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This will be the last time I write the president's column for our membership, as our Vice President, Leon Hinton, will assume the office in June at the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion in Charleston, West Virginia. It has been my honor and privilege to serve in this capacity for the last two years. During this time, we have lost some of our friends and comrades who are irreplaceable. In the last two years I have attended three 12th Cavalry Military Balls and one Ball for C Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, the Infantry unit I served with in Vietnam. It was a blessing for me to represent our 12th Cavalry Association at these functions. After meeting with the active duty men and women and their leaders, I feel a great comfort knowing that our beloved 1st Cavalry Brothers and Sisters will serve us well, both in peace and on the battlefield. We need to continue support of our active duty soldiers in every way we can.

I want to thank Jim Dingeman and John Berger, Honorary Colonel and Honorary Sergeant Major of our Association for their council and guidance to me the last two years. I also want to recognize former Association President and 1st Cavalry Division Association President, Jim Stokely, for all he has done and continues to do for us. Ken Houser continues to do a wonderful job as our Secretary and Editor of the 12th Cavalry Column that is published in the Saber Quarterly. Klaus Lachmann is doing a superb job as our Treasurer. His leadership has us in a great financial situation. Leon Hinton, Vice President, volunteered to represent us in Chicago, at the 50th anniversary remembrance ceremony for Allen Lynch, Medal of Honor Recipient, held in December. Leon deserves our full support over the next two years as he assumes the role of Association President. Thomas Crabtree continues his (Cont'd P. 2)

labor of love as Editor of the Crossed Sabers Newsletter and Historian. We could not do what we do without the services of our Webmaster, Dennis Rassmussen. It has been great working with all these wonderful guys and I appreciate their efforts more than they will ever know.

Most of all, I want to thank our membership, their wives and families for the friendship and esprit de corps that exists among our 12th Cavalry Veterans, a bond we share that can never be broken. It is our job and duty to remember those with whom we served, who gave their lives in the service of our country in Vietnam, I think we do a great job honoring those who gave their last measure of devotion. I am proud to know and be associated with each and every one of you. My wife, Marty and I wish the best for each of you in the coming years. I look forward now to the fellowship at our future reunions without the concerns of meetings and planning that is part of serving the Association.

Don't forget the upcoming reunions, Division in Charleston, West Virginia, 20-24 June, D Company 1st-12th Cavalry, in San Antonio, TX, 6-8 September, 12th Cavalry in Branson, MO., 11-15 September. Hope to see you there. Good luck to each of you. God speed!

Doug Warden, President, 12th Cavalry Regiment Association, 2016-2018

EDITOR NOTE: Doug came into Charlie Company, 1-12, May 1967. He was the last of the Airborne Qualified Troopers to arrive while we were still under the Airborne cloak, re-designated Airmobile December 1967. I knew Doug a few weeks before I left. He wasted no time jumping into the fray when necessary. In 1999 we connected via an email link and came to know each other throughout the reunions. Doug joined us in the Branson Reunion Planning Activities in 2008, while during this time he also served as Treasurer, Crossed Sabers Editor, Historian and Web Site Manager for 12th Cavalry Association through 2012. Doug served as VP 2014-2016/President 2016-2018. It has been an honor to work with him these years. Doug served the Association 'Above and Beyond'! AN AIRBORNE 'STRACK' SALUTE TO YOU DOUG WARDEN!

CHANGE OF OFFICERS JUNE 2018-DIVISION REUNION

DOUG WARDEN, after many years of service to the 12th Cavalry Association, the past two as President 2016-2018, will pass the gavel to LEON J. HINTON during the 12th Cavalry Luncheon, Saturday 24 June 2018.

Left-DOUG WARDEN, C CO, 1ST-12TH, 5/57-5/68 Outgoing President, Right-LEON J. HINTON (CPT), B CO/HHC, 2D-12TH.8/68-8/69. SALUTE to DOUG for a job well done-WELCOME to CPT LEON, "We've got your back"!



TAPS

GONE TO FIDDLERS GREEN

CHUCK DOOLE, D Company, 1st-12th 1965-Passed Mar 2018

NELSON ORTIZ, C Company, 1st-12th 1965-Passed Mar 2018

JOHN KIRBY, C Company, 1st-12th 1965-Passed Mar 2018

JOHNBAILEY, B Company, 2d-12th 1968, Passed Oct 2017

Thoughts and Prayers for COL AL FREELAND, DOUG WARDEN and their families. Two 12th Cavalry Ladies have departed from us-DENISE FREELAND left us Dec 2017. MARTY WARDEN left suddenly and unexpectedly April 2018. Both ladies of Dignity and Charm, your smiles and upbeat spirit will be missed. COL AL and DOUG we are with you.

Looking forward to seeing all in Charleston, San Antonio, Branson-pack the saddle bags and spur on-SEMPER PARATUS! Until then:

"May the Chief Chopper Pilot Hover over us, Original Paratrooper eliminate our T10 Malfunctions, and the Head Point Man keep us in the assigned AO"! TLC

AIRBORNE-BOOT to BOOT-SEMPER PARATUS

CRABTREE OUT

DOCUMENTARY UPDATE

From the 20 video recordings done at the "12 on 12" gathering in Branson, September 2017, 2 Episodes titled 'BOOT TO BOOT' are being created, First Episode is complete. 150 DVDs are being produced and packaged. They should be ready end of this week (18 May 2018). Those who participated in recordings will receive a complimentary copy. For additional copies we will ask \$15.00 which will include costs of mailing. Proceeds will go into the '12th Cavalry Documentary' Fund, managed by Beverly Bormann. Beverly is Wayne Bormann's wife. Wayne was a Charlie Company-1-12, Original 1965-1966.

In this 1st Segment, 58 minutes: 32 seconds duration, Eight 1st-12th Troopers' stories are told-Six from Originals 1965-1966 (5 Charlie Company, 1 Delta Company) and Two stories from (A Company Troopers going into phase III 1967-1968). This is the framework on which we build "the rest of the story". Segment Two, 12, 1st-12th Troopers' Stories from four originals (2 Bravo Company, 1 Charlie Company, 1 Delta Company), 4 Phase II stories 1966-67 (1 Alpha Company, 2 Bravo Company, 2 Charlie Company) and 4 Phase III stories (1 Alpha Company, 2 Bravo Company, 1 Charlie Company). We are about one-fourth the way into the 2D segment, integrating individual stories into a flowing story line. Combat footage has been kept at a minimum, focusing more on personal stories. In Episodes 3 and 4 we will go into the Order of Battle, specific encounters, facts and more war type footage. Segments five and six will close the story with more interviews and we hope to get some input from the ladies. These will be done in a direct interactive way.

We would like for our Medics to tell their stories. Looking for more troopers from original time period 65- 66 ,all companies. Also need some Troopers from Phases II and III, 66-68/68-69, latter phase IV 69-71, and those who were there when 1-12, then part of the 3d Brigade was the last Battalion remaining to July 1972. We haven't heard from any 2D-12TH Troopers who may want to participate in this project. Contact me or JERRY McCLAIN, B Company-2d-12th, 1967-1968, let us know so we can better plan the logistics of the project. We will be doing audio-video recordings again this September in Branson. We will be trying to do recordings in San Antonio, 6-8 September. This is contingent on how many indicate their willingness to share their story. If you are one who will be there and interested, it is essential you contact me (Thomas) ASAP, again to plan for a smooth process. We would need at least 15 Troopers there, to justify cost of the recordings. My number is 432-853-4851, email mmctlc3@aol.com.

For those who think they might want to participate but have some reservations, I can only suggest that you view the First Completed Episode then decide. Several of those who participated in the last round had this dilemma. After the fact their reports of the experience were positive. A VIMEO link will be set up week of 21 May 2018 to view this Episode. It will be posted on the Company and 12th Cavalry Websites. It will be a PPV (pay per view) of \$2.99 to \$4.99, to help raise money to pay for future episodes. Proceeds go to 12th Cavalry Documentary Fund. Questions-call Thomas at 432-853-4851.

WE HAVE A WORTHWHILE STORY TO TELL-VIGILANT TROOPERS STEP UP-SEMPER PARATUS!

TLC



COL JIM DINGEMAN, USA (RET)

HONORARY COLONEL 12TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

COMMANDER, 2D-12TH CAVALRY VIETNAM, 1968-1969

TO THE 12TH CAVALRY FAMILY

SPRING TIME GREETINGS TO ALL!

Here we are six weeks into spring and the chill has just lifted. Hope all made it through this unusual winter that affected all the country. In our part of sunny Florida, fires were the culprit. Sylvia and I were able to weather the threats along with some physical changes. We are making our semi-annual trek back to Virginia for a somewhat cooler summer and looking forward to the coming season of memorials, reunions, gatherings of our Veterans and 12th Cavalry Families.

This year, 20-24 June, the 71st Annual First Cavalry Division Reunion in Charleston, West Virginia is an important one for the 12th Cavalry Regiment Association. Every two years we elect New Officers. Doug Warden's tenure expires, Leon Hinton, Vice President, will become President. A new VP will be elected and appointed positions discussed. Your support of the new officers is vital to our Association's well being.

It is an Honor to serve and few have served as admirably as Doug Warden. From 2006-2012 Doug carried multiple responsibilities as Crossed Sabers Editor, Treasurer, Secretary and Web Site Manager, from 2014-2016 Vice President/2016-2018 President. He has been true to our creed "SEMPER PARATUS"! A big pair of boots to fill, we look forward to Leon Hinton's Leadership as President.

Our sympathies and thoughts go out to Al Freeland and Doug Warden. Our 12th Cav family lost 2 great ladies, Denise Freeland and Marty Warden who set an example of what a gracious and caring wife of a soldier is all about. They added much to our Regimental "Esprit de Corps" and fellowship.

Hope to see you all at Division Reunion in West Virginia. Some parting thoughts-"Once you stop learning-you start dying", "Young at heart-slightly older in other places", "It's scary, when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker".

JIM DINGEMAN, PROUD TO BE A 12TH CAVALRY TROOPER, GOD BLESS and TAKE CARE!

REUNIONS

JUNE 2018-SEPTEMBER 2018

71ST ANNUAL FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION IS 21-24 JUNE 2018, Charleston, WV. Rooms at CHARLESTON MARRIOTT TOWN CENTER ARE ALL BOOKED! Other options COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT-1-304-344-5777, HAMPTON INN CHARLESTON-DOWNTOWN-1-304-343-9300, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-1-304-345-0600. Call ASAP as all these are being filled quickly!

DELTA COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION-12TH CAVALRY-1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (VIETNAM), 6-9 SEP 2018, San Antonio, TX. At the EL TROPICANA RIVERWALK HOTEL. Make reservations 1-210-223-9461, GP REF # 174758. 1ST-12TH CAVALRY TROOPERS OF ALL COMPANIES ARE WELCOME. For Information Contact Thomas Kjos-1-480-352-2583 or Chuck Rose 1-210-854-4131. Registration forms can be downloaded from DELTA COMPANY web site www.cattrack.6india or 12th Cavalry web site www.12thcav.us. May be video recording for BOOT TO BOOT DOCUMENTARY initiated September 2017 at Branson Reunion (see page 6 for info).

12TH CAVALRY TROOPERS (1-12/2-12) 13TH ANNUAL ASSAULT LZ BRANSON-11-16 SEP 2018, Welk Resort, 1984 State Highway 165, Branson, MO 65616. Registration Form Page 5., rates apply Tuesday 11th thru Sunday 16th. Official events commencing Wednesday 12th thru Saturday 15th. 90 rooms blocked, make reservations soon as they begin to fill up May-June. For Regiment rate and to assure room at The Welk, reserve room NLT 28 August 2018!

NOTE-For the Branson Belle Show/Dinner THU 13th 2000 HRS or (800 PM)-We need be at the Branson Belle Area by 1845 HRS (645 PM)-There will be a short Memorial Service on our behalf and we will have priority boarding immediately after this service. Shuttle from The Welk and return after the show will be provided. You may drive your personal vehicle but parking will not be guaranteed.

SAT 15TH-Busy Day, 1000 HRS Men's Meeting-3 points to discuss. 1) Whether to continue the annual reunion in Branson, 2) Remaining at The Welk, 3) Status and progress of our Documentary and plan to complete it. 1400 HRS Hits of the 60s/50s too/ and now some70s-whole new show this year! 1800 HRS Group photos, 1830 HRS "HAPPY HOUR", DINNER ON OR ABOUT 1900, Seated and Plated, Guest Speakers.

LADIES BINGO BLAST CHALLENGE-SAT 15TH 1000 AM to 1200 M or there about-Lite Lunch, OJ w /Tonic Waters, Memos/Champagne (no cost), Prizes and Conversations Galore! Contact Maggie Crabtree for details 1-432-853-4856. Plenty of time to make ready for the afternoon show, then return to The Welk and dress for Group Photos and "Saturday Night Live" or stay as you are (except naked, HA!) for the evening festivities. Complete and Mail Registration Forms to: Thomas L .Crabtree

195 Buzz Street # 18,
Branson, MO 65616

(questions call Thomas 1-432-853-4851)
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REUNION

12TH CAVALRY TROOPERS

13TH ANNUAL ASSAULT LZ BRANSON

11 SEP 2018 THRU 16 SEP 2018

WELK RESORT, 1984 STATE HIGHWAY 165, BRANSON, MO 65616

RESERVATIONS: 1-800-505-9355 OR 1-417-336-9355 GROUP #: 523159-12TH CAVALRY

ROOM RATES: \$89.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX-(\$99.67 TOTAL) TWO PER ROOM

INCLUDES BREAKFAST BUFFET-ADD \$9.00 PER NIGHT FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS PER ROOM

MAKE RESERVATIONS NLT 28 AUG 2018



REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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TROOPER ONLY REGISTRATION FEE (NAMETAGS, DRINKS, SNACKS HOSPITALITY ROOM) \$ 20.00 _____

WEDS-09/12/18-WELCOME RECEPTION 1800 HRS PATIO BBQ, \$20.00 EACH, # OF _____ AMT _____

THU-09/13/18-SHOW BRANSON BELLE 2000 HRS (DINNER), \$54.00 EACH, # OF _____ AMT _____

FRI-09/14/18-WELK DINNER 1700 HRS AND SHOW 1900 HRS, \$65.00 EACH, #OF _____ AMT _____

(DINNER BBQ PLATE \$10.00 EACH-SHOW TOMMY JAMES AND SHONDELLS \$55.00 EACH CAN DO ONE

OR THE OTHER AND/OR BOTH

SAT-09/15/18-HITS OF THE 60S-50S TOO-SOME 70S 1400 HRS \$22.00 EACH, # OF _____ AMT _____

SAT 09/15/18-SERVED PLATED BANQUET DINNER 1830 HRS \$30.00 EACH, # OF _____ AMT _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 12TH CAVALRY REUNION, BRANSON: TOTAL AMT _____