



CLASS IN 2000 THE ADVA REUNION SAN ANTONIO, TX JUNE 15/18, 2000



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DIVISION

ERNEST B. CARLSON
1925-2000

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The Americal Division Veterans Association Reunion, Class In 2000, is dedicated as a living memorial to Mr. Ernest B. Carlson, Chapter Commander South Midwest Chapter, ADVA. This reunion was Ernie's dream, and once he discovered the cancer growing in his body, one of his primary reasons for living was to attend just one more reunion and visit with the Brothers he loved so much, the Americal Division Veterans from all wars. Ernie would not want you to mourn his death but to enjoy the reunion and celebrate life among your friends. So, when the moment arises, say a short prayer and sip a cold beer for Ernie Carlson, the best friend a Veteran could have. "Til We Meet Again At The Final Reunion, Ernie!"

BIENVENIDOS A SAN ANTONIO, HERMANOS Y AMIGOS

Welcome To San Antonio Brothers and Friends

When Ernie Carlson asked me to co-chair Class In 2000, the ADVA Reunion, I gladly accepted the challenge, and it has been a challenge, indeed! Many of our members wanted the reunion to be held on the river walk, but the room rates were just too high, so we selected this hotel, the Holiday Inn for its rates and for the enthusiasm they have shown in helping put the program together. I had envisioned a reunion like no other with many exciting events such as the Horse Platoon from the 1st Cavalry Division and a golf tournament, but those events were not to be. We do have a wonderful day planned in Fredericksburg, some excellent entertainment and great food for you. On Saturday, we are going to visit the memorial statue dedicated to the Combat Medic and you can visit the US Army Medical Museum as well. Fort Sam Houston has welcomed us with open arms and has been very helpful and cooperative even though many of them have never even heard of the Americal.

There are many other beautiful and historic sites to see in and around San Antonio such as the Spanish Missions, the Alamo, Spanish Governor's Palace, Riverwalk and many more. Attending the reunion are many San Antonio natives, so if you have questions or want recommendations just ask any one of us, and we will be glad to direct you.

Now, relax and have fun. Enjoy the area and the reunion. If I can help you with anything, please don't hesitate to ask.

Reunion Chairman
Bill Bacon
HHC & A Company 2nd/1st Infantry, 196th LIB
Americal Division
RVN 1969-70

Some Rules of the Reunion

Wear your name badge to all functions.

There is no smoking in the hospitality rooms on the second floor nor in the lobby.

State law prohibits taking alcohol in or removal of alcohol from a bar, club or restaurant area.

Please do not charge any expenses to the reunion or the Association. The hotel has been informed that only a certain few people are authorized to charge expenses to the Association.

The ADVA is not the only function in the hotel. Please show courtesy to the other guests.

ADVA NATIONAL COMMANDERS

2000-2002



RON ELLIS

Ron was drafted in July, 1970 and sent to Fort Polk, LA for basic and AIT. He arrived "In Country" in January, 1971 and was first assigned to the 11th ACR until they stood down. He was then reassigned to Charlie company 1/46th Inf, 196th LIB as the company RTO. From Charlie Company he was reassigned as RTO for the resupply pad at Da Nang and then home in December, 1971.

Ron was raised in Henderson, Texas and has made Henderson his home ever since. He and his wife, Donna, have been married 27 years and have two sons. Oldest son, Ryan, is married and expecting Ron and Donna's first grandchild this year. Son, Matt, is still single and living and working at home.

Ron was on the ADVA Executive Council for three years followed by National Junior Vice Commander for two years and National Senior Vice Commander for two years. This is Ron's first year as National Commander.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER 1998-2000, ED "TOP GUN" MARSH.

ED SERVED AS A MACHINE GUNNER AND SQUAD LEADER IN D COMPANY 4TH/21ST INF, 11TH LIB IN 1969. ED NOW LIVES IN JONES, MICHIGAN



ED MARSH AT LZ DEBBIE, VIET NAM, 1969



ADVA NATIONAL COMMANDER
ED MARSH, 2000

NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

MALCOLM EAST



MALCOLM TODAY (L) WITH HIS "HOG" AND MALCOLM IN 1969 (R) AT LZ BRONCO WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF B COMPANY 723RD MAINTENANCE BN. MALCOLM AND HIS BRIDE, BEVERLY, LIVE IN LUMBERTON, TEXAS WHERE MALCOLM IS VERY ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS.



NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

RICHARD SCALES



RICHARD WENT THROUGH LEONARD WOOD AND FT. LEWIS ON HIS WAY TO VIET NAM ARRIVING IN AUGUST, 1969. ASSIGNED TO B COMPANY 3/21ST INF, 196TH LIB, HE WAS PUT INTO THE M-60 SQUAD WHERE HE FINALLY EARNED THE "PRIVILEGE" OH HUMMING THE PIG. HE MADE SQUAD LEADER AND THEN PLATOON SERGEANT BEFORE BEING REASSIGNED TO THE REAR AND DEROSING HOME IN 70. RICHARD LIVES IN OAKLEY, IL. NOW (LEFT) AND THEN (RIGHT).



THE ADVA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 2000-2002

GARY NOLLER
TERRY BABLER
LARRY WATSON
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CHAIRMAN

ALTERNATE

1/46TH, 196TH
1ST CAV
1/52ND, 198TH
182ND INF
3/21ST, 196TH
23RD MP, 198TH
4/21ST, 11TH
182ND INF
2/1ST, 196TH
1/46TH, 196TH
221 FA BN
123 AVIATION BN

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

JUNE 15, 2000

REGISTRATION	1200-1800
OPENING CEREMONIES	1800-1830
HOSPITALITY	1200-0100

FRIDAY

JUNE 16, 2000

REGISTRATION	0800-1200
FREDERICKSBURG BUS DEPARTS	0830
FREDERICKSBURG BUS RETURNS	1730
COCKTAIL HOUR	1800
BAR B QUE BUFFET	1900
COUNTRY SWING WITH JIM EARL AND THE CADILLACS	2000-2400
HOSPITALITY	0900-0100

SATURDAY

JUNE 17, 2000

REGISTRATION	0800-1200
ADVA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING	0830
SAN ANTONIO TOUR DEPARTS	0830
ADVA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1000
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
COMBAT MEDIC'S DEDICATION (FORT SAM HOUSTON)	1400
COCKTAIL HOUR	1800
BANQUET	1900-2000
BIG BAND SOUNDS WITH Dr. Dan Bacon AND THE BAND AIDS.	2000-2400

SUNDAY

JUNE 18, 2000

**SPIRITUAL SESSION
HOSPITALITY OPENS
HOSPITALITY CLOSES**

**0800
0900
1200**

GUEST SPEAKERS



ISG (Ret) **Nicky D. Bacon** was a Squad Leader with B Company, 4/21st Inf, 11th LIB when on 26 August 1968 he was forced by casualties to take command of two platoons of the company in an assault on a heavily entrenched enemy west of Tam Ky. For his actions that day, he received the Medal of Honor. In addition, Nicky also is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star Medal and Legion of Merit. Leaving the Infantry after his return from his second tour in Viet Nam, Nicky enjoyed a distinguished career in the Military Police and retired in 1984 as 1st Sergeant.

Nicky is now the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the State of Arkansas. He lives in Rosebud, Arkansas with his wife, Tamara Ann. They have three sons, James, Wyatt and Britt.

Nicky is our keynote speaker at the Saturday banquet.

Angelina Bonetti was three years old when her father, SSG Freddie Bonetti, was killed in action on LZ Gator while serving in the signal group of HHC 5/46th Inf, 198th LIB, Americal Division in January 1969. Angelina is in a search for any friends of her father who might remember him so that she might better understand the father she never had. Angelina lives in Brady, Texas and is very active with the ADVA South Midwest Chapter. Angelina will follow Nicky Bacon on Saturday night and will speak on her experiences with Americal veterans.

Clyde Kornegay is a Sophomore Cadet in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Clyde lives in San Benito, Texas in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Clyde is the nephew of 1LT ED "Doss" Kornegay who fought with B Company and Recon 2/1st Inf, 196th LIB, Americal Division in 1969 and 70. Clyde will represent the "now" generation and give his views on the youth of today.

Joe Kralich served with 4/31st Inf, 196th LIB, Americal Division in 69-70 as Senior Battalion Medic. "Doc" also had tours with the 101st Airborne Division and the 1st Aviation Brigade. Doc served as a consultant for the TV movie China Beach and for the A&E television series on the combat medics starring George C. Scott. Doc is now retired and living in San Antonio and cooking up great bar b que for his friends from the Americal. Joe will be speaking Saturday afternoon at the Combat Medics memorial.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

GENERAL COLIN L. POWELL, USA (RET)
909 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 767
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

May 21, 1999

Capt William S. Bacon, USA (Ret)
San Antonio, TX 78250

Dear Captain Bacon:

Thank you for your letter and the invitation to speak at the Americal Association Reunion 2000 event on June 1 - 4, 2000. I apologize for this rather tardy response; however, your letter took several months to get to me.

Captain Bacon, as much as I appreciate the invitation to join you for the reunion, at this point I'm afraid I must decline. My June 2000 calendar is already quite full. Unfortunately, I've got a schedule conflict in early June which prevents me from being with you.

But thanks for thinking of me - that was very thoughtful of you. Please convey my regrets to the attendees.

With best wishes for a very special event filled with camaraderie and good fellowship,

Sincerely,



AMEDD, the Army Medical School and detachment at Fort Sam Houston has prepared the Combat Medic's memorial especially for the Americal with plenty of seating, canopies and a sound system. At 1400 hours on Saturday, we will lay a wreath at the Memorial dedicated to our Combat Medics, alive and dead. Afterwards, you can tour the US Army Medical Museum and speak with the Medics who will be in attendance. In addition, you can tour the Fort Sam Houston Museum which is located right off of Stanley Road. Dress is casual. Please wear your name badge.

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