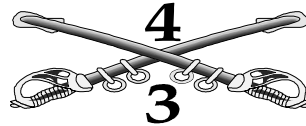


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SQUADRON COMMANDER, TWO OTHERS PERISH IN PLANE CRASH

LTC Mike McMahon, squadron commander, CW2 Travis Grogan, C Troop, and Specialist Harley Miller, B Troop were killed when their plane crashed into a mountain in Afghanistan on November 30th.

LTC McMahon leaves his wife Jeanette-also an active duty LTC - and three sons, Michael, Ricky, and Thomas.

McMahon was raised in West Hartford, CT. He was a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He assumed command of the 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry in June 2003.

Burial was at West Point. Bob Delahanty, B Troop, 68-69, and his wife Susan attended the service and placed a wreath at the gravesite.

CW2 Travis Grogan, from Moore, OK, was assigned to the squadron in August 2001. He leaves behind a wife a daughter and son. Burial was at Ft. Sill National Cemetery, Elgin OK Dick Stubbs, B Troop, 68-69, provided flowers for the 3/4 Chapter.

Specialist Harley Miller, an OH58D (Kiowa) helicopter repairer, enlisted in the Army in April 2002 and was assigned to the squadron in September 2003. Harley is survived by his wife and one year old son. He was buried in

Spokane Valley, WA. Bryan Bledsoe, D Troop (Air), 66-67, attended the funeral and placed a wreath.

ATTA BOY/GIRL

Atta Boy/Girl to:

Bryan Bledsoe, Bob Delahanty and wife Susan and Dick Stubbs for representing the 3/4 CAV Chapter for our fallen comrades.

To all of you who renewed or upgraded your membership.

To Joe Carlton, Galen Narimatsu, Jim Hoag, Dave Hestand, Gary Kinser, John Kopp, Harold Persons, Howell Hicks, Charles Macchiaroli, Charles Mulhern, and Douglas Fairbrother for donations to the General Fund / Scholarship Fund.

Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our chapter running.

Please send you tax-deductible donations to Bob Bingham, treasurer.



TAPS

LTC Mike McMahon, Commander, 03-04

CW2 Travis Grogan C Troop, 01-04

SPC Harley Miller B Troop, 03-04

To the family and friends of those departed, you have our deepest sympathy and we share your grief.

SQUADRON IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN FROM AFGHANISTAN

Our squadron is scheduled to return to Schofield Barracks sometime in April. The exact dates are not available but, hopefully, all of the 25th Infantry Division (L) will be back by the end of April.

There should be a Welcome Home Ceremony like the one held when the Division departed last year. When the date is announced it will be posted on our web page.

For those of you who have sent care packages to our troops **THANKS!** Please do not send anything now, as it would probably not reach them in time before they return.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 25th Division Association awards scholarships to all sons/step-sons, daughters/step-daughters, and grandchildren of **ELIGIBLE** 25th veterans. To be **ELIGIBLE**, you **MUST BELONG to the 25th Infantry Division Association**. If you haven't joined yet you need to do so. See DUES for information. **Note: THE 25TH IDA Executive Committee voted that for a student to be eligible for a scholarship the parent or grandparent had to have been a member of the 25th IDA for a minimum of one year. JOIN NOW!**

The 3/4 CAV Chapter annually donates \$1,000. This is awarded to an **ELIGIBLE** child/grandchild of a 3/4 Cavalry veteran. There were **two** children of 3/4 CAV veterans who received \$1,000.00 scholarships in 2004. **Fayth Aronson** received the 3/4 CAV Chapter Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bill Aronson, Pittsburgh, PA, B Troop 1970. **Shellie Bronis** also received a scholarship. She is the daughter of Joe Bronis, Baltimore, MD, B Troop, 68-69. Make tax-deductible donations to our treasurer, Bob Bingham.

3/4 CAV REUNION PLANNING UPDATE

President Headley traveled to Kansas City, MO the weekend of 25 February to meet with Allen "KC" Allcock, host for the 2006 reunion and with hotel and tour company representatives to make plans for our reunion.

Topics covered were tours, memorial service, banquet, hospitality room, registration and admin support, golf tourney, advertisement, guest speaker and other miscellaneous topics.

Our hotel, Marriott Airport, is presently undergoing renovation, which will be completed this summer. So, when we arrive, what we'll have is essentially a new hotel.

Thursday morning we will hold our traditional golf tournament for those who wish to play. Ken Schloesser is searching for a nearby course. The rest of Thursday is open time until our "ice breaker" in the hospitality room beginning around 6:00 p.m.

Tentatively, we are looking at tours to Fort Leavenworth where we will conduct our Memorial service. Hopefully, we'll conduct the ceremony at the Buffalo Soldier's Monument. After the service we'll tour Fort Leavenworth and visit the museum, which is devoted to the cavalry and settling of the West. We will return to the hotel where we will have our photo session. The goal is to take the photos on Friday and have them available for you on Saturday. Friday night will be a BBQ dinner (we're in Kansas City, you gotta have BBQ) and entertainment. This will be held "outside" in an air-conditioned tent. A large lake is adjacent and makes for a beautiful setting.

The business meeting will be held on Saturday morning. Two tours are being planned for the afternoon. One will go to Union Station, Liberty Memorial and Steamboat "Arabia". You may have seen a story about the "Arabia" on the history channel. The Liberty Memorial is the only museum solely dedicated to World War I. The second tour, which I think will be of interest to our ladies, will go to the Nelson-Atkins Museum and the Country Club Plaza. The Plaza is modeled after the city of Seville, Spain. It encompasses over 55 acres and is home to over 180 retail businesses. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art is one of the country's premier art institutions. It houses European and American collections as well as an internationally acclaimed "Arts of China". There will be more details in future newsletters and on our web page.

Come early or stay late. There is plenty to see and do in the Kansas City area. Riverboat gambling and a dog track in close-by. The Kansas City Royals baseball team may be in

town. Kansas City Speedway hosts NASCAR racing. The Truman Library is nearby in Independence, MO.

The Marriott is also going to create a web page that that will be linked to ours. You may use their web to register with the hotel. For those of you that will fly to Kansas City and may want a rental car, you can get a Hertz rental at the hotel. Also, since Kansas City is in the center of our country airlines often offer special deals, if booked ahead. Be sure to coordinate with your travel agent or airlines to see if they have any specials.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A REUNION

Yes, I know that our next reunion is more than 17 months away but we need to start looking for our 2008 reunion site beginning this June.

If you think you may be interested in planning and hosting the 2008 reunion contact Jerry Headley (jaheadley@adelphia.net) or Carl Quickmire (dewb4ubs@earthlink.net) or Bobby Bingham (BIGBOB9976@aol.com) for information on how to plan for a reunion.

Just remember the basic 5As: Atmosphere, Affordability, Accessibility, Availability, and Activities for site selection.

NEW MEMBERS FOUND

Michael Banks, D Troop (Air), Onalaska, WI
James Carlson, F Troop, 7/71-3/72, Seeley Lake, MT
Mike Christie, C Troop, 67-68, Farmingville, NY
Martin Lalli, C, D, HHT, 1/69-12/69, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Tom Meeks, D Troop (Air), 9/67-8/68, Beverly Hills, FL
Gene Peters, A Troop, 5/68-8/68, Nampa, ID
Mitchell Tipton, B Troop, 68-69, Irrigon, OR
Eric Terkelsen, B Troop, 8/70-12/70, Loleta, CA
Rick Williams, D Troop (Air), 11/67-11/68, Garland, TX

Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – **1,317**

NOTE: 441 are on the mailing list.

Keep searching for former troopers.

MEMBERS LOST

The following members have been lost since the last newsletter. Please help in locating them.

**Gary Brown,
Don Krajicek,
Tom Tuttle**

**Lewisville, TX
New Paltz, NY
Aurora, OH**

ARMY APPROVES NEW CLOSE COMBAT BADGE

From Army Times by Matthew Cox

“The Army has approved a new combat badge for soldiers who fight like grunts but don’t qualify for the prestigious Combat Infantry Badge.

Dubbed the Close Combat Badge (CCB), the new award “will provide special recognition to ground combat arms soldiers” trained and deployed as infantry, who engage in direct combat with the enemy, according to a Feb. 11 Army press release. In March, the Army expects to release an administrative message outlining exact rules and regulations.

The Army has turned down similar proposals for combat badges in the past, but requests from field commanders in theater prompted senior leadership to change its mind.

“The Army will award the CCB to armor, cavalry, combat engineer, and field artillery soldiers in military occupational specialties or corresponding officer branch/specialties recognized as having a high probability to routinely engage in direct combat. They must be assigned or attached to an Army unit of brigade or below that is purposely organized to routinely conduct close combat operations and engage in direct combat,” the release said.”

A release by the Army on 18 February reads that the award will be retroactive to September 11, 2001 and not to past wars.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO BACK TO NAM

Dave Cox, A Troop, posted a notice on our web asking if anyone would like to back to Vietnam this October. Unfortunately, there has been some illness in Dave's family and he cannot coordinate the trip, at this time. He is hopeful, however, that he will still be able to go.

If any of you would be interested in going with an all 3/4 CAV group just follow the following guidance.

Contact Butch Sincok of MilSpec tours by email, GoMilSpec@aol.com or phone 800-953-5812, or USPS: MilSpec Tours, P.O. Box 340, Flourtown, PA 19031-0340.

The tour is in two parts and you can sign up for either or both. The first tour is of the III Corps area most of us served in and leaves the West Coast for Tan Son Nhut Oct 16, 2005. This covers Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, Nui Ba Den, Ho Bo Woods and other sites. This leg of the tour terminates on Monday, Oct. 24, 2005 and those not continuing on will return to the states.

The second half of the tour is of the Central highlands area so fondly remembered by many Charlie Troopers. For this part you will leave from the West Coast on Oct. 21, 2005. In Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), you will meet up with the folks from the III Corps tour and all will spend Sunday, Oct. 23rd there. On Monday, the tour moves by air to Pleiku and you will visit Camp Enari, Dak To, Ben Het, An Khe, Qhi Nhon and Nha Trang, among other places. You will depart Oct. 30th for the states.

Costs for the III Corps tour is \$2,240 per person, if paid by cash or check. If paid by credit card, \$2,330. The Central Highlands tour is \$2,725 or \$2,834 by credit card. The cost for both tours is \$3,152 or \$3,278 by credit card. Costs cover all air fares, ground travel, hotels and most meals. MilSpec Tours requires a \$300 deposit per person with the initial reservation and a payment plan for the balance is available.

If you're interested, contact MilSpec Tours directly. There is a 25-person limit.

25th IDA REUNION

The 25th Infantry Division Association reunion for 2005 will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. The dates are September 20-24, 2005.

Check your FLASHES for details or visit the 25th IDA web at www.25thida.com.

25th INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL

The 25th Infantry Division Association has taken the lead in obtaining funds for the construction of a memorial honoring all 25th Infantry Division soldiers who have lost their lives in all wars.

It has been determined that up to \$500,000.00 will be needed to complete this project.

The project will be done in two phases. Phase I is to be completed by June 2005 when our division returns to Schofield Barracks and before they go to their next duty station. This phase will have a statue of an Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraq Freedom (OEF/OIF) soldier standing in front of and

paying respect to the symbol of a fallen comrade: an upturned rifle with boots at the base and helmet on top.

Phase II will add statues from WW II, Korea, and Vietnam to the rear of the OEF/OIF statue.

More detailed information will be in the Winter FLASHES. There will be a mailing sent to all members, chapters, and regimental associations asking for donations.

AGENT ORANGE CONCERNS

Do you have questions or concerns about Agent Orange? If so, contact VA's Gulf War/Agent Orange Hotline. The national toll -free telephone number is **800-749-8387**. A great deal of information is on VA's web page <http://www.va.gov/agentorange>.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PTSD

The mission of the National Center for PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is to advance the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans through research, education, and training in the science, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and stress-related disorders. <http://www.ncptsd.org/>

DUES

3/4 CAV Dues

Send your dues (\$10 Annual/\$75 Life) payable to 3/4 CAV Chapter to P.O. Box 23678 Lexington, KY 40523-3678. Your dues pay for the publication and mailing of your *MacKENZIE'S RAIDERS* newsletter. **Attach a copy of your DD-214.**

25th Infantry Division Dues

Send your 25th Infantry Division Association dues (\$15 Annual/ \$150 Life) to P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007. **Attach a copy of your DD-214 or other documentation of service.**

“Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.”

Amelia Earhart

QUARTERMASTER STORE

NOTE: POSTAGE FOR SHIPPING AND HANDLING IS INCLUDED IN YOUR ORDERS. SEND YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO 3/4 CAVALRY CHAPTER TO P.O. BOX 23678, LEXINGTON, KY 40523-3678, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED. ALSO, VENDORS ARE NOT AS RESPONSIVE AS WE'D LIKE AT TIMES. SO BE PATIENT IF YOUR ORDER SEEMS TO TAKE LONGER THAN WE WISH.

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3/4 CAV CHALLENGE COIN. Cost \$7.00. Send your order to, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Wheeler Army Airfield, HI 96854.

POLO SHIRTS. Navy Blue with embroidered 4th Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$34.00.

SWEATSHIRTS. Navy Blue with embroidered 4th Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$34.00.

T-SHIRT. Navy Blue T-Shirt with embroidered regimental crest on front. Cost \$20.00.

PINS, WINDOW STICKERS. We have a few cap pins, and window stickers left from the last reunion. Pins are \$5 and stickers are \$3. Get them while they last.

CAPS. Cost \$12.00. CAV yellow with embroidered regimental crest and motto. At this price get two!

CAV LICENSE PLATES. Cost is \$11.00. First come first served. Order now!

PATCHES. We have two different types that are like our crest. One is ornate and for wear on a blazer or sports jacket. Cost \$25. Another is a sew on like you had in Nam. Cost \$5.

CROSSED SABERS. Crossed sabers pin like on our newsletter. Cost \$8.00.

MINATURE CREST. Cost \$5.00.

POEM. Cost \$10.00. Jim Locklear wrote the poem "Vietnam Vet" and his new one "Welcome Home". Jim will donate all money made from the sale of these poems to the scholarship fund. **Send your order to Jim Locklear. P.O. Box 824, Pembroke, NC 28372.**

COFFEE MUG. Stoneware coffee mug. Beige or Green. 4th Cav crossed sabers in raised relief. **Send \$15.00 to Steve Heartsill, 3228 Saxon Dr., Lexington, KY 40503.**



Group Photo from Last Reunion

CHECK LIST: HAVE YOU

- X Paid your dues?
- X Joined the 25th Infantry Division Association?
- X Made a donation to the scholarship fund or general fund?
- X Found a new member?