



THE BULLWHIP SQUADRON NEWS

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Adjutants Call

Each of you will have a special memory of BULLWHIP 6, memories of his strong will or his special brand of compassion. Let me share a thought or two from the viewpoint of a Horse Holder.

John B. truly admired many, many members of his beloved Command. Many more than I will note here. First on the list must be his own Sgt. Major, Lawrence E. Kennedy. Hap Rose, Joe Steine, Bob Zion, and Chuck Knowlen are just some of you, who held a special place of honor on what I perceived as JBS, "List of People He Admired".

Many say that, John B marched to a Different Drummer. Some of you may know that John B's father worked for Patton during WW II. It was said that Patton marched, also, to that, Different Drummer. JBS is in good company.

JBS was a stickler for details, not just on the battlefield but in the office as well. An office, that had a coffee table and a flag, rather than a desk. I used to fold letters signed by the Boss with three very sharp sections. JBS would say that I was breaking the back of the paper. He would tell me to fold the letter gently. He also said, "Grube, you can't even spell Columbus". JBS was his own best proofreader.

JBS asked people to do things somewhat out of the ordinary. You may recall that he told Bob Zion to have a flagpole on his desk by morning. A range flagpole with three hundred pounds of cement, and, at least that much mud, was sent through the office window and placed on the desk, or coffee table -- or the time he told Joe Steine to contact the President of the Carter Ink Company, and ask them to provide enough OD markers to darken our white name tapes. John told Joe to tell the President that we wanted them at, no cost to the United States Government. As I recall, Joe offered to pay for the markers if he did not have to send the letter.

Some of you will remember when JBS told his driver to take his dog to the Ft. Benning Vet to get a shot that would prevent the dog from becoming pregnant. John added, "no, you can't get one for your girl".

As I close my thoughts of BULLWHIP 6, let all of us send to Rita our thoughts. Rita was the true love of JBS.

I have received a note from Gordon Fisher, in Bakersfield, CA. He offers the use of an extra bedroom to any Trooper who is traveling through southern California. His home telephone number is 805-834-7653.

Gene Lassiter also sent me a note from South Carolina. He sent a photo of John Ghere and his bird, fitted with Napalm tanks. Gene says that the U.S. Air Force caught John and made him stop. Maybe John will fill you in on the details of his Special Mission.

In my next report I will let you know what toys John Ghere has added to his list.

One last word, keep me informed of items you want to see in Adj. Call. My address is, 2521 - 15th Street, Columbus, GA 31906 Phone number - (706) 323-9030

Always Remember, Our Leader Was No "Piss Ant."

Dick Grube
Adjutant

TAPS

COLONEL JOHN B. STOCKTON Passed On 04:45 hours, 7 August, 1997

JBS, YOU WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY YOUR TROOPERS

LONG LIVE THE MENORY OF JBS

The Bull Whip Squadron is special because of Bullwhip 6's devotion both to duty and to the Squadron. His beliefs, training, and incite in the fundamentals of combat and Air Cavalry were directly responsible for many of us returning home alive, from VietNam. The methods and tactics JBS perfected during the Fort Benning, Air Assault days were right and correct for combat action in VietNam. They served the Squadron well, not only during JBS's command of the Squadron, but for also, all the following Commanders.

The tactics perfected by John B, has been taught to Air Cav units through out the Army. The best way to stay alive in combat is to perform the mission correctly, to be the best.

This is His legacy

Colonel John B. Stockton, ride with the wind, saber held high, troopers by column, and forever know that we are with you in spirit. May you always have fair weather, spirited horses, and Cav Troopers by your side.

You are once again a Cav Commander, Commander of all the Cav Troopers who have gone before.

This is not the end, but just the beginning

COL JOHN B. STOCKTON



The Father of Modern Air Cavalry

CAV TROOPER EXTRAORDINARY

FORWARD

Colonel John B. Stockton passed away at 04:45 hours on the 7th of August 1997. His last words to his wife, Rita, were “I’m ready if you are.” With these words, a great soldier and man left his friends and loved ones.

Rita called me that morning to give me the sad news and to inform me of the Colonel’s wishes for cremation and to have his ashes scattered at sea. No military burial, no laying at wake with all that entails. In short, he wanted to make his passing as easy as possible for his loved ones.

So it was at 18:30 hours on 13 August 1997, that we gathered at South Beach Marina, Miami Beach, aboard the 68 foot yacht, Pizzaz. On hand for the final farewell were Rita and her three daughters, Annelies, Katinka, and Marianne; me and my wife, Susan, Mark Dekema who arranged for the yacht, and Capt. Nick Reeves.

We headed to sea at 19:30 hours, out by the fishing grounds that John and Rita has cruised so many times. A few minutes prior to sunset, Capt. Reeves turned the Pizzaz into the wind, slowed to idle and we prepared the ashes to finalize the Colonel’s wishes. From the aft swim platform, Annelies spread the ashes while Rita, Marianne, and Katinka threw an evergreen and white rose wreath into the sea. Each of us followed the wreath with orchids and watched all float away into the distance. We followed with a toast of the Colonel’s favorite Genever gin, and a few last words; mostly we were immersed in our own private thoughts of the man as we each knew him. After a quick downing of the gin, we threw the glasses into the sea, with a full one just for John.

Looking to the west, we saw a huge thunderhead, black as coal and rimmed in reds and pinks by the setting sun. It was a fitting send-off, depicting the storminess and beauty of the man and his life. Capt. Reeves turned the ship back to Miami Beach as we held a small wake amid speculation of which topless beach John might visit first—Cannes, the Riveria, or just stay around South Beach, Miami.

Many of us would have liked to have, had, the traditional closing to say goodbye to the Colonel; but as mentioned, this “ceremony” was his wish. As you know, although he appeared to be at ease with the public accolades, he was in fact a very private man who shunned the spot light for 30 years after his retirement.

It took a lot of us many years to get him to agree to a reunion, to let us show our love and respect. So let us be happy that we had that much of him while we could and now respect his privacy again and say goodbye in our own ways and time.

COL John B. Stockton, go with the Grace of God.

Nick Hlywa
August 17, 1997

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From The Commander:

With the notification of COL John's death in Montreal of 7 August, this editorial staff and I attempted to notify, by telephone, as many troopers throughout the country as possible. Because of the very personal nature of this action, we believed that direct notification by telephone, instead of a Newsletter, was the most appropriate. Although Phil and Liz Zemke were not at home in Fresno, CA., I left the message on their answering machine and within the hour, Los called me in Main to say they were at Ft. Hood for the 50th reunion. That's how the 1st Cav Reunion attendees got the news. John would have been pleased as to how fast that bit of intelligence got to the right people!

We all have our personal memories of COL John B. Stockton; however, those are private and need not be shared at this time- but he did have an influence over all of us. He will forever be remembered by all the troopers of the Bullwhip Squadron.

I shall always remember sitting on my dock at our lakeside cottage in Maine, looking up at the clear heavens and all the brilliant stars that late evening of 7 August. I was deep into my own thoughts when a lone, plaintive loon call, pierced the soundness- and then a single

meteorite flashed across the sky- BW 6 was on his way to Valhalla, the Hall of Heroes. And I was at peace again.

With the passing of John B. Stockton, I have been asked to consider the possibility of opening the BW Squadron membership to all troopers, who served in the 9th Cavalry Squadron in Vietnam, who served after December 1965 through 1971.

BW 6 told me on several occasions that with his death, I could do anything that the Squadron recommended.

The 9th Cav had a tremendous reputation in Vietnam, which has been documented in films and books. BW 6, of course, laid down the foundation of the organization, which survived intact long after his departure.

There are many troopers from the 9th Cav Vietnam era who do not have a unit affiliation and are not part of a "family". These troopers feel a very close kinship with the First Team, and their hearts and beliefs are as ours.

These troopers would like to be a member of our BW Squadron Family. They rank from Squadron Commanders to radio operators. Some of those leaders retired as 2, 3, And 4 Star generals.

Personally, I believe that it is time to open our rolls to all of those troopers who

served in the 9th Cav in Vietnam, and don't worry, I'll stay as the Bullwhip Squadron Commander as long as you want me.

Please let me know how you feel about this proposal.

Next Reunion Update

Although we have done some preliminary work concerning a possible 1998 reunion in Emory, MS., CSM Kennedy and I talked about this on 24 October.

The only local motel will shortly close and the local airfield will only have 2 flights a day.

BW 7 said that in light of those 2 developments, we should re-look the reunion site. For example, the nearest motel is 36 miles away in Tupelo. BW 7 also restated that he is still BW 7 and will continue to support our newsletters and any future reunions.

With the 1999 1st Cav Reunion scheduled for Fort Hood, **which includes the presentation of the horse, Bullwhip**, our choices are;

- (1) BW Sqdn reunion in 1998, at a place to be determined.
- (2) Or a reunion in 2000.

I intend to be at the Ft. Hood reunion to represent the Squadron- and I believe many of you troopers would like to attend the BW horse presentation in August 99.

That would mean that some of you wouldn't, or couldn't, attend a BW Sqdn reunion in the fall of 1999.

Pappy Kuster (who by the way is moving from hot Atlanta to North Dakota next month to fish and hunt) told me today (26 Oct) that at 76 years of age, he may not be around in 2000. Give me your thoughts prior to our March newsletter release and I'll let you know when and where.

It does appear that fall, 1998 (October timeframe), would be the best year and time, to have the reunion.

In the "Letters to the Editor" you will find several letters about a Bullwhip horse fund, from COL (Ret) Peter Booth, honorary COL of the 9th Cav Regiment.

His letters outlines the process of gathering donations to support an acquisition of a horse to be named in honor of Bullwhip 6.

When I discussed this with Rita (John's wife), she was very pleased and immediately donated \$200!

I've contacted COL A. J. Welch and we have agreed that our BW Squadron could solicit contributions from our members, hold the moneys, and then send in one big dollar amount. We will also maintain a complete list of BW Sqdrn donors so that the manes can be placed on a plaque, which will be presented at the 1st cav Reunion in August 1999,

along with the horse, Bullwhip.

By the way, COL Welch (Ret) was the Gun Platoon leader in B Troop I 1971 when it was renamed to F Troop, as the Squadron returned to Fort Hood, TX.

This is an effort I fully support,

Read the Letters to the Editor for a full briefing on the horse, "Bullwhip", and its place of honor in the 1st Cav Horse Platoon.

DAVID J. ALLEN
Brigadier General,
Cavalry, USA Ret,
Commanding

From The Command Sergeant Major

A very short note for this Newsletter; The passing of COL John B. Stockton is the end of an era and the start of a new one.

Only time will tell if the new age Army will learn from the past, or will the New Army Commanders forget, the lessons learned, and taught by the BullWhip Squadron, under BW 6.

This is a very personal time for me, for I have lost, both a commander and a very close personal friend. I shall forever hold his memory close.

The Bullwhip Squadron shall march forward with sabers held high.

As ever, your points of contact for normal Squadron business remain;

Loel Ewart -
Rt. 2 Box 158
Ozark, Al. 36360
Ph# 334-774-0328

Or

Al Defleron -
1145 Holland Rd.
Newton , Al.
Ph# 334-692-5685

You are the best. Stand Tall,
Be Proud.

SGM Kennedy
Bullwhip 7

From the Chaplain:

As all of us were, I was shocked and dismayed to learn of the loss of our leader. You probably were wondering who you did not receive any word from me at the time. A word of explanation is in order. My daughter received word of his death on my answering machine. She sent an e-mail message to me is Quito, Ecuador, where I was visiting Missionary friends. I had no way of contacting anyone in the Squadron. When I got back to Miami, I tried to call Rita Stockton, but I couldn't find a White Pages phone book, so I called her when I got back home. I offered my condolences, and told her that I was sure I was expressing the feelings of all of us. She asked me to thank everyone for their concern. Rita said she plans to be at the next reunion. That will be another reason to be there.

When I got the news it was hard for me to realize. I had no one from the Squadron I could talk to about our loss. My friends that I was visiting, sympathized with me, but they could not begin to understand my loss. I just knew that John Stockton would always be around as long as I was. He will always be with us in our memories. We all have remembrances of BW 6. Whenever we get together we will always share these memories. Without the leadership and additional training we received under his guidance, many of us here today, may not have made it back from Nam. He was not a Commander who sent men into battle. He led them.

We are family.

When we went on the additional training trips (that no other unit in Division did), The Colonel instructed me to visit as many of the wives of the men, as possible to let them know that they would not be forgotten when we went to Nam. The officer's wives I saw at a gathering they had for a coffee. I visited with the Enlisted men's wives, individually. I did not get to visit all of them in the time allotted.

I could go recounting many things he did that only the Chaplain knew about. In later columns I will tell you about some of these acts, that showed another side of him. He was not only a fearless soldier, he was surrogate father to all the troops, he loved each one of us, but he

never let on. As his Chaplain I got to know that side of him, I guess, better than anyone.

In future columns I will share some of those things he did which were not for glory or acclaim. He was just being John Stockton.

This will have to do for now. In future articles, Lord willing, I will share more of my recollections of a great man.

Remember, plan to be at the next Reunion. Don't be going off on vacations or visiting long lost relatives.

We are family. We all must attend the next Reunion.

Till we meet at the reunion, I remain,

Your Chaplain
Harry K. Treude

**From the
Sergeant Major:**

As ever

L..A. Defleron
Sergeant Major

**From the
Keeper of the Rock:**

For those of you who are not aware, we, in the Bullwhip Squadron, have quite an asset in the person of Jerry "Smoky" Schmotolocha. Smokey has done an excellent job of compiling and editing tapes about the Bullwhip

Squadron, the 7th Cav and the Air Cav in general. In addition to these tapes being of great interest to us, some of the proceeds from the sales will go toward the purchase of a horse to be named "Bullwhip" and given in COL Stockton's memory to the detachment at Fort Hood.

The available tapes are;

Tape #1: "The Making of Decisive Weapons" by the BBC. This tape includes a 1 hour, 30 minute interview with COL Stockton and CSM Kennedy about the Bullwhip Squadron and how such traditions as the black hats and saddlebags, were begun. The final 30 minutes of the tape is the final program, aired by the BBC. This is available for \$25.00 (with \$15 of this going to the horse fund).

Tape # 2: BG Dave Allen and LTC Chuck Knowlen discuss the ambush in the Ia Drang Valley (1 hour 10 minutes). This is followed by a 50 minute, A & E program about the Air Cav in Vietnam. The purchase price is \$25.00 (with \$15 going to the horse fund).

Tape # 3: LTG Hal Moore talks about the Battle of Ia Drang Valley from the 7th Cav perspective. This is a \$20.00 tape (of which \$10 goes to the Ia Drang Scholarship Fund).

For further information about ordering these and other tapes, please contact:

Jerry "Smoky"
Schmotolocha
23 Congressional Parkway
Livingston, NJ 07039

Phone: (201) 994-0738

In addition to these tapes being interesting and a part of our heritage, Smoky has gone to much effort to compile and edit them. I feel that as fellow troopers, we need to support his efforts. Even more than that, we need to support the memorial effort in COL Stockton's memory.

Keeper of the Rock
Gene Smith

Legal Advice

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

In the last installment of "Where There is a will..." I set forth some thoughts on the need, and effect of a thoughtfully prepared Will. This issue deals in general terms, with the elements necessary to create an effective Will. There is a caveat: Although many States have similar statutes, each individual State has its own Probate Laws identifying particular elements required for a valid Will in that State. This commentary is simply to alert you to matters, which must be considered in preparing a Will.

Name: Here we need full names, including any other names by which the person creating the Will is generally known. This is done through the use of AKA (also known as) designation. This is often of more concern to women

who have used their husband's name after marriage(s). With names like William or Robert, the use of "Bob" or "Bill" are often a given and not necessary. "Antler Blue," "Bullwhip 6" and "Fixer" don't count.

Residence: This residency designation is important because it determines the State whose law will be applied to the interpretation and execution of the Will's provisions. It is more important for active duty service personnel who may be stationed at someplace other than the State they claim for residency. For those persons, the local JAG office can be of some help and may even be able to provide the requirements for a specific State.

Marital Status: This is important because of the different and often more favorable tax consequences associated with a gift of property going to a surviving spouse.

Children: Because the law of most States considers children as the "natural objects of one's bounty," omitting to identify a child in one's Will does not have the effect commonly called "disinheritance." On the contrary, failing to refer to a child in a Will can trigger a concept of "pretermitted heir" in which failure to refer to a natural child is treated as an oversight. That child would then take the amount or share s/he would've received if there was not a Will. This is called an

intestate (no Will) share.

It is often prudent to identify a child by birth date. This extra bit of caution simply avoids confusion in the future.

Personal Representative/Executor

The person(s) named by the Testator to execute his/her wishes as reflected in the Will is called the Personal Representative. There are 3 classes of Personal Representatives:

1. **Executor** is a specific person named in the Will (or alternate).

2. **Administrator CTA** is a person appointed by the Court to carry out the Testator's wishes in a Will, if the named Executor(s) cannot serve. CTA means a will is attached so the instructions are both specific and clear.

3. **Administrator** is a person appointed by the Court to act in the absence of a Will (intestacy).

In general, the Personal Representatives, whatever their title, have the same powers and mission: Administer the Estate as expeditiously as possible to get decedent's bills paid, the property assets divided and distributed, and close the Estate.

Persons often named as Executor include a spouse, adult children, other relatives, family friends, business associates or an institution. In determining who should act as an Executor, you should select someone responsible, well-organized

and experienced in maintaining books and records. In addition, it is useful if an Executor or successor Executor has had business experience and is knowledgeable about making investments. Have alternates in mind for contingencies when you plan your Will.

It is therefore extremely important that the Personal Representative be chosen carefully with special attention to his/her personal honesty, strength, loyalty and ability to faithfully discharge their duties as set forth by the Will or law. Since the Personal Representative may serve with or without bond, it is critical to determine for yourself the quality of trust/confidence you have in this person before you make the decision to waive bond. Remember that person will be in charge of whatever Estate you leave.

If the Will's main beneficiary is the spouse, bond is often waived. However, this is not a hard and fast rule. Be careful and discuss this with those whose judgment you trust.

Actual Gifts/Distribution

This is the tough part: Here one must decide who gets what. Keeping in mind the Estate represents a lifetime of labor and all receiving gifts need not necessarily be treated equally, this too requires serious thought. This area is as much political as it is legal. Some observations might be helpful:

1. Leaving the bulk or all of one's Estate to a surviving spouse of a long term marriage or alternatively to children in equal or unequal shares is not unusual.

2. Gifts of specific property, e.g., jewelry, firearms, collectibles, and even real property, can be made by Will.

3. The above or combination of the above is acceptable if permitted by the individual's State of residency and defined clearly and simply enough for the personal Representative to understand, locate and execute.

Signatures: Finally, depending upon the laws of the individual state, the Will must be signed by the Testator, usually in the presence of 2 witnesses (sometimes 3 to be sure) who must be there at the same time. This is a formal Will.

Caution: With the exception of some jurisdictions, a notary is not necessary and often injects note of defect into a Will document if done improperly.

There are jurisdictions which permit informal handwritten Wills and Soldier's Wills. Those are for specific purposes and not addressed here.

Remember, the information supplied here is general and not intended to take the place of specific legal advice tailored to your needs and the laws of your State. It is designed to raise issues, which must be

considered in the preparation of a Will. Your own Counsel, or the State Bar of your State, can give you more specific information for your state and perhaps a referral to Counsel in your community whose practice focuses on Wills, Trusts and Probate.

Next time: Alternatives to Probate-present gifts, informal Trusts and Joint Tenancy.

Manny Sedacca
Legal

It's war.
It's not if you win or loose.
You must win.
There is no alternative.

LAE

From the Comptroller:

Another year is almost over. Christmas is just around the corner and for many of you cold weather is a fact of life.

Our country is going through one of the longest sustained periods of good times in history. Inflation is low, unemployment is low, wages are up, and most people are reasonable happy.

With this in mind, it's time to think about 1998 and what the future holds for the Bullwhip Squadron Association.

COL John B. Stockton was strong in his belief that

this Association was good medicine for all the 3/17th and 1/9th troopers that served proudly under his command.

He believed that as soon as the Association became solvent that the dues should be reduced to a level that everyone could join who wanted to.

Therefore, as to John B's wishes, the Association dues are being reduced to \$15.00 per year. This is \$5.00 dues and \$10.00 for the newsletter.

With the reduction of dues, the Association can only send the Newsletter to dues paying members. So as COL Stockton would say, it's time to mount and get under way. In other words,

IT'S DUES PAYING TIME!

Troopers, now it is only \$15 for the year, so dig in the wallet or checkbook and send in your dues. Dues are due, starting January 1. Those of you that prepaid \$25 for 1998 will receive dues credit. The additional \$10 will be returned to you if you request it. If we do not hear from you, the \$10 will be placed in the Horse Fund. (Read on about the Horse Fund)

With the reduction of dues, the Association can afford to send the newsletters only to dues paying members. So starting with the next newsletter, only "paid" members and honorary members, will be mailed the Bullwhip Squadron Association newsletter. **So come on troopers, get with the program and send in**

your dues during the month of January.

Please make payment for annual dues (and donations) by checks, made payable to the Bullwhip Squadron Association.

You can send your annual dues for 98 to me, **Loel Ewart, Rt. 2, Box 158, Ozark, AL. 36360.**

My phone number is home, **(334) 774-0328**, office, (334) 598-3030.

Membership runs from January to December.

The present membership is over 70 troopers. Lets go for a giant leap for double that number for membership in 98.

Our leader, COL John B. Stockton, is still with us in spirit and will always hold that special place of honor within the Association.

To all of you who ordered golf shirts, hats, and mugs since our last newsletter, a very hardy, THANK YOU. This has helped make the Squadron fund solvent.

Don't stop now! We still have an abundance of mugs.

By now everyone who ordered items should have received them. Any one who is due any item and has not received it, please call either Al or myself for resolution. The staff appreciates your patience and understanding.

You can still help us eliminate our backlog of mugs and put money back into the Squadron fund by ordering more mugs. These are paid for, so any moneys received for the mugs will go

back into the Squadron fund. If you are in mind for more, call or write either Al Defleron or myself. The cost will be \$10 per mug and we will pay the postage.

The 1st/9th Squadron and especially the "Bullwhip Squadron" is known through out Army Aviation and supported units as a "Can Do" outfit. No job to tough, a unit you can count on, the only unit you want covering you overhead, a unit that gets the job done.

Take pride, in your past and know that WE led the way. WE were the teachers for the future. Our Brotherhood remains strong.

Our newsletter is how we stay in touch with each other.

Read the letters to the editors. There are troopers out there that have found their home again, just by the Association and the Newsletter.

We are the Bullwhip Squadron. Take pride, sit tall in the saddle, You are CAV.

The Cavalry, always in front, always the eyes and ears of the Division.

The Cavalry Never Sleeps!

Now for an accounting of funds from the last newsletter:

Total Deposit	\$ 990.00
Expenses	- \$ 125.00
<u>Ending balance</u>	\$ 2831.51

Yes, we are solidly in the black, thanks to all of you who paid your dues and gave donations in 1997, which are

shown in the Total Deposit. Without dues being paid, we would be in the red and without a newsletter.

The total deposit also includes approximately \$300 for the Horse Fund.

Until the next News letter

Loel Ewart
Comptroller

Lost and Found

The following item was in the last newsletter, but is deemed important and to be continued this issue.

LTG Hal Moore and Joe Galloway are developing a scholarship fund for the children of Ia Drang veterans who were listed as KIA or WIA. This does not include the hospital battle. According to our files dated 6 Nov 65, concerning the ambush only, the 1/9 had 2 KIA and 10 WIA. We know by name the 2 KIA's but do not know the WIA's. If anyone has further information on the WIA's, please let us know ASAP prior to 15 May 1997.

Troopers, this is a big one. Lets everyone help out LTG Moore with names if possible. Send any names and addresses you have in to the editors and we will forward to LTG Moore. The following list of Association members is as of, December 97. Look closely and insure your name is there

for 1998. Don't let the Association down. Check your names and insure the spelling is correct. Call Loel Ewart and correct the spelling if necessary. This is to insure the BW Certificates are spelled correctly.

Bullwhip Squadron Association Members

Honored Halls

COL J.B. Stockton (Deceased)
Glenn Shumake ** (Deceased)

Members

Margaret Stockton ***
Gen David Allen
Jim Bachman
Ralph Redfoot
Harold "Hap" Rose
Jim Sinclair
Bob Stoverink
Loel Ewart **
Al DeFleron ***
David Dunning
Bruce Dehart
David Shanklin
Robert Garrett
Charles Knowlen
William Laidlaw
John Nielsen **
Robert Thaxton ** ***
George Park
Harry Treude
Stanley Grett
David Bray **
Joel Steine
Dick Timmons
Mitch Blankenburg **
Charles Wilke
Thomas Leonard
John Oliver
Marion Dettmer
Nelson Blankenship
James Barrett
Jack Kilcrease

Jones "Rex" Dula
James Goldberry
Barrie Turner **
Billie Williams **
Richard Marshall
Paul Bechberger
Frank Moser
Michael Kelley
Mike Bogdue
Ken Bedsole **
John York, Jr.
Phillip Zemke
Robert Zion **
Eugene Marcum
Douglas Tucker **
Richard Pettit
James Conner
James Gee
Paul Tassin
Donald Coshey
Guy Beardsley **
Nicholas Hlywa
William Gillette
Joe Galloway
Rayburn Smith
Frances Hiser
John Niamtee **
Jim Bochman
Ralph Redfoot
Harold Rose
Jim Sinclair
Bob Stoverink
Thomas King
Jerry Schmotolocha **
Jerry Hunter
Royall Washington
New Members
LTG Harold Moore ## **
Jim Borsos
James Herra **
James Reid **
Gordon Fisher **
Edward Larson
Richard Pettit
Larry Banks
Larry Wright ***
Bill Hughes

After their name indicates Honorary member.

** After their name, also gave a donation to the Bullwhip Squadron Association account.

*** After their name, gave a donation for the Horse fund. More on the Horse Fund in "letters to the Editors".

Thanks guys for the great donations!!!

Help us get more members and keep the Association strong! We are at 75+ known members, and there are still many more out there waiting for us to contact them.

Several troopers contacted us about paying their dues at the reunion and were not on the list of members. We have added their names to the member's list.

We have a current address on all present members and we also have the last known addresses for about another 125 troopers who are not members. So if you want to get in touch with any of them, just call for the address.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER, HELP US MAKE IT THE BEST!

Only time will tell if boys grow into men.

Boys put away their toys and become men.

And play with helicopters.
LAE

Newsletter Picture



James H. Conner, 1304 15th Ave. S.E., Decatur, Alabama 35601

As all you troopers remember from the last newsletter, James went through a bit of hell with an accident that impacted his memory. He, with our help, is improving.

Keep those letters going to him.

From The Editors

As you can see the Newsletter continues to change, hopefully for the better, as your good suggestions come in

This is not a one person, operation and volunteers

are desperately needed to write articles.

Any article is appreciated, on any subject, past, present, military or civilian, funny, or sober, as long as it is in good keeping of the Association's ideals.

So if you would like to write an article, contact Loel Ewart. His address and phone number are on page 6.

Also, if you write a letter to the Editors and do not want it printed, just say so and we will honor your desires.

The following items are now found in each issue. The lost and found column, the, Letters to the Editor column, and the newsletter Picture.

We need help with the Newsletter, Picture.

If you have a photo that you would like to see in the Association newsletter, send it in to the Editors for printing. If you have a before and after photo (young guy/mature guy) we will print. If you have a special picture, send in a copy, and we will print. In fact we will print all photos received for the Newsletter.

We are in hopes of increasing our membership above the present numbers, with your help. So if you know of anyone who is not a member please drop us a note with the name and address, and we will sent them a personal invitation to join the Squadron Association.

We have been asked about getting copies of past newsletters. We have a

limited number of past newsletters so if you desire one, send a self addressed large envelope with 64 cents worth of stamps on it, for each newsletter, and we will send you the newsletter you are missing. However, you must be able to tell us what newsletter you need, or describe what is in it.

Contact Loel if there are any questions.

Starting with this newsletter, we intend to print a newsletter three times a year.

If the Association members would like to stay at a quarterly printing, the members must support the quarterly with articles and letters.

Let us know how you feel, quarterly or three times a year.

The newsletter is your newsletter and we hope you enjoy the history, the tidbits, and the camaraderie and Brotherhood found here.

Due to the passing of our Squadron Commander, the Bullwhip Squadron membership certificates, will be sent to you, hopefully, with the next newsletter.

We are sending this newsletter to everyone we have addresses for. However, as stated earlier, future newsletters will only be sent to dues paying members. We, as an

Association, need members. Become one of us. Remember,

**If You Ain't Cav,
You Ain't!!**
The Editors

Letters To The Editors

Some of our letters go all the way back to just before the last newsletter, and arrived to late to make the July Newsletter, but all are interesting and has the long reach of a Cav Trooper.

Some of the notes and letters require a little dressing up so the language is fit for sensitive ears. Please do not take offense, **and keep those letters coming.**

The first two letters are reported for your information.

COL Stockton was not aware of my action in submitting his name in nomination for the Aviation Hall of Fame—he would have disowned me!

I realized that it would be a most difficult task to get his nomination through the AAAA board of directors, but if it did clear that hurdle, the BW Squadron troopers would support the effort to get him elected.

However, the trustees, still harboring old personal dislikes of John, turned him down on 1 August.

I wonder what the trustees would have done if BW 6 had passed away prior to the 1 August meeting.

Needless to say, I'll resubmit the packet in June 2001.

David Allen

July 02, 1997

Dear General Allen

On behalf of the Chairman of the Hall of Fame board of Trustees, Major general George W. Putnam, Jr., Ret., and the President of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA), Major General John D. Robinson, Ret., I would like to acknowledge the receipt of your Hall of Fame nomination of COL John B. Stockton, Ret.

The Trustees plan to meet in August 1997 to select the slate of candidates whose names, photographs, and biographical sketches will be included in the Hall of Fame Ballot. This ballot will be mailed in the fall to an electorate of AAAA members who have two or more years of consecutive AAAA membership.

The elected candidates will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the AAAA Annual convention, April 1 – 4, 1998, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Thank you for your interest in this program, and for taking the time to prepare and submit a nomination.

Sincerely

William R. Harris
Acting Executive Director
Army Aviation Association

September 18, 1997
Dear General Allen:

The Board of Trustees of the Army Aviation Hall of Fame met and considered nominations of fifty three well qualified candidates for induction during 1998. Of these, eighteen were selected for presentation to our voting constituency in the upcoming ballot. I regret to inform you that your nominee was not selected.

Thank you for your efforts of behalf of your candidate. You may wish to consider re-submitting your nomination for the next cycle of Hall of Fame Induction's in 2001.

If you have any questions about the process or would like any original materials returned, please contact Bill Harris, Acting Executive Director, AAAA, at 1-8000-7222-2769, ext. 123.

Sincerely

George W. Putnam, Jr.
Major General, USA (ret.)
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Our next letter is a very special letter written to General Dave Allen from James W. Booth, Honorary Colonel, 9th Cavalry

Regiment, concerning the horse "Bullwhip".

This is a very important letter and idea. So read and support the concept.

SUB: 9th Cav donations to Horse Platoon, 1st Cav Div.

Dear Dave,

Jim Smith informed me that he had discussed this subject with you by telephone. However, I wanted to follow up with a letter informing you, and all who were members of the 1st/9th Cavalry during it's "Bullwhip" era, of our decision, and to request your support.

Early morning on 8 August, as the 1st Cavalry Division reunion was kicking off, we were informed of the untimely passing of Col. John B. Stockton. As you might imagine, there was considerable emotion among the members of 1st/9th and many, many other members of the full spectrum of units of the 1st Cavalry Division. For the remainder of the day and night, a number of people were thinking about ways to honor John B's name and legacy.

The next morning, COL A.J. Welch came to me and recommended that the 9th Cav donate a horse to the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Platoon...with the proviso that it be named "Bullwhip" in John B's honor. A approved and we put it to a voice vote at the 9th Cav luncheon. It carried by

acclamation. Cost estimated to be \$2000.

Jim Smith then discussed the idea with Bob Cooper who assisted him in establishing the 1st Cav Division Horse Platoon. They improved the idea with the recommendation that we buy a higher quality horse (\$3,500) that would be the Platoon Leaders horse. I believe that to be a very good and appropriate idea. As you know, **John B. would never ride in the pack.**

Our proposal is to present "Bullwhip" publicly at the 1999, 1st Cavalry Division reunion at Ft. Hood...at the Friday retreat ceremony where the Horse Platoon performs. It will be presented as a 9th Cavalry donation of "Bullwhip" in perpetuity. We will discuss and coordinate a proper ceremony with the C/S and CG, 1st Cavalry Division and others concerned.

I request your support for the project. I believe members of the Bullwhip era will be eager and willing to support it financially. I would appreciate it very much if you would take the lead in soliciting and encouraging donations from the Bullwhip group, which you are so capably leading.

Donations will be collected by:

COL A. J. Welch
1501 Tally Ho Court
Kokomo, IN 46902

Perhaps you want to collect and present in one

lump sum from the “Bullwhip Sqdn”. That’s probably the best way, but your call.

I believe we need to collect and provide the funds to the Horse Platoon account by approximately early January 1999. This would provide time for them to acquire and train the horse prior to the August reunion. We will provide extensive publicity for the program on the internet and in the “Flying Point” 9th Cavalry article in the Saber.

I appreciate your support and cooperation. If you wish to discuss with me, please give me a call at (706) 444-5228, my Georgia home telephone number. I will be there throughout the fall season. Then perhaps back to Florida in January (telephone: 813-593-9869).

Best Regards,

James W. Booth
Honorary Colonel
9th Cavalry Regiment

Well troopers, now we will have a horse named after BW 6, in the 1st Cav Div. Horse Platoon. It will be the Platoon Leader’s horse. We will be taking donations for the Bullwhip Squadron so if you would care to donate to this worthy cause please sent to Loel Ewart. Make checks payable to; Bullwhip Sqdn Assoc.--Horse Fund. We

will collect and donate as a Squadron donation.

The next letter is also from COL James Booth and addresses the 9th Cavalry Regiment Museum.

To: Distinguished Members of the 9th Cavalry Regiment

Subj: Edward Hatch Regimental Room, 9th Cavalry regiment

At the 1st Cav Reunion at Killeen, TX this year, LTC Fred Rudesheim, Commander of the 1st/9th Cavalry, formally opened the Edward Hatch Regimental Room located in the Battalion Headquarters. It is named the Edward Hatch Room commemorating the memory of the officer who organized the 9th Cavalry in 1866 and was the first Commander of the Regiment, serving in that capacity for 23 years.

At our 9th Cavalry luncheon the next day, LTC Rudesheim asked for the donation or loan of memorabilia from former members of the Regiment to display in the Hatch Room. On the spot he received pledges of Vietnam war memorabilia from many members of the “Real Cav”.

I sent him an SKS captured by Saber Blues in October 69 and later presented to me. Display in our Regimental Room is, in my view, the proper home for this rifle. Additionally, I shipped a limited edition

print by Don Stivers featuring Medal of Honor winner, Sgt. Emanuel Stance (from Charleston, SC), one of the many brave and dedicated Buffalo Soldiers who are part of our heritage.

Bob Nevins pledged a pistol captured from a North Vietnamese officer (deceased) by “B” troop and presented to him by the troop. Many others pledged a wide variety of items (helmets, photographs, etc.).

I request that all of you who served so valiantly in our Regiment donate or loan items for display in the 9th Cavalry Hatch Room. We can bring it alive with items that illustrate our history and make it the showplace of Regimental rooms in the 1st Cavalry Division and U.S. Army. I know the material to do it is out there in your hands and hundreds of our troopers. If you know others who have memorabilia they may consider donating, please encourage them to do so.

Please mail your items to:

Commander
1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry
Attn: S-1
Bldg. 31010
1st Cavalry Division
Fort Hood, TX 76544

P.S. I had a small brass plaque with my name included with each of my donations so as to identify the donor. You may wish to do the same to simplify the Adjutant’s record keeping.

P.S.S. Mailing weapons is a problem, but I sent the SKS certified priority mail. The U.S. Postal Service accepted it after I explained that it was destined for the 9th Cavalry Museum.

Both COL Rudesheim and I appreciate your support.

My highest respect to you all,

COL James W. Booth
HCOR
9th Cavalry Regiment

The next two letters are from LT. GEN. Harold G. Moore, U.S. Army retired.

Dear Dave

Thank you for your letter, Postmarked 9/24.

I am pleased to be able to help the Bullwhip Squadron maintain it's Brotherhood.

Shortly after arriving at the 1st cavalry Reunion on 7 August, a grief stricken and stunned 1st shift, 1st/9th cavalry veteran told me of John Stockton's passing. That sad grim news cast a cloud over that reunion for we 65-66 Vietnam 1st Cav Vets.

To those of us who knew him well, his enterprises and his officers and men, John Stockton was a 1st Cav icon.

We shall remember him and his legacy to the Cavalry until we all go out of the game.

All the best
Hal Moore

Dear Loel and other Editors:

Thanks for including me on the mailing list for the Bullwhip Squadron Newsletter. Enclosed is a donation for the Squadron Fund. I passed on the Newsletter to Jim (J. R.) Borsos- a 1/9th Blue Platoon Machine Gunner "67 - 68". His story starts of page 141 of Brennan's book, "Headhunters". J. R. lives here. I gave him a 1/9th Cav Brotherhood baseball cap which someone gave me a while back.

His address is;
J. R. Borsos
P.O. Box 1248
Crested Butte, CO 81224

There are three 1st Cav Vietnam Vets here. In addition to J. R. and me., Jerry Heal, who was a Sergeant in the 2nd/12th Cav in 67-68. We and our wives got together on a recent Sunday afternoon at Jerry's place for a cookout, popped a couple of cold ones, and told war stories (some of which were true).

In closing, I much admire what you 1st/9th Cav Vietnam Vets are doing to keep your Brotherhood alive.

Drive On!

Hal Moore
LZ X-Ray
Nov. 65

The next letter is from John R Nielsen, 329 Lindholm Rd., Hurleyville, NY 12747-5009

Holy Horse- What a great newsletter!! This is J. R. Nielsen- I served proudly with such brave and honorable men in A Troop 1st/9th as David Allen, Robert Garrett, Larry Wright, Pat Haley (KIA). I first flew with Bill Laidlaw as a rifle (Blue) pilot, then when Bob Garrett went home, I took his position as Trp Commander's pilot.

I also flew weapons a few times.- I can still hear "Red's" chunker!

After flying with Cpt Laidlaw a short time, he gave me my own ship -37, the only D model with an L-9 engine. I loved that machine-Soon learned to nurse every once of power out of her.

I used to sling load the commo mule when A troop re-deployed. Flying lift was so gratifying because in my own way, when extracting my beloved riflemen, I felt like I was getting them out of harms way. God, I loved those guys!

After RVN, I went to Germany- Air Cav. Served with Bob Garrett, Scotty Clark, Dave Smith, Joe waters- all 9th Cav aviators. Those airmen not with 1st/9th were with 1st Cav Div, 227th, 229th, or Medevac.- What a wonderful tour of duty!

We flew (patrolled) the east-west German border. Most times when we went out, the Russians would fly

with us. We in our beat up Hueys, and them in their HIN-D's and Hounds (twin fiftys). They wanted us bad-of course that didn't stop our obscene hand gestures- what fun!

We needed that excitement, but what was more exciting was the aviators at Happy Hour at the "O" Club. I have never seen such a positive "up" group of people, real CAV people.

CSM Kennedy is so correct when he writes: **"to some of us- the Cav is the only Army we know"**.

My time in the Army was four years of pure adventure. Excluding the horrors of war (comes with the job), I never had a bad day in the Army. Flying at night, fog, bugs, being terrified, sweating, no showers, eating c-rations, no lovely ladies,-- no big thing. Damn, we were tough people!

Enough of this rambling. CSM Kennedy, I will be at the next reunion and as ordered to "find just one". I will do my best to locate Joseph C. Waters. Joe was an aviator with C Troop, 65-66.

Maybe Gene Smith remembers him. I also server with Joe in Germany. Last known address- Phoenix, AZ. Help me, if you can. I think he retired as a Major. Originally from Robertsedale, AL.

Loel Ewart and red Dula! I've heard those names so often I feel I know you, but I don't think we have met- Next reunion.

Loel find \$25 for dues and some \$ for the fund.

So sorry about Captain Kidd. I remember the name well. I bet I met him at our Club on the Hill.. That's where I met Lt. Joe Waters.

Your last words in the newsletter **"If You Ain't Cav, You Ain't"** is so true. Check out the enclosed photo. Now you know where I'm at! As far as the puppy, we Cav people have hearts too.

Fraternally Yours

J. R. Nielsen

His photo was in the April newsletter, so dig out your old newsletter to see the photo.

OK troopers, you have his address, write!

The next letter is from Dave Shanklin, 1612 Mill Creek Road, Mebane, NC 27302.

Comptroller:

Here are my dues for this year. You might be interested to know that the Bullwhip Squadron was represented in the January Presidential Inauguration by, at least, one member. Those who saw the parade on c-span probably saw the North Carolina Chapter of Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association pass almost at the very end of the thing. We had one Loach, one Snake, one Charley, and one D Huey. All propelled by John Deere tractors. Before you read any

politics into it, remember that we had to have the NC GOVS approval and the whole process started way before the election.

The logistics of it are interesting, however, in that we had to move the birds and the tractors 300 miles one way, to get there. So there we were, going about 60 mph up I-85 in a convoy. That cobra weighs about three tons the way it sets. The trailer it rides on had not had a real test before the trip. And just about every TV camera in NC was on us. The first lesson we learned was to put the longest wheel base tow truck hauling the heaviest load. After that switch, we moved right along and even had a lunch break.

The people in charge of the parade averaged about twelve or fourteen years old. Most could not understand why, historically, horses in parades are always at the back end. Anyway, while I think I was the only pilot who went over on the Boxer (to RVN), there were several Cav Vets there. And the crowd and the other pilots knew it.

As we passed the President, I got a salute from Clinton and a salute and a "thumbs up" from Gore. He really was pointing at the guns on the Huey I was on. Going on the trip was sort of like the first trip to Nam and getting back home.

You are happy you went and would be happy not to have to go again!

Fixer 8 Mike
Dave Shanklin

Troopers, you have
Dave's address so write!

That's all the letters for
this Newsletter. Send your
letters to, "The Bullwhip
Squadron Editors" c/o Loel
Ewart, for the next edition.

We always wonder where the
best teachers come from.
This poem is an example of a
teacher, Par Excellence.

THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM A DOG

Never pass up the
opportunity to go for a
joyride.
Allow the experience of fresh
air and the wind in your face
to be pure ecstasy.
When loved ones come
home, always run to greet
them.
When it's in your best
interest, practice obedience.
Let others know when
they've invaded your
territory.
Take naps and stretch before
rising.
Run, romp and play daily.
Eat with gusto and
enthusiasm.
Be loyal.
Never pretend to be
something you're not.
If what you want lies buried,
dig until you find it.
When someone is having a
bad day, be silent, sit close
by and nuzzle them gently.

Thrive on attention and let
people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple
growl will do.

On hot days, drink lots of
water and lie under a shady
tree.

When you're happy, dance
around and wag your entire
body.

No matter how often you're
scolded, don't buy into the
guilt thing and pout...run
right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joy of a
long walk.

To close out this edition of
the BW Sqdn Newsletter, it is
only appropriate to pay
homage to another unsung
hero, that is always in the
background, and that every
pilot depends on. The
Aircraft Mechanic (in this
case, helicopter mechanic).
Without them, no one would
be flying.

Until the next newsletter,
may all things go your way.