

Excerpts From Our December 2002 Newsletter

MACKENZIE'S RAIDERS



3/4 CAV NEWSLETTER



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20TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE WALL

This Veterans Day was the 20th anniversary of the Wall. 25th Infantry Division veterans joined more than 20,000 Vietnam veterans and their families to celebrate and to remember their comrades who did not come home.

Dedicated Nov. 13, 1982, the Wall is one of the most visited memorials in the nation's capital, with 4.4 million visitors each year.

The 25th Infantry Division Association laid wreaths resembling the division patch at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, at the Wall and at the Korean War memorial.

President George W. Bush visited the memorial around 7:00 a.m. Monday morning. He shook hands and spoke with many of the veterans that were present.

There were several 3/4 Cavalry troopers in attendance: Frank Cuff, Dave Garrod, Mike Greber, Jerry Headley, John Keliher, Dave Nelson, Tim Manigan, Bill Weiss and Larry Young. President Headley laid a wreath at the 3 soldier's monument in remembrance of all 3/4 Cavalrymen.

ATTA BOY

Atta Boy" to the below for donations to the chapter. Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our Chapter running.

- Joe Owen, Mike Siegel.

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

VETERANS DAY ARTICLE

Danny King submitted the following article. He found it in the Baltimore Sun, Nov. 10, 2002. It appeared along with other articles as a salute to servicemen who were killed in the service of their country.

Dwayne Elbert Kever

Sergeant and tank commander in 25th Infantry Division (A Troop)

Born Nov 11, 1947. Died Aug 19, 1968. Panel 48W, Row 57

When President John F. Kennedy traveled to Cleburne County to dedicate the Greers Ferry Dam, most of Heber Springs turned out to see him. Oct. 3, 1963, would become a reference point, a landmark in the history of the small town in north central Arkansas. More than 30 years later, the arrival of the replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall would become another.

At the time of the president's visit, Dwayne Kever was a month shy of his 16th birthday. He was living a small-town life: Friday afternoon football at Heber Springs High School, Saturday night movies at the Gem theater, church on Sunday.

The Kever family worshipped at the First General Baptist Church, the place they held Dwayne's funeral service the Sunday before Labor Day in 1968. It took 11 days for his body to come home from the jungle. It arrived in Heber Springs the same day as a gift Dwayne had sent his family: a large Bible, crimson-covered, with The Kever Family engraved in gold lettering.

The family took this as a sign: Dwayne was letting them know he was all right.

They heard that Dwayne was in a tank in Tay Ninh when he was killed. A land mine broke one of the tracks.

When he lifted the lid to get out of the tank, someone shot him through the eye.

All they knew for sure was that he left for Vietnam on June 1 and came home on August 30.

The youngest of 3 children, Dwayne grew up just outside town, in a lively household with beagles, Persian cats and a milk cow. Dorvil Kever, Dwayne's father, did body work on cars. Dwayne's mother, Bernice, worked as a sales clerk in Young's department Store.

Dwayne's older sister, Onine, cherishes her memories of the toddler who scooted his tricycle across town into the grocery store, scaring the daylights out of everyone. She remembers how he sang along with Hank Williams on the radio, how he watched the Three Stooges, how he played tackle and guard in football, how he water-skied, how he loved to spend time with his family. Friend Sam Ward calls him "the kind guy that everyone liked."

Before he was drafted, Dwayne spent some time in a business school in Little Rock. His main concern after high school was probably his marriage, a relationship that wasn't destined to last. There was a baby, Dwayne Elbert Kever, Jr., who died July 5, 1966, the day he was born.

By the time the young father went off to Vietnam, two years later, his divorce was final. Life was still complicated and painful, relatives say, and he had acquired an air of foreboding about his military service. When he visited his aunt, Lee Neil Kever, the 20-year-old-man told her: "I don't think I will be coming back."

Later that summer, Dwayne was buried in Macedonia Cemetery next to his infant son.

Some years after his death, the VFW at Greers Ferry named their post after Dwayne Kever and Edd David Taylor, another Arkansas boy lost in Vietnam. Until the post disbanded, it held a special service for Dwayne every year on Memorial Day.

In October 1968, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Wall came to Heber Springs. The veterans group set it up in Kennedy Park, the site of the president's visit. Several hundred people came to the opening ceremonies and listened to the reading of the names. Volunteers manned the memorial around the clock for several days in case visitors wanted to come at more private times.

The overlook where they placed the Wall is particularly beautiful says Dwayne's sister-in-law, Jane Kever. To the north, Greers Ferry Lake spreads into the horizon. To the south, there's Little Red River. That time of year, the southern edge of the Ozarks blazes with color.

The week of the Wall was rainy and misty, Kever recalls. It was almost as though the weather had decided to set the proper tone for the occasion. Then, on the last night, the fog began to lift. Standing at the wall,

looking at the names – it was as if Dwayne and all the rest were standing there. too.

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.

The 3/4 CAV Chapter annually donates \$1,000. This is awarded to an ELIGIBLE child of a 3/4 Cavalry veteran. There were two children of 3/4 CAV veterans who received 1,000.00 scholarships in 2001. You can continue to make Tax deductible donations. Send your donation to our treasurer, Bob Bingham.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah are over and maybe, by the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas too. But all the same I hope that this time of year has been a joyous one for you and your families.

During this time we need to keep the men and women in our armed forces in our thoughts and prayers. As veterans we truly know and understand how they feel, especially during this time of year when they are away from their loved ones.

None of us knows what the future holds for ourselves or our great nation. During our revolutionary War Thomas Paine is quoted as having said, "Now is the time that tries men's soles.." During this time when threats to our nation and our way of life seem to be always present we need to have the courage and faith to be strong and defeat those whom would do us harm.

NEW MEMBERS FOUND

Harold Deist, D Troop (Air), 1/67-12/67, Parker, CO

Tom Fluharty, D Troop (Air), 4/69-4/70, Brighton, IA

Floyd Hughblake, D Troop (Air), 69-70, Hot Springs, AR

Michael Hunter, A Troop, 67-68, Bartlesville, OK

John Radvansky, B Troop, 69-70, Wellsburg, WV

Thomas Youngblood, F Troop (Air), 10/71-5/72, Jesup, GA

Richard Zettle, C Troop, 5/66-7/66, Northampton, PA

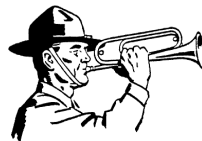
Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – 1,216. NOTE: 1,073 are on the mailing list. **Keep searching for former troopers.**

Our web page has been a big help in finding former troopers but YOU are the best way. **Keep searching for former troopers.**

MEMBERS LOST

The following member has been lost since the last newsletter. Please help in locating him.

Roger Criner, San Antonio, TX



TAPS

George Lehman B Troop, 5/69-11/69

To the family and friends of the departed, our deepest sympathy. We share your loss and grief.

ASSOCIATION REUNION HAMPTON VIRGINIA 16-21 SEP 2003

The 25th Infantry Division association will hold its annual reunion in Hampton, VA 16-21 September 2003. The reunion hotel is the Holiday Inn Hampton Hotel & Conference Center and is located on West Mercury Blvd. Room rates are \$79.00.

There is plenty to see and do in the tidewater area. Tours have been set up for the Virginia air & Space Center & Fort Monroe Casemate Museum, Colonial Williamsburg & Jamestown Island, "Dinnertainment" at Boxwood Inn, Norfolk Naval Base Tour, Spirit of Norfolk Lunch cruise, MacArthur memorial, Fort Eustis Army Transportation Museum & War Museum of Virginia with lunch at the Fort Eustis Club, and the Mariner's Museum

David Garrod, Association President, served in B Troop, 67-68. Let's show Dave our chapter support by having a large turnout!

Detailed information on tours, meals, and registration can be found in the association magazine FLASHES. If you haven't joined the association yet, go to their web at www.25thida.com.

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.

25th Infantry Division Dues

Send your 25th Infantry Division Association dues (\$15 Annual/ \$150 Life) to P.O. Box 7, Flour Town, PA 19031-0007.

"Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn."

General Douglas MacArthur

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEER

By John Jerdon, A Troop, 67-68

An AK-47 makes the most distinctly flat, crackling sound of any rifle manufactured. It's engineering principles, first developed by Mikhail Kalashnikov late in the 1940s and modified many times since, resulted in the worlds first cheaply made, stamped and riveted rifle. It could be fired as a single shot rifle or as a machine gun. Foolish writers and authors have dubbed the AK-47 the "Terrorists Choice", little realizing that it would be thrown away by any of them if they had the dough to buy a real rifle. It's inaccurate, heavy, difficult to keep clean, and will often rust from the sobs and tears it produces in the poor bastards that have to lug it around. Because the weapon's construction was of such loose tolerances its report, or sound, was distinctive. So distinctive that even after thirty years, I believe I could pick one out of any twenty other rifles firing just by hearing. I hated that sound.

Johhny Johnson, maybe not the thirstiest man alive but at least in the top ten, was standing straight up in the commander's hatch of his tank when the bullet skipped off the skin of the turret and flew past him. He was reaching into his cooler on the back bustle rack of the tank to ease his famous thirst. Johhny dropped straight down out of sight and the murmuring silence of the morning deepened. The crackling static of the radios stopped and about a hundred heads swiveled toward the sound of the gunshot. The troop was strung out along a front of about 200 meters and we were waiting to assault through an abandoned village. We came on line in front of the village about an hour after dawn and expected to fight hard that day, it was only a week after Tet.

The sudden quiet after the shot lasted some fifteen minutes as everyone in the troop searched the front row of burned out hooch's for the firing point. Johhny was making comical "peek-a-boo" motions from the inside of his tank. Johhny wanted to live long enough to get the hell out of there just like the rest of us. Things slowly returned to normal after those fifteen minutes, which is to say that the under lying noise level picked up. Instructions and clarifications crackled in mechanical radio voices; some of the side gunners were starting to call back and forth between the vehicles. Mostly we were asking each other if we saw where the shot came from. Johhny was back to standing upright in his hatch, but his eyes were large and shiny with the fright that the near miss left inside him. Several of us started to tease Johhny. That's the way it works, you cannot maintain a high level of fright, the mind and body just won't stand for it. I guess it's a safety valve, sooner or later you just don't give a shit and most guys cover it up with humor. Johhny sort of covered it up by turning to his beer cooler. He reached in and got a Miller out, popped it and tossed it off in about three swallows.

The second shot screamed in from the same general direction, somewhere to our direct front. The results were pretty much the same. The round was travelling a supersonic speed, the explosion of it leaving the firing chamber trailing behind the cracking sound it made passing through the morning air. The incoming round cut a hot furrow about six inches parallel to the first one on Johhny's tank. Johhny had those cat like moves that any 19 year old had over there; he was rail skinny and had straw colored hair. I think he almost dropped down before the round hit. Wasn't likely, but it looked that way to me. By then we all knew that there really was a sniper out there. We also thought that the fellow had Johhny picked out as his target of the day. That suited me; probably suited everybody else too. As long as you didn't count Johhny Johnson.

Dark amusement and low humor are the coping skills you learn in combat. Young men just aren't prepared to mentally digest mayhem and death. Both of those qualities bubbled to the surface on all of us except poor Johnny. He could have been a little more sporting about it, hell almost every one of their snipers couldn't shoot worth a damn. We were sniggering and chuckling now. Radio calls were bouncing from vehicle to vehicle about Johnny and his new friend. Adoption was chewed over at great length, Johnny could teach his boy to go camping in the woods, shooting, everything. Johnny was replying from the inside of his tank, roundly condemning us all for the insensitivity of our thoughts. It must have been over forty minutes before Johnny sneaked another look, then another twenty before he felt confident enough to stand up in his hatch again. His grin was forced; his eyes were darting from spot to spot; poor Johnny was a mess. The rest of us loved it.

Now you might have read or heard somewhere that there is a certain relief or some kind of religious thankfulness that come over a man in combat if it turns out that the fellow next to him gets shot instead of himself. I can swear to the truthfulness of that concept, Johnny Johnson couldn't have given me anything to trade places with him that morning. I suppose that's why we were getting all laughing and such. One voice came over the radio and wondered aloud if it might not be smart to leave some "C" rations behind for the sniper. We could sort of adopt him and keep him comfortable, it was either keep him or risk getting one that could aim better. We'd been in place for almost two hours and Johnny and his buddy had us all smiling. Johnny was smiling too after some thirty minutes of not getting shot at. His smile wasn't much to brag about; lots of teeth but it looked like it hurt his jaw muscles to keep it that way. The lieutenant had just radioed everyone that we would be starting engines in five minutes and to get our shit together for the assault when the third shot rang out.

The same deadly flat crack, the same metallic ringing sound as the round hit the side of Johnny's turret, Johnny's body dropping straight down again through his hatch, and another sound. A wet, smacking, liquid sound that left a stark and terrible silence in its wake. You see, sound travels like water ripples, except that there's only the one ripple for each sound. No matter how fast the ripples come to you, if you've heard them before, you can separate them inside of your head. I saw exactly what happened, so I didn't just hear the separate sounds, I also saw what they did.

I was looking straight at Johnny when the round hit; I saw the third shinny stripe paint itself across the gray steel. So, the thing I did was to spin around to try to catch a puff of smoke or a movement of some kind. Most of the rest of the troop was looking out toward the village, so they reacted by looking real fast toward Johnny. It didn't matter which way you were first looking, when something like that happens and there isn't any other gunfire, you look towards your friend. You can't help it. All we cared about was the terrible carnage done by that third and final sniper shot.

The last round had come in on the same trajectory as the first two. It was just plain dumb luck that a small imperfection in the steel casting of the turret wall had changed the path of the bullet. Maybe it was a sand pocket or other imperfection in the pouring form at the tank factory. They make mold out of wood and sand and they pour molten steel into it at the foundry. Every one is a little different. The result was horrible. The bullet plowed along the surface of steel, was nudged ever so slightly by the bump, and changed its course such that that it entered Johnny's beer cooler just above the water line travelling in a downward direction. The damn thing changed its ballistic characteristics so radically that it tore the bottom corner out of the cooler and exploded every can of beer Johnny had to his name.

Within seconds Johnny's head slowly and deliberately came into view. He turned with a look of surprise and almost horror and saw the yellowish stream coming from the bottom of his cooler. He screamed out the goddamndest rebel scream I ever heard, yanked the handle back on his fifty, and opened up on a pair of palm trees to our right front. Johnny spent the whole hundred round box on those two trees and damned if two bodies with rifles didn't tumble out!

Now you and I know that those snipers were only doing what they thought had to be done that morning, to tell you the truth, it was their country, not ours. And as long as we're in this truth telling part of the story, Johnny didn't kill them boys just because they ruined his beer. The third of the three stripes that those bullets left in the steel gave him three lines pointing like arrows to those two trees. Maybe there are some war stories floating around Vietnam right now about two fellows who had the bad luck to hit a beer cooler while they were out sniping one morning. Who knows? I can tell you one thing that I'm certain of though, I always kept my cooler inside of the vehicle after that. My momma didn't raise no fool!

CHECK LIST: HAVE YOU

- Paid your dues?

- Joined the 25th Infantry Division Association?

- Made a donation to the scholarship fund or general fund?

- Made plans to attend the 25th Infantry Division Association reunion in Sep 2003?

NOTE: OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS:

3/4 CAV

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Brooke Rowe,

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2002 REUNION BIGGEST AND BEST YET

The reunion in Chattanooga, TN was, as "Tony the Tiger" says, GREAAAT! There were more 4th Cavalrymen in Chattanooga than since the battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga in 1863.

185 former members of the 3/4 CAV and more than 350 total family and friends journeyed to Chattanooga, TN to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. The stories told, like a good wine, continue to get better

with age!

There was plenty to see and do. Thursday got started with an "ice breaker" in the hospitality room for those who arrived early. "Bingo" set up the QM store there and 3/4 CAV caps; shirts and other items were quickly purchased. On Friday it was off to Chickamauga Battlefield where the 4th Cavalry fought almost 140 years. Bill Connor, 67-68, and National Park Ranger Ogden gave a descriptive briefing of the battle. Later, that evening we sailed on the Southern Belle riverboat on the Tennessee River. It was a great relaxing time with good food and great company.

Saturday began with our business meeting. Mr. Curtis Peoples from Texas Tech University gave a very interesting talk explaining what the Vietnam archives, located at Texas Tech, contain and what we could do to help make it better. He asked that anyone interested in obtaining more information or would be interested in donating items to contact him at email: liclp@lib.ttu.edu or call 806-742-0496. You can go to their web: www.vietnam.ttu.edu to find information. There was important business accomplished this year and the minutes are at the end of the newsletter. Hi-lights were revisions of the Chapter by-laws; selection of the 2004 reunion site, Louisville, KY; election of officers and a review of Chapter activities since the last reunion. The hat was passed for donations to the scholarship fund and \$1,327.00 was raised! Additional donations were also given for a total of \$1,702 dedicated to the scholarship fund. President Headley reported that unpaid members would be removed from the mailing list. It costs the Chapter approximately \$630.00 a quarter or \$2520.00 yearly to print and mail the newsletter. As more former troopers are found this cost will rise. Your dues pay for the newsletter. One thing that paid members can do is request to be removed from the mailing list and read the newsletter on our web page. Other items of interest can be found in the minutes.

Tours to Lookout Mountain and Rock City and a train trip and visit to the Tennessee valley Association Railroad Museum filled out the afternoon.





BG Jeffrey Schloesser, son of Ken Schloesser, HHT 64-66, was our featured speaker. General Schloesser, who is presently assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, spoke about our 4th cavalry regiment and its history and its link to the present and the ongoing war against terrorism. BG Schloesser was presented an autographed copy of "100 Miles of Bad Road " in appreciation of his talk and being with us.

A big surprise was a special presentation by General Otis to chapter president Jerry Headley.



Jerry received the "MacKenzie's Raiders Distinguished Service Award" in recognition of his efforts to establish and grow the association, which has grown to over 1,000 members.



The "Mackenzie's Meritorious Service Award" was presented to Carl and Norma Quickmire for their tireless efforts in planning and hosting a number of 3/4 CAV reunions as well as planning some 25th Infantry Division association reunions.

Former squadron commanders General Glenn Otis and COL Guy Troy were recognized. Special guest of "K.C," Allcock, Colleen Landherr, sister of Dan Wilson, crew chief D Troop (Air), KIA 1970, was also recognized. Colleen gave a short description of her brother and thanked her newly found "brothers" for all of their support. "Doc" Gearhart presented his customary hat to an unsuspecting member. This year the distinction went to former treasurer John Hollern who received a "glowing" cap. "K.C." Allcock presented some special awards to Dale Dow and Fred Reese for all of their hard work in getting the most D and F troopers to a reunion. Besides adding a few numerous quips, "K.C." ended by singing "America the Beautiful" and encouraging all to join in. Several commented later that this should be a regular event.

The raffle, which followed the banquet, was a huge success. \$1984.20 was raised for the Operation's Fund. There were many great gifts given away, all donated by the members. A special gift was two wood and etched carvings of the 4th Cavalry Regimental Crest. They were donated by Dick Nash who served in the 2-22 IN BN. Folks interested in obtaining their own personal carving can reach Dick at nash222@winco.net or go to his web www.ddwoodworks.com The grand prize was a DVD player.

On Sunday morning the memorial service was led by our Chaplain Dennis Roe, B Troop, 68-69. His talk was, as always, very moving and relevant to today's happenings. Piper Sam Marshall played many moving songs. Among them were "Going Home" and "Amazing Grace" with "Auld Lang Syne" played at the end. Senior Airman Robert Chance of the 572nd Air National Guard Band played Taps.

When the service concluded we all said our good byes and there were several "I'll see you in Louisville in '04".

For those of you who could not make it to this reunion, well, you missed the biggest and best yet. Try to be in Louisville in 2004. It should be even bigger and better.

THANKS TO REUNION HELPERS

Carl & Norma Quickmire

The Chattanooga Reunion was a success in large part due to all of the volunteers who helped in the registration desk, selling raffle tickets, Working in the hospitality room, leading tours and many other areas. Norma and I are extremely grateful for all of you for your help and support. We especially want to thank the following: Rocky and Gale Orozco, Gena Darling, Bill Conner, Bobby Bingham, "Jim Bob" Sawvell, "Smokey" Burgess, Frank Cuff, Jerry Headley, Dale Dow, Bob Schneider, Earl Hornung, Doug Hanna, Rich Hemmer, Dave Tomlin.

As you can see, a reunion of this size is not a "one Man" Operation. Plan now to help out at the 2004 reunion. It is a rewarding experience and you will meet a lot of "Troopers".

We know we have not mentioned others who helped, please accept our apologies. When you get old it is hard to remember everything. A special Thank You to all whom helped but was not listed above.

WANT TO SAVE MONEY AND DONATE TO THE 3/4 CAV CHAPTER FOR FREE?

"Doc" Ross, HHT, 68-69, shared with us an exciting way whereby our organization can earn a sizable income!

As we allow The Maximum Benefits Long Distance Company to lower our long distance phone bills. That company will then pay to the 3/4 CAV Chapter up to 13% per month of our entire phone bills. For those of us who have long distance service, our phone bills should be reduced and the 3/4 CAV will be paid! That's a win-win! The conversion is a simple process.

Beginning in October 2002 the Maximum Benefits Company will also begin sharing its new Rechargeable Pre-paid Phone Cards, which have a multitude of other benefits. If our members, YOU, choose to use that product, the 3/4 CAV again wins big! More information on how we can participate together will be forthcoming.

ATTA BOY

Another "Atta Boy" to the below for donations to help pay for the pad at our monument at Ft. Knox or for the scholarship fund. Total cost of the pad was \$2,743.00. Anonymous donation In memory of "Bear" Aliffi. Other donations from Joe Sloan, Bob Maxey, Mike Jackson, Edmund Mooney, "Moose Marcinkowski and Deirdre McGowan

Also, to Steve Heartsill for donating \$100 to the scholarship fund. Steve donated money from the sale of the coffee mugs at the reunion.

Please send your donations to Bob Bingham, treasurer.

And an Atta Boy to Frank Cuff. Frank is a District Commander for the VFW in Ohio and was recognized for his service to the community while serving as a District Commander.

20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WALL

This November will be the 20th anniversary of the Wall in Washington, D.C.

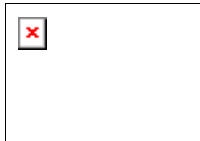
The Tri-State Chapter, 25th Infantry Division Association, is hosting a mini-reunion for all 25th Division veterans over the November 8-11 weekend.

Costs per person are \$35.00 registration, \$32.00 dinner for Saturday (optional), \$35.00 Sunday Banquet and \$18.00 for transportation to Arlington National Cemetery on November 10th and to the Vietnam Memorial on Veterans Day. Send your check to Bill Park, 4 Kutz Ave., New Holland, PA 17557.

There will be an official wreath laying ceremony at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11:35 a.m. on Sunday, November 10th.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA. Room rate is \$85.00. Reservations may be made by calling 800-228-9290 or 703-524-6400. You must be registered with the Tri-State Chapter in order to obtain this special rate.

Let's have a large 3/4 CAV turnout for this special occasion!



TAPS

Terry Hansen, D Troop (Air), 68-69

Jim Hollis, C, HHT, 7/68-7/69

Dan Lohwasser, D Troop (Air) 69-70

John McNeil, A Troop, 12/64-8/66

Al Murray, A Troop, 63-64

Marvin Murray, HHT, 10/66-10/67

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

NEW MEMBERS FOUND

Donald Benavidez, B Troop, 69, Pueblo, CO

Dennie Callahan, D Troop (Air), 68-69, Odessa, TX

Gerald Crawford, D Troop (Air), 69, McEwen, TN

Ron DeMontmollin, C Troop, 68-69, Plant City, FL

Ron Elias, D Troop (Air), 69, Coffeerville, KS

Mark Feller, C Troop, 1/70-11/70, Bedford, IN

Larry Fuger, A Troop, 12/67-8/68, Duncantown, PA

Michael Galloway, D Troop (Air), 68-69, Lamoille, NV

John Hill, F Troop, 11/72-1/73, Louisa, VA

Rod Jones, A Troop, 8/76-1/81, Marlow, OK

Edward Kubo, B Troop, 50-67, Pearl City, HI

Tommie Maines, B Troop, 67-68, Warsaw, KY

Edmund Manville, D Troop (Air), 65-66, Uncasville, CT

Cabell Martin, A Troop, 69-70, New Kent, VA

Mike Massey, A Troop, 4/67-11/67, St. Ignace, MI

"Pete" McQuin, 25th Recon, 6/45-5/46, Kanata Ontario

Bill Mosenthal, D Troop (Air), 3/67-1/68, Ashburn, VA

Walter Nicolson, C Troop, 64-66, Hesperia, CA

David Polczynski, B Troop, 2/67-7/67, Wyandotte, MI

Mathew Porter, A Troop, 10/90-10/92, Columbus, OH

Fred Russell, C Troop, 2/67-4/67, Columbia, SC

Ken Smith, HHT, 12/69-11/70, Madisno, WI

Giles St. Pierre, C Troop, 68, Palermo, ME

Max Schrock, B Troop, 69-70, Englewood, FL

Cecil Trahan, B Troop, 67, Houma, LA

John W. white, B Troop, 1/67-12/67, Wells, ME

John Williams III, D Troop (Air), 66-67, Azle, TX

Joseph Wilmoth, C Troop, 1/68-5/68, Charlestown, IN

James Worden, A Troop, 90-93, Kansas City, MO

Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – 1,208. NOTE: 1,067 are on the mailing list.

Our web page has been a big help in finding former troopers but YOU are the best way. Keep searching for former troopers.

MEMBERS LOST

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

Joe DePrim, Youngstown, OH

Jesse Malone, Winter Springs, FL

Virgil White, Springfield, MO

DUES***3/4 CAV Dues***

Please 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. NOTE! If you do not join the Chapter, then you will be removed from the mailing list. Join now and support the Chapter.

25th Infantry Division Dues

Send your 25th Infantry Division Association dues (\$15 Annual/ \$150 Life) to P.O. Box 7, Flour Town, PA 19031-0007.

"A warrior I have been. Now it is all over. A hard time I have."

Chief Sitting Bull

TRIP BACK TO VIETNAM

Dave Devries is hosting another trip back to Vietnam in June 2003. It will be a singles and couples tour. The cost will be in the \$2300-2400 range. This will include air, Visa, tour guides, ground & air transportation (in Vietnam), 28-30 meals, lodging, tours. If you're interested contact Dave at dgdvries@msn.com or call (616) 669-6952.

MINUTES**3/4 CAV CHAPTER**

25th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The 7th meeting of the 3/4 CAV Chapter, Chapter President Jerry Headley called 3/4 CAV Chapter, 25th Infantry Division Association to order at 9:00 AM, 7 Sep 2002 at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn in Chattanooga, TN. Officers present were:

President Jerry Headley Treasurer Bobby Bingham

Vice President Carl Quickmire Secretary Bob Schneider

Chaplain Roe opened the meeting with prayer.

Jerry Headley followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence read from Mrs. McGowan, JoAnn Golden, and William White.

Recognition of: Carl Quickmire for his work on the reunion, Bobby Bingham for his work as treasurer, Ed Kayler for his work on the web site.

Pres. Jerry Headley reminded everyone to be on time for the tours today, Times given for the closing of the hospitality room and banquet. Also reminded that you could still sign up for the seating at the banquet dinner. John Phelan, our photographer will be taking photos at the banquet and there will be group photos before the banquet. After asking how many new members (first time at a reunion) approx. 20 persons raised their hands. This is the largest reunion ever.

350 people attending this year of which 185 are CAV Members. They came from 38 states.

Currently we have 1,065 names on the roster. You should also be a member of the 25th Infantry Division Association. Special guest Curtis Peoples from Texas Tech University spoke regarding the Vietnam Archives at TTU in Lubbock, TX. They have over 4 million documents (letters, pictures, etc). Curtis then showed us the virtual archives. They are set up to preserve the record of the Vietnam War, specifically the individual soldiers and soldiers groups. They concentrate on only the Vietnam War. Curtis gave a computer demonstration as to how it works. He asked if people would donate pictures or slides and they will scan them free of charge, keep the originals, and send you back a CD. Jerry told us that the 25th IN Div Assn. has an affiliation with the George C. Marshall Foundation located in Lexington, Virginia. Curtis said that they interface with them. Curtis was thanked for his presentation.

A discussion on dues was made. Current dues are \$5.00 annually, \$75.00 for life. We now have 186 lifetime members, 60 annual members, and 1065 troopers on our mailing list. This means less than 25% have paid their dues. Dues are needed to pay for the costs of the newsletters. Dues will be increasing to \$10.00 annually. You must also be a member of the 25th IN Division Association.

We can always use stories contributed to the newsletters. Send the information along to Jerry, as he writes the newsletter and Ed Kayler publishes it. The web page is www.3-4cav.com. The old link is still active until the next newsletter. Encouraged to go in and sign the guest register. We have the newsletter on the web page. It stays on the web site until the latest newsletter replaces it.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the 2000 meeting were provided previously in the 3/4 CAV Newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes as they stand by William Singleton, 2nd by Richard Hemmer, Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bobby Bingham gave the treasurer's report. \$5316.22 was the last balance amount as of 7/31/02. Largest expenses are the newsletter, \$2,520 annually, annual donation of \$1,000 to the 25th IN Div. Scholarship fund and the purchase of items for our QM Store. We have 2 CD's valued at \$9,247.50.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Doug Hanna, 2nd by Rod Nishimura, Motion passed unanimously.

Emphasized the importance of sending in your change of address because of the expenses involved to forward mail

Newsletter: Plan on doing two things. (1) Members who can access our web page can request that they be taken off the mailing list by notifying Jerry. (2) Non dues paying members will be removed from the mailing list. They will be notified via the newsletter and at a time to be determined, removed. Both of these measures will save the Chapter money.

Scholarship Fund: \$1000 is given annually to the 25th IN Division Scholarship fund. There were 2 kids of 3/4 CAV families that received \$1,000 scholarships each in 2001. There were 4 in 2002. President Headley reemphasized the importance of joining the 25th Assn. if for no other reason that to support the scholarship program. The Scholarship fund has been expanded to include not only children but also grandchildren and stepchildren of 25th IN veterans. You MUST be a member of the 25th Division Association to qualify for the Scholarships. As always, a hat was passed for donations to the scholarship fund and \$1327 was raised.

Question was asked as to when the 1st reunion was held. 1988 and the CAV Assoc. became a chapter in 1990.

Chapter Projects: President Headley presented a slide showing the projects that the Chapter had participated in since the 200 reunion. They were: attended Col. McGowan's funeral; built pad around our monument; joint donation with the 3/4 CAV Squadron to the Pentagon Survivors Fund; spoke to the Squadron in Hawaii; visited MSG Maxey; attended range dedication in honor of Capt. Gary Carlson (KIA June 69) at west Point, attended the 25th IN Div (L) change of command; visited 25th Division troops in Bosnia; quarterly newsletter, and reunion preparation.

By-laws: New by-laws approved to be in compliance with 25th Assn. by-laws. Carl Quickmire moved to accept the changes, 2nd by Bob Baer. Motion passed unanimously.

2004 Reunion: Carl Quickmire gave an analysis of the geographic distribution of 3/4 CAV Chapter members. They are as follows: 16% in the N.E. 28% in the Midwest, 36% in the Southeast, and 24% West of

the Mississippi River. Based on attendance at this years reunion and expected growth of the Chapter future facilities need to be able to accommodate a minimum of 400 people for the Saturday Night Banquet. A reduced room rate can be had by having the reunion run from Sunday through Thursday (instead of the normal Thursday through Sunday). VP Quickmire stated that he would advise anyone who wishes to host a reunion.

The following cities were proposed for the 2004 reunion.

Las Vegas, NV

Louisville, KY (hotel is located across Ohio River in Clarksville, IN) A vote by hand was conducted. Louisville, KY won with 75 vote's total. Las Vegas, NV received 36 votes.

Dates for the reunion are 24-27 June 2004.

Election of Officers: There were no nominations. Doug Hanna made a motion to reelect the current officers, seconded by Jim Bob Sawvell (and many others). Motion passed unanimously.

Your officers are:

President Jerry Headley Treasurer Bobby Bingham

Vice President Carl Quickmire Secretary Bob Schneider

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Col. Troy, squadron commander 65-66, presented two challenges to the body. He proposed that the songs that the squadron use to have be put into a songbook. That we could sell them to raise money for the chapter. We could also sing the songs at our reunions and possibly create a chorus or quartet.

He also stated that we need to contact today's soldiers in the squadron and encourage them to join us to keep our Assn. going. "You are the models now of what this squadron did in combat"

Lost and found items were shown and 1 cap returned to its owner. President Headley recognized Bob Tegelman, D Troop 66, for donating printing paper from the Weyerhauser Corp. This will be enough paper for the printing of 4 newsletters and save the Chapter much money. Bob also had updated the KIA roster and had copies available for anyone who wished a copy.

President Headley pointed out that this year is the 20th anniversary of the Wall in Washington DC. The Tri-State Chapter of the 25th Assn. is hosting a mini-reunion at the Key Bridge Marriott and encouraged everyone to visit the Wall.

Dale Dow, Jim Messina, Tom Fleming, and Charles Johnson were recognized for their hard work in getting so many Centaurs, D & F Troops, to attend the reunion.

Bob McCarthy, who provided copies of Shakespeare's "Henry V We Were Brothers... soliloquy in 2000 brought more copies and said if anyone would like a copy who wasn't at the reunion they could email him and he mail it for free. Yourprinter@aol.com.

President Headley reminded everyone that there is a Vietnam Veterans reunion in Kokomo, IN 19-21 Sep. 42,000 attended last year and there is always a large contingent of 25th veterans there.

Dennis Roe made a motion that a special recognition be placed in the minutes recognizing John Hollern for his years of dedicated service as treasurer to the chapter. Seconded by jerry Headley. Motion passed

unanimously.

Frank Cuff, C Troop, 68, VFW District Cdr. for Ohio, said that they had pins made in the shape of a kneeling Chaplain that was o raise money for the Dept. of Ohio Cancer research fund. He had some pins with him for sale at \$2.00 each.

John Hollern commented on how much Bobby Bingham did for the Chapter after taking over the duties as treasurer when he got ill. John said that we need to be looking after one another.

Doc Ross, Squadron Surgeon 68-69, talked to us about long distance service and phone cards and how we could raise money for the Chapter at no cost to ourselves. He will prepare a short article for the next newsletter.

There being no further business a Motion to Adjourn by Rod Nishimura, seconded by William Singleton. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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