



BULLWHIP SQUADRON

1ST SQUADRON, 9TH CAVALRY



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1st Squadron 9th Cavalry Regiment 1st Air Cavalry Division - Vietnam

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Left to right: 12 March 2011: CSM Detweiler (1-9 CAV), COL Winski, Commander 4th Brigade (Long Knife 6), SGT Robert Fierro (Apache Troop, 1-9 CAV) and Mrs. Fierro. COL Winski has just presented SGT Fierro the Purple Heart, Combat Action Badge (CAB) and Bronze Star Medal for actions during the 15 January 2011 attack.



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1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Vietnam
1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Division, Iraq

We Can, We Will

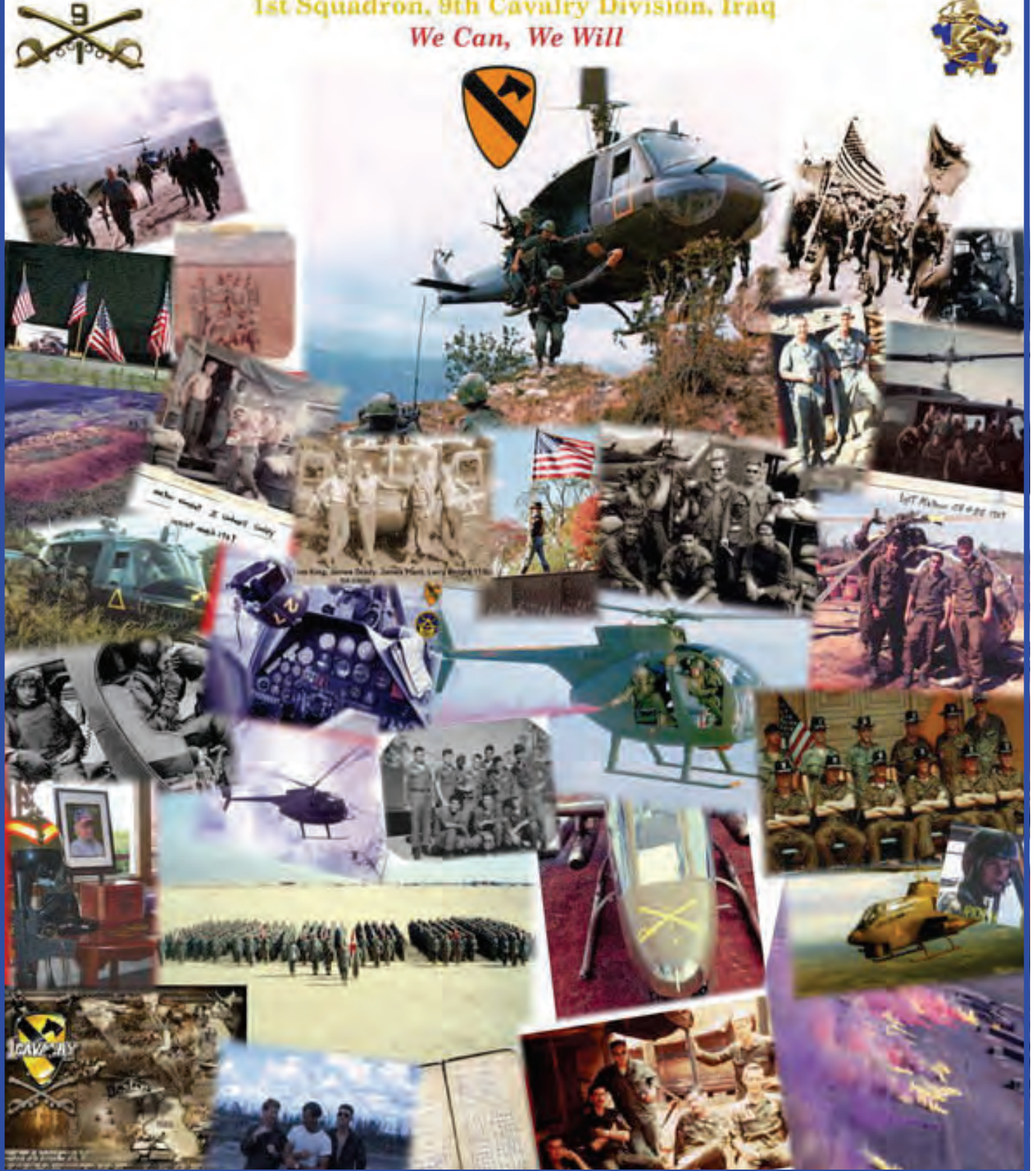
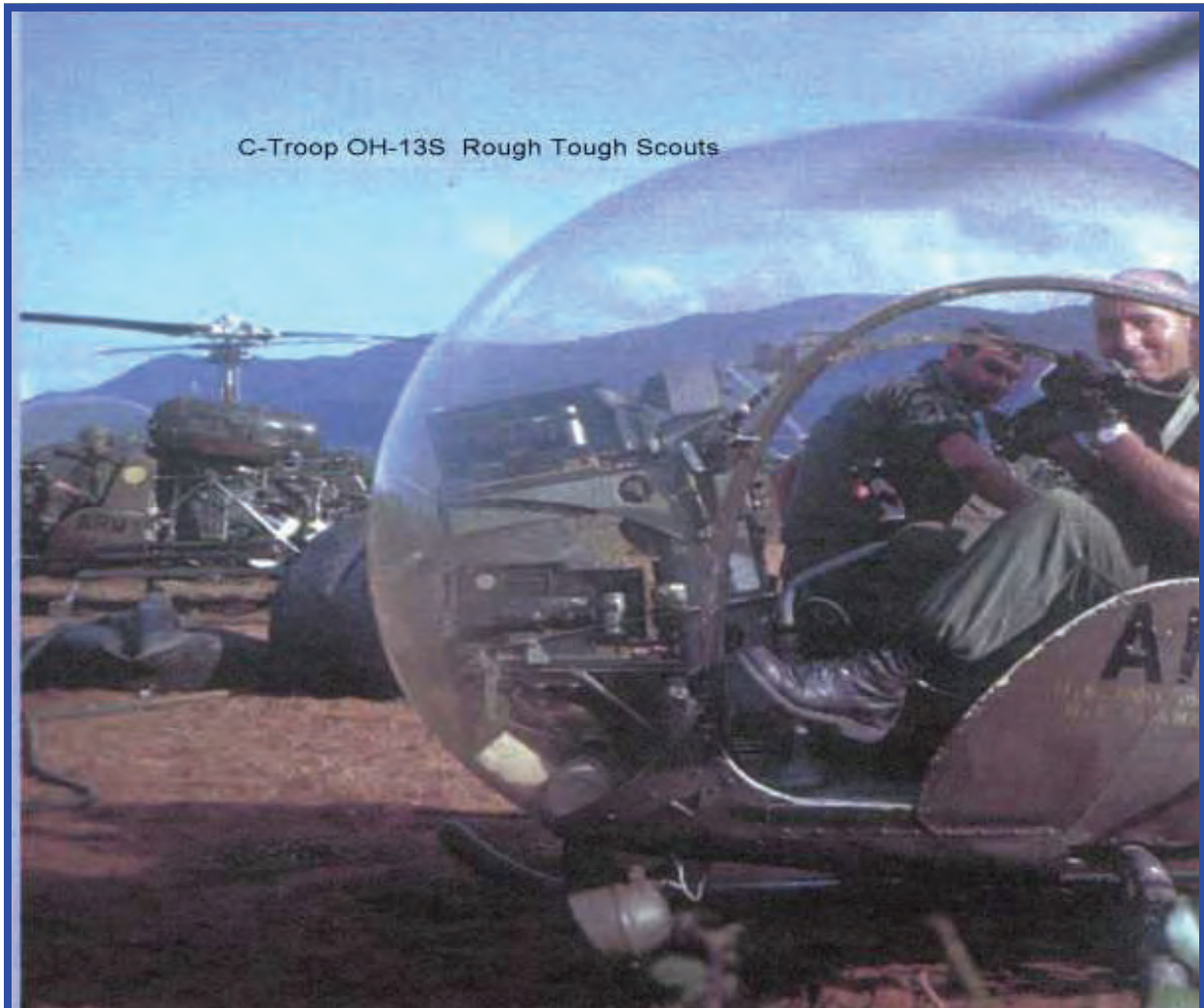


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FROM THE EDITOR

FROM THE EDITOR

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I am Glad to be the Editor for the Newsletter and will try to the the best job for the Squadron. I have set cut off times of the 15th of the month before the Newsletter is finalized.

Cut off for information is as follows:

Sep 15, Dec 15, Mar 15 and Jun 15



Left to Right: Walt "Titch" C TRP 65-66, Bob Monette F TRP 72-73, Patrick Cook (Son-in-Law) Joe Bowen A&B TRP 68-69, Don Coshey C TRP 665-66, Chuck Ridenour B TRP 71

Your board during a break at the January meeting. We welcomed two new board members that will help us to better support our missions. Bob Monette, F Troop 1972-1973, Sabre 20, is our new VP of Military and Public Relations and Don Coshey, C Troop, 1965-1966 is our new Program Manager for the website and quartermaster.

From your President

There are several upcoming events that I would like to keep you all in the loop regarding the HEADHUNTER's Redeployment from Iraq to Fort Hood and other Squadron events that will be occurring after their safe return.

1. The Squadron uncasing Ceremony at Fort Hood: This ceremony date is still in the works but will probably happen sometime in September.
2. The Squadron Homecoming Ball: Now scheduled for 10 November, the details are in development.
3. Tentative dedication of an OH-6A in the Squadron area at Fort Hood. We have found one LOH at Fort Rucker that appears to be excess to the Army Aviation Museum's future plans and in coordination with the museum Director and the 1st Cavalry Division's Museum Director there is a goal of transferring this LOH (unfortunately not an original 1-9 CAV aircraft but a 3/4 CAV bird). We have offered to assist in the transfer, painting in correct 1-9 colors, mounting and most any other issue to make it happen by 10 November 2011. If it can happen by then I would like to ask if there may be one or more of our LOH Scout Crew Chiefs and Pilots to paint on the final touches to the crossed sabers and tail number for a part of the dedication. Another dedication with a plaque and 1-9 Cavalry Vietnam information would follow as an event at our 2012 Reunion in October 2012. Lots of moving parts in this attempt to get a representative Scout aircraft to the Squadron and if there are any of you that would like to volunteer please contact me.
4. Squadron Change of Command: LTC John Cushing will change Command sometime in November and I encourage any of you that can be there to show our support for the Squadron. The exact date has not been scheduled but we will update in the next newsletter and on the website and email.

In Reunion News there are three reunions scheduled for this year as described on pages 11—17.

Charlie Troop Get Together 2011, AUGUST 2-7 2011, in INDIANAPOLIS, IN. It is being hosted by Lew Robinson.

The 2011 APACHE TROOP REUNION will be 17 - 21 August 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is being hosted by Apache 29, Ron Livingston.

Meeting of Warriors, LZ Branson, MO, 13-16 October 2011. Fletcher Beard and Janis Derrington are coordinating this reunion.

I hope that if you are able that you can attend any of these great events to see old buddies and meet friends you may have not seen for 40+ years.

Planning is ongoing for our 2012 Reunion and we will be asking for volunteers to help in the planning and execution of the events. I also would like to get the Troop Commanders and 1st Sergeants more involved in our Reunions and assign Troop tasks (some fun and others not so) for our Fort Hood and 1st Cavalry Reunion next October. As I told Jack Shields (Saber 6) "we would fly into Hell and back with you back then and are still looking for your direction and guidance more than forty years later—so come on in and help call in some fire on our next reunion". The Board does not want to be on the stage and up front at the Reunion and we will all try and make it happen but bottom line, the Reunion is for the Squadron and the Squadron is YOU!

Apache Red

9th U.S Cavalry History, PT II
The End of the Indian Wars

By the end of the 19th Century, the Indian Wars were over and the United States stretched from “sea to shining sea” with only Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico being territories rather than states.

The fact that hundreds of thousands of settlers could flood into the new land assured of safety from Indians, range wars, and (more or less) outlaws and cattle rustlers from both sides of the Rio Grande, was a direct tribute to the actions of the U.S. Cavalry...particularly the men of the 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment.

From its beginning in 1866 until the late 1890s, the 9th Cavalry patrolled the southwestern states, primarily opposing the Comanches and Kiowas during the 1870s in Texas, followed by continuous battles with Apache tribes led by Geronimo, Nana and Victorio in New Mexico and Arizona during the period 1879 and 1881, and the Sioux in the 1880s.

According to Lineage and Honors, Department of the Army, the 1st Squadron of the 9th Cavalry Regiment was created on 28 July 1866 as Company A, 9th Cavalry. At that time, there was no formal organization for squadrons in cavalry regiments and a squadron could be two to four companies. However, in 1873, “Upton’s Tactics,” developed by Brevet Major General Emory Upton for cavalry and artillery, were adopted to correspond to an infantry tactics manual he had published in 1867. This established a cavalry regiment as three squadrons of four companies. In 1883, cavalry companies were officially redesignated as “cavalry troops.”

As stated in the March 2011 Bull Whip Squadron newsletter, a squadron consisted of 12 troops...A through M...with no J Troop. According to Mr. David Lemelin of the U.S. Army Military History Institute, J Troop did not exist because paperwork in those days was written out by hand. Because a handwritten “J” tended to look like a handwritten “I”, it was

decided to skip over the letter “J” when designating companies.

While the 9th Cav. was involved in dozens, if not hundreds, of actions protecting the early settlers in the west, it was also instrumental in saving other cavalry units from destruction (not unlike Operation Pegasus when the 1st Cav., led by 1/9th, went in to save the Marines at Khe Sanh).

In 1879, Troop D, 9th Cavalry, under Capt. Francis Dodge, force marched 70 miles from New Mexico into Colorado to rescue troopers of the 5th Cavalry, under an inexperienced Major Thomas Thornburgh, who had gotten themselves surrounded by Ute Indians of the White River tribe at the valley of the Milk River. Thornburgh and 10 of his troopers were killed. The rest dug in.

Dodge learned of the 5th Cavalry’s predicament and made the forced march to their relief, rescuing the 5th Cavalry without the loss of a single trooper.

In 1890, troops D, F, I and K of the 9th Cav. under Major Guy V. Henry were sent to the Pine Ridge Indian Agency in response to growing concern over the Sioux Ghost Dance movement.

The day after the December 29, 1890 Battle (or Massacre) of Wounded Knee by six troops of the 7th Cavalry, a totally inept Colonel James Forsyth led his six troops into a



cul-de-sac on White Clay Creek trying to force a reported “several thousand other Sioux warriors” back to the reservation. They were immediately surrounded and, like Custer and five troops of the 7th Cavalry in 1876, faced annihilation.

Henry and troopers of the 9th Cavalry were called on to rescue Forsyth and his six troops of the 7th Cavalry.

After a forced march to the mouth of the canyon, Henry split his force into two squadrons and sent them in a sweep of both sides of the canyon, supported by a Hotchkiss gun. As the Buffalo soldiers swept through the canyon, the Sioux retreated. “Without losing a man, the buffalo soldiers had recorded one of their most celebrated triumphs,” according to Charles L. Kenner, in his “Buffalo Soldiers and Officers of the Ninth Cavalry, 1867-1898”.

As a direct result of that rescue, Major Henry was able to convince the Army to assign a troop (Troop K) of the 9th Cav. to serve at Fort Myer in Arlington, VA. This was the first time a black cavalry unit was assigned to a military post in the Washington area.

In 1883-85, elements of the 9th Cav. was deployed in Fort Riley, Kansas, with numerous excursions into Oklahoma Territory to keep settlers, known as Sooners, from moving into the area before it was officially opened in the 1889 Oklahoma Land Rush.

In 1885 it was sent to Wyoming Territory (now South Dakota). From there troops were stationed at Fort Robinson and Fort Niobrara, Nebraska and Fort Duchesne, Utah.

The period 1866 to 1898 also saw the first Medals of Honor going to black troopers. The first black trooper to earn the award was Sergeant Emanuel Stance, a small (barely 5 ft. tall) trooper who had been one of the first to join the unit in 1866 at the age of 18. In May, 1870, two children from a settlement near Ft. McKavett in south Texas were kidnapped by Comanches.

Stance was directed to take 10 men from F Troop and attempt to intercept the Comanches and rescue the children. Some 14 miles from the fort, Stance’s command came across a band of Indians driving a herd of ten horses. Stance immediately led a charge against the Indians, driving them off and recovering the horses.

He decided to take the horses back to Fort McKavett. However, ten miles from the fort he spotted two government wagons escorted by a small guard. He also spotted about 20 Indians about to ambush the small wagon train. Again he led a charge against the Indians, driving them off and capturing five more horses.

He then returned to the fort with the 15 captured Indian horses. For his actions, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. Evidently the two kidnapped children were totally forgotten and filed under the “Life Sucks” column.

As a footnote, Sgt. Stance was noted by his commanders as a strong disciplinarian...meaning his men learned to hate him. He also drank a lot. On Christmas Eve, 1887, F Troop 1st Sgt. Stance rode into the nearby town of Crawford for a night of “drink, sex and cards.” He rode out of town well past midnight, and the next morning his body was found on the road with four gunshot wounds. It was never determined who killed him, but it was generally accepted that it was done by his own men.

Being awarded the Medal of Honor was a rare thing for black cavalry troopers, both in the 9th and the 10th Cavalries. Most actions involving incidents of individual bravery were simply not recorded. When they were recorded, it was normally because the individual trooper had proven his worth as a soldier to a white officer, who then wrote up the action.

An example of this is an action by Lt. John Bullis and four troopers of M troop in August 1871. As cited in Kenner's "Buffalo Soldiers and Officers of the Ninth Cavalry, 1867-1898," Lt. Bullis and his men were scouting west of Fort McKavett when they ran across a band of Indians driving a herd of 300 stolen cattle. The soldiers immediately charged, causing the Indians to flee, leaving the cattle behind. A little while later, the Indians, who had joined up with the rest of their band, returned and attacked Lt. Bullis and his men. "Instead of running, Bullis and his buffalo soldiers attacked so furiously that the Indians, an estimated thirty strong, retreated." This allowed the five members of M Troop to bag an additional 200 head of stolen cattle.

"Lt. Bullis was cited for the extraordinary bravery of himself and his four soldiers. No one, however, saw fit even to record their names."

Kenner noted that in 1870, 40 members of the 8th Cavalry and 17 of the 1st Cavalry were given Medals of Honor for service against the Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico. "Almost all were simply for 'gallantry in action'," he said. During the Red River War of 1874-75, 25 white soldiers from the 4th and 6th Cavalry and the 5th Infantry regiments received the medal, while "not one black regular, cavalry or infantry, received one. Had similar liberality been shown blacks, there would have been dozens of buffalo soldiers carrying the medal by the end of the 1870s," Kenner said.

In fact, during the whole of the Indian Wars of the Western Frontier (roughly 1866 to 1890), out of 426 awards of the Medal, the 9th Cavalry received only 15 (11 enlisted and four officers) and the 10th Cavalry (the other "Buffalo Soldiers" cavalry regiment) received three. The 8th Cavalry racked up 89 awards of the Medal of Honor...most noted as simply "gallantry in action,"...the 6th Cavalry issued 51, and the 7th Cavalry got 42 (most at the Battle of the Little Big Horn).

During the whole of the Indian Wars, 1867-1890, a total of 44 Buffalo Soldiers (not including officers) were killed, of which 28 were killed during Apache Campaigns of 1879-1881.

(WARNING—SPOILER ALERT. The following has nothing to do with the 9th Cav. and is simply a note of interest...for those interested in this sort of thing.)

It should be noted that the Medal of Honor given out between the Civil War and World War I was not the Medal of Honor as we think of it today.

There is a general believe that the first medal for heroism was the Purple Heart, created by Gen. George Washington. It was not. It was a purple cloth heart, but called the Badge of Military Merit. It was awarded in 1783 and to only three men, all sergeants.

It was not intended as an award for being wounded in combat. In establishing the award, Washington wrote that it was for soldiers who exhibited, "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way."

The Badge of Military Merit fell into oblivion until 1932, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as Army Chief of Staff, pressured the Army into reviving it as the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat for soldiers who had been wounded in World War I.

However, in 1847 during the Mexican-American War, the Certificate of Merit was created for any soldier who distinguished himself in battle. This was literally a certificate, not a medal, and could only be awarded to privates. In 1854 the law was changed so that it could also be awarded to NCOs. It wasn't until 1905 that it was redesignated as the Certificate of Merit Medal and became a medal that a soldier could wear on his tunic.

The flaw was that it was awarded to any soldier who distinguished himself in battle and did not allow for different degrees of heroism. Like the current Bronze Star, it could be awarded for either meritorious service or courageous action.

So, early in the Civil War, the Medal of Honor was created to reward individual valor on the battlefield and differentiate between being really brave or being sort of brave or performing meritorious service.

The Army initially rejected the idea of such a medal on the grounds that “medals smacked of European affectation.” The Navy, however, adopted the new medal and President Lincoln signed it into law on December 21, 1861. The Army finally adopted it on July 12, 1862.

But, again, there was no real differentiation between sort of brave and really, really brave. The Medal of Honor was given out so haphazardly that in 1916, out of 2,287 awards of the Medal of Honor, the military rescinded 900, almost 40 percent.

Doug Helms B Troop



Sick Call

Dave Deslova, C Troop

Charles Soltes A-Troop

Pappy Robert Kuster, A Troop

Jim Smith. HQs Troop

Jerry Boyles, A-Troop Send E-Mails to

aboyle93@msn.com or can send cards

to PO Box 1142, Marion, MT 59925

Robert (Swede) Erickson, is doing better

TAPS

Another Sad Passing of a Great B Troop Warrior

From Jim Kurtz:

Forwarded with sadness. Al "D" DeFleron was one of the First Shift – those who trained together at Fort Benning, then rode the boat to Vietnam together to begin the exploits of the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry.

When the Bullwhip Squadron Association, formed by the First Shift in honor of the first squadron commander, decided to let "New Guys" join, Al was the first and foremost among the old guys to welcome us and make us feel like we were all part of the same Band of Brothers.

D, you are going to be missed, but we'll catch up with you in Fiddler's Green.

Jim



Al "Big D" DeFleron B Troop 1965

All

It is with extreme sadness that I report the death of MSG AL DeFleron. He passed just after noon today, 5/24/11. He was the Secretary on the first Bullwhip Squadron Board for 12 years and ran the BWS store. He was a valuable asset to the Squadron and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

We are losing many to the effects of Agent Orange, all to soon. May God give him peace and the glory of being with Him.

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Loel Ewart

LTC (Ret)

TAPS



Al "Big D" DeFleron B Troop 1965



Al "Big D" DeFleron in 2010

Lynne A. "Big D" DeFleron

Mr. Lynne A. "Big D" DeFleron, a resident of Newton, died Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Flowers Hospital. He was 78.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2011 at Byrd Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Newton officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in Memory Hill with Byrd Funeral Home on West Main Street directing. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 2346 W. Main St., Suite 3, Dothan, AL, 36301.

Mr. DeFleron was born July 13, 1932 in Mobile, AL and lived the early years of his life there. At an early age, he entered the U.S. Army and served 26 years prior to his retirement. A decorated veteran, he served in the Korean War and Vietnam War. He was the recipient of numerous medals including the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star with Cluster and was a 3 time Purple Heart recipient. Mr. DeFleron also boxed for the military and was Golden Glove Champ in New York State in 1954.

Following his military service he was employed with Paige Aircraft for several years. He later owned his own cabinet shop which he operated for over 20 years. He received his degree from AUM and taught at Wallace Community College for over 15 years. Mr. DeFleron was a member of Goodwater Freewill Baptist Church.

TAPS



MEMORIAL CEREMONY
COMANCHE TROOP
6th SQUADRON, 9th UNITED STATES CAVALRY
3BCT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION



COB DELTA, IRAQ

IN HONOR OF YOUR MEMORY



SGT GLENN M. SEWELL

8 September 1987 – 13 June 2011



SSG NICHOLAS P. BELLARD

15 July 1984 – 13 June 2011



You will never be forgotten.

From the Membership Chairman

The membership list last issue omitted several members by error and we have updated the list on the website. An updated and corrected membership list will be in the next newsletter.



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.



REUNIONS—CHARLIE TROOP, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Charlie Troop Get Together 2011

AUGUST 2-7 2011

**LEW ROBINSON WILL HOST THE
REUNION IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN**



DRAFT REUNION ITINERARY

AUGUST 2ND (TUESDAY):

- * TRAVEL DAY TO INDIANAPOLIS
- * MEET AND GREET AT HOTEL HOSPITALITY ROOM
- * SHARE MEMORIES AND A FEW DRINKS
- * DISCUSS/REVIEW ITINERARY FOR THE WEEK
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- * DISCUSS/REVIEW ITINERARY FOR THE WEEK

Option A – Group dinner at an area restaurant for those who may interested

- * Option B – Dinner on your own

August 3rd (Wednesday):

- * Visit Indianapolis Motor Speedway (10A-3P?) <http://www.indianapolis motorspeedway.com/>
- * Tour Track and Museum
- * Return to the hotel mid-afternoon
- * Meet and Greet at hotel Hospitality Room
- * Share memories and a few drinks
- * BBQ at Robinson Residence (6P-till)
- * Alternate activities for those not interested in the Speedway tour
- * Shopping at the Castleton Mall or the Fashion Mall

(Hotel shuttle can provide transportation to/from the malls)

- * Hospitality Room/Hotel pool
- * Indianapolis Zoo

REUNIONS—CHARLIE TROOP, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

- o Hoosier Park Racing and Casino (Anderson, IN – 30 min north of hotel)
- o Hospitality Room/Hotel pool
- o Indianapolis Zoo

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TBA

August 4th (Thursday):

- * Visit downtown Indianapolis (10A-4P?)
- o American Legion Mall (Indy is home to the American Legion HQ)
- o Indiana War Memorial
- o Colonel Eli Lilly Monument and Civil War Museum o Soldiers and Sailors Monument
- o USS Indianapolis Memorial, National Medal of Honor Memorial
- o NCAA Hall of Champions, Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site
- o Eiteljorg Museum of American Indiana & Western Art, Indianapolis Zoo

* **Alternate activities for those not interested in visiting downtown Indy**

- o Shopping at the Castleton Mall or the Fashion Mall
- (Hotel shuttle can provide transportation to/from the malls)

Indiana State Fair

- o Additional activities TBD

August 7th (Sunday): Travel day home

Contract

I have not signed anything with the hotel yet locking us in for any of this. I want your feedback on the information

I have provided before moving forward. Please provide me with your comments and suggestions as soon as you can. Also please indicate your preliminary interest in attending so I know whether or not to increase or decrease our room block at the start.

As I mentioned in my earlier email we use this hotel a lot and I have a very good relationship with them. They are excited about the opportunity of hosting us and are eager to work with us to make our reunion an enjoyable experience.

Due to the size of the scanned documents I have to send them over a few emails. I will attach the hotel letter to this email and the banquet options over 3 emails to ensure they go through. I apologize if this is an inconvenience for anyone.

A separate email will follow this one with a draft itinerary for the week.

If you have any questions you can also call me at 317/519-8052 and on the Charlie Troop website.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Lew

REUNIONS



The 2011 APACHE TROOP REUNION will be 17 - 21 August 2011

in Albuquerque, New Mexico

It is being hosted by Apache 29, Ron Livingston.

April 17, 2011

Fellow Apache Troopers,

! Here we are 4 months until the 2011 Albuquerque reunion and things continue moving along nicely. However, we need assistance from each of you to help make this a memorable reunion. As of today, we have received 44 questionnaires, many of which are from individuals who have seldom or never attended a reunion - this is exciting to know that the web has been cast widely. You are receiving this letter if we have received your completed questionnaire - thank you!

! As an important reminder, please be sure to make your hotel reservation at Hotel Albuquerque, as this is your responsibility. The reservation should be made under the "Apache Troop Reunion" at the rate of \$81.00 per night (taxes not included). The phone number for the hotel is **505/843-6300** and hotel website: www.HotelABQ.com. The deadline to ensure this group rate is **July 27, 2011**.

! We do have many exciting events planned, however, most time will be free to do as you please as Albuquerque and the surrounding area provide much to do. We will have the Hospitality Suite and another meeting room reserved and open to provide a place for folks to sit and visit as often as needed. We know how valuable this "visiting time" can be and hope that you all will bring photos, albums and other memorabilia to share with others.

! We have confirmed the Osprey Aviation Tour at Kirtland AFB which is scheduled for Friday, August 19 from 0900-1300 and will visit the local Veteran's Memorial Park immediately following the tour. The tour will be at no cost but there will be a minimal cost for the transportation which will be figured out once the final participant number is determined. The KAFB tour should be exciting and the personnel on base are very excited to host such an incredible group of veteran's and their families.

! The banquet buffet dinner with cash bar is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th and will be held in the Alvarado Ballroom at the hotel. The Sunday morning breakfast August 21st is scheduled immediately following the memorial service at 9:00-11:00 and will be held in the Fireplace Room and adjoining patio. We will need a complete head count and payment in full

for both events, no later than July 27, 2011. If you are confirmed to be attending either or both events, the cost will be:

- **Buffet Dinner = \$58.00 per person (young children = \$20.00)**
- **Sunday Breakfast = 27.00 per person (young children = \$15.00)**

Please make checks payable to: “Apache Troop Reunion”

We have been fortunate to have several “Troopers” volunteer to help with other events:

- Golfing at KAFB - Mike Lentino and Jim Thomas
- Photo/slide show and Apache Troop history - Jim Kurtz, Joe Bowen, “Swede” Erickson
- Fallen Soldier Statue - Mike Lentino and RB Alexander
- Banquet Dinner Master of Ceremonies and Memorial Service MC - Norm Stewart
- Apache Troop member booklet - John and Billie Bartlett
- Library of Congress Veteran’s History Project - Bruce Wirz and Eldon Anderson

- Apache Troop Caps and Shirts - Ann Rochat
- Traveling Reunion Package - Jenny Thomas, Elizabeth Peele, Billie Bartlett
- Family Outreach (KIA, MIA, &&) - Jim Kurtz, Julie Kink

We would encourage each of you to contact them if interested in helping out. We also encourage each of you to continue reaching out to others with an invitation to attend the reunion and are enclosing a list of those whom have confirmed their attendance.

! Please review the Albuquerque Magazine that was sent to you in order to help plan your visit here. We will have a friend available to help with any other event or tour scheduling and questions you may have including local attractions such as the Sandia Peak Tram and visits to Santa Fe.

! We thank you for your interest in attending the Albuquerque 2011 Reunion and for sending your completed questionnaire. We look forward to your visit and encourage you to contact us personally with any additional questions or suggestions that you might have.

Sincerely,

Ron and Bequi Livingston

rflivingston@msn.com

BequiLivingstonFirefit@msn.com

505-237-2291

----- detach here and return with payment -----

NAME:

BANQUET DINNER: \$58.00 per adult \$20.99 per child (under 12)

Adults _____ Children _____!! Total Banquet Cost _____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: \$27.00 per adult \$15.00 per child (under 12)

Adults _____ Children _____!! Total Breakfast Cost _____

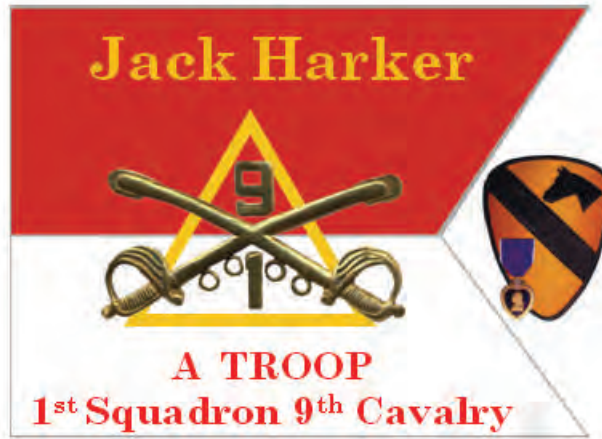
Total Payment enclosed (checks payable to “Apache Troop Reunion”) _____

Enclose your form and check in an envelope and return to:

Apache Troop Reunion

10707 Baldwin Ave NE

Albuquerque, NM 87112



After taking many hits on a recon mission on June 9, 1969, Jack landed at LZ Barbara to check his still running OH-6A. When he got out checking his aircraft the right skid collapsed, and he was hit by the main rotor blades. JACK ALBERT HARKER JR, is honored on Panel 22W, Row 1 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Date of Birth: 8/16/1949, Date of Death: 6/9/1969, Home of Record: BOUNTIFUL, UT

REUNIONS—MEETING OF WARRIORS, LZ BRANSON, MO

February, 2011

First Squadron
9th Air Calvary
1st Air Cal Division

Fletcher Beard here, informing you that there will be a meeting of the Warriors at LZ in Branson, Missouri on October 13-16, 2011. Below is the itinerary and enclosed is a registration form. We look forward to seeing you there.

Itinerary

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Arrive in Branson, MO

Welcome dinner in Hotel Conference Center

Cobblestone Inn

275 Tanger Blvd.

Branson, MO

417-538-2279

Friday, October 14, 2011

Morning Free

2pm Memorial Service, dinner and show aboard

The Showboat Branson Belle

Return to hotel by 7pm

Evening Free

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Morning & Afternoon Free

6pm Final Banquet with entertainment

in the Hotel Conference Center

Sunday October 16, 2011

Depart for home

REUNIONS—MEETING OF WARRIORS, LZ BRANSON, MO

2011 Warriors at LZ Meeting
Branson, Missouri
October 13-16, 2011
Registration Form
(must be mailed in)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

COST OF PACKAGE

Double Room with 2 weekend activities packages	\$450.00
Single Room with 1 weekend activities package	\$325.00

Please register me/us for the following:

Please include any additional nights

(additional nights are \$58.50 per room and must be noted and paid for in advance)

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Reg Room _____ Partial Handicapped Room _____ Full Handicapped Room _____

Total Due \$ _____

A check in the amount of \$100 is required by March 31, 2011 to hold your space.

Final Payment is due by August 31, 2011.

Any cancellations must be made by phone.

No refunds after October 1st.

Please feel free to call me with any questions at 417-538-2279 or email at

tj.derrington@centurytel.net.

Please return form with deposit and final payment to

Janis Derrington
J's Journeys
820 Fairsight Road
Cape Fair, MO 65624

REUNIONS— 2012 BULLWHIP SQUADRON, FORT HOOD, TEXAS

2012 Reunion Information

UPDATE!!! The best dates appear to be 11- 14 October 2012 at Fort Hood, TX. It will be after Columbus Day holiday so we will be able to interact with the HEADHUNTER Troopers. More info will be posted as we develop the plan and an update will be in the next newsletter to be mailed around 1 OCT. From the letter below you can see that we have the 1st Cavalry Division's support and that will make our Reunion an even better event for us all! *Apache Red*



**Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division
Fort Hood, Texas 76544
April 15, 2011**

Joe
Dear Joe Bowen,

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks for the invitation to your National Reunion. Please know that I will make every effort to attend this event and partake in the rich traditions of the Bullwhip Squadron.

We look forward to sustaining the close relationship between the Bullwhip Association and Headhunters, along with the LongKnife BCT and the First Team. Thanks for your continued support of our Troopers and the Families of Fallen and Wounded Warriors—most recently for SGT Fierro. Our Division Rear Commander, COL Phil Battaglia, a former LongKnife 6, is aware of our correspondence; he is my point of contact while the headquarters is deployed for the next year. We are all committed to sustaining your legacy of service and mission success.

God bless you and your family!

*Thanks for all you do-- huge impact much appreciated!
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Head! FIRST TEAM!
[Signature]
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