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contribute whatever you can, whenever you can.

This issue of the Saber will arrive about a month before Veterans Day. We will be in D.C. to participate in the wreath laying ceremonies, which will be on **Saturday, November 11**. I had the honor of representing the Division and the Association at wreath laying ceremonies at the WWII and Korean War Memorials last year on Veterans Day and I'm looking forward to this year's ceremonies as well. The annual Veterans Day Dinner hosted by the William A. Richardson Chapter will be on **Saturday, November 11**, with cocktails starting at 1800 and dinner to follow at 1900. Cathy and I will probably go to D.C. earlier in the week to do some tourist stuff. Last year we toured Mount Vernon and the National Cathedral. If you are ever in the D.C. area those are two places that should be on your agenda. Maybe this year we can go to Arlington and see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – something that I've wanted to do for some time.

It's important that we Veterans continue to support the one percent currently in the Armed Forces and the (only) seven percent (including us) who have ever served. Sometimes I wonder how the general population can be so content to let others protect them. When I think of all who have served and currently serve, I'm reminded of a quote attributed to John Stewart Mill (1806 – 1873). "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things: ... A man who has nothing which he cares more about than he does about his personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

Less than two weeks after we offer thanks to our Veterans, we give thanks for all the good things that we have in this country. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. For us it's a time for Family and a focus on the many blessings we have. We hope you and your friends and Family have a wonderful Thanksgiving. And, thank you for your service. Allen (TrailSpike 47)

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a part of a noble profession that doesn't seek accolades or pats on the back. Doing the job day in and day out for your battle buddy that shares the foxhole with you. Then, when it is all done, living with the fond memories of the brother/sister hood praying that the next generation keeps the standards high and torch lit to light the path for those that will follow.

Scott S. – Honor, privilege, responsibility

John G. – A prideful sense of shared accomplishment

Bob A. – Being a member of a Warrior Fraternity that has existed for well over 250 years, with the dual mission of keeping the United States of America free and a beacon of hope to the rest of the World!

Darrell H. – The proudest time of my life, being a military veteran, and serving this great country, the USA.

Although Veterans Day is in November, I wanted our members to read my message before rather than after:

When Governor Ronald Reagan introduced returning POW John McCain at a speaking engagement in 1974, the future president asked, "Where do we find such men?" He was speaking of Veterans, when he answered, "We find them in our streets, in the offices, the shops and the working places of our country and on the farms." In other words, President Reagan was referring to ordinary people

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As I write this, the people in Houston and the surrounding areas are just beginning their long road to recovery following the effects of Hurricane Harvey. Please keep those people who are suffering in your thoughts and prayers and

HORSE DETACHMENT by CPT James J. Nance

Horse Cavalry Detachment Welcomes New Commander, By Julie A. Ferraro | Herald correspondent, Aug 30, 2017

FORT HOOD — Participating in over 250 ceremonies, demonstrations, parades and displays each year, the 1st Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment is away from home more than people realize, according to Maj. Brandon Dawalt.

During the unit's change of command ceremony on Wednesday, the horses and the Troops who ride them were home, bidding farewell to outgoing commander, Capt. Jeremy A. Woodard.

Woodard had one final opportunity to ride with his Troop, leading them in a close order drill before the audience. The horses, matched in size and color, create an effective tribute to the cavalry's heritage.

Dismounting to join Dawalt, who served as reviewing officer for the ceremony, Woodard passed the guidon to Capt. James J. Nance, incoming commander. Nance then mounted his horse, Hammer, and rode out to join his Troop.

Dawalt praised Nance for being the first officer who volunteered to command the unit, coming from a post in civil affairs.

For his part, Woodard credited the Troops who work so diligently behind the scenes — performing non-stop stall maintenance and keeping shoes on 34 animals, for instance — for the Horse Cavalry Detachment's success.

Photo Below: Outgoing unit commander CPT Jeremy Woodard, second from right, leads the Horse Cavalry Detachment in a demonstration during the change of command ceremony at Fort Hood on Aug. 30, 2017.



DIVISION DOINGS

Wagonmasters Lend Helping Hand, Story by SGT Michael Smith, 1CDSB Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, TX -- Every Soldier is familiar with the Army values, but the Soldiers assigned to the 96th Transportation Company (96TC), 553rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade are taking "selfless service" to new heights. For two years the Soldiers assigned to 96TC have donated, at their own cost, canned goods to the Copperas Cove Soup Kitchen. This year, the total weight of the donations was more than 3,000 pounds, surpassing last year's total of 2,000 pounds.

"It's important to give back to the community, and helping those we serve," said 1SG Quincy Rice, company first sergeant, 96TC. "What we can raise in a week can support them for a year." Rice turned the food drive into a competition between all the platoons in the company, with the winning platoon getting a day off from work. The competitive nature of the Soldiers, along with the desire to help those in need, provided the hefty donation.

"When the Soldiers saw what we did last year, they loved it and wanted to beat it this year," said SSG Willie Cason Jr., platoon sergeant, 96TC. "Add to that, the competitiveness between the platoons, and you get the great result we had this year." Cason's platoon won the competition with a donation of more than 1,100 pounds. "It's important to give back, especially in a military community," said Cason. "There are a lot of homeless out there, and a lot of them are Veterans."

SSG Michael Steele, platoon sergeant, 96TC, said some of the Soldiers come from poor Families, and may know what it is like to go to bed hungry, and that fuels the fire of their generosity.

"A lot of the Soldiers' backgrounds plays into it," said Steele. "Being active in the community gives you a sense of where you come from, all of us genuinely care about giving back to the community." Steele said he thinks of the crowds of local residents that gather on Cooper's Field when a unit returns from a deployment.

"The Killeen community supports us, so we want to do the same for them, said Steele." Rice said there are plans to donate turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving this year, as well as a significant amount of volunteer hours.

"It just shows how much our Soldiers care," said Rice. "As Soldiers, we have an obligation to support the community as well as the country, but it's important for people to see that we are more than just Soldiers."

Herschel Walker Continues Anti-Stigma Campaign on Ft. Hood

Story by Master Sgt. Jacob S. Caldwell, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs, FORT HOOD, TX – NFL star, Herschel Walker, continued his years-long campaign against the stigma associated with asking for help by speaking to 1st Cavalry Division Troopers on Aug. 24 and 25. From the moment he hit the ground at The Great Place, he was a man with a mission, telling his personal story of being diagnosed with Dissociative Identity Disorder, and the stigma that followed him after he sought

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2017 Calendar of 1st Cavalry Division Association

Nov 9-11, 2017 Veteran's Day Washington DC

2018 Calendar of 1st Cavalry Division Association

Feb 23-24, 2018 Board of Governor's Meeting



TAPS

We have been notified of the death of the following:
ALDRIDGE, SP4 Bobby J., D Co, 1-8 CAV, 15th MED, 1969-70. 28 March 2017.
BLAIR, COL (Ret) John M., HHC, 229 AVN, 1966. 21 July 2017.
CHANCE, Mr. Lawrence E., H Co, 2-5 MED, 1961. 21 January 2017.
FELLER, Mr. Michael L., F Co, 51st INF, O Co, 75th Inf. 21 August 2017.
KENNEDY, CSM (Ret) Lawrence E., HHT, 1-9 CAV, 1965; HHC, 1CD, 1970. 30 July 2017 (Div CSM 1970-71)
KIMES, SP4 Curtis R., E Co, 52nd INF, 1967. 3 September 2017.
MARTIN, CW4 (Ret) Arthur, HSC, 15th Med Bn, 1967-68. 5 August 2017.
MCCASLIN, CPT William A., C Btry, 2-20th ARA, 1968-69. 23 August 2017.
PFLUGLER, SP4 Ronald D., D Co, 1-8 CAV, HHC, 3 rd BDE, 1970-71. 1 September 2017.
SCHILD, SSG Melvin R., B Co, 8th ENG, 1951. 7 September 2017.
SILVER, COL (Ret) Benjamin S., HHC, 228AVN (Bn CDR), HHC, 1CD (G-4), HHC, DISCOM (CDR), 1965-66; HHC, 1CD (ADC), 1971-72. 26 August 2017.

ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have no Active Duty deaths to report.

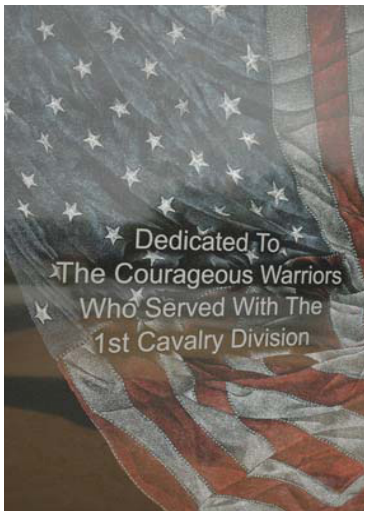
OTHER REUNIONS

Alpha Company, 2-5 CAV Reunion, 21-25 September 2017. Radisson Hotel North Beach, Corpus Christi, TX; POC Raul Hernandez at (361) 960-6159 or Tom Banda at (281) 660-2261.

The Distinguished Flying Cross Society, 2017 Convention, 24-28 September 2017. Dallas, Texas, POC: Bruce Huffman 518-578-7089 or email <bhuffman@dfcsociety.org>.

2-12 Cavalry Reunion, 20-22 October 2017. Radisson Hotel, 1770 Airway Blvd, El Paso, TX. Reservations (915) 772-3333 <www.BeyondGhazaliya.com>.

15th MED BN Association Reunion, 26-28 April 2018. Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA, <www.15medbnassociation.org>. POC Dan Toothman <dan-medvac19@outlook.com> or 757.872.8504.



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

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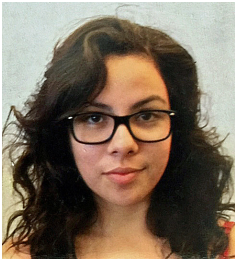
Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

Thank you for granting me the 1st Cavalry Division Association Scholarship which is allowing me to move onto a higher level of education. This grant means so much to not only me, but also my Family as well as my father, who has worked very hard in order for such blessings to occur. During his service in the Army, he was one of the most dedicated I have ever known. He made the most out of his duty to provide for his Family back home. In doing so, he almost gave his life for his country. He proved himself to not only be a hero in my eyes, but in the eyes of everyone, he affected.

With that being said, I am dedicated to put forth this money to the bettering of my education so that his hard work and sacrifice will be not be in vain. Again, thank you for the generosity of the First Team.

Sincerely, Cambriege Wesley



Dear Editor,

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Carla Escalante and I am a proud spouse to a brave Soldier part of the 1st Cavalry Division. In my service as a Marine, I saw the need and lack of resources for a specific need. I decided to start my journey as a student in Applied Behavioral Sciences to eventually pursue a Counseling Masters. The scholarship I was awarded by this Association will aide our family in allowing me to finish my Bachelors, so I can transition out of the Marine Corps and into the civilian life as a graduate and become a Counselor specializing in Military Sexual Trauma for our brothers and sisters in arms while attending to my role as wife and mother. Thank you 1st Cavalry Division Association for believing in my goals and for encouraging me to seek knowledge to help others.

Sincerely, Carla Escalante

Dear Editor,

I would like to start by saying thank you! This grant has helped me immensely through my first year of college. I struggled last year trying to afford books but thanks to this grant, I could buy all my required schoolbooks. I am very thankful for this grant because it helps cut down the stressful expenses of college. It feels good knowing that there is group of people willing to help college students (myself included) better themselves and their education by giving them this grant. As this school year begins, I know the grant will be as helpful as it was last year. This grant honestly means the word to me. I cannot thank the First Cavalry Division Association enough for helping me further my education. Sincerely, Jordan Bethune



Are you attending Veterans Day in D.C. with the Association on 9-12 Nov 2017? Call 703-416-1600 to reserve your room at the Crown Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. See pg. 19 for further details.

CHAPTER NEWS

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

There will be a Chapter Presidents Meeting at the 71st Annual Reunion in West Virginia. It is recommended that you start collecting your ideas to present them to the other Chapters. Please stay tuned for further details.

NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

We have our Fall Meeting scheduled on October 7, 2017 11:00 at Elks Lodge, 19 Cedar St., Ridgefield Park (Set GPS TO 19 Cedar St.). We will honor our fallen brothers. We remember their friendship and their contribution to our chapter and to our Veteran’s community. We will include Chapter and Division news and V.A. updates. Two Cavalry blankets will be for sale.



Bob Arbasetti, Bob Jeanette and Edie Meeks

BRAVO COMPANY, 7TH CAV



The 3rd Platoon of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment held its annual reunion in Canaan Valley, West Virginia in August. The reunion attendees were primarily made up of Veterans and Families who served and

fought together in Vietnam from 1967-1968. Our next reunion will be held in Gettysburg, PA in 2018. Dates have yet to be determined.

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

August 2017 Newsletter: Next quarterly meeting will be held 1130 hrs Saturday, Sept 09. We will meet in Raleigh, NC at the Golden Corral Restaurant on 3551 Grenelle Street, Raleigh, NC 27603 (South Raleigh– South of I-40 - At merge of 401 and 70).

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), 1st CD replaced the 1st ABCT, 1 ID as the only U.S. Combat Brigade in South Korea during a transfer-of-authority ceremony at Camp Humphreys on June 28. It also marked the first day of the new Brigade’s nine-month rotational deployment. It is Black Jack’s second trip since 2015.

E-Mail list: Our email list has to be updated. We are now receiving about 10% returns from errors/changes. Need your ACTION!!! If you have an email address and **Did Not** receive this newsletter via email last week, send me an email at <roywood64@gmail.com> and I will add your email to our (bcc) list.

15th MEDEVAC

The doctors and dentists of the 15th Medical Battalion in 1967-1968 supported the 1st CaV (Airmobile) through some of the worst periods of the Vietnam War with the highest numbers of casualties including Hill 875, the Tet offensive, the Battle for Hue, the Ashau Valley and periods at the DMZ. After coming home to the US in ‘68 they maintained no contact with each other for 50 years. John Porter DDS of Denison TX (HSC) initiated the idea of a 50th reunion. After finally tracking down a few of his colleagues in VN, the reunion took place on May 22-24 in New Orleans LA. Three of the ‘67-68 group attended: John Porter, John Caronna MD (HSC) of Needham, MA and Bill Couser MD (HSC, B and A Companies, Purple Heart) of Woodinville WA. The 50 years vanished immediately and the three spent a terrific weekend catching up, reminiscing, looking at old slides and memorabilia of their years together in Vietnam, talking about reentry experiences, reflecting on lessons learned and enjoying the French Quarter, New Orleans food and the WWII Museum. The reunion was a meaningful experience for each of these men. They plan to do it again at another location in 2 years and invite anyone who served in the 15th Med in ‘67-68 to join in. To get on the list contact John Porter <jport@cableone.net>.



Bill Couser, John Porter, John Caronna
WWII Museum

HELLO TENNESSEE:

My name is Joe Craig and I have moved into the Columbia area, the 1st of Aug. from Florida, where I was the Chapter President. I notice that Tennessee doesn’t have a Chapter and this is the reason for this letter. As of now there are over 500 members of the Association that live in Tennessee, I don’t know if there was a Chapter before, or no one gave it a thought. How do you feel about having one? Neighbors to the south in Alabama don’t have one and Kentucky has one for the Fort Knox area, but if there would be anyone along the I-65 corridor and around the Fort Campbell area, please let me know how you would feel about

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COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE CHAPTER

On about the 1st Saturday of August Terry Low, President of Columbia Willamette Chapter has a yearly picnic at his home in Oregon City. He and his lovely wife Yolly, with a little help from some of their friends treat 1st Cavalry Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans to one of the best picnics. Terry and Yolly provide the BBQ and the rest of us bring our own special dish. The setting is like a big park full of wonderful fruit trees, flowers and large fir trees that provide lots of shade. We break bread together with friends and make new friends. Our time together is therapeutic.

It is also very fun. This year one of our members, J.W. Jordan decided we needed to be dressed appropriately for the picnic and ordered OD green jungle fatigue shirts for our
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61st FA News



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This issue of the Saber should be getting to you in mid-October and Halloween is coming fast (seems like faster every year). As usual the little goblins and ghosts will be out in force. I always enjoy seeing the little ones in their costumes. As I noted in the last issue, I celebrated my 84th birthday in August and the Family was here to help me celebrate. Nothing makes you feel older than realizing that you have two daughters in their mid-50s!

Ed Jakubowski has been forwarding some amusing anecdotes that I appreciate. Glad to hear from you, Ed! We can all use a chuckle now and then.

In mid-July I received a call from Art Tetreault. He was an air mechanic in 1967-69, originally assigned the 1st Cav, then reassigned. He had read Peter O'Brien's story on the Toya Maru. Art's father is buried in a cemetery in RI and after ascertaining that LT Vaillancourt's grave was in that same cemetery, he wanted to locate it. I put him in touch with Peter and he was able to get the information to Art. Art will visit LT Vaillancourt's grave the next time he's there to pay homage to his dad. Art and I had a nice conversation and I'm glad I was able to be of help.

In reading the July/August issue of the Saber I noticed that a William Hand signed in as the lone 61st FA attendee to the June 1st Cav reunion. In checking over my rosters of the Chitose/Youngmans and 61st FA Bn Association, I couldn't find him listed. If anyone out there has any contact information on him, please forward it to me and I'll add him to my 61st alumni roster.

We're making September plans to drive up to Lake Tahoe for a week of relaxing. Tahoe is a beautiful lake right on the California Nevada border and is quite a tourist destination. Of course they have casinos, but also some gorgeous scenery and nice places to dine. From there we'll head over to Reno for a few days just because we haven't been there in quite a while. All in all, it'll probably be a ten-day or two-week trip.

On August 9th received this from Warren Sand ... "Hi Gordon, thanks for the Saber. Just an update on my health: back in June I had a cat scan and they found cancer in the right lung lymph nodes. So now I'm on hospice, no chemotherapy and so far not too much pain. Well at 86 years old what can you say. I go till the day comes. Blessing to all that read the Saber. Warren R Sand, A Btry, 61st." Warren, so very sorry to hear about your plight and I'm sure all your 61st friends and buddies send their best.

Peter O'Brien sent this... Hi Gordon, this is for Bob Kagamida, wherever he is. (We all know where he is.) The story is about a historic house in our hometown

of Jamaica Plain (JP), Mass. (JP is a section of Boston.) Dick Mazzocca and I grew up in JP, not far from this historic house." Here's the article Pete sent...

14 Roanoke Ave, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

This house dates from 1879 and was built through a donation of a parishioner of the First Church of Jamaica Plain for the pastor, Rev. Charles Fletcher Dole (1845-1927). He was an uncompromising pacifist. He published 30 books and pamphlets, was an abolitionist, and continually campaigned about racism in all its forms. Rev. Dole's son, James Drummond Dole was born in Jamaica Plain and attended Roxbury Latin and then went onto Harvard College. He studied agriculture at the Bussey Institute (which is now the Arnold Arboretum). In 1899 he left JP with \$1000 to invest in a venture in the Sandwich Islands (which we now know as Hawaii). He sunk his money and energies into the Hawaiian Pineapple Company (incorporated in 1901) in Oahu. Eventually, the company became Dole Pineapple.

At his death in 1958, "the Pineapple King" was worth \$35 million. A big part of the success of the Dole Pineapple Company were the new ideas and inventions James Drummond Dole came up with to mechanize pineapple growing and processing. However, he never patented any of his inventions because of the philosophy of service to others that his father's teaching instilled in him. And he said, "I have been particularly interested in trying to organize our business in such a way that every employee, so far as possible, may feel that his interest is that of the company, and vice versa." Thanks for the input, Pete. I'm sure that Bob will be reading it with a knowing smile.

On October 30th we'll be flying to Austin, TX. We'll spend a few days doing all the stuff tourists are supposed to do before driving on to Houston so my wife can attend a huge quilting show there. It's an annual event and draws quilters from all over the states. We're hoping that Houston is dried out at least enough for the show to proceed and will be watching the news closely. After several days in Houston we're off to San Antonio for some more touristy things like the River Walk and the Alamo. Then it's back to Austin for our flight back to San Diego. Got to keep moving!

From Bill Stewart... "Gordon, not too much happening, just the normal getting ready for winter stuff. With the way summer went, we may have a dandy winter. I have a bag of battalion crests if anyone wants them. My eye seems to be quite a bit better, so now my back acts up again. The battery in my stimulator has about 3 months left so we have to replace it. This is quite a deal and I sure don't look forward to having it done. The way things are going this year we may not even get to Branson. I sure would hate to miss all the decorations and good Christmas shows. Sure would like to hear from some of you and to answer with some kind of news. Keep the column coming so we can read about what people are doing. Sta Bueno, Bill." Thanks for the note, Bill. Always nice to hear from you.

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

WANTED

If you served with, know, knew, or have any information about any of the following, please communicate with the contact listed:

I am looking for Christian A. Durst. He served with my dad who was KIA in Vietnam in 1968. My dad is Michael A. Snyder killed on 4/06/68. He was 1st Cav Div, 1st Bn, 5th Cav, D Company. POC Gregg Munger <ggmunger@gmail.com>.

I am a Vietnam Veteran and was looking for Kenneth Thomas, Crew Chief and I heard he re-enlisted as Warrant Officer? We lost touch in 1967 when he went the Nam. He was living in Santa Catalina Island before entering the Army. He was with me at Fort Rucker, AL. Contact: David Arsanis at 209 808-3119 <davidarsanis@yahoo.com>.

LOST & FOUND



Looking for the original owner of the zippo lighter pictured. It was found in the road at LZ Uplift, Vietnam in late December 1967 or early January 1968. One side has three initials that I've block out. Email Glenn Merritt at merrittgr@verizon.net with your initials if you believe it's yours.

I am looking to locate someone associated with HHC, 8th Eng. BN 1st Air Cav Division from Vietnam in 1966-1967.

My brother now deceased was there and I have been going thru his letters to our mother to get a sense of what he went thru. Can you help? My brother was PFC Chester York and promoted to SP4 the last few months before he left Vietnam in June 1967. He was in places like Camp Radcliffe, An Khe, Oasis, Qui Nhon, Duc Pho, Bong Son and by the south China Sea. Although he received wings for Paratrooper pay, he was in HHC, 8th Eng Bn apparently to build roads and airstrips, sometimes in the jungles of Vietnam. He was in hospital in Qui Nhon once but does not say why (made comment 3/1967 "we have been busy lately.") Guess I am looking to find info or people who served there that can help me interpret his letters with places he went and what he was doing. My way of getting to know him better. POC Bettye McLaurin <BMcLaurin@cavignac.com>.

On behalf of my father, SSG Ivan R. Pavlovich, I am searching for his commanding officer. Dad was a door gunner and UH-1 'Huey' mechanic and served with the Division in Vietnam 1965. His commanding officer's name was CPT Scott (only information I have). George Pavlovich

We are looking for a picture of PFC Arrmand Roy Graham, KIA 12/27/66. Please contact the Association if anyone knows of or has a picture of this young Trooper.

Chapter News

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members and their wives. He ordered so many that the store had to back order part of his order. Nice job Jim.

Pictured from left to right are: Gary Crapser Engineer, Al Rackley 11B, Sandy Rackley, Jim Jordan 11B, Nancy Jordan, Charlene and Jim Johnson Artillery. There were 66 at this year's picnic. Terry also supplies a table where we bring photo albums about Vietnam and other artifacts used in Vietnam. This year someone brought a fully equipped backpack. Boy was it heavy.

Thanks Terry and Yolly for providing this opportunity for all Veterans. Gary Owen.

Jim Johnson VP Columbia Willamette Chapter, Portland Oregon

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

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5th CAV News



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Greetings fellow Troopers, Family members & friends of the 5th U.S. Cavalry Association. I'm writing this article while preparing for the upcoming 20th Reunion in Harrisburg, PA. The reunion is scheduled to begin September 12th and concluding on September 16th, with a wonderful banquet and an outstanding guest speaker, Wayne Mott. Wayne Mott, is the CEO of the National Civil War Museum, which is also on our scheduled ports of call during the week. Based on what he has told me, he'll be talking specifically about 5th Cav's participation in and around Gettysburg during the Civil War.

You can see the entire schedule of events at <www.5thcav.org> or you can call me at 417-844-5347 to get all the reunion information, either by e-mail or USPS. Our scheduled attendance is extremely low (less than 20 at any given time), which I hope and pray is a onetime thing and not a path of termination of our superb Association due to a lack of interest and desire to make a difference in our mission which is to provide an opportunity for membership to meet periodically for social and fraternal purposes, to preserve the history, traditions and accomplishments of the organization of the 5th U.S. Cavalry since its inception and organization as a part of the U.S. Army and to actively support active duty Troopers assigned the 5th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. I also would invite all the smaller groups, i.e. platoons, companies, Gulf and Iraqi Veterans to consider joining us at the 2019 Reunion and beyond, to sponsor and participate in patriotic activities. It will be in Alexandria, VA. It appears the United States Army Museum will have opened their doors by then. Of course, that'll certainly be on our agenda. Information will be posted on our website, <www.5thcav.org>, as it becomes available.

Speaking of reunion schedules, a few folks I have spoken with about this matter, all seem to agree that we should shorten the reunion. I like to know your thoughts and ideas how to improve everything about our reunions. This includes members past members and Family members. It's very hard to please everyone, but we'll certainly try.

We are actively searching for someone, or someone's to volunteer to write the article for the Saber, which is due the first week of every other month beginning November 2017. The next issue will be due the first week of January 2018 and so on. I try to get the Voices of the Black Knights done every 3 months, but I haven't been very steady with that one. Since one person writes both articles, it's very difficult to come up with 2 completely different ideas and stories and not be redundant. I am planning on this being my last article for the Saber and the next issue of Voices right after the reunion in Harrisburg. It's not very time consuming if everyone would chip in and do their part. I plan to continue to submit items for each article as well.

Magno Tulfo provided the following story with a picture. But in my limited technical abilities, I'm not able to produce a good picture.

As the story goes, Magno met up with Gen. Robert M. Shoemaker (date unknown) after service in a Ft. Hood Chapel. Magno introduced himself to Gen. (Ret) Shoemaker, at which time, COL Shoemaker Division Chief of Staff (COS) in Vietnam had signed General Order 8678 awarding SFC Tulfo the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device.

Excerpts of SFC Tulfo's commendation follow:

"For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Tulfo distinguished himself by heroism in notion on 22 February 1969, while serving as a gunner with Company D, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 5th Cavalry during an enemy attack on Landing Zone Rite, Republic of Vietnam. When his unit was subjected to intense enemy rockets and mortars, Staff Sergeant Tulfo, with complete disregard for his personal safety, Staff Sargent Tulfo, moved from his protective bunker to a mortar position. While at this position, Staff Sergeant Tulfo assisted in placing effective mortar fire on the enemy's rocket and mortar locations. When nearby mortar position received an enemy direct rocket hit, Staff Sergeant Tulfo courageously held his position and increased the rate accurate mortar fire. This action enabled the unit to successfully accomplish the mission of repelling the enemy force."

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- Organized 14 July 1917 at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, as the 7th Field Battalion, Signal Corps.
- Reorganized and redesignated 3 August 1917 as the 7th Field Signal Battalion.
- Assigned in December 1917 to the 15th Cavalry Division; relieved 12 May 1918 from assignment to the 15th Cavalry Division.
- Disbanded 16 September 1921 at Fort Bliss, Texas.
- Reconstituted 19 September 1932 in the Regular Army and consolidated with the 1st Signal Troop (organized 16 September 1921 at Fort Bliss as the 13th Signal Troop and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division; redesignated 13 December 1923 as the 1st Signal Troop); consolidated unit designated as the 1st Signal Troop, an element of the 1st Cavalry Division.
- Redesignated 25 March 1949 as the 13th Signal Company.
- Reorganized and redesignated 15 October 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Signal Battalion, an element of the 1st Cavalry Division (organic elements constituted 22 August 1957 and activated 1 November 1957 in Korea).
- Inactivated, 15 July 2005, at Fort Hood, Texas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago (with arrowhead),
Leyte (with arrowhead), Luzon

Korean War

UN Defensive, UN Offensive, CCF Intervention,
First UN Counteroffensive, CCF Spring Offensive,
UN Summer-Fall Offensive, Second Korean Winter

Vietnam

Defense, Counteroffensive, Counteroffensive Phase II,
Counteroffensive Phase III, Tet Counteroffensive,
Counteroffensive, Phase IV, Counteroffensive Phase V,
Counteroffensive Phase VI, Tet 69/Counteroffensive,
Summer-Fall 1969, Winter-Spring 1970,
Sanctuary Counteroffensive, Counteroffensive Phase VII

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia, Liberation and Defense of Kuwait,
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

- Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 40, 1967)
- Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (13th Signal Battalion cited: DA GO 43, 1972)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered ADMIRALTY ISLANDS (1st Signal Troop cited; GO 8, 1st Cavalry Division, 1 February 1945)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered PHILIPPINES
- 1944 (1st Signal Troop cited: GO 21, 1st Cavalry Division, 22 February 1945)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered PHILIPPINES
- 1944-1945 (1st Signal Troop cited; GO 205, 1st Cavalry Division, 28 October 1945)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-1951 (13th Signal Company cited; DA GO 53, 1952)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1967 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 39, 1970)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 50, 1971)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (13th Signal Battalion cited; GO 1541, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 6 May 1971)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 1990-1991 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 27, 1994)
- Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1987-1989 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 15, 1990)
- Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1989-1990 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 6, 1992)
- Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (1st Signal Troop cited; DA GO 47, 1950)
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered WAE-GWAN-TAEGU (13th Signal Company cited; DA GO 35, 1951)
- Chrysosoun Aristion Andrias (Bravery Gold Medal of Greece), Streamer embroidered KOREA (13th Signal Company cited; DA GO 2, 1956)
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A, 13th Signal Battalion, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970 (13th Signal Battalion cited: DA GO 42, 1972 as amended by DA GO 11, 1973)
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970-1971 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)
- Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970 (13th Signal Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)
- Company A additionally entitled to:
- Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH THUAN PROVINCE (Company A, 13th Signal Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1973)

12th CAV News



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tried to write a paper or fill a column. I roll with more items rather than a measly few but I do not call all the shots here. Two are items I forgot for last episode. Can you hazard which two? Without the benevolence of the internet Gods that be at Google alerts these last few days, you might have been staring at a blank page. But maybe you would have enjoyed that more. At a gallop – ho!

0359 2-12 Cavalry Battalion Reunion, 10 year reunion, “Beyond Ghazaliya.” “Troopers of 2-12 CAV OIF 06-08. The year was 2005, nearly 10 years ago, where a unit was formed from the dust of El Paso, Texas. A band of brothers and sisters, asked to forge a unit out of dust and deploy to Iraq in support of our nation’s calling. From standing in the desert training fields of Doña Ana to the combative streets of Ghazaliya, the Soldiers of 2-12 Cavalry Regiment performed magnificently and with gallantry. Today it’s 2017, 10 years removed from Ghazaliya



2-12 Collecting for the Sheldon School District

and we are looking to find our brothers and sisters again. We are hosting a 2-12 Cavalry Regiment Reunion beginning on 20 Oct 2017, 1900hrs with a meet & greet @ the lobby bar of the Radisson Hotel El Paso, 1770 Airway Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925-1035. The reunion is planned for Friday, 20 October through Sunday, 22 October 2017. There are activities each day, so read, and plan, accordingly. A guest speaker will be announced at a later date. Reunion cost per person is \$65.00 each, the fees going directly to cover all costs involved with

the production of the reunion. Room rates are \$89 per + taxes for a standard room and \$105 per + taxes for a deluxe room. To make room reservations call: 915-772-3333, reference: 2-12 CAV Reunion. Please call the hotel directly for hotel accommodations. <www.BeyondGhazaliya.com>.

0559 The Greywolf Association (GWA). “We started the GWA a few months ago, feeling that having a commemorative Operation Spartan Shield print commissioned for the brigade based on this deployment would be a great memento for all the Greywolf Soldiers, as well as the brigade itself. We have high aspirations for what GWA can do for the brigade, but obviously we have to start somewhere. Our current goal is to raise money for the Association by selling the prints. Our short term goals also include hosting an Association ball at the end of the deployment which will be attended by members and their guests. We have had a great showing this far with over 160 members, joined in only 31 days. We have a board of directors and a select group of advisors from across the brigade. We will rotate several of the positions as we prepare to redeploy back to Fort Hood before the end of the year. GWA is open to any current or prior (honorable) service member and the fee for a lifetime membership is \$50. Only members can purchase the OSS print that is being commissioned by renowned artist James Dietz. Pre order prints will cost \$129 from 21 August through 15 October this year, and \$155 thereafter. All paid prints will be delivered by 8 December, 2017 at Fort Hood, Texas. All transactions will be processed and paid for by PayPal. (You do not have to purchase a print to become a member. We are planning the unveiling to be at Fort Hood o/a 8 December, with the artist present. Our returning ball is tentatively scheduled for 8 February, 2018, at a location TBD.” <TheGreywolfAssociation+Membership@GMail Com> for an application. Questions and answers via <TheGreywolfAssociation+Contact@GMail.Com>.

0959 “Allen Lynch of Gurnee, IL, (MOH, D 1-12), is known around Lake County for his talks to various groups. But on Friday, he kicked off a new program at the Lake County Jail in which people who have overcome obstacles in their lives speak to the inmates about changing behavior and making plans so they don’t end up back in custody and can find a better life. Lynch had been a regular at the jail as part of a Bible study group with inmates for some seven or eight years. This time, he was the main attraction as part of the jail’s new “Real People, Real Stories” program. “He is one of the most inspirational people. The inmates that hear him will hear about the value of redemption and not letting the past define who you are,” said Sheriff Mark Curran. “He didn’t let his past define his potential.” Lynch told how when he entered the service he was given a test and the opportunity to go to officer’s school. He lasted four weeks before leaving. He told the gathering that he still wasn’t done screwing up, he received an Article 15 for talking back to an officer, docked seven days pay, assigned 15 days of duty cleaning the toilets and bunkhouse, and another 15 days confined to the barracks. He then received another Article 15 when a friend attempted going AWOL. Lynch went to get him at a bar to bring him back. “Of course we had to have a couple of beers first. And we got caught,” he said, adding that one more Article 15 and he could have been dishonorably discharged. However, Lynch said he was bonding with his fellow Soldiers. “I was closer to them than my own Family. It didn’t matter who you were or where you were from or what you looked like,” he said. When he left the service, he went to the College of Lake County, then a four-year college, and made honor roll at each school. He went on to work for Veterans rights with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and later at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He married and had a child. He also suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. “For a lot of years, it was my excuse,” he



Riding high with HCOTR, Col Jim Dingeman

0001 Hey Sailor, new in town? “Gud riting dun dirt cheap.” We do not get cheaper but we can get dirtier. Things have dried up around here abouts and I am not talking about the rain or the weather. Anyone who thinks no news is good news never

said. Nevertheless, he urged inmates to re-examine themselves. “We don’t stay the same person. We can change and be different,” he told the inmates. “Sometimes under pressure, a person can become a diamond or stay a lump of coal. “If I can do it, all of you can do it too. We can be a benefit to everyone who knows us. It is all up to you. Every one of you has the potential. Don’t miss the opportunity,” he added. “You have a lot of life left to live — make it positive.” <www.chicagotribune.com>.

1159 No takers, and no responses to last issue’s requests on Troopers Pablo Conde Jr. and Richard Rodriguez. Respectfully also, nothing for Donna Wilson and her 12th Cavalry WWII dad in her Philippines trek. <Sad>.

1559 Experiential PTSD therapy. “PTSD has been a problem for the military for decades, but America’s recent wars have pushed it to epidemic-level heights. Experts estimate that between 11 and 20 percent of Soldiers who served in Iraq or Afghanistan suffer from PTSD. The affliction is typically triggered after experiencing or witnessing violence, including assault and abuse. It has ravaged lives and broken up marriages. It often leaves its victims in sudden panic and prevents them from dealing with the original trauma. And that last symptom is what makes PTSD particularly hard to overcome with traditional talk therapy. Because patients can’t talk about and process the trauma, experts say, it lingers like a poison in their mind. Ecstasy (MDMA) has long been a favorite at trance parties and raves because of its unique ability to flood users with intense feelings of euphoria. However, as a byproduct, it also reduces fear and imbues users with a deep sense of love and acceptance of themselves and others - the perfect conditions for trauma therapy. By giving doses of MDMA at the beginning of three, eight-hour PTSD therapy sessions, researchers say they have helped chronic PTSD patient’s process and move past their traumas. In clinical trials with 107 patients closely monitored by the FDA, 61 percent reported major reductions in symptoms - to the point where they no longer fit the criteria for PTSD. Follow-up studies a year later found 67 percent no longer had PTSD. “If you were to design the perfect drug to treat PTSD, MDMA would be it,” said Rick Doblin, who three decades ago founded the California nonprofit behind the clinical trials.

The MDMA program was created by a small group of psychedelic researchers who had toiled for years in the face of ridicule, funding shortages, and skepticism. But the results have been so positive that this month the Food and Drug Administration deemed it a “breakthrough therapy” - setting it on a fast track for review and potential approval. The prospect of a government-sanctioned psychedelic drug has generated both excitement and concern. And it has opened the door to



1-12 Chargers Lessons at Mealtime



Machine Gun Troop, Lt Wallace Van Clere CO, 1919 Camp Furlong, NM



scientists studying new uses for other illegal psychedelics like LSD and psilocybin (commonly known as magic mushrooms).” <www.WashingtonPost.Com>.

1955 “The three combined arms battalions of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team “Greywolf,” 1st Cavalry Division conducted company-level situational

training exercises during the months of July and August. “It was to validate us through our mission essential tasks as a tank company to show that we are ready,” said CPT John Pelham, Commander of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd ABCT. “If we had not deployed yet, it would validate us to deploy. Since we are currently deployed, it’s recertifying that validation. It’s like the final exam for a company.” Evaluators put the mechanized infantry and armored companies through a variety of tasks such as; movement to contact, establishing an area defense, and conducting an attack. The exercise began with the company’s receipt of the mission. The commanders immediately gathered their subordinate leaders in order to plan and brief the mission. Pelham, who led his company through the STX and served as an evaluator for other companies, said he took a lot of value from incorporating many of his subordinate leaders into the planning process. With the opposing forces, played by Soldiers from sister companies, lying in wait, the training unit moved out to the first objective

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7th CAV News



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Greetings and Salutations to all Troopers of the 7th Cavalry. I am Karl Swenson, your new scribe. I am excited to be appointed to this position, as it will give me the opportunity to tell the history of this historic

unit with the stories that you provide to me.

I am truly humbled by this opportunity; recounting the heroic efforts of fellow members of the 7th Cavalry is an honor. A little about me, I was assigned to Delta Company 1/7 on my initial tour in Vietnam in 1968. I was as green a platoon leader as could be. Fortunately for me, I had an excellent platoon sergeant who gave me control of my platoon when he thought I was ready for it. One day in October of 1968, LTC Doug MacMillian, the Battalion Commander, asked me to head up a new team he was putting together that would specialize in long-range recon patrols along with stay-behind ambushes. He gave me authority to go to the line companies to hand-pick up to 12 men for this "hunter-killer team." We operated independently under the control of MacMillian until he was moved up the chain of command and we were assigned a new battalion commander. That commander reassigned the hunter-killer team in its entirety to Echo Company and we joined CPT Dave Niles and the rest of Echo Company at LZ Buttons just outside of Song Be. Buttons was a huge fire support base just east of Nui Ba Ra, large enough to support an entire brigade and Echo Company was the only unit assigned to protect the base, at strength of around 50 Troopers, the perimeter was spread thin.

After Echo Company's stint at LZ Buttons was over, the unit worked its way further west toward the Dong Nai River outside of Bien Hoa. There, we found ourselves on top of a little hill in the middle of nowhere. This hill, dubbed Hill 54 on our maps but known to the locals as Nui Loo, had been occupied by a full-sized rifle company prior to our arrival. This small hilltop was vital to the defense of Bien Hoa from the south because the entire plain of the Dong Nai River was visible from there. Any Troop movements could easily be detected.

The resident company had been spending the majority of their time patrolling and had not yet put to use the piles of PSP, the bundles of engineer stakes, the pallets of empty sand bags, and the coils of concertina wire that lay around the top of this small hill. The hill was so small that when we arrived in a CH-47 Chinook the pilot was able to put only the rear wheels of the aircraft on the hilltop – the front wheels were hanging out in space.

CPT Niles, our CO, decided that our defense of the hill was paramount. So, we began to fill all those empty sandbags and used them to provide overhead cover for the holes that had been dug around the perimeter of the hilltop. Some of our 52 Troops were sent down the hill to clear fields of fire out of the thick bamboo and underbrush. When the sun went down, we worked hard into the night to prepare those defensive positions. Finally, it became too dark to adequately build, and we retired to our defensive LPs and to the perimeter defensive positions. Some of them now had overhead cover, but not all.

Around 2300 hours, it began to rain – one of those great rains for taking a quick shower, and that's what we did. What a great feeling after a grueling day of back-breaking work. At 0030 hours on 17 March, we were attacked by NVA regulars. Intel after the fact listed the enemy size as a reinforced battalion. Their mission was to completely annihilate the company on Hill 54 so that Troop movements could take place headed for Bien Hoa. The NVA gave it a hell of a try. By the time the sun came up that morning, Echo Company had suffered horrific casualties, we had 11 KIA and 16 WIA and evacuated to hospitals. Over 50% of our company had been lost in that battle.

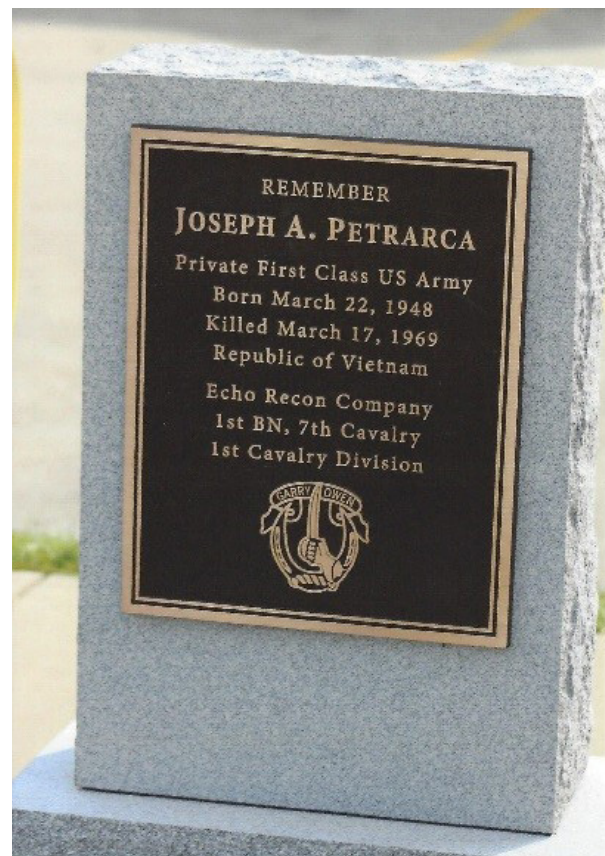
The reason I am telling you this is Joey Petrarca. He was one of the 11 KIA that night. Joey had grown up in a small Pennsylvania town just a little south of Pittsburgh. The town had lost only one son to Vietnam and that was Joey. But

the town of Scottsdale never forgot Joey's sacrifice and in 2016 a bridge was rededicated as the PFC Joseph A. Petrarca Bridge. The town invited Echo Company survivors to attend the dedication, eight of the Troopers from that terrible night were able to be there, and it was a magnificent tribute to a young man who had sacrificed all for the rest of us. We were joined by VFWs, American Legion posts, and Vietnam Veterans of America for 50 miles around. Joey's memory lives now forever.

And for those of you who may be close to the Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania, on November 4th the Army Heritage Foundation will be honoring two of our own. Bill Beck of A company 1/7 will receive the **Living Legend Award** for his contributions as a Soldier during the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley. His individual achievements deserve recognition and serve as an inspiration for others. Bill was drafted into the Army in 1964 and during the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley in November 1965, much like Joshua Chamberlain did for the Union Army at Gettysburg, he secured the flank of his unit's position. He was awarded a Silver Star for these actions while serving as an Assistant Machine Gunner in the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment (1/7 Cav), 1st Cavalry Division. Then and now, he represents those Soldiers who joined the Army and fought in the initial battles of the Vietnam War.

Recognizing individuals or organizations that make a very positive contribution to the lives of Soldiers and their Families, the Foundation has selected Joe Galloway to receive the Foundation's **Boots on the Ground Award**. Galloway has not allowed our Soldiers to be forgotten. His service as a military reporter, columnist, and author has helped publicize and humanize our Soldiers, especially related to the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam. Joe Galloway was a 23 year old United Press International reporter who was assigned to Vietnam in 1965. He wanted to tell the stories of Soldiers in war, and to do so, he had to serve with them in the field. In November 1965, he accompanied the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment into the Ia Drang Valley. To save his and Soldiers' lives he had to take up arms. He received a Bronze Star with V Device for his actions and forged a deep friendship with Soldiers of the unit. He would later tell their stories in the best-selling book, **We Were Soldiers Once and Young**.

Thanks for your attention; this first column is my attempt to tell the stories of our brothers-in-arms. Please send me your stories so that we all can be proud of those we served with. This issue centered on the Vietnam War, but the 1st of the 7th has proudly fought and served around the world. Let's hear about some of those. Until the next issue, Garryowen, my friends!



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while conducting movement to contact drills. Once the company reached their objective, they established security in anticipation of the next task - conduct an area defense. Meanwhile, the company leadership had begun planning for the next phase of their mission. In anticipation of the opposing forces' imminent attack on their tactical assembly area, the companies pushed out new orders. "I think what was really the most profound thing that I saw when evaluating another unit," Phelman explained, "was watching that unit come to the realization of what it takes to sustain a mechanized force over such a long distance." While the simulated battle played out, the forward support companies were busy fueling vehicles; conducting maintenance; and providing food, water, and ice. According to CPT Hilary Genevish, the 215th Brigade Support Battalion Operations Officer, the companies consumed more than 49,000 gallons of fuel, more than 3,000 gallons of water, and more than 800 bags of ice. Pelham said he watched units get better and better at planning for not only the need for that sustainment, but also the distance that had to be traveled for those resources to make it out to them. "You can't fabricate experience," Pelham said. "You can't fabricate this type of terrain or this type of climate. It is one of the hottest regions of the world. You just cannot simulate that. You've got to go out and see it and feel it for yourself to really get an appreciation for what it takes to fight and win here." In addition, fight and win is exactly what the units were ready to do as they approached their final task. In the early morning hours of the third day of the exercise, the engines roared to life again. The Soldiers donned their personal protective equipment, mounted their vehicles, and proceeded to their next objective. The crews engaged the opposition forces, all while effectively shooting, moving and communicating. "In the simplest terms possible, this training directly feeds into sustained readiness," Pelham said. "We went through these exercises to certify us to deploy, and we continue to do the train up and execute these exercises again to recertify and recertify, so that we always stay at that peak readiness level, and that's exactly what this does." <www.Army.Mil>.

2159 Check yourself before you wreck yourself - No Trooper left behind! "Want to support Veterans and Service members? People who experience PTSD are at increased risk of suicide. We all can play a role in preventing suicide, but many people do not know how to support a Veteran or Service member in their life who's going through a difficult time. Join the U.S. Departments of Veterans

Affairs, and Defense, in letting people know that preventing suicide starts with this simple act of support: Be There. Helping someone feel included and supported can make a big difference during a challenging time. It does not require a grand gesture or complicated task. A simple act of kindness can help someone feel less alone. Small actions of support are thoughtful ways to show you care. Similarly, encouraging Veterans and Service members to take time for themselves and to focus on their own health and wellness can have a big impact. Start the conversation. Being there for someone can be easy, but starting a conversation about your concerns for that person or broaching the subject of suicide can seem much more difficult. The most important thing is to show genuine, heartfelt support for someone going through a rough period. People may worry about what to say, fear that they will make matters worse, or think that special training is required to safely raise the subject (it is not). When talking about a possible suicide risk or a life crisis, try to keep these best practices in mind: remain calm, listen more than you speak, maintain eye contact, act with confidence, don't argue, use open body language, limit questions to casual information-gathering, use supportive and encouraging comments, be as honest and upfront as possible. Before you start a conversation, do some research to find out where suicide prevention and mental health resources are available. Veterans and their Families can contact their local VA Medical Center, using the Resource Locator to find counseling, treatment centers, and customized support for any life challenge." <National Center for PTSD, PTSD Monthly Update - August 2017>.

2359 Journal closed. "Every act of conscious learning requires the willingness to suffer an injury to one's self-esteem. That is why young children, before they are aware of their own self-importance, learn so easily; and why older persons, especially if vain or important, cannot learn at all." ~ Thomas Szasz. Semper Paratus! Write if you get work! Ken Howser, Jr.



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Hi again, I wrote in the last issue of SABER: *"I could not help while writing this column thinking back to our 2011 reunion at Fort Benning. That was the year the new Infantry Museum opened, but more importantly the year we lost two long-time members, Mike "Mouse" McGhie and Larry Summers. Following Mouse's death, I was asked by the Board to take on the task of editing this column that he had done so well for so long. Six years later, I'm still at it but as the years take their toll, and the faculties diminish, I wouldn't mind passing this task on to someone better able to do it. If you might be interested, please give me a call and I could fill you in on what is involved in this bi-monthly task."* I got a very interesting response from Bob Skole, and reprint part of it here:

From Bob Skole: "Tom – Reading back issues of Saber that were piled up in the mail while we spent time in our home in Europe, and I want to say belated thanks for running the story about the belated Medal of Honor awarded to Tibor Rubin. One of the fascinating and inspiring parts of his story was the years of effort by fellow POWs whom he saved to get the Medal awarded, as it had been recommended by two commanders. It's told in detail in the book, *Single Handed – The inspiring story of Tibor 'Teddy' Rubin – Holocaust survivor, Korean War hero, and Medal of Honor recipient* by Daniel M. Cohen.

"Your note in the July/August issue, about looking for a volunteer to take up your job editing the column, [still looking by the way. ed.] but got me to thinking that if I were some years younger – I should say quite a few years – I'd volunteer, and it would be something of a full circle. I wrote and edited the 8th Cavalry newsletter for some months when the regiment was stationed at Tokyo Roppongi barracks in the Occupation, in 1947.

"... In a couple days, I'll turn 89, so I think you'll forgive me for not taking up your editing post." Bob sent along this interesting photo of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur with the following caption: "MacArthur leaving his headquarters, taken by the late Sgt. Martin Dworkin, supply sergeant of the medical detachment of the 8th Cav in Tokyo. MacArthur's exiting his headquarters



Skole with liberated Samurai sword



MacArthur, exits Hdqtrs, 1947

always attracted a crowd of Japanese and GI's on leave."

Thanks for writing, Bob. I asked whether he still has some of his old 8th Cavalry Newsletters from that time in Tokyo. He didn't have any, but sent the following recollections:

"Assignment to the 8th Cavalry at the Roppongi Barracks in Tokyo in January 1947 was the start of what would be called today, multi-tasking, leading to lifelong friendships. The barracks had been the Imperial Guard barracks. (During the Korean War it was renamed Hardy Barracks.) It was built of reinforced concrete and was not damaged in the fire-bombing of Tokyo. When I tell people I was in the Cavalry and rode horses, they don't believe me, but we did have stables and horses "liberated" from what we believed were the Imperial Guard. We would go to the stables and the Japanese working there would saddle up for us. No stable work for us! Old time Veteran Cavalrymen would teach us to ride. None of us had ever been on a horse. I recall once being chewed out by the Colonel who saw me walking out the main gate to the stables. I was wearing fatigues. The Colonel said a Cavalryman doesn't ride in fatigues, and ordered me to get into proper uniform.

"Somehow, I got transferred to the medics. I may have mentioned a Boy Scout merit badge in first aid when I was in sick bay for pneumonia. Capt Victor Dembrow, the chief medical officer, figured that qualified me to be a medic. 'Doc' Dembrow -- we were informal in that outfit -- welcomed me, and gave my first assignment: 'Go in and soak the Colonel's arse. He got saddle sores.' I got the cure-all boric acid solution and did the soaking, as if I knew what I was doing. I was not wearing fatigues. The Colonel did not complain. That was the start of *Medic on the job training*. I will not go into what the majority of our cases

were, but in occupied Japan, with plentiful ladies of the night for GIs on pass, you can imagine. Penicillin would do the trick for the unprotected trick. One case was memorable, and I'm not making this up. A Trooper turned up and a bit of research discovered he was only 14 years old. He was shipped home. Heck, we weren't much older. I joined the Army out of high school at 17.

"Those were soft days. The barracks was a short walk to Meiji Park, with swimming pools built for the 1940 Olympics which were never held. The pools were much better than the small one at the barracks. On a Meiji Park Field I saw rugby for the first time between Australian and New Zealand troops. Busses ran regularly to downtown Tokyo. We often drove jeeps into the city to the main hospital. One day, I was in the passenger seat. We drove on the left, of course and I could see General MacArthur's Cadillac, flying his five star flags, so I saluted. And as we passed each other, I saw Mac in the back seat returning my salute. Headly stuff for an 18-year-old, although I should not have been surprised.

"Before joining the medics, I had several jobs although attached to Cannon Troop. One was in the Information and Education office where I edited and wrote most of a regimental newsletter which had a life shorter than a lot of papers for which I worked in the coming 50 years. At the same time, I ran the barracks carpenter shop with half-dozen Japanese who luckily knew carpentry. One day, fishing through a storage room in the shop, I came on a half-dozen Japanese army rifles, one ancient flintlock, and some Samurai swords stashed away and hidden under junk. Our Captain took the flintlock (I bet it was from the 1600's) and the best sword, and gave me the rifles and swords which I promptly turned over to someone although I did keep one short sword, managed to "import" it home and still have it. I assume the statute of limitations is in force.

"Finally, a word of medic buddies: The late Capt. Denbrow became a well-known Oncology surgeon in Miami, and served as head of the national Society of Oncology Surgery. The late Martin Dworkin became a professor of microbiology at University of Minnesota Medical School and was a vice president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. (I'd see Marty at Academy inaugurations in Cambridge, Mass. On stage with world-famous inductees, and think back, 'There's our supply sergeant!') The late Joe Gengo, a Golden Gloves boxer from Buffalo, was talked into going a few "light sparring" rounds with Sgt Law Jenkins who had been lightweight world champion, and who was in the 8th Cav. Joe said, 'Law promised he would take it easy: Then, after a couple of jabs, he threw one punch and I said, 'That is it,' and I took off the gloves.' Jenkins was famous for his powerful punch. Other medics with whom I keep in touch are Marvin Paul, a photographer who ran Doc's darkroom, and Alan Novak.

"I returned to Tokyo as a civilian in the late 1950's working for The Japan Times. Attending a robotics conference in 1970's, I went to a colleague's club in Roppongi which had become Tokyo's booming night-life district and which it still is. I thought back to the bombed out area that it was when we were stationed nearby. Perhaps then was planted the seed for my novel, *Jumpin' Jimminy – A World War II Baseball Saga – American Flyboys and Japanese Submariners Battle it OU in A Swedish World Series.*" What a great remembrance of that time. Thanks Bob!

From Bob Kies: *I hear every now and then from COL Bob Kies, USA (Retired). He lives in Naples, FL now. He is a great story teller and I'm going to try and get down and visit him while I'm down in my Florida place this winter. He was unable to attend our reunion at Columbus/Ft. Benning this year, but did write the following note:*

"Thank you for the material on the next 8th Cav Reunion. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend. I just don't travel as much as earlier in my life. I reached 91 last month, but am still navigating!

"I was at the last reunion at Benning, which is one of my old haunts. I attended OCS there in 1945; helped reactivate the 15th Inf, 3rd Div in 1948; and was an instructor at the Infantry School from 1951-54. My 3 oldest children were all born there as well.

"I served with L/3rd Bn in 1950 and am one of the survivors of the disaster at Unsan. I was severely wounded, captured by the CCF, and through their pity (?) was dumped some 24 days later in front of the U.S. lines where we came back under US control via the 35th Regt/25th Div. After hospitalization and return to duty, I served another 26 years, retiring on 1 March 1977 (I came into the service on 26 June 1944). I served 2 tours in Vietnam, 1961-62 and 1971-72, in both instances as an advisor to RVN elements.

"If you have not seen the museum, you will really be impressed. I was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame, which is now part of the museum. "I hope I have not bored you, but have a great reunion and pass on my regards to anyone who might remember me. Honor and Courage! Regards, Bob Kies."

What great correspondence. Thanks to both of you – interesting, too, that you both are survivors of Unsan. Your long and dedicated service impresses us all; thanks for it!

RIPCOL Peter O'Sullivan USA (Ret)

Peter O'Sullivan passed recently at his beloved Gurrelund, Kvistgard, Denmark where he has lived since his retirement with his wife, Vibeke and his Family. Peter organized and was the inspiration of Eager Arms, <www.eagerarms.com,> the group of us who served together in B-2/8 Cav in Vietnam during the period 1967-68 under that call sign. Late in his retirement and wanting to reconnect with "his men," Peter spent countless hours creating the organization and the website that continues the legacy. Stories from those days can be found at the website as well as photos, maps, operations, etc. Peter had an interesting personal history as well as a long military career. Continued on pg. 18



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9th CAV News

Hello from beautiful Smith Mountain in Southwest Virginia. There's already a hint of autumn in the air even though

we have two more weeks of summer before the Autumnal Equinox. Living around deciduous tree makes you wonder at Nature's time clock. These trees start ejecting their dried leaves since they are no longer useable for the life of the tree. I am awaiting the Ken Burns Documentary on Vietnam starting September 17, 2017, on PBS (check local listings.) A must see for any Vietnam Veteran and Family member. If you missed on PBS you can go to your local library and check out the DVD.

First up is a citation for the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for SFC Robert Newman. This was sent to me by 1SG (Ret) David Warren. I have another story about SFC Newman, later in this column. 1SG Warren's email was dated August 20, 2017, which the citation was issued 50 years to the date after the action described.

Below is the citation for the DFC to SFC Robert M. Newman - 50 years ago today.

"For extraordinary heroism and gallantry while participating in aerial flight. Platoon Sergeant Newman distinguished himself by heroism in action on 19 August 1967, while serving as a door gunner on an armed UH-1B helicopter during a combat rescue mission near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Observing several wounded crewmembers of a downed helicopter who were under attack from a large North Vietnamese Army force, Sergeant Newman began delivering effective suppressive fire on the hostile positions. While making several low level passes over the area his aircraft came under heavy ground fire, but Sergeant Newman

continued to direct his fire on the hostile positions and provided covering fire for an evacuation helicopter. When his aircraft was hit by the enemy ground fire, Sergeant Newman was wounded, but continued to place fire on the enemy positions. His action inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy force and enabled the medical evacuation helicopter to successfully extract the wounded crew members. Sergeant Newman's display of personal bravery and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

SFC Newman was involved in a tragic accident at LZ Dog in the fall of 1967. There were two pilots in the gun platoon that always enjoyed "playing" quick draw with their service revolvers. As one of the pilots emerged from his helicopter and removed his "Chicken Plate" (chest protector) the waiting pilot drew his pistol and pointed at the pilot. All of a sudden, the weapon discharged and the other pilot was shot in the chest. SFC Newman responded immediately, applying first aid and putting pressure on the wound. Unfortunately it was too little too late and the pilot died. This is just a reminder that guns should be handled safely, at all times. Once a bullet leaves a gun it doesn't care where it's headed.

On a more upbeat note, we had a wonderful reunion with our Apache Troop brethren from a later era in Alexandria, VA, August 3-5, 2017. Thanks to Pam Hoskin and all of the staff that helped pull the reunion together. Special thanks to Jim Kurtz for picking me up from dialysis and donating his replica of the Vietnam Wall my wife RoJane and me. Each attendee was given a beautiful quilt made by different ladies from across the U.S. made specifically for Vietnam Veterans. We will treasure ours forever.

That wraps up another 9th CAV Column for this addition. If you have a story you'd like to share please either email or snail mail at the above address.

Until next time remember WE CAN and WE WILL, WE COULD and WE DID.

The Distinguished Service Cross is the second highest military award that can be given to a member of the United States Army, for extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force. Actions that merit the Distinguished Service Cross must be of such a high degree that they are above those required for all other U.S. combat decorations but do not meet the criteria for the Medal of Honor. The Distinguished Service Cross is equivalent to the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, and the Coast Guard Cross.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS -

McCAFFREY, BARRY R.



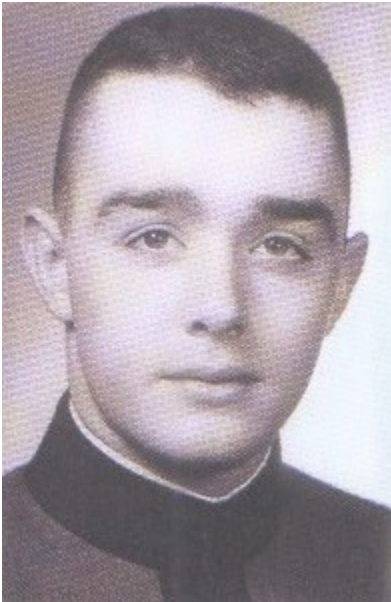
Citation:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain (Infantry), [then First Lieutenant] Barry R. McCaffrey (ASN: OF-101587), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with 2d Airborne Task Force,

Airborne Division Advisory Detachment (Airborne).

Captain McCaffrey distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 6 October 1966 while advising a Vietnamese Airborne Battalion on a search and clear operation near Dong Ha. At 0315 hours, the camp received intense mortar fire, which severely wounded Captain McCaffrey in the shoulder. With complete disregard for his safety, he unhesitatingly ran through the intense automatic weapons and mortar fire to estimate the severity of the attack. He soon discovered that the senior American advisor had been killed, and all but one of the company commanders were seriously wounded. After rendering aid to the casualties, Captain McCaffrey took command and dauntlessly proceeded around the perimeter to direct the defense against the insurgent human wave assaults. Again, he was wounded by mortar fragments, but ignored his own condition and quickly organized a counterattack, which successfully repelled another Viet Cong attack.

During the remainder of the 12-hour battle, Captain McCaffrey repeatedly exposed himself to the hostile fire and directed artillery and air strikes against the insurgent forces. Through his unrelenting courage and personal example, he inspired the besieged Vietnamese unit to defeat four determined Viet Cong attacks and inflict heavy casualties on a numerically superior hostile force. Only after assuring that all the wounded had been extracted, and that a replacement advisor was with the battalion, did he permit himself to be evacuated.



1961 McCaffrey's plebe year of West Point

Captain McCaffrey's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER in lieu of a second award of DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - McCAFFREY, BARRY R.

Citation:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Second Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Barry R. McCaffrey (OF-101587), Captain (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company B, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Captain McCaffrey distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 9 March 1969 as Company Commander during a reconnaissance-in-force mission. When elements of one of his platoon came under intense fire from a well-fortified enemy bunker complex, Captain McCaffrey immediately moved forward to assault the hostile position in order to relieve pressure on the beleaguered squad. He quickly deployed his men for an attack and led the advance through the fusillade. When he had pinpointed the source of the greatest concentration of fire, he initiated a single-handed assault on the bunker. After several attempts, he finally succeeded in destroying the machine gun bunker and its occupants. Despite being wounded in the left arm, he continued to supervise the overrunning and destruction of the hostile bunker system. After organizing the evacuation of his casualties, he called in supporting fire on the enemy. Only after he was assured that all of the wounded had been cared for and after he had organized a defensive position, did he allow himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. Captain McCaffrey's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

General Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.) – 2017 Veterans Day Banquet Guest Speaker

- Most highly decorated and youngest Army four-star General at retirement. Three awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. Four combat tours of duty during thirteen years of overseas service: Dominican Republic 1965; Vietnam 1966-67/68-69 (Vietnamese Airborne Division and 1st Cavalry Division); Iraq, 1991 (24th Mech Division).
- Twice awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (the nation's second highest award for valor) for extraordinary heroism in Vietnam combat action (Vietnamese Airborne Division and U.S. 1st Cavalry Division).
- Twice awarded the Silver Star for exceptional valor in Vietnam combat action as a rifle company commander (1st Cavalry Division).
- Served as Lt. General on the JCS Pentagon staff as the J5 Strategic Planner and also as the Special Assistant to General Colin Powell (1992-1994).
- Served as a Major General on the Army Pentagon staff as the strategic planner.
- Commanded 26,000 Soldiers of the U.S. Army 24th Infantry Division Combat Team during Desert Storm. Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for leading the 370-kilometer left-hook attack into Iraq.
- Awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and Bronze Star as an 82nd Airborne Division parachute infantry platoon leader during the Dominican Republic OAS intervention.

Thanks for joining 1CDA!

30th FA News



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Daryl Dunkelberger

Commander of the 3rd Bn, 30th FA. I am currently on standby, waiting for a break in the weather in Florida after Hurricane Irma hit them. My youngest brother lives outside of Fort Meyers, FL, and he is without power and water. Unfortunately, Irma is now pounding Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and the Carolinas. I am also worried about my sister who lives in South Carolina.

I realize this column is shorter than usual. I will add some pictures of our June reunion To fill up some space. For those of you who have been dragging your feet about becoming a Life Member, we have lowered the Fee to only \$99. Over 300 of our members have reached the conclusion that becoming a Life Member

Hard Charger News: Theresa and I have been resting from our vacation. The planning for the 100th Anniversary of the organization of the 30th FA Regiment is in full swing. This event will take place at Fort Sill, Oklahoma next year [2018]. We are working on the exact dates with the leadership of the 1-30th FA at Fort Sill. LTC James Egan will be changing command next June. The approximate date for his Change of Command is 16 June 2018.

2018 Hard Charger Reunion and 100th Anniversary Celebration: Our 30th FA Association President, COL (R) Theodore J. Janosko is holding a series of meetings with the leadership and staff of the 1-30th FA. COL Janosko is a former Commander of the 30th FA Regiment. Also included in the meetings is the current Honorary Colonel of the 30th FA Regiment, COL (R) Frank J. Siltman. He is also the Director of all of the Museums at Fort Sill, and is the Past



Waiting to board the ship at Lake George

is a good thing! Contact me for a membership form. My email address is: <firstcav68@roadrunner.com>. Our Hard Charger Website address is: <www.Hardchargers.com>. This is Hard Charger 9G End of Mission-Out! Dan Gillotti



Camp Funston Howitzer Park 1918

In Loving Memory Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. Kennedy

served as Sergeant Major of several developmental aviation units. In those and other positions, he was able to be a champion of the Army’s enlisted aviation people. In 1963-64, he was stationed at Fort Benning, GA, when the 11th Air Assault Division (later the 1st Air Cavalry Division) was formed, and he was Sergeant Major of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry of the 11th Air Assault Division. CSM Kennedy went from there to Vietnam with the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Air Cavalry Division.



When the 1st Aviation Brigade was organized in Vietnam, CSM Kennedy was assigned to it as Brigade Command Sergeant Major. He returned to the states and Fort Benning in 1966 and was Command Sergeant Major of the Infantry School. On that assignment, and his next one in Germany as CSM of the 3rd Infantry Division, many of the Soldiers Kennedy was responsible for were engaged in Air Mobility programs.

He went back to Vietnam in 1969 for a year as CSM of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). His next assignment involving aviation projects was at Fort Hood, TX, where he served as CSM of the III Corps. When he returned in 1975, Kennedy was CSM of the Fifth Army with Headquarters at Fort Sheridan. In that position, many reserve aviation units were under his supervision.

The value of CSM Kennedy’s service to the Army and particularly to Army Aviation is measured by the four Legions of Merit and the 34 Air Medals he wears. Command Sergeant Major Kennedy retired from active duty at Fort Sam Houston, TX, June 1975.

A MAN NAMED RABBIT Command Sgt Major Lawrence Rabbit Kennedy Veteran of World War II, Korea & Vietnam Wren, MS

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy is an intensely proud man and he has every right to be. He spent 34 years serving his nation and finished as one of the most, if not the most, decorated Soldier in the history of the Army. When he began his military career, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was Commander-in-Chief. By the end, President Gerald Ford held the position. CSM Kennedy fought in the Battle of the Bulge in his late teens then trudged through the jungles of Vietnam over 30 years later. In those three and a half decades of service he amassed 34 Air Medals and four Legions of Merit, the only man ever to do so. But if you ask Rabbit Kennedy what he loved the most about his military career, he says nothing about his medals at all. The only thing he talks about is his men. More than anything else, Rabbit Kennedy loved to take care of the men who called him “Sir.”

People all over Monroe County know Rabbit Kennedy’s story. It is woven into the fabric of local lore. He grew up in relative poverty in Smithville during the Great Depression. A school photo from his childhood shows a shaven head, hollow eyes, and thin limbs. His nickname came from the time a concerned teacher asked him what his Family ate for dinner. His answer was simple, “Rabbit.” And that’s what makes CSM Rabbit Kennedy’s story all the more remarkable – and it is remarkable – that he would grow up with so very little but rise up to contribute so much.

In October 1940, a young Rabbit Kennedy walked for two days from his home in Smithville to Tupelo. He was heading to Fort Benning, Georgia to begin his life

as a Soldier. He had exactly one dollar in his pocket and needed both a sweater and a pair of shoes. Rabbit went to Reed’s in downtown Tupelo where he was helped by a 17-year-old Jack Reed, Sr. Jack Reed found Rabbit both items he needed, but the total came to \$1.03. Jack Reed gave him the sweater and shoes, but Rabbit Kennedy promised that day that he would pay him back the three cents he owed him. After that Rabbit Kennedy boarded the train and headed for Georgia. He would spend the next 35 years in the Army.

Rabbit Kennedy’s Army career started out with the hard life of a Soldier in World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, a fierce fight that took place in the frigid winter of 1944. During that battle, he spent nine days in a foxhole next to a dead German soldier. His early days in the Army gave him an appreciation for the life of a Soldier. It also gave him a glimpse into the strength of will and character necessary to endure. It was a lesson that he would later instill in the men who served under him.

Rabbit Kennedy remained in the Army after World War II, then served a short stint in Korea during that conflict. He steadily rose through the ranks of the military, gaining a reputation as a hard-nosed sergeant who followed the old code of a “Brown Shoe Soldier.” Brown shoe Soldiers were those Veterans who believed in strong, hard discipline, and training. They were hard on their men for the purpose of making them resilient and obedient. They didn’t care one bit if their men liked them, but they made sure without a doubt that their men respected them. It was an approach that much of the army was leaving behind when the 1960s came around. When Rabbit Kennedy was elevated to Sergeant Major, then ultimately Command Sergeant Major, his reputation was well established as “one of the toughest sons of bitches” in the entire Army.

In September 1965, CSM Kennedy had the privilege of leading the Army’s 1st Cavalry 9th Division into combat. He had personally overseen the men’s training and development as a unit at Fort Benning. No other unit ever reflected his character and demeanor more than the 1st Cavalry. When his men came ashore in Vietnam, it was CSM Kennedy at the front, proudly carrying the American flag. A photographer snapped a photo of Kennedy and his men. It ultimately ended up on the cover of Life Magazine. The time that CSM Kennedy spent in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry would cement his legacy as one of the most respected and trusted non-commissioned officers.

Throughout his time in the Army, CSM Kennedy met many famous people like John Wayne and Bob Hope. Perhaps his favorite brush with fame came when he asked to serve with President Lyndon B. Johnson in awarding the Medal of Honor to several Soldiers. In spite of the numerous stories of notable people, it was still the basic Soldier that he cared for the most. In the early 1970s, CSM Kennedy was approached by a Soldier who hadn’t received his pay for several weeks and desperately needed to get home to visit his dying mother. CSM Kennedy listened to the Soldier’s story and decided to use his influence to help the young man. Within a matter of minutes, the young man’s money had been wired and he was sent to be with his mother. Several years later, as Rabbit worked in his yard at home in Amory, a black Buick pulled into the driveway. It was the same young man now much older, driving to say “thank you.”

When Rabbit Kennedy retired in 1975, he left as the most decorated Soldier in the history of the Army. He had earned four Legion of Merit medals for distinguished service, more than any other Soldier. He retired to his home in Amory. On his first day out of retirement, Rabbit Kennedy made the short drive from Amory to Tupelo. He went to Reed’s department store and asked for Mr. Reed. Rabbit pulled three pennies out of his pocket and paid off the debt he promised to pay years before. Both men laughed about it. Today, Rabbit’s leadership is still honored by members of the military. The men of the 1st Cavalry who served with him in Vietnam still have a strong affection for their Command Sergeant Major. And their Command Sergeant Major still has a strong affection for them.

We honor the passing of our fellow Troopers who have taken positions at Fiddler’s Green to await us.

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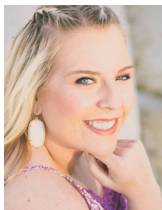
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Sajjon Antonio Boodoo, son of SFC (Ret) Brent Boodoo, 2-8 Cav, 2003-05, 1.0 Grant; Central Texas College

Terilynne Rae Budreau, daughter of SP-4 Terry L. Budreau 2-20 ARA, 1969, 1.0 Grant; Viterbo University



Baylee Nicole Clemons, daughter of CSM (Ret) David W. Clemons, HHC, 1-7 CAV, 2003, 1.0 Grant; Temple College

Emily Lynn Cox, daughter of SPC James Andrew Cox, 43 CSG, 1990, .5 Grant; Campbell University



James Curtis Knapp, son of SGT Dennis James Knapp, D Co., 2-5 Cav, 1975, 2.13 Grant; Emmaus Bible College

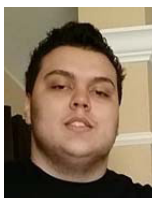
James Nilson Christopher Mixsooke, son of SGT Reuben Moses Mixsooke, C Co., 1-8 Cav, 1967, .5 Gant; University of Alaska at Anchorage

Nathan James Parker, son of SP-4 Claude Oscar Parker, B Co., 2-5 Cav, 1969, 0.5 Grant; Florida Technical College



Victoria Ann Stiefel, daughter of SSG, Karl Ellington Stiefel, A Btry., 2-17FA, 1966-67, 3.0 Grant; University of South Carolina.

Kayla Mariah Streeter, daughter of SGT Eddie James Streeter, 228 AVN, 1968, .5 Grant; Grand Canyon University



Austin Rigoberto Thomas, son of SFC (Ret) John Wayne Thomas C Co., 2-8 Cav, 2003-15, 1.5 Grant; Central Texas College

Nicholas Tyler Thomas, son of SFC (Ret) John Wayne Thomas, C Co., 2-8 Cav, 2003-15, 0.5 Grant; Central Texas College

Cambridge Johanson Wesley, son of SGT Patric Wesley, 2-8th Cav, 2001, .05 Grant; University of Texas at San Antonio



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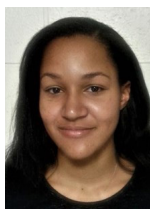
Dorothy Elaine York, daughter of CPT George Malcolm York, B Co., 1-12 Cav, 1969, 2.88 Grant; New Mexico Highlands University

Timothy Elliot York, son of CPT George Malcolm York, B Co., 1-12 Cav, 1969, 2.0 Grant; Central New Mexico Community College

Children and Grandchildren of Veterans of the Ia Drang Campaign

Logan Jay Bartholomew, grandson of LTC Roger Jay Bartholomew, C Btry, 2-20 ARA: KIA 11/27/68, Grant .5; Auburn University

Dakota Lindsay Bartholomew, granddaughter of LTC Roger Jay Bartholomew, C Btry, 2-20 ARA: KIA 11/27/68, Grant .5; Auburn University



Jordan Anne West Bethune, granddaughter of CSM (Ret) Parnell Watson Bethune, C Co., 2-5 Cav 1965: Deceased, Grant 0.5; Rider University

Jacob Lee Birdsong, grandson of COL (Ret) Jerry Eugene Whiteside, 1-21 FA, 1965, Grant 1.0; Berry College

Amber Elizabeth Brunson, granddaughter of SGT Arthur Louis Brunson Sr., C Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965, Grant 2.29; Jefferson State Community College



Kyala Elizabeth Clegg, granddaughter of SP-4 Patrick R. Selleck, D Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965, Grant 3.0; SUNY Plattsburgh

Hayley Elizabeth Derbyshire, granddaughter of COL (Ret) Walter J. Marm, A Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965, Grant 1.5; The University of the Arts



Kerry Kathleen Devney, granddaughter of LTC (Ret) Alan Edward Devney, B Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965-66, Grant 1.0; Indiana Wesleyan University

Noah Devney, grandson of LTC (Ret) Alan Edward Devney, B Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965-66, Grant 1.0; Indiana Wesleyan University

Jennifer Lyn Doyal, granddaughter of SSG Matthew Anthony Pepe, A Co., 228 AVN 1965, Grant 0.92; Jefferson State Community College

Chase Andrew Duncan, grandson of 1LT Kenneth Eugene Duncan, B Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965: Deceased, Grant 0.5; LaGrange College



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Kelly Nicole Fraizer, granddaughter of Col (RET) James Thomas Rackstraw, D Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965, Grant .05; University of South Alabama

Alivia Joy Hay, granddaughter of CPT Robert Allan Carrara, HHC, 1-7 Cav, 1964, Grant 1.0; Illinois Wesleyan University



Katie Maria Clarice Kolar, granddaughter of CW4 (Ret) Henry Eugene Ainsworth, HHC, 3rd BDE, 1965, Grant 2.0; University of West Alabama

Colleen Anne Lane, granddaughter of SP-4 Charles Frederick Lane, C Co., 1-9 Cav, 1965, Grant 3.0; University of Delaware

Erin Rose Lane, granddaughter of SP-4 Charles Frederick Lane, C Co., 1-9 Cav, 1965, Grant 0.5; Pennsylvania State University

Stephanie Ann Langford, granddaughter of COL (Ret) Ollie L. Langford, HHC, 1-21FA, 1965, Grant 0.5; University of South Carolina



Erin Rose Lombardo, granddaughter of CW3 Riccardo Joseph Lombardo, A Co., 228AVN, 1965-66, Deceased, Grant 0.5; Delta State University

Kylee Marie Lynch, granddaughter of SP-4 Dennis Lane Wilson, A Co., 2-7 Cav, 1965-66, Grant 3.0; SUNY Potsdam



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Gabrielle Maria Martin, granddaughter of PFC Roger Michael Martin, B Co., 1-5 Cav, 1965, Grant 1.5; University of Wisconsin-Parkside



Sydney Anne McClary, granddaughter of SPC Hardy Devon Brown, C Co., 1-7 Cav, 1965-66, Grant 1.0; Winthrop University



Heather Grace McGraw, granddaughter of SGT William Francis McGraw Jr., B Co., 1-8 Cav, 1965, Grant 1.0; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

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Kenneth Charles Otten, III grandson of SP-4 Jerome Curiale, D Co.m 2-5 Cav, 1965-66, Grant .05; Stevens Institute of Technology

Justin Andrew Sagerhorn, grandson of SGT James R. Sagerhorn, C Co., 2-7 Cav, 1965, Grant 0.5; University of Minnesota, Morris

Courtney Michelle Sugdinis, granddaughter of CPT Joel Edward Sugdinis, A Co., 2-7 Cav, 1965-66, Grant 4.0; University of Central Florida

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SGT Vanessa Andou, D Co., 227 AVN, Grant 1.0; American Military University

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- SSG Siopesili P. Likio**, E Co., 227 AVN, Grant 1.0; Central Texas College
- PFC Taijonna McMickens**, 96th Trans Co, Grant 1.0; Central Texas College
- Deja-Lyn R. Pulido**, daughter of CSM John P. Pulido, 1-7 Cav, Grant 1.0; Methodist University
- Sophia Reyes**, daughter of SGT Mark Reyes, B Co, 3ABCT, Grant 1.0; University of Houston-Victoria
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- PVT William Shear**, 3-8 Cav, Grant 1.0; Central Texas College
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FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

The Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of scholarship grants toward 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 as a result of 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 and children 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 of the 1st Cavalry Division Association is a tax-exempt charitable organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all donations are tax-deductible. The Foundation’s tax identification number is 23-7016417.

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 Soldiers and spouses of Soldiers while assigned or attached to the Division and in 1996 children of active duty Soldiers assigned to the Division were added to the list of those eligible. 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 \$803,000,000 to 510 children of Troopers that were killed in action or totally and permanently disabled.
 - Over \$277,500 to 283 active duty Troopers and their Family members.
 - Over \$738,000 to 274 descendents of the Ia Drang Battles.
- Scholarships that began at \$200 per year currently provide \$1,200 per year with a maximum of \$4,800 for four years of schooling per student.

Funding for the program, less the Ia Drang element, derives primarily from the Foundation’s primary investment portfolio and random donations from the membership and those interested in providing support for education. The Association annually provides \$12,000 to satisfy projected shortfalls up to a predetermined maximum. All eligible candidates for grants who are children of deceased members of the Division are funded. Active Duty Soldiers and their spouses and children compete for grants and selection is made annually. If necessary, a board comprised of Command Sergeants Major of the Division acting in their private capacity as members of the Association will select recipients if the requests exceed the available funds on hand. All requests for grants in this category were satisfied through school year 2016/2017.

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 an investment corpus 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 performs the Foundation Secretary duties. The Trust Agreement, signed in 1968, requires that six Association members each be elected for three-year terms with one of the trustees being elected as the Executive Trustee. Each year the membership of the Association elects two trustees at the General Membership meeting of the Association conducted during the annual reunion. This provides the Foundation with continuity by ensuring a minimum of four trustees will continue service to assist the two newly elected members. The Executive Trustee of the Foundation submits a report to the Board of Governors at each of their meetings and a report to the Association at the General Membership meeting. Current trustees and the year their current term expires are: Executive Trustee Peter Tattersall (2019), Trustees Rosemary M. Carter (2019), Ronnie L. Killingsworth (2018), David A. Lutgen (2020), and Starr Corbin (2018).

Applications

For more information or an application to register for benefits send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703 or e-mail us at <firstcav@1cda.org>. You may also print the on-line Registration Form, fill it out completely, and mail it with all of the required supporting documentation to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The application forms for Association Members who are active duty Troopers currently serving with the First Team and their Families is no longer open. You can get the information about this program on our web page at <www.1cda.org/foundation--scholarships-.html>. Printed forms are available at the National Headquarters in Copperas Cove and at the Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop in the 1st Cavalry Division Museum at Fort Hood, Texas beginning on 1 March 2017.

Donations

Please mail your tax-deductible donations to the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703. Donations in the amount of \$25 or more will be acknowledged in the SABER. Donations of \$250 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 Dallas Chapter of the Finance Forum conducted its Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, 25 April 2016 to raise funds for the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. This year’s tournament was again held at the Dallas Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine, Texas and raised \$17,000 to provide scholarships for the Troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division and their families. We greatly appreciate the support of the Dallas Chapter of the Finance Forum, which has donated a total of \$182,434 to the Foundation from its eleven Annual Charity Golf Tournaments which began in 2006. The Association normally conducts a dance or golf tournament in conjunction with the annual reunion and the proceeds from these events is donated to the Foundation. The Trustees of the Foundation and especially the worthy students that receive scholarship grants greatly appreciate your generous donations to the Foundation.

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

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Global War on Terrorism. The article was written by General George W. Casey Jr., USA (Ret). Gen Casey was Chief of Staff of the Army from 2007 to 2011 and Commander of the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cav in the mid-1990s. As you might remember, his father, MG George W. Casey, Sr. USA, was the Commanding General of the 1st Cav in Vietnam in 1970 and was killed when his command helicopter, which he was piloting, crashed into a mountain in a monsoon rain, killing everyone onboard. He was en route to a hospital in Cam Ranh Bay to visit wounded 1st Cavalry Troopers from the Cambodian Campaign. He was the only U.S. General to have died in the Vietnam War.

The article makes the case that the Veterans of the War on Terrorism deserve a memorial on The National Mall, and that such a memorial would have an impact that extends beyond the service members themselves. The memorial would provide a bonding place for Families and friends of the fallen to grieve, and the impact of it would be similar to that of The Wall and of the other memorials on the mall. It would provide communal space for Families to collectively pay tribute, something that is not available to them today except at Section 60 in Arlington National Cemetery. The House and Senate Natural Resources subcommittees in Congress are currently in the process of drafting legislation that would authorize such a memorial. These subcommittees are responsible for all matters related to the National Park System and to the National Monuments. The National Mall is part of the National Park System, and the monuments on it, such as The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, are national monuments.

The number of service members who have died over the past 16 years in the War on Terrorism is in excess of 6,800, with the years 2004 through 2007 being the deadliest. The number has slowed dramatically in recent years since the role of the U.S. military has changed from one of offensive operations to one of an advisory role in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As it turned out, the Natural Resources subcommittees finalized the legislation and brought it to the full House and Senate for a vote just as this article was to be submitted to the 1st Cav Association for the September-October issue of the *SABER*. The House and Senate overwhelmingly approved the bill and President Donald Trump signed it into law authorizing a nonprofit organization, the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation, to begin the process of establishing a memorial. According to the Stars & Stripes, this is the first bill in recent history to authorize a memorial for a war that is still ongoing.

Speaking of memorials, November 2017 marks the 35th anniversary of the dedication of The Wall. The VVMF will be hosting a number of events in the nation's capital to commemorate the occasion. On November 7th-10th, the names of the more than 58,000 service members inscribed on The Wall will be read out loud in front of The Wall. The reading will start at 3:00pm on November 7th and continue until midnight, and then resume on November 8th at 5:00am and again continue until midnight. This will be repeated on November 9th and 10th each day. On November 10th at 6:00pm, there will be a reception at the Willard Hotel honoring Maya Lin, the designer of The Wall. On November 11th at 9:30am, there will be a breakfast discussion/conversation with Lynn Novick on PBS TV. Lynn co-directed the 10-part, 18-hour film *The Vietnam War*, which will air on Public Broadcasting System (PBS) starting on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Then, on November 11th, at 1:00pm, there will be the Veterans Day Observance at The Wall, which will be hosted by Chuck Hagel, the former Secretary of Defense under President Obama, along with special remarks by Maya Lin. You might remember that Hagel was a student at the University of Nebraska when he got drafted. He served as a squad leader in the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, in Vietnam, 1967-68. He served in the same squad as his brother and the two of them are believed to be the only brothers to have done so in the war.

As a side note, you might remember from the movie *Forest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks, that the 2/47th Infantry was the unit that Forest (Tom Hanks) served in. Lieutenant Dan (Gary Sinise) was the platoon leader and Bubba (Mykelti Williamson) was Forest's good buddy. The 2/47th is considered to have been the first American combat unit, along with the 2/34th Armor, to have crossed into Cambodia as part of the Cambodian Incursion of May 1970. It did so on May 1st. However, we 1st Cavalry Troopers know that while the 2/47th were crossing the border, the 1st Sq., 9th Cav was already there. The 1/9th Cav had crossed into Cambodia earlier that day and was conducting aerial reconnaissance operations several kilometers west of the border in the Fishhook area in advance of the incursion. Shortly after getting there, it engaged an NVA unit and destroyed one of its military vehicles. This action resulted in multiple NVA KIAs and is considered to be the first contact of the campaign.



Ken Burns (l) and Lynn Novick (r) Keynote Speakers at The Wall, Memorial Day 2017

Hello from the nation's capital. An interesting article appeared in a local newspaper recently regarding the need to memorialize those in the U.S. military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the

the 3rd Brigade's area of operations in this period, and that the teams made repeated contact with enemy units. On numerous occasions, the Bravo Blues were deployed to support the teams and to help develop the contacts.

On December 6th, Team 52 deployed from FSB Mace to gather intelligence on a possible NVA attack on the base. Mace was located in Long Khanh Province, III Corps, east of Xuan Loc and northeast of Bien Hoa. At 1140 hours, the team reported that large guns were being fired approximately 200-400 meters NE of its position, and that the rounds were impacting two-three kilometers to its SW. The team proceeded to move to the area where the guns were believed to be located. Shortly after 1355 hours, team leader, Omer Carson (KIA), Campton, Kentucky, engaged two NVA soldiers on a trail with his 45- caliber pistol resulting in two NVA KIAs. Almost immediately, NVA soldiers appeared to the team's front and the team was forced to fallback to a spot where it could establish a defensive position. The contact was reported to the 3rd Brigade and the Bravo Blues were dispatched to the team's location. The 1/9th Cav, however, had only two lift ships available to it and could transport only 12 members of the Blues. In parallel, helicopter gunships from the division moved to the team's location, including Blue Max from the 2/20th ARA. When the Blues reached the team's location, they were forced to repel down ropes to reach the ground because there were no clearings in the area for the helicopters to set down. The Blues linked up with the team at 1715 hours.

Nardotti and the Blues, together with the members of Team 52, proceeded to drive the NVA soldiers from the site with some luck. At one point in the fight, however, an NVA rocket that was fired at them hit a tree and exploded, sending shrapnel in all directions. One piece hit Omer on the top of his head and another hit Nardotti in his neck, both resulting in life-threatening wounds. Omer lapsed into a state of unconsciousness and Nardotti starting bleeding profusely. Several other Troopers were also wounded as the fight progressed. Eventually, the Troopers were able to drive the enemy soldiers from the position and to move the wounded to a clearing where a Medevac helicopter could get in and evacuate them. By 1950 hours, darkness was setting in and the 3rd Brigade dispatched Alpha Company, 2nd Bn. 8th Cav to the location to help establish a night defensive position. Enemy soldiers probed the perimeter during much of the night with some of probes coming within 25 meters of the perimeter. The LRRP/Ranger roster shows that Omer died the next day, December 7th.

The above account of Team 52 and the Bravo Blues is based on the December 6th daily journal and on a discussion with Curtis Bowe (1970), Elkton, Maryland, a squad leader in the Bravo Blues who was involved in the December 6th action.

James Dewell (1970), Hobbs, New Mexico, who also served in the Bravo Blues, was kind enough to provide some more detail via email on the December 6th incident. "My name is James Dewell. I have seen your mentions of Michael (Blue) Nardotti in recent issues of the *SABER*. I was a member of the "Blues" before Nardotti came to be Blue, during his entire time as Platoon Leader of the Blues, and after his time leaving the Blues with holes in him. He almost completely bled out on December 6th. I spoke with him a few years ago when I was searching for contact information for Buddy Altman, who was also a member of the Blues and who was also involved in the December 6th action."

"My perspective on the action was due to circumstances. I moved across the entire front of the fight from left to right and back to the left again as we pulled back. Two things that I have said from that day on, Dennis Altman and Sixto Howard saved innumerable lives with their actions, and Mike Nardotti damn near bled to death waiting for the three of us to reach him. It was s---house luck that we were able to pick him up. He had fallen into the jungle underbrush and it was only because his boots were sticking out into the trail that we were able to find him. He still owes me a new shirt and badges and all."

"I never heard the name of the LRRP who was killed. I only saw him for a few moments before and just after he died. The only thing that I heard was that he was a short timer. I wish you luck in finding out anything from B Troop. The record keeping was abysmal at best and mostly nonexistent. James Dewell"

On a different note, the 75th Ranger Regiment Association is looking for a new unit director to represent the 1st Cav LRRP/Ranger Veterans. The position was held by Bob Ankony (1968), Huntington Beach, California, until his death in 2016. Jim Regan (1968-69), Lexington, Kentucky, took over the job on a temporarily basis at the request of Bill Anton (1971-72), Las Vegas, Nevada, but his personal responsibilities are making that impossible now. Jim is involved with the Disabled American Veterans as chaplain and with the American Legion drug treatment court, as well as with a local inn for the homeless. If you think that you might be interested in this position and would like to learn more about it, please contact Jim at <homeofregans@gmail.com> or Rick Barela, president of the 75th Ranger Association, at <president@75thrra.com>.

I got a call from COL Michael Gooding (CO 1967-68), St. Louis, Missouri the other night. It was the first time that we have talked in several years. COL Gooding, like COL Jim James (CO 1966-67), is a good source of historical information for our unit. He's been having some health issues lately, but in general, is doing well. He was telling me that LTC Tom Campbell (1965-68), who we knew as a platoon sergeant on LRRP Hill at An Khe in 1967-68, fell

in the 3rd Brigade's area of operations in this period, and that the teams made repeated contact with enemy units. On numerous occasions, the Bravo Blues were deployed to support the teams and to help develop the contacts.

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Nardotti and the Blues, together with the members of Team 52, proceeded to drive the NVA soldiers from the site with some luck. At one point in the fight, however, an NVA rocket that was fired at them hit a tree and exploded, sending shrapnel in all directions. One piece hit Omer on the top of his head and another hit Nardotti in his neck, both resulting in life-threatening wounds. Omer lapsed into a state of unconsciousness and Nardotti starting bleeding profusely. Several other Troopers were also wounded as the fight progressed. Eventually, the Troopers were able to drive the enemy soldiers from the position and to move the wounded to a clearing where a Medevac helicopter could get in and evacuate them. By 1950 hours, darkness was setting in and the 3rd Brigade dispatched Alpha Company, 2nd Bn. 8th Cav to the location to help establish a night defensive position. Enemy soldiers probed the perimeter during much of the night with some of probes coming within 25 meters of the perimeter. The LRRP/Ranger roster shows that Omer died the next day, December 7th.

The above account of Team 52 and the Bravo Blues is based on the December 6th daily journal and on a discussion with Curtis Bowe (1970), Elkton, Maryland, a squad leader in the Bravo Blues who was involved in the December 6th action.

James Dewell (1970), Hobbs, New Mexico, who also served in the Bravo Blues, was kind enough to provide some more detail via email on the December 6th incident. "My name is James Dewell. I have seen your mentions of Michael (Blue) Nardotti in recent issues of the *SABER*. I was a member of the "Blues" before Nardotti came to be Blue, during his entire time as Platoon Leader of the Blues, and after his time leaving the Blues with holes in him. He almost completely bled out on December 6th. I spoke with him a few years ago when I was searching for contact information for Buddy Altman, who was also a member of the Blues and who was also involved in the December 6th action."

"My perspective on the action was due to circumstances. I moved across the entire front of the fight from left to right and back to the left again as we pulled back. Two things that I have said from that day on, Dennis Altman and Sixto Howard saved innumerable lives with their actions, and Mike Nardotti damn near bled to death waiting for the three of us to reach him. It was s---house luck that we were able to pick him up. He had fallen into the jungle underbrush and it was only because his boots were sticking out into the trail that we were able to find him. He still owes me a new shirt and badges and all."

"I never heard the name of the LRRP who was killed. I only saw him for a few moments before and just after he died. The only thing that I heard was that he was a short timer. I wish you luck in finding out anything from B Troop. The record keeping was abysmal at best and mostly nonexistent. James Dewell"

On a different note, the 75th Ranger Regiment Association is looking for a new unit director to represent the 1st Cav LRRP/Ranger Veterans. The position was held by Bob Ankony (1968), Huntington Beach, California, until his death in 2016. Jim Regan (1968-69), Lexington, Kentucky, took over the job on a temporarily basis at the request of Bill Anton (1971-72), Las Vegas, Nevada, but his personal responsibilities are making that impossible now. Jim is involved with the Disabled American Veterans as chaplain and with the American Legion drug treatment court, as well as with a local inn for the homeless. If you think that you might be interested in this position and would like to learn more about it, please contact Jim at <homeofregans@gmail.com> or Rick Barela, president of the 75th Ranger Association, at <president@75thrra.com>.

I got a call from COL Michael Gooding (CO 1967-68), St. Louis, Missouri the other night. It was the first time that we have talked in several years. COL Gooding, like COL Jim James (CO 1966-67), is a good source of historical information for our unit. He's been having some health issues lately, but in general, is doing well. He was telling me that LTC Tom Campbell (1965-68), who we knew as a platoon sergeant on LRRP Hill at An Khe in 1967-68, fell

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After the contractor finishes his portion, there are a few projects that still need tending to. We sure could use some assistance and expertise from our local friends to pitch in and make them happen.

We would greatly appreciate any help on our honey do list!

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Hello once again fellow Skytroopers. I blinked my eyes and summer is over. I mean really! Where did it go. The longer in the tooth, the shorter the season. But there's still plenty to do before the hazards of a northeast winter sets upon me and I go into hibernation.

Let's start this *Wings* sortie with an AAR of the July VHPA reunion from Little Sis, Julie Kink.

"The 2017 VHPA Reunion in Indianapolis has come and gone. From my perspective, everything went well. This marks my 20th year on this wonderful net of brothers (VHFCN) and almost my 20th VHPA reunion, having attended all but maybe one or two since 1997. Back then, Susan Clotfelter Jimison, her sister Linda, and I may have been the only Gold Star Family members present. With some unspoken reservations, we took a deep breath and stepped into uncharted territory to spend a few rather emotional days in Orlando, among the courageous men who flew the same skies and faced the same dangers that our brothers did, back in the day. The difference was, they came home to tell about it, while our brothers did not. To this day, we are eternally grateful and honored to be among heroes, or as Joe Galloway would say, God's own lunatics. We are older and may need a little more sleep these days! But we still love to see the camaraderie and hear the stories we never got a chance to hear.

The Gold Star Family Breakfast, which began informally when five of us sisters gathered at a VHPA reunion 14 years ago, has turned into a wonderful annual event for Families of the fallen and Veterans to gather together and honor the memory of our loved ones. This year, we had 36 Gold Star Family members at the Gold Star Family Breakfast, plus about 100 VHPA members/Families. When I go around the room with the portable mic and ask each Gold Star Family member to tell a roomful of strangers about the loved one they lost, I am awed by their eloquence.

The Breakfast is the backdrop for some incredible connections. For example, this year we had a son of a KIA pilot, who brought HIS two sons, and a brother of a SP4 killed in the same crash, who brought HIS son and daughter. They had never met before. When the crew chief's brother was overcome with emotion and could not speak, his son (who was named after his uncle) got up and spoke eloquently about the uncle he never knew - though it was hard for him. He said it was one of the first times he had seen his dad cry. During the rest of the reunion, I saw these two Families shooting the breeze with some of the aviators, laughing and having a great time. Another example: a VHPA member walked in who had not intended to attend the breakfast but decided to come at the last minute. Turns out he took over the call sign of a KIA whose two sisters were there at the breakfast. Stuff like that just keeps happening. There was a nice newspaper article in the Indy Star about the reunion, focusing on the Breakfast. <<http://indy.st/2ueU7TN>>

VHPA leadership and staff bent over backwards to support the Gold Star Family Breakfast. In addition to donating to cover the costs of the Gold Star Families' breakfasts, VHPA members make sure these Families feel welcome, spending time with them and showing them around. A month or so before the reunion, I check the *morning report* for anybody registered who is from 1) the flight class or 2) the unit of every KIA whose Family is going to be attending. I ask if they would be able to spend a little time with the Family while there. Even if they didn't know the KIA personally, fellow flight school classmates or unit members can share a lot of info about the training, the unit, the missions, the locale, their daily lives - all the same things that the KIA experienced. All things that his Family may be hungry to hear about. There were a lot of great connections made and some of the Families have already commented that they will definitely come to another reunion.

I encourage anyone who's considering attending a reunion of any group to reach out and invite Families of your buddies who were lost. Do not assume that they know about the reunion, your unit organization, or website. Do not assume that they know they would be welcomed. There was a huge disconnect between the Veterans who fought and returned home from the Vietnam War, and the Families of the fallen. Unfortunately, that disconnect still remains. Many of the Families who are invited to the VHPA Reunion say it is the first time anyone has ever contacted them.

Also, remember that the Family Contacts Committee, started on this net 20 years ago and STILL chaired by our Monday Musings contributor, Gary Thewlis, stands ready to help make connections between friends and Families of helicopter Veterans who were killed or missing. I cannot fully express my gratitude for all that you guys have taught me in this past 20 years. It is what fuels my passion for trying to bring more Gold Star Families into the fold." Thank you, Julie, for another fine AAR. "Little Sister," Julie Kink, is the sister of WO David Kink C Troop 1/9th CAV KIA 8-3-1969.

Okay, I'll move on to some inquiries and the mail run. Some interesting items to share.

Blaine T. Fleming, Col. (ret.) <col.btf@juno.com> is asking for some help: "Hank, I read with great interest an article written by Robert J. Anderson for the 7th Cav News in the March/April issue of the Saber regarding many missing rewards on individual DD-214's from their service in Viet Nam. Such awards as unit awards, Campaign Stars, Air Medals with Bronze Arrowhead devices and valor devices etc. The primary reason for missing items is that many awards were authorized or never issued after many individuals had already left the service. I for one was discharged in Sept 1966, so fall in that likely category. As I was assigned to A/Co, 229th (ASLT) Hel Bn from 29 Jul 1965 to 4 May 1966, then rotated in country (VN) to Co. A, 101st Avn Bn in the Delta until 9 Aug 1966. Returning to US on 12 Aug 1966 & discharged from active duty 30 Sept 1966. I am sure much paperwork never caught up or possibly never submitted. Would it be possible in one of your future articles to detail those awards authorized for service in Viet Nam as well as unit awards, or at least where such information could be obtained for all of us that likely have missing documents? Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated." Blaine, I'm far from experienced in this matter. I checked into this briefly. I suggest you request a copy/s of your DD-214. You can file online or by mail. You need to fill out form 180. It

takes a min of 10 days once submitted. More information can be found online at: <<https://www.armyawards.com/2016-army-regulation-600-8-22/>>. Review your DD-214 to see if any awards are listed that you were unaware of. Of those listed, you can obtain free replacements without much hassle. If you believe you are missing awards not shown, that is another issue. I don't know where to go to look that information up. I'm sure the government archives has a listing for individual unit awards such as Bob Arbasetti discovered by word of mouth. Perhaps a reader/s can enlighten us and provide direction.

Scott Smith wrote asking for assistance finding Cav pilot Neil "Beeper" Blume. Scott recently read Roy Mark's latest book, "Live by Chance, Love by Choice, Kill by Profession" which triggered recall of a 15 May 1970 event in Cambodia that was depicted in the book. Scott noted, "Neil Blume was the AC that day when we were shot down in Cambodia, killing two of my NCOs and John Stinn, the door gunner. Blume, Stinn and the rest of the crew were from C/229." A quick check of the Cav Association membership directory did not list a Neil Blume. So I contacted Roy Mark who had just returned to his home in Chiang Mai, Thailand after a long trip to the U.S. Roy didn't have a phone number but was able to provide an email address which put Scott in touch with "Beeper." Another success story. My thanks to Roy.

An email inquiry from a college student was re-directed to the *Wings* mailbox. It's worth sharing. She asked, "Why are so many Army helicopters named after Indian tribes? Don't you think that is somewhat racist?" I won't share her name but the email didn't sit well. I'm thinking, "Great first question but why would anyone think it as racist? Way too much of this type thought going on these days." My reply, "Dear Student, I believe all Army helicopters have been named after native American Indian tribes since establishing the tradition by christening the Bell H-13A the "Sioux" in 1948. It was formalized in DOD Regulation 4120-15 that all Army helicopters would be named after prominent Native Americans or then nations. The regulation also requires contacting the tribe in question to ensure that they support using the name. Some Army units also request that local tribes bless their helicopters with ceremonies. So to put you at ease, I don't think anyone's feelings got hurt."

"Not to cause you any further confusion, the American serviceman has always coined alternative names for most of their equipment, and the helicopter is no exception. The Piasecki CH-21B official name is "Shawnee" but dubbed the "Flying Banana," I don't think any banana got bruised. The Sikorsky CH-34B "Choctaw" is known as the "Stinger"; The Sikorsky CH-37A official name is "Mojave"; The Sikorsky CH-54 "Tarhe" is called "The Crane" or "Flying Crane"; Bell's UH-1 "Iroquois" is known by all as the "Huey"; The Bell AH-1 "Cobra" is the "Snake"; Boeing-Vertol CH-47 "Chinook" is referred to as a "Sh*thook"; Hughes OH-6 "Cayuse" is better known as a "Loach". And of course we have the UH-60 "Blackhawk," AH-64 "Apache" and the OH-58 "Kiowa Warrior" to name a few." The Marines, Air Force, and Navy have different official names for the same aircraft. "I trust my reply is in accord with the new accepted standards or procedure to ensure a politically correct answer. However, it is factual and hopefully you'll find it helpful."

In a recent communication with Col (ret) Bruce Crandall discussing the infancy of the Airmobile Division, he elaborated on the contribution of Engineers to Army aviation. I think his enlightening comments are inline and worth a share: Snake 6 - "For your information, most of the assault commanders that went over with the Cav were Corps of Engineer officers and among the most experienced Aviators in the Army. All of us had flown in Topo units and been together for about 10 years. I had A Company 229th, Dick Rogers B Co, Cornelius (Jon) Radu D Co, Too-Tall Ed Freeman was my 1st Platoon CO and Pyne Gramly my Ops Officer. The 11th AVN Gp staff for later LTG Al Burdette were all Engineer Majors (Bob Flint, Del Degeniffe, Hugh West and I believe a Gonzalez). The Corps had 2 units in Topo with over a hundred aviators assigned. One out of Calif 30th Topo, supporting the mapping in the Arctic and later Libya and Iran and the other out of Panama (The Inter-American Geodetic Survey IAGS) with aviators assigned in most countries supporting Central and South American national mapping operations. All aviators were dual fixed and rotor qualified. All in the Cav probably had close to 5000 hours or more of flight time before Vietnam. We all were qualified in I-19s, Beavers and Otters as well as small helicopters and Huey's. All of us that had flown in the Arctic were qualified in floats and skis as well. Gen Burdette loved Engineer Aviators and kept most of us in our jobs for the whole of our first tours. Many of us went back to Topo before or after our tours in Vietnam. Most completed at least 20 years before retiring and some of us almost 30. Four or five retired as Colonels and the rest as LTCs except one major. There were a number of DFCs, several Silver Stars and the first 2 Medals of Honor for helicopter aviators in any branch of Service in history. In my judgment, the contribution of Engineers to Army Aviation history has long been overlooked or ignored. Just some thoughts to get off my graying chest."

I was saddened to hear of the passing of a former aviation Battalion Commander, LTC John M. Blair. His son, Doug, communicated, "I ran across your site when I was drafting my dad's obituary. His name is John M. Blair and he would have been a LTC at the time he was in Vietnam. My understanding is that he was the CO of the 229th AHB during his tour from 1966-67, followed by a LTC John Bell. In any case, I wanted to let you know that my dad died on July 2, 2017 in case it is of interest to the organization." Doug informed me his father would be interned at ANC later this year. I only had one interaction with LTC Blair during my time in VN, and remember him as a professional Soldier. I offer my condolences to the Family and a "Silver Wings of the Cav" salute.

I also want to note the passing of Col Benjamin Stump Silver on Aug 26, 2017. Some readers will remember him as serving as the first Executive Officer of the First Aviation Group in the United States Army (the 11th Air Assault Aviation Group at Fort Benning, Georgia); the first Battalion Commander of the first Chinook (CH-47) helicopter battalion (the 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion at Fort Benning, Georgia and in Vietnam); the first aviation rated G-4, Logistical Planner, in Vietnam; the Commanding Officer of the 1st Cavalry Division Support Command in Vietnam and later as Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Cavalry Division (TRICAP--Triple Capability) at Fort Hood, Texas. Our condolences to the Family.

I recently downloaded and viewed a Zero Films 2016 production video, via Vimeo, entitled "Stacked Deck: Journey of a Skytrooper." The "Star" of the video is a 1st Cav, Stacked Decked door gunner by the name of Johnny Hubbs.

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I was notified that Art Martin died. If anyone who flew with Art can let us know, he will be better remembered. Art's tour with 15th MED Bn. was March '67-March '68.

15thMEDBnmemberARTHUR MARTIN, age 81, of Dandridge, TN died 5 Aug 17 after a long battle with cancer. He was born on 10 Apr 36 to James C. Martin and Margaret Parnell Martin in Cloverdale, IN. Preceded in death by four brothers, Louis, James, Ralph and Irwin; two sisters, Effie and Junita. He is survived by his wife, Yolanda Derome Martin, who he married on the 4 Jul 59 in France; two sons, Patrick and Michel; daughter, Viviane; daughter-in-law, Melissa; son-in-law, Gilles; and six grandchildren.

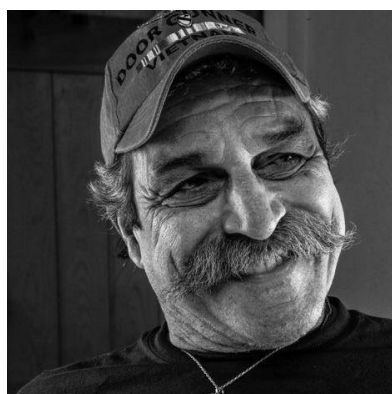
Arthur retired in 1974 from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service, where he served two tours in Vietnam, and was a member of the

1st Cavalry Division's 15th Medical Battalion, flying MEDEVAC helicopters. Arthur was wounded on 11 Oct 67 and was awarded the Purple Heart medal. In 1998, he retired from civil service after 24 years with American Battle Monument Commission as the superintendent. He had the honor of performing as the Purple Heart Tennessee State Commander, was Worshipful Master of Lafayette Lodge # 51, past Master of Martha Dandridge Eastern Star Chapter, and was appointed Grand Officer Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Other Veterans on the website's "FINAL DEROS" page whom I have not previously mentioned are: Bobby Joe Aldridge, Lawrence E. "Ed" Chance, 1SG (Ret) Wesley Morganfield, Thomas R. "Tommy" Machande, Sr., and Charles Edward Williams. I did not know any of them but any of you may have, and served with them. Any mention by those who knew them would be honorable.



Art Martin



Johnny Hubbs

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I've never met, but have known Johnny since he launched his helicopter battalion internet site many years ago. He did inform me of the production last year, but for unknown reason never got around to viewing it. Well what a great video I found. It gives an account of Johnny's personal journey, as a door gunner with the Cav, as well as incorporating archives, authentic era and private footage, much of which I've never seen before. One exception, at 28 minutes and 41 seconds into the documentary, you will see that iconic film clip and stare of 7th Cav, Clinton Poley with his

head bandages in the Ia Drang Valley.

The interview was filmed at Johnny's residence in San Antonio, TX which makes it even more interesting. It will give you an understanding of not only his journey but also the man, his passion and pride, as he sits among his artifacts and memorabilia while describing that journey from his arrival in country to the Easter Offense of 1972.

Zero Films is a Veteran owned and operated company. In a phone conversation with owner and executive producer, Guido Filippone, he talked of the company's mission and future films. "The company was created to capture and share the untold stories of our Veterans through the lens of their own eyes. We depict them in the most real, candid and raw state. There are untold stories of the men who contributed to our present and history."

Other productions include: Caledonia: Normandy and Beyond (2017) Follow in the footsteps of a Mr. Freeman, a World War II paratrooper who served and fought with the men of Easy Co. 2/506th, 101st Airborne (Band of Brothers). A compelling story, told by Mr. Freeman himself, and the inside look on fighting alongside a company of heroes during the most treacherous battles of the European Campaign.

Two Stepping with the Reaper: Paces of a Pointman in Vietnam (2017). Through the eyes of young U.S. Marine rifleman who volunteered to be a point-man in the deadly jungles of Vietnam in 1966-67, this film depicts the very brutal reality of fighting the illusive communist guerrillas on the ground; in a landscape filled with booby traps, hellish conditions and death.

You can download Stacked Deck: Journey of a Skytrooper for view or purchase at Zero Films at Vimeo on the Internet. Got my thumbs up. Good job, Johnny!

The much anticipated Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's ten-part, 18-hour documentary series, THE VIETNAM WAR premieres on Sunday, Sept 17, 2017. I've received much email both pro and con, more so con, about the series as of this writing. I can't form an objective opinion from the trailers nor see how anyone else can. But I'd like to hear your input after the airing.

One more share before I bring this *Wings* sortie to an end. I received the following forward from the "229th Aviation Battalion - Vietnam" Webmaster, John Hubbs, <<http://www.229thavbn.com/>> It originated from MAJ Sam Wigley, AV, 8-229th AHB, "Winged Assault," FT Knox, KY. 979-571-5450. "I am the XO of 8-229th Assault Helicopter Battalion. We have recently been re-designated from an Attack Battalion to Air assault. We are the only 229th Air Assault unit still operational. Staying true to the spirit of the 229th and Air Assault. I am reaching out for assistance in inviting 229th members to our Dining Out on December 2nd, 2017 at Fort Knox, KY. I am trying to find as many former 229th Air Assault

From Terry McCarl <terryamccarl@gmail.com>: Another great 15th Medical Battalion Association reunion coming! The 2018 15th Medical Bn. Association Reunion will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia April 26-28. Registration forms and other information will soon be available on the Association website <www.15thmedbnassociation.org>.

The group rate for rooms is \$99 per night. This rate is available for the reunion plus three days before and after the reunion. You may make reservations online at <www.greatwolf.com/williamsburg>, or by calling 1-800-551-9653. To get the group rate, specify our group code, which is 15thMED.

This reunion will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the 15th Medical Battalion Association and the first reunion that was in 1998 in Franklin, VA. For additional information, contact Reunion Coordinator Dan Toothman at <danmedevac19@outlook.com>, or call (757)872-8504.

Terry wanted the names of the people in the 2017 reunion photo, which wasn't printed, included so they are:

1st Row: Bob McKinley, Roy Rains, Art Martin, Leo Williams, Tom Garnella, Roger Bodwell, Richard Schroder, Rich Leonard.

2nd Row: Dave Huser, John Crespi, Ron Ingram, Damien Vierra, Jon Lundquist, Ron Huether, Jim Ferguson.

3rd Row: Dennis Behm, Barry Brown, Henry Land, Mike Ahern, Jack Dahlmann, Monty Halcomb, Lee Caubarraux, Clyde Moore; Joe Finder.

4th Row: Dan Korty, Corky Walsh, Aubrey Hall, Terry McCarl, Dan Toothman, Richard Medlock, Mike Smith, Fred McKellar, Dave Barnum, John Tabor.

Not pictured: John Brandrup, Randy Burkhart, Dave Cooper, Ken Flowers, Bill Hastings, Mark Holiday, Floyd Jackson, Tim Kirwan, James Ong, Kevin Raftery, Larry Silvey, Greg Simpson., Bill Stovall.

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Mike Bodnar C 2/7 Cav 1969, MEDEVAC 1-7/1970
SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE



CPT Stan Lennard, and a medic at work, A&D bldg, Phouc Vinh.

members as possible to invite. I am searching for a guest speaker. The lineage of the 229th and the Wing Assault history is one that can not be surpassed. If you can assist me in anyway to seek out a former 229th Vietnam Veteran to assist in instilling the Air Assault pride into the only 229th Air Assault BN." I've forward MAJ Wigley's invitation to those in my database in close proximity to Kentucky. If any of you Sky Troopers have an interest in the event, please contact MAJ Wigley at his number above.

Okay, I'll put another *Silver Wings* flight on short final. I plan to be in D.C. for the Veterans Day activities and will be reading names at the "Wall." Hope to see some of you there. With that, "CLEAR RIGHT!" Hank.

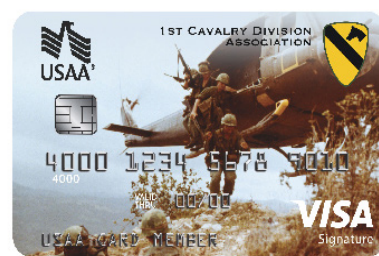
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Hello fellow ARAers! Here we are with Labor Day behind us and anxiously awaiting our Annual Reunion to be held in Williamsburg, VA on September 13-17, 2017 at the Embassy Suites. If Hurricane Irma doesn't mess with our plans! Tours are planned for your pleasure and sightseeing of a great historic place in our American History. All this will be history in itself by the time you read the issue. The fall season marked by the autumnal equinox, is fast approaching and we all will be talking about the beautiful foliage provided by the colorful trees in the mountain regions of the United States. Some will take trips to the northeast and the New England states while others will head for the Appalachian Mountains. Some will stay home in Michigan awed in the beauty of their own surroundings! Whatever the case, it is a beautiful season of the year and probably my favorite.

Once again, I am the bearer of sad news as we bid farewell to another one of our members with the receipt of the obituary of LTC (Retired) Warren Mullen, a member who went over in 1965 in B Btry and later served in HQS Btry as the S-5 and in A Btry 2/20 in 1966. Warren died in Las Vegas, NE on May 28th and I learned of his death from Jesse Hobby who had been in touch with his wife. Warren was a senior leader for many younger officers because he was older than most of us and that was his positive personality. He led the rescue mission for the location and recovery of the crew members of the fatal crash in March 1966 near An Khe while on mortar patrol. Pilot WO Ross Paterson and door gunner SP/4 Freddie Lloyd were killed in the crash. Warren was an accomplished writer and published several articles about ARA missions in combat with, "Flying Horsemen," and "Falcons over Eagle." Warren and I attended The Artillery Officers Career Course at Fort Sill in 1964-65 and were in a car pool together from the west side of Lawton. The car pool just happened to be comprised of five Artillery Aviators about to receive orders to Vietnam with the First Cavalry Division. After graduation, we all headed for ground duty assignments, which were cut short by over half a year. Jesse ran into Warren at the AAAA meeting in 1968 and later while attending Florida State where Warren was serving a Fellowship. While a few months late on writing about Warren's death, we all bid

you farewell and God's blessings in his Kingdom! Warren, it was my joy and pleasure knowing and serving with you!

After writing for the Saber for almost ten years, I requested the President of the Association find a new columnist at the reunion in Williamsburg. If that is successful, this will probably be my last article, and I wanted to thank you all for the opportunity of writing. I tried to make it as interesting as possible while covering important information. There have been many joys as we celebrated happiness in members' lives, mixed with sadness as we said goodbye to many. I tried to keep my personal life out of the articles, but did use writer privileges when I wanted to make a point. Relationships are always interesting and after 28 years of active duty, I have met many aviators and many times our lives have crossed and that experience has made for a story. So, without apologizing, I cherish those moments and life together. You who have made my life richer, I thank you! You who have shared the joys and concerns with me, I thank you for being there at that time. Here is a personal note: Tom Cochran and Hugh Leatherwood, thank you for teaching me much about being a section leader in A Btry, 2nd/20th in 1965-66. You were outstanding aviators in every way possible. Whether in a serious combat fire mission with the Sky Soldiers or back in base camp, you added a dimension to being an aviator with the Army's first aerial rocket Artillery Battalion. While they called you an aviation warrant officer, you proved to be solid artillerymen in every fashion and I am proud to call you such! Our 2nd platoon was well trained and well led by Bob Furney, to whom we just said goodbye to this past year! He set the example and gave us much room to grow as combat aviators. He was also a good friend and companion along this earthly journey! God bless you, my friend! And then, there is the one and only Morris (Morrie) Brady! General Brady demanded excellence and competence in combat and set the bar high for us to follow. He gave me lots of room to improve and I took advantage of every opportunity. As we shared locker space in the Pentagon's Athletic Center, we shared many stories of those "Glory Days" in the Cav! You were a great commander and leader and I will remember you as a great influence in my life!

Years later, we met and enjoyed the lives of those who followed us in ARA. While some of us were Armed Falcons, others respond to Blue Max; whatever the case, we were all ARA and provided the same outstanding support to the Troops on the ground.

This is Armed Falcon 28 Delta, A Battery/2/20 ARA, 1965-66, signing out of the net, and "Breaking right!"

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8th Cav News

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I still remember his opening line when he gathered the company leadership upon assuming command at Dak To: "My name is Peter O'Sullivan. I was born in Ireland, raised in Scotland, educated in England, and married to a Dane..." he then listed his various commands and assignments and then said: "I am the commander, and I command." A fine leader he was, too, tactically proficient and one who cared deeply for the men under his command. Peter is at rest following a long struggle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his lovely wife, Vibeke, and their Family. We will miss you at our Eager Arms Reunions. God bless you Peter – May you find lasting peace.

Summer has passed much too quickly. By the time this column is published, the boat will have been winterized and placed in storage, the Michigan house closed up, and I'll be on the way to Florida (if Irma hasn't destroyed my home there) for the winter. May you find contentment and success in all your endeavors. Honor and Courage!

Thanks for joining the 1st Cavalry Division Association.



82nd FA News

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Hello again from the shores of Lake Erie! For many years I've searched for information about the 82nd FA during WWII. After searching for over 20 years, I finally discovered a well-kept secret. President Eisenhower ordered that the historical documents for all of the units that served in WWII be copied and stored at his library in Abilene, Kansas. Strictly by accident I discovered this treasure trove of information. I was able to order copies of over 240 pages of WWII history of the 82nd FA Bn for \$.80 per page. But to me, the discovery of the data is more important than the cost per page. More importantly, in those pages I found the names of those Troopers who were Killed in Action during the war. Something I vowed to do many years ago, was to make these Troopers names known so they can be properly recognized and memorialized after 70+ years. By order of the dates they lost their lives are as follows: T/SGT Roscoe Hill, 7/02/1945; T/5th Richard L. Williams, 21/02/1945; PFC Jeston C. Whittington, 10/03/1945; S/SGT Grady A. Branson, 18/03/1945; T/4th Grady Currey, 18/03/1945; PFC Robert T. Ricksecker, 07/04/1945; PFC Elmer D. Rose, 08/04/1945; T/5th Frank A. Carlile, 26/04/1945; T/SGT Hill, 8/02/1945; CPL Richard T. Williams, 21/02/1945; 4 KIAs w/names unknown, 08/02/1945. There are several pages with 128 names of Wounded in Action (WIA). There are indications in the history that allude to un-named Troopers who were wounded, but they only stated the number of WIAs without names.

I'm going to scan the WIA Rosters into one file and send it to our Executive

Director. That way, Troopers who are interested can ask her for a copy of that file. I'm also attaching some WWII pictures of the 82nd FA in action. I did the best I could in finally finding this data, and being able to share it with all of you. This is Black Dragon 582, End of Mission~Out! Dan Gillotti, B-5-82nd FA, 1st Cavalry Division, South Korea July 1960 ~ August 1961.



82d F.A. Battalion holding church services near Luchan.



Artillerymen of A Battery, 82d Field Artillery, fire their 75mm piece in the Admiralties in 1944.



Battery A, 82d Artillery, in Luzon, Philippine Islands, 1945.

LRRP Rangers

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and injured himself while working on his townhouse in Alexandria, Virginia. Tom's primary residence is still Hawaii but he has a townhouse in Alexandria that he got when he was at the Pentagon in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He broke his left leg and is now confined to a bed at the hospital in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He broke it in two places and has a cast on it. He also fractured his left arm and is wearing a cast on it. Tom is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, September 5th at Fort Belvoir and expects to be on crutches for about two to three months afterwards. His cell phone number is listed in the unit roster if you would like to give him a call. Tom was with the 1st Cav at Fort Benning in 1965 and made the trip by boat from Charleston, South Carolina to Qui Nhon, in July-August of that year. He was with the Recon Platoon, Delta Company, 1st Bn., 5th Cav and served with the 5th Cav until he came over to the LRRPs in January 1967.

The following email was received from Jim Regan. "I got a call/message from Bill Hand last night. Randy Kimes is not doin' well; cancer, paralysis, hospice at his home. Several Vets looking after things there. Bill says Randy is on his "Death bed." I'm dropping a note to let Randy know he's on my prayer list. Please pass the word to our guys. Thanks. Bill says he'll keep us posted. Jim RLTV/L&P."

No date has been set yet for the memorial service and burial of Bill Anton at Arlington National Cemetery. As you know, Bill died on June 15, 2017 in Las Vegas due to complications from a lengthy battle with cancer. Bill served as Executive Officer of Company H, 75th Rangers in Vietnam in 1971-72, and later as the Director of the 1st Cavalry Division, 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Bill was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2015. I will continue to monitor the schedule at Arlington for the date of the service and I will let everyone know once a date is set. The service will likely not be until late fall or early winter due to the large number of services that are handled at the cemetery, according to a service representative there who I spoke with.

On a final note, as mentioned above, *The Vietnam War*, a 10-part, 18-hour film will air on Public Broadcasting System (PBS) starting on Sunday, September 17, 2017. The film is directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, award-winning documentary film makers who have co-directed numerous films of historical significance. The film will feature interviews with Vietnamese combatants, both from the north and the south, and civilians, as well as with others. RANGERS LEAD THE WAY.

Is your unit not represented in our Saber? You can change that by sharing your stories with us and become a column writer; a scribe for First Cav Division Association!

Maya Angelou

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"

Zack Wamp

"Thank you for the sacrifices you and your families are making. Our Vietnam Veterans have taught us that no matter what are positions may be on policy, as Americans and patriots, we must support all of our soldiers with our thoughts and our prayers."

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Am I Brilliant or What? Those of you fortunate enough to read Engineer News

word for word and maybe even commit to memory this column, will remember that the speech given to the University of Texas graduating class in 2015 by Gen. William McRaven (Ret) has twice been paraphrased and re-quoted right here for your edification. Now, as though to confirm our shared brilliance, McRaven's book, titled "Make Your Bed" and based on the speech, is a best seller. He might have been Navy, but he was a Seabee at heart. If you don't want to wade through the book like the Seal that he was, the speech is on You Tube.

Photo Contest: Those of you who visit the Association Facebook will have seen the announcement of an Engineer photo contest. It's real and reaffirmed here and now. I've forgotten the specific rules but generally you must: 1. Be a 12B in present service or in heritage. 2. Submit your photo (military heritage suggested but all will be considered) to the email address above. If not scanned already, you may submit the actual photo knowing that it will be returned. 3. You must submit some sort of story or paragraph with the photo to describe it and yourself 4. The decision of the singular judge is final as to the winner. 5. And yes there will be a CASH prize for the winner and thus non-reportable to the IRS. Call it hidden income to you.

They Ain't Ours: But they are engineers. I thought you might like to meet the twin brothers, Gerald and Jeshua Moore of the 327th Eng. Co. of the 416th Theater Engineer Command out of Onalaska Wisconsin. (Photo courtesy of "Army" magazine published by AUSA, June 2017 issue.) And by the way, think of AUSA as speaking as though it were the political action arm of our Association. We are constrained by our charter from taking political positions but AUSA has been known to speak its mind.



The Moore Twins

Since You May Have Wondered or Been Concerned: 1. Best beer usually found in a grocery store--Warsteiner. 2. Best commercially prepared BBQ sauce. 2a) Tomato based - Stubbs out of TX, 2b) Mustard based--Maurice's out of SC. 3. Best PX that will soon open to all Vets - Hickam Field 4. Best late night TV comedy not to bash the CIC - none. 5. Best surfing, 5ft waves or less--Jacksonville FL. 6. Most interesting and least known battle of the Civil War--Chattanooga. 7 Only

permitted ingredients on a true tomato sandwich--Sliced tomato, white bread, salt, pepper, mayonnaise. 8. Best foreign car made in the USA--BMW. 9. Best of those River Cruise Pamphlets that reach you now that you are retired and have the money to splurge--Mississippi River paddle boat, MN to LA. 10. Best pop song that you would recognize by a one hit wonder group--96 Tears by ? and the Mysterions. 11. Length of a foot in France--30.48 centimeters, but who cares? 12. Chambering rounds--a 5.56 can accept and fire a .223 but not vice versa, go figure. 13. Absolute best diet in four words--eat less, exercise more. 14. Best restaurant on an interstate exit when you are travelling anywhere except the left coast--Cracker Barrel.

IF: You are a woman, live in Northeast Florida, a Veteran, and/or if you are homeless and someone tells you about this paragraph, go to 2133 Broadway Ave. in Jax. Dee Quartanta of the Northeast Florida Women Veteran Association will greet you. You will be guided to shelter, food and the reconstruction of your life. All this starts initially without government paperwork. Get off the street and get your life back. NFWVA partners with Clara White Mission, Homeless Coalition, Goodwill, and Dignity You Wear. Speaking of that, to some a clean set of pants and underpants imparts self-esteem. If you are snickering at the previous sentence, shut the F up and try sleeping in your car, if you're lucky, in a WalMart parking lot without having your windows tapped on at 02:00.

Such Places Still Exist: What to do when you need only six 1&1/4 x 3/16 flat head wood screws? Those of you living in houses built prior to the McMansion period know that something always goes wrong somewhere and usually the wife points it out to you with a look on her face that says "it's your problem." In Jacksonville that matter, once defined, is resolved at Curry Thomas Hardware. CTH is not on a stock exchange and is run by the two surviving sons of the original dads. Thus there is a historical commitment to nuts, bolts, nails, piping, mesh wire, paint, and yes guns. So as I inhaled the smell of decades of aging lumber floors, I fished around in the open screw bins. In fact I found the little buggers too quickly and was not eager to leave. I wandered over to the gun section where one of the brothers was holding court to a group gathered and jawing over coffee. And yes, you can smoke cigarettes in CTH. That practice adds to the ambiance of linseed oil sold by the pint, poured and spilled over the years. These customers are the ones who have Hillary for Jail stickers not just on bumpers but also on tailgates and rear windows. Best of all, you don't have to buy a package of 24 screws in a plastic box hanging on a rack from the big box stores. You get six of what you really need for 71 cents, tax included and the cash is tossed on the cash register to maybe be rung up later. Real America still exists. So what does this have to do with the Cav Assn and its members? If PTSD still lingers in your life, get a hammer and screwdriver and fix something. Perhaps with that item fixed, it will become a symbol of your life. One small thing fixed leads onward.

Jane Fonda: Well, you've all heard by now that public television will be showing the new Ken Burns documentary, Vietnam. In fact about the time you are reading this is about the time the series will air. We'll hold back any commentary on the general bent of public television and its comrade National Public Radio and certainly will say naught about the National Endowment for the Arts or the Corporation for Public Broadcasting since this yellow and black paper is bound and gagged as a not-for-profit, non sectarian, non denominational, non partisan, tax exempt, fraternal publication. Without asking the question when was the last time you saw a documentary on Adam Smith, William Buckley or C.S. Lewis on

public TV, I'll ask you to watch the Vietnam series and send me your opinions. Supposedly we will have used our endowment tax dollars to buy a view-from-both-sides version of Vietnam. That's ok by me as long as we don't have to view the 33-1/3 LP version of Jane directing AA fire from her gunners seat. (For those of you asking what is a 33-1/3 LP, just know there was once a world before CD's and DVD's) Once again, watch and write me. This may be your only forum.

Best As I Can Figure: These are our newest Engineer members: Reynaldo Jallorina-8Eng, Carla Santiago-914Eng, Paul Siege-91Eng, Paul Stambaugh-353Eng, Kelvin Sullivan-91Eng. That wasn't so hard so I went back a couple of Saber issues to also welcome Jeffery Boren-8Eng, Gary Glass-8Eng. Welcome to the Team. Now contact Jerry Eller of our Crossed Sabers Chapter in Killeen. Oddly no phone listed so track Jerry down at 254-547-6537 and get involved. It's a career builder.

Active Duty: In Grades Afghanistan, MSG Danjurmall Roberts was awarded the Army Engineer Association De Floury Medal. The medal is a symbol of leadership and devotion to the engineering career field. During his 17 years of service, Roberts has conducted four combat deployments, three theater level exercises with allied nations, trained more than 2000 engineers and served as the 1CD IG, NCOIC. Congratulations on jobs well done. (photo courtesy of Ft. Hood Herald)

This Is Why: I write this column. Ever so often one of you jake-legs pick up the phone and calls to say "that is me" in that picture. Now, thumb back to the May-June issue of Saber. Look at the dozer picture at the bottom left side of the page. As it happens, Kent (Mac) McCutherson is sitting at his desk in Leavenworth, Indiana browsing thru the May-June Saber. He stops his breath, looks again, and says "I know that guy."



SGM D. Roberts

Mac did it all, Case450's, D5's and D7 dozers during two tours and immediately recognized "his" D5, #310. Driving the dozer that day at the second the picture was taken was Bill Hootachek (Hoodacheck?) a fellow squad member to Mac and from Illinois south of Chicago somewhere. Mac is a long time cattle farmer who is turning his 240 acres gradually over to his kids to continue the operations. For those of you who aren't familiar with Leavenworth IN, it is off I64, tucked against the Ohio River west of Louisville KY where the glaciers scraped out the land a million years ago. Mac can be reached early morning while having his coffee at 812-739-4301. Now, since our next reunion is only a half-day drive away in WVA, we'll hope to see Mac there. Mac says his squad was known as the LZ Wonder Boys around Phouc Vinh and those parts. And who is there to dispute that title? Some of us may wonder why it took Mac from the May-June issue to call in August. Guess things are a little slow in Indiana.

The Eclipse and Statues: From Oregon to South Carolina the total eclipse of the sun by the moon aligned with the earth was visible in August. I am sure many of you took a minute or so to view the resulting alignment. I know we're only 12Bs and just a step above 11Bs on the mental scale but sometime during the viewing period you must have had the thought of how insignificant we are in proportion to the splendor of the universe displayed. And yet God created and knows us individually. So why do we bicker and argue with each other over stones carved and set on pedestals? You have seen the bumper sticker "coexist" I would think. So why don't we? It is because we each demand our own way. How about let's at least listen to each other instead of shouting? There is always a middle ground. For example, there is no way Stone Mountain, Georgia is coming down but Confederate flags could be removed from the souvenir shop. Be reasonable. Find the middle ground. Quit shouting and listen. God is watching his created beings and weeping over our foolishness.

The PX Is Open: Non-lifer type Veterans can now shop the PX online. To verify yourself for shopping privileges, go to <vetverify.org> or call 1-844-868-8672. All this in time for Christmas. Now the worlds of Calvin Klein, Microsoft, KitchenAid, Nikon, Chanel and all those brand names are open for your PX shopping at no sales tax rates. And you thought Congress was unresponsive? Shame on you.

Ernesto Ridguez: of Clarksville, Tennessee and a Vet of two Afghan tours with the 82nd AB, decided he wanted to do something to raise awareness about the suicide rate among Veterans. So he started walking. He walked 2200 miles from Clarksville to Santa Monica, California. He refused monetary donations stating that the message of walking was more powerful. For him, staying on the move was imperative though he did get help along the way in the form of water or a place to sleep. As tough as the trip was, he found it to be therapeutic. He can be found on social media using @nerdesto. Folks, think about it. What can we be doing for our First Cav Vets? What should we be doing for our First Cav Vets? We have an Association that is funded. What are we doing for our own? (extracted in part from VFW magazine September 2017, p. 60)

Bugs or Elmer: Was it Bugs Bunny or Elmer Fudd that ended their cartoons with the phrase "ba de ba de that's all folks?" I have decided not to write to fill space. (With certain limited exceptions-see above) That means if I receive no news or even opinions from you, I will not invent such. There have been some pretty interesting stories over the years, but they have all come from you. As they say at the Kenworth factory, keep on trucking. Send me stuff.

What is YOUR best way of reaching out and spreading the word about the benefits of the Association?

9TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON D.C. VETERANS DAY DINNER

The William A. Richardson National Capitol Region Chapter in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division Association will sponsor a Hospitality Suite and small gift shop from 9-11 November and will host the 9th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner which will be held on Saturday, 11 November 2017. Both events will be held at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel located at 1480 Crystal Drive in Arlington, Virginia. Reserve your rooms at the rate of \$132 per night plus tax with free parking prior to 9 October 2017. Call 703-416-1600 and tell them you are with the 1st Cavalry Division.

As this is the 35th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is conducting the 2017 Reading of the Names, 7-10 November 2017. Guest speakers at the Vietnam Memorial on 11 November are the Honorable Chuck Hagel (24th Secretary of Defense) and the memorial’s designer Maya Lin.

Wreaths will be placed at the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Memorials as they are each year on Veterans Day, 11 November. As we did in 2016, we will be placing a wreath at the Women’s Memorial located adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony conducted at the World War II Memorial begins at 0900, the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial begins at 1300 hours, the Women’s Memorial is at 1500, and the Korean War Memorial ceremony is at 1600. Join us in D.C. for Veterans Day.

- A host bar will be open at 1800 and dinner will begin at 1900 hours.
- For dinner reservations please send \$60 per ticket to the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703.
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35th Anniversary of The Wall The Reading of the Names

The Reading of the Names will begin on November 7th at The Wall in Washington, D.C.

For 65 hours over a four-day period, each of the 58,318 names on The Wall will be read aloud by volunteers.

Join Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) for this monumental event, as a reader or as a spectator, in honor of their sacrifice.

1st Cavalry Division Memorial Re-Dedication Ceremony

The First Team Family gathered to rededicate the Division’s Global War on Terrorism memorial on Sept. 15 at Cooper Field. Nine new names were added to the memorial. Additional photos can be found at < <https://www.flickr.com/photos/1st-cav-d/albums/72157686698310343> >.

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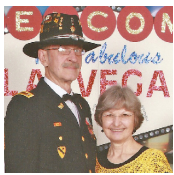
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Greetings Troopers and spouses from NW Louisiana where we are having a cooler than normal summer and more rain than normal. Global warming? Climate change? Call it what you will, I love it! Of course, what makes flowers grow also makes weeds grow. Sue and I send our best wishes. Time to start planning to attend the 71st reunion in West Virginia in June 2018. If you live on the east coast, this is probably the closest the reunion will ever get to you. Sign up! See ya there!

US Military's First Vietnamese-born general: (From various internet websites) Viet X. Luong wanted to fight for his country, South Vietnam, when he was a young boy. His father served as a South Vietnamese marine officer. Born in Bien Hoa and raised in Saigon, he experienced the 68 Tet Offensive. In 1975, when he was 9 years old, the US forces pulled out of South Vietnam and the enemy was closing on Saigon. His Family managed to get to Tan Son Nhut Airport in Saigon with bombs dropping around them. They were rescued from the airport by US Marines in a CH53 helicopter and flown to an aircraft carrier off the coast. Luong eventually went to the refugee camp at Fort Chaffee, AR. Finally, sponsored by some US Marine Corps advisors, the Family moved to Los Angeles. Eventually he was offered a four-year ROTC



BG Luong

scholarship at the University of Southern California and was commissioned as a 2LT in the US Army. Over the years he rose through the ranks and became the first US Army Brigadier General of Vietnamese descent. In 2014, he became the Assistant Division Commander (maneuver) of the 1st Cavalry Division. BG Luong, who was recently the Chief of Staff of US Army Central at Shaw AF Base, SC, has been transferred to Deputy Commanding General for Operations, Eighth US Army, Republic of Korea. What a great nation we live in!

MG (Ret) Scott Smith, past Association President and former Commander of DISCOM, 1st Cav Div, sent me an email in response to my request for information about his service with the Cav. Scott said, "When I made the O-6 command list in early 1976, I was offered a choice of three jobs: Command of an Engineer Group at Fort Benning, a very prestigious job in Headquarters of the Corps of Engineers, or command of the Division Support Command of the 1st Cav. I have no idea how my name was proposed for the DISCOM job...but I chose it in a heartbeat. In those days, unhappily, an O-6 command tour was only 18 months in length so I left Fort Hood in 1978. (DISCOM, in those days, by the way, included a Medical Battalion, an S&T Battalion, a Maintenance Battalion, and a Chemical Company.) The senior NCOs within DISCOM were a blessing. My CSM was John Watkins. He was a very capable, extremely knowledgeable, very personable leader. He had the knack of squaring me away exactly when I needed it (or, seconds before I stepped on myself!). I served with many wonderful, thoughtful senior NCOs. In the DISCOM I also had strong, professionally-competent officers, typified by LTC Ervan Zouzalik, the S&T Battalion Commander...thoroughly knowledgeable, reasonably aggressive but not overly forceful, wonderfully fit and athletic; he had an admirable, inspiring way with both officers and enlisted Troopers."

Thank you Scott for that write-up. I have had several long talks with Scott and always enjoy visiting with him during reunions and association board meetings. Scott has been experiencing some health issues and I am sure he would appreciate your prayers.

The 312th MI Bn has been re-activated at Fort Sam Houston. The 312th MI Bn, the 191st MI Co/Det, and the 371st RRU/ (ASA) have a long history with the 1st Cav Div. I have been in contact with MAJ (MI) Jim King, the XO of the newly activated 312th MI Bn. Jim is very interested in the history of the 312th, the 191st MI and the 371st ASA. I'll keep you informed as Jim and I correspond about these units. Meantime, Jim sent this information about the current assignment of the 312th MI Bn: "Ron, according to a statement of service provided to me (which according to the Center of Military History, is the official lineage and honors for the 312th) the Battalion does trace its history back to both the 371st ASA and the 191st MI Companies. I'm not sure how they will realign the MI Companies of the 1st and 2nd Bde within the 1st CAV. The current incarnation of the 312th MI BN is as what is now called an Operations Battalion within the 470th MI Brigade (Theater). We provide SIGINT, OSINT, CI, HUMINT collection and analytical support to U.S. Army South. The Battalion staffs the Theater ACE (Analysis and Control Element) -- they are the intelligence brain for US Army South) and provides the listed collection disciplines both here and forward in the SOUTHCOM AOR. Our A Co, which ties back to the 371st is our SIGINT Collection Company. B Co, which ties back to the 191st is the ACE. And C Det is our HUMINT/CI (Human Intelligence and Counterintelligence) element. I would love to hear from any former members you can link me up with and I'll look forward to seeing what you write in the Saber. I would be honored to keep the link between those that served in the past and current Soldiers. Our current Soldiers are very interested in the past history so please let me know if there is anything I can do to help."

Jim can be contacted through my regular email if you wish to ask him questions or if you want to tell him about your time in one of these units, his email is <james.e.king184.mil@mail.mil>. It appears that the 312th MI Bn has re-claimed the honors of the 191st MI and 371st RRU/ASA, which obviously means that the honors previously held by the MI Companies of the 1st and 2nd Bde Engineer Battalions will no longer have those honors. I consider this an interesting development. Seems odd that the US Army would take away the honors of an active company and pass those honors to another activated company. Time will tell.

I heard from Warren Dupre who served with the Cav in 62-63 in Korea. Warren said, "I served in Korea 1962-63 in HQ and Co B 27th Ordnance Bn (as a turret arty repairman). There were five of us on temporary duty (TDY) to the

40th Armor Bn, as a track section. We had one SFC in charge, with two track mechanics and two artillery mechanics. I don't remember names since this was 50 years ago. About the first of March our SFC went home and his replacement had not arrived yet, so I was in charge of the section. One of the LTs called me to come to Bn HQ. There he told me to take a track mechanic and go to the 7th Infantry Div (20th Arty, I believe) and inspect their M-52 SP 105's. As I remember, there were 5 of them. Well Clark and I go there the next day, and "Mama Mia," they are in terrible shape. We had technical inspections (TIs) a mile long on each one. The motor sergeant told me that most of them would not run half the time. I went go back to the Bn HQ and gave the LT the inspection reports, and ask him, "Sir, why are we inspecting the 7th Div Arty?" He says that the plan is to transfer them into the 1st Cav, repair them and put them back into service. I said, "Well sir, if I were you, I would not take them, as they are in terrible shape." So what does he do, he turns around and goes into the COL's office and says, "Dupre says we should not take them", and tells him what I had said to the LT. While standing outside I said to myself "Oh 'S....'" The COL said, « Dupre said that? Get him in here!" So Clark and I go into his office, we throw him a high five, and he says to me, I'll have you know, Trooper, that we are going to transfer them, and repair and put back into service!" I looked at the COL and said, "Sir, don't you think that if you could get spare parts, the 7th Div would keep and repair them? (It was almost impossible to get spare parts, if you needed one of anything, you would order two.) The COL said to me, and I quote, "GET OUT OF HERE!" Clark and I hauled ass, with Clark saying "you crazy s.o.b. you are going to get both of us thrown in jail!" I said, "Lonnie, I was not lying to him." Well they sent the recovery section to get them and put them in the back of the motor pool. I took a Korean soldier, and shoved grease down each gun tube. This was the end of March. I left Korea on the 31st of July, and at that time they did not get so much as bolt for a driver's seat. (In June of 1963, our name was changed from Ordnance to Maintenance.) Also while I was there, I was on the I.G. and C.M.I. inspection teams. We did a lot of inspecting, and I knew what I was talking about. Sp-4 Warren Dupre" <warrenduprejr@gmail.com>. Thanks Warren for your comments. Warren would like to hear from anyone assigned to the 27th or with the 40th Armor.

I was contacted by a WWII Veteran, who lives close by me. Dillon Wallace lives in Shreveport, LA, and said: "I was drafted into the US Army in Dec 1944. I reported to Fort Humburg at Shreveport, LA, (I lived in Springhill, LA), and was put on a train and sent to Camp Chaffee (near Fort Smith), AR. At Camp Chaffee we were issued clothing and supplies. We were then sent to Camp Joseph Robinson near Little Rock, AR, for basic training beginning Jan 1, 45. We had 16 weeks of snow, rain, and mud. After basic I was given a two week leave and then reported to Fort George G. Meade, MD. Fort Meade was the port of embarkation for Troops going to the war in Europe. The war in Europe was winding down and after two weeks at Fort Meade, we were put on a Troop train destined for Camp Stoneman near San Francisco, CA. After 5 days on the train, we arrived around midnight. We lined up for shots and then three days later we were loaded on a ship to sail under the Golden Gate bridge headed to the Philippines. Escorted by two other ships, we arrived at Manila Bay on Luzon Island 30 days later. Then loaded into cattle cars on a train, we traveled about 100 miles north to join the 43rd Infantry Division (Winged Victory Division). We lived in 12-men large tents. I was assigned to field arty on 105 howitzers. We trained every day in the rice fields and were doing so on Aug 15, 1945, when a Soldier came running toward us yelling 'the war is over!' He hooked up our guns and headed back to camp. In less than a week we were boarding a ship in Manila Bay ready to go to Japan. We waited on the ship several days because of the largest typhoon known was between the Philippines and Japan. When we sailed, the officers told us our training had been for the invasion of Japan but now we were going to be Occupation Forces. We sure were glad the atomic bombs were dropped! We arrived at Yokohama on Sep 13, 1945, and proceeded to an abandoned and bombed-out airfield and set up our division for occupational forces. Less than a week later we learned the 43rd was going home as the First Division to return from the Pacific Theater. Many of the new men, like me, would be transferred to another division. I was transferred to the famous 1st Cavalry Division and into the 99th Field Arty company. Our job was to search for Japanese stored arms. We found many arms in warehouses, schools, etc. I was later transferred to the company HQ as a clerk, typing and performing duties of a company clerk. The Sergeant Major who ran the HQ was going home and a T/5 clerk, who I was replacing as Company Clerk, was being promoted to take his place. We were both 19 years old! Sergeant Major Breckinridge and I were very best friends. On weekends we traveled all over Japan sightseeing. One Friday a dignitary came out to the 1st Cav Div for a weekend of relaxation. It was General Douglas MacArthur. I was in the second row when we formed up the company for review. They started sending Soldiers home by months of service and in no time I was placed on the list. I sailed for home on September 13, 1946, exactly one year from the time of arriving in Japan. We landed at Fort Lewis near Seattle, WA. Every Soldier arriving from overseas was given anything he wanted to eat for one meal. I chose a steak. On the second day home, we were put on a Troop train and sent to San Antonio, TX. We arrived, after four days, to an overflow of Soldiers waiting to be discharged. I was discharged and caught a bus to Shreveport, LA and then on to Springhill, LA. I arrived home on my 20th birthday, Oct 14, 1946."

Thank you, Dillon, for that interesting story. Dillon had many other interesting stories of things that happened to him in the Army, perhaps we could print some of them later. Dillon is now 91 years old and still getting around. I talked with him for quite a while and he is interested in attending one of the Association Reunions. Hopefully he will be able to attend in 2019 at Fort Hood. You can contact Dillon at <wallace774@bellsouth.net>. As an item of interest, Camp Robinson was used to train Soldiers in WWI, WWII and was also a prisoner of war camp for WWII captured enemy soldiers.

I see from the papers that the 1st Cav Div at Fort Hood sent 400 active duty Troopers and 100 vehicles to Houston, TX, to help with the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by the hurricane and for protection for our Troopers assisting in this disaster.

I didn't receive any feedback from my last column so that will wrap it up for this issue. Don't forget to register for the reunion and make your hotel reservations. Until then, best wishes, and may God bless you and your Family, the US Army, the great 1st Cav Div and the US of A.

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THE HICCUP - Health Care Information Committee Report

DOD to Open Online Exchange Shopping to Veterans - Update

As mentioned in an earlier HICCUP, the Army and Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) and the other branch exchange systems, effective Veterans Day, 11 November 2017, will allow Honorably Discharged Veterans to shop **ONLINE** at military exchanges. NOTE: this will only allow online shopping and not allow shopping at the brick and mortar stores.

As of 27 June 2017, roughly 85,000 Veterans have registered for access to the online shopping, with 38,000 being verified through VetVerify.org. It takes a few minutes - need first name, last name, last four of social security number, birth date, and email address (yes - email, you are shopping online), and branch of service. NOTE: this system is also used by several other online shopping sites to offer a 10% discount on shopping.

It is estimated that if 45,000 Veterans out of the 15 million Veterans shop online, the cost of the program will be recouped. Again, a way for the Exchanges to make some extra money. There is no plan to extend this benefit to dependents, but there are no cameras, so they just need to know your log-in.

Only active duty service members, members of the Guard and Reserves, military retirees, 100-percent disabled Veterans, Medal of Honor recipients, and the Families of these groups are eligible to shop at AAFES locations, either online or on-base. There is no current proposal to allow Veterans to shop at on-base locations.

It takes three easy steps to be able to have access to tax-free shopping and free standard shipping to US zip codes when the purchase is \$49 or more. However, it does not include the purchase of uniforms, alcohol, and tobacco products.

Steps are:

- Submit a verification form at <VetVerify.org> (takes about three minutes - need first name, last name, last four of social security number, birth date, and email address (yes - email, you are shopping online), and branch of service). This can be done now.
- Check out the "Shopmyexchange" on Facebook for updates - <<https://www.facebook.com/shopmyexchange>>
- 11 Nov 2017 - start shopping at <<https://www.shopmyexchange.com>> You will have to set up your Exchange account. Just like shopping at any other online store, but has more trinkets from overseas.

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out help and treatment.

"First of all, I have come to thank all the young men and women for their service, for what they have done for this country, for what they have done for me," said Walker. "Second of all, we are talking about resilience, trying to remove that stigma of mental health as well, letting them know that there is no shame in asking for help. I have done it in my life. I have been through a lot of tough things -- different from what they do, but it's all the same when you are trying to get yourself better."

Walker has participated in the Patriot Support Anti-Stigma Campaign since 2008, and has made 82 visits to military installations and shared his message with more than 37,000 service and Family members across the U.S. He does this because he feels a strong sense of civic duty to give back to his country.

"I learned from a great man, a guy by the name of Tom Landry," Walker said. "He once said, 'If you take something out of society, put something back in.' This is the reason that this country is what it is today. We've got the best military in the world, so we should help Soldiers more than we are helping ourselves. You know, it's a shame that a lot of the laymen like myself do not realize what our service men and women do and the reason that we have this safety that we have."

Walker has personally felt the stigma associated with seeking help from behavioral health professionals.

"That was very difficult," said Walker. "That was a very difficult time in my life because it was at the end of my career, and you know, I had a lot of friends that turned their backs on me. They just assumed that something was wrong with me. These are friends who have now come back, but they turned their backs on me almost like I was a vampire. Because the minute that you mention mental health, people get afraid of it; that's what's so sad about it. When we're all mentally crazy anyway. But when you mention that, people think something's wrong with you because of all the stigma they have seen on television, and all the things they've seen in movies, and they think that if something is mental, then something is totally off keel. I'm here to say that it's not."

Walker wants everyone who has ever suffered from any kind of mental illness -- or even just felt down -- to know one thing:

"What I hope is that I have given them a light that they know there is nothing wrong if they want to seek help, or if they want to talk to someone," Walker said. "Because now they see that there is a bright light at the end of the tunnel. It's not just doom and gloom. There is something bright at the end."

First Team HQ Returns, Hits Ground Running, Story by Master Sgt. Jacob Caldwell

1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs, FORT HOOD, TX – The past week saw two flights full of First Team Troopers land at Robert Gray Army Airfield. These Troopers from the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters were returning from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan where they served at the United States Forces – Afghanistan, National Support Element. The second and final flight of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers landed on Aug. 17 and leaders uncased the division colors shortly thereafter in a ceremony on Cooper Field.

The majority of the Soldiers were assigned to the USFOR-ANSE Headquarters



MG John C. Thomson, Division Commanding General, spoke highly of the Troopers who deployed with him, but also all of the other Soldiers who have been conducting missions around the world. "The thing that I'm most proud of the 1st Cavalry Division in the past year is the multitude of missions globally that the 1st Cavalry Division was able to accomplish," said Thomson. "We had a very successful deployment to Afghanistan, but it was just a part of the division headquarters. The folks back at Fort Hood sent brigades to Korea, to the Middle East, brought home two brigades, pursued the Army's Soldier 2020 effort, and the list just goes on and on, but it was truly a global mission by the division."

There is little time for rest as the division and all the brigades still at Fort Hood must continue to stay focused on whatever the next mission may be, according to Thomson. This, while overcoming the challenges of integrating forward and home station staffs and the summer PCS cycle.

"Most of you just got back and are going to take some leave, but as soon as we all get back, we have to focus on having as smooth of a transition as possible," said Thomson. "What you have to do is minimize the disruptions. What you have to do is stay focused on the priorities and stay focused on the mission." Thomson reiterated his pride in the accomplishments of the headquarters Troopers efforts over the past year during a gathering held in the Iron Horse Chapel on Aug. 22 by quoting former 1st Cavalry Division Commander, Gen. Peter Chiarelli.

"Wearing this First Team patch changes us all, to some extent. It makes us walk a little prouder and talk a little louder, because of the pride we feel for our unit. Wearing the largest patch in the Army inventory also brings with it a responsibility to be the best," said Thomson quoting Chiarelli, "You are all a fantastic group of leaders and much is expected of you."

World Famous Chef Visits Black Jack in Korea By Sgt. Carolyn Hart, 2ABCT Public Affairs CAMP HUMPHREYS, Korea -- Many Soldiers lined up waiting for their chance to shake hands and get their picture taken with world-famous, celebrity chef Robert Irvine at the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team Pittman "Tomahawk" dining facility on Camp Humphreys Aug. 10.

Irvine, who is known for his shows on the Food Network — Dinner: Impossible, Restaurant: Impossible, and Worst Cooks in America, is currently on a world tour visiting military bases of all branches.

"It's very cool to come to these dining facilities," said Irvine. "This dining facility is amazing. The leadership here really understands food and what it takes to build

these Soldiers up, so that they can get fed and get out to continue doing their job." He said supporting the service members is something he takes great pride in and is a very serious mission for him and his team.

"We spend over 100 days a year on the road with our military," he added. "For me, it's very important letting our men and women who serve know that we care about them." The dining facility staff were visibly excited not only to see a celebrity chef in person, but to have the opportunity to gain some insight from a Veteran in the same field.

"Watching his show is very inspiring," said PFC Sean Lange, a Soldier in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team. "I hope to one day go into this business, and getting this kind of one-on-one time is very beneficial."

SFC Marvin Galloway, the dining facility manager with HHC, 15th BSB, gave Irvine a tour, pausing to explain what took place at each station. "It's an honor to have a great chef come to our dining facility," said Galloway. "The teaching and coaching on his show helped me bring ideas of things I want to do to enhance the quality of my food and my production in my facility." He said having a celebrity chef visit his dining facility was a special kind of recognition, because he could have chosen to go to another facility, which signifies to him that he and his staff are performing above average.

"What I associate with DFACs is food, comfort, and camaraderie," said Irvine. "Something about the military, when you sit and share bread together, it becomes this brotherhood, and it's inseparable." He added that it's the cooks' jobs to make sure they put out the best food possible, which allows service members to have that camaraderie but also be able to go out and do their job afterward.

"I've worked at restaurants and hotels, and some of those people there don't have what these people have, which is knowledge of food," he said of the leadership and staff of the Tomahawk dining facility. "We thank you for all that you do, and we really mean it."

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