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Who will be the Stewards of Our Military? The Regiments: Within the 1st Cavalry

Division, there are regiments, not all are on the Active-Duty rolls. However, the regiments that are currently on Active-Duty are filled with Troopers that currently provide the fabric and strength that enables our division to provide the "Arm of Decision" that has provided the critical factors for many historically successful outcomes since its inception on September 13, 1921. By the time this article prints the First Team will have celebrated its' 101st birthday. This celebration included a birthday parade held on 16 September 2022 at the Division Headquarters, complete with a Cavalry Charge, helicopter flyover, static displays along Legends Way, and especially an annual alumni birthday photo. Hopefully, some of those reading this article will have been in attendance. The key to successful 1st Cav birthday celebrations is communication with the alumni.

The Association has and will continue to cultivate and exercise communication through mailings, emails, calendar program, reunion communication and the *Saber* newspaper. The key thing every Trooper can do is get involved with your regimental association. Call your buddies, ask what's happening with active and alumni regimental activities. Be the squeaky wheel! There are many Troopers out there just like you, willing to participate if they only knew when, where and how. This is a call for all past and present members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association to do whatever each can to assist in making future Cav Weeks and the 1st Cav Birthday celebrations top notch and memorable. Let's make those annual birthday photos show the vast depth of First Team Legacy!

Things to know about the 1CDA ("The Association")

The 1CDA has 5 full time employees located in our HQ in Copperas Cove, Texas. All administrative and program activities, and Gift Shop are housed in one building. The Association has a Board of Governors (BOG) made up of association members, with a goal of representing all regiments and eras possible. Inside the BOG there are committees that include Finance and Budget, Scholarship Foundation, Healthcare, Marketing, Technology and Reunion as well as other committees that are prescribed and appointed by the 1CDA President from time to time as needs arise. We operate under a Constitution and Bylaws. These bylaws are currently under review by committee, to reflect legitimate relevance of current Association practices. Recommended changes will be made available prior to and during next years reunion in Louisville, KY. All updates and changes require a vote at the General Membership meeting (held during reunion), to be adopted. Your participation at the General Membership meetings matter. If you would like to participate in the 1CDA Leadership/Operations please let us know through mail, email, or phone call. Contact information is provided in each *Saber* addition as well as through the website <www.1cda.org>

Please provide feedback to a few questions: What does the 1st Cavalry Division Association mean to you? How can the Association better serve its' membership? What activities and events would increase the likelihood of you attending the Reunions? This is the member's Association. Please, we want to hear from YOU. Help us shape the future of the Association in a way that is meaningful to the changing culture and expectation...

God Bless You All...Let's Ride! First Team!
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It is hard to believe it is already September and in a few short months the year will be ending. This means we have already entered the Christmas shopping season. With that being said, the Association Gift Shop is up and running, fully stocked

with all the Cav-a-licious gifts for you to purchase for your family and friends.

November 2022 marks 13 years of Veterans Day celebrations in Washington, D.C. If you have not been to one yet, I encourage you to come join us 9-12 November.

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HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT Abby Edwards, Commander



SGT Beier & SPC McCord representing HCD/1CD at the Roundrock Express game

Happy Fall y'all! Now that summer is mostly behind us the Detachment has begun looking forward to some of our busiest times of the year. We hope you were able to celebrate with us a happy 101 birthday to the 1st Cavalry Division this past month where the Detachment was honored to close out the celebrations with a rousing cavalry charge. We also were able to honor our nation's colors with a mounted color guard at the Central Texas State Fair and Rodeo.

As some of y'all may know this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Horse Detachment, and to

honor those members past and present that have made this the best unit, we celebrated with a special reunion demo on October 1st. It was a great time to take a moment and reminisce through the years on all traditions that have been preserved and maintained as well celebrate some of the changes as we've grown from an idea of a horse mounted color guard by LT Sam Dack to the Detachment we know and love today. None of what we do would be possible without the support from all of you, the 1st Cavalry Division Association, and the 1st Cavalry Division. Thank you all for the support over the last 50 years and we look forward to the amazing times to come in the next 50.

The Horse Cavalry Detachment is fully open to the public! Please come visit us at our barn for a barn tour or our Thursday 1000 demonstration at 69007 Trooper Loop, Fort Hood, TX. We love and appreciate the support that this amazing community bestows on us and look forward to our continued engagements and exchanges long into the future. Please check out the link on the Association website to make it easier to request the HCD to support an event in your area. We do ask that you have the request turned in for consideration 120 days before the event so that we have enough time to prepare. Please call (254) 287-2229 with any questions. Check us out on Facebook (1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment) where we post pictures from the barn and strive to keep everyone informed of upcoming events and ceremonies. We have an Instagram (horsecavalrydetachment) as well where we post pictures of the great things our Troopers are doing. HOT TO TROT!



Lampasas Spring Ho Parade

DIVISION DOINGS

The State of the 1st Cavalry

Division: Past, Present Future by:
MG John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cavalry Division Commanding General

On Sept 13, 2021, America's First Team held a birthday celebration to honor the division's centennial anniversary. Over the past 100 years, the 1st Cavalry Division has demonstrated courage, audacity, and emerged victorious on the battlefields of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.



Following the division's formal activation at Fort Bliss, Texas as a mounted division, the 1st Cavalry Division distinguished themselves as the "First Team" by being the first in Manila in February 1945 to free a group of civilian internees during World War II; the first to lead occupational forces into Japan making it the "First in Tokyo" in September 1945; the first to close in on the North Korean capital city, Pyongyang, in October 1950; and the first into Cambodia in May 1970 during the Vietnam War.

Over the past century, 1st CAV Troopers fought on horseback and as dismounted infantry. They also conducted amphibious landings and operationalized the vertical maneuver with air mobile infantry during the Vietnam War. In 1991, the division received the first M1 Tanks, which they used to crush Iraq's Republican Guard during the Gulf War. In 2003, the division evolved to support counterinsurgency operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

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1CDA EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 9-11, 2022	13 th Annual Veterans Day in Washington, D.C.
Feb 25, 2023	Board of Governor's Hybrid Meeting
June 13-17, 2023	75 th Annual 1CDA Reunion, Louisville, KY
Nov 9-11, 2023	14 th Annual Veterans Day in Washington, D.C.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association for once again supporting me monetarily through the Ia Drang Scholarship. I am currently majoring in Education and hope to teach at the high school or junior college level. There were times when my dream of pursuing a higher education seemed almost impossible. However, the financial assistance you have provided me over the years has helped me tremendously and kept me going. Because of what you have done for me, I can follow my dream and continue my journey to graduate with an undergraduate degree. I am deeply appreciative of your support and all the good you do. Again, thank you so much,
 Josh Forsythe



I am so incredibly grateful and honored to be a recipient of the 1st Cavalry Division Foundation Scholarship! Growing up with both parents serving in the military always inspired me to work hard and gave me a greater appreciation for our Country and all members of the military. This scholarship is a huge blessing for me and my family and I am excited to pursue my higher education at the University at Buffalo!
 Jonathan Misenheimer

I am thrilled to receive your scholarship because I am now able to get one step closer to finishing my certification for teaching science. I start my first week of teaching this week and am planning to work on my classes on the weekends until I complete them. I am extremely grateful for the scholarship and excited to make a positive impact on the young people of Copperas Cove.
 Thank you again for your gift, my husband and I hope to be able to pay it forward one day in the future.
 Very Respectfully, Bailey Perinon

OTHER REUNIONS:

- A Troop, 1-9 Cav, 29 Sep - 2 Oct 2022.** Tempe, AZ. POC: Mike Lentino, <mikellentino@cox.net>.
- E Battery (AVN) 82nd Arty, 9-12 Nov 2022.** Galveston, TX. Moody Gardens, room rate \$172/night, free parking. All former members and their guests are invited. POC: Patrick McIntyre <pat@mcintyre.com>.
- 75th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion, 13-17 June 2023.** Louisville, KY. Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center, \$124/night plus tax. (866) 888-0620 reference code: SAL

Have your upcoming reunions posted here!
 Email to Programs@1CDA.org

TROOPER'S TALE COLUMN was created for our members to share your photos or long lost 1CD war stories. Please consider sharing yours! Send to Programs@1CDA.org WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

DIVISION DOINGS

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In our 100 years of service, 44 Troopers who served with the division were recognized with our Nation's highest military accolade, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for courageous actions during combat operations. Forty-six campaign streamers are also proudly displayed on the division's guidon as a testament to the bravery and sacrifice demonstrated by First Team units over the past century.

Today, the division continues to seek opportunities to honor our legacy and legends of the past. Following the closure of the 1st Cavalry Division Museum, in June, the command team unveiled Heritage Hall, located at the entrance of the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters. This newly remodeled section of the building includes an audio narration of the division's rich history and traditions which accompanies interactive displays of artifacts, equipment and mannequins representing the units' Troopers past and present donated by the U.S. Army Center for Military History. For the next year, the original Medal of Honor award presented to 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment Trooper, CPL Tibor Rubin, by President George W. Bush in 2005, will be among the displays for all newcomers and visitors to view.



Pegasus Troop Inaugural Patch Ceremony

Over the past year, the division also took time to rebalance priorities including investing in their Soldiers while continuing to provide tough, realistic training and leader development opportunities. In October 2021, the First Team inaugurated Pegasus Troop, a reception and integration company focused on welcoming new Troopers and their Families into the "First Team." All incoming personnel take part in an eight-day integration process which includes an

introduction to personnel services and programs offered by the division and the Fort Hood installation. Participants also complete an Army Combat Fitness Test, physical training with the division command team and take part in interactive classroom training on the 1st Cavalry Division history and traditions, as well as essential programs like sexual harassment and assault prevention and equal opportunity. While going through this extended reception period, newcomers and their families are given time to handle any outstanding administrative, childcare or housing issues enabling them to report to their units fully ready to support the mission. At the conclusion of the integration process, Troopers take part in a patching ceremony where their future leaders place the big yellow patch on the left side of their uniforms.

Currently, the division is globally engaged with Troopers conducting operations or participating in exercises in the Middle East and Europe. Following successful training rotations at the National Training Center where both 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, "BLACK JACK" and 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, "GREYWOLF" overcame challenges from the opposing 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, "Blackhorse," both brigades returned to Fort Hood, Texas ready to deploy and support any exercises or missions, once called upon.

On May 13, the U.S. Secretary of Defense ordered the deployment of 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team to the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command area of operations to assure NATO allies, deter Russian aggression and to be prepared to support a range of other requirements in the region.

During the past month, approximately, 4,100 Troopers deployed with their assigned equipment and vehicles to train and work alongside the other U.S. units already in Europe supporting the NATO Response Force.

Meanwhile, the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, is in their modernization window. The brigade is receiving and training with the newest tanks, artillery and mission command systems. They are also maintaining readiness through unit-level training including gunneries and field exercises in preparation for a larger training exercise next summer at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.

During the next few years, the 1st Cavalry Division will undergo a cutting-edge modernization process that will include restructuring the division headquarters, armored brigade combat teams, engineer units and artillery formations. These changes are in response to emerging threats and the Army's decision to refocus the division as the unit of action- an adjustment from the previous brigade-centric operations in support of counterinsurgency missions.

The 1st CAV will look similar to what it does today, with three armored brigade combat teams, a division artillery brigade, a sustainment brigade, and a combat aviation brigade. However, the division will grow in size from 19,500 personnel assigned to around 22,000. As the primary unit of action, the division will control all of these units during Large Scale Combat Operations. This restructure will occur over time with additional units scheduled to be fully operational by 2028.

The division has already begun fielding latest armor equipment, vehicles and advanced weapons systems including the new Mobile Short Range Air Defense System (M-SHORAD) M1A2 Sep. v3 Abrams Tank, M109A7 Paladin, and the new Joint Lightweight Tactical Vehicle, which will replace the HMMWV. Currently the division is also experimenting with robots and unmanned vehicles both aerial and terrestrial. These equipment and structural changes will make the First Team the largest and most modern combined arms division in the Army with the capability to compete and fight against peer adversaries.

On June 24, the division re-activated the 6th Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery Division Artillery, which will provide air defense capabilities against the threat of enemy aircraft, drones and cruise missiles. This re-activation includes the fielding of the M-SHORAD, which will bring enhanced capabilities to the Division Artillery Brigade.

The division will stand up a battalion-sized cavalry unit at the division level, which will serve as the eyes and ears of the division enabling us to contact the enemy on our terms. This pilot program is one of the ways the First Team is adapting to the Army's shift in focus from brigade-centric counterinsurgency and counterterrorism operations to large scale combat operations.

As the Nation's premier armored force, the 1st Cavalry Division will always train and be ready to fight and win at the point of contact while continuing to invest in their Troopers, building cohesive teams, and honoring the selfless service and sacrifice of past Troopers who contributed to the prestigious CAV legacy we aim to represent each day.

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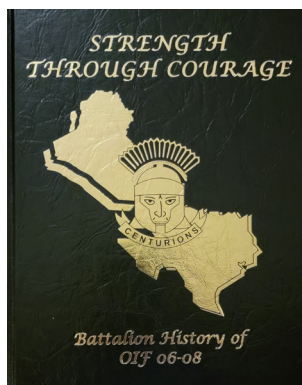
1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion

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This column is a collection of stories submitted from 1BSTB Soldiers that served during OIF / OEF.



First Brigade Special Troops Battalion History
Credit to the Soldiers of 1BSTB Battalion Yearbook 2006-08 Publication



The 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion (BSTB) was activated on 12 July 2005 under the Army's Modularity Plan. The battalion's three organic companies were originally from three separate divisional battalions: 20th Engineer Battalion (Headquarters and Headquarters Company), 312th Military Intelligence Battalion (Alpha Company), and the 13th Signal Battalion (Bravo Company). The Military Police Platoon and the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Reconnaissance (CBRN) Platoon under HHC came from two separate divisional companies, the 545th Military Police Company and the 68th Chemical Company.

The creation of this new battalion carries a great deal of history. The 20th Engineer Battalion traces origins to 15 August 1917, when the War Department issued General Order Number 108 forming the 20th Engineer Regiment. The battalion has earned battle streamers in WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Desert Shield/Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom II. The 312th Military Intelligence Battalion began its history as the 23rd Signal Construction Battalion at Camp Pickett, in Virginia on January 1st, 1944. The battalion earned battle streamers in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield/Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Prior to deactivation, the 312th MI Battalion was the most decorated MI Battalion in the U.S. Army. Charlie Company 13th Signal Battalion was originally constituted in 1957 as part of the 127th Signal Battalion during the Korean Conflict. As part of the 7th Infantry Division, the battalion also participated in Operation Just Cause in 1989.

In 1993, the B/127th Signal Company re-flagged as C/13th Signal Company under the 1st Cavalry Division where it supported 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. Prior to deactivation, the battalion participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

From the trenches of WWI to the shores of Omaha Beach, the Ardennes Forest to the mountains of Korea, the highlands of Vietnam, the sands of Kuwait, and the slums of Baghdad, the newly formed BSTB stands ready to train and respond to domestic and international crises as part of the IRONHORSE Brigade Combat Team!

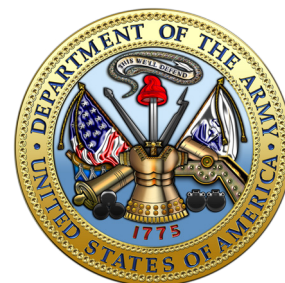


Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Security



PFC HARRY JOSEPH HARTMANN JR.

On July 13, 2022, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) identified the remains of Private First Class Joseph Hartmann Jr., missing from the Korean War. PFC Hartmann entered the U.S. Army from New Jersey and was a member of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On November 1, 1950, his unit came under attack from Chinese Communist Forces near Unsan, North Korea. PFC Hartmann was captured during this action. He was taken to Prisoner of War Camp 5 in Pyoktong, where he died in March of 1951. He was not identified from among remains recovered or returned from North Korea following the end of hostilities. In 2019, the DPAA exhumed a set of unidentified Korean War remains from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. Laboratory analysis established the remains as those of PFC Hartmann. PFC Hartmann is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.



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>.

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I want to start out acknowledging the H Company reunion that was held during the first week in July in conjunction with the 1st Cav reunion in Dayton OH. It was a special occasion. First, it was well attended, (see picture below) but mostly because of the presence of Jim James, the “Father” of E 52nd/H 75th. Jim had not been well for a while so his passing a few days later was not unexpected by his family, but his son Drew eloquently summed up the last months of his life.

“I was with him when he passed, and we could not have asked for a more graceful exit. I know this trip he made to Dayton kept him going for months leading up to the event and he would not have traded that experience for anything.”



The admiration and respect for Jim and what he was able to accomplish was clearly on display. I am sure Jim left Dayton with great memories of the reunion, his Ranger Brothers, and knowing how he impacted the lives of us all who served with E 52nd/H 75th.

I thought it would be fitting to include some of the article I had written for *Patrolling Magazine* some time ago that talked about Jim and the “birth” of our unit. The Beginning.

I would first like to thank COL (RET) Jim James for taking an inordinate amount of his time to walk me through his experiences building the 1st Cav’s LRRP unit. I realize there have been times when all of us have questioned the Army’s decision-making process, but this was one time they hit the nail on the head. Jim was unquestionably the right man for the job. It is interesting to note that many of the practices and procedures Jim instituted early in the unit’s history were still standard operating procedure during my time with H Company from Dec 1970 through the summer of 1972.

I must admit I have become addicted to learning about the history of H Company, its earlier designations – and the LRRPs/ Rangers who created that history prior to my arrival. My hope is that the “young” Rangers 70-72 will also want to learn about the amazing history their predecessors (66-69) created and similarly hope that the “older” LRRPs/Rangers will come to learn and appreciate how the young guys picked up the banner and carried it proudly to the finish line. Together it is an amazing story of courage, dedication, and sacrifice. For those interested, there are a number of books out there that cover the topic, but for those who want to read about this piece of early history in detail, read Gregg Jorgenson’s book - *The Ghosts of the Highlands* – (which I’ve read about 8 times now) and which provides a detailed look at Jim James, the “James Gang” and the amazing story of the beginning.

A little history. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1965 marked the beginning of a buildup of American Troops in Vietnam. This buildup was escalated by the extensive bombing campaign of North Vietnam which caused the conflict to further escalate. At this time there were only two divisions that were operating as “airmobile” units - the 11th Air Assault Division – which was replaced by the 1st Cavalry Division and the 101st Airborne Division which had been reorganized like the Cav with three battalions of rotary wing aircraft and a fixed wing company. Later in July the announcement was made that the 1st Cav was being sent to Vietnam. In August, the advance elements began arriving and established a temporary base camp near An Khe, a short distance from Qui Nhon on the coast. These advance elements including the 8th Engineer Battalion began working on the largest helipad known to man, and the accompanying defense perimeter and encampment which would become known as Camp Radcliff.

Note - MAJ Donald Radcliff was a member of the advance team from the Cav who was tasked to identify the ideal location for the camp that would later be named in his honor. While conducting this search he volunteered to fly a support mission for local Marine units who were launching an attack against a VC Regiment at Chu Lai. Radcliff provided close support for the Marine Troop carriers and because of his quick reaction to the numerous threats during this contact saved countless Marine lives. Unfortunately, he was mortally wounded during the battle and became the 1st Cav’s first casualty.

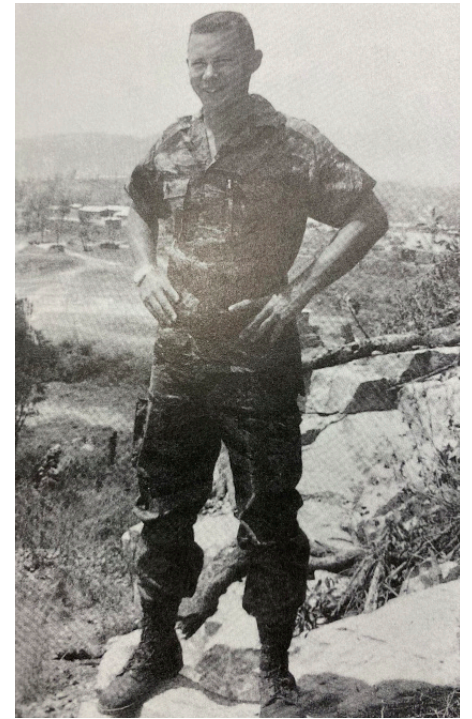
It was 28 September 1965 before the 1st Cav officially assumed complete control and responsibility for the defense of An Khe and the surrounding Tactical Area of Responsibility. Over the next year there were numerous operations designed to implement the new “airmobile” concept of attacking the local VC and NVA forces in this area of operations. Silver Bayonet, Shiny Bayonet, Long Reach, LZ X-Ray, Matador, Masher, White Wing, Lewis and Clark, Davy Crockett Crazy Horse, Paul Revere, Thayer, Irving, to name some of the operations that were undertaken.

It was now November 1966; the 1st Cav was still operating out of Camp Radcliff/An Khe in II Corps. The current commander of the 1st Cav, GEN Norton recognized the success that air mobility had created but also recognized the need for a new and different way to supplement the Air Mobile concept. This new “economy of force” strategy was in the form of long-range reconnaissance patrols. The 1/9th along with battalion recon teams, and of course SF Teams had already demonstrated a level of success utilizing these tactics and the thought of having a dedicated unit responsible to the Division G-2 was even more intriguing to Norton.

GEN Norton and his G-2 COL Ray began a search to identify a leader that had the capabilities and experience necessary to build and run such a unit. Several

highly thought of candidates were interviewed and ultimately CPT Jim James was selected. Jim was a seasoned line officer who was about halfway through his tour and to this point had served as a Company Commander with the 1/8th Cav. Jim was also SF qualified and had previously served as an A Team Leader in Ethiopia during the conflict with Somalia. He had also served as a Recon Platoon Leader with the 1st Aviation Combat Team in Varna Italy. He was a perfect fit for the challenge ahead.

Jim was successful meeting the many challenges that lay in front of him. He demonstrated the viability of the long-range Patrol concept and developed tactics and SOP’s that paved the way for the company and unit leaders that followed him. The result was that E 52nd/H 75th became one of the most highly decorated units of the Vietnam War. H Company was the last Ranger Company to return to the states and due to the success of H Company and the other lettered companies that operated in Vietnam what is now the 75th Ranger Regiment was reborn.



James “Jim” Drake James of Middle Road, Woolwich, ME passed away peacefully in his home on Monday morning, 18 July surrounded by his loved ones.

Jim was born on 28 Oct 1937 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Rear Admiral Walter F. and Esther (Crawford) James. He attended the University of Illinois graduating in 1959 with a BS in Political Science and went on to earn his master’s degree in International Relations from North Carolina State University in 1972. While at the University of Illinois, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Upon graduation from the University of Illinois, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Infantry. Thus, begun over 29 years of service to his country. Most of that time was spent in Special Operations - Special Forces, Ranger, and Airborne units. While a Captain, he commanded a Special Forces “A” Detachment deployed to Ethiopia and served as an advisor to Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia. Jim deployed twice to Vietnam, once in 1966 where the Division Commander selected him to organize the first Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Unit from the ground up. This LRRP/Ranger Unit is said to be the most decorated Ranger Unit in American history. A book was later written on this unit featuring Jim and his LRRP brethren entitled “*Ghosts of the Highlands*.” Jim deployed to Vietnam again in 1969 and served as a District Senior Advisor. Jim went on to command the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade in Alaska. This unit was stretched all over Alaska and consisted of five battalions, an Air Cavalry Troop, an Engineer Unit and Command and Control Headquarters.

High level staff positions included the Department of the Army Headquarters and the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. On the Army staff, he was responsible for fielding the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Jim’s military schooling includes Airborne School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, and the Special Forces “Q” course, among others. He also graduated from the National Defense University in Washington D.C.

Jim’s final military assignment was as the Assistant Division Commander, 1st Infantry Division, The Big Red One in Fort Riley, KS.

Jim’s awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal (3), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Award, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/ Silver (1) and Bronze (1) Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Overseas Service Ribbon, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Legion of Merit, Army Staff Identification Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/ 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal w/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Special Forces Tab, and Bronze Star Medal w/ V Device 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

Jim retired from the military and went to work at Bath Iron Works in the Engineering Department from 1988-2000 and served on the Board of Directors for the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) from 2012-2016.

RIP Jim James

For those who have fought for it – life has a flavor the protected will never know

TAPS:

- We were notified of the following deaths:
- BARR**, SP4 Fred D. Jr., D Co., 229th AVN, 1968. 24 August 2022.
 - BLAKE**, COL (RET) Phillip “Lyle,” HHC & A Co 1-12 CAV, 1966. 30 July 2022.
 - DUNN**, 1SG (RET) Michael, 1CD, 1990-91. 18 February 2022.
 - FLOYD**, SP4 David B., A Co, 2/7 CAV, 1969-70. 12 August 2022.
 - FUQUAY**, SP4 Robert H., C Co., 2-7th CAV, 1967-68. 4 September 2022.
 - GOBAN**, SFC (RET) Robert S., A Co 4-7 CAV, 1973 & D Co 7 CAV, 1981. 29 May 2022.
 - JAMES**, COL (RET) James “Jim,” HHC, 1-8 CAV; CDR LRRPs, 1966-67. 17 July 2022.
 - LANE**, CPT Frederick S., HSC, 15th Medical BN, 1968-69. 03 August 2022.
 - McALLISTER**, LTC (RET) John “Bo,” A Co, 1-9 CAV, 1970-71. 03 August 2022.
 - McDONALD**, Trooper William F., A Co, 1-5 CAV, 1969-70. 14 July 2022.
 - OUELLETTE**, SP5 Joseph, 2-7 CAV, 1959-62. 27 July 2022.
 - PATTERSON**, Trooper Lori A., Aviation Bn, 1988. 11 August 2022.
 - RACINE**, SP4 Gordon J., B Btry, 1-21 FA, 1969-70. 5 July 2022.
 - RAINS**, WO3 Roy L., HSC, 15th Medical BN, 1966-67, 12 July 2022.
 - STRUNK**, PFC Robert W., SVC, 5 CAV, 1951-53. 24 June 2022.
 - WEIDNER**, SPC Gordon J., B Co, 1-21FA, 1969. 5 July 2022.

ACTIVE-DUTY TAPS:

We have not been notified of any non-combat Active-Duty deaths.



5th CAV News

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It has been some time since you last heard from me in these pages. Sorry. In the meantime, a lot has been going on. The world is making clear the reasons units like ours are necessary by the goings on in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Here at home, we have had our trials and tribulations as well. It should not be surprising that some of us are reflecting on friends lost to conflict in the past.

David Marthers, who was a friend of Melvin Lee of C 2/5 reached out. Melvin was KIA in April of '69. David contacted me to find people who knew Melvin. David was in country with the 25th Inf at the time and from Melvin's hometown. The folks of Pacolet, SC are going to name a street after Melvin and would like to share that moment with anyone who knew him. Unfortunately, I have so far not found anyone. If you can help, give me a shout.

All who deploy in answer to the call of duty will be changed. At the very minimum our view of the world changes. Some of us will have physical scars following deployment, some worse than others and of course some of us do not return. Over time we often find ourselves reflecting on friends we have lost or the scars we bare. Sometimes we might reflect on things that happen to friends or family in our absence. We all face this reality and understand that it is necessary to preserve our way of life. It is one of the smaller sacrifices we know we must face as we serve. Whenever I see people whose desire it is to memorialize one of our fallen, I feel compelled to assist. It is not merely for the fallen Soldier themselves, but for all of us. We must look carefully around and note what our way of life really is. The broader view of what this means, not just the details of our own personal lives is what is important. Our oath of service and all that it means should be clear to us.

Going about our daily tasks, it is possible not really to think much about the implications of our service and the nature of our responsibilities. I am sure that some Soldiers of Germany during WWII did not think about it too much. Likewise, the Soldiers of Russia today, instead noting that seeing responsibility beyond following orders can get one into a great deal of trouble or even shot. The trials at Nuremberg clearly point out that we do in fact have responsibility beyond our orders. Moral issues do in fact exist that we are required to weigh.

Some on the outside, can at times see some of us as nonthinkers. That is not the case. It is also the reason I work so hard to help when someone wants one of us remembered. The men and women of the U.S. armed services are each very important even if some do view us as expendable. You are not expendable. You make a difference by your presence here, and if you pay a higher price than merely your service you deserve to be remembered, as does Melvin Lee, C Company, 2nd Battery, 5th Cavalry. Rest in Peace, Melvin.

There are some thoughts that are not enlarged by a lengthy monolog. I view the above as one of those.

DIVISION DOINGS

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Deputy Commander Replaces Eagles for a Star by SSG Ashley Dotson, 1st Cav Div Public Affairs

COL Steven P. Carpenter, 1st Cavalry Division Deputy Commanding General of Maneuver, Was Promoted to Brigadier General at the Mounted Warrior Museum, June 30.

"When you find somebody who loves what he or she does, you find somebody that walks a better path that understands what it means to sacrifice and service for the greater good," said commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command and former III Corps and Fort Hood commander, GEN Paul E. Funk II, who hosted the event. "You find someone like Steve Carpenter. I can say with confidence that he brings the intellectual horsepower, the operational experience, and a passion for our profession that will be required." Funk beamed as he continued to speak about Carpenter and his leadership.

"In the future," he said, "we will all benefit from his dynamic leadership as a general officer. I know this, if my sons or daughters join the Army, I would want Steve Carpenter to lead them into combat."

After the promotion orders were published, Carpenter's daughters, Landry and Kyla, removed the colonel epaulettes on his uniform and replaced them with the gold epaulettes and the brigadier general star. Carpenter's daughters, Ella and Kairys removed his colonel rank on his jacket and replaced them the one-star, brigadier general rank. His wife, Kaitlin Carpenter joined by their son Vincent, pinned the star on his Stetson.

Following the oath of office confirming his new rank, the new general's wife joined him to uncase and unfurl his crimson one-star flag. With a smile from ear-to-ear, Vincent presented his father with his M9 general officer's pistol.



The newly promoted BG Carpenter with his family

"I have loved being an American Soldier for the last 26-plus years because the Army is a people business, the ultimate team sport," said Carpenter after thanking his parents, former leaders and friends for their impactful roles and investment in his life. "My favorite part of this profession is building and contributing to cohesive, high-performing teams and helping Soldiers and their families achieve their personal and professional goals."

During the ceremony, MG John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cav Div Commanding General, shared his experience trying to have a general officer belt made for Carpenter as he presented it to him.

"I'm honored to stand here today," Carpenter said, "but we all know this Army profession is not about self." Carpenter highlighted the Soldiers who have defended the country before him.

"There is no greater honor than supporting and defending the Constitution, and to do so as part of that team sworn in the same is an absolute privilege," he continued. "The Carpenters are equally privileged to be a part of the 1st Cavalry Division at this moment and its very rich history. (A) 100-plus year history, America's First Team and our nation's only cavalry division and the most lethal armored formation on the face of the earth. Courageous, audacious and victorious, it truly is a great team."

Carpenter concluded the ceremony by recalling his upbringing and sharing a letter from his late father, who was his number one supporter throughout his life. With tearful eyes, the room rose to their feet as they applauded and welcomed the Army's newest general officer.

GREYWOLF Uncases Colors in Poland by SSG Charles Porter

DRAWSKO POMORSKIE, Poland - U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division gathered for an uncasing of colors ceremony at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, Aug. 29, 2022, to signify the start of the brigade's deployment officially.

The GREYWOLF Brigade originally cased its colors on May 29, 2022, during a ceremony at Fort Hood, Texas. The casing protected the colors as the 3ABCT made its way from the U.S. to Poland. Having arrived, the uncasing of colors ceremony, a traditional U.S. Army ceremony, honored the unit's arrival to its new location.

"The unfurling of our colors here today signifies the official start of our mission and serves as a tangible reminder of our commitment to Poland and the NATO alliance," said U.S. Army COL John Gilliam, commander of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "We are thrilled to be here and look forward to serving with you."

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team is among other units assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, proudly working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward-deployed corps in Europe.

Before the brigade's colors were uncased, the unit began the "Ready to Fight" exercise. This exercise ensures readiness by testing all the equipment and weapon systems within the unit to ensure everything is fully mission capable.

With over 4,000 troopers and the most modernized equipment, the GREYWOLF Brigade will ensure the consistent availability of combat-credible U.S. Army forces in support of our allies and partners for Europe's overall stability and security.

Soldiers and leaders of the Greywolf Team, our mission is clear: build readiness, increase lethality, and stand with our Polish and NATO partners in deterring any would be adversaries," said Gilliam.

BOOK of INTEREST:

Custer's Reconnaissance by

Terrance E. Heitter

This is the most logical and factual study ever written about General George Armstrong Custer and his actions at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

In 1968, the author, Terrance E. Heitter, while in service with the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, volunteered for duty with the 1st U.S. Cavalry Division (airmobile) in Vietnam. Once overseas, he volunteered for the 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment and was assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry. He says that it was an honor and a privilege to have served with those real-life heroes in combat. Those men were incredibly special.

After Vietnam, Terrance E. Heitter was sent to western Germany and assigned as an infantry company commander in the 4th U.S. Armored Division. He returned to the United States and attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Afterward, he was again sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas, this time for duty with the 1st U.S. Infantry Division. He worked in the G-3 section (operations and training).

In 1972, Terrance E. Heitter left the service and attended school at Illinois State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. While attending school, he served with the Illinois National Guard.

Throughout his lifetime, reading military history was his big interest and his big passion for reading was about the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

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"WE WENT TO WAR"

We went to war in Vietnam, it seems like yesterday. We went to war in Vietnam, so ordered JFK:

We must stop the commies there, the first domino, for if we do not fight them there, we'll fight in Ohio.

We packed our duffle bags and in a plane we flew, to a far-off land and ugly war to see what we could do. To help the people of the south to repel the Viet Cong and chase away the NVA who'd come to do them wrong.

We went 'cause we were Soldiers and that's what Soldiers do. When ordered by their government, elected all by you. We did not want to leave behind our children and

our wives, and some men paid the awful price of giving up their lives.

We fought our foe so faithfully in forests and in towns. We knew that if united we'd finally bring him down, but back at home some citizens got tired of the fight and thought that helping allies just really wasn't right.

Some young men decided to make love instead of war, so off they went to Canada to 'scape the blood and gore. We'd like to've gone with them except we'd made a vow to fight our country's battles the best we knew how.

We make no claim to the hero's name, that isn't our intent; We'd rather just remind you that when told to go we went. We were proud to serve our country wherever we were sent. But the next time we are called upon, we'll take the president! Written by COL (RET) Phillip 'Lyle' Blake (West Point, Class of 1960): Crossed into the Hinterlands, July 30, 2022, at 84 years old.

COL Blake graduated high school 1956, Texas Military Institute, appointed to West Point, he graduated 1960. Commissioned a 2LT Infantry, assigned to 101st Ft Campbell, KY. He remained in the Infantry Branch throughout his career. Three tours in Vietnam with the 173D Airborne Brigade, May 1965-66. 1966-67, Commanding Officer, A Co, 1-12 (ABN) and Battalion Adjutant, his last assignment was Battalion Advisor ARVN Airborne Division and Aide-de-Camp to Commanding General, U.S. Military Forces (COMUSMACV). He departed (COMUSMACV) the last day of U.S. involvement in the war, March 29, 1973.

He attended Infantry Officer Career Course, Armed Forces Staff College, taught tactics at Command and General Staff College. With a master's degree, University of Virginia, COL Blake taught and commanded at several institutions: West Point, Marion Military Institute, AL, University of AL ROTC, and Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. His last assignment before retirement was Battalion Commander, 1/19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, Ft Stewart, GA. He was awarded three Legions of Merit, Soldiers Medal, three Bronze Stars, one Purple Heart. COL Blake was a Master Parachutist, Ranger, Pathfinder, lifetime devotee to physical conditioning, avid reader and writer of articles, essays, and poems. Married to the lovely Reda Glendon Wallace September 8, 1962, at Ft Campbell, KY, he is survived by Reda, daughter-Susan, son-Matthew, five grandchildren: three brothers-Robert LTC (R), Douglas LTC (R), and Steven U.S. State Department (R).

Funeral services were held at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, San Antonio, TX, interment with full Military Honors at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery.

COL Blake was a leadership icon of command presence, who knew how to motivate Troops to higher standards. When training or correcting Soldiers, he knew when to 'stand them to' or 'put them at ease.' An officer and gentleman, the colonel was held in high regard by A Co 1-12 Troopers who served with him and those who knew him from the 12th Cavalry Reunions. He and Reda were devoted supporters and annual attendees at the Branson Reunions (2007-2017), bringing us wisdom, levity, and 'esprit de corps.' Since moving to San Antonio 2018, they were missed.

'Strack' Airborne salute to COL Blake, prayers and condolences to Reda and the Blake family. If we can do anything call on us-Boot to Boot! (TLC)

MARCH-APRIL 2022 COLUMN: Raymond Welch, Platoon Leader, C Co, 2-12 Cav, mused about the trek from Benning, through Panama Canal to Long Beach onto Vietnam. Part II of his story *Crossing the Pacific*: Heading into the great Pacific Ocean, the coastline disappeared, only ocean could be seen, "I realized my life would change forever." Ship life became routine with assigned mealtimes to accommodate large personnel numbers, "no one missed meals since that was the only place to eat and the sea creatures did not invite us to dinner." All said the meals were not bad with a couple of entrees to choose from in both officer and enlisted messes.

Physical fitness was high priority for everybody, modified running distances to running in place, no boots, or packs. Classes in basic tactics, map reading, radio procedures, first aid and rudimentary Vietnamese kept us focused on our destination. Weapons training was paramount with the M16s we were issued before leaving Benning. Only prior experience with this weapon was a brief 20 round clip firing on the range before leaving Benning. Cross training on other weapons was essential. Company Commander William Child managed to pilfer a TM and FM for the M16. Training plans were developed for live firing conducted from the ship's fantail. The ship engineer rigged up a target sled dragged behind the ship. Word spread about live firing at a towed target and excitement rose. First day of firing some design problems on the sled were discovered. It was reeled in, corrected, and worked better on day two. M60 gunners discovered a moving target difficult to zero in on lest a moving ship. By days end, all had been given lessons on the M60, .45 and grenade launchers.

The vastly improved sled was ready to be M16 tested. Firing orders established, firing commenced to everyone's satisfaction. A teaching point with the M16 was selection switch awareness, fire in three round bursts to conserve ammunition. Progress was made, but then, the dreaded SNAFU. Noise at the fantail dropped as LTC Ingram and SGM Eastwood arrived to observe the exercises. Someone suggested LTC Ingram fire the M16 (a wonderful idea, HA!). Someone handed him a rifle and a 20-round magazine, pointed out the target sled. As he brought the rifle to his shoulder a click was heard, a big whoop there! He had to be shown

how to chamber a round with the charging handle. He shouldered the weapon again, as he squeezed the trigger the ship rolled a bit while 20 rounds erupted from that mischievous weapon hitting the fan tail rail and decking. Someone forgot to set the selector switch to semi-automatic. Red faced, the colonel handed the weapon to SGM Eastwood, turned on his heels, marched off, never to appear at any more weapons training. From that day on, we learned many valuable lessons with a lot of laughs; "I do believe the training we received on board that ship was valuable in one way or another."

Between eating, training, sleeping, we watched movies. Three in rotation we became quickly bored. Card games not for the public or amateurs were played discreetly; if caught, penalties were severe. Writing letters and listening to Trans-Oceanic Radio broadcasts from Hanoi, yours truly 'Hanoi Jane' as we named her. On one broadcast she named every ship with Troops aboard headed to Vietnam; named units and commanding officers. A bit scary since Troop movements were classified, we wondered how she knew all that information; "in time I think most of that information was in the public domain."

And of course; the rumor mill was churning. This time Russian submarines were keeping us under surveillance. "To my knowledge it wasn't true, but I do recall whales swimming near us all the way across, HA!"

Troopers' health was important; medical personnel reviewed our records for shot updates. Any discrepancies were taken care of immediately. A standard inoculation going to Vietnam was the Gamma Globulin shot. No one had taken this, and it was administered by body weight. One day the medics set up to inoculate the whole battalion. Everyone assembled to watch and take part in this adventure. Step on the weight scale, weigh master calls it out, clerk records it in medical file, corpsman prepares the syringe, hands it to another who had you drop drawers and shoved the syringe into your buttocks. Next corpsman swabbed the injection site with cotton and alcohol and placed a band aid on the injection site. As each injection was administered cheers sounded, the more one weighed the louder the cheers. Ship quality food and my duty in the Troop mess made me eligible for the maximum dosage of Gamma Globulin. Part III next issue "Arrival in Vietnam."

1ST CAV LEGACY IN VIETNAM LIVES ON

30 July 2022, four 1st Cavalry Troopers met at Tan Son Knut Airport, Ho Chi Minh City, to participate in a reconciliation mission. There by invitation from Hanoi officials in conjunction with the U.S. Peace Institute. Hosted by Linh Hoang Le and Lina Pham, known newscasters/film producers with Vietnam Television (VTV), Hanoi. Objective, help pinpoint mass burial site at Xuan Son Hill (LZ BIRD) where we buried NVA day after the 27 December 1966 Battle. Spencer Matteson, Ivory Whitaker, Kinborne Lo C Co, 1-12 (ABN), Steve Hassert, C Co, 1-5, were flown to Phu Cat the following day and met with MAJ Thuy Dang Ha and COL Nuygen Xuan Son, members of the 22d NVA who attacked us. They spent four days on the LZ locating and excavating suspected areas. The digging began February 2022, some remains were recovered. On 3 August, the group went to Hanoi with their hosts to be interviewed at VTV Studio, coordinated through U.S. Ambassador Marc E. Knapper.

It is believed that the specific site on the LZ was pinpointed. However, digging at that point was postponed due to excessive tree overgrowth, planted for harvesting purposes by local villagers. Excavating will resume sometime in 2023. Discussions about this project to were initiated via Zoom in February 2022 with said newscaster Linh Hoang Le, coordinated through D Co, 1-12 website manager, Bob March, 1965-66.

May-June 2022 column, I wrote briefly about the ongoing communications and possibility of our members joining in this endeavor, specifically those involved in the Bird Battle. Some Troopers responded positively, some skeptically, which is understandable. Linh Hoang Le is interested in coming to the U.S. and would like to interview other Veterans. He will be in Las Vegas, October 2022, at the D Co, 1-12 Reunion.

Why help the Vietnamese in the effort to locate their people lost in Battle? It is an opportunity to resolve lingering questions about our play and purpose in the war. As **Bob March** states in the following email sent to me:

"I became involved because an ex NVA officer emailed me asking for help. This came as a surprise to me, but it did not take long to decide to help as best I could. The officer, MAJ Thuy, explained that locating the graves had deep religious, cultural, and family implications for his people.

We have 1500 MIAs from the Vietnam War. For every one of them there is a family that still carries the wounds of loss, with no satisfaction yet. The Vietnamese have 250,000 MIAs from that war, they too have families with emptiness in their hearts. The Vietnamese, have for decades, been very helpful to the American effort to locate our people. Only recently, have we reciprocated. It is about time!

The war is over! I and other combat Veterans still have bad memories and wounds from the war. But it makes no sense to blame the Vietnamese for that. We did what our country asked of us, as did they. They endured hardships of war as did we. In many ways I have a lot in common with them now. I feel no animosity towards the Vietnamese. If there is any unforgiveness in my mind, it is with our country's foolish politicians' mismanagement of the war, causing many deaths.

For me, it has been a satisfying experience helping the Vietnamese people locate their loved ones! It is rare to have something positive emerge from the devastation of war. We U.S. Veterans of Vietnam are crucial to that effort. In our Battalion Daily Logs or National Archives, there is no data showing mass grave locations. They can only be found through recollections of Veterans who were there. We are growing older; it is imperative to do what we can now! There is a growing group of U.S. Combat Veterans helping. Organizations like the U.S. Peace Institute and Harvard Kennedy School are reaching out to support this effort. Most Veterans I have spoken with feel as I do. Bob March, D Co, 1-12 (ABN), Recon 1965-66

I, Crabtree, concur with Bob March and brothers who made this trip. Bob and I were invited to be part of this adventure. We both were unable to attend due to demanding medical circumstances. If I have any major regret about the Vietnam experience, then to now, it is, "I could not be part of this." When the opportunity is presented, rise up in Semper Paratus mode. Bob and I will when the call comes again. More about this story in Nov-Dec issue.

Until then: "May the Chief Chopper Pilot hover over us, the Original Paratrooper correct our T10 malfunctions, the Head Point Man keep us in the assigned AO.

7th CAV News



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Already another column? How time flies when you are having fun! And I have been having a lot of fun. I attended the 74th Association reunion in Dayton Ohio, saw dear old friends, met new friends. And I am already looking forward to the next reunion, to be held in Louisville, KY, June 13-17 at the Crowne Plaza Airport Expo Center Hotel. Make your reservations early, as we are expecting this, the 75th reunion, to be well attended. Reserve early and let the other guy walk the ten minutes from an alternate hotel!



We lost **David Floyd** to end stage COPD on August 12th. David served with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry in 1969 and 1970 and was instrumental in the establishment of the Alpha 2-7 Cav website, first as a place for him to tell his story and then later to reconnect with other A 2/7 Troopers. The Alpha 2-7 website starts out with this: "These are my memories from April 69 April 70. I was 18-years old, and only had a 9th grade education so I was not the sharpest pencil in the cup and never one to write. I do hope that some of you other wiser men can and will fill in some of the many gaps in my

memories. My situational awareness was not fully developed at the time either. In writing this I am attempting to be as sequential as possible, although some events may not be in the correct chronological order." Following this introduction are a series of stories from David's memories of his time in Vietnam, his legacy for the remaining Troopers of A 2/7's time in Vietnam. The webpage address is <<https://www.us7thcavalry.com/aircavunits/2-7-vn-alpha/floydmemories.html>>.

Jim Hilts is writing a book based on the experiences of platoon, company, and battalion RTOs. If you are interested in contributing to his research, please reach out to him. His email address is <jimchrishilts@verizon.net>, home phone is 412-269-0217 and his cell is 412-396-0764.

Dave Judge

writes that he joined the 7th Cavalry in May of 1970. "As the battalion left Cambodia, I became the 3rd Platoon Leader in Bravo Company, a position I held until October of 1970. I remained in the Army and retired as a Colonel in 1999. My family and I celebrated the promotion of our son to Colonel during a stay at Fort Hood Texas. While at Hood, I visited with LTC Brennan Speakes, Commander 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. After a tour of the Squadron Headquarters followed by a swapping of war stories in the command conference room, LTC Speakes escorted me to his motor pool. There CPT Hull, commander of Bravo Troop, and his Soldiers gave me a detailed briefing on the latest version of the M1 Abrams tank and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. As an Armor Officer, I can report that these fine Soldiers are led by competent, hardworking leaders and display a proficiency in their equipment. We have nothing to fear while Soldiers such as these staff our Army. A marvelous visit and experience for which I am deeply grateful to LTC Speakes for taking time from his demanding schedule to give an old Soldier a marvelous day with his unit."



From the squadrons and battalion: From LTC Brennan Speakes, Commander, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry - GARRYOWEN is still heavily involved in testing the Army's latest remote-controlled vehicles. This is providing feedback to the Army on the fielding and procurement for robots into the Army to fight and win against our pacing threats. The rest of the SQDN tested their formations at PLT STX followed by recovery. The staff conducted staff training in the field and developed a plan to fight and win in a European scenario. Recently, GO Leaders conducted a Logistics Re-supply Tactical Exercise and reviewed our SQDN key tasks on a terrain board to ensure our Leaders were ready for the upcoming rotation to the National Training Center in support of Project Convergence 22 (PC22). At PC22, we will use some of the Army's newest equipment in a tactical scenario to support future efforts. Finally, GO had the honor of presenting four I-7 CAV Vietnam War Veterans their Golden Spurs at the 75th Annual ICD Reunion in Dayton, Ohio, and inducted five well-deserving Troopers into the Honorary Rolls for their lasting contribution to the GO Team.

From 2LT David Howes, Brigade LNO, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry

Veterans are the lifeblood of our community and the bedrock of our legacy. We are therefore honored and humbled to share an update with the Seventh Cavalry Regiment Association. 2nd Battalion, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment is currently deployed to Poland in support of Operation Deter, Assure, and Reinforce. Poland, as it turns out, is a country of awe-inspiring beauty, and from our base we see a region overflowing with rolling hills, farms flanked with hedgerows, endless forests, and lakes around every corner. These natural wonders confront Soldiers daily and make our time here that much better! GHOST Troopers first arrived in Poland on July 8th, and hit the ground running,

setting conditions for the rest of our team that followed. In July, our Troopers easily tackled the enormous task of transferring the Brigade's vehicles across Europe. We had to escort Greywolf's military vehicles as they were line-hauled from Antwerp Belgium, across Germany, and eventually to Poland. This mission was crucial for the whole Brigade to build combat power. 2-7 also improved our fighting position here in Poland. We constructed permanent guard structures to ensure physical security and fixed issues with our living quarters. Revamping the entertainment in the MWR tent was also a top priority, and we procured new TVs and gaming systems. As August ended, we shifted focus from building combat power to endeavoring to excel at gunnery. Training for gunnery is our battalion's "bread and butter." Our Bradley crews utilized a tabletop simulator, and our tankers are taking advantage of the portable Abrams Advanced Gunnery Training System. The Gunnery Skills Test (GST), a prerequisite for gunnery, demonstrated our Troopers ability to: identify military vehicles and ammunition; pass a tank or Bradley simulator; disassemble and test all weapons systems; bore sighting; as well as perform numerous vehicle safety tests. Another crucial phase to gunnery included zeroing our tank and Bradley platforms. This calls for bore sighting our Bradleys as well as tanks and putting live rounds down range to certify our platforms functioned properly. This test ensured our main weapons systems are fully functioning and capable of providing lethality to any battlefield. With gunnery preparations nearing completion, the battalion is now shifting focus to full crew qualification. 2-7 CAV is well poised for mission success and is ready for any given task. GarryOwen, Seventh First!!!

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Hey, everyone. As always, we had a good reunion with a good turn out in July in Dayton, Ohio. Our hospitality room was a stopping point for many. Plenty of adult and non-adult beverages were available. Seems that alcohol related beverage consumption has fallen off by half of what it used to be. In the past we have had to run folks out of the room as late as 4am. Now there is no one around by 10 or 11pm. That is ok, we rode that horse hard back in the day. The next two Association reunions will be held in Louisville, Ky. Hope to see all of you and more next year.

SURGERY

I am getting stronger every day as I am recovering from heart surgery. Thank you for all your prayers, emails, texts, and calls. For those of you who have asked what happened, here is the story. Larry Hempfling, Tommy Harris, and I met up at Paris Landing, TN. We loaded my van with all the goodies I had bought for the hospitality room. We head to Dayton on Wednesday morning, arriving that afternoon. We unloaded, had supper, visited with friends, and called it a night. Thursday, we spent the day setting up the hospitality room then Larry and I went and ate at Skyline Chili... good stuff. Later that evening I started feeling bad. Friday was more of the same, visiting with Troopers and their wives, then a visit to the Air Force Museum. I had gotten a riding cart because I could not walk more than a few steps without running out of breath and had a lot of discomfort in my stomach but did not want to say anything. I thought laying down that evening would help, but it did not. Felt sick Saturday morning but made it to the 8th Cav luncheon at the Air Force Museum where I could not even hold my head up. John Pike found me a wheelchair. We went back to the hotel and Larry came to check on me. He asked if I was okay, and I said yes. But as he was walking out, I yelled out to him to get help, I cannot make it.

They called an ambulance and took me to what turned out to be the best hospital in Ohio, Miami Valley Hospital where I was treated extremely well by the doctors and staff. They kept me for 3 days doing tests before they discovered I needed triple by-pass surgery. I had that on Wednesday, July 13th.

Lesson learned... If you get to feeling sick, let someone know. It could save your life. Every one of you that were concerned about me, gave me pats on the back, told me to hang in there, God bless you, we will be praying for you: I will never forget you. I love each and every one of you. As I was being rolled down that long hallway to the ambulance my mind went back several years to another reunion in Columbus, Georgia: I watched as they rolled another brother down a hallway, our friend and brother Mike "Mouse" McGhie who took that ride for the last time. We miss you Bro.

SPECIAL THANKS

Saturday morning at the luncheon when I could barely hold my head up, I was sitting in the hallway. A brother came out to check on me and realized right away that I was in trouble. He found me a wheelchair and stayed with me every minute. As people came out checking on me, I asked them to go back and finish their lunch. My guardian angel refused to leave. He did everything he could to help me. John Pike was in the 'Nam 68-69 with Charlie Company 2Bn 8th Cav. My friend forever.

Scott Sjure is the President of the 1st Cavalry Association. He and his wonderful wife, Heidi, live in the great state of Texas. Scott is a retired ISG and served with 1st Battalion 82nd Field Artillery Regiment. I did not know Scott, but we had to have passed 100's of times at reunions. As most of you, know when you are in the hospital, your mind can get a little fuzzy sometimes.

On Sunday, the day after I was admitted, I woke up to see someone I did not know or recognize in my room. It was Scott and Heidi and they had come to check on me. They even stayed an extra day. Scott contacted my wife, Jennifer, and texted with her every day, checking on me and making sure I knew that they were praying for me. He texts me now just to check on me. This shows real leadership qualities, making sure his people are okay and giving them moral support. It also shows what good, caring people they both are. It meant a lot to this Trooper! Thank you!

FISHER HOUSE

Fisher House is a home away from home where military and Veteran families can stay while their loved one is in the hospital, at absolutely no charge. They are located at Military bases and VA Medical Centers around the world. They supply private bedrooms with baths, food, laundry rooms and supplies.

The Fisher House in Dayton is about seven miles from the hospital I was in. After I was discharged, I needed a place to stay for a week until my follow up visit with my surgeon. We did not think Fisher House would be an option since I was not in the hospital but called anyway. Since we were so far from home, the doctor did not want me to travel yet and the house did not have very many people staying there, they made an exception for us. We are so thankful they did. They went out of their way to make sure we were comfortable and taken care of. The ladies who work there are some of the kindest I have every met.

Folks, please help this organization all you can. They do so much to give aid and comfort to those who are trying to be there for their hospitalized Veterans. You can go to: <donations@fisherhouse.org> or call 301-294-8560.

MORE BLESSINGS

My wife, Jennifer, was 400 miles away in Tennessee when I got sick. My van was in Ohio with me. Jennifer was coming up Monday morning. This presented a problem: how was she going to get two vehicles home? We have two friends living near us that are from the Dayton area, Kathi Duncan, commander of Amvets Post 45, and Shannon Shiverdecker. Shannon grew up in the area and Kathi worked at Wright Patterson AFB for many years. They just happened to have doctor appointments in Cincinnati that coming Thursday. When Jennifer called them to see if Shannon would drive her car back from Dayton after their appointments Kathi told her no, because they were going to drive her up there, take her to get the van and make sure she had a safe place to stay.

By the time they all got there on Monday the doctors knew I was having open heart surgery on Wednesday, and they stayed with her the whole time and through the surgery. Thank you is just not enough to express how grateful Jennifer and I are; we love you both!

Jim Wiggington, a fellow Vet, also pitched in. He was headed home to Chicago and saw Larry Hempfling was in a bind since Larry's truck was at my house in Tennessee. Jim saw the need and took him all the way to Tennessee before turning around and driving 7 more hours back to Chicago. Thank you, Jim, it is amazing what Vets will do to help each other.

Jennifer Dotson, what a woman. She helps me so much. She is there every minute when she could be, nothing stopped her. I will be forever thankful for her love and for helping me be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel of this ordeal.

DAYTON REUNION

As many of us who attended the Reunion in Dayton know Topgun had some health issues while we were there in Dayton. Without going into details, it was a blessing we were there as the Miami Valley hospital is a first-class facility with exceptionally good doctors. The Radisson Hotel despite a depleted staff were more than helpful when that situation occurred and did an incredibly job contacting emergency personnel. Thank you to all the staff who did what they could to make the weekend a good one. One of the many highlights while in Dayton was not one, but two visits to the Skyline Chili Parlor. Surprisingly, good bowl of chili and chlidogs from someone who prides himself in the culinary art of chili making. On a sad note, it is alarming to see a once major manufacturing town in the eastern United States have so many factories shut down. The tour of the Air Force Museum is an amazingly unbelievable experience. This is my second visit to the museum, and I still have not seen all that is there. From the Wright Brothers to some of today finest aircraft, it is there for the viewing. I will need one more trip to say I have seen it all.

As always, the 1st Cavalry Division Association did a wonderful job putting on this reunion and thank you to all of them for their hard work in doing so. There are some amazingly hard working and caring people in our organization. You will learn more from Topgun on that subject and what Scott Sjure did. The banquet on Saturday evening at the museum was first class as we were seated right directly in the front of the B-52 bomber. What a wonderful way to finish the trip. The Division Honor Guard looking sharp in their new Pinks dress uniform were at their best as always when presenting and retiring the Colors.

I was in a difficult position on Sunday morning having drove up to Dayton with Topgun and with him being in the hospital and me looking for a ride back to Paris, TN to pick up my vehicle to drive back to Saint Louis because my wife Terri was having a procedure that coming week. Smiley Harris who followed us up had a full truck and no room. Jim Wiggington from Chicago who was a door gunner with the 227th and was hanging with us the weekend overheard this conversation stepped up and said, "I'll take you back to Tennessee." I owe Jim and cannot say thank you enough to him for going out of the way to take me back. It is just another example of "the Brotherhood" we all have with the men we served. THANK YOU AGAIN Jim!!!

Well, Topgun has plenty to tell you all, so I will say "OUT" and see you in Louisville next year.

Larry Hempfling D 2-8 1968-69



1st Cavalry Division Association Banquet under a B-52

NEW CHAPLAIN

Congratulations to Gary Stites who is now the 8th Cavalry Chaplain. He took his new position at the 8th Cav luncheon in Dayton, Ohio. Gary tells me he is always reachable by phone and will travel to any 8th Cav gathering, large or small. He has spoken in places all over the world including the Philippines, Thailand, and Canada. Gary was in Vietnam 1966-67. He was the battalion radio and communication chief RTO in 2/8 Cav, might have known him as Granit. Hopefully, you can meet up with SGT Stites somewhere down the road. His phone number is 740-506-1713.

KY KAMPOUT

Where can you go for 5 days, do nothing but sit by a campfire that never goes out and tell war stories, eat for \$20 a day and sleep in a nice warm bed? In Tennessee at the 22nd Kentucky Kampout from October 18 - 22. I know, we are in Tennessee, but it started in Kentucky. We do most of our cooking except for what the AMVETS and Ladies Auxiliary do next door. Kathi Duncan, Commander of Post 45, and the whole Post welcome us with open arms. For a fun time call me, Larry, or Smiley.

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Hope to see you there! Honor and Courage

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LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

Crossword puzzles are one of my favorite forms of relaxation, so when I came across the clue for 2-down a few days ago, it was a no-brainer: A five-letter word for “aquarium fish” is a crossword standard, so I immediately wrote T-E-T-R-A in the blanks. But those letters did not fit in any of the words across.

When I filled all those in, the resulting answer for 2-down was L-O-A-C-H. No way! Everybody knows a loach is an OH-6A scout helicopter!

Expecting to prove the puzzle-maker wrong, I did a web search for “loach.” Here is what I found:

loach | fish - Encyclopedia Britannica. Loach, any of the small, generally elongated freshwater fishes of the family Cobitidae. More than 200 species are known. But relax . . . none of them are Flying Fishes.



ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH

At a NATO summit meeting in June, President Biden announced that long-term commitments in Europe are being increased, with some forces to be stationed there and others to be rotated. This new baseline presence is different from the “crisis-surge” Troops that were sent to Europe in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. As part of the latter effort, the 1st Cav’s 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (3rd ABCT) arrived in Poland in late July to relieve the 3rd ID’s 1st ABCT, which deployed without notice last Spring.

Best wishes for a challenging and rewarding tour to all who are deployed with the Greywolf Brigade, and especially to the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry, the brigade’s reconnaissance element.

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO C TROOPER.

On 5 July President Biden awarded the Medal of Honor to four Vietnam War Soldiers who had previously received lower-level decorations for their battlefield exploits. During a ceremony at the White House, SSG Edward N. Kaneshiro became the 1st Cavalry Division’s 44th Medal of Honor recipient.

In December 1966, SSG Kaneshiro was a squad leader in C Troop’s Aero-Rifle Platoon, the Blues, when the platoon entered a village, not knowing a North Vietnamese force occupied a concealed trench system inside. Two squads moved to the village center, while SSG Kaneshiro and his squad scouted east of the village. The entrenched NVA opened fire on the Blues inside the village, killing the platoon leader and the point man and wounding four others. SSG Kaneshiro and his squad moved to the sound of the firing. Recognizing the fire from the trench had to be stopped, he deployed his men to cover him and crawled forward alone to attack the enemy force. He threw a grenade into a bunker, eliminating the machine gunner who had opened the ambush. He then jumped into the trench and swept its length where it fronted the two pinned-down squads. SSG Kaneshiro worked the ditch alone, destroying one enemy group with rifle fire and two others with grenades. By the end of his sweep, the able-bodied survivors of the two squads were again standing and preparing to move the dead and wounded. SSG Kaneshiro’s actions enabled the orderly extrication and reorganization of the platoon, which led to a successful withdrawal from the village.

Edward Kaneshiro was killed by hostile fire in another fight a few months later. President Biden presented the Medal of Honor to his son, John Kaneshiro, a retired Army Master Sergeant.

HIGHWAY DEDICATED TO C TROOP HERO.

On Saturday, 9 July, the townspeople of Miamisburg, Ohio gathered to dedicate a stretch of highway to the memory of SGT Gary Lee McKiddy, a C Troop Scout killed on 6 May 1970 after the LOH he was in was hit by hostile fire and crashed in Cambodia. SGT McKiddy was the gunner, and after escaping the wreckage himself, he pulled the Observer, SP4 Jim Skaggs, out of the burning aircraft. He went back and was pulling the pilot, WO1 Tommy Whiddon, out of the cockpit when the aircraft exploded, killing Mr. Whiddon and Gary McKiddy.

The original plan called for a ceremony two years ago, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the incident, but Covid restrictions got in the way. Legislation was since passed to dedicate a stretch of the road that passes his final resting place as the “SGT Gary Lee McKiddy Memorial Highway.” The ceremony happened to coincide with the 1st Cavalry Division Association’s Annual Reunion in nearby Dayton, Ohio, so many of us were able to attend and witness a very moving ceremony.

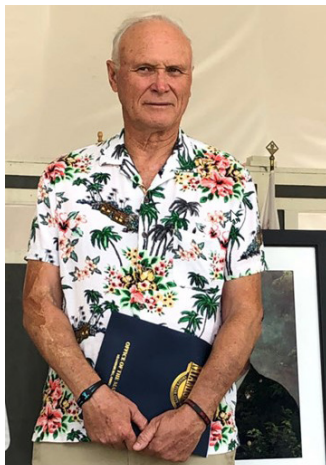
The Mayor of Miamisburg delivered opening remarks and unveiled the highway sign. She was followed by Jim Skaggs, who shared the details of that day in 1970.

With the burn scars he received that day plainly visible on his arms, Jim Skaggs proceeded to describe how his life was changed by Gary McKiddy’s sacrifice. Among those in black Cav hats seated on the stage, I was not the only moved to tears by what Jim Skaggs had to say.

BG Steve Carpenter, the Assistant Division Commander of Maneuver, followed Skaggs, and was in turn followed by Donald Nguyen, a Miamisburg resident and friend of the McKiddy family who came to the US as a refugee from Vietnam in 1975. He related how his brother had served in a South Vietnamese tank unit in Cambodia and was later killed in action in the last few days of South Vietnam’s



Edward N. Kaneshiro



Jim Skaggs

existence. Gary McKiddy’s brother Rick then took the stage to relate how their father, a World War II Veteran who died in 2016, tried for decades to get the Silver Star that had been awarded to Gary for his actions of 6 May 1970 upgraded to the Medal of Honor. Together with Jim Skaggs, the McKiddys are still pursuing the Medal of Honor for Gary.

A video of the entire proceedings is available on YouTube. I ask you to please look for “Honoring SGT Gary Lee McKiddy” and take the time to watch it; you will not be sorry you did.

ANOTHER HEROIC SCOUT GUNNER.

Bobby R. Pridmore was a 19-year-old scout crewman in OH-13s in A Troop in 1966. He was flying as observer/gunner with WO1 Rex Dula on 19 February when another A Troop H-13 was shot out of the air in front of them. According to Loel Ewart, who was in A Troop at the time, Rex’s bird got shot all to pieces, radios gone, but still flyable, when he landed by the downed bird. Telling Rex to go for help, Bobby jumped out, with only his machine gun and one bandolier of ammo. He used up all his ammo and began using what he found in the downed aircraft. Loel says he had about a third of a belt left when others arrived to re-inforce him, and there were dead VC all over the place.

Bobby Pridmore fought a battle all by himself to keep the VC away from the downed H-13 and the crew. By his account, the gunships and the Blues had to fight their way in to get him and the pilot and observer from the downed H-13. The observer, PFC Kenneth W. Lanter, was killed in the crash. The pilot, 1LT William J. Stephenson, survived the crash but four days later died of wounds he received. One member of the A Troop Blues, SGT Jerry D. Stewart, was killed by small arms fire that day, presumably in the fight to rescue Bobby Pridmore and the others.

Loel Ewart reports that he and Rex Dula and others have been working to get Bobby Pridmore’s Silver Star upgraded to a Medal of Honor. They were not around when he was written up for the SS, and found out only much later, after joining up with Bobby about seven years ago. They have been working at it ever since, but there is little sign of any progress.

B TROOPER SEEKS INFO ON A CRASH HE WAS IN.

A few months back, I received a message from Terry McCarl, the ICDA Historian, telling me he had met a Veteran of B Troop, Lawrence M. Moss. In December 1969, the B Troop LOH Moss was shot down and destroyed. Nobody was killed, but all three crewmembers were wounded. SP5 Moss was the crew chief, a Dorman R. Gibson (rank unknown) was the gunner, and pilot’s name is unknown. So are the tail number of the aircraft and the precise date of the incident, although Moss believes it was between 18 and 22 December 1969. With help from Terry McCarl,



Lawrence M. Moss

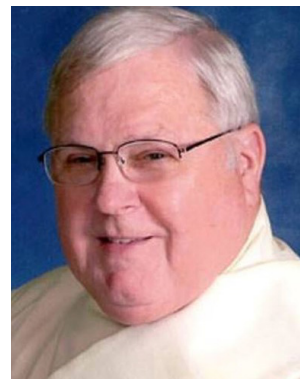
they have learned that all three were taken by Medevac to the C Company, 15th Medical Battalion Medical Treatment Facility at Quan Loi. Moss had a broken arm, Gibson was evacuated to CONUS, and the pilot’s injuries are not known.

If you can help bring pieces of this story together, especially the name of the pilot, the tail number, and the date of the incident, please send me an email and I will put you in touch with Lawrence Moss.

IN MEMORIAM.

Patrick J. Delaney was reported in the July/August column as having passed away, but at the time it was not known which Troop he was in. Thanks to Dirk Kretschman, Walter Wales, Rudy Ribbeck, and Rick Johnson, it can now be reported that he was in the C Troop Weapons Platoon and flew UH-1C gunships.

John “Bo” McAllister, the Apache Troop Aviation Maintenance Officer in 1970-71, died unexpectedly on August 3, 2022, at the age of 75. Bo graduated from Arkansas State University in 1968 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. Following flight school, he went to Vietnam and A Troop, and afterward he and his family were stationed in Amberg, Germany for 3 years before being stationed in Fort Knox, KY and Fort Hood, TX. In 1978, Bo chose to go into the Army Reserve and move his family back to Little Rock, where he studied law and became active in the Catholic Church.



THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

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You never know who you may run into while visiting the various memorials.

Our guest Speaker this year is Bill Corsair, a Sky-Trooper from 1968-69 with the Division HQ based out of Phouc Vinh. If you happen to have the 1967 original talking GI Joe action figure, bring it along. Why you ask? Before Bill Corsair was a Sky-Trooper in Vietnam, he was a rock and roll radio DJ in Rhode Island. Bill auditioned for and got the job with Hasbro. His ‘fame’ did not end with Hasbro and their talking GI Joe, come to DC in November, and get the rest of the story about Bill Corsair and his wonderful career on the theatre stage and film.

It bothers me greatly when we have items missing from the shelves of the Gift Shop during a reunion. It was not just this past reunion in Dayton, these five finger discounts have been happening for quite some time. During the Dayton General Membership meeting, a collection was taken to cover the cost of items ‘lost.’ After a full inventory was completed, the total cost for items was \$271.90. The majority were small items (i.e., pins, stickers, patches). There were a couple of large items: shirts and ball caps. Because of this ongoing problem, there will be changes made in the Gift Shop during a reunion. I have purchased shopping baskets and wireless cameras to keep everyone honest. Will it work? Maybe, maybe not.

Ya’ll stay safe and healthy and I hope to see some new faces this November.



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STEVE KANALY- 1ST CAV VIETNAM WAR VETERAN

I recently did some research on the internet on the subject of "Actors that served in the US Military in the Vietnam War," specifically looking for those who served with the 1st Cav. I ran across a website <www.imdb.com/list/ls003539523> which listed 156 actors who served in the US Military. Of the 156, 12 were indicated to have served in the Vietnam War; 7 Army, 3 Marines, and 2 Navy.

Of the Vietnam War Veterans, the unit with which they served was generally not indicated, but for Steve Kanaly, it was stated: "Army-Served in Vietnam War as a radio operator with the 1st Air Cavalry Division." The name "Steve Kanaly" was familiar to me as I was a big fan of the 1978-1991 TV Series "Dallas," in which Steve played the role of Ray Krebbs, the Southfork Ranch Foreman. He also acted and directed numerous other TV series and movies.



Steve Kanaly

I set out to see if I could locate and contact Steve, who I believe to be the only actor/director to have served in the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. By a little digging around on the internet, I found a possible email address for him, tried it, and it was still good! He replied by email with the following summary of his service:

"I was in Viet Nam from 1967 to 1968. I landed in Pleiku and was assigned to the 1st Cav in An Khe and then on to the 1st of the 8th Cav which was conducting search and destroy missions in the Bong Son Plains. We were constantly on the move, establishing and then

disassembling forward fire bases. Spent my year in the jungle living in foxholes with an Army issue poncho for a roof.

The Division moved north to the I Corps area and we all participated in a big sweep of the A Shau Valley. They bombed the hell out of the area for three days with everything that was available, it looked like the moon as we flew in. My battalion and others were responsible for searching out the enemy and in the process, they discovered a huge cache of arms, ammunition, heavy armor, and artillery pieces. There was very little contact with Charlie, they had all moved to Laos where they would launch daily artillery attacks, inaccurate and non-effective without a forward observer. My unit was also involved in the relief of the Marines in Khe Sanh.



Steve during his first week in country

I came home to friends and family that embraced me. I returned to college on the GI Bill, had all my service-connected problems cared for at a good Veterans Hospital. I was a different person now. I was motivated. I appreciated all that was available to me. Given a second chance I was determined to get it right this time. I set out to be a commercial artist and then switched majors to fine arts. I landed a cool job running a small trap and skeet range, where I met John Milius and consulted with him on the writing of *Apocalypse Now*, especially the Duvall scenes with the air assault on Charlie's Point. John got me started as an actor; I had no experience. He set up a meeting with the director John Huston and I was hired to play a role in the movie *Judge Roy Bean* with Paul Newman. I also met my future wife at the skeet range. I still love shooting sports and teach and mentor high school gun club in the town where I live."

We wish to honor Steve for his service with the 1st Cavalry Division! He was "in the thick of it" in the job of Radio-Telephone Operator; one of the most dangerous jobs in Vietnam! Welcome Home, Steve! If anyone reading this would like to contact Steve, please email me your name plus email and/or phone number and I will pass your message on to him!

REPEATING A QUESTION FROM MY MAY-JUNE 2021 HISTORIANS COLUMN

According to the book, *Anatomy of a Division: 1st Cav in Vietnam* by Shelby L. Stanton, the 1CD was the only U.S. Army Division to have served in all 4 Corps Tactical Zones of Vietnam. The Division's activities in I, II, and III Corps are well-documented, but less is known about its activities in IV Corps. Stanton's book describes that in the fall of 1968 when 1CD moved from the I Corps to the III Corps area, the U.S. Navy and 1CD conducted joint operations known as "Nav-Cav" with cavalrymen on Navy River patrol boats patrolling the rivers in both III Corps and IV Corps areas. No mention is made of what 1CD units engaged in these joint operations, but if anyone participated in them, please contact me.

THE BATTLE OF UNSAN, KOREA

My first full historian's column in the May-June 2020 issue of *Saber* discussed the false rumor that the 1/8th Cavalry lost its colors at the Battle of Unsan, Korea, 30 Oct-4 Nov 1950. In response to that column, LTC (Ret) Stephen F. Bosma sent to me a copy of Lyle K. Otineru's thesis for his Master of Arts Degree in Diplomacy and Military Studies published in 2010, entitled Honor and Courage: The United States 8th Cavalry at Unsan, North Korea, 30 October - 4 November 1950. Otineru's 85-page thesis is a detailed account of the Battle of Unsan. The following excerpt is a quote from the abstract for the thesis:

"In October 1950, the forces of the United Nations Command (UNC) were in full pursuit of the demoralized North Korean People's Army (NKPA) throughout North Korea (also known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, DPRK). In late October 1950, the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division's 8th Cavalry Regiment (8th Cavalry) encountered units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) at the North Korean town of Unsan; Communist Chinese forces that were not known to have crossed the Yalu River into the Korean War. On the night of 1 November, the CPVF forced the 8th Cavalry to withdraw to the south from Unsan. The 8th Cavalry's estimated losses, sustained between 31 October and 5 November, was 1,000 men."

Searching the internet, I found the full document. Anyone who would like

to read this outstanding thesis can access it at no charge. Email me if you're interested and I will send you the link.

FOND FAREWELL

This will be my final column. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Historian since March of 2020. I hope that the fifteen columns (over a 30-month period) that I prepared were interesting and helpful to you.

Also, during the past 30 months, I have received questions about 1st Cav history by email and phone from approximately seventy individuals (mostly members and family of deceased members). I hope that I have been able to provide answers to your questions or direct you to someone who could answer them. Many of your questions have provided subjects for my columns.

Thank you, everyone!

FIRST TEAM!

Terry A. McCarl, 15th Medical BN, 1st Cavalry Division, 12/1968-11/1969

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 1st Cavalry Division Association Historian

The Association wishes to fill this volunteer position as soon as possible. Deadline by Oct 15, 2022.

Requirements for Applicants:

- Must have served with the 1st Cavalry Division and must be a Life Member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.
- Must submit 1st Cavalry Division history related article for the *Saber* every other month (6/year). Topic is your choice. Submissions must be typed and sent via email. Photos are allowed.
- Be able to answer 1st Cavalry historical questions from our members; phone calls or email, your preference.

Anyone interested in filling this position should call the office at 254-547-6537 or email Tina at <Programs@1CDA.org>.

Applicants will be vetted by the Association President, Scott Sjule.

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- CPT BASTAIN, GWENDOLYN TX HHC 2-5C
- SFC BAXTER, TIMOTHY GA HHC 8ENG
- SGT BLESSING, DENNIS D. CA B 1-7C
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- SGT KILEY, JAMES NY B 1-12C
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- CPT LOWE, BRIAN TX HHC 2-7C
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- CPT POSTON, COREY B. TX D 1-7C
- MSG POTTS, DEVIN L. TX 1-1CD
- MAJ RAMERO, DAINEL TX HHBN 1CD
- E-7 RAMOS, MIGUEL FL HHC 1-1CD
- E-4 RECTOR, JOSEPH TX HONOR GUARD 1CD
- MR. REGISTER, DAN WA 1443 ASSOC
- CPL ROBINSON, CEDRIC AZ B 1-27MNT
- SGT SCHLINK, THOMAS AZ HHC 1-8C
- SFC STUDNIKA, ANTHONY TX D 1-7C
- CPT THOMAS, BRANDAN TX 1CD
- CW2 THOMPSON, AARON CT D 2-12C
- SGT TUCKER, WILLIAM MT HQ 1-5C
- PV2 TURNMIRE, KAYLAN TX HHC 1CD
- MAJ (CH) WARD, ALISON TX HHC 2ABCT
- PV2 WHEELER, COLTON KY HHC 1-9C
- SPC WILLIAMS, KEVIN NH HHC 1-9C



1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 13TH 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 13th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner at 1900 hours on Friday evening, 11 November 2022 at the **Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel**, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The guest speaker is Bill Corsair, the voice of G.I. Joe! Call 703-416-1600 to get your reservations and tell them you are with the 1st Cavalry Division.

- A host bar will be open at 1800 and dinner will begin at 1900 hours.
- For dinner reservations please send \$65 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 **31 October 2022**.
- 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.

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.



1CD Honor Guard
photos from
Veterans Day
2018

13th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER
\$65 per TICKET
Friday, 11 November 2022

NAME: _____ UNIT: _____

GUEST NAMES: _____

ADDRESS _____

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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.

FIRST TEAM



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O.P. VETFEST VI

October 22, 2022

Noon-5 PM (opening ceremony starts promptly at noon)
Old Settlers Park - Lakeview Pavillion
3300 East Palm Valley Blvd.
Round Rock, TX 78665



This year, honoring Vietnam Veterans of the
H Co, 75th Infantry Airborne Rangers of the Long Range Recon Patrol (LRRP)

An outdoor concert performed by Veteran musical acts

Come out for a day of fellowship and fun with the Veteran community and learn about where to find the services you need, the volunteer opportunities you're looking for, and the Veteran owned products that you want!

There will be food vendors, cold beverages in the "Green Zone," plus a raffle, and tons of door prizes!

This is a kid friendly event, located next to the Pavilion and park, Service Pets are welcome, must be on a leash per Round Rock Parks rules. Special parking for handicap will be at the entrance of the event.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association 2021/2022 School Year Scholarship Recipients

Grandchildren of Veterans of the IADRANG CAMPAIGN 3-19 November 1965

Tyler Louise Brown
granddaughter of SP-4 Hardy Devon Brown, C Co 1-7 Cav Francis Marion University

Kyle Anthony Campbell
grandson of Donald Dean Campbell, A Co 1-7 Cav Jacksonville State University

Anna Lynn Campbell
granddaughter of Donald Dean Campbell, A Co 1-7 Cav, Jacksonville State University

Ashley Marie Candelas
granddaughter of Harold Raul Matos-Diaz, C Co 1-7 Cav, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Jace Arron Essig
grandson of Don Houston St. John, HHC 2-5 Cav, Emporia State University



Caitlin Elizabeth Evans
granddaughter of 1LT Jesse L. Alley, HHC 2-7 Cav, West Chester University

Robert Hayden Evans III
grandson of Jesse Lyles Alley, HHC 2-7 Cav, University of Pittsburgh



William Richard Fajen
grandson of 1LT Richard Lawrence Fajen, D Co 2-5 Cav, Upper Iowa University

Neil Edward Fajen
grandson of 1LT Richard Lawrence Fajen, D Co 2-5 Cav, Upper Iowa University



Daniel Austin Fisher
grandson of 1LT Ralph Eugene Fisher, C Co 1-21FA, CSU Channel Islands, Sage Hall

Joshua Tyler Forsythe
grandson of SP4 Robert Lee Towles, D Co 2-7 Cav, Lake Erie College



Abigail Skyler Forsythe
granddaughter of SP-4 Robert Lee Towles, D Co 2-7 Cav, Stark State College

Lauren Rose Geiss
granddaughter of James George Patzwall, A Co 1-5 Cav KIA2/26/1966, University of Florida

Madison Michelle Guyer
granddaughter of Ronald Wesley Guyer, HHC 1-7 Cav, California State University, Fullerton

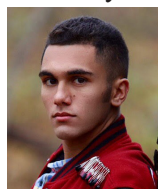
Katelyn Marjorie Harlow
granddaughter of COL (RET) Charles Edward Robinson, B Co 229AVN, Virginia Commonwealth University



Ethan Rushworth Hill
grandson of COL (RET) Blaine Thompson Fleming, B Co 229AVN, Quinnipiac University

Amelia Marie Howard
granddaughter of John Robert Howard, HHC 2-7 Cav, De Sales University

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



Michaela Sydney McGraw
granddaughter of William Francis McGraw, Jr. A Co 2-8 Cav, Eastern Washington University

Sarah Josefa Moore
granddaughter of LTG (RET) Harold G. Moore, Jr., CDR 1-7 Cav, University of South Alabama

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

Andrea Marie Podobnik
granddaughter of Thomas Robert Podobnik, A Co 1-8 Cav, University of Mount Union

Chloe Nicole Price
granddaughter of David Raymond Price, Sr., A Co 2-5 Cav, Johnson County Community College



Stephen Callahan Rainey
grandson of MG Harold G. Moore, Jr., CDR 1-7 Cav, Front Range Community College



Brodie Hugo Solomon
grandson of James Eddie McElwee, A Co 2-5 Cav, Eckerd College

Justin Edward Soltis
grandson of PFC Edward Francis Soltis, B Co 1-5 Cav, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Allison Lee Whidden
granddaughter of Jack David Whidden, C Co 229AVN, University of North Georgia-Gainesville Campus



Kira Rain Wilder
granddaughter of William Bruce Wilder, A Co 2-20 FA, Bowling Green State University

Caroline Elizabeth Wilson
granddaughter of SP-4 Dennis Lane Wilson, D Co 1-5 Cav, Providence College

Emily Harper Wilson
granddaughter of SP-4 Dennis Lane Wilson, D Co 1-5 Cav, New York University

Merrin Elizabeth McGlone Winkel
granddaughter of COL (RET) Paul P. Winkel, Jr., B Co 229AVN, Virginia Commonwealth University

I wanted to say thank you again for helping to fund my higher education. As an aspiring law student, minimizing the cost of my undergraduate school is incredibly important to me. With your help I can continue my education and pursue my career of choice without the heavy financial burden of student loans. My dream job is helping people with the law through a nonprofit organization like the innocence project. With your support I am now one step closer, and I am incredibly grateful for your contribution.

Thanks again, Bobby Evans

KIA Scholarship Recipient

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

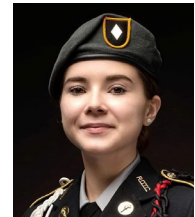
100% DISABLED Scholarship Recipients



Ashley Erwin Alexander
daughter of MAJ Clinton Douglas Alexander, HHC 1st BDE, Troy University

Lydia Dean McCullough
daughter of MAJ Joshua Lee McCullough, B Co 2-5 Cav, University of Arkansas

Kylie Noel McKinzie
daughter of MSG Angela McKenzie, HHC 1CD, Baylor University



Jonathan Misenheimer
son of CPT Jill Marie Westfall, HHC 1CD, University at Buffalo

Cali Grayce Olvera
daughter of SSG Pedro Olvera, A & C Co 1-8 Cav, Central Texas College

Jonah David Parker
son of SP-5 Claude Oscar Parker, C Co 8 ENG, Florida Gulf Coast University

Isaiah Wayne Rhodes
son of 1SG Daryl Wayne Rhodes, D Co 2-8 Cav, Texas State University

Alysia Breana Rivera
daughter of SFC Rodney Rivera, HHC 3-8 Cav, HHT 3rd BDE, Tarleton State University

Ethan Michael Rodriguez
son of SSG Joseph Edward Rodriguez, 8 ENG, The University of Alabama

Neva Louise Sjule
daughter of 1SG Scott Leland Sjule, SVC 1-82 FA, HCH HP 1CD, Texas State University

Joelle Lashay Spinks
daughter of CSM Robert E. Spinks, B & A Co 1-82FA, Collin College-Frisco



Hunter Lee Thomas
son of CPT Jason Michael Thomas, HHC 2-5 Cav, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Anais Nevaeh Turner
daughter of SFC George Thomas Turner, Jr., HHC 3-16FA, Kennesaw State University

Jarrett Dalyn Wilgeroth
son of 1SG Joseph Wilgeroth, 1ACB, Central Texas College

Mattie Elizabeth Alexander
daughter of MAJ Clinton Douglas Alexander, HHC 1BDE, Troy Univ



Buckley Amber Mia Buckley
daughter of SPC David Ray Buckley, C Co 1-5 Cav, Gardner-Webb University

Emma Celinda Colavita
daughter of COL Christopher Henry Colavita, 1CD, University of Alabama

Marion-Joan Marie Douglas
daughter of SP-5 Robert Hartley, HHC 1-7 Cav, Mount Allison University

Anna Fencl
daughter of LTC Bryan James Fencl, B Co & HHC 15 BSB, Mount St. Mary's University



Evaleena Judith Garcia
daughter of SGT David Garcia, 3-8 Cav, Texas Tech University

Jacob Timothy Joseph Hurley
son of SSG Coy Edward Hurley, B Co 615th ASB, Marine Military Academy

Madison Kay Kurth
daughter of CW3 James William Kurth, Jr., HHC 1CD, University of Mary Hardin Baylor

Kaytlyn Leigh Lytle
daughter of SSG John Stevenson Lytle, Jr., HHC 4BCT, Texas Tech University

Dallas Aaron McNeal
son of CPL Aaron Lee Mc Neal, HHC 1-82FA, Missouri University S&T

ACTIVE DUTY Scholarship Recipients



SFC Angel Alica
Honor Guard 1CD, Central Texas College

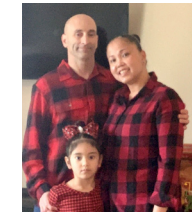


SPC Joseph Rector
Honor Guard 1CD, Grand Canyon University

PFC Deshawn D. Baker
Honor Guard 1CD, Central Texas College



CPT Robert Schnarr
HHC 1CD, Liberty University



Diana F. Briney
spouse of CPT John M. Briney, HHC 1CD, University of Alaska, Anchorage

PFC Alice Cordova-Potter
D Co 3BDE 3ABCT, University of Colorado Denver

Devon Gallagher
spouse of CPT Connor Gallagher, HHC 2ABCT, University of Denver



1SG Joshua C. Johnson
HHC 2-12 Cav, Fort Hays State University

SFC Marquavis Mitchell
A Co 1-8 Cav, Cav Excelsior College

Tiffani Peoples
spouse of SPC Jacob Peoples, D Co 91 BEB, George Washington University



Bailey Glases Perinon
spouse of 1LT Dion Perinon, 1 ABCT, ITeach Texas

We really appreciate the scholarship. I am currently a logistics officer in 1st Cavalry Division, Sustainment Brigade, Special Troops Battalion, HHC. I am attending Liberty University earning a master's degree to become a Chaplain. I am also on staff at a local church for ministry experience. As I am done with the master's degree, I am applying to become an Army Active Duty Chaplain to minister to Soldiers and their families. Thank you for helping me to achieve this goal!
God bless, CPT Robert Schnarr

I am currently serving as part of the 1CD Honor Guard. I am currently attending Grand Canyon University to pursue my bachelor's degree in psychology. I would like to thank the 1st Cavalry Association for this opportunity and giving me the chance to put this scholarship towards my education.
SPC Joseph Rector

FOUNDATION OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 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 \$993,475 to 550 children of Troopers that were killed in action or totally and permanently disabled.
- Over \$395,900 to 442 active-duty Troopers and their Family members.
- Over \$981,800 to 342 descendants of the Ia Drang battles.

Scholarships currently provide \$2,500 per year with a maximum of \$10,000 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 selections are made annually after the mid-year 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 (2022), David A. Lutgen (2024), and Glen Vela (2024).

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 beginning on 1 April 2023.

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 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.

I will be attending Troy University in Troy, Alabama this fall! I am very excited and blessed to continue my education out of my home state of Florida. Getting this scholarship grant means a lot to me, and of course my parents. I hope to deal with as little financial stress as possible and this grant accomplishes that. I am grateful for the 1st Cavalry Division and all of the work that the men and women within it do for our country.

Respectfully,
Ashley Alexander

I want to thank the 1st Cavalry Division Association for their continued support of my college education. I am going into my junior year at West Chester University, and I will be taking the next steps in my college career by beginning my social work field placement spring semester. None of this would be possible without the help of the scholarship provided for me by this Association, and I am so thankful for everything!

Caitlin Evans

I am the G3 Ceremonies and Honor Guard NCOIC for the 1st Cavalry Division. I am currently a student at Central Texas College in pursuit of a Computer Science Degree. I would love to thank all of the staff and members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. I really appreciate the 1st Cavalry Division Association's support towards my pursuit of an advanced education. Live the Legend. SFC Angel Alicea

I am currently serving as part of the ICD Honor Guard. I am attending Central Texas College to pursue my Criminal Justice degree. I'd like to thank the 1st Cav Association for supporting me on my journey to success.

PFC DeShawn Baker

I am excited to have earned this scholarship, as it will be contributed to my tuition at the University of Denver where I am getting my master's in library and Information Sciences. My goal is to become an Outreach or Program Librarian! Thank you so much!

Devon Gallagher

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

1CDA supports four scholarships for qualified applicants:

ACTIVE DUTY SCHOLARSHIP

Soldier has to be a member of 1CDA & assigned to 1CD. This grant is offered to the Soldier and spouse.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

100% Offered to the child/children of 1CDA members with a 100% disability rating, that were assigned to 1CD.

KIA To be used by child/children of Troopers killed in action while assigned to 1CD.

IA DRANG SCHOLARSHIP

Exclusive to the children & grandchildren of the Veterans who were involved in the battles of the Ia Drang Valley during 3-19 Nov 1965.

SUPPORT THE FUTURE, DONATE TODAY!
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BY MAKING A SCHOLARSHIP DONATION, YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR UNDER HONOR ROLL ON PAGE 23.

Active Duty	Foundation	Ia Drang
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All scholarships of the 1CDA are tax-exempt charitable organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all donations are tax deductible.

CHAPTER NEWS UPDATES

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

Submission deadline to appear in the next Saber is **Tuesday, November 1, 2022.** Please send to Memberships@1CDA.org or Programs@1CDA.org

COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE CHAPTER

At our last meeting on July 14, Steve K brought a poster/map of Vietnam from The National Vietnam War Museum, PO Box 1779, Weatherford, Tx 76086, 940-325-4003, <<https://www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org>>. The National Vietnam War Museum is a newly completed museum if anyone is traveling in the Fort Worth area. The gift shop sells the 22"x35" map/infographic Vietnam poster for \$27. Our own Scott Thompson's picture jumping from a slick was prominently displayed in one of the museum's letters to subscribers. Scott was famous, bless him.

MAJ Lloyd of the Salvation Army Vet and Family Center, Beaverton, Oregon, came and spoke about their wonderful support for needy Veterans. The 58 current residents, Veterans, and their families, are referred and partially funded by the VA. Jim J. and Steve K. met MAJ Lloyd at one of the K9Kavalry events in Tigard and wished she could join us sometime to promote her mission with Veterans, their families, and homelessness. Supported by three case managers, their stay is usually 1-9 months, some longer but always with the goal of placement in a more stable community setting. Some on hospice, some moving to a sober lifestyle, some escaping domestic violence, and others found homeless, individuals and families have a nurturing and safe respite from uncertainty and hopelessness. We thank MAJ Lloyd for her time and message and presented the Vietnam poster for their use at their center, located at 14825 SW Farmington Rd, Beaverton, 503-731-3951, <www.veterans.salvationarmy.org>.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

The photo is from our Chapter summer barbeque. Back row L-R: Keith Moyer, Glen Bentz, John Larensen, Bob Waz. Front row: Al Johnson, Rich Magner, Jack Kranyak. Our next general meeting: **October 14, at the East Hampton CT VFW at 1:00pm.** All members and their guests and prospective members are encouraged to attend.



CROSSED SABERS CHAPTER

There are lots of changes happening in the First Team. New units, restructuring, and making the First Team the most lethal Division in the U.S. Army; and some of that was displayed during CAV Week and on the Division's social media pages.

The Chapter participated in the CAV 101 Parade marking the Division's 101 Birthday on September 16th that ended CAV Week. We had a large crowd of Troopers from the local area and some from places far away to help celebrate the Division's Birthday and spend time with the active-duty Troopers of the First Team.

We have not had a Stable Call recently but are setting a goal for a Chapter Stable Call on

Thursday, September 29th at 1800 hours at the Horse Cavalry Detachment barn. Snacks and drinks will be provided. See you there. First Team! Chapter President, Dennis Webster.



101 Cav Birthday Logo

FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST CHAPTER

We had a presentation in July from a retired Marine SGM, who is now a fitness instructor. He gave us good advice on two fronts. 1.) In dealing with the VA, be patient; persistent and prevail. 2.) Any exercise is better than none. Even rotating your arms is better than flopping them to your side.

The National POW/MIA Memorial Museum is in Jacksonville FL. We had a presentation of the present configuration and future plans at our August meeting.

In September, we presented ourselves at the Museum and took the grand tour. If you visit, look for our Memorial Brick embedded in the walkway. The museum is south of I-10 at the Chaffee Rd exit. Go and see.

Plans are under way for an October Equine Therapy visit to Middleburg. You may have seen several versions of how such therapy heals veteran traumas.

If you are reading this and live in or north of St. Augustine or south of St.



Mary's, you are within driving distance of our meetings. Contact information is printed on page 15. And long-distance calls are free. Notice our flag and uniforms in the picture.

JAMES UNRUH CENPENN CHAPTER

Our chapter would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome home to all the local Vets that traveled back to Vietnam in June. Chuck Bechtel and Michael Mazzaro were amongst that group. We had the opportunity to visit sites in Quan Tri, Camp Evans, the A Shau Valley and Khe Sanh, where the 1st Cav Div operated in 1968. Most of the FB and LZ we occupied are overgrown with trees and Casava plants. Camp Evans is now a Vietnamese Army Base, and of course, off limits. The A Shau is mostly rice paddies and forest, and AO clean up continues there. Khe Sanh is a museum, with an abundance of Communist Propaganda. Quan Tri and Dong Ha cities have grown along with the population. The people were friendly, the food was good, as was the entire trip. Although it was much hotter than we remembered. Do you think age has anything to do with that? Upon our return, we were escorted home by about 50-75 VFW Bikers and Liberty War Birds Huey 823 flew cover. We also received a huge welcome home by a crowd of over 500 people. Need I mention the shedding of a few tears of joy. It was a great welcome!

We would also like to extend a thank you to VFW Post 537 for their donation to our Chapter and to the 1st Cav Div Assoc Scholarship Fund.

We will also be participating in the Lancaster County Airport Community Days Celebration, **Sep 17 & 18.** We will be set up near Liberty War Birds Huey 823 and other military organizations. We will be looking to new members and selling wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

Thank you, Michael Mazzaro, president

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CHAPTER



On July 9th, members of the chapter attended opening ceremonies of the Vietnam Traveling Wall (VVMF) in Randolph, New Jersey, hosted by VFW Post 7333. The event was the highlight of the Randolph Township Vietnam Veterans tribute day. The Vietnam Traveling Wall is a three-quarter size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and has been touring the country for more than 30 years.

It tours

the country along with a mobile education center. *It took a lot of extra effort to bring the Traveling Wall to Randolph, commented Emerson Crooks of Randolph VFW, but it was worth it. I am so happy and so pleased for this community to bring the names of people like Mike Poliquin and the rest of the five squad members I lost in one night on August 19th. It is very impactful to me and to so many others.*

All service members regardless of branch or unit assignment, relatives, and interested parties are invited to our next chapter meeting to be held on **Saturday, October 15.** The meeting will be held from **11 am to 2 pm at the Elks Club in Ridgefield Park (30 Spruce Avenue).** There is no charge to attend, and a buffet lunch will be served. Please join us to meet old friends and make new ones.

Our guest speaker will be Tak Furumoto, who served a tour in Vietnam from February 1970-71 as an Intelligence Officer in the Duc Huc District, Han Nghia Province, near the Cambodian Border (Parrot's Beak) in III Corps. He will discuss his service as an advisor to the Vietnam National Police Chief, during the CIA's Operation PHOENIX, where he worked to neutralize VC infrastructures. Suffering from both AO and PTSD upon return to the U.S., Tak has been active in real estate development in Ft. Lee, NJ, VFW Troop 2342 as well as human rights activities.

For more information about this meeting please contact, Robin Bartlett, President, NY/NJ Chapter 1 CDA <rbbartlett01@gmail.com> or call 201-833-8027.

SHERIDAN'S CAVALRY CHAPTER

Our August 6th picnic held at the Roselle American Legion Post - our special guest and his family Jerome "Sonny" Zdancewicz who was recently awarded his purple heart awards after 50 years of being wounded for his 1968 / 69 service with the 7th Cavalry in Vietnam.

2022 Meeting dates remaining: **October 8 / Christmas Party December 3** - meetings and events are typically held at the **Roselle American Legion Post #1084, 322 East Maple Ave, Roselle, IL 60172.**



Our Sheridan Chapter cordially invites anyone who served or was attached at any year with the 1st Cav to join our group.

Contact Terry Hodous POC at <us67-hodo@outlook.com> or 773-445-1213 for additional information regarding membership or attending our future events.

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

Why is this important to the Association?

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

As of 1 January 2022

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CREDIT CARD SERVICE CHARGES NOW APPLY

We have upgraded our credit card machine. A service charge of 4% will now be applied to all credit card transactions managed through the Association Office (calls & mail ins). This does not affect website transactions.

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

USEFUL VETERAN ASSISTANCE INFO:

<<https://www.archives.gov/>> National Archives & Records Administration, Veteran service records

<<https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center>> Central repository of personnel-related records for both the military and civil services of the United States Government. 314-801-0800

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

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

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

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

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

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make sure those that you served with in the Division
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The next *Saber* newspaper is the
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2023 CALENDAR STATUS

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302 N. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522 or
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Today's 1st Cavalry Division breakdown is not what it once was. Below is a breakdown of the current units of the Division. Also for anyone on social media, please feel free to look up the units on Facebook and see what your old unit is doing.

1st CAVALRY DIVISION UNIT BREAKDOWN 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "IRONHORSE"

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

FACEBOOK: 1st ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team "BLACKJACK"

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

FACEBOOK: 2nd ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "GREYWOLF"

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

FACEBOOK: 3rd BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE "AIRCAV"

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

FACEBOOK: 1st AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE AIRCAV

1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade "WAGONMASTERS"

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

FACEBOOK: 1st CAVALRY DIVISION SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

1st Cavalry Division Artillery Brigade "REDTEAM"

- 6/56 Air Defense Artillery (ADA)

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Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion "MAVERICK"

- 15th Finance Bn

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THE HICCUP - Health Care Information Committee Report

PTSD AND RED FLAG LAWS

As I was doing my normal spiel about applying for Veteran Benefits with a Veteran and the impact from his tour in Afghanistan and things that he was eligible for, he brought up a unique situation, which I had never thought of – Red Flag Laws.

As we talked, he had all the symptoms eligible to qualify for PTSD, exploded HUMVEE and combat action. I kept talking about what would be required and the impact. After much pressure from me, he finally said his concern is that he likes hunting and wants to keep his weapons. He then mentioned the Red Flag Laws.

As some might know, Red Flag Law was passed in Connecticut in 1999, allowing police – but not medical professionals or family members – to ask a judge for permission to seize the guns of a person believed to be imminently dangerous to themselves or others. This was a result of a shooting at the state lottery headquarters.

In the subsequent two decades, a handful of other states passed similar laws. Which allowed the seizing our preventing individuals deemed a threat from having or purchasing weapons. Currently, this is done by states, using their resources. However, with the current mass shootings, there is consideration of making federal “red flag” legislation, which would include adding juvenile criminal and mental health records to the national background check database.

So, how does this come back to our Veteran. He is concerned that if this goes into the VA system and receives a disability for it or even is seen by a mental health professional, this could place a “Red Flag” in his records. So, this could cause those who are not a threat to themselves or others to have their weapons seized or prevent them from purchasing weapons if legislation gives access to VA records.

Now the other impact, with an increase in Veteran suicides, this might cause someone from not seeking assistance, because they might be concerned about their records being used against them.

Got to remember our Disability Ratings are not considered Medical Records covered by HIPPA Laws. So, what is the answer? I don’t know and if someone has insight into this issue or better information, please share. But something that is for good, could be seen as harmful.

HONORING THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED

As our Vietnam Era Veterans age many Veteran organization chapters are losing memberships and are in fear of closing. Younger generations do not wish to join up due to electronic communications and other reasons that shun group attendances.

All existing Veteran groups need to step up the importance of patronage to honor over two million Americans who were killed or wounded throughout our history of wars to keep American freedoms. Veterans who were lucky enough to serve and come back home alive and unscathed should publicly display the Purple Heart Flag or plaque that honors those killed or wounded. Older Veterans mentored us on the importance of patronage, now it is our turn to impress upon younger Veterans to do the same.

In this world of sensationalism we live, we Veterans need to show the importance of patronage to show our strength of resolve to remain free. We must honor those who sacrificed their lives and blood to remind our next generations there is always a chance they will have to defend American freedoms and principals as we did. We must be vigilant as any rouge country could try to overtake us and do away with our freedoms if we are not perceived as being strong enough to defend ourselves.

Veterans are the backbone of America. It is our legacy to remind citizens, America is constantly under threat to possibly fight another war. As a Combat wounded Veteran, I have designed a Purple Heart Flag and plaque that is now available to all schools. When citizens understand what the Purple Heart Flag and Medal symbolizes, they will become more adamant to be patriotic to show all diversifications of America stand strong and united to defend our way of life forever more.

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1st CALVARY DIVISION SCOUT DOG REUNION

From June 13-16, 2021, a reunion of former scout dog handlers with the 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam took place at the Comfort Inn, Apple Valley, Sevierville, Tennessee.

Eleven members of the 34th Infantry Platoon Scout Dogs along with five of their spouses united, some for the first time since Vietnam 1970. They enjoyed videos, talk, food, and most of all, fellowship. It was an experience none will ever forget. Thanks to organizers Mac, Swan, and Sharp. On a bittersweet note, Garland Sharp passed away a short time after the event leaving his loving wife Pat, and their two adult children. But we know he went to be with his Lord. Please pray for his family.

Front Row: D. Swan, J. Adams, J. Bogren, S. Smith, P. Bergstrom

Back Row: P. Thompson, B. Burns, J. Hanlon, R. McCaskill, G. Sharp, M. Boyles



National Vietnam War Museum Main Building – Phase I Grand Opening

by The National Vietnam War Museum, Jun 27, 2022
Weatherford, Texas – After more than 5 years of construction and over \$3 million in fundraising, the new Main Building – Phase I opened to the public on June 25, 2022, with a dedication ceremony. Activities included presentations by city and state leaders, senior officers representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, keynote speaker Troy Evans. After the ribbon cutting, the new 2-story, 20,000-square-foot building was opened to the public for viewing. The museum’s grand opening has been over twenty-five years in the making.

The idea of a creating a national museum to serve as an educational facility to provide accurate information about the Vietnam War was first discussed by a small group of retired Army helicopter pilots back in 1994. The group formed a nonprofit corporation and elected a board of directors in 1997. The group decided the best location for the museum would be near the former Fort Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas. During the Vietnam War, most of the 40,000 helicopter pilots were trained there. Helicopters were extremely important in the war, justifying its name as the Helicopter War.

In 1999, the museum board purchased a twelve-acre site on Highway 180 west of Weatherford and just east of Mineral Wells located at 12685 Mineral Wells Highway (U.S. 180), Weatherford, Texas 76086. Fundraising to develop the museum began shortly thereafter, and work began on the site in 2006. Six gardens and two parking lots were built over the following 10 years, including one containing a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Wall located in Washington, D.C. The wall is unique, in that it is the only replica Wall that is updated annually so that the names match those on the Wall in Washington and the garden includes a computer kiosk where names can be searched by last name, city, or state to determine their location on the wall.

One of the facilities located on the George W. Bush ranch during his presidency was acquired in 2011 and renovated to serve as the initial visitor center for the museum. In 2017, the board began national fundraising in earnest and, with the help of many donors, began planning the museum’s main building. The facility will be built in four phases, each phase having galleries with varying exhibits representing key activities during the war. Fundraising continues to support the construction of Phase II. The three galleries in Phase I are named Introduction to the Vietnam War, The Home Front, and Fort Wolters/Camp Wolters. The museum has several interactive exhibits, allowing museum visitors to examine many artifacts up close, rather than just seeing them behind glass.

For details about the museum’s upcoming events and exhibitions, please visit the website at <www.nationalvnmuseum.org>, and follow the museum on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/nationalvietnamwarmuseum>>.

The museum is open on Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 am – 5pm.

The National Vietnam War Museum
12685 Mineral Wells Hwy (Tx Hwy 180)
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www.NationalVNWarMuseum.org

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Currently, we are hoping to be in pre-production for a Vietnam series for television. We are looking for 8mm and 16mm film of the Vietnam War, particularly footage shot by Soldiers or individuals in-theater, audio letters, and period footage from the 1950s-1970s highlighting the home front and the average “day in the life of an American.”

If you have footage or audio letters and are possibly willing to be interviewed on camera for our Vietnam series, we would love to talk with you. Point of contact is Scott Reda, <scott@redafilms.com> or 646-620-6181.

To learn more about Lou Reda Productions go to <www.redafilms.com>.

GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER PATCH

My brother, Roger Jr. enlisted in the Army in September of 1969. I was on the delayed entry program and went in October 1969. Roger was sent to Vietnam and killed at FSB Illingworth, April 1, 1970. I was Honorably Discharged in May 1972.

As a motorcycle rider, I created a Gold Star Family patch, utilizing the design of the official Gold Star pin. The patch can also be displayed in a frame by itself, or as part of a military shadow box. Its size is 3.5” x 3.5”.

I provide the patch, free of charge, to any immediate Gold Star Family member. I am not an organization, nor do I have a Veteran related business, so I do not follow up recipients with “special offers” or any other “junk mail.” The patch is a gift from the heart. It is free, because I know that Gold Star Family members have already paid a heavy price.

Paul D. McNerny, U.S. Army 1969-1972, 545th MP Co
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NY VETERAN HONORED

On Aug 6, Howard Kalachman, was a recipient of the 2022 Nassau County, NY Distinguished Service to Veterans award for his ongoing dedication to his brother and sister Veterans. William Marinaccio, Commander of the Lybrook American Legion post, submitted Kalachman for the award states, “Howard strongly believes in helping his brother and sister Veterans and repeatedly backs that up with

actions. When it comes to helping Veterans, he does not have the word “No” in his vocabulary. We commend him for continuing to serve America throughout his post-Vietnam life.



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There are many names on the MEDEVAC pilots and their callsign page <<https://15th-medbnassociation.org/historical-documents/pilots-callsigns.aspx>> missing or un-

known that we are still working on to know. I use the list for reference when I write. If anybody wanted to know which pilot and crew picked up for their unit in Vietnam, the list can help them and what the unit's DA Form 1594 Daily Staff Journal says-if anything.

One pilot's name I got from MEDEVAC 21 Art Jacobs was Roy Land whom he and the Air Ambulance platoon leader MAJ Goodman in 1968 went to visit in the hospital after he had been wounded. Art says after they returned, MAJ Goodman, having checked Art's flying skills on the trip, made Art AC-Aircraft Commander.

One name missing on the list that I knew of; I asked webmaster Ron Huether about whom Ron said he knew. Ron told me to contact him and ask him myself. That pilot was Henry Land.

I wondered if Henry was any relation to Roy Land. I thought it was a coincidence to have two MEDEVAC pilots named Land.

The email address for Henry on the 15th Med Assn website was one at Netscape which I thought was kind of old. I used Netscape many years ago before Google appeared. His address was <capthook1stcav@netscape.net>. The 1st Cav Assn has the same email address.

While I waited for a reply, I also contacted Art Jacobs to find out if he flew with Henry during his time. I mentioned that MEDEVAC pilot Henry Land was shot in the hand on board his aircraft. That must have jogged Art's memory because he replied, "Mike: Yes, Henry was an AC when I got to the unit."

"MAJ Goodman and I visited Henry at the 18th Surgical Hospital in Quang Tri after he was wounded. He still had his hand that day - all wrapped up in a bandage (looked like a giant lollipop) and hoisted up in traction. I guess it was either there or further back in the evacuation process that the decision was made that it couldn't be saved.

"When MAJ Goodman and I landed back at LZ Sharon he said, 'You're now an AC!' I had only been in country 3 months. Then on 7 April I got wounded the first time. Art"

That told me that there was no Roy Land, but it was Henry Art had first mentioned. I was starting to get somewhere. So, then I did hear from Henry Land. Not Netscape, but another oldie, <capthook1stcav@aol.com>.

Henry said that he was in country Aug '67 and shot in Mar '68 around the Rockpile flying out of Camp Evans. Henry says that MERCY 11 Larry Hatch was just getting ready to DEROS when he himself arrived in Aug '67.

Larry has since emailed and refers to his call sign as MERCY ONE ONE. He said Henry was a 1st Lieutenant and when he arrived, Larry broke him in as a new pilot. When Larry left in November 1967, he said that he gave Henry his ballistic flight helmet because they were in such short supply.

Henry acknowledges that Art stopped in-with MAJ Goodman-to say hi and find out how he was doing. Henry says that is the only time he saw Art in country, and when Art first identified himself to Henry.

Henry says he himself is in the VHPA and has never seen any other pilots named Land in the membership. Henry says his brother was an 11B in the 101st in Vietnam in Dec '67. That cleared up the Land name. Apparently just Art's

first mention to me I had to investigate, which was a mistake.

Henry says, "I remember meeting you at the reunion hotel at Ft Hood at the sign in table being run by MG Jim Smith. You had been writing the *Saber* at the time. I wasn't overly friendly to you at the time, and I apologize for my behavior then. I had so many people trying to portray me as a hero and I'm not. Just a 'Peter pilot' trying to save as many 11-Bravo and other wounded personnel as I could."

Henry sent more about his mysterious call sign. "Update: I got shot March 68 during TET 68. I was MEDEVAC [Not MERCY] and at that time we used MEDEVAC AND the last 3 numbers of the AC for the bird we were flying. When I was flying Randy Brewer's aircraft, I would be MEDEVAC 456. When flying another aircraft, another number. We didn't have designated call signs when I was there."

Henry says he wore Larry's helmet for the whole time until he got shot. He says, "MAJ Healy was MEDEVAC CO and MAJ Hahn was XO. Goodman replaced Healy when he DEROS. Goodman did NOT fly many missions when I was there." Henry says he was shot and kept his right hand for three weeks, "And watched it rot off. Was amputated 21 days later in CONUS at BAMCA at Ft. Sam Houston."

Henry communicated that the commanding officer-MEDEVAC platoon leader-and XO did not fly hot LZs and field pickups. He seemed to say, if necessary, they did back haul like to Surg Hospitals. Larry Hatch does not have Healy and Hahn on his list of MERCY pilots' call signs. Henry says they used both MERCY and MEDEVAC as call sign designations.

I responded that to watch his hand rot off didn't sound like modern Army medicine even for 1968. It sounds more like out in the Vietnam boonies.

Henry tried to educate me. His emails are rather choppy, so they are hard to decipher. "On the hand rotting off, antibiotics were relatively new at that time. Fleming discovered that in 1946 or so and it was a narrow spectrum antibiotic and did not kill many different bacteria. Sulfa drugs were available but limited spectrum also. They gave me 500 mg PO tid and 500 mg Kantomycin in bid bacteria was obviously resistant. GI's were using penicillin for the clap as a prophylactic called 'no sweat pills' and that caused a resistance to build up too."

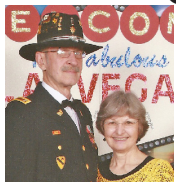
I got the essence of what he was trying to communicate. I said, "That's scary to think about the evolution of antibiotics. I take it for granted. After I had been in C 2-7 Cav a couple of months we got a new battalion surgeon CPT MD-June '69. He got all of us platoon medics together and told us he was going to let us use-carry antibiotics-for jungle rot, etc. I didn't know what to order so when resupply time came, I told the R.T.O. when he called in to tell them to send me some of everything. I just experimented and it seemed to work out. The grunts were appreciative."

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 Mike Bodnar C 2/7 Cav 1969, MEDEVAC 1-7/1970
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Larry Hatch's hat he wore while flying MEDEVAC

HQ and Special Troops News



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Greetings Troopers and families. If you missed the annual reunion in Dayton, OH, you missed a very good reunion. I believe the attendance was approx-

imately 450 including spouses and family. While the hotel left a lot to be desired, the meals at the convention center and the banquet at the USAF museum were exceptional. I believe the meal at the museum was one of the best "convention" meals I have ever sampled.

I think there were about 22 Troopers and family attending the HQ and Special Troops luncheon. The interesting part of the HQ and Special Troops group is the variety of job descriptions (MOS) of the attendees. In this group you would find members from finance, military intelligence, maintenance, supply, administrative, military police, transportation, and many other job descriptions. Many served in various headquarters assignments. Most combat support and combat service support units are represented in this group. Without the Troopers in these jobs, there would be no bullets, no meals, no POL, no maintenance of equipment. If you want to lose a battle, let the combat Troopers get cut off from the rear support and supply.

Touring the massive USAF museum on Friday was an interesting but difficult task. There is simply too much to see without a couple of days to tour the various buildings. I can tell you I saw more airplanes than any other time in my life. Airplanes of every size, shape and description are on the ground, on the wall and hanging from the ceiling! There is even a huge collection of model airplanes. If a person took the time to read all the information and watch all the movies available, it would take more than a week to read and see all the displays and media. The museum is certainly a national treasure.

The association is still looking for someone to step up and take on the task of writing the column for HQ and Special Troops. I am not sure when I started writing for the column but found files dating back to 2014, so I know I have been writing for over 10 years. It is time for a younger Trooper, a Veteran of the Gulf War, Bosnia, Iraq, or Afghanistan to step up and continue this column for so many of our combat service support and combat support Troopers. Wouldn't you like to be their voice in the *Saber*? Contact Tina at the association office if you are interested in this great opportunity to give voice to so many Troopers that have no other voice in the *Saber*.

In case you did not already know, the reunion in 2023 will be in Louisville, KY. This will replace the reunion cancelled due to COVID. It should be a very good reunion and if you miss the one in 2023, you can try again in 2024, because we will be returning to Louisville again in 2024.

Remember there are scholarships available through the 1st Cavalry Division Association Foundation. Contact the Association office for more details. Consider remembering the Foundation in your will.

Drop a card to the ladies in the Association office and let them know how much you appreciate all the work they do and the many hours they put in arranging and running the reunions. Visit the office in Copperas Cove when you are in the area. The Crossed Sabers Gift Shop is also now co-located with the association office.

While we look for a replacement, email me if you have a good story you would like to share with other Troopers in the *Saber*. Meantime Sue and I wish all of you the best and hope to see you again in 2023. May the good Lord bless and keep all of you and may God bless the great USofA and keep our Troopers scattered around the world safe from harm and return them safely to their families when their tours are completed.



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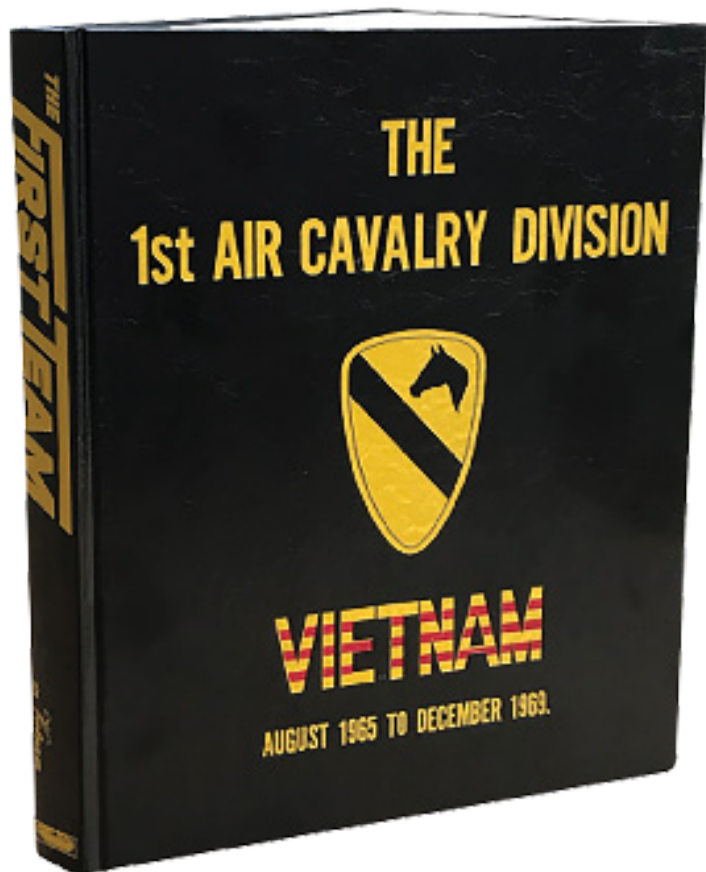
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told by my older brother, who had been in the Army, to lie and fill out my paperwork saying I had been a truck driver before entering the Army. I did as he told me to. Around the fourth week of basic, I was called out of formation to get my license. I was taken to a building with no air conditioning in the heat of the day, exhausted from the previous weeks of training and little sleep, and the instructor began to teach us the answers to the questions on the driver's license test he would be giving us.

Hughes and Wiker, guys in my company, were in the group with me. The material was ugly boring. It was hot, poor ventilation in the room, and soon, half of us were fighting sleep, some failing and falling asleep in their chairs. The instructor told us if we were falling asleep, stand up. This simple trick would come in handy on guard duty in Viet Nam. On and on and on and on, he went. He would go over any question on the material, if anyone had a question, and if the same question had been asked previously, he would answer it again, and again, completely. Finally, when the same question had been asked for the third or fourth time, it first would be acknowledged by groans of disapproval from the rest of us license seekers, before the instructor would again, answer the question completely. This went on for hours until the instructor asked if there any questions, and amazingly, anyone who might have asked a question, refrained from asking it. We could now take the test.

Hughes was a fat guy. He had been complaining at the Army for not making any consideration for trainees, like him, who had more intelligence than most, but not physically fit. We heard from him on this subject often.

Wiker, was just a quiet kid from Michigan who had been drafted. His successful store where he sold televisions was being ruined by his well-meaning grandparents who he had left in charge. I was just a farm kid who had been driving since I was thirteen and found the driver's license test simple. The test was passed out, we were given the okay to start, and an hour later everyone had finished.

Two days later we got our test results. Hughes, our self-proclaimed better than average intelligence fat guy, failed the test. He lacked physical ability and did not pass the simple driver's test either. Wiker and I passed. From the stress of knowing his successful television sales business was soon going to be completely ruined by his grandparents, he was going more than a little crazy. His behavior was so abnormal, our drill sergeants decided not to let him anywhere near a vehicle for fear he would roar off the base, driving over anyone who might be in his way. That left me as our company's only trainee with a driver's license.

The part of our training where we would bivouac arrived. I was told to get a deuce and a half and a water buffalo from the motor pool. I was green. I did not even know where the motor pool was, and I had no idea of what a water buffalo was either. I set off, on foot, to walk the mile to the motor pool. I was amazed I got the truck just by asking and when I asked for a water buffalo, they showed me where one was. It was a four-hundred-gallon water tank on a trailer. I hooked it up and towed it back to the company area to take drinking water to the bivouac area the next day. I parked the truck and tank on the road next to the mess hall. About ten that night, one of my drill instructors got me out of bed. Two MPs were waiting for me outside my barracks to arrest me, which they did.

I was taken to the provost's office and a guy who looked a lot like a judge, sitting on an elevated chair, behind a tall counter read the charges against me. I was charged for being responsible for a stolen truck, which was just nuts! I was supposed to lock the steering wheel of the truck to the seat with a lock and chain, no one had ever told me to do. How was anyone supposed to steal anything and get past the gate guards? It turned out the MPs had opened the door on the truck and when it did not have a lock on the steering wheel, they stole the truck and charged me for its theft. This was just beyond my farm boy's wildest imagination of being reasonable.

The MPs and the Provost Marshal jerked me around for another hour, then the MPs took me back to the barracks and returned the truck and water buffalo, to where I had parked it earlier. I got to sleep around midnight to get up at five at reveille.

After chow the next morning, the company was formed up, and everyone was marched out to the bivouac area. I told my drill sergeant I could use some help filling the tank, which was not true, but he went for it. I grabbed two of my friends and put one at the faucet with his hand on it and the other guy on the tank holding the water hose, looking down into it. I walked back and forth between them as if I were giving them instructions. The whole company left, and we watched them march away. As soon as they did, we finished filling the water buffalo, and then we three took off to the PX for a burger, fries, and a coke, before we drove the water to the bivouac area.

We got to within a thousand feet of the bivouac area and three hundred guys came running right at us in a frantic mob. As they got near, I stopped my truck and just sat there, not wanting to run over someone. A lieutenant quickly, yelled at everyone to "Fall in!" and got them in a formation. They were all out of water.

The truck driver for the company next to us had also been told to get a deuce and a half and a water buffalo. On the way to the bivouac area, he had five flat tires. When he finally got there, he had no water in his tank. When asked "Why!?" he said, "No one told me to fill the tank up!" and so he was sent back to get water in his tank. He had been driving a deuce and a half for a few hours, minus the time it took to fix the five flat tires, when he arrived back in his company area to fill the tank up. Being a veteran truck driver of less than four hours, he decided to back up to the faucet rather than run a hose to the tank. In doing so, he backed right the "H" into the company billboard, which fell over and took out the entire window in the captain's office, including the window frame! The captain came out to the truck, asked to see the guy's driver's license, and ripped up his license before he had a chance to say a word. This left me with the only valid driver's license for both companies.

This all happened in the morning of the first day of bivouac. About 1100 SGT Madison had me load all the Melmac containers of food, the immersion heaters, the garbage cans the heaters would be put into, into the back of my truck, gave me five minutes of hurried vague instructions, and told me to go set up the field kitchen. So, me and my two trusty water tank fillers drove back to the bivouac area.

Before I went into the Army, I had read the book "No Time for Sergeants," which Andy Griffith later made a movie of. Just like him, when I set up the

My Army Driver's License

I noticed in the 545th MP News in the March/April issue of the *Saber*, Lawrence Ketron mentioned getting a driver's license. I remember getting mine.

I was in basic and had been

field kitchen, I took a string, and when I put the food on the tables, I stretched the string tight, and made everything line up. I measured between the Melmac containers with a tent stake so they would be the same distance apart. When SGT Madison arrived, our company commander, a captain, was with him. The captain looked down the serving table, then walked around it and the garbage cans which now had hot water in them, with the immersion heaters in them, then came back to SGT Madison and told him, "That is the most outstanding field kitchen I have ever seen. You are to be complemented, sergeant," and then walked away to tend to other business.

SGT Madison looked at me and said, "You're my boy." The entire time everyone else was at bivouac, sleeping in the mud and rain, crawling around in the mud and cold water, living in wet clothes, and "training," I slept in the barracks, the only guy in there, on nice clean sheets, warm and dry.

The last day of bivouac, I took the evening meal out. I had put two chocolate cakes on the floorboard on the passenger's side of the truck. When I got there it was dark, things got hectic, and I forgot the cakes. When I was ready to leave, the captain told me he was riding back home with me. I got in the truck and the captain got in on the passenger's side, with his highly shined airborne combat jump boots on and then he stiffened. He looked at me and said, "You forgot the cake," then reached forward and down, then put his finger in his mouth and asked, "Chocolate?" which I said, "Yes, sir," the only words I spoke until I dropped him off at his house. I can still see him walking up the walk to his house leaving chocolate cake footprints on his sidewalk from his fuzzy chocolate cake smeared boots.

It came time to go through the infiltration course, which I was dreading. I knew I was going to shred my forearms from crawling on the gravel. I was told to get my deuce and a half to carry Troops out to the infiltration course, which I did. I was sitting in my truck when a noisy army bus pulled up and parked in front of me. The captain came out and asked my drill sergeant what I was doing with the truck. The captain told the drill sergeant he had "laid on" the bus to haul the Troops and to send the truck back to the motor pool. A light came on in my trainee brain. When the sergeant came over and told me to take the truck back, I told him, "I needed to clean the truck, or they would not take it back. They were having an inspection," which was not true. He said okay. I asked him for some help clean the truck, which he granted me, so I got my tank fillers, and we took off, to the PX, of course, and later we took the truck back to the motor pool in the same condition I check it out in. The three of us had just escaped the infiltration course.

My brother showed up for my graduation from basic. SGT Madison came over to where we were talking and told my brother, "This boy here, he gonna do okay in dis here Army. He went all da way through basic training and did not do nothin," and gave me a big smile.



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ning, GA, as the 11th MP Company of the 11th Air Assault Division (TEST). The men still alive of the original company of 1964-1966 are now in their late 70's and early 80's and wanted their stories documented while they could still remember them. This I will attempt.

NOW AT FULL STRENGTH, THE COMPANY BEGAN TO FUNCTION AS A REGULAR MP COMPANY

As a test division, the 11th AAD had mostly new vehicles. The 11th MP had approximately 30 M-151 ¼ ton trucks (jeeps), which were just being put into service by the Army. As I remember, most of them had less than 2000 miles on the odometer. The engine was an inline overhead valve 4 cylinder coupled to a 4-speed transmission. First gear was not synchronized and was a rather low ratio. Most of the time the vehicle was started out in 2nd gear. The transfer case was a single-speed type that could be shifted into 4WD while moving if the driver let up on the accelerator. The suspension was independent at all four wheels. The front suspension was of the double control arm, coil spring type much like that used for years in automobiles. The rear suspension was of a new design based on a single swinging control arm supported by a coil spring. (Think Corvair) This design proved to be too unstable for inexperienced drivers and was later modified to be safer. When pulling a loaded trailer, the vehicle tended to oversteer and could flip over in a violent maneuver. One of the other major differences from the prior M-38 jeeps was that the M-151 was unit-body construction.

The company also had a number (3 maybe) of new M-37 ¾ ton trucks, which were the old Dodge-built 4-wheel drive chassis type that had been in use since WWII. They were powered by the old Chrysler flat head inline 6-cylinder engine coupled to a bulldog-gear type 4 speed transmission and a 2-speed transfer case. Somewhat under-powered to say the least.

The company did not have motorcycles but did have some Cushman type motor scooters for field use. Used mostly by squad leaders, etc. to be able to make the rounds checking on guards.

We had the latest in the way of 2-way radio equipment for the vehicles. They were the -45 -46 solid-state type with a two-piece fiber glass mast that was fitted to a permanently mounted fixture on the rear corner of the vehicle. (Caused some conflicts upon entry to Camp Hollway at Pleiku because of low-hanging electrical wires).

The jeeps did not have sirens but did have a flashing red light mounted on the left front fender. Had neither heaters nor windshield defrosters. (Might have been a sign of what was to come!) Did not have seat belts, but there was a strap for the front passenger that went across the entry opening. The speedometer registered 55 or 60 (don't remember which), but on a good downhill run, you could make it go past the max indicated and start up the other side toward zero. The jeeps had a white sign across the windshield below the glass that had the words MILITARY POLICE in black letters with the 11th AAD (later 1st Cav) patch on each side of the MP letters. The Provost Marshall's jeep was so indicated on the sign by wording to that effect.

The weaponry consisted of the government model 1911A 45 caliber pistols, M-14 rifles, M-60 machine guns, and 3.5-inch recoilless rifles. The machine guns and recoilless rifles were assigned to the Security Platoon. Squad leaders were assigned an M-79 grenade launcher and a pistol.

The patrol driver was assigned by the duty roster. It was the responsibility of the driver to make sure the vehicle was clean, fueled, engine oil level checked, radios checked out from the commo shop and installed, and a first aid kit checked out and present in the jeep. Doors were allowed to be installed at night during cold weather.

Sine we were a test division, we had some equipment that was not regular issue, but was being evaluated. One item unique to the 545th was a portable POW pen. When erected it was an equilateral triangle of woven fencing made of small (maybe 1/8 inch) aircraft type cable. The vertical cables and the horizontal cables were joined by a piece of metal that appeared to be heated and pressed so that there was no movement at the joint. There was a heavy horizontal cable top and bottom that supported the fence. These cables were connected to winches at the corners. The fence would be laid out on the ground, stakes driven out from each corner, the cables connected to an upright pole at each corner and the winches would then be hand cranked to raise the poles and fence into position. Since it was all one piece, so to speak, it was rather unwieldy and heavy to handle. Was very unpopular with the men assigned to handle it. It did make the trip to Vietnam but was erected and used as a stockade for American soldiers at the division base.

The 11th MP area of responsibility at Ft. Benning was basically the division area also known as the Harmony Church area. It was away from the main post, located on both sides of US 27, and beyond the location of the 2nd Infantry Division. Guard mount inspection was performed in front of the PMO building which was also the location of the desk sergeant and which was usually a SP4 with several years of service. There usually were not a lot of incidents that required MP intervention. At that time Soldiers were paid once a month, in cash. Most paydays the 11th MP had to supply a few MPs to join the main post MPs for joint patrols with the Columbus police.

The procedure for being paid in cash. An officer had to go pick up the payroll. The men had to file into the orderly room, and one at a time approach the paymaster, salute, and announce, "Private XX reporting for pay, sir" at which point his pay would be counted out in 20's and whatever small bills and coin were required. The payee would then sign the payroll register. Since by that time most of us were drawing E-2 pay of \$83 and change, if we were lucky, we might get three 20's. When it was time for the Columbus Community Chest, there was a strong suggestion that each Soldier contribute a dollar or two to that cause as he left the orderly room.

TYPICAL PATROL DAY

The uniform for Monday through Friday was starched fatigues, boots, web pistol belt, and painted/polished helmet liner. For weekends in the winter, it was Class A uniform (greens), boots, black polished leather gear, and service cap

To the reader community:
I been asked to author a series of articles about the experiences of the men of the 545th MP Company of the 1st Cavalry Division (AIRMOBILE). I joined the company in July of 1964, shortly after its inception at Ft. Ben-

with white cover. For summer weekends the uniform was Class B (short sleeve khaki's, no tie), starched of course.

Day shift: In the morning one patrol had to direct traffic at the off ramp of US 27 where most 11th AAD Soldiers were reporting to work at the division area. The rest of the day was routine patrol of the division area.

Evening shift: At quitting time one patrol had to set up cones at the on ramp of US 27 to force Columbus bound vehicles into the inside lane so that vehicles entering the four lanes would be able to enter the outside lane without stopping. One patrol would be directing traffic at the Kelly Hill intersection where home-bound Soldiers were entering the main two-lane road to the Harmony church area. Another patrol had to go to the division headquarters building to take down the flag and fire the cannon. That patrol first had to get the blank 12-gauge shotgun shell and the adapter for the cannon breech. Then the procedure was to insert the adapter into the breech, insert the shotgun shell into the adapter, lock the breech, and stand at attention while the music (Retreat?) was played over the loudspeakers via a record. At the proper note, the lanyard had to be pulled and released to fire the shell. Not sure that it was ever fired on the exact note. Someone told me that the person playing the record would bump the needle to make a scratching sound, at which time the cannon was to be fired. Some of us winged it! The flag then had to be lowered and properly folded. That left one patrol to cover any accidents, etc. After all these duties were taken care of, the patrols had to go looking for some place to eat. Sometimes it was hard to find a mess hall that was still serving. Later in the evening, when the hamburger concession was ready to close for the night, one patrol stood by until the manager left with the money. Most of the time the concession would supply a bag of food for the night shift MPs since there were no mess halls providing 24-hour service.

Night shift: Usually not much going on, gave bored MPs a chance to drive the tank trails looking for wildlife.

FEDERAL COURT

If an MP should apprehend a civilian on the base, since it was Federal property, he might have to testify in Federal Court in Columbus. If an MP should apprehend a Soldier on the base for committing a crime such as auto theft in Columbus, he might have to appear in Federal Court. These court appearances required the MP to be in a class A uniform.

TRAINING

We were to test the concept of helicopter borne assault Troops, so it was decided that we should all know how to rappel down a rope from a helicopter. Since there were so many Soldiers that needed the training, towers were used for that purpose. We were taken in groups to a tower built from 4 poles. About every 8 feet there was a platform. Since there were no stairs, ladders, or holes in the floor, one had to get to the next level by being boosted by someone or by climbing up one of the poles. Either way, you were on the outside of the tower with no safety net. Was a very uncomfortable situation for those with a fear of heights. Before going to the top, each person was given a length of heavy rope and a couple of D rings and then shown how to wrap and tie them around the body and between the legs to make a rappelling harness that would not neuter you. Once on top we were instructed on how to thread the rope through the rings, how to hold the rope to act as a brake, how to place our feet, lean out, and push off. Of course, when rappelling from the tower, you did not have to worry about running out of rope because the helicopter pilot did not maintain a constant altitude. Most of us enjoyed it.

Since there was some civil unrest in 1964, it was decided that as an MP company we needed training in riot control. We trained at the barracks streets in the technique of moving in lockstep fashion with bayonet-equipped M-14's to force people in a desired direction.

We did the usual required weapons qualification with our assigned weapons. There was patrol duty around the clock, so there was difficulty sometimes in providing training for the whole company.



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Greetings brothers and sisters! I am Shawn Perry and will be leading an effort to produce Air Cav News columns for the *Saber*. We are too unique a breed of Trooper to not share our stories with each other and the rest of the Association, and my hope is to forge bonds between all of us who flew, maintained, refueled, rearmed, controlled, directed, or tracked these beautiful machines we call helicopters and airplanes. All who have an appreciation for the smell of jet fuel are welcome!

As for me, I am, "a retired Cavalryman and recovering Army Aviator" with six years on the First Team with two years in Baghdad, Iraq, from 2004-2005 and then again 2006-2007. I retired out of Fort Hood in 2013 and have been humbly serving on the 1CDA Board of Governors for the last couple of years. Now living just south of Huntsville, Alabama, I work as a defense contractor and own a leadership consulting and training business for entrepreneurs and business owners in the local area. I believe in the power of relationship and look forward to getting to know more of you and building connections between all of us special "Troopers of the Sky."



Silver Wings Luncheon 2022

So how about that 1CDA Reunion in Dayton? I rode up there from Huntsville with several First Team buddies, Glen Vela, Rory Malloy, and Jim Coutler along with his wife and daughter. I'm sure many in the lobby could hear our Harley Davidson motorcycles rumble into the parking lot at the Radisson! Glen and I absolutely enjoyed the Wings Luncheon and getting to know everyone who attend-

ed. Pete Tattersall, another one of your Board of Governors members, was there along with Art Jacobs, Paul Amrhein, James Mummaw, Tom Weber, and Jim Wiginton. Oh, and several brought their beautiful wives and friends with them! At the luncheon, Glen and I volunteered to take lead on promoting all things Air Cav, to include the Wings Luncheon. As we dined that day, all of us collectively discussed what we would like to see at next year's luncheon and other ways we could bring more aviation Troopers into the mix. We shared some great cross talk, and both Glen and I took notes. Consider this an open invitation to reach out with your ideas – we'd love to hear from you!

My intent for these columns is three fold. First, this is YOUR newsletter and you get a say as to what goes into it. We're used to shouting over the sounds of our engines, so I know you can let your voice be heard! Second, I'd like to keep us updated on what is going on with today's Air Cavalry Brigade and the Division, and share new and emerging aviation technology the Army is using to fight the fights of today. And most importantly, I want US to share those stories that bind us together as Aviators and First Team Troopers. I am much better looking than I am smart, so without hesitation I solicit your involvement in YOUR Air Cav News columns. My email address is <stetsonlife1cda@gmail.com> and phone number 254-458-0428, so please let me know what you would like to share, what you would like to learn about, or who might be a great person for me to meet.

Thank you and see you at the next edition of the *Saber*! – Your Friend, Shawn

75th ANNUAL REUNION of the 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 13-17 June 2023

The Fort Knox Area Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team Family in Louisville, KY for the 75th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 13-17 June 2023. All Life and Associate Members are welcome to attend this special event. Gold Star Families and Widows of our members are always welcome to attend.

Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events have limited seating available due to the size of available rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the \$30 Registration Fee except for our Active-Duty Troopers who pay \$20 to register. Family members attending with an Association member, Widows of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers, and Gold Star Family members that attend do not have to pay a registration fee.

On-line registration starts **1 October 2022**; the Reunion registration form will be included in the *Saber* from November '22 through April '23. Those sending in registrations post-marked **after 1 May 2023 must pay a late registration fee of \$50.**

The Association will be providing our guests with transportation to the Louisville Slugger Museum and back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Buses will run from 0930-1800, on 13-14 June and from 0930-1600 on 15 June 2023. Bus passes can be purchased when you initially register, either by mail-in or on-line, or at the Walk-in Registration area.

A bus pass is per person if you plan to visit the Downtown Louisville area. There will be no bus passes issued for those attending the mixer. A one-day bus pass will cost \$10, or you can purchase a three-day bus for \$25.

NOTE: Cancellations are non-refundable after the 1 May 2023 deadline.

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1st Cavalry Division Association Hosts 74th Annual Reunion in Ohio

by LTC Jennifer Bocanegra, 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs
Dayton, Ohio – The 1st Cavalry Division Association hosted its 74th Annual Reunion Jul 6 - 10 in Dayton. More than 500 Veterans and their Family members came out for the four-day event which consisted of a tour of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, a Purple Heart breakfast, unit lunches, an association banquet, and a memorial ceremony.

Planning and coordination for the reunion including lodging, meeting venues and meals was handled by the 1st Cavalry Division Association staff including the Executive Director, ISG (Ret) Dara C. Wydler, Programs Director, Ms. Tina Wilgeroth, and Memberships Director, Ms. Karleen Maloney. A team of volunteers also travelled out to Dayton to ensure all the reunion activities ran smoothly to include running the 1CDA gift shop remotely.



Art Jacobs (L), BG Steve Carpenter (R)

This year, the 1st Cavalry Division Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, BG Steven P. Carpenter, attended the event and served as a guest speaker for the annual banquet, which took place on the final evening of the reunion.

"It is an absolute honor to be asked to join you for this special reunion," said Carpenter. "I would also like to thank you for your continued support of the First Team, especially our Troopers and Family members."

Carpenter provided an overview to attendees on the state of the 1st Cavalry Division covering the organization's history, current operations, and future plans for modernization.

"This year is our centennial year, in our century of service we fought on horseback, as dismounted infantry. We conducted amphibious landings, operationalized the vertical maneuver with air mobile infantry and before becoming the premier armored division in the Army, we received the first M1 tanks," said Carpenter. "Every day, we proudly stand on point for our Nation, as I speak to you tonight, our division is globally engaged with Troopers conducting operations in Europe."

Following his remarks, Carpenter presented SGT Jerome Zdancewicz from D Co, 2-7 Cavalry Regiment his second Purple Heart. Zdancewicz served with 2-7CAV in 1968 during the Vietnam War and never received his second Purple Heart after being injured in combat.

During the reunion weekend, the city of Miamisburg, Ohio held a ceremony dedicating a section of road in honor of SGT Gary McKiddy, a Trooper assigned to 1-9 Cavalry Regiment who was killed in action on May 6, 1970, in Cambodia after pulling a fellow Trooper, SP4 Jim Skaggs, from a burning helicopter.

Carpenter participated in the dedication ceremony and shared a few remarks about the 1st Cavalry Division and the legends like SGT McKiddy who contributed to the division's legacy of courage and valor.



brother Rick McKiddy, BG Steve Carpenter

"There are 47 streamers on the 1st Cavalry Division colors. Streamers that represent Soldiers like SGT McKiddy who fought for this country, bled for this country, and unfortunately died for this country," said Carpenter. "All the freedoms, the liberties Americans enjoy today are because of Soldiers like SGT McKiddy. That's why we say, 'Live the Legend.'"

Since the first reunion in El Paso, Texas in 1948, the 1st Cavalry Division Association has met every year for the past 74 years in different parts of the United States.

"I enjoy meeting new folks from other states and units. It is also nice to be with some guys I served with," said former 1-7 Cavalry Regiment member Robby McPhail. "This is my second reunion and at this reunion, I had the chance to visit with a former friend I served with and bunked with 50 years ago on a fire support base. I have already made reservations for the next one in Louisville. McPhail served with E Co, 1-7CAV "Garry Owen" while stationed in Bien Hoa, Vietnam from January to August 1972 during the Vietnam War.

Over the past 74 years, the 1st Cavalry Division Association has grown into an organization comprised of over 29,000 active members that serves Soldiers and Veterans fraternal to the 1st Cavalry Division.

"We are a group of Soldiers and former Soldiers from privates to 4-star generals who share a bond of service with the First Team. We are dedicated to supporting the division and each other," according to the 1CDA membership charter.

Next year, 1CDA will host the 75th Annual Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky.

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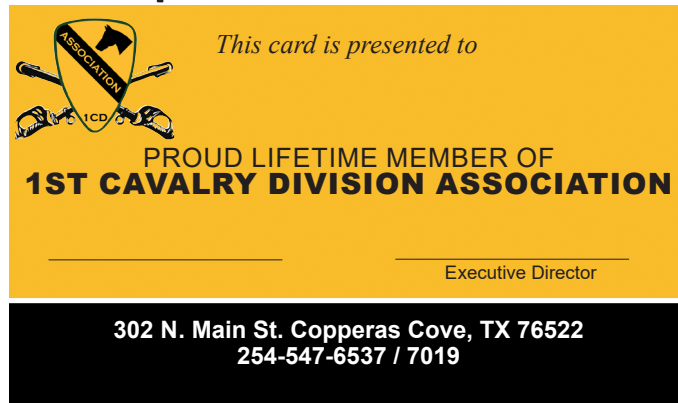
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DOCUMENTARY: *THE LONGEST MONTH*



You may remember back to the May/June 2019 *Saber*, a film crew was at the 1CDA Headquarters office recording interviews for an upcoming documentary of their days in and around Baghdad in early 2007. The time finally has arrived! *The Longest Month* premiered on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at the Isis Theater in Fort Worth, Texas.

“The Longest Month” is a documentary film dedicated to telling the story of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade Soldiers that participated in the events during “The Surge” in OIF 06-08.

The Longest Month is an unscripted documentary, covering events that took place in Iraq during February of 2007 at

the beginning of what is commonly known as “The Surge.”

This documentary examines the actions undertaken by members of the **1st and 4th Battalions, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division**, as described by the Soldiers involved in these events. More helicopters were shot down in Iraq during this time period than any time since the Vietnam War.

The Longest Month chronicles four events that exemplify the challenges faced by these individuals to not only complete their missions but survive the unprecedented 15-month deployment.

Produced by: Dan McClinton and Directed and Edited by: Kenn Christenson

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