

9th Medical Laboratory (Vietnam) 1st Reunion

Saturday, August 1, 1998
St. Ansgar, Iowa American Legion

9th Medical Laboratory
44th Medical Brigade
1st Logistical Command



SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Social hour with music by Kermit Huebner, Grafton, IA

10:00 a.m. Special Program Begins

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem Soloist: Betsy Neerhof, St. Ansgar, High School

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for those who did not come home:

SP/5 Richard Connolly (KIA)

and for fallen comrades:

ISG John Webber

Carl "Tiny" Wheeler

Bob Grace

Alan Rohlik

Don E. "Slim" Pickens

Col. (R) Gene Blair

Dr. Edmund M. Katibah

Opening Prayer LTC Lance Kittleson, Chaplain, U.S. Army Reserve

Welcoming Remarks

Leonard Amundson, Legion Vice Commander

Galen Leraaen, Mayor of St. Ansgar, IA

Jean Stowell, Director, Top of Iowa Rest Area

Brigadier General John A. Tymeson (Representing Governor Brandstad)

Deputy Adjutant General Army National Guard, Camp Dodge, IA

History of St. Ansgar, Iowa, Audrey McKinley, Clausen Colony Questers

Music by the *The Forte' Milers*, Leroy, MN

"My Service in WWII and Vietnam" by CSM(R) Galen C. Kittleson U.S. Army Alamo Scouts (WWII) and from Toeterville, IA



Schedule (Cont.)

Keynote Speaker "Events Leading to the Vietnam War" COL(R) Dean Darling US Army Infantry from Burr Oak, IA

Music by the *The Forte' Milers*, Leroy, MN

Closing Prayer LTC Lance Kittleson, Chaplain, U.S. Army Reserve

Retire the Colors

Lunch catered by Paradise Pizza with music by *Kermit Huebner*, Grafton, IA

Distinguished Speakers for the 9th Medical Lab

LTC(R) John P. Heggors, Ph.D.

Clinical Microbiologist, University of Texas & Shriners Burns Institute of Galveston, TX

Jay Greenblatt, Ph.D.

Immunologist, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

COL(R) David L. Huxsoll, DVM, Ph.D.

Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

LTC(R) Randy Manning, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Keith Holmes, MS

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Social & Rehabilitation Services, State of Kansas, Salina, KS

COL(R) Creed D. Smith, Sr., Ph.D.

Clinical Microbiologist, Sacramento, CA

Mike Severson, M.D.

Pediatrician, Brainerd Medical Clinic, Brainerd, MN

Introductions by **LTC(R) Gerald Jacobs, Cleburne, Texas**

We are very privileged to have **CSM(R) Galen C. Kittleson** as our Mast of Ceremonies.

Honoring the former soldiers of the 9th Medical laboratory and their families in Attendance at this first reunion:

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gibson	Henderson, Nevada
John Conlea.....	Danbury, Connecticut
SFC(R) & Mrs. James Witzke	Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Bob Rowland	St. Louis, Missouri
Bernard "Bud" Poeschel	Eleva, Wisconsin
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jones.....	Pekin, Illinois
Dr. & Mrs. Mike Severson	Brainerd, Minnesota
LTC(R) & Mrs. John Heggors	Galveston, Texas
COL(R) Creed Smith, Sr.....	Sacramento, California
SFC(R) & Mrs. Carl Helms	Thornton, Colorado
LTC & Mrs. Peter Allen.....	LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Jay Greenblatt	Germantown, Maryland
Larry Schlutter.....	West Plains, Missouri
COL(R) & Mrs. David Huxsoll	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
LTC(R) Gerald Jacobs	Cleburne, Texas
LTC(R) Randy Manning.....	Tampa, Florida
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Holmes	Salina, Kansas
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Kierce	Castroville, Texas
Mr. & Mrs. Hollis Flaherty	Rochester, New York
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Night	Washington, Illinois
MSG(R) Bill James.....	Grass Valley, California
CPT(R) Dave Stanton	Holland, Pennsylvania
SFC(R) & Mrs. Walter "Jack" Tabor with Robin & Heather.....	Fredericksburg, Texas
SSG(R) Phil & Mrs. Fleischer	St. Ansgar, Iowa

Here is a brief description of each speaker's background:

LTC(R) John P. Hegggers, Ph.D.

Clinical Microbiologist

University of Texas Medical Branch and Shriners Burns Institute
Galveston, TX

LIEUTENANT COLONEL(R) JOHN P. HEGGERS, PH.D., is professor of Surgery (Plastic) in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, at the University of Texas Medical Branch, and Director of Clinical Microbiology at the Shriners Burns Institute, in the Pediatric Burns Unit, Galveston, Texas. He also serves as Director of the Microbiology Research Core and Co-Director of the Wound healing core at SBI, specializing in the Prevention of Microbial Infection. LTC(R) Hegggers is a graduate of Montana State University, BA; Univ. of Maryland, MSc; and Washington State Univ., Ph.D. Along with Dr. M.C. Robson, LTC(R) Hegggers has authored or co-authored more than 230 published scientific articles, books, and chapters. Together they published a highly significant book on Qualitative Bacteriology in 1991, and he wrote 2 chapters in Dr. David Herndon's outstanding text called "Total Burn Care." LTC(R) Hegggers spent 26 years in the Military. He was a Navy Corpsman in the Korean War and was an Army NCO, prior to getting his commission in 1959. He was the first Chief of Bacteriology at 9th Med Lab. He was awarded a Bronze Star and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Palm for his service in Vietnam. In 1996, he received the Curtis P. Artz Distinguished Service Award, from the American Burn Association.

Jay Greenblatt, Ph.D.

Immunologist

National Cancer Institute; National Institute of Health
Bethesda, MD

DR. JAY GREENBLATT was a Sp/5 in LTC(R) Heggger's Bacteriology Section at the 9th Med Lab in Vietnam. He received his Master's Degree at Long Island Univ., and his Ph.D. at Univ. of North Carolina. Prior to going to work for the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, he worked for the Rockefeller Institute, studying Rheumatic Fever and the Immune Response. Currently, he is one of 30, or so, Ph.D.'s and M.D.'s that run the Cancer Treatment Program in the U.S. He was one of the people involved in treating 2 young children with severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease (ADA SCID) with Gene Therapy. The story of the 1st people to ever get treated with Gene Therapy, is the subject of a book call, "Correcting the Code" by Larry Thompson. Dr. Greenblatt was mentioned in the book. It brought him a lot of publicity and interviews with the Press (*New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *Science News*), which he wasn't expecting.

COL(R) David L. Huxsoll, DVM, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA

Much of Dr. Huxsoll's professional career has been spent in research on infectious diseases. In 1969, he identified Ehrlichia canis as the cause of a highly fatal hemorrhagic disease of military working dogs in Southeast Asia. Dr. Huxsoll held various assignments at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, including 5 years as Commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Unit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in the 70's. Dr. Huxsoll became the 1st Veterinarian to command the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Ft. Detrick, MD. Since retirement from the Army in 1990, in addition to his present position at LSU, Dr. Huxsoll was selected as a member of the 1st United Nations Special Commission Biological Inspection Team sent to Iraq in '91, following "Desert Storm," where he served as head of a 13-member U.N. team, for 2 weeks to inspect sites in Iraq suspected of biological weapons programs. In 1994, Dr. Huxsoll again served as Chief Inspector for a U.N. inspection team sent to Iraq. In addition to being a Veterinarian, Dr. Huxsoll is a Clinical Microbiologist. He has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific and professional publications, and he has received a number of awards including the James A. McCallum Award from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

LTC(R) Randy Manning, Ph.D.

Associate Dean of Students and Medical Education
College of Medicine, University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

BACKGROUND: Spent 20 yrs. in the US Army. He was chairman of Medical Education for 4 1/2 yrs. at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, and he spent 4 yrs. at the Army Surgeon-General's Office at the Pentagon. He also spent 5 yrs. with the US Army/Baylor University Graduate program in Health Care Administration at San Antonio, TX. While at the Pentagon, he did Congressional Liaison work and frequently was called to testify before Senator Sam Nunn's Armed Services Committee for which he was awarded a Special Congressional Service Award by Sen. Nunn in 1979. Other awards: Bronze Star for service in Vietnam; Legion of Merit; and Meritorious Service Medal, among others. He retired from the Army in 1983. For the past 20 yrs. he has Narrated Medical and Educational media for a company called METRO. He was the Associate Dean, College of Medicine, at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN, from 1983-89. Since then, he has been at the University of South Florida, where he is responsible for the selection and acceptance of students and the Medical Education program. He has written, edited, or published a number of chapters and articles.

Keith Holmes, MS

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
Social and Rehabilitation Services, State of Kansas
Salina, KS

Keith M. Holmes, M.S., has worked for the State of Kansas in Voc. Rehab. since 1973. He helps people with disabilities get a job. He has supervised a Sheltered Workshop, a Juvenile Offender Program, and a Residential Program. Currently, he works with Junior and Senior High Schools Special Ed. students to help them make plans for after High School, while providing them the support they need. He has been active in the Boy Scouts since 1985. His wife Sue is a School Nurse. They have 2 sons.

COL(R) Creed D. Smith, Sr., Ph.D.

Clinical Microbiologist
Sacramento, CA

BACKGROUND: After serving as Chief of Bacteriology at the 9th Med Lab, he spent 18 1/2 yrs as Chief of Bacteriology at the 6th Army Med Lab in San Francisco. He eventually became Chief of Microbiology at Letterman Army Med Center and the 6th Army Med Lab. Then the Surgeon General selected him and his lab to monitor upper respiratory diseases at all of the Basic Combat Training Stations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. From there he was selected the Surgeon General's Consultant in Microbiology. After retiring from the military in 1986, he continued to work as a Microbiology Consultant for the Kaiser Medical Group in San Francisco for the next 7 yrs. It was an easy transition for him, since he had already moon-lighted at Kaiser for 18 yrs. while assigned at 6th Army Med lab in San Francisco.

Mike Severson, MD

Pediatrician
Brainerd Medical Clinic
Brainerd, MN

BACKGROUND: He was an E-5 at the 9th Med Lab. He now is President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He also is a Clinical Professor at the University of Minnesota. He is a much sought-after speaker throughout the region.

More information on participants in the 1st Reunion of the 9th Med Lab

COL(R) Dean Darling is an ex-Infantry Officer and is a Graduate of West Point. During his 33-year military career, he spent 2 1/2 years in Vietnam. During 1962-63 he was an Advisor to a South Vietnamese Airborne Battalion. In 1966, he served, with the 101st Airborne Div. in Tuy Hoa and Kontum. During the 1980's, he served as Chief of Staff for the Corps of Cadets at West Point, and he also spent a tour of duty at the Pentagon. He now is a County Supervisor for Winneshiek County, Iowa and he is running for re-election this Fall. He also is a beef cattle farmer. He and his wife Ginger (who was an Army Nurse), have 2 children.

Command Sergeant Major(Retired) Galen C. Kittleson is the only U.S. Soldier to take part in 2 prisoner-of-war raids during WWII and 2 POW Raids during Vietnam-including a daring raid into North Vietnam during 1970. This highly decorated soldier has 3 Silver Stars, 3 Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and the Legion of Merit, among his many decorations. During WWII, he was a member of the "Elite" Alamo Scouts, and in the Vietnam-era, he wore the coveted "Green Beret" being one of the original soldiers selected for the newly-formed "Special Forces." CSM(R) Kittleson made over 800 Parachute Jumps in his 30+ years of Active Duty service. He spent 2 Tours of Duty in Vietnam. Since retirement CSM(R) Kittleson has been active in many Veterans organizations and he created a Boy Scout Troop called, "The Alamo Scouts," which he is very proud of. He and his wife Darlene have 2 sons: Bruce and Lance.

Lieutenant Colonel Lance Kittleson, U.S. Army Reserve, is Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Greene, Iowa. He is the son of CSM(R) Galen C. Kittleson.

Brigadier General John A. Tymeson is representing Governor Terry Brandstad, Governor of Iowa. BG Tymeson is Deputy Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard at Camp Dodge. He also is a Vietnam veteran, having served in the same Medical Brigade (44th Med Bde), as the former members of the 9th Med Lab. At the time he was a Warrant Officer flying Medical "Dust-offs" out of Dong Toy, South Vietnam.

Jean Stowell is Director of the Top of Iowa Rest Area on Interstate 35 near Northwood, Iowa.

The Forte' Milers are a member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. and are based in LeRoy, MN. They practice at the American Legion in Adams, MN on Monday nights, if anyone is interested in becoming a member. The 34 members sing for functions all over the area and are very highly regarded.

Mrs. Audrey McKinely is a member of Clausen Colony Questers, the St. Ansgar Heritage Association, and the Mitchell County Historical Society.

Betsey Neerhof is a junior at St. Ansgar High School. She is an accomplished singer and does a great job singing the National Anthem.

"Thank you all for coming and helping me welcome my Vietnam Buddies and their Families!"

- Phil Fleischer