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WELCOME FELLOW VETERANS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS



**The Reunion Committee
Congratulates the
Americal Division of 60 years of service.
(1942-2002)**



We would like to welcome you, your families, and friends to the Americal Division Veterans Association and 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Association National Reunion a/k/a Operation LZ/DC II.

Planning for this event began three years ago when members of the Americal Division Veterans Association agreed at the membership meeting to hold the reunion in Washington, DC in November of 2002. A large attendance was anticipated due in part to the 20th Anniversary of the Wall and the event being held in our Nations Capitol. Unfortunately the WWII Memorial has not been completed in time for this event as was originally hoped.

Many individual members have done a great job in promoting the reunion and in encouraging groups to come to this event. We want to thank everyone for their help. We hope to live up to your expectations.

The Great Lakes Regional Chapter of the Americal Division Veterans Association is hosting this event. This, of course, has involved a great deal of meetings, phone calls, emails, and planning to hold the reunion in Washington, D.C. Now the event that we have been waiting for has come...this is the 2002 reunion.

Special thanks to the following individuals for their help and assistance:

**Gary Noller
Rev. Perry M. Woerner
James Buckle
John Insani**

**Michael McDonald
Dave Taylor
John Hofer
Ed Marsh**

**Bob Johnston
John DeGroot
Judy Babler
Elgie Murphy**

Thank you for attending the reunion and in supporting your associations. We hope that everyone involved will have a great time, renew old acquaintances, make new friends and create many fine memories. Have a great time!

Reunion Planning Committee

**Terry Babler
1/1 CAV, A Troop
Vietnam**

**John Mathews
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Vietnam**

**John Murphy
1/1 CAV, B Troop
Vietnam**



Welcome

AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REUNION

November 8 – 12, 2002



As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm welcome to participants of The Americal Division Veterans Association, on the occasion of your Annual Reunion.

This event will honor and recognize all veterans who have served our country in time of peace as well as in time war. These individuals helped to protect and maintain our freedom as a nation. I would like to take this opportunity to commend The Americal Division Veterans Association for continuing the delivery quality service to our veterans. While you are visiting our nation's capital, I am extending an invitation for you to visit some of the monuments, museums, theaters and diverse neighborhoods that make this city unique and our nation's capital.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for a productive conference.

Anthony A. Williams

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Mayor, District of Columbia



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Mark R. Warner
Governor

November 8, 2002

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 2002 Americal Division Veterans Association Reunion in Alexandria, Virginia.

I commend America's veterans of foreign wars for your outstanding bravery and commitment to defending the American principles of freedom and democracy in military combat against our nation's enemies. Your exemplary military conduct and self-sacrifice on behalf of the citizens of our Commonwealth and the United States are admirable. Your efforts are a shining example of the patriotism proudly displayed by our Founding Fathers and by those who have fought bravely to preserve America's freedom during military conflicts throughout our nation's history.

While you are in Northern Virginia, I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to explore the area. You can experience some of Virginia's rich history by visiting Old Town Alexandria, Arlington National Cemetery or the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial. You may also want to visit one of the many historic homes that are open to the public, including George Washington's home, Mount Vernon and George Mason's Gunston Hall Plantation.

Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable reunion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

Mark R. Warner

2002 WASHINGTON, D.C. REUNION

Schedule of Events

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD and listen to any announcements for changes to this schedule.

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG FOR ENTRY into the hospitality rooms and other rooms that have free events planned.

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR ALL EVENTS. We will start everything on time.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR EVENT TICKET AVAILABLE AT APPROPRIATE TIME

- Everyone pays a registration fee upon time of arrival (if not already paid)
- Tour tickets will be collected as you board the buses.
- The hotel will collect your tickets as you enter the buffet lines of the Saturday night banquet
- The Operation LZ/DC Dance will have a program and dance. Present your tickets for entrance. Some free refreshments will be furnished during the first hour.

Most events are at full capacity. Please arrive early to get your seat.

Some banquet tables will be taken down to make room for the after dinner entertainment and dancing.

LOCATION OF ROOMS

Crystal Ballroom	S. Lobby Mezzanine Level - 2nd Floor
Jefferson	South Tower - 15th Floor
S. Lobby Mezz Level	S. Lobby Mezzanine Level - 2nd Floor
Van Buren	S. Lobby Mezzanine Level - 2nd Floor
Harrison/Jackson	S. Tower Mezzanine Level - 2nd Floor
Bus Loading Area	Federal Hall Lobby - North Tower

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

BE SURE TO CHECK HOTEL BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANY CHANGES.

Thursday, November 7, 2002

12:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Reunion committee sets up for the reunion	(S.Lobby-Mezz level)
12:00 pm-11:00 pm	Early birds welcome area in the Lobby Bar	(S.Lobby-Mezz level)
6:00 pm-12:00 am	LZ/DC Hospitality room(balcony-smoking area)	(Jefferson Room)
6:00 pm-12:00 am	23rd MP Hospitality room (shared with other events)	(Harrison/Wilson room)

Friday, November 8, 2002

10:00 am- 8:00 pm	Registration Table	(S.Lobby-Mezz level)
10:00 am-12:00 am	LZ/DC Hospitality room(balcony-smoking area)	(Jefferson Room)
10:00 am-10:00 pm	Vendors area (Van Buren)	(S.Lobby-Mezz level)
10:00 am-12:00 am	23rd MP Hospitality room (shared with other events)	(Harrison/Jackson room)

2002 WASHINGTON, D.C. REUNION

Schedule of Events

Saturday, November 9, 2002

8:30 am- 9:15 am	Americal Executive Council Meeting (& group picture)	(Harrison/Jackson)
9:00 am-10:00 pm	Vendors area (Van Buren)	(S. Lobby-Mezz level)
9:00 am- 4:30 pm	LZ/DC Hospitality room(balcony-smoking area)	(Jefferson Room)
9:00 am- 3:30 pm	Registration Table	(S.Lobby-Mezz level)
9:00 am- 5:00 pm	Classic Reunion Photo area	(Harrison/Jackson room)
9:30 am-10:30 am	Americal Membership Meeting (& group picture)	(Harrison/Jackson room)
10:00 am- 1:00 pm	VA Health Screening for Vets & spouses	(Jefferson room)
11:30 am-12:30 pm	1st Squadron/1st Cavalry Meeting (& group picture)	(Harrison/Jackson room)
1:00 pm- 3:00 pm	Interview WWII Veterans by David Taylor (& picture)	(Harrison/Jackson room)
1:30 pm-12:00 am	23rd MP Hospitality room	(Harrison/Jackson room)
4:30 pm- 8:00 pm	Hospitality Room Closes for Banquet Event	(Jefferson room)
4:30 pm- 6:00 pm	Banquet Buffet Dinner/US Army Band Program	(Crystal Ballroom)
6:00 pm-12:00 am	Veterans Program and Dance	(Crystal Ballroom)
8:00 pm-12:00 am	LZ/DC Hospitality room(balcony-smoking area)	(Jefferson Room)

Sunday, November 10, 2002

8:00 am- 8:45 am	Church Service, Rev. Perry M. Woerner	(Harrison/Jackson)
9:00 am	Meet and organize for bus tours	(North Tower Lobby)
9:15 am- 2:30 pm	Bus Tour - Planned stops at Arlington Cemetery, Wreath Laying at Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Dedication of Americal Plaque, Lunch Stop at Ft. Myers	NOTE: <u>3 buses (Red-coded buses) 9:15 am to 2:15 pm</u> <u>4 buses (White-coded buses) 9:30 am to 2:30 pm</u> <u>BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR TICKETS FOR YOUR BUS NO.</u>
9:00 am-10:00 pm	Vendors area (Van Buren)	(S. Lobby-Mezz level)
10:00 am-12:00 am	LZ/DC Hospitality room (balcony-smoking area)	(Jefferson Room)
10:00 am-12:00 am	23rd MP Hospitality room	(Harrison/Jackson room)
3:30 pm- 4:30 pm	Frank Anton, Americal POW, will speak on his book <u>Why Didn't You Get Me Out</u> , published 1997	(Harrison/Jackson room)

Monday, November 11, 2002

7:30 am	Leave for Veteran's Day Parade, 8:00 am, Assembly Point, 7th Street N.W. and Constitution Avenue, between Jefferson and Madison Drives, on the National Mall (Must provide own transportation)	
9:00 am	Veteran's Day Parade Starts at Assembly Point, by States or Units, (Group is listed under the Americal Division) continue along Constitution Avenue for ten blocks, ending at 17th Street near Viet Nam Memorial	
9:00 am-10:00 pm	Vendors area (Van Buren)	(S. Lobby-Mezz level)
9:00 am-12:00 pm	23rd MP Hospitality room	(Harrison/Jackson room)
11:00 am	Meet and organize for bus to Memorials ** BUS TOUR - A LATE BREAKFAST IS RECOMMENDED PRIOR TO BUS TRIP AS THERE IS A LIMITED NO. OF VENDORS AT THE MEMORIAL SITE.	(North Tower Lobby)
11:30 am- 3:30 pm	Bus to Memorials Wreath Laying Ceremony at 1:00 p.m.	
4:00 pm-12:00 am	LZ/DC Hospitality room (balcony-smoking area)	(Jefferson Room)
5:30 pm-11:00 pm	Operation LZ/DC II All Veterans Dance Cocktails 5:30-6:00 pm Dance to follow - Music by Britt Small	(Crystal Ballroom) Program 6:00 pm Raffle Drawing 9 p.m.

OPERATION LZ/DC ALL VETERANS REUNION DANCE

Monday night, November 11, 2002 (Veterans Day)

The Operation LZ/DC All Veterans Reunion Dance is being sponsored by a total of nine groups. The Americal Association and 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry are part of that sponsorship.

5:30 p.m. Doors open. Free beer and soda (while supply lasts)

6:00 p.m. Veterans Program

Includes:

Mr. Navy

Jan Scruggs

Diane Carlson Evans

William Webber

Ken Pond, Col. (Ret)

Tribute to Veterans an 9/11 Bill Mahon, 1/1 Cav & Americal

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Women's Vietnam Memorial

Korean Veterans Memorial

National World War Memorial

7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Entertainment by "Britt Small" from Skidmore, who is well-known and has been entertaining veterans groups for years with his music.

9:00 p.m. Operation LZ/DC Raffle, \$1100 in cash prizes awarded.

One raffle ticket is in your reunion kit. To purchase the ticket and any additional tickets-cost is \$5 each. Just bring the ticket to the registration table or to the dance. Need not be present to win.

BUS TRIPS

Sunday, November 10, 2002 - We ask that you please stay on your same bus and same seat throughout the tour. Be on time - the buses will leave on schedule. All buses are either Red or White marked. Please check your tickets with your bus no. etc.

Schedule (5 hour trip)

9:00 a.m. Organize to board buses

9:15 a.m. Red coded buses leave (3 buses)

9:30 a.m. White coded buses leave (4 buses)

9:45 a.m. Red coded buses arrive at Arlington

10:00a.m. White coded buses arrive at Arlington

10:30 a.m. Arlington Ceremony for Tomb of the Unknowns changing of the guard

**10:35 a.m. Americal Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns
after ceremony board buses to go to another site in the cemetery**

**11:00 a.m. Americal Memorial dedication for the Americal Plaque at Jessup Drive,
Section 34 at Arlington Ceremony**

11:00 a.m. Red Coded Buses leave Cemetery - Arrive for Lunch at Ft. Myers at Noon

12:30 p.m. White Coded buses leave Cemetery-Arrive for Lunch at Ft Myers at 12:45 p.m.

1:45 p.m. Red Coded Buses leave and tour DC by bus back to hotel arrive at 2:15 p.m.

2:00 p.m. White Coded Buses leave and tour DC by bus back to hotel and arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 11, 2002 (4 hour trip)

We suggest a late breakfast before departing on buses.

11:00 a.m. Organize and board buses - all buses

11:30 a.m. Buses leave and arrive at Mall of all Memorials

1:00 p.m. Wreath laying Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Time 1 1/2 hrs

3:00 p.m. All buses leave from Mall by bus tour back to Hotel and arrive at 3:30 p.m.

YOUR HOST CHAPTER IS:

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER
AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

SERVING THE STATES OF: WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, INDIANA

Officers:

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Chaplain:	Dale Belke, (Vietnam, Co. B, 1/20 Inf, 11th Bde, 70)
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We currently have approximately 530 members and have a data base of over 850 Americal Veterans that are on our waiting list. We welcome any Americal Veterans to join us.

The Great Lakes Chapter attends two main functions each year. In 2003 they are:

- * January 16-17-18-19 - Winterfest All Veteran's Reunion and Festival
17th Annual in New Glarus, WI. For more information contact:
Terry Babler, email: pointman1@tds.net, phone no. (608) 527-2444
or Ron Lewis 1-800-498-6411**
- * September 18-19-20-21 - 21st Annual Veterans Reunion, Kokomo, Indiana.
For more information contact: Dick Forrey, email: frogbo6566@aol.com
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If you have any questions about the reunion ask any officer or at the registration desk.

1ST SQUADRON/1ST CAVALRY ASSOCIATION (1992-2002)

The 1st Squadron/1st Cavalry Association, as a unit attached to the Americal Division during the Vietnam War is proud to be a part of the National Americal Reunion this year.

Our organization began in 1992 following our attendance at the National Americal Reunion in Chicago held in 1990. The Association began with the nine veterans that attended the reunion in Chicago, consisting of men of A-Troop, 2nd Platoon of 1970.

Today we have about 555 members and a directory of over 3100 names. This is our 4th national reunion as an Association since 1990.

A little history of the 1st Squadron/1 Cavalry:

The Cav organized on August 12, 1833 at Nashville, TN

We were attached in Vietnam to: 1st Armored Division, Task Force Oregon, 23rd Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, 101st Airborne, 23D Arvn Division & 196th Infantry Brigade

The 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry has not officially returned home from the Vietnam War and is now stationed in Germany.

1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Association Officers

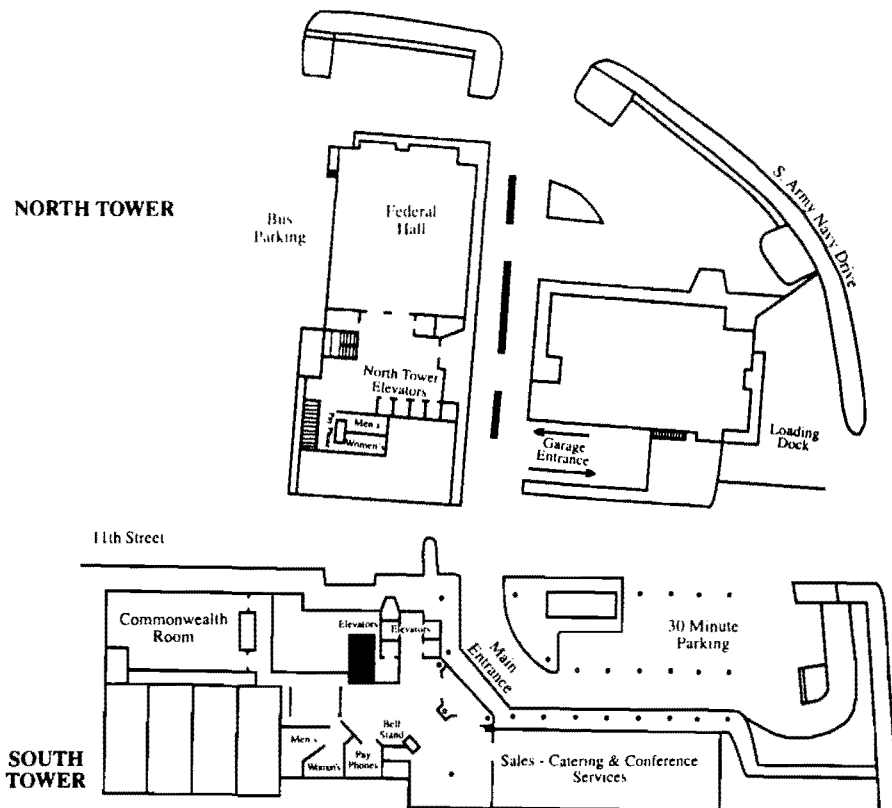
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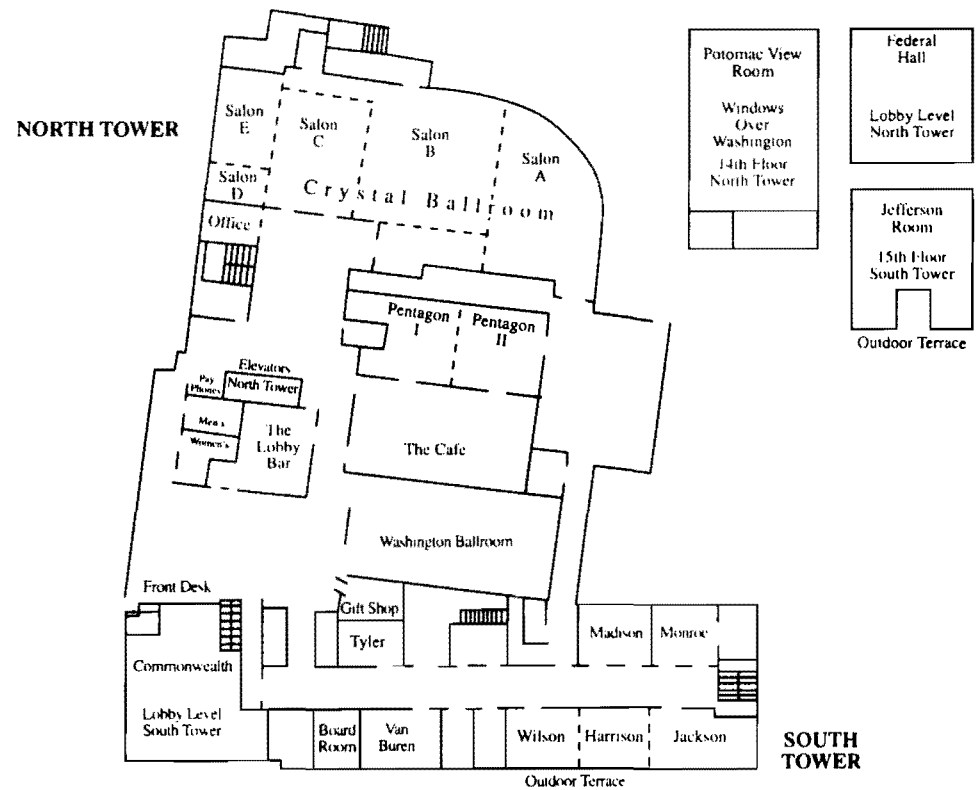
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North Tower

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SD Floor
North Tower

Jefferson

15th Floor
South Tower

AMERICAL DIVISION OPERATIONS, CAMPAIGNS, BATTLES

World War II 1942-1945

GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN

2nd Battle of Henderson Field
Battle of Koli Point
Kokumbona & Poha River
Point Cruz & Matanakau River
Mt Austen
Gifu Ridge
Final Offensive
Bonegi River

Tassafaronga

NORTHERN SOLOMONS CAMPAIGN

Perimeter Line
Hill 260
Hills 165, 155, 500, 501

Mouth of the Torokina
Advancing the Outpost Line
LEYTE

Jars - Valencia - Palompon

Samar Island

Balicautros, Capul, Narajo Islands

Capute Island, Burios, Ticao Islands

SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

Cebu Island

Talisay Landing

Cebu City, Go Chan Hill, Hill 27

Babay Ridge

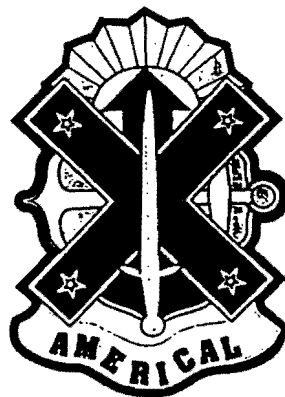
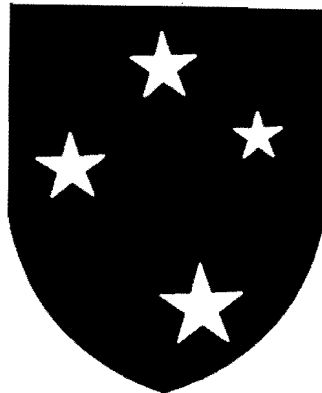
Bohol Island

Negros Oriental Islands

Palimpinon Heights

Balasbulars

Northern Mindinao Island



LINEAGE

Vietnam 1967-1971

COUNTEROFFENSIVE PHASE III

Wheeler/Wallowa, Muscatine

Chu Lai & Duc Pho

LZ Baldy

TET COUNTEROFFENSIVE

Task Forces Barker & Miracle

Da Nang & Lo Giang

COUNTEROFFENSIVE PHASE IV

Norfolk Victory

Burlington Trail - Base Bronco

Tien Phuoc - Da Nang

Quang Tri - Kham Duc

COUNTER OFFENSIVE PHASE V

Tam Ky & Quang Ngai City

Champaign Grove & Golden Fleece

COUNTEROFFENSIVE PHASE VI

Wheeler Wallowa & Burlington Trail ended

Vernon Lake II & Hardin Falls

Fayette Canyon & Russell Beach

Chu Lai - Binh Son - Tam Ky

TET 69 COUNTEROFFENSIVE

Lamar Plain - Que Son

Hiep Duc & Hill 102

WINTER - SPRING 1970

Tam Ky - Pineapple Forest

LZ Bayonet - LZ Fat City

Hiep Duc

SANCTUARY COUNTEROFFENSIVE

Frederick Hill & Kham Duc

COUNTEROFFENSIVE PHASE II

CONSOLIDATION

Constituted 24 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters, Americal Division. Activated 27 May 1942 in New Caledonia. Inactivated 12 December 1945 at Fort Lawton, Washington. Re-designated 1 December 1954 as Headquarters, 23rd Infantry Division, and allotted to the Regular Army. Activated 2 December 1954 at Fort Amador, Canal Zone. Re-designated 25 September 1967 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 23rd Infantry Division, and activated in Vietnam. Inactivated 29 November 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

LOOKING BACK ...

As events in our two wars became history, the record often necessarily surpassed individual efforts that went into executing the entire mission.

Discrete events and accomplishments are lost as figures in black and white on some report that is skimmed and filed.

But each of us treasures some moment we consider unique, perhaps because it was part of our own, more personal mission.

Such is this record; happenings which are, alone, small fractions of the whole. Events that could only happen at our own particular place in time and which will be remembered only by two separate groups of people, two generations ... who worked together in a quest for freedom.