

THE BULLWHIP SQUADRON

1st Squadron 9th Cavalry Regiment 1st Air Cavalry Division - Vietnam
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Army Photo of Bravo Troop Saber Blues into an LZ by a Saber Blue Lift Huey West of Duc Pho on or about 24 April 1967 during operation Oregon

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This is YOUR website, and we need YOUR input as we highlight Air Cav Troopers and the 1st/9th and respective troops.

BWS NEWSLETTER

Thanks to each of you for your articles, photos, letters and stories.

Can you recall a story that you want to share with others or specifically with BWS members? Do you remember any "war stories" about you and your buddies?

How about pictures of you, fellow Troopers, aircraft, vehicles, patches, hootches, POL, LZs, fire bases, jungle, mountains, flybys or ceremonies?

If so, let us know! We'd like to include them in the BWS library, BWS Newsletter and on the web site. All information will be controlled and archived for incorporation into an official BWS repository available to BWS members. Input for the 4th Quarter Newsletter will be September 10.

Message From Your Association President

Joe Bowen, Apache Red

Gentlemen: I apologize for remaining quiet for too long and letting misinformation spread by a few begin to tarnish OUR great Association. I can take the heat but have realized that my doing so may have had a negative impact upon OUR Association. A few of our members have over the months set up an “us against them” atmosphere and have cast aspersions upon myself and some of your other devoted members on the Board of Directors.

Unfortunately there are those among us who, if their personal desires are not fully addressed, start whisper campaigns against and about others. These same individuals appear to be interested in their own wants and desires and hold the wants, desires and needs of the Association as secondary to their own.

I and other Board members have been attacked by phone and the favorite frag of the internet - e-mail. Claims are easy to make - they just take words. Facts are a lot harder to come by. A number of you have expressed anger at the disrespect that has been directed at me and at the Association Board of Directors. Your anger is well placed and your expressions of support are appreciated. But it is the disrespect and disregard shown for, or directed at, the full membership that is of greater concern and which you should keep fresh in your minds.

So let us get the facts straight. I will briefly discuss what I believe are two of the major issues that have been ripping the airwaves and the email frags. If anyone wants to talk to me about these issues face-to-face or on the phone I welcome the chance – none of the disgruntled have wanted to do so or have had the time. If you do not want to hear about these things skip to the next page after the Crossed Sabers picture to *HEADHUNTERS IN IRAQ*.

The Motts Military Museum Monument. *Up front -The monument is a great tribute to the Squadron.*

- (1) Some association members made arrangements to have a monument erected at the Mott's Military Museum
 - (2) They let people know in advance they were doing it, but never requested funding approval from the membership or the Board, and some wanted the new Board to pay for part of the monument costs.
 - (3) On 21 April 2007 Al Tyre presented to all the Board members details on the 9th Cavalry Monument Fund and requests for funding after the fact. The Board voted unanimously NOT to use association money for this purpose for three reasons:
 - A. The official Bullwhip Squadron memorial was placed at Fort Rucker in 2003. The BWS monument proposal for FT Rucker was presented to the members and approved by the Board before any contract or monies were committed. After approval and pricing the process began to include the agreement with the US Army to locate the monument on government property
 - B. The Motts Military Museum is a privately owned museum.
 - C. Funding a project without prior coordination and approval for association funds by the membership and the Board would set a unfavorable precedent that could place future Boards in financial debt not planned.
- The 9th Cavalry Monument Fund is a worthy effort and anyone can contribute to fund. For those who seem to have forgotten they will find in the 3rd and 4th Quarter 2007 newsletters two separate full page articles about the monument with fund contact info.

Vacant Vice President Position As prescribed in our Bylaws if any office of the Corporation which becomes vacant prior to expiration of the normal term thereof for any reason, including resignation, removal, disqualification or death, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of such normal term. Al Tyre resigned and when it became apparent that he would not consider a possible return to the association the Board nominated and voted unanimously to appoint Jim Kurtz as the new Vice President. For those who are still throwing rocks they were very quiet back then and I do not recall any of them offering to serve the association. Jim is contributing to Bullwhip and he is a great addition to the Board!

Message From Your Association President

The Bullwhip Website Back in 2000 I volunteered to set up the initial Bullwhip website. After a time my increasing job activities made it impossible to properly keep the website up to date and growing. The Board of Directors found another volunteer, Loretta Sager (CAV GIRL) to take over management of the site. I worked with her to transfer over the technical details, the pictures, graphics and information to enable her to begin updating the site, and we were able to see our association be better represented on the World Wide Web. Loretta did a remarkable service for us all and she began to expand our site with newer and better interactive items than we had before. However, there began a noticeable decline in updating and posting of new material the Bullwhip site and we understood there were various reasons for those changes. The membership was gracious about the declining state of the site and at the 2006 Reunion even collected a substantial number of donations to send to Loretta. After I took office I called Loretta (13 January 2007) and discussed the site with her and promised that the board would provide her with resources to upgrade the site and improve response to our membership. I asked her to provide us with a list of the top ten things she needed to bring the association website to a higher quality and provide higher speed/access for pictures and video. The items discussed were additional webmaster and/or website design help, updated software and hardware (scanner, printer), phone cards, mailing and printing funds, and new domain/web server. In addition, I asked her about original pictures, slides and movies that members had sent to her for duplication. I told her that she could send them to us (COD or prepaid by Bullwhip) and we would have the duplication done instead of her having to take the extensive time required as she had commented on to do this type of effort. At every board meeting the situation was discussed and each time we agreed to let Loretta continue in the hope she would work together with us to go forward. Finally, in November 2007 the board agreed to change the Bullwhip website to better support our membership and be more responsive to information requests from members. The first response we got from Loretta on 5 November 2007 was a threat to take legal action against us for using a graphic that she claimed was unique. We responded that same day, asking her to specify the particular graphic she was referring to and we would immediately correct *any specific* item that she declared was incorrect on the new site. Loretta did NOT respond - so we moved on. Your board of directors has devoted a lot of effort to enhancing your website but it does require Troopers to contribute information to build it into a site that all of us can use. Members' comments and recommendations are and have been implemented to enhance the experience - and we realize that much more needs to be implemented within the site. Take a look at the Bullwhip site today and if you have comments and /or recommendations let us know.



<http://www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/news/crossedsabers/2008/crossedsabers2008.htm>

HEADHUNTERS IN IRAQ Several exciting events have taken place since the last newsletter. Of particular interest is that the 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry, our Squadron, was deactivated at Fort Bliss, reactivated at Fort Hood, cased their colors, deployed to IRAQ AGAIN, uncased their colors and are engaged in combat operations for the third time in the Global War on Terror. In this issue and on the website you will find information and web links on the HEADHUNTERS operations in Iraq. We are in contact with the current Squadron Commander, LTC Daryle Hernandez and the Squadron Command Sergeant Major, Brouston Hale. We are agreed that linking the HEADHUNTERS and the Bullwhip Squadron Association will bear fruit for his warriors and BWS. The next newsletter (and website) will have direct input and articles from the Squadron and I believe this contact and interaction will enable ways we can provide additional support to our brave Troopers serving in Iraq.



Message From Your Association President

SQUADRON MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDEES' PRINTS Next year will mark 40 years since we lost two of our brothers that were awarded the Medal of Honor Posthumously . On 2 June 1969 1LT Bob Poxon, Saber Blue died protecting his Blues on LZ Phyllis. On 14 September 1969 SGT Donal Skidgel was killed during a convoy ambush near Song Be while protecting his Delta Troop bothers . On 26 February 2011 it will be 40 years since another B Trooper, CPT Jon Swanson, gave his life engaging the enemy while flying his LOH in Cambodia. I would like to open discussions with the association members on the possibility of teaming with another organization and an artist to have a series of three prints made to commemorate their valor. We would select a committee to research the required actions, possible funding avenues (including private and commercial donations) and distributions of the prints. Of course we would coordinate with any surviving family members and Troopers that were witnesses to ensure that the prints were accurate and done with good taste and respect. We would see if it is feasible then contact the surviving family members before continuing. Comments and feedback are welcomed.



Bob Poxon in a small LZ a few kilometers west of LZ Phyllis near the fishhook retrieving and destroying a large enemy cache of rice and equipment - May 1969



**Robert Poxon
Saber Blue**



On June 2, 1969 at the age of 22, Bob Poxon gave his life protecting his Bravo Troop Blues at LZ Phyllis in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam. Bob was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions that day.



LZ Phyllis - May 1969

Message From Your Association President



LTC Hernandez and CSM Hale case the Squadron's Colors at Fort Hood on June 4, 2008

Association Bylaws and Election We have enclosed with this issue a copy of the association Bylaws for members to review. When the bylaws were initially developed the future plans and activities were still in a bit of a flux to say the least. For those and organizational reasons the bylaws were drafted to be flexible and responsive to enable the board of directors to build the organization in a way to be able to respond to membership needs and desires. The board has recognized the need to propose modifications to the bylaws and understands that members and are a critical part of the process. We will request comments and recommendations for bylaws modifications from the association members as part of the upcoming election process later this year. Member recommended changes to the bylaws along with rationale and justification for the recommended change (s) must be made in writing . Directions and procedures for the membership to discuss, submit and vote on changes will be in the next newsletter and on the web site.

Nomination of John B. Stockton to the Army Aviation Hall of Fame As we all know and as many Army Aviation Association of America Directors well know LTC John B. Stockton, our BULLWHIP 6, was instrumental in developing the our Army's Air Cavalry concept. See our article on page 18 regarding this important issue to our association.

REUNION 2008 Many of our Troopers are returning to the squadron and renewing old friendships and finding that "once a brother, always a brother". Our Association's bi-annual reunion this October 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th in Dothan, Alabama. If you have not sent in your reunion packets please do so as soon as you can. The 2008 reunion will be in the new Dothan Convention Center and we will have access to a variety of events and gatherings not previously available due to size restrictions. During the past months we have refined the reunion details and we will have activities beginning earlier than previous reunions and both Friday and Saturday night functions will have additional internal events to keep the camaraderie cruising opportunities along. We have a lot of work to do but I do know that the 2008 reunion will be enjoyed by all.

Respectively,

Joe Bowen, Apache Red



TAPS

As the years go by our fellow Troopers are lifted out of the LZ and our lives. We will keep you advised of these sad events when we can and post the information here and the BWS website. When BWS members provide information we will try to pass on the information to the rest of the association. If anyone has pictures and memories they would like to share please send them to us. Our intention is to have space for memorialization for all that pass on. Surviving family members can provide information and pictures and we will make a separate web page/s for the Troopers that died in combat or passed away after tour.

Another sad passing of a great Trooper.



Joe Kelbus (A Troop Blue RTO and Squad Leader 67-68) passed away around noon, 12 May 2008. His wife, Dot, daughter Melissa, son Mark, and grandchildren were with him at the hospital, as they had just spent a wonderful Mother's Day with Joe cooking at the barbeque grill.



Joe Kelbus, Dot Kelbus, Charles Brown
at BWS 2006 Reunion

Message from "Z" HEADHUNTER ANZELMO

Joseph R. Kelbus, age 64, Vietnam Army Veteran, beloved husband of 44 years to Dorothy, nee Smith; loving father of Mark (Mary) and Melissa Kelbus; dear grandfather of Melanie and Mitchell; fond brother of Dolores Sadlis, Mary Ann McConnell; and brother-in-law of Richard Smith. The Funeral was held on Friday, 9:15 a.m. from Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr.

& Harlem) Orland Park to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials to VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

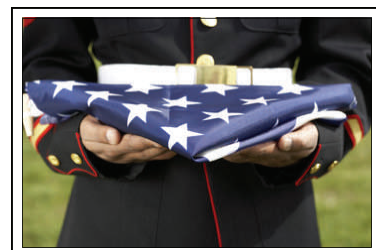
of which Joseph was a lifetime member. Also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Hearts, Orland Palos Reber-Tesmond Memorial VFW Post 2604; board member of the Orland Park Veterans Commission; member of the Sheridan Cavalry of Roselle, IL, and of the American Society of Safety Engineers.



Curtis, Joe Kelbus, Peter

Additional pictures and video can be found on the BWS website

<http://bullwhipsquadron.org/fiddlersgreen.html>



TAPS (CONTINUED)

To All,



Some of you may already have heard and some of you may not have known Craig.

On May,1 2008, Trooper Craig Matlock crossed over to Fiddler's Green after a long and gallant battle with cancer.

I had the honor of flying with Craig as the crew chief on Headhunter 38 along with AC Bob Phipps as my first assignment with Apache Troop.. Craig was a great crew chief and a good shot with an M 60 and was patient with a newly minted, still wet behind the ears "Wobbly One".

I spoke with Craig's son, Matthew, last night and we can send cards and remembrances to his family at 2095 6th Street, Blythe, CA 92225. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from anyone that knew and served with Craig. There will be an obituary published next Wednesday in the "Palo Verde Valley Times" (local newspaper for Blythe, CA).

Craig was a good soldier, a good friend, a good father, a good husband and a man I was proud to know. In the end, that's how we'd all like to be remembered.

I've attached a picture of the Headhunter Crew Chiefs circa 1967. We wish him Godspeed on his final journey.

Mike Bond
Headhunter 39



Headhunter Crew Chiefs 1967 Standing L-R Craig Matlock, Phil Reams, Rick Novia. kneeling, Bill Stonemean, Ralph Horowitz and Mike Coates

TAPS (CONTINUED)

Sad news for us all.



Jim Weeks, BRAVO Troop Commander, HQ & B Troop 67-68, passed away 2/25/2008 at his home in Daleville, AL. He was 73. Funeral services were held March 2, 2008, at Daleville Baptist Church. On Wednesday, March 5, 2008, the family received friends at Farmers Funeral Home in Silsbee, Texas, from noon until service time at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Davis Cemetery, Colmesneil, Texas. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Daleville Baptist Church, 100 Donnell Blvd., Daleville, AL 36322, or to the Special Operations Warrior Fund, P.O. Box 13483, Tampa, FL 33681. Mr.

Weeks was preceded in death by a son, CW5 Jamie D. Weeks, his parents and a sister. Surviving are his wife, Glenda Weeks, Daleville; daughter, Brenda Parks (Ned) Akron, Ohio; daughter-in-law, Robin Weeks, Clarksville, Tenn.; a son, Joel D. Weeks (Becky) Newnan, Ga.; seven grandchildren, Lauren, Jeremy, Courtney, Jason, Lindsey, Emily, Samantha. From the Dothan Eagle from 2/27/2008.



MAJOR Jimmy Weeks 1967



Jimmy Weeks 2006



TAPS (CONTINUED)

Subject: Major Weeks

I just saw where Major Weeks has passed away. I want to extend my deepest condolence to his family. I was with the Blues and remember him as one of the great leaders of the squadron I served under. Never talked to him much just the time when the blues had to get a huey that was shot down on a mountain, in the Ashau valley.

We took with us chain saws to clear the area. No problem getting off, it just looked like the blades were going to hit the side of the mountain, but somehow they didn't, we had some heck of a pilots. Don't remember exactly but I think we couldn't wait to get it lifted because the scout ships had spotted a large group of NVAs moving fast toward our position.

As the first chopper came to extract us it couldn't lift off and the blues that managed to get on had to bail off before it crashed. It was now impossible to get us out because the choppers just couldn't get enough RPMs to lift off. We were too high up and the air was too thin. The Major wasn't going to leave us, there wasn't enough time for reinforcements or to take an alternate route. So he ordered us to leave behind any extra weight, just to take our weapons and to jump on or hang on to the skids as he would fly by and drop off the edge of the mountain with some of us hanging on to the skids. It was unbelievable as it went down before it had enough RPMs to lift up, it was impossible but he got us out. It was great falling off a mountain hanging onto the skids of a chopper, and trying to get back on in mid-air. Anyways it's how I remember it. Later he explained and showed me how they were trained on free falling. I remember sitting behind him as he turned everything from the chopper off and told me to tell him when to turn it back on. I said OK no problem but after just dropping for few seconds I urgently told him to turn everything back on, he just smiled and let it go for a few more seconds then turned it back on, it was a heck of a ride. This is what I remember of one of his many missions and I know he had many close calls, this was like no big deal to him, to me it was, he saved all of us that day, he was a Hero.

Sincerely,
Cisco
Rene Felizardo



Nomination of John B. Stockton to the Army Aviation Hall of Fame

Many of us are members of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) and look forward to participating in the association's chapter events and annual conventions. The Army Aviation Hall of Fame nominations and selections are one of the significant association events. I recently spoke with Dave Allen about the missing name on the latest Hall of fame inductees. We shook our heads in confusion as to why John B. Stockton was not in the Hall of Fame and I told him we should continue the effort. As we all know and as many Army Aviation Association of America Directors well know LTC John B. Stockton, our BULLWHIP 6, was instrumental in developing the our Army's Air Cavalry concept.

I have included Dave's September 2003 newsletter entry to refresh our memories on some of the past frustration and to help reengage the efforts to enable BULLWHIP 6 to be properly recognized by Army Aviation. We will endeavor to combine our resources to present AAAA a revised nomination packet for the upcoming Hall of Fame process. We request your support in this deserving endeavor and will keep you



Call to Arms *(From the September 2003 newsletter)*

The BWS Association needs your support on a very important effort. It concerns the nomination of our first commander John B. Stockton to the Army Aviation Hall of Fame. First of all, a little background on this effort. Several months after Col. Stockton's death, I took it upon myself to put together the required paperwork and submitted it to the AAAA office in June of 1998. The Board of Directors, along with several previously inductee Hall of Famer's then select 8 to 10 individuals for nomination and publish their names with a short bio in the July – August 1998 AAAA magazine, for the members to vote upon.

Prior to the publication of those selected individuals, I was called by a very respected retired Major General who had been a member of the selection committee and this is what he told me: "Dave, I appreciate your effort in submitting Col Stockton's name for consideration as a Hall of Fame inductee. I personally supported his nomination but there was to many old dinosaurs on the selection board that do not like John B. for various reasons, and they turned his nomination down. I recommend that you wait 5 or 6 years until some of those dinosaurs pass on and then try again."

Now, we skip ahead to 2003. I asked Loel Ewart in May to put together another submission under his name. With input from Joel Steine and Mike Bogdue, Loel put together an excellent paper submitting John B. for consideration as a candidate to the Hall of Fame. The paperwork was forwarded to the AAAA editor in mid June.

What can our BWS members do to make John B.'s selection a possibility? First of all, he must be approved by the selection committee for nomination by AAAA members, sometime within the next few months if not sooner. The only hope that we have is that the few remaining old dinosaur's will be outvoted and John B's name will be published in this fall's AAAA magazine, along with the other candidates for membership vote.

If we are successful in that effort, all BWS members of AAAA can assist by "talking up" his nomination with other AAAA members. If you aren't a member of AAAA, consider joining for 1 year for the sole purpose of voting for John B.

This will probably be our last chance to get him into the Hall of Fame. As the creator of the Air Cavalry concept, he richly deserves this honor. I therefore request your support in this endeavor.

God bless America and the Air Cavalry.

David J. Allen
Brigadier General
Cavalry USA (Ret)
Commanding

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Larry Wright, Membership Chairman

May 2008 Membership: 617 Total

**Regular Members: 554 with 489 being Lifetime,
Honorary Lifetime: 60 Associate: 3**



New Members (Lifetime*)

Raymond E. Arnold*	B Troop 66-67	Rohnert Park, CA
Richard K. Chesson*	B Troop 68-69	Louisville, KY
Richard G. Humphrey	D Troop 66-67	Buna, TX
James W. Leathers*	B Troop 65-66	El Paso, TX

Converted to Lifetime

Charles Cable	HQ 70-71, A 68-69	West Point, GA
Thomas R. Genetti	B Troop 70-71	Laurel, MD
Ernest N. Hambly	F Troop 71-72	Clarksville, TN
Jerry A. Mohr	B Troop 69-70	Emmaus, PA
William R. Newman	B Troop 67-68	Manteca, CA
Mickey Parent	A Troop 65-66	Ridgedale, MO
Richard H. Williams	F Troop 72-73	Bishop, CA

New Associate Members

Diane "DeDe" Lind	Sponsored by John Hamm D Trp	Boca Raton, FL
Randy L. Ruble	Friend of KIA Jim Riley	Vienna, WV
Mike Schela	Sponsored by John Hamm D Trp	Smyrna, TN

SICK CALL JUNE 2008

Our troopers need our thoughts and concerns.

Phil Reams

Bruce Dehart

Louis Rochat III

Robert Griffin



TO ALL TROOPERS

We are attempting to identify BWS primary and alternate points of contact for each Troop, LRRPs, and Combat Trackers.

These point of contacts would facilitate interactions within the respective units. They would assist in membership information exchange, organizing unit specific coordination, postings, forums, actions and other tasks that would help foster and maintain our brotherhood.

If you are interested please contact:

Joe Bowen, President ApacheRed27@gmail.com

Jim Kurtz, Vice President jkurtz@ida.org

Al deFleron, Secretary lynnedefleron@centurytel.net

Larry Wright, Membership Chairman LarryW9thcav6566@aol.com

Chuck Ridenour, Treasurer cridenou@csc.com

B Troop POC: Paul Murtha (BAT 16)

PHOTO CONTEST for the 2008 REUNION

We are having a photo contest for each Troop HQ, A, B, C, D, E, F and attached elements.

We want to enlarge a photo from each Troop to poster size to be displayed at each Reunion.

Priority will be given to Photos that have the following.

Identification of Troopers

Number of 9th Troopers in the photo

Identification of Time and Place of Photo

Number of Bullwhip Members in photo

Clarity of photo (we are enlarging it to poster size Approximant 24x36 inches)

If you have your favorite photo of your 9th Cav Troopers contact Larry Wright to submit it for the contest. Photos must be submitted by August 30, 2008.



HQ TROOP NEWS

Congratulations to COL James Booth on his assuming the President's position of the 1st Cavalry Division Association on 20 June 2008 in Jacksonville.

A TROOP NEWS

CW5 Charles A. Adkinson (Apache 34, 69-70) retired from the Ohio Army National Guard on his 60th birthday, March 24, 2008, concluding a 40+ year career. Adkinson enlisted in the U.S. Army on December 14, 1967 and transferred to the Ohio Army NG in 1971. His career included a Vietnam deployment in 1969-70 and a Middle East/Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment in 2006-07. As an Army pilot flying combat missions during these deployments, Adkinson flew helicopters with A Troop 1/9th Cav, 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam and airplanes with the 1-111th GSAB, U.S. 3rd Army in the Middle East. While based in the Middle East, Adkinson was the 3rd Army's C-12 Detachment Commander. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 5 and Master Army Aviator and his career spanned the terms of 8 Presidents and all/parts of five decades. CW5 (ret) Adkinson graduated from Dayton Chaminade H.S. in 1966, attended Ohio State University and is a 1994 graduate of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife Susan live in Marysville, Ohio.

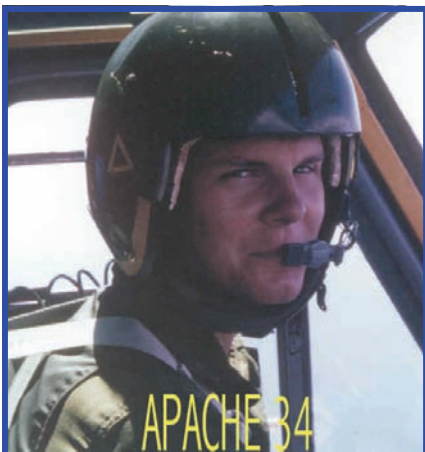
That was Chuck's official description of his service to our country that he sent us – and as usual does not come close to describing his amazing professionalism, dedication, modesty, loyalty and bravery that Apache 34 is known for –to all that had the honor to serve and fight beside him.



Susan and Chuck Adkinson at his Retirement ceremony April 5, 2008



Susan and Chuck Adkinson at his Retirement ceremony April 5, 2008



Young Chuck In the Air - 1969

Brown, Dockter and a Veteran 34 after a hectic attempted rescue mission for Rash 11A, 16 Nov 69



Chuck at Al Asad Airfield, Iraq in 2006

A TROOP NEWS

2008 Apache Troop Reunion September 5th, 6th, & 7th



The 2008 Apache Troop reunion is just around the corner! Jenny and I are planning on hosting the reunion here in Chicago on September 5th, 6th, & 7th. It will be at the Illinois Beach Resort & Conference Center. The web site for the resort is www.ilresorts.com. Specifically, it's located in Zion, IL. It's just about halfway between Chicago and Milwaukee on Lake Michigan, so it would be convenient to fly into either the Milwaukee airport or Chicago O'Hare. Chicago Midway is also an option, but it's down on the south side of Chicago, making for a little bit of a longer drive. The Illinois Beach park also has a camping area with RV parking for those of you who have gotten into that. The room rates will be \$105 per night. (This aint Montana anymore Dorothy). I'm really looking forward to hearing from everyone and especially looking forward to the reunion. Jim Thomas 31 Monica Dr., Lake Villa, IL 60046 Home - 847-356-2499 Cell - 312-844-0057

Can you identify this warrior?? Let us know if you know who he is. (Hint -A Troop)



Remember those who have Fallen



**Jerry Stewart A Troop
KIA 2-19-1966**

JERRY D STEWART



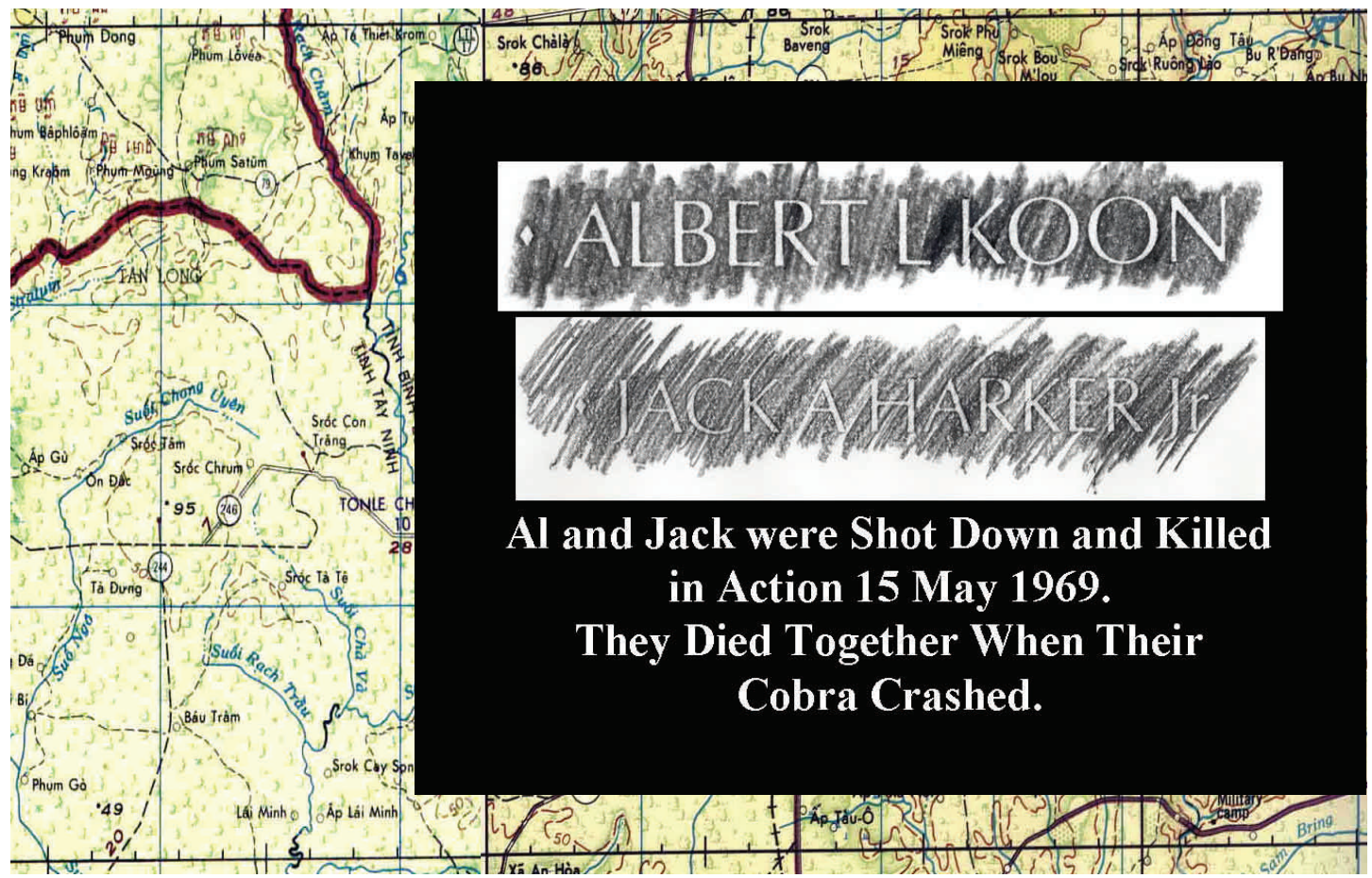
Apache Troop Blues 1969 (1LT Gary Qualey on far left)
Can you name the Blues in the picture? Let us know if you can.

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS THAT FELL IN BATTLE SO LONG AGO

STEPHEN A YOUNG

Steve was Shot Down and Killed in Action 9 Aug 1969.

Steve Died Together with James Dine and Michael Seibert When Their LOH Crashed. Apache 12



ALBERT L KOON

JACK A HARKER Jr

Al and Jack were Shot Down and Killed in Action 15 May 1969. They Died Together When Their Cobra Crashed.

B TROOP NEWS



The new Bullwhip B Troop point of contact is Paul Murtha (BAT 16). PMurtha@alionscience.com Paul Murtha, aka "Bat". Scout platoon leader B Troop, H Troop, F Troop, March '71 - May '72. He is a contractor in the Washington DC area and lives in the top of the Shenandoah Mountains in the Eastern panhandle of West Virginia.



BAT 16 , 1971, Paul Murtha



Paul Murtha today

Recent News:

There was an impromptu gathering of the B Troop/H Troop/F Troop alumni in Alexandria, VA on 11 June 2008. Paul Murtha (Batman 16) noticed that Dan Rager was captaining in a Delta airliner from OH, Jack Shields was flying in from AR for a family affair and Roger Cox was driving down from NY to visit Murtha. Rich Dey, Tony Olenczuk and Jim Kurtz (A Troop) were already living in Alexandria. The meeting was for supper at a local restaurant and several fire extinguishers were on hand in case there was an incident of spontaneous combustion. The consensus from their meeting was that all would be attending the October reunion and Batman would be making a concerted effort to generate an up-to-date list of B Troop et al alumni.

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.

