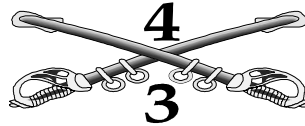


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20th ANNIVERSARY IN 2008

We will celebrate our 20th anniversary when we meet June 26-29, 2008 in Fort Mitchell, KY.

Arrangements for our hotel, banquet, tours, memorial service, and golf tournament have been made or are being finalized.

The Drawbridge Inn, in Fort Mitchell, KY., will be our hotel. It is located just off Interstate I-71/75. For you that will fly, they provide free transportation to and from the airport. We have a **great rate of \$75 per night** and it is good for three days prior to and after our reunion. You will also receive a 10% discount in their restaurants. All you have to do is show your reunion name - tag.

For you early birds there is much to see and do in the Cincinnati area. Information will be provided in future newsletters.

A special 3/4 CAV Coin is being made and each member attending will receive a free coin as a memento.

On **Thursday** we will hold **our traditional golf tourney**. Carl Quickmire has selected a very nice course close to our hotel. The Twin Oaks Golf and Plantation Club is a privately owned public course in Covington, KY. The number of golfers has grown over the years and we're looking for a good turnout. Remember that the ladies can play too. Later that evening we will have our ice - breaker in the hospitality room. Make sure you bring your photos and films from Nam to share. Freshen up your stories too.

Friday morning we will conduct our **memorial service** in the Stuart room. Afterwards, a great **city**

tour has been planned with a stop at Newport on the Levee. More than 10 restaurants are located here with the **Hofbrau Haus** just across the street. There are a number of shops that the ladies will want to visit and plenty of entertainment. **The Newport Aquarium** is here. Want to have sharks swim over your head? Your grandkids would love it. After you return, we will have our **group photos** taken. **Friday evening** we will have a **Bavarian dinner** with live German music. The **guest speaker will be MG (Ret) Tom Tait**. Tom was the squadron XO during Tet 68. This is something new for our Friday get together but, being our 20th anniversary, we thought appropriate.

Saturday will begin with our **business meeting**. A **riverboat luncheon cruise** follows. There is much history associated with the city of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky that had an impact on our nation. Our **banquet** will be that evening and **GEN Glenn Otis will speak**. Our raffle will follow. Again, being our 20th anniversary we will have some special gifts to hand out. Plus, the money raised always goes to a good cause.

Sunday we will have a **breakfast buffet** to give us a final opportunity to say our good-byes.

PAID YOUR 07 DUES?

If you have the number 6 following your name on the address label, you **OWE 07 DUES!** As of this writing, 46 of you are delinquent.

Please send your dues to our treasurer, Bobby Bingham. If you have not paid by the mailing of the June newsletter you will be dropped from the mailing list.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR
SQUADRON COIN**

Donations would be appreciated to help defray the cost of the "challenge" coin that the squadron had made for each squadron member. The coin commemorates their tour of duty in Iraq.

The division allots each unit \$1000 toward this purchase. The squadron will need to raise an additional \$2500. CSM Briggs asks for your help.

If each member would donate at least \$5, we could pay the balance for the coins. If you can help, send your donation to Bobby Bingham, 4505 Arvice Court, Lexington, KY 40515

ATTA BOY/GIRL

Atta Boy/Girl to:

Bob McCarthy for donating cards for correspondence.

Doug & Jane Hanna for sending funds to four needy 3/4 Cavalry families, whose husbands are in Iraq.

Howell Hicks, \$50 donation in memory of Homer Louya.

Harry Watson, whose church sent care packages to our squadron in Iraq.

Les Stafford, whose VFW post sent calling cards for each squadron member in Iraq.

Rolland Fletcher & Bill Wilson, \$100 each. **Bill Aronson, Dyke Miller, Gary Milam, Mel Moss, Dick Hemmer, John Hendry** donation for squadron coin.

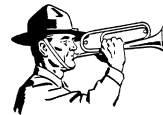
LTC Monty Willoughby for being selected to command the 2-9 Cavalry Squadron, 4th ID, Fort Carson, CO.

Anonymous members, for their donations.

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

Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our chapter running.

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



TAPS

HAYDEN JONES

F TROOP, 70

FRED VILLENUEVA

HHT, 65-66

JACK NOBLE

B TROOP 68-70

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

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 25th IDA for a minimum of one year. JOIN NOW!**

The 3/4 CAV Chapter annually donates at least \$1,000. This is awarded to an **ELIGIBLE** child/grandchild of a 3/4 Cavalry veteran. Alexandra Turner, granddaughter of Jerry Headley, B, HHT, 68-69, received the 2006 3/4 CAV Scholarship. Jeremy Singleton, grandson of Bill Singleton, HHT 69, also received a 25th IDA Scholarship. Make tax-deductible donations to our treasurer, Bob Bingham.

SQUADRON NEWS

LTC Frost, SCO, has sent us the squadron guidon from Iraq. The guidon has flown over the squadron headquarters in Tel Afar since their arrival. It will be brought to our reunion and be on display.

Also, they have given us a U.S. Flag that was flown prior to President Ford's death and for the 30 days required for the passing of a former President.

The SCO and CSM said "we could not have thought of any other association than yours to receive these colors. Hope you get pleasure from receiving this flag and exhibit it proudly within your organization." This will also be brought to our reunion.

NEW MEMBERS FOUND

Cliff Deane, B Troop, 2/67-2/68, Port Charlotte, FL
Robert Shandley, D Troop (Air), 12/68-12/69, Burney, CA

Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – **1,382**

NOTE: 500 are on the mailing list.

Keep searching for former troopers.

SICK CALL

Note: The following have agreed to have their names placed in this article. Included, are their home addresses, if you wish to drop a line. If you know of any comrade that should be included in future newsletters, please email Jerry Headley jaheadley@comcast.net.

Mark Ponzillo, first LRRP Cdr., 66, is recovering from open-heart surgery. You may contact him at 2472 Glenbonnie Dr., Atlanta, GA 30360-1614.

Eight former Bravo members visited Jack Noble at his home on 10 February to wish him well. Those visiting were Bob Maxey, Don Evans, Ed Mooney, Darrell Palmer, Dozell Usry, Jim Powers, Bobby Bingham and Jerry Headley. You may drop Jack a card at 105 Eastwood Acres, Nitro, WV 25143

THESE GOOD MEN **BY MICHAEL NORMAN**

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made the reason we were so willing to die for one another. I cannot say where we are headed. Ours are not perfect friendships; those are the provinces of legend and myth. A few of my comrades drift far from me now, sending back only occasional word. I know that one day even these could fall to silence. Some of the men will stay close, a couple, perhaps, always at hand. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades... such good men.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WALL

The 25th anniversary of The Wall will be Veterans Day 2007. Volunteers from the 25th Infantry Division Association have signed a contract with the **Sheraton National Hotel** on 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA. They are holding 25 rooms for us. If those are sold, we may get more. So, get your room now. **Call (703) 521-1900**. Great rates at a great location. Room rates are \$99.00 and the hotel will provide a shuttle to the Pentagon, where you can take the Metro to the Wall. Parking is \$8.00, Half the regular rate. There will be a hospitality room for that weekend. **Send your registration, \$10, to Bill Park, 4 Kutz Ave., New Holland, PA 17557.**

The highlight of the anniversary commemoration will be the **Reading of the Names** during a ceremony that will run from Nov. 7-10,2007. The names will be read chronologically by casualty date. This will be the fourth time in The Wall's history that all of the names have been read aloud in Washington, D.C. If you would like to be a reader contact the VVMF at www.vvmf.com.

**BUY A BRICK FOR THE 25th
INFANTRY DIVISION
MEMORIAL**

More than \$300,000 has been raised by the 25th Infantry Division Association (25th IDA) for our memorial at Schofield Barracks. The 3/4 CAV Chapter has donated \$6,800.

The completed memorial was dedicated at the 25th IDA reunion on September 29. The monument not only honors those who died but also all who have served and are serving in our Tropic Lightning Division.

Bricks are in place for those of you who have purchased them prior to the last cutoff date. There is a new campaign on for more bricks to finish paying off the memorial and to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the site.

You can go to the 25th IDA web site www.25thida.org or to the 3/4 CAV site www.3-4cav.com to get information and the form. Buy a brick paver to honor one of your fallen comrades or to place your own name. The orders will be screened to preclude duplications and you will be notified if more than one of you have chosen the same person to be memorialized.

DUES

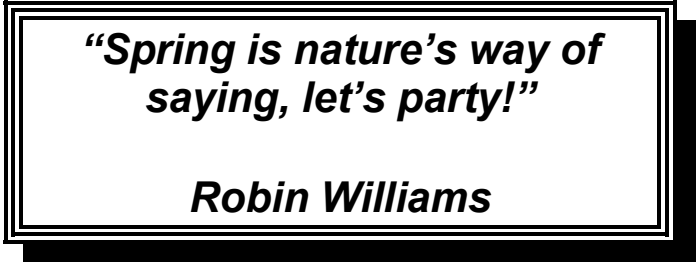
3/4 CAV Dues

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, if you've never sent one.**

25th Infantry Division Dues

Send your 25th Infantry Division Association dues **(\$20 Annual, \$175 Life)** to P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007. **Attach a copy of your DD-214 or other documentation of service.**

NOTE: The 25th IDA is considering raising its dues similar to the VFW and American Legion, i.e., a sliding scale based on age. NOW is the time to join as a life member and save money!



**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.

SPECIAL OFFER. Red T-shirts with design when squadron was in Afghanistan. Limited supply. Only L, XL left. Cost \$15.00

POLO SHIRTS. Navy Blue with embroidered 4th Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$35.00. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X

SWEATSHIRTS. Navy Blue with embroidered 4th Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$35.00.

T-SHIRT. Navy Blue T-Shirt with embroidered regimental crest on front. Cost \$22.00. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X.

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 \$15.00. Black with embroidered regimental crest and motto. Better get two!

CAV LICENSE PLATES. Cost is \$12.00. 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.

PRINT. Commissioned by the squadron while in Afghanistan. Portrays the history of the 3/4 CAV. Each copy is signed by the artist. Cost \$30.00

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.**

MUG. White with crest and scroll. Sold at reunion. \$10.00. Order from Quartermaster.

NEW! 3/4 CAV CARDS. Pkg of 25. Color drawing of unit crest, crossed sabers, unit guidons on front cover. Old Bill on top of inside. Description of crest on back. Use for personal notes, thank you, or whatever. Includes envelopes \$26.00

Band of Brothers Poster. Bob McCarthy will provide a FREE poster of Henry V siliquoy "We Band of Brothers". Write to 9718 Limoges Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

The 25th IDA will hold its **58th reunion in Lexington, KY on 6-10 August 2007.** The Griffin Marriott Hotel and Spa has been selected as the host hotel. This as a great property and they have given us a special rate of **\$79 per night.**

There is a private golf course on the grounds and the **2nd annual 25th IDA golf tournament** will be held there. Our Dave Nelson will be in charge of the tournament and he hopes there will be a large turnout of 3/4 CAV golfers to challenge the other teams, i.e., "Wolfhounds" and "Bobcats" for bragging rights.

Great tours are being arranged or you can visit nearby sites on your own. The Kentucky Horse Park is a magnificent place to visit and see how the horse impacted Kentucky. Make a trip to nearby Frankfort, the state capitol and see the **Vietnam Memorial.** Perhaps the most unique memorial dedicated to the Kentuckians killed and missing in Vietnam.

CHECKLIST: HAVE YOU

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