

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS THAT FELL IN BATTLE SO LONG AGO



James Dunn - April 1969 at Quan Loi



James Dunn flying as a new Scout - Feb 1969 near Quan Loi

On April 23, 1969 WO1 James Dunn's LOH was shot down at XT 490770 while just beginning a recon mission in Binh Long Province. Jim and SP4 Martin Daniel Reynolds were killed in the crash.



On August 30, 1969 at the age of 21, BRUCE CHURAN gave his life in the service of our country in Quan Loi, South Vietnam.



## C TROOP NEWS

### 2008 Charlie Troop Reunion August 5-10 - Melbourne, Florida !!!!

*Charlie Troopers we are almost into the recon box!!!! Hurry up and just make up your mind to come and see old friends!*

Cavalier 6, Keith Ball, [kball@austin.rr.com](mailto:kball@austin.rr.com)

We will orbit over the:  
**Radisson Suite Hotel Oceanfront**  
 3101 North Highway A1A  
 Melbourne, FL 32903  
 321-773-9260  
<http://www.radisson.com/melbournefl>

We have a **July 20th** cutoff date to make reservations in order to get the discounted room rate (see schedule below). Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions.

**Note: Special rate for Charlie Troop is \$129 +tax per night. All rooms are two room executive suites with one king size bed and pull out couch. All suites have ocean views and all have a balcony. I understand there are a few rooms that have a set of bunk beds in addition to the king size and pull out couch; these rooms would be \$139 +tax per night. <http://www.radissonmelb.com>**



## D TROOP NEWS



Robert Hess, Delta Red 1969 returned to the Brotherhood and joined the association. He lives in Birmingham, Alabama and will be attending the reunion in October



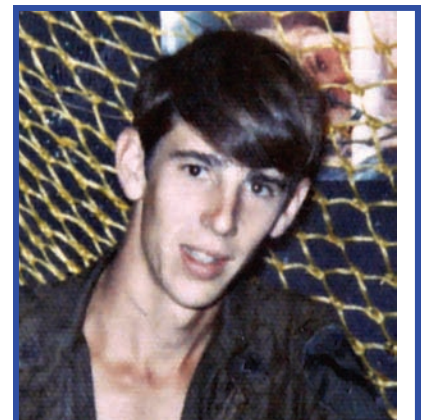
## E TROOP NEWS

No news submitted



## F TROOP NEWS

No news submitted but Remember Billy Smith



**Billy Smith , F Troop  
 KIA 3-24-1971**

## LRRPS AND COMBAT TRACKERS NEWS

No news submitted



## HEADHUNTER LEADERS



### 1-9 Cavalry Regiment - Leadership



#### LTC Daryle Hernandez - HEADHUNTER 6

Lieutenant Colonel Daryle J. Hernandez was born in Muscatine, Iowa. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and entered active service as an Armor officer in 1989.

As a Lieutenant, LTC Hernandez was first assigned as a Tank Platoon Leader in A Company, 4-70 AR (Black Lions) in Erlangen, Germany. From there, he deployed to Southwest Asia and participated in Operation Desert Storm. Upon re-deployment, he served as the Battalion Scout Platoon Leader. After moving to Budingon, Germany, he finished his time in Germany as the Squadron Adjutant and as a Troop Executive Officer in 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry (Blackhawk). Following the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Lieutenant Colonel Hernandez served with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment (Brave Rifles) at Ft. Bliss, Texas and Ft. Carson Colorado. Initially assigned as Assistant Regimental S-3, he went on to command both Eagle Troop and HHT within 2nd Squadron.



Lieutenant Colonel Hernandez then served as a Cavalry Troop Trainer with the 278th ACR in Tennessee before being reassigned as an Instructor at the USMA Preparatory School at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Upon completion of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Advanced Military Studies Program, LTC Hernandez served in the 1st Cavalry Division as a Division G3 Plans Officer before assuming duty as Squadron S-3 and then Squadron Executive Officer of 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry (Garry Owen) both at Ft. Hood and in Baghdad, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2. His most recent assignment was with the Combined Arms Tactics Division of the Land Warfare School in Warminster, England.

#### CSM Brouston Hale, Jr. - HEADHUNTER 9

CSM Hale entered the Army in June 1981 and completed one-station unit training (OSUT) for the M60A1 Tank at Ft. Knox Kentucky. His assignments include A Company, 1-33 Armor Gelsenhausen Germany; 3-10 CAV, 1st CAV Div Fort Hood, Texas; B Company and D Company, 1-7 CAV Garry Owen, 1 CAV Div; 2-67 Armor, Friedberg Germany; Texcom Armor and Engineer board Ft. Knox Ky; E Company 1-46 Inf., Fort Knox Ky; 46 AG Reception Battalion, Fort Knox Ky; 2-12 CAV & 1-8 CAV, 1CD; 1-77 Armor, Schweinfurt Germany, Kosovo, 1-67 Armor, 4th ID; 2 Iraq tours; CSM of 8-10 CAV, 4th ID and now, 1-9 CAV 1CD.

CSM Hale is a graduate of every NCOES School from PNCOC/PLDC to United States Army Sergeants Major Course (Class #51). He is also a graduate of the Pre-Command and Command Sergeants Major course, First Sergeant Course, Drill Sergeant School, Master Gunner Course, Master Fitness School, NBC School, and the M1A2 K4 Tank course.

CSM Hale has served in every combat leader's position from Tank Commander of an M1A1IP Tank to a Platoon sergeant of an M1A2 tank platoon. He served as 1SG of 2 different Tank line Companies; served as the S-3 Operations SGM for 7 different S-3 Officers; served as Command Sergeant Major of the 8-10 Cavalry Squadron and 1-9 Cavalry Squadron Fort Hood, TX.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NO BETTER PLACE FOR A REUNION

The email was terse, like a spot report from a Scout nervously following a hot trail:

“In DC this week with my son, his wife, and my girlfriend for National Law Enforcement Week. I know this is short notice. Would like to see you if able. We are on a tight schedule. Some free time. Depends on the day.”

It was signed Jeff Houser, Apache 12.

If able? We *had* to be able. Of course we'd be able. We'd *make* ourselves able. The only question was when and where.

Jeff Houser and I were Apache Troopers together, him a Scout pilot, me the Ops Officer, on my second tour in Vietnam but fresh out of flight school. As a newbie X-Ray in the front seat of Cobras, I liked being Jeff's High Bird, because his reports, which I had to write in grease pencil on the canopy for later retransmission to the troop operations center, were always as clear and crisp as the email quoted above. He made it easy to be an X-ray. And it's no surprise he became a high school teacher.

Somewhere around late January or early February 1971, I got my wish and was assigned to the Weapons Platoon. Though still not qualified as an aircraft commander (AC), I got the coveted call sign, Apache Red. Under the tutelage of guys like Monte Johnson, Jerry Boyle and Carl Rosapepe, I was on my way to becoming an AC when the First of the Ninth was ordered to support an Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) sweep into Cambodia. This would be the squadron's second time across “the Fence,” the first having been in May 1970, the “Cambodian Incursion” that sparked protests across the country, including the one at Kent State that left “Four Dead in Ohio.” Second Cambodia took place at the same time Lam Son 719 was underway in Laos, but got a whole lot less notice. The powers-that-be wanted it that way, because Congress had passed measures forbidding the use of combat troops on the ground in Cambodia, which is why we were not allowed to insert the Blues, even on downed aircraft. Instead we had to rely on a platoon of “Browns” – Vietnamese Rangers trained by our own Blues before the operation kicked off. Besides no Blues, this time there would be no infantry company on a short string as a quick-reaction force to join the Blues if they got into a fight, and no battalion backing up the quick-reaction force; in short, none of the “piling on” that the First Cavalry Division had made such an art form in preceding years.

Crossing the Fence into Cambodia required more than just a Pink Team. There had to be a command and control (C&C) Huey as well. Satisfying that requirement interrupted my transition from the front seat of a Cobra to the back, as I took turns with the Ops Officer sitting in the back end of the C&C bird, speaking high school French to the Vietnamese liaison officer (LNO) on one side of me and the Cambodian LNO on the other, making radio calls, lining up air support (there was no US artillery in range), and being part of the one-ship search-and-rescue crew in case a LOH or its High Bird went down.

On 10 March 1971, I was taking my turn in the C&C ship, which was not an Apache Troop bird but rather one detailed to us from the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion. We were flying high above a Pink Team doing armed reconnaissance well north of Snuol, Cambodia. The Low Bird was Apache 12, with Jeff Houser as pilot, Robert Kiser as Oscar (observer) and Curtis Smoot as Torque (rear seat machine-gunner and bombardier). The High Bird had Paul Foti as AC and Don Osborn as his X-Ray.

Whether 12 ever called taking fire or dropped a red smoke I don't remember. One second the LOH was hovering above the canopy along a riverbank, and the next second it was gone from sight. Foti and Osborn dove to where they last saw it, firing to suppress whatever unseen weapons had blown the LOH out of the sky and looking for the crew. The C&C bird descended toward the site while I busied myself on the radios, bouncing the Browns, notifying Ramrod (the Airborne Command and Control Post that monitored all cross-border operations), and calling for Blue Max and/or close air support. With Foti and Osborn providing low cover and trying to draw fire, the flight crew from the 229th loached around in the Huey, but we too saw no sign of the Apache 12 crew.

Soon the rest of Apache arrived, having scrambled from Loc Ninh. That meant more firepower, and the Headhunters loaded with the Browns, who were inserted without a hitch. Accompanying the Browns was a single American. Combat troops weren't allowed on the ground in Cambodia, but Uncle Sam didn't want to leave any helicopters lying around, so we were authorized to insert maintenance recovery teams. In one of the bravest acts I ever saw, a Staff Sergeant from Maintenance, whose name I believe was Nelson, put his life in the hands of the Browns and landed at the crash site with them.

The OH-6 crashed into the river, so there was no aircraft recovery. SSG Nelson dove to the wreckage and pulled from it the body of SP4 Robert Kiser. He also reported finding a helmet, some Nomex gloves, and footprints that looked like GI boots along the riverbank, on the Snuol side of the river, but Jeff Houser and Curtis Smoot were not found, alive or dead. Other Pink Teams scouted southward from the crash site, in the direction of Snuol, but found no trace of either man, and as daylight faded the search was called off.

The search resumed the next morning, but produced no signs of the missing Troopers, and it was probably on the evening of 11 March 1971, that a board chaired by Bert Chole, the squadron XO, made it official: both men were MIA – missing in action.

Two days later, on 13 March 1971, I was again in the back end of a C&C Huey, this time an Apache Troop aircraft flown by Max Evans, with Tom Agness as his X-Ray (sorry, but I don't know who was in the gun wells). We were east and I think south of Snuol, checking out coordinates sent down by Intelligence, when the ARVN LNO at my side said, "My commandah want you land Snuol." (Imagine this being said with a heavy Vietnamese accent.)

We were there to support the ARVN, so if the ARVN commander said land at Snuol, that was where we'd land. Snuol, or what was left of it after First Cambodia, was the command post of the ARVN division we were supporting, and the ground around the helipad there was littered with the remains of Hueys and Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) H-34s, some crashed, others hit by mortar fire on the ground. The bad guys had the range, and the helipad at Snuol was not a good place to loiter.

I remember talking with Max about not rolling back to flight idle, in case we had to leave in a hurry. Then we sat there. And sat there. And sat there. It seemed like forever, and I remember asking the ARVN Dai Uy (captain) what his "commandah" wanted and how long it would take. He just kept repeating, "My commandah say you wait." I was about to tell him what he could tell his commander when he pointed toward the nose of the aircraft and there, being dragged along by two ARVN soldiers, was Jeff Hauser.

Though I don't remember it, I must have exited the aircraft to go get him, and it wasn't until years later that Jeff and I learned Max Evans had snapped a picture of the exact moment when Jeff was "returned to military control."

Max or Tom pulled pitch to get us off the pad as Jeff and I strapped in, and one of them must have made the radio call that we had Apache 12 on board. There was disbelief at first, for many had given Jeff up for dead, but we convinced them we had him. Apache Troop bounced from the laager site at Loc Ninh, then took turns flying alongside and waving at Jeff as we flew toward Phuoc Vinh to get him looked at by the medics. Tom Agness remembers that an F-4 even pulled up alongside us, flaps and gear down to keep pace, and saluted Jeff. It was as joyful a ride in a helicopter as I ever took.



Jim Kurtz and Jeff Houser at Snuol, Cambodia, 13 March 1971

Jeff had found his way through 75 kilometers of Cambodian countryside, E-and-E'ing (escaping and evading) through the jungle with nothing to eat but some rice from a cache he found and only swamp water to drink, armed with a .38-caliber revolver and a cheap Army issue compass (meant to be worn on a watchband, it must have cost all of 25 cents) to point him toward Snuol. Along the way he encountered a Cambodian woodcutter, whom he persuaded to part with his bicycle, so he rode into the ARVN compound under his own power. The ARVNs fed him and gave him a beer to drink, and that Beer 33 (in Vietnamese, Ba Mui Ba) took the legs right out from under him, so the two ARVNs in the background of the picture had to carry him out to the C&C bird. (Powerful stuff, that “Bomb-de-Bah” – I’ve always attributed its effects to the high formaldehyde content.)

Now, 37 years later, an email from Jeff Houser says he’s in town and wants to get together “if able.” Damn right, we’re able Mr. Houser – I wouldn’t miss seeing you for the world. So by email we exchange phone numbers, and one afternoon I find a voicemail message from Jeff that says they’re at the Holocaust Museum, and after that they plan to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial – the Wall. Could I maybe meet him there? You bet.

We exchange several more calls, his cell phone to mine and vice versa, as I take off work early and fight the rush hour traffic to get downtown while he and his party stroll along the Mall toward the Memorial. I get close, circle three blocks looking for a parking place, only to learn that where I usually park is a no-parking zone during evening rush hour. Finally I just to park as close as I can to one of those hotdog stands that line the streets of DC, and hope no policeman will notice. I cross Constitution Avenue, get to one end of the walkway that goes along the front of the Wall, and make another call to Jeff’s cell phone: “Where are you?”

He answers, “Right now I’m visiting Smoot and Kiser.”

Having visited them myself many times, I know where Smoot and Kiser are, so I head there and arrive just as Jeff is finishing making rubbings of the names of his crew. We meet for the first time in 37 years, and hug each other for only the second time in our lives (the first having occurred just seconds before the picture was taken). And we meet right there, at the foot of Panel 4 West, with the names of Robert Kiser and Curtis Smoot looking on – along with Larry Lilly, who didn’t make it to the C&C ship when his Cobra got shot down four days after Jeff walked out, and Paul Foti and Don Osborn, whose Cobra just “blew up” in midair six days after Larry was lost.



Looking on from Panel 5 West was Monty Harbin, killed by a white phosphorous grenade that came out of the can without a pin while he and fellow Scouts were building bunker-busting “superbombs” on the night before we were to launch the Second Cambodia operation; and looking on from Panel 3 West were Frank Bengston, David Meyer, and Larry Rothel, the last Apache Troop Scout crew killed in action in Vietnam, on 7 May 1971.

You could not pick a better place for a reunion than in the presence of those men. And there could be no better reunion than with Craig Jeffrey Houser, a man whose name by all rights should have been up there too.



**Jeff Houser and Jim Kurtz at Panel 4**



# **Bullwhip Squadron Association 2008 Reunion Dothan Alabama October 10—October 12**

Thursday, October 9th: Registration & Early Arrival Ice Breaker

Friday, October 10th: Registration & Evening Informal Buffet

Saturday, October 11th: Gatherings, Competitions,  
Turkey Shoot, Business Meeting, and  
Evening Banquet at Dothan Convention Center

Sunday, October 12th: Memorial Service

## **UNION UPDATE RV PARK**

RV PARK for Reunion is Pecan Point, HWY 231 South, Dothan, Al Ph: (334) 673-3737

Locate less than 5 miles from Quality Inn , just South of New Flying J Truck Stop at corner of Ross Clark Circle and HWY 231 South. RV camp has WiFi, Cable and special rates for BWS Reunion attendees of \$22.00 + tax a night. 30/50 Amp Hook-up Sites

[www.PecanPointRVPark.com](http://www.PecanPointRVPark.com)



**The BULLWHIP  
SQUADRON  
ASSOCIATION  
is a non-profit  
organization.**



**2008 REUNION HOTEL INFORMATION**

Our Headquarters for the 2008 Bullwhip Squadron Reunion will be at the Quality Inn.

We will hold the Ice Breaker on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Business Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Memorial Service on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Inn. This will also be the location of the Hospitality Room and the Reunion Registration Desk throughout the reunion.

**QUALITY INN**

3053 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL  
\$55.00 + tax a night

Ph: (334) 794-6601

**STUDIO LODGE**

3071 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL  
\$55.00 + tax a night  
(formerly Holiday Inn Express next to Quality Inn)

Ph: (334) 671-3700

**AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN & SUITES**

2901 Ross Clark Cir.  
\$42.95 + tax a night  
(one mile south of Quality Inn, has Elevator, just remodeled)

Ph: (334) 793-5200

**FAIRFIELD INN**

3038 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL  
\$84.00 + tax a night  
(Inside Pool, located across Divide Hwy & South of Quality Inn)

Ph: (334) 671-0100

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

4002 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL  
\$92.00 +tax a night  
(NEW, Non Smoking Hotel, 3 ¼ miles from Quality Inn)

Ph: (334) 699-6869

Other Hotels and Motels are located in the Dothan, Alabama area.

## ELECTION OF BULWHIP SQUADRON ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, 2009 -2011

### Background.

During and after the 2006 election, there was some dissatisfaction expressed regarding the officer nomination process. Several requests were made to change the Bylaws so that in the future, candidates would not have to show up in person, as they do now, to be considered for the nomination process. The situation was akin to the chicken-and-the-egg question in that the election process and the Bylaws were and are in need of revision, but the association needed officers because operations still have to be executed. I. The Board recognizes the need to propose modifications to the Bylaws and understands that members must have a voice the process. We will request comments and recommendations for Bylaws modifications from the association membership as part of the upcoming election process. Below you will find our plan to elect Bullwhip Squadron Association Officers for 2009 -2011.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS BULLWHIP SQUADRON ASSOCIATION for the years 2009 -2011

Any Life member of the Association, including an incumbent, who wishes to be considered for as a candidate for an elective office on the association board (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) should forward a candidate packet to:

**Bullwhip Squadron Association**  
**ATTN: Director Candidate Submission**  
**5570 County Road 18**  
**Ozark, AL 36360**

- The Bullwhip Squadron Association must receive all requests no later than *September 19, 2008* to assure sufficient time for processing and full consideration.

- Requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation that includes proof of service with the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (e.g., a DD214, official orders or equivalent) or the attached units recognized by the association, and a biographical sketch.

The biographical sketch needs to outline the applicant's full name and provide ranks, dates of service, and units of assignment in the 1st Cavalry Division.

Additionally, it must provide the dates and positions for any offices held and duties performed in support of the Bullwhip Squadron Association and similar information for any other veteran's organization the applicant belongs to.

Any instances of special support for Association programs or events should also be included if applicable.

A picture of the candidate taken while serving in the Squadron (if available) and a recent picture should be included (at least a 3x5 size picture please).

The candidate must also describe what specific benefits he will bring to the position and what his plans are for enhancing the association and support for current and future members.

A Board of Directors meeting (open to any regular association member) will be held at Larry's BBQ on or about 1400 hours, *September 22, 2008* in Daleville, AL. The purpose of the meeting will be to review all submissions for required content and eligibility requirements. Candidates will be nominated for board positions and approved candidates will be notified during the meeting in person, by phone or email that their names and packets are being prepared for the official election process.

**ELECTION OF BULWHIP SQUADRON ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, 2009 -2011**

The candidates original submission packets received by the association will be scanned and duplicated for printing in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter newsletter (less private information such as SSN) and will be included in the official election ballots that will be mailed to eligible voting members of the association.

Only Regular Members of the Bullwhip Squadron Association are eligible to run for Office and to vote in the election. Honorary and Associate Members are not eligible to run for board positions or vote in elections.

The official election ballots and candidates resumes will be mailed to all Regular Members on or before **October 24, 2008**.

All completed election ballots must be received by the Bullwhip Squadron Association no later than **December 20, 2008**.

The ballots will remain sealed and not opened or counted until the annual General Membership meeting at Larry's BBQ, Daleville, Alabama on **January 8, 2009**. All regular Members are invited to attend.

The elected officers will be sworn in (in person if they can attend or by phone) at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following the annual General Membership meeting conducted on **January 8, 2009** at Larry's BBQ, Daleville, Alabama.

The election results will be posted on the BWS web site on January 8, 2009 and in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009 Newsletter.

**Dwayne Truman riding as co-driver escorting Dave Byers as he drives a JEEP instead of a Cobra on his DEROS ride to Saber Strip at Quan Loi 1969**





# The Quartermaster Corner

## BWS Items for Sale

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|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Ball Caps with Sqdn. insignia (White or Black) .....                      | \$10.00                 |
| Pair .....   | \$18.00                 |
| 2. Golf Shirts with Sqdn. guidon insignia (White or Black) .....             | \$23.00                 |
| 3. Personalized with name and 1st Cav Patch (Add \$5.00) 1st Cav Decal ..... | \$1.25                  |
| 4. Squadron Crest Decal .....  | \$1.75                  |
| 5. Bullwhip Bumper Sticker .....   | \$1.75                  |
| 6. Original Air Assault Badge .....  | \$5.00                  |
| 7. Commemorative Sword .....   | \$18.00                 |
| 8. Stand for Commemorative Sword .....                                       | \$14.50                 |
| 9. Stand for Commemorative Sword (2 place) .....                             | \$18.50                 |
| 10. Bullwhip Windbreaker .....   | \$30.00                 |
| 11. Dummy Grenade (Black/White).....   | \$6.00                  |
| 12. Troop Guidons.....   | \$80.00                 |
| 13. BWS License Plate .....  | \$8.00                  |
| 14. Bullwhip Challenge Coin .....  | \$8.50 or 2 for \$15.00 |
| 15. Saber .....  | \$50.00                 |

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(aldefleron@snowhill.com)

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**HEADHUNTER  
COIN -2008**





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SSgt EVERLING



MICHAEL R. Seibert  
KIA 8-9-69 A-1/9

Photos sent in by George V. Anzelmo "Z" Apache Troop 69-70



LIFT PLATOON CE + DG 1969



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MAINT MARCH 1969



REMEMBER WHEN



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↑ VINCENT    ↑ TNT    MAWT OFFICE FEB 69

*Photos sent in by George V. Anzelmo "Z" Apache Troop 69-70*



**Kit Beaton Feb 1969 Tay Ninh**



Apache Troop LIFT platoon 1969,



REMEMBER WHEN



1/9 Cavalry Blues Christmas Day 1967 Veitnam, by Blue's hooch:

Top (standing on sandbags) L - R: Peter Haepers, Gary Barbaro, Arnold Robertson, Carl Caples.

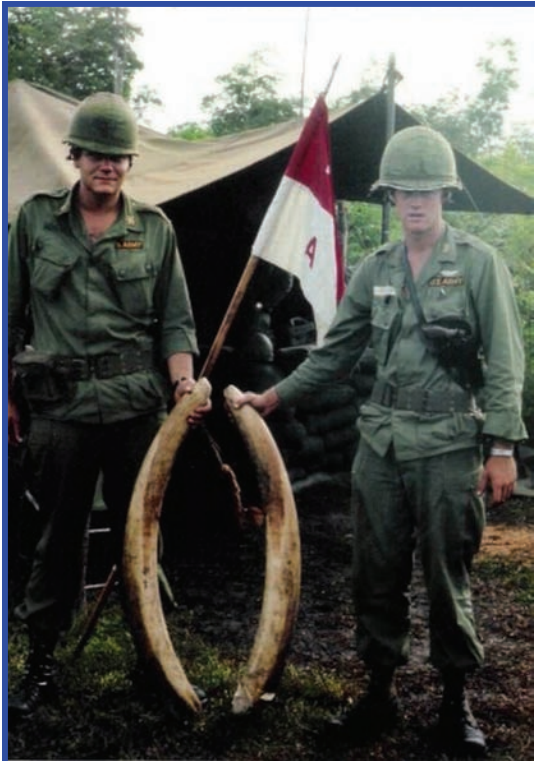
Middle L - R: Standing - Kit Carson (Interpreter), Vazquez, Roy Wakubushka, Interpreter, Sitting - Joe Kelbus, Rick Curtis, Joe Green or Cornell Lyles, Blue (Lt. Hendrix), Roger Casey (one eye showing), Terhune, Miller, Vernon Ortenzi, Ray Lewis.

Front: Rick Danzi, Porter Meadows, Teoulet, Robert Howe, Richard Decker, Williams, Rideout, Gooch (turned toward Blue), Jimmy Dingman, PSG Gaines, Williams, Bumgarner. Photo taken by SGT Cauthens, Artillery Forward Observer attached to the Blues.

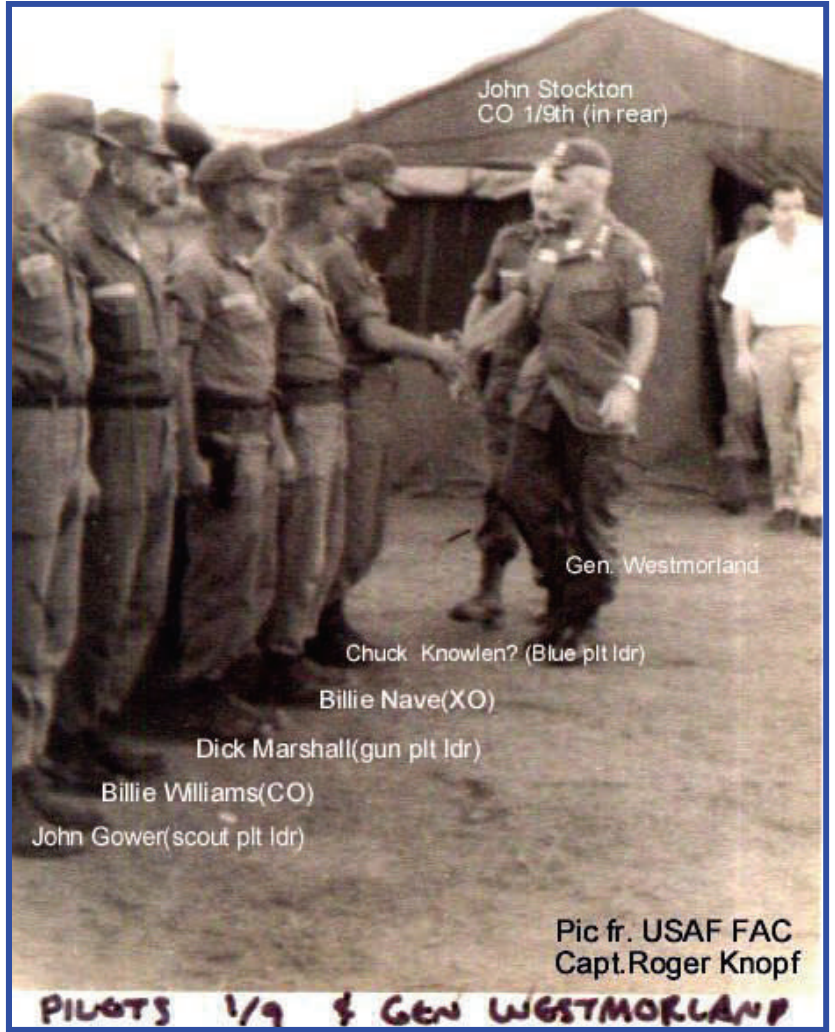




REMEMBER WHEN



**Jim Schlottman and John Nielson**



John Stockton  
CO 1/9th (in rear)

Gen. Westmorland

Chuck Knowlen? (Blue plt ldr)

Billie Nave(XO)

Dick Marshall(gun plt ldr)

Billie Williams(CO)

John Gower(scout plt ldr)

Pic fr. USAF FAC  
Capt. Roger Knopf

**PILOTS 1/9 & GEN WESTMORLAND**



## REMEMBER WHEN

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DAIM-FAR-RR. # 19 enm DATE: 8 Apr 87~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
TROOP B, 1ST SQUADRON (AIRMOBILE) 9TH CAVALRY  
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96490

AVDARS-B

15 October 1969

SUBJECT: Lessons Learned, B Troop 1/9 Cav

TO: Commanding Officer  
1st Sqdn 9th Cav  
1st Cav Div (AM)  
ATTN: S-3  
APO 96490

*If you have any after action reports or lessons learned memos please let us know. There is much behind the condensed words that we are losing to the passing of our brothers. There were many actions of sacrifice and valor on that 10h of October 1969 that can still be recognized.*

## 1. Use of Emergency Kits

a. On 10 October 1969, Sabre Blues were inserted to cover a downed OH-6A. During the process of rappelling, the Blues, one of our H-models was shot down. To recover the crew, hydraulic jacks, chain saws, axes, and fire extinguishers were dropped, and the LZ was enlarged.

b. An emergency kit should be available on all scrambles to make LZ's, put out fires, and move wreckage.

## 2. Engaging a Ground Enemy

a. On 13 October 1969, while reconning a trail, a White bird detected burning incense. They continued reconning and farther up the trail five individuals were encountered and engaged. Several gunships were employed.

b. By engagement from three different directions, the enemy was effectively engaged, and 9 NVA were killed.

c. When engaging the enemy, always attack the enemy from two or more directions.

## 3. Engaging Troops in Bunkers and Hooches

a. When engaging troops in bunkers or hooches, Bravo Troop employs a Purple Team consisting of a Red Bird, White Bird, and a Blue Bird carrying CS bombs and a mini-gun

b. The Blue Bird drops the CS bombs on the bunkers and hooches, the individuals are then engaged with the mini-gun.

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WILLIAM S. HUFF II  
CPT, ARM  
Operations Officer

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# REMEMBER WHEN



**Tom King, James Grady, James Plant, Larry Wright 11/66**  
KIA 3/30/66



## B Troop Warriors at 2006 BWS Reunion

