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[Printable View - Full Headers](#)**From:** "Dufault, Frederick J. CPT" [REDACTED]**To:** "DICK DETRA" [REDACTED]**Subject:** RE: KIA LIST**Date:** Wed, 20 Mar 2002 09:02:13 -0600[Block Address](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)

Dick,

A quick note to say hello from the guys at Fort Campbell. The train has been moving at mach speed and we have been out front with our heads down. The Black Widows are on Black Cycle and are part of the Division Readiness Brigade (DRB), Division Readiness Force (DRF1). We have assumed DRB and completed SRP in prep for any deployment. We will remain on a short string for the next two months. As it sits right now there is no deployment order but we are ready if situations escalate worldwide. In short we have spent the last couple weeks completing door gunnery quals on all the crewchiefs and are also in the middle of a small arms week - qualifying the guys on their assigned weapons.

"Air Assault 2010" is a concept of reorganization that is in the works for the Division. MG Cody has a plan to reorganize the 101st which would dissolve our battalion headquarters. The way it sounds, when this re-org. goes into affect, the BWs will remain together and probably fall back under 5-101 AVN RGT. You may be able to spread some light, but the way I understand it; recent history proves that the company was pulled out of 5-101 AVN to create 9-101, 101st. Bottom line the Division Commander wants two Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) rather than three. The 9th BN colors will later stand up as a Regimental Reconnaissance Squadron under the 2-17

Cavalry. Lot of changes up and coming. I will find the re-organization concept and forward it to you. Nothing in concrete now, just FYI.

Updates from Afghanistan are few and far between other than what you

and I get from CNN. Operation ANACONDA was a success. However, the

Division faced many more Taliban than expected (intel reads are saying

possibility of 20,000 hiding in caves). The Division was to set up three

blocking positions after inserting scouts (3BCT and SOF) which did not get

in due to heavy small arma and RPGs (Navy Seal, standing on the ramp fell

out of a CH47 after pilot did evasive maneuvers trying to avoid a RPG). The

Apaches took hundreds of direct small arms hits and two direct hit from

RPGs. Ground forces fought diligently against a guerilla force that fought

in and out of cave complexes. 4-101 Blackhawks are not doing a whole lot

due to power restrictions working at altitudes upwards of 10,000 ft. Sounds

like CH-47s are the life-blood over there. I will try to keep you guys

posted with all info not classified SECRET.

Hope this note finds the association well. Regards from the guys

here. More to follow. I'll stay in touch - God willing and the creek don't

rise! Mate and Kill. BW06

-----Original Message-----

From: DICK DETRA [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2002 1:46 PM
To: Dufault, Frederick J. CPT
Subject: KIA LIST

Fred,

Thank you for your response. Jack Johnson will be contacting you by snail mail soon. Any updates and info you care to share with us on the BW's will be added to our next newsletter. I assume that you are getting our newsletters? You are one of us now and we hope to hear back from you when it's convenient. We wish you the best as the new BW 06!

Mate and Kill,

Dick Detra

--- "Dufault, Frederick J. CPT" []

wrote:

> Dick, It is good to hear from you and the association.

> Although I do not

> have much time to respond with a lengthy dissertation, I am > definitely

> interested in staying active and keeping "the guys" informed

> as to what we

> as a family are up to. First off, I'm honored to be BW 06 and

> will do my

> best to keep the fine traditions active and moving in a

> positive direction.

> CPT Gill (previous BW 06) did leave a folder with some info in

> it. I need

> to find it and will respond later with any info for the
> association that may
> be beneficial. Again, I will make time in the near future to
> give you an
> update as to what the BWs have been up to. For now, my home
> address is as
> follows: 3401 Timber Trace, Woodlawn TN 37191. Home phone:
> (931)552-7569.
> Call or write any time. Until we talk again! God Speed.
>
> V/R BW 06 (Fred)


> -----Original Message-----



> From: DICK DETRA [mailto:]
> Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 2:49 PM
> To: []
> Subject: Black Widow KIA's

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> Dear Captain Fred Dufault,
> My name is Dick Detra and I am the historian for the 188th AHC
> Black Widows...we got the ball rolling back in "67 @ Dau
> Tieng,
> Vietnam. LTC Jack O. Johnson (BW6) and I are working on the
> Wings of Liberty Museum project called Pathway of Legends. We
> have secured a block of 100 bricks for the names of our KIA's
> from Nam till the present day A/9/101. We would like to get a
> list of any Black Widow KIA's you have documented. Each brick
> costs \$36.00. Jack would like to write to you personally,
> since
> he's not on line.
> From the Black Widow Association, I would like to welcome you
> as
> the new Black Widow 6! You guys mean alot to us old Vietnam
> vets...we have a proud heritage then and now. If you are
> interested please send your mailing address and Home phone #.
> We
> were part of making the 101st airmobile in 1968.
> All the best,
> Dick Detra
> door gunner 67/68

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