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This election season is finally over, and we should have a few weeks respite before the next one begins. As I write this the results

are yet to be decided but this election has been the most contentious on so many levels that I can ever remember; and, it has certainly been the most expensive.

Last month, on October 6, we had a virtual meeting via Zoom of the Board of Governors. As you can imagine some of us had more experience at this type meeting than others. This was my second such meeting. The first for me was my extended family reunion originally scheduled for July and was the first in more than 50 years that had to be cancelled. Then I used my son-in-law’s computer, my daughter set it up for me, and my 9-year-old grandson stood next to me to offer help if I needed any. It isn’t very difficult once you get signed in, but there is always some level of apprehension when trying something new. For this Board meeting I only needed minimal assistance to get signed on. The meeting went very well, and we were able to get through it without any major issues. All-in-all a good experience. We had a strong attendance, and we were able to cover the agenda items. Thanks to everyone who took part.

In my last column I wrote about our granddaughter who is taking a college course on pop music in the 20th century. One of her first assignments was to interview her grandparents. So, we set up a Zoom call (my third by now). Some of the questions (which we were supplied in advance): Was our music different than our parents? Yes – Big Band vs Rock & Roll. Did they approve of our music? Not really. Did they try to prevent us from listening to Rock & Roll? No. Were we allowed to dance? Yes, even in the south where I grew up. We didn’t get into whether there were many boys who knew how to dance, I didn’t.

With all that’s been going on for all of us this year I have this nagging feeling that I have forgotten about, or lost, or never received an email, text, or phone call from someone and therefore did not respond. If so, I sincerely apologize. All I can ask is that you try again.

Don’t forget to start making your plans for next year’s Reunion. The necessary cancellation of this year’s Reunion makes the one for next year even more significant. Next year we will be meeting in Killeen, Texas September 22-26. We will be celebrating 1st Cavalry Division’s 100th birthday. We expect a strong turnout and a lot of activities involving active duty Troopers and First Team Alumni. Hope to see you there.

Cathy and I want to wish each of you a wonderful Holiday Season. And all the best for the New Year. Keep those who are close to you even closer. And remember those who are separated from their loved one because they are serving their country. Stay healthy, stay safe. And thank you for your service.

First Team Allen (TrailSpike 47)

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By now, you should have received the 2021 Calendar; if not please contact the office and we’ll get one mailed out. The Association appreciates your kind donations towards this program. Furthermore, we appreciate your

constructive criticism and will take all under advisement.

Veterans Day is upon us with Christmas and the New Year not far behind. The question that weighs heavily on everyone’s mind is, “Will 2021 turn out just like 2020?” Well I say do not be fearful of 2021, let her come.....“In like a lion, out like a lamb.” Our lives changed drastically in March of 2020 with the onset of the Covid-19 virus. We have lived with and survived pandemics since the dawn of time: New World Smallpox, HIV/AIDs, the Black Death, the Spanish Flu, and yet as humans we persist. For now, we wear a mask, keep a safe distance from others, wash our hands (a lot), and worry about family members; we are prepared

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HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Siddiq Hasan, Commander

We hoofed it into the holiday season as more public outings begin to populate our calendar. October finished up with some collaborative work with the 1st Cavalry Band at the Spooktacular event on Halloween at Fort Hood Stadium. We conducted a parade around the parking lot as the Band played a rock concert for the Fort Hood community.



Gould (left) & Ibarra (right)

We are proud to announce our newest A Group riders SSG Brandon Gould and SGT Uriel Ibarra! A Group is the highest riding level a Trooper can achieve at the Horse Detachment. To attain the coveted A Group Buckle, riders must pass a 400-question written test and ride four horses over two days and engage 36 targets with M1873 Springfield Carbines, M1873 Colt Revolvers, and an M1860 Light Cavalry Saber. When riders achieve A Group level, they have demonstrated not only their riding ability, but their knowledge of how to progress our green horses and riders to be ready for the Demonstration Team. This is a huge achievement.

The first annual Detachment Cup kicks off November for us, taking place from the 3rd to the 6th. Each of our riding group winners will compete to hoist the Trigger Trophy (in honor of the Division’s mascot) on 6 November. Cavalry School has ended for our last set of trainees now wearing their Detachment blue shirts with pride. You may have seen us on the news supporting the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Mounted Warrior Museum. The museum is being built between the visitor center and the HCD barn. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

December brings us to the long-standing tradition of escorting Santa Claus to light the III Corps Christmas tree in our mule drawn wagon with two outriders on December 3rd! Later in the month eligible Detachment members will strive and drive to earn their silver spurs during the HHBN Spur Ride on 18 December. We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

The Detachment is still accepting request to support parades and other community events. Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Feel free to call (254) 287-2229 to confirm performance videos and whether we are open for tours. You can also find us on Facebook (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and let you know about upcoming events and ceremonies. HOT TO TROT!

DIVISION DOINGS

1st Cav Division Honor Guard Instills Pride by Jacob Caldwell, Sentinel Living Editor Jul 23, 2020 From nationally televised sporting events that include the Cowboys, Rangers and Mavericks, to the war memorials on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to the humble, local small town parade, the 1st Cavalry Division Honor Guard is the face of the Army, Fort Hood and the First Team throughout Texas and the nation.

That’s their mission, to reach out to the people in communities near and far, as Soldiers, to share the Soldier story with people who may have never met one. And the reactions they get instill a strong sense of pride for the team, according to SFC Jackson Wester, 1st Cav Division Honor Guard noncommissioned officer in charge.

“When we’re able to interact with the Veterans and other people, it’s an amazing sense of pride felt,” Wester said. “It really shows that we’re living up to the name honor guard. We are carrying the honor and traditions of a unit with a proud history everywhere we go.”



1CD Honor Guard on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in D.C.
photo courtesy of Public Affairs Office

A lot of time during training is spent learning the storied history of the 1st Cavalry Division. It’s not all drill and ceremony practice, Wester said. As a matter of fact, learning the First Team history is part of the selection process to be on the honor guard. “They have to learn who has earned Medals of Honor,” he said. “And we have to really be able to talk about the history of the 1st Cavalry Division. During that process, I think they start to realize that this isn’t for every Soldier. This is only for those who really care.”

Why is the history so important? Because when dressed in the historic uniform of the U.S. Cavalry, Veterans from every recent era will want to come and talk with these Soldiers at the events they attend. And the First Team has an especially close connection with Vietnam-era Vets. Wester said he has witnessed this at almost all events, but the team’s trips

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1CDA EVENT CALENDAR

Feb 26-28, 2021 Board of Governors Meeting, Killeen, TX
Sept 22-26, 2021 73rd Annual 1CDA Reunion, Killeen TX
(In Sept to honor Division's 100th Birthday!)

Nov 9-11, 2021 12th Annual Veterans Day in Washington D.C.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

To Scholarship Donors and 1st Cav Association,



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be a recipient of the 1st Cav Scholarship. I currently am a Registered Nurse with Compassus Hospice in Temple, Tx. But I have larger dreams of one day owning my own Hospice Home to have residential families live with staff at end of life, so no one dies alone. This scholarship is helping take off the financial burden of school for me to pursue and complete my Bachelor of Nursing. I cannot thank the foundation enough and express how much of a burden has been lifted. I always believe if you have a dream to chase it, nothing and no one will hold you back. I look forward to completing my first semester of my bachelors' program this fall and hopefully achieving my degree by mid-2021. Thank you again!
Krista Ellis

Thank you so much for granting me this money for school. Growing up I always wanted to play college football but never understood how expensive school was. This money will help pay for school allowing me to live out my lifetime dream by continuing football in college!
Sincerely,
Hunter Thomas



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for the last two years on Veterans Day to the monuments at the National Mall in Washington have really made a lasting impression on him.

"It is an amazing honor," he said. "We ended up on top of the Vietnam Memorial behind the speakers, and to just be around all the Veterans and all the people there. It's pretty impressive." These events are equally, if not more meaningful for the Vets who attend, too.

"We end up getting an almost nonstop stream of people thanking us for being there," Wester said. "We run into Veterans, the majority of the ones we run into are from the Vietnam War, and they are super proud to have the 1st Cavalry represented, because they're 1st Cav Veterans and, they all just want to shake our hand and take photos. It's an honor to be there with them." It's the moments like these that make the training and selection of the team members so important, Wester said.

Interested Soldiers attend three weeks of drill and ceremony and history training. Once completed, the trainees must demonstrate what they have learned to the division command sergeant major, Wester and the current members of the team. All have a vote on who makes the team, with the division CSM having the final say. Most only serve on the team for a year, and then return to their normal units.

It's to be expected that things have slowed down for the team, as events are postponed or cancelled this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic, but Wester expects some of the more high-profile events to begin again soon.

"We've already been in contact with the Mavericks to try and find a way forward for this next year," he said, "and I'm sure the Dallas Cowboys will reach out to us as well, depending on how and if they decide to begin their season."



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

C Co 8th ENG Combat BN, 1949 HOORA by Thomas Horas

I am a Korean War Veteran born March 30, 1930 in a small coal mining town in PA called Mahonoy City. My town was founded in the 1800's by immigrants from Europe who all became citizens. They spoke English in the streets and stores and their own language was spoken in their homes. All worked in the mines, there were few exceptions except for the ones able to work in the town. Although they were exempt from the service during WWII those who were eligible made a point to join. All flew the flag on their front porch and when not working in the mines on weekends, could be found sitting on their front porch relaxing and talking to neighbors.

My family consisted of my brothers, Jack and Bob, my mom, who came from Poland and my dad from Hungary. Dad's family name was Horauch when they arrived from Hungary. Immigration for some reason changed it to Horas. Why? Who knows, but so be it. I call myself a Hungarian, Pollock American with a name that means hours in Spanish and when in the hospital get the Spanish doctors. Yea.

Dad worked in the mines and mom as a housemaid. We left Mahonoy City to live in the country, a place called Hosensock. At five I started school in a one room building with one teacher who taught all eight grades, Miss Dowling. I was smart, finished second in my class, right after a girl, the only other student. A class of two, hahahaha.

Then on to high school taking business courses, shorthand, typing, etc. Mom worked for a lawyer who was head of the local Coal Miners Union. He told Mom he could get me in West Point if I wanted to go. I was not prepared so I decided to travel to California and work for my uncle, Mom's brother, who owned Ace Transfer Co. A year later in 1948, I joined the Army. Basic Training was at Fort Ord, California. Engineer training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, then to Camp Drake, Osaka, Japan with Charlie Co, 8th Engineers Combat Battalion.

I was still in Japan when the Korean War broke out in June of 1950. A month later in July we were sent to Korea. I was there until November 2, 1950. During that time, we were involved in combat, front line, and engineering duties. We would take up mine fields, removing the booby traps and then re-lay them.

My squads first job was to detonate a bridge on the main road coming from North Korea. We succeeded in blowing the bridge just when we heard the noise of approaching tanks and infantry. Boy, did we get out of there as fast as we could. Job well done. Later I found out the officer who was with us received a medal for sitting on his ass with the detonator while we did all the work.

After more combat, engineering duties, sleeping on the ground, eating "C" rations we were given R&B in a schoolhouse in the rear. Even in the rear, we were shelled by mortars hitting outside the building. One night two Koreans crept into the kitchen area killing a cook before being killed themselves.

One morning, I went outside and looking up saw the ground sloped away from the building. I remembered when I was a kid, my friends and I would slide down

TAPS:

We were notified of the deaths of the following:

BOEM, Trooper Jerry W., 2-20 ARA, 1967-68. 26 October 2020.
CAMPBELL, PFC Robert W., HHC, 11th AVN Grp, 1967-68. 14 August 2020.
CHITTENDEN, COL (RET) Warde P., HHC & A Co, 2-7 CAV, 1966. 29 May 2020.
COSHEY, SFC (RET) Donald J., C Co 5-7 CAV, 1943 & C Co 1-9 CAV 1965. 26 October 2020.
DAVIS, SPC Louis C., B Co 1-8 CAV, 1968. 23 September 2020.
DEAN, SP4 Lawrence Grant, C Co 27 MNT, 1966. 8 October 2020.
DYKES, SP4 Charles W., A Co, 2-5 CAV, 1967. 26 September 2020.
EDWARDS, SPC Dwight D., 1-12 CAV, 1965. 22 September 2020.
FOWLER, Trooper James F., A Co, 1-8 CAV, 1965. 7 August 2020.
HATTERSLEY, MSG (RET) Roger K., D Co, 1-12 CAV, 1966. 5 May 2020. (Distinguished Service Cross Recipient)
HENLEY, CPT Darryl E., 8 CAV & 9 CAV, 1963-64. 9 September 2020.
HODGES, CW3 Jere C., HHC, 229 AVN, 1966. 30 October 2020.
HOSAFROS, CW2 (RET) Max W., B Btry, 2-20 ARA, 1970. 18 August 2020.
JORDAN, SFC (RET) Kenneth V., HHC 5 CAV, 1954. 11 December 2019.
LANMAN, SP4 Joseph F., 1-8 CAV, 1957. 9 August 2020.
MEYER, GEN (RET) Edward "Shy", Bn Cdr, 2-5 CAV, 1965; DCO, 3BDE: 1965; BDE Cdr, 2BDE, 1969; CoS, 1CD, 1970. 13 October 2020. (Chief of Staff of the Army)
SHARPLES, SFC (RET) Karl W., 1-8 CAV, 1949-51. 5 July 2020.
SIMON, SGT Frederick "Freddy", A Co, 12 CAV, 1944. 25 October 2020 (WWII Veteran & Co-founder of Freddy's Frozen Custard)
SMITH, SP4 Billy E., B Co, 1-7 CAV, 1965. 8 October 2020.
WINCZ, SGT John D., 1-30 FA, 1968. 7 August 2020.
ZILKA, CPT (RET) Richard K., H Co, 75 INF, C Co, 2-12 CAV, & D Co 1-12 CAV, 1971-72. 11 October 2020.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS:

We have been notified of the following non-combat Active Duty death:
CHEE, PV2 Corlton L., 2-12 CAV, 1ABCT, 2020. 2 September 2020.

these mini hills on cardboard and what fun we had! Yep, you got it . . . I went and found this big piece of cardboard and took it up that slope all the way to the top! I was flying! About halfway down a bullet hit the ground on my right, then two more, and I stopped. Down below I could hear and see some of my team firing their guns. I thought they were shooting at me! I yelled letting them know I was one of them. They yelled back they were not firing at me but at a sniper in the trees who WAS firing at me! I got down that hill as fast as I could grateful, they had killed the sniper. So much for R&R.

The R&R was not that bad as I was able to sleep in a clean bed rather than the ground, ate cooked meals rather than C rations and relaxed. I was also able to see Bob Hope on tour and really appreciated him taking the time to entertain us.

From there we went to Pusan to assist in a breakout as the engineers were to be a front group taking up mines, booby traps, and re-laying them. To move out the Nakdong River had to be crossed. There were no bridges for tanks or trucks so the night before Charlie Company (in other words, us) spent all night filling sandbags to make a sandbag bridge so the vehicles could cross.

From Pusan, we fought our way to Unsan. Attacking and taking a mountain as we reached the top. Walking by dead bodies on both sides of me, I heard a noise to my left. Turning to see what it was I saw a body turning on its side with a gun pointing at me. Luckily, he was seen by another Soldier who shot him dead before he could fire at me. Oh, was I lucky!

Shortly after this we were shelled by mortars from below. Turned out to be friendly fire who thought we were the enemy but stopped firing when they realized it was us. From there we went through Taegu-Seoul and other towns along the way doing combat, taking up mines, booby traps to the front line at Unsan. While there we went from a one-man fox hole to a two man as the North Koreans were sneaking in at night and killing the U.S. Soldier if he was asleep. With the two-man foxhole, we would take turns sleeping while the other was ready to defend his brother in arms.

After seeing attacks off and on for weeks, we were told to expect a large attack by the North Korean Chinese. So, on November 2, 1950 we started to withdraw going through Unsan where we were ambushed. I was hit in the arm and lost my rifle. Then I heard an explosion followed by sharp objects hitting me in the back knocking me to the ground. I was not able to get up on my own and a fellow Soldier helped me get to a truck that was taking wounded to the rear and Mash stations. After recovering from being operated on, I was told 9 pieces of shrapnel had been removed from my back. The docs were unable to get three pieces out, two near my kidneys and one lodged against my lower spine. I was told if they tried to remove it, I might have become paralyzed. It hurts when I stand and bend while doing the dishes, even drying them. My wife says, go sit down. Hooray!

From the Mash station I was sent home to Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania, my home state, I spent two months recuperating after getting out of the hospital. Then I went to the Engineering Training Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, teaching engineering to new recruits.

One weekend a recruit in my platoon was going on a pass with his girlfriend and asked me if I would double date with his girls' friend. She was exceptionally good looking and still is to this date, 68+ years later. I fell in love, still am. We married, had 4 girls, then came 4 grand kids and 2 great grand kids. Best family anyone could ever have. Lucky Me!!

When I think about it, I am glad I did not go to West Point!

SGT Thomas Horas <thoras33030@gmail.com> 321-326-0836 or at 205 Sandpiper Towers, Condo 605, A1A Satellite Beach FL 32837.

HOORA – FIRST TEAM

WANTED:

FREDDY “SCAR” SCARBOROUGH B Co 1-5 CAV, 1968

I was in B Company 1/5 1st Cav Div from June '67-May '68. Looking for Freddy "Scar" Scarborough. Freddy is from TN originally and joined B Co approx. March/April '68. If anyone has any info on Freddy please call me at 937-214-1154 or email me at <whitsondanl@gmail.com> Thank you!

Dan "Boots" Whitson

COL DENNIS CROSS

I have lost contact with COL Dennis Cross after many years when we met in at the Confederate Airforce Airshow 87 in Harlingen, TX. COL Cross invited us up to Fort Hood & introduced me to Hicks Personal Services. During a ReForger Exercise in Germany, he then visited & stayed with me in London.

Thank you very much! Tony Mottram <tonymottramphoto@gmail.com> formerly London, England. Now Daventry Northhamptonshire Midlands England UK.

Editor Note to Dennis Cross: you are in our database however we have no phone number or email address on you.

AIR FORCE LNO

Need some assistance: Did the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam ever have an Air Force LNO named Whitfield? Appreciate any info you can give me.

Sincerely, Scott Smith (Cav in 1969-70 and 1977) <skybeaver6@carbonpower.net>

1LT DENNY LAYTON JOHNSON, KIA 1969

My name is Ralph Tuccillo. I hope that you can help me find Soldiers who served with my friend and West Point classmate 1LT Denny Layton Johnson in Vietnam. He arrived in Vietnam on or about 21 July 1969 and was assigned to C Co, 2nd Battalion 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He became a platoon leader (believe it was 1st Platoon but can't confirm) and was subsequently KIA on September 2, 1969 in a firefight 6 miles south of Katum, in Tay Ninh Province.

Our class is writing a book on all our lost classmates from Vietnam which would capture their life stories and memorialize their sacrifice. I and Denny's next of kin would very much appreciate any help you can provide in locating former 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers who served with Denny in Vietnam.

We very much appreciate any help you can provide.

Ralph Tuccillo, USA Retired, 703-405-7608 or <tuccillor@comcast.net>

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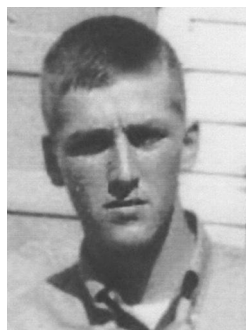
vaccine will be available by the end of this year or early next year. This will be a giant step in helping things return to normal.

September 18th marked the anniversary of National POW/MIA Recognition Day which is intended to ensure that America remembers and shows that it stands behind those who were held captive while serving but were eventually released, and those who went off to war and never returned. It is also intended to make sure that the nation does everything it can to help account for those who are still missing. Government buildings and military installations, both in the U.S. and abroad, and vessels on the high sea, fly the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag on this day to symbolize the nation's remembrance. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the organization within DoD that is responsible for providing the fullest possible accounting of missing personnel to their families and the nation, estimates that nearly 82,000 Americans are still missing, most in Asia from World War II and the Korean War, and that 1,626 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War. There are currently no known American POWs from the Iraqi or Afghanistan Wars, or from other recent conflicts, but there are several Americans missing from these wars as well, according to the DPAA's website.



National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by then-President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. In 1998, the National Defense Authorization Act further strengthened the importance of the day by officially designating it as one of the six days per year that the POW/MIA flag is required to be flown at designated federal government locations. The other days are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

As I understand it, there are two members of our unit who are still missing in action in Vietnam: Deverton C. Cochrane from Brookline, Massachusetts, and Carl J. Laker from Clearwater, Florida. Cochrane and Laker were members of LRRP Team 52 which was on patrol in the Fishhook area of Cambodia along the South Vietnam/Cambodia border three kilometers southeast of O-Rang Airfield in Cambodia when on the afternoon of June 17, 1970, the team unknowingly walked into a Viet Cong bunker complex. Before the team members realized what they had done, they came under attack from several enemy machine gunners in bunkers scattered in the jungle underbrush in front of them. Both Cochrane, who was walking point, and Laker, who was behind Cochrane carrying the team's only PRC-25 radio, were hit with automatic weapons fire and fell to the ground. Team members Ron Andrus from Schererville, Indiana, and Roy Clark from Spokane Valley, Washington, were behind Laker and maneuvered forward to reach Cochrane and Laker in an attempt to pull them out of the line of fire but were unable to do so. Both Andrus and Clark were themselves gravely wounded from the enemy fire and were bleeding profusely. Cochrane had been hit in the throat and mouth but was still breathing and alive, at least for a short time. Laker had been hit in the forehead by the enemy fire and died instantly. Dwight Hancock, the remaining team member, had been bringing up the rear of the team and put out suppressive fire in the direction of the enemy bunkers to allow Andrus and Clark time to maneuver to a safe position. The three team members eventually worked their way backwards through the jungle underbrush to the tree line and to a "safe" position in the jungle thickets. The team's PRC-25 radio was damaged beyond repair, so Hancock was forced to move through the jungle in the darkness with only a knife to defend himself to LZ David and report what had happened. The next morning at daybreak, the 1st Squadron, 9th Cav Blues were dispatched to the site and inserted onto the ground to evacuate Andrus and Clark to a field hospital and locate and recover the bodies of Cochrane and Laker. The bodies, however, were nowhere to be found. They had been moved during the night by the Viet Cong soldiers. The Blues spent the next three days searching the area for the bodies with no luck. They found trails of blood but no bodies.



Carl J. Laker,
KIA/BNR (1970)

Carl Laker was declared KIA/Body Not Recovered on June 17, 1970, because of his wounds and because he had no signs no life after being shot in the head, according to the team members. Cochrane, however, was declared Missing in Action, June 17, 1970. He had been shot in the throat but was still alive as far as the surviving team members could tell. He was bleeding profusely from the throat and mouth and was choking. On August 29, 1978, Cochrane was declared KIA/Body Not Recovered. Neither body has ever been found by the DPAA.

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

Hello from the nation's capital. I hope this finds everyone in good health and good spirits. The Covid-19 virus has certainly upended our lives, but the medical experts are predicting that a

to locate the North Vietnamese encampments and direct strategic air strikes at them.

A condensed version of what happened to Recon Team Alabama and Paul King follows. It is from the POW network, <<http://www.pownetwork.org>>.

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



Paul C. King, Jr.,
KIA/BNR (1968)

The crater was quickly surrounded by an encircling enemy force and the team could do little more than exchange small arms fire with the enemy soldiers. Tactical air support was requested and a forward air controller from Da Nang Air Base arrived on station shortly afterwards to direct airstrikes from F-4 Phantoms on the surrounding jungle.

The team stayed in position through the night, fighting off several enemy assaults and by daybreak, PFC King, SP5 Cryan, and two of the three Nungs were dead. They had been killed by enemy small arms fire. Shortly after daybreak, the enemy soldiers launched an all-out attack against the survivors in the crater, SSgt John Allen and a wounded Nung. The enemy soldiers overran the position killing the wounded Nung, but in the confusion SSgt Allen was able to crawl out of the crater on his stomach and into the surrounding jungle underbrush. He was eventually able to maneuver away from the crater and off the hill mass to a clearing where he was picked up by helicopter several days later.

The area adjacent to the A Shau Valley in Saravane Province remained consistently hostile throughout the war, and it was never possible for the U.S. to reenter the area. PFC King was listed as KIA, Body Not Recovered, May 4, 1970. Excavation teams from the DPAA have visited the hill mass site in Saravane Province on several occasions where the bodies of PFC King and the Nungs are believed to still be located, but due to the geographical changes that have occurred to the terrain over the years, due to bombing campaigns and weather, no remains have ever been found. (End of Account from the POW network.)

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

On a related note, the following email was received from LTC Jim Wright (1967), Yorktown, Virginia. (Note, Jim was a member of the U.S. Special Forces in Vietnam before he commanded a platoon of the LRRPs in the 1st Cav in the Bong Son area and Charlie Company, 2/12th Cav in Vietnam/Cambodia.) "POW/MIA Day has special meaning to many of us who were at great risk of becoming a POW/MIA, but good fortune and the Almighty had the last say. Early in the war a couple of my Special Forces friends were taken prisoners by the North Vietnamese and were never seen or heard from again. Another was executed by the NVA. Several of you in C, 2/12 Cav, lost a friend and NCO to execution while in Cambodia. Jack Downing led volunteers in a heroic effort in the dark and deep jungle to rescue him, but the bad guys had already executed him. A fallacy of the Army awards system precluded Jack's just recognition of this courageous effort. James Wright <jewrightjr@cox.net>."

The following email was received from James Weidener. "Ken, I was reading your column in the *Saber* about the LRRPs in the An Lao Valley, June 1967. I was with Delta Company, 1/12th Cav in 1967, and had been in the An Lao Valley, which, as I remember, was a free fire zone."

"Interestingly, we did run Long Range Patrols (LRPs) - I participated in 5 or 6 of these, leading the last 3. These were not LRRPs. These were 4-man patrols to a specific area where we were instructed to observe and report. The locale was reasonably close to our units. We were static or reasonably so. We tried to be invisible. Each LRP lasted for 7 days. We were briefed and taken close to our area by helicopter (often given an overview by the pilot) then set in for a short hike to the intended position. We selected the best site and called in artillery to register points near our position for our close-in defense and to allow us to engage the enemy if observed."

"On one such patrol we actually captured an NVA soldier. On another, we were probed several times over two nights as they must have had an idea that somebody was active in the area - but they did not find us. Invisible! I enjoy reading your column. Thanks for bringing it out. SP4 James P. Weidener <jweidener@weidener.com>."

Finally, remember to wear a mask when in public, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently. And, if you find yourself in hell, keep going (Source: Winston Churchill).

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.

5th CAV News



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Response to my articles for the past several issues has been gratifying. While I cannot say I know what everyone thinks, at least some of you enjoyed the material. **Ron Bates, Lawrence Scott, Bennie Koon, John Kinzinger, Cone Underwood, Gene Lang, David Hansz and Hugh Foster** have all written me in response to my offerings in our publication. Thank you to each one of you!

There are two primary goals to my efforts. To collect and present material that the readers of the *Saber* will want to read and to make a positive impact on the readers. Something that can perhaps generate discussion.

It may be somewhat pretentious of me, but if I can, I would like to help both current and former members of our division and particularly the 5th Cav. I would like to support pride in our unit and understanding of what we do and have done, as well as what we will do in the future.

We all know that our efforts in the unit can result in military awards. Sometimes awards can happen in a normal, timely fashion and sometimes they may fall through the cracks, so to speak. Purple Hearts and awards for valor are particularly prone to this. The same is true for awards for service that do not fall under the heading of valor such as Bronze and Silver Stars, Air Medals, and some others. Some of us, myself included have been involved in getting belated awards for some of our fellow Soldiers. These are particularly important in jobs that are harder to make rank in. A medical corpsman for instance, that stays in the service for some time may find it impossible to promote above E-6 without combat time. Men and women in such MOS's do not always get deserved recognition and this can and has resulted in retirements at much reduced pay. In an MOS other than infantry or other combat arm, it is often necessary for an officer or NCO to take it on themselves to see that their people receive all appropriate awards. Bronze Stars for combat time, CMB's and Combat Action Awards, can make the difference of a grade or even two over a career and are not automatic for say a medical platoon sergeant, who may have been responsible for a great deal of organizational effort in an action such as Desert Storm, of short duration. If you think you should have an award that was not forthcoming, I don't think it would hurt to speak to someone in personnel, but it would be much better if someone else was thoughtful enough to check on it for you. Ask folks who were

there with you if they remember the events. Or speak to someone like me who has shown an interest in helping. Perhaps they will have a suggestion or two.

John Kinzinger was involved in getting a memorial monument for Viet Nam Vets who lost their lives in that conflict. Men local to his area in Michigan. He wrote a book about what that took and how he and his friends went about it and sent one to me. I was amazed first at how much earlier than myself he was into being involved in such an effort. You never know how much time to recover a Soldier will need. Obviously, I needed more than John. The same is true with other efforts such as helping a friend recover an award. I was also amazed at the effort required to accomplish his task. In some ways, I suppose our unit is not unique, although it will always be so in my mind. But helping each other and doing things to keep the record of our deeds documented will always be important.

Eugene Lang has a story of a belated Purple Heart. It took a while to go through it and I'm afraid if I try to get it all together here the details won't be right, but long story short he was treated, probably at a battalion aid station by some very busy people and no paperwork was filed on the wound. He actually had more than one but due to conditions, he received his follow up care by a corpsman in the field and no paperwork was filed. If that ever happens to you, by all means inquire about it afterwards. The same for your buddy. The testimony of someone present at the time is usually enough if it comes to that. Gene's story was published in National Purple Heart Honor Missions, Stories of Valor series. I hope that helps to salve the fact that his unit dropped the ball.

A close friend of mine, James Eller received a frag wound during a multiple day dust up, from which I had exited early due to a need for care that put me on a medivac bird. I wasn't there to file papers or give Jim his care, and the officer who helped him doesn't remember it, so he still hasn't got a Purple Heart. Too bad no one thought to check up on it as it does make a difference. You can make that difference for yourself or for your friend. Remember that!

I know the Army would have a huge pile paperwork, some of it undeserving of being on paper, if everyone took it on themselves to nominate people for awards, but I'd like to let it be known that pointing out an act of valor to someone with the ability to file it wouldn't hurt if it came down to that. There is just too much going on when the proverbial material hits the fan, for every real act of valor to be seen and noted by the people that should be filing it. Blowing your own horn will probably not be the thing to do, but things you see that should be noted can be pointed out. Just do it at a time when things are not going nuts!

Again, if anyone wishes to add to what is said here, or wishes to take exception, please contact me. The point of all this is discussion!

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THE HICCUP - Health Care
Information Committee Report

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS AND VETERAN
SERVICE OFFICERS

The HICCUP Committee has been discussing what the challenges are to submit a VA Disability Claim. We felt the biggest issue of filing a claim is that most Veterans try to go it alone. For our newer Veterans, part of their out processing is they must attend a presentation by VA on filing a claim and even submit the claim. If you get out and have not filed a claim, many Veterans will submit the claim online, without seeking assistance.

We all agreed that the biggest mistake is not taking advantage of the free services offered by a Veteran Services Officer (VSO). The VSO should have been trained on the procedures and based on their experience offer you advice on what can be filed and how to file for it. The VSO is provided free and their salaries are paid from various Veteran organizations. This list is found at <<https://www.va.gov/vso/>> there are approximately 56 organizations and then each state has a Veterans Affairs Office.

The most important thing to remember here is that not all VSOs are the same. I have experienced some that were there just for the paycheck and had no desire to go above and beyond their duty to assist the Veteran. Then I have had met some that were just unbelievable in what they did. This requires you as the Veteran, before settling on someone is to ask other Veterans - at the VA Clinic or Hospital waiting for appointments and when you are in at some meeting and there are Veterans around. Again, you must do the research to see who will best serve you.

The second thing that we agreed on is that you must read and follow the instructions. For example, when a Veteran receives their packet with a decision and if they are awarded a disability, they rarely looked and read about the \$10,000 Life Insurance Policy the VA offers. If you have a 100% rating it is free, otherwise you must pay. But get it taken out of your VA pay, since you did not have the pay before. We also notice that when it asks for you to describe your situation, many fail to follow the instructions on how to describe your issues - must be quantitative and never use terms like sometimes, ever so often, frequently, etc. Say you have it 24 hours a day, at least 3 times a week. Reason is that VA has a Federal Regulation that tells them how much to award, based on the claim.

We also agreed that the other thing that always causes issues is that Veterans fail to meet the stated deadlines for submitting appeals, additional paperwork, or other things.

Bottom Line - seek assistance, read, and follow the instructions.

THE DOCTOR'S REPORT

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Have a question or concern? Please feel free to send either of us questions and we will gladly address them in upcoming issues of Saber!

Wow! We are in the middle of this COVID-19 pandemic and here comes influenza. Once again, all our Troopers are in combat mode and now, we have two viruses on our front.

I have been asked on numerous occasions, "Should I get a flu shot, they just make me sick and I still get the flu"? Let us check these issues out. First when we get a minor day or two of illness following a flu shot that is an indication, we are generating an immune response to the vaccine. It is true that once we receive the flu shot, we can still get the flu. According to the CDC influenza guidance, "recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% ... during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine." Even if the vaccine is not a good match it does stimulate immunity and may decrease the severity of the flu should you acquire the influenza virus.

Influenza viruses are continuously changing through a natural process known as antigenic drift. The degree of antigenic drift and the frequency of drifted viruses in circulation can vary for each of the three or four viruses that are included in the seasonal flu vaccine. So even when circulating influenza viruses are mildly or moderately different than in the vaccine, people will still receive some protective benefit from vaccination; and if other circulating influenza viruses are well matched, the vaccine provides protective benefits.

Adults over 65 years of age should receive the high-dose, inactivated influenza vaccine (Fluzone) as opposed to the standard dose vaccine (Flublock) because the rates of laboratory-confirmed influenza were 24% lower among persons who received the high dose vaccine.

The influenza vaccine is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic since so many of the symptoms of influenza and COVID-19 overlap. Should one develop upper respiratory and pulmonary symptoms despite receiving the influenza vaccine they should contact their physician and be tested for influenza, and possibly COVID-19 so that treatments can begin as soon as possible. If positive for influenza and one is early in the onset of symptoms antiviral medications such as oseltamivir can be used to blunt or decrease the severity of the influenza if begun within 48 hours of illness onset.

Bless you all during this pandemic, and once again if there are any subjects I can explore for you contact the us at the above email addresses and I will do my best!

Doc out! James M. Noel COL, Retired

We wish all our 1CDA Members a very Happy Holiday Season filled with lots of love, laughter and good health!

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12th CAV News



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Hear Ye...Hear Ye and Semper Paratus...Some good news...some not so good news!

Good news is, we have a new website being built by Jocelyn Wilson, daughter of SGT Fred Wilson, D Co 2d-12th Vietnam and Cambodia, 1970-1971. A modern, updated site and easily navigated site, progress can be followed at this link <<https://chevychik21.wixsite.com/12thcav>>. When she is finished it will be an award winner! We render Fred an 'ALWAYS READY' Salute for becoming our website master under Jocelyn's tutelage. To Jocelyn, we Thank You for the time you are devoting to this all important project, the focal point of the 12th Cavalry Legacy and the Association's continuing strength that brings Veterans into the fold of our Brotherhood and provides a resource for help, guidance, and camaraderie that sees through some of the challenging times we face today.

Not so good news is: we had to cancel our 15th Annual 12th Cavalry Reunion originally scheduled for 10-15 Oct 2020, rescheduled for 10-15 Nov 2020, now in the waste bin of "the year that was not and better forgot." Last thing we 'ALWAYS READY' Troopers want to do is defer to outside circumstances but at times we must 'retreat and retrofit to resurge' in a better prepared mode. To this end, 15th year reunion has been reset for 31 May-6 Jun 2020, LZ Branson... Helipad Welk, dubbed as 15.5. Details will be forthcoming in Crossed Sabers Newsletter and subsequent issues of the *Saber*.

Decision to reset was made 30 Oct based on several considerations. At that point we had 15 Troopers registered for the reunion, with guests would have been 34 attending. There was a rearrangement in our hospitality room accommodations that was not what we usually have for our gathering. Two of our Troopers informed me that COVID 19 had hit some of their family members and it would not be feasible for them to make the gathering. One of our Troopers who was bringing a jeep and trailer to enter 12th Cavalry in the parade had to withdraw due to a mechanical failure on his RV he was hauling jeep and trailer with and could not be repaired in time for Veterans week. All things considered it seemed reasonable to reschedule for the Spring/early summer period. Another factor in play with this decision, many Brothers and Sisters in the Western and Southern Coastal areas of the country wanted to make but were stymied by the raging fires and howling winds of hurricanes. With the new set dates most of us will be better able to get here and we should have settling of mood throughout the country. So, mark your calendars for these dates 31 May-6 Jun 2020, Branson, MO 12th Cavalry Reunion 15.5, an unexpected delay but still milestone of our reunion legacy here in Branson!

In the Sep/Oct 2020 column, Ray Welch, A and C Companies, 2d-12th, 7/65-8/66 submitted his poem titled "The Deep Stain." During this stay in place year he has been penning his memoirs, some outstanding pieces of writing that provides us with some missing links to embarkation from Savannah, GA and actions occurring prior to Ia Drang Valley.

Taking off from his poem in last column that closes with the line "No matter what You do, You can never erase the penetrating stain," This rings louder with the following excerpt from one of his memoirs titled, "Conducting Operations in the Central Highlands Of South Vietnam (Fall, Mid October-November 1965) by Ray Welch:

Conducting operations in the Central Highlands area of South Vietnam was a challenge in the fall of 1965. The Special Camp at Plei Me had come under attack by elements of the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) in mid-October. The camp was manned by a 12-man U.S. Army Special Forces A Team and 350 Montagnards and mercenaries. The PAVN Forces were comprised of 320th, 33d and 66th Regiments. Those units were considered some of the best trained military available to the North Vietnamese. This attack on Plei Me was the opening round of what was to become the Pleiku Campaign. South Vietnamese Military Units became bogged down in their attempts to relieve the pressure being applied in the attack on Plei Me. Thus, it was decided to use combat elements of 1st Cavalry Division.

In addition to engaging well trained enemy troops the Central Highlands presented its challenges. The vegetation was extremely dense, almost choking. In open areas, grass grew well above the height of a man. Visibility existed only to the person in front, to the side or behind you. If they got a few steps away from you, they disappeared, vanished! You were by yourself. You were drenched in your miserable sweat from head to toe. Your body craved a breath of air, but the thick grass stopped any circulation of it. The blades of grass were sharp as a well-honed knife. As you moved through it, the grass would inflict revenge for disturbing its slumber by cutting your flesh and clothing. In a short period of time new clothing will be reduced to a tattered, ripped, and ragged mess. Untreated flesh cuts would quickly turn into infected scratches, then pus pockets and then ultimately blood poison!

Ant hills were another obstacle that might be encountered. They stood as high as an average person and as big around as 3-feet. The ants, like the grass, did not like to be disturbed. Should you disturb the ants they would retaliate by inflicting stinging bites to all who had trespassed their home!

Once out of the open areas you would be traversing steep terrain. In the forest trees reached up to the light of the sky, you can't see the sky due to the dense canopy of green tree leaves above you! Even in the thick you would be soaking with sweat, your mind wonders; where is the breeze, it cannot reach you as it can't penetrate the thick green canopy above you. The ground is damp with moisture in that dense canopy covered forest, the moisture is trapped then a greenhouse effect is created! This moisture adds to your misery and creates the perfect environment for leeches to thrive. Leeches love to attach to your sweaty, dirty body! Every stop on your march in this environment, you and your buddies check each other constantly for the dreaded leeches. You remove them by applying a lighted cigarette to the leeches or sometimes insect repellent. Again, those leech bites could cause infections and blood issues! Finally were the disease carrying mosquitoes. Other fears you dealt with of course were reptiles, be they constrictors or deadly venomous ones! Other animals ranged in the forested jungle: tigers,

wild boars with sharp deadly tusks and elephants.

All the dampness in this terrain took its toll on your clothing and caused it to rot. Keeping yourself clean was a major challenge as clean water was not readily available. What water you carried in your canteen was used to try to keep you hydrated. You constantly worried about keeping your canteens filled with water. Every puddle or stream became a water source, to insure it was fit to drink you always tried to add water purification tablets to your canteens. Of course, those tablets affected the taste of the water with a chemical effect. To eliminate that horrible taste Soldiers would add packets of Kool Aide or iced tea mix to their canteens. For me, the sweeteners in those package mixes were too much and caused me to drink more than I needed to satisfy my immediate thirst. One of the tricks I used to keep my mouth from getting dry was to keep a small pebble in my mouth. I thought this was an old Indian trick that I had read about in my youth, it seemed to work as I now remember.

No matter how miserable hot you were in the daylight, nightfall brought on its own bag of misery. First and foremost were the shadows, they would dart in and out of sight. They would take on shapes and motions tricking the mind to think it was seeing all kinds of things like lurking enemy to vicious animals. Sounds seemed to amplify at night tricking the minds vivid imagination into thinking things that were not. As the light diminished so did the heat of the day. Because your body and your clothing were soaking wet from your sweat you began to chill. Building a fire to dry out and warm up was out of the question, the smoke, light, and smell gave your location away to any enemy who may be close by. Night fighting positions would be quickly and quietly prepared. Weapons would be checked and cleaned. A cold C Ration meal might be consumed. Those Soldiers not on watch would then wrap up in their poncho and one of the most wonderful pieces of military equipment ever developed, the poncho liner! This blanket was lightweight synthetic material, that when tied inside a poncho and wrapped around a person would help dry you out and provide warmth just from your body heat. Night temperatures in the Central Highlands would drop drastically from those of the day! As the morning light arrived its shadows began a mystery dance of "What am I...am I a real person coming to kill you, thus the new day began! (Reported Verbatim with permission by Raymond C. Welch-MAJ RET, A/C 2d-12th, 7/65-8/66).

Hope all reading this enjoy the story as much as I did. It touches the soul and essence of the 'Humping the Jungle Experience' and gives pause to reflect on the lingering memory of the "Deep Stain," not as intense today but still with us. This Troopers is why our reunion gatherings are important to us. To remember what was then and is today, an authentic history recorded by those of us who lived it and created it. In the next two columns will share more excerpts from MAJ Ray's writings. Stay tuned and submit your own stories about whichever war period you served, along the way the truth shall be known made available by those of us who know it best.

Raymond is quite a good photographer too and you can catch some of his photos on Facebook. I asked him for some photos of himself from then and now, he said "Naw, I'm holding out to be on the cover of the Rolling Stone," Ha! Rock on Raymond! Whenever anyone submits a story, if possible, provide photos and note the time, place and incident as accurate as your memory will allow.



D. EDWARDS D Co 1-12 1965-66

Rendering a Slow Hand Salute to one of our recently departed 1st-12th Troopers, Dwight D. Edwards, D Company 1965-1966. Dwight was one of those Troopers that everyone liked and respected. Non assuming and respectful of all people he met. Scoop is, he was quite a good athlete in H.S. but got bored before end of his senior year and joined the Army, went Airborne and was in 11th Airborne/Air Assault Training era at Ft Benning, GA 1963-1965. It was there he came under the tutelage of the infamous John G. Gergulis who sent him to take a GED. After Vietnam and leaving active duty, Dwight went to college acquiring degrees from Temple University, Antioch University in Education and Counseling and Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He served his community as Juvenile Probation Officer, Counselor at Philadelphia Community College and as Team Leader/Director of Olney, PA Veterans Outreach Center. Dwight served as Pastor in the AME (American Methodist Episcopal) Churches in Marietta, Mercersburg, Carlisle and Harrisburg, PA. He served the 12th Cavalry Association conducting many memorial services and as an inspiring presence at the various reunions. Dwight was that dynamic type preacher who could raise the roof from the sturdiest of chapels when he delivered the word. He departed on 22 September 2020, a loss to us, he will be missed by all and Fiddlers Green will stand tall when he arrives. 'BOOT to BOOT' Brother Dwight Edwards!

On 30 OCT 2020, some Troopers of D Company, 1st-12th Originals who arrived in VN on the USNS GEIGER, gathered at Ft. Benning at the Infantry Museum for the induction of Chuck Rose (LTC RET) into The Infantry Order Of Saint Maurice. Congratulations to you Chuck and an Airborne 'BOOT to BOOT' Salute!

On a final note: We have been and are now adventurers and did the feats of bravery with no aversions to risk of life. In the current day of COVID 19 we all have our questions and suspicions of its legitimacy. However, in the golden age of 70s and older with nothing to prove, we exercise some cautions; be examples of good leaders we were trained to be in the CAV. Mask up when required, approach circumstances with caution, wisdom, and be around when the course is run...Semper Paratus! Until next time..."Soar with the Chief Chopper Pilot, Walk lightly with the Head Point Man and Roll with the Lead Tanker"...See You All at the next reunion(s)!

CRABTREE OUT!

Caption: Induction Infantry Order of St Maurice L to R: COL (Ret) Robert Choppa, LTC (Ret) Chuck Rose, COL (Ret) John Gergulis



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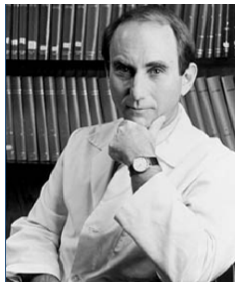
Greetings brothers and sisters! As we look toward the end of another year, many things are vastly different. First, we are in the middle of a deadly pandemic, more deadly for some of us than others. And there have been many side effects of this pandemic, one of which is that we have not been able to meet as an association. When the 2020 reunion was cancelled, I felt dismay because I knew I would not be seeing any of you in Louisville. And, as the Korean War and Vietnam War Vets get older, we have fewer opportunities to take advantage of the reunions to meet with those who survived and to remember and revere those who gave their all that we might live in freedom today. I am looking forward now to once again being part of a reunion, this time in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the 1st Cavalry Division to be held at Fort Hood 22 to 26 September 2021. Look in this issue for further information.

Did you get your 1st Cavalry Division Association Calendar for 2021?



We have a connection there. James Hackett, who served as a medic with A Co, 2-7 Cavalry, called me as soon as his calendar arrived. As he was thumbing through looking at the pictures, he was dumbstruck when he got to March. There, on the left side of the page, was a picture of one of his A Co buddies, Harrison Bell, being treated for a head wound by "a medic." James recognized that medic was the 2nd Battalion surgeon who often was on the first bird to the field when a unit was engaged in a firefight. So, we have a new caption for the picture now. Instead of "1st Cav medic treating Soldier during Operation Masher, 1966" we can put this one in. "Dr. William Shucart, battalion surgeon for 2-7 Cavalry, treats Harrison Bell for a head wound during Operation Masher in 1966."

Dr. Shucart had been with the 2-7 during the battle of LZ XRAY. He was in the field, working together with his medics at the CP where a makeshift medical aid station had been set up to triage the wounded. He was a hero to his medics because he typically joined them in the field when the going got tough. After his time in the Army, Dr. Shucart went on to join the faculty of Tufts-New England Medical Center. For the next three decades, Dr. Shucart was a professor and chair of neurosurgery at Tufts University and neurosurgeon-in-chief at Tufts-New England Medical Center. Dr. William Shucart retired from both posts in June of 2005. Many thanks to Doc Shucart for his selfless service to the Troops of 2-7 Cavalry in Vietnam, you sir, are a hero.



What I've Read This Month – I have always been interested in the Order of Battle and the history of major encounters of the Vietnam War. I often read the "I was there" books written by Vietnam Vets. It appears to me that many of those authors may be using their books as a means of cleansing, and some are not well written while others are veritable masterpieces. Two of my all-time favorites are *Fields of Fire* by Jim Web and *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Both books mixed reality and fiction and both books tell the story like it happened.

This month I decided that I wanted to know more about the battle of LZ XRAY in the Ia Drang valley in 1965. So, I went to the source. I found that Amazon carries a book, really a booklet called *After Action Report, Ia Drang Valley Operation, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry 14-16 November 1965*. This is the actual after-action report written by then COL Hal Moore on 9 December 1965, one month after the battle. In this after-action report (the most extensive I have ever seen) COL Moore addresses all the aspects of this defining battle with detail. Here is a short sample. Let me set the scene. 1st of the 7th had air assaulted into LZ XRAY at precisely 1048 hours on the 14th. For the first 35 minutes after landing at the LZ there was no enemy contact. Then a recon squad captured a prisoner that told them there were three battalions in the hills waiting for Americans to come.....

Around 1245 hours, lead elements of Co B began to engage in a fire fight of moderate intensity. Shortly afterwards at approximately 1330 hours, Commanding Officer, Co B reported that he was being attacked heavily by at least two companies of enemy and that his right platoon was in danger of being surrounded and cut off from the rest of the company by a numerically superior force. The fire fight became intense. Also a few rounds of 60- and 81-mm mortar fire began falling in the LZ and on B Co. B Co also received some rocket fire.



Shortly after the heavy fire fight began, the last platoon of A Co and the Company Commander and lead elements of C Co landed. The Commanding Officer, Co A was ordered to move his company up on the left of B Co; to establish physical contact with it; to protect the B Co left flank; and to send one platoon up to B Co to assist B Co in getting to the B Co platoon which was in danger of being cut off. The Commanding Officer, Co C was ordered to take up a blocking position off the landing zone to the south and southwest to prevent the LZ from being overrun from that direction, and to give protection to A Co's left flank. I called the S-3 in the command chopper and told him to have my Forward Air Controller bring in air strikes beginning on the lower fringe of the mountain foothills and work over the mountain and enemy approaches to the LZ from the west and south in that priority. The same instructions were to be given to the ARA and to the artillery. Priority of fires were to go to fire missions and requests from companies. When not firing in response to a specific request, fires were to be poured in as directed above. The Company Commanders, forward observers, the forward air controller, and the artillery liaison officer were all having difficulty getting coordinated as to the locations of the forward elements of the companies. There were no well-defined terrain features to help and the scrub and trees all looked alike. The air was heavy

with smoke and dust. B Co had more problems than any other company since it had one platoon separated from the rest of the company in the jungle and could not precisely pinpoint its location for purposes of close-in fire support. The platoon was in a moving firefight against a force of 75-100 enemy. The fact that this platoon was forward of B and A Co's delayed delivery of effective fires in support of these two companies. However, using the technique of "walking" fires down the mountain from the south and west, fires were placed where they gave some help to these two companies especially Co A. I specifically defined several draws loading down from the mountain, and wanted fires placed on enemy mortar positions sighted or suspected out to 81-mm mortar range. Two air strikes were also brought in on the valley floor to the northwest on and near the location of the suspected enemy battalion reported by higher headquarters the previous day. At this point, the most critical period of the afternoon began.

If you wish to read the rest of it, you can find it at Amazon in both paper and Kindle form. The Kindle version cost me 99 cents.

Are you looking for a way to get in touch with folks from your past? I have found two great websites that allow you to do just that. Each of them has advantages, as well as drawbacks. Maybe you want to look at them and make up your own mind. The first is called Together We Served. Tracking down old friends, particularly if you have been out of the service many years, is not always easy. But there is one company that can help. Together We Served (TWS) is a Veteran-only website, launched in 2003. It provides Veterans a highly effective means to reconnect with old service-friends. One simply enters their service history onto their TWS Military Service Page. TWS built an individual website for each branch of service and, with over 1.9 million Veteran members, the chances of finding people you served with is high.

The second website is called RallyPoint. According to their website, RallyPoint is the premiere digital platform for the military community to come together and discuss military topics both socially and professionally. Members include military service members, Veterans, family members, caregivers, survivors, and supporters of those in uniform.

RallyPoint connects members and provides tools to succeed along their entire lifetime journey, from recruit through retirement and beyond. Members build peer to peer relationships across branches, generations, and conflicts forged by the common bond of service. Within the community, members can build their professional network, ask questions, share photos and stories, connect with members in a secure environment, and explore educational and career opportunities.

To connect with either site, simply perform a Google search using either name. Then the decision can be yours. As I mentioned, I am currently active on both sites, drop in and see me if you have a chance.

And now, some musings from MSG Eldon Screws. Yep, the name is right. Even sent me his business card, as you can see here. Anyway, he sent me a note,

along with a rather lengthy story about his time with the 7th Cavalry in Korea, after the war was over. Eldon wrote "It was a pleasure your wordy page filler. I guess that is what it is all about. Korea was not a nice place in 1961-1962 when I got there." And here is part of his story. (Scribe's note: This column is not long enough to hold the entirety of what MSG Screws sent, so I will hold some of it back for further issues.)

When I talk to civilians about my service, they are sometimes curious about what countries I served in. When I mention Korea most of them remember the war but do not realize we still have Troops there and I have found out it's just best to leave it along, saying that I served with the 7th Cavalry there in 1961 and 1962.

My MOS was 113.8P-1, Operations, and I had a slot waiting for me in the 7th Cav Combat Support Co. After going through the 15th Admin processing, I made my way to the personnel section of the 7th Cav headquartered in the mud village of Paju-ri.

The village was situated at a hill called Charlie Block about 2 miles south of Munsan-ni, which was close to the DMZ and it really was a mud village. As I threw my duffel bag out of the ¾ ton truck someone yelled, "God Damn it Screws, get your ass in here!" It was 1SG Roy Pruitt, whom I had known from the Training Brigade at Fort Ord. He told me that the unit was about to have an IG inspection and the training records were non-existent. So, I spent a few days and nights getting things ready and passed with flying colors. The commanding general was MG Woolnough and the ADC was BG Hamilton Twitchell III. We never saw any other officers from Division Staff.

In July of 61 a vacancy came open in S3, so I moved into it. I am 87, but I still remember the names of those who worked with me there. There was CPT Blottie, CPT Kamakiah, and MSG Warren. We all worked for the common good and everyone had a good time. There was never a maneuver when I was not able to increase my knowledge of operations orders, plans, maneuvers, and map work.

I leaned toward field duty because we did not have to put up with all that stuff that goes on in the rear: formations, reveille, and inspections. I favored life in the field because of the opportunity to learn and I got to where I enjoyed it. I think back about the horrors that men suffered in winter combat because the winter of 61 was particularly bad. We were on maneuvers in February and it was 28 degrees below zero in Korea.

In 1968, I was an SFC at the Army Security Agency School at Fort Devens when our former commander now BG Blakefield came on business. I asked if I could see him and was laughed at. So, I talked with his sedan driver for a few minutes and when the general came out the door flanked by some of our colonels, I quickly walked up in front of him, snapped to attention, saluted him and said "Garryowen, sir!" The general recognized me, put his arm on my shoulder and we had a few words. Other people do not understand the camaraderie that goes with the 7th Cavalry.

I have been to several 1st Cav reunions and hope to make the next one at Fort Hood, which will probably be my last. I will be 88 then and may have to get someone younger to drive and accompany me. I will see you all there.

And from me, your scribe, please continue to send your stories to me. Give me a call if you think you want help in drafting the story, I would be glad to help. It is always great to talk with you, I love it! So, here is hoping you have a fantastic Thanksgiving, a most enjoyable Christmas, and a Happy New Year. It will be 2021 when you next hear from me.



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Hello everyone, another year has come and almost gone and what a year this has been! I do not care to re-hash this year or talk about what a bad one it has been, but Lord willing, it will get better next year. My prayers go out to each one of you. Stay safe and help one another.

Mike's Story

I have an incredibly good friend, Mike Leonardos, who comes to the Kentucky Kampout almost every year. In one of our many conversations he told me this story, and I wanted to share it with you. Kind of shows what the mindset was in that era. Thanks Brother.

Postcard to America

I returned from Vietnam in February 1968 with quite a tan from the waist up and applied for a job where the most jobs were in my upstate New York town: General Electric. As I entered the personnel area, I noticed many other young people there, obviously right out of college. I was looking for a manufacturing job as I had no real skills. I filled out the application form and handed it to the receptionist, who asked me if I wanted a job interview right away. I said yes and a few minutes later a man about 30 years old called my name and took me into his office to chat. He told me what job openings he wanted to fill and even offered on-the-job-training for some of them. We chatted about the different jobs and he offered me a Quality Inspector's job on one of the many manufacturing lines. I readily accepted the job and asked when I could start. He wanted me to take a physical the following day and report to work the next Monday.

As I was leaving, I offered my hand to thank him for his confidence in me. He could see my watch tan line and asked me where I got such a terrific tan, in February. I said I had just returned from Vietnam less than a week ago. The look on his face indicated ugly disappointment. He told me to forget the job because I was "not the person he thought I was" and tore my application in half right in front of me! He got up from his desk, opened the door to his office, gave me a look that said "git" and out the door I went.

I did not let that get me down, even though I had never been that ashamed, pissed, and humiliated in my life. The next place I tried for a job, I got hired. I retired from IBM in 2001 with a more generous pension and more benefits than I ever would have received at GE. Maybe when God closes a window, he does indeed open a door. Michael Leonardos, Co C 588th Combat Engr Batt 25th ID, Wolfhounds, Tay Ninh area III Corps, Vietnam, 1967-1968

From Mrs. Karl Sharples

Margaret Sharples has informed me that her husband, Karl, passed away on July 5, 2020. Karl served with the 8th CAV 1950-1951. He received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with a V. Karl and Margaret were regular attendees at Division reunions and 8th CAV reunions, and we invite Margaret to continue attending reunions. He will be sorely missed.

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Christmas on the DMZ (Korea)

I dedicate this edition of my part of the 8th CAV news in the *Saber* to the Korean Veterans. I hope some of them will read this and maybe know how the Vietnam Veterans feel about their service. We appreciate your contribution to the freedom of our country.

In the last issue I asked readers to send me any stories they have about Christmas in the military. I received a letter from **SP5 Chuck Stevens**, who was in country **65-66**. He was assigned to Co A 227th AHB 1st CAV Division. Chuck was a crew chief/door gunner on a Huey. Who did not love a Huey?

I have tons of respect for the men who flew them, and the brave men who slung 60 rounds out the doors of this great machine. This holiday offer up a toast to these kick-ass Troopers. Though Chuck's A/O was An Khe and the Central Highlands, like the rest of the CAV he was all over the country. Following is what he sent me:

Troopers of the 8th and 9th CAV were standing guard along the remote badlands between the frontier of South and North Korea. This was no time to shun your duties or sham a little. There is not a warm piece of winter clothing made that can stop the penetration of this frigid, bitter cold. From the guard tower Troops can see into communist territory. The job here for the American Soldier is to pass on to the rear an early warning sign. Pretty lonely job. In Korea, there is no sunset. It just drops from the horizon, and boom, it is dark. Just like 'Nam, in the jungle when there was a full moon, creepy shadows were all around us and the slightest sound was amplified many times over. Dusk was always a scary time for me. At Christmas time the gooks went all out to distract the Troopers and did everything they could to un-nerve them. Across the commie landscape the gooks would play Christmas music day and night over loudspeakers. Nothing there reminded a soul of Christmas, a Korean Vet expressed. Possibly the North star, a brilliant spot of light, hoping someone at home could be looking at that same beautiful ray of light. So, you wait through the long, cold night and you realize Christmas is very, very far away. Home is so very, very far away. Christmas in Korea on the DMZ, where "Peace on Earth" had no meaning on that cold, dark outpost.



Kentucky Kampout

Another great reunion is in the books. Unfortunately, I had to miss most of it as I had a family death in Chicago. We had 20 in attendance, mostly CAV guys, but we had a good mix of men from other units too. Paul Braun brought his teenage grandson Brian, who seemed to have a good time. The weather was beautiful, no rain and sunny. We had 2 dinners provided by the AMVETS and their Ladies Auxiliary. They are most gracious about letting us use their grounds and buildings. These folks are truly dedicated to Veterans. The staff at the Fishtail Lodge were



also wonderful to us. Clean rooms and cabins and the prices are less than you will pay anywhere else. If you are ever near Paris Landing, give them a holler. Tell them Top Gun sent you!

I would like to recognize a few folks for all their help and most of all their commitment to Veterans. Scott Chaffey is the son of regular Kampout attendee Phil Chaffey D 2/8 68-69, and he was a great addition to our group. He pitched in setting up and doing anything that needed to be done and kept us laughing all weekend. We all thank him very much and hope he will come back.

The following two ladies are truly outstanding, their big hearts amaze me at times. Following is a little bit about each of them.

Kathi J. Duncan, Commander AMVETS Post 45 TN

Serving as commander for the past 14 months, this is Commander Duncan's second time to welcome the 1st CAV to Post 45. Born and raised in Murray KY, Ms Duncan entered the Air Force shortly after graduating from high school in 1978 and returned to the area upon retiring in 2015. She served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years and then spent 32 years working for the Air Force under the Department of Defense. Her 1st assignment was Okinawa, Japan where she was a sheet metal mechanic in the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing. She once worked on Vietnam Ace CPT Steve Ritchie's F-4 Phantom II that she would later see on the grounds of the Air Force Academy. Upon returning to the states Commander Duncan was stationed at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH with an assignment at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC). She served as a micro-photographer and printing press operator. Ms Duncan left active duty in 1982 and returned to NASIC in 1983 as a civilian employee. She stated she was still serving her country, she simply changed uniforms. During this time, she worked in Ballistic Missile Design and ended her career in 2015 as the Principal Intelligence Analyst in the Space Analysis Squadron.

In 2015 Ms Duncan returned to KY and settled in New Concord. She intended to spend her days on the lake fishing but discovered AMVETS instead. Commander Duncan says she really enjoys the visit of the 1st CAV and is already looking forward to next year's reunion. She states "I've not yet learned all their names, but I love getting to know these guys. You could not ask for a friendlier group and I am not sure I ever laugh as much as I do when they are here. Post 45 wants them to feel welcome and we certainly hope they enjoy their reunion."



Kathi & Shannon

During Commander Duncan's tenure, the members who have attended the 1st CAV reunion have had nothing but praise for how well they were treated at Post 45. The AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary and Sons have made us feel at home from the moment we start unpacking until the moment we drive away. We feel like family and that is so appreciated. We would like to thank Stan McCredie for going above and beyond and securing a donated keg from Budweiser. Thank you to the Post for such a wonderful fish fry. I have heard nothing but compliments with most saying it is the best they have

eaten at Post 45. In a nutshell, thank you for making us feel so welcome. We look forward to coming back for many years to come both to see our 1st CAV brothers and sisters but also to see our Post 45 family. Until next year Post 45! **Shannon Shiverdecker, President, Ladies Auxiliary Post 45 TN**

Ms. Shiverdecker was born in Troy, Ohio and grew up in nearby West Milton. President Shiverdecker was introduced to her family's long military history when she started a genealogy project in high school. While already aware of her grandfather's and multiple uncle's service, she soon discovered she could trace her family's military service back to the Revolutionary War. Becoming a part of the AMVETS family was an easy choice. Ms. Shiverdecker retired in Feb 2016 and moved to KY by mid-summer of that year. As the story goes, the rest is history, and she has been an important part of the Post 45 family since then.

Members of the 1st CAV reunion appreciate the Ladies Auxiliary and want to recognize all their hard work that goes into making our visit such a success.

From the welcome dinner, the hot breakfasts and the wonderful desserts prepared for us, they know how to make us feel right at home. They have done this year after year without complaining and without demanding the spotlight. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and cannot wait to see you all again next year. We wish you good health and happiness for the coming year.

In Closing

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. May God bless our country and make this old world a little safer. Call a sick buddy, or a drunk buddy, just call someone. Go see someone. We are a great organization; the 8th CAV is one family. I still need some help with keeping our glorious 8th CAV history alive. Please send me some stories you would like told, ideas or questions. God be with you all.

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**WHERE WERE YOU ON THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING, 1969?**

Back in June, the *Saber* received an inquiry from Great Britain. A retired Royal Air Force (RAF) officer wanted to know where the Troops of the 1-9 Cav were stationed in 1969. Dara Wydler, Executive Director of the ICDA, asked if I'd try to answer the question, and what followed was a long and entertaining string of trans-Atlantic emails between Group Captain (RAF for Colonel) Mike Wood and your Scribe.

It turns out that in 1969, Mike Wood was a young Flight Lieutenant (RAF for Captain), serving as part of the RAF contingent at the British Embassy in Saigon. On a date he later determined was November 26, the day before Thanksgiving of that year, he accompanied his boss (an RAF Group Captain) on a visit to Division Headquarters at Phuoc Vinh. Since he was not directly involved in the talks with the senior staff and had a couple of hours to fill, he took a stroll along the flight line to admire the Cobra gunships parked there. Here is what happened next, in his words:

Nothing my interest in the aircraft, a U.S. Army pilot, who I believed to be of Warrant Officer rank, invited me to join him on an Air-test which he needed to carry out on one of the Cobras. Delighted to accept, I jumped into the front seat, and after a quick briefing on the weapon systems operated from the front seat, we got airborne, into an area which I now believe to be War Zone C. On a trip down memory lane last December, to mark the 50th anniversary of my wife and I leaving Saigon in December 1969, my thoughts went back to that Cobra trip from Phuoc Vinh. I decided to try and ascertain which Squadron and in particular which Troop it was that I flew with that day.

In a subsequent email exchange, Mike added two details he thought might jog someone's memory.

Firstly, I was wearing an Australian flying suit that day, so perhaps I might have been mistaken for an Aussie!! Some people get confused with our accents!! Secondly, the pilot asked if he could take a photo of me from his AC's rear seat, whilst we were airborne, and I still have that photo as a reminder of that memorable flight. The point here being that the pilot very kindly ASKED ME IF I WANTED A PHOTO TAKEN, not the other way around. I do wish that I had asked the gentleman his name. I certainly would now!

Later in June I asked Patrick Bieneman if he'd check with the C Troop email network to see if anyone remembered taking a Brit for a ride in a Snake, but nobody rogered up. In September, Mike told me he'd been reading Matt Brennan's book *Headhunters* and found an account by Jim Pressman of a change in Charlie Troop's AO in late 1969. He asked if there was any way to confirm Charlie Troop's Red Platoon was still at Phuoc Vinh for Thanksgiving 1969.

At about the same time, I received an email from "Little Sister" Julie Kink, with the names of lots of Cavalier Red pilots in the address list. I used her list to send out word of Mike Wood's quest and to see if any of the addressees could (a) remember flying a Brit in a Snake, or (b) confirm that C Troop's Cobras were the only ones at Phuoc Vinh in November 1969.

Almost immediately I heard from Jim Pressman, Cavalier 39, who informed me that C Troop was not the only unit with Cobras at Phuoc Vinh. On the same day, Jim emailed Mike Wood, telling him C Troop had indeed changed to a different AO but remained stationed at Phuoc Vinh. He also identified the other Cobra unit there as part of the 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery (2-20 ARA)—the Blue Max.

Mike and Jim Pressman continued their exchange, focused on the layout of the Phuoc Vinh airfield to determine the location of C Troop's flight line versus that of B Battery, 2-20 ARA. With Jim's help, Mike decided it must have been C Troop's Cobras that he reached first in his walk from the main base operations building, outside of which the RAF party would have parked their big fixed-wing that day. Confirmation arrived soon thereafter from Cavalier 25, **John Powell**, who emailed the following:

Since the division HQ was on the C Troop side of the runway, it is highly likely that it was a C Troop bird. Blue Max would have been on the north side and not really easy to access. BTW, that side of the airfield is a VN army base and the old Cav HQ is a school, and the roads are all paved. Tay Ninh is a park...jp

After describing which unit was on which side of the runway 51 years ago, John's "by the way" provides information on what "Papa Vic" and Tay Ninh are like today. John Powell knows, because he's a frequent visitor to Vietnam. In fact, he's leading a tour to Vietnam, appropriately titled "Rotorheads Return," 17-30 April 2021. See <www.miltours.com> for more information.

Meanwhile, if you're reading this and you remember taking an RAF officer for a ride in a Cobra the day before Thanksgiving 1969, please let me know. Your front-seater was a C-130 man by trade, and he says that flight in a Cobra was "one of the highlights of his four- and-a-half years in Southeast Asia."

He wants to thank you again!

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CAV ON THE KOREAN DMZ

The division history on the ICDA website tells how the First Team led U.S. forces into Tokyo in September 1945 and remained on occupation duty in Japan until June 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea. The First Team then performed what might be termed the first-ever EDRE (Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise), except this was no drill: the division soon stormed ashore in the Korean War's first amphibious landing. After 549 days of continuous combat, it returned to Japan. In 1957, the First Team went back to Korea, where it operated along the southern border of the Demilitarized Zone until July 1965, when the division departed for Fort Benning.

A Veteran of duty in Korea recently shared with me a Stars & Stripes article that describes some of what DMZ duty was like. Chuck Stevens served in Korea as a member of the I Corps Honor Guard Detachment in 1963-64, and the next year he rode the boat to Vietnam as a member of Company A, 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion, where he was Crew Chief and Door Gunner of UH-1D number 64-13740. The article follows in its entirety:

Christmas on the DMZ by M/SGT Dan Henderson

ON THE 38TH PARALLEL, Korea—Troopers of the 8th and 9th Cav of the

U.S. 1st Cav Div will spend a lonely vigil Christmas Day. These young Americans standing guard along the remote frontier between north and South Korea cannot afford to relax.

Facing them are the forward elements of a communist military force estimated at more than 300,000 men.

It is cold in this rugged, mountainous area, a frigid, biting cold that penetrates the warmest winter clothing. Icy winds from the Manchurian plains sweep down the narrow Korean Peninsula, howling past cliffs and echoing through deep snow-covered valleys that for centuries have formed a natural gateway to South Korea.

Nothing here reminds you of Christmas, except possibly the north star, a brilliant spot of light suspended in the black winter sky just beyond hill Texas, a war-torn piece of real estate where thousands of Americans were killed during the Korean War.

To get to one of the mountain guard posts you ride in a jeep over a narrow, snow-crusted trail through heavy underbrush. Your jeep hits a depression in the road and skids sideways. The driver mutters to himself, shifts into low gear and the jeep slowly straightens out, engine straining as it climbs the steep incline. From the guard post you can see clearly into communist territory. The job of Americans here is to flash an early warning to the free world if the thin thread holding the Red dagger is cut.

The Korean Armistice was signed July 27, 1963, and each side pulled their forces back 2,000 meters, creating the Demilitarized Zone, a strip of land; part forest, part swamp stretching across the 151-mile-wide peninsula.

Technically a state of war still exists between the communists and South Korea. Americans have guarded one sector of the DMZ against Red infiltration for more than a decade. Republic of Korea soldiers' man the other sectors. It is a lonely task carried out in a strange, barren land. Daytime duty is not too bad despite the cold weather. But during the winter there is no sunset in Korea. The sun drops from the horizon and darkness flows over the land. When there is a full moon, ghostly shadows lie crisscrossed on the snow and the slightest sound is amplified many times. You stay alert because any suspected movement in the DMZ may be a cover for death headed your way.

In November 1962, the Reds attacked an American guard post, killing one Soldier and seriously wounding another. They threw six hand grenades and retreated silently into the darkness. Other Americans have died as a result of communist attacks, the latest incident taking place last July when two men were killed and one wounded when their jeep was ambushed by Red soldier[s] on the south side of the DMZ.

But it is during Christmas season that the communists go all out in their efforts to distract Americans from their duty. They set up loudspeakers opposite American guard posts and play Christmas music. Listening to the music, you can't tell from which direction it is coming until the propaganda broadcast begins and then you know.

"Why are you in Korea, G.I.," the harsh voice booms through the still night air. "We are your friends. We love peace and we love all people." Deep silence follows the fading echoes. Then you hear a quiet voice behind you reporting by radio to the operations room located south of the DMZ. "Joe just gave us some more holiday cheer," the young Trooper says as calmly as if he were home watching a TV program.

The clock hands creep toward midnight and a series of loud explosions suddenly erupts from the north. For the past several months, the Reds have been blasting deep caves in the side of a mountain. They always begin at midnight, another calculated method of harassing the Americans. The blasting continues at regular intervals until dawn.

A tiny pinpoint of light blinks one time a few hundred yards away in the DMZ. You do not see it again, and quietly, from the perimeter of the guard post, a report is flashed back to operations and the word spreads to all guard posts on the line. The light could have been flashed by someone on a commie patrol.

You stand by one side of the guard shack out of the biting wind and look across the landscape. A profound sense of loneliness creeps over you, a feeling heightened by the fact that you now you are standing on the edge of the free world.

You want to go back down the mountain, but this is not possible because the jeep will not return until daylight and nobody walks through the DMZ alone. So, you wait through the long, cold night and you realize that home and Christmas is far away. This is Christmas in Korea. The words, "peace on earth" have a special meaning here.

PRAYER LIST

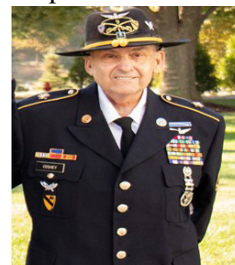
On 21 October, many of us heard from Loel Ewart, a charter member of the 1-9 Cav who rode the boat to Vietnam in 1965 as the A Troop Aviation Maintenance Officer. His email was an apology for having gone silent on email for a couple of months. Loel explained he had been having serious medical problems, which finally resulted in his being sent to a hospital in Atlanta for major surgery, 3.5 hours on the table. The doctors dealt with massive blockage in both upper leg arteries, and placed a stent in a lower main artery. He reported the operation was a complete success, but it wiped him out. It was a week before he felt like turning on his computer, and when he did so, he found over 4,000 emails waiting for his attention. He says he is definitely improving, but this was his 11th surgery since returning from his third tour in Vietnam, and "the bad part is that I just do not bounce back as fast as I did 25 years ago!" He welcomes our prayers and good wishes. Reach him at (334) 774-0328 or email <lewart@troycable.net>.

LOSSES SINCE LAST ISSUE

Donald J. Coshey, who rode the boat to Vietnam and was Crew Chief of a Charlie Troop Huey in 1965-66 passed away at home in Floral, Florida, after a long illness. Patrick Bieneman reports Don wanted to be home when he died, so his daughters went to the hospital and had an ambulance take him home. Once he knew he was there, he passed away, or as his family put it in his on-line memorial, he "tipped his Cav Hat fondly referred to as the Stetson, to this earthly realm, to report to his final duty station with our Lord on October 26th."

Rest in Peace, Brother.

Jim Kurtz, Apache 03, 1970-71





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Since assuming 1CDA Historian duties in March of 2020, I have received requests for historical information from approximately 30 members. Many of these requests concern information on personnel with whom the member served, both living and deceased. Sometimes this information is relatively easy to come by and sometimes almost impossible.

What I decided to do for this final column of 2020 was to present a case study of an actual information request to illustrate what is involved in answering some of these questions. As you will see, often multiple websites or other sources of information are required.

SP4 Howard "Harpo" Russell of Lake City, MI placed an "Ad" in the "Wanted Section" of the March-April 2020 issue of *Saber*. His ad is reproduced below:

D CO 1-8 CAV MARCH 21, 1969 LZ WHITE

Howard V. Russell Jr. was wounded on Mar 21, 1969 at LZ White. At about midnight-1am we heard 1 rifle shot and then they came through the wire. The Battle went on until the early morning. I have never been to a place that was so dark at night. All you could hear was rifle shots, mortars, artillery, and the smoke from all that was so heavy. There was a mix of Forward Observer/Radiomen that were KIA and WIA. I am looking for the men who survived the Battle. Also looking for supply man Jimmy Beard. This is also the same LZ where Donald Johnson got the CMH. Contact Howard V. Russell Jr., nickname Harpo at 231-839-2442.

Harpo did not receive any responses to his ad, so I and others at 1CDA took a run at it. The first step was to go to the Book of Honor for D Co, 1/8th Cavalry on the 1CDA website and search for KIA's on 21 March 1969.

If you want to follow along, to get there, go to <www.1cda.org>; scroll down to "Quick Links;" select "Book of Honor;" select "Vietnam War-Book of Honor;" scroll down to "Cavalry Units;" select "1-8 Cavalry;" scroll down to "D Company". The following 3 KIA's were found by going through the list of 63 names to sort out those that were KIA on 21 March 1969:

SP4 Ronald Sanders Colson
SGT Joseph Martin Eustaquio

SP4 Donald Ray Johnston (Harpo was already aware of SP4 Johnston, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his valorous actions on 21 March 1969.) His citation can be found at <https://1cda.org/history/medal-of-honor/>.

In sorting through this list, I also looked for KIA's for 22-27 March 1969 and found none. That is not to say that someone wounded on 21 March 1969 did not die on a later date. A detailed search would be required to determine that. Harpo asked if I could find photos of the 3 KIA's. Since most everyone in his unit had nicknames, their real names were often not known by their fellow Troopers. I went to <www.vvmf.org>, clicked on "Wall of Faces," searched for each and there were photos of all 3.

More detailed information on these 3 KIA's was looked up on the Coffelt Database, which is possibly the best source of information on Vietnam War KIA's in existence. Below is the page for SP4 Ronald Sanders Colson. Go to: <www.coffeltdatabase.org>, click on "Search CDB," click on "Name Searches," enter "Ronald Colson," and click on "Go."

I told Harpo that it was not likely possible to find the names of the WIA's since such would normally require access to individual medical records at the National Personnel Record Center (NPRC) which are generally available only to Veterans and their next-of-kin.

The Texas Tech University (in Lubbock, TX) Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive website <www.vva.vietnam.ttu.edu> contains over 7 million pages of scanned documents and pictures about the Vietnam War. The TTU website is a veritable treasure trove of information on the Vietnam War. If you visit the website, you can watch 4 tutorial videos which explain how to search for information on it. To see documents contained on the site, go to: <www.vva.vietnam.ttu.edu>, scroll down to "Site Navigation," click on "Search the Virtual Vietnam Archives."

We lucked out by searching on the Texas Tech University Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive website and found a Daily Staff Journal for the 1/8 for 21 March 1969 that contained a list of KIA/WIA for that day.

1CDA staff checked its membership rolls and found one WIA, William Dowdy, that at some time, became a Life Member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The only contact information available for him was a phone number.

Harpo called this number, left a message, and got a call back from William Dowdy. They reportedly had a great visit. Although they had not known each other in Vietnam, they both remembered many details of the 21 March 1969 battle. So contact was made with a fellow member of his unit 51 years after the fact! A small victory, but a victory none the less!

To carry his search for information farther, Harpo could request personnel rosters for D/1/8 from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). Because of the pandemic, NPRC is pretty much shut down except for emergency records requests, which personnel rosters do not qualify. Eventually, NPRC will be able to provide personnel rosters again.

James "Top Gun" Dotson, Scribe for the 8th Cav News in *Saber* reports that he has just recently received a bunch of historical information on 1/8 that may be helpful to Harpo. More information regarding may be forthcoming in his column.

Note: Harpo's questions have been presented here as an example for educational purposes, but if anyone has knowledge of this event on 21 March 1969, please respond by email or phone to me (see the top of this column for contact information).

The first part of Harpo's Vietnam tour (06/68- 10/68) was spent with D/ 1/8 in Quang Tri Province. Below is a photo of Harpo during that period.



SP4 Howard V. Harpo Russell with cache of enemy B-40 rockets.

My plan is that this column is the first of several about how to find historical information. Future columns may be on such subjects as how to request personnel rosters; how to search on the Texas Tech University Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive website; how to search for people using search engines like Google, www.whitepages.com, and once you have a phone number, email address or street address, how to make contact.

Most of what has been discussed in this column is for Vietnam War Veterans, our largest membership group at this time.

However, I will be seeking information on other membership groups as well (WWII, Korea, Gulf War, Iraq/Afghanistan, etc.) and will probably need help from some of you on that.

Happy 2021! Take care and be safe!

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The following is from the 15th Medical Battalion Association website.

MEDEVAC History Patch collection

Note: The following insignia history is gleaned from the book United States Army Air Ambulance by Mark M. Hough.

1...The patch was hand-made in Vietnam and worn from early 1966 through mid-to-late 1967. It features the motto, "ANGELS OF MERCY," in yellow in an attached top tab. This example is three- and one-half inches high and three and one-quarter inches wide and is embroidered on light blue cotton cloth with a medium blue border. The shield-shaped section of the patch is a yellow winged caduceus topped with a brown and yellow halo. On a white scroll, bordered in black across the middle of the caduceus, "MED-E-VAC," is embroidered in red. The "MED-E-VAC" is a reference to the fact that the Air Ambulance Platoon was the only air ambulance unit in Vietnam that used MEDEVAC as a call sign instead of DUSTOFF. Individual pilots used the call sign, "MERCY, also a reference to the motto on this patch."



2...This patch was worn over the left pocket of flight suit shirts and jungle jackets. CWO Larry Hatch and a physician in the 15th Medical Battalion Headquarters Company designed this patch in late 1967. The original insignia did not have the wording around the bottom of the patch. The wording was added after mid-1968. At least during the latter stages of the war, the custom was to wear the patch over the right pocket if the wearer's helicopter had been shot down. This insignia was made in Vietnam. It is approximately five inches high and four inches wide and is machine embroidered on yellow twill with a gray border. An applique red cross with white Army Aviator's wings embroidered on it is superimposed on a 1st Cavalry Division shoulder patch, the familiar yellow shield with a black band and horse's head. The motto, "SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE," is embroidered around the bottom of the patch and the owner's call sign, in this case, "MEDEVAC 10." appears at the top.



3...This patch is the same design as "2," but the distinctive features of red cross and wording have been added in Vietnam to a regular U.S.-made shoulder patch with a non-embroidered edge. This example has the call sign, "MEDEVAC 18," at the top. It is five inches high and three and a half inches wide.



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4...A patch made similar to "2" but bearing the words, "MEDEVAC CREW CHIEF," at the top. It features Army Air Crew wings in the red cross. It was also modified in Vietnam.

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5...This patch is similar to "3," but a modified U.S.-made sewn border patch with the words, "MEDEVAC MEDIC" at the top.

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6...A patch made similar to "4" but with, "MEDEVAC CO," at the top on a hot-cut edge U.S.-made shoulder sleeve insignia. This example was meant for crew members and was presented to COL Samuel J. Griffith, Flight Surgeon, in 1972.

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

OIF/OEF VETERAN

82nd FA News

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Happy Holidays First Team! I wanted to close out the year with a positive story from our time in Iraq when we were able to work with our Iraqi counterparts to help reopen a market.

MOSUL, Iraq – Local vendors and key leaders from the Mosul city council, Ninawa Provincial Reconstruction Team, and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, gathered on Forward Operating Base Diamondback Oct 3 to announce the reopening of Al Baraka Market in east Mosul. The Ninawa PRT leader, Patrick Murphy, provided opening remarks at the celebration and recognized the agencies that helped revitalize the market. “The Iraqi Army and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, in particular the (2nd Battalion, 82 Field Artillery Regiment) under the leadership of LTC Benjamin Matthews, were responsible for engaging vendors, assisting them in the economic revitalization of the neighborhood and taking on the role of being responsible community leaders,” said Murphy. The 130th Engineer Brigade and its’ Mosul Reconstruction Cell also provided materials and technical expertise to help in the rebuilding of the market area.



The Ninawa Provincial Reconstruction Team disbursed micro-grants to 41 vendors to help re-establish their businesses. The market provides several products and services from a bakery to automotive repair. “With nearly 50 individual businesses encompassed in this market, this project is a huge win that provides enduring employment for over 100 individuals and returns a sense of normalcy to the community,” said CPT Joe Himpelmann, commander for B Battery, 2-82 FA.

Over the last four years, businesses have closed due to security concerns and a car bomb attack in 2007. Change began with a casual conversation between Himpelmann and his Iraqi Army counterpart, LTC Hussein, the commander of 1st Bn, 3rd Bde, 1st Iraqi Army Div, about a shopping center within the boundary of Joint Security Station Sukar. JSS Sukar was established a few years ago, initially around a single building that housed the small garrison of IA Soldiers. However, due to car bomb threats and small arms fire, the boundaries and check points surrounding the JSS pushed further out, eventually choking out the business flow of the marketplace. COL Gary Volesky, commander of 3rd BCT, and BG Bah’a, Iraqi Army 3rd Quick Reaction Force Brigade Commander, were discussing civil affairs projects during a joint patrol and the subject of the market came up. Neither commander had given it much thought before that time. However, with security improving throughout Mosul, they felt it was time to begin to revitalize the economy. The rest, they say, is history. According to Himpelmann, they started with quick-win projects such as trash and sewage. He said there is still some hard work ahead for the business owners and the Iraqi Army who secure the neighborhood, but everyone is eager to see progress. “Now it’s time to take it to the next level and look for opportunities to stimulate the economy and focus on job creation,” said Himpelmann. LTC Hussein, said he was glad to see this market reopen. He and his Soldiers partnered with 2-82 FA to help make the market opening possible. “God willing, the market opens; the people can reopen their business and make a living,” said Hussein. “They have not had this in many years, and it will make many people in the neighborhood very happy.”



If you are still working on your gift shopping, be sure to support Veteran Owned businesses - including my own at: <www.assaultforward.us> if you use the discount code “SABER” you’ll save 15% off any order. I sincerely appreciate your support of our 100% Veteran Owned and Operated small business and 100% American Made products. As we conclude what has certainly been a challenging year, remember our 82nd FA motto, “CAN AND WILL” - reflective of our spirit, steeped in traditions of doing what needs to be done regardless of the obstacles to be overcome!

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REUNION 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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73RD ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 22-26 SEPT 2021 KILLEEN, TX

Overview of 73rd Annual Reunion September 22-26, 2021

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

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

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL HOTELS IN THE AREA ARE LISTED BELOW:

Shilo Inn & Suites 3701 S. W.S. Young Drive, Killeen, Texas	\$109 (254) 699-0999
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Premium Inn and Suites 2603 E. Elms Rd, Killeen, Texas	(254) 432-0100

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

RV PARK INFORMATION

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

REUNION EVENT OVERVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

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

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

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**This reunion will be in conjunction
with the Division's Centennial Birthday.
Come celebrate with the Division!**

WEDNESDAY SEPT 22

0900-UTC Association Golf Tournament
0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
1300-1400 Foundation Trustee Mtg

THURSDAY SEPT 23

0900-1800 Registration Desk Open
0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
0900-1000 Chapter President’s Mtg
1100-1300 War Era Luncheons
1330-1530 Board of Gov Mtg

THURSDAY cont'd

1200-1400 Ladies Tea
1930-2130 Welcome Mixer (Cash Bar)

FRIDAY SEPT 24

0900-1600 Registration Desk Open
0900-1800 Souvenir Shop Open
0900-1500 Events on Fort Hood
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
1500-1700 Spirit of the Cav
1800-2000 Texas BBQ

SATURDAY SEPT 25

0730-0845 Purple Heart Breakfast

SATURDAY cont'd

0900-1100 General Membership Mtg
0900-1600 Registration Desk Open
0900-1600 Souvenir Shop Open
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open
1200-1400 Unit Lunches
1500-1600 Veterans Benefits Briefing
1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar)
1900-2230 Association Banquet

SUNDAY SEPT 26

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

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

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

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

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

NAME: _____

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Contact #: _____

Unit#1: _____

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Is this your first 1CDA Reunion: Y / N

I will be accompanied by:

(As name will appear on Name Tag)

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FUNCTION	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration Fee (Members Only)	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
After August 20, 2021	1	\$40.00	_____
Active Duty (w/ID Card)	1	\$10.00	_____

THURSDAY SEPT 23

Ladies Tea	_____	\$40.00	_____
War Era Luncheon (circle one)	_____	\$25.00	_____
Korean War Vietnam War GWOT			
Welcome Mixer	_____	\$30.00	_____

FRIDAY SEPT 24

Fort Hood Box Lunch	_____	\$20.00	_____
Texas BBQ Dinner	_____	\$35.00	_____

Credit Card Check Cash (circle one)

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FUNCTION	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL
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SATURDAY SEPT 25			
Purple Heart Breakfast	_____	\$25.00	_____
Unit Luncheons (circle one)	_____	\$25.00	_____
5C 7C 8C 9C 12C			
ARTY HQ LRRP ENG Wings			
Association Banquet	_____	\$45.00	_____
5C 7C 8C 9C 12C Wings			
ARTY HQ LRRP/Ranger ENG			

SUNDAY SEPT 26

Group Breakfast	_____	\$25.00	_____
LRRP Breakfast	_____	\$25.00	_____

Add a little extra (Donation) _____

Saber Renewal \$10.00 _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

(Signature)

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 **Monday, January 4, 2021.** Please send to Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER



Connecticut Chapter meeting at Manchester CT American Legion. L-R Keith Moyer, Al Johnson, Jack Kranyak, Bill Pomeroy, Glen Bentz, Kipp Miller.

Our first indoor meeting since 1-25-20 (Masks removed for photo). Next meeting 1-16-21 (snow date 1-23-21) at Manchester CT American Legion at 1300 hours. All members and prospective members are invited. No reservations required, just "come on

down." For more information contact President **Keith Moyer: 860-537-1716** or email kpmoyerco@hotmail.com

CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER



Stable Call and Barbecue 22 Oct 2020

The Chapter was finally able to meet, with a quorum present either in person, on the phone, or on Facetime and we held a business meeting and an election on 24 September. Most of us gathered in the yard at the Association Offices in Copperas Cove where we were socially distanced. The new officers for the chapter are: President, Dennis Webster; 1st VP, Devester Carthan; 2nd VP, Mike Campbell; 3rd VP, Kevin Thiebaud; Secretary, Christopher Taylor; and Treasurer, Scott Sjule. The next scheduled election will be in March 2022.

Many thanks to our Past President, Tim Hodge for his over two years in office, due the pandemic, our March meeting had to be canceled. Tim has done a great job leading the Chapter and has been highly involved with the active duty Troopers of the Division. We expect that Tim will continue that involvement and has agreed to be the Chairman for the Golf Tournament that the Chapter sponsors during the Association Reunion at Fort Hood/Killeen.

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

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

We conduct semi-annual meetings (March and October) in the area surrounding Fort Hood and conduct regular Stable Calls to allow our members to spend time with one another. We will not have any stable calls in November or December due to the holidays. We will be planning the Stable Calls for 2021 and will announce the dates and locations on our Chapter's Facebook page. We would normally provide the dates and locations now, but with the ongoing pandemic we are unable to plan and schedule these events properly. We also held our Mixer and Chapter Barbecue at the Association offices on 22 October and a photo of some of our attendees is included. The next meeting for the Chapter is in March 2021.

The Chapter will be providing support for the Association's Annual Reunion and 100th Birthday of the Division from 22-26 September 2021. We will need volunteers to assist with running the Souvenir Shop and assisting with registration and the various unit and war era lunches during the reunion.

First Team! Dennis Webster, President

FLORIDA CHAPTER

Hope to see everyone at our monthly meeting on **Jan 12, 2021** at the **VFW Post 2093** at 4444 Edgewater Dr in Orlando.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER



The New York-New Jersey Chapter plans to hold a meeting in the spring of 2021 if all goes to plan. For all updates, check our Facebook Page, New York New Jersey Cavalry.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER



Despite severe COVID-19 restrictions, the Northwest Chapter participated in the 55th observance of the annual Veterans Day Parade in Auburn, Washington. "Adapt, Improve, and Overcome" was the rule of the day, as we each had to drive in our own vehicles along the parade route (no marching allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions). We also were instructed to wear masks while driving along the extended 3-mile parade route. It is usually less than a mile but was extended so onlookers could be socially distanced. In true First Cav fashion, the Northwest Chapter accomplished the mission!

Pictured left to right are Ernest Ryan, Gail Porter, and Don Voss prior to heading out to the parade

SHERIDAN'S CAVALRY CHAPTER

2021 Meeting dates: February 13 / May 8 / Picnic August 7 / October 9 / Christmas Party December 4 Meetings and events are typically held at the Roselle American Legion Post #1084, 322 East Maple Ave., Roselle, IL 60172.

Our Sheridan Chapter cordially invites anyone who served or was attached at any year with the 1st Cav to join our group. Contact Terry Hodous POC at us67-hodo@outlook.com or 773-445-1213 for additional information regarding membership or attending our future events.

WALTER H. WESTMAN – NORTHLAND CHAPTER

It has been a long time since we were able to get together. We still can't have a meeting, as most of us fall into the category of being at risk for Covid-19 and nobody will allow a large group to gather in their establishments. Therefore, we thought we should at least give you an update on what has been happening since our last meeting on 25 January 2020.

During this pandemic we have not been able to collect funds for our grocery card program. Recently we were able to attend a few gun shows and collect money to buy grocery cards again. In June, July and August we were not able to send out grocery cards as our fund had gone \$1,738.00 in the red. Starting in July we were able to attend some gun shows again and replenished the fund.

Again, in September and October we were able to send out grocery cards. The fund is again in the black, but we will not have another fundraiser gun show again until February 2021.

With the holidays upon us and with the hardships a lot of our Soldiers are experiencing, I would like to still send out grocery cards in the months of November and December. This will again put us in the red until gun shows start up. We have ample money in the general fund to supplement these donations until the gun shows start up again in February.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these trying times

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

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and will persist like we have done in the past.

From those of us here in Copperas Cove, TX: As you relish the goodies, decorate every nook and corner of your home, and enjoy the get-together, may the joy and festivities continue to radiate in your lives, long after Christmas is gone. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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! REFER TO THE CHAPTER INDEX FOUND ON NEXT PAGE.

TerryAMcCarl@gmail.com or 402-296-3150

From the
Director's Desk

Office of 1CDA

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

Why is this important to the Association?

The *Soldier for Life* concept helps 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 1st Cavalry Division. “Once Cav, Always Cav.... First Team.”

The next *Saber* newspaper is the
January/February 2021 edition.

Deadline for submissions of your stories or photos is
Monday, January 4, 2021
Please email to Programs@1CDA.org

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

Honor Roll privileges are given to members who make a \$25 or
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<<https://www.archives.gov/>> National Archives & Records Administration, Veteran service records

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<<https://www.veteranmedals.army.mil/>> U.S. Army Veteran Medals

<<https://nvf.org/>> National Veterans Foundation: crisis management, information and referral needs of all U.S. Veterans and their families. 310-642-0255
Vet-to-Vet toll-free helpline: 888-777-4443

<<https://nationalresourcedirectory.gov/>> Dept of Veteran Affairs, The National Resource Directory is a searchable database of resources vetted for Service members, Veterans, family members and caregivers. 800-342-9647

<<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>> Veterans Crisis Line 800-273-8255

<<https://www.dav.org/>> Disabled American Vets is a non-profit charity that provides a lifetime of support for Veterans of all generations and their families. 877-426-2838

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<www.TVC.texas.gov> Texas Veterans Commission advocates for all Texas Veterans, assisting with: VA Claims, Employment, Education, Entrepreneurship, and VA Healthcare Advocacy. 254-238-7124

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THANK YOU

for those who donated to the General Fund, Scholarship Fund &
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2021 CALENDAR DONATIONS

Exciting News!!
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Hope you are enjoying your 2021 calendar!

Calendar donations keep this program operational.
Without your donations we are unable to continue this program.
Thank you to all our members that support this program!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!

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

1st CAVALRY DIVISION UNIT BREAKDOWN

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "*IRONHORSE*"

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

FACEBOOK: 1st ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team "*BLACKJACK*"

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

FACEBOOK: 2nd ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "*GREYWOLF*"

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

FACEBOOK: 3rd BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE "*AIRCAV*"

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

FACEBOOK: 1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE AIRCAV

1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade "*WAGONMASTERS*"

- 1st Special Troops Battalion
- 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

SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

Across our great Nation and throughout the world, Americans will pause on Veterans Day to honor our brave men and women who have underwritten our freedoms through their duty, honor, and selfless service. On November 11th, we recognize that all our Veterans and their Families have given something of themselves to this Nation.

All Veterans, regardless of their service and the era in which they served, have paid the price time and time again; defending America through both the best and worst of times and have performed their duties tirelessly, with little recognition or fanfare. Thomas Paine said, “Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” Our members have shouldered that burden and experienced the fatigue of waging war to bring about peace.

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



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

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



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THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION: MEMOIRS OF THE FIRST TEAM IN VIETNAM-SPECIAL REPRINT EDITION

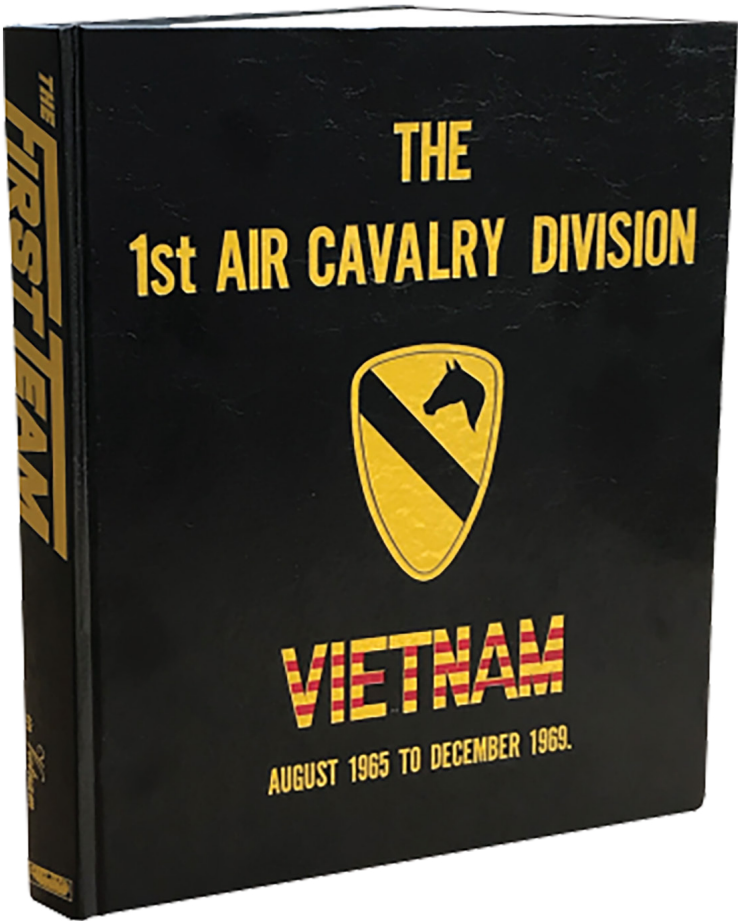
Yes! This is the same book Acclaim Press offered in the *Saber* last year (where you purchased directly from the publisher). If you missed that opportunity to pre-order, we were able to order a limited amount of copies to have available to our members. Please mail us your completed order form located below.

ABOUT THE BOOK

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

The 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam-Special Reprint is a 10x12-inch, oversized hardbound volume with 296 pages with hundreds of full-color photos, printed on heavy-weight glossy paper for superior photo reproduction, with sturdy smyth-sewn binding for longevity, and bound in a classy black leatherette cover with full-color silk screening. Only \$85 with **FREE SHIPPING!** Due to limited quantities, we are limiting 1 book per member.

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20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



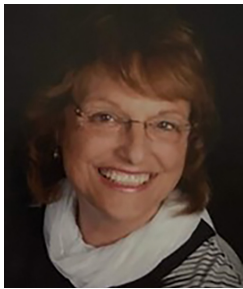
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Greetings to all! Well, I guess I should start this article much as I did the last. The COVID-19 is still with us and we watch anxiously as the numbers continue to climb and once again restrictions have been reinstated by city, county, and/or state governments in an attempt to keep us safe and healthy. We know that there are hot spots, but we don't know where they all are. Yet, some leaders are publishing their local hot spots, while others seem to keep them a secret. Whatever the case in your community, I trust that you will continue to mask and adhere to the six feet distancing and washing of hands (Don't you just love singing happy birthday twice!). One can witness to the fact that intelligent actions will prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, save lives, and help get us out of this Pandemic! Avoid large crowds as much and stay home if possible.

This is to thank Gary Adams for accepting my apology in the last issue and for sending me a copy of his well written letter discussing the attributes of the members and the great history of Aerial Rocket Artillery accomplishments in the Vietnam War. Again, thank you for your kind words! Oh, by the way, the place where I stored your article material in is yet to be found. Yes, it is so well kept I haven't been able to find the right box! So, here's to another month of searching.

Celebrating a Life Well Lived: At the request of Jerry Sommers during his recent phone call, it is with deep sadness that I write to tell you of the passing of his wife, Georgia Sue. She passed away at her home in Edelstein, Illinois, on October 16, 2020, surrounded by her family. The daughter of Harold Reynolds and Marjorie R. (Snyder) Reynolds, she was born October 24, 1946, in Taylorville, Illinois. She married Gerald C. Sommers on July 4, 1968, in the St. Barbara's Catholic Church rectory in Witt, Illinois. They were married for over 52 years. He survives, as do children Heidi Nicol (Greg) Burwell of O'Fallon, Missouri, Deron Marlin (Joan) Sommers of Macomb, Illinois, Tori Mee Sommers



of Wentzville, Missouri, seven grandchildren, siblings Debbie Farrell, Kristine (John) Panieri, Bonnie (Lynn) Haines and Kelly (Twila) Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Jill Noel Sommers and son, Jae Kendall Sommers. Georgia Sue graduated from Witt High School in 1964 and became an RN at Decatur Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Georgia Sue retired as a nurse after working 20 years with Dr. Aziz Rehman of Chillicothe Family Physicians Clinic. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at the Witt United Methodist Church. At her request, Georgia Sue was cremated, and disposition of ashes will be in Witt, Illinois, at a later date. Georgia Sue, we will miss your presence and loving radiant smile and pray that you are resting in the peaceful arms of a gracious and loving God. To Jerry and family, we send our sympathy and at the same time celebrate the life of wonder and compassionate human being, a devoted and supportive wife, an understanding and caring mother and grandmother, a worthy sister, and a dear friend. Jerry may God continue to bless you and your family with his love and grace.

AGENT ORANGE CLAIMS ANOTHER: I just received word from Russ Warriner that one of his close friends from their days in AIT, 1967, at Fort Rucker, Jerry W. Boem, a 100% disabled Veteran who died of complications from Agent Orange exposure. Jerry had been in a nursing home in San Antonio, Texas, since November 2019 until his death on October 26, 2020 while being treated for type 2 diabetes and dementia. He and Russ were assigned to C Battery 2/20 ARA, 1st Cav in 1967-68. The two would later be together at Hunter AAF in Savannah, GA, in 1970. Jerry remained in Savannah after discharged from the Army and worked



for a Ford Dealership and soon felt the call to return his roots in San Antonio, Texas. There he continued his work in the auto dealership business and later tried his hand with a large roofing company. Jerry was born in Cuero, Texas on December 26, 1944 and was buried in Weesatche, Texas on November 2, 2020. Jerry is survived by his wife Faye, son, Ray Allen, and a daughter, Mary Ann Quinn. Jerry, we all celebrate your life and the men of ARA lift their thoughts and prayers to you for the joy of sharing time with you on this earthly journey. May you rest in God's marvelous grace and love! Be at peace! Our deepest sympathy goes out to Faye, Ray Allen, and Mary Ann! May you all find peace in God's promise of a reunion and eternal life.

IMPACT OF COVID -19 ON OUR REUNION: COVID-19 continues to be an albatross around our neck as we altered our plans to delay the Savannah Reunion until August 30-September 3, 2021 with the same schedule and hotel. Much will depend on the future of the pandemic and its effect on travel and gatherings of large crowds. Our hosts, Ann and Jerry Hipp, have reset the reunion for this timeline with accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express, 199 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401 (912 -231-9000). Thank again, Ann and Jerry, for your past and continued efforts as hosts! More specific details will be forth coming in the Jan-Feb 2021 *Saber* article.

REUNION FOR FORT BELVOIR, VA: All planned subsequent reunions are postponed to the next year. Jule Szabo, our Virginia Reunion host, announced the dates for the Fort Belvoir reunion will be 14 Sept - 18 Sept 2022. Breakdown of dates and major events as follows: 14 Sept-welcome; 15 Sept visit Vietnam Memorial and Army Museum and welcome dinner; 16 Sept-visit the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum on the Museum Parkway in Chantilly, VA; 17Sept-Board membership and ARA ladies meetings on Saturday morning and farewell dinner; 18 Sept-depart for home. Further details will be presented at our 2021 Reunion. I know this is two years away, but please mark your calendars and make this a high priority.

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HQ and Special Troops News



Ron Killingsworth
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Greetings Troopers and families from NW Louisiana where we await the arrival of Fall. I certainly hope that you voted! I never miss voting in any election, even if there is only one "little thing" on the ballot. That gives me bragging rights when "my side" wins and complaining rights when "my side" loses. If you do not vote, you forfeit your right to complain. Every vote is important.

Have you sent in your registration for the 2021 annual reunion in Texas? Have you made your hotel reservations at the Shilo? It is going to be a great reunion as we celebrate 100 years of history for the Cav. The active division will be putting on lots of great events. Hope to see you there. Remember the dates, Sep 22 to Sep 26, which is late compared to usual dates in June.

I keep hoping that by writing about the different jobs within combat support that I will get someone interested in telling about their time in the U.S. Army in one of these MOS positions. I have, in the past, discussed Adjutant General, Signal, Quartermaster, Cyber Ops, Ordnance, Chaplain Corps and Chemical. I think I also discussed Military Intelligence in the past. This month we will discuss Civil Affairs (current MOS 38B).

The U.S. Army considers Civil Affairs "the force that is employed to compete and win within the population." Civil Affairs experts assist the commander in conducting civil-military operations. There are many positions within Special Forces for civil affairs personnel. They are often trained in foreign languages, advanced survivability skills, and negotiations techniques to operate autonomously as a small team. A special forces civil affairs team is usually two to four Soldiers and they often work for the U.S. ambassador as well as their military chain of command. Civil Affairs has a lineage that traces back to Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. The 95th Civil Affairs Brigade and the 83rd Civil Affairs Battalion are the largest civil affairs units in the U.S.

Army. Upon completion of training, Soldiers training for civil affairs will attend a 10-week Civil Affairs advanced training (AIT). Civil affairs Soldiers often work closely with Psychological Operations Soldiers. Students learn to interpret U.S. and foreign maps, study civil conduct and different government styles and are often involved in environmental subjects. Camp Mackall in NC trains Soldiers in Civil Affairs and PSYOPS. This is a remarkably interesting military installation and I recommend you read more about it on the internet. You will also find civil affairs in the USAF, USMC, US Navy, and many National Guard units. One of the main objectives of civil affairs Soldiers is to win the "hearts and minds" of the locals.

I cannot remember having met anyone in the civil affairs branch. If you are out there and served in the civil affairs, we would all be interested in knowing some of the operations you were involved in during your military service. As always, feed-back is greatly appreciated.

Not one drop of feedback this time. No one with war stories, no one with "looking for a friend," no one with "you just had to have been there" experiences. It is your column. Please support it with your thoughts or memories. And, if you would be interested in taking over this column, please contact me. I have been doing this long enough and it is time for some "fresh" thoughts and ideas.

One of the interesting things I did while assigned to the S2 shop of the 312th MI Bn at Fort Hood (82-84), was helping companies recover their high security locks. If you lost both keys, the lock became worthless. I had trained in the Defense Against Methods of Entry (DAME) and was rather good at picking those high security locks. I gathered them from various locations and during my spare time I used tension bars and lock picks to open them. Once open you could change the whole key assembly, which came with two new keys. The companies of the battalion had to pay for these, and they were quite expensive. The cost of the new cylinders was about 1/2 the cost of a new lock. Sometimes I was called upon to open a lock on a container in which all keys had been lost, or the wall locker of an AWOL Soldier. Most First Sergeants were impressed with how quickly I could pick one of the Army's "high security" locks. I also often helped get into security containers that had been "lock out." It was impossible to manipulate the combination lock but there were closely guarded secrets that would often give success in getting into the safes. Most "lock outs" happened when someone had attempted to change the combination and did not know what they were doing! You would be shocked at the cost of one of those four drawer security containers approved for storage of Top-Secret information. If you changed the combination and then could not get it opened, you paid for it! Most First Sergeants had my phone number on quick dial.

The interesting part of belonging to HQ and Special Troops is the various military specialties you find represented in this part of the association. While you can probably find a military specialty for just about any civilian job, there are many jobs in the military not found in civilian employment. As you know, many times in the military you can find yourself "assigned" a job that has nothing to do with your military specialty. I know there are a lot of you out there who had some unusual "assigned" duties. I would really like to hear from you. And, if you can think of a specialty that you do not find in the civilian sector, let me know about it. Combat support covers so many different specialties! In comparison, there are not that many combat MOSs.

Until next time, hey, stay safe out there. See you in February for the board meetings if you are part of the leadership for the Association. Otherwise, Sue and

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BOOKS of INTEREST

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A story of a suspected CIA Operative captured by the North Korean Government. The man's father, an American General, repeatedly asks the White House to intervene. The White House does nothing, and the alleged spy endures daily torture of three years before dying in captivity. After his battered body is returned to Texas, General Scott vows that someone will pay for his son's death.

General Scott devises a plan for revenge which entails the kidnapping of the children of several high-ranking generals in the U.S. European Command. In doing so, they aim to force the Army's brain trust to implement a first-strike plan against North Korea without requiring permission of the President of the United States. If they succeed, and China suspects that the U.S. is behind the attack, they may be drawn in sparking a global conflict.

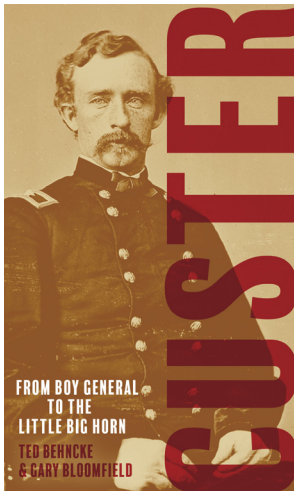
In the U.S. Army CID and DIA Agent pursuit of the kidnappers will take them straight into the heart of the military establishment where conspiracy and intrigue are commonplace . . . and where truths are seldom spoken. Worse still they uncover a more sinister and diabolical plot--a plot to set off two nuclear Smart Bombs in Pyongyang--placing the North Korean Regime and the President of the United States, in its crosshairs.

They find themselves deep in enemy territory and the target of highly trained killers tasked to threaten or even to shoot to kill--whatever it takes to conceal sensitive information. Bringing justice and staying alive becomes job number one as the duo finds their skills, and their courage tested under fire.

Available at all major booksellers, including Black Rose Writing, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. Visit <<https://www.authorvmalvarez.com/>> for contact details, photos, and an author bio.



Custer: From the Civil War's Boy General to the Battle of the Little Bighorn by Ted Behncke and Gary Bloomfield



In this biography, the reader is introduced to a little-known side of Custer; a deeply personal side. Two aspects of this era dominate most works about him: the Civil War, and the war with the Indians, culminating in his death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. When mentioned, if at all, his early life and years as a cadet at West Point are brief, and then only enough to set some background for discussion of the mystery of the Little Bighorn. This is the first Custer biography to focus on these lesser-known parts of his life in great detail.

The authors use all of Custer's known writings: letters; magazine articles; his book, *My Life on the Plains*; and his unfinished memoirs of the Civil War; along with materials and books by his wife, Elizabeth Custer; and reflections of others who knew him well.

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Tibor Rubin Graphic Novel Comic Book

by AUSA

Association of the United States Army released the latest entry in the Medal of Honor graphic novel series: *Medal of Honor: Tibor Rubin* <www.ause.org/rubin>. Tibor Rubin is the only Holocaust survivor to be awarded the Medal of Honor. Rubin emigrated to the United States after World War II and joined the Army. Fighting in Korea in July 1950, he single-handedly fought off a North Korean assault, inflicting staggering numbers of casualties. He was later captured and risked his life to gather food for fellow prisoners. Rubin was recognized for his actions, both as a combatant and as a POW, with the nation's highest honor.

Tibor Rubin edition was created by a team of professional comic book Veterans: Script: Chuck Dixon (Batman, The Punisher, The 'Nam); Cover/Layouts: Rick Magyar (Avengers, Captain America, Guardians of the Galaxy); Finishes: Le Beau Underwood (Justice League, Suicide Squad, Hulk); Colors: Peter Pantazis (Black Panther, Superman, Wolverine); Lettering: Troy Peteri (Spider-Man, Iron Man, X-Men).

The Association of the United States Army is a non-profit organization devoted to the U.S. Army and its Soldiers, and the book is being distributed free of charge as part of our educational mission. The new graphic novel is the first issue in the second volume of the Medal of Honor series, which launched October 2018 with *Medal of Honor: Alvin York* and continued with profiles of Roy Benavidez, Audie Murphy, and Sal Giunta.

AUSA has produced four issues for the series for 2020. Three titles have been released earlier this year: *Medal of Honor: Daniel Inouye*, to honor the WWII hero turned Senator; and *Medal of Honor: Henry Johnson*, for the Harlem Hellfighter made famous during WWI; and *Medal of Honor: Mary Walker*, to recognize the Civil War surgeon and only female recipient.

Interested individuals can view the work or download a free copy at <www.ause.org/rubin>.

Information and links to all of the graphic novels are available on AUSA's Medal of Honor series page at <www.ause.org/moh>.



77th FA News

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The 77th FA Association Board met, via Zoom, on August 10th. The first order of business was determining where to hold the 2021 Reunion. To do so, Juan Garcia and I called as many of our members as we could and asked them. When we tallied up the votes, Colorado Springs came up with 31 votes to Florida's 20, with 14 having no preference. So, the 2021 Reunion is scheduled for September 15-19 in Colorado Springs. More details will follow as they become available.

Another order of business that was addressed was to fill the 3rd VP position. This had been vacant since shortly after the last reunion and election. John Garcia, who recently retired from the Army, (C, 2/77 FA, 4th ID) was nominated by Paige Lanier, and was appointed by our President, Dwayne Fowler, in accordance with the Association Constitution.

The 1/77th FA was activated 27 August, LTC Tony Brunner (a former Battery Commander in the 2/77 FA) assumed command, with CSM Rufus Davis as the Command Sergeant Major. The 1/77th is a MLRS battalion, and part of 41st FA BDE. They are stationed in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

COL N Snyder, another 77th FA Assoc member, and former battalion commander of the 2/77, assumed command of the First Cav DIVARTY on July 8.

It has been reported that Jim Bowers, a particularly important member of the Association, had died. This was commented on by Jesse Crimm in the Engineer News column of the May/June edition of the *Saber* regarding Jim's involvement in the battle for Firebase Illingworth. John Ahearn, who was the LNO for B 1/77th, with the 8th CAV, and had been on Illingworth that night, (and also played a significant part in its' successful defense) told me more of Jim's part in the battle. Jim was the 2/19th FA BN FDO at the battalion headquarters in Tay Nihn during the battle. He coordinated all the fires from other artillery units, ARA support, Air Force support, blocking fires and then follow up fires against the retreating NVA. John Ahearn credited Jim as being instrumental in saving the firebase from being overrun.

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REUNION PHOTOS AVAILABLE: I refer you back to the Sep-Oct issue for the notice of reunion photos placed on a new web site called "Flickr."

As a matter of fact, it would be beneficial to reread the last issue to be refreshed on the status of Cobra #15664 placed at the Field Artillery Museum at Fort Sill, and determine if you could help in the request for assistance with the advancement of the ARA history at Fort Sill.

I trust that all are safe and healthy and finding ways to contend with the pandemic. Please remember our next reunion in Savannah, GA and remember your elected leaders in your prayers as they continue to serve the association and Jerry and Ann Hipp as they continue to work with businesses in Savannah to give us another great reunion.

Until next time, "this is Armed Falcon 28Delta, breaking right!" You know, one day I may be breaking left. That would give me a better view of what is on my side of the aircraft! But better to know from where the automatic weapons fire is coming and then make the decision! Whatever the case, I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a blessed Christmas and a New Year where world peace abounds!

OTHER REUNIONS:

15th Medical Battalion Association Reunion, 10-14 June 2021. Courtyard Kokomo, Kokomo, IN (near Grissom Aeroplex), Reservations 765-453-0800 use Group Code 15th Med Bn POC: Dan and Betty Korty, Call or text 765-714-6838. Info at <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>.

20th & 79th ARA Reunion, Aug 30-Sept 3, 2021. Holiday Inn Express 199 East Bay Street Savannah, GA; Hosts are Jerry and Ann Hipp.

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

77FA Reunion, Sept 15-19, 2021. Colorado Springs; POC: John Moran, <johnjanmoran@who.rr.com>.

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

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The Military Police Corps, Regimental History, Part 3, The Civil War through the Spanish/American War continued

In the Federal Army the duties of military police were performed by Army provost marshals and their guards consisting of men detailed from the line units until the Provost Marshal Department was created in March 1863. Originating to meet the need for control of undisciplined Troops in the cities and the field, the role of the military police gradually expanded to include the Conscription Program and control of government in the occupied Southern states. The very nature of the war placed the provost marshal system in the unique position of serving as a bridge of stability during the transition from war to peace in the defeated South. By 1866, the Veterans Reserve Corps had been disbanded, the Office of the Provost Marshal General abolished, and military police work once again was viewed as a temporary duty.

With the expansion of the Army due to the Spanish American War in 1898, the military police command function became greater than at any time during the preceding thirty years. A major development was the appointment of Brigadier General Arthur MacArthur as Military Governor and Provost Marshal General of the walled city of Manila in the Philippines. He was ordered to relieve the civil governor and "to take possession of the office, clerks, and machinery of that office." Subsequently, a Provost Guard Brigade composed of Troops drawn from the Cavalry, Infantry, and Artillery units was established to maintain martial law in the city of Manila. Brigadier General Harry H. Bandholtz became chief of this Police Brigade. The reports of General MacArthur from Manila to the War Department referred to the men performing police and patrol duties as military police. At the same time, the report from the Chief of Police enumerated the number of arrests made for various offenses by "military and native police." For the first time, men performing police duties in the military were referred to specifically as military police.



MG MacArthur

World War I

Following the entry of the United States into World War I, Major General Enoch H. Crowder was appointed Provost Marshal General of the Army. His mission was to develop and enforce a Selective Service Act. General Crowder, also the Staff Judge Advocate General, studied Fry's experience during the Civil War in order to avoid making the same mistakes. In 1917 the nation's first successful Selective Service System was established, based on medical classification and a lottery system which satisfied America's sense of fair play. It involved prominent citizens picking at random a section of the population to report for military duty. The fairness of the system inhibited the development of motor opposition to the draft, and the United States did not see a repetition of the anti-draft riots it had experienced during the Civil War.

As Troops of the American Expeditionary Forces began to arrive in France, the necessity for military police supervision and control became apparent. A provost marshal was appointed World War I to General Pershing's staff as advisor on provost marshal and military police matters. On 20 September 1918, Brigadier General Harry Hill Bandholtz became Provost Marshal General of the American Expeditionary Force. After much study and many recommendations, the establishment of a Military Police Corps, for the duration of the emergency, was finally approved by the War Department one month before the signing of the Armistice. During the intervening time, military police duties had been performed by all types of units, hastily activated without any special supervision or technical training. Personnel performing these duties were selected on a basis of availability and physical fitness with little regard for mental qualifications or general suitability. Upon establishment of the Military Police Corps, measures were taken immediately to remedy the serious defects, unsuitability of personnel, lack of training, and absence of approved doctrine. Drawing on his previous experience with the Provost Brigade in Manila, General Bandholtz organized the military police into a professional corps. *Government Orders #180, #200, and #277* fixed the duties and responsibilities so that the Provost Marshal became the true commander of the new Corps. The military police developed their own chain of command, leaving the Service of Supply Troops responsible for their own depots. The Military Police Service School, the first step in developing a professional corps, started classes at the Caserne Changarnier in Autun, France.



BG Harry H. Bandholtz

Finding a suitable staff and faculty proved difficult. Since this was the first school of its kind in the United States Army, the British sent one of their officers to serve as its chief instructor. Service of Supply and Divisional Military Police Companies were screened for school candidates and possible faculty members. Twenty-one enlisted men were selected for the first class. After their graduation, they became the first faculty members of the school. The school graduated a class of officers and enlisted men every two weeks. During its brief history, 3,557 enlisted students and 465 officers graduated. Although another 210 Soldiers attended the school, they were transferred to other branches as unsuitable police candidates.

Circulation control was the first mission assigned to the military police by *Government Order #23*, issued in August 1917. The object of circulation control was to prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the zones of operations

which had been devised by the French. Military police checked all personnel traveling in leave areas, major cities, and at examining points in the rear Army areas. *Government Order #63* specified the types of passes, authority for issue, control procedures, and enforcement techniques. In July 1918 it became apparent that the existing detachments of one officer and one enlisted man could not check and maintain circulation control in major cities. Two sections were organized to handle the increasing workload a permit section and an absent without leave apprehension section. The permit section issued passes, maintained all circulation papers, informed the commander on all orders involving circulation control, and was responsible for area and zone maps. The absent without leave section had one officer and five clerks to maintain records for all absentee as and deserters as well as lost or stolen property of high value.

Organizing a Criminal Investigation Division proved difficult due to a lack of experienced personnel. Its mission, defined in May 1918, was to establish a detective squad similar to that found in any city police department. Using people with civilian experience as detectives, inspectors, special agents, lawyers, or newspaper reporters, area provost marshals selected and trained all investigative personnel. Initially, due to the vast geographical location of operatives, it was impossible to train or supervise their investigative efforts. During the reorganization of the Military Police Corps in 1918, the Criminal Investigation Section was also changed. Eight Companies with five officers and one hundred enlisted men in each were formed, resulting in stronger central control. Operatives or agents were authorized to wear civilian clothes and spend public money to procure information or evidence. They were furnished special passes which allowed them access to any area or activity. From 12 December 1918 to 12 April 1919, the Criminal Investigation Division handled 4,500 cases of which only 500 were forwarded to the Rents, Requisition, and Claims Service for resolution. Prior to trials or shipment to the United States seven area photography sections handled fingerprints, photographs, and records of all criminals. During investigations of black-market activities, various mobsters were apprehended that had previously escaped New York, Chicago, or Washington Police Departments. In addition to black-market activities, the CID investigated fraudulent passes sold in Troop areas, worthless check cashing operations in all major foreign cities, mail thefts, and the theft or retail sales of government supplies and equipment. Probably the CIDs most spectacular arrest occurred in January 1919. Nine Soldiers absent without leave in Paris were terrorizing citizens with robberies, rapes, and assaults. Army criminal investigators finally located their headquarters. After a furious shootout with the criminals, the investigators recovered large sums of currency, numerous automatic weapons, and officer uniforms from several armies, army equipment, and a Red Cross ambulance filled with items recently stolen from a railroad baggage room. The gang members subsequently confessed to thirty-two felonious crimes. As a result of these incidents, the investigations division gained the respect and trust of allied police organizations.



WWI MP



German Prisoners captured during the Hindenburg drive in Aisne, France 1918

with the French Army, the Americans would process and confine all prisoners capture by United States force. Expedient field measures were immediately adopted. The first compounds were barbed wire enclosures with tents which included limited kitchen facilities, poor sanitation facilities, and first aid stations manned by captured German medics. Prisoners also faced inadequate clothing, bedding, and food supplies. Seven prisoner of war compounds were organized, mainly using old stockades and French castles. During the ten-month period in which American Troops processed prisoners of war, Escort Guard Company handled 48,280 prisoners.

Government Order #37, dated 30 May 1918, stated that the G-1 was responsible for disposition of all prisoners of war, while the Provost Marshal General was responsible for their charge and custody. To complete this awesome task, the establishment of Escort Guard Companies was necessary. These companies were responsible for transporting all prisoners from the division cages to the central prisoner of war enclosure at Saint Pierre de Corps. Officers and guards for the division cages were provided by the division commander as required. Personnel for the Escort Guard Companies were Class TFC Soldiers, unfit for combat due to physical or emotional disabilities. The officers were detailed from the Service of Supply Companies for temporary duty in prisoner compounds. Without trained men or an organized plan, the success of the entire system depended on the initiative and logic



Escort Guard Companies escorted prisoners from Division to a central prisoner of war enclosure

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GEN EDWARD C. MEYER December 11, 1928 - October 13, 2020

Edward C. Meyer, General Who Revamped Post-Vietnam ‘Hollow Army,’ dies at 91, The Washington Post by Matt Schudel
GEN Meyer, whose nickname was “Shy,” was a four-star general combat Veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars before being selected as Chief of Staff, the Army’s top general, by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. He was moved ahead of at least 15 higher-ranking officers and, at 50, was one of the youngest chiefs of staff in history.

After Ronald Reagan became president in 1981, military funding increased, and GEN Meyer led an effort to modernize the Army and raise the readiness and morale of Troops. When he took over the Army’s top post, he said only six of its 10 divisions at the time were combat-ready. Almost half of the Army’s 750,000 Troops were overseas, leaving many stateside units threadbare or depleted. The Army had a shortage of sergeants and reserve officers, and unit leaders were rotated so often that they scarcely got to know the Troops under their command.

In GEN Meyer’s first year on the job, more than 20 senior generals retired or were replaced, easing the way toward new approaches to the Army’s internal organization and procedures. It was essential, GEN Meyer said, to create a “vision of where we were going so that we weren’t trapped, as armies in the past have been, into just being a mirror of the kind of army we were before.” He came to terms with the post-Vietnam, all-volunteer Army, although he would have preferred a return to military draft.

GEN Meyer sought to improve the pay and educational benefits for enlisted service members and noncommissioned officers, which helped in recruitment. He toughened the Army’s training requirements, adding two weeks to basic training and an hour to each day’s drills. One of GEN Meyer’s most notable innovations was the “cohort program,” which kept company-size units, generally consisting of about 120 Troops, relatively intact for three years, creating greater cohesion. He used a similar approach for larger units of 1,000 Soldiers or more, maintaining stability when they were deployed to bases abroad. Some changes that seemed minor to outsiders — such as allowing members of airborne units to wear distinctive burgundy berets — helped boost esprit de corps.

Throughout his four-year tenure as chief of staff, GEN Meyer sought to modernize the Army’s weapon systems, moving away from the heavy tanks built for the Cold War to lighter and more mobile vehicles and equipment. He often said there was little agreement between Congress and the Reagan administration on military priorities, which led to budget battles and conflicting demands over which weapon projects should move ahead or be shut down. Nonetheless, GEN Meyer was credited with raising the Army’s professionalism and developing a system that would allow for faster, more flexible deployments, as evidenced a decade later in the Desert Storm operation during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

“Shy Meyer was a critical figure in the transformation of the Army from the dispirited, troubled post-Vietnam force to the professional and superbly trained and equipped Army of Desert Storm,” Eliot A. Cohen, a former State Department official and now dean of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, told The Washington Post. “And he was, in addition, a wise, humane and humble leader who served his country honorably and well.”

Edward Charles Meyer was born Dec. 11, 1928, in St. Marys, Pa. His father was a banker, his mother a teacher. Tall and athletic, the future general was nicknamed “Shy” apparently because it was the opposite of his talkative, outgoing nature. He was an Eagle Scout and was inspired to pursue a military career by an uncle who had attended the U.S. Naval Academy.

At the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., from which he graduated in 1951, he was captain of Army’s national champion lacrosse team and was a two-time all-American. As a young officer, GEN Meyer served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star for actions in Korea and the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart in Vietnam, where he served in 1965 and again in 1969 and 1970.

He attended many specialized military training programs, including the National War College, and received a master’s degree in international affairs from George Washington University. After serving in Europe, he became the Army’s deputy chief of staff for operations and planning at the Pentagon before being named Army chief of staff.

After his retirement from the Army in 1983, GEN Meyer served on advisory panels for the White House and Pentagon and was president of Army Emergency Relief, an organization that provides assistance to Soldiers and their families. He also served on several corporate boards and the boards of the Hoover Institution and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. GEN Meyer was a physical fitness advocate and often played tennis with President George H.W. Bush. He was the Pentagon handball champion in his early ’50s, while serving as chief of staff.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, the former Carol McCuniff of Arlington; five children, Tom Meyer, a former editorial cartoonist at the San Francisco Chronicle, of Asheville, N.C., Tim Meyer, a retired Army Reserve colonel, of McLean, Va., Doug Meyer of Marlborough, Conn., Nancy Meyer of New York City and Stuart Meyer of Horsham, Pa.; a brother; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

When he stepped down as chief of staff in 1983, GEN Meyer said he would not miss jousting with Congress over funding and weapon programs. “This is Meyer’s personal view,” he said, speaking of himself in the third person, “but I don’t mind telling Congress how to do business since they’ve been telling me how to do business for the last few years.”



EVA ULIAS RICHARDSON January 30, 1924 - October 17, 2020

We recently lost Eva Richardson, the widow of William A. Richardson, one of the founders of the 1st Cavalry Division Association and the man in whose honor the National Capital Region Chapter is named.

Eva Richardson of Warrenton, VA, died peacefully of natural causes with her daughters by her side at Breezy Knoll Residential Care Home in Culpeper, VA, on October 17, 2020. She was 96 years old. She is survived by her daughters, Sheron Hume (Pete) of Marshall, VA and Carol Dandy (Darrold) of Annandale, VA; grandsons, Mark and Shannon Hume, and Kevin and Matthew Dandy and their families; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two dear sisters-in-law; and many loving extended relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Maria Ulias; by her beloved husband of 73 years, William, who died in 2015; by her sisters Sophie Hill, Alice Nemec, and Jayne Whitaker; and by a great-great grandson, Andrew Hume.

Born on January 30, 1924, in Long Beach, California, the second of four daughters, she grew up in El Paso, TX, where she and her sisters were active in church activities, including singing in the church choir. -A graduate of El Paso High School, she was editor of the school newspaper and a tennis champion.

She met William Archie Richardson in 1941, the man who would soon steal her heart and be her husband and soulmate for over 73 years. Admiring her beautiful dark eyes and ready smile, William knew immediately that Eva was “someone special.” Eva, on the other hand, took longer to be smitten. Thus, William began regularly attending Eva’s church—he told her it was “just the church he’d been searching for”—so that he could see her more often. At the time William was a mounted Soldier in the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX.

William and Eva were married on April 2, 1942, and were able to enjoy several months of married life before World War II changed their lives. When the division deployed to Australia in June 1943, the couple was eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child. William learned by telegram in September 1943, that Eva had delivered a little girl, Sheron Eva, on September 4. During their long separation, the devoted couple corresponded daily, supporting each other with lengthy, informative love letters. Eva would be a single mother for 2 1/2 long years before William would return from the war.

In 1946 William was posted to Occupied Japan; months later Eva and little Sheron traveled on a Troop transport to rejoin him. Living in Japan was quite an adventure for a Texas girl. Since William was on the regimental staff, the couple was invited to parties at the British Embassy or at Army posts housing Troops from the British Empire. Eva enjoyed dancing at formal military functions and watching large parades reviewed by GEN MacArthur. On December 13, 1948, they welcomed a second daughter, Carol Alayne.

As an Army wife, Eva quickly made each new quarters a welcoming home, organizing the household and planting flowers. At each new posting, she eagerly participated in activities for military wives.

When William retired from the Army in 1961, he and Eva settled in Warrenton and built their dream home on Piedmont St. where Eva filled the yard with colorful flowers and trees. For decades she and William attended the annual reunions of the 1st Cavalry Division Association alternately held at Food Hood, TX, and throughout the United States where they enjoyed long-time friendships and camaraderie. They were especially supportive of the monthly meetings and charitable/civic activities of the Association’s metro chapter, renamed in 2014 the William A Richardson National Capital Region Chapter.

In retirement the couple traveled extensively throughout the United States, camping in their Airstream trailer, and delighted in cruises and international air travel, including one trip around the world. They enjoyed repeated trips with extended family to Germany, Colorado, and Alaska. Over the years they regularly visited relatives in El Paso, TX; Bremerton, WA; and Long Island, NY and Eva still enjoyed close and loving relationships with her many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Cherishing her role as a grandmother, Eva loved spending time with her four grandsons, proudly watching them grow and develop and often taking them along for their grandparents’ summer travels throughout the nation. Later, she was enchanted to make adored great-grandchildren and then great-great-grandchildren a special part of her life. Eva loved hosting family gatherings and holiday celebrations and savored these occasions with her beloved extended family. She also prized the many, lifelong friendships she made over the years in her community, at army postings, and particularly through the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

All her long and happy life Eva liked to stay busy—Carol liked to compare her to the Energizer Bunny. She loved to garden and to create beautiful flower arrangements. She was known for her chocolate chip cookies and her award-winning apple pies. She welcomed new neighbors with a smile and homemade treats. Taking pride in an immaculate house, she loved to entertain with fine china, linens and silver; she was also a strong believer in handwritten thank-you notes. A lover of crafts, she completed many sewing projects, but especially enjoyed creating angels each Christmas. She loved to festoon the house and yard to celebrate the year’s many holidays. She relished birthday and anniversary parties.

An avid reader, she devoured books and eagerly read The Washington Post daily until her final days. She liked to discuss politics and never failed to vote; she was pleased to be able to vote early in this year’s presidential election.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Due to the pandemic, a Celebration of Life will also be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Fauquier Habitat for Humanity or to the Warrenton Presbyterian Church.



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WELCOME TO THE 1CDA TEAM!



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of the assigned personnel. Fortunately, the Germans were well disciplined Soldiers, easily controlled by their own non-commissioned officers, and willing to accept American living and working conditions. The total operation relied on luck and the ingenuity of the American Soldiers. Escort Guard Companies normally consisted of three officers and one hundred enlisted men. However, many enlisted personnel were traveling between division cages and area stockades, leaving few men actually guarding the prisoners. To facilitate order and discipline the prisoners were organized into prisoner of war labor companies consisting of four hundred laborers and a fifty-man overhead contingent (clerks, cooks, hospital orderlies, supply sergeants, tailors, shoemakers, and interpreters). Every effort was made to collect the same type of laborers in each company. Each prisoner worked nine hours a day, six days a week.

Evaluation and documentation of military police functions in the theater of operations were imperative to the future survival of the corps. To accomplish this task, General Bandholtz ordered all division commanders to submit a report concerning military police activities in their area, giving the strengths and weaknesses of their assigned military police company. Despite the obvious weakness resulting from a lack of formal training and a shortage of military police personnel, most commanders were unanimous in their praise of the military police. Especially noteworthy were the repeated comments on their determination, devotion to duty, and ingenuity in accomplishing their mission. Acts of individual heroism abounded among them, and numerous citations were awarded to military policemen.

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FIRST TEAM!

Birthday Wishes

to our Troopers turning 90-100 years young!

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turned 96 on 11/09/2020

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COL (RET) JAMES W. DINGEMAN
turned 95 on 11/23/2020
- T-4 JAMES K. MELLOW
turned 93 on 11/01/2020

CPT LLOYD GRABLE
turned 93 on 11/29/2020

SSG JOSEPH E. SAYRE
turned 92 on 11/05/2020

E-4 LEO LOUGHRAN JR.
turned 92 on 11/07/2020

COL (RET) LARRY E. WIDENER
turned 92 on 11/23/2020

T-3 FRANK BUTORYAK
turned 99 on 12/23/2020

CPL RICHARD VAGTS
turned 96 on 12/18/2020

T-5 ED REED
turned 94 on 12/23/2020

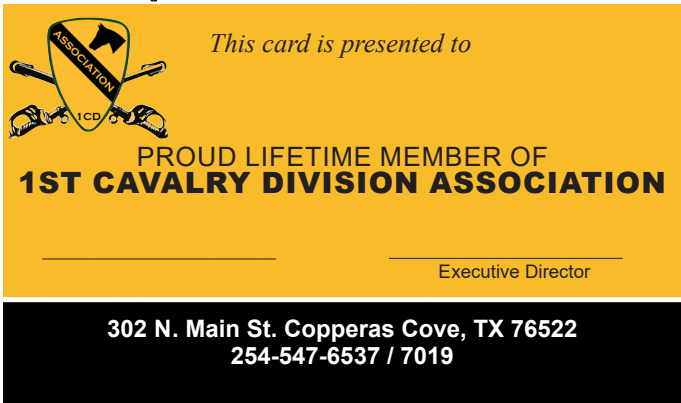
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