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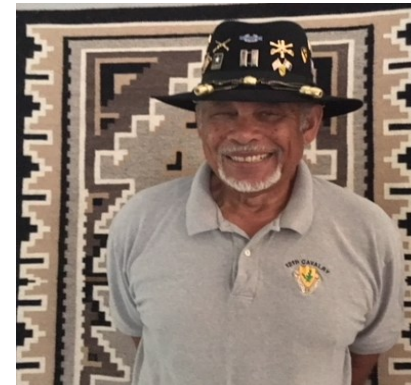
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As we crossed the Ohio River into Henderson, West Virginia on our way to Charleston, I got my first sense of the reason for the West Virginia Chapter's adaptation of the "Almost Heaven" forename. Maybe not everyone's 'cup of tea,' but I found the heavily foliated, gently rolling hills to be eye catching and inviting to drive through. On the other hand it also occurred to me that it would not be the type terrain I would want to hear the phrase 'saddle up' passed down the line!

Thanks to the Almost Heaven Chapter and to the 1st CDA for all of the work that goes into putting on this type event for a large number of people, in this case 1st Cavalry Troopers and their families.

I would also like to thank the folks who operate the Crossed Sabers Gift Shop, as I know they too assume a major task each year and especially when the Reunion is held in a host city other than Killeen.

I don't have the final numbers, but I believe this years Reunion was well attended overall, and I know for a fact that our 12th Cavalry Regiment had a startling and welcome number of first timers at our luncheon, many of whom I had the distinct pleasure of serving with during my tour in Vietnam. As he masterfully does, Colonel Dingeman (HCOR), again dug into his 'supply

tent', came up with a 'steel pot' theme along with other memorabilia for some of the Luncheon Attendees.

Additionally, we were joined at the Regiment Luncheon by LTC James 'Jim' Rye, HQs 1st Cavalry Division, who shared his thoughts on what he envisioned as part of the 2019 Reunion in Ft. Hood next year. As of now, his thoughts include making available several tours, including one of the new Headquarters facilities, and setting up a number of 'static' displays for viewing across the base.

As always, for me, the opportunity to once again visit with and share time with those I proudly served beside in the jungles of Vietnam, those many years ago, continues as a 'highlight' of my summers.

SEMPER PARATUS,

LEON J.HINTON, INF

EDITOR NOTE:

LEON served with B Company, 2d-12th as Platoon Leader and Company Commander August 1968 through April 1969, and Battalion S-1 April 1969-August 1969. He returned stateside to Ft. Campbell, KY, where he was assigned as CO of a training company. He then assumed command of C Company, 2d-4th INF, and was deployed to Heilbron, Germany. In that capacity he was selected to serve as the Senior Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General 3D Armored Division, followed by assignment to S-1, Division Support Command in Frankfurt, Germany.

Leaving the Army in 1973, Leon embarked on a 40 year career in Oil Exploration and Development. If you do not know Leon, make an effort to chat with him at the reunions. Interesting Chap to talk to.

CPT HINTON, WE WELCOME YOU as President of the Association and we are 'Always Ready' to serve and help in any way possible— SEMPER PARATUS, SALUTE!

TLC

Contact for Delta Company, 1st-12th Reunion 6-8 September in San Antonio, TX-TOM KJOS-1-480-352-2583, email tomwkjos03@gmail.com or CHUCK ROSE-1-830-438-4421, email chuckrose@gvvc.com.

TAPS

SGT WILLIAM McKELVY-CHARLIE COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE) 12TH CAVALRY, 1965-1966, 24 July 2018.

HEAR-HEAR!

DOCUMENTARY PROGRESS

First of Six Episodes is complete-DVDs available \$20.00 each includes mailing-shipping. Second Part, 85% complete should be ready by August End. To order DVD contact THOMAS CRABTREE at 1-432-853-4851-proceeds go to 12TH CAVALRY DOCUMENTARY FUND, MANAGED BY BEVERLY BORMANN-WAYNE BORMANN C COMPANY-1ST-12TH 1965-1966. IT IS A DOCUMENTARY OF 1ST-12TH/2D-12TH, VIETNAM 1965-1972.

Episodes 1 and 2 feature 1st-12th Cavalry Troopers 1965-1968. Individual human interest stories, Order of Battle and specifics will begin in segment 3 through 4, possibly 5. Video-recording in San Antonio 6-8 September and Branson following week at 12th Cavalry Reunion. Interested, contact THOMAS, so we can arrange for a time slot and provide you with information about how the process flows. Will need to hear from you by 25 August. For those camera shy, your story can still be part of this documentary-again, contact Thomas for details of how we can do this. Some non associated members have viewed this first DVD ,their feed back has been encouraging. Our Troopers who viewed it say-"CHARGE ON, it is a quality Production by a Professional Film Producer, we should continue the project"! We need to raise 50 Thousand Dollars to continue Segments 3-6-HOW MIGHT WE DO THIS?

We were fortunate to get together \$15,000 for Episode 1 and 2. Maybe it Seems beyond reach-but-CONSIDER THIS- IF EACH OF US-332 VIETNAM VETS ON THE CURRENT ACTIVE ASSOCIATION ROSTER-KICKED-IN JUST \$150.00 we have accomplished the Mission-332 Xs 150=\$49,800.00. AS A REGIMENT KNOWN FOR EXCEPTIONAL FEATS IN VIETNAM, IS THIS TOO MUCH FOR US?! MISSION- LEAVING A LEGACY FOR OUR OFFSPRING, FUTURE HISTORIANS AND GENERAL PUBLIC EDUCATION-HISTORY TOLD BY US FROM THE SOLDIER'S SOUL! Something bigger than any one of us as an individual but "JUST A DAY HUMP FOR 'OLE GRUNTS' STROLLING TOGETHER IN THE CADENCE OF OUR TWILIGHT YEARS". We know that some will and some are not interested-that is okay-WE ARE ALL STILL BROTHERS-any amount you would like to give is appreciated and will be recognized! "SADDLE UP AND CHARGE ON"-SEMPER PARATUS!

SIGNING OFF: Until next time-"May the Chief Chopper Pilot Hover over us, the Original Paratrooper eliminate our T10 Malfunctions, the Head Point Man keep us in the assigned AO"

CRABTREE OUT-See YA'LL in San Antonio 6-8 September 2018, Branson 11-15 September 2018 and VERY LIKELY-IN THE MOVIES-HA!

Thomas Crabtree

Charlie Company, 1st-12th (Airborne) 1966-1967

"BOOT to BOOT"



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(SHUTTLE FROM WELK AND RETURN-645 PM MEMORIAL AT KIOSK-700 PM BOARDING)

FRI-09/14-WELK-DINNER 500 PM-SHOW 700 PM WELK \$55.00 Each # OF _____ AMT _____

(DINNER BBQ PLATE \$10.00 EACH-SHOW TOMMY JAMES AND THE SHONDELLS \$55.00 EACH-CAN DO
BBQ PLATE WITHOUT SHOW OR SHOW WITHOUT THE BBQ PLATE-\$65.00 BOTH)

SAT-9/15-HITSOFTHE 60S-50S TOO-SOME 70S 200 PM \$22.00 EACH # OF _____ AMT _____

SAT-9/15-SERVED PLATED BANQUET DINNER 630 PM \$30.00 EACH # OF _____ AMT _____

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GROUP PHOTOS HOSPITALITY GROUNDS AREA 530 PM

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COLONEL JIM DINGEMAN, USA (RET)

Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

Commander, 2D-12th Cavalry, Vietnam 1968-1969

GREETINGS TO THE 12TH CAVALRY FAMILY

A BELATED HAPPY 4TH JULY TO ALL!

It has been a busy time for us since leaving Charleston, WV after the Division Reunion. We were committed to attend and help with our 70th Reunion of my USMA-WEST POINT CLASS. Although, our ranks are thinning, those who attended were in high spirits and had a good time. Leaving there and arriving at our Virginia home, the next morning at breakfast we heard rumblings as our hot water heater burst. Our downstairs was flooded but we are slowly getting repair work done.

It was good to see the increased attendance in Charleston. 80 plus Troopers, 10 first timers, made the Saturday Regiment Luncheon. As each introduced himself, I was impressed with the array of accomplishments by each since their Military Days. Though the hotel food was marginal at best, it was a great Luncheon and Banquet because of the company we keep. 12TH CAVALRY TROOPERS and LADIES make for the best company and a worthwhile trip to the gatherings.

A brief reminder of upcoming reunions in September should keep us all busy. Delta Company, 1st-12th, 6-8 SEP in San Antonio and 12th Cavalry gathering 11-15 SEP in Branson, MO. These are great opportunities to meet with more fellow Troopers and continue the camaraderie and 'esprit de corps' so unique to our 12th Cavalry 'Brotherhood of Warriors'.

Again, please accept my belated Memorial day and 4th of July greetings. Because of You, the Trooper who served, these days are made possible for our fellow countrymen and women to enjoy with their families. Have a great summer, stay cool, Stand Tall as 12th Cavalry Troopers.

SEMPERPARATUS

Proud to be a 12th Cavalry Trooper, GOD BLESS!

JIM DINGEMAN, COL (RET), USA

12th Cavalry Regiment Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS: \$7,234.00
 GENERAL FUND: \$4,921.00
 TROOPER SUPPORT FUND: \$2,313.00

GENERAL FUND: Continues to fund the newsletter, directory, printing, postage, office supplies and website for paid to date members. We will continue mailing newsletter and directory to members who are delinquent with their dues, for one year.

TROOPER SUPPORT FUND: TSF is funded by 1\$ of your annual dues and donations to TSF, used to support Active Duty Units and Memorial Tributes. Thanks to all who have supported the TSF.

MEMBERSHIP: Current members on rolls 740. Life membership continues to be &10.00. Even though members may not be current for newsletter and directory mailings, they will be maintained on the membership rolls. You may become a life member by completing the Dues/Membership Form and returning it to the Treasurer with \$10.00 along with \$20.00 for each year you wish to extend mailing of the newsletter and directory to your address on record.

CROSSED SABERS: Trooper Thomas Crabtree is doing a great job with the newsletter and emails about one-third of the copies while two-thirds go through regular mail. Through Thomas's efforts, we have an all-inclusive printing/ mailing service which helps reduce these costs. Current paid members on mailing list 352. This includes 30 Free WWII members.

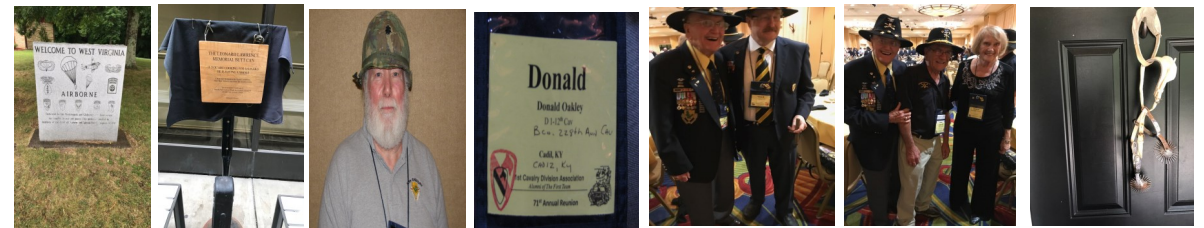
DUES and DIRECTORY ADDRESS CORRECTIONS: Annual Dues \$20.00, pay for newsletters, directories and TSF. Dues status is on each Crossed Sabers Newsletter above your address. You may pay for as many years in advance as you wish. Mail dues to Klaus Lachmann, Treasurer 12th Cavalry Regiment Association, 124 Sugar Tree Lane, Columbia, TN 38401, Make checks payable to 12th Cavalry Regiment Association or you may update dues at the Reunions. Address and info changes should be made by email to: treasurer12thcav@gmail.com or mailed to above address. Since there are few changes to the current directory, next directory will be Summer 2019. Please send any changes NLT April 2019. If you need information not in the directory contact Klaus Lachmann at 931-539-0405. Directory savings will go to TSF.

REPORT SUMMARY:

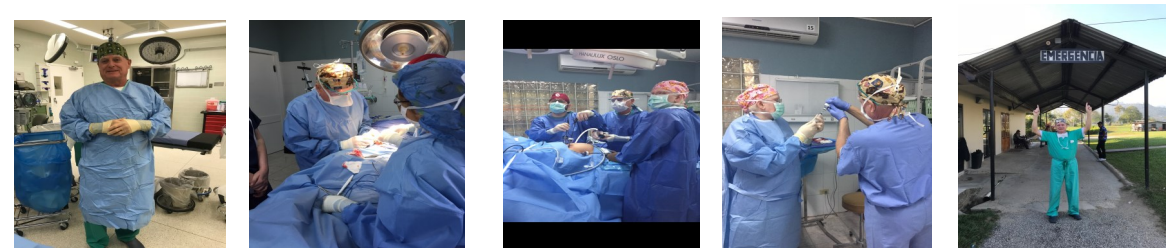
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MEMBERSHIP	362	423	480	510	543	536	NA	578	707	714	732	734	740
GENERAL FUND	3665	1645	1275	851	1599	1503	NA	815	2365	2916	3578	2865	4921
TSF	287	279	386	2761	6061	4901	NA	5200	3418	2886	2250	1258	2313
TOTAL	3952	1924	1661	3612	7660	6404	NA	6015	5783	5802	5829	4123	7234

REVIEWS and PREVIEWS

Division Reunion in Charleston was one of the best of the last four. Spirits were high throughout the and camaraderie evident amongst all the Troopers across all Units and time periods, good reflection of First Cavalry Brotherhood. It was one I personally would not have missed since I knew Leonard Lawrence from Vietnam and his attendance at many of the Branson reunions. Watched him work for six years to get approval for the Division Reunion in Charleston and in 2015 it was announced at Ft Hood that Charleston, WV was selected for the 2018 Division Reunion. Leonard left Killeen that night with a sense of purpose. Two hours out died while driving, of Cardiac Arrest. News of this left us all in shock. Compliments to the 'Almost Heaven Chapter' for assuring Leonard's mission was carried out. Jobs well done by Association Staff and Museum Gift Shop Personnel. Highlights for me-Saturday Regiment Luncheon-recipient of a COL Dingeman supply tent item-WEST POINT PLEBE SPURS FROM 1939-still speechless-THANK YOU SIR- Will do all I can to be worthy of them-SEMPER PARATUS! Saturday Night Banquet shared a table with Ken Howser, 12th Cavalry Association Secretary and his wife Karen, getting to know them a bit better made for a good evening. ALL TOLD-GREAT FIRST TEAM TROOPERS BASH-trip well worth the 15 Hour Drive-SALUTE (TLC)! A few photos below-Left to Right: Memorial Airborne Troops all wars Huntington, WV Welcome Center, Leonard Lawrence Butt Can Memorial (even the non-smokers gathered there), Don Oakley Steel Pot Awardee (Salute), Klaus Lachmann-COL Dingeman (Banquet), COL Dingeman-Sylvia Dingeman-the Crab (Banquet), West Point Spurs.



Charlie Company, 1st Battalion-12th Cavalry (Airborne) Trooper WAYNE BORMANN- (1965) now a 'Doctor'-just goes to show you never can tell-HA! Medical Mission in Honduras June 2018: Left to Right: Volunteering as a Surgical Tech, Pre-Op, in surgery, post-op, mission accomplished-representing us well in the SEMPER PARATUS TRADITION-SALUTE!



Upcoming gatherings 6-8 September, D Company, 1st-12th, San Antonio, TX. Contact info at top of Page 7. 11-16 September 2018, 12th Cavalry Branson, MO, REGISTRATION FORM and INFORMATION PAGE 6!SEE YOU ALL THERE-BOOT TO BOOT-SEMPER PARATUS! DOCUMENTARY PROGRESS INFORMATION PAGE 7!

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