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3/4 CAVALRY



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VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN CANCELLED

The trip to visit the 25th Infantry Division (L) in Afghanistan was cancelled with no explanation. Hopefully, it will be rescheduled in the future.

The phone cards that have been donated were mailed with the hope they will arrive before Christmas.

I am putting the squadrons CSM mailing address below. Please send mail/packages to him and tell him what troop you'd like it to be delivered to. Remember NO RANK in the title of the address.

Chris Taylor
TASK FORCE SABER
HHT, 3-4 CAVALRY
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ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Since the September newsletter 20 more members have paid either life or annual dues. So, of the 1,081 on the mailing list 350 are dues paying members (32%). 270 life, 80 annual. Of the 80 annual, 61 are paid through Dec 2004.

This is the last time this notice will appear in the newsletter. Those of you who are delinquent at the end of January 2005 will be removed from the mailing list.

I hope that all of you will pay your dues. It would be a great misfortune to lose you after all the time and hard work put forth in locating you.

VETERAN'S DAY AT THE WALL

Another large turnout of 25th Infantry Division veterans was at The Wall this November 11th. I also ran into 4 former 3/4 Cavalry members there.

Chester Stanley, D Troop, 69-71 from Blue Ridge, TX brought his dad with him. Danny Jamison, D Troop, 69-70, lives nearby in Virginia. Two new troopers were found this year. Frank Hinton, D Troop, 65-67 lives in Landover, MD and Felix Cobos, C Troop, 1970, traveled from Mesa, AZ.

Mel and Linda Moss for obtaining Phone Cards for our troops in Afghanistan.

Frank Cuff for obtaining Phone Cards from the VFW for our troops in Afghanistan.

Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our chapter running.

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

AWARDEES OMITTED

In the last newsletter I omitted to include those who received awards for their service to our chapter. Please accept my apologies for this error.

The **Mackenzie's Raiders Meritorious Achievement Award** was presented to Ed Kayler for his years of service as the editor of our newsletter and for establishing our web page.

Two former Delta Troop (Air) members received a new award, the **Mackenzie's Raiders Commendation Award**. Dale Dow and Jack Nemeyer were recognized for all of their effort in locating former D and F Troop (Air) members and encouraging them to attend our reunion.

OLD COMRADES MEET

CWO (Ret) Jim Hogan and his wife Dottie traveled from their home in Bradenton, FL to Boise, ID to meet with two friends and their wives that they hadn't seen in sometime: Stan Fornander, A Troop, 67-68 and Chuck Watts, B Company, 2-34th Armor, 68.

Although the visit was too short, they had a great time sharing old stories and just being together once again.

Photos below are of Stan and Jim and Jim and Chuck.



ATTA BOY/ATTA GIRL

Atta Boy/Atta Girl to:

Dale Dow, Mel Moss, Tom Fleming, Jeffery Griffin, and Roland Petty for donations to the CAV Hat fund for deserving troopers.

IN AFGHANISTAN, APACHE TROOP MAKES BATTLE COME TO THEM

By Jon R. Anderson

The following article appeared in an August Stars and Stripes paper. It was sent to Jim Hogan by his son CW3 Sean Hogan who is an Apache pilot and is serving at Camp Eagle in Bosnia.

Forward Operating Base Tiger, Afghanistan – Frustrated that Taliban fighters were making themselves scarce, cavalry commander CPT Brian Peterson ordered his PSYOPS detachment to find a way to get the enemy onto the battlefield.

Their solution: shame. The soldiers drove into the mountainous region of southern Afghanistan near Tarin Kowt, a known Taliban stronghold, and blared through Humvee-mounted loudspeakers a simple message.

“Take off your burgas,” Afghan interpreters shouted, referring to the head-to-toe powder blue shrouds Taliban leaders once forced all women in the country to wear. “Come out and fight us like men.”

Peterson, commander of the 25th Infantry Divisions’ Hawaii-based 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment’s Apache Troop. Had heard of Special Forces units using similar schoolyard tactics to dishonor local insurgents into a fight and figured it couldn’t hurt to try.

He knew Taliban fighters were out there. Local villagers were being threatened to stay away from UN voter registration efforts for the country’s Oct. 9 presidential elections.

It didn’t take long to get an answer to Peterson’s cantankerous call to arms. Within hours, an angry ambush was unleashed, a heavy fusillade of automatic weapons fire raining down from two sides as his patrol moved through a steep valley.

“The bullets were zipping within a few inches of my head, I could actually feel their heat,” said .50 caliber machine gunner SPC Michael Plummer, 25, from Klamath Falls, OR.

He was astounded. After four months in Afghanistan, this was Apache Troop’s first contact with the enemy.

“I couldn’t believe they were actually shooting at us,” said Plummer.

Pushing his patrol of Humvees through the ambush kill zone, Peterson turned his men around and charged back into the fray.

“We weren’t going to run from those punks,” said Peterson. “We chased them up the mountain.”

After a 45 –minute gunfight, four Afghan guerrillas lay dead and another four were captured.

None of Peterson’s men were injured.

“We’re pretty sure we got more, but they carry their dead away,” said Peterson.

It’s hard to tell how many escaped, he said, adding “they can run, but they’ll only die tired.”

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 25th Infantry 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: AT THE 25TH IDA Executive Committee’s mid-year meeting, they 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 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, 70. **Shellie, Bronis** was the other 3/4 CAV recipient and she is the daughter of Joe Bronis, Baltimore, MD, B Troop,

68-69. You can continue to make Tax deductible donations to our treasurer, Bob Bingham.

NEW MEMBERS FOUND

Donald Bentley, ? Troop, 6/70-12/70, Austell, GA
 Louis Castillo, A Troop, 67-68, Silver Lake, WA
 Felix Cobos, C Troop, 70, Mesa, AZ
 Frank Hinton, D Troop (Air), 65-67, Landover, MD
 Eugene Larsen, B Troop, 66-67, West Palm Beach, FL
 Paul Page, C Troop, 11/66-11/67, New Hartford, CT
 Richard Serna, B Troop, 67, Radcliff, KY

Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – **1308**

NOTE: 1,081 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.

Billy Blackmon,	Amarillo, TX
Ed Garvin,	Carlton, OR
Robert O'Bryne,	Leawood, KS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was sent anonymously with the request that it be printed in our newsletter.

" Dear Jerry, I've just received the most recent issue (Sep 2004) of our MacKenzie's Raiders Newsletter and, as usual, have set aside all other mail to read this first. Not being able to attend as many reunions any more, as I once did, I'd be lost without my newsletter. It keeps those warm fuzzy feelings of comradery still aglow.

In fact, I was floored to see the number of my fellow Horseman delinquent in their dues and, as a result, in jeopardy of losing this lifeline. Of course, not everyone views staying-in-the-loop with the same degree of importance as I. And then, there are, no doubt, a number who simply can't afford it (dues).

For, in order to be a member in good standing of the ¾ Cav Chapter, one must first be a member of the 25th Infantry Division Association (25th IDA). Therefore, a guy's got to cough up \$25 - \$10 for us and \$15 for the 25th IDA (which, of course is us too) – each and every year. And \$25 is a chunk, to a guy who's having a tough time making ends meet! I know of which I speak...I've been there and only a few years ago.

Now, however – fortunately – The VA, in its infinite wisdom, has seen fit to finally (after 15 years of fighting) grant me 100% disability. I've spent more years fighting my own government, than I spent fighting theirs!

So, now that I've got mine, it seems only appropriate that I help those who have helped me...whether it's been here, in the world, or perhaps, back in Nam. Or, possibly, those who will never help me – but, rather, help someone else. You know: Pay it forward!

I'm enclosing \$300 to pay the 25th IDA dues of 20 ¾ Cav troopers. Whether it's the first 20 to respond, with their \$10 Cav dues, or 20 you are aware of who can use the boost, or a combination of both, really isn't important. What is important, is helping the guy in the foxhole next to me. After all, without his help, I wouldn't be here.

Jerry, I'm not doing this for my ego. I'm doing this to keep this brotherhood intact. We've all

been through too much; to let a few bucks come between us.

*Thank you for all that you do.”
Anonymous*

NOTE: The \$300 went toward 30 delinquent members’ dues. The Chapter cannot forward dues to the 25th IDA, as this is an individual responsibility.

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.

4th CAVALRY GROUP REUNION

Ken Hardesty, B Troop, 67-68, attended the 4th Cavalry Association’s reunion in Sturgis, SD this past September 9-11. This was the 4th CAVs 57th reunion. Ken’s comments follow.

“The program included a dinner on Thursday the 9th. A tour to the Kevin Costner Tatanka site (Dancing With Wolves) near Deadwood on Friday the 10th with a side trip afterward to the Ft. Meade 4th Cavalry Museum with a poolside dinner later that evening. The

reunion concluded with the business meeting and luncheon on Saturday.

The three days were spent getting to know these brave troopers and their families from the past and listening to their stories of training at Ft. Meade, SD and in California before loading up on the troop ships bound for Europe, the ensuing training in England, D Day and the following actions they participated in until the end of the war in Europe.

The biggest issue they expressed is the concern over dwindling numbers of survivors and keeping the association intact for the future. They discovered that they had limited membership in the original charter to only those that had participated in WW II and their survivors. At next years reunion they will amend their by-laws to allow membership by any follow-on 4th Cavalry members.”

There is a link to the 4th Cavalry web page on the 3/4 CAV’s web.

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed, it must be achieved.”

Franklin D.Roosevelt

***HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!***

**AFTER ACTION REPORT ON THE
25th INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION REUNION**

There were 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cavalry Chapter members present at the 25th Infantry Division Association reunion in Tucson, AZ this September.

It was a great reunion and a good time had by all. Many expressed their desire to attend the next 25th IDA reunion next September in Pittsburgh, PA.

Some $\frac{3}{4}$ CAV members discussed putting together a trip back to Vietnam in October 2005. Dave Cox will be looking into this and posting information onto our web page.

A highlight of the business meeting was the presentation of \$1,000 to the 25th IDA scholarship fund from the chapter by President Jerry Headley.

REPLACING RECORDS

Note: the following excerpts are from a recent issue of Military Officer Magazine.

Who should I contact to get another copy of my military records? Veterans or next of kin to a deceased veteran can order a copy of military records using the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Web site, <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>, or by faxing a request to NARA, (314) 801-9195. You can also mail a letter to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) at the address below. Everyone else must make a request using a Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF-180).

You may download the SF-180 from the MOAA Web base, www.moaa.org/benefitsinfo/medals.asp, or call MOAA's Member Service Center, (800) 234-6622, to have a form mailed to you.

**National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

How can I replace lost medals?

Military service medals, decorations, and awards can be replaced by sending a request

to the specific branch of the military in which you served (yes, we're Army but some of us served in other branches too). The NPRC must first verify that you received the awards and then forward the request to the appropriate service department for issuance of the medals.

The SF-180 is recommended for requesting medals and awards. You can also send a letter request. It should include your full name, date and place of birth, service number or SSN, branch of service, approximate dates of service, and your return address.

Along with the SF-180, you must provide documentation that shows you were awarded the medal, e.g. DD 214, award orders, or your military personnel records.

Be patient. It could take awhile to receive any medals and awards. Allow at least six months.

SOLDIER AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The 25th ID Association established a Soldier and Family Support program as soon as the division soldiers began to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan. Those of you who belong to the association have read about it in FLASHES.

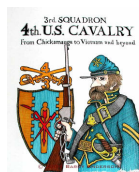
The purpose of the program includes a Letter Writing campaign by school children, assistance to family members and visiting wounded soldiers at Walter Read Army Medical Center (WRAMC). When visiting the wounded soldiers they are given 25th ID Association memorabilia, e.g., caps, shirts, coins, patches, etc. Another program just initiated is the building of a monument at Schofield Barracks in front of Fernandez Hall (division HQs) that will memorialize 25th Infantry Division KIAs from all wars.

Unfortunately, to date, the association has spent more money than it has taken in due to the immediate need. Donations have been asked for by past President Dave Garrod (B Troop, 67-68) to help this project.

Note: The officers of the 3/4 CAV Chapter have voted to donate \$500 to this worthy program and encourages all of its members to donate.

**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



Barry Anderson is offering prints of this in 2 different styles 16x20 Matted Print for \$35.00 PPD and 11x14 Unmatted Print for \$20.00 PPD. A portion of the proceeds will be given back to the Scholarship or General Fund. Send orders to Barry J. Anderson, 325 Alma, Palo Alto, CA 94301

3/4 CAV CHALLENGE COIN. Cost \$7.00. Send your order to the Squadron Adjutant, 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 with embroidered regimental crest on front. \$20.00.

PINS, BUMPER STICKERS & "HENRY V" Poster. We have a few cap pins, and bumper stickers left

from the last reunion. Pins are \$4 and stickers are \$3. Poster \$2. 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 three 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. Last is a decal that you can put on your vehicle or wherever. Cost \$1.50.

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.**

3/4 CAV REUNION DATES SET

Dates for our next reunion have been set. We will meet 26 through 30 July 2006 in Kansas City, MO.

We will stay at the Marriott Kansas City Airport. A fixed rate of \$68.00(not including taxes) has been agreed upon.

"KC" Allcock is already hard at work on putting this reunion together. There will be more detailed information in future newsletters.

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?