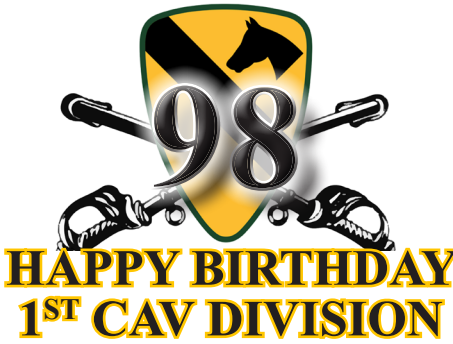


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5 hurricane (Dorian) is battering the Bahamas as I write this. Next it is predicted to move up the east coast causing massive damage to the coasts of Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina. Millions of people will be impacted. By the time you receive this issue of the *Saber* this storm will be long gone but the damage will still be there with many people suffering from property and other more severe losses. Please keep those affected in your thoughts and prayers and provide any assistance if you are able.

Cathy and I had a very eventful summer. First was the 73rd First Cav Association Reunion, then my family reunion, and then, later in July we went on a tour. We had never gone on an organized bus tour before preferring to be our own tour guides and to set our own schedule. During these 8 days we saw much of South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. Traveling 1,500 miles in 7 days gives one a perspective of how vast and how geologically diverse this country is. This tour company had local experts and/or videos of the various places we visited which gave us a greater appreciation of what we saw.

We went to Mount Rushmore and then to the Crazy Horse Memorial which when complete will be several times larger than Mount Rushmore. Construction on the Crazy Horse Memorial was begun 50 years ago. It is a privately funded project which will take at least 50 additional years to complete even if there are no future funding issues. I do not plan to attend the dedication. Oh, and I was wearing a hat with a 7th Cav crossed sabers pin attached and have a picture of me wearing it with Crazy Horse in the background.

We then spent 2 days in Yellowstone National Park and 2 in Grand Teton National Park. Finally, we stopped by Devil's Tower. These are all fantastic places to visit. Descriptions and photos can't really represent the beauty and magnitude of these geological wonders. I don't believe in bucket lists, but if I did I would be able to cross off several items. My recommendation: This is a great country – get out and see it.

We did all that and still were able to spend time with the grandkids boating, tubing and other water sports. The two youngest (brothers, 7 & 9 this month) are surfing and wake boarding when they aren't tussling or fighting. Until recently I never knew that checkers, chess, flying paper airplanes, and kayaking are all contact sports, or that pretend laser tag was a real game.

Next up is Veterans Day with wreath laying ceremonies at WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials and our 11th annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Crowne Plaza in Arlington, VA. We expect a good turnout. I hope to see you there.

Remember to support your local chapter.

Take care, be safe, and, as always, thank you for your service.

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Allen (TrailSpike 47)

The summer is over, the kids are back in school, and leaf raking season will soon be here. In the meantime, a Category

HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Jenny Nocella



Travelor & Trudy

As the summer season winds down and cooler weather begins rolling in, the Horse Cavalry Detachment Troopers enjoyed an opportunity leave period before climbing back in the saddle and getting right back to work. We also welcomed four new mounts; Trooper, Pancho, Lefty, & Bear! As well as two new mules; Travelor & Trudy to the Detachment Team!

September is a busy month here at the HCD. In addition to our weekly public demonstrations we are traveling around the Central Texas area on the 18th of September we are headed up to Waco, TX as part of the annual Farm Fest Parade for Veterans. Later that week, we will be participating in a Retreat Ceremony to welcome the new Division Sergeant major (P9) to the First Team! Another exciting event planned this month is the Army Equine Conference and the National Cavalry Competition. We are sending 23 Troopers to El Reno, Oklahoma from the 23rd through the 28th of September to participate and compete at all riding experience levels. On the 5th of October we are back on the road again to Dallas, TX to post the Colors at the 17th Annual Skyball. The following weekend on the 12th of October you can catch up with us in Centerville, TX or on the 26th of October at the HCD Stables for the Retiree Appreciation Demonstration. We are looking forward to a busy fall season here at the barn and in the local community!

As always, we conduct practice demonstrations at the detachment on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This is the time we showcase our Cavalry riding skills and invite the public to come out and enjoy the show. Feel free to call ahead and reserve some seats at (254) 287-2229. You can also find us on Facebook (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and let you know about upcoming events and ceremonies.



Cavalry Charge for 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade Change of Command

The FirstTeam celebrated 98 years of Living the Legend! 13 September 2019



Passing of the Saber to the CG for cake cutting.



Period uniforms representing the years throughout the Division.

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I received an email from Randy Baumgardner: Acclaim Press is still working diligently on the Vietnam History book (re-print). Randy says, "The process is taking a bit longer than I anticipated, but we are being very thorough in

scanning the pages to make sure the finished books look just like the original. We're still targeting the end of the year for book release." He also mentioned sending an update out, to those members who pre-purchased the book, later this week.

We have already started working on next year's reunion in Kentucky (10-14 June 2020) and look forward to visiting with everyone again. You can begin booking your rooms at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center. Either

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1CDA EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 9-12, 2019	11th Annual Veterans Day in Washington D.C.
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June 10-14, 2020	73rd Annual 1CDA Reunion, Louisville, KY
Nov 9-12, 2020	12th Annual Veterans Day in Washington D.C.
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PURPLE HEART HEROES



This tribute to our military men and women, who were killed in action or wounded in action, should be present in every community in the USA in my view. It would remind everyone about the sacrifices many of our citizens have made to maintain our way of life.

Best regards,

Frederick A. Taylor, Jr. MOPH Past National Commander (813) 995-0240

TAPS

We were notified of the death of the following:

ACKER, LTC (RET) Raymond A., HHC, 2BDE, 1976; HHC, 1BDE, 1978. 15 August 2019. (Chaplain)

BOLES, Mr. Sonny., 9 CAV. 24 July 2019.

BONCZYK, PFC Edward, A Co, 7 CAV, 1952. 7 June 2019.

BRUER, CPT Carle E., HHC, 1-7 CAV, 1968. 17 August 2019.

GREENLEAF, SP-4 Frank T., B Co, 1-12 CAV, 1966. 29 August 2019.

HARVEY, SGT Joel E., C Co, 2-5 CAV, 1968. 31 July 2019.

HERBST, SSG David L., D Co, 2-12 CAV, 1965. 2 July 2019.

JAMES, CW3 (RET) Jesse L. (Chief), C Co, 1-9 CAV, 1969. 30 July 2019.

LEONARD, PVT Stacy H., 1CD, 1970-71. 1 July 2019.

MCNEIL, PFC Kenneth W., D Co, 1-8 CAV, 1966. 11 July 2019.

MINTON, CSM (RET) Billy F., 1-77 FA, 1973; 1-19 FA, 1975; DIVARTY, 1984-86. 7 August 2019.

MOSS, CSM (RET) Homer R., HHC, 2BDE & HHC, 1CDH, 1973. 24 July 2019 (Division CSM 73-79).

NYE, SGT Daniel T., 1-9 CAV, 1967. 3 July 2019.

NETHERCUTT, SSG Matthew, D Co, 2-5 CAV, 1993. 17 July 2019.

RAY, LTC John L., B Btry, 99th FA, 1950. 4 February 2019.

VIERRA, SP4 Damien D., HSC, 15th MED BN, 1970-71, 31 July 2019.

WOLF, William A., E Co, 5 CAV. 12 Aug 2019.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

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

WEBBER, PFC Mason, 4-9 CAV, 2018. 5 September 2019.



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

Cav Vet Earns 1st Place in VA Arts Festival

I entered the creative writing judging of the National VA Arts Festival earlier this year. My essay, titled "What's Worth Remembering About a War?" won the judging for the local competition and was entered in the national competition. I've learned that I won at that level also and will be heading to Kalamazoo MI in late October to receive my award. Steve Banko <stbanko3@roadrunner.com>

D/2-7 Cav 1968 and D/1-12Cav 1969-70

What's Worth Remembering About a War?

Many years ago, when our war was still current and occupied it's fifteen minutes of interest in the national consciousness, I was asked to speak at Bucknell University. After my speech, a coed approached me and asked a question that stumped me and like all good questions, started me thinking. She asked me what's worth remembering about a war?

I asked her if I could get back to her in the morning before I returned to Buffalo. So, I spent much of the night mulling that question over and over in my mind. What, indeed, was worth remembering?

As fewer and fewer Americans attain a notion of national service, and as even fewer of them will ever experience military service, the question becomes both more legitimate and more important than it might have sounded when was first posed to me.

A first step for the uninitiated would be to set aside some of the romantic notions they would do well to set aside the romantic notions of wars passed. Way back in antiquity, the Roman poet Horace gave us one of those notions when he wrote: "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori." (It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country.) Anyone who has served in a 20th or 21st Century war might find that proposition difficult to support. More modern wars have asked nothing of most but demanded everything from a select few.

Ernest Hemingway gave the poetry of antiquity a more modern slant when he wrote, "In the old days, they wrote that it was sweet and fitting to die for one's country. In modern war, there's nothing sweet, nor fitting. You die like a dog, for no good reason."

Hemingway recognized the stark reality of modern war. He knew it as an ugly and brutal world; lonely and painful and terrifying. It is a world whose greatest height is mean survival and whose lowest depth is the death of good people.

War reeks with a stench that can never be cleansed from senses of the combat Soldier. It screams in ears that will forever echo with the moaning of the wounded and the silence of the dead. It lives and aches with a pain in the heart that can never really be soothed.

Four times, I was the last human face my dying comrades saw. Four times, I listened to their final pleas for deliverance from the pain and their last oaths of love for their mothers. Like most combat Soldiers, I grew to know pain from both physical and moral injury. I knew pain from a booby trap, from bullets, and from killing. Much worse than any of that pain, though, is the impotence I feel everyday knowing that no matter how hard I try to reverse the pain of our shared history I am no more capable of saving those brave men today, than I was when they shared their last, tortured seconds on earth with me.

I personally know far too many young men who died in Vietnam but in so many ways, we feel like we knew them all, all 58,000+ etched in the cold granite of the Vietnam Memorial. We didn't know their names. We had little idea from where they came. The panels on which they reside on the Wall are varied. But so much about them was the same—their youth, their enthusiasm, their dedication, their commitment to each other. In these shared virtues they all truly became our brothers, our family.

And I know too, that the cruelest of combat ironies is that survival, itself, carries a special, lasting pain. Rarely a night passes without the movie screen of my mind rerunning battles, making me relive the dread and the horror. No matter how hard I grapple with the details; no matter how hard I try to change them, the endings are always the same—good men die, and I live. I will forever wrestle with the guilt that comes from thinking there might have been something I could have done to save those who died while I survived.

Given all that lasting pain, we need to revisit the question again—what's worth remembering about a war? It wasn't the hunger, the fatigue, the thirst, the heat, the monsoon or the pain. Quite simply, the only thing worth remembering about war is the warrior—those men and women, who stood up and answered a call that others might not have heard and that none of us really understood. They did not have or seek the safe sanctuaries that sheltered more fortunate sons and daughters. They grumbled the same gripes common to the combat Soldier since the time of Alexander the Great. But when it came time to put their ass on the line, they did. They served. They suffered, and God knows, too many times they died. And when they did, they died not for honor nor glory; not for the flag or apple pie; not for fame or conquest or a cushioned seat in the kingdom of heaven.

They died for what Soldiers have always died—they died for each other. They died in an enduring act of love that outshines the misery and horror of war. That love will outlast our frail bodies but must forever survive in the consciousness of a nation losing its sense of shared suffering.

It is one of most pervasive myths of war that the battlefield is the province of fear and hatred and anger. But fear never made anyone leave safety to aid a wounded buddy. And hatred never motivated a nurse to work through the night in a blood-soaked OR to repair shattered limbs and soothe shattered minds. And never did anger cause anyone to share the last, blasted moments of a man's life rather than let him die alone.

Only love can do that. Only love will make a man risk his life for another. A man would not give up his life for a million dollars but on the battlefield, he

will risk it willingly for nothing more than the knowledge that he came to help a comrade in need. And that hurts us—oh God how it hurts us to remember these five decades since our war ended. But think for one minute how much more it would hurt if we ever forgot.

For that's what we remember when we remember war: we remember who we are, what we did, and most importantly how much we loved each other.

Steve Banko <stbanko3@roadrunner.com>

Who, When, Where, Why? A story of questions answered.



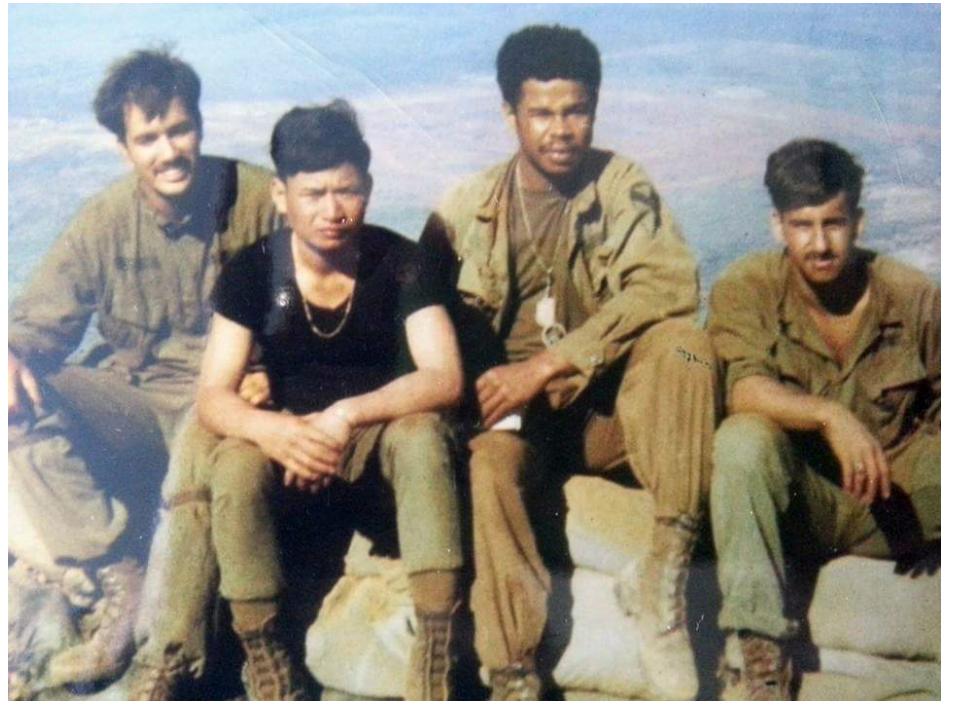
To begin, I want to introduce you to my brother, Jim. A small-town boy from Pennsylvania, with plans of becoming a CPA. Tall and handsome with a smile you could never forget! Always had a quiet demeanor but could be quietly mischievous; played high school football, hunted, fished, and was loved by everyone!

In the spring of 69', Jim had just completed 4 years of business school. Not surprisingly, Uncle Sam moved very swiftly. By June he had received his draft notice. As a member of a "pacifist" church he could have registered for and received CO (Conscientious Objector) status. But Jim felt strongly that he could not stay back

while others, including many of his friends, were already serving and risking their lives in Vietnam. In his words, "If I do not go, someone else will have to take in my place. If something should happen, at least I know I am ready to go."

So, several days after Thanksgiving, I tearfully hugged my big brother and said, "Stay safe and I will see you in a year!" And amazingly, that is exactly what I thought. My sister, Judy, my brother, Ted, and I all felt the same way. Yes, he was going to Vietnam. Yes, he would be fighting in a war. But he was Jim... nothing could possibly happen to him! We would all pray daily for his safety and in 13 months we would once again see his smiling face. It was as if we thought he was indestructible...

When Jim arrived in country, he was assigned to 1st Air Cav A Co 2-12. He informed us that he was told it is the BEST division in the Army! As the weeks and months passed, Jim made every attempt to write to each of us. Letters describing the scenery and climate. Letters containing funny stories about the dreaded lifers or the inept new guys. Letters telling my mother she need not worry, because he was perfectly fine!



4th Platoon "Brothers"

Jim Unruh, Montagnard scout, Otto "Doc" Johnson, Carl Perrino.

But on June 3rd our family was faced with the brutal truth of war. We were notified that our Jim, SGT James H. Unruh, was KIA in Cambodia, May 31st, 1970. The grief was indescribable. The pain was unbearable. The thought of my brother being gone was unbelievable. Our world came crashing down around us. But the one thing that kept us standing was our faith. You do not realize how strong something is until you are forced to use it! In the middle of his grief my father assured anyone that would listen that our God never makes mistakes! We may not understand. We may not know why. But everything happens for a reason! And for all of you Veterans reading this, that have questioned, "Why them? Why not me?" There is your answer.

Shortly after Jim's death, we were given bits of information regarding the events of that fatal day. We were told Jim's squad (he was the leader) had encountered hostile fire. Jim had laid down a base of fire so the others could retreat to a safe position. During this time 2 men lost their lives. One was my brother. We were also informed that because of his actions that day, Jim would posthumously be awarded the Silver Star.

So, with a mixture of love, grief, and pride, Jim's medals were framed and hung beside a photo of him with 3 of his fellow Soldiers. For the next 45 years I would glance at the medals and wonder, "What really happened? Exactly where did it take place?" I would look at the picture of 4 young men seated on sandbags and wonder, "Did the others survive? What were they like?" So many unanswered questions... But then a miracle!!

Five years ago, I received a phone call from Oklahoma. Not recognizing name or number, I let it ring. Within a minute it rang a second time. I answered! A nervous man on the other end was asking if I was Jim Unruh's sister. I anxiously said Yes! He proceeded to introduce himself and informed me that he had served with Jim in Vietnam. I could not believe what I was hearing!! He explained that for years he had wanted to find our family. He wanted us to know how much Jim meant to him and that he felt he was alive today because of Jim. After talking

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LRRP/Ranger News



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can be seen from the picture, our unit had a very good turnout - thirty-six (36) Veterans, plus wives/girlfriends, and adult children. Planning for next year's reunion in Louisville is already underway. (See Doug Parkinson's email below.)



Attendees 2019 1st Cav Assn Reunion - LRRP Rangers

The following email was received from **Doug Parkinson's** (1967-68): "Lieutenant Joe Dilger (1968) has offered to host a cruise on the Belle of Louisville Riverboat at the 2020 1st Cav Reunion in Louisville. The cruise will be on Saturday evening, June 13, 2020 and will leave from the Louisville Riverwalk at Waterfront Park. Casual attire is suggested. Joe would like an estimate of the number of attendees to expect. I know it's a little early, but he would like to assess transportation requirements from the hotel to the riverboat and required accommodations on the riverboat. In 2006, Joe hosted a similar cruise, which turned out to be one of the highlights of the reunion. Please let Bill Carpenter (1967) know if you plan to go. Bill's email is <LRRP.Rangers@comcast.net>."



The Belle of Louisville Riverboat, Louisville, Kentucky

Stephanie Ryan, Gold Star Daughter, also provided the following information regarding POW/MIA bracelets. "Patty Hopper, widow of COL Earl P Hopper, Sr. USA, and mother of LTC Earl P Hopper, Jr. USAF (MIA), makes POW/MIA bracelets. She lives in Glendale, Arizona and runs an organization named Task Force Omega, Inc. She can be reached at 623-979-5651 or 602-315-0145 (cell), or via email at <tfoinc@cox.net>. She prefers that she be contacted via cell phone. She does text too. The bracelets can be finished in stainless steel, brass, nickel, copper, and anodized aluminum in one of eight colors: red, blue, black, gold, purple, green, pink, or orange. A variety of logo images can also be used to personalize a bracelet, like the Ranger Tab."

I had received a call from **Donald Goff** from Lufkin, Texas, back in the May-June 2019 timeframe regarding the replacement of the POW/MIA bracelet he has been wearing for the past 45 years. Don served as an instructor in Ranger School at Fort Benning, after serving in Vietnam in **1967-68** with **C Co, 1-8 Cav**. At Ranger School, he was one of Deverton Cochrane's (MIA 6/17/70) instructors. After learning of Cochrane's death and his Body Not Recovered status, Don took to wearing an MIA bracelet for him. Well, 45 years later the bracelet is old and worn out, and Don was wondering where he could get another one for Cochrane. Now thanks to Stephanie, we have a source for him.

Late on the afternoon of June 17, 1970, Cochrane and LRRP/Ranger Team 52 unknowingly walked into a Viet Cong bunker complex while on patrol in the Fishhook area of Cambodia along the South Vietnam/Cambodian border during the Cambodian Invasion. Before the team members realized what they had done, they came under attack from several enemy bunkers scattered in the jungle underbrush in front of them. Both Cochrane, who was walking point, and Carl Laker, who was carrying the team's only PRC-25 radio, were hit with automatic weapons fire. Team members Ron Andrus and Roy Clark maneuvered forward to Cochrane's and Laker's positions but were unable to pull them back from the kill zone to a safe position. Both Andrus and Clark were themselves badly wounded and bleeding profusely. Cochrane had been hit in the throat and mouth by enemy fire but was believed to still be breathing and alive, at least for a short time. Laker had been hit in the forehead by enemy fire and died instantly. Dwight Hancock, the remaining team member, had been bringing up the rear of the team and was able to put out suppressive fire directed at the enemy bunkers to allow Andrus and Clark to maneuver backward to a safe position. The 1/9th Cav Blues were inserted onto the ground on the following morning at first light, but the bodies of Cochrane and Laker had been moved by the enemy. The Blues spent three days searching the area for them with no luck. They found trails of blood but no bodies.

On a different note, the following email was received from **Chuck Windham** (1968-69): "This past week a brother made a posting on the LRRP Association Facebook page that he was introducing a Hotel Company Ranger who served in Vietnam and was reaching out to other Hotel Company Rangers to contact him. His name was listed as David Brown, but a quick look at our roster did not show a David Brown. I asked him to contact me so we could get his information and add it to our roster if it had been omitted. No response was received, so I put a challenge out to him because from his Facebook page, he appeared mighty young-looking to have served in Vietnam. Well that started a full-scale investigation by some of our LRRP members. It was discovered that he didn't graduate from high school until 1976, according to his Facebook page. He was sporting our Ranger scroll along with jump wings and a Ranger tab, along with other military insignia on his vest. He rides with a motorcycle group that appears at Veteran's affairs. He appears to be knowledgeable of our unit when he describes his service, possibly from publications. If you want to share this information,

Hello from the nation's capital. Below is a group picture from the 2019 reunion in Killeen, thanks to Stephania Ryan, Gold Star daughter of Dwight Durham, KIA April 10, 1969. As

please do so. They can be alerted to this individual. Regards, Chuck "Windy" Windham." <chuckwind@bellsouth.net>.

The following story "Latrine Duty" was received from **Howard Shute** (1969-71): "The event described in this story happened in early '69" in what Bob Carr (1967-68) called "P" training. It was 3 days of acclimating to the heat, smell, and lack of water in a war zone, and of the body adjusting to them. Like all new arrivals in Vietnam, we had to make changes to our new lifestyle. Part of my personal endeavor was the task of learning how to dispose of the waste material that the human body naturally creates, even in a war zone. For those of you who recall what the bathroom facilities were like, they consisted of wooden sheds ranging from four seats - the economy model - to as many as six to eight seats - the deluxe model. On my second day in-country, I was assigned the task, along with three other new arrivals, of disposing of the semi-solid and mostly liquid waste material from the bathroom facilities in our company area. The Army must have assumed that new arrivals were born knowing just how this complex operation was completed since it didn't spend much time or make much effort explaining it to us!"

"So, the shake-and-bake, who's main goal in life is to please the butter bar just out of OCS, provided the instructions, which were as follows: 1) Open rear doors of the outhouse. 2) Secure the door with a 4-foot long stick. 3) Put gloves on and remove the cut-in-half 55-gallon drum. 4) Take diesel fuel and fill the drum to cover the contents. 5) Take toilet paper and ignite the diesel fuel. Once it starts burning, stir the concoction until all contents are gone!"

"The shake-and-bake's instructions were easy enough to understand, except for some minor details arising during the fulfillment of said instructions. For example, how far from the outhouse does one have to drag the almost full cut-in-half 55-gallon drum with the contents spilling everywhere? Answer not far! Next, how does one ignite diesel fuel diluted with waste material using toilet paper which is now soaking wet? Answer, the assigned Soldiers and I discovered that a roll of toilet paper soaked in diesel fuel was ignitable and that multiple rolls soaked in diesel fuel were needed to accomplish this task."

"Well, we got the drums burning alright but we could not get close enough to them to stir the mixture, and then we discovered that the drums were simply not far enough from the wooden outhouse. We could see through the dense black smoke that the shed had caught fire and was well involved, possibly a three-alarmed. The smoke was reaching heights of 100 feet or more, letting every Charlie in the area know that there were new arrivals in town. Thank goodness those crappers were located far from any other structure because the fragrance was standard to all such facilities!" "The Army in its infinite wisdom let the shed burn, which meant that a new one had to be ordered. It only took 24 hours or so to get a new one delivered to our company area, which led me to believe that the Army had a stockpile of new crappers somewhere close by."

"Only two good things came out of the destruction of the sh-- house. First, a nice new crapper was delivered to our company area, of which I was not allowed to use, and second, the best is I NEVER HAD TO BURN SHxx AGAIN!!" "This was the reason I joined the Company and you might wonder why the Army did not send us to the Long Binh Jail. Remember, there was a war going on and they needed us in the field! I guess that was worth an outhouse!"

"This was also the main reason several of my pals, LT Michael Brennan included, decided to write a letter entitle "Destruction of Government Property" from the President! LT Brennan's letter follows." The following letter, *Destruction of Government Property*, was received from LT Mike Brennan (1969-70) from The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20307-0000, dated August 12, 1995.

"Dear Mr. Shute."

"Greetings from the President of the United States. (Gee, I love the sound of that title, but the sentence itself never did thrill me.) As your President and Commander-in-Chief, I regret to inform you that a special investigating committee, chaired by former Secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara, has found you liable and culpable for destroying government property shortly after your arrival in Vietnam in 1969. As described by Secretary McNamara - a man like me who always tells the truth - you intentionally and with malice aforethought, committed the crime of touching an outhouse. To wit, you criminally burned down a Personnel Evacuation Disposal Device, Field Expedient, more commonly known as a "shitter" or crapper."

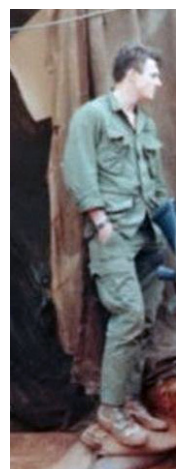
"I must inform you that not all of the members of my cabinet wanted to hold you liable. The Attorney General, MS Janet Reno, herself an expert at settings buildings on fire, feels that you didn't do anything worse than she did in Waco, Texas (remember the Branch Davidian Compound.) Of course, since I have always held the military to a higher standard than I did civilians like myself, I have decided to hold you accountable for your actions back then in 1969. Therefore, although the voters forgave me my failings of courage in 1969 and 1970, I have chosen not to forgive you for your heinous crime."

"The Secretary of the Treasury, Robert Reich, has totaled up the bill for your arson in 1969. Accounting for the original cost of the outhouse, interest compounded daily for 26 years, and a fudge factor to allow for all my unkept campaign promises, you now owe your government the total of \$367,483,794,236.47. Just by coincidence, that is the sum of the increase in the national debt since I took office two years ago."

"I recognize that this action may be viewed by you as another example of your government being unfair to Vietnam Veterans. On the contrary, I am very proud of all the good things I've done for Veterans since I came into office. Just look what I've done for the Veterans Administration. Just as in 1969, there's nothing that's too good for the Vietnam Vet, and that's exactly what you're going to get."

"It's always nice for me to keep in touch with our Veterans. Hope to see you at The Wall on Veterans Day. In case you have trouble recognizing me, I'll be the person on the VIP platform who is not wearing any military insignia."

Pictured left is of Glenn Lambert and was taken at LZ Betty in Quang Tri Province in March 1968. Glenn, of course, died shortly afterwards while on patrol in Base Area 101 in the Hai Lang National Forest, a North Vietnamese sanctuary southwest of LZ Betty and east of the Marine Combat Base at Khe Sanh.



Lambert KIA

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Well it's time for another news article. Sorry that the last edition had no news-letter, but I had to get another computer.

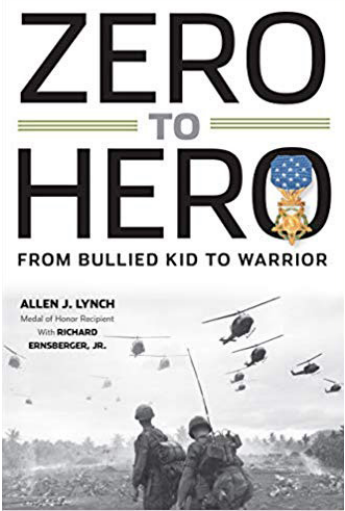
I think most of the association that went to the division reunion had a good time as the 1st Cavalry celebrated Cav Week. The celebration was good for the Cav Veterans. We were treated great by MG Paul Calvert, his staff, and other senior and junior officers. The senior NCO's went out of their way to make us feel appreciated.

I attended the rededication of the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters and we were treated to a show by the Cav. I spoke a couple of times to Major General Calvert about the association working with the Division and young Troopers and he said his door was always open for us. Would like to get together at some point, kind of made me miss my Cav days.

I also want to thank Tina and the staff that works with her, great people. No new stories but waiting on a couple that I don't have yet. Until next time I hope all your LZ's are cold.

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This is the life story of Al Lynch in his own words, an American hero who is now one of only 72 living Medal of Honor recipients. This is the story of a happy boy growing up in Chicagoland's South Side industrial neighborhoods. His early happiness was almost eradicated by several years of intense bullying, though he found ways to overcome that experience. This is the story of an aimless young man whose prospects of following in his father's footsteps as a blue-collar tradesman were cut short by the Vietnam War and by his personal search for something greater than himself. This is the story of a man whose meandering military career, and his life up to that point, came into sharp focus when, in a deadly firefight in Vietnam, he rushed to rescue three wounded Troopers in no man's land. He was urged to leave the wounded and return to a

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Soldier Accounted for From Korean War (Angle, D.)

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Army CPL Donald E. Angle, 21, of Clear Spring, Maryland, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on July 2, 2019. (This identification was initially published July 8, 2019.)

In the summer of 1950, Angle was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, fighting against members of the Korean People's Army. On July 25, 1950, he was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Yongdong, South Korea. Absent evidence of continued survival, the Department of the Army declared him deceased as of Dec. 31, 1953.

In February 1951, a Search and Recovery Team of the 565th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company recovered a partial set of remains, designated as Unknown X-485 Tanggok, from a hill less than a mile from Yongdong, South Korea. In June 1955, the remains were declared unidentifiable and were subsequently transferred to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu and were interred as an Unknown.

On August 20, 2018, following thorough historical and scientific analysis, X-485 Tanggok was disinterred from the Punchbowl and sent to the laboratory for analysis. To identify Angle's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental, anthropological and chest radiograph comparison analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence. DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission.

Today, 7,628 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War. Using modern technology, identifications continue to be made from remains that were previously returned by Korean officials, recovered from Korea by American recovery teams or disinterred from unknown graves. Angle's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl along with 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 family contact information, contact the Army Service Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490. Angle will be buried Oct. 6, 2019, in Welsh Run, Pennsylvania. For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil, find us on social media at www.facebook.com/dodpaa or call (703) 699-1420.

Angle's personnel profile can be viewed at <https://dpaa.secure.force.com/dpaaProfile?id=a0Jt0000000cdGIEAI>

Patriot Day Soldier for Life Golf Tournament article by Todd Fox, guest speaker, photos by Joe Fernandez

The 7th Annual Patriot Day Golf Tournament was held on Sept 11, 2019 hosted by River Place Country Club and coordinated by Mr. John Collins.

The tournament was started to honor Purple Heart Recipients and to support Veteran programs throughout Central Texas. Two years ago, John decided to focus on supporting the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program by introducing potential employers to transitioning Soldiers. The tournament is a chance for existing SFL-TAP partners to advocate and help Fort Hood recruit new industry partners and grow the Fort Hood program.

Although Fort Hood's program has been lauded as the "model" program for the Army, they still need help to meet the needs of the nearly 1000 transitioning Soldiers and their Families each month. Many of the industry partners have little to no understanding of the incredible capabilities of our transitioning Soldiers. Veterans have tremendous soft skills like work ethic, integrity, and teamwork. The SFL-TAP allows employers an opportunity to immerse the transitioning Soldier while still serving on active duty. This greatly accelerated their learning curve and gives the employer an opportunity to provide the technical skills and experience to go with the soft skills mentioned earlier.

John works tirelessly throughout the year to grow the tournament, add new partners, and provide more and more support to Veterans programs throughout the region. The 1st Cavalry Division Association has become a critical partner providing support during the planning and execution of the tournament and raises money for their Active Duty Scholarship Fund.



Trump Announces Presidential Medal for Vietnam Veteran Rick Rescorla, who died on 9/11, Washington Examiner by Ellie Bufkin, September 11, 2019



President Trump announced on Wednesday that he planned to award the presidential medal for Rick Rescorla, who was killed on 9/11 while serving as the vice president for security at Morgan Stanley in the south tower of the World Trade Center. Rescorla, who was born in the United Kingdom and spent his younger years serving the British Army, immigrated to the United States in 1963 where he quickly enlisted in the Army and was sent to fight in the Vietnam War. On graduation from officer school, Rescorla

became a platoon leader in B Co 2-7 1st Cavalry Division. Years later he was promoted to U.S. Army Colonel while serving in the Army reserve.

For his service, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He was nicknamed "Hard Core" for his bravery in battle and was often remembered for his warm demeanor and strong sense of humor. Rescorla's demeanor in the Vietnam War was recounted in the book *Baptism* by Larry Gwin, who fought alongside Rescorla. Referring to him as the "Cornish Hawk," Gwin recalled Rescorla's affinity for music and that he would frequently sing to his Troops to calm them in battle. Witnesses and survivors on 9/11 also claimed that Rescorla sang calming songs as he led many people to safety.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Rescorla watched in horror from his office in the south tower as terrorists flew American Flight 11 into the north tower, rocking the campus and instantly killing hundreds. Ignoring building instructions to remain at his desk, Rescorla grabbed a bullhorn and other supplies and immediately began ushering people out of the tower. He evacuated nearly all of Morgan Stanley's employees and remained calm as he led other groups down the staircase as United Flight 175 blasted into the south tower at 9:03 a.m. He was last seen returning to the building's 10th floor before it collapsed. His remains were never found.

His actions on 9/11 as a security leader are estimated to have spared the lives of approximately 3,000 people as he calmly directed civilians to safety from the burning and crumbling World Trade Center in New York.

"Today I'm honored to announce that we will soon be awarding the late Rick Rescorla the presidential citizen's medal for his extraordinary sacrifice," Trump said during a Wednesday ceremony honoring 9/11 victims and heroes at the Pentagon. "His memory will forever endure." "Thank you, Rick. Thank you, Rick. Thank you, Rick," The president said in conclusion.

WANTED

I'm Phil Sparks and served multiple tours with the Cav. My first year in country Sep 66-67 I had a friend who was an SFC in one of the Artillery units of the division. His last name was Andrews and I believe his full name was either **William Phillip Andrews** or **Robert Phillip Andrews**. He had been a Captain and had taken a RIF to SFC.

Prior to coming to Vietnam, I think he had been an instructor for the ROTC maybe at LSU Baton Rouge, LA. We went through Vietnam Orientation at Fort Polk, LA along with about 39 other guys going to the Cav.

Anyhow I had gone on R&R to Hong Kong and he had wanted me to pick up some Beetle Watches for his daughters which I did, and he picked them up from me at An Khe and sent them home to his daughters. He had loaned me \$75 bucks and when he came to get the watches, I had not received the \$75 from home to pay him. So, I told him I would contact him as soon as the money arrived and get it to him.... Sadly I received word from a mutual friend that SFC Andrews had been severely wounded by sniper fire out on a FSB/LZ.

I cannot for the life of me remember the FA unit of the Cav he was in and I never was able to track him down. Our mutual friend changed MOS and stopped going to the FSB/LZ so I never have been able to track him down... He is probably no longer alive as he would be in his 80's or older now, but I would like to follow up just the same to see what happened to him. I still owe him the \$75 bucks. He was hit sometime between January and May of 67. I was hoping someone would remember him and give me a little more info where I could track him.

He was a heck of a great guy and gave me a lot of good advice as I had just turned 19 and was scared XXitless. I'm hoping some Artillery guy might read it and know something about **SFC Andrews, Medevac'd Jan-May 1967** from one of the **Cav's FSB/LZ**.

Thanks,
Phil Sparks, 1SG Retired, 276-2340-7445, <worldwideprocess@gmail.com>

My name is Bill Osteen. I was in **Korea** in early **1951** and would like to know if anyone, anywhere remembers **Bed Check Charlie**?

Every once in a while, about 9:00pm a lone plane would fly out in front of our line and drop one bomb only. We gave him the name, "Bed Check Charlie."

Thank you very much.
Bill Osteen, 334-774-9628

My name is Joe Powell. I served as a SP4 in the 1st Cav from Dec. 1, 1970 to Nov. 30, 1971. Looking for the name of the **LT** who led **3rd platoon of B Co 1-7th** on **Nov. 15, 1971**. He was a big guy from TN, 2 weeks new to the bush. During the last days of my tour he put me in for a medal, and I need to thank him and communicate with him about it. Please call Joe Powell at 601-355-5542 (no answering machine or caller ID).

If you have been searching for someone that you served with within 1st Cav, try posting it here.
Email requests to <Programs@1CDA.org>.

Boston Honors Vietnam War Hero MG George W. Casey By Marie Szaniszlo | marie.szaniszlo@bostonherald.com | Boston Herald

It has been nearly 50 years since MG George W. Casey was on his third tour of duty in Vietnam when the Huey helicopter, he and six of his men were in flew into a dense cloud over the country's mountainous central highlands and disappeared. Casey was commanding the 1st Cavalry Division when he was killed that July day in 1970 while en route to Cam Ranh Bay to visit wounded Soldiers from the division's operations in Cambodia before they were transported to Japan for medical treatment.

On Wednesday, Mayor Martin Walsh and Gov. Charlie Baker joined Casey's family in dedicating the MG George W. Casey Amphitheater in Allston, the neighborhood where the war hero grew up, in honor of one of the highest-ranking Soldiers to die in Vietnam.

"He gave his life for our country," Walsh said. "His memory will live on in Boston, especially here in Allston, the neighborhood he loved so dearly." Built with contributions from the city and the Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund, the 250-seat amphitheater at William F. Smith Park on Western Avenue includes a bronze portrait of Casey by Bolivian sculptor Pablo Eduardo and lies about 400 yards from Franklin Street, where Casey was raised.

The fourth of seven children, he was born on March 9, 1922, in Allston to Dr. John F. Casey and Elizabeth McDermott Casey. He attended Boston Latin School and Harvard University before transferring to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he was commissioned in 1945. Casey served in occupation duty in Japan after World War II and in combat during the Korean War, where he commanded a 7th Infantry Division company and received a Silver Star for his actions in the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge.

Casey's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Valor device, two Purple Hearts and eight Air Medals.

Casey and his wife had three daughters and two sons, including George W. Casey Jr., a retired, four-star general who served as the 36th chief of staff of the U.S. Army from 2007 to 2011.

"For me, today was sad because I remember what I lost almost 50 years ago," George W. Casey Jr. told the Herald. "But you want to know your sacrifice wasn't in vain, and today, I'm sure he would have felt appreciated by his community."

The general added he still hears from Vietnam Veterans who say their company was running out of bullets while it was being overrun, when his father flew under fire and dropped them ammunition.



GEN George W. Casey Jr. sits beside a memorial in honor of his father MG George W. Casey during the dedication ceremony

2020 1CDA REUNION INFORMATION:

The 73rd Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion will be 10-14 June 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Registration will START early November with a cutoff date of Monday May 25. Walk in/late fees will DOUBLE if you register after May 25 2020.

Your hotel reservations can be made at Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center, 830 Phillips Ln, Louisville, KY 40209, by calling 1-888-233-9527 OR use the online link provided by the hotel <<https://book.passkey.com/e/49951844>>.

Room rates are \$124/night.

OTHER REUNIONS

C Trp, 9 CAV Reunion, 28-30 September 2019. Gettysburg, PA; POC: Patrick Bieneman, <pcbnamin@verizon.net>.

A Co 2/5 Vietnam Veterans Reunion 3-6 October 2019. Hampton Inn, Historic Savannah, GA; POC Jack Venza <jack.venza@gmail.com> or 770-502-0882.

B Trp, 9 CAV Reunion, 10-13 October 2019. Branson, MO; POC: Bat Murtha <batmurtha@yahoo.com>.

15th Medical BN Association Reunion, 1-5 April 2020, Oxford Suites, Boise, ID, Reservations 208-322-8000 use Group Code 15th Med. POC: Mike Smith <mvandco@msn.com> or 208-459-9592. Info at <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>.

Have your upcoming reunions posted here!



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Greetings friends, neighbors, brothers, and sisters! Welcome to another edition of the 7th Cavalry news. I am happy to be your scribe! However, I must also say that it's getting harder and harder to put together a column without information from all of you. Please send your stories, your pictures, your requests for information, and your plugs for the books that you have written. I try to get all of it in the issue at hand.

First up this issue is a message from our 7th Cavalry Association president, **John Guillory**. John says, this is John Guillory, your 7th Cavalry Association President with a reminder for those planning to attend the 73rd Annual 1st Cavalry Association Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky. While there, we will elect officer positions for the 7th U.S. Cavalry Association at our luncheon. The open positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. **Any member of the 7th Cavalry Association qualifies to submit their name** for election to any of the open positions mentioned. We look forward to hearing from you former Troopers who wish to see the association continue to move forward. Additionally, we are asking for nominations for the Association's Honorary Sergeant Major. Please email me your name for an elected position and/or your nomination for Honorary Sergeant Major no later than April 30, 2020 <fisheye1@sbcglobal.net>. There will be no nominations from the floor. All nominations must be submitted ahead of time so that names can be added to the written ballots will we use. We will conduct the elections and any association business during the last half hour of our unit luncheon in Louisville.

One last item to pass along, *we will soon lose our 7th Cav Webmaster*. So, if you have an interest in the position and web management skills, please let me know. In closing, I must say volunteer service is truly a good thing, for the volunteer and for those being served as well. I've served as past Vice President of the 7th Cav Association for 2 years and currently serving as President for 5+ years. I've also served as past Vice President of 1CDA's Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter for 2 years and current President for 10 years. Service to the Veteran community has been an honor and a privilege. So, step up 7th Cav members and take over the reins of this exceptional organization. Hope to see you all in 2020 in the beautiful Blue Grass state.

Thanks to John for all he has done and will do for the Association in the future! And I would echo the desperate need for a replacement webmaster. Our current webmaster is ready to move on. If we don't get a replacement, then the 7th Cavalry Association website will languish and fade away, just as we old Soldiers do. However, in this case we will lose the rich history of the 7th Cav that has been so ably maintained by Jim Savage. If you have not been to the website, I would encourage you to do so at <<http://us7thcavalry.com>>. If you have interest or know of someone who could do this job of maintaining our own website, please come forward, we need your help!! Following is the information that Jim sent to me related to the position: Knowledge in programming languages: SQL, HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript and Perl. Be able to create and maintain Contact Form mail. Continually test and update website. Test across browsers, operating systems and devices. Maintain, configure and troubleshoot servers. Ensure site security by setting up firewalls and login pages. Optimize loading speeds and capacity. Debug pages and fix broken links or images. Update website content. Site performance (e.g traffic, conversions)

Sounds like a lot, I know. But you can do it! Please reach out to Jim, you can reach him at <savage_james@hotmail.com> for further information. I truly hope that someone is willing to take on this important position, there is so much history at the website – it would be terrible to lose it all.

I received a phone call from a **Bravo Company 1st Battalion 7th Cavalry Vietnam Vet, Joe Powell**, who is looking for information about his platoon leader. Joe Powell finished his tour on 15 November 1971. Just a couple of weeks before Joe left for the States, a new platoon leader was assigned to Joe's platoon, the 3rd platoon. According to Joe, "He was a big guy from Tennessee." Should any of you have information regarding the new Lieutenant, would you please contact Joe Powell at (601) 355-5542. He says he has no voice mail and no caller ID. If you don't catch him the first time, please try again.

LTC Ed Kennedy, the commanding officer of 2nd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, sent us an update on what his squadron has been doing. He says, "GARRYOWEN! 2-7 CAV recently finished a very successful first training density during our 9-month Korea rotation. GHOST has made good progress on moving towards what we have defined as "Winning in Korea." Individual Soldiers and small teams have absolutely become more lethal through weapons qualification as 132 qualified expert on their individual weapon on the peninsula, that is 1/4 of the battalion. PT at Camp Humphreys, Camp Casey and Warrior Base, and executing the training in this weather is absolutely making them more physically fit. Ghost has demonstrated they are a learning organization on several levels as individuals, but also as a collective group, incorporating some of the lessons learned from Training Density 1 into planning for Training Density 2 that kicks off this weekend. In two weeks, we also certified 97% of the battalion as Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) qualified. Two of our Soldiers already utilized their TCCC training when a Soldier from another battalion crashed his motorized vehicle and they applied a tourniquet and packed the wound until medics could arrive. The team has established the foundation for partnered operations with three ROK battalions and the relationship with 23rd CBRN and both 2-2 AHB and 3-2 GSAB is progressing well. The weather and terrain are providing excellent opportunities to demonstrate and improve the resiliency of individuals and programs such as the Chaplain's Faith & Fitness, Bible Study, and White-Water Rafting trips are aiding in that effort. The leadership has also emphasized the need to continue to expand Soldiers culture awareness over the weekends and get out to experience Korea; including a tour of the JSA yesterday for a group of Soldiers. Still a long way to go, but a great start - Very proud of Ghost battalion! Ghost 6."

LTC Kennedy mentions that two of his Troopers have already used their TCCC training. But there's more. According to **CPT Scott Kuhn**, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, in an article written for Stars and Stripes Korea he said;

The medics of 2-7 Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division are learning a life-saving measure that was first used in the Korean War 69 years ago-whole blood transfusion on the battlefield. Whole blood transfusions are basically the drawing of blood directly from a donor and then transfusing it right into the recipient. The transfusion of warm, whole blood serves two factors: it can help a patient clot and is able to help warm them at the same time. One of the biggest killers outside of the wound itself is hypothermia.

SGT Barbara Allen, the treatment non-commissioned officer-in-charge for 2-7 CAV, attended Eighth U.S. Army's Walking Blood Bank and transfusion train the trainer class. The course breaks down the intricacies of how to blood type and screen donors as well as the particulars of the Korean Peninsula program called STUD-K (Special Forces). "The class was informative and comprehensive," she said. "I was given all I needed to be able to come back and teach my medics and my staff personnel and my 11 bravos (infantrymen) how to type the blood and then draw and transfuse it."

To help facilitate the process, the screening starts with the STUD-K program, which types and screens the blood for everything necessary to limit any possible reaction by a recipient. The donor is then given a card which the medic can use to ensure compatibility and suitability.

"My goal is to have everyone in 2-7 typed and screened and then add their information to a spreadsheet," Allen said. "That will enable us to be able to look at the casualty and identify blood type and find a good match quickly." Thanks to CPT Kuhn for the photo.



And from the Fort Hood Sentinel another story about one of our own. This time it is CSM Basil Plumley. Thanks to Brandy Cruz, the Sentinel News Editor for the story.

Revered as one of the toughest schools in the Army, Fort Hood's Air Assault School was officially renamed in honor of one of the toughest Soldiers to wear the uniform, CSM Basil Plumley.

"The attributes required to meet the air assault standards define a part of who CSM Plumley was," CSM James Light, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division's senior enlisted advisor, said.

The CSM Basil L. Plumley Air Assault School was unveiled Tuesday in front of Fort Hood officials, the air assault school's "black hat" instructors, along with Plumley's daughter, Debbie Funkhouser, and her husband, Darrell.

A highly decorated Soldier, Plumley served in three wars over the course of his 33-year Army career. While serving in the 1st Airmobile Division, now called 1st Cavalry Division, the airborne combat infantryman helped create what is now known as air assault. "He was basically testing the concept," Light said. "Can you put Soldiers in helicopters and assault into combat?"

Plumley served as the senior enlisted advisor of the 1-7 Cavalry Regiment, fighting in the Battle of Ia Drang with the Garryowen Troops during Vietnam. It was the first major battle between the U.S. forces and the North Vietnamese Army, a battle that would make Plumley famous for his actions. After his severely outnumbered unit was ambushed by two regiments full of enemy troops, Plumley led his Troops to hold down Landing Zone X-Ray for helicopters to fly in and extract wounded Troops.

"CSM Plumley is one of the most iconic senior NCOs in Army history," CPT Stephen Moreno, commander of the CSM Basil L. Plumley Air Assault School, said. "He's so closely tied to the 1st Cavalry Division, III Corps, and Fort Hood, that by naming the school after him, it really brings a sense of ownership. It really ties the Air Assault School to Fort Hood in a really big way"

While Plumley was feared and revered by all who served with him, he became known to a whole new generation of people with the 2002 release of "*We Were Soldiers*," a war epic detailing the Battle of Ia Drang. The film was based on the book "*We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young*," written by retired LTG Hal Moore and war correspondent Joseph Galloway.

Funkhouser revealed that her dad never spoke about the wars he fought in and rarely cursed, so she was shocked when the movie was released, and filled with profanity. Unlike the Soldiers who feared him, Funkhouser remembers fun times with her dad, even when he embarrassed her with her friends around.

"My dad put an old hat on his head, grabbed my mother's guitar, had a pipe in his mouth and ran downstairs singing," Funkhouser said, laughing. "I was mortified."

Before the unveiling ceremony, the wives of the 1-7 Cav Div command team presented Funkhouser with a Tartan scarf, a gift traditionally reserved for wives of senior leaders in the Garryowen family.

As the arch with her dad's name was unveiled, Funkhouser gasped in awe at the sight, clearly touched by the display.

"I'm so proud and my dad would have been very proud too," Funkhouser said. "He was a great Soldier – a great person. I think a lot of people thought he was really mean, but he was fair ... always fair."

Moreno said he hopes every instructor who enters CSM Basil L. Plumley Air Assault School will look up to him and strive to emulate his example.

"He taught and trained Soldiers in their toughest moments," Moreno said, "so we want to use that image to help our instructors be better instructors."

So ends another column. Thanks to all who have contributed, and thanks to all of you who have been challenged to write your own story so that it can be shared here. Until we meet again, my friends, Garryowen to you all!

We are grateful for the support of our membership!

8th CAV News



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Hello everyone, my name is James Dotson. My nickname and what most of my Cav brothers know me as is Top Gun, although these aren't the only names I've been known by. I'll share that story later.

Just a little about myself: I was born in 1948 in the hills of East Kentucky, and Southern West Virginia. Grew up on the Tug River, one side being West Virginia and the other side being Kentucky. Y'all may have heard of a little problem they had there in the 1800's: the Hatfield and McCoy feud. I don't know for sure, but I have been told we came from the McCoy side. So, if there are any Hatfields out there, hold your fire, it's over.

In the 1950's, the main way of earning a living in that area was coal mining. The mines started shutting down, leaving most adults unemployed. Families started heading north to survive. Places like Detroit, Baltimore, D.C., and several cities in Ohio. The number one destination was the good old Windy City, my kind of town, Chicago, Illinois. We all packed up in 1962 and headed that way. At that time jobs were plentiful, and my parents found work right away. I had great teenage years living there.

Fast forward to May 1967: "Greetings" the letter my mom handed me said. We all remember what came next. I went to basic at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on to AIT at Fort Gordon, Georgia then Airborne at Fort Benning, Georgia. I went to Nam in January of 1968 and back home in January 1969. I feel the same as I'm sure you all do, that while in Nam I served with the best bunch of guys anyone could have hoped for, brothers for life. I would be glad to go in depth about my service if you want me to, but I'm afraid you would be bored to tears.

I want you all to know it is an honor to do my part to keep the 8th Cav alive and well by writing for the *Saber*. I will always try my best, and I would never do anything deliberately to dishonor you, my brothers. I am a cherry at this, so please forgive me if I screw up.

I have some big shoes to fill in taking this on. Thomas DeYoung has been writing for the 8th Cav since July of 2011. He has done an outstanding job and I hope I can do half as well as he has. He took it over following the death of Mike "Mouse" McGhie, who I served with in 1968. We were in different platoons, him being in White Skull and myself being in Wild Cat. We were great friends and Mouse is my role model for helping Veterans. There wasn't a Veteran he wouldn't help, whether it was calling or visiting a sick Vet, helping them get benefits, organizing reunions and even attending funerals to pay his respects to a departed brother.

If any of you have any news, stories or requests for information you think would be of interest to other readers, please contact me, my information is at the top of the page.

JOHN HENRY

While waiting for an appointment at my doctor's office at the VA hospital in Marion, Illinois on a hot day in August, where old men like myself couldn't get cool, I noticed an even older hot man. He had a WWII cap on. I walked up and thanked him for his service. He smiled up at me and said, "Not too many of us around anymore." I shook his hand and told him I was glad he was still around. Another man was sitting next to him who I assumed was his son or grandson, looking at the man with such pride. He asked me when I did my service and I told him I was in Vietnam, served with the First Cavalry Division in 1968. He put his head down for a few seconds and looked back up at me. His eyes were brimming with tears. He said he was "ashamed of this country when you boys came home, the way some of you were treated." We shared a quiet moment together, saying nothing. Then he smiled and brought up the subject of the Honor Flight he had taken the previous month. He was so excited about his trip. He flew out of Marion, Illinois. He talked of the respect and kindness everyone received on the plane going to Washington, D.C. He told me about the food and drink on board. No beer. We remember that, don't we brothers? He told me how his heart swelled with pride seeing all the memorials, he said he was especially touched with his WWII memorial. Going back home after a full day of going like mad around D.C. He was tired but happy. Happier than he had been in years. He looked at me again, a smile on his face, and simply said "You gotta go." Brothers and sisters, I'm going to take that trip. I'm going for me and John Henry.

(The Honor Flight is conducted by a non-profit organization to take Veterans to see the memorials of the wars they fought in. Their focus is on the remaining Veterans of World War II and Korea, and now Vietnam as we are getting older. For more info, go to <webmaster@honorflight.org>).

REUNIONS

Reunions have changed my life in so many ways, definitely for the better. I came home from Vietnam in January 1969. Coming home from Cam Ranh Bay where it was 100 degrees in the shade, to Chicago where it was -15 degrees

below zero. Talk about weather shock! I had left behind many Vietnam friends & brothers in Delta Company 2/8. When I got home, I took off the uniform and rarely spoke of Vietnam again. I did think of them often and had bouts of "Black Cord Fever," I would get drunk and dial 411 (information) trying to find their phone numbers so I could talk to them. I never had any luck. I finally quit dialing information & tried to put all of that behind me.

Over the years I got offers from many different military organizations to join and become a member, but I wasn't interested. In March of 1998 I got a piece of mail that caught my attention, there was a postage stamp that someone had put there by hand and the envelope was handwritten. I guess that's why I opened the letter, because I knew someone had taken the time to do those things, not a machine. That letter sent my life in a whole different direction. The main purpose of the letter I received was to let the men on the list know there was going to be an Angry Skipper D 2/8 reunion in St. Louis in May. I didn't know how to feel about going to something like this, did I want to bring up the past? It told about previous Angry Skipper reunions that had been held throughout the country. The letter included a list of the names of many people I had served with. One of the names truly, truly brought back a flood of memories, my best buddy in 'Nam, Johnny Mayes. He & I shared a foxhole for almost a whole year. We were in the same squad & humped many miles together. He was the one I tried to reach most often in my midnight dialing. Everyone thought I was going nuts, running through the house yelling "Duck! Duck!" I couldn't believe it! As it turns out, we only lived about 100 miles apart. The first thing I did was call him. I heard a male voice answer and I was so excited and sure it was Duck that I asked him if he remembered my voice. He said no, so I told him who I was. Turns out, it was his son and Duck wasn't home. I asked him to please have his dad call me back. Duck did call back and told me that his father-in-law was very sick, and he doubted he could make the trip, but we promised each other to meet soon.

I decided to attend the reunion and turns out it was hosted by Larry Hempfling. I remembered Larry well. I saw people I hadn't seen since 1968. I met brothers that were in Vietnam both before and after I was there. I met wives, children, parents and pets. It was a whole new family for me. I could go on forever about my love for reunions. Finally, after 30 years, I had someone to talk to about Vietnam, people that knew what I had gone through, the endless miles we humped, the pain of losing a brother in battle. We talked about so many problems we had after we came home. It helped me understand that I wasn't the only one. We remembered the hard times, but we were also able to finally laugh about some of the things that happened. We can talk freely without any fear of judgement and it is an absolute joy to be with someone who has gone through the same things.

If anyone is interested in having a mini reunion, contact me at <airmobile68@gmail.com>. I'll pass along any information about getting one going. I am part of a great one in October, the Kentucky Kampout. It is over the state line at Paris Landing, TN and we spend 4 days remembering, laughing and enjoying being together again. If you would like to come, just let me know, we'd love to have you. I've got a bottle of Jack to toast the King of Reunions, Mike "Mouse" McGhie and all our brothers who can't attend anymore. See photo below.

PRESIDENT TRUMP AT AMVETS NATIONAL CONVENTION

My wife Jennifer, who is the President for the Department of Tennessee Ladies Auxiliary attended the National Convention of AMVETS for their 75th anniversary in Louisville, Kentucky. On Wednesday the 21st of August she was present to attend a speech given by President Trump. This was the first time a President had ever addressed the AMVETS. He praised the organization for its partnership with the VA in the AMVETS Heals Program, which has served over 600 Veterans and their families in crisis with 0 suicides as a result. He also spoke about the Veterans Choice program and how it has allowed over 3,000,000 Veterans to go to private doctors and hospitals for the care they need. Before leaving he signed an Executive Memorandum forgiving student loan debt for approximately 25,000 eligible permanently and totally disabled Veterans.

COMING IN THE FUTURE

In the issues coming up I hope to report and write about the 8th Cavalry; past, present and future. I will be receiving several boxes of Cav history coming from our brother Sonny Silva in New Jersey. I would like to hear from and talk to any World War II and Korean War Veterans. I also want to reach out to the men and women of the 8th Cav serving now; where they are, how long they served and when they are coming home. I want to know how things are done in the modern 1st Cavalry. I am going to contact a Trooper at Fort Hood, so I have an open line of communication there.

I think we should all applaud our 8th Cav President, Mr. Tommy "Smiley" Harris. He is dedicated to this organization and does an outstanding job. I know I have his blessing in this endeavor and can go to him for any help I need. I am dedicated to try and do the best job I can. I am proud of my service and hope to make you all proud also. I will be available to you, my brothers and sisters, 24/7. You can contact me at 270-978-1075, airmobile68@gmail.com, or snail mail me at P.O. Box 684 Murray, KY 42071. It is my honor to write for the *Saber*.

Honor and Courage
James "Top Gun" Dotson



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"The Greatest War Movie Ever Made?"

As I began contemplating what to write about in this issue of the *Saber*, a friend sent me an email with the above as the subject line. It turned out to be the review of a new release

of *Apocalypse Now*, the movie that made the 1st of the 9th famous (although some of us might say it was the 1st of the 9th that made the movie famous).

The review was by Kyle Smith and was posted August 10 at *National Review Online*. It said the movie had been "recut" for the second time by director Francis Ford Coppola. The original version, the one I vaguely remember seeing, came out in 1979 and ran 2-1/2 hours. In 2002, *Apocalypse Now Redux* was released. The addition of "lost footage" bumped that one up to almost 3-1/2 hours. Director Coppola apparently decided that was too long, so the new version, *Apocalypse Now: Final Cut*, runs just over 3 hours. The article went on to say that the new version would return to theaters for one night only, on August 15, exactly 40 years after its original release. That made what to write about easy: I would go see the "Final Cut" and share what I saw here.

First, though, a brief summary of the plot. An Army captain, played by Martin Sheen, returns to Vietnam for a second tour. We learn his first tour was with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and that's the patch on his right shoulder. On his left shoulder is a MACV patch (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam), and we learn he is assigned to SOG – Studies and Observation Group, a covert special operations organization. CPT Willard reports in person to a three-star general, who informs him his mission is to catch a ride on a Navy patrol boat that will take him up a river into Cambodia. There he is to find a Special Forces colonel who has left his post and organized a private army, consisting of Montagnards and others disaffected by the war. The general describes the Special Forces colonel as having become "unsound," and he tells CPT Willard his mission is to terminate the colonel's command – to which an unidentified civilian at the table adds, "Terminate with extreme prejudice."

A colonel on the general's staff, played by a very young-looking Harrison Ford (Han Solo), tells Willard that he and his Navy patrol boat will be escorted up the river by the Air Cav – specifically, the 1st of the 9th Air Cav, which, he says, "came from the old cavalry division" and is very good at its job.

When next we see CPT Willard, he's on the patrol boat, linking up with the escorting 1st of the 9th, which comes in with guns blazing. The formation includes Hueys and Loaches. On the noses of some Hueys are some odd-looking crossed sabers and the words, "Death From Above."

The Hueys all appear to be D- or H-models, and some have what appear to be small rocket pods mounted on their skids. Some have the familiar M-60s in the gunners' wells, some have .50-calibers, and at least one has a minigun mounted on a pole, just aft of the left-side cockpit door.

The C&C Huey lands, and out steps the squadron commander, LTC Bill Kilgore, played by Robert Duvall. He's in jungle fatigues, not a flight suit, and he sits in back, behind the aircraft commander. The only wings visible on his chest are jump wings, so it appears that unlike the real 1st-of-the-9th squadron commanders, the fictional one was not a pilot. But there's no mistaking his Cavalry connection, as he wears a black Cav Hat, a yellow scarf, and a 1st Cavalry Division patch on his left shoulder.

It appears that between the original version of the movie and the two "recuts," LTC Kilgore's Stetson got lost. In some scenes, he's wearing the silver oak leaf of a lieutenant colonel and crossed sabers with the 9 above and the 1 below plainly visible. In other scenes, however, the rank insignia is gone, and larger crossed sabers without numerals take up most

of the front of his Cav Hat. Making sure actors are dressed the same from scene to scene is called "continuity." Failing to assure continuity is called a "bloop." Notice too that there are no Aviator wings visible on Robert Duvall as LTC Kilgore – not on his chest, or on his Stetson.

After the shoot-em-up at the place where the 1st of the 9th linked up with the patrol boat carrying CPT Willard, the fictional squadron commander tells one of his staff to get him a fresh deck of cards, which he then proceeds to toss, one at a time, onto the bodies of villagers killed in the assault. The cards have a Cav patch on them, and the same motto, "Death From Above."

After the link-up with the CPT Willard, LTC Kilgore discovers there's a champion surfer from California in the crew of the Navy patrol boat, so he picks the route to the river that will take them by a point known for its good waves. But the good surfing area is surrounded by hostiles, so Kilgore and the 1st of the 9th again go in weapons hot. The return fire is so heavy that Kilgore calls for close air support, and a flight of four what look to be F-5s hits the area with napalm, prompting Kilgore's often-quoted line, "I love the smell of napalm in the morning."

After the surfing contest, the patrol boat with CPT Willard aboard goes up the river to find the "unsound" colonel, and the 1st of the 9th exits the movie, not to be seen again. There were only a few more shots of helicopters, one of an OH-58 inexplicably hovering over the jungle, and a couple of wrecked Hueys dangling from trees lining the river.

CPT Willard finally reaches the jungle base of the rogue Special Forces officer, COL Kurtz, played by Marlon Brando. I hasten to add that COL Kurtz and I are not related; the character's name came from *Heart of Darkness*, a novella by Joseph Conrad first published in 1899, that served as the basis for *Apocalypse*

Now's plot.

In the end CPT Willard completes his mission, and Marlon Brando as COL Kurtz utters the last words made famous by the original Mr. Kurtz in *Heart of Darkness*: "The Horror! The Horror!"

Whether *Apocalypse Now: Final Cut* is "The Greatest War Movie Ever Made" I leave to your judgment. By the time this September/October issue of the *Saber* gets delivered to your house, you'll be able to buy the six-disc set at Walmart or watch it on streaming video. The movie makes a point about wars in general – The Horror! The Horror! – but it does not portray the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry in the way we want our unit remembered.

To Rest in Honored Glory

The deaths of two Vietnam Veterans of the 9th Cavalry, both from Charlie Troop, have been reported since the last issue.

James "Sonny" Harold Boles, age 73, passed away on July 24, 2019 at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC.

Patrick Bieneman reports that Sonny was a crew chief in the Red platoon from 1967 to late 68 and then he moved over to the Blues.



Jesse Lee "Chief" James

passed away on July 30, 2019. His obituary says he served two tours in Vietnam, both with the 9th Cav. Patrick Bieneman lists him as the maintenance officer and engine technician in C Troop.

May they Rest in Peace.

Jim Kurtz
Apache 03, 1970-71



CSM HOMER MOSS

Reprint from the March-April 1975 *Saber*:

The First Team's Command Sergeant Major Homer Moss retired on Thursday, 30 January 1975, after 30 years active Army Service.

In the picture, MG Robert M. Shoemaker, 1st Cav Commander, is shown presenting CSM Moss with the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit – only one of many decorations he has earned during his long and distinguished career.

CSM Moss first joined the Army in January 1945; took his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas and first came to Fort Hood in 1969 when he was assigned as CSM of the 2nd Brigade of the 2d Armored Division.

He later was transferred to the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division and in July of 1973, he moved up to become the First Team's top enlisted man.

No stranger to the 1st Cavalry Division Association, Homer is retiring in the Fort Hood area. This is an advantage to us, since he is presently serving a two-year term as a Member of our Board of Governors and is one of our most avid boosters.

We wish him, his lovely wife Addie and family all the best in the future.

Homer Ralph Moss

SEPTEMBER 28, 1926 – JULY 24, 2019

Funeral Services for CSM (Ret) Homer Ralph Moss, 92, of Killeen, was held 1:00 PM Friday, August 2, 2019, at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen. Private Entombment followed at the IOOF Cemetery in Georgetown. CSM Moss was born September 28, 1926 in Smithville, DeKalb County, Tennessee, to the late Homer and Wilson Hooper Moss, on a farm along the banks of the Caney Fork River. The schools he attended required that he walk 2-6 miles (one way) or by horseback. When the river was up, he had to swim across the river, with his horse, to get to school. After graduating from Smithville High School, at the age of 17, he went to work for Goodyear aircraft in Akron, Ohio. January 12, 1945, Homer joined the US Army, at the age of 18 and took his Infantry Basic Training at Fort Walters, Texas. He served in the Pacific in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Some of the highlights in his military career included being selected to represent the US Army at the 3rd Anniversary of the NATO Conference at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC in April 1952. Also, in attendance were President Harry S. Truman and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. In 1961, he was honored to march in the Inaugural Parade for John F. Kennedy. He was also selected as a Distinguished Member of the 3D United States Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). After serving 30 years, Homer retired from the US Army as Command Sergeant Major, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, Texas, on January 31, 1975. Among his many medals, awards and commendations he received from his career in the Army was the Combat Infantry Badge (Korea and Vietnam), Silver Star (Vietnam), Bronze Star for Valor (Korea and Vietnam), Legion of Merit (Vietnam), Army Commendation Medal and numerous medals for meritorious service. After retirement from the Army, Homer worked for GMAC as a Field Representative for 22 years and then drove dealer trades for 12 years. He enjoyed water-skiing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. CSM Moss was a Life Member of the 1st Cavalry Association and the Old Guard Association, American Legion, NRA, Citizens Committee for the right to keep and bear arms, Gun Owners of America and the Killeen Citizens Police Academy. Homer is survived by his son, Howard R. Moss and his wife Christine of Georgetown, son, Greg E. Moss of Austin, and grandsons, Eric R. Moss and David W. Moss of Georgetown, and cousin, Janis Moorehead of Smithville, TN. Visitation was held prior to the service, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Friday at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen who was in charge of his arrangements.



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THE HICCUP - Health Care
Information Committee Report

MISSION Act Follow-Up - Sep 2019

VA Launches New Health Care Options Under MISSION Act - BUT BEWARE

As mentioned in a past HICCUP article, the VA initiated new health care options, based on the implementation of the Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019. This implements portions of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), which both ends the Veterans Choice Program and establishes a new Veterans Community Care Program.

As VA stated, the MISSION Act will strengthen the nationwide VA Health Care System by empowering Veterans with more health care options. “The changes not only improve our ability to provide the health care Veterans need, but also when and where they need it,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “It will also put Veterans at the center of their care and offer options, including expanded telehealth and urgent care, so they can find the balance in the system that is right for them.”

However, a flaw has come up with the program, because you are going to medical facilities and doctors outside of VA and their prescriptions. The VA has established a 14-day rule on prescriptions by non-VA providers, which could cost depending on your rating and if it is service connected. From feedback, the VA will not refill the prescription, without being seen by a VA provider. Therefore, the famous Catch 22, if you need something longer than 14 days, you will still have to see a VA provider.

Also, concern on the non-VA providers being competent to serve Veterans and be able to provide the range of services Veterans need. At this time, there has been no analysis of the timeliness or quality of care that Veterans receive through VA community programs.

There is also the transfer of documentation that will cause issues. The VA will not transfer records to the non-VA providers and the non-VA providers will not be able to transmit records to VA. This would result in delays if assistance is required at VA facilities.

Time will tell if VA can make this work, while ensuring the services at VA facilities are not compromised.

For more information on the program, visit <www.missionact.va.gov>.

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call 1-888-233-9527 OR use the online link provided by the hotel <https://book.passkey.com/e/49951844>.

The Annual Reunion page has been updated on the website. Registration will officially open 01 November 2019. Soooooo, start planning that family vacation! There is so much to do within a 5 to 10-mile radius of the hotel: shopping, eating, museums, BOURBON tasting. We planned bus transportation to Downtown Louisville where our members can take advantage of Lou Lift for travel around the downtown footprint and see what the area has to offer. Check out this link for additional vacation planning options: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/>.

It is hard to believe that September has arrived, kids are back in school, and Fall is nowhere in sight (at least not for Texas). We had a cold front come through the other day; temps dropped to a chilly 98 degrees.

The Farmer’s Almanac predicts November weather in Washington, D.C. to be “colder than normal,” whatever that means. This Texas girl does not care for extreme cold temperatures and will pack accordingly for Veterans Day 2019. Which reminds me: if you have not purchased your tickets for the dinner or made your hotel reservations and plan to partake in the Veterans Day activities with the Association, it is time to complete that task.

One last important note: We are no longer selling the First Cavalry History Book: 1921-2017.

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to visiting with everyone once again.

LRRP/Rangers News
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As I understand it, Glenn died from an explosion from an enemy mechanical ambush device that detonated as his team was maneuvering through the area. Several LRRP/Rangers were wounded, and Glenn was KIA. I had submitted the above picture to the VVMF in Washington, D.C. several years ago in response to their *Wall of Faces Campaign*. It’s not the best picture, but at least it is a picture of him. Recently, a second picture has been posted on the website for him, but I don’t believe it is Glenn. I don’t recognize the person. I think it is a mix up. If you knew Glenn from LZ Betty in Quang Tri City in I Corps or elsewhere, please go to the VVMF website and look at the pictures posted for him and let me know what you think. Better yet, if you have a picture of Glenn that you would be willing to share, maybe you could send it to the VVMF for posting on their website. **Please let me know.**

Finally, Veterans Day 2019 is fast approaching. The 1st Cav Div Association will be hosting a hospitality suite at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia across from The National Mall. It will also be hosting a Veterans Day Dinner on Veterans Day evening. Hope to see you there.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.

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

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

Please Consider!

11th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER

\$60 per TICKET

Monday, 11 November 2019

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Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703

You can fill out the above Veterans Day Dinner form and return in the mail or go to our website, <www.1CDA.org> Click on the button to download the form, print the form, fill out and mail with payment to the Association office in Copperas Cove, Texas.

1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

11TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON D.C.

VETERANS DAY DINNER

The William A. Richardson National Capitol Regional Chapter in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division Association will host the 11th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner at 1900 hours on Monday evening, 11 November 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The guest speaker is author, Tracy Himes.

- A host bar will be open at 1800 and dinner will begin at 1900 hours.
- For dinner reservations please send \$60 per ticket to the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703.
- Full payment must be received no later than 25 October 2019.
- We can accept all credit cards – ensure that your card number and expiration dates are written correctly and legibly.
- Provide your name, address, unit you served with and the name(s) of your guests with your payment.

Tickets will be available for pickup in the 1st Cavalry Division Association Hospitality Suite or at the door to the banquet room.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel located at 1480 Crystal Drive in Arlington, Virginia.

Reserve your rooms at the rate of \$142 per night plus tax with free parking prior to 5 October 2019. Call 703-416-1600 and tell them you are with the 1st Cavalry Division.

HISTORY

This year marks the First combat in the history of the Division. Task Force Brewer, commanded by Brigadier General William Chase, landed on the South shore of Hyane Harbor on the Island of Los Negros. The assault force was the 2nd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, led by Lieutenant Colonel William Lobit. The 99th Field Artillery Battalion was also brought ashore. The assault began after 0800 hours. By 0950 hours Momote Airfield was taken. The Task Force had secured a foothold on the island by noon. From afternoon until dark patrols were sent out and the troops set up a perimeter.

ACTIVITIES

Wreaths will be placed at the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Memorials as they are each year on Veterans Day, 11 November. The ceremony conducted at the World War II Memorial begins at 0900, the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial begins at 1300 hours, and the Korean War Memorial ceremony is at 1600. Join us in D.C. for Veterans Day.

To tour the U.S. Capitol, White House, and the Pentagon you must coordinate your visit in advance.

We hope to see new faces joining us this year!

OIF/OEF VETERAN
82nd FA News

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Hello fellow Troopers! My name is Joe Himpelmann. I served in the Army from 2002–2010, first with the 10th Mountain Division, including two years deployed to Afghanistan, and then I had the privilege of earning my Stetson

and spurs serving with 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery at Fort Hood and for a year while we were in Iraq. During that combat deployment, I wrote some articles and took some pictures that the *Saber* has asked me to share with you. The first is published here.

Following my military service, I co-founded a 100% Veteran Owned & Operated small business called Assault Forward that sells 100% American Made accessories and apparel for Veterans and patriotic Americans. You can find us online at <www.assaultfwd.com> and you can email me at joe@assaultfwd.com.

Flipping the Switch

MOSUL – The burst of fire and cloud of smoke along with the sound of a loud explosion appeared in front of me as I stared through the windshield of my vehicle and quickly realized that the lead truck of my patrol had just been hit with a grenade thrown by an insurgent as we made our way back to our Forward Operating Base, or FOB for short, down a busy six lane divided roadway. Through the intercom headset I received a report from the lead truck that everyone was all right and that we could push through the danger area and establish security while further assessing the situation. As usual the enemy, who wears no uniform and once he has thrown his grenade seamlessly blends back in amongst the civilian population, vanished immediately following the attack. A follow up report from the lead vehicle stated that the gunner, who stands above the vehicle in order to provide over watch and protection for the vehicle, had been knocked down inside the truck by the explosion and that the Soldier riding “shotgun” had been slightly burned by the grenade attack. We continued our mission and pushed back to the FOB so that those two Soldiers could receive medical treatment for their thankfully minor injuries. Both of these Troopers have been nominated for the Purple Heart, our Nation’s oldest military award that is presented to those service members who are wounded as a direct result of enemy action while serving in a combat zone, and impressively after a few days of recovery, both have returned to duty and are once again on patrol.



Iraqi children at an elementary school in Mosul

Before our patrol was attacked, I was feeling great on the ride back to the FOB after completing our mission for the day. Along with our Iraqi Army counterparts we had just finished a visit to a local elementary school to distribute school supplies that were carefully prepared and mailed to me by my Aunt’s second grade class back home in Illinois. Each individual bag of pens and pencils had a note inside that

read, “From your friend” and was signed by a student from my Aunt’s class. My translator read one of the notes aloud to the Iraqi students in Arabic as we explained that our visit was to demonstrate that just as the American and Iraqi Armies are friends, the students in America want to be friends with the students in Iraq. I was particularly impressed by that message as it was delivered by a Lieutenant Colonel in the Iraqi Army while my translator whispered quietly to me what he was saying to the students. The smiles on the faces of the children were priceless and I know that we made a real difference that day in demonstrating our care and concern for the citizens of Iraq, especially the younger generation inside of those classrooms.

As a commander, I ask the impossible of my Soldiers everyday and they perform amazingly under the most difficult of circumstances. They must outwardly project both a friendly and welcoming manner that recognizes the fact that not every Iraqi is an enemy and accordingly we must not treat them as such, while also presenting a hardened tough demeanor that sends a message to our potential adversaries that if you attack us we are prepared to respond instantly and with lethal force if necessary. Our mission in Mosul, alongside our Iraqi Army counterparts, requires us to wear both hats,

sometimes nearly simultaneously as we actively seek to disrupt and clear the enemy from the city, while providing security for the population, which has been described as the “center of gravity” in counterinsurgency warfare. These extremely challenging efforts demand that our Soldiers demonstrate the operational flexibility and mental dexterity



CPT Himpelmann patrols alongside his Iraqi Army counterpart in the Northern Mosul neighborhood of Al Kahira. His translator, “Ed”, walks between them.

to rapidly transition from handing out chocolate to the crowds of children that often surround us inside the neighborhoods to aggressively maneuvering to close with and destroy the enemy if he chooses to attack us. My Soldiers have described it as, “flipping the switch.” That seems like a pretty fitting description of exactly what happened inside of me as I watched the grenade denotation occur and I instantly forgot about the smiles on the kids faces back at the elementary school I had just left a short time ago.



Shoulder to shoulder with his Iraq Army counterpart SSG Washington leads a combined patrol of U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers through a neighborhood in Northern Mosul.



PVT Chambers conducts a dismounted patrol with the Iraqi Army in Mosul, Iraq.

After my wounded Soldiers were released from the hospital and the truck had been turned into maintenance to be repaired, I returned to my command post and restocked the empty pouch on my body armor with candy and loaded another soccer ball into my rucksack to hand out the next day, when I would again return to the streets of Mosul to keep driving on with our mission, cognizant of the fact that my Soldiers and I now had one less day to make a positive impact here.

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Check out our website: www.1CDA.org

Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association 2018/2019 School Year Scholarship Recipients

Children and Grandchildren of Veterans of the Ia Drang Campaign

Logan Jay Bartholomew, grandson of LTC Roger Jay Bartholomew, 2-20 ARTY 1965 Deceased, Auburn University

Dakota Lindsay Bartholomew, grandson of LTC Roger Jay Bartholomew, 2-20 ARTY 1965 Deceased, Auburn University



Jordan Anne West Bethune, granddaughter of CSM(RET) Parnell Watson Bethune, C Co. 2-5 Cav 1965 Deceased, Rider University

Jacob Lee Birdsong, grandson of COL (RET) Jerry Eugene Whiteside, 1-21FA August 1965, Berry College



Timothy James Blankenship, grandson of E-4 Clyde Densol Blankenship, A Co. 1-5 Cav 1965, Marshall University

Jason Alexander Bosse, grandson of SP-4 Albert Bernard Bosse, HHC 1-7 Cav 1965, Gateway Community & Technical College

Jonathan Patrick Lucas Clegg, grandson of SP-4 Patrick Robert James Selleck, D Co. 1-7 Cav 1965, SUNY Oswego

MacKenzie Stasia Covve, granddaughter of SGT Danny Ray Hampton, 11th Path 1965, Toni&Guy Hairdressing Academy

Jennifer Lyn Doyal, granddaughter of SSG Matthew Anthony Pepe, A Co. 228AVN 1965, Jefferson State Community College

William Rihard Fajen, grandson of 1LT Richard Lawrence Fajen, D Co. 2-5 Cav 1965, Des Moines Area Community College



Neil Eddward Fajen, grandson of 1LT Richard Lawrence Fajen, D Co. 2-5 CAV 1965, Des Moines Area Community College

Lucas Lawrence Fisher, grandson of 1LT Ralph E. Fisher, C Co. Btry 1-21 FA 1965, Cal Poly Pomona



Daniel Austin Fisher, grandson of 1LT Ralph Eugene Fisher, C Co. 1-21FA 1964, California State University Channel Islands



Joshua Tyler Forsythe, grandson of SP-4 Robert Lee Towles, D Co. 2-7 CAV 1965, Lake Erie College

Zachary Kyler Forsythe, grandson of SP-4 Robert Lee Towles, D Co. 2-7 Cav 1965, Kent State University Trambull



Keira Chastina Gabler, granddaughter of SGT Kenneth Charles Risley, D Co. 2-5 Cav 1965 Deceased, Johnson County Community College

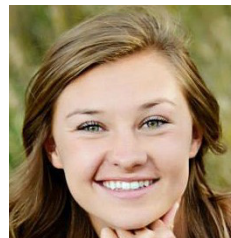
Joseph John William Gaumont, grandson of SP-4 Chester Edward Sey, C Co. 2-5 Cav 1965 Deceased, Northern Maine Community College

Hunter Jordan Goshorn, grandson of LTC John Robert Howard, 2-7 Cav 1965 Deceased, Pennsylvania State University

Alivia Joy Hay, granddaughter of CPT Robert Allan Carrara, HHC 1-7 CAV SURGEON 1964, Illinois Wesleyan University

Avery Rushworth Hill, granddaughter of COL (RET) Blaine Thompson Fleming, A Co. 229 AVN 1965, Keuka College

Emily Jane Klaebe, granddaughter of COL (RET) Richard Douglas Gillem, D Co. 227 AVN, Portland State University



Katie Maria Clarice Kolar, granddaughter of CW4 (RET) Henry Eugene Ainsworth, HHC 3 BDE 1965, University of West Alabama

Tanner Joseph Konrardy, grandson of 1LT Robert Joseph Konrardy, A Co 1-5 Cav 1965, University of Northern Iowa

Erin Rose Lane, granddaughter of SP-4 Charles Frederick Lane, C Co. Trp. 1-9 Cav 1965, Pennsylvania State University

James Casey Litton, grandson of 1 LT James Larry Litton, D Co. 1-7 Cav 1965, Appalachian State University

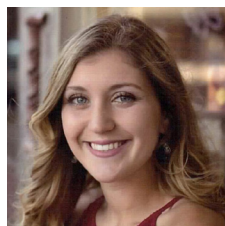
Erin Renee Lombardo, granddaughter of CW3 Riccardo Joseph Lombardo, A Co. 228 AVN 1965 Deceased, Delta State University



Justin Daniel Marciano, grandson of LTC (RET) Alan E. Devney, B Co. 1-7 Cav 1965, University of Virginia

Angela Michaela Martin, granddaughter of PFC Roger Michael Martin, B Co. 1-5 Cav 1965, UWParkside

Gabrielle Maria Martin, granddaughter of PFC Roger Michael Martin, B Co. 1-5 Cav 1965, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater



Anthony Christopher Martin II, grandson of PFC Roger Michael Martin, B Co. 1-5 Cav 1965, University of Wisconsin-Parkside



Sydney Anne McClary, granddaughter of SP-4 Hardy Devon Brown, C Co. 1-7 Cav 1965, Winthrop University

Tiffany Camille McDunn, granddaughter of MSG (RET) William David Bradley, A Co. and D Co. 229AVN 1965, University of Tennessee at Martin

Tess Marie McDunn, granddaughter of MSG (RET) William David Bradley, A Co. and D Co. 229AVN 1965, University of Tennessee at Martin



Heather Grace McGraw, granddaughter of SGT William Francis McGraw Jr., B Co. 1-8 Cav 1965, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Mary Claire Moore, granddaughter of LTG (RET) Harold Gregory Moore, Jr., HHC 1-7 Cav 1965 CDR, University of South Alabama

Kenneth Charles Otten III, grandson of SP-4 Jerome Curiale, D Co. 2-5 CAV 1965, Stevens Institute of Technology

Samantha Renea Presson, granddaughter of SSG Matthew Anthony Pepe, Jr., A Co. 228 AVN, Jacksonville State University

Emma Louise Roy-Brumwell, granddaughter of SGT Claude David Roy, B Co. 1-5 1965-1966, Seton Hall University

Justin Andrew Sagerhorn, grandson of SGT James Raymond Sagerhorn, C Co. 2-7 Cav 1965, UMM One Stop



Garrett Jeffrey Sagerhorn, grandson of SGT James Raymond Sagerhorn, C Co. 2-7 Cav 1965, University of North Dakota

Madison Frances Sterne, granddaughter of LTC (RET) Jack Kiedaisch Sterne, HHC 1-77FA 1965, University of South Carolina

Alexis Laura Tramontano, daughter of PFC Joseph Dominic Tramontano B Co. 1-9 Cav 1965, Eastern Connecticut State University

Caroline Elizabeth Wilson, granddaughter of SP-4 Dennis Lane Wilson, A Co. 2-7 Cav 1965, Providence College

Emily Harper Wilson, granddaughter of SP-4 Dennis Lane Wilson, A Co. 2-7 Cav 1965, New York University

Caitlin Victoria Anne Wirth, granddaughter of COL (RET) Herman Louis Wirth, HHC 1-7 Cav 1965 Deceased, California State University, Chico

I want to thank the membership, officers, and benefactors who have awarded me another Ia Drang Scholarship. Entering this semester, I will finally be tackling several subjects in-depth that pertain to my major (Visual Digital Communications).

However, being required to take coursework at three separate Kent State University campuses only complicates and compounds my daily workload. Thankfully this scholarship will help off-set the additional expenses resulting from this year's hectic schedule. I'm extremely fortunate to have the 1st Cavalry Division Association as a generous and compassionate patron, and I look forward to the day when I can follow the example that the organization has set by helping other students feel as grounded and supported as this scholarship has made me feel.

*Sincerely,
Zachary K. Forsythe*

100% Disabled Scholarship Recipients

Oni Beverly Marie Boodoo, daughter of SFC (RET) Brent K. Boodoo, 2-8 Cav 2005, 2-5 Cav 2003, Schreiner University



Baylee Nicole Clemons, daughter of CSM (RET) David W. Clemons, HHC 1-7 Cav 2003, Temple College

Matthew Lamonte Coleman, son of SSG (RET) Jamie L. Coleman, HQ 1ACB DIVARTY 2008, Angelo State University

Nicholas Xavier Coleman, son of SSG (RET) Jamie L. Coleman, HQ 1ACB DIVARTY 2008, The University of Texas at Tyler

Emily Lynn Cox, daughter of SPC James A. Cox, 43CSG 1990, Campbell University

Haley Delece Dudeck, daughter of Daryl W. Rhodes, D 2-8 Cav / B 6-9 Cav 2002, University of Mary Harden Baylor

Jonathan Patrick Evans Jr., son of SSG Jonathan P. Evans, 1BCT 2013, University of Texas at Austin

Brianna Danyelle Fernandez, daughter of 1SG (RET) Fernando Fernandez, HHC 4BCT 2012, Texas A&M University



Mya Elizabeth Goudeau, daughter of LTC Michael J. Goudeau, HHC 2-227AVN 2002, University of Texas at San Antonio

Dallas Aaron McNeal, son of CPL Aaron L. Mc Neal, HHC 1-82FA 1991, Liberty University

David Oliver Murrell, son of Dion Robere Murrell, 1-3BCT 2006, Savannah State University

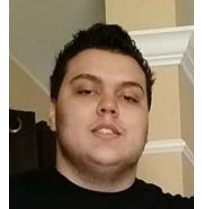
Jonah David Parker, son of Claude O. Parker, 8ENG, 1967 Florida Gulf Coast University

Nathan James Parker, son of SP-5 Claude O. Parker, 8ENG 1967, Florida Institute of Technology

Justice Nicole Smith, daughter of Deriek Smith, E 2-8 Cav & F 2-5 Cav 2001, Temple College

Tyler Wayne Teeter, son of SSG Shane R. Teeter, A 3-8 Cav 2000, Tarleton State University

Austin Rigoberto Thomas, son of SFC (RET) John W. Thomas, C Co. 2-8 Vsb 2003, Central Texas College



Andrew Scott Vela, son of CSM (RET) Glen Vela, CSM 1ACB 2008, Texas A&M Central Texas

Cambriege Johanson Wesley, son of SGT Patric Wesley, 96TC 2015, University of Texas at San Antonio

Raquel Danielle Wilson, daughter of SFC Robert S. Hale, HHC 27MSB 1990, Davidson County Community College



Trenton Nickalos Wilson, son of SFC Robert S. Hale, HHC 27MSB 1990, Davidson County Community College

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KIA Scholarship Recipient

Ty Jackson Rosenbaum,
son of SGT Thomas C. Rosenbaum,
KIA 2004, Arkansas Tech University

Active Duty Scholarship Recipients

Manuela Beyka Baptise,
spouse of SPC Chery Stanley,
62 QM, Central Texas College

SPC Toheeb Olayinka Dauda, B Btry 1-82 FA, Lagos State Polytechnic University

SGT Jessica Angelique DuVernau, HHT 3 ABCT, Arizona State University

Veronica Raquel Gallardo, spouse of Jesus Gallardo, 215 BSB, Central Texas College

SPC Bailey Nicole Hendrix, 1-82 FA, Northwest Christian University



PFC Mark C. Hutson,
F Co. 1-227 ACB,
Central Texas College



1LT Robert Harold Marsh,
HHC 2-8 CAV,
University of Texas Permian Basin

SFC Daniel Shuckhart, A Trp. 1-7 CAV, Southern New Hampshire University

PVT Vanessa Esmeralda Silva - Escalante, HHC 2-227 ACB, Central Texas College

SSG D'Antonio Delvon Speights, 1-12 CAV, American Military University

Taylor Rachelle Suh, spouse of Won Suk Suh, C Co. 15 BSB, University of Mary Hardin Baylor

SPC Zhang Zhiqiang, 96 TC, Southern Baptist University

I will use the funds to cover the cost of books and a new laptop. My plan is to obtain a bachelor's degree in Business Management. First Team!
PFC Mark Hutson

My name is LT Robert Marsh and I was recently selected for the ICDA Active Duty Scholarship. I would first like to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the generous scholarship.

I am extremely honored to be considered for this scholarship. This generous gift will allow me to continue my education through online classes at the University of Texas. I am very thankful to be a part of this wonderful organization. Thank you again!
Very Respectfully,
1LT Robert Marsh

I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to the First Cavalry Division Association for the continued support that has enabled me in my pursuit of my bachelor's degree. As I enter my senior year of school, I cannot express my thanks enough, the gift you have given me has allowed me to follow my dreams. I am looking forward to the day I get to walk across the stage and collect my first degree, knowing I couldn't have made it there without your continued support.

My GPA has consistently risen, and I have remained in Air Force ROTC Detachment 028. Thank you so much for supporting my dreams of furthering my education, I hope to one day repay this great program! I am looking forward to the day I get to email you and say my goal of earning a bachelor's degree has been achieved.

Very Respectfully,
Heather G. McGraw, Cadet First Lieutenant
Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps
Kilo Deputy Flight Commander

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 \$839,300 to 531 children of Troopers that were killed in action or totally and permanently disabled.
- Over \$362,400 to 427 active duty Troopers and their Family members.
- Over \$707,000 to 296 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 or 100% disabled 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 (2022), Trustees Rosemary M. Carter (2022), Starr Corbin (2021), Ronnie L. Killingsworth (2021), David A. Lutgen (2020), and Terry Maddox (2021).

APPLICATIONS

For more information or an application to register for benefits send a request 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 2020.

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 eventually be installed around the 1st Cavalry Division Memorial on Cooper Field.

As a recipient of the 1st Cavalry Division Association's Ia Drang Scholarship I wanted to thank the officers and membership of this noted organization for helping make my college education a reality. As an incoming Freshman majoring in Lake Erie College's School of Business for Sports Management, with a minor in Coaching, I hope to one day work at a collegiate or professional level. At some point, I want to become a head coach, and this gift will now give me the chance to focus on my training and education and not on finances.

Your generous scholarship has opened a door and the prospect of a brighter future and will play a key role in shaping me into a successful person in future. Benefactors like you make life brighter for us and I can only hope that one day, I too will be able to bring a smile to another needy student. Once again, I cannot express my gratitude enough, and I want you to know that your generous support will see me achieve my dreams. Also, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support to students, like me, who need it most.

Sincerely,
Joshua T. Forsythe

A donation to the Foundation helps these students achieve their educational goals and is an investment in the future of America.

Thank you for your donations to the 1CDA Scholarship Fund!

CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next *Saber* is **Friday, 1 November 2019**. Please send to Karleen at Memberships@1CDA.org or mail to 302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522, Attn: Karleen. Your Chapter Thanks you for your submission!

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER



Here is a picture of some of the Connecticut Chapter members at the annual summer picnic/meeting. The next meeting will be **October 19** at the **Manchester American Legion Hall**, starting at **1:00pm**.

This is a membership drive meeting with announcements made in the local newspapers. All members and prospective members are welcome.

President, Keith Moyer: 860-537-1716 or <kpmoyerco@hotmail.com>

CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER

The Chapter really appreciates all the great support and compliments that we received from the 72nd Annual Reunion that was held this past June. Chapter members really helped by working in the Registration Area, Souvenir Shop, and the Golf Tournament.

We've held two Stable Calls since the reunion, one in Belton on 25 July and one in Copperas Cove on 29 August. We had pretty good attendance at both considering all that is going on in our area. We have Stable Calls scheduled for **26 September** at **Harker Heights VFW Post 3892** and on **24 October** at the **Association Headquarters** in Copperas Cove.

Elections are planned for our March 2020 meeting so if you are interested in serving as a Chapter Officer get in contact with us. **First Team!**

President, Tim Hodge: 254-718-4533 or <tim@allaboutinsurancetexas.com>

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

The New York-New Jersey will hold its Fall Meeting **October 26, 2019, 11:00 am** at the **Elks Lodge**, Ridgefield Park NJ. Set GPS: to 25 Cedar St., Ridgefield Park.

Veterans and 1st Cavalry updates, lunch, meet old buddies, make new ones. The return of the 50/50, a few shirts remain for sale. Details and plans for the chapters 50th anniversary (2036).

Fred Robins was one of the first founding fathers and first chapter president. It was Fred's vision that became the chapter blueprint of how our chapter operates. No dues, no committees and or reports. Free lunch, free coffee and donuts for the early birds. A cool and safe place to hang with other 1st Cavalry Veterans.

You can now find us on Instagram: NYNJCAvalry



Fred Robins and Bob Arbasetti

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Participation in our Northwest Chapter has been dwindling. This caused us to ask a difficult question at our last meeting: ***Do we have enough interest to continue our organization?*** We need a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Quartermaster for the coming two-year period. Each of the members currently holding these positions have health issues which prevent them from running again.

Without a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Quartermaster, our last two social gatherings will be **October 5th** and **December 7th**. We will have a business meeting **February 1st** to liquidate all our assets and inform the First Cavalry Division Association in Copperas Cove.

Call President Ernie at (360) 731-8924 if you are willing to take on one of these roles or know another member who would be willing to take one on.

NEW FORMING CHAPTER

FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST

Because of the geographic size of Jacksonville, Chapter meetings will be held on alternate months between Westside and Southside. Westside will be at the AL Post on San Juan. Southside will be at the VFW Post on Emerson. Meetings will typically be held during the last week of a month at 7pm. Officers have been elected and when signatures are complete, a formal application will be sent to Copperas Cove.

Jesse Crimm: 904-737-6172 or <TheCrimms@gmail.com>.

ARE YOU IN THE AREA?

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Anyone in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area looking to start up a Chapter? Please contact Jim Jordan at 505-508-5454.

AMARILLO, TEXAS

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

NO CHAPTER IN YOUR AREA?

Are YOU interested in forming a new 1st Cavalry Division Association Chapter in your local area?

Chapters are started and ran by our membership. If you would like to start a Chapter in your local area, please send Karleen an email at <memberships@1CDA.org> and she will send you a Chapter Packet.

Look it over and see if this is something you would like to do.

First Team!

Are you tied into one of our Chapters? We encourage you to link into your nearest chapter! Reach out to the president and see what is going on or how you can help out! Refer to the Chapter Index found on the next page.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR CHAPTER PHOTO POSTED HERE?

Feel free to email or send us one so it can appear in the next issue!

Thank you to our Chapters who send in a submission each *Saber*! We appreciate you!

Send your submissions to:
Karleen at Memberships@1CDA.org or
Tina at Programs@1CDA.org

HAVE YOUR CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES POSTED HERE!

Turn to page 10 of this issue of *Saber* to read further details!
CUT OFF DAY TO REGISTER IS 25 OCT 19

From the
Director's Desk

Office of 1CDA

WE SUPPORT

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SOLDIER FOR LIFE

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

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

Why is this important to the Association?
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Thought we should bring it to everyone’s attention, there is a Facebook page called 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, this is **NOT**, repeat **NOT** the official page for your Association. Even though there are a lot of members and nonmembers post to this page, this is not the official page. We *do not endorse* what is published there.

This copy cat group was created on November 26, 2009. The administrator copied and pasted the “*Description About this Group*” from our official Facebook page, making this page look official. This site is impersonating the actual 1st Cavalry Division Association official Facebook page.

The official Facebook page is **1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION - ALUMNI OF THE FIRST TEAM**. The only difference in the name is adding Alumni of the First Team to the end. The official page lists our hours of operation, our address, our website and email address.

We have reached out to the administrator of the non-official page and he refuses to adjust the name. We apologize as we realize this is confusing for our members. When you wish to post anything to the official page, please be sure you are typing in ALUMNI OF THE FIRST TEAM.

Since we have received no support through Facebook channels, we are hoping with your support this can be rectified. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience.

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for those who donated to the General Fund &
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SHOUT OUT!

Mike Vuolo from NY, member of our Board of Governors, stopped in for a tour to see the renovations that have been done here at 1CDA HQ's.
It's always great getting a visit from our members!

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I received an e-mail from **Joseph "Jim" West** <cavman19@comcast.net> who served in Vietnam from **Aug 1968-Aug 1969** with the 1st Cav. He was in **A 1-8 Cav** from Aug '68 until about 1 Mar

'69, was a Pathfinder (Black Hat) OJT on LZ Grant for the first two weeks of Mar 1969 (when he says they were hit hard on March 8th and hit again on the 11th); and completed his tour with Bravo Co, 2-7 Cav out of LZ Jamie.

Jim says he has been trying to get a Purple Heart for when he was wounded at the end of April '69 when B 2-7 was OPCON to 11th ACR, which was when we built Jamie. He got MEDEVACed with another Soldier, James Hosmer. Jim doesn't recall if it was MEDEVAC just to Jamie. Jim says he has a Bn report dated 01 May 69 that says Hosmer was sent to 93rd Evac. I do not see that on the DA 1594 for that date. Because B 2-7 was OPCON to 11th ACR the DA 1594 would not mention their contact. It should mention if anyone was MEDEVACed from Jamie.

Jim's platoon leader who was at the incident was later KIA so cannot help. He says Hosmer doesn't remember anything. He has one other witness but needs the formal documentation, which seems scarce, if nonexistent. If there is nothing on the DA 1594 and no known hospital records, I do not know what to suggest. If anyone has any experience with this and can help, Jim's phone also is: (717) 802-0242.

I got a telephone call on June 20th. It was from **Frank Barrientes** of Edinburg, TX, who was a machine gunner in my platoon in **C 2-7 Cav in 1969**. Frank reminded me it was fifty years to the day that I saved his life when he was badly wounded and wanted to thank me again. He said if it wasn't for me, he wouldn't be here fifty years later.

I had written in the May-June 2018 *Saber* about how impressed Sergeant Howard Anderson was with MEDEVAC when it picked up for us on 20 June 69. His impression was, as I had mentioned, why I had extended six months to fly on MEDEVAC when I DEROSed.

On 20 June 69, our company, C 2-7 Cav, had been in contact all morning checking out a bunker complex-XT417718. My platoon took its turn around midday when I saw machine gun tracers streaming from the bamboo in front of me. They yelled for me and I went and caught up to Frank Barrientes who was the target of the tracers. Frank went running and ended up not far away, by the company NDP. The NVA gunner hit Frank in the face and shot his mouth off. When I got to Frank, he was on his way out to death, gasping for breath. I cut his throat and put an airway in the incision, and he sucked for air for life. That was a cricothyrotomy which they showed us how to do in U.S. Army medical training. It helps to pay attention in class. I always kept that procedure in mind and always made a point of carrying several single edge surgical blades for that purpose, which were available from medical supply.

My mother was an RN supervisor and used to bring those razor blades home from work, I assumed. Poking through her beauty box under the sink I always saw them and was perplexed. I asked her how they used them, and she one day brought home curved forceps, she said were Kelly Forceps. She took the blade and swiftly clamped on it. She said they used them in surgery.

The blades were Weck razor blades by Edward Weck & Co. of Brooklyn, N.Y. and now show up on eBay as vintage and rare. I thought my mother used them to shave her legs. They were marketed to the public as "Sextoblades" with a convenient barber handle sold that they fit in. They also list on eBay as "Rare Weck Prep Orderly and Nurses safety Razor." I found biographical information that says, "The company developed technologically, becoming involved in the manufacture of surgical instruments, though it also produced hair shapers that were very much akin to the Sextoblade. In addition, the company made prep razors for use by U.S. military surgeons."

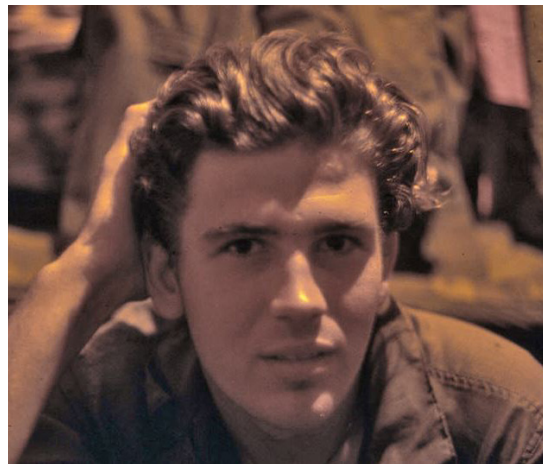
I still have an original yellow box of them that I saved that says "5 Weck Sextoblades 50 cents. Edward Weck & Co., L.I. City 1, N.Y. For Use in Weck Razors Made Of The Finest Surgical Steel for Economy and Comfort Use These Blades in WECK Razors." They are a half inch wide and two and a quarter inches long, with a blunt single edge. The cutting edge is as sharp as anything gets, so was easy to use as I did as a young U.S. Army Combat Medic.

The U.S. Army must have had the stated use for them because they were readily available to me from the aid station supply. I even got them to carry for that specific purpose in mind before I went to the field in the 1st Cav when I was first assigned to the 2-20 ARA Flight Surgeon Aid Station in Phouc Vinh where I insisted on being transferred to the "field" and was sent to 2-7 Cav in for Palace Guard.

Frank Barrientes can thank my youthful poking in my mother's stuff and my later astuteness for saving his life. It was only one life, but at least only one life is what counts to each of us.

At one reunion I met Frank's daughter, and he also has a son. The old saying, you can't keep a good man down applies. Frank has had to have numerous surgeries in the last fifty years, and still requires a feeding tube. Howard Anderson, who is close because they were in the gun squad together, mentioned to me that Frank was having trouble with the V.A. about that feeding tube lately. Frank on the telephone confirmed it when I asked him. He said he can now go to a private physician, which I would say is thanks to President Trump for emphasizing expanded access for Veterans to VA-funded care in the private sector.

Because I have often seen so many times mentioned in the 2-7 Cav Daily Staff Journals DA 1594 about which MEDEVAC pilot by call sign was picking up for them at any given time, I was curious if it said who the pilot was who picked up for us on 20 June 69 that brought in Frank and the wounded from our



MEDEVAC Crew Chief John Hodges
circa 1970

other platoons. I did see it was MEDEVAC 7. From the 15th MED website pilot call sign list I see that MEDEVAC 7 1969-1970 was Jack Roden. Very coincidentally, the only time that I got shot down on a MEDEVAC pickup, which was in March of 1970, was with Jack Roden. The copilot was John Lonnon, CE was John Hodges, and door gunner Mike Parsons, flying out of Song Be. Group photo

We were picking up for ARVN; from what I've seen documented, 02 Mar 70. We went in to hoist rigid litters and took fire. The pilots broke off and said we'd return, which

would allow for them to become better secure.

We went back in and got one rigid litter hoisted and on board. I must have started to lower the hoist for another, and we took fire. It happened so fast the next thing I knew was that we were on the way down.

It was later said that a round hit the pilot in the chest protector, i.e. chicken plate, and he lost control. Whether we started to take off and hit trees, I don't know. I always had to inform them on the intercom where the hoist was at all times. Nevertheless, we went straight down.

We quickly exited the aircraft and assumed a defensive position, i.e. small perimeter; weapons pointing out. No NVA came but the ARVN did. We stayed with them overnight. The only way we could be extracted the next day was by OH-6 Cayuse. So, we all went out by LOH; as many as they could fit in at once. I was ready with M-16 like a "loach" gunner, prepared for anything.

I don't know what they did with our Huey. That wasn't my level of concern. My level of concern was getting back to flying as soon as possible, so I wouldn't have any hesitations. Apparently, I got past it all, because I kept flying which became through the Cambodian Incursion until my second DEROS in July. I have to feel fortunate that was my only, mild, shootdown compared to many others I have written about and plan to write about more in subsequent columns. You could never know what would happen when, but skilled pilots and cooperative ground units improved the situations.

From the Final DEROS page: Raymond D. Kinnard, CPT, Medical Service Corps, of Englewood, CO passed away on 25 December 2018. Ray served as a MEDEVAC pilot with the 15th Medical Battalion in Vietnam from May 67-May 68.

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

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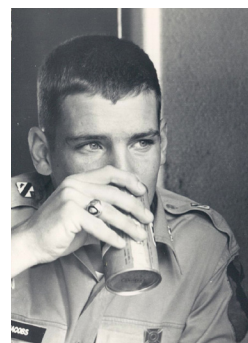
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Former Army CPT Art Jacobs has been elected to the post of President for the 16,000 member Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. In 1968, Art served as a Medevac pilot in the HQ Platoon of the 15th Medical Battalion mostly in I Corps, flying rescue missions during Tet, and into and out of Khe Sanh and the A Shau Valley. Interestingly enough, prior to attending flight school, he also spent 1965 with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea serving with A Battery, 1/21st Artillery, just south of the DMZ, splitting his time between the FO Section and FDC. Art is currently the CEO of The Valkyrie



1965 A Battery 1-21FA, Korea



MEDEVAC 7 Jack Roden 1969-1970

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This is to render my upmost apologies for missing the deadline for the July/August issue of the *Saber*. In eleven years, this has happened once before and I was embarrassed, but this time I was more than red-faced! This time I missed the one issue that would have been readable just before our reunion in San Diego. Mea Culpa!

By the time you read this, the reunion will be history. Only those who did attend will be able to remark about its success, which I pray is all good. If you did miss this reunion, please start preparing for 2020.

At the 2018 ARA Board of Directors and Association annual meeting they discussed reunion locations for the next five years. The issue of how to be inclusive of all the ARA units at their original locations and units, alternating east coast to west coast and mid U.S. locations and naming individuals as sponsors, was a major topic.

In the end it was agreed that San Diego, CA would be 2019 followed by Savannah, GA (2020), Ft. Campbell, KY (2021), and Ft. Belvoir, VA (2022). One of the objectives of having the reunions at the different units is to open the ARA Association to more members. The impression has been that the Association is mostly drawn from the 2/20th and it should be all who served in the different ARA units.

Jerry and Ann Hipp will serve as our hosts in Savannah, GA. Does anybody remember the great time in Charleston, SC in 2011? I can only imagine how great it will be to be back on the east coast. Jerry and Ann, we are looking forward to another fantastic reunion with y'all in the place where you, Jerry, and I, with many other original members of the newly organized 2nd Battalion (Aerial Rocket Artillery), 30th Artillery Regiment, boarded our ships on the afternoon of August 17, 1965 for our trip to South Vietnam. I know the feelings we had that day will not be the same as when we will see each other the next time in 2020!



Speaking of leaving Savannah, we left the next day and would arrive in South Vietnam on September 12, 1965. Now I will continue my running coverage of our "*all expense paid*" cruise onboard the USNS UPSHUR. In the May/June issue I took us through the Panama Canal headed west. Fast forward

as our trip continued out into the open sea of the Pacific. Our next stop will be in Hawaii where we will be able to leave the ship and shop in town. That will be a great break from all this water! Today is Sunday, August 22, 1965 and we had church services in the main lounge conducted by the ship's chaplain. This was World Service Sunday. It was a very good service. We sang "Come Thou Almighty King," "Soldiers of Christ Arise," "A Mighty Fortress is our God," and "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The Sermon "Living by God's standards" was based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 – God's calling of Samuel.

On Thursday, August 26, the rain and fog left us, and we were greeted by the medical staff who administered inoculation for plague, cholera and the 10cc of gamma globulin injection to boost our immunity against disease, especially hepatitis! I was sore for a short period. We are 2188 miles from Balboa, Panama and we have 2588 miles to go to Hawaii. I'm beginning to feel as though I've been on this ship all my life. Our average speed is 18 knots (21 mph). Not what one could call, fast! Saw a movie on what to expect upon arrival in Vietnam – Highway 19 from Qui Nhon to An Khe. We were advised to watch what we ate. The briefer recommended that we eat nothing outside the mess hall. We learned that there are about 40 different kinds of snakes to contend with, but most are in the Delta areas. Tomorrow we have a class taught by Captain (P) Al Woodruff, C Battery, on the emergency procedures in the UH-1B. Should be interesting and something we need to have down pat!

Today, August 29, we saw a ship going the other way. It was about six miles away. This has been the only change in scenery all week. We have gone on water rationing. Only one shower a day. No laundry. It appears we are dipping into the water reserve. The ship can produce 45,000 gallons a day and we have been using around 64,000 gallons. The biggest user is the kitchens and dishwashers. With physical training in the afternoon that is going to make for a rather odorous evening meal!

I heard that on Wednesday, September 1, 1965, we will be able to leave the ship for about 12 hours. I'm sure that 2000 Soldiers will be trying to call home – wish me luck! After Pearl Harbor we will have another 10-12 days of sailing. We will pass through the Philippine Islands and then direct to Vietnam.

We are in Pearl Harbor now and took the bus to Fort DeRussy Officers Club at Waikiki Beach. Most of us had some laundering to do, so while that was going, we walked the beach and enjoyed the sun. Several of us had dinner at the restaurant in the Club. I had teriyaki steak served over rice mixed with vegetables. It was delicious! I had to make a trip to the Class Six store to buy a bottle of Canadian Club for my dinner table steward as a thank you for his excellent service. He was very pleased and thanked me many times for the gift. He told us that he was a Veteran. He served in the Army as a clerk – non typist! We laughed!

Today is either 6 or 7 September 1965, depending on which side of the International Date Line one is located. We just went a day ahead at noon September 6 and jumped to September 7. I guess if one could fly fast enough, they could fly west right back into the 6th! We didn't celebrate Labor Day but got to fire 10 rounds from our weapons into the ocean to ensure they functioned properly. Mine is fine!

Today is September 11, 1965, and tomorrow I will step on the soil of a foreign country into a war zone for the first time in my life. What will it finally feel like to be in Vietnam in combat? We were told that we will climb down cargo rope

netting hung along side of the ship into LCMs (landing craft medium) and be transported to the beach at Qui Nhon. I visualize the landing craft at Normandy in WWII and my mind goes wild! Army CH-47 Boeing Chinook helicopters will then fly us to An Khe. We have had our intelligence briefings, and now we are sorting out our equipment that was brought aboard the ships. I understand that almost immediately after we debark, "Operation Infusion" will commence. This is the transfer of personnel from units already in Vietnam to our division and other personnel within the division will be transferred to others already here. The objective is to get some experienced people in the division and reduce the replacement problem which we would face in 11 months.

This is the last night onboard the UPSHUR and there is a lot of activity. Some are packing, some repacking, some sitting in deep thought, and some getting in a last card game, and others out on the deck looking at the stars.

I had a dream about going ashore and it was weird. Major Joseph Lahnstein, Commanding Officer of Alpha Battery wanted me to take his M-16 over the side for him for some unknown reason. Later, when we arrived on shore, we had to line up across a creek from the Viet Cong and start shooting at each other on the command of the fire from the umpire. It was like a Field Training Exercise (FTX) back at Fort Campbell. Suddenly, I became one of the umpires with a white band around my fatigue hat and I would be giving commands, "lock and load one magazine" followed by "commence firing!" After a minute or so I gave the command, "cease firing!" Then I said, "Now, police up the dead and wounded and resume positions!" Wow! When I awoke from that dream, I was in a pool of sweat! I guess one could say I was apprehensive about going into combat. Apprehensive, I reckon; I was scared more than I would let on in front of all the other aviators and the Troops we would eventually lead.



The next day as we were proceeding to our departure area, Major Lahnstein approached me and asked if I could take his M-16 over the side because he had too much stuff to handle. I politely declined, at which time he asked me why. I told him that I had more than I could handle already. I didn't mention the nightmare I had. He found someone else to take his weapon. I was a happy man now that

my dream would not have a chance to come true. I hoped! Over the side with full gear, including our steel helmets, back packs, aviator kit bags, and down the netting we went into the LCM, engines revving up, we move out toward the beach. Our welcoming party was on the beach! We had to wait for the aircraft to designate the passenger lists.

While waiting, there was a shot fired in our direction from the ridge west of the airfield and the round ricocheted off the sand. Someone yelled, "Take that guy out!" One of the welcoming parties said, "No way, he has been up there for months and hasn't hit anyone yet and if we take him out, they may replace him with someone who might be more accurate with his shots! Leave him there!"

Later, we boarded the CH-47 Chinook helicopter and were flown to the Golf Course at An Khe. It was called the Golf Course because grass was not allowed to be cut in order to keep the debris from blowing during helicopter operations.

When we arrived at our plot of the Golf Course, I was matched up with WO1 Tom Cochran from High Point, NC,



in order to share our shelter-half and make a complete army pup tent. I had carried the shelter-half around with me on all field training since I reported to Fort Lewis in August 1959. I have never had a use for it until today. I pulled my half out and laid it next to Tom's half to form the pup tent. Guess what? There were two types of shelter-halves in the Army inventory. One had snaps and the other had buttons. I had one the one with snaps and Tom's had the buttons. Now we must go around the Battery area asking if anyone had the same problem. Yes, there were many and after several hours of trading off, the Troops were happily looking at many pup tents erected.

In a few days we heard the beautiful and awesome sound of the Huey rotor blades slapping with that famous "whop whop" sound as our first UH-1B ARA Gunship arrived with CWO Jesse Hobby at the controls. He had come over on the USNS Kula Gulf which transported our helicopters wrapped in a waterproof shrink wrap materiel to prevent saltwater damage to the aircraft. A few days later a group of aviators were flown to Qui Nhon to fly the rest of our helicopters to An Khe. I was in that group and was able to spend one night aboard the aircraft carrier. That was a nice change that included hot meals and clean sheets on the beds. After breakfast, I went out to my aircraft, tail number 024, and did my preflight inspection with the crew chief, SP/4 Arthur "Red" Wright. Next was the engine run-up and systems check. Remember, we are sitting on the deck of the aircraft carrier with other Hueys parked awaiting their preflight and run-up. There was not a lot of room; therefore, the hover check had to be precise, stable, and fast and lift off had to be up and over the side of the deck. One could not spend time hovering around on the deck. I heard that there was only one Huey that went up and over and into the drink due to loss of power. That must have been one wet crew and one lost helicopter! Never heard any more about that!

I will continue my coverage of our first weeks and months in the Central Highlands in following issues. In the meantime, please keep the information worth sharing to another member coming to me. You know as well as I that mail call can be a bummer when one's name is not called! Please keep those letters and emails coming.

Until the November/December issue, I wish you well and hope you all have a beautiful autumn and that those of you in the southeast have weathered Dorian and any other storm headed your way!

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Where Are You? As a continuation of this topic from the July/August 2019 *Saber*, here are the Engineers that sent notices to this column in 2010 and 2011. Your scribe trusts that you are still kicking whatever butts are necessary in life. You are: Lynn Titus, Bill Tew, Robert McMahon, Brandy Bennett, Daniel Gilotti, Joe Salvucci, Jim Bowers, Jack Morrison, Ed Jones, Leo Miller, Jim Ramsden, Earl Dickinson, Rodney Higginson, Jim Shotwell, Bob Tagge, Bob Drenth, Ralph Jones, Bob Kon, Bob Anderson, Dave LaPlante, Martin Harvan, Mike McGhie, Ronnie Gainer, Ace High 6 India, James Kendrick, Mason Holmes, Don Manvell, Steve Richey, David Ciosek, Scott Smith, Joe Cross, Al Capuano, Emil Ash, Loenzo Chavez, Peter Macfarlane, Donald Marchand, Claude Parker. Apparently the article on LZ Illingworth and LZ English stirred up a bunch of memories and responses.

I did get one response from the July/Aug issue on this topic from **Thomas Booth** as follows: "Jesse, I was looking at your article in the July/August issue of the *Saber* and saw the paragraph about *where are you?* My name is not there but I am familiar with Juan Cintron who is listed. Years ago, I saw a little message on <www.Military.com> that he had posted about an incident that he was involved in. I knew about the incident, so I sent him an email saying that I remembered it. I would send him emails from time to time just to tell him that I had not forgotten him and sent emails on holidays. At a point Juan stopped responding to my emails. I think about him a lot but have no idea what his status is. Juan was in C Company but in another platoon. We didn't work with the other platoons much, so I didn't get to know him. His platoon and ours were working together at the time. Juan was the platoon leader's jeep driver. They were leading a tractor/backhoe to another work site and were ambushed. 1LT LaBonte was killed and I think the tractor driver was too. Juan was shot in the throat and left for dead. I saw the tractor later and the engine block was busted by the bullets. Besides our men being killed and wounded what really angered us was their money was taken but the M60 on the pedestal mount and a case of hand grenades was left in the jeep. Seemed like they were ambushed by bandits."

SFC Howard Arlin Buchanan: One of our own rates a paragraph of his own. Howard Buchanan passed away August 5, 2019 at his home in Lynn Haven, Florida. Howard served the U.S. Army with distinction including two tours in the RVN. His Bronze Star and Air Medals included the V devices. After his military service, Howard returned to Laguna Beach FL and continued working for the city of Panama City Beach, FL. Howard worked quietly to help people in need

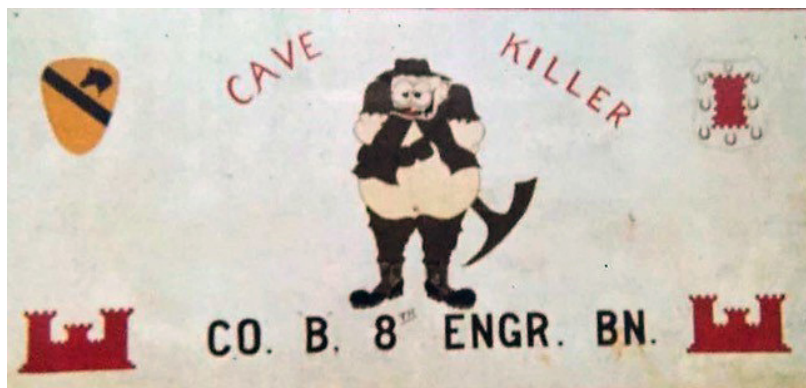


and nurtured the success of those around him. His family and friends rejoice knowing that Howard has finished the race, fought the good fight, kept the faith and has been received into heaven. Online condolences may be shared at < <http://www.kentforestlawn.com> >. Donations may be made to the Salvation Army - Panama City- 850-769-5259. (An additional note from MG Scott Smith: "Howard was, without question, one of the very finest NCO's—and men—with whom I had the honor of serving in my 33-year Army career.")

A Touch of History: Every revolution has had its proponents, its firebrands, its spokespersons. As early as the year 33 and in the 5th chapter of Acts, we find Gamaliel warning the Pharisees of the power of a Revolution being preached by bunch of rag-tags from the countryside calling themselves "The Way." More recent examples are Sam Adams and Nathan Hale in the first American Revolution followed by John Calhoun and his Nullification argument in the second attempted Revolution. Between those two was Robespierre and the psychotic French Revolution. Even more currently we find Lenin in Russia and Geobbbles in Germany shouting their rhetoric. As Cher once sang, "and the beat goes on." So, what are you to do as the hammers pound the gongs left and right? Be alert. Be aware. Look for the truth, if any, behind the shouts. Then join or deny the revolutionaries.

Use Facebook: Just in case you missed it, join Sky Beavers on Facebook. There you find such interesting things as this picture from Les White. Les says "I don't know where I got this picture, but I was told it was taken during 1969. The thing I find most interesting is the Cave Killer on the sign. During 1967, the B Co radio call sign was Cave Killer. We usually shortened the call sign to Killer. But the top brass got upset and said we couldn't use it anymore.

Obviously, someone in B Co was aware of the history." Could that someone be you? If so, get on Facebook then call me.



Humility in A Crisis: (Extracted from Wall St. Journal 7/27/19, pB6) There are many examples of a singular person acting decisively in minutes of life or death events. You may well remember an example from your own life and service. For example, and perhaps most vivid in your memory is the airplane landing in the Hudson River in New York in 2009 by Chesley Sullenberger. Remember also Luis Urzua who kept his miners alive and sane for 10 weeks while trapped underground in Chile in 2010. Also, there was Alfred Hayes who brought his commercial DC 10 flight in to Souix City in 1999 with a blown engine and NO hydraulics. What did these men and probably the ones in your memory have in common? 1. Expertise. When the tiniest mistake can be fatal, there is no substitute for mastery. Hayes had 7,000 flying hours. Sullenberger had been a pilot for 40 years. Urzua had been mining for 30 years. 2. Composure. Heroes immediately grasp the problem and waste no time in addressing them. Panic did not control them. 3. Collaboration. Everybody involved gets some input into the solution. The leader does not dominate. 4. Confidence. Rosa Parks, in her own moment of decisiveness was later quoted as saying, "When one's mind is made up, fear diminishes." Does any of this remind you of the IaDrang and a certain 1st Cav Commander and his CSM?

Photojournalism: And now, courtesy of **Steve Richey**, here are Mike Lapansky, Ron Powell, Lynn Titus, and the trio of Richey, Dave Morken and Wally Murken. We trust that you are all well. Also, if you are John Tarvin III, get hold of me. Richey is looking for you.



Hummmm? "To err is human; to get paid for it is divine. Professional investors are prone to the same mistakes that amateurs make. The pros just get paid to make them." * (* Jason Zweig, The Intelligent Investor, Wall Street Journal, Section B5, July 13, 2019.) The lesson? Watch your own money.

Were You There? Fallujah, November 2004? If so, the VFW wants to hear from you for the anniversary coverage issue of the VFW magazine. Email only to <magazine@vfw.org> Surely an engineer was with the 7th Cav there.

Do You Know Of? One of our own, Dean Kontover, is looking for unit patches or crests for the 70th and 84th Eng Bns. If you have one or can get to a copy, please send to this writer or directly to Dean at <dic150@verizon.net>. Dean states that these two Bns worked out of An Khe from 1966-1967. Pictures to follow in Nov/Dec *Saber*.

Envious? Those of you who have looked longingly at the handmade 8th Eng T-Shirts should know that our own Phillip Blevins is the artist, producer and director of the T-Shirt Department. But be careful, Phillip is one of those sheriff types. So, don't wear our T-Shirt to do yard work. It's for formal occasions. At any rate, Bruce Nibbles over in Yorkville, IL wanted one and called to place his order. They just got phones, the kind that don't hang on a wall, over there in Yorkville so if any of you were 450 operators or were in HHC during 69-70 or made the trip to Cambodia, Bruce wouldn't mind hearing from you at 630-553-7768.

Still Kicking: Cecil Wheeler took a dip in the great Salt Lake in Utah. When he came up, it was like he was inspired to make roll call in this column. Cecil writes as follows; "I am still functioning out here in Utah. Don't have much to say, shared all my stories when Gary Ullom was writing the article. Along with myself, Bill Araz is in New Jersey, Ed Gaines in Indiana, Sam Below, in Jasper MO and Larry Barker in Dallas, Texas. Have tried to find others over the years without any luck. We are still kicking just a little lower and slower.

By now you have probably seen the newest *Saber*. In the wanted section there was a family looking for information on a guy that served with A Co, don't know what year, but I imagine you are on top of it. Thanks for all you do. Sam, Ed, Bill, and I will be in Kentucky next year." Cecil is referring to the inquiry area on page 4 of the July/August *Saber*. Take a look. Call if you can help. And yes, Dara and I did try to help her. There's more to the story than just a line or two in *Saber*.

Now One More Thing: If any of you know of next of kin or hometown for the following, please contact this writer who will forward your info to the seeker. SFC Arnold Lee Robbins, B Co; SGT Melvin Ray Thomas, HHC; SP4 John Richard Stinn, 229th Helicopters.

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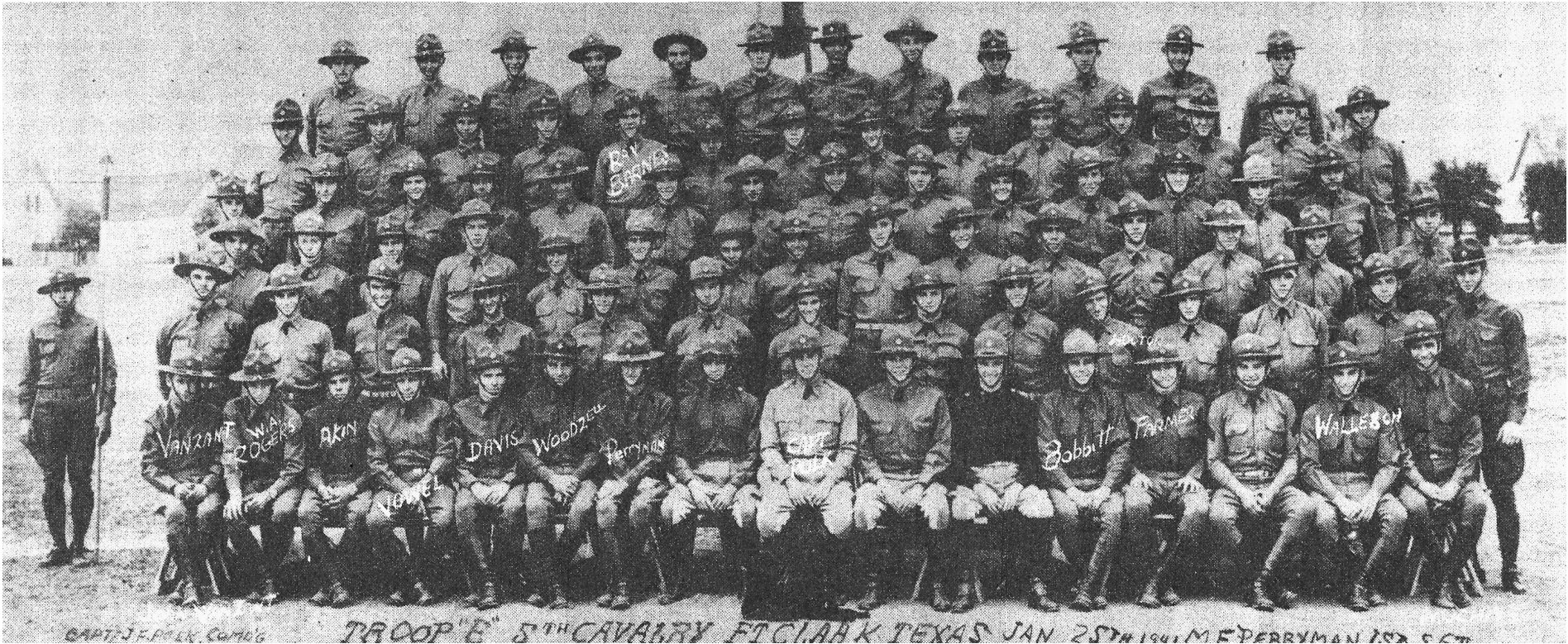
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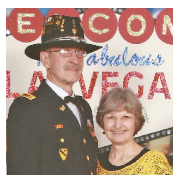
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Greetings Troopers and families from NW Louisiana. Sue and I have our hotel reservations for the 2020 reunion in Louisville, KY, from Jun 10 to Jun 14, and hope you have made your reservations for this upcoming event. I have never been to the Fort Campbell area and we look forward to seeing many interesting places in KY, as well as on the trip from LA to KY and back. Sue and I refuse to travel by air anymore and therefore we will be driving to any future reunions, unless we have a reunion in HI!

This month I celebrate (is that the right word?) my 74th birthday. I thank God that my health remains good. Some unsolicited advice – watch what you eat and get involved in an exercise program. Sue and I eat a lot of veggies and fruit, watch that portion size of each meal, and exercise at least three hours a week. You will be amazed how good you feel.

I promised in my last column to print some information on some of the combat support branch insignias and last time I covered the U.S. Army Cyber Branch. All the branches of the U.S. Army have interesting histories. I hope you learn something from each of them.



U.S. Army Adjutant General's Corps – (Source – Wikipedia.org) “The AG Corps dates back to the formation of the U.S. Army. Horatio Gates, a former British officer, is honored as the father of the AG Corps. On 16 June 1775, the Continental Congress appointed him as the first Adjutant General to George Washington with the commission of a brigadier general. During WWII, more than 15,000 officers, Soldiers and civilians served in the Office of the AG and processed more than six million

Soldiers back into civilian life. The branch colors are dark blue piped with scarlet. The Adjutant General's Department, by that name, was established by the act of 3 March 1813 and was re-designated the Adjutant General's Corps in 1950.” The 15th Admin was the AG unit during my two tours in the Cav (Vietnam and Fort Hood). It included finance and other AG duties. It was de-activated along with the other combat support battalions in 2005.



U.S. Army Signal Corps – The Signal branch was established in 1860 with the appointment of the first signal officer, and the Signal Corps has had permanently organized units since late in the nineteenth century. Founded by Major Albert J. Meyer in 1860, the U.S. Army was the first in the world to have a separate communications branch. Although the legislation authorized its establishment, it did not provide permanent personnel nor units. Soldiers

from regular assigned units were detailed to signal duty as needed. During the Civil War small signal parties served with the various military departments but such parties were disbanded at the end of the conflict. Although some National Guard units in NY and IL formed some permanent signal units, it was not until 1898 or 1899 that signal companies designated A through H entered the force structure. The 13th Signal served many years with the 1st Cavalry Division and so the rest of this story will be concerned only with the 13th Signal. Constituted 1 July 1916 in the Regular Army as a Signal Corps battalion. Organized 14 July 1917 at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, as the 7th Field Battalion, Signal Corps. Reorganized and re-designated 3 August 1917 as the 7th Field Signal Battalion. Assigned in December 1917 to the 15th Cavalry Division; relieved 12 May 1918 from assignment to the 15th Cavalry Division. Disbanded 16 September 1921 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Reconstituted 19 September 1932 in the Regular Army and consolidated with the 1st Signal Troop (organized 16 September 1921 at Fort Bliss as the 13th Signal Troop and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division; re-designated 13 December 1923 as the 1st Signal Troop); consolidated unit designated as the 1st Signal Troop, an element of the 1st Cavalry Division. Re-designated 25 March 1949 as the 13th Signal Company. Reorganized and re-designated 15 October 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Signal Battalion, an element of the 1st Cavalry Division (organic elements constituted 22 August 1957 and activated 1 November 1957 in Korea.) The 13th Signal continued to serve with the Cav in Japan, the Vietnam war, and wars that followed. Following the long series of assignment for the 1st Cavalry Division – the 13th Signal Battalion was inactivated at Fort Hood, Texas on 15 July 2005 as part of task of reorganizing and realigning the manpower and equipment resources of the 1st Cavalry Division into the Army Matrix of Modular Forces. You can learn more about the history and honors of the 13th Signal at <<https://1cda.org/history/history-13sig/>> and <https://history.army.mil/html/books/060/60-15-1/CMH_Pub_60-15-1.pdf>. (Information in this article taken from both websites.)

I have been writing this column since the Summer of 2011. My, how time moves on. This column was established to serve Association Troopers who served with the 1st Cav, but did not have a specific column, such as one of the regiments, in the *Saber*. That would include most Troopers who were assigned to various headquarters, such as the division HQ or to Brigade HQs. It also includes Troopers who were assigned to the many combat support positions. It was started back in 2011 to be their voice in the *Saber* since the regiments, the artillery, the engineers, the aviation and others already had a column. After the first few columns I had used up all my “war stories” and each issue I pleaded for input from readers of this column. A few wrote and I gladly published their comments and stories. I often dug up interesting stories about the 1st Cav to include in this column. I have also served as a Board Member of the Association and as a Trustee on the Foundation for many years. Now I am hanging up my pen (computer?) and giving up my position on the board and on the foundation, when my current terms expire, and turning these activities over to a younger Trooper(s). I turn 74 this month. My brain just does not work as well as it once did. Although I thank God for what brain power I still have, and for my good health, it is time to step aside and allow the younger generation to step up and get active within the Association. Sue and I will certainly continue to attend the reunions each year and I look forward to seeing old friends at the reunions,

and to making new friends each year. I am therefore looking for someone to take over as the “scribe” for this column. Someone with fresh and new ideas and with the gift of writing. You will have great support within the Association office. Most computers now-a-days will assist you with spelling, etc. I will continue writing the column until someone steps up or until the reunion in KY next year. So, please, if you are out there and would like to take over this fun and necessary duty, please let me know by email. There are also other columns in the *Saber* that need a scribe. I know there are plenty of capable people out there, they simply need to step up to the plate and share their talents with the rest of us. To all those younger Troopers out there I say “You are the Association” and although the Vietnam Veterans have held most of the leadership positions in the Association for many years, all of us are getting older and long to turn the leadership over to the Gulf War, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghan Veterans. I know your drill sergeant taught you to “never volunteer” but this is an exception to the rule. So, young Troopers (under 60 years of age) get with the program!

Thanks to the staff at the Association office, and especially to Terry Maddox, the Association office in Copperas Cove has undergone a renovation and remodeling. Here are a couple of pictures of the “new” Association office. Stop by and visit the office when you are in the Fort Hood area. Thank you, ladies and Terry. What a vast improvement!



Drop an email to the Association staff from time to time and let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. firstcav@1cda.org

No one wrote or called this time so that wraps up this column. Sue and I wish you all the best and may God bless the great 1st Cav Div, the U.S. Army, the great USofA, and you and your families. If you are ever in the NW part of LA, near Shreveport, stop and have coffee. Otherwise we will see you in KY

in June 2020. Keep your powder dry and watch your back.

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turns 92 on 9/03/19

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- ALFRED J. SCHUTTE
turns 92 on 9/12/19

JOE R. TOLOSA JR.
turns 90 on 9/13/19

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turns 90 on 9/24/19

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turns 92 on 10/14/19

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turns 94 on 10/18/19

ROBERT T. MASTERSON SR.
turns 90 on 10/19/19



Happy Birthday to these young Troopers!

Mr. George Cooper from Ft. Worth stopped by the HQ office for a visit on 13 Sept 19.
Mr. Cooper was my inspiration to create the Roaring 20's Birthday Wishes for the *Saber*.
It was nice to meet you Mr. Cooper after speaking with you on the phone a few months ago!



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