the raw courage and spirit that typify these magnificent young men. Bill has preserved in song the vivid impressions the sights and sounds of combat make on all men.

An excellent buy for an excellent cause. All receipts (less 10% postage and handling) go into the Foundation Fund for scholarships.

Here are where the YouTube videos of the four songs on the record can be accessed: 1st Cav: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5SmPx9Ryg>  
Firefight: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceuO7lQmhsk>  
Freedom Bird: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AEPcNLQjIU>  
Grunt: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wtG\\_95xByk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wtG_95xByk)

Beginning in early 1970, in addition to the record, each departing 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Trooper was presented with a copy of the book, *The 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division: Memoirs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Vietnam, August 1965-Dec 1969* by MAJ J. D. Coleman, who was the Division Public Information Officer at that time. This book contained a chapter on each 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division unit that served in Vietnam, so it made a nice keepsake for 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Troopers. Note: Reprints of this exact same book are available to be purchased from 1CDA for \$85 with free shipping. Recent issues of *Saber* contain an order form. It is on Page 17 of the Sept-Oct 2021 issue.

Bill served in Vietnam from October 1968- December 1969. During the later months of his tour, his audience was expanded from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav to other Troops serving in Vietnam so that his morale-boosting music could benefit others as well. Bill's record was played on AFVN (Armed Forces Vietnam Network) radio frequently during and after his tour in Vietnam. He also sang on AFVN TV several times and performed a Nashville Vietnam Christmas show in 1969 with the Donny James Band during his tour in Vietnam. Bill credits MAJ J. D. Coleman with enabling him to make the record and perform for the Troops.

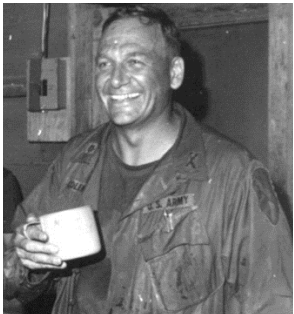
In addition to his book that was distributed with the record, LTC J. D. Coleman authored several other books about the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav including: *Incursion: From America's Chokehold on the NVA Lifelines to the Sacking of the Cambodian Sanctuaries*; *Pleiku: The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare in Vietnam*; *Choppers: The Heroic Birth Of Helicopter Warfare*, and *Wonju: The Gettysburg of the Korean War*.

J. D. served 1 tour in Korea (1948-52) and 2 in Vietnam (1964-66 and 1969-70), both with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. As an Infantry Commander, he was awarded the Silver Star in 1966. A truly versatile man, he is often described as a consummate "Journalist, Soldier, and Military Historian." J. D. Coleman was born in 1931 in Spokane, WA. Bill attended a reunion of the Public Information Personnel held at J. D.'s hometown of Kalispell, MT on August 5-7, 2005, just a couple of months before J. D.'s death on October 4, 2005, at the age of 74.

Bill expressed his gratitude to MG Forsythe (1918-1987) for getting the

ball rolling and taking such a great interest in Bill's activities entertaining the Troops. In May of 1969, MG Forsythe turned command of the Division over to MG Elvy B. Roberts (1917-2005) who continued the strong support of Bill's activities.

It has been a real joy to get acquainted with Bill Ellis! He has a great love for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav and especially fond memories of connecting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Troopers that he entertained. If anyone would like to contact Bill Ellis, please contact me at the email or phone number at the top of this column and I will pass your contact information on to Bill.



How Many Vietnam Veterans are Still Living?

One of our members recently called me with the question, "How many of us Veterans who served in the Vietnam War are still living?"

In 2013, someone, whom I thought to be a reliable source of information, said to me," Do you know that only about 1/3rd of us Vietnam Veterans are still living?" At the time, it seemed to me that was way too low, but I did not question it. Over the past 8 years, I have seen or heard this "1/3rd" comment repeated many times as if it was one of those so-called "facts" that everybody knows. If it was 1/3<sup>rd</sup> in 2013, what is it now? Was it really 1/3rd back in 2013?

I resolved to research the subject and report what I came up with. I performed a Google search for "How many U.S. Veterans of the Vietnam War are still living in 2021?" That led me to the website of the American War Library <<https://www.americanwarlibrary.com/personnel/vietvet.htm>> which states "After extensive research of various mortality indexes and sources The American War Library estimates that approximately one-third of those who did serve in Vietnam (approximately 850,000) are alive today [18 Aug 2007]." So, the "1/3rd" statistic is even more depressing than previously thought since it referenced the year 2007!

Patrick S. Brady served with the U.S. Army 41<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Company in Vietnam during 1967. He was suspicious of the American War Library conclusions and in 2011, wrote an article which was published in the Mar-Apr 2011 issue of the VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America) Veteran Magazine publication entitled "Not Dead Yet." To access his article, go to <[www.vvaveteran.org](http://www.vvaveteran.org)>, click on "Archives," then "2011," then on the Mar-Apr 2011 issue. Then advance to the article on pages 29 and 30.

Pat wrote this article with information obtained by the VA Office of Policy and Planning, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics. He makes a compelling case that in 2011, about 3/4ths of Veterans who had served in the Vietnam War were still living. That sounds a lot better, doesn't it?

Undoubtedly, the next questions are, "What is the surviving fraction in 2021?" and "What is it projected to be in the coming years?" Well, I'm working on that and hope, with assistance from VA, to have answers to those questions in the Jan-Feb 2022 issue of *Saber*.

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1CDA supports four scholarships for qualified applicants:

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David **Yatto**, MSG Paul **Yoder**, George **York**, Michael **Yoshida**, Earl **Young**, Darriel **Young**

George **Zuniga**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Killeen, TX 25 September 2021**

The meeting of the membership of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was called to order by the President of the Association, Allen O. Norris, at 0902 hours with a quorum present.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a moment of silence for those who have passed over the last couple of years. He then led the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The President asked the Secretary to present the Nominating Committee Report to the membership. Dara Wydler read the names nominated for office as recommended by the Nominating Committee to the membership. They are:

<b>President:</b>	Scott Sjule
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	Richard Kaye
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	Donald Smolinski
<b>3rd Vice President:</b>	Rosey Carter
<b>Board of Governors:</b>	
Cindy Ballinger	Mike Vuolo
Tim Hodge	Karl Swenson
John LeBrun	Cliff Mead
Roger May	Terry Maddox
Shawn Perry	Richard Hernandez

**Foundation Trustee:** Dave Lutgen & Glen Vela

In the absence of nominations from the floor, nominations were closed, a motion was made to accept the report as written. The motion was approved by the membership.

The Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, Pete Tattersall, provided a financial report on the Association. His report covered the period of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ending 30 June 2021. He reported that the current assets of the Association were \$2,597,295, a change of \$27,864. The liabilities for the Association are \$82,995. The fund balance, which is the net worth of the Association, is \$2,514,300, which is up \$10,755. The Market Value of our investment is \$5,596,752, an increase of \$502,057. The unrealized earnings from investments are \$3,122,953, an increase of \$463,302. The Association currently owns \$1,701,267 in high-grade bonds, which produced an annual income of \$68,907. The Association contributes \$12,000 to the Foundation each year. The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Association was in good financial shape. The Board of Governors accepted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 financials unanimously.

The Executive Trustee of the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, Peter Tattersall, provided a financial report on the Foundation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ending 30 June 2021. The Foundation is made up of two segments the Foundation (Base) and the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund. The total assets of the Foundation are \$3,110,712, an increase of \$746,481. The Foundation (Base) assets are \$1,342,802, an increase of \$56,247 or 4.4 percent. The Ia Drang portion of the assets is \$1,767,910, an increase of \$690,234 or 64 percent. Liabilities, which are payments due to administer our accounts, are \$7,500. The fund balance, or net worth of the Foundation, is \$3,103,212, which is up \$746,481. The Foundation portion of the fund balance is \$1,335,302, an increase of \$56,247. The Ia Drang portion of the fund balance is \$1,767,910, up \$690,234. The Market Value of the Foundation’s investments as of 30 June 2021 was \$2,582,095, an increase of \$249,092 from last year, or 10.7 percent. The Ia Drang share of their securities is \$1,941,404, an increase \$744,083 or 62.1 percent. The Foundation Base had unrealized earnings of \$1,441,825 which is up \$232,190. The Ia Drang Fund has unrealized earnings of \$224,371. The Foundation Base has high-grade commercial bonds in the portfolio, which are valued at \$657,563. The Foundation bonds produce an annual income of \$26,855 providing an annual yield of 4 percent. The Ia Drang bonds are valued at \$677,620, producing an annual income of \$25,669, a yield of 3.8 percent. The Foundation provides scholarships to the children of those killed in action and the children of those that are 100% permanently disabled, and to active-duty troopers and their spouses. The Ia Drang fund provides scholarships to grandchildren of Troopers in specified units that were active participants in the battles.

Pete Tattersall explained the change to the Ia Drang Foundation. The Charles Kincaid Estate willed the Foundation a total of \$1,638,504.25. Pete discussed with the members on the increase of the Grant monies from \$1200 to \$2500 per year, based on the reasonable value of both accounts.

Glen Vela asked Pete to explain the information on our portfolio. Members have questioned how the investments are done. He explained the requirements for a 501c3 to be conservative with investments. Richard Bauchspies briefed the Board members on the current portfolio of the Association and Foundation investments. Started with the background of how the Association came to work with the Burney Company. Further discussed the conservative approach to our investments. Jim Bob Rollins made a motion to retain the Burney Company to continue with our investment approach and the board is fully satisfied with Richard Bauchspies and his team. Pete Tattersall asked Chris Bridges to look at our portfolio and give us his opinion on the Association’s investment strategy. End state: asset allegation is appropriate, diversified, and conservative. Pete Tattersall further stated that as the portfolio continues to grow, then changes could be considered.

The Executive Director, Dara Wydler provided the membership with a briefing on Association Programs:

- MWF: Slated to open 2023. I will no longer brief on the museum.
- 2022 Calendar: Calendar was sent to print on or about the end of August. Expect to see them in mailboxes mid-October.

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1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association Banquet photos from the 73<sup>rd</sup> Reunion 23 Sept 21



Raffle Prize Winners

Winners not pictured  
James Noel: 2 Obsidian knives handmade by Mark Ballard  
Robert Gill: Weekend Hog Hunt donated by Mark Ballard



Bernard Lieving, Obsidian knife handmade by Mark Ballard (member)



Scott Emmart, Damascus flag knife handmade by Mark Ballard (member)



Lisa Mizumoto, Nolan Ryan baseball



Michelle Rone, Vietnam Wall print



Wayne Givens, Sabers presented by Bill Rizzi



Carol DeHart afghan made by Pam Campbell (right)

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- 2022 Reunion: Dayton, OH, 6-10 July 2022.
  - Veterans Day 2021: The dates for the next Veterans Day are 9-12 November 2021. We will be at the same hotel. Seating has been reserved at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and wreath presentation requests have been made. Pending approval for the VVM others are good to go.
  - The gift shop will close at the end of September. The inventory will be moved to the HQ in Copperas Cove. The Division has proposed to have a small gift shop opened in the HQ building. The area will be near the duty desk and therefore guarded.
- A member asked if any of the scholarship money given out would be in Bob Kincaid's name. The money was specifically designated for the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund. However, we should include him as a contributor.
- Rosey Carter made a motion to thank Allen Norris for a 'Job Well Done' as the Association President.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0930 hours.
- Dara C. Wydler  
Secretary



Tommy Ketterer 12G rifle, accepted by Pete Tattersall presented by new president Scott Sjule

Thanks to the Association and to the 1st Cav Division for the Centennial Parade and Charge. It gives me hope that America may survive. So refreshing, all participants full of patriotism, respect, discipline, well-groomed and dignity.  
Bravo, God Bless America U.S. See you in Ohio.  
Sue Callahan



L- Incoming 1CDA President Scott Sjule, R-Outgoing President Allen Norris



1st Cav Command Team



CAV 100  
Celebration  
Cooper Field  
Sept 24, 2021



# CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next Saber is **Tuesday, Jan 4, 2022.** Please send to [Memberships@1CDA.org](mailto:Memberships@1CDA.org) or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

## CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Here is a picture of some of the guys at our last chapter meeting. L-R Glen Bentz 2/8 C, Al Johnson B/15 TC, Jack Kranyak D/227, Bob Waz 1/7, Keith Moyer B 1/5.

The next chapter meeting will be **January 22, 2022, 1300 hrs** at the **American Legion** in Manchester. Snow date January 29. All members and prospective members are welcome. For further information contact President Keith Moyer: 860-885-4330 or [<kpmoyerco@hotmail.com>](mailto:kpmoyerco@hotmail.com).



## CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER



Stable Call at the Stables of the HCD 28 Oct 2021

The Chapter held a Stable Call at the Horse Cavalry Detachment Stables on 28 October and the picture of some of the attendees is included with this article. We had Veterans from the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan and from service at Fort Hood and currently serving Troopers of the Division from Sergeant to Major General join us for some good story telling and reminiscing.

We were joined by MG John B. Richardson IV and CSM Shade Munday and their wives along with COL Steve Carpenter who is the DCG-S for the Division and other members of Headquarters. The leadership of the 1-7th CAV also came but showed up after the photo.

Association President Scott Sjule presented Certificates of Appreciation to several Chapter members for their efforts during the recent 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion for support of the Golf Tournament, Registration and setting up the Souvenir Shop location.

The next planned Stable Call will be **January 2022** and we are looking at doing it on post, which may be a challenge. The next scheduled meeting of our membership will be in March. First Team! Dennis Webster, President



Scott Sjule and Joe Wilgeroth

## FLORIDA CHAPTER

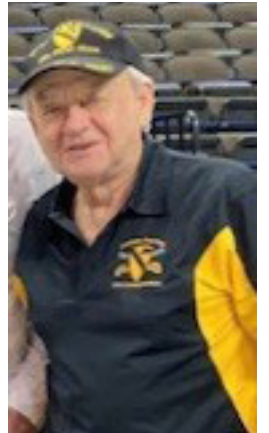
1st Cavalry Christmas get together will be on **December 14th at 1300** at the **LongHorn Steakhouse** on **Douglas Ave.** Call me with any questions, 407-296-2413. Gil Harris, president

## FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST CHAPTER

Our September meeting featured an Afghan update from a Navy (yes Navy) Veteran. It seems that the big Navy had some sort of financial crisis and shipped (so to speak) certain duty persons over to the Army side for a tour. At any rate, Jon Singleton brought some approved 19th century weapons for our viewing. Similar weapons were still being used in the remote provinces.

In October, we moved our selector switch to The Montana Grill, in Orange Park FL. We renewed our membership in the North Florida Veterans Council. Now, for all you people on the general mailing list, if a 90-year-old Occupation of Japan Vet can make the meetings, so can you. And he still drives!

Our hero is Leigh Ware and here is his picture.



## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER



On October 26, the New York-New Jersey Chapter held its fall meeting. The meeting started with a warm welcome and pledge of allegiance from the Elks Exalted Ruler Cathy Graef, followed by the chapter prayer read by Phillip Marcucci.

A sick call was held to update the chapter members on their status. We paid tribute to members and friends who passed since our last meeting, which ended with a moment of silence in their memory. We reviewed past events, such as the Sal Mione Park dedication, with Dennis Horan's help. With the aid of Joe Holloway, we discussed the Rick Rescorla White House Medal Ceremony, where Rick Rescorla was presented with the Presidential Citizens Medal Rick Posthumously. Shared the events of the 1st Cavalry Division 100th Birthday Celebration and Reunion with Robert Heintz. The chapter future is still an ongoing discussion.

Meegan Wadleigh shot photos of the fall meeting. Meegan is a longtime friend of the chapter, having attended several events and meetings over the years. With her photograph skills, creative eye, and energy, she captured the event as it unfolded. Thanks, Meegan. Unfortunately, old men don't pose well.

Check out the photos on our Facebook Page New York New Jersey Cavalry.

## WANTED / SEARCHING FOR:

**FEB 12, 1967, LZ ENGLISH**

I need someone that served with me in the 4<sup>th</sup> platoon and the 1<sup>st</sup> platoon on Feb 12, 1967. We made an air assault from LZ English out on the Bon Song Plains and landed about 850 feet from NVA Regimental C.P. underground. We got tore up, about 250 NVA shooting at us from holes they already had dug. We landed in a dried-up rice paddy and had no cover. It was a horrible scene, we had people killed and 4- some wounded. They would not let a medivac chopper land, and there were people bleeding to death, but we were pinned down. Some of our Troopers tried to help others, but they got killed. Please write if you were with us in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> platoon. Thank you. SGT L.V. (Joe) Seaman Jr. 56 Oak St, Fishersville, VA 22939 540-943-4420 or 540-470-0631.

## SGT L.V. (JOE) SEAMAN JR., VIETNAM JULY-NOV 1966

Looking for information from my friends I was with in Vietnam from July 7, 1966, to July 15, 1967. I need anyone that was with me in the 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, I think 2<sup>nd</sup> squad. When I got to Vietnam A Co 2-5 Cav, they did not need anyone in mortar platoon, so I started out in SGT Coefield's squad as a rifleman and ended up carrying a radio for SSG Andrew Trapania. Our platoon leader was LT Starshinkle. In my squad was SP4 Booth, SP4 Silvers, SP4 Brown and PFC Seaman. For the last 3 months I also carried a radio for SSG Andrew Trapania. SP4 Kirk carried a radio for our platoon leader, LT Starshinkle. I left 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and went to mortar platoon as a gunner, at the end of Nov 1966.

I need someone in the 1<sup>st</sup> platoon to write me a short note saying I was in the 1<sup>st</sup> platoon from July to the end of Nov 1966. Thank you. SGT L.V. (Joe) Seaman Jr., 56 Oak St, Fishersville, VA 22939, 540-943-4420 or 540-470-0631.

## LOOKING FOR A LONG LOST BATTLE BUDDY?

If you have been searching for someone that you served with within 1<sup>st</sup> Cav, try posting it here. Submit requests to [<Programs@1CDA.org>](mailto:<Programs@1CDA.org>)

## Are you Active Duty & serving in 1st Cav?

you or your spouse may qualify for a 1st Cav Division Association

## SCHOLARSHIP

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Become a member of 1st Cav Div Assn @ 1CDA.org to become a LIFE MEMBER
- Must be currently assigned to the Division for the length of scholarship  
**CANNOT be on orders or ETS**
- Letter of recommendation from Command Team for Active Duty / employer for spouses

**Accepting applications only 1 April - 1 Aug 2022**  
**NOT accepting early packets**

This Scholarship encompasses FALL 2022,  
SPRING & SUMMER 2023 sessions



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welcome.

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We meet quarterly on 2nd Sat of Mar,  
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We currently meet online due to  
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2021 Meeting Dates: Feb 13, May  
8, Picnic Aug 7, Oct 9, Xmas party  
Dec 4

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Capitol Region  
Meets 3rd Sat in Jan-May off Jun-Aug.  
Meets again Sept-Dec. Nov meeting  
held in conjunction with 1CDA  
Veterans Day gathering.

Are you tied into one of our Chapters?  
We encourage you to link into your  
nearest chapter!  
Reach out to the president and meet  
new Cav brothers/sisters!

1<sup>st</sup> CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION - ALUMNI OF THE FIRST TEAM

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1 per person

Expires: **June 30, 2022**

Excludes Stetsons & Consignment items

**GOT CAVALRY HISTORICAL QUESTIONS**

Did you know we have a 1CDA Historian?

Reach out to **Terry A. McCarl** with any questions,  
or information regarding 1st Cavalry Division history!

**TerryAMcCarl@gmail.com** or **402-296-3150**



From the  
Director's Desk

office of 1CDA

WE SUPPORT

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SOLDIER FOR LIFE

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

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

Why is this important to the Association?

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

74th ANNUAL 2022 REUNION

JULY 6-10, 2022

Radisson Dayton Hotel (Previously named Crowne Plaza)

866-247-5162 or 937-224-0800

\$109

Register online at [www.1CDA.org](http://www.1CDA.org)

Hotel Information

We will be utilizing the Radisson Dayton (previously named Crowne Plaza Dayton) as the headquarters hotel. The Radisson has guaranteed a room rate of \$109 per night plus tax and there is no charge for parking. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion. The Radisson Dayton provides a free shuttle service from the Dayton International Airport and rental cars are available at the airport.

Radisson Dayton (HQ Hotel) 866-247-5162 or 937-224-0800 \$109

33 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Dayton, OH 45402

Guests can call 1-866-247-5162 and identify themselves with the “1st Cavalry Division Association” for the group rate.

There are steps of how guests can book your room online at [1CDA.org](http://1CDA.org)

Marriott at the Univ. of Dayton (937) 223-1000 \$109

1414 S Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409

Additional hotels for our members to consider:

Fairfield Inn and Suites (937) 331-9330

305 E Monument Ave, Dayton, OH 45402

Holiday Inn Express (937) 250-6400

2140 S Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton, OH 45417

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2021 1CDA REUNION MEMBER ATTENDEES & VOLUNTEERS:

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SGT Dayna Fyffe, Pam Campbell, Heidi Sjule, Tyler Murphy, Debbie Pomato, Cindy Ballinger, Ron & Sue Killingsworth

CROSSED SABER CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS

Mike Campbell, Dennis Webster, Joe Wilgeroth

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Tim Hodge, Scott Sjule, Mike Campbell, Dave & Katrina Clemons

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS:

Marlene Beasley, Terry Maddox, Jack Pellington, Nuala & Chris Taylor, Susie Tattersall, Horse Cavalry Detachment

MANY THANKS TO OUR VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS!

It is with a heavy heart we must announce the passing of COL (Ret) W. Bruce Wilder. Bruce was a current scribe for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association Saber newspaper, writing for the 20<sup>th</sup> & 79<sup>th</sup> ARA column since May 2011. He was a Vietnam War Veteran who served in A Co 2-20 FA in 1965. Bruce passed away on September 15, 2021.  
RIP Mr. Wilder

The next *Saber* newspaper is the  
January/February 2022 edition.

Deadline for submissions of your stories or photos is  
Tuesday, Jan 4, 2022.

Please email to [Programs@1CDA.org](mailto:Programs@1CDA.org)

2022 CALENDAR STATUS

Exciting News!! Your 2022 Calendar has been sent out!

We’ve been notified from a few of our members (in a certain general area) who received their 2022 calendar, and it has been messed up. We sincerely apologize. This is out of our control. We have since contacted Integ, the company who has printed, assembled and mailed them out. Please contact us, and we will gladly send you a good copy.

Each calendar should have included a reunion form and a donation form.

Consider Donating Today!

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!

CREDIT CARD SERVICE CHARGES NOW APPLY

We have upgraded our credit card machine. A service charge will now be applied to all credit card transactions managed through the Association Office (calls & mail ins). This does not affect website transactions.

In the past, 1CDA has absorbed all  
customer service charges.

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

1<sup>st</sup> CAVALRY DIVISION UNIT BREAKDOWN

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "*IRONHORSE*"

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

FACEBOOK: 1st ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team "*BLACKJACK*"

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

FACEBOOK: 2nd ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "*GREYWOLF*"

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

FACEBOOK: 3rd BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE "*AIRCAV*"

- 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment “Attack”
- 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment “Lobos”
- 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment “SpearHead”
- 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry regiment “PaleHorse”
- 615th Aviation Support Battalion “ColdSteel”

FACEBOOK: 1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE AIRCAV

1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade "*WAGONMASTERS*"

- 1st Special Troops Battalion
- 553rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

FACEBOOK: 1st CAVALRY DIVISION SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

1st Cavalry Division Artillery Brigade "*REDTEAM*"

FACEBOOK: 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion "*MAVERICK*"

FACEBOOK: 1st CAV HHBN



## DIVISION DOINGS

**1st Cavalry Division Welcomes New Commanding General** by Brandy Cruz, Fort Hood Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas - MG John Richardson stepped onto the historic yellow 1st Cavalry Division patch on Cooper Field July 21, following the footsteps of First Team leaders from throughout the Division's 100 years, including those of his grandfather, who commanded in the Division.

"If he was still with us today, he would tell us unequivocally that the highlight and greatest honor of his 28-year career was that he rode with the First Team. Yesterday, I took one of his patches that he wore in Korea and had them sewn onto my Army green service uniform," Richardson told the audience. "And today, on my left sleeve, is one of his patches from occupied Japan. I draw strength and determination from those who came before us. We must draw strength and inspiration from our history, from our Veterans and from our legacy. That's what it means to live the legend in the 1st Cavalry Division."

Richardson officially assumed command of the 1st Cav Div, after a formal passing of the Division colors from LTG Pat White, III Corps and Fort Hood commander, who officially charged him with the responsibility of the America's First Team and its 20,000 Soldiers. "General Richardson, I've got great trust and confidence in you. You know you've inherited a high-performing team and I know you're going to take it even higher," White told Richardson during the ceremony. "Your energy, your experience and your general love for Soldiers will continue to bring out the best in the First Team."

When he came to Fort Hood in September 2020 as the deputy commander of III Corps, Richardson became synonymous with Operation Phantom Action, a forerunner to the "People First" initiative meant to improve readiness by focusing on building cohesive teams. During Wednesday's speech, the new First Team commander echoed his statements about building teams and leaders leading by example.

"Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by people. People who make up teams that work hard together, who play hard together and who will fight hard together. Teams that build mutual trust so that everybody on the team is ready to accomplish the mission," Richardson said. "Leaders who lead from the front, leaders who lead by personal example, who know, enforce and live the standards of the Army, the value of our profession, and who build inclusive teams."

When Richardson rolled out Operation Phantom Action last fall, it included a five-day stand-up focused on team building at every echelon of leadership. Training calendars were cleared to provide the time for leaders to properly counsel, care for and learn more about their Soldiers. The top three priorities of the initiative were leaders getting to know their Soldiers, certifying leaders, and leaders holding leaders accountable when standards are not met.

He set the ball in motion right away, by first meeting with brigade commanders and sergeants major, then with the Soldiers across the installation. In September, Richardson said he met with leaders first because, for change to take place, it would take leaders being a positive role model for junior officers and noncommissioned officers by leading by example. Following Wednesday's assumption of command, Richardson said one of the first things he will be doing as the First Team commander is going out into the units.

"I am going to get out and talk to the Soldiers and leaders of the units. The essence of leadership is presence. I will talk and listen to the Soldiers," he said. "The bottom-up feedback from the Soldiers is what I want to get so we can take it to the next level."

Richardson said he plans to earn the trust of his Soldiers and their families, through his actions, his genuine care and his compassion. He then charged the Soldiers in formation with the same expectation.

"My expectation is that each of you do the same for each other and together we will build a cohesive team of teams, led by adaptive leaders," Richardson told the formation. "It is with the utmost humility that I share with you today that I am honored to join your ranks and proud to ride with the First Team."

As he begins his new command, he said he will not forget the Veterans who rode with the First Team throughout its storied history – Veterans who wore the patch proudly and honorably. Richardson said he is overwhelmed and humbled to be the new 1st Cavalry Division commander.

"The pride of wearing my grandfather's patch that he wore when he was in the Division and have the opportunity to walk in his footsteps," Richardson said following the ceremony, "and the footsteps of all the great Soldiers, who have served in this Division for the last 100 years, is overwhelming."

The division's previous commander, MG Jeffrey Broadwater, has been reassigned as the deputy commanding general of V Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

In a hand-written farewell note to the Division, Broadwater thanked each of the Troopers and family members for their "support and dedication in making the 1st Cavalry Division the most cohesive and lethal Division in the Army."

**Fort Hood Unit Museums Closing to Consolidate, Relocate** by Brandy Cruz, Fort Hood Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas - The next several months will be bittersweet for Steve Draper, director of Fort Hood Museums, as he packs up exhibits at the 1st Cavalry Division Museum, which once served as Camp Hood's Post Exchange, before later being converted into the 1st Cavalry Museum in 1971.

The 1st Cavalry Division Museum and 3rd Cavalry Regiment Museum closed Oct. 1, 2021, as museum staff and volunteers begin the momentous process of disassembling the current exhibits to move to their new permanent home at the National Mounted Warrior Museum in 2022.

"I know people are going to be upset that the 1st Cav and 3rd Cav won't have their own museums anymore, but the product that we're going to provide is going to be well worth it," Draper explained. "We're still going to be telling their story. We're going to be doing special exhibits. We're also going to do educational programming in the future that will support 3rd Cav and 1st Cav."

Draper said the large undertaking will take months to complete. With four



museum staff and borrowed military manpower, they will be converting the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Museum into the storage facility for the National Mounted Warrior Museum. He added that the process involves removing everything from the 1st Cavalry Division Museum, protecting items with plastic, then putting things back together at the new storage facility.

"In addition to that, we are working directly with the exhibit designer, who is designing the exhibits that we're working on for the new museum," Draper added. The Army contracted Steve Feldman, an award-winning exhibition designer behind some of the country's most famous museums, including the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk, Virginia, and Children's Mercy Hospital Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, among others. The museum director said he's been working closely with Feldman to achieve the right vision.

"It's going to be a chronological history of modern warfare. We're using the 3rd Cav, Fort Hood and the 1st Cavalry Division to tell that story," Draper said. "We're going to tell deployments, as well as what was happening here at Fort Hood." The National Mounted Warrior Museum, dedicated to the Army's mounted warriors, will replace the current exhibits at the 1st Cavalry Division Museum and



Artist rendition of new museum

the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Museum. The new museum will be approximately 58,000 square feet, when complete. Phase 1 of the museum is 29,000 square feet and includes 13,000 square feet of permanent exhibit space. Once completed, the exhibit space will total 38,000 square feet. Together, the current museums total 6,000 square feet of exhibit space, which will allow the Na-

tional Mounted Warrior Museum to have more than six times the current exhibits.

The first temporary exhibit planned for the new museum is a traveling exhibit showcasing World War II combat cartoonist Bill Malden, who was attached to the 45th Infantry Division out of Oklahoma. His cartoons were published in the 45th Division News, before he was assigned as a cartoonist for the Stars and Stripes. Malden won two Pulitzer Prizes for his famous cartoons.

In addition to the physical exhibits, Draper said they would also be incorporating electronic devices into the new museum in the form of audio and video content. He said they have also been working with the 1st Cav Div Band, who recorded the "Tank Destroyer March" for them to use to help provide another level of sensory stimulation.

Draper said they are looking for volunteers who would like to assist with the move, guest speakers for educational programs at the new museum, as well as volunteers to serve as docents. Those wanting to volunteer may call (254) 287-4198.

The National Mounted Warrior Museum is tentatively scheduled for a soft opening in June 2022, followed by a grand opening in the late summer of 2023. "We've got some really neat ideas and I think people will be very happy with the exhibits," Draper said. "As (the new museum) ... continues to add on, we'll only get bigger and better."

**1st Cav Celebrates 100 Years** 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

America's First Team celebrated its 100th birthday on Sept 13, 2021, with a cake cutting ceremony. Commanders and Soldiers gathered at Cooper Field to begin festivities in honor of the Division's centennial.

The 1st Cavalry Division was formally activated on Sept 13, 1921, at Fort Bliss. The Division, originally a mounted division, distinguished themselves as the "First Team" when 1st Cav Div was first in Manila in February 1945; the first to lead occupational forces into Japan, making it the "First in Tokyo" in September 1945; and the first in Pyongyang in October 1950.

"This week and next week is about unit pride, pride in the 1st Cavalry Division, and pride in the regiment," MG John Richardson, commanding general, 1st Cav Div, said. "This birthday is about remembering our past and remembering our heroes. We will live up to the legacy that was set before us."



Next week the 1st Cavalry Division will host festivities across its footprint to celebrate and commemorate veterans who served in the division during various conflicts. Throughout the week Veterans have an opportunity to come on post and visit with current Troopers and exchange shared experiences while serving with the First Team. Additionally, there will be several events hosted by 1CD's six separate brigades as part of "CAV Week" to commemorate its 100-year legacy.

During next week's "CAV Week," the division and subordinate brigades will host sports competitions, a division run, a race with unit colors, a 5k race down Legends Way, static displays of past and present equipment. The week will conclude with a parade and the notable special cavalry charge with a flyover.

"It's an exciting time to be part of the 1st Cavalry Division, every Trooper will take part in the celebration, which offers an opportunity to appreciate our rich history," said CSM Shade S. Munday, command sergeant major, 1CD. "The First Team is the most lethal Division because of our Troopers, past and present, and it will continue to be for the next 100 years."

Photo Caption: MG John Richardson and CSM Shade Munday, 1st Cav Div command team, cut a cake honoring the First Team's centennial birthday, with the oldest and youngest Soldiers, SSG Glen Hatfield and PVT Austin Hurd. Photo by MAJ Timmy Watts, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs

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

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Reading my own column in the last *Saber* I began thinking that Art Jacobs' first tour dates which were as a MEDEVAC pilot meant that he could have been in III Corps when the Division and 15th MED moved

south. I had never thought about it. Art emailed and confirmed that he did fly out of Phouc Vinh, i.e., 1st Cav Division HQ.

When Art first replied to my recent consolidation of past *Saber* articles about MEDEVAC 18 crew and extracted casualties shot down and KIA 26 Nov 68, I was thinking that he was just a MEDEVAC pilot up north who knew the pilots there. I have learned so much more since communicating with him, as well as providing information to the *Saber* readers.

Although not being assigned to and flying out of any of the 15th MED companies with each of 1st Cav brigades in III Corps, Art returned a year later to Vietnam and flew as a Cobra pilot with another unit. His initial interest in what had transpired in III Corps in November 1968 was for good reason because his MEDEVAC colleagues who were just as short in country had been suddenly KIA.

When I had written about the 1st Cav Air Ambulance Platoon originally using the call sign "MERCY" it made me think about that. Granted, if you are a combat Soldier and suddenly find yourself wounded on the battlefield, one would probably desire mercy (evolved meaning). The word "mercy" comes from the Latin "merc or merces;" from Latin, "price paid, wages"; from merc-, merxi "merchandise." This is where also the word "mercenary," and a host of other words come from-like merchandise. Just as the word "Soldier" comes from the "solidus" which was a coin used to pay, or for monetary exchange.

"Mercy" with time and use came to mean variations of the original. The French word "merci" means "thank you." It then evolved to other "mercy" meanings: benevolence, forgiveness, and kindness in a variety of ethical, religious, social, and legal contexts.

By 1963 after the U.S. Army first went to Vietnam the aeromedical evacuation had been conducted by the 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance). They adopted a call sign with the least combat connotation from those available for use- "Dust Off." In 1966 the 44th Medical Brigade was activated and commanded the Vietnam wide hospitals and their air ambulance units-DUSTOFF.

In 1965 the airmobile division deployed to Vietnam and had its own medical units with aeromedical evacuation. By 1967 the 1st Cav's Air Ambulance Platoon changed their call sign to what it physically meant, "medical evacuation," or the shortened Army type acronym MEDEVAC.

The following 15th MED Assn website story was requested for the *Saber* for the online impaired readers. It is also a story of motto change:

**15th Medical Battalion Flag Donated by Family of COL Edward G. Bradshaw** by Terry A. McCarl, Historian, 15th Medical Battalion Association. (This was read by John Tabor at the 15th Medical Battalion Association Reunion in Kokomo, IN on 12 June 2021.)

"You may have noticed that at this reunion, we have two 15th Medical Battalion flags on display. The 'brownish-colored' flag (referred to hereafter as the 'old flag') is the one our Association purchased in 2011. The reddish-colored flag (referred to hereafter as the 'new flag') was donated to our Association by the family of the late COL Edward G. Bradshaw who passed away on 14 September 2020 in Boerne, TX (San Antonio area) at the age of 78.

"COL Bradshaw had two assignments with the 1st Cavalry Division; the first being a Platoon Leader in B Co, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam in 1965, and the second as the last Commander of the 15th Medical Battalion when it was deactivated at Fort Hood, TX in 1985. At a final ceremony in 1985, the 15th Medical Battalion presented the flag to COL Bradshaw as a keepsake, which he treasured.



COL Edward G. Bradshaw

"When he passed away, his family decided that the flag should be returned to a 'military home.' They contacted a family friend living in San Antonio, MAJ (Ret) James Ramsey, who had served as a MEDEVAC Flight Medic with 15th Medical Battalion in Vietnam 1968-1969. He suggested that the flag be offered to the 15th Medical Battalion Association.

"In January of 2021, one of our members, COL (Ret, NMNG) James McKay (who also served as a Medevac Flight Medic 1968-1969), with whom I had been in contact regarding 15th



Old flag motto: "Standing By"

Medical Battalion history, notified me that his friend, James Ramsey had been asked by the Bradshaw family to offer the flag to the 15th Medical Battalion Association. This offer was gratefully accepted, and James Ramsey sent it to 15th Med Battalion Association President Jim Ferguson.

"Besides the color, the only difference between the two flags is that on the old flag, the motto on the ribbon in the eagle's beak says, 'Standing By,' whereas the motto on the new flag is 'Service Above Self.' 'Standing By' was the original unit motto when the unit was activated in 1926. In 1976, the unit motto was changed from 'Standing By' to 'Service Above Self.' The detailed history of both flags is unknown, but the 'Standing By' motto on the old flag suggests that it was made prior to 1976, and the 'Service Above Self' motto on the new flag suggests that it was made after 1976.

"The fate of the original battalion flag created when the battalion was activated



New flag motto: "Service Above Self"

in June of 1926 is unknown but is believed to have been 'misappropriated' at some point in time.

"According to the Dustoff Association, who inducted COL Bradshaw into the Dustoff Hall of Fame in 2009, following his tour as an Infantry Officer in 1965, he went through helicopter flight training and returned to Vietnam for a second tour during which he commanded three Dustoff Units: the 237th, 68th, and 54th Medical Detachments (Helicopter Ambulance).

"He held a total of 11 commands during his nearly 30-year Army career, the final being the Fort Sam Houston Army Garrison.

"Our Association extends its sincere appreciation to COL Bradshaw's family for donating this flag, and to MAJ Ramsey, for sending it. Both flags will be displayed with pride at all future reunions."

Another article on the 15th MED Assn website is about during their Reunion in Kokomo, IN, which also has the American Huey Museum. The 15th MED Reunion attendees had the opportunity to take a ride on a restored Huey. The article says the opportunity was not just the chance for a seventy-nine-year-old, Larry Hatch to fly in just any Huey, but the one restored was the one he flew for his year in Vietnam in the 1st Cav's Air Ambulance Platoon as MERCY 11.

Museum founder John Walker contacted Larry about the restored Huey and asked him if he wanted to fly it. Since then, Larry has been flying it every year at the annual Patriot's Weekend at Grissom. This year it was because the 15th MED Bn Assn had their Reunion in Kokomo.

Larry Hatch is quoted as saying what really set the 15th Medical Battalion apart was the 98.5% survival rate, they had for all the people they picked up on the battlefield. He said that is one of the highest of any medical unit that served in the war.

Not everyone was willing to fly in the Huey which for at least one, brought back bad memories. MEDEVAC crew chief Corky Walsh who did fly on the restored Huey credited their success to the fact that every MEDEVAC helicopter had a tight knit crew who knew how to work together to complete the mission. He said it had to be that way because everyone depended on everyone else. He also said that was not what was thought about, but the main function was to get the aircraft airborne and get the guys back to the med station to get them treated.

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

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**1st Cavalry Division Celebrates 100th Anniversary with Parade, Ceremony** by 6 News

The parade and ceremony were the culmination of a week of events celebrating the Division's centennial.

FORT HOOD, Texas — The 1st Cavalry Division ended its centennial birthday week with a parade on Cooper Parade Field on Friday, Sept. 24. The ceremony included performances by the 1st Cav Div Band, a special Cavalry Charge by the 1st Cav Div Horse Cavalry Detachment and a helicopter flyover by the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade with retired U.S. Army CSM Rory Malloy, former Division command sergeant major for 1st Cav Div from 2008 to 2011, serving as the reviewing official for the ceremony.

"It is indeed an honor to be back home with America's First Team to celebrate our centennial where we honor the sacrifice and service of thousands of Veterans throughout the history of the First Team who stepped up and served when our nation needed us most," Malloy said during his remarks. "From our beginning, America's First Team has fought in every major war since World War II ... The sacrifice of our Veterans is captured by the 43 Medals of Honor earned by America's First Team as well as the Veterans who have filled our ranks within the past 100 years."

During the ceremony, the 1st Cav Div command team, MG John Richardson, commanding general and CSM Shade S. Mundy, Division command sergeant major, honored Troopers past and present who served with the Division over the past 100 years with a recitation of the Division's history from its origins in September 1921 to present day.

Troopers from 1st Cav Div's six brigades took part in the historical narrative while dressed in period uniforms including equipment from various campaigns. Malloy also joined the command team in adding five additional streamers to the 1st Cav Div guidon representing the Division support towards the Global War on Terrorism.

Veterans, local government leaders, area residents and military families came out to watch the ceremony and tour interactive displays of vehicles and equipment stationed along the recently renamed Legends Way and at the 1st Cav Div Museum.

Friday morning's ceremony served as the wrap up of "CAV Week," which ran from Sept. 20-24. Throughout the week, 1st Cavalry Division Troopers participated in a variety of activities including a four-mile Division run and team and individual sports competitions. The Division command team also unveiled newly renamed Legends Way Road.

The Division was formally activated on Sept 13, 1921, at Fort Bliss, Texas and has distinguished itself during every major conflict since World War II. Today, more than 20,000 Troopers serve within the 1st Cav Div ranks.

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the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier the URL is <<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Tomb-of-the-Unknown-Soldier>>.

We look forward to visiting with our members once again in Dayton, OH July 6-10, 2022. There are lots of things to do and see in the city. Dayton, a city rich in American history, besides the Air Force Museum and everything about the Wright brothers, members can visit the American Packard Museum or the Sun Watch Indian Village and Archeological Site. Take some time to visit Carillon Park, take a walk-through Dayton's history, see the Wright B Flyer, or ride on the Carousel. So much to see and do in Dayton, you will want to plan a second trip back.

By the time you receive the *Saber*, Veterans Day will have passed, your 2022 calendar may have arrived, and we will be heading into a new year. A new year allows us to appreciate our achievements and learn from our failures. Remember those friends and family we have lost over the last couple of years. More importantly, cherish your time spent with the living, you do not know when it may be your last.



## DIVISION 100TH CELEBRATION IN PA

The Central PA (James Unruh) Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association hosted the 100th Anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division with the assistance of the Liberty War Bird Association (LWBA) on 13 September 2021 at the LWBA hangar at the Lancaster Airport in Lititz, PA.

The Liberty Warbirds is a non-profit organization that purchased and restored a UH-1H (Huey) helicopter, Huey 823, that they fly to various Veteran events in Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. Huey 823 served U.S. Forces in Vietnam during 1968 to 1970. It looks now just as it did in Vietnam in 1969 and 70 when it flew with the 170th Assault Helicopter Company.

The emcee for the event was COL Chuck Bechtel, USA, (Ret) who is the Vice-President of the Central PA Chapter and the Director of Public Affairs for LWBA. He served as an infantry platoon leader in the 1/8 CAV in Vietnam from 1968 to '69. COL Bechtel opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance," introduced special guests and provided a brief history of one of the Army's oldest and most decorated divisions.



SFC Mazzaro (L) and COL Bechtel (R) Hang the 1st Cavalry Flag on Huey 823

SFC Michael Mazzaro, USA, (Ret), the Central PA Chapter President, served with the 13th Signal Bn in Vietnam. SFC Mazzaro presented a brief history of the Chapter and introduced Ms. Jane Unruh Good, the sister of SGT James Unruh, for whom the chapter is named. On behalf of the chapter members, SFC Mazzaro presented Ms. Good a 1st Cav Division plaque and a shadow box with 1st Cav and 12th Cav memorabilia, including the Air Assault Badge her brother would have earned.

Lancaster County Commissioners Josh Parsons and Ray D'Agostino, both Veterans, presented a framed "Letter of Commendation" lauding both the Central PA Chapter of the 1st Cav Division and the Liberty War Birds for recognizing and supporting fellow Veterans.

State Representative Steven Mentzer presented a citation from the PA House of Representatives recognizing the significant contribution the 1st Cavalry Division made for our nation's defense over the last 100 years and the work of the Central PA Chapter in continuing to recognize and honor members and Veterans of the 1st Cavalry Division.

PA State Senators Ryan Aument and Scott Martin presented a citation recognizing the fact that the 1st Cavalry Division was the only Army Division to serve as a horse cavalry, infantry, air assault and heavy combined arms division. It is stationed at Ft. Hood Texas and still plays a key role in the defense of the United States.

Special guests included Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) Chieu Van Le, a U.S. Army aviator who started his career as a Huey pilot for the South Vietnamese Air Force. As Saigon was falling, he departed an island where he refueled the Huey. It was overweight with too many Vietnamese on board, but Mr. Le related that no one would get off. He bounced along the runway until the helicopter finally gained enough lift to fly. After a very harrowing flight he was able to find the U.S. 7th Fleet and land on the carrier Midway, with the "low fuel" light shining brightly. To this day he thanks God for saving the lives of all on board.

Another special guest was Ms. Lei Williams, a teacher at a local school and a staunch supporter of U.S. Veterans. Her mother was Vietnamese and her father an American who flew for Air America. Her mother was told she could not get on the departing helicopter as Saigon was falling, and she knew children with an American father would be persecuted or killed by the communist regime. So, she handed Lei, five years old, and her sister, three, over the fence to American GIs who put them on a chopper that would take them to a Navy ship. It was many years later when Lei was able to rejoin her mother in Vietnam. It was a very emotional story and there weren't too many dry eyes in the group when she finished. She concluded, as she always does, by profusely thanking American service members for what they did for her and her sister. Last year, the local VVA chapter made her an honorary member, and she has been planning a return trip to Vietnam for all the Vietnam Veterans who are interested. We are looking forward to the trip!

At the conclusion of the presentations, the whop-whop sound of Huey blades, so familiar to Vietnam Vets, could be heard as Huey 823, with mounted door guns made its grand entrance. The 1,400-shaft horsepower turbine engine demanded the attention of all. After the blades stopped, President Mazzaro and Vice-President Bechtel hung the 1 CAV flag on the side of the helicopter and the media got great shots of the 1st Cav members, air crew, and elected officials. After the admiration session of this iconic warbird was over, it was party time.

The seventy people in attendance gathered around a beautiful birthday cake with distinctive 1st Cav Division insignia boldly displayed. As the crowd anxiously waited, Michael Mazzaro used a Civil War cavalry saber to cut the birthday cake. As the group enjoyed lunch and cake, it was obvious that a good time was had by all at this very special birthday party.

Photos courtesy of Ms. Lindsay Sensenig



## 77th FA News

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The 77th Field Artillery Association held its 2021 Reunion, September 15-19, in Colorado Springs, CO. Nineteen members were able to attend, along with nine wives. Paul Guetter, William Brown, Paige Lanier, Juan Garcia, John Moran, John Balasa, Dwayne Fowler, Tony Hartley, LTC Adam Ropelewski, Dean Phillips, Ron Nichols, Wayland Britt, Casey Mendenhall, Jim Russell, Bill Bilo, John Garcia, John Ahearn, Raul Diaz, and Bill Hilgris were there. It was the first reunion for eight of the guys. We met at the Elegante Hotel in Colorado Springs, and we must say how welcoming they were to us. It was a wonderful time.

The 2/77th FA, led by their Battalion Commander, LTC Adam Ropelewski, were our hosts for the reunion. Paige Lanier, the Association's liaison with the 2/77, did all the coordination. We had a get together Wednesday night, with pizza provided by the 2/77, giving everybody a chance to renew acquaintances. Thursday, we had the opportunity to visit the battalion headquarters and see equipment and vehicles the battalion uses. Then we went to the field, where Bravo Battery, commanded by CPT Leslie, with Chief of Smoke, SFC Beard, was conducting a firing exercise. We did learn that fire direction is done a bit differently than when we were involved. Later we had lunch with the Troops-that



Photo by SGT Pena, PAO 2nd Stryker BDE Combat Team, 4ID



Photo by SGT Gabrielle Pena, PAO 2nd Stryker BDE Combat Team, 4ID

is different too-we had choices, and the food was exceptionally good.

Friday, nothing was scheduled, and we got to take advantage of all the neat things that Colorado Springs has to offer. Such as Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, Cave of the Winds, U.S. Olympic Museum, and the U.S. Air Force Academy; some visited the Garden of the Gods, and it is amazing!

Friday evening, we had our traditional banquet. We were joined by about 80 of NCOs and junior officers of the battalion, and their wives and significant others. This was enjoyable and informational, as it gave the present generation an idea of what the "Old Timers" experienced, and us a better appreciation of what is happening in today's Army and Artillery. One of our Association members, William Bilo, BG, Ret, gave the keynote address, and spoke to us on Leadership; very insightful.



Another member, Dwayne Fowler, was inducted into the Honorable Order of St Barbara. This recognized Dwayne's high moral character and his contributions through the years to Field Artillery. Dwayne's daughter, Kimberly, was present to see her father honored. Dwayne was one of the founding members of the Association in its current form, and he is the outgoing president.

As a funny side note on the banquet; we had it on the 4th floor of the Elegante, in their banquet room, and there is a lobby between the room and the elevators. The Troops from the 2/77 brought up a pack 75mm howitzer and set it up in the banquet lobby. This is a fully functioning piece, which is now used in ceremonies. It must have been a sight, watching it be rolled through the main hotel lobby, disassembled, and put in the elevator.

At the General Meeting on Saturday morning, the discussion was dominated by two subjects, which were related: where to have the 2022 Reunion, and how can the Association increase membership, especially with younger members. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that the area around Fort Carson/Colorado Springs has a number of Veterans, who have either recently retired or separated from the 2/77th. Two of our board members, who fit that profile, John Garcia, and Casey Mendenhall, said they knew those people, and would make a determined effort enroll them. This was with the understanding that the following year the reunion would be in Florida. A date was not set at this time as LTC Ropelewski does not have all the battalions training dates yet. As soon as it is available, the dates and rates will be announced.

Bill Bilo brought up that the Association's Constitution and By-Laws provide for Honorary Regimental positions, which are covered in AR 600-82. He will investigate and get back to the board.

The reunion, and the general meeting, concluded with the election of officers. Lu Merritt, who as the 1st VP, would normally advance to the position of president, requested that he be by-passed because of a family situation; but that he still wanted to contribute. Therefore, Bill Capshaw became President; John Garcia, 1st VP; Lu Merritt, 2nd VP; and Casey Mendenhall, 3rd VP.

All in all, it was a very fun reunion, and we're looking forward to the next one. Stay tuned for the dates.



## ENGINEER News



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**GEN Duke and 1Lt Suydam**

not relieved myself before departing and I had no idea how long the trip was, I had to go bad. As we bumped along the road my situation became dire. The Sergeant Major was dozing next to the radio. I thought, I could clench myself, but the pain became unbearable. I thought, since it was getting very dark, no one could see, I could "stretch" myself over the right wheel housing, but it was about a foot long, impossible not to mention the thought of hitting a bump and peeing all over a general. My life was over.

I finally tapped the general on the shoulder and told him of my problem. He said: "Sergeant Major, get on the radio and stop the column." Riflemen deployed out of jeeps into the rice paddies with M60 machine guns ready to lay down fire. The general and I got out. He said, "I really had to go too." The general and the aide stood peeing into the rice paddy, shades of General Patton as he crossed the Rhine, but there were no pictures this time. Later he told me he was so glad I had spoken up, since he once had a driver who had not let him know he was in distress and burst his bladder.

Day 1 was over, and I was not being sent back to the jungle. That first night we came under a mortar attack that I slept through. The barrage freaked most of the rear-area Soldiers of Dong Ba Thin. The enlisted aide asked me why I was not worried, and I had to tell him this is what it was like every night in a combat unit, so there was no need to wake up. The next night I moved from a tent into the same trailer with the General, life was getting better, but it made me feel like a sissy.

1968: Having been at Fort Bragg again for a year we had organized, equipped, tested, and qualified a new engineer unit that could rapidly build simultaneously two assault airfields for fighter-bomber aircraft or C-130 cargo aircraft as we had done in Vietnam. However, this time parachuting in as opposed to being helo-lifted.

I was busy with tasks of readying the unit for an anticipated deployment somewhere. While at a briefing at 18th Airborne Corps HQ, SGM Salazar, and old friend from tours with the 82d and 1st Cav, passed me a handwritten note saying: "LTC Broumas wants you in Vietnam, will you volunteer to go?" I looked around to the back of the room and nodded agreement. Orders were processed quickly, it was because they had so few volunteering to go back, or maybe Broumas pulled some strings.

I had served with Broumas on a previous tour, and while I was not sure I liked him, I did appreciate his ability. He had an aggressive way of getting things done. Every day he started with a greeting to his officers of: "Another day in which to excel."

Steve Richey remembers:

"Broumas was noisy. He bellowed like a bull. Reminded me of a drill sergeants bellow. He was full of energy and never went anywhere at a normal walk. He was always walking fast. I remember him well. He had coal black hair and dark olive complexion. He was not tall but was muscularly built. He was a busy guy."

Now I was volunteering to return to the Cav working for a man I respected but was not sure I liked. Regardless, I felt as though I would be doing what I had been trained to do, build anything fast.

July 1969: I arrived in Vietnam, again. Even though I had orders to the 1st Cavalry Division, I still had to process through the "Repo depot" in Cam Ranh Bay. I was told I "...would be assigned based on the greatest need..." so I was now in limbo, and I had volunteered so I could return to my old unit. After waiting nearly a week, I had to endure training that I should have been teaching such as helicopter assault. We also had other "mandatory" classes delivered by a series of non-combat, rear-area, martinet instructors.

Unannounced, I was contacted by an old friend, Brian Hayes, who was a company commander in the 8th Engineers. He somehow short-circuited the process and got me on a helicopter to Song Be. I kept asking him about orders, and he said not to worry, COL Broumas would take care of that, and we would worry about it later. Broumas wanted me to create a new Airmobile/Airborne, Light Equipment

More from Marty Suydam  
That afternoon I was notified we were to attend a party across the water in Cam Ranh Bay. When a general traveled by land he was escorted by security in gun jeeps. We left our headquarters area, traveled along rice paddies, crossed a floating bridge, and arrived at the location for the party.

I did not have anything to do other than enjoy myself, since I had only just started the job. I did enjoy myself, too much, after having been in the field for many months. I drank a six-pack of beer and ate great food. As it became dark, we started the return to Dong Ba Thin. In our jeep were, the driver, General Duke, the Sergeant Major, and me (seated behind the general). I had



**LTC Andre Broumas**

Division Headquarters and where the 8th Engineer Battalion Headquarters was located. I was surprised how developed we had become in my absence of two years. When I left Vietnam, we lived in tents surrounded by sandbags, or dug-in bunkers. Now we had TOCs (Tactical Operations Centers) and living facilities that were wood frame structures.

August 1969: I flew nearly every day. My company's equipment platoons were deployed over an area a hundred miles distant from headquarters and included several 2-3-man water point detachments isolated and alone most of the time. We believed showing face was important to these Soldiers, not only to ensure they had what they needed, but that they were taking care of themselves and were healthy. During this period, U.S. units were suffering with problems of drug use, race-relations (home and in Vietnam) and fragging. Everyone carried weapons and grenades and the risk of a Soldier taking offense to discipline or even having an argument with NCOs and Officers, became a daily (and more often, nightly) threat. Commanders needed to be very visible, aware, and careful. We also had concern for an increase in suicides, often occurring just before a Soldier was sched-

uled to return home. Soldiers deployed in isolated locations seemed most vulnerable to suicide.

Our operational effort was focused on Bu Dop, a small Special Forces camp sitting close to the Cambodian border and the Ho Chi Minh trail. The mission was to quietly extend the runway to handle airlifting, by C-130 aircraft, Armored Personnel Carriers ("ACavs") in an area where



**Bu Dop Special Forces Camp and Airfield**

land travel was heretofore impossible. Weeks of rain, both water and mortar fire made the job difficult. Bu Dop was either hot and dusty or wet and muddy, never anything in between. Building expeditionary airfields rapidly in adverse weather and terrible soil conditions was my thing. I had done this repeatedly as a platoon leader and had focused my graduate studies in Civil Engineering on soil mechanics. I had decided to stabilize the weak clay soils of the Bu Dop airfield with a new process of mixing cement with the soil, to extend the runway.

I helicopter-shuttled daily to the site often shrouded in thick clouds. On these flights it was always a question if we were in the right place when we would punch through low-level cloud layer to see where we were. No bomb craters meant we must be in Cambodia, so we would immediately fly due east at tree-top level to get back to bomb craters and Vietnam.



**Bu Dop Special Forces Camp and Airfield**

Before the ACavs were brought in the area it was peaceful with random sniper fire, and small-unit patrols to search out the local Viet Cong (VC) guerrillas. At night, however, we could spot the Ho Chi Minh Trail convoys on the Cambodian-side of the border with our night vision devices. Then we brought in real firepower and all hell broke loose.

Not only did weather and poor soil conditions hamper construction, but the daily mortar attacks of up to 100 rounds per day made doing the work quietly hard. We started incurring wounded daily, most of the Soldiers sticking it out rather than be evacuated.

Steve Richey remembers one wounded platoon sergeant:

"He was a black E-6. He reminded me of the actor Woody Strode. All muscle, sinew, bones. He was wounded one night out on an LZ, was bleeding from several wounds, and had bandages all over him and around his shot-up body. He had three bottles of liquid hooked to IV's next to the stretcher he was laying on. When the helicopter landed to take him to a rear hospital two guys from the chopper came running out and picked up his stretcher. He told them to, "Put me down..." and they just looked at him. He said it again, this time with no doubt as to what he wanted. "PUT ME DOWN, NOW!" and the two stretcher bearers did. He sat up, and then stood up. You could tell he was in a lot of pain, but he picked up his IV bottles and walked to the chopper. When he got there, he sat in the door for a moment and then said, "No man carries me..." and lay down on the floor of the MEDEVAC. That guy was at that moment, and every moment since, been one hell of a Soldier in my eyes. He did the gutsiest thing I ever saw."

LZ Jake and the Chaplain, by Steve Richey

We were on LZ Jake. It was a bad place. Ground attacks were frequent. Mike Lapsansky and I had done our job and went to the black hat to see if we could catch a ride back to Phouc Vinh. There was a Chaplain Major waiting at the slingout area. He came over and being a Major, I was skeptical of what was to come next. He was surprisingly friendly. He asked where I was from and how I was. That was a typical lead in for someone in his line of work. He had been in the reserves and made the decision to become active the last two years of his service, to get a better pension, and had only been in Vietnam two weeks and was on one of the worst LZ's in the Cav.

The Huey came in and the three of us got onboard. Mike and I each took a seat in the door, the Major, sat down on the skinny canvas seat in the middle, and we lifted off. It was monsoon season so on the way back, the pilot flew just off the road, at treetop level. You know what an E ticket ride that is.

A few minutes into the flight, with the window in front often being filled with a tree we were about to fly into, and just clearing the top of the trees, with the treetops often whacking our skids, I checked to see how the Chaplain was doing.

He was down on his knees, elbows on that small canvas seat, hands clasped so hard his knuckles were white, eyes squinted shut tightly, deep in fervent prayer, and his uniform had turned dark green with the sweat of fear. Mike was looking at him also. We both had to laugh. The poor guy was scared witless.



**8th Engineer Battalion HQ Entrance**





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The Military Police Corps, Regimental History - Part Nine –  
The Vietnam War – Continued

On 31 January 1968, Vinh Long was attacked by an estimated force of two enemy battalions. The assault began with mortar attacks followed by ground attacks. One MP from the 148th Military Police Platoon was wounded. On 1 February 1968, Vinh Long received additional heavy mortar and small arms attacks directed at the city and its airfield. The MP Villa was evacuated due to attacks on the site, and the personnel from it moved to the airfield. Several items of equipment had to be abandoned when they evacuated the area. Enemy forces then proceeded to occupy the military police billets. On 2 February 1968, attempts were made to reoccupy the villa, but the first ones were unsuccessful. The men of the 148th Military Police Platoon remained with personnel from the 212th MP Company (SD) at the airfield until they were able to return to their villa later that day. By 3 February 1968, the MP elements in Vinh Long were able to resume regular operations, although sporadic resistance was still in evidence within the city.

Can Tho City and airfield received mortar and ground attacks on the morning of 31 January. The airbase was penetrated but the attack was repulsed, resulting in six Viet Cong being killed in action. In addition, an estimated fifty to seventy-five Viet Cong were killed in the city as a result of street fighting. The MP Villa in Can Tho also received numerous small arms attacks. U.S. civilians from the area were moved into the military police compound for security reasons. On 1 February, fighting in the city continued, and the MP station received small arms fire. By 3 February, MP operations were almost back to normal in Can Tho with the exception of highway patrols. They could not be resumed because Highway Four was closed to traffic. It was blocked by several blown bridges and other obstacles.



Controlling traffic & patrolling the highway

were the first to become aware of enemy threats and to become engaged in open combat in major cities and other built-up areas. During this general offensive the MPs responded rapidly and prevented or delayed Viet Cong as well as North Vietnamese Army attempts to infiltrate major cities throughout the Republic. The ability of the MPs to remain in direct contact with the enemy and to block their advance, pending the arrival of tactical units, attests to their close affinity to a combat arm. Even after the arrival of tactical units, the MPs remained on the scene and performed a variety of direct support missions including escorting convoys carrying critical supplies and equipment, evacuating prisoners, and providing security at vital installations.

The 18th Military Police Brigade also performed “sea duty” during the Vietnam War by providing port and river security. An example of this type of operation was conducted at the tiny port of Vung Tau Bay. This port was a vital area because it was the disembarkation point for many supplies. The 218th Military Police Company, assumed responsibility for the security of this 61/2 square mile bay using river patrol boats equipped with .50-caliber machine guns. This operation was supplemented by using a Boston Whaler for patrolling the shoreline to intercept would-be Viet Cong swimmers before they entered the water.

Convoy escorts were also routine missions for the MPs. One such mission, considered by many to be the most dangerous, was a convoy from Qui Nhon to Plei Djereng in support of Cambodian operations. The 150-plus-miles trip was through treacherous terrain that invited Viet Cong ambushes. The road through it degenerated from pock-marked pavement to dirt road until finally becoming a jungle trail.

On the morning of 30 March 1973, the 18th Military Police Brigade was inactivated at the U.S. Army Personnel Center, Oakland, California. It was the last major color-bearing unit to leave Vietnam. The largest and only combat tested military police brigade in the history of the Military Police Corps had distinguished itself in its six plus years of activation and duty in Vietnam. For outstanding service, seven Brigade units, in addition to the 716th Military Police Battalion, received Presidential Unit Citations; three units received Valorous Unit Awards; fifty-six received Meritorious Unit Citations; seventeen units received Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citations; and eight units received Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citations. In Vietnam the 18th Military Police Brigade assisted the combat commander in maintaining discipline by

Soc Trang began to receive mortar and ground attacks on the morning of 31 January. While they were generally unsuccessful, enemy troops dug in around the airfield and offered substantial resistance for a time. Street fighting and sporadic resistance continued for the next two or three days, but by 3 February, operations were almost back to normal.

The employment of MP firepower, mobility, and communications during the TET Offensive in the Republic of Vietnam provided a first line of defense against enemy combat forces. On many occasions during that crisis, MPs



Securing the waterways

enforcing law and order; securing lines of communications; destroying Viet Cong roadblocks and ambushes; collecting, holding, and evacuating refugees as well as prisoners of war; establishing ambush sites and running patrols; and actively participating in tactical operations. The outstanding service performed by MPs in tactical operations during the Vietnam War culminated in the Military Police Corps being re-designated as an arm and a service with the primary mission of combat support.



Military Police on ambush patrol

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WELCOME to the 1CDA TEAM!



HQ and Special Troops News



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Greetings Troopers and families from NW Louisiana. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion of the Association is now in the history books. AND, what a blowout it was. The Division’s celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division lasted a week, and we were part of the last few days. The “Spirit of the Cav” demonstration was much bigger and more impressive than previous times I have watched it. The “pass in review” of representatives of each of the battalions of the Division was certainly impressive and an event to always remember. Units of the Cav had set up displays across from the parade field in front of the Division HQ and it was great fun meeting and talking with the young active-duty Troopers and looking at the displays of equipment and information about each of the units. If you missed the reunion, you missed a great one. Time to start thinking about the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion in Dayton, OH, in July 2022. Get your hotel reservations in early.



Chaplain Chappy

beyond religious guidance and leadership.

Those attending the HQ and Special Troops lunch: Ron and Sue Killingsworth, 191<sup>st</sup> MI and 312<sup>th</sup> MI Bn; Rich Kaye, 15<sup>th</sup> FSB; William Lee, 371<sup>st</sup> RRC; Rosey Carter, 13<sup>th</sup> Sig Bn and HHD 1<sup>st</sup> CD; William Rizi, Co A 13<sup>th</sup> Sig; Dennis Webster, HHC 1CD; Dave and Cathie Lutgen, 15<sup>th</sup> Admin Finance Co; Gail Porter (Chappy), 27<sup>th</sup> MSB; Al and Deb Carton, 13<sup>th</sup> Sign Bn; Mason Holmes, 15<sup>th</sup> Admin PIO; Neal C. Whetsel, 15<sup>th</sup> S&S Bn; Jim Wright, 191<sup>st</sup> MI; Pat Lynch, 115<sup>th</sup> FSB, DISCOM HD, 215<sup>th</sup> FSB; Greg Garrett, G3 1CD, 1-13<sup>th</sup>, 1-8<sup>th</sup> Cav; Jim and Sue Burn, B Co 15<sup>th</sup> TC Bn, Pat and Kary Reardon, Fair Lawn, NJ; Weslohi Brianna, Blaine, MN, Mike Walvatne, 15<sup>th</sup> Admin. If I misspelled your name, I am so sorry, but some of you need to learn to print more carefully! And remember my eyes are 77 years old!

Does it bother you the way people act during the playing of the national anthem at events? Ever notice how so many do not even stop talking and are seen moving,

Among the events of the reunion my favorite is always the HQ and Special Troops unit lunch. We have such a wide variety of jobs (MOS) at that luncheon, and it is always interesting to hear the stories of the Troopers attending and to renew old friendships and make new ones. Many of the association members attending the reunion seem to skip the unit luncheon and they are missing a fun time to meet Troopers who had interesting and unusual jobs while assigned to the Division. Our guest speaker was MAJ (ret) Gail Porter (Chappy), a retired chaplain who served the Cav in the 27<sup>th</sup> MSB. Gail is a great Trooper and a wonderful spiritual adviser. Chaplains are exceptional people who do so much

laughing, joking, having a wonderful time. Very few stand at attention and place their right hand over their heart, eyes ahead, being respectful and appreciative of our nation. Veterans should render the hand salute if outside, as when in an open stadium or parade field. The U.S. Army does not generally render a hand salute when inside a building. In those cases, Veterans should place their right hand over their heart and stand at attention. The only occasions I know of when U.S. Army personnel render the hand salute indoors is when reporting to a commanding officer or when reporting to the pay officer. Since no one reports to the pay officer anymore, then that leaves only when reporting to the commanding officer. During the banquets at the reunions, it is always confusing as to how to respond to the playing of the national anthem. Since this is indoors, we should stand at attention and place our hands over our hearts. Another time Veterans should render the hand salute is when in a parade, for example, the U.S. flag passes by the Veteran should render the hand salute as the flag passes by. When the flag passes by you inside a building, you should face the flag, stand at attention, and keep your eyes on the flag. Another time we render the hand salute is at the raising and lowering of the US flag, but only if outside. Yet another thing that is seldom done is remove head gear. The rules state that when saluting the flag, you should remove your headgear. That seems appropriate if you are indoors but not when you are outside. This website provides more information: <<https://libertyflags.com/pages/saluting-the-american-flag>>

This website <<https://www.etiquetteschoolofamerica.com/u-s-flag-pledge-of-allegiance-and-national-anthem-etiquette/>> states that during the national anthem, we should all “remove our hats (caps), face the flag, place your right hand over your heart, and sing along if appropriate.” There is much more information on this website that you will find interesting. It also addresses the players in sporting events. So, why I am putting this in this column? Because “inquiring minds want to know” how to do things the correct way. Also, because you, the readers out there, are not doing your job of trying to help me keep the column going for those who do not have a column elsewhere in the *Saber*! If you have stories you would like to share, please email them to me!

It is not too early to make your reservations at the hotel for the 2022 reunion in July in Dayton. Hope to see you there.

That is a wrap for this time, Troopers, and families. It was great to see so many of you at the reunion. Meantime may God Bless and keep you until we meet again.

Hq and Spec Troops Lunch Attendees 25 Sep 21



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