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Summer is over, at least for school age children and college students. This means a big change for Cathy

and me. For the past several years we've had our youngest grandson, Ryan, at our house most weekday afternoons. He would stay with us after nursery/preschool until his parents came to get him in late afternoon. Last week Ryan started kindergarten and he goes home after school. Is it possible for grandparents to suffer from empty nest syndrome?

Sen. John McCain passed away on August 25. He would have been 82 on August 29. He was a U. S. Senator for 31 years, but more significant to me was the 5 ½ years he spent as a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese. I was a senior in college when he was captured in 1967. By the time he was released in 1973 I had graduated college, joined the Army, graduated artillery OCS, spent a year in Vietnam, gotten out of the Army, and had been working in industry for two years. I cannot imagine what he went through. The thought of spending any time as a POW is very frightening to me.

I had an opportunity to meet Senator McCain in 2008. He was in South Carolina for a political event. He came to the Fort Mill (SC) VFW, where I am a member, for a meet and greet. Even though this was a planned stop it wasn't promoted or widely announced so it was a relatively small completely nonpolitical event. He went around the room and greeted each person there. Then he gave a brief talk and told a few anecdotes. One highlight of the evening was when one of the VFW members spoke to the gathering. In the early 70's he wore a POW bracelet, as did many Americans. When the POWs were released in 1973 he took off the bracelet and put away. He did not know the significance of the name on the bracelet, just that the POW was finally home. When he told his wife that he was going to meet Senator John McCain at the VFW that evening she told him that he should go find that bracelet and check the name. He presented the bracelet to Senator McCain that evening. The name on the bracelet – LT Commander John S. McCain.

It's only September but we have already planned our trip to D.C. for Veterans Day ceremonies. It looks like it will be a very busy weekend in the area with other events besides Veterans Day activities. If you are planning on attending, you need to have your reservations already. We will see some of you there.

And, as always, thank you for your service.

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On September 8<sup>th</sup> I was invited to attend a Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) ceremony for Soldiers of 2-5 CAV. These Soldiers were members of a platoon who came under fire on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 while conducting an escort mission in

Sadr City. That day would later be referred to by many as "Black Sunday". I was truly touched watching this group of survivors circle the room and greet their comrades, their battle buddies.

The mission of QOVF is to cover service members and Veterans touched by war. In Las Vegas (2016) and again in West Virginia (2018) we had several Vietnam Veterans receive their quilts. If any of our members wish to contact the foundation, their website is [<https://www.qovf.org/>](https://www.qovf.org/). No one likes to remember the horrors of war only to return home to fight the demons that followed from the battlefield. May your quilts bring you the comfort and healing that so

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## HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Jenny Nocella

Change is in the air with the hot and humid Central Texas days slowly transitioning to the fantastic riding season we call Fall. The change is even more real to the Horse Cavalry Detachment who said "goodbye" to CPT James "Justin" Nance after a year of endless dedication to the Detachment. We would like to wish him, and his three lazy pets, Honey, Max, and Nika good luck as they embark on a new adventure in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am CPT Jenny Nocella from Albuquerque, NM. I am not married but am the proud guardian of a four-year-old daughter, Mckenzie, one lazy dog named Mars, and two lazy horses named Sky and Hoss. It is a great honor to be able to command the Horse Cavalry Detachment and a special honor to be a part of this amazing organization. Since taking command, I've met several former Detachment and Horse Platoon members, their stories have been an inspiration and every day at the detachment is an opportunity to carry the legacy of the Cavalry tradition. Another change that the Detachment participated in was the Distinguished Service Recognition Ceremony. We were able to honor and give our thanks to BG Taylor, our Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver, for all he did for the First Team and our Detachment, he will be missed. We were also honored to welcome COL Norrie and COL Brown as our new Deputy Commanding Generals.

Since taking command the Detachment has multiple events coming up in the next few months; the Bartlett, TX Friendship Fest Parade, the Waco, Tx Farm Festival, the Centerville, TX Military Appreciation Day, and the Elgin Veterans Appreciation Parade. HCD will put on a demonstration for the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, we were honored and humbled to perform for such an amazing audience. Troopers are continuing to perform Yesterday and Today Presentations at local middle and High Schools and will also be conducting several Barn Tours for local community organizations. As always, we will stay busy conducting performances, and providing historical information to groups around the area. We enjoy being involved with the local community parades and rodeos and look forward to our upcoming events.

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

## DIVISION DOINGS

**First Team Hails, Farewells Leaders** Story and photos by MSG Jacob Caldwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav, Div Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas – Troopers from across the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division gathered for a special retreat ceremony conducted Aug. 27 on Cooper Field. During the ceremony, the First Team said farewell to BG Hank Taylor, deputy commanding general – maneuver, and welcomed COL Chris Norrie, incoming deputy commanding general – maneuver, and COL Miles Brown, incoming deputy commanding general – sustainment.

MG Paul Calvert, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, hosted the ceremony and began his remarks by bidding farewell to Taylor.

"Hank, you are a true difference maker," Calvert said. "You have been absolutely decisive in your efforts to raise the level of readiness across our formation, and we're better and more prepared today because of your actions.

"I appreciate your example of personal and professional balance," he continued. "The manner in which you invested in people in formations, your inclusiveness, embracing of relationships being a pacing item, and inspiring others to action. You drove systems and processes, kept the team focused on priorities, and became a trusted confidant whose advice and counsel I truly coveted on a daily basis.

"Personally, you've been a huge enabler in helping me to think, set priorities, and make decisions," Calvert said. "Simply put, you are the best deputy commanding general I could have ever asked for.

Taylor spoke of his time spent at the division as the DCG-M and thanked all with whom he had served. He also spoke about being a member of the First Team.

"Our division motto of being the First Team is truly what we are here in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division," Taylor said. "The late LTG Ret. Hal Moore often taught what it takes to be a great team. A team is leaders who create formation built on the foundation of trust and where Soldiers truly understand that they are a part of something greater than themselves – or in other words, are a part of the team.

"Hal Moore once said that American Soldiers in battle don't fight for apple pie, they fight for one another," Taylor said speaking to Calvert. "Sir, you have built that kind of unit here in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Thank you for this past year

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1st Cavalry Division Association Event Calendar

Nov 9-12, 2018	Veterans Day, Washington D.C.
Feb 22-24, 2019	Board of Governor's Mtg, Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX
June 5-9, 2019	72nd Annual 1CDA Reunion Fort Hood, TX
June 10-14, 2020	73rd Annual 1CDA Reunion, Louisville, KY



TAPS

We were notified of the death of the following:

**AVILLIONO**, Trooper Frank J. 29 July 2018.

**BOWEN**, Trooper Ralph, F Troop, 5 CAV, 1943-45. 23 August 2018.

**CASS**, COL Stanley D., A 2-20 ARA & B 2-20 ARA, 1966-67. 14 April 2018.

**GREEN**, PVT Herman L., A Co, 1-9 CAV, 1965. 12 August 2018.

**GRIFFITH**, GEN (RET) Ronald H., HHC, 1CD, 1984-86; HHC 1CD, 1988-89. 18 July 2018.

**HOZEY**, SGT James C., D Co, 1-5 CAV, 1965. 30 July 2018.

**LECHNER**, SGT George J., G Troop, 2-7 CAV. 18 July 2018.

**ORIENT**, SP-4 Joseph T., HHC, 8<sup>th</sup> ENG, 1965. 7 July 2018.

**ORTIZ**, SGT Raymond, A Co, 1-8 CAV, 1965. 5 August 2018. (DSC Recipient)

**RICHARD**, CPL Emile D., SVC Co, 7 CAV, 1950. 30 July 2018.

**ROMINGER**, CSM (RET) James R., 13<sup>th</sup> SIG (1967-68) & DIVARTY (1972-75). 13 July 2018.

**SALINAS**, PFC Fred, A Co, 12 CAV. 18 July 2018.

**SHOOPMAN**, SSG Terry E., D Co, 2-8 CAV, 1968. 12 May 2018.

**SMITH**, SPC Sean C., 12 CAV, 1968-69. 22 August 2018

**TESSANNE**, PVT Wallace W., A Co, 227 AHB, 1968-69. 27 May 2018.

**TINSLEY**, SFC (RET) Yolanda D., HHC, 3-227 AVN, 2006-08. 6 August 2018.

**VIOLINO**, MSG (RET) Anthony D., D Co, 2-8 CAV & D Co, 1-5 CAV, 1965. 30 July 2018.

**WHIGHAM**, CW3 Charles E., B Co, 1-9 CAV, 1965. 13 March 2018.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have been notified of the following Active Duty deaths.

We want to hear from YOU. Do you have a long lost story to tell, perhaps you want to share an old photo of you and your battle buddy?

Share your treasured thoughts with your 1st Cavalry Division Association Family.

Items for submission are due the 1st of every odd month; Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept. Email to [Programs@1CDA.org](mailto:Programs@1CDA.org).



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

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

The Director's Chair

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Quilt of Valor ceremony recipients

many of our Veterans need. I hope to continue this tradition during our annual reunions.

There are events that happen in our lives that will never be forgotten. For my genera-

tion it was the day the towers fell in New York City and the War on Terrorism that followed:

Where were you on that fateful day, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001? Were you watching the horrors come across the TV on every available network or maybe listening to the events in New York City unfold through your favorite radio station. Could you have been one of the many Americans sitting in an aircraft on tarmacs waiting to unload, only to be told all flights were grounded, or were you the Soldier sitting in bumper to bumper traffic waiting to get on base, only moving a few feet after an hour then being told to go home and try again tomorrow (try being the operative word).

Instead of showing defeat during a time of chaos and great loss, Americans united together as a nation and refused to surrender to fear. This tragedy reminds the world of everything America stands for, that we will remain strong against violence and evil, and we will fight for the freedom to live our lives free of fear. We, as a Nation, stand tall to safeguard the way of life so many have selflessly fought and died to protect. The world was changed that day as were the lives of the Families and survivors.

September 11<sup>th</sup> has been written into the history books much like Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy assassination, and the War on Terror. American flags will be lowered to half-staff to honor and recognize the 2,977 Americans who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks 17 years ago.

2019 is just around the corner, our calendar has gone to print, and will be mailed out in the coming weeks. A decision has been made to include the names of our members who send in a calendar donation of \$100 or more into our *Saber*. I would also like to remind our members about Veterans Day, 9-12 November 2018, in Washington, D.C. If you have never been to our country's capital during this time I recommend the trip.

Writers Needed!

- Carry on Your Unit Legacy
- Spread your Knowledge
- Share your Stories!

Please consider being on the team of *Saber Scribes*!

Articles are due the first week of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov.  
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CHAPTER NEWS

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

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next *Saber* is Thursday, 1 November 2018. Please send to Karleen at Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522, Attn: Karleen.

CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER

Our chapter is continuing to grow with member participation. We have monthly Stable Calls and quarterly meetings. These events are being held at local VFW's, to help promote our great organization and to support other Veteran organizations.

Our next big event after Veterans Day, will be the 72nd Annual Reunion here in Killeen. We will need a lot of help to make this a great time for all. If you are not getting the information for the doings of the chapter, please contact Tim Hodge at <allabout\_insurance@sbcglobal.com> or 254-718-4533. First Team, Tim

JAMES H. UNRUH, CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER (Upcoming New Chapter)

Our plans are to meet every other month with our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 pm, our last meeting was September 20<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting at Blue Rock Fire Rescue, Station 1, located at 1697 Temple Ave. in Lancaster (West Lancaster), PA. More info POC: James Pontz 717-725-3131 <jcpontz@yahoo.com>

JAMES J. MASON WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Chapter again hosted Bingo on 29 July 2018 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. We have been hosting Bingo for about 10 years now and while always a fun time for us, it's sad to witness the declining attendance of residents that were once faithful attendees.

We will have our last hosting session December 30, 2018 at 1400 hours at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Unfortunately, because of the declining financial ability of our Chapter to support this activity, we will no longer be able to participate after this year. It's been a good run for us and we have very much enjoyed the interaction with the residents, who take their Bingo, very seriously. Our Chapter is also becoming stagnant and unless we can generate some new members, 2019 could very well see us move into inactive status. Contact Bob Anderson at 616.682.5446 or e-mail him at <rj.anderson2243@comcast.net> for more information. First Team!

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER



Last of the desperados Bob Arbasetti and Scott Sjule enjoying the 1st Cavalry Reunion.

The New York-New Jersey Chapter will hold its Fall meeting on Oct 27, at 11.00 am at the Ridgfield Park Elks Lodge, 19 Cedar Street in Ridgfield Park, NJ. We will discuss Chapter updates and Veteran news, direction, and the future of the chapter. At this meeting, new tee shirts will be available, no mail order. Plus, some 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry items.

We will pay tribute to the Ridgfield Park Elks Lodge. The Lodge has been the home of New York-New Jersey Chapter since 2001. They provide us a warm and safe place to meet, easily accessible from major highways, and onsite parking.

NORTH CAROLINA TARHEEL CHAPTER



The quarterly North Carolina Chapter meeting held on Sept 8 in Mooresville, NC had 23 attendees. Association President Allen Norris gave a summary highlights of the Annual Meeting in West Virginia.

Johnny Parker (1/21 FA) was elected as N.C. Chapter President replacing Roy Wood (who is moving to Ft Collins, Colorado). The next quarterly meeting is to be

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in Winston Salem, NC at Hill's Lexington Barbecue on December 8th. For more information contact Johnny Parker <shagon19@gmail.com> or (704) 517-5445.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Our next General Membership Meeting is 1200, October 6, 2018, at Carrs Restaurant in Lakewood, 11006 Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood, WA 98499. August concludes our FY17 while September begins FY18; therefore, dues for the FY18 are due now. As I do not plan to attend our October meeting due to a previous commitment, I ask that you send your dues to the follow address:

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William Al Jackson, Editor/Publisher/Treasurer

Dear Troopers:

I would like to thank the First Cavalry Division Association North West Chapter for the privilege of serving on the board for many years. I served in positions such as Vice President, President, and Chaplain for over ten years. As your present Chaplain I must inform you that I am stepping down as of October. My wife and I will be moving to Florida. We will miss everyone but will be spending our summers here in the NW so will look forward to reconnecting at that time. God Bless and know you are in our prayers.

William Koepp, Chaplain

SHERIDAN'S CALVARY CHAPTER

Charter Member and Medal of Honor recipient Allen J. Lynch (D Co. 1/12<sup>th</sup>) was the guest speaker at the Cook County Illinois - 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Commemoration held at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

The chapters annual picnic was well attended this past month. Our next meeting is scheduled October 13 and Xmas Party December 8 at our American Legion Roselle location.

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## 61st FA News

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You should be reading this around mid-October. Hope you've had a good summer. Halloween will be on us in a hurry and the little goblins will be out for their treats soon. We always enjoy it. Our airways (radio and TV) and mail boxes will soon be inundated with political ads and that's something we don't enjoy. Guess it's just something we have to live with. As some famous guy once said, "democracy is certainly not perfect, but it's a whole lot better than anything else out there." Or words to that effect.

By the way, this issue marks the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my taking over as the 61<sup>st</sup> FA Bn Scribe from Speedy Speedman way back in September of 2002. Four more columns and I'll be at an even 100! Hard to believe, but as they say, time flies when you're having a good time.

And speaking of Speedy, got the following note from him up in Big Bear, CA... "Gordon, just a note to let you know that I am still with the Sheriff's Posse and now have the distinction of being the oldest member in the county (at 88) for whatever that's worth. I have enclosed a picture of my house decorated for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It caused a lot of commotion here in Big Bear. Hope all is well with you and your wife and you're still traveling around. Best, Speedy." Appreciate the note and you thinking of us, Speedy.

Your house looks great with that big 1<sup>st</sup> Cav banner and all the flags. And yes, we're still doing some traveling although we're in a little lull right now. We'll be spending a week or so in Palm Springs in November and then heading to Hawaii in late January.



Speedman House July 2018

Got this note from a fellow senior softball player, Harry Peacock... "Gordon, thought I'd send these 61<sup>st</sup> FA Bn photos your way. Some 61<sup>st</sup> FA memories you may wish to share. The pictures were taken in July of 1944 in the Philippines. Yes, 74 years ago this month. Top Photo L-R: SGT Frank Southworth (Mech);



Inspection of aircraft 1944

LT Fred Martin, LT Don McClintock, LT Wayne Dugan (Pilots) GEN Rex Chandler (by the L-3), CPL Peter Minneci (Assist Mech) and PVT Frank Dosa (Driver/Crew). All members of the 61<sup>st</sup> FA during WWII in the Pacific. Fred (Pink) Martin shared some background about the photo before his passing a couple years ago: That photo was taken when we were in rest camp on the Ndrillo Island in the Admiralty's. The picture

is of the 61<sup>st</sup> FA Bn Air Section being inspected by General Chandler, the DivArty CO. We had just had a prop (wooden) come apart after take-off with John L. Strobe, a pilot in the HQ Battery, crashing into Seadler Harbor damaging the landing gear supports beyond repair. Our strip was a nice one but was water on both ends. Strobe and his passenger swam back to shore and our ground crew managed to recover the aircraft. We obtained two empty fuel belly-tanks from a nearby P-38 unit and made a water taxi out of the remainder of the aircraft. Worked well. 61<sup>st</sup> FA ingenuity at work." Thanks to Harry and to Pink for saving these pieces of history.



Aviation Section OC Ndrillo Is, Admiraltys 1944

From Jim Miller (the ex-99<sup>th</sup> FA Bn Scribe)... "HELP, I've got a strange problem; most people would not consider it a problem at all. I can't remember how I got out of Korea. I remember getting my raggedy, filthy clothes burned, and going through the de-lousing tent, then I was on a ship in a clean uniform. I know there were no magic acts, or I would have used it way before late June or early July, 1951. Maybe some of your guys went at the same time. I suppose you'd like to know why? All I can say is it really bugs me not to remember the good part when I can remember all of the bad parts. I remember most of the sea trip back, but not getting on the ship. Did we leave from Japan or Korea? It's like reverse PTSD. Gordon, one of the reasons I had to give up the column was I suffered frozen hands and feet using those good gloves and boots, and the older I get the worse it gets. I always read your column. There's not much anything else about Korea; keep up the good work, Gordon, Jim." Nice to hear from you, Jim. I hope someone who was there around June/July 1951 time period can provide some help/memories for Jim. His email is <alnada2704@gmail.com> or you can contact me for more info.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, my birthday, I got a great call from Grady Tucker in Mobile, AL. I hadn't realized it, but Grady and I share a birthday although he's 91 (and

thankfully doing well). He said he's still in the unpacking stage with boxes all over the place. Know exactly how he feels, we went through that in our move from Georgia to California 20 years ago. My family got together here in Carlsbad to celebrate my 85<sup>th</sup> with a beef rib barbecue and all the trimmings. A good time was had by all.

Was reading the last issue of the Saber and noticed that no one from the 61<sup>st</sup> had attended the division reunion in Charleston, WV. I think this must be the first one that Speedy Speedman has missed in some time. Also note that the 99<sup>th</sup> had only one attendee and the 77<sup>th</sup> had just two or three. Guess old age is creeping up on us and our abilities to travel. There was also a picture of Jimmy Marks on page 21 from Flag Day. There were also a couple of scribes who were looking for replacements. I've been at it on this column for sixteen years now and while I'm glad to continue on, I do need help from all of you out there. Please remember that it's all about you and what you're doing or planning on doing as well as memories of your days with the 61<sup>st</sup>.

I'm sending my five scribe copies of the Saber to the local VA hospital and they tell it's very well received. All five copies are usually snapped up within an hour of their being out in the hospital library.

Ed Jakubowski periodically sends me some item of interest and I really appreciate them. The latest was "The Virtues of Beer" from a number of dignitaries, comedians and others. Too long to repeat here, but they were good for a chuckle. You can contact Ed at <ed3aces@roadrunner.com>. Let him know you'd like to be on his distribution list and I'm sure he'd be glad to hear from you and also add you to his list.

From Jimmy Marks... "Hello Gordon, I was recently paid a visit by the grandson of our Korean War battery commander LTC (Retired) John P. Kean now deceased, CPT Dustin Merli USMC. LT Kean (USMA 48) was the executive officer of Btry A 61st FA Bn who found himself suddenly thrust into the position of battery commander when the CO, CPT Rex Gunnell, was killed in action the night of Nov 25, 1950. Kean skillfully led the battery in a dire situation, saving the battery from almost certain destruction at the hands of hordes of Chinese regulars. CPT Merli and his beautiful wife Kathleen were enroute to San Diego where CPT Merli had additional training as a Marine Corps Pilot; he is now on assignment in Hawaii." Thanks for the update, Jimmy, always nice to hear from you. Best of luck to CPT Merli.



Jimmy Marks-CPT Merli

On a personal note, my wife underwent some back surgery to relieve the pain in her right leg. According to the surgeon it all went well. She says she can tell the difference after just a day or two and that's great news. Both daughters were a great help during her overnight stay at the hospital. Now she's here at home and I'm playing nurse, housekeeper, chef, etc. Just glad to have her back and see her progress/healing without pain. Amazing what the doctors can do these days.

A note from Peter O'Brien... "Hi Gordon, among the many memories of overseas Army service are the ocean crossings on troopships. Most of the ships those days were built before, or during, World War II. Everyone will have embedded memories of either coming or going, or both. Mine are mostly about returning home and stopping at Adak, Alaska, near the tip of the Aleutians, to pick up two GI prisoners heading home for hard time in an Army prison. After seeing that bleak island I felt bad for those kids who probably screwed-up out of beer-soaked boredom. That homeward bound trip on the USS Funston hit a bad storm and I remember vividly the rising and falling stern lifting the prop out of the water, where it spun freely for a moment or two, before slamming back into the water. Trying to sleep in fold-up bunks, stacked four high, is also memorable. And, sadly, the really good shipboard food was mostly uneaten. I went over on the USS General W.A. Mann and returned on the USS Frederick Funston. Detailed histories and photos of most of the troopships may be found on Wikipedia. However, long before the internet, I found a book called Troopships of World War II, by Roland W. Charles. A photo of the troopship W.A. Mann is shown here. So, if anyone cannot find their ship(s) on Wikipedia, I will be happy to send them the info from the book which is supposed to be a complete listing of all troopships. I'm at PO Box 133, Foxboro, MA 02035 or <book.man@verizon.net>. Peter O'Brien, HQ Btry, 1954-56." Thanks so much, Peter, always enjoy your stories.



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### GENERAL W. A. MANN

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#### Troopship W.A. Mann

From John Moran in mid-August... "Hi Gordon, I'm the Acting Secretary for the 77th FA Association, and I read your comment in the Saber about the 77th not having a column in the Saber anymore. Thought I'd update you on what's going on with us. Our last Scribe LTC Tagge, died about 4 years ago, and nobody

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5th CAV News



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Hello again from the Ozark Mountains, hope you’ve enjoyed the summer. By the time you receive this in your mail box you’ll be thinking about the holidays and the annual Veterans Day ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Although I won’t be able to make it this year I certainly encourage as many of you as possible to attend. You can get all the details at <www.1CDA.org>.

The last article I had the good fortune of informing everyone that Michael DeHart had his 2 Silver Stars upgraded to the DSC. Now I must report the sad news of 2 of our Troopers have entered Fiddlers Green.

July 30, 2018 Anthony Violino passed away and was laid to rest New Tacoma Cemetery University Place, Washington. Services were officiated by Chaplain William Koepp, 1 CDA NWC.

James Curtis Hozey, 78, of Colbert, completed his service on Earth Monday, July 30, 2018. Born in Calhoun Falls, SC on June 16, 1940, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he proudly served in the 1st Cavalry Division. James had a lifelong commitment to the service in his community. He was a long-time member of the board of directors for the 5th U.S. Cavalry Association. Excerpt from 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade “Blackhorse Hoofbeats” dated 12 March 1967:

1/5 Trainsmen Hurl Back Cong

Cooks, mule drivers and supply personnel of the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Cav trains became riflemen in a hurry on the morning of 7 February as they battled off a determined bid by an unknown sized enemy force to overrun the airstrip at LZ English. At approximately 0200 hours on a dark, moonless night, the landing zone came under heavy enemy attack from mortars and automatic weapons fire, the attackers coming from two different areas east of LZ English. SFC Leonard Judd of Harker Heights, TX realizing an attack had begun, quickly alerted the trains area and within minutes the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Cav’s perimeter was manned and returning the enemy fire. The perimeter, manned by cooks, motor pool personnel, supply man, along with a four-man mortar crew from Company C began to fight off the enemy from three sides.

Mortar crew under the command of SP/4 Richard Maxis of Whittier, CA immediately placed a heavy volume of mortar fire on one enemy mortar position, with the Bn. XO, MAJ Benjamin Abramowitz of Overland Park, KS acting as forward observer, the enemy position was silenced. Then the men began to place effective fire on a small arms position until CPT Edward Anderson of Ft. Benning, GA raced up to direct fire on a second mortar position. This position

was also put out of action by accurate mortar fire.

Meanwhile, the trains personnel continued their heavy base of fire causing the enemy many casualties and forcing him to withdraw. SP/4 Vincent Pace of Warren, PA provided illumination by hand flares throughout the 45-minute battle, enabling the men on the perimeter to zero in on the enemy targets. Although portions of LZ English and LZ Dog were hit extensively by the enemy mortar fire, the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Cav sustained only one minor injury and no loss of supplies or material.

Due to their extremely rapid response to the critical situation and their precise coordination, the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Cav trains personnel are responsible for driving off the attacking enemy while keeping casualties and equipment losses to a minimum. Just a reminder, during the 1CDA Reunion scheduled for 5 – 9 June 2019 in Killeen, TX, the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Association will be conducting our annual General Membership meeting during the 5<sup>th</sup> Cav Unit Luncheon.

OTHER REUNIONS

- 1/8 CAV ‘Jumping Mustangs’ Reunion, October 2018. Colorado Springs, CO.
- 1/9 A Troop Punta Gorda Reunion, 23-25 October 2018. More information contact Michael Bond <mbluvsrj@msn.com>.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion Association Reunion, 3-7 April 2019. Holiday Inn Downtown (Market Square), San Antonio, TX, <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>, POC Ron Huether, <medevac2@15thmedbnassociation.org> or 830-997-9686.
- 227<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Battalion Reunion, 13-16 April 2018. Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN, <http://reunion.227ahb.org>, POC Howard Burbank, <chickenman@a227ahb.org>. All members, guests and friends of the 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion are invited to attend.
- \*\*CHANGE\*\*
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association 72<sup>nd</sup> Reunion, 5-9 June 2019. Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX; Reservations can be made by calling (254) 699-0999; Reunion registrations will go out with the 2019 Calendar or you can register online beginning November 1st, via the website, <www.1CDA.org>.

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of-business, annual, post social BBQ and Chili-cook-off. With only two 12<sup>th</sup> Cav articles coming down Google Strait the last two months, I found a mere singular usable. Here 'tis:

**0305** "SFC Richard Sierra, 2-12 Cavalry was presented with a quilt from Quilts of Valor Foundation, Quilters with a Heart group leader, Laura Winckel on 16 June 2018. A quilt from the Quilt of Valor Foundation is a symbol of thanks for those who have been touched by war. Sierra was touched by war when he experienced and survived Black Sunday on 4 April 2004 in Sadr City, Iraq. Black Sunday, at the time it occurred, was recognized as the day that presented the highest number of casualties for the 1st Cavalry Division in a single day since the Vietnam War. By the end of that day eight Soldiers had lost their lives and 60 more were wounded in an ambush. Sierra said it was a normal day until he started seeing and hearing the chaos that ensued from the ambush. "I still remember hearing the gun shots. It was a lot of gun shots and people running around. They were asking for combat life savers and they were asking for us to be on standby because we were about to roll out, because the vehicles were getting destroyed," he said. Sierra is one of 24 Black Sunday survivors that is receiving or has received a quilt and is the last one on active duty status. Sierra plans to retire this month and hopes to be a police officer with the Garland Police Department." <FortHoodSentinel.Com>, and <QOVF.Org>, Please give the Quilts of Valor Foundation a look-see. If any of this is wrong, remember: I am 'quoting'.

See link for full article on SFC Richard Sierra. <[http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/living/saying-thanks-with-a-quilt-of-valor/article\\_227cb442-7e2f-11e8-b3ce-b76f5962008a.html](http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/living/saying-thanks-with-a-quilt-of-valor/article_227cb442-7e2f-11e8-b3ce-b76f5962008a.html)>

**0505** On the home front; 1) I received calls and email from Colonel Fox, reference: "Trying to track down John Drake. He was the commanding officer of Company A, 1-12th Cav in Vietnam. He was wounded on January 31, 1966. He was last seen at the Command and General College, date unknown. Can you put a note in the *Saber* next time around, thanks." <EugeneAustinFox@GMail.Com> 2) B 2-12 Trooper Vincent Datoli of Hackensack, NJ called me regarding mention of SSG Curtis Ray Patton in last issue. He remembers SSG Patton and

his talking about playing guitar and idolizing Chet Atkins. He also remembers SP-4 Dennis Paul Wood, KIA in December of 1967. Asking if Troopers Charles Rust, Tripp, Yost, Waters, or any others of his 5-man long-range patrol had contacted me on that story. My answer is no. However, he is seeking them and/or others. 3) C 2-12 Trooper Daniel Griffin called to chew the fat about my Memorial Day musings on the Troopers we remember, and lost in early 1969s Vietnam, and the places we occupied. Sadly, he does not remember LT/CPT Schultz. 4) D 1-12 Cav Douglas Struthers sent in a picture of he and PFC Larry A. Strom, KIA 12-25-1966. We got it loaded up to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Virtual Wall of Faces. Not only did they include his picture, but they cropped it down also and made a new one from the close up. Dang, it is good to now see two decent photos of Larry there! <VVMF.Org/Wall-of-Faces>. If any of you Cats have any status information, persons,



**PFC Larry A. Strom (back), KIA 12-25-66, & E5 Doug Struthers, Aug 1966**

or contact information on the above or others, please come scratching around. My contact info is at the top left on page six.

**0705** "I first wrote to the *Saber* 11-12-2016, looking for Vets from my 'Tribe' (company) which I left rather abruptly on Jan 26, 1969 at 2130hr, leaving Vietnam 3-days later to recover from the bullet wounds I suffered. This is the outcome of my search. C 2-12 SGT Kenny Cellilo was the first to contact me from the *Saber* article. We were both wounded on the same trail, about 1000 yards apart in Jan of 69: I on the 26<sup>th</sup> and he on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We had an instant bond. My wife Cindy and I went to the Florida Keys in Nov to meet and spend a little bit of time with him. Unfortunately, Kenny lost his home in the Hurricane and has relocated to the mainland. We had no quality time together due to this disaster. Kenny also told me about a Facebook site called 'Vietnam Vets photo club', <Facebook.Com/Groups/VietnamVetsPhotoClub>. I joined and have sent in many pictures of our Vietnam days. By joining this club, I was first introduced to Bertuli, then Gary Vickers, and finally Jim Compton, all three were from D Co 2-12. All part of my tribe!! Recently I had the pleasure of meeting and spending quality time with these 3 fellow Troopers. Locations of this event that was 49 yrs in the making were the Central Coast of Calif (Morro Bay) and just south in Ventura Calif. Cindy and I hosted in Los Osos and Jim hosted in Ventura."

**0905** "We gave'em a good Calif Beach Town experience. Please no Calif jokes, heard em all in Basic/AIT; Palm Trees, Beach Boys, Fruits and Nuts, etc. Governor Moonbeam still in charge. All arrived in Los Osos at noon on Friday March 2nd, staying till Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>, returning to base camp Ventura. We had good Calif eats for all (surf/turf, little mix of things). We did some Pacific Coast cruising, seeing the sites, enjoying each other's company. On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Cindy and I drove to Ventura to see all again at Jim Compton's home. Vickers bought lobster, steaks, chicken, etc, with Compton preparing/cooking it all. The man is a master chef!!!"

**0001** Hey Sailor, new in town? First voyage or scores, all aboard the USS Semper Paratus. Welcome to our semi-annual, fire, garage, weekend only, year-end, inventory reduction, yard, Regimental Days, monthly, going-out-



**Laura Winckel & SFC Richard Sierra**

**1105** "We had a feast to remember. In attendance were: SSGT Gary Vickers from Missouri, SGT Len Bertuli from Illinois, SGT Jim Compton from Calif, and SP-4 Duane Smythe from same. All holding Purple Hearts, some Bronze Stars/Valor. I didn't remember Vickers or Compton from Vietnam. Bertuli and I had been on an OP while digging in and had an artillery marker round hit near us, with a large piece of shrapnel landing about a foot away. We both felt it, it was too hot to touch, and it had almost killed us. 49 YEARS - I felt so comfortable meeting these strangers, so calm. We had only for a short time talked to each other on the phone, e-mailed, or texted. It's the bond that combat Troops feel towards each other. It was that and then some: they all had walked in my boots, walked the same trails and in same conditions themselves, day/night, good or bad. FYI Charlie Company Vets: on Feb 16, 1969, you ran low on ammo and food while battling a battalion size NVA force in the LZ Grant area of ops. SGT Gary Vickers walked point on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 2155hr with D Co following, humping food and ammo to you all. Choppers could not supply the company due to enemy ground fire. C Company was pinned down by a large NVA force. We lost SGT Pinney and Jerry Moore during that long, long day/night. Moore was an MIA, later found to be a KIA. Prayers to both and their families. Moore was an FNG PFC, very sad."

**1305** "Kenny Cellilo informed me how to acquire the 24hr daily logs on each battalion, topo's, etc. I now know the exact location, time and history of the night I was almost killed in Viet Nam. Before the boys arrived at our home in Los Osos I had all the logs, topo's, info, and computer with digital pics of our Company laid out on two card tables. They were blown away having all this at their disposal with us all together. Fuzzy mind things were clearing up as we all talked, along with documentation taking place from the logs. Locations to me are one of the most important parts of having these logs. The 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cav had us moving all over the Areas of Operations; now I know exactly where we were every 3-4 hrs of each day. There it is, never think it is a waste of time to try and contact

someone you served with in the military. This is going to be a continuing bond that started in 1968 being an Infantryman in the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry, 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Still looking for Mario 'Dan' Solorio, Willie Davis, Ronald L. Combs, Harold Snooky, Mike Gill, and any 1<sup>st</sup> platoon Troopers from the LZ Nancy/Quan Loi/LZ Grant era." Trooper Duane Smythe, <Duane\_Smythe@Yahoo.Com>.



**2-12 Cavalry Wildcard Company on the Presidente Range**

**1505** "For 20 years, the Soldier for Life, Transition Assistance Program, partnered with the Sentinel, has drawn in thousands of Soldiers, Veterans and Family members seeking the next step in their career. The Mega Career Fair filled Club Hood June 19 with about 185 separate vendors and 500 recruiters, human resource representatives, and hiring managers. The Mega creates a challenge to depart from typical or regional career fairs that are geared toward finding job seekers residing in the area and seeks to present companies from outside the area that can provide quality salaries to service members and their Families. "If we only focused on your average local and regional employers, many of our service members would suffer financially from the wages you could expect to see as a direct result. We aggressively pursue federal and state government agencies, government contractors, law enforcement, oil & gas, logistics, IT and a host of other Fortune 10-1,000 companies with military-friendly hiring initiatives. Of the 9,000-12,000 service members who transition from Fort Hood each year, 50 percent of whom are married, about 65 percent will depart the state of Texas entirely. That means we need employers offering opportunities throughout the U.S. and even overseas." The career fair presented police forces from all over the country and even local police, like Killeen. SFC Richard Sierra, Forward Support Company, 2-12 Cavalry Regiment, plans to work with Garland Police Department after exiting the service next month. He met the recruiters at the Mega, applied, took their test and is excited to start that journey. "I wanted something that would have the same brotherhood and camaraderie I get in the Army," Sierra said, adding that Garland is perfect for him because it will give him a little separation from a military installation." <FortHoodSentinel.Com>.

**1905** A continuing story. "Len 'Butch' Bertuli deployed to Vietnam in October of 1968. When he came home in August of 1969 he put the war and the friends he made in Stacked Deck, D 2-12 Cav behind him. "I came home on August 25 and a week and a half later I was at IVCC. I realized being a Vietnam Veteran was not a good thing. So, I just put it all away," Bertuli said. "I literally took all my stuff, my medals, everything, threw it in a box, put it in my mom's basement and I forgot about it." He said a chance meeting with a martial arts instructor at the college helped give him an outlet to focus his attention. "For 30 years I studied and taught martial arts and did everything I could to bury Vietnam. There were people in town that knew me my whole life and didn't know I was a Veteran," Bertuli said. This March, Bertuli worked with fellow Stacked Deck Veterans Gary Vickers and Jim Compton to write, "Telling Our Story: 11 Days in March." The 5,000-word essay recounts an experience they shared withstanding multiple North Vietnamese Army attacks during an 11 day span of the war in late February and early March 1969. Compton and Bertuli alternate narration of the story, Bertuli's account starts with the Soldiers resupplying in a clearing while on patrol. What follows is a harrowing tale of the lives of the men of Stacked Deck around Landing Zone Grant, which according to the story's description "was a small outpost located on Highway 13 (a dirt road), a main route to Tay Ninh and Saigon, and a few miles from a mountain named Nui Ba Den (Black Virgin Mountain)." D 2-12 and other units involved in the defense of Landing Zone Grant were awarded the Valorous Unit Award for Extraordinary Heroism in 1971. "This 11-day period was pretty traumatic," Bertuli said. "(The story) is as real as the three of us can make it. The more I wrote on it, the more I thought, 'This is a pretty good story.'" Alert!: Truncated due to the exigencies of allowed space and e-verified timestamp of story submissions. Tune in same time same column next issue.

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## 7th CAV News



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Greetings, and best wishes to all members of the 7th Cavalry. And thanks to all of you who have sent me the great stories and pictures! I am including them as I can, but I would remind you to include stories with pictures, and pictures with stories. I have some great pictures of the 7th Cav in Korea and am chasing down the appropriate context to print with them.

**Buck Jones**, President of the California Central Coast Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, sent an update on a reunion recently held in Sheridan, Wyoming.

SGT Dick "Wyoming" Legocki, Charlie Co 2d Bn 7th Cav, hosted a 50 year-from TET 1968- reunion at his home in Sheridan Wyoming for members of the 1st Platoon that served together 1967-68. I had not seen one of our Troopers Steve Harris, Dubuque, Iowa - affectionately known as "Harry the ARVN", since he DEROS'd in 1968, 50 years ago. Was a very emotional reunion for us all. SGT Legocki arranged for the local chapter of the Quilt of Valor Foundation to present six of us with handmade quilts, sewn by the ladies of the local chapter. The members of the platoon wish to extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Judy Sackett, Ms. July Way, and Ms. Jackie Jolovich for their hard work and dedication in creating the 'works of art quilts' that we were presented. And a special thanks to Ms. Kristi Smith for organizing the presentation, which was reported in the Sheridan Press on August 22nd and 25th. It was extremely emotional for all of us, and as I told the ladies from the foundation this was the first meaningful and sincere Welcome Home I've

everreceived. In the photograph from the left is: 1LT Greg Molesworth, SP4 Steven Harris, SGT Buck Jones, SGT Barry Plesser, SGT John "Tex" Marschall, SP5 Nick 'the Greek-Doc' Argyris and SGT Dick Legocki our host. Special thanks to Mrs. Jeanne Legocki for having us in her home and putting up with a bunch of old Skytroopers.

And a short 'war story' that we retold a few times last week, that was verified by platoon members



1LT Greg Molesworth, SP4 Steven Harris, SGT Buck Jones, SGT Barry Plesser, SGT John Tex Marschall, SP5 Nick Argyris and SGT Dick Legocki

including myself. Hard to believe even today. C/2/7, CPT Conway as CO, was assigned to work up into Khe Sanh on or about 3 April 1968 on Highway 9, between Camp Evans, Camp Radcliffe and Khe Sanh. This effort was to clear Highway 9 of 'Charlie' and the NVA, to bring supplies into Khe Sanh and relieve the Marines, who needed a break after the Winter of 1967-1968 shelling. 1st Platoon, LT Greg Molesworth was given the left side of the road and 2LT John Brady (KIA later than morning) had the right side all in dense jungle canopy. As we moved forward through the jungle, either SGT Bernard or SGT Plesser (less than 30 days to DEROS) found two round holes in the ground about 24 inches in diameter, about 20 feet apart. At first, we suspected spider holes, but they both had no cover, dead vegetation, nor any loose dirt around them. We should have figured it out then. Well per protocol, I (1-6 RTO) called 6 and related we would frag one of them. Don't recall who but we fired in the hole, to our dismay the grenade did not detonate. We waited a few minutes, then dropped another grenade in the hole. It did not detonate either! Never had any of us experienced any dud grenades, much less two of them. So, it was decided not to frag it again and wait 10 minutes send one of our tunnel rats down the hole, we can't agree at this time who went down, tied a rope around his leg and sent him down the hole. He went in about 10 feet and came back out quicker than we could pull him out, shouting bomb, bomb! I called back to the CP and warned not to frag any other smooth round holes. Turns out they were unexploded bombs from the previous days arc light missions. Had either of those grenades exploded there could have been another six or so names on the Wall. Maybe more. I believe a few of us at that time started to believe strongly in divine intervention. Yea, from there we cleared the highway, with much effort, up to Khe Sanh's south sally port on Highway 9.

**Glen Allen, Jr.**, who served with A 2/7, has written a book about describing the life of an infantryman in 1965-66 in Vietnam. Glen traveled to Vietnam on a Troop ship in August of 1965, was wounded and evacuated in May of 1966. You can find his book at the 7th Cavalry Quartermaster website, <<http://www.us7thcavalry.com/quartermaster/Books.htm>>

**Karl Haartz** sent me a recap of the 5th of the 7th reunion in Pittsburgh: Karl is the 1st Vice President Emeritus, 5th Bn 7th Cav Association.

On July 30, 2018 to August 5, 2018 the 5th Bn 7th Cav Assoc met for its 14th reunion since 1992 with 506 Troopers and guests in attendance. It was a great time of meeting and greeting old buddies and their families. YUP, we are getting older. Tuesday, 284 of 5/7 members went to the Pittsburgh Pirates vs the Chicago Cubs ballgame.

The 5/7 Color Guard presented the colors during the National Anthem. Our Medal of Honor recipient James "Mike" Sprayberry was to throw out the first pitch but his flight was rerouted due to a medical emergency. A good night was had by all. Wednesday AM we had 3 motor coaches leave the hotel for a luncheon at the Somerset, PA VFW



5-7 Color Guard

and then on to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. We could only have 3 buses due the Park Service requirements as not to overcrowd the Memorial. Wednesday evening, we had our Get Acquainted Free Pizza gathering in the hospitably room. Again, the Troops and guests devoured 100, yes 100 pizzas in 45 minutes. Thursday AM there was a lady's tea for our wives & girlfriends. There were two speakers from the West Virginia Vet Center which explained Dependent Income Compensation and other details from the VA at the time of Veterans leaving for Fiddler's Green. Thursday there was a dinner cruise on the Ohio River. They went down river though the 1st lock south of Pittsburgh and then got stuck in North bound barge traffic. The cruise didn't return until almost midnight. The hospitality room didn't do much that night. Friday night was our banquet and awards ceremony. Saturday AM brought the focal point of the reunion, which is the Memorial service. This was held at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial and Museum, located in the middle of the University of Pittsburgh Campus. We listened to the reading of our 368 names of those KIA in the Republic of South Vietnam, 17 names from Iraq & Afghanistan and 23 members since our last reunion in 2016. Yes, we are getting older. Saturday evening was the goodbye Barbeque. Overall, it was a great reunion and now on to D.C. on Veterans Day. We do have a dinner on November 11th each year.

When you receive this issue, September 11th will have passed for another year. However, I wanted to add this editorial written by LTC Dan Rice (III Corps Deputy Command Chaplain) and published in the Fort Hood Sentinel titled *A Loving Sacrifice*.

### ***Sacrifice Demonstrates Love***

As we remember and mourn the many deaths that occurred on Sept. 11, we are also reminded of great love. The bravery and heroism displayed on that historic day by firefighters, police officers, airline passengers and many more, demonstrated love. So many sacrificed their lives so that others could live. They did not do it for recognition. They acted out of love.

Cyril Richard (Rick) Rescorla epitomized this. A retired colonel in the U.S. Army, Rescorla served with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam and was known for his bravery in battle. On 9/11, he gave the full measure of devotion and saved almost 2,700 people from the twin towers. As the vice president of security for a financial services company in the World Trade Center, Rescorla led others down the stairwell to safety. He calmly instructed them where to go and helped assuage their fears by singing as they fled. Rescorla was last seen heading back up the stairs to rescue more people when the South Tower collapsed and killed him.

In John 15:3, Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends." Sacrifice demonstrates love.

I received a request for information about Leonard Leroy Bevels from a childhood friend, OH Hubbard, Jr. "I am writing you to see if you may have information on Leonard Leroy Bevels. He served in the 1st Cav 7th Cav Company C. His date of casualty was 11/23/1967. I was a schoolmate of Leonard's. I am trying to locate anyone who might have known him. Any information you could provide would be great. Feel free to call me 903-815-3890. Thank you."

And finally, from our 7th Cavalry Association President, John Guillory: Hello 7th U.S. Cavalry Association, this is your President, John Guillory, here with a request for assistance from all association members. We have vacancies in the following honorary positions of Association officers: President Emeritus, Honorary Colonel, and Honorary Sergeant Major. These positions have become vacant due to the passing of the previous holder of each of these positions: Bill Richardson, MAJ (ret) - President Emeritus; Harold G. Moore, LTG (ret) - Honorary Colonel; Basil L. Plumley, CSM (ret) - Honorary Sergeant Major. See the 7th United States Cavalry Association website <[us7thcavalry.com](http://us7thcavalry.com)>. Keeping in mind that these positions are vacant, I am asking all 7th Cavalry members for your nominations of candidates to fill the positions.

The Association's President Emeritus position is filled by an honored past president, no longer serving as president. This basically means that the person is remembered as successful in the duties and responsibilities of that position. The word emeritus is Latin, originally meaning "Veteran Soldier." The honorary positions refer to some distinction, status or award given for that person's past-demonstrated merit. The nominated candidate for President Emeritus should reflect past leadership and dedication to the association primarily, and support of Veterans in general. It is not a requirement for the Honorary Colonel to have been an actual colonel, but he or she must have been an officer. Similarly, the Honorary Sergeant Major need not have served in that rank, but he or she must have been an enlisted Soldier.

All the stated honorary positions are just that, they are honorary and have no duties or responsibilities. These positions are to recognize and honor those serving in them for their past dedication and service to the 7th Cavalry Association. All nominees must have served in, or have been attached to, a unit within the 7th Cavalry Regiment, and a member in good standing of the 7th United States Cavalry Association. Finally, your nominee(s) must be aware and agree to their nomination.

Please email your nominations, at your earliest possible convenience, to John Guillory at <[manhunter6869@yahoo.com](mailto:manhunter6869@yahoo.com)>, and thank you for your consideration and assistance with this task.

And so, good friends, it's almost my turn for guard duty. I must put away my pen and pick up my rifle. Please continue to send your thoughts, articles, and pictures to me so that all can share in the memories. Now, until we meet again, may your days be sunny, and your nights be quiet and restful. Garryowen!

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## 8th CAV News



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Hi again, I trust all is going well. This column will be a bit shorter than usual. I've decided to relinquish my winter abode in Florida and to move back to my Michigan home permanently. I've sold my Florida get-away. I'm still having "seller's remorse," but trying to maintain two homes 1400 miles apart was posing too much of a challenge to this 72 y/o Trooper. All I seemed to be doing was working on and fixing things at one place or the other – not my idea of restful retirement. Having given it a lot of thought, I discerned that for what it was costing to maintain the Florida home that I used for a few months a year I could, instead, enjoy a couple of very nice winter vacations in spots warm and sunny. So, as I write this column, I'm back down here in Port Charlotte busy packing up and getting ready for the POD to be delivered and the movers to arrive. I swear that this will be my final move (how often have we said that?) I may find myself back down here next winter, however, in a nice rented condo.

Interested in a history of the 8th Cavalry Regiment? Go to Wikipedia for a thorough history that you may enjoy reading. You can find it at: <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/8th\\_Cavalry\\_Regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/8th_Cavalry_Regiment)>. It provides a good rendition of the many ways that the Regiment has served the Nation from its establishment in 1861, to the Punitive Expedition in Mexico 1916-1920 which precluded its service in WWI, and on to the present-day service of its four battalions.

Many of us served in B 2/8 in Vietnam. The group of us who served during 1967-68 in Bravo Company belongs to a brotherhood called Eager Arms, our company call sign at the time. We still maintain our website <[www.eagerarms.com](http://www.eagerarms.com)> which tells the stories of our service back then. Here is something about which most of us are unaware: Eager Arms continues to serve in the 2/8th today! See SSG Ronald Lee's great interview with Bravo Company's current CO, CPT Thomas Comer deployed and serving with Eager Arms in Poland with Atlantic Resolve: <<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/614485/tankers-story>>



6-8 Spur Ride

Our one battalion not assigned to the 1st Cav is the 6/8th that is serving with 3 ID at Fort Stewart, GA. They conducted a Spur Ride in the Fall of 2017. It's a great challenge for the Troopers who participated in it. Here's the relevant item from DIVIDS (Defense Visual Information Service) on the web <<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/4025642/mustangs-conduct-fall-spur-ride>>:

"PFC Matthew Huckaba, a Trooper with 6th

Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, steps over a box jump obstacle during the cavalry spur ride, Dec. 6 at Fort Stewart, GA. Soldiers who serve with cavalry units are inducted into the Order of the Spur after successfully completing a spur ride. Every participant, known as shave-tails, goes through strenuous sets of physical and mental tests before they earn the right to wear the coveted silver spurs. (U.S. Army Photo by PFC Riggs/Released)"

I found this interesting story at <<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/agency/army/1-8cav.htm>>; it is reprinted here with their permission:

1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment "Jumping Mustangs"

The mission of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry is to deploy to theatre of operation and conduct full spectrum operations.

The 8th Cavalry Regiment was first organized on 21 September 1866 at Angel Island, California. In its early years, the 8th Cavalry as a whole fought many battles in the Indian Wars and conducted border duty along the New Mexico and Texas borders. During the Spanish-American War, the 8th Cavalry was assigned to Cuba to protect American citizens and their property. They were sent to defend the Philippines against guerrillas from 1905 to 1915.

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

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

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

In 1986, the Battalion was organized as a Combined Arms Maneuver Battalion. The Battalion relinquished a tank company in exchange for an M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle equipped infantry company, one of the first permanently structured units of this nature in the Army.

In August 1990, a task force led by the Battalion was alerted to deploy to Southwest Asia as part of the Allied response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The task force led the 1st Cavalry Division into the Saudi Arabian desert, arriving 28 September 1990. From 10 February 1991 to 1 March 1991, the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry participated in 5 combat missions, culminating in a record setting

move over 300 kilometers in 2 days. Their accomplishments led to the unit being awarded their second Unit Valorous Award. The Mustangs redeployed to Fort Hood, Texas in April 1991.

In June 1996, the Mustangs turned in their M1A1 tanks and became the third battalion in the United States Army to field the M1A2 Main Battle Tank.

When the 1st Cavalry Division was alerted for deployment to Bosnia for Operation Joint Forge, 1-8th Cavalry was chosen to become a part of the 1st Brigade and lead the 1st Cavalry Division into Bosnia. The Mustangs deployed in August of 1998 and maintained the peace in sector near Camp McGovern until March 1999. On 2 October 1999, 1-8th Cavalry was reassigned from 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division to 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

The 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, as part of 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, presented farmers in the Al Rashid region with 4 brand new tractors between 9 and 10 June 2004. As the 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division plan to improve agriculture in Al Rashid, members of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment civil affairs team, presented farmers of Al Boetha with more than 68 tons of seed, fertilizer and other supplies at the Al Ahar School by 4 August 2004. The seed delivery started on 6 July 2004. The distribution was one of many to take over 2 weeks, just in time for the second planting season.

Well, sorry to be so brief, but I've got a lot of packing to do. Michigan – here I come! Until next time: "Honor and Courage!"

## 61st FA News

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has stepped up to fill his shoes, 'column-wise'. I won't attribute it to laziness, more a lack of imagination. I've read your column for years (and others like Dan Gillotti of the 30th), and I really admire the way you guys can put together a column, issue after issue. I know I can't do it, and nobody else has come forward. We normally have our reunion in September, and after the last two (2016, 2017), I've written up an account and sent it, and pictures, to the Saber; and I plan to do the same after next month. There is not a 1/77 Association any more. We've opened up to Veterans from other 77th battalions (2/77 from 4ID, 4/77 from 101 ABN, and 6/77 from 25 ID). Well, now that you know more than you've ever wanted to know about the 77th, I'll close."

After receiving this I asked Jim if he would like me to put his note in this issue of the Saber and he said, "Sure! We'll take all the exposure we can get. The 1/77 was deactivated several years ago after pulling several tours in Iraq (convoy duty, I understand); they were based in Germany then, but not sure who they were assigned to. They had been at Sill about 10 years ago as a Lance rocket outfit. The only 77th battalion on active duty now is the 2/77 at Carson, part of the 4th ID, who they had been with since Nam, I believe. They, the 2/77, hosted our reunion last September at Ft Carson/Colorado Springs. Got to see one of their firing batteries in action-they were doing some training. Fun comparing "then and now". Thanks for listening, John Moran." Thanks for sending this information in, John. And for any of you former 77th folks, you can reach John at <[johnjanmoran@woh.rr.com](mailto:johnjanmoran@woh.rr.com)>.

From Bill Stewart in late August... "Gordon, well we made our trips and what a difference in areas - Pigeon Forge was all jammed in together without any space. We did see 3 shows while we were there, and it was a lot like Branson around the theaters. Then we went to Clare, Michigan (somewhere around Lansing) and it was wide open lake country. We saw lots of bean & corn fields, but not too many houses. There are sure a lot of pretty lakes in that area. Speaking of open areas, how close are those fires to your house? NBC news has sure shown a lot of burned out towns in their reports of the fires. Pat & I started our winter bowling on Sunday 19 Aug & then again on Fri 24 Aug; sure seems like a long time until April 19 but I guess we will make it. By the way I was chosen "Male Senior Bowler of the Year" by our local association. I don't know how but they gave it to me anyway.

We had the Navy's Blue Angels visit Terre Haute over the 18 & 19 Aug and there was quite a crowd. We don't live too far from the airport, so we got to hear a lot of planes roaring overhead. When they were done they asked if they could return at a later date. They sure do draw a crowd. Sure, would be nice to have a note from any of you. Sta Bueno, Bill." Thanks for the update, Bill. Thankfully we were quite a ways from any of the fires; didn't even get any significant smoke.

Take care, 'Sta Bueno and keep those cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails coming.



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9th CAV News

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Hello from Smith Mountain Lake, the Jewel of the Blue Ridge. First up is a story grit, determination and old fashion gumption. This came from Roger Alger and it's about B Troop 1/9th CAV

Hi Michael, My name is Roger Alger. I was in B Troop from March 1969 to March 1970.

I started out with B Troop at An Khe for a few weeks. We then headed to Quan Loi base camp where I was stationed until my return home.

During our move to Quan Loi, we stopped at Long Binh. There I went to seek medical help for severe headaches. The doctor there took one look at me and sent me to the hospital ASAP. It turned out to be an allergic reaction to the malaria dapsone pill. This was killing the white blood cells. It was diagnosed as methemoglobinemia. I credit this doctor for saving my life. During my two-week stay in the hospital, I learned that my blood work revealed that I didn't have much longer to live. Most of those who were allergic to the dapsone died.

Since I could no longer take the dapsone, I received orders for Japan. I was in Vietnam and I wanted to fulfill my time there. I asked our CO not to send me to Japan, so he didn't. About 4-5 months later,

Major General Roberts (1st Cav commander) flew into Quan Loi and asked to speak to me about my not going to Japan. I simply told him that I wanted to stay in Vietnam. He kind of grinned and told me this would be put in my military records and left. But he did thank me for my commitment to our unit and the 1st Cav.

As with most of us, we all have plenty of stories to tell of our experiences. Please send me any news of 1st of the 9th Cav. I loved this unit and our division. Says a lot about the character of the young people that served in Vietnam.

Next is some harrowing statistics about those of us who served in Vietnam.

**If you're a Veteran and reading this.....that's the good news!!!**

In case you haven't been paying attention these past few decades after you returned from Vietnam, the clock has been ticking.

The following are some statistics that are at once depressing yet, in a larger sense, should give you a HUGE SENSE OF PRIDE.

Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam, less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam Veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old."

So, if you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/3rd of all the U.S. Vets who served in Vietnam?

I don't know about you guys, but kinda gives me the chills, considering this is the kind of information I'm used to reading about WWII and Korean War Vets.

So, the last 14 years, we are dying too fast, only a few will survive by 2015, if any. If true, 390 VN Vets die a day. So, in 2190 days from today, if you're a live Vietnam Veteran, you are lucky... in only 6 years.

These statistics were taken from a variety of sources to include: The VFW Magazine, the Public Information Office, and the HQ CP Forward Observer - 1<sup>st</sup>

STATISTICS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN UNIFORM AND IN COUNTRY VIETNAM VETERANS:

CASUALTIES:

- The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.
- Hostile deaths: 47,378
- Non-hostile deaths: 10,800
- Total: 58,202 (Includes men formerly classified as MIA and Mayaguez casualties). Men who have subsequently died of wounds account for the changing total.
- 8 nurses died -- 1 was KIA.
- 61% of the men killed were 21 or younger.
- 11,465 of those killed were younger than 20 years old.
- Of those killed, 17,539 were married.
- Average age of men killed: 23.1 years
- Total Deaths: 23.11 years
- Enlisted: 50,274 - 22.37 years
- Officers: 6,598 - 28.43 years
- Warrants: 1,276 - 24.73 years
- E1: 525 - 20.34 years
- 11B MOS: 18,465 - 22.55 years
- Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old.
- The oldest man killed was 62 years old.
- Highest state death rate: West Virginia - 84.1% (national average 58.9% for every 100,000 males in 1970).
- Wounded: 303,704 -- 153,329 hospitalized + 150,375 injured requiring no hospital care.
- Severely disabled: 75,000, -- 23,214: 100% disabled; 5,283 lost limbs; 1,081 sustained multiple amputations.
- Amputation or crippling wounds to the lower extremities were 300% higher than in WWII and 70% higher than Korea.
- Multiple amputations occurred at the rate of 18.4% compared to 5.7% in WWII.
- Missing in Action: 2,338
- POWs: 766 (114 died in captivity)
- As of January 15, 2004, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

DRAFTEES VS. VOLUNTEERS:

- 25% (648,500) of total forces in country were draftees. (66% of U.S. armed forces members were drafted during WWII).
- Draftees accounted for 30.4% (17,725) of combat deaths in Vietnam.
- Reservists killed: 5,977
- National Guard: 6,140 served: 101 died.
- Total draftees (1965 - 73): 1,728,344.
- Actually served in Vietnam: 38% Marine Corps Draft: 42,633.
- Last man drafted: June 30, 1973.

RACE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

- 88.4% of the men who actually served in Vietnam were Caucasian; 10.6% (275,000) were black; 1% belonged to other races.
- 86.3% of the men who died in Vietnam were Caucasian (includes Hispanics).
- 12.5% (7,241) were black; 1.2% belonged to other races.
- 170,000 Hispanics served in Vietnam; 3,070 (5.2% of total) died there.
- 70% of enlisted men killed were of northwest European descent.
- 86.8% of the men who were killed as a result of hostile action were Caucasian; 12.1% (5,711) were black; 1.1% belonged to other races.
- 14.6% (1,530) of non-combat deaths were among blacks.
- 34% of blacks who enlisted volunteered for the combat arms.
- Overall, blacks suffered 12.5% of the deaths in Vietnam at a time when the percentage of blacks of military age was 13.5% of the total population.
- Religion of Dead: Protestant -- 64.4%; Catholic -- 28.9%; other/none -- 6.7%

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

- Vietnam Veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.
- Vietnam Veterans' personal income exceeds that of our non-Veteran age group by more than 18 percent.
- 76% of the men sent to Vietnam were from lower middle/working class backgrounds.
- Three-fourths had family incomes above the poverty level; 50% were from middle income backgrounds.
- Some 23% of Vietnam Vets had fathers with professional, managerial or technical occupations.
- 79% of the men who served in Vietnam had a high school education or better when they entered the military service.
- 63% of Korean War vets and only 45% of WWII vets had completed high school upon separation.

Deaths by region per 100,000 of population: South -- 31%, West --29.9%; Midwest -- 28.4%; Northeast -- 23.5%.

DRUG USAGE & CRIME:

- There is no difference in drug usage between Vietnam Veterans and non-Vietnam Veterans of the same age group.
- (Source: Veterans Administration Study)
- Vietnam Veterans are less likely to be in prison - only one-half of one percent of Vietnam Veterans have been jailed for crimes.
- 85% of Vietnam Veterans made successful transitions to civilian life.

WINNING & LOSING:

- 82% of Veterans who saw heavy combat strongly believe the war was lost because of lack of political will.
- Nearly 75% of the public agrees it was a failure of political will, not of arms.

HONORABLE SERVICE:

- 97% of Vietnam-era Veterans were honorably discharged.
- 91% of actual Vietnam War Veterans and 90% of those who saw heavy combat are proud to have served their country.
- 74% say they would serve again, even knowing the outcome.
- 87% of the public now holds Vietnam Veterans in high esteem.

That's it for this issue. Don't forget about the upcoming Apache Troop reunion in Punta Gorda, Florida, October 23-25, 2018. Get in touch with me at the above email, phone or snail mail. And remember We Can and We Will, We Could and We Did.

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1-12 Cav Chargers, 3BCT, 1CD 1-12  
Cavalry Medical Training

from 19,487 Veterans showed that although antimalarial use was generally associated with higher odds of negative health outcomes, once deployment and combat exposure were added to the multi variable models, the associations with each of the MH outcomes became attenuated. *No significant associations were found between mefloquine and MH measures.* These data suggest that the poor physical and MH outcomes reported in this study population are largely because of combat deployment exposure." So, join the VA club, it doesn't affect you until it does; just like burn pits, agent orange, PTSD. Camp Lejeune water, VA ad infinitum... <go.usa.gov/xUUYt>.

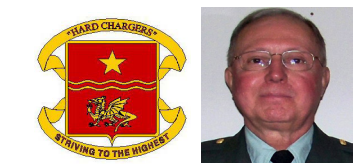
**2305** Visiting my local Vet Clinic today I had inflicted upon my psyche a 'McHale's Navy' episode fragment where the boys were faking movie star fan clubs (before Internet sites!), selling the 'stars' letters and 'autographed' photos to the star-struck and lonely sailors, Marines, and GIs of World War II. Torpedoman's Mate Lester Gruber told the assembled crew that he had an order for 20 photos of Trigger. When someone asked him why anyone would want 20 photos of Trigger, he replied that it must be from a lonely cavalry outfit. Must have been our HORSE CAVALRY FIRST TEAM!

**2400** Journal closed. "Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life. Laughing at someone else's can shorten it." ~ Cullen Hightower. Sew, I guess I'll die laughing. (Or die trying! Just saying.) Semper Paratus! Write if you get work - others have.

**2105** "The VA's Post Deployment Health Services Epidemiology Program researched the link between past use of anti-malarial medications including mefloquine (Lariam®), and self-reported physical and mental health (MH) conditions among recent Veterans. Mefloquine has been linked to acute neuropsychiatric side effects and this is a concern for U.S. Veterans who may have used mefloquine during recent Southwest Asia deployments. Multi-variable logistic regression was performed to examine associations between health measures and seven antimalarial drug categories, plus any other antimalarial, and any other antimalarial or antimalarial combination while adjusting for the effects of deployment and combat exposure. Data



30th FA News



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Greetings, HARD CHARGERS. On behalf of the Executive Board of the 30th FA Regiment Association, I'd like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your family, whether you are currently serving, a Veteran or Retiree, a family member or a survivor of a HARD CHARGER. Thanks to all of you for protecting our nation and enabling us to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

It is difficult to believe that our 2018 reunion is now over. Whether you were at the reunion or not, I hope the you felt a part of our celebration of 100 years of excellence. We have already began preparing for our 2019 Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio. I've given our President three different options for when we would be able to have the 2019 Reunion as follows: 3 thru 8 June; 10 thru 15 June, or 17 thru 22 June 2019.

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



USS Cod Submarine Memorial

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

WANTED/LOST/FOUND

I was the senior Pathfinder on LZ Becky when they received several incoming enemy rockets on July 19, 1969. I need the name and contact data for:

1. The company commander whose company was pulling security on LZ Becky on July 19, 1969.
2. The battalion senior medic/NCO on LZ Becky that night.
3. Any of the staff officers that worked the TOC that night.
4. The 2/19 ARTY battery commander and officers that was on LZ Becky that night.
5. I also need the grid coordinates and a map of LZ Becky and the AO.

I need to get several statements for submission of an award. I have two statements from two Pathfinders, however, the more statements I submit the Better. My contact data is: Steven E. Cook, (304) 636-7240, email <currahee67@suddenlink.net >

I am looking for a picture of the guidon for 229<sup>th</sup> AHB, Vietnam 1969-70. Larry Agosta <la.ymail48@yahoo.com>

I am looking for an Artillery officer who probably graduated from OCS in 1967. He served in the 1CD as an FO in 1968, in C Company, 5/7 Cav. All I have is his call sign, Scarlet Guidon 69, and his last name, which I think was Lonergan, or something close to that. I think he was from N.Y. Do you have any information on him? His Infantry Commanding Officer, Captain Willie Gore, is looking for him. I was also in the 5/7, and just returned from our reunion. Any help you can give me would be much appreciated. Thank you. 1LT Bob Child, (303) 466-9456, email <bobchild43@msn.com>

My Uncle served in the Vietnam War with the 1CD. I believe. He is trying to find his friend from then, William “Willie” Wilson from Stanton, Maryland at the time of service. Service was 65 to Jan of 67, in Vietnam around 66 to 67. Came back to the states to Fort Bragg. Willie would be in early 70's. If you are able to point me in the right direction that would be great. Thank you for all that you do. Kathleen McGrew, (740) 350-6649, email <kathleenmcgrew611@gmail.com>

I have received a message via Facebook from a gentleman with the Rio de Janeiro Civil Police. He is looking for the background history (pictures, crew, etc.) on the following helicopter: Tail # 67-17304. He says it belonged to C Company 229 AHB, 1970. Crewed by James Townsend. Please contact the Association, <firstcav@1cda.org>

I am looking for some of the guys who I served with in Korea, 1963-64. Dennis Loven, email <jdloven@icloud.com>

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Division Doings

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and the opportunity to serve as Pegasus 7. This year has been truly a great ride.” Calvert also welcomed the division’s two new deputy commanding generals – both colonels who are already promotable to brigadier general. Calvert presented Norrie and Brown with their 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division patch and their traditional Calvary Stetsons.

Both Norrie and Brown have served previously at The Great Place and will be being their tenures continuing to uphold the division’s number one focus – improving and sustaining readiness across the formation.

Greywolf tests Army’s first Electronic Warfare Tactical Vehicle

Story by CPT Scott Kuhn, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team “Greywolf,” 1st Cavalry Division fielded the Army’s new Electronic Warfare Tactical Vehicle recently. The new vehicle was developed to provide Army Electronic Warfare Teams with the ability to sense and jam enemy communications and networks from an operationally relevant range at the brigade combat team level.

“This effort will allow the ability for EW Soldiers to influence future vehicle improvements and grow their knowledge,” LTC Scott Schumacher, chief of the Rapid Equipping Force solutions team, said in a release. “This is an advanced EW technology that can provide the Army new offensive and defensive capabilities.” The Greywolf team attended two weeks of training on the vehicle in Yuma,

Arizona. The electronic warfare kit is installed on a four-wheel drive MaxxPro Dash, one of the multiple types of MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected) armored vehicles.

“It has never been used at the brigade-level, so we have to really put it through its paces and see what its capabilities and limitations are,” said Warrant Officer Alexander Torres, the brigade’s electronic warfare technician. “We have to develop best-practices and TTPs (Tactics, Techniques and Procedures) that will help future units as well as continue the development of a dedicated EW platform.” Since the inception of EW at the BCT-level there hasn’t been the capability for electronic jamming. The system is highly programmable, which allows the EW team to develop a program targeting the frequencies the enemy is attacking the BCT with. “This is a huge benefit because now we have it on our time instead of relying on our sister services to provide us with jamming capabilities and hoping it is available when we need it,” Torres said. The EWTV was developed as part of the Army’s Rapid Equipping Force, which identifies gaps that need to be filled that cannot wait on the traditional contracting route. This is just the first step in building a platform that will benefit the BCT. “We had nothing and now we have something, and I hope we continue to keep building on it,” Torres said. “We need to make sure it is effective. If we go out there and just let it sit and collect dust and don’t use it and make sure that it also enables the commander to maneuver his forces and gain the advantage in the electronic spectrum, then really it is wasting a valuable resource.” Greywolf will integrate the EWTV during its upcoming brigade evaluation.

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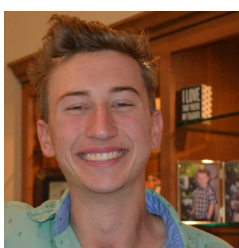


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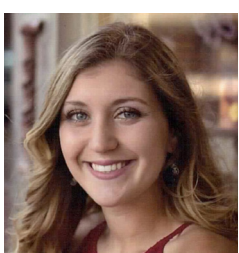
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**Caitlin Victoria Anne Wirth**, granddaughter of Douglas Herman Wirth, HHC 1-7 Cav, 1965, 2.46 Grant; Diablo Valley College

*Dear Editor,*  
I received my scholarship letter in the mail and wanted to thank the First Cav Association for your support of my career goals. I intend to use my scholarship to complete a biochemistry course at Texas A&M Central Texas. This course is my last pre-requisite for medical school. I plan to pursue medicine as an Army Physician. I truly appreciate this scholarship as it gives me the ability to continue my education without putting financial strain on my husband and daughter.  
Tracy Blake

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*Dear Editor,*  
My name is Kharizza Lillian and I am very grateful to have received the 1st Cav Division Scholarship. I am currently pursuing my master's in business administration and I will be using this scholarship award to help pay for my tuition fees. I am aspiring to become a Certified Public Accountant and receiving my MBA will help get me there. Thank you to the 1st Cav Division Association for helping military members and families like myself achieve our dreams!  
Kharizza Lillian

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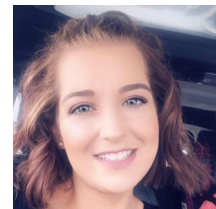


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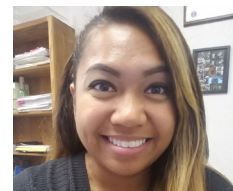
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**SPC Shartim Robinson**, E Co. 227 AVN, 1.0 Grant; Central Texas College

**SPC William Shear**, 3-8 Cav, 2.0; Grant, Central Texas College

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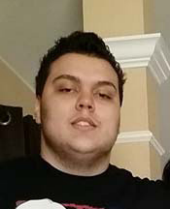
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FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

The Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of scholarship grants towards the pursuit of an advanced education. These grants are reserved for children of those Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division who died or were totally and permanently disabled from wounds received or disease contracted while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in any armed conflict. Additionally, children of members of the Association who die while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in peacetime and active duty Soldiers currently assigned or attached to the 1st Cavalry Division and their spouses are eligible to receive scholarship grants.

The Foundation also administers a separate program for descendants of Soldiers who served in designated qualifying units that were involved in the battles of the Ia Drang Valley during the period 3 through 19 November 1965.

The Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all donations are tax-deductible.

BACKGROUND

The scholarship program was initiated by the Association in 1967 during the Vietnam War in response to requests from the Sergeants Major of the Division who committed their support to perpetuation of the program.

A trust agreement was signed on 16 August 1968 establishing the Foundation. Since that time, no child of a Trooper that has been killed or disabled has been turned away for lack of funds. Between the generous donations of Association Members and scholarship drives within the Division, the Cavalry has taken care of its own. In the 1970s, in response to a perceived downtrend in applications from the aging children of the Division's Troopers that were killed in action from the Vietnam War, eligibility was expanded to children of Association Members killed or disabled while on active duty with the Division. This extension produced an unexpected response from Vietnam Veterans who were still producing children. In 1988, again at the behest of the Division Sergeants Major, the program was expanded further to include Active Duty Soldiers and their spouses while assigned or attached to the Division. The Foundation assumed responsibility for the Ia Drang program in early 1994 and awarded the first grant from this program in 1997.

Since its inception, the Foundation has provided:

- Over \$830,900 to 521 children of Troopers that were killed in action or totally and permanently disabled.
- Over \$348,000 to 415 active duty Troopers and their Family members.
- Over \$694,400 to 281 descendants of the Ia Drang battles.

Scholarships that began at \$200 per year currently provide \$1,200 per year with a maximum of \$4,800 for four years of schooling per student.

Funding for the program, less the Ia Drang element, derives primarily from the Foundation's primary investment portfolio and random donations from the membership and those interested in providing support for education. The Association annually provides \$12,000 to satisfy projected shortfalls up to a predetermined maximum. All eligible candidates for grants who are children of deceased members of the Division are funded. Active Duty Soldiers and their spouses compete for grants and selection is made annually after the June Trustee Meeting.

Funding for the Ia Drang program comes from donations specifically earmarked for this category of grant. Ia Drang funds are separately invested in a fenced program to build up investment monies which will sustain additional grants from its proceeds.

LEADERSHIP OF THE FOUNDATION

Six trustees elected by the Membership of the Association manage the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The trustees provide oversight and direction for the Foundation by meeting twice yearly to review operations and the fiscal ability of the investments to fuel the scholarship programs. While the day-to-day operations of the Foundation are run by the Foundation Secretary and the Association office staff, the trustees set clearly defined standards of eligibility and ensure that money is available to provide grants to those who meet the criteria. The Executive Director of the Association who is a non-voting member and performs the Foundation Secretary duties.

The Trust Agreement, signed in 1968, requires that six Association members each be elected for three-year terms with one of the trustees being elected as the Executive Trustee. Each year the membership of the Association elects two trustees at the General Membership meeting of the Association conducted during the annual reunion. This provides the Foundation with continuity by ensuring a minimum of four trustees will continue service to assist the two newly elected members. The Executive Trustee of the Foundation submits a report to the Board of Governors at each of their meetings and a report to the Association at the General Membership meeting.

Current trustees and the year their current term expires are: Executive Trustee Peter Tattersall (2019), Trustees Rosemary M. Carter (2019), Starr Corbin (2021), Ronnie L. Killingsworth (2020), David A. Lutgen (2020), and Terry Maddox (2021).

APPLICATIONS

For more information or an application to register for benefits send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703 or e-mail us at <firstcav@1CDA.org>. You may also print the on-line Registration Form, fill it out completely, and mail it with all required supporting documentation to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

The application forms for Association Members who are active duty Troopers currently serving with the First Team and their Families is no longer open. You can get the information about this program on our web page at <www.1CDA.org/foundation--scholarships-.html>. Printed forms are available at the National Headquarters in Copperas Cove and at the Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop in the 1st Cavalry Division Museum at Fort Hood, Texas beginning on 1 April 2019.

DONATIONS

Please mail your tax-deductible donations to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703. Donations in the amount of \$25 or more will be acknowledged in the SABER. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a tax certificate as required by the IRS. Donations intended for the Ia Drang Fund should be made out to the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

The Association conducts a golf tournament in conjunction with the annual reunion held in Texas and the proceeds from this event are donated to the Foundation. Additionally, the Association has an ongoing Brick and Paver program where all the proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Brick and Pavers will be located at the Mounted Warfare Museum once it is completed.

Dear Editor,

*As a recipient of the Ia Drang Scholarship I wanted to thank you for helping make my college education a reality. Your generous donation will help me to accomplish my goals of obtaining a degree at Kent State University. These funds have given me the ability to focus on my coursework for this school year with less concern for finances. I knew that Kent State would allow me to stay close to my family and receive a nationally recognized education. I am currently involved in the Bachelor of Science program for Digital Media Production. My future goal is to work in the field of audio/video production.*

*Once again, I want to thank you for your scholarship. I understand that without organizations who are generous and caring, like yours, a college education would not be possible for a student like me. Knowing that someone else cares about my education motivates me to strive extra hard for excellence. I have been truly touched by your generosity and hope to one day give back just as you have. Again, I would like to thank you.*

*Sincerely, Zachary K. Forsythe*

Dear Scholarship Committee,

*I am so thankful for your continued and unwavering support, of my educational pursuits. This scholarship is very near and dear to my heart as it reminds me of my grandfather's service to his country. This not only enables me to reflect upon my family's tradition of military service, but also fuels me to pursue my own. As you know I am a Cadet at Detachment 028 which should allow me to commission as a second lieutenant into the world's greatest Air Force. In order to become a member of the Professional Officer Course cadets must first complete field training the summer between their sophomore and junior year. Upon completion you earn your props and wings and contract, which includes taking the oath of office and getting a CAC card. I had the pleasure of graduating from field training this summer and I can proudly say I should be contracting soon. I could not have achieved this without your support, words cannot express how thankful I am.*

*Heather McGraw*



## LRRP/Ranger News



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1967 when I was there on R&R. I had long since wanted to go back to Taipei for a return visit but never really had the opportunity or time to do so before. Taipei was one of several destinations we got to pick from for R&R once we had served in Vietnam long enough to be eligible for it. The other destinations were: Hawaii, Sydney, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Singapore, and Tokyo. As I remember it, I selected Taipei because there was no wait involved and you could leave immediately for R&R once you got the green light from your unit commander, and I had heard good things about Taipei from other members of our unit who had been there on R&R.

Taipei is a large city, and for the most part, is very modern, clean, and fast-paced. It has an expansive subway system that makes it easy and inexpensive to get around and where there is no subway, there are taxis to take you where you want to go. It's worth noting, however, that Chinese is the language of Taiwan, and that with the exception of the signs in the subway system and at the airport, which are in both Chinese and English, pretty much everything else in Taipei is in Chinese only, so unless you speak Chinese, you've got to be patient when dealing with taxi drivers, people in restaurants, and those around town. It's also worth mentioning that the street signs in Taipei are in Chinese with the phonetic pronunciation of the name in Pin Yin on the sign, that is, the pronunciation of the street name using the Roman or Latin alphabet is included on the sign directly below the name in Chinese. This makes it a little easier to get around if you are taking a walking tour of the city.

The airport that we flew into on our flight from Cam Ranh Bay in 1967, Taipei Songshan, now named Taipei International Airport, is still operational but is limited to domestic flights and selected service to China, South Korea, and Japan. It is located in the northern part of the city just south of the Keelung River and the 1 Freeway. A newer and larger airport, Taiwan Tao Yuan International Airport, has since been built about 25 miles west of Taipei in Tao Yuan City and handles most of the international traffic into and out of the Taipei area, including that from the West.

Just west of Taipei International Airport, and north of Manzui East Road, is the area where we stayed on R&R in 1967. It is a large area with hotels, restaurants, and bars, and the U.S. Army's Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) - China (Taiwan) NCO club was located there beside the Keelung River. The NCO club was a gathering point for us and served as the center of activity. As I remember it, the club had athletic facilities including a pool, and had a large restaurant, bar, and dance floor. The building housing the club is still there but it is no longer an NCO club. It is a taxi company and yellow taxicabs line both sides of the street. Apparently, the club closed sometime in the mid- to late-1970's with

the changing role of the U.S. Army in Asia.

The Taipei Municipal Baseball Stadium, which in 1967 was home to one of Taipei's professional baseball teams, was located south of Manzui East Road. As I remember it, the price of a ticket to a game there



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(formerly Taipei Songshan Airport)

was pretty inexpensive and the cost of food at the concession stand was also inexpensive - I can't remember if you could buy a hot dog and a beer there or if you had to settle instead for local favorites such as noodle soup with a side of cabbage. The stadium was demolished some time ago and is now the site of a large indoor sports facility, Taipei Arena.

As I mentioned above, it was a pleasure to visit Taipei again after all these years and I hope to go back again someday.

On a different note, a story recently appeared in a local newspaper about Vietnam Veterans carrying a dangerous parasite picked up in Asia called liver fluke. According to the story, the parasite can live in the body for decades and then suddenly cause deadly bile duct cancer. The parasite has been found in Veterans who remember eating raw fish in Vietnam when rations ran out. One out of every four Veterans tested for the parasite at the VA tested positive for it.

Researchers at several universities across the country, including Tulane and George Washington Universities, have conducted epidemiological studies that suggest that there is a link between the parasite and bile duct cancer, and that 80 to 90 percent of Veterans will develop the cancer if their infection goes untreated. The results of these studies have been published in medical journals that date back to 2007. The VA is also currently conducting such tests and expects to have the results ready in the next couple of years.

On a different note, the following email was received from Chuck Windham (1968-69), Dahlonaga, Georgia: "Greetings to all from the Southland and Camp Frank Merrill, home of the US Mountain Ranger Association, the mountain phase of Ranger Training, and host of the annual open house for all Rangers and LRRPs from across the country. This year on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the camp welcomed over 3,000 visitors who witnessed the 5<sup>th</sup> Ranger Training Brigade putting on a spectacular demonstration of special light infantry tactics used in today's Army. The Mountain Ranger Association hosted the Fish Fry on Friday, and the Critter Cookout on Saturday, and fed over 500 visitors. The weather was spectacular again this year."

"Our unit has two honored on the memorial walk this year: Colonel George Paccarelli, company commander of H Company, 75<sup>th</sup> Rangers, from October 1968

Hello from the nation's capital. I had the pleasure this summer of visiting Taipei, Taiwan for a family function - my wife's niece got married, and I got to revisit some of the places I had been to in June

to September 1969, and Lieutenant Colonel William Anton, executive officer of H Company, in the 1971-72 timeframe. Both are members of the Ranger Hall of Fame. If you have a chance, come on down to Camp Merrill and enjoy spending time with Rangers, past and present. I promise I will feed you!"

"This year, I had the privilege of attending the LRP/LRRP-Ranger/LRS rally in Branson Missouri. Several hundred, most from the Vietnam era attended. You are continually fed and provided drinks for the entire three days. The Long-Range Reconnaissance Association (LRRRA) provided 25 hats for our reunion with the LRRRA scroll which I passed out to our unit attendees at the reunion in Charleston, West Virginia in June until there were no more to be had. We were also provided with a LRRP scroll stick pin for our lapels/hats etc. I have asked our members to consider joining this organization, which is open to all LRRP/Rangers. It is an organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of all LRP/ LRRP Units. The cost is \$25 a year. Find the application online at the LRRRA website."

"I want to personally thank John LeBrun (1969-1972), Blaine, Washington, for the many years served as our Unit President who chose to step aside this year. Thank you, John and good health, for many years to come."

"Alright Lurps, what is your excuse? We are not getting any younger, and we have lost several of our valued members of our brotherhood. Come to Texas, next June. We want to see you before we won't have the privilege. If you need assistance, let the organization know. Every effort will be made to have you join us."

"Rangers Lead the Way, LRPS/LRS prevail, when all others fail! Chuck Windham, Vice Chairman, U.S. Mountain Ranger Association."

The following was received from Scott Hancock (1967), Huntsville, Alabama: "Scott Hancock here. Well the 2018 reunion has come and gone, and it was a pleasure to see everyone again. This is the second reunion I've attended, and while greeting everyone, I was asked by a couple of folks how long has it been since we had last seen each other, and without thinking about it much, I answered that it must have been oh, four years or so since my last reunion (my first), but I was wrong. When I got home, I checked the dates on the photographs I had taken at that reunion. I was shocked to discover that it had been ten years prior, not four, since I attended that first reunion, 2008. No wonder everyone seemed a bit older than how I remembered them. I'm guessing that I looked older too."

"But anyway, I've got two things to pass on. The first is a diskette that contains photos from the Charleston reunion. It contains about 200 pictures, although sometimes I took more than one shot of the same thing just to make sure I got a good one, so there may actually be less than 200 photos. At the 2008 reunion, I took over 800 pictures. After I got home from this reunion, I put the photos from both reunions onto a single thumb drive and mailed it to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Association in Copperas Cove, along with a note telling them to use the pictures as they see fit. Who knows, maybe some of them will show up in the Reunion Photo Archives on the association's website."

"I also sent a diskette with the 2018 pictures to everyone who signed in at the reunion. If I inadvertently missed you, or if you were not at the reunion or forgot to sign-in and would like a copy of the photos, please let me know and I will burn another diskette and send it to you."

"Now the second thing, I have a neighbor by the name of Skip Vaughn who works at the Redstone Arsenal as the newsroom editor for the Redstone Rocket, the official newspaper for the installation. The newspaper is published weekly, and for several years now, every week Skip has interviewed someone who served in Vietnam and then published their story in the Rocket. He interviewed me and published a piece about me in the June 1, 2016 issue."

"Skip has interviewed quite a number of Vietnam Vets and he began re-publishing those interviews in a book form. His book is out now and is entitled *Vietnam Revisited* (Google it and Skip). Here is an URL to a story about Skip and the book that a local TV station did on it: <<https://whnt.com/2017/09/01/remembering-vietnam-veterans-is-a-passion-for-an-editor-at-the-redstone-rocket/>>."

"While my interview didn't make it into his book, Skip tells me that it will be in his next book. But telling you about his book isn't what I wanted to pass on to you. When I saw Skip the other day - he jogs by my home nearly every morning, I told him about having just been to the reunion and I even whipped out my phone and showed him a few of the photos I had taken. He was impressed. When he saw the photos of the sign-in sheets, he asked me if I ever contact you guys, if I would let you know that he'd love to hear from you, and possibly interview you by phone so he could get your stories and publish them. Just send him an email at <Skip.Vaughn@theredstonerocket.com> to start the ball rolling. Skip would really appreciate hearing from you. Strawberry Fields Forever. Scott Hancock, <1893machacha@gmail.com>. Cell 256-603-8297."



**Jim Bracewell (l) and Joe Galloway (r) at Reunion in Charleston, WV 2018**

just posted this notice on the LRRP website, but I forgot the password). Jim Bracewell, email: <jimbro.bracewell@gmail.com>."

Finally, the date for next year's reunion at Fort Hood has changed from June 12-16, 2019 to June 5-9, 2019. Apparently, there was a conflict at the Killeen Civic Center with our dates and those of another organization that forced the change. Be sure to update your calendar with the new dates, and if you have any questions about this change, you may want to call the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Association at 254-547-6537.

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A correction to the last column showing the photo of SPC James M. Odum is: James' MOS was a

crew chief; he was not just a door gunner. Also, the citation was for an incident in 1970, not 1969.

CE Dahlman's DFC citation, also in the last column, was in May '69. My company, C 2-7 Cav, was in a lot of contact May through June '69 after we built LZ Jamie in April '69, so I was mentally stuck in '69. I don't recall knowing, nor flying with, CE Odum, but it's possible. Another reason I probably missed the 1970 date-and I thought because I didn't remember him-was that he possibly was from 1969 and not in the unit when I went to MEDEVAC in '70. The MOS mistake was from my source. I didn't even know him, that I can remember.

It was said that MEDEVAC 1 Henry Tuell was the AC on that CE Odum citation mission, and the pilot was MEDEVAC 19 Greg Simpson. I flew with Henry Tuell a lot then, but I can't confirm flying with Greg Simpson. If anyone knows where that CE Odum DFC citation incident was, I would like to know; e.g. map coordinates, close LZ, unit picking up for, in Nam or Cambodia.

The CE Dahlman citation says near LZ Joe which was a 1st Infantry Division LZ in the rubber by Dau Tieng where C 2-7 Cav staged over night when we CAed and built LZ Jamie the next day in April '69. 2-7 Cav worked out of LZ Joe in 1970 and called it LZ Hillbilly.

I received e-mail from Richard Schroder, (MSGT, Ret., USA) RVN, 1969-1970 <rschroder1@kc.rr.com> in response to the last column. He wrote: "I have just read the 15th Med/15th FSB/15th BSB article in the latest edition of the *Saber* and found very interesting the discussion you had with Ron Huether regarding the awarding of the CMB. We also had a brief discussion about this at this year's reunion of the 15th MED Bn in Williamsburg, Virginia. I, like Ron, used to think that in order for a Medic to be awarded the CMB, he had to have served with a combat unit. However, I had a personal experience with this subject when I was with B Co, 15th MED Bn at FSB Buttons in Vietnam, that might shed some light on the discussion.

"In early September 1970, I was called out of formation, along with several others and it was announced that we had been awarded the CMB. This caused some confusion for me as I knew that I had not been in combat, so I didn't understand why I would have been awarded this. I asked the OIC about this and I don't really remember what he said, if anything, at the time. However, I knew I had orders, so I never thought about it and I proudly have it on my uniform to this day.

"After our brief discussion at the reunion and then again after reading your article, I pulled out my orders to see what the authority was. The authority was shown as Para 97 AR 672-5-1. I have never looked up that part of the AR to see what exactly it said but I thought that the authority might be helpful to you."

Richard followed up with: "This is a short follow-up to the e-mail I sent to you after I read your discussion with 'Baby Huey' about the rewarding of the CMB to non-combatant Medics in Vietnam. As I mentioned in my previous e-mail, I have always been curious why I and eight other personnel from B Company, 15th MED Bn, including one MC and one MSC Officer, were awarded the CMB when none of us had been in actual combat. However, I recently remembered a conversation with someone (I don't remember whom) either at the rewarding of the CMB or shortly afterwards that I, and I presume the others as well, had been assigned to a 'ready reaction force.' This was explained to me as a group of Medics and officers who would respond to injured personnel on the base if we came under an attack and the injured could not be brought to us.

"I remember that I was not even aware I was ever assigned to the 'ready reaction force' until after the medals were awarded. Oh well, the military can move in mysterious ways. It has been over forty years, so it matters little, but I had always wondered about it. I look forward to your next newsletter article."

It sounds like a stretch of the AR. As all laws are subjected to loose and strict interpretations, this sounds like it is on the very loose side. As MEDEVAC pilot Ron Huether said to me, outside of the strict interpretation, i.e. a Medic assigned to an infantry unit engaging the enemy for thirty days, it cheapens the award. Anyone writing an order can cite an authority from an AR and make it official. For someone with a conscience like Richard Schroder, and they saw they were given an award they earned de facto but not de jure, they might say to themselves, WTF?

Richard's case could be like if an Infantry MOS 11 Bravo went through NCO School stateside to become a "shake 'n' bake" and was awarded the CIB, because he was going to Nam. You have to actually do it.

Wikipedia writes: "The Combat Medical Badge is an award of the United States Army which was first created in January 1945. Any member of the Army Medical Department, at the rank of colonel or below, who is assigned or attached to a ground combat arms unit of brigade or smaller size which provides medical support during any period in which the unit was engaged in ground combat is eligible for the CMB. According to the award criterion, the individual must be performing medical duties while simultaneously being engaged by the enemy; strict adherence to this requirement and its interpretation (e.g., distant mortar rounds vs. direct small arms fire) will vary by unit."

I once read that the Combat Infantryman Badge was created in WWII because being in the infantry was the most miserable job in the Army-as well as had the highest casualty rate, created and awarded for morale purposes and incentive. Wikipedia adds, "Specifically, it recognizes the inherent sacrifices of all infantrymen, and that they face a greater risk of being wounded or killed in action than any other military occupational specialties."

When the CIB was created in WWII the U.S. Army also recognized the Army Medics who accompanied the infantrymen and endured all of their hardships and so created the Combat Medical Badge for them. These roles have never changed, as long as there is war, infantry, and their Medics. The Combat Infantryman Badge is listed as the highest distinction in the United States Army. The second highest is the Combat Medical Badge.

At the 1990 1st Cav Association Reunion at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA, I was leaving the first morning breakfast and happened to find myself walking

along with Hal Moore. It was just the two of us and he asked me what I was going to see while I was there. I said that I wanted to go to the Confederate Naval Museum. He said to me, "Mike, you should go to the Infantry Museum."

So, when the time came, I remembered that and boarded the bus going there. It was so impressive I went back a second time with one of my C 2-7 Cav 1st Platoon squad leaders, Roy Stern, before leaving Georgia. With everything from von Steuben's hat to General Patton's trash can made out of an upside down captured bust of Hitler, to the stained-glass windows in the infantryman meditation room, it includes everything in U.S. Army Infantry history, and what they secured for the United States in wartime.

Chuck Johnson, who was a MEDEVAC pilot, '65-'66, would like to know if anyone can identify any of the crew members in the attached photo that was

taken in 1965 or 1966. It would also be informative to get Chuck's call sign, to include it on the MEDEVAC call signs list.

Joe Dufort submitted the following: "If anyone was involved in this mission or knows someone who was, please contact me: <joewillie48@yahoo.com>. Sign in: Rank: SGT, Unit(s): Bravo Co, 2d Bn, 5th Cav, 1st Cav

Div, Position: Infantry Squad Leader, Served: 1 April 1969 to March 27, 1970, Message: A short note to express my sincere gratitude and admiration for the Medics of the 1st Cavalry!! You guys were our lifeline! I was wondering if there is any history of a 'hot' mission on October 24, 1969 in Tay Ninh Province? As I recall, MEDEVAC had to use an extractor to remove casualties and the bird took a few hits!

"My unit lost two dead and several wounded. You Medics were outstanding that day and night. You were all heroes to us! I have never been able to forget that ambush and I was hoping to contact others who went through the same thing. God bless you all and thanks again! My best, Joe Dufort."

Steve Cook submitted the following regarding an incident at LZ Becky on 19 July 1969. "If anyone was involved in this mission or remembers what MEDEVAC crews were stationed at Tay Ninh around 19 July 1969, please let me know." [No contact information given, so contact me to relay.]

Here is what more Steve had to say: "I was the senior Pathfinder on LZ Becky in July 1969. In the early morning hours of July 19 several enemy rockets landed in the middle of the LZ. We had several wounded. My job was to land the MEDEVAC. Because I knew a ground attack usually followed a mortar and/or rocket attack I decided to land the MEDEVAC in the middle of the LZ; not outside of the wire. Preparing the inside of the LZ, talking on the radio and ground guiding the pilot in for a landing is a long story.

"LZ Becky was surrounded by jungle on all sides. The jungle was close to the outer wire. The jungle was less than fifty meters from the last wire on the north west side. I was on the initial air assault from LZ Jamie into LZ Becky. As we approached LZ Becky I could not believe how small the open field was.

"Early in the morning of July 19, 1969, LZ Becky received several rockets and mortars rounds. HHC, 2nd of the 8th Cav was occupying the LZ and three to four were wounded. The battalion commander came over to my position (I was the senior Pathfinder on LZ Becky) and told me that we had casualties and for me to go outside of the wire and set up my landing lights for the MEDEVAC.

"I knew that a ground attack or probing usually followed a rocket and/or mortar attack. I told the commander that and he asked me how I could get his Soldiers out. I told the commander to lay down the 292 antennas around the TOC and place a Soldier with each one to hold the antenna down. He immediately assembled a detail and laid the antennas down.

"Almost immediately the MEDEVAC called me. I told him to turn off all lights and assume visual guidance over the east side of the LZ. He came in over the east side as directed picked up my flashlight batons and I ground guided him to a six-foot hover over the middle of the LZ near the TOC. "I held him at a

hover until the Medics lifted the casualties up to the crew chief and door gunner (or probably MEDEVAC Medic). When they were loaded I gave the pilot the takeoff signal and he rose to about one hundred feet, did a pedal turn, and hauled ass. The wounded were taken to the Co A, 15th MED Bn treatment facility at Tay Ninh Base Camp.

"I would like to contact the aircraft commander, copilot, and as many of the other crew members as possible, and would appreciate any contact info, e-mail address, phone number, snail mailing address, or social media page."

The 1st Cavalry Division Association gives Steve Cook's contact information as: Steven E. Cook, 80 Sutton St. Elkins, WV 26241-9535 (304) 636-7240 <Currahee67@suddenlink.net>.

Again, if anyone was on either of those DFC cited missions with Odum or Dahlman, or knows who was, please contact me. They would both like to know who others on their crews were.

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



**MEDEVAC pilot Chuck Johnson wanted anyone to I.D. the crew members in this '65-'66 photo.**



**Joseph N. Dennison**



## 20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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**Greetings to all ARAers!** That is to all those who made Aerial Rocket Artillery the success it was for the Airmobility Concept in Combat Operations in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Div and 101st Airborne Div. So often, or maybe too often, we forget that it was more than just the aviators or pilots who got the job done. We overlook the BIG PICTURE! All one must do is to look closely at the organizational chart for an Aerial Rocket Artillery Battalion to determine that there was more to the pie than the one manipulating the controls or maneuvering the helicopter. Without all the others, a pilot would be hard pressed to even get the helicopter off the ground. Most of the work done to ensure the helicopter's airworthiness was from excellent maintenance; airframe, engine, avionics, armament, and fuel personnel. Also, once the crew chief of the Huey assisted in getting the helicopter airborne, he became a door gunner. He, in concert with the assigned door gunner, protected the entire aircraft during each mission with machine gun coverage and observed the surrounding environment to keep the helicopter, especially the tail rotor, clear of flight hazards. All Soldiers had to be fed; that's why we had cooks and bakers to provide food. Someone had to plan and oversee the operations. We were provided intelligence about the enemy to know what to expect. There had to be supplies and equipment. There had to be motor vehicles to get personnel and equipment moved. We all know that the Army has a lot of paper work to keep up with the administration of the personnel. There had to be a way to ensure all personnel were fit for their duties; therefore, we had a Flight Surgeon and medics. As well as physical and mental well being, there is that spiritual side that speaks to the soul of humanity, especially during combat operations; this is where our Chaplain helped us maintain a sense of balance and purpose! And last, but not least, we had to have competent Commanders and Leaders. So again, to all those who contributed, thank you!

Well, it looks as though summer has come and is going quickly! Local schools have started fall classes. Can you believe that the Friday night football games are already back, and it is mid August? I can remember when school didn't start until the day after Labor Day and the first high school game was the following Friday night. Yes, you are right; that was three generations ago and I'm showing my age! But the one good thing is the lowering of the night time temperatures which reveal the coming of autumn! I can hardly wait for the change in the foliage here in the east Tennessee and western North Carolina mountains! Bring it on!

Our annual reunion was held at Fort Sill, OK, and I will cover our action report with the new Board of Directors and the site selection for the 2019 Reunion.

**You Got Mail:** I received an email from a reader of the Mar-Apr *Saber* who is not a member of the ARA Association but a former member of the 2/20 Arty in Korea in 1963-64, when the unit was an Honest John (HJ) Battalion. The Honest John has become a lot like the telephone booth. If you are old enough you may remember both, since they are no longer used for their designed purpose. The first phone booth was designed by William Gray with a patent issued on August 13, 1889. It was in a Connecticut bank and by 1902, pay telephones had reached such popularity that there were 81,000 installed in the United States. In 1905, the first outdoor model was installed in Cincinnati. It had a wooden structure. In fact, the glass booths weren't implemented until the 1950s. However, in recent years, the number of pay phones, especially phone booths, is rapidly declining. With the advent and escalating use of the cell phone the telephone and phone booths are being replaced. The ARA Association's Board of Directors jokingly talked about that at the last reunion when only two members are left, they will schedule to meet in a phone booth, if they can find one! They, much like the Doolittle Raiders have done, open a bottle of 1965 Scotch (the year ARA entered Vietnam) and have a drink in honor of all those who served in ARA!



The MGR-1 Honest John Short Range Tactical Battlefield Support Missile System first entered U.S. service in 1953. It was a primitive and clumsy artillery rocket which was aimed by moving its launcher vehicle and altering the elevation of the launch rail. An improved version the MGR-1B entered service in 1960; this system was phased out by the introduction of the MGM-52 Lance system. The Honest John saw service in several NATO countries including Greece,

UK, France, Italy and Turkey as well as with South Korea and Japan. The missile could reach speeds of Mach 1.5 and was unguided and powered by solid propellant; the warheads were either an 80kg (1,500lb) high explosive (HE) or a 5 to 30 kiloton nuclear warhead. A cluster warhead system was sold to South Korea in 1977 but most countries had phased out this weapon by the 1980s. Its launch vehicle is normally a 6 wheeled truck.

The email I received from Kenneth Riley (then SP5) on April 19, 2018, is my first contact with anyone outside of the writings I do for the Aerial Rocket Artillery (ARA) period. I was excited to know that someone recognized that 2/20th units of the 1st Cav Div before and after Vietnam have stories and news that should have a resource upon which they can share. So here is my first with the 2/20th in the 1st Cav Div in Korea 1963-64 period.

Good Morning, Mr. Wilder,

While lunching with my brother-in-law not long ago, I mentioned that I had some photos from my days with the 1st Cav in Korea. Further, I told him that I had looked, unsuccessfully, for a website on which I could share those photos. My thought was that the guys with whom I served might be interested in seeing those photos from 54+ years ago. My brother-in-law gave me his copy of his *Saber*, in which I found your name. Some history: I served in HQ Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery from July 1963 to August 1964. This was at Camp Snow, Pobwonni, South Korea, which is near Munsan. I was in the Fire Direction Center and was responsible for the firing of the rocket. Some may say that it is just



1st Cav Honest John Firing

a point-and-shoot, but it was more complicated than a hip shoot! After surveying parts of ROK, I also calculated fire direction control data. In addition to range and azimuth, other factors were also considered. Things like wind direction and speed, and other weather considerations affected the firing position. Whatever, it was a job I enjoyed.

I have photos of many of the guys and the compound, including the hooches, headquarters building, EM club and much more. Too, I have several shots of Pobwonni itself, the main intersection, paint shops, miscellaneous stores.



SP5 Kenneth Riley in front of Bn Hqs



Riding Prior Dynasty Statue!

I found one reference to Camp Snow online, but it was for a 105 outfit. When I was there at Camp Snow it was an Honest John unit. In fact, one of the photos is of rocket just as it was leaving the truck and just as the side (spin) rockets were firing. Here are newspaper clippings from Stars and Stripes and the 1st Cav Div Cavalier.



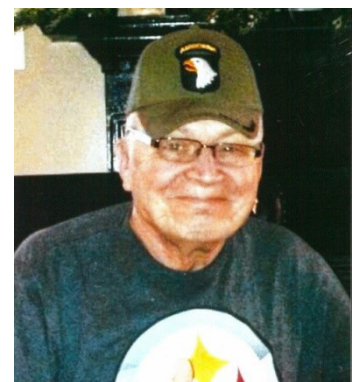
I don't know how many guys would still be around. I was RA and most were US, so somewhat older than I. However, if you know of a method, I'd be happy to share these photos. Thank you for your consideration. Ken Riley

**Columnist Note:** The Bn Co was LTC Ralph T. Larock and the Bn Sergeant Major was SMG Omar J McClintock. Anyone interested in getting copies of photos and other information may contact Ken Riley at <riley.kandt@gmail.com>. Also, at the same time Ken was in Korea, I was in Taegu, Korea with the 7th Log Command Aviation Detachment.

Ken, I thank you for sharing these photos of your time with the 2Bn/20Arty (HJ). You have brought to light once again the different missions of our battalion in other places and other times. I wish more people would follow suit and share their stories while serving as a member of the 2/20 with the 1st Cav Div. It would be interesting to read more about the past mission assignments. Let's see what this article will bring in the next emails. I learned later that after we returned to the states Ken and I served together at Fort Hood in 1965, in the 1/14th Arty, 2nd Armored Div. It is a small world!

**Farewell:** The July-August edition of The VHPA AVIATOR contained the obituaries of three ARA pilots.

**Major James M. Borland**, who served in C/4/77 ARA, 101st Airborne Division, in 1970-71 with the call sign Griffin 92A. Mike died peacefully on May 3, 2018 at the age of 70 from the effects of several Agent Orange related diseases. Mike was born in Indiana, PA, spending his childhood in the same hometown as actor Jimmy Stewart, graduating from Indiana High School in 1965. He supported the evacuation of Firebase Ripcord and LAMSON 719, where he was injured in a Cobra crash and medically evacuated back to the United States. Mike recovered from his injuries and returned to Cobra Hall, Hunter Army Airfield, as a Standardization Instructor Pilot. Mike completed a Bachelor of Science degree at Embry-Riddle University and a Master of Public Administration from Pepperdine University. He was selected for a direct commission to Captain and retired from the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army in 1994 after 26 years of service. Mike is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Julie; son Sean and daughter Sallie. A service was held May 11 at the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Quantico National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation. Online guestbook may be made at <covenantfuneralservice.com>.



**COL Stanley D. Cass**, 84, who served in A/B/2/20 ARA 1st Cav 1966-67 with the call sign of Armed Falcon. Stan died after a brief illness, surrounded by his immediate family, on April 14, 2018, in Greeley, CO. Stan attended Colorado A&M for two years before entering the USMA, West Point, NY, graduating with a BS in Engineering. He received a Master of Science in Meteorology from Texas A&M. When Stan reported to A/2/20 ARA in 1966 from his assignment in the 2nd Aviation Detachment at West Point, he mentioned to me how valuable an assignment that would be for a family with three sons. That led to his contacting General Donald V. Bennett, Superintendent of USMA with a request that I be considered for the aviator position he had just vacated. At that time my friend and Platoon Leader, Major



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Letters to the Editor:

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I am JD Poss, past president of Vietnam Veterans of America Treasure Valley Idaho. On Memorial Day 2016 Chapter 1025 dedicated a memorial to the Idahoans who did not come home from Vietnam.

I served with the 1/7/84<sup>th</sup> ENG 1969-1970. I wanted to honor the Idahoans who served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Vietnam and did not return to Idaho. I hope their memories return to life with their fellow Troopers seeing them once more. JD Poss (208) 353-2495 <jd10236@gmail.com>.



Dear Editor,

Attending college is undoubtedly a huge privilege, and I'm grateful that I have the opportunity to do so, but school can be overwhelming and discouraging at times. Not only are classes stress inducing and frustrating, but sometimes the financial cost of attending a college causes just as many headaches. To me, this grant means that I have an opportunity to begin me future, and pass on the knowledge gained from college, and thus from this scholarship, to others.

However, while I am grateful for the opportunity to have some of the expenses of college lifted, I am mostly grateful that my grandfather, Clyde Blankenship's, service in Vietnam is being passed on to his grandchildren. I am grateful that he is seeing me not only grow up, but also help me through one of the toughest time periods of my life, financially. To me, he is not just a hero for his service to his country and fellow citizens, but he is also a hero for helping me achieve my dreams and helping me reach my full potential.

Thank you,  
Timothy J Blankenship Jr.

Dear Editor,

This grant scholarship means the difference between going to nursing school and not being able to. My husband is currently the only one working, so that I can devote all my time to nursing school and our five-year-old daughter. This grant helps pay the extra fees that financial aid doesn't cover. I am grateful to have the opportunity to qualify and receive this grant. This grant allows me to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse.

Ashley Bryson

Dear Editor,

This year I am a recipient of the foundation scholarship. I cannot express my sincere gratitude enough. I am currently a nursing student at Central Texas College in Killeen. This scholarship helps offset the financial burden to my family while my husband is deployed, and I am currently unable to work due to the full-time school requirements and our children. The scholarship will go towards tuition, books and uniforms. I cannot thank the Foundation enough for choosing me to receive this scholarship. Thank you for all you're doing for our Military, and Spouses and Families.

Sincerely,  
Krista Ellis

Dear members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division Association,

My name is Natalie Lomeli Esparza and I would like to start off this letter by showing my appreciation and gratitude for the award that all of you have granted me. I am so appreciative of the sacrifices all of you make to make this scholarship possible. Thanks to these sacrifices, you are able to help students like me who are eager to advance in their education but struggle financially to do so. This scholarship has set me one step further into achieving my goals of becoming an influential surgical nurse. This scholarship has also brought a sense of relief by knowing that I have a system of support that can relieve my financial burden. Thanks to this scholarship I can now focus on the aspects of my education.

This grant will help me pay for my tuition for the next academic school year. By doing so, I will be able to advance to the next stage that my career requires that will set me one step closer into becoming a surgical nurse. This grant will also help me pay for the textbooks and school supplies needed for this upcoming semester. Once again thank you all for your generosity! This award will truly make a difference in my education!

Sincerely,  
Natalie Lomeli Esparza

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We are looking for quality 1CDA Washington D.C. Veterans Day photos of the monuments/ceremonies. If you'd like to share please send to the office or email to Programs@1CDA.org. Thank you!



## ENGINEER News



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**Quote of the Day:** Patti Michalkow, New York National Guardsman and candidate for Mrs. America, "There's no talent portion of the competition since we're a Mrs. category but we could list special abilities. Mine is target acquisition and deterrence at 300 meters." (New York Post March 29, 2018)

**How Can This Be?** The National Guard captured the top individual and team awards during the 2018 U.S. Army Small Arms (All Army) Championship at Fort Benning this year. Top team: Missouri, Top Individual SGT Densmore, TX Guard. Well, at least it's Texas. Probably trained at Hood.

**Back by Popular Demand:** War Stories: Your Engineer Scribe has is now scouring archives to bring you this revived series of true stories from the diaries of one of us who kept a daily diary (not me). He was an HHC type and those types always have pencil and paper in hand. "I was short... had less than 3 months to go." The LZ was in the trees for the most part. The dozers were clearing the line of site in front of the perimeter wire that was still being set up. They had dug some of the perimeter foxholes and I was busy sandbagging my shelter halves. I had to walk across the LZ for something and I saw several of the guys wiring a huge tree with C-4. It was about 3' to 4' in diameter and had to be 80' tall. The must have had about 20 pounds of C-4 tied to the tree with det chord. I asked one of the guys how much longer before they blew the tree and he said about fifteen minutes. I was a good 100' away and I had a hole near my shelter halves to jump in. I heard the words, "Fire in the hole" and jumped in my hole. Kerbooom! They had set the C-4 off. I looked up and the tree was still standing. I walked over to see the damage and they had skinned the bark and some of the tree wood off. The trunk looked like a porcupine, with slivers of wood radiating out from it all around where the C-4 had been tied. The LT was there, and he was livid. The guys were getting a royal chewing for not using enough C-4. I stood off a bit listening to the LT ranting and raving and then he said, "Put enough C-4 on this tree to blow it down!" and stomped off. Well, I knew what was coming. You chew a guy's butt for trying to do his job and then scream at him to blow a tree down. The next thing to happen was overkill. I came back about an hour later and they must have had a hundred pounds of C-4 on that tree. One of the guys said, "She'll go down this time..." and smiled. I asked, "How long?" and he said, "Bout ten minutes. You better go find a hole to get in." I did. I walked swiftly to the farthest perimeter foxhole I could find and got in. The guy in the hole asked what I was doing, and I told him. Neither of us had seen a hundred pounds of C-4 detonated at one time but we knew it was going to be a huge explosion. We were in the foxhole and we heard, "Fire in the hole" and then holy crap. The ground just heaved and the shock wave from the explosion ripped through the air. We both flopped down in the foxhole thinking the air would be filled with shards of wood. We looked up and that huge 80' tree was moving upward and turning like a space shuttle launching off a pad at Canaveral. What goes up must come down and it did. Luckily, nothing or anyone was under it when it crashed to the ground. What an explosion. I have pictures of this for your asking. (714931 3123) I'll always wonder what the LT thought when the second explosion went off. I doubt that using 100 lbs of C4 was in the curriculum at Ft. Belvoir. And I can't help but wonder if LTC Smith heard about this one. It was a scary noise."

**Active Duty:** Saturday night and you're stuck in the barracks, again. Your Class A shoes and your brass already passed the last inspection, no reason to polish again. Your cell phone has been quiet for at least an hour. The last time you went to a bar you had six mango margaritas and puked. Lesson learned. You're not so skilled, famous, or outgoing, that fellow Soldiers come looking for you for any reason like drinking Jack and Coke or driving fast to Austin or Dallas, cursing sergeants or even seeing if the USO has some free tickets to anything. So, what do you do? Answer: go to church, if not tonight then in the morning. You pinch yourself and wonder where did that idea come from? Well, free food for one thing. Even in Jesus' time folks came for the show, bread, and fish. Then it occurs to you, women or in the complimentary case, men! What would you rather tell your mom; "I met him/her at Bob's Hide Away Happy Hour or a chapter that begins "we met at church." All you gotta do is show up and the rest falls into place and suffering through a sermon or two won't kill you. Then you realize that there are likely men or women who not only will extract you from your present frustration and disenchantment but could also result in a public, legally binding, pledge for the rest of your life to co-parent children and pay half your taxes. You slap your face



Scott Smith doing well in Wyoming.



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for having missed the obvious and get your Class A uniform and attitude ready to go. Just remember, if you think you are at the end of something (say barracks life), you are at the beginning of something else. That something else is probably right in front of you. (extracted from National Review, May 28, 2018, p.22-23)

**Picture Confirms:** A number of we engineer types have been concerned about our Scott Smith. As it turns out, William Grogan took the dirt road at the 5<sup>th</sup> mailbox off Hwy 40 outside of Laramie and sends photographic evidence that the high mountain air and open pastures go a long way towards standing tall and looking good, 'otta be in Hollywood. Looks like the Reunion T-shirt made its way there also.

**2018 Reunion:** Yes, there were pictures and here they are.

**Ok, if you insist another war story:** Again, from our secret S-3 forward observer we have the following recording. "Somewhere, someone made a fortune by buying and selling Korean beer in Viet Nam. The beer had to be made of fermented Kim Chee. It's smelled about as bad as the 4-hole toilets we had at base camp in Phouc Vinh. It was in the PX, in nicely stacked cases, but the only time it was bought was when every other type of American beer had run out. It was hot. A guy needed something cold to drink other than a sweet soda. So, it came down to if you wanted something that would stay in the community refrigerator in the barracks, you'd reluctantly buy one of the two kinds of Korean beer, Obe or Crown. The community fridge was a small one, about 3' high, 2' wide, and 2' deep. They were hard to come by. We had one in the S-3 section. When a guy would serve out his sentence and get to go home, he usually sold his share in the fridge for \$5.00 to someone who had a while to go before leaving Viet Nam. I had been out in the bush for a while and came back to base camp. I didn't have any duty, so I showered, put on some clean clothes, felt like a new man, and went to the PX to get a six pack of beer. When I got there, they were out of American beer and the only thing they had left was the Korean Obe and Crown. I had tried one previously and even though it stank like a mud hole, I bought a six pack. It was all they had. I came back to the barracks and put it in the fridge. If you put anything in there to get cold and weren't sitting right there to stand guard on it, you could count on 5 of the 6 cans being stolen. That's just the way it was. I had to go to the TOC for a few minutes and when I came back all six of my Korean beers were there. I was amazed. Everyone steals beers out of the fridge and mine hadn't been touched because they were stinky Korean beers. Well this was OK. I found something I could put in there, so I could have a cold drink the other guys wouldn't steal. I sat down and opened one of the bad, butt smelling beers, and had a drink. It was cold but man, putting it up to your mouth brought the smell close to your nose and the smell was just awful. So, I thought, what if I pinched my nose so I couldn't smell it. I did just that. I pinched my nose, took a long drink, held my nose for a few seconds, then took my hand away, and shazam, it was tolerable. I had found a way to drink the stinky Korean beer. I felt pleased with myself. I never had a can of that six-pack stolen and got to drink all six of them. The next week I went back to the PX and bought another six pack. I bought 2 six packs of Obe and brought it back and put it in the fridge. I had drunk most of one six pack over the week and a guy finally asked, "How do you drink that crap smelling stuff?" He was a friend of mine and not thinking I told him, just hold your nose before you take a drink and for a few seconds after. Big mistake. Later I went to take a shower and when I got back in the barracks I found one can of my second six pack of Korean beer left in the fridge. My secret was out. Now there was nothing in the entire country of Viet Nam I could put in that fridge and not have 5 out of 6 cans stolen before I could drink them."

**Active Duty II:** Don't ever think that we alumni are disinterested and just waiting for the next check. We respect you. We would do it again given half a chance. That's us with you in the pictures below. Believe it.

**Active Duty III:** Still sweltering in the barracks during summer at Ft. Hood? Thinking about a tropical island with ocean breezes and swaying palm trees? Time for your next assignment? Consider the Army Garrison at Kwajalein Atoll accompanied or unaccompanied. Sure, it's a bit isolated in the Marshall Islands with Australia; the closest land mass, being 2000 miles away. But if you like coral lagoons and watching ballistic missile test shots, this is the place for you. Durable supplies are shipped in monthly and fresh food is provided by the weekly 5-hour flight from Hawaii. Judging from the aerial photograph in Army Magazine, June 2018 issue, a bit of surfing can be had as well. All this and remote pay. Sign me up? (Extracted from ARMY, June 2018 issue)

**Point and Counter Point:** Go all the way back to the July/August *Saber* to start with. You see where a so-called factual remembrance of beer counting at the O-Club took place between then LTC Smith and subordinate officers who dared exceed the daily assigned beer quota. In a blistering exchange of emails, copied



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# WELCOME HOME SOLDIER

## Dog Tag of 1st Cav Medic Missing from Korean War Returned to Sons

Military.com 8 Aug 2018 by Richard Sisk

The name on the dog tag returned along with the remains of troops missing from the Korean War last week was that of MSG Charles Hobert McDaniel, an Army medic from Indiana who fell in battle nearly 68 years ago.

"We were just overwhelmed," McDaniel's son, Charles Jr., said Wednesday of the phone call he received from the Army notifying him of the find. "I have to say, I didn't think about the emotions that were very deep, even though I was a small boy and have very little memory of my father," said the son, who was three years old when his father fell in 1950. "But I sat there, and I cried for a while and it took a while to compose myself."

Charles Jr., 71, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and chaplain from Indianapolis, immediately called his brother Larry, 70, in Jacksonville, Florida. "I was just flabbergasted," Larry McDaniel said, adding that his father was "just one of thousands of guys from that generation who did what they did" and never came home.

The dog tag bearing McDaniel's name, blood type and other information "was the only personal effect" found in the 55 boxes of remains that were brought back to Hawaii on Aug. 1, said Dr. John Byrd, a forensic anthropologist and director of laboratories for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Byrd, who led the U.S. team into North Korea on July 27 to receive the 55 transfer cases, joined the McDaniel brothers and DPAA and Army officials for a brief acceptance ceremony in Arlington, Virginia, ahead of meetings Thursday with more than 700 families of Troops missing from the Korean War.

McDaniel also served in Europe during World War II with the 83rd Infantry Division, where he earned the Bronze Star with combat "V" device, Charles Jr. said. In Korea, McDaniel was serving with the Medical Co, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, as part of the U.S. Eighth Army in late October 1950. As they approached the Yalu River separating Korea from China, Chinese People's Army forces attacked.

The Americans and Republic of Korea forces were driven back. In a battle near Unsan, about 60 miles north of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, McDaniel, who was with the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Regiment at the time, went missing.

The DPAA said that an eyewitness, another medic, later said he believed McDaniel was killed in action. DPAA officials also said there was no evidence that he was ever captured and held in a prisoner of war camp. McDaniel was 33 years old when he went missing. According to the DPAA, about 7,700 U.S. service members are still listed as missing in action from the Korean War, about 5,300 of them in what is now North Korea.

Charles Jr. said he and his brother consider themselves among the luckiest of those thousands of families still hoping they will have a chance to welcome their loved one's home. "We don't know if my father's remains will be found, but at least we have this," he said while holding up the dog tag.

The return of the remains was the result of weeks of haggling with the North Korean side and came amid mistaken claims by U.S. President Donald Trump that repatriations had already occurred following his June 12 Singapore summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

North Korean military officials were no-shows for an initial meeting on repatriations, but a deal for the return of remains was finally worked out by Air Force MG Michael Minihan, chief of staff of the United Nations Command in Korea, in talks at the Panmunjom peace village on the Demilitarized Zone.

On July 27, Byrd and a U.S. team flew to Wonsan on North Korea's east coast, where they picked up the 55 cases and then flew to Osan Air Base, south of Seoul. Byrd said the North Koreans did not tell him of the possibility of finding personal effects in the cases. At Osan, Byrd conducted a preliminary review of the contents of the cases and found the dog tag. The McDaniel family was immediately notified, DPAA officials said.

Byrd said the dog tag was individually wrapped in a bag that was included with a separate bag of remains in one of the cases.

On Aug. 1, the 55 cases were flown back to the U.S. aboard two Air Force C-17 Globemasters to Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii for an "honorable carry" ceremony. "Our boys are coming home," Vice President Mike Pence, who presided at the ceremony, said.

It's too early to say how many individuals may be represented by the remains in the 55 cases, Byrd said. In past repatriations, several individuals' remains were represented in one box, he said. The early indications are that the remains in the 55 cases are those of Americans, and "they are certainly remains that can be looked at and tested," he said.

DNA samples from the remains are to be sent later this month to the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratories at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to begin the process of matching them against the existing DNA database from more than 90 percent of the families of the missing.

Charles Jr. had already given a DNA sample, but his brother had not. To aid in the identification process, Larry McDaniel had his mouth swabbed for a DNA sample right after he and his brother were presented with the dog tag.



MSG Charles McDaniel's dog tag on display

## Soldier Killed During Korean War Accounted For (Spangenberg, G.) by DPAA Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2018 Army PFC George L. Spangenberg, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on August 14. In November 1950, Spangenberg was a member of Company E, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 2, 1950 following a battle in Unsan, North Korea, the days prior. Spangenberg's name was never included on lists of American Soldiers being held as prisoners of war by the Korean People's Army (KPA) or the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF), and no returned American prisoners of war had any information on his status. DPAA is grateful to the government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and looks forward to the continued fulfillment of the commitment made by President Trump and Chairman Kim on the return and recovery of U.S. service members in North Korea. Interment services are pending; more details will be released 7-10 days prior to scheduled funeral services. Spangenberg's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. For more information about DPAA, visit <www.dpaa.mil>, find us on social media at www.facebook.com/dodpaa, or call 703-699-1420/1169. Spangenberg's personnel profile can be viewed at <https://dpaa.secure.force.com/dpaaProfile?id=a0Jt000000004o2sEAA>

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Robert Furney, also contacted General Bennett because he was on his staff in I Corps Artillery in Korea. The requests must have fallen on fertile soil because upon arrival in Richmond, VA I received orders via telegram from West Point sent by a Colonel Billingsley, for whom I delivered his family's daily newspaper in Middlesboro, KY back in the late 40s while he was in high school. I have thanked Stan for that boost in my military career for these 52 years! Stan went on to retire from the Army in 1986, and operated the Cass Farms in Briggsdale, CO with his son, Randy, and his family. Stan was very successful in retirement. He served as President of the Northern Colorado Military Officer Association and the Mayor of Ault, plus many more Veteran, civic, fraternal, and university organizations. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cecily. Services were held on April 18, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Greeley. Memorial gifts can be made to Honor Flight Northern Colorado, or Weld County Veteran's Memorial in care of Allnutt.

### LTC Robert Richey Hinton, 76, who served in A/2/20 ARA 1st Cav 1967-68



with the call sign Blue Max. Richey died on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Baptist Reynolds Hospice House after a battle with cancer. Born and raised in Collierville TN, he graduated from Collierville High School in 1958. He attended Duke University, graduating with a degree in History in 1962. Richey and was commissioned in 1963. He was stationed in Wagenfeld, Germany where he met his wife, Sigrid Hinton. They were married in 1968 in Collierville, TN. He served two tours in Vietnam where he earned two distinguished flying crosses, a bronze star and other awards. After retiring from the Army in 1985, he was a commercial airline pilot based in both Memphis and Switzerland.

He retired from flying in 1998. A Memorial Service was held for family and friends on August 10, 2016. Memorial gifts may be made to Collierville Animal Services, 559 E. South St. Collierville, TN 38017 or the Memphis Humane Society.

**Request for Stories:** I am looking for some more stories of your time with the 1st Cav Div. Please send me whatever is on your mind and I will contact you and work out how we can get it into the next issue! We all have a story to tell and now is the time to get it on paper and in the archives before we all forget. I received this 1966 of Major John Utz taken with me at the Golf Course in An Khe during one of our down times. Note the lack of nomex flight suits, army green t-shirts, subdued insignia, and jungle boots. There is a story to be told about us buying up all the green RIT Dye in Columbus, GA for our T-shirts. We had every share of green known to mankind as we boarded the ships! I guess by early 1966 we had run out and were wearing your basic white. John was one of the Platoon Leaders in A Battery. We had many assignments together and later his son was in my BSA Troop and made Eagle Scout. As I recollect, that was during CGSC at Fort Leavenworth. This is where a story can be placed in the ARA archives for others to read. John if you are reading this, please give me a ring or text and let's see if there is more to be documented.



Major John Utz and self

**Til Next Time!** I trust everyone had time to celebrate Labor Day with family and friends. I trust the reunion at Fort Sill was a usual success! I'll be planning for the Thanksgiving Day Celebration and ways to give thanks for all we have in this great country! Thank you for reading what appears to be a bibliography!

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

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## HQ and Special Troops News



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Greetings Troopers from NW Louisiana where the weather has been hot and dry, but we are finally receiving some much-needed rain. Of course, our problems are small compared to what is happening in CA, WA and other parts of the country.

Some of you had the privilege of meeting the CSM of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav, Shane Pospisil, at the reunion in WV. I have been pestering the Sergeant Major to write something for this column and he came through with some good info for us. So, in this column you have words from a former division CSM Dennis Webster, and from the current division CSM.

CSM Shane said, *"I am Shane Pospisil and I am the First Team Command Sergeant Major. On behalf of the Division Commander, Major General Paul Calvert, we want to start by thanking each of you for your selfless service and your continued dedication to our men and women in uniform. When I was at the 1CD Association reunion in June, it was great to see the camaraderie and bond amongst the Troopers. I only wish I was able to speak with more of you. Today, inside the Division, it is imperative we continue our culture of readiness. Trooper Readiness, Training Readiness, Sustainment Readiness and Community Readiness all feed into the "Ready Now" and "Fight Tonight" attitude of our Troopers and Formations. We are empowering our young Troopers to "own" their readiness. Our profession requires us to be ready to deploy when our Nation calls us. Our equipment must be ready, but more importantly our Troopers must be trained and ready to deploy. Fundamental to Army readiness is the readiness of our Troopers. It is the Troopers responsibility to maintain their deployment status. Physical fitness is an essential component of individual readiness, ability to deploy, and lethality. Our junior leaders must understand the importance of being ready and the culture in the First Team embodies this readiness model. When it comes to being physically ready, some of you may have heard the Army has approved a new physical fitness test called the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT). This new test will directly connect fitness with combat readiness. The 6-event test is designed to improve Soldier physical readiness, change the Army fitness culture, reduce preventable injuries, and better inform commanders of unit readiness, all while enhancing mental toughness and stamina. The new test will replace the current test of record with a gender and age neutral assessment based on the physical demands of Combat. Field tests begin in October 2018 and will then be implemented across the Army in OCT 2019. Our First Team Troopers are getting after it now. The 6 events include Strength Deadlift; Standing Power Throw; Hand Release Pushup; the 250-meter sprint-drag-carry; leg tuck pull up; and 2-mile run. The entire ACFT will be conducted with a continuous clock and must be completed within 50 minutes. The specific grading approach and standards will be determined based on data collected from the field test. I am excited about this new change to our physical readiness. The character of war has evolved as have the physical demands of combat. The Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) primarily provided an assessment of muscular and aerobic endurance, but for Troopers to be ready for the rigors of operations in a complex environment, they must possess significant physical capacity in muscular strength, explosive power, speed (anaerobic endurance) and agility (coordination, flexibility, balance, and reaction time.). The battlefields of today and tomorrow are increasingly complex, fluid, and uncertain. They demand all Troopers be physically fit and ready for full-spectrum operations. Today, the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division continues to have almost 4,000 Troopers deployed in over 14 different countries around the world. The demand on First Team Troopers to be ready to "Fight Tonight" remains high. Our training is complex and demanding, but it is the professionalism of our Troopers that sets the First Team apart from the rest of the Army. To all former 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division patch wearing Troopers, know that you will always be a Trooper and will always be a member of the First Team. As a "Trooper for Life", take pride in knowing that you are the Nation's ambassadors to the community and to our Army's future Soldiers. I am Shane Pospisil and I am proud to be a member of the First Team. This is our Team; it's a great team because of our Troopers, and it is the Nation's First Team! Live the legend!"*

Thank you, Sergeant Major, for writing to the Troopers of the Association and for all you do for the First Team!

I received an email from Rick Rooker, who served with HHC 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde at Phuoc Vinh from 70-71. Rick said, "Like so many of us, it was probably a good 15 years after leaving Vietnam in 1971 that I decided it was time to face the truth about the war and my time with the First Cavalry. And thankfully that truth was one of pride. And since that day some 32 years ago I have faithfully worn my First Cavalry cap. I've gone through a few, needless to say. I have worn my cap proudly to have been part of the First Cavalry. But I also wear it in hopes of meeting up with other Veterans, especially First Cav Veterans. And there isn't a week that doesn't go by without someone in a grocery checkout line, or airport security check, or on the sidewalk, coming up behind me and asking, "First Cav?" Some encounters have been brief, with just a handshake of understanding and 'thanks for our service' while others have turned into half hour conversations in the produce section at the grocery store. Just such a meeting one Christmas at a Salvation Army Red Kettle has turned into a lasting friendship. The stories we share are great with such a special meaning that only we Veterans can understand. There has been laughter and there have been tears with these stories. I am still hoping to find, someday, one of my unit buddies with the First Cav Headquarters in Phuoc Vinh. So, wear your Cav Cover and share a story with a stranger; it does the soul good! SPC 4 Richard Rooker"

Thanks for the input. Rick is a noted artist, using water colors, and you can see his work at <<https://fineartamerica.com/artists/richard+rooker>>.

I am sure most of my readers know CSM (Ret) Dennis Webster. Dennis was the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Association Executive Director for many years. Dennis sent me an email in which he said, "Most of us remember the Headquarters as a company and not as a battalion, which it is now. The toughest job for a company commander and first sergeant is always in the Headquarters Company of any unit and it was no different for the commander and first sergeant of HHC when I was the Division Sergeant Major from January 1996 to August 1998. When Soldiers got

in trouble they belonged to the commander and first sergeant but at other times the staff officers didn't want the company leadership to take their workers for the normal things that Soldiers need to do like: PT Tests, weapons qualification, or other mandatory training. While I always tried to help the HHC Commander and First Sergeant I wasn't always successful. I did offer some advice that helped reduce the amount of discipline issues the HHC had by recommending to the command team that HHC Troopers on extra duty from an Article 15 get sent to the Horse Detachment on the weekends to perform their extra duty cleaning the stalls (shoveling horse manure). They liked that idea and implemented it as soon as possible. A few weeks later the Division IG contacted me and asked if I had recommended this punishment option and I quickly confessed to the deed. The IG told me that the shoveling manure was an illegal punishment because it was out of line for Soldiers to conduct. I asked him who he thought cleaned the horse stalls through the week and informed him that the Troopers of the Horse Cavalry Detachment used shovels on a regular basis and they were all excellent Soldiers doing normal tasks. The IG then decided that the cleaning of horse stalls was in line with Soldier duties and could be used as an extra duty. I smiled at the admission. The number Article 15's went down rapidly in HHC with fewer Troopers getting extra duty. First Team! Dennis Webster"

I was assigned to HQ and HQ Company (HHC) of the 312<sup>th</sup> MI Bn. The company commander was a CPT and he had the entire battalion headquarters staff as part of his company. In fact, when I first arrived in Apr 82, it was Her company. The first time I had a female company commander. She did a great job in a hard company to command. Unfortunately, I cannot remember her name. Even more disappointing is that I have never been re-united with any of the Troopers I served with in Vietnam, and only with a few that I served with in the 312<sup>th</sup> MI Bn at Fort Hood. And, out of all the Warrant Officers I knew, served with, and flew with (on their "bird", not behind the driving wheel), I seldom see many of them at the reunions. They simply do not know what they are missing! Sue and I would not miss a reunion and a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. AND, now is the time to get your reservations in at the hotel for the reunion in 2019! Sue and I hope to see you there.

Well, Troopers and Families, that is a wrap for this time. I know many of you live in areas affected by bad weather, fires, mudslides, floods, and draught. Thankfully fall will be here soon and hopefully bring better weather. Meantime, keep you powder dry, watch your back, and may God bless the great First Team, the US Army, the USofA, and you and your Family, until we meet again.

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to your scribe, comes now the rest of the story. The question becomes whose memory is more accurate? While Smith is not in complete denial, he would admit to an eyeballing of can quantities left on tabletops. Then LT Garmong counters that on one occasion it was "suggested" to him to beer up the Huey pilots that dutifully toted the Bn CO around III Corps. "Quo Vadis?" Where do we go from here? The answer simply is Killeen Reunion 2019. This is where the memories surface. This is where you reconnect. There is room at the table.

Corrections for My Errors: Since you already have the July/August *Saber* in your hand, did you miss my Case 450 error? James Miller and Robert Opie found the mistake and sent corrections as follows: (Opie) "We had two models of crawler tractor manufactured by Caterpillar: D-6 and D-4. Depending upon the density altitude, it was possible for a CH-64 to lift the D-4 as a single unit. In the case of the D-6 we would remove the blade and push arms then wrap the tracks around the push arms. A CH-47 would land and pick up the operator, along with a crew of assistants, then pick up the blade, push arms, and tracks as an external sling load. Then a CH-64 could pick up the D-6 body. The operations were scheduled so that the CH-47 arrived at the destination first and released its sling load. The operator and assistants then would position the unfolded tracks to the proper spacing. Then the CH-64 was able to set the D-6 body on the tracks. The crew would walk the D-6 forward and pull the tracks around the drive sprockets and pin the master links. Once the tracks were installed the D-6 would line up on the push arms, which would then be connected to the trunnions, completing the process. The CH-64 had an auxiliary pilot station facing aft. Occasionally one of the pilots would move to that auxiliary position, but more often they would look back over their shoulder as they set the track rollers on the tracks. The skill exhibited by the pilots from the 478th Aviation Company never failed to amaze me." (Miller) "The Case 450 was light enough to come assembled. It was the Cat dozer that was disassembled, tracks and blade sent on first sortie to have the tracks rolled out into position to have the dozer set down on its shoes. Also, who could forget using rubbers for o-rings while hooking up the blade hydraulics? The other on topic I will never forget was having SGT Woodcroft show us how to ground the skycrane's hook on the dozer's exhaust stack, yep never going to forget that static discharge jumping a foot from hook to Woody's foot and blowing him off the dozer!" Mail is slow in Michigan, so it took Leo Miller a week to get and figure out the Case error and call to ask for a picture of the Camp Evans air drop. All my errors were patiently explained. He is doing better but not up to answering 1000 emails. And some other guy called me, chewed me out and hung up. Guess he showed me.

Almost Final Thought: The value of a parking lot in Florida and maybe Texas is determined by the quantity of shade trees left by the developer.

Final Thought: Who has more advertisement per square inch of material worn? Golf pros or NASCAR drivers?

### ARE YOU A RECENTLY RETIRED VETERAN?

What tips do you have to offer to our new Soldiers of Today?

Email your responses to [programs@1CDA.org](mailto:programs@1CDA.org)  
Write TIPS in the subject line.

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

Troop E 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, WWII South Pacific

PFC Arendovski remembers his unit landing on mainland Japan on the day of the surrender. Photo submitted is from their occupation duties.



Aloysius P. Arendovski, a.k.a. (Al Arend) has been invited to attend an event in New Orleans at the WWII Museum with fellow WWII true American heroes from “Soaring Valor” made possible by the generosity of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Al’s service record:

Aloysius P. Arendovski, a.k.a. (Al Arend) United States Army, (USA)  
Service Number: 16171850  
5027 S. Talman Ave. (or 1615 Blue Island) Chicago, Illinois  
Date of Enlistment (ERC) Enlisted Reserve Corps: 20 Feb 1943  
Entered active service: 30 November 1943, Chicago, Illinois  
Date of discharge: March 2, 1946, Camp Grant, Separations Center, (near Rockford) Illinois  
Grade at discharge: PFC  
Military Occupational Specialty (MOS): Automatic Rifleman (746)

**Battles and Campaigns:** Luzon, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines (Liberation)

**Qualifications:** Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Marksman w/Rifle

**Awards:** 3 Overseas Service Bars, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal w/4 Bronze Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Victory Medal, Bronze Arrowhead and Lapel Button (Ruptured Duck).

(Application is submitted for Correction of Military Record under provisions of title 10 ASC 1552. Request correction of PFC Arendovski’s records reflect award of the Army of Occupation Medal-Japan, IAW AR600-8-22 Chapter 5-11.

It is our suspicion that PFC Arendovski was honorably, prior to update Army regulations pertaining to the Army of Occupation Medal, approved by the War Department under General Orders 32, 1946.

Submitted by son-in-law, Kenneth J Smith Jr. CW4, Aviation (Retired) <arendsmith@hughes.net>.

LTC William Hamilton Selected for Hall of Fame

Press release story from Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation by Public Information Chairman John Greiner

An Oklahoma native who was decorated for heroism while serving with the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in November.

LTC William A. Hamilton, who now lives in Granby, Colo., will be among 10 Oklahoma Veterans inducted Nov. 3, 2018, during banquet ceremonies at the Embassy Suites Conference Hotel, 2501 Conference Dr., Norman, Ok.

While serving in Vietnam, Hamilton was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for Valor and the Army Commendation for Valor. Born 1935 in Pauls Valley, OK, Hamilton lived there until his father returned from World War II and moved his family to Anadarko, OK where Hamilton graduated from high school.

Hamilton entered the University of Oklahoma (OU) on Regent’s and Danforth Scholarships. In combination with law school, he completed requirements for a B.A. degree in Government following graduation from OU and its ROTC program, he served 20 years as an infantry officer with combat duty in Vietnam and Cambodia and received decorations for heroism. He also served two years with the Air Force. During his infantry career, he commanded mechanized infantry, airborne and armored cavalry units.

On Sept. 23, 1966, Hamilton received the Bronze Star Medal with “V” Device for heroism. He led a 5-man group to observe and assist a South Vietnamese unit battling a North Vietnamese-Viet Cong unit. The enemy saw the group, and Hamilton realized the enemy could overrun his position. Because he couldn’t make radio contact with an artillery unit for support, he contacted an aircraft to relay his fire mission to the artillery unit, which eliminated the enemy force.

On June 22, 1970, he earned the Silver Star for gallantry for directing a helicopter to hover above an embattled infantry company, dropping needed ammunition and supplies to it. Despite the danger from ground fire, he returned the helicopter again to deliver more supplies.

On Jan. 23, 1970, Hamilton received the Army Commendation Medal with “V” Device for heroism. “Disregarding his own safety, he exposed himself to dangers inherent in a combat environment as he directed his efforts toward neutralizing the enemy threat. His heroic and valiant actions were characterized by a great concern for the welfare of his comrades and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam,” his Army Commendation Medal reads.

Hamilton’s other awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, two additional Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, 20 air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal with “V” Device, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor. He also is a life member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association.

In 2008, he was named to the University of Oklahoma Army R.O.T.C. Wall of Fame. In 2009, he and his wife, Penny, established the Hamilton Infantry Leadership Scholarship for the outstanding Oklahoma Army ROTC college senior cadet who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. The scholarship is for \$350.

For more information, contact: John Greiner, <Jtgreiner704@gmail.com> 405-842-2706 or MG Douglas O. Dollar at 405-372-6158.

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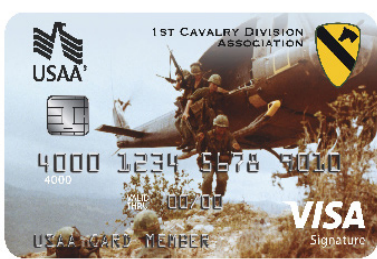
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Air Cav Conducts Port to Fort Operations by CW2 Andrew Larsen, IACB, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs

BEAUMONT, Texas- The 2-227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade conducted port operations from Aug. 18-26 at the Port of Beaumont, Texas. The nine-day operation consisted of aircraft maintenance, rail operations, and transporting equipment back to Fort Hood.

The 2-227th and 1 ACB recently redeployed from European Command (EU-COM) in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Operation Atlantic Resolve is a demonstration of a continued U.S. commitment to reassure NATO allies and partners of America’s dedication to enduring peace and stability in the region in light of the Russian intervention in Ukraine.

The brigade started receiving their aircraft and equipment August 18 and quickly began downloading the assets to once again support the ground forces of the 1st Cavalry Division, III Corps, and Fort Hood.

“Port operations are the decisive point in our organization’s transition to starting training, build readiness, and support the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade and the Division,” said LTC Jason Raub, the 2-227th Aviation Regiment Commander.

The 2-227th is the only General Support Aviation Battalion in the Air Cav and consists of unique capabilities. The companies within the battalion consist of, Headquarters and Headquarters Company “Wolfpack” providing mission command, Company A “Vultures” providing VIP support, Company B “Blackcats” CH-47 Chinook’s providing heavy lift, Company C “Witchdoctors” providing medical evacuations, Company D “Outlaws” providing the maintenance that keeps all the aircraft flying, Company E “Renegades” provides ground maintenance and fueling, and Company F “Ravens” providing the only mobile air traffic control for the brigade.

PFC Brandon Walker, an aviation operations specialist, commented on what it means to him to receive all of the aircraft and equipment. “I’m excited to start doing my job again,” said Walker. “When I perform my job, I feel fulfilled and that I’m contributing to the unit and the Army.”

The 2-227th moved eight UH60L Blackhawk helicopters, 10 CH47F Chinook helicopters, 15 HH60M helicopters, more than 150 containers, numerous military vehicles and trucks, and other miscellaneous equipment as part of the operation.

“The operation and teamwork from the brigade down to the company level made the operation very efficient,” said CPT Benjamin Nichols, the 2-227th assistant operations officer, “I enjoyed working with my team of Soldiers, NCO’s and civilians at Jack Brooks Regional. They made this an enjoyable experience.”



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