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## The President's Corner



Troopers, hello once again from your President. I hope this finds everyone in good health. Hope all who plan to join us in the Windy City in July for our annual reunion have their reservations done. Time is running out. I trust that all of you had a safe Memorial Day and remembered those who died in service to their country. If it had not been for our honored dead and the rest of the Veterans that served our great nation would not be the great place we know and love. Take care, God speed, look forward visiting with you all.

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As our 67th Annual Reunion looms closer, I would like to acknowledge the service of our Association President, Jerry F. Eller.

Jerry will conclude his term as President of the 1st Cavalry Division Association at the Reunion Banquet in Oak Brook, Illinois and be replaced by James R. Stokely, who served with B Company, 1-12th Cavalry in Vietnam. Jerry has done a great job and received a special honor from the Ordnance Corps Association recently that needs to be acknowledged.

On May 19, 2014, CSM (Ret) Jerry F. Eller was inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame at Fort Lee, Virginia. The Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame was established in 1969 to recognize and memorialize persons who have made a positive, significant contribution to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. The write up reads, "Jerry F. Eller was born on August 26, 1941 in Wilkesboro, North Carolina and enlisted into the Army on October 22, 1958. After his initial training and assignment as a Cannoneer, he switched to maintenance where he remained for his Army career. In 1965, SGM Eller assumed his first leadership position as a Company Motor Sergeant in the 2nd Armored Division. This marked the beginning of a twenty-five year journey that saw him serve in every leadership position in the Army from Squad Leader through Command Sergeant Major, a leadership career which included two tours in Vietnam. In 1975 and 1976, while assigned to the 15th Ordnance Battalion in Germany, Eller was also instrumental in the establishment and operation of a Total Army Rebuild Program (T.A.R.P.) for the M-127 Trailer. The M-127 trailer was used widely throughout Europe to transport supplies from depots to all units within the V Corp area of operation. While assigned to the 169th Maintenance Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, Eller also played a key role in developing the concept of rapidly refueling the division's combat equipment. The Refuel on the Move (ROM) operation allowed the division to arrive at the battle location more quickly and engage the enemy longer. In 1984, CSM Eller culminated his career as the Command Sergeant Major for the Division Support Command for the 1st Cavalry Division. One of the initial changes was the design and implementation of Forward Area Support Teams (FAST). The FAST deployed forward with the maneuver brigade, providing on-the-spot maintenance support. It was a combat multiplier which greatly enhanced the overall combat power of the division".

Congratulations Jerry on your induction into the Hall of Fame!

The 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters is deploying to Afghanistan prior to our reunion but one of our Deputy Commander's, COL (P) Viet Luong will be filling in for the CG at our banquet and we will have other active duty Troopers in attendance.

As noted in previous issues of Saber and on our web page, the Division and the Army are continuing to restructure and change. We will see the inactivation of

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## Horse Detachment by 1LT Jason Vaughn



Bluebonnet Parade in Burnet, TX

Spring is here, the flowers are blooming and Horse Cavalry Detachment is on the move participating in numerous events around Fort Hood and surrounding cities in the Central Texas area. April

marked the 42nd year of service for the Detachment; when it originated it was known as the Horse Platoon. The Horse Platoon's very first public exposure was a parade in downtown San Angelo, Texas in April of 1972. Since then, the detachment has performed in numerous events and we tend to participate in many more to help keep the 1st Cavalry Division and the mounted Soldiers' history alive. The beginning of April kicked off with a Change of Command Ceremony for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. The HCD would like to wish good luck to COL Steven Gilland and his family and would like to welcome COL John Di Giambattista and his family to the "First Team." As far as public events for the month of April; troopers from the HCD participated in the annual Bluebonnet Festival in Burnet, Texas, performed Yesterday and Today Presentations at local middle and high schools, and also conducted several tours for Boy and Girl Scout troops. As always the troopers of the Horse Detachment stay busy conducting performances and providing historical information to groups around the area.

As many of you may or may not know there are riding ranks at the Detachment: C Group (Beginner), B Group (Intermediate), and A Group (Advanced). There is a written and riding portion to achieve each rank and each test is progressively more challenging. It means a whole heck of a lot to earn the title of A-Grouper around the barn! The A-Group Test is only administered twice a year and this time around two NCOs and one trooper earned their A-Group Spurs: SSG Michael Hatfield, SGT Christopher Kabela and Trooper Nicole Battis. To put it in perspective 13 personnel were eligible, 11 took the written portion, seven passed; they then had to pass two days of the riding portion. At the end of the grueling process, all three troopers came through with passing scores and earned the right to be known as Elite Cavalrymen.

May- June will bring the HCD more ceremonies and public events as we begin the hot summer months. May 8th will be the Distinguished Soldiers Welcome Ceremony on Cooper Field. 17 May is the Copperas Cove Rabbit Festival. 22 May the HCD will perform during Military Appreciation Night at the Killeen

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## DIVISION DOINGS

With 1-12th Cavalry in Korea for a 9-month deployment, the 2-5th Cavalry in Germany for Combined Resolve II, and the 4-227th Aviation in Afghanistan and with most of the Division at Fort Hood, it can easily be said the sun never sets on the First Team. The Division Headquarters will case their colors on 18 June and begin deployment to Afghanistan for an undetermined amount of time. Not all of the Division HQ is deploying and we will get a briefing on the status of the Division at the reunion. The following stories have been submitted by the 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs office to provide an overview of some of the First Team's recent activities. For additional stories and information visit the 1st Cavalry Division Facebook page <[www.facebook.com/1stCavDiv](http://www.facebook.com/1stCavDiv)>.

**Combined Resolve II to Exercise Army's European Rotational Force** by 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command Public Affairs

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany (April 22, 2014) -- The U.S. Army's European Rotational Force will participate in a major exercise alongside NATO allies and partner-nation forces at the Army's Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas in southeastern Germany, May 1-June 30, 2014.

Exercise Combined Resolve II will include more than 4,000 participants from 13 nations, including Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and the U.S. Combined Resolve II will be the largest scheduled multi-national exercise in

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## Calendar of 1st Cavalry Division Association

2014

July 9-13 67th Annual Reunion, DuPage County, IL  
November 8-11 Veterans Day Gathering, Arlington, Virginia and Washington, DC

## TAPS

We have been notified of the death of the following:

**ADKINSON**, CW5 (Ret) Charles A., III, "Mike", A Trp., 1-9th CAV, 1969-70. 17 May 2014.

**ANDERSON**, TRP Leslie Lowell, G Trp., 2-7th CAV, 1950-51. 13 March 2014.

**ARONSON**, MSG Curtis R., SVC & HQ Btry., 61st FA, 1951-52. 23 March 2014.

**CASTELLI**, SGT Denis M., B Co., 1-50th INF, 1967-68. 19 April 2014.

**COLLINS**, SSG Michael D., B Co., 1-5th CAV, 1969-70. 11 April 2014.

**CROW**, CWO John C., A Co., 229th AHB, 1967-68. 26 March 2014.

**FREDERICK**, CPT Stanley L., HHC, 3-82nd FA, 2008-13. 16 March 2014.

**GABBAMONTE**, SP4 Martin F., HHC, 2nd BDE, 1967-68. 5 May 2014.

**GRAFFEO**, CPL Daniel, Med Co., 5th CAV, 1953-54. 6 February 2014.

**HARVEY**, MG (Ret) Thomas H. "Mike", B Troop, 1-9th CAV, 1966-67. 8 November 2013.

**HATTAWAY**, LTC (Ret) William E., C Co. and D Co., 227th AVN, 1965-66. 19 May 2014.

**HURST**, SGT Robert G., F Co., 2-5th CAV, 1951-52. 9 January 2014.

**KENTFIELD**, SGT James G., "Gabe", A Co., 2-5th CAV, 2003-09. 21 February 2014.

**KLEESE**, LTC (Ret) Gene D., C Btry., 2-20th ARA, 1965-66; A and C Btry., 2-20th ARA, 1968; HHC, 2-20th ARA, 1969. 19 March 2014.

**LAWLESS**, CW2 Matthew T., A Trp., 1-9th CAV, 1967. 22 April 2014.

**MacNICOL**, SPC Joshua N., HHC, 3-8th CAV, 2008-10. 19 March 2014.

**MERCER**, SGT (Ret) William R., A Co., 1-7th CAV, 1967-68. 2 March 2014.

**MILLER**, TRP Jackie L., A Trp., 1-9th CAV, 1969-70. 3 May 2014.

**PLESS**, SFC Paul E., E Co., 2-7th CAV, 1950-51. 14 February 2014.

**ROSAS-LUCA**, SP4 Luis E., D Co., 15th TC, 1965-66. 15 January 2014.

**SCHAFFER**, MAJ (Ret) Frank E., Sr., 1CD, 1944-45. 3 April 2014.

**STEPHENS**, CPL Elzie L., HQ, 82nd FA, 1948-51. 5 May 2014.

**WALSH**, SP4 William J., C Co., 2-7th CAV, 1969; 15th MED, 1970. 15 April 2014.

**ZACCARINO**, SP-4 Antonio M., A Co., 1-7th CAV, 1965-66. 14 April 2014.

## ACTIVE DUTY TAPS

We have been notified of the death of the following Active Duty Troopers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan:

**RASMUSSEN**, CW2 Deric M., C Co., 1-227th AVN, 2013-14. 11 May 2014.

We have been notified of the death of the following Active Duty Troopers in the United States that were not combat related:

**ADKINS**, PVT Gregory N., B Trp., 1-3rd CAV, 2013-14. 18 May 2014.

## We honor the passing of our friends and comrades in arms.

## NEW MEMBERS

SGT ADDORISIO, PETER NY A 1-7C 7005

PVT BACKSTROM, Jr., RAGAN J. KS B 115FSB 9005

SGT BARKER, DAVE WA A 1-5C 6905

PVT BARRIENTES, JEREMY TX 2BCT 1403

PVT BENEFIELD, ZACHERY TX D 2-227AVN 1403

COL BLAGG, THOMAS E. CO 2-8C 71

SGT BOSTON, NOAH TX HHC 2-12C 1310

PVT BYRD, ALVIN LEE IN B 1-7C 5105

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

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

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would first like to thank you for awarding me this annual grant. I cannot truly express how grateful I am of your kindness. This award for me has been a true blessing. I come from a single parent home, where I am the first child to go off to college. The financial burden of paying for classes, food, and a home to stay in while in college has been extremely tough. The money that I am being awarded through this scholarship goes to funding for my books. They add to the financial burden that I already have. My books can range anywhere from \$0-\$300 per book, because of my chemical science major. So being awarded this scholarship is such a blessing for me, and I truly appreciate and thank you for allowing me to have this scholarship.

Thank you, Toi Owens



Dear Editor,

I never met my grandpa, Charlie; he died before I was born. I know he was in the 1st Cavalry Division. I've heard stories about him from different family members, seen old photographs of him in uniform or at dinner parties, and held some of his medals and awards. But, of course, even in combination, these memories and anecdotes will never add up to the experience of actually knowing the man. And while I may never be granted the ability or opportunity to get to meet Grandpa Charlie, an honor like this scholarship from the Ia Drang Fund of the Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association helps me connect with him in some way, bringing me that much closer to understanding him as a great man and a part of my family.

Best,  
Connor DeSha



Dear Editor,

I am looking for men that I served with in Vietnam from July 1969 to July 1970. I served with C Co., 227th AVN in Phuoc Vinh. My name is Juan Martinez, but people called me Marty. I had a dog named Charlie. If we served together I would love to get into contact with you.

Thank You,

Juan Martinez, 9796 E US Highway 190, Rogers, TX 76569, (254) 721-1580.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### JAMES J. MASON WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Upcoming Bingo dates for the Chapter, which is our primary Giving Back Project, are: 29 June, 31 August; and 30 November. Chapter meeting dates for 2014 are: 17 July; and 16 October. Two Charter Chapter Members (Mike McGregor and Bob Anderson) are now proud members of The Kent County Honor Guard. This organization provides a detail for military funerals that consists of flag folding and presentation to the family, rifle volley and Taps. When the casket is loaded into the hearse the remains pass between the Honor Guard rendering the hand and rifle salute. Please visit our web page at <www.jjmwmc1cd.com> to see what we are up to or contact me for more information. We would love to have you stop in and say hi. Bob Anderson, Secretary

### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER



Hank Llewellyn and Bob Arbasetti

The Chapter had its spring meeting on April 26, 2014 in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey "where soldiers rekindle old friendships and create new ones."

We had two guest speakers from the Army War College. They were LTC John Tumino and Commander (CDR) Thomas W. Singleton, U.S. Navy. LTC Tumino graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1987. In 1998, he became an FBI Special Agent

in the New York Office and began his 17 year career with this organization. In 2000, he entered the New Jersey Army National Guard in Teaneck, New Jersey and resumed his military career. CDR Singleton is a 1993 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography from Annapolis. Commander Singleton is a Surface Warfare Officer and served as the Executive Officer on the DDG-96 USS Bainbridge from 2006-07. He served as the J-5 Division Head for Unilateral Plans at USFOR Afghanistan at Kabul, Afghanistan from 2009-10. They both did a great job and we were happy to have them join us. Bob Arbasetti, President

## OTHER REUNIONS

**Aerial Rocket Artillery Association, 18-22 June 2014.** Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center, Branson, MO. Information at <www.araassociation.com/2014\_Reunion.html>.

**Society of the 1st Infantry Division, 25-29 June 2014.** Hyatt Regency, Orange County, CA. Information at <www.1stID.org>.

**5-7th Cavalry Association, 14-19 July 2014.** University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO. Information at <www.cav57.org/>.

**10th Infantry Division/8th Cavalry Regiment, 5-7 September 2014.** Drury Inn, Shawnee Mission, KS. Veterans of infantry training at Fort Riley, KS Nov. 30, 1953-Apr., 1954 or served at Camp Crawford and Camp Wittington, Japan 1953-56. Contact Alan Sanderson (319) 283-4043, <aasanderson82@gmail.com> or Steve Bosma, (408) 270-1319.

**12th U.S. Cavalry Association, 10-14 September 2014.** Welk Resort, Branson, MO. Information at <www.12thcav.us/Reunion\_2014\_Branson.htm>.

**Companies A and D, 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1-5 November 2014.** Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Savannah, GA. Contact Howard Burbank, <chickenman@a227ahb.org>.

### New Members

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- SSG IVEY, TOM J. TX 15ADM 6801
- SGT JEPSON, NORMAN G. KS B 2-19FA 6810
- SPC KINYANJUI, MICHAEL M. TX 1-5C 1305
- E-4 LAMBERT, LARRY E. AL B 1-8C 6507
- SP-4 LANDY, MICHAEL R. NY HHC 8ENG 6903
- SP-4 LINDALE, JOHN MI C 2-7C 6907
- COL LUONG, VIET TX HHC 1CDH 1403
- SGM MACHADO, RAFAEL TX B 3-32ARM 8607
- MR. MARTINEZ, BERNARD CA D 2-5C 6810
- SP-5 MARTINEZ, JUAN TX C 227AVN 6907
- SSG McARTHUR, ANTWAN J. TX HHC 1CDH 1206
- PFC McARTHUR LAURENCE G. PA F 7C 4612
- SFC McDANIEL, HYDRESS CURTIS TX HHC 2-8C 8901
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- SP-5 MILLER, VERNON L. WI 7C 6512
- LTC (RET) MILLIKAN, RICK TX A 2-8C 8501
- CSM (RET) MORGAN, KARL K. TX HHC 2BCT 07
- SPC OLAYANDE, BABATUNDE TX D 2-8C 1211
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- SP-4 PRATER, JERRY T. OK A 1-8C 6705
- SPC QUINONES, DIEGO F. TX HHC 1CDH 1403
- CPT RAVIN, CONTANYA TX HHC 215BSB 0810
- SFC RIVERA, RODNEY TX HHC 3-8C 0011
- SP-4 RIVERS, BERNARD WI HHC 3-40ARM 5806
- SGT RODRIGUEZ, PEREZ SERGIO PR B 130ENG 0610
- SGT ROSCOE, FREDERICK G. M I A 1-7C 6905
- SSG SANDLES, CHRISTOPHER D. TX HHC 1CDH 9709
- SGT SCHNETZER, MIKE SD HHC 2-5C 01
- E-4 SINQUEFIELD, CHARLES TX C 2-7C 6811
- SGM STEEN, WILLIAM M. TX 615ASB 1208
- SP-4 STEWART, BRUCE ALLEN TX A 2-17FA 6602
- CPT STOLLE, ERIC TX 1BCT 14

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## Horse Detachment News

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Rodeo. On 23 May we will present the Nations Colors at the Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center in Killeen and then again on 24 May for the Stars and Stripes festival in Harker Heights. 29 May is the Mass Change of Command for 3rd Brigade Combat Team. In June, the HCD will participate in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's Mass Change of Command. We will also participate in the Cotton Fest Parade in Buckholts, Texas. If you're in the area, please come by to see the detachment participate in these various events, or just stop by the barn and get a barn tour where you will have an opportunity to see the rich history the Horse Cavalry Detachment has to offer.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our newest Troopers at the Detachment: SGT Roy Irons from the 3rd Cav Regiment "Brave Rifles," SGT Darren Kramer from 1st Air Cav Brigade "Warriors," SPC Cody Lance from 1st Brigade Combat Team "Ironhorse," SGT Juan Rodriguez from 3rd Cav "Brave Rifles," PFC Tylor Wahl from 1st BCT "Ironhorse," SPC Luke Wentworth from 1st BCT "Ironhorse," and SPC Jeremiah Windham from the 3rd Cav "Brave Rifles." These fine Troopers endured the rigorous 30 day trial period and have entered the ranks of the Horse Cavalry Detachment.

This is the final article I will be writing for the *SABER* as the Commander of the Horse Detachment. It has been both an honor and a privilege to lead such outstanding Troopers and to represent the 1st Cavalry Division. My successor CPT Elizabeth Rascon is coming from the Division Headquarters and I know she is up for the task and will continue to uphold the proud traditions of the Horse Cavalry.

As always, we conduct practice demonstrations at the detachment on Thursdays at 1000 hours. This is the time we use to train new mounts and troopers, and invite the public to come out and enjoy the show. Feel free to call ahead and reserve some seats at (254) 287-2229. You can also find us on Facebook (Horse Cavalry Detachment), where we post pictures from the barn and let you know about upcoming events and ceremonies.

## 61st FA News



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I got a great call from Pat Dimattio in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Pat had seen that 1st Cav quilt in an earlier issue of *Saber* and was interested in it. He was one of the first to land in Japan in 1945 and was also part of the crew involved in the action at Santo Tomas in the Philippines. Really enjoyed chatting with Pat; he's in his 90s now, but evidently doing okay. I mailed him out a few pictures that we had taken of several configurations that my wife had created. The same happened with Jim Wiginton and Kenneth Grady and then Theresa Resh. Jim was with the Cav in Vietnam 1966-67 with the 227th Aviation Battalion. Ken lives in Huntsville, Alabama. Theresa's brother served in Vietnam 1969-70.

Here are a couple more of the pictures from Korea (circa 1951) courtesy of Don Duggleby. Two are of a field inspection and the other is of some rotates awaiting their transportation back to CONUS.



Field Inspection



Full Field Inspection

Silver Pawn Shop; you know, the one that's on the History Channel with Rick, the Old Man, Corey and Chumlee. It's not nearly as large as it appears on TV, but we had a good time looking the place over and taking in all the stuff on display and for sale. Of course, none of the stars were there, but we had a good time anyway. We're not great gamblers, but we did manage to leave a few dollars in a couple of slot

On a personal note, my wife and I have done some traveling since the last issue. First we spent a week in Las Vegas. Our hotel, the Polo Towers, was right on the Strip and within walking distance of any number of shows, restaurants, hotels, and casinos, etc. We took in several shows, strolled through a number of the big hotels and casinos and had several very nice meals. And the people watching along the Strip is unbelievable. There were several sets of showgirls out on the sidewalk available for pictures, but we resisted the urge to participate. We even visited the Gold &

machines. Then in late March we caught a flight from Los Angeles, via Air Tahiti Nui, to Paris, France (an 11-hour flight). We spent several days in Paris and followed that with a nice high speed train ride to Lyon where we boarded our ship, the Swiss Emerald, for a great seven-day river cruise

down the Rhone River. After the cruise we spent about 10 days in Nice on the French Riviera before returning to Lyon for the British Airways flight back to San Diego via London (another 12+ hours). It was a great time, but it's always nice to get back home.

From Rich Weakley, regarding the Chitose-Younguns reunion in September: "Wish to advise you of the following; we have reserved a block of rooms at the Savanna House at Branson, Missouri for the 2nd through the 5th. Check in September 2nd and check out after breakfast on September 6th. Please go to the following web site, <www.savannahousebranson.com> to view the facilities and what is included. The price of the room is \$75 plus tax which comes to \$83.70. This price is with two queen size beds. We will have the use of the hospitality room entirely to ourselves. We will be able to have drinks in the hospitality room if desired. Breakfast is included in the room price. There is a dining area where the breakfast is available. Will bring you up to date later on how to make your reservations in order to keep everyone in the same block of rooms. We will have a catering service on Monday evening which Audrey and I will pay for. The catered banquet will be held in the hospitality room on Friday evening. Will advise you later of the banquet cost. We will not be having a gift exchange this time and the reunion will be more casual and laid back. This will be the last reunion that Audrey and I will host. Will be keeping you up to date from time to time. Richard and Audrey. P.S., Also included in the price, from 6 PM to 11 PM in the hospitality room, are free homemade peach cobbler, cookies and ice cream sundaes." Thanks so much Rich. It sounds like a great event.

Got this email from Steve Richey... "I've posted a couple of items for fun at the reunion in July. We are looking for 50 bowlers and 30 baseball fans. Bowling on Friday night and baseball at the Cubs on Saturday 3 - 5:30 or so. Neither will interfere with reunion functions and it will be fun. Can't be having a bunch of guys together and not have some fun planned, or at least that's my idea. Let me know if anyone is interested. My email is <d9dozer@verizon.net>. Steve Richey, 8th Engineers, VN 1969-70." Here it is just for your information.

Just received the sad news that Curt Aronson, SVC & HQ 1951-52, passed away on March 23rd after a long battle with cancer. Our condolences to Clara and the family.

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



Rotatees

## Division Doings Continued from pg. 1



Troopers of the 2-5th Cav train at Hohenfels, Germany during "Combined Resolve II."

att. "We've done larger exercises in the past, but this is the first time all the forces will be together in one place under a single brigade task organization." The U.S. rotational force will consist of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, a unit of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, the brigade combat team designated as the Army's regionally-aligned force for the U.S. European Command.

Combined Resolve II will also mark the first use of the Army's European Activity Set, a group of combat equipment and vehicles pre-positioned at the Grafenwoehr Training Area to outfit and support rotational forces when they arrive in Europe. The set includes the most updated versions of the Army's M1A2 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles.

The first phase of Combined Resolve II will include force-on-force maneuver training at the Army's Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels. The 2-5 CAV will then move to Grafenwoehr for gunnery training, culminating in a unique multi-national, live-fire exercise that will blend virtual, simulated and maneuver forces to replicate a complex operating environment.

Europe in 2014, said BG Walter Piatt, commanding general of the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr. "Of the 4,000 Soldiers, over 50 percent are multinational," said Piatt.

## Chaos Fires at the Range by SGT Lance Pounds, 13th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT HOOD, Texas - Troopers assigned to Company C "Chaos," 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment conducted crew qualifications on the M1A2 Abrams tank May 5 at Blackwell Multi Use Range here.

The qualification is designed to test the skill level of the troopers, as well as their ability to perform under pressure as a crew.

The M1A2 qualification is an annual training event during which crews must successfully engage seven out of

10 dismounted or armored targets 300 meters to almost 3,000 meters distant.

The crews had to maneuver their 69-ton tanks, powered by 1,500 horsepower gas turbine engines, into various offensive or defensive battle positions and engage each target using onboard weapon systems, said 1LT Phillip Ludlow, the night shift officer-in-charge of gun table six.

Ludlow, a native of San Ramon, California, said the crews' ability to engage targets would not only be tested during daylight, but at night as well.

Troopers used the coaxial gun, a 7.62 mm M240 machine gun on skate mount, or the commander's weapon, a .50 caliber M2HB machine gun, to engage close range targets, while using Sabot rounds fired through the tank's main armament, the 120mm XM256 smooth bore cannon, to engage long range targets.

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SGT Tadlock ground guides an M1A2 Abrams tank through a holding area after qualifying May 5 at Blackwell Multi-use Range. Tadlock and his crewmen scored a 993 out of a possible 1000 points during their qualification, which put them ahead of their peers in contention for the title of Top Tank

## 5th CAV News



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W W I I  
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The VFW  
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recently ran  
an article on  
WWII Veterans

who became Hollywood movie stars. The list was very impressive; Audie Murphy, James Garner, James Stewart, etc. There were probably 50 guys mentioned. But, on the other hand, I was very surprised to see Henry Fonda on the list. Whenever I see that last name, I usually go into a revenge-filled, Vietnam, tantrum-like tirade. On this particular day, my poor wife was the only person around; so she got an ear-full of my deep rooted bitterness. She patiently listened and then she responded, "That was fifty years ago, most of the people alive today were not even born then. You have to let things go, forgive, it is not about those folks, forgive, it is about you! Think about Henry Fonda and the other WWII Hollywood types. They did the right thing; they joined, they fought, honor them. Forget about the Vietnam Era Hollywood types. In the end they will get just what they deserve."

**John Wayne and the bastard Sons of Satan:** My favorite actor is John Wayne. He tried to join the Army during WWII but was told he was too old. They suggested he make war movies and he did. He made great pro-American movies about great American soldiers fighting a good and 'just war' for God, Family and Country against National-Socialist Germany and Imperial Japan. The local newspaper here in Columbus Ohio drives me crazy. About a year ago they ran an old-fashioned 1960's style Pro-Marxist Pro-Socialist, 'anti-war movement type' propaganda article about General Giap. It is one big lie after another. For instance, and I quote "Vo Nguyen Giap, the self-taught Vietnamese general who masterminded the defeat of France and the United States..." He did not mastermind, he did what Russian and Chinese military advisors told him to do. He followed their model, using their resources, under their direction. He was well educated and raised in a wealthy, well-to-do family in Hue. He was relieved of duty shortly after the Tet debacle: he lost over 58,000 soldiers. The North Vietnamese Army suffered over 500,000 losses while under his command and did not accomplish any long term military goals. By any standard he lost the military war in Vietnam. He ordered the mass murder of civilians in Hue during Tet. If American forces had not retaken Hue quickly the number would have been ghastly. The NVA occupied much of Cambodia during the Vietnam War and trained the Khmer Rouge. The Khmer Rouge used the same terror tactics that the Socialist's used in Russia, China, North Korea, North Vietnam, and Hue. Stalin called it 'eradicating the cosmopolitan elements of society.' Ultimately Socialist Khmer Rouge forces murdered nearly three million 'cosmopolitans'; men, women, and children whose transgression was that they were of a different social class than the peasant army. Also, every Cambodian who could read, or who had a family member who could read, or who even wore glasses was accused of being a 'cosmopolitan', and was tried, found guilty, and murdered in very cruel inhumane circumstances. It is interesting to note that when John Wayne made his frequent trips to Vietnam to meet with American troops he was a target. Giap, Ho Chi Minh, and Mao put a large price on his head. Sharpshooters, bushwhackers, and snipers were told that if they got the 'Duke' their future would be assured. This didn't bother John Wayne, he was used to it. In the early 1950's Stalin did the same thing. Stalin ordered a squad of his secret police to Los Angeles to kill him. The Russian Socialist secret police hunted him unsuccessfully until Stalin died in 1954. In the 60's, when John returned from one of his frequent trips to support the American troops in Vietnam his wife tried to get him to not go back as she was sure he was going to be shot. He responded, "I don't care, I think I am the only friend they have." John was filming "The Green Berets" in Fort Benning Georgia when I was in basic training. He invited my company to watch them film the scene where he 'garrots' an NVA officer. He was also in Vietnam during my tour of duty. I never saw John Wayne in person during peace time: the only time I saw him was when I was in uniform. About once a year the local newspaper runs an article criticizing him, his movies, his politics, and the characters that he portrayed on the screen. His response to these kind of attacks was that, "the character that I play on the screen is not me, the character that I play on the screen is the man that I want to be." About once a year the local newspaper runs an article encouraging a more positive remembrance of Stalin, Mao, Ho Chi Minh, and Giap. It is worthwhile to evaluate the factual records of those Socialist leaders so that we won't become confused.

Stalin: reliable scholars are now putting the total number of civilian casualties directly attributable to Stalin's orders at over 50,000,000 people, (the Soviets ran a census in 1928 and in 1938, in that 10 year span the peasant population decreased by over 20,000,000 due to a well documented Soviet program against the 'Kulak' peasantry).

Mao: China has remained a closed socialist society so there are no reliable statistics available, but scholars guess that Mao's numbers certainly reflect those of Stalin.

Ho Chi Minh: Vietnam has remained a closed socialist society so there is no reliable research available. But, there is certainly evidence that the NVA lined civilians up and gunned them down into mass graves during the Battle of Hue. Also, the NVA had occupied Cambodia during the 1960's and, with the advice and consent of China and Russia, had supported and supplied the Khmer Rouge. When Pol Pot was overthrown he retreated to China. They gave him safe asylum until he died. Some would suggest that the socialist agenda in Vietnam probably reflects the reliable statistics from Cambodia.

Pol Pot: reliable research puts the number of civilians murdered by the Khmer Rouge under Pol Pot at over 3,000,000.

**Frank Storno:** Frank has been writing me. He is a WWII 5th Cavalry Trooper. He sent me a large box of his 5th Cavalry photos, books, articles, rosters, and an official book entitled *The 1st Cavalry Division in WWII*. I spent the last two or three days reading and re-reading the articles and the book. Frank was in the horse mounted 1st Cavalry. He was there when

the horses were disposed of. My friend Ralph Braunstien of the 7th Cavalry was also present when the horses were disposed of. Ralph and I and another guy (a retired Colonel from Kentucky) spent two days roaming around the Horse Detachment barns at Fort Hood a couple of years back (maybe 2009?). We had a great time. Once the young Horse Troopers figured out that Ralph knew what he was talking about and could explain how to get from *The Official Army Horse Cavalry Regulations Book* to "the actual day to day practice of the 1930's Horse Cavalry" they wouldn't leave him alone. They asked questions about every piece of horse and soldier equipment and how they worked together. Ralph became the specialist who could interpret the hard to understand "1930s Cavalry Regulations". Finally, we all tired of talking about horses and the Cavalry and ended up talking about women and the Cavalry. I have not seen Ralph since then, but I hear he is back working with horses and with soldiers. Frank, try to get to Fort Hood next year and the four of us will roam around the Horse Detachment. Thanks for sending in the pictures of you and your buddies. We sometimes don't have any extra space in the *SABER* but we will try to get them in.

**A true news story donated by Frank Storno:** "Momote Airdrome, Los Negros Island, March 1, by Olen Clements staff Correspondent, International News Service: Eighty-six weary cavalrymen sat at the top of a revetment. At the bottom were heaped the discolored bodies of 350 Japanese. It was one of the strangest, goriest slaughters in the war. Drink crazed enemy soldiers, some of Nippon's finest, had dashed and crawled up the revetment slopes, shouting, singing, then killed themselves with their own grenades. When it was over, the cavalrymen's captain, Frank G. Mayfield, Stillwater, Oklahoma, said simply: "We did our best." Mayfield's men, part of the famous 5th Cavalry Regiment had stopped the last great charge of Japanese troops trying to regain Momote Airdrome on Los Negros Island. The unorthodox charge started with a drinking bout and ended in military hara kiri. It was hard for these Americans, men from Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and other states, to understand. It was like a crazy dream. It started at 2 a.m. March 3. Cavalrymen were spread out on top of an airplane bunker. They had fortified their position with coconut logs. Beneath them in the jungle they could hear the Japanese getting steamed up for the charge. They could hear the sons of Nippon drinking toasts of saki (rice wine) and beer in Japanese. When rain clouds swept in, the Japanese started coming. Those among them who could speak English were singing, "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Then they charged, madly. Some of them wore the prized dragon belt. Others were common soldiers with nothing to boost their spirits but saki and beer, which they had in abundance. American gunfire hit the Japanese like an avalanche. They piled up at the bottom of the revetment slope. The living crawled over the dead, only to die. The crazed yelling continued. Wave after wave came on. The slaughter continued. Japanese officers in conspicuous white uniforms dashed up and were killed or took their own lives. One after another, by sword or by grenade, the Japanese killed themselves. One bandy-legged little officer, who might have been a character out of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" shouted Japanese imprecations, snatched a grenade from his belt, held it to his chest, and died. And so it went until 9 a.m. Then it ended. Weary, dazed cavalrymen climbed down the revetment. Said their commanding officer, BG William C. Chase, Providence Rhode Island: "I was a trench captain in the last war but this is the strangest thing I have ever witnessed." God Bless, Boot to Boot and Welcome Home



Pals



Jungle Fatigue



A real samurai sword taken in battle.



In the Jungle



Horse

## 12th CAV News



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**0001** Hey Sailor, new in town? Howdy-howdy friends and neighbors. Please stand out of the way here in the hog-lot. Upwind of the porkers might to your health be

a world of wonder. Forking corn at the one end and shoveling perfume from the other is my task in life. Spreading it thicker or thinner over the fallow intellectual fields. Born to the gummed boots you might say. Can anyone remember how a pig's tail curls? Clock or counter-clock and in which hemisphere? *Welcomen!*

**0338** D-Day Tribute Shoot to benefit veterans in emergency need, the Allen J. Lynch Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity organization. Salute the 60th Anniversary of D-Day, Friday, 6 June 2014 with a full day of shooting sporting clays, pistol, and three main infantry rifles of the past century. A continental breakfast, lunch, and post-event heavy hors d'oeuvres, a Gould Brothers 'Exhibition Shooting Demonstration', along with other events. Shooting Rotations and Awards: full 10 - station Sporting Clays with 12 or 20 gauge shotgun; Pistol - 25 rounds at 25 M; M1 Garand - 20 rounds each at 50 M; M14 - 20 rounds at 50 M, M16 - 20 rounds at 50 M. The Overlord Trophy: Overall Rotation - Combined Champion for 4-shooter teams. The Ike: Overall Combined Rotation Individual Champion. For more information go to Lynch Foundation on Facebook or visit <AJLynchFoundation.Org>. Call (630)360-5194, or email <BrucePeterson@AJLynchFoundation.Org>. Overall event and segment sponsorships are available. <AJLynchFoundation.Org; Facebook>. SP!

**0438** Reunion main course. The Oak Brook Hills Resort, 3500 Midwest Road in be-useful Oak Brook, Illinois 60523, 855-458-5701, wants to be your host for the 67th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion. All of the regularly scheduled reunion events will occur there, plus they have rooms to rent! As time is of the essence and places tend to fill up, please give them a call or something and arrange a room or four. Or make alternate arrangements. The dates still remain the 9th through the 13th of July, this year. All details are on the Association website or call the Association offices. Hey Rube, come on out, see the sights and the Big City, meet and reunion with all the Troopers from your time and old units. Chat the chat and press the flesh, ease back into the world you left behind to start a new life, but never actually left behind. Maybe gone but certainly never forgotten. We each have these thoughts and feelings, it is why we reunion. It scratches the itch that irritates in the back of the mind and on the edge of consciousness. Oh how it irritates us to try and explain what you missed.

**0638** Trooper Richard Lee Pendergrass, 1-12 Cavalry, aged 67, of Garden City, Idaho passed to Fiddlers Green, 28 March 2014. Rich (aka: Richard or Dick), served in the Army from 1963-1970 and in Vietnam as a Sharpshooter and Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne, and in the 1-12 Cavalry Regiment. He received the Parachutist Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, and two Overseas Service Bars, among his other awards. He worked in the Phoenix, Arizona area as a drywaller, construction foreman, and superintendent, building many buildings. He moved to Idaho in 2001. "Richard lived his life to the fullest and was always there for anyone who needed him. He was a great man who touched many lives and will be deeply missed by all, but never forgotten." He is survived by his wife Peggy, daughter Nikki, stepdaughter Sarah, and sons Kirk Pendergrass and Rick Butler. If you can provide definitive information of Trooper Pendergrass's rank and exact unit, please contact me. <Bill Bocoock; Legacy.Com>.



Trooper Pendergrass

**0938** While I have the metaphorical floor, "a tip of the Hatlo Hat" to Trooper Bill Bocoock, my warrior buddy and friend for keeping myself, the Regiment and Division Associations on the tip of our spit shined Corcoran boots. Bill checks both his local and hometown papers for obituaries of Army veterans and is often the first line of scouts to report a 1st Cavalry Division Trooper's travel orders to Fiddlers Green. Without Bill's timely reports we would all be lacking in many attributes that make us a fraternal organization. Please everyone, emulate Bill! We should not have to wait until survivors ask to have the Saber stopped. So - a doff of the Stetson, w/ostrich plume, and a courtly sweeping low bow. SP!

**1238** Sergeant Raimundo 'Ray' J. Castellanos, B2-12 Cavalry 1965-66 rode to Fiddlers Green, 15 November 2013. Born in Cuba, his family immigrated to Miami in 1958. At age 21 he volunteered to join the Army in the infantry and completed two tours of duty in Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and a Purple Heart among his other awards. Ray owned and worked for a number of successful businesses including an insurance firm, a mortgage brokerage, and later a mortgage company. "As a person whose personal motto was "Encantado de la vida", Ray not only lived life, he loved and cherished it. He was a ray of light for everyone he touched and he always encouraged people to make the most of their opportunities and live their lives to the fullest." He gave of his time to many non-profit organizations. A devout Catholic, he was involved with numerous churches and spent 10 years as a Scout Master. Most recently, Ray dedicated his time to Paidos, Inc, a non-profit corporation he founded with the purpose to create leaders within the inner city. He developed numerous seminars and courses to give people the tools to better themselves and their community. He is survived by his wife Ana, and children Elsie, Ray Jr, and Alex, among others. Donations may be made to Paidos, Inc. 10261 S.W. 72 Street, Suite 103, Miami, FL 33173. <Dennis Webster; DignityMemorial.Com; Legacy.Com>.



Trooper Castellanos

**1338** Listen up! World War II: {"BATTLE HONORS -- As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. 111, W1) Bul. 11, 1942), citations of the following units in the general orders indicated are confirmed under the provisions of section IV, WD Circular 333, 1943, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of

deserved honor and distinction. The citations read as follows: *The 1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment* (reinforced by Weapons Troop, 12th Cavalry Regiment, Reconnaissance and Train Defense Platoon, 12th Cavalry Regiment, and 2d Platoon, 1st Collecting Troop, 1st Medical Squadron), is cited for extraordinary heroism in overcoming unusually difficult and hazardous conditions in action against the enemy at Leyte Province, Philippine Islands, from 28 November to 1 December 1944. Having fought to the top of the ridge running east from Mount Cabungangan, cutting their own trail in heavy undergrowth during a raging typhoon and constantly meeting a hail of fire from the enemy, the 1st Squadron found supplies difficult to obtain. The squadron was, at the time, after weeks of heavy fighting, down to 60 percent of its T/O strength. On 28 November 1944, while the squadron was attacking a strong Japanese defensive position to the northeast, it was attacked from the rear by Japanese who had infiltrated during the night, and both supply and communications were severed. Without food, short of ammunition, and reinforcements two days march away, the squadron prepared to attack. Containing the force to the north and east, reversing its direction of attack, and after a 12-hour march through untracked jungle, the squadron surrounded and wiped out the Japanese attacking force by continuous day and night hand-to-hand fighting. Turning its attention to the original enemy force and employing hand-to-hand fighting, all resistance in the area was neutralized. By this action, the *1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment*, reinforced, prepared the way for the advance of the division into Ormoc Valley. Every officer and man of the squadron displayed outstanding spirit, courage, determination, and an unflinching will to conquer. (General Orders 242, Headquarters 1st Cavalry Division, 22 December 1945.) By Order of The Secretary OF War: H. B. Lewis - *Acting The Adjutant General*, Dwight D. Eisenhower - *Chief of Staff*; } Semper Paratus!

**1538** CPT (Dr) Ival R. Thomas, Battalion Surgeon for 1-12th Cavalry was assigned to Fiddlers Green 20 August 2013 in the Denver, Colorado area. He earned his MD at the University of Tennessee at Memphis in 1969. Dr Thomas enlisted in the United States Army in August 1970, serving in Vietnam until August 1972 as a Captain and a physician. CPT Thomas was awarded two Bronze Star Medals among other decorations. He was relieved from active duty to Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colorado. Dr Thomas "was always reading a book, whether it was a Louis L'Amour novel or a medical mystery. He loved studying civil war history and watching old movies. He loved the freedom of living in the country, riding his tractor, or tending to his restored 1971 Porsche. He was always 'afixin' to get ready to start.'" His survivors include his wife Kathleen, daughters Kimberly and Paige, and son Hunter, among others. Memorial Contributions can be made in Dr. Thomas' name to either Make-A-Wish Foundation, Colorado Chapter, 7951 E. Maplewood Avenue #126, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 or Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 3031 West 144th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80023. <Mike Bodnar; Dennis Webster; TaborFuneralHome.Com>. We salute these, our honored dead.



Trooper Thomas

**1638** Angry Skipper. <WWW.AngrySkipper.Com> For those on the inside skivie and the intellegencia who use it, the Angry Skipper 1st Cavalry and 2-8th Cavalry website was a valuable source and tool. It was started in 1996 by the late great Mike 'Mouse' McGhie, *Saber* contributor and friend to all veterans. It has been retooled and saved from extinction by Trooper Tommy 'Smiley' Harris: 228 Glover Circle, Newnan, GA 30263-4501, phone (770) 254-0705, <Smiley@AngrySkipper.Com>. Stop on over and give a look-see. Honor and Courage!



Korean Arbor Day

**1738** 1-12 Cavalry update. {"Camp Casey, South Korea: More than 40 1st Battalion, 12th U.S. Cavalry Regiment Troopers helped local Uijeongbu, Korea, residents plant 2,100 trees in commemoration of the South Korean Arbor Day, 5 April. This is the 36th year that U.S. and Republic of Korea locals have come together to plant trees, which in Korea symbolize life, prosperity, and freedom. "I was very impressed with the event today," said LTC Arthur Sellers, commander of 1-12 Cav. "We are still finishing up getting settled in and I'm very excited to be here in Korea. We are especially excited about getting out in the Korean community just like today." "More Soldiers volunteered than we could bring, and it's exciting. It is a nice set up. People are friendly and this is a perfect location for planting trees." said SFC Wayne Dorr, a platoon sergeant with Delta Company. One resident laughed with soldiers while planting trees and reminiscing about his days working side by side with Americans as a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldier. He said a lot has changed since he was in the Army. "I used to be a KATUSA back then and compared to the past, soldiers are much more

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## 7th CAV News



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Today is April 30th and 39 years ago the ground war in Vietnam came to an inglorious end when the

NVA drove their tanks onto the grounds of the Presidential Palace. For many of us who fought in what the Vietnamese refer to as The American War, it is a somber day of reflection of what might have been and what should have been. Peace with honor, a finely tuned phrase coined by the Nixon Administration wasn't to be. The politicians got us into this shooting war and decided years later that it was time to get out leaving our ally to fend for herself. What a horrific waste of the youth on both sides of the conflict, taking an estimated million or more lives and leaving an untold number wondering still - why? Our generation, many now in the twilight of our years, sometimes look back with a fondness for the friendships that we formed, as well as melancholy when anniversary dates like today roll around. Our fathers, many of whom fought in the European and Pacific campaigns, look back as well on campaigns like Antipolo and the freeing of the civilians at the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. Warriors like William A. Richardson, our President Emeritus, and Bob Andersen, a rifleman in B 1-7, and the late Norm Osterby, also a B 1-7 trooper who wrote this column for a dozen years, horse cavalymen the three of them. Then my good friend Sherm VanDyke, who served in Baker Company 1-7 during the harsh conditions of the Korean War. Then came OIF and OEF and terrible fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan dealing not only with the conditions but with the insidious and barbaric IED's. These gallant soldiers will someday perhaps also wonder what these issues were really fought over. No matter the conflict, our Garryowen men and women have stood tall in honorable and proud service.

This will be the last report before the Chicago reunion, and the Association HQ has been working tirelessly to ensure that we have a good time. If you haven't yet made your reservation you need to do that today. Discussions are already underway for a trip to Las Vegas in 2016, and next year we will be back at Fort Hood, our Texas home.

I just recently finished another book called *Restoring Valor* written by Doug and Pam Sterner. It is a smaller version, if you will, along the lines of B.G. Burkett's *Stolen Valor* and goes into some of the background of how the original Stolen Valor Act and Stolen Valor Act (version 2) came into being. As I have found out, and this book also points out, the Army and Division Commands do a lousy job of archiving the records of our soldiers. Many 7th Cavalry soldiers have little or no record of their service due to multiple moves, homes burning, and divorces, etc. This is very frustrating when a veteran decides to join an organization that requires some verifiable proof. Our Association has had several instances of people saying that they were something that they weren't. An NBC special report a number of years ago was based largely upon information supplied by a figment of one person's fertile imagination, and another was discovered when he died and a contingent of First Team Command folks showed up at his funeral. Over the last 10 plus years, the late Jim Brigham and I have been collecting orders of 7th Cavalry Troopers. My duties as your Secretary/Treasurer put me in an ideal position to receive these documents when a new trooper applied for membership, and Jim started even prior to his involvement with our association. After Jim passed, his good friend Bud Alley, who was a roommate of Jim's on the boat going to Vietnam in late summer of 1965, was given boxes of memorabilia from the family. Part of this collection were lists of names that Jim had been collecting over the years as well as other 7th Cavalry Association items, as Jim also served as our quartermaster. Bud has since forwarded this collection to me and I am in the process of cataloging and generating a database that will contain every 7th Cavalry veteran by name, rank, and unit backed up by official documents. I am making an educated guess that well over 12,000 troopers served in the three units of the 7th Cavalry (1-7; 2-7 and 5-7) just in Vietnam. Why do this, especially now you might ask? Primarily to ensure that a record is made is the first answer. Perhaps the most important reason is to have a repository of records to help other veterans who have lost their documents to have at least one item that shows they were there. So what can you do to help? Dust off that old box of records and send me copies of General, Letter, Special, and Unit Orders. CIB, Air Medal, Combat Medic Badge, Promotion, Company Rosters, Bronze Star, Army Commendation, and DEROS. Most of these have multiple names and in some cases multiple units. Artillery guys can send orders attaching them to specific companies or battalions. Morning reports are another useful tool, but by the time you get copies from NPRC they are illegible and almost useless. I can tell you from personal experience in helping troopers with claims, and not just 7th Cav guys, how frustrated they are when they can't provide the documents that the Government should have for whatever reason. So there you have it - will you help? Tom McClelland, who served as a Staff Sergeant with C 2-7 starting in 1965, just yesterday sent in three sets of orders that added 71 names to this project. GarryOwen!

Marion Siara ('70-'71) and Ron "Shortround" Migut ('66-'67) have the most comprehensive and accurate database of C 1-7 troopers from Vietnam that I'm aware of.

In working with the Company Rosters sometimes there are notations that soldiers were wounded, medevaced, or killed in action. The 1 Oct 69 Roster of D 2-7 shows that three warriors paid the supreme sacrifice: Nathaniel Bush; Roberto Gonzalez-Sanchez, and Edison Hull. All three were assigned to the 3rd platoon and I pay respect to their memory and the gallant warriors of that Garryowen Company who fought on that day so long ago. As long as one of us lives, their memory and their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Bud Alley is also working on a project to gather photos for all of the Volunteers (nickname for the State of Tennessee) who were killed in Vietnam. A similar project is being conducted by the VVF to go into their new Education Center to be built across the street from The Wall in DC. If you have any photos of Tennessee warriors or any warrior that served you might want to contact either Bud or the VVMF.

My term as your Secretary/Treasurer expires in Chicago and we are looking for someone to step up to take over part of those duties. At our Saturday luncheon

and business meeting plans are underway to split the duties and make two positions: Secretary and Treasurer. If the membership approves this change I will then place my name for consideration as your Treasurer, a position that I have held since 2000.

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Savage, our website manager, and with input from Karl Haartz, the Vice-President of the 5-7 Association, our association is in process of ordering an official 7th Cavalry Standard (flag if you will). This will be an excellent addition to our meeting room and will conform to the standards of the Institute of Heraldry. At some point in the future we will need to discuss a way to obtain all of the Campaign Streamers that our proud unit has earned since its formation in 1866. Karl told me that the 5-7 held fundraisers with some troopers even buying individual streamers. LTC Jeffrey Gottlieb who commands the 4-7 in Korea is providing the logistical support for this project.

MG Ierardi, who commanded the 1-7 way back in the 90's, has been reassigned to III Corps until further assignment; most likely as a Lieutenant General. Seems to me like many 7th Cavalry Commanders rise to become General Officers!

From Rick Carr, who was a Sergeant in A 1-7 in '70 and '71, comes this tip. If your spouse is covered by CHAMPVA Health Insurance please check out a new VA Dental Insurance Program. Delta Dental is offering insurance for \$26.45 per month (for the comprehensive coverage) for your spouse only. He had been paying \$111.92 month for the same comprehensive coverage for his wife which is a savings of \$85.47 per month. Rick attended NCO School at Fort Benning and instead of calling himself a 'Shake and Bake,' refers to himself as a "Whip and Chill," because he was there in the winter.

A group from Charlie 1-7 in Cambodia will again meet for a mini reunion in Maggie Valley, North Carolina in September, organized by Marion Siara. Twenty-five folks have already made their reservations. Marion and his wife Connie sometimes host this gathering in Pentwater, Michigan.

Ron also sent us this link to some images that were run in the Denver Post four years ago. Some images you might not want grandchildren to see, but the photos are well framed. If you weren't there, it might help to explain and understand the long-term effects on the psyche of the Vietnam era veterans. <<http://blogs.denverpost.com/captured/2010/04/30/captured-a-look-back-at-the-vietnam-war-on-the-35th-anniversary-of-the-fall-of-saigon/1781/>>

I received a call about the story that was run on John Fitzgibbons several months ago. The story indicated that LT Fitzgibbons was in Bravo Company when he was killed but the caller - Jim Berney - who was there indicated that they were in Delta Company.

Jim Savage also reports the following: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has advised computer users to consider using alternatives to Microsoft Corporation's Internet Explorer browser until the company fixes a security flaw that hackers have used to launch attacks. The bug is the first high-profile security flaw to emerge since Microsoft stopped providing security updates for Windows XP earlier this month. That means PCs running the 13-year old operating system could remain unprotected against hackers seeking to exploit the newly uncovered flaw, even after Microsoft figures out how to defend against it. The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team, a part of Homeland Security known as US-CERT, said in an advisory released on Monday morning that the vulnerability is in versions 6 to 11 of Internet Explorer. Until my computer crashed last November I was running Windows XP and have been using Firefox since my new system was installed. Update from Bob Kon B 1-7 in '69 to '70. Microsoft has just released a patch for this threat to include Windows XP.

I received this piece from both Shortround and Garland Schnack on a Mysterious Vietnam War Memorial located well off any foot trail near the Continental Divide in Colorado. The video (less than six minutes) was taken by a young woman dirt bike rider who stumbled upon a Vietnam memorial in the high country. Whoever did it invested a lot of time and money as it appears to be made of polished granite. In a circle about 75 feet out from the monument itself are 10 or more polished smaller stones. Words are in English, Vietnamese and Chinese. Some are poems while others refer to the war in the mid 50's. Evidently hunters and possibly some vets must be aware of it as there are numerous 7.62 x 51 and 30.06 rounds on one of the ledges between the stones, as well as coins left behind, similar to what folks leave on cemetery headstones.

<<http://www.military.com/video/operations-and-strategy/vietnam-war/vietnam-memorial-on-remote-trail/2805626482001/>>

Two more warriors have joined the Long Line awaiting us in Fiddler's Green. Leslie Lowell (Lowlie) Anderson, Company G, 7th Cavalry Regiment, and the 1st Cavalry Division passed away on March 13, 2014. Received word from <[seadare1@msn.com](mailto:seadare1@msn.com)> as passed on by Dennis Webster that Bill Mercer died on March 2nd. I only knew him for 15 minutes. He was a Sergeant in Alpha 1-7, from 1967 to 1968. During Tet 1968, Alpha and Delta were involved in a minor firefight across a river near LZ Evans. A Lieutenant was wounded while trying to cross the river and needed to be retrieved from the water. As Senior Medic for Delta this was my job. Once reaching the wounded man, I found the water and mud to be deeper than I thought, making quick movement impossible. I was struggling to move the wounded man to safety with rounds hitting around us. It was a lifetime of nightmares. Suddenly a hand reached out and grabbed the wounded man's load bearing gear. Between the two of us we were able to drag him back to safety. Bill Mercer was a good friend even though I only knew him for 15 minutes. Quite a tribute!

The 5th Battalion of our 7th Cavalry is holding their 12th biannual reunion starting 14 July 2014 at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri. You can go to their website at <<http://www.cav57.org>> for more information. They do a splendid job of promoting the camaraderie between the old Troopers and the new breed of warrior and I'm proud to know several of them.

GEN Eric Shinseki is rolling hot on the Phoenix VA Hospital after a report says they were keeping a 'secret list' to make their metrics look better. Several veterans passed away while waiting for care at this facility. The VA sadly in some areas looks more to how they (administration) are viewed rather than discharging their responsibilities to us. The Detroit VA last year was caught shredding documents for the same reason. The General, one of our own (First Team) has made great strides in his tenure as Secretary. It's refreshing to have a Combat Commander, himself seriously wounded in Vietnam, leading that organization.

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## 8th CAV News



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Hi again,

I mentioned in my last column that the Medal of Honor was awarded to SGT Eduardo C. Gomez for his actions while serving during the combat action in Tabu-dong Korea on September 1st, 1950 and asked if any of you were present during that action and wished to share your own recollections of the battle and SGT Gomez's actions in particular. I receive just such a response from SFC (Ret) Dudley A. Middleton, who was a Corporal at the time. He states that another member of the company also received the MOH, CPL Tibor Rubin. SFC Middleton states that he attended the ceremony as President George W. Bush awarded the MOH to CPL Rubin, a survivor of the battle, and would like to see the actual citation. It follows here:



SGT Gomez's citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

Sergeant Eduardo C. Gomez distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division during combat operations against an armed enemy in Tabu-dong, Korea on September 3, 1950. That afternoon, while conducting combat patrol, Sergeant Gomez' company was ruthlessly attacked by a hostile force which moved within seventy-five yards of the command post before it was immobilized by rocket fire. However, an enemy tank and multiple enemy machineguns continued to rake the company perimeter with devastating fire. Realizing the tank posed a

serious threat to the entire perimeter, Sergeant Gomez voluntarily crawled thirty yards across an open rice field vulnerable to enemy observation and fire, boarded the tank, pried open one of the hatches on the turret and dropped an activated grenade into the hull, killing the crew. Wounded in the left side while returning to his position, Sergeant Gomez refused evacuation. Observing that the tripod of a .30 caliber machinegun was rendered inoperable by enemy fire, he cradled the weapon in his arms, returned to the forward defensive positions, and swept the assaulting force with withering fire. Although his weapon overheated and burned his hands and his painful wound still bled, Sergeant Gomez maintained his stand and, upon orders to withdraw in the face of overwhelming enemy superiority, remained to provide protective fire. Sergeant Gomez continued to pour accurate fire into the enemy ranks, exacting a heavy toll in casualties and retarding their advance. Sergeant Gomez would not consent to leave his post for medical attention until the company established new defensive positions. Sergeant Gomez's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

SFC Middleton recalls, "Our company moved into a position which consisted of a low berm perpendicular to the road on the night of 3 September 1950. While digging in, we were approached by two tanks. The lead tank fired into our position creating some casualties. Our bazooka man shot up that tank and disabled the second tank. I saw the lid blowing off the second tank and the silhouette of a GI jumping off the tank. That was SGT Gomez dropping a grenade into the tank, killing the crew. A while later, while we were pulling back, we were taking fire from a small hill in the middle of a rice paddy. SGT Gomez picked up a machine gun and yelled that he wanted a tripod. I looked around and didn't see one, but SGT Gomez cradled the machine gun in his left arm and commenced firing into the mound where the enemy firing was coming from, enabling myself and others to take that position. SGT Gomez had burns on his left arm from the heat of the gun while firing. SGT Gomez was cussing up a storm."

CPL Rubin's citation reads: Corporal Tibor Rubin distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism during the period from July 23, 1950, to April 20, 1953, while serving as a rifleman with Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in the Republic of Korea. While his unit was retreating to the Pusan Perimeter, Corporal Rubin was assigned to stay behind to keep open the vital Taegu-Pusan Road link used by his withdrawing unit. During the ensuing battle, overwhelming numbers of North Korean troops assaulted a hill defended solely by Corporal Rubin. He inflicted a staggering number of casualties on the attacking force during his personal 24-hour battle, single-handedly slowing the enemy advance and allowing the 8th Cavalry Regiment to complete its withdrawal successfully. Following the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter, the 8th Cavalry Regiment proceeded northward and advanced into North Korea. During the

advance, he helped capture several hundred North Korean soldiers. On October 30, 1950, Chinese forces attacked his unit at Unsan, North Korea, during a massive nighttime assault. That night and throughout the next day, he manned a .30 caliber machine gun at the south end of the unit's line after three previous gunners became casualties. He continued to man his machine gun until his ammunition was exhausted. His determined stand slowed the pace of the enemy advance in his sector, permitting the remnants of his unit to retreat southward. As the battle raged, Corporal Rubin was severely wounded and captured by the Chinese. Choosing to remain in the prison camp despite offers from the Chinese to return him to his native Hungary, Corporal Rubin disregarded his own personal safety and immediately began sneaking out of the camp at night in search of food for his comrades. Breaking into enemy food storehouses and gardens, he risked certain torture or death if caught. Corporal Rubin provided not only food to the starving soldiers, but also desperately needed medical care and moral support for the sick and wounded of the POW camp. His brave, selfless efforts were directly attributed to saving the lives of as many as forty of his fellow prisoners. Corporal Rubin's gallant actions in close contact with the enemy and unyielding courage and bravery while a prisoner of war are in the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.



May the heroic actions of these brave men of our Regiment inspire all of us! My brother said recently, "I didn't know you were awarded the Silver Star!" Puzzled by his comment, I said: "I wasn't - why did you think so?" His confusion arose from a bumper sticker of the Vietnam Service Ribbon I have on my car. My award has seven campaign stars on it. As with oak leaf clusters used on other awards, five bronze stars on this award are designated by a silver star. I was a bit surprised talking with other Vietnam Vets over the years that many don't know what the stars on this award represent. So for those of us who were unaware, here's a quick explanation. There were 17 major campaigns represented on this award, a bronze star affixed to the ribbon for each campaign in which one served with a silver star representing five bronze stars. In my case, for example, I served during seven of those campaigns so one silver and two bronze stars are affixed to my award. So, how many stars should be affixed to your medal? Attach one for each campaign in which you served, a silver replacing five bronze stars. This may/should be noted on your DD214. The seventeen campaigns are:

Vietnam Advisory: 15 March 1962 - 7 March 1965; Vietnam Defense: 8 March 1965 - 24 December 1965; Vietnam Counteroffensive: 25 December 1965 - 30 June 1966; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase II: 1 July 1966 - 31 May 1967; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III: 1 June 1967 - 29 January 1968; Tet Counteroffensive: 30 January 1968 - 1 April 1968; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase IV: 2 April 1968 - 30 June 1968; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V: 1 July 1968 - 1 November 1968; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI: 2 November 1968 - 22 February 1969; Tet 69 Counteroffensive: 23 February 1969 - 8 June 1969; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969: 9 June 1969 - 31 October 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970: 1 November 1969 - 30 April 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive: 1 May 1970 - 30 June 1970; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VII: 1 July 1970 - 30 June 1971; Consolidation I: 1 July 1971 - 30 November 1971; Consolidation II: 1 December 1971 - 29 March 1972; Vietnam Cease-Fire: 30 March 1972 - 28 January 1973.

A much requested restoration: This note from Larry Hempfling - "Some of you may already know, but Smiley has begun work on restoring Mouse's old website [D 2-8th]... Smiley deserves a lot of credit." To view Mouse's web site, go to <<http://angryskipper.com/>>. I visited Mouse's old web site and it is well worth a look - his dedication is clearly evident in the effort it took to create it.

Reunions - Reunions - Reunions: B 2-8th "Eager Arms" were in Washington, DC April 30 - May 4th this year, and are planning to attend the Division Association Reunion in 2015. I await a full report.

The 1-8th "Jumping Mustangs" are rearing to go to their reunion in Ocean City, Maryland October 2-5, and are well into the planning for their 2015 Reunion in Branson, Missouri.

The 8th Cavalry Association joins with the 1st Cavalry Division Association this year in Chicago, July 9 - 13. I am really looking forward to it. I hope to meet many of you there. Until then, "Honor and Courage!"

Tadlock said.

Although crew qualifications on the M1A2 Abrams tank were delayed by a nearby brush fire, crews were still able to test and qualify their skills, gaining valuable experience that will keep them ahead of the fight.

Cav Troopers Follow Tradition, Earn Spurs by SGT Quentin Johnson, 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas - Keeping with cavalry tradition, the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion "Spartan," 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Black Jack," 1st Cavalry Division conducted a Spur Ride competition here May 5 to 9.

More than 150 Black Jack Soldiers started initially, with only 11 earning their spurs in what, LTC Archie Herndon, Spartan commander, called a very grueling and challenging individual training competition.

Participants had to pass preliminary events, such as an Army Physical Fit-

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### Division Doings

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"It's not quite the same as being here and feeling that main gun recoil," said SGT Noah Tadlock, an armored crewman assigned to Co. C. "It's like no other sound you have ever heard."

"Training like this is great ... We came out here to shoot rounds down range, get our inexperienced crews qualified and experienced, so just in case we need to do a mission overseas we will be able to put steel on target," Tadlock said.

Tadlock, a native of Monterey, California, was hand selected by the battalion's master gunner to take the slot as war-six-golf, the battalion commander's gunner, a position with heavy responsibility.

"The biggest part about being on this tank is we have to be able to command and control the whole battalion from this tank, so my crew and I make sure that he [the battalion commander] is capable of stepping on and controlling the fight,"



## 9th CAV News



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Greetings from beautiful Southwest Virginia. Spring has finally arrived after a tough winter and comes not a moment too soon! Let me begin with a

word of thanks to all of you who lifted us up during my recent illness with your thoughts, cards and especially, your prayers. My wife RoJane and I appreciate the support we received and are very grateful.

We start with sad news, as we continue to lose 9th Cav Troopers from the Vietnam era. We are saddened to lose those we served with and came to value their friendship and fellowship at reunions over the years.

Early this year we lost Pat Frank who was the crew chief on the "6" ship with A Troop in 1968. Pat was a good friend and someone that we came to know at Apache reunions. We will miss his photos, DVD's, and most of all his humor.

Back in April we lost two Troopers during the same week. We learned that our friend and comrade, Matt

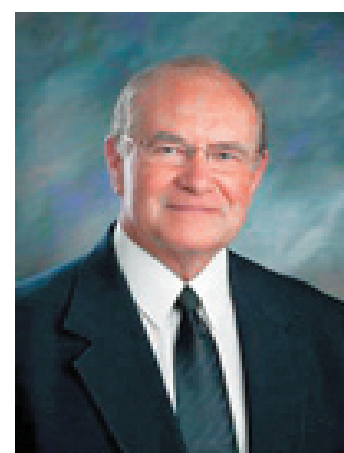


Matt Lawless on LZ Dog 1967.

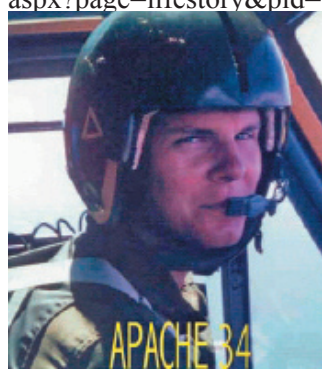
Lawless, had passed away due to a losing battle with leukemia. Matt was one of the really good guys and his quiet demeanor and wry sense of humor will be missed. Here is a link to Matt's obituary: <www.bolockfuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?oid=2492145&fh\_id=13209>. Please keep his wife Nadine and his sons, Brigam and Zachary, and daughter Kieran in your thoughts and prayers.

That same week we lost our good friend, Don Cates. Don was doing what he loved: flying an aircraft. He was killed in a crash performing crop dusting. Don was a great guy and someone you could rely on in a combat situation. Don was well thought of among his fellow Troopers as well as his community. We will miss him dearly. Please keep his wife Ginger and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Here is a link to Don's obituary: <www.bryantfh.net/sitemaker/sites/BRYANT1/obit.cgi?user=1295356Cates>.

We just lost another Apache Trooper when CW5 Charles "Mike" Adkinson, Apache 34, passed away on May 16. Well thought of and respected by his peers. His obituary can be found at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dayton/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=171060309>.



Donald Cates



Mike Adkinson, Apache 34, in Vietnam

An update on current 9th Cav units notes that the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry just returned from a deployment to the Sinai serving as Multi National Force Observers and are back at Fort Hood. Welcome Home, Saber Squadron!

I'd like to close on a high note. We all are getting older and so I really encourage you to make the effort to attend all gatherings such as Division and Unit reunions. As my good friend Bob Phipps used to say, these are the people that knew at your best and...your worst. Take every opportunity contact your comrades and reunite whenever and wherever possible.

Until next time: We Can and We Will.

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involved in the community events nowadays," said Joo Seob Kim. "I think it is a positive change, and it is a good opportunity for U.S. Soldiers stationed here for the first time. The citizens here are happy to have the U.S. Soldiers volunteering with us." <SGT Ange Desinor; DvidsHub.Net>. Give these Troopers a look on Facebook <Facebook.Com/1-12 Cav, 3BCT, 1CD>. Semper Paratus!

**1838** Truncated: the word to use when looking for 2-12 Cavalry updates. I am rolling gutter balls trying to find anything valuable for you about the 2-12 on the Internet, on Facebook, or from PAO alleys. It hurts me as it does you because that was my old unit also. We all know that when it comes to our 2-12 active female and male Troopers, no news is never good news! I did



2-12 Ironhorse Ball

notice (without explanations and qualifiers) Easter services/sunrise services at the Clabber Creek and Jack Mountain Ranges, an Iron Horse Ball, and a National Training Center stint in February. <Facebook.Com> Please also give these Troopers a look on Facebook <Facebook.Com/Thunder Horse 2-12 Cavalry Regiment>. Semper Paratus!

**2038** Hero's daughter. Army SFC Bryan Kincaid holds up Lenora Alvarado so that she may touch the name of her father, Medal of Honor recipient, Army SP-4 Leonard L. Alvarado, D 2-12 Cavalry, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., March 19, 2014. Kincaid is a member of the Old Guard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment. (DOD photo by EJ Hersom). Specialist Alvarado was awarded the Medal

of Honor posthumously at a White House ceremony on 18 March 2014 for his actions in Vietnam on 12 August 1969. <Facebook.Com/Soldiers Magazine>. Semper Paratus!

**2238** The Veterans Administration. Everyone talks about the VA (for bad or good). There are many helps to you available online. I have shown you a few and there are more. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please call 1-800-273-8255 and (Press 1) or visit <VeteransCrisisLine.Net>. If you have questions visit <VA.Gov/Explore> to update subscriptions, modify password or email address, or unsubscribe. The VA has developed 'Concussion Coach', a mobile application that provides portable tools to recognize symptoms and to identify and make use of coping strategies. It's designed to meet the needs of Veterans and others who have suffered mild to moderate concussions and is designed to educate users about concussions, related symptoms, treatments, and to enable users to recognize and assess symptoms. It also identifies resources for managing symptoms, planning tools to build resilience, and provides access to crisis resources, including personal support contacts and ways in which the user can obtain professional healthcare. Concussion Coach is available for some mobile Apple devices from the App Store and will be available through Google Play later in 2014. <VA.Gov>.

**2359** Spring has sprang, flowers are a-flowering, buds are a-budding, peepers are a-peeping, and old man Winter may finally be gone save for a few relapses in his 12-point program. By the time you read this you will probably be getting foretastes of the reality of Summer. But we are all alive and life is good. "The only thing new in the world is the history that you don't know." ~ Harry Truman. Journal closed for this fine day. Semper Paratus!!! Write if in you all get work!



Lenora Alvarado

## THE HICCUP - Health Care Information Committee Report



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Recently I was in Laramie, at a familiar coffee shop, discussing the agenda for an upcoming veterans' meeting with an old friend. A third person, who

recognized my friend but who was unknown to me, suddenly sat down without introducing himself. He took over the conversation, talking rapid-fire about his views on PTSD. After a minute or so, he was all over the place and very soon stopped making sense. Then when my friend and I tried to engage him in conversation, he just sat still, rolled his head back, and stared at us.

My friend, who had a scheduled appointment at the VA Medical Center in Cheyenne, asked the newcomer to ride along to Cheyenne with him.

I have since learned that this third person is a medically-retired Major who suffers from PTSD and back problems accumulated over two tours in Afghanistan. The Major is heavily medicated on some (more than one, heavy-duty) painkillers...and, as far as I could see, is totally unable to focus on

anything for more than a few minutes and clearly unable to conduct himself as a responsible citizen. To my untutored eye, he's a man who isn't employable.

Apparently there are thousands of veterans like him. The numbers of such people (men and women) are increasing...for several reasons...one of which is because a number of the VA's overworked (and, in my personal opinion, in some cases, under-qualified) physicians seem to resort to the current version of our old friend, "Take two aspirin and see me next month."

There's an excellent article on this subject in the April 2014 edition of *The American Legion Magazine*. I encourage you to get a copy and read the article or read it on the Web at <www.legion.org/magazine/220428/edge>. Over-prescribed opioid painkillers, which can lead to addictions and accidental overdoses, constitute one of the scourges afflicting young (and not-so-young) veterans in our communities right now.

Maybe by educating ourselves---with regard both to the dangers of over-medication and to alternative approaches---we can be better keepers of our Brothers.

## New Members

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2LT SUMMERLIN, LEE I. TX D 2-8C 1404  
SFC SWANN, SHELLY TX F 79ARA 7112  
CSM TODD, ROBERT G. TX HHT 6- 9C 1403  
SPC TURNER, BRANDEN IL 3BCT 14  
SSG UTHE, TOM IA A 1-7C 69  
SPC WEBSTER, RICHARD NM 2BSTB 1308



E-5 WHEATON, III, CLYDE S. NY B 2-7C 6711  
SPC WHITE, DAVID TX 1BCT 14  
SGT WHITISH, BRUCE AZ A 1-8C 6710  
CPT WOLFORD, GERALD ALEX VA HHC 1-12C 0805  
SPC ZAMARRIPA, JOE A. TX 1ACB 14  
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## 30th FA News



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**Hard Charger News:** Hello Hard Chargers and Friends. May is here and we're finally rid of the snow and ice which has been replaced by rain.

We will not complain as long as it will dry out soon.

**Hard Chargers 21st Annual Reunion:** Our reunion at Fort Sill on 3-6 June 2014 is shaping up quite nicely. But because of budgetary cut-backs we will not be able to attend a live-fire howitzer shoot this time. However, the Fort Sill Field Artillery Museum will treat us to a small-arms weapons shoot of everything they have in their arsenal from muzzle-loaders to M-2 .50 caliber MGs. We have to kick-in for the cost of the ammo but it will be well worth the price. LTC Robert Krieg, our outgoing Battalion Commander, and his staff have really out-done themselves this time. We've just learned we will have approximately 250 Student-Officers (O-1s thru O-3s, and CW1s thru CW3s) joining us for dinner at our annual banquet on 6 June. Also, thanks to the work that our Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, BG (R) Bill Bilo has been doing, we'll be part of a ceremony to remember the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War as part of a broader DoD initiative.

**Hard Chargers that need prayers for healing:** The following Hard Chargers are still suffering from serious health problems and they need your prayers: Frank M. Hilburn, Jack and Mary Love, Jerry L. Peck, Ronald E. Simpson, Paul E. (DOC) Ellington, Rich Jones, and Joe Brown. Things do not look promising for Ronald R. Curry (A-1-30th FA 1969-70) as his cancer is spreading throughout his body. More information will be posted as soon as it's made available.

**Hard Charger History:** As it is now May, I'm reminded of the loss of a Hard Charger on 4-28-69 at LZ Carolyn north of Tay Ninh near the old Prek Klok Special Forces Camp. NVA 122mm Rocket attack claimed the life of SP-4 Gerald "Frankie" Coulthart when he was hit with shell fragments. Operating out of LZ Carolyn was the 2-8th Cav supported by A/2-19th FA and B/1-30th FA. These combat elements of 1st Air Cav Division had become a thorn in the side of the NVA after sixty-two separate contacts within 24 days. In Shelby L. Stanton's book, *Anatomy of a Division - 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam*, he wrote, "In the early morning darkness of 6 May, the NVA retaliated with an intense rocket and mortar barrage, followed by a massive 95th (NVA) Regiment pincer ground assault against two sides of the base an hour later. LZ Carolyn's garrison was reduced by the absence of several 8th Cav Line Companies on patrol. The withering defensive fires of the Bn's Company C and E were unable to prevent the onrushing (NVA) Bns from storming through the wire and into the landing zone from both directions. Six perimeter bunkers were overrun, one of the Medium Howitzers was captured, and the enemy threatened to slice through the center of the base. The Americans counterattacked with all



Ron Curry

available personnel, with the officers involved being killed at the head of their troops. Artillerymen, supply personnel, signal personnel, and engineers fought and died as emergency infantry reserves. The counterattacks were hurled against both enemy penetrations, but the most violent fighting occurred on the northern side, where a seesaw battle raged for possession of the 155mm Howitzer position (B-1-30th FA). During the course of the battle, this weapon exchanged hands three times in hand-to-hand fighting decided at close range with rifles and entrenching tools."

During this attack several NVA were able to occupy a bunker only ten feet in front of the #6 Gun Section of B Btry. Attempts by four NVA Sappers to throw satchel charges into the #6 Gun Section's position were stopped cold when PFC Jerry Peck engaged them with his rifle. He was successful in killing three of the NVA and wounded the fourth, who ran away while clutching both cheeks of his ass. NVA casualties included



B-1-30 at LZ Carolyn

101 KIA and 29 Captured in Action (CIA), while the 1st Air Cav Division's casualties were 9 US KIA and 64 US WIA. While fighting to retake their gun and repel the enemy, B-1-30th FA suffered 25 WIAs and miraculously did not suffer any KIAs. Of the 25 WIAs we are able to name the following 16 Hard Chargers according to Purple Heart orders: 1LT Jay Ziegler; SP-4 Obie Moran; PVT Lee E. Bess; CPL Michael F. Locket; PFC John L. Knox; CPL Leonard T. Hobson; SGT Edwin L. Lytle; SGT Wayne Crabtree; PFC Larry W. Carver; PFC Harvey E. Ferrell; SP-4 Paul W. Ellington; SP-4 Raymond D. Bishop; SP-4 James L. Duke; SGT Joseph J. Devlaeminck; PFC Charles I. Lee; and PFC Verlon E. Rowland. B-1-30th FA was credited with 25 enemy KIAs while repelling this attack. All the units that fought on LZ Carolyn were later awarded the Valorous Unit Award (VUA) for their actions on 5-6-69. Several Hard Chargers from B/1-30th FA stepped forward during this intense ground attack and exposed themselves to mortar fire, small arms fire, Rocket-Propelled Grenades, and finally hand-to-hand combat in order to repel the enemy. For their bravery and valor under fire, CPT Douglas T. Williams, SGT Wayne Crabtree, and PFC Jerry Peck were all awarded a Silver Star medal and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Gold Star the next day by MG Elvy B. Roberts, CG, 1st Air Cav Division. Others earning Bronze Star Medals w/"V" device included SP-4 James L. Duke, SP-4 Charles M. Crane, and SP-4 Ronald H. Simpson. Those who were awarded the Army Commendation Medal w/"V" device for their bravery include PFC Donald E. Stewart and SP-4 Willie L. Nunez. We know that more Hard Chargers were awarded medals for this action but we are unable to locate any awards orders for them. {Note: Shelby Stanton's book is the only recorded mention of the Hard Charger Bn ever temporarily losing control of a howitzer temporarily to the enemy. As he has recorded, the NVA paid a very heavy price for temporary possession of that gun. The fighting spirit of the Hard Chargers was certainly in evidence on 5-6-69 right on down to the PFCs, SP-4s, and CPLs on the guns where most of the really dirty jobs got done. The NVA learned the hard way that you may knock a Hard Charger down but he is going to jump right back up, and in this case either shoot you with his rifle or smack you in the head with an entrenching tool. To all of those brave young Hard Chargers who manned the guns, I proudly salute you and say - Hard Charger-Sir!} This is Hard Charger 9G saying End of Mission-Out!

## VETERANS DAY AND 6th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER IN WASHINGTON, DC

The National Capitol Region Chapter in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division Association will sponsor a Hospitality Suite and Gift Shop from 7-11 November and host the 6th Annual First Team Veterans Day Dinner on Tuesday evening 11 November 2014. 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 \$122 per night plus tax, with free parking, prior to 9 October. Call (703) 416-1600 and tell them you are with the 1st Cavalry Division. Additional information is on the Association web page <www.1cda.org>.

Wreath's will be placed at the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials on Veterans Day.

The speaker at this year's dinner has not been identified yet. For dinner reservations please send \$50 per ticket to the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703. In order to ensure that you have tickets, full payment must be received by us no later than 31 October. We can only accept VISA or MASTERCARD if you pay by credit card. Ensure that your card number and expiration dates are written correctly. Please provide your name, address, unit you served with and the name(s) of your guests with your payment to aid in seating for the dinner. Seating is limited due to the size of the room. We must make final coordination with the hotel providing the numbers of people attending before the event and we may not be able to accommodate late registrations.

Tickets will be available for pickup in the 1st Cav Division Association Hospitality Suite or at the door to the banquet room. We will attempt to seat you with your unit or friends and table numbers will be assigned when you pick up your tickets.

The members of the NCR Chapter and their spouses do an excellent job of setting this event up and making dinner special. Wounded Troopers that are at WRAMC that served with the First Team are invited to attend as guests of the Association. We will again be joined by the First Team Honor Guard. Please join us on Veterans Day.

**6th ANNUAL 1st CAVALRY DIVISION  
 ASSOCIATION VETERANS DAY DINNER  
 NOVEMBER 11, 2014  
 \$50 PER TICKET  
 (Please print clearly)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Guests \_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 27th ORD/MNT/MSB/BSB News



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Hello to all members of the 27th, in all of its configurations. The reunion is near and I'm really looking forward to seeing many old friends and making a few new ones. We've had many confirmed and/or thinking about getting to Illinois so I believe

we will be well represented.

I want to start out with some old business in regard to the March/April *SABER*. Picture number 1 and 2 were reversed. I'm sure most were able to pick up on that. I have to apologize for the quality of the Bien Hoa picture. The picture was clear on the computer but I didn't realize that there would be as much breakdown in clarity when transferring from the .jpeg to actually printing onto newsprint. If you have Google earth, you can pull up Bien Hoa and see for yourself. If you are looking at the *SABER*, go about 1 5/8" to the right of the end of the two runways then go straight up about 5/8". That was the old HQ and Co. A operations and billet area.

I mentioned last issue that Nelson Cardona was on the sick call list. I'm sorry to report that he remains on the list but is hopefully on the road to recovery. Nelson had to have a kidney removed and is trying very hard to build strength and gain doctor approval to make it to the reunion. We're all pulling for you, my friend.

We have to add a name to the list. Former 27th MSB Commander, COL (Ret) Larry Phelps recently had open heart surgery. That was the easy part. There were some complications and additional procedures were needed. Larry has gone through a tough spell but he is getting stronger daily. He has been a regular "poster" on my Facebook and postings were down to nothing. I'm happy to report that he is going on and on and on about his Texas Stars hockey team. Pretty soon it will be Auburn football. But it's all good! Keep Larry in your thoughts.

I also recently heard from COL (Ret) Terry and Lisa Beynon. Terry was 27th MSB Commander before COL Phelps. They were looking forward to a trip to Colorado. I'm getting the distinct feeling that Colorado just may be their retirement home. Safe travels

and good luck to you both.

The March/April *SABER* had information about the web site: <www.vvmf.org/faces-never-forgotten>. I was able to locate the brother of Wilhelm Keglewitch. He lives in Ohio, formerly of the Chicago area, where he and Wilhelm grew up. He was very pleased to know that his brother's name is still out there and he was going to contact the organization and provide a picture to them. He said his brother didn't like the war but was proud to be with the men with whom he served.

Along with the mass emails we send, we do get returned mail. We had a couple instances of this and that created some opportunities to contact some of our long lost friends. The first was one of my favorite people, Sid LaDow. All is well in Florida and that is always good to learn.

The old HQ and A barber in Phu Bai, Richard Disney, was also heard from. He lives in southern Illinois and doing fine. I tried my hardest to get a commitment to come to the reunion so hopefully he will make it in.

A third person found was Tom Stenehjelm. Tom still lives in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He had a slight stroke a couple years ago that has slowed him some, but he is still getting around and living the life. Tom was on the initial deployment to Vietnam from Fort Benning. I put him and Fred Vath, also "an original," in contact. Hopefully they will be able to share good times.

A recent new member to the 1st Cav Association is Paul Ingevaldson. Paul saw the 27th article in *SABER* and noticed that we were neighbors. I live in Oswego, he in St. Charles, Illinois. Paul is a retired Sears and Ace Hardware executive and is enjoying life. He was with Main Support Detachment in Phouc Vinh '69-'70. He told me he has some good stories so Paul, please send them. Pictures are good also!

This concludes this edition. Hate to be a broken record but we really do enjoy hearing from you all. We need your stories, your pictures and your ideas. I know many post Desert Storm troopers are out there and reading *SABER*. It's time that you are recognized for doing what you did to make our battalion one of the most decorated in the Cav. I look forward to sharing your stories and pictures.

If you do not have a Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association in your area, contact the Association for details on how you can organize a chapter in your area. (254) 547-6537, <firstcav@1cda.org>.

Read the *SABER* on-line at <www.1cda.org/SABER.htm>

## BRICK AND PAVER CAMPAIGN

Do you want to go down in history and help the 1st Cavalry Division Association Museum Foundation support the 1st Cavalry Division Museum?

The 1st Cavalry Division Association Museum Foundation is conducting a Brick and Paver Campaign to raise funds to help construct a new museum or renovate an existing building that will house the Museum. The 1st Cavalry Division Museum is currently housed in a World War II wood building that was supposed to be destroyed years ago. While money and hard work have kept the building well maintained, there is no room for expansion to increase exhibit space to display the history and accomplishments of the First Team.

You can have granite brick or paver can be inscribed and placed in the museum complex that will become the new 1st Cavalry Division Museum. This brick may honor your service or the service of someone that you wish to be remembered. Bricks and Pavers are being placed near the entrance to the present Museum and will be relocated to the site of the new museum when it is ready.

SGT John Smith  
B/1-77 FA  
KIA 65 - Aug 66

A 4 X 8 inch granite brick can be inscribed for a donation of \$100. The brick can accommodate no more than 14 characters, including spaces, on each of 3 lines.

In Memory of  
SGT John Jones  
A/1-5 CAV  
KIA 20 Nov 1965  
Rest in Peace  
Mom and Dad

Granite pavers are available in three sizes. An 8 X 8 inch paver is available for donation of \$200, a 12 X 12 inch paver is available for a \$450 donation and a 24 X 24 inch paver is available for a donation of \$1,200.

All pavers can accommodate no more than 14 characters, including spaces, on each of 6 lines. A design may be substituted for 3 lines of characters. An additional cost for a specific design is \$50. Replicas of your brick or paver can also be purchased for the same price as indicated above plus shipping charges.

The Museum Foundation reserves the right to reject wording and art that it deems unsuitable for this program.

It is easy and convenient to order a personalized commemorative brick or paver. You can place an order using a credit card on-line by visiting the following web page: <http://crossedsabers-chapter-giftshop.com/catalog/index.php?cPath=49> If you don't like ordering on-line we do have order forms available from the 1st Cavalry Division Association office at 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703 or from our web page at <www.1cda.org/brick&paver.htm>.

Determine the inscription you want on the brick or paver, ensure each line is no more than 14 characters including spaces. Bricks are 3 lines and pavers are 6 lines maximum. Fill out your order form and mail to the Association with your check or money order or do it all on-line.

The 1st Cavalry Division Association Museum Foundation is a charitable organization in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. The Museum Foundation's tax identification number is 91-2199014.

For more information contact the Association Headquarters at (254) 547-6537 or e-mail <firstcav@1cda.org>.

## Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop

P.O. Box 5774  
Fort Hood, TX 76544-0774  
Phone: 254-532-2075  
FAX: 254-532-6490

To view our on-line catalog visit:

<www.crossedsabers-chapter-giftshop.com>

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop is a non-profit organization. Net income is distributed to the Association for application to the Scholarship Program and other ongoing programs as needed, to the Soldier Travel Fund which allows active duty soldiers of the Division to attend away Reunions as guests of the Association, to the 1st Cavalry Division Museum and to fund other activities for the Troopers and families of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The manager, Michelle Pinhero, accepts telephone orders with payment by MASTERCARD, VISA or DISCOVER credit cards or you can order on-line using credit cards. **Printed catalogs are available for \$3.00 from the Association, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703. Make your check out to 1st Cavalry Division Association.**

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REUNION 2014

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

The President has appointed a nominating committee to recommend Life members of the Association for election or re-election to fill the terms of office for the following positions that become vacant as of 12 July 2014:

**1st Vice President**  
**2nd Vice President**  
**3rd Vice President**

**Ten Places on the Board of Governors**

**Two Trustee of the Foundation**

**Two Trustees of the Museum Foundation**

Any Life member of the Association, including an incumbent, who wishes to be considered by the nominating committee for one of these positions should forward a letter to the Chairman, 2014 Nominating Committee, 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1703, requesting consideration for nomination to the specific office. The Nominating Committee must receive all requests no later than 1 May 2014 to assure sufficient time for processing and full consideration. Requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation that includes proof of service with the 1st Cavalry Division (e.g., a DD214 or equivalent) and a biographical sketch. The biographical sketch needs to outline the applicant's full name and provide ranks, dates of service and units assigned to in the 1st Cavalry Division. Additionally, it needs to provide the dates and positions for any offices held at National or Chapter level in the Association and similar information for any other veteran's organization the applicant belongs to. Any instances of special support for Association programs should also be included if applicable.

The election will be held during the General Membership meeting at the 67th Annual Reunion of the Association on Saturday, 12 July 2014 in DuPage County, Illinois. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. A Life member making such nomination will be expected to provide the information outlined above on the nominee and in addition provide assurance that the nominee is either present at the General Membership meeting or has agreed to accept nomination to the specified office.

Reunions are a time for all of us to gather together and renew old friendships and make new ones and we want each of you to be a part of this great event. The Troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division Association will be meeting in the Chicago, Illinois area (Oak Brook) to celebrate our 67th Annual Reunion from 9-13 July, 2014. Plan to join us for a fun time meeting old friends and making new ones. We have numerous events being planned and there will be opportunities for you to go off on your own and see the surrounding area. The Sheridan's Cavalry Chapter is hosting this reunion and they are setting up an excellent program, so make plans now to join us for our reunion and help make Oak Brook and DuPage County CAV Country!

### LODGING

The hotel hosting our reunion is the Oak Brook Hills Resort. This hotel was a Marriott property but was transitioned to a new management company, Destination Hotels and Resorts, on 22 November. The hotel is located in Oak Brook, Illinois. The Oak Brook Hills Resort will serve as our Reunion Headquarters for the 67th Annual Reunion and all of our regularly scheduled events will occur here. You must make your reservations prior to 25 June 2014 to receive the guaranteed rate. To reserve a room call one of the numbers listed below or reserve your room on-line using the On-Line Reservation link provided by the Oak Brook Hills Resort.

Oak Brook Hills Resort - \$99 per night plus tax (11%)  
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523  
Toll Free: 855-458-5701 Local: 630-850-5555

On-line reservation: 1st Cavalry Division Association On-line Reservations

The hotel does not provide a free shuttle from the airports but we have coordinated with Windy City Limousine and Bus to provide you with a much better rate for traveling from the airports to the hotel and return. They will provide transportation from both O'Hare and Midway airports to the hotel and return using a fleet of Lincoln Town Cars, SUV's, and limousines. They offer a shared ride service. The cost is \$28 + gratuity for one person with each additional person on the same reservation being \$10 instead of \$28 per person. They have set up an online portal for booking ahead of time, as well as a "Group code" for attendees to refer to when calling in. They can accommodate the day of arrival with vehicles in less than 15 minutes. Windy City currently operates over 250 vehicles in its fleet.

The Oak Brook Hills Resort-Chicago is located just west of downtown Chicago, nestled into the quiet suburb of Oak Brook, Illinois, with easy access to I-88, I-290 and Chicago's Metra Rail system. The Oak Brook Hills Resort offers an ideal destination for our reunion and other events. The 348 rooms and 38 suites are complemented with meeting and event spaces, exercise facilities, swimming pools and several dining options. The lush 150 acres of the resort feature the hotel and the Willow Crest Golf Club. Besides a good test of golf, the Oak Brook golf course is also a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, with lakes and willow trees and beautiful scenery for hotel guests. Just a few miles away are the Brookfield Zoo, Morton arboretum, Chicagoland Speedway, and Oak Brook mall featuring 160 upscale stores, dining and entertainment. Within easy reach are more than two dozen restaurants and eateries, as well. The hotel is smoke-free with plush bedding and offers complimentary on-site parking. All rooms include flat screen TV's with HBO, two-line telephone, coffee maker with complimentary coffee, large writing table, ergonomic chair, Luxurious pillow-top mattresses and high-quality linens. Wireless and wired connections afford you the ability to be online in every room and they have a full-service business center on site. The hotel has indoor and outdoor pools and sauna. Fully equipped fitness center is available along with tennis courts. A billiard and game room are also on the property. Located inside the hotel the Windows Restaurant is available for breakfast, lunch or dinner. This casual restaurant has something for every appetite - any time of the day including breakfast items, salads, Panini sandwiches, seafood and steaks. The Window's Café is the resort's coffee house and perfect place to get quick items. Light fare includes fresh muffins and breakfast breads, homemade yogurt parfaits, and coffee and tea. The Grille offers mesquite wood grilled burgers, chicken dishes and other classic American cuisine. The Grille is also a casual resort restaurant and is normally open for lunch and dinner. You can enjoy a drink and admire the view of the Willow Crest Golf Club at The Lobby Bar.

### REUNION EVENT OVERVIEW

The Sheridan's Cavalry Chapter welcomes each of you to Oak Brook, Illinois for the 67th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

As usual, this reunion will include a Welcoming Mixer on Thursday; Gold Star Family Breakfast, Ladies Tea, and War Era Lunches on Friday; Unit Lunches and our Annual Association Banquet on Saturday; and Group Breakfasts and Memorial Service on Sunday. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents on Thursday, the Foundation and Museum Foundation Trustees and the Board of Governors meet on Friday, and our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning. Elections for officers of the Association will be held at the General Membership meeting and a listing of nominated candidates will be on our bulletin board.

The Gold Star Family Member Breakfast is becoming a major event during our reunions and we want everyone that is in contact with the families of our fallen Troopers to invite them to attend. There is never a registration fee for our Gold Star families and the Association will pay for their breakfast at this event.

The Sweetheart Dance will not occur during this reunion due to the high cost of obtaining a quality band.

New to our reunion line-up of events this year is the Purple Heart Breakfast. This new event provides us an opportunity to honor those that have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. Many of our Veterans and our active duty Troopers have this award and we hope this gives them a chance to share their experiences. You do not have to be a recipient of the Purple Heart to attend, this is open to all attendees.

The Reunion Banquet will mark the end of the term for our current President, Jerry F. Eller and see the gavel passed to James Stokely who will serve as our President for the next two years. The Commanding General of the First Team will be deployed but we will coordinate for a "State of the Division Address" from one of the Division's leaders. We will have Troopers currently serving with the Division in attendance along with our Division Honor Guard.

If you have not been able to attend one of our Memorial Services and hear the "Long Roll Muster", please plan on attending this one. This is a very special

way to honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Seating for all events is open with the exception of the Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. If you are attending the banquet, you must get your tickets marked with a table number at the Banquet Seating table prior to Saturday noon. If you want to sit with specific people, we recommend that you all go to the Banquet Seating table together with your tickets available. Don't wait until the last minute or we may not be able to accommodate your needs.

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

The Association provides a Reunion Room in the Oak Brook Hill Resort during the reunion for you to gather together and enjoy yourself. Drinks in the Reunion Room are free but we ask that you generously donate to help us pay for this room.

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop will set up a gift shop in the Oak Brook Hills Resort to sell all kinds of First Team merchandise including shirts, hats, Stetsons, pins, stickers and other items. Pre-order your Reunion T-Shirt from the Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop. They will have limited quantities available at the reunion so order your T-shirt today.

### TRANSPORTATION

We encourage you to coordinate your travel arrangements early especially if you are using public transportation.

Air Travel - Chicago has two major airports, O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and Midway International Airport. Both are located about 25 minutes (19-20 miles) from our hotel. O'Hare International Airport is a major metropolitan airport with service currently provided by numerous airlines including: Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, and US Airways. Midway International Airport also offers service from several airlines including: Air Tran, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Southwest Airlines

Traveling by automobile: From the North: Take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) South to I-88 West. Exit at Route 83 South, approximately one mile to 31st Street (Oak Brook Rd). Turn right on 31st Street, approximately one mile to Midwest Rd. Turn left on Midwest rd. Take Midwest Rd to the second next light at 35th Street Oak Brook Hills Resort is on the left. From the South: Take I-294(Tri-State Tollway) North to I-88 West. Exit at Route 83 South, approximately one mile to 31st Street (Oak Brook Rd). Turn right on 31st Street, approximately one mile to Midwest Rd. Turn left on Midwest Rd. Take Midwest Rd to the second light, 35th Street. Oak Brook Hills is on the left. From the East: Take I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) West to I-88 West. Exit at Route 83 South, approximately one mile to 31st Street (Oak Brook Rd). Turn right on 31st Street, approximately one mile to Midwest Rd. Take a Left on Midwest Rd to the second light, 35th Street. Oak Brook Hills is on the left. From the West: Take I-88 East and exit at Midwest Rd. Turn left on the Midwest Rd approximately one mile. Oak Brook Hills in on the left.

Join us and help make Oak Brook and DuPage County CAV Country!

### THE BEST PART OF THE REUNION

As always, the best part of the reunion is the people that attend and we hope that you will be among that group. The 1st Cavalry Division Association reunion brings in Troopers from every era of the First Team's history. Troopers that rode horses, fought in the Pacific with MacArthur, occupied Japan, fought in Korea, or stood watch on the DMZ will spend time with the Sky Troopers of Vietnam, the Troopers from Operation Desert Storm, Fort Hood, Bosnia, and the latest combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The equipment and terrain might be different, but the common bond of serving with America's First Team binds us together. You may meet some old friends and if you don't then you will have the opportunity to make some new ones. Saddle up and join us in Oak Brook in 2014!

### CROSSED SABERS SOUVENIR SHOP OPEN AT REUNION

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Souvenir Shop will be open for business starting Wednesday July 9th from 1300 to 1800 in the Waterford Room at the Oak Brook Hills Resort. Thursday and Friday the Souvenir Shop will be open from 0900 to 1800, with a one hour lunch break from 1200 to 1300. On Saturday the shop will be open from 0900 to 1200 and 1300 to 1600.

Our wonderful Souvenir Shop staff and volunteers will have t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, caps, Stetsons, pins, patches, jewelry, ornaments, blankets, stationery, pencils, stickers, lighters, golf balls, backpacks, coins, and many more items for sale. If you missed the pre-order cutoff for Reunion t-shirts, the staff will have

some for sale in a limited number of sizes. Visit the shop early to ensure your size is still available! Supporting the Souvenir Shop supports your 1st Cavalry Division Association, so make sure to go get yourself some shiny new 1st CAV merchandise. First Team!

### PLAN FOR THE 2015 REUNION

The Crossed Sabers Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team family in Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas for the 68th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 10-14 June 2015.

We will be utilizing the Shilo Inn Hotel as the Reunion Headquarters and will hold many of the reunion events that are scheduled this year in the Killeen Civic and Conference Center (KCCC) located adjacent to the Shilo. There are no hotels in the area large enough to hold our group so we will be utilizing two primary hotels and busses to get together for our events. As usual we will also have rooms blocked at the Courtyard Marriott and provide bus service to Reunion Headquarters.

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Reunion in Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas!



## 67th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

1300-1800 Registration Desk Open  
1300-1800 Souvenir Shop Open  
1300-2400 Reunion Room Open

### THURSDAY, JULY 10

0900-1800 Registration Desk Open  
0900-1200 Souvenir Shop Open  
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open  
1300-1800 Souvenir Shop Open  
1330-1500 Chapter President's Meeting  
1600-1800 Welcoming Mixer (Hors d'oeuvres/Open Bar)

### FRIDAY, JULY 11

0730-0900 Gold Star Family Breakfast  
0900-1800 Registration Desk Open  
0900-1200 Souvenir Shop Open  
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open  
0915-1015 Museum Foundation Trustees Meeting  
1030-1130 Foundation Trustees Meeting  
1200-1400 War Era Luncheons

### FRIDAY, JULY 11 - CONTINUED

1300-1800 Souvenir Shop Open  
1500-1700 Board of Governors Meeting

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

0730-0900 Purple Heart Breakfast  
0900-1030 General Membership Meeting (Elections)  
0900-1200 Registration Desk Open  
0900-1200 Souvenir Shop Open  
0900-2400 Reunion Room Open  
1000-1130 Ladies Tea  
1230-1430 Unit Luncheons  
1300-1700 Souvenir Shop Open  
1500-1600 Veterans Benefits Briefing  
1745-1845 Cocktails (Cash Bar)  
1900-2200 Association Banquet

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

### 1st CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 67th REUNION - 2014 REGISTRATION FORM

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

I will attend the 1st Cavalry Division Association 67th Annual Reunion at the Oak Brook Hills Resort in Oak Brook, Illinois on July 9-13, 2014. Cancellations must be received by 5:00pm Monday, June 30, 2014 in our office (254-547-6537) for a refund. **Seating at all functions is limited.** Hotel cancellations must be done personally with the hotel.

Register early.

**YOU MUST BE AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER TO REGISTER. PLEASE PROVIDE ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.**

Are you a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please Print Clearly or place a return address label. Don't forget Nickname.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_

GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Unit(s) order (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Served in 1st Cav (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

I served at/during (Circle one or more): WWII Japan (Anytime) Korean War  
Korea 1957-65 Fort Benning Vietnam War Fort Hood Gulf War  
Bosnia Iraq War Afghanistan Fort Bliss Other \_\_\_\_\_

I will be accompanied by my spouse or other (Full Name and Nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

and the following persons, please specify relationship. (Family members only.)

Name	Nickname	Age (Children)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Is this your first 1st Cav Division Association Reunion? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

My E-mail is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am staying at: Oak Brook Hills Resort \_\_\_ Home \_\_\_  
Local \_\_\_ RV \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify where you are staying, as it will help us to find you in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

Registration fee required for **Association members only** (Widows and Gold Star Family members pay no Fee) - no fee for family members accompanying Association member. Registration includes: Name Tags (required for admission to Reunion Room and other activities), Official Reunion Program, Reunion Pin and information package.

FUNCTION	NO. OF TICKETS	COST	TOTAL AMOUNT
Registration Fee (Member Only)		\$20.00	\$ _____
Postmarked After June 2, 2014		\$40.00	\$ _____
Active Duty (Must have Active Duty ID Card)		\$10.00	\$ _____

### THURSDAY, JULY 10

Welcoming Mixer \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### FRIDAY, JULY 11

Gold Star Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

War Era Luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

World War II Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Korean War Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vietnam War Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gulf/Iraq War Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

Purple Heart Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Tea \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to attend lunch with: (Circle one)

5th Cav 7th Cav 8th Cav 9th Cav 12th Cav Artillery

Engineers HQ & Special Troops LRRP/Ranger Silver Wings

### Association Banquet

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child (12 years and under) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to sit at the Banquet with: (Circle one)

5th Cav 7th Cav 8th Cav 9th Cav 12th Cav Artillery

Engineers HQ & Special Troops LRRP/Ranger Silver Wings

Banquet table seating is assigned during the reunion. You must take your banquet tickets to the Banquet Seating Table to get your table number assigned. NO ONE will be admitted in without a table number on their ticket. To assist us in organizing the seating, please circle the unit that you wish to sit with at the Banquet.

Please get your table number assigned prior to noon Saturday.

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

Group Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LRRP/Ranger Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add a little extra to help cover expenses? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## 99th FA News



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First I want to apologize for being AWOL for the last issue of the Saber. On the other hand I'm sure you enjoyed reading

about SSG Robert Baldwin and the part played by the 99th FA Battalion in the courageous Flying Column maneuver in the Philippines during WWII, to free prisoners being held by the Japanese. Many of those who were imprisoned were Americans and were in danger of being killed as U.S. troops moved closer to the prison camp. The story was the Japanese didn't want the world to know of the cruelty they imposed on prisoners, most of whom were noncombatants. Over the years after WWII, the authors of this column often got a thank you note from a young man who was a child in one of those terrible prison camps. Although I was not a part of the 99th FA at that time, I still felt proud for our unit.



Hqs GI's at the gym at Camp Bender

In keeping with the old saying "Great minds...etc." I was planning a column of WWII items for the last issue at the request of some of our older 99th FA Bn brothers. As a Japan/ Korean veteran, I get messages from 1st Cav Troopers from other units for writing about that time period, "You're the only guy who writes about Korea; thank you," is the usual message I get. Since the 99th was deactivated in 1957, stories of WWII, the Occupation, and Korea is what we have. Our WWII veteran ranks are very thin and I try to honor them as much as possible.

A big thank you to Angela Murphy and the SABER staff for filling in for me with that great story.

The story of SSG Baldwin brings up another subject that seems to be popular these days, and that is writing the story of one's lifetime experiences. Recently I received a copy of B Btry, 99th FA Bn veteran John L. Ray's story of military service in WW II, Korea,

and after. It was very interesting reading. I was especially interested in the section on Korea. Each of us remembers certain occurrences and has our own thoughts about how things were handled, but it's interesting to read someone else's memories and opinions. You find yourself saying, "Oh, I don't remember that." Or, "Yes, I agree, we should have done it that way."

I enjoyed reading John Ray's book, *From Recruit to Retirement*, and if you would like to read it you can contact John at: 1710 Juniper Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78258; (210) 317-4188; or <jlr4daughters@gmail.com>. Thanks John for writing the book, for sending me a copy, and especially for your service to our country in two wars! I've been encouraged to write a book about the strange occurrences that happened during my 84 years and I've given it a lot of thought, but, "Later" is usually my answer; I think maybe I'd better get at it, eh?

On a more somber note, I received notice of the death of WWII veteran Murray A. "Bud" Hartsell, of Charlotte, North Carolina, who served in A Btry, 99th FA Bn from 1941-1945. Trooper Hartsell died on October 10, 2013. Bud is survived by his son Steve and his wife Georganna and granddaughter Wesley Anne. I believe I may have met Bud at a reunion. Thank you for your service to our country Trooper Bud Hartsell. I, with other younger members of the 99th FA Bn, will always remember you WWII Troopers as our older brothers and heroes.

## LRRP/Ranger News



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Hello from the nation's capital. Before you know it, it will be July and time for the 1st Cav Reunion in Chicago. I'm looking forward to visiting

the Windy City, and to seeing everyone again and catching up on what's been going on.

Jim "Spanky" Seymour (1966-69) published his new book *In the Jungle, Camping with the Enemy*, Outskirts Press, Inc., Parker, Colorado. I know from the last several reunions that he had been hard at work on it and was anxious to get it published. It is an account of his time in Vietnam, from August 1966 when he arrived in country and got assigned to the 1st Cav, to May 1969 when he finally left Vietnam and returned to the States. He spent nine months with the 8th Engineers in the Phu Cat and Bong Son areas in eastern Binh Dinh Province before being assigned to the LRRP/Ranger unit in May 1967. There he participated in more than 54 long range reconnaissance missions over a two year period in places like the An Lao Valley, the Crow's Foot (Kim Son Valley), Cay Gap Mountains, Bong Son Plain, Enemy Base Area 101 in the Hai Lang National Forest in Quang Tri Province, Ba Long Valley east of the U.S. Marines Combat Base at Khe Sanh, A Shau Valley, War Zone C, Cambodian Border in Tay Ninh Province, and other areas in South Vietnam.

As I remember it, Spanky had just returned to Vietnam after a 30-day leave in the States. He had extended his tour of duty in Vietnam one year and received the leave as part of the extension. Apparently, on return to An Khe, he was reassigned to the LRRP/Ranger unit. He was airborne-qualified and had Special Forces training. From time-to-time, the LRRP/Ranger unit would draft certain recruits into the unit if they needed a particular MOS, such as munitions expert, RTO, or medic, and the recruit had that MOS. That apparently was what happened in Spanky's case. Generally, however, the guys in the unit were volunteers who came to the unit from the line companies in the 1st Cav. Sometimes they volunteered individually, other times they came as a group or with an officer from their line company who had been assigned to the LRRP/Ranger unit.

Spanky and I were on several missions together in the July-August 1967 time-frame in the Bong Son area. I remember one mission in particular. We were

I was alerted to a notice in the online Korean War Project (KWP) of someone looking for information on the death of C Btry, 99th FA Bn Korean veteran CPL Joseph P. Urbanowicz. HQs Btry veteran and long-time friend, Rich Van Giesen let me know that he had seen the notice and wondered what was happening. I checked into the information and contacted Don Thompson, C Btry Korean veteran, who confirmed that CPL Urbanowicz was a C Btry Trooper but Don thought he had been lost in Korea. I e-mailed Mr. Larry Knight of Hudson, New Hampshire who replied that Joseph had been lost at Unson. After some more research I found that CPL Joseph P. Urbanowicz died while missing after the battle at Unson, North Korea. Mr. Knight said that his Mother, Joe's sister, was wondering if there were any C Btry Troops who would remember CPL Urbanowicz so he placed the notice in the KWP web site.

Like so many 8th Cav and 99th FA Bn troops who went missing in action after Unson, we don't know if he was captured and died in one of the Chinese prison camps as so many other U.S. GI's did, or if he was KIA at Unsan and his body never recovered. Perhaps there is someone who has some information. If there is, please let me know so that I can pass it along.

We honor CPL Urbanowicz for his service to the USA, and for fighting with us in Korea and the battle of Unson where we lost so many 99th FA Bn Troopers.

I have been contacting my daughter in Japan by Skype so we can talk face to face from Chiba, Japan to Winona, Minnesota. Recently she was touring in Tokyo and, through some electronic magic, she took me along. When showing me a view of the Tokyo skyline with the tall buildings, she asked if any of that looked familiar. My answer was, "Are you kidding?" As I looked down at the network of commuter trains zipping through the city, I thought of the busses with the charcoal burners hooked on the back for fuel. She has not yet had a chance to visit Ota, home of the 99th FA Bn and me in 1949-50, but I'm sure that things are much the same as in Tokyo, I won't be able to recognize much. Although when Googling Ota, I noticed that the Hqs building still looked the same with the grassy knoll in front and all. When I go there in the Spring of '15, I know I'll be shocked.

I got a call from Minnesotan Richard Schultz, who was at Camp Drake after Korea, he told me he had visited Tokyo recently and was amazed at the difference in the Tokyo he saw between the time of his duty in Japan and his recent visit. I guess it isn't surprising; just look at the difference in our bodies now and when we were stationed in Japan: things change, some up, some down.

For all of you who sent e-mails and phone calls concerning my health; I'm OK, I just got a little overwhelmed with my knee surgery, our record breaking winter, my taxes, and the discovery that my youngest son, Chris, 40, was diagnosed with cancer. I guess it shows no matter what, I am human after all.

I flew my 1st Cav banner on the day those Troopers at Fort Hood who were gunned down were honored. It's our duty to remember them and all of the 1st Cav men and women who have passed before us. Keep in your thoughts and prayers those young Troopers serving now; remember no matter where they are, they're in danger. CSMO Jim



Seoul '50 in front of Capitol Building

working the eastern side of the Da Dan Mountains, approximately 10 kilometers northwest of Bong Son, in the vicinity of Cu Nghi, when we spotted an NVA rice-carrying detail about 200 meters east of our position parallel to our northward movement. They had just emerged from the village and were moving northward balancing bags of rice across their shoulders. We called in the sighting and were directed by brigade to get a prisoner. Suddenly, the enemy soldiers spotted us, dropped what they were carrying, broke formation, and bee-lined it back to the village. Well, our team leader, SGT John Barnes (Barney), Clarksville, Tennessee, just as suddenly ripped off his rucksack, dropped it in the elephant grass, reached into the pocket of his fatigues and pulled out a big fat cigar, and lit it. Then with a .45 caliber Smith & Wesson in one hand and a CAR-15 automatic rifle in the other, he bolted down the hill towards the village right after them. Spanky, the team's RTO, and SGT Burt Penkunis, assistant team leader, Elk City, Idaho, decided that they better go after him if we ever hoped to see him again, so off they went down the hill towards the village. Jim Dempsey, Laredo, Texas, and I stayed behind taking cover in a cluster of trees on the hillside.

Several hours later, who do we see coming up the hill but SGT Barnes with two enemy prisoners in tow. The prisoners were wearing khaki pants rolled up above the knees, black pajama tops, and sandals. Spanky and SGT Penkunis were right behind them. By then it was dark and the nightly monsoon rain had started. The summer monsoon was petering out by this time but it still had some punch left to it. We knew that because of the rain we would likely have to hang on to the prisoners until daybreak before a 1st Cav helicopter would be able to come out and get them. By midnight, however, we started hearing movement around our position, but because of the rain, which was now heavy, it was difficult to determine if in fact it was enemy movement that we were hearing or if our minds were simply playing head games with us.

By about 3:00am or so, we were getting anxious about the prisoner situation. We knew that we would have to move from our position to a more defensible one before dawn as a precautionary measure, but taking the prisoners with us could be a fatal mistake – both for us and for them. If there were enemy soldiers nearby, the prisoners might try to hinder our movement or make noise to give away our position, and we knew that we couldn't just leave them there to fight another day. By about 5:00 am, the rain started to let up and SGT Barnes was able to convince brigade to come get the prisoners. Shortly afterwards, a helicopter arrived on site, picked up the two of them, and off it went to LZ English

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**L to R: Jim "Spanky" Seymour and Rick Carlson, LZ English, Bong Son, December 1967**

about the book, you can reach him at <spanky\_js@hotmail.com>. Note, there is an underscore character between "spanky" and "js" in the email address. Enjoy the read.

I received the following email from Bob Ankony (1968-1969). "Fellow LRRP/Rangers, today [April 19, 2014] marks the 46th Anniversary of Operation Delaware, the First Air Cavalry Division's massive air assault into the A Shau Valley. There were many heroic acts and sacrifices in that operation and I have written a tribute to a member of the LRRP unit who was responsible for some of them. Please see the following link: <http://www.robertankony.com/blog/team-leader>. You're welcome to share it. All the best, Bob Ankony"

Bob's posting is a tribute to Doug Parkinson (1967-1968) who was Bob's team leader in the Bong Son and Quang Tri City areas, and A Shau Valley. Doug was highly respected by the guys in the unit because of his leadership qualities.

I first met Doug at LZ English when the LRRP platoon at LZ Uplift underwent a redistribution of its teams and sent some of them, including my team, to LZ English in November 1967. Doug was a member of the LRRP platoon there. As I

remember it, Doug had come to the LRRPs from the 1st Bn. 8th Cav along with several other guys. Prior to entering the Army, he had worked in wildlife management and had spent a lot of time in the wilderness with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, so he was well prepared for the 'outdoor lifestyle' that life in an infantry unit in Vietnam provided. After leaving Vietnam, Doug returned to wildlife management but this time a little closer to home, northern California. Doug is the current president of the LRRP/Ranger unit association.

I'm sad to report that Doug Matze's son, Benjamin Pellum, passed recently away. The following email was received from Doug: "Dear LRRP/RANGERS, Families, and Friends, we are deeply saddened to inform you that our son, Ben Pellum (SGT Benjamin C. Pellum, USMC (Retired)), passed away this morning, March 17, 2014 as result of brain cancer. Visitation will take place at 11:00 AM and a memorial service at 12:00 noon March 20 at Woody Funeral Home, 1020 Huguenot Rd, Midlothian, VA 23113. Ben came to stay with us in our home several weeks ago and we chose in-home hospice care for him. We are doing well. In lieu of flowers, a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Wounded Warrior Program, VCU/Massey Cancer Center, or Hospice of Virginia (1700 Bayberry Court, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23226) could be considered. Love and Regards, Doug & Debbie Matze"

Ben was 31 years old. He was a 2000 graduate of Manchester High School and a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served two deployments to Iraq with the 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division as an infantryman. Pictures of Ben in Fallujah, Iraq are posted online.

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**L to R: Montagnard Scouts Pong and Puk, and Doug Parkinson and Bob Ankony, LZ Betty, Quang Tri Province, February 1968**



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Hello once again fellow Sky Troopers.

Spring has sprung and I'm not sad to see this past winter behind me. I'm writing this near the end of April and plan to fly to Punta Cana early Friday morning to complete my winter thaw.

Let's launch the mail sortie. I received the following message from John Keller, Former WO-1, 1st Flt Plt, A/227 AHB 04-66 to 04-67 Cave Creek, Arizona <5823vvv@gmail.com> a while back.

"Thought you'd be interested in seeing one of the original 1st CAV UH-1D's that is still going strong after nearly 50 years. 63-12959 was assigned to the First Flight Platoon of A/227 when it arrived in-country in Sept, 1965. It was mostly crewed by SP-4 and then SGT Daniel J. O'Connor. On October 9, 1966, my crew and I effected a difficult rescue to recover injured from a UH-1D crash in An Khe Pass. Today, this same helicopter is flown by Lockheed Martin at Owego, New York as N2220F. Wonder if the current owner realizes how many of us young Americans flew or rode in this bird in combat, in Vietnam? Glad to see it can still perform! I am still flying after 52 years as a pilot and will get another type rating in the Citation Jet later this month".

John recently contacted me with an update and site address. The link below shows the current paint scheme on this bird. <<http://www.flickr.com/photos/runway27r/3984159083/>>

He stated, "I flew over 150 hours in that UH-1D. It came over with the First Team on the transport ships and had more than a few patches where it had taken rounds."

"The Test Pilot currently assigned to the helicopter will be bringing it to Arizona this May and I may be offered a ride in it. Maybe even one of the Aviators I rescued with 959 on October 9, 1966, will be able to ride with us? What a story that would be!" John, thanks for the update. I look forward to hearing about your ride.

I discovered the following Christmas story in February, arriving from Henry Land, aka CPT Hook. Christmas, 1967, Phan Thiet: "I had gone south to Phan Thiet in Nov 1967 to replace Bob Hankins who had been shot in the leg. I remember that Christmas Eve with CWO Haskel, who at that time was one of Vietnam's best scrounges, bar none. He was the best at "midnight requisitions" that I've ever known. Bob came up with a selection of hard liquor that would put any lounge on notice. He scrounged steaks, lobster, charcoal and more stuff than I can recount. A spread fit for a king, even our newborn King. Sure, we had the Christmas cease fire (Ha,Ha,Ha, what a joke). I was first up that night so no drinking and I flew more hours that night than on any other day that I was in Vietnam. We were even getting air bursts at one of our pick up sites (LZ's) and I asked the RTO what was going on, but no reply. Nope, no celebration that night, but I did get a take-out plate back to the hootch which was a French building from the 50's. I remember it well since it was the only place in Vietnam that had running water and tile showers and flush toilets. Didn't have to carry the water up a ladder and pour it into a 55-gallon drum to be heated by the sun, or an emersion heater like we had at LZ up-lift. Not like up north during Tet of 68 and on up to the DMZ. No celebrating that night, but, the next day, on His birthday, the wise men (actually some of my crew members) came bearing gifts from the east (actually the USA). There was plenty of eggnog, compliments of "Uncle Sugar," and the crew added to that a bottle of Canadian Club left over from the night before. Don't remember too much after that except that they got MARS (remember before calling cards and cell phones and calling home from the green zone). Anyway, the patients in our hospital wards talked first, then the officers. To my luck (never had much) MARS went down when it was my turn. I remember when all you were talking about, Mr. Walker, God rest his soul and may he be blessed in his afterlife eternal. I remember because he had told us at Quang Tri, that being an employee of IBM, that they would pay for a call home at Christmas and that whatever raises and promotions that he would have received while away in the service, he would get when he returned to the States. That was then and this is now. Let us pray for the leaders of our country (and trust me they definitely need God's help), and pray for those in need as well as all who are in the service and in harm's way. Especially our brothers who did not return safely home with us. It was a pleasure and honor to have served in Nam with many of you my band of brothers. I love and respect you all for what you did. CPT Hook: Henry Land.

A nice hand written letter arrived from LTC (Ret) Tom McAndrews, Company Commander, A-1-8 Cav 1967-68, from Columbia, South Carolina. Tom was seeking information to help locate a member of the Pathfinders, Paul Mason, 1966-68. My initial inquiry has not produced any results. However some former Pathfinders are working on it. Perhaps someone reading this may have information as well. Tom also expressed the story of CPT John Hottell that appeared in the last issue "was a real eye opener." Saying, "I never heard of him before nor has our 1-8th BUGLE ever mentioned him - at least that I can remember. Sent your column to our 1-8th newsletter." Tom.

Pathfinder, Tom Forbes spoke of John Hottell back in July of 2008 after attending a Memorial Day service at the "Wall." Hank, "When I saw that General Casey's son, George W. Casey Jr., was giving the keynote address on Memorial Day, I knew I had to be there. Let me explain. About the 3rd week of May 1970, on a little firebase called FSB Gonder, somewhere in Cambodia, I was part of a two man Pathfinder team. One day we were informed the 1st Cav Commanding General was flying in for a briefing with the 2- 8th Battalion Commander. On his way to the command bunker, General George W. Casey made a sudden left turn and walked over to where my partner and I were filling sand bags. We saluted and he said "how ya doin Blackhats, are you making out OK? Are you getting everything you need?" After a little more small talk, he was off to his meeting. A while later, the General's aide, CPT John Hottell came over and sat down with us. I remember him saying, "Did you meet the General? What did you think? Remember his name, he's going places. He'll be chief of staff one

day." He sounded like the campaign manager of someone running for office. It occurred to me at the time that a Captain does not have to "sell" a General to a couple of Corporals. He genuinely liked and admired MG Casey. (By the way, a year earlier CPT Hottell was awarded a Silver Star for his actions in a battle at a place called "Banana Island" while in command of Bravo 1-8th Cav.) He is quite a story himself. You can find out more about CPT Hottell on The Virtual Wall. Over the years, I've told this story many times. MG Casey, the only General I had met at that time, made quite an impression on this 20 year old soldier. Everything I've read about him since that meeting confirms my first impression. As we all know, less than two months later, on 7 July, 1970, MG Casey, John Hottell and five others were killed in a helicopter crash. For years I thought it would be nice to tell his son GEN George W. Casey, Jr. about my encounter with his father many years ago. Well, one of the fine people at the VVMF, Ms. Holly Rotundi, arranged for me to escort GEN Casey from his car to the stage on Memorial Day. I think he enjoyed hearing it, I know I enjoyed being able to tell it. I might note that the apple apparently didn't fall far from the tree. He was a real gentleman and he spent an inordinate amount of time after the ceremonies shaking hands, talking to people, and posing for pictures with old Cav guys who served under his father."

William Bennett, 8th Engineers, RVN 6/66 to 12/1967 wrote in with a request. When Bill was moved to the Bong Son AO, he was air lifted out on two lifts, one hauling his D-6 dozer. He is hoping someone may remember lifting him and this flight as the CH-54 pilot was VERY concerned about bringing in that dozer with the LZ being "hot." William states he is "trying to put something together, maybe someone will remember." Bill's number is (304) 269-7158 in Weston, Virginia.

Received notice from HQ that CW3 (Ret) James A. "Andy" Garner, C Company, 229th died January 30, 2014. He joined the Army in November 1947, retiring in December 1967. Garner was part of "C" Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Division, completing tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam. He graduated helicopter flight training school in November 1955, becoming a flight instructor. Sponsored by the Provost Marshall of Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Garner was flying food, clothing, and toys to an orphanage in the mountains. The crew chief saw fuel coming through the floorboard, so Andy landed on a dirt road, sleeping in the H34 Sikorsky until mechanics arrived the next day. Local bootleggers thought they were being raided and hauled ass. Andy was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Pendant for meritorious achievement, Far East Command (Korean Operation), in 1950-1951. He flew the first "manned" helicopter to the top of Pikes Peak, prior to deploying to Vietnam. He earned the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding meritorious service in ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. In Operation Silver Bayonet, his HU-1A Huey was shot down in the Battle of la Drang Valley, Vietnam. As we know, the battle and Air Offensive took place November 1965. He was perpetually positive, always smiling, and liked everyone he met. James Andrew Garner is survived by his wife of 64 years (WOW), Aileen Garner, of Carrollton, Texas. A gathering and interment was held on Saturday, February 1st at Restland Memorial Park, in Dallas, Texas. I, as always, left remarks for pride of service for the family at the memorial site on behalf of the "Silver Wings" group and 1st Cavalry Division Association. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Mike McGee, courier, 15th Avn, 1st Cav, Korea called and we had an enjoyable conversation with Mike relating to a couple humorist stories of his time with the 15th (Piper Cubs and Dehavilland Beavers) in Korea. Mike resides in Northern California. One of his first questions of me, had I thawed out yet. Well, almost. Thanks for calling.



Sue Llewellyn, Wings proof reader, Hoboken, NJ



Commander Singleton, Bob Arbasetti, LTC John Tumino

Susan and I attended the New York/New Jersey Chapter of the 1st Cav Division Association meeting this past April in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. We arrived a little early because I anticipated a delayed stop in Hoboken. On hand to greet our early arrival was Bob Arbasetti, chapter president and Fred Robins, former chapter president. The meeting was well attended with refreshments before and after. A large amount of military, 1st Cav books, and some DVD's were available at flea market prices. I left with two, my wife, Susan, with five. Many of the books were donated by Tim Millar. Two excellent speakers were on hand, LTC John Tumino, US Army and Commander Thomas Singleton, US Navy. Both gave a great presentation and received many questions from the attendees. So many, that Bob, twice, had to interject to allow lunch to be served. I really enjoyed chatting with

my fellow troopers. A Silver Wings salute and my thanks to Bob and the chapter for an informative afternoon and all the work they do to provide such. You don't have to be a chapter member to attend. I encourage any Cav trooper within driving distance to make an effort to attend one of these gatherings. You'll enjoy the day and Bob's humor.

I mentioned that we were early for the meet-  
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I had recently been updated in January by MEDEVAC gunner Ricky Goodson that Bill Walsh had hit a low point in his fight with cancer, but no word since. Thinking the better, I e-mailed Bill to see if

he was up for the July 2014 1st Cav Reunion in Chicago where he lives.

I got no reply so I just contacted Ricky who did reply: "Bill died week before last. He was buried last Tuesday. I flew up Monday and back Tuesday after the funeral. He was buried in Lincoln National Cemetery. He had a military funeral, twenty-one gun salute, Taps, bagpipes playing Garryowen, and flag folding. The cemetery was a miniature Arlington. Very nice and no cost to the family. Headstone like the ones in Arlington with name, rank, religion, branch of service, etc."

"I talked to him a couple of days before he died. He was ready to go. A lot of pain, tired of fighting it and made his peace with God. Largest funeral I have ever been to. Police buddies, two motorcycle clubs dressed in their colors, and his VFW buddies. Patriot Guard (25-30 bikes) and police escort to the cemetery."

"Sent you an e-mail after I talked to him before he died. Don't know if I had your right e-address. I am going to miss him. We kept in pretty close contact until he got so bad and was in and out of the hospital. Communicated through his brother after he got down. Don't you go up and die. You two are the only ones I have been in contact with from days gone by. Keep in touch, Ricky."

Bill was a Medic in C 2-7 Cav after I left in '69, and flew on MEDEVAC with Ricky the door gunner as I had, after I left in July '70. Bill was a Chicago cop as well. Sad news. R.I.P. Bill.

I received a call from Mike Lorber of Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin who e-mailed, "It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning, Mike. To recap our conversation, a good friend of mine, Scott Drabant, is joining the 1st Cav Association (and Northern Illinois' Sheridan Chapter) and will attend the Reunion this coming July. Scott was assigned to the 15th MED Bn. at Ft. Hood from 1971 to 1973. He was a SP-5 pharmacy tech. Scott does not recall specifically where on-base he was attached. Scott is now a hospital pharmacist at the McHenry Medical Center, McHenry, Illinois. It would be a great morale boost for a new member if you could mention his name in an upcoming *SABER*. Take care, Mike, and maybe (?) rethink about attending the Chicago Reunion."

I told Mike that traveling these days is a nightmare and I've been to so many Reunions, getting strip searched every time I go through the airports isn't worth it.

Mike says he joined the Army as a clerk typist to avoid Vietnam but was surprised with orders to there and served as the company clerk for HHC 3rd Brigade April '67-'68. He says that he sometimes was asked to be an M-60 gunner on "Snoopy" scout helicopters, and ironically did that as well.

I spoke to Dave Barron, of Peoria, Arizona on the phone, who said he was a U.S. Army helicopter crew chief in 1-9 Cav April '75 to August '75 at Fort Hood. Dave has the following information: "I am with Light Horse Legacy, a non-profit out of Peoria Arizona. We have one UH-1D, two OH-58s, and a Marine UH-34D helicopter. LHL uses the aircraft as an outreach to inform Veterans and their families of the services available for PTSD issues. We support the West Side Veterans Center in Peoria in particular."

"I am attempting, with no real luck after some weeks, to locate any information, in particular details including an aircraft tail number of a UH-1H Huey MEDEVAC helicopter crash that occurred in 1969. The details of the incident are as follows:

Date: 14 February 1969 (Yes, Valentine's Day). Unit: 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Location: Binh Long Province, South Viet Nam. Known details: Upon approach to a LZ (landing zone) the aircraft came under hostile fire and crashed, collapsing the landing gear. Upon exit the Crew Chief and Medic were struck by the rotor system and killed. (This was from personal history from the Ashtabula, Ohio city oral history website). The pilots were uninjured. Not much else is known. Personnel involved: Gary Lynn Dubach (crew chief) and Stephen Lawrence Shumacher (Medic).

"We have acquired another UH-1H that served in the 15th MED Battalion during that time and is quite possibly the aircraft these crewmen died in. Our use of the aircraft will be to serve as the focal point of our mission in support of the fifty year Vietnam commemorative. We are an official DoD partner in this effort. The aircraft will be an interactive piece and will travel to different locations during the three years for the commemorative from 2015 thru 2018, ending as a permanent display at a yet to be determined location."

"If in fact this is the aircraft involved in that shoot down, then the focus will change. To that end we need a copy of the official report of the incident that includes the details and the aircraft tail number i.e. 67-17174."

"I'm sure, as a retired Firefighter/Paramedic and a Veteran of the Air Cavalry myself that the report is quite accessible if this information crosses the right desk. Thank you for your help, Dave Barron, 8150 N. 104th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85345 (602) 377-6442."

I just spoke to Dave and he forwarded from MEDEVAC pilot Gil Gatto <kbrgil@yahoo.com>: "All I know about that mission was they were shot down and made a hard landing. From what I remember Dubach was shot leaving the aircraft and Schumacher ran to his aid, the skid collapsed and the rotor hit Schumacher killing him."

"It is possible Dubach was hit by the rotor blade. Can't remember for sure! It was during TET of '69 in the area called the Parrots Beak not far from Tay Ninh."

"They both are responsible for saving a lot of lives, showing courage on every mission, putting their lives on the line. I had flown a lot of hot missions with both of them. They were well liked, respected, and trusted by all the crew members and pilots."

"I wish I knew more about the mission. But, it was a great loss for us. Hope this helps some. Gil Gatto MEDEVAC 20."

I received snail mail from William Bennett of Weston, West Virginia, who was in 8th Engineers June '66 to December '67. He wants information about when they were working near the South China Sea, Jul-Sep (doesn't say which year),

when they were ambushed. His platoon sergeant was wounded and aeromedically evacuated (doesn't specify by whom). If someone may be able to remember anything like that with this vagueness, you can call him at (304) 269-7158 to find out more, or e-mail me.



Heater and Laurich

along the way. I know he would love the contact with old friends. The attached photo is Harry Heater and I. Harry has seniority over me. I'm the bearded guy with the good looking hat. Thanks for all you do."

"A special trooper. Career Medic. Last spring I attended a Traveling Wall exhibit at the Hatfield American Legion in Hatfield, Pennsylvania and met an incredible man, SFC Harry (Doc) Heater, who served in three wars: WWII as a ships Medic/aid on Army Troop ships, in Korea with the 1st Cav, and went over to Vietnam in '65 in support of the CAV/MEDEVAC/15th MED. Another tour, supporting 1-8th Cav in '67."

"Small world department, he had spent numerous tours at Valley Forge General Hospital, the last in '68/'69 when he retired as NCOIC. He hugged me with enthusiasm when I told him I was a patient at VFGH in '68/'69 time frame. Today he writes great poetry and lives in Spring City, Pennsylvania. Certainly one of those special folks we meet along the way. He laughs and embraces life with a million stories. I know he would surely enjoy hearing from others who remember SGT Heater." <Docheater8thcav@comcast.net>.

"The photo was taken at the Wall on Veterans Day, 2013. Harry tries to go down every year. Always smiling. Usually sitting on a bench near the soldiers statues holding court and telling jokes and stories. Vince Laurich A 5-7 '68."

'67-'68 MEDEVAC crew chief Randy Brewer <randellbrewer@bellsouth.net> sent the following: "Dear Mike: LTC Turner was new to us in July, '68, having arrived in June. On July 24th, we were called for a hoist mission, my ship was MEDEVAC 458. Art Jacobs was a/c. We were badly shot up. We returned, got another aircraft, returned to the location, and were shot up again. I was crew chief on the first two aircraft."



LTC Turner

"The third ship, had its assigned crew chief, returned to location, and was shot down. No more aircraft. Platoon Leader MAJ Dorris Goodman got a ship out of maintenance for a one time flight- he was a/c, CWO Magin was co-pilot, I was crew chief, can't remember the gunner."

"As we lifted off, I felt the ship rock, looked up and there sat LTC Turner. I (a SP-5) said, 'Colonel, you can't go on this one, we may not come back.' He replied, 'I am TOO going!' Goodman lifted off saying we had no time to argue."

"We still had radio contact with the downed aircraft. I saw yellow smoke at 9:00 o'clock which was confirmed. Goodman began to set up his approach and I noticed Turner was unarmed. I knew Jacobs was injured, Turner would have to leave the aircraft, we had no idea where or how many NVA were in the area. I gave him my unauthorized Colt .45 & two magazines, and then I unwrapped my precious M-79 from my field jacket (court martial offense- but I wasn't about to send my CO out unarmed) loaded it with a canister round, showed him the safety, gave him three more rounds. Goodman came in like a bat out of hell, flared and landed."

"LTC Turner ran for CWO Jacobs, who was shot in the arm, grabbed him under one arm and brought him back to the ship, the rest of the crew came running with guns, ammo, and radios, and we di-di-mao'd the AO post haste. LTC Turner unloaded the M-79 and returned it and my .45 with a grin and a 'Thank you.' Never said another word about it."

"458 was so badly shot up it was sent back to the states and I got a 'new' rebuilt 'H' model; MEDEVAC 578. Since I was getting 'short,' it was decided to keep 578 at Evans for VIP missions, so I had the privilege of flying with our new CO quite a bit. What a great guy- 180 degrees better than the last CO."

"When we went somewhere on a VIP mission, he gave the pilots money for lunch for them and the crew too. He treated us so well we found it hard to believe after the CO before. I took quite a few photos of him- enclosing what I consider the best."

"578 eventually had to be sent to LZ Jane and I went with it until my last two days in country-but I'll never forget the courage, honor, and compassion LTC Turner had for 'his' men. He was truly a man among men. I had just received

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## 20th and 79th Artillery Regiment News



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"Armed Falcon, on station, we are armed and fully loaded and ready for the next fire mission!" We have the target identified as the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center, located at 3050 Green Mountain Drive in Branson, Missouri. Registration of crews will begin at 1200 hours, Wednesday, June 18, 2014. Time on target (TOT) is schedule for that evening as we assemble for our first formal gathering. Rearming and reloading will occur on an as needed basis, and we will be on station until breakfast on Sunday Morning, when the main body will start to move back to their base camps. Such as the missions we had in Vietnam, one can count on a lot of excitement on this one while selecting target (shows) of opportunity and chow lines in the area of operation (AO). The morale and welfare team, with prior planning, has arranged for all crew members the necessary time to rest and relax (R & R) with a trip on the "Branson Belle" for the Dinner/Show Cruise.

Some of the Advance Party will start closing into the LZ on Monday evening, others on Tuesday. This is a good way to scout out the terrain and identify potential safe havens to share time with our supporting crew members (spouses). They may even choose a few of their own to enjoy while we spend time in the operations center discussing next year's operations order and selecting individuals for the change of command ceremony to lead us through the two succeeding operations.

You will note that our schedule has been left open for individuals to select and choose shows of their liking and taste. There will be many shows from which to pick. The schedule allows for those who would like to stay close to the hotel and visit with friends. The only travel is to the lake to board the Branson Belle, and that will be done by car/van pooling.

A few of the board members have obtained the list of current shows and identified several shows for our consideration. These shows include: "Dublin Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies," "Baldnobbers Jamboree Show," "3 Redneck Tenors," "SIX," "The Haygoods," "Jonah," "Shoji Tabuchi," and "Sons of the Pioneers." A complete listing can be found at <[www.bransontourismcenter.com/Shows](http://www.bransontourismcenter.com/Shows)> with prices and schedules.

Please mark your calendars and make it a point of being in Branson. It is important that you attend as this is a special place with exceptional family entertainment. Also, this is an election year and we will vote for a new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An agenda item for discussion and approval is a change to cost of lifetime membership now that most of us have reached, or are approaching, the three quarter century mark. Not to steal the thunder from this reunion in Branson, we will discuss the site of our 2015 reunion at Columbus, Georgia, and the 50th anniversary of the first team's departure for Vietnam.

Many of us loaded out at Fort Benning on August 17, 1965, and either left from Savannah on one of the troop carriers or aircraft carriers, mine was the USNS UPSHUR. Other names that come to mind are DARBY, BUCKNER, BOXER, CARD, GEIGER, and CROTAIN. Jesse Hobby and the aircraft carrier contingent left earlier for the Gulf Coast where they loaded out of an Air Force Base on the USNS aircraft carrier KULA GULF with the Army helicopters cocoon wrapped

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ing. I stopped at Carlo's Bake Shop in Hoboken, New Jersey to pick up pastries from the cake boss, Buddy. I expected to be there an hour. Sometimes, I'm told, the wait is two hours. Well it didn't happen. I found a parking spot right in front of the store and we walked in and were waited on immediately. As we were leaving a tour bus pulled up and unloaded its sight-seeing passengers who instantly invaded the store. Good timing! We then proceeded to Ridgefield Park with our bounty of goodies.

Okay, with that, I'll shut down this Silver Wings flight. I will not be able to attend our annual reunion this year. I retired in April and now have more time to travel, but a prior commitment conflicts with that week. I do expect an AAR from one or more of you. Photos would be nice too. Hope everyone has a wonderful time in Oak Brook and abound in camaraderie.

I trust many of you paid respects at a community service or parade in your area, with Cav attire, on Memorial Day. Let's keep the memory and legend alive. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. We owe them, to remember and carry on. Have something you'd like, or need, to share? Then let me hear from you. Write or call. Until next time, "Clear right!" Hank

### Division Doings

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ss Test, weapons qualification and a written test covering the history of the battalion, before qualifying for the actual lane events, said CPT Charles Jones, Spartan plans officer.

There were six lanes including: weapons maintenance, reacting to a chemical environment, tactical medical field care, identifying unexploded ordnance, communication procedures, and call-for-fire, Jones said. Preliminary events had minimum standards for scoring and lane events were based on a pass or fail.

Despite high standards and challenging events, 1LT Joshua Cotton, a Spartan chemical recon platoon leader, said he was excited and glad he went through it.

"(The Spur Ride) was tough and challenging, but being part of a long-standing tradition has been exciting and makes me proud," he added.

Cotton said he couldn't have achieved success without the help of others around him.

"I prepared for months, learning from others in my unit by utilizing their individual skill sets," he said.

In the end, it paid off, Cotton said. He not only received



1LT Cotton receives his spurs.

for ocean travel. I would call that joint services in action. We arrived in Vietnam on September 15, 1965, and were flown by CH-47 to our destination at the Golf course in An Khe. I was told that Jesse and his crew chief, Willie Jenkins, flew our first helicopter into An Khe on September 14th and spent the next two hours looking for our location because his layout was turned upside down!

I keep reminding our membership that we are getting long-in-the-tooth and that time is not on our side when it comes to continued longevity on this earth. Make that next move and put Branson and Columbus on your calendar, and attend the reunions. Case-in-point, yesterday while reading The VHPA Aviator I thumbed to the TAPS section and came across another one of our member's death notice, two months to the day later.

What makes it even more difficult is the fact that LTC (Ret) Gene D. Kleese and I were good friends while in the Army and let that relationship slide in retirement. We were in artillery schools together, joined again at Fort Benning, where Gene had been with ARA since 1964 in the 11th Air Assault Division and went to Vietnam as part of the first team in 1965-66. After our second tours in Vietnam in 1968-69 we were classmates at CGSC in the Class of 1970, and later became instructors in the Department of Tactics, where Gene developed the training manual for Army combat helicopter pilots. Gene and I coached our sons in Little League Baseball at Fort Leavenworth and his son, Bryan, became a member of my Boy Scout Troop 766. Later, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, he led the effort to resettle Vietnam refugees at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Gene became the Secretary to the General Staff at LAND Southeast NATO in Izmir, Turkey, and led the effort to transfer leadership of the Turkish NATO headquarters from American to Turkish administration. His last assignment was back at Fort McPherson as Inspector General and the highlight of that tour was to repatriate American citizens from Canada after the Vietnam War. In retirement, Gene was a Little League Baseball Commissioner, opened a ProAm Sports store with his wife, Barbara. He then became a stock broker with Bankers Life & Casualty Insurance and Merrill Lynch. He published a guide for public golf courses in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2010, he authored and published a short memoir titled, "Vietnam, My War," where he recounts his time in service as a combat helicopter pilot. Gene donated his body to the Emory School of Medicine for research. The family request donations be made to the Pat Tillman Scholarship Fund for military athletic scholarships at <<http://pattillmanfoundation.org/donate/>> in his memory. Gene is survived by his wife and college sweetheart of 55 years, Barbara Murphy Kleese, and four children, Betsy Allen Marvin of Charleston, Illinois, MAJ (Retired) Bryan E. Kleese of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Sara K. Kleese of Dacula, Georgia, and Suzanne Kleese-Stamps of Sharpsburg, Georgia, and 10 grandchildren. Rest in God's peace, my friend, and keep the rotors in the green!

In closing, I remind you that two of the crew members who rescued USMC CPL Hubert H. Hunnicutt on April 18, 1968, will be at Branson. I can't wait to hear their story of the rescue. Also, my good friend and neighbor, Robert Young, who served at Camp Evans, will be there with his original painting by William S. Phillips of the "Last Boots" of LTC Hal Moore and first elements of the 1-7 Cav on the ground at the Battle of Ia Drang. I'll bring my Phillips painting of "Looking for Trouble" with two Cobras and one LOH on Dawn Patrol. If you can locate anything from your tour of duty please bring it to Branson. Flight equipment, uniform, flight suits, helmets, photos, slide shows, etc. will be appreciated. We are hoping for a great display in the Hospitality Suite.

Well. It is time for lights out and we must be ready for our next fire mission. Until tomorrow, this is Armed Falcon 28D checking out of the net.

### 15th MED News

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a Christmas card from him when he passed- a real shocker. (Former) SP-5 Randy Brewer- MEDEVAC 458\578 October 3, '67- October 3, '68 P.S. The downed aircraft had to be destroyed by artillery and napalm."

After reading in the last *SABER* about the crewmen killed in November '68 Randy said: "I just received the March/April *SABER* and saw the article about MEDEVAC 18. I heard about their being shot down after I got back to the states, but didn't know the specifics. I flew with both Doran and Beals, and knew John Alling quite well. Have quite a few photos of him. I was contacted by his family some years ago seeking information, but I really didn't know the circumstances of his demise. I did make copies of all the photos I had of him and told the family we were good friends. I have long since lost all contact information I had with them. I did not know the other two [gunner and Medic] so they must have come into MEDEVAC after I left October 3, '68."

Randy adds: "I heard about Doran and Beals getting shot down after I got home. I heard that they were shot down and I also heard that a B-40 rocket went right up the exhaust on their aircraft."

I think I had heard about that incident even in 1970 as one of the MEDEVAC horror stories passed down by word of mouth. B-40 rocket up the exhaust. When they were dead hits like that, all die.

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

FIRST TEAM! Garryowen,  
SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

his silver spurs but gained valuable knowledge as well.

"I improved on most of the basic skill level Soldier tasks and fundamentals," Cotton said. "This allows me to improve myself as platoon leader to pass on the knowledge to my Soldiers."

Herndon said all participants, whether they received their spurs or not, should be proud to have taken part in some exceptional training. He said never give up and go after it again.

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the 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery on 12 June 2014. We can only hope that the inactivation is short lived and that it will be activated and assigned to the First Team.

The Engineer Battalions of the Division were inactivated in 2005 but we will soon have the 8th Engineer Battalion back to join the 91st and 3rd Engineer Battalions in our ranks. The 8th Engineer Battalion will be the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's engineer battalion. See you at the 67th Annual Reunion!

## 82nd FA News



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Inasmuch as I am a Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and Echo Btry, 82nd Arty (Aviation), there are lots of Veterans from other units of the 82nd Field Artillery that have news, stories, photos, and events that everyone would like to read about. So it will not break my heart to be overwhelmed with information from you guys in this regards. We will take info from family members in the event our War Veterans are unable to get the information to me. We want photos. They really help to bring out the real meaning of a story or event. So jump on the bandwagon and send me all that you can. E-mail, snail mail or phone calls will be just fine. We will wade through it all and get it published. Oh, and please do not forget the photographs. We like to compare ourselves to the young and vibrant guys we were at one time. Remember?

**Found Another Woodpecker:** I knew there were some amazing stories out there and it was a matter of time, and I walked right into one. The following is going to be done in segments inasmuch as it involves a lot of people over a period of time. Now I indicated "Another Woodpecker is Found" but CPT Hearn came into the picture, day one, and long before the Woodpecker became our Mascot. So follow the time line and enjoy some military history from the very beginning.

The following story is written around the history of a young man that joined the Army back during the Korean War. His Name is Forrest Hearn and my assumption is that he was a Southern Boy as most of his civilian experiences were in the deep South and he currently lives in Mississippi. This young man enlisted in the US Army in 1952 and after his initial training was on his way for an assignment in the Korean War. He was assigned to the 224th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division. Due to the tremendous loss of personnel as a result of combat casualties, he progressed from Private to SFC in just five months. It does not end there, at the ripe old age of 21, he was a Master Sergeant. Shortly thereafter he was given a direct commission to 2nd Lieutenant. Back in that "Old Army" there was no such thing as a centralized promotion system so the unit commanders would receive quotas and the commander had the prerogative of promoting whomever he wanted. So Forrest Hearn was in the right place at the right time. When the war was over he returned to the states, was released from active duty and joined the United States Army Reserves. Shortly thereafter he re-entered the Army and attended the Officer Basic Course. Now this motivated young man had a great vision ahead for his ambitions. I guess he had always wanted to fly like most of us, but he did something about it. The US Army had some of the best aviation facilities and schools available. He applied for training at the US Army Aviation School and was accepted. Over the next months he became a fixed wing pilot by completing the Fixed Wing Primary and Advance Fixed Wing Training Course. That wasn't enough as he applied for and received the Rotary Wing Qualification Course. To add another feather to his cap he applied for and attended the Fixed Wing Instrument School. Upon completion of all this training and his service obligations, he returned to the USAR. He did not let his piloting experience and training go to waste as he flew commercially for four years. He flew sea-planes out of Houma, Louisiana to off shore oil drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico; he flew fixed wing for Rock Island Railroad doing aerial photos for erosion studies, then with Southern Airways as a helicopter instructor pilot at the US Army Primary Helicopter School, Fort Wolters, Texas. He then re-entered the active Army as a Captain in 1963. During all of his military training and civilian experiences, he became qualified in the following aircraft: Military Fixed Wing: L-19 Bird Dog, L-21, U-6 Beaver and U-21A; Civilian Fixed Wing: Cessna 150, 152, 172, 180, 180-Sea, 182, Piper 140. Military Rotary Wing: OH-13A, OH-13S, OH-23D, OH-58, UH-1A, B, D and H Models. So now we have a young Captain that is highly qualified, what shall we do with him in the Army?

How about this for chapter one of the CPT Forrest Hearn story? CPT Hearn was a member of the advance party and his unit was originally E Btry, 26th Artillery, 11th Air Assault Division. The 11th Air Assault became the 1st Air Cavalry Division and E/26th became Echo Btry, 82nd Arty (Avn). So standby as there is going to be more. Forrest Hearn knew a lot of people during his military career and there are a lot of stories to be told. Stay Tuned. Above info provided by Forrest Hearn. He can be contacted at <fhearn33@cableone.net>.

**Woodpecker Reunion:** The personnel of Echo Battery have been privileged to have a multitude of Veterans that maintain contact with each other. One particular group is located in the Northwest United States. I salute this group as they are representatives of Echo Battery, 82nd Artillery (Aviation), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Vietnam. We correspond regularly. Now one thing unique about this small group, they have reunions. Yes, they get together annually and just have a glorious time. Their last reunion was in 2013 and they gathered in West Linn, Oregon. These five guys live in Washington State, Oregon, and Idaho. Here is a photo of their reunion.

Keith Haller was a Crew Chief on UH-1 helicopter. His Huey was a UH-1H, 66-16550. Keith went on to make the Army a career and retired a Command Sergeant Major (CSM). Keith served in Echo Btry from June 1968 to July 1969. He attained the rank of SP-5

while serving in Vietnam. Keith lives in Olympia, Washington.

David McClimans was a Door Gunner on the same UH-1H Helicopter with Keith Haller. Dave spent three years in the Army and attained the rank of SP-5. Upon completion of his tour in Vietnam he returned home. Dave was in Echo Btry from May 68 to May 69. Dave lives in Centerville, Washington State.

Patrick McIntyre was assigned and in charge of Aviation Tech Supply. He spent two and a half years in the Army and attained the rank of SP-5. Patrick was in Echo Btry from May 68 to July 69. Patrick resides in Graham, Washington State.

Richard Monson was a Crew Chief on a Light Observation Helicopter with a tail number of 67-16056. He spent three years in the Army, attained the rank of SP-5. He was in Echo Btry from May 68 to May 69. Richard lives in Junction City, Oregon.

Ross Primm was a Crew Chief on a Huey. His bird was a UH-1H 66-446. He was in the battery from July 1967 to September 1969. Hats off to Ross for laying his life on the line for over two years during his tour in Vietnam. He attained the rank of SP-5. He was in the Army for three years and spent most of it in Vietnam. Ross lives in Idaho.

As Patrick McIntyre said, "This Woodpecker gathering took over 44 years to come about. Our hearts and spirits were warmed throughout the experience. Can't tell ya what it was like. Not many words to describe what we experienced. In the next few years, just maybe we will be able to add more to our reunions." This small group is in contact with each other all of the time. I know, I get their responses and it is so great to see them communicate with everyone.

Following are some of the Pilots we flew with in Vietnam and believe it or not, we are in contact with them all of the time: Battery Commander, Flight, Operations Officer, CPT Lance Hiltbrand; WO Julian Delarosa, R/W; CWO Gordon Eatley, R/W; WO Norman Helmke, R/W; CPT Donald Holmes; CWO Tony Humphreys, R/W; CWO Gary Melton, (Uncle Melty) R/W; CWO Michael O'Brien, R/W; CWO Jon Snowgren, R/W (Nighthawk); CWO Michael Lazares, R/W; CPT John Holland, CPT Carl Buick & CPT John Howard, all F/W Pilots.

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**Wall of Valor:** In October 2013, The John J. Pershing Veterans Medical Center, 1500 North Westwood Boulevard, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 hosted the 4th Annual "Welcome Home" Celebration for military Veterans. The "Welcome Home" theme spotlighted returning Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, but also serves as a way to honor the services of all Veterans. In addition, a special ceremony was held and inducting eight new honorees into the "Wall of Valor". The purpose of the "Wall of Valor" is to recognize Veterans who have received awards for their valorous actions in combat. Echo Battery, 82nd Artillery was blessed with one of these honorees. Warrant Officer, US Army, Gary Melton was honored and inducted into the "John J. Pershing VAMC Wall of Valor." Gary Melton was an OH-6A LOH Rotary Wing Pilot in Echo Btry, 82nd Arty (Aviation), 1st Cav Div, Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam from May 1968 to May 69. Gary was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam.

**Command Sergeant Major Haller Makes a Discovery:** In the late Spring, one of Echo Battery, 82nd Artillery, 1st Air Cavalry Division, Phuoc Vinh's

most successful Woodpeckers made a discovery. But before the discovery, let's go back to a day or two and give a little history about this CSM. His name is Keith Haller. He was assigned to Echo Btry, 82nd Arty from July 68 to July 69 and was a Crew Chief on UH-1 helicopter 550 in the unit. After his assignment in Vietnam he was reassigned to the states where he decided to reenlist and go from there. Just look where it took him. He spent a total of 24 years in the Army and ultimately achieving the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Now back to his discovery. Several of the old Echo Battery Veterans took upon the task of locating those that served in Echo Battery during the Vietnam War. Let me introduce one of the most dedicated, SP-5 Patrick McIntyre who was a Crew Chief on UH-1 helicopters and is now an avid researcher. As a result of Patrick's searching and Keith Haller's looking for leads, they found one of Echo Battery, 82nd Artillery (Aviation), 1st Cavalry Division Killed in Action heroes. Keith and Patrick live in the State of Washington and on a 3000 mile or so round trip that took Keith across the United States and back, Keith made a stop in a little town called Tigerton, Wisconsin. This was the place that one of Echo Btry's lost heroes was from. It is a little town but it is big enough to recognize the enormous loss of one its citizens in the time of war. This young man was SP-4 Paul Henry Tober. Paul was a Crew Chief on an OH-6A helicopter and at the time was on



Son Ryan and Gary, Son Logan and wife Debbie Melton

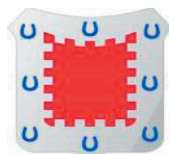


Gary with an OH-6A Helicopter in Vietnam

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Reunion Group

## ENGINEER News



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**Bend Your Elbow and Salute:** There it is, our official 8th Engineer Flag. Our friend and historian, Phillip Blevins out of Olive Hill, Kentucky, supplied the photo.

**Leo and Maude:** After 46 years the truth comes out. Leo Miller had a girlfriend, Maude, at Camp Evans. Sometimes she was a bit difficult to deal with, demanding POL and PMCS. But Leo mastered the balky renegade. Leo's love of full-throttled engines and the perfume of diesel fuel translated into his 8th Eng. muscle car that you saw in the last issue of *Saber*. Don't remember? Flip back and see.



8th Engineer Flag



Leo and Maude/Evans/1968

**Worthy of Review:** Like a lot of you, I get on mailing lists from God knows where. Nonetheless, here are a couple of copy and pastes from recent receipts.

**Shooting Advice from various Concealed Carry Instructors:** If you own a gun, you will appreciate these rules. If not, you should get one and learn how to use it.

A: Guns have only two enemies: rust and politicians. B: It's always better to be judged by 12 than carried by 6. C: Cops carry guns to protect themselves, not you. D: Never let someone or something that threatens you get inside arm's length. E: Never say, "I've got a gun." If you need to use deadly force, the first sound they hear should be the safety clicking off. F: The average response time of a 911 call is 23 minutes; the response time of a .357 is 1400 feet per second. G: The most important rule in a gunfight is: Always win - there is no such thing as a fair fight. Always win - cheat if necessary. H: Make your attacker advance through a wall of bullets...You may get killed with your own gun, but he'll have to beat you to death with it, 'cause it will be empty. I: If you're in a gunfight: If you're not shooting, you should be loading. If you're not loading, you should be moving. If you're not moving, you're dead. J: In a life and death situation, do something ...it may be wrong, but do something! K: If you carry a gun, people call you paranoid. Nonsense! If you have a gun, what do you have to be paranoid about? L: You can say 'stop' or any other word, but a large bore muzzle pointed at someone's head is pretty much a universal language. M: Never leave an enemy behind. If you have to shoot, shoot to kill. In court, yours will be the only testimony. N: You cannot save the planet, but you may be able to save yourself and your family.

Some of these quotes are from to Thomas Jefferson:

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe."

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

## 82nd FA News

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a special duty assignment at Quan Loi with Co D, 1-9th Cav. He was not even flying that day when an enemy attack threw rockets on the camp and the tent/hooch where he was at the time of the attack took a direct hit and he was killed. Also lost in that attack, was SPC Tober's friend and Echo Btry Woodpecker companion by the name of SP-4 Robert L. Bennett. Specialist Tober was escorted home from Vietnam where he was buried in the St. Johns Cemetery, in Caroline, in Shawano County, Wisconsin. The little town of Caroline was a few miles away from Tigerton, Wisconsin. In this small town of Caroline, Wisconsin was American Legion Hall #239. This American Legion Hall was named after two WWII Veterans lost in that war. SPC Paul Tober's name was added and it is now the Blashe, Peters, and Tober American Legion Hall #239. His name is posted on the side of the American Legion Hall with the WWII Veterans in honor of their loss. Our Brother Woodpecker Keith Haller visited this little town and met with Arlyn Tober, who is Paul Tober's cousin. I can just imagine the emotions of that visit and I am sure that all of the Woodpeckers we now correspond with will give CSM

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." "To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

This one is attributed to Jefferson in 1802 but may not be an actual quote; "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

**To Continue the Thought and Offer a Solution:** In the last *SABER*, I preached at you regarding PTSD. Because of publication lag times, I am unable to print your responses until the July/August issue. So, once having come to grips with and accepted the true source of PTSD, what does one do about it? In my thinking, you get involved in a positive, rewarding, fulfilling project outside of yourself. You give of yourself rather than directing people and events to yourself. Like what you ask? Ok guys, there are lots of choices to do good in this world, some of which are in your backyard. But what might connect and cure your personal PTSD and help the country where your PTSD began? Think about physically building a church in Vietnam. No, I'm not nuts. Think it over, really. Then get in contact with Robert Leatherwood of International Cooperating Ministries, (813) 363-3030 or <www.icm.org> or 14903 Knotty Pine, Tampa FL, 33625. Get outside yourself.

**Ya Cudda Bowled Me Over:** And maybe you will at this year's annual meeting. Leave it to the engineers to figure things out; maybe everybody doesn't want to transport golf clubs to Chicago. But a personal bowling ball, well that might fit in overhead luggage. At any rate for this years Chicago convention come prepared to bowl. Check in at the Engineer table for direction, as always.

**Just a Thought for Now:** Which one of you geeks out there would like to create a Facebook page or equivalent, for the 8th Engineers? Maybe there already is one and I am tardy in even thinking the thought.

**It Stings a Bit:** Lynn Titus was a cartographer, not a dirt-pushing engineer. While he was an instructor at Fort Belvoir, Lynn could draw some nice terrain grid lines, but then came the orders to Nam. Lynn continued to draw lines at Camp Evans and pull guard duty instead of refilling hydraulic fluids. While in a guard tower Lynn discovered some of the properties of electricity and yes it was a dark and stormy night. Lynn was dutifully calling in his hourly SITREP to the 3 shop when a bolt of lightning hit nearby and traveled along the line of least resistance, in this case his land line phone cable terminating in his ear. Perhaps being thick headed saved him. He woke up a while later with his fellow guard, of all people Steve Richey, looking him in the face and wondering whether to slap him awake or tote him off in a body bag. Ho hum, just another night in the Nam. This writer will save the naked in the shower mortar attack story for another issue.



Herm and Titus at Evans



Goeden and Piper Camp Evans

Lynn does wish to honor Andre Broumas, Ronald Britz, McKenzie Ginwright, Norman Nesterak and Howard Graves. Titus served under three colonels, Walter, Broumas, and Smith during his 14-month tour. Lynn resides out Texas way and can be reached at (972) 264-7789.

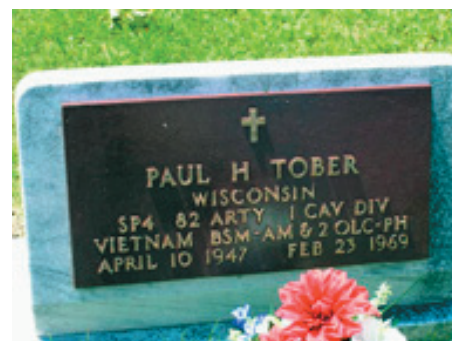
**Remember:** The length of this section is directly dependent upon the number of times youse guys communicate with me. Thus, hasta la vista till July-August issue.

Keith Haller a big salute for the honor he brought to the family of Paul Henry Tober and our country. Welcome Home Brother Keith. Welcome Home.

Special thanks to Gary Werner who was a Helicopter Crew Chief for CSM Haller at Fort Benning, Georgia. Gary was also a Vietnam Veteran, assigned to 1st Aviation Bde, in 1968/69. Gary lived about an hour away from Tigerton, Wisconsin and drove over and located the American Legion Hall and Grave Site.

Story written by Bill Thomason, Master Sergeant, US Army Retired. Vital information provided by Patrick McIntyre, Gary Werner and CSM Keith Haller.

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Paul Tober Grave Marker at St John's Cemetery, Tigerton, Wisc

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Greetings Fellow 545th MPs!

Memorial Day has come and gone and I hope you all enjoyed this holiday. Many of us took the time to visit our local cemetery and honor the many veterans laid to rest at these locations, and even partake in the many ceremonies that occur during this very solemn day. Many of our members took out their Stetsons and sabers and ascots and attended these ceremonies. When doing so we are often asked, what is a Cav MP? This may explain it –

**What is a Cavalry Military Policeman?** Many who view this document will ask why an explanation is even necessary. Many will say that is about time that someone explained the difference between a regular MP and a Cavalry MP. And some will read on because the thought had never occurred to them that there might be a difference – and there definitely is a difference! The spoken and body language even differs from that of a regular MP. Their traditions are greatly different from that of a regular MP and most of all their attitude, mind set, and way of doing things are different!

To understand the Cavalry MP, one must first understand a little history of the MP Corps itself, as well the great history of the U.S. Cavalry! Bear with me as a brief summary of these histories is explained.

When General George Washington first assumed command of the Continental Army, he acquired a rag tag mixture of regulars, militiamen, volunteers, and woodsmen, many of whom did not take orders or direction easily. Having served under the British Army as a Continental Colonel previously, when the 13 Colonies were still friendly with England, GEN Washington knew that he required a force of soldiers to bring order and discipline to the ranks. This force also needed to be extremely mobile and imposing in appearance, for it not only needed to portray and impose authority quickly but it needed to be able to reconnoiter routes of attack and supply for the general staff. Another important mission of these Marechaussee troops was the gathering of battle field information. At the beginning of the American Revolution, the Continental Army adopted, with little change, the procedures of the British Army pertaining to the Military Police. This original force was to be mounted and accoutered as light dragoons. This unit was soon styled the “Troops of Marechaussee” after the French term for their Provost Troops. They were the forerunners of the Cavalry MP’s.

From that day forward until the formal establishment of the US Army Military Police Corps by the Secretary of War in 1941 it was on again/off again for the Military Police Corps. To keep it brief, Provost Marshals were assigned to each Army and command and by geographical, political, or military districts or areas. Line units were assigned temporary duty as Provost Troops under the Provost Marshal command. Usually these line units were infantry or cavalry with some artillery units mixed in now and then, but there was also the “Invalid Corps” and other similar units that were often assigned as Provost Troops. The Provost Marshal would issue orders and the line units would try and carry them out. Keep in mind that none of them had any Military Police training. So far we have covered what all that MP’s have in common in their backgrounds.

Now we begin to get into the Cavalry aspect of being a Military Policeman. During the Civil War the Cavalry was often used as Provost Troops. They were required to patrol the rear areas and flanks of the movement and maneuver units for stragglers and AWOL’s. It was not easy to stand in formation as in Bull Run – dress right and cover down while Johnny Reb was dug in behind fallen tree and earth works, and shooting at you with Minnie balls from his muskets and grape shot from his cannon. The ranks broke occasionally and as the Union Soldiers were running to the rear, the Cavalry would stop them and herd them back to the front lines to continue the fight. Often just the sight of the Cavalry charging the Reb positions would spur the infantry on to do the same thing instead of running away. So the Cavalry had a lot of experience at being Provost Troops and they knew how to get the Infantrymen to exert themselves above and beyond the call of duty.

During the Revolutionary War, and especially during the Civil War, the Cavalry assigned as Provost Troops were used to collect battlefield information and to monitor and carry messages from spies to the general staff and questionable people within the battlefield and rear areas, as well as round up stragglers and AWOL’s.

Up until the end of the Civil War, Cavalrymen were mostly Irish, German and Italian immigrants and the 1st Cavalry Division Song “Garry Owen” is an old Irish Drinking Song brought over to America by those Irish Immigrants serving in the US Cavalry. Before and after the Civil War large numbers of Americans and recently arrived immigrants migrated west in large numbers. The 9th and 10th Cav Buffalo Soldiers would also find the west a wild place and were tasked with guarding trails and escorting pay wagons. This was definitely wild territory.

It was wide open land with miles of nothing but barren sand or prairie grass and Indians, and the only places of refuge and safety were military installations and the occasional stage stop that was usually heavily fortified. The stage coach was also not always a safe mode of travel either, as the roads were rutted, Indian attacks were frequent, and the weather was miserable.

Most military installations in the west were one or two days ride apart so stage coaches and wagon trains had to travel two days and a night in many cases to get from one safe place to another. Quite often the Cavalry would provide escorts for these travelers.

Until 1916 the military installations in Texas were supplied, in many cases, by Army Wagon Trains like the one shown to the right, and then only once or twice a year.

Cavalry outposts in the west, unlike their counterparts in comfortable installations in places like Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, or New York in the East, were cut off from the outside world and lived for the most part in crude adobe barracks that they built themselves from local materials. The Cavalrymen froze in the winter and roasted in the summer. Cavalrymen ate meager rations (if the supply trains arrived on time) or hunted on the prairie or out on the range

if the supply trains were late or frozen in. They ate dust and sand in the summer and sledged in the mud and sleet and snow in the winter while on patrol or escort duty. They shared their water with their horses and made do with what they had. They were a rough and rowdy lot and completely self-sufficient. They dug their own wells, constructed their own barracks and stables, and hunted for their own food in many cases. They fought Indians and buried the dead from Indian attacks that they found while on patrol. And they were proud and cocky! They also did not like outside interference and liked to “police their own.” The larger posts that had more than one regiment began to assign the position of Provost Sergeant to one of their own to police the unit and maintain law and order and enforce military orders and regulations. When this started is not exactly known, but there is a record of a Provost Sergeant in the 6th Cavalry sometime around 1839 and 1840. So we know that at least that far back they had such a position and such an NCO to fill it. This was the beginning of what was to become the Cavalry MP’s.

Photos and drawings in the 1870’s/1880’s of Infantrymen show them at rigid attention weather sitting or standing. Not so the Cavalryman. The Cavalryman also tended to be a bit bow legged, and it is said that you could spot a Cavalryman a mile away by his swagger and his bow legs. They had extreme pride in their units and themselves as well, but they were not going to be “pegged” as rigid toy soldiers at attention. These were men of the same ilk as James Cody and George Armstrong Custer, the famous Indian fighters. Not only did they know it, they showed it by their body language. They were to a man, lean and mean and weathered brown by the sun and wind and hours in the saddle. This was the attitude and appearance of all Cavalrymen, including the Provost Sergeants and what was later to become the Cavalry MP’s.

Fort Bliss, where the 1st Cavalry Division was formed in 1921, was originally staffed in 1849 to guard El Paso. It was originally located on the banks of the Rio Grande, overlooking Mexico, but was later moved to the Northwest about 10 miles to its current location. To this day, the walls of the Fort Bliss Officers Club still contain adobe bricks from over a century ago and the installation has survived.

During the Mexican War, the Cavalry had its work cut out for it and all the regiments had more than one Provost SGT with a detail of at least one squad of troopers from the line troops to handle the Mexican Federales Detainees. A Detainee Camp was set up at Fort Bliss and it held these detainees under Provost Guard.

Finally the Cavalry had MP’s! The 545th Military Police Company was



Members of the MP Platoon in typical cavalry riding breeches drawing supplies at the Post QM at Ft Bliss, Texas.

constituted on 15 February 1939 as the Military Police Platoon, Headquarters Troop, 1st Cavalry Division in the regular Army. The unit was re-designated 4 July 1942 as the MP Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division and activated at Fort Bliss, Texas.

So just what is a Cavalry MP? He is a Federal Law Enforcement Officer. He is a Professional Soldier, and he is a Cavalry Trooper - all three of equal importance to these Cavalry MP’s. He or she comes from a long line of tradition and if you hail a Cavalry MP with the words “Hey Trooper” or “Trooper” you will receive the same response that you would from any Cavalryman “YO!” Or, if he or she wanted to be a little more formal, then “YO Sir” or “YO Sergeant.” If an MP responded in this manner in the 1st Infantry Division or the one of the Armored Divisions they would be more than likely be reprimanded for disrespect. In the Cavalry an officer or NCO beams with pride that his or her troopers respond in such cavalry fashion.

Cavalry MP’s pride themselves in the fact that they can operate independently with little or no support and can adopt and overcome any obstacle or lack of support or equipment. This was in evidence when they took the beach on Los Negros Island, or liberated the American POW’s in Manila, or led the flying column that captured the Capitol of North Korea, or any number of times when they did not have the equipment required to do the job. As in Vietnam when the lack of machineguns was mysteriously corrected and an overabundance of both 50 cal and M 60 MG’s showed up (no matter that



Army Wagon Train. Photo courtesy of Texas A&M.



545th MP Ann Golightly taking a snooze in Iraq 2004.

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## HQ and Special Troops News



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Sue and I are thankful the hardest winter in a long time has finally ended. We had some really unusually cold

hours long. Once the results are received, then the repairs can begin. "If a tank breaks down, we need to test it in order to find what is wrong and repair it as fast as possible," said SPC Aaron Alejandro, a 215th BSB fire control repairer. "The faster we fix the tank, the faster the crew inside it can qualify." The shop can receive a plethora of parts at one time; some can be a quick fix while others take multiple tests just to find the problem. "We stay up and work on the part as long as possible to get the system it belongs to working again," Alejandro said. Working around the clock during the gunnery can be exhausting but a Soldier who enjoys what he or she does can produce a good product. "It's great to be able to see the different parts that are brought in and see the repairs we made to fix it working," Alejandro said. "The more work I do on a repair, the more fulfilling it is seeing it leave the shop."

If you have checked out the equipment our troopers have today, you know it takes a lot of training and know-how to operate today's modern equipment. Best wishes to all the troopers in the 215th BSB.

Here is another story from the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution Center, May 5, 2014.

FORT HOOD, Texas – In the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie, 36 soldiers took to the obstacle course during a day of leadership training here April 29. Soldiers with Forward Support Company E, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion "Spartan," 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, completed eight team-challenging water obstacles at Fort Hood's Leader's Reaction Course to build their cohesiveness, said 2LT Jamell Huaracha, a platoon leader and officer-in-charge of the event. To ensure the events are more mentally and physically challenging, many of them take place 10 feet in the air and above water, added Huaracha, a San Antonio native. "Each group had at least one senior ranking person, but ultimately the goal of successfully completing each course is directed at the Soldiers' ability to think individually, communicate those ideas and work as a team," he said. Huaracha said being a forward support element, the company consists of maintenance personnel and distribution personnel – fuel and logistical components. While those are two distinct elements, the Soldiers rely on each other for support and must work together to support the battalion. SPC Deondra Haslam, a generator repairer with FSC E, said communication is the key. "Communication is always the toughest part of any event or team obstacle, but once every Soldier in our group found their voice, gave input, our confidence level grew," Haslam said. That trust in each other not only made it a successful day on the obstacles, but it established a closer working relationship between each Soldier in the company, she added. Haslam said she is looking forward to the course becoming an annual event at the company.

Congratulations to the troopers, male and female, of "Spartan".



LT Foster of 191st MI Det interrogates POW at LZ Stud

Here is another great picture from the many taken by COL McCann, the commander of the 191st MI Det during the 67-68 timeframe. One of the many duties of Military Intelligence is to interrogate POW's and get the intelligence information back out to the unit in contact with the enemy.

Well, troopers, that about wraps it up for another edition. I am hoping to hear from some of you out there that have an interesting story to tell. Get it down on paper while you still remember it! Meantime, watch your back and keep your head down. May God bless each of you and the USofA!

cassette recorder, a Johnny Cash song "Ring of Fire," that was being played on AFVN Radio. Because the attack came so quickly, they did not have time to turn off the recorder and ended up with Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" and rocket and mortars impacting in the background and walking between the hooches. Plus, you can hear Blue Max Cobra's from 2-20th Arial Rocket Arty next door burning up the minis' on the gooks and everyone cheering on this same recording. "Priceless." Lil John still has the recording of this.

Now this is a true war story from a warrior from Echo Battery, 82nd Artillery and brought to us by "LiL" John Reichenberg and Tony Romero. Bobby Cole was an Avionics Technician and was assigned to Echo Btry in 1967 and 1968. He is now deceased. He passed in 2003 from the complications of Agent Orange. Lil



Lil John Reichenberg and Bobby Cole, Vietnam

John Reichenberg was a UH-1 Crew Chief and served in Echo Btry from Aug 68 to Aug 69; Tony Romero was in Echo Btry from May 68 to May 69 and was a Door Gunner. <Lil-John@att.net>

E-mail from Ray Parker: Ray was in Echo Btry, 82nd Arty from Aug 67 to Aug 68. He plans to dig up some information for the period he was

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weather here in Northwest Louisiana and it took its toll on a lot of plants that normally do well in this zone. A friend in Tully, New York, said her winter started in September and did not end until late April. I know you troopers up north really suffered through a lot of ice and snow.

I try to include information about many different troopers in my column. If you were assigned to the Cav and did not serve with one of the units that already have a unit column in the *SABER*, one of the line units or in artillery for example, then this column is for you. If you were assigned to a headquarters unit, headquarters of any of the Brigades, supply, maintenance, MI, signal or whatever, and have no other place in the *SABER*, then please send me your comments and pictures. Writing a column is fun when you have lots of input from the readers. If you served with the Women's Army Corps back when all female troopers were assigned to the WAC's, or if you just cannot find another column that fits your assignment with the Cav, then I want to hear from you. We usually have very few female troopers attending the reunion. I know there are a lot of women veterans out there and each of you has a story or two to tell. Let me hear from you and publish your remarks in this column. There were a lot of women troopers in the 312th MI Battalion in the early 80's at Fort Hood and I am sure there were and are women troopers in the other 1st Cav units at Fort Hood.

The annual reunion held in Chicago will be over shortly after this column is printed. Sue and I are unable to attend this year. We haven't missed a reunion in many years but it just did not work out this time. I look forward to seeing all our reunion friends at Fort Hood in 2015. I know you all had a great time in the windy city and we wish we could have been there.

I hope that those of you who miss Lorinda Davison at the association office will join me in wishing her well. She and John remain close friends with us, and Sue and I always make a point of visiting with them when in the Fort Hood area. Drop her a card or an email and let her know you are thinking of her. Her email is <o2lady2@embarqmail.com>. Their address is: 223 S Wild Fire Rd., Killeen, TX. 76542-5196

Lorinda put in a lot of years with the association and is deserving of our gratitude.

The following article appeared in the *Fort Hood Sentinel* on April 22, 2014. It shows just one more of those important jobs accomplished by the combat support troopers of the 1st Cav.

"A small group of Soldiers stand equipped and ready to restore the firing capabilities of a weapon when a gunner pulls the trigger and nothing happens. Any component inside a weapon has the potential to break or malfunction, whether it is a firing pin in a .50 caliber machine gun or the thermal weapon sights on an M1A2 Abrams tank. From the first round fired to the last, the armament shop with the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division works day and night in order to support gunnery by repairing problems with the electrical and mechanical components of every brigade weapon system. "The gunnery is a combined effort between the vehicles and its crew," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jason Jonas, the Field Maintenance Company B, 215th BSB armament systems maintenance warrant officer. "It's to validate that the vehicle can perform and the crew can execute their task." During the gunnery season, the shop has at least a two-Soldier team ready to make repairs around the clock. "We start April 1st through June 29th," Jonas said. "Someone is here in the office every single day." The armament Soldiers aim to return the malfunctioning parts to working order as soon as they can. "We saved the brigade over \$3,131,442.75 during the last year's gunnery," Jonas said. "Instead of purchasing and replacing parts, we repaired them." Having both the equipment and the training, the shop can repair electrical issues within the firing mechanism of a weapon. "One thing we are working on right now is the selector switch for a Bradley," Jonas said. "The gunner selects which type of ammunition to use with a flip of a switch." Tests are run on the equipment to identify its deficiencies. The longest test that the shop has in its arsenal is three

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Vietnam War Story by Lil John Reichenberg: Do you remember "Bob Cole," the blond haired kid, real friendly and easy going with his prominent Tennessee accent? He lived in our barracks and bunked with Lil John. We remember one morning we received "Incoming Rocket and Mortar Rounds." Get the lights out and run like hell for the bunker. But this particular day, getting up and running was a no-no. Sometimes the rounds impact quick and close, and we have to hit the hooch floor immediately and hope we do not get hit. This particular morning, the attack was close and furious and lasted quite a while. Some of the shrapnel came through the hooches for the rockets and motors walked right between our hooches. Finally, we received the "all clear", we got up from the floor and begin to survey the damages. During our search we found that Bobby Cole had been listening to music through his new hand-made stereo head phones that he had just completed that day. He had fallen asleep with them on and slept all night with them on. Lil John was one of the first to get up for it was really early in the morning, not even first light, when the first round hit in the wire and Lil John yelled "incoming." Looking down at Bobby's bunk, Bobby didn't move a muscle so Lil John grabbed Bobby to pull him on the floor and laid on top of him with his flak jacket on. Bobby did not know we were going through a most vicious attack of mortars and rockets. Lil John shook him back to reality and told him what just happened. Bobby was absolutely livid. We told him "all we could do was hit the deck" as we did not have time to do anything but protect ourselves. Now to add to the drama Bobby was a shorttimer. We all know what that means. Shortly he would be going home. We reminded him and he never slept again with that headset on all night. All turned out well for our hooch and our guys as nobody was injured, but we had a few holes in the roof that needed to be patched. This was the same morning that someone was recording on their

## 21st FA News



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for any information on his brother's time in Vietnam. I have also received a request from his cousin for information about LT Robert Bruce Maddox. If anyone has any information, please contact, William Maddox, #152221, Crossroads Corr. Ctr., 1115 E. Pence Rd. Cameron, MO 64429-8804. The family would be thankful for any information provided. An added post note to this, our own CPT Tim Millar, contacted me and even though he did not serve with LT Robert Maddox, in Vietnam, he was a classmate in the states before they served in Vietnam. He was able to give some advice on the direction to go to find out about the events that lead to LT Maddox's death. We honor our fallen brother.



C battery 2-17 FA. Taken Nov 20 1965 on Lz Crook

a FO with C Co. 1-7 Cav and later XO with 1-21 FA. He served in Vietnam in 1967-68. I'm very glad that they contacted me and I'm looking for more former members to contact me. I have a contact list of troopers from our unit and hope to keep it growing. There's also the web site of <www.abrty121.com>. I hope to add a guest book so visitors can sign in and leave comments. I'm still working on that one though. I don't know how many of you do Facebook, but that's also a good way to get in touch with other veterans. On Facebook there is one group for the 1st Cavalry Division Association. A lot of interesting things about the 1st Cavalry Division is put on there. Another group that I joined is "Vietnam 1st Cavalry"; it is open to all Cav veterans. Even though our service was years ago and we do not have that physical contact, we still can have that emotional connection. I know there are still some that shy away from any contact with the past for whatever reasons, but by some of the troopers I have talked to, the best therapy is comradeship with fellow veterans. As for myself I have found better self-esteem for that time and a greater pride of having served then. I have become involved with my state chapter, the North Carolina Tarheel Chapter. The last meeting was in Fayetteville, North Carolina. After a nice luncheon, members visited the Airborne/Special OPS Museum. I took my basic training at Fort Bragg and served in the 82nd Airborne before Vietnam. The next North Carolina state chapter meeting will be in June. More information on this and other state chapters can be found in the *SABER* newsletter. Seek out these local chapters for they are the roots of the national association.

Now for the research I have been doing about our own 1-21 FA. I have watched the movie, "*We Were Soldiers*" many times, I admit it. It seems I always pick

Hello, troopers. It has been a long winter, but now that spring is here I feel much better. I have a lot to deal with, so let's get started. First up, as I reported, LT Robert Bruce Maddox was KIA on February 11, 1969. His brother, Mike Maddox, was looking

I have been contacted by LT Bob Child, from C Brty., 1-21 FA. He was attached to B Co., 5-7 Cavalry as a FO in 1967. Later, he was in C Battery's FDC section in 1968. He read both the 1-21 FA and the 5-7 Cav news in the *SABER*. LT John Schrimpf was

up on something new every time I watched it. How many of us have watched "*Forrest Gump*"? Remember the scene when Forrest and Bubba meet LT Dan at the outhouse? Look what's going on in the background. You will remember because it happened every afternoon. As I watched "*We Were Soldiers*" SGT Savage called in artillery. We as red legs, as "Smoke Wood" calls us, know there is a lot going on during a fire mission. I decided to read the book to separate facts from Hollywood. By reading the book

and doing searches on the internet, I have turned up a lot of interesting surprises. There were four tube artillery batteries firing support to LZ X-Ray. Two of these were Batteries A and C from of the 1-21 FA from LZ Falcon. Not only did they fire support for three days during the fight for LZ X-Ray, but the next several days during the fight on LZ Albany. We can surely appreciate the effort the gun crews made during those long periods of manning the guns. It was reported that there were mountains of empty shell casings. The batteries had fired more than eighteen thousand rounds just in support of LZ X-Ray. CPT Don Davis had flown with COL Moore to scout possible landing sites. CPT Don Davis commanded A Battery and CPT Bob Barker commanded C Battery of 1-21 FA. After the fighting ended, the 1-7 Cav was taken off X-Ray and were flown to LZ Falcon where A and C Batteries were located. LTC Hal Moore was the last man of the 1-7 Cav to come off the battlefield. When he landed on LZ Falcon, he and SGM Plumley toured the batteries and called an assembly of the artillerymen to thank them. Little did the men of the batteries know in the next few days they would be called on again. The battle of LZ Albany was just to beginning to unfold. In 1991, Joe Galloway found one of these same artillery batteries in the Saudi Arabian desert firing support for the 1st Cavalry Division. They called themselves the Falcons. The Legacy lives on! The 1-21 had losses from these actions. From A Battery there were: Floyd L. Reed (Heth, Arkansas) and Harley D. Beckworth (Baxle, Georgia). From B Battery there were: Sidney C. Smith (Manhasset, New York), Melvin F. Fort (Memphis, Tennessee), and Joseph P. Mara (Belwood, Illinois). From C Battery there was: Timothy M. Blake (Charleston, West Virginia). We honor and remember our fallen brothers from the 1st Battalion, 21 Artillery. All of this information I found in the book *We Were Soldiers* by Hal Moore and Joe Galloway and from a LTC Bob L. Barker (Ret) article. One last note, I have been able to contact LTC Bob L. Barker, he commanded C Battery Nov. 1965.



Gun section 5 of 1-21 FA about Dec 69.

I hope in future articles I can share more information about what it was like in the batteries during those days of LZ X-Ray and Albany.

Until next time troopers, Garyowen. See some of you at the Reunion in Chicago in July.

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in Echo Btry. In his e-mail he was informing me that he has moved to a quieter place in the US and just south of Dallas, Texas. He is trying to enjoy LIFE in the "Little City" for a change. Ray was an Avionics Guy during his assignment with Echo Btry in Vietnam. Ray asked some question that he would like answered. Here they are:

1. Tet '68... Who was the Driver of the jeep pulling a trailer of parts up Hwy 1 with me the morning Tet started?

2. One of the first few days of Tet at Camp Evans on guard duty...a very strange aircraft "Took our Picture" (probably). There were at least three of us in that trench. Anyone else remember?

3. Camp Evans...May '68...The Ammo Dump blew-up. It was reported that the Aviation Fuel POL blew up! No! I and two other guys were there and at least one of us is still talking about it. Does anyone remember the other two guys?

Ray Parker also mentioned that he is the proud Father of a retired Cav Aviation Soldier!

Condolences: It is absolutely great that I have no condolences to report this issue.



Ray Parker and Bobby Cole, Vietnam, 1968

## 545th MP News

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the cases they came in were stamped US Navy), or in Desert Storm when the EPW's were so numerous and unexpected that the Cav MP's had to commandeer trucks from Division Trains to transport them all. Cav MP's can sleep at the drop of a hat in any temperature on any terrain.

And Cavalry MP's have traditions that no other MP unit in the entire US Army has! These go back to the Horse Cavalry days. One of the lesser known traditions for the younger Cav MP's is that any officer or senior NCO who actually served in the old horse cavalry was authorized to wear their riding breeches and boots so long as they served. Many of these old timers remained on active duty until just before Vietnam. The writer of this document personally remembers, as a young MP LT in Germany, escorting an old Cavalry Colonel on a Diplomatic Mission from Potsdam in East Germany on a convoy through Baumholder, Germany. He actually wore his pinks with riding crop, breeches, spurs, and boots with that big beautiful Cav patch on his right shoulder. That was in the early 1960's and what a sight when he stopped for coffee at a Gasthaus on the Autobahn. I thought the German cop was going to throw him a Heil Hitler salute when he came to rigid attention as the colonel passed by.

Cavalry MP's are also quite comfortable in their Cavalry Stetsons. A Cavalry MP is one who proudly wears the Cavalry Stetson, 545th crossed pistols, and Ascot in a sea of blue berets at the MP School. You can plainly see SFC Carey Killea's stoic Cavalry facial expression that has been carried down from the old horse cavalry days. THAT'S CAVALRY!

The wearing of the Stetson is authorized for wear with all uniforms as well as civilian clothes by members of the 1st Cavalry Division (both present and former members), and that includes the division military police. In no other military division in the world will you find Military policemen wearing a Cavalry Stetson Hat! The only concession for the MP's is the wearing of the crossed pistols in lieu of the crossed sabers.

For as long as there are Cavalry units and Cavalry Military Policemen in the United States Army, these traditions will be carried on as only the Cavalry can.



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