Here it is the peak of summertime and the longest day of the year has passed. Now each day gets shorter by minutes. There is a lesson in this that we should learn. That lesson is that we have less and less time each day to stay in contact with those brothers that we shared a combat experience with and we should make the most of it. The best way to take advantage of this lesson is to make sure we attend the reunions organized for our benefit. Take time now and make plans to attend the reunion in Branson September 2017, the next 1st Cav reunion in Charlestown, WVA June 2018 and the 12th Cav reunion in San Antonio September 2018.

We had a great reunion at Killeen, TX this past June. We had several first time attendees who said that, this reunion will not be their last. Our Honorary Colonel of the 12th Cavalry Regiment Association Jim Dingeman, Honorary Sergeant Major of the 12th Cavalry Regiment Association, John Berger were in attendance. Colonel Dingeman made the trek from Florida in spite of his medical problems at age 91. It was a joy to welcome him to another reunion. Thanks to both Colonel Dingeman and John Berger for their presence. At our 12th Cavalry luncheon, Klaus Lachmann was inducted into the office of Treasurer to replace Dave Wenzel. Our thanks to Klaus for his willingness to serve in this capacity and to Dave Wenzel for his past service a Treasurer. We appreciate both of you.

Several important items were discussed at the meeting. First, the importance of having current email addresses for each of our members. This helps us to contact each member in a speedy manner and to email you the newsletter to save postage expense. This is important, so today, contact Klaus Lachmann at treasurer12cav@gmail.com and Thomas Crabtree at thomas.crabtree@msa.com for any address changes to ensure you are on the mailing list.
What a great 1st Cav Reunion we all had at Killeen and Ft. Hood in June. Although the number of attendees were below our usual, those who were there were able to share our “Regimental Day” with the 2-12 Cav, looking over their combat equipment, tanks, tracks and more importantly able to mix with those young proudly serving Troopers.

The 12th is in good hands. An additional element to this visit was the time Doug Warden and I had to speak to the NCOs and Officers sharing experiences and observations of our combat environments. The 2-12 Formal Ball was something special. Those young Troopers in their Blue Uniforms with white shirts, bowties and Charming Young Ladies, made for a memorable evening!

All in all, another great reunion at Ft. Hood! Our Battalions are very active in these difficult times. 1ST BN-12TH Cavalry is deployed and our 2D-12TH Cavalry is scheduled to depart for Europe in the near future.

Just a reminder to get your Saddle Bags ready for our 12th Cavalry Roundup in Branson, 12-17 September 2017. Dubbed “12 on 12” 12th Cavalry-12th Annual Assault on LZ Branson. See details in a following section of this Newsletter.

Have a pleasant summer and watch the Weather Forecasts for Tornado Alerts. Hope all had a safe and great 4th of July. And, I am sure we all FLEW OUR FLAG! SEMPER PARATUS and SALUTE!

EDITOR NOTE: AFFIRMATIVE the above! The Newsletter is 3 weeks later than I expected. While at Killeen Maggie and I decided that on return home our main task was to put final touches on our house to put up for sale. We listed it 4th of July weekend. We will be going to Branson on or about September Reunion Kickoff. Spent a week going through Historical Files of 1-12/2-12, ordering them into plastic file tubs for ease of moving and discovered some interesting Vietnam History. The ‘Bugle’ blares louder for a Documentary! 2 efforts have been made in the past to kick start a Documentary about the 12th Cavalry in Vietnam but encountered ‘trip wires’ along the way. We now have an excellent opportunity to move forward and carry it to completion. (See additional information about this on page 6) TLC!
“12 ON 12"  
12TH CAVALRY-12TH ANNUAL ASSAULT ON LZ BRANSON  
12 SEPTEMBER (TUE) thru 17 SEPTEMBER (SUN) 2017  
WELK RESORT-1984 STATE HIGHWAY 165-BRANSON, MO 65616  
MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS NLT 14 AUGUST 2017  
CALL: 1-800-505-9355 or 1-417-336-9355-REFER TO: GROUP # 479475-12TH CAVALRY  
ROOM RESERVATION DOES NOT INCLUDE REUNION EVENTS REGISTRATION  
COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR REUNION REGISTRATION EVENTS  
MAIL TO THOMAS CRABTREE, 2108 LINDORA WAY, MIDLAND, TX 79707-6211  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO; 12TH CAVALRY REUNION BRANSON  
TROOPER NAME___________________________SPOUSE___________________________  
ADDRESS_________________________________CITY________________STATE_____ZIP____________  
UNIT-DATES IN COUNTRY____________________RANK/MOS_________________________  
HOME PHONE_________________CELL PHONE_______________EMAIL__________________________  
OTHER GUESTS NAMES_________________________________________________________________  
TROOPER ONLY REGISTRATION FEE-$20.00 EACH TROOPER: ___________________ AMT $_________  
WED 13 SEP-1800 HRS-WELCOME RECEPTION-$20.00 PER PERSON: # GUESTS___AMT $_________  
THU 14 SEP-1400 HRS #- 1 HITS OF THE 60S——-$22.00 PER PERSON: # GUESTS___AMT $_________  
FRI 15 SEP-0900 HRS-FULL ROLL CALL MEMORIAM-READ 20 NAMES: YES________ NO_________  
FRI 15 SEP-1800 HRS-FEED-ENTERTAINMENT-$15.00 PER PERSON: # GUESTS_____AMT $_________  
SAT 16 SEP-1730 HRS-MIXER-SEAT BANQUET-$24.00 PER PERSON: # GUESTS_____AMT $_________  
TOTALS: # GUESTS_____AMT $_________

EVENTS SCHEDULE
12 SEP (TUE) 1200 M: HOSPITALITY ROOM/PATIO AREA SET UP FOR WELCOME RECEPTION. EARLY ARRIVALS MAY SIGN IN AND GET NAME TAGS-HOSPITALITY ROOM BAR OPENS 1700 HRS.  
13 SEP (WED) 1000 HRS: REGISTRATION OPENS-WELCOME RECEPTION PATIO COOK OUT 1730 HRS. SPEAKER COL (RET) PHIL BLAKE A CO./HHC 1ST-12TH 7/66-7/67. HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN TO 2400 HRS.  
14 SEP (THU) 1400 HRS: # 1 HITS OF THE 60S: MEET 1300 HRS WELK LOBBY CARAVAN TO CLAY COOPER THEATRE-EXPANDED SHOW-ROCKIN' GOOD TIME!  
15 SEP (FRI) 0900 HRS: MEMORIAM ROLL CALL-BAND 847 NAMES: 442-1ST-12TH-(NEED 22 NAME READERS FOR 20 NAMES EACH): 402-2D-12TH (NEED 20 NAME READERS FOR 20 NAMES EACH)-WE WELCOME ENCOURAGE LADIES PARTICIPATION! CHAPLAIN BILL LORD, JERRY KETCHER, DWARD EDWARDS, MEMORIAL TRIBUTES: 40 VOLUNTEERS 20 NAMES EACH. CHUCK ROSE D CO, 1ST-12TH AND ELVIS POE, A CO, 2D-12TH, WILL ASSIGN NAMES TO RESPECTIVE UNITS-BEFORE ROLL CALL WILL BE A NATIVE AMERICAN GROUNDS BLESSING. COMPLETION OF ROLL CALL THERE WILL BE A GOURD DANCE/FEATHER CLEANSING CEREMONY-ENCOURAGE ALL VETERANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLIFTING-HEALING EXPERIENCE!  
16 SEP (SAT): (VIDEO RECORDING SOME OF THE DAY’S EVENTS)  
1000 HRS-TROOPERS MEETING: CHUCK ROSE, D CO, 1ST-12TH 65-66- PREVIEW OF 2018 REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TX AND D CO, 1ST-12TH BI-ANNUAL REUNION IN TUCSON, AZ, 3-6 OCT 2017.  
1700 HRS-GROUP PHOTOS-HAPPY HOUR-BAQUET SEATING-FESTIVITIES 1800 TO 2200 HRS . DRESS (FORMAL, SEMI-FORMAL, CAV CASUAL, JEANS-COME AS YOU ARE EXCEPT NAKED, HA!)  
17 SEP (SUN): 0900 SERVICE BILL LORD, JERRY KETCHER, DWIGHT EDWARDS. EXTRACT FROM AREA-NEXT REGIMENT ASSAULT, LZ SAN ANTONIO, TX SEP 2018.  
REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECKS TO THOMAS NLT 30 AUGUST 2017-THANKS! TLC
IMPORTANT REMINDER

MAKE WELK RESERVATIONS NLT 15 AUGUST 2017 and DO NOT MAKE THEM ONLINE. THIS IS TO RECEIVE THE REGIMENT RATE-AFTER 15 AUGUST OUR BLOCKED ROOMS NOT TAKEN GO BACK TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY STANDARD RATES. ONLINE RESERVATIONS WILL BE BILLED AT GENERAL PUBLIC RATES-THIS IS HOTEL POLICY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT REUNION RESERVATION FORMS BY 30 AUGUST-CALL ME 432-853-4851. LET ME KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO COME. THIS HELPS US HAVE ACCURATE COUNTS FOR THE EVENTS AND ASSISTS FOOD SERVICES IN MAKING BEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR FESTIVITIES.

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DOCUMENTARY PROPOSAL

Proposal originated last year at Branson Reunion, briefly discussed in last 3 Newsletters and amongst many Troopers who would like to see this happen! WE CAN DO THIS and INITIATE IT THIS YEAR IN BRANSON! Who can tell our story better than WE THE TROOPERS OF 1ST-12TH/2D-12TH in VIETNAM 1965-1972?! OUR VIETNAM LEGACY IS HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT!

IT IS NOT TO UNDERMINE OUR BRAVE and RESPECTED 7TH CAVALRY BROTHERS and JOSEPH GALLOWAY (THE ICON AND INSPIRATION FOR OUR ERA HISTORY). IT IS TO TELL OUR STORIES, EXPAND OUR STORIED MILITARY AND SOCIAL HISTORY, OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN!

6 Troopers, five 1-12 and one 2-12 met 2 May 2017 in Branson with professional documentary producer MICHAEL JOHNSON, BEAR CREEK PRODUCTIONS. We projected 4-6 episodes to tell our full story. Projected costs 12 thousand per episode: 1ST-AUG 65-DEC 66 (1st Boots on Ground), 2D – JAN 67-MAY 68, 3D-AUG 69-AUG 71, 4TH-AUG 71-JUNE 72 (LAST BOOTS OFF THE GROUND).

EPISODE COSTS-ONE-HALF TO BEGIN VIDEO RECORDINGS, REMAINDER WHEN THE 1ST DVD CUT IS APPROVED FOR PRODUCTION. IF WE CAN GENERATE $6000 BY END AUG 2017 WE CAN GO AHEAD-A FUND HAS BEEN SET UP FOR THIS-FUNDS MANAGER BEVERLY BORMANN/WAYNE (C CO 1ST-12TH ORIGINAL 65-66). CURRENT FUNDS 3000 DOLLARS-HELP US MEET THE GOAL AND GET IN ACTION!

ONCE WE HAVE INITIATED THE PROJECT WITH SOME OF OUR OWN FUNDS AND A DEMO DVD-WE CAN PURSUE OUTSIDE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE REST OF THE PROJECT. BY SHOW OF SERIOUS COMMITMENT ON OUR PART-GRANTORS WILL USUALLY CONSIDER REQUESTS FAVORABLY-2 TROOPERS ARE CURRENTLY RESEARCHING SOURCES FOR THIS. IF YOU WISH TO HELP, SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO;

BEVERLY BORMANN, 202 S. MILES, VALLEY CENTER, KS 67147-2039:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 12TH CAVALRY DOCUMENTARY VIETNAM, QUESTIONS CALL BEVERLY 316-755-3730.

BEST CONTRIBUTION YOU CAN MAKE IS SHARING YOUR STORY! FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO WE A 3-5 PAGE PERSONAL BIO-A TIME FRAME FROM YOUR ENTRY INTO SERVICE TO VN, RETURN AND TO NOW. PHOTOS-THEN AND NOW. THIS INFO WILL BE GUARDED AND RETURNED TO YOU.

VIDEO RECORDED INTERVIEWS WILL BE PRIVATE IN A RESERVED AREA-APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE RECORDED-CONSIDER SUBMITTING YOUR STORY IN WRITING.

DETAILED OUTLINE OF THE PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REUNION-MICHAEL JOHNSON WILL ALSO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE FULL SCOPE AND PROCESS OF THIS ENDEAVOR. QUESTIONS CALL PROJECT COORDINATORS-THOMAS CRABTREE FOR 1ST-12TH (C CO. 1ST-12TH 1966-67) 432-853-4851; JERRY MCCLAIN FOR 2D-12TH (B CO, 2D-12TH 1967-1968) 573-205-4216.

TIME TO SIGN OFF-REVISITING 70TH YEAR JUNE REUNION FT HOOD-PHOTOS SEE INSERT PAGE.

REMINDER-REUNION REGISTRATION FORM IS PERFORATED-PULL AT CENTER-FILL OUT AND MAIL.

TAPS


CRABTREE-“Over and Out” (C Co. 1st-12th (ABN), VN 1966-67

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

SEMPER PARATUS-See You in Branson 12-17 September 2017-TLC!
COL DINGEMAN TRIBUTE TO GEN SHOEMAKER

THE 12TH CAVALRY REGIMENT MOURNS THE PASSING OF GENERAL ROBERT M. SHOEMAKER

GALLANT SOLDIER OUTSTANDING LEADER

SALUTE-SEMPER PARATUS
COL JIM DINGEMAN

PHOTOS DIVISION REUNION 70TH ANNUAL KILLEEN-FT HOOD, TX JUNE 2017
GREAT TIME BY ALL-1ST PHOTO CLINTON WOOLEY OLDEST LIVING CAVALRY MAN W/1SG RET MARTELL SWAIN (C CO, 1ST-12TH ABN) VN 1965-66 BEST OF THE REUNION