

*Excerpts From Our June 2005 Newsletter*

# **MACKENZIE'S RAIDERS**



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## **PRESIDENT ATTENDS WELCOME HOME CELEBRATIONS AND CEREMONIES**

*President Headley traveled to Schofield Barracks on June 10th to attend the Welcome Home Ceremony for the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. A highlight of the ceremony was the dedication and unveiling of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial which honors all division soldiers that were killed in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.*

*Following remarks by Butch Sincock, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association (25<sup>th</sup> IDA) Executive Director, and MG (P) Eric Olson, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (L) Commander, the first stage of the monument was unveiled by its sculptor, Lyn Liverton. A wreath was then placed by MG Olson and Dave Garrod (B Troop, 67-68) and Tom Jones of the 25<sup>th</sup> IDA.*

*The second stage, which will have three additional statues depicting soldiers from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, is scheduled to be unveiled in September 2006 during the 25<sup>th</sup> IDA reunion in Hawaii.*

## **ATTA BOY/GIRL**

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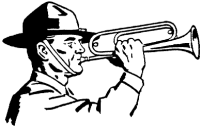
*To all of you who renewed or upgraded your membership.*

***John Radvansky for donation to the General Fund / Scholarship Fund.***

***Carl Quickmire for donation to scholarship fund in memory of Rocky Orozco.***

***Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our chapter running.***

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



### ***TAPS***

***MSG(R) Rocky Orozco, B, HHT, 63-67***

***James R. Garrett, B Troop, 68-69***

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

### ***PRESIDENT VISITS SQUADRON***

***President Headley visited our squadron during his recent trip to Hawaii.***

***During his visit he attended an induction ceremony for the awarding of the Order of Saint Michael. The award was posthumously awarded to former squadron commander LTC Michael McMahon and accepted by his widow LTC (P) Jeanette McMahon. Saint Michael is the patron saint of Army aviators.***

***The 3/4 CAV held its welcome home party for members, families and friends on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hale Koa military hotel on Waikiki Beach. President Headley attended the affair and took the opportunity to thank each trooper for their service and welcomed them home.***

***President Headley presented retiring CSM Chris Taylor with a drawing representing the 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry's history for his service. MAJ (P) Monty Willoughby, XO, was also presented a drawing at an earlier ceremony. MAJ Willoughby served as the interim squadron commander upon the loss of LTC McMahon. MAJ Willoughby has departed for Southern Illinois University to serve as the Army ROTC PMS.***

***The new squadron commander (SCO) LTC Scott Brown was given a 3/4 CAV cap and other memorabilia to welcome him to the 3/4 CAV.***

## ***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: For a student to be eligible for a scholarship the parent or grandparent has to have been a member of the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Megan Louya received the 3/4 CAV Chapter Scholarship for 2005. She is the granddaughter of Homer Louya (A Troop 66-67), Fayetteville, NC. Make tax-deductible donations to our treasurer, Bob Bingham.***

## ***3/4 CAV REUNION PLANNING UPDATE***

***Plans for our reunion in Kansas City, MO during 26-30 July 2006 continues to be developed by our host Allen "KC" Allcock. The registration form is on page seven. Register now. If something comes up that will make it impossible for you to attend you can cancel then. Get your seat now!***

***Renovations at our hotel, Marriott Airport, are on schedule and will be completed prior to our arrival. So, when we arrive, the hotel will have a fresh new look. You will be able to reserve your room beginning Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. Call 800-810-2771.***

***Thursday morning will start with our traditional golf tournament. The rest of Thursday is open time until our "ice breaker" in the hospitality room beginning around 6:00 p.m. Take the opportunity to explore the area.***

***We travel to Fort Leavenworth on Friday morning to conduct our Memorial Service. Following the service we will tour Fort Leavenworth and visit the museum, which is devoted to the cavalry and settling of the West. We will return to the hotel in time for lunch. Later that afternoon 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 there will be a BBQ***

**dinner and entertainment. This will be held "outside" in the Pavilion. A large lake is adjacent and makes for a beautiful setting.**

**Our business meeting will be held on Saturday morning. Immediately following the meeting two tours are planned. 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". See the tours information and registration sheet in this newsletter.**

**Saturday evening we will have our banquet in the Grand Ballroom. Our raffle will be held immediately following the banquet. Remember to bring something for the raffle.**

**Come early or stay late. There is plenty to see and do in the Kansas City area: Riverboat gambling and a dog track are close-by. The Kansas City Royals baseball team may be in town. Kansas City Speedway hosts NASCAR racing. Visit the Truman Library in nearby 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.**

## ***NEW MEMBERS FOUND***

***Brian Blanchard, A Troop, 68, Fort Fairfield, ME***

***John Brady, A Troop, 1/70-11/70, Constantia, NY***

***Doug Olsen, D Troop (Air), Molalla, OR***

**George Shaffer, C Troop, 1/68-8/68, Norfolk, VA**

**Giles St. Pierre, C Troop, 68-69, Palermo, ME**

**Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – 1,322**

**NOTE: 470 are on the mailing list.**

**Keep searching for former troopers.**

## **IN SEARCH OF**

**John Regul, A Troop, 67-67, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, is searching for anyone who remembers him. He needs help with a VA claim.**

**You may contact John at (850) 948-5121 or write P.O. Box 682, Greenville, FL 32331. You may email him in care of Buck Davis at [davisb@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:davisb@doacs.state.fl.us).**

## **VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA**

**The City of Chicago has begun construction of the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Riverwalk along Wacker Drive between Wabash Avenue and State Street. For the opening on November 11, 2005, the City plans a large re-commissioning ceremony and a weekend filled with events focusing on cultural appreciation and the Vietnam War era.**

**Roger McGill, HHT, 65-66, is one of six sub-committee chairmen overseeing this event. Roger is looking for support and assistance from other Vietnam veterans to insure the successful activities surrounding the re-commissioning of this historic landmark in the City of Chicago in honor of Vietnam Veterans and their families. For more information, please contact Roger at [C2JR@aol.com](mailto:C2JR@aol.com).**

## **MAILING LABEL INFORMATION**

***If you look closely at your address label on your newsletter you will notice a change.***

***Just to the right of your name you will see the year that your dues expire, e.g., if you have a (5) your dues expire on 31 December 2005 and your dues are due no later than 31 January 2006. If you are a Life member then you will see a (L).***

***In earlier newsletters everyone had been informed that if they do not pay their dues then they would be removed from the mailing list. We had over 1,000 on the mailing list and the cost of printing and postage was too expensive to continue in this manner. As of this newsletter we have 470 on the mailing list.***

***If you know of anyone who has not paid, please encourage them to do so. Also, keep searching for former members of the CAV.***

## **25<sup>th</sup> IDA REUNION**

***The 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> IDA web at [www.25thida.com](http://www.25thida.com).***

## **25<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL**

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

***As of May \$62,000 had been raised of the \$500,000.00 that will be needed to complete this project. The 3/4 CAV Chapter has donated \$500 to date.***

***The project will be done in two phases. Phase I was completed and dedicated in ceremonies held on June 10, 2005 at Schofield Barracks. Phase II is planned to be completed by September 2006.***

***More detailed information can be found in FLASHES. You may send your tax-deductible donation or pledge to 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Assn., P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007.***

## **. 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.***

***Life without liberty is like a body without spirit."***

***Kahlil Gibran***

## ***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.***

**3/4 CAV CHALLENGE COIN.** Cost \$7.00. Send your order to, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Attn: S-1, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI 96854. Make the check payable to OLD BILL FUND.

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

**SWEATSHIRTS.** Navy Blue with embroidered 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CHECK LIST: HAVE YOU**

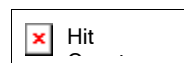
**X Paid your dues? Found a new member?**

**X Joined the 25th Infantry Division Association?**

**X Made a donation to the scholarship fund, general fund or Division Memorial?**

**X Made plans to attend our reunion?**

**X Checked out the Chapter Website?**



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