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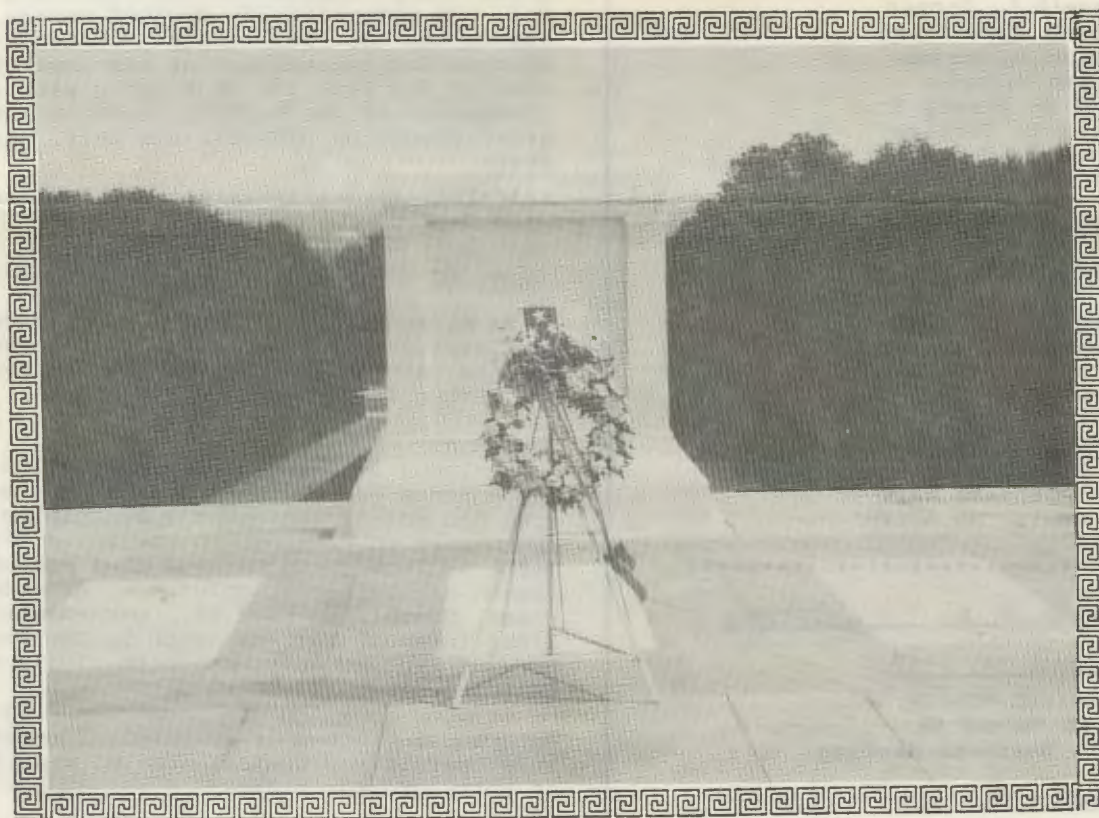
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To All Of Our Dead Comrades

Our Thoughts Are With You



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

September 18, 1987

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MONTHLY A. D. V. A. MEETINGS

November 14, 1987

AMERICAL MUSIEM

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting

January 13, 1988

National Guard Armory
[REDACTED]

1:00 P.M. Business Meeting

February 10, 1988

National Guard Armory
[REDACTED]

1:00 P.M. Business Meeting

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6, 1987

Concannon's Village

SEE FLYER

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

This is the twelfth in a series of Americal Medal of Honor recipients.

THOMAS J. McMAHON K.I.A.

Rank and organization: Specialist Fourth Class, U.S. Army, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade. Place and date: Quang Tin province, Republic of Vietnam, 19 March 1969. Entered service at Portland, Maine. Born 24 June 1948, Washington D.C. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sp4c. McMahon distinguished himself while serving as Medical Aid Man with company A. When the lead elements of his company came under heavy fire from well fortified positions, 3 soldiers fell seriously wounded. Sp4c. McMahon, with complete disregard for his safety, left his covered position and ran through intense enemy fire to the side of one of the wounded, administered first aid and then carried him to safety. He returned through the hail of fire to the side of the second wounded man. Although painfully wounded by an exploding mortar round while returning the wounded man to a secure position, Sp4C. McMahon refused medical attention and heroically ran back through the heavy enemy fire toward his remaining wounded comrad. He fell mortally wounded before he could rescue the last man. Sp4c. McMahon's undaunted concern for the welfare of his comrades at the cost of his life are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit, and the U. S. Army.

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

By Ron Ward - Vietnam News Editor

In response to an inquiry last issue about the possibility of any Americal Division veterans of Vietnam serving in Congress, we recieved the following letter from member, Wallace Nunn.

Dear Ron;

Enclosed is a packet of information released during a press conference that was held by Auditor General Don Bailey and several Vietnam veterans including myself in response to the movie "Platoon". You might be interested to know that one of the participants in the press conference, Congressman Tom Ridge, Republican from PA., was amember of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade which by the way is the Brigade that my unit supported (174th Assault Helicopter Company-Sharks).

It does seem that at least one Americal Division veteran of Vietnam is serving in Congress and I am sure that if you contact Tom he could let you know if there are any others.

Sincerely,
Wallace H. Nunn

Editors note: I've written to Congressman Ridge and will let you all know what happens. Some backround: U.S. Representative Tom Ridge, 41, is an Erie Republican currently serving his third term as a member of Congress representing Pennsylvania's 21st Congressional District. A Harvard College graduate, he served with the Army in Vietnam from October 1969 to July 1970, when he suffered a ruptured appendix, with the rank of Staff Sergeant as an advisor to a South Vietnamese infantry platoon. He awas assigned to Company B 1/20 11th Light Infantry Brigade in I Corps outside of DaNang. P.S. He did'nt like the movie.

VIETNAM NEWS Continues

Dear Ron;

I just wanted to write a few lines and pass on some information. I've been in contact with Ernie Carrier of the Houston Foundation for Vietnam Vets about the possible publication of a photo magazine or video on the Memorial Day 87' event. He said that both were in the production stages and would be out in a little while. Anyone interested in obtaining them should send their request to:

Ernie Carrier
Houston Foundation for Vietnam Vets

Houston, Texas 77052

He says that the video is planned to be approximately 1½ hours long, from TV news footage. I remember some good shots of you and other Americal vets.

On July 4th I went to Wichita for an opening ceremony of the "Moving Wall". It was very well received and got excellent press coverage. The Kansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial was also dedicated in Junction City, Kansas the same weekend. Governor Hayden, a Vietnam veteran, was one of the speakers. Mr. Pete Coors, of Coors brewing Co., also spoke. Coors helped raise over \$30,000 through their distributors for the construction of the memorial. A buddy of mine from B Co 1/46th., is involved in a State memorial for Indiana. He is Nolan Bingham, now an architect but formerly a fellow RTO. Completion date should be within two years. A site is being sought in Indianapolis.

I'm planning to be in Washington, D.C. in November, probably including Nov. 11. I have a friend that lives nearby I'll be visiting. Will there be any activities sponsored by the ADVA? I enjoyed the hospitality room in Houston and met several really fine vets.

I must go for now. Please drop a line if you have time.

Sincerely,
Gary Noller
B Co 1/46th 196th Bde
Nam 70-71'

If you wish to know whether you were in an area during or after agent orange spraying missions, write to:

Richard S. Christian
Army Joint Services Environmental Support Grp
Room 210 1730 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

You must request extracts of Operational Reports Lessons Learned (ORLLs) for the service activity you were involved in which may have been in or near sprayed areas. You must supply Mr. Christian with the following: name, service number, social security number, battalion, division, any other higher headquarters were assigned to, location and time factors you can recollect.

Editors note: A tip of the hat goes to ADVA member, Ray Fawkes, for supplying us with the above info.

Mike Forgas who served in HHC, 198th. Light Infantry Brigade from Dec. 69 thru Nov. 70, would like for anyone from that outfit to contact him.

Mike Forgas
Beaumont, Texas 77706

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

Dear Ron;

It is possible to request photo copies of Americal Division Operational Reports, Lessons Learned (OR-LLs) free of charge from: Department of the Army, US Army & Joint Services Environmental Support Group, 1730 K Street N.W. room 210 Washington, D.C. 20006-3868.

I requested these giving the two units I served with while in the Americal Division in Vietnam besides dates of engagements I particularly remembered. These reports are detailed giving the company sized units involved complete with casualty figures on both sides. Grid coordinates, captured material, planning considerations and details besides summaries are all included. These reports are now stamped "unclassified" from their original "confidential" and should be of use to anyone writing books or articles. These reports helped me put my combat experience in perspective to the overall activity of the Division. Although the writing style is dry and factual the excitement of having participated in the events described jumped at me from the pages as I remembered the details. The Operational Reports were issued quarterly and were distributed to the various Army schools besides Commanding Generals of the Continental Army Command and Combat Development Command.

The US Army & Joint Services Environmental Support Group was unable to locate the Combat Operations After Action Reports (COAARs) turned in by the Americal Division during Vietnam service. I wonder if these may exist at another location since the information contained in them should be extremely interesting. Perhaps other veterans could send details.

For those veterans who have not received their awards, a request letter to the following address along with copy of DD Form 214 will result in the awards be sent free of charge.

Department of the Army
ARPERCEN
St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5200

Best wishes and I hope that this information will be useful to other veterans.

Sincerely,
Jim Sobery

Decatur, GA. 30030

Members in the Pittsburgh area may want to attend the dedication of the "Welcome Home" monument in that city on this coming Veteran's Day. They're expecting a huge crowd for the parade and will be honored on the previous day by the presence of General Westmoreland as a speaker. It amazes me how "Westy" can attend so many of these functions. He's certainly been spending a lot of his time on airplanes and sleeping in hotel rooms to honor the many requests he receives to appear at celebrations for the Vietnam vets. I've learned that he'll be in my home town, St. Louis, earlier in the week to lead our Veteran's Day parade.

The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on November 11 and will include flyovers by Air Force jets, C130's, Huey's, Chinooks, and the unveiling of the monument at the parade's end.

For more info or to make a contribution, contact:

Steve Dennison
Vietnam Veteran Monument Committee
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

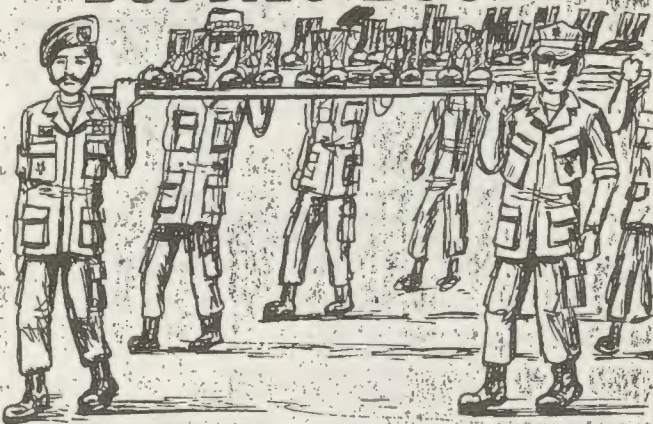
HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER LATELY?

THE 196th LOCATE A BROTHER
1965-1972
VIETNAM

DUDLEY FARQUHAR
VENDOR: THE NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF FAMILIES
112 RIVER ROAD
MERRIMAC, MA 01860
(617) 346-8784

VIETNAM NEWS Continues

VETERANS WEEKEND POW/MIA RALLY
= NOV. 6-7-8 1987 =
= WASHINGTON D.C. =
BRING YOUR MISSING BUDDIES' BOOTS!



FRIDAY 6TH NOV. CANDLE LIGHT PARADE AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL
SATURDAY 11AM-4PM MARCH TO CAPITOL BLDG & RALLY ON CAPITOL STEPS
SATURDAY EVENING CANDLE LIGHT PARADE FROM VIET NAM VETERANS MEMORIAL TO WHITE HOUSE.
SUNDAY POW/MIA PRAYER SERVICE AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR ACCOUNTABILITY OF POW/MIA
 THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR ACCOUNTABILITY OF POW/MIA
 PO Box #9752, Arlington, VA 22209
 (703) 892-4267

ADVA member Mike Standerfer who made the famous walk from his home in Florida to the Alamo in Texas to bring attention to the POW-MIA issue has informed me of a major effort being made this coming Veteran's Day in Washington, D.C., to once again bring national attention to our still missing comrades. On Friday, Nov. 6th., there will be a candle light parade at the Lincoln Memorial. The following day they will march to the Capitol Bldg. for a rally on the steps. On Sunday there will be a POW-MIA prayer service at the Lincoln Memorial.

The parade committee plans to assemble 2400 pairs of boots to depict the men who are still missing. The boots will be secured to boards and carried by the vets at the parade and rallies. If they are successful in obtaining that many, I'm sure that the effect will be noteworthy to the news media. They're always present in great numbers in the Monument area on Vet's Day so this will be a great opportunity to spread the word.

This event is being sponsored by the The American Foundation For The Accountability Of POW-MIA's under the auspices of the National Vietnam Veterans Coalition (a group of 45 organizations with 300,000 members).

Below are some hotels that plan to cater to the vets so if you're booking a room, mention the POW-MIA activities:

Key Bridge Marriot \$90 ea night for 4 per room
 (703) 524-6400
 Quality Inn Central \$40 ea night for 2 per room
 (703) 524-4000
 Camping information (703) 243-0683

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VIETNAM NEWS Continues

Ordinarily your Vietnam Editor would be in Washington for this event as I always have on every Veteran's Day since the Vietnam Memorial was dedicated, but this time I'll have to pass. I've taken too many trips already this year and I've run out of vacation days. Of course Mike will be there so if you men who are fortunate enough to attend, want to get organized as a group, why not get in touch with him.

Mike Standerfer

Estero, Fla. 33928

Also from Mike Standerfer we have information on "The Last Patrol", a group of Vietnam veterans who want to call attention to our POW-MIAs. They are currently enroute from the Alamo in San Antonio to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. They departed on Labor Day and plan to arrive at the outskirts of D.C. on 11-6-87. There they will wait until the other "Patrols" have arrived from all over the U.S. and then stage a massive display of unity as they march to the "Wall".

The march is being led by well known Nam vets, Michael Martin and Tim Holliday. They are endorsed and supported by the Texas State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Along the way of their 1600 mile march, they hope to organize veteran voter registration and establish a support network for all Vietnam Veterans and their families. The support network endeavors to offer alternatives to deal with the problems that Nam vets suffer in disproportionate numbers such as suicides, divorces, drugs & alcohol, unemployment, incarceration, and severe mental and health problems.

A hand-out by the VVA states, "Certainly, this is a very ambitious endeavor. America's history reflects all sorts of ambitious endeavors when brave souls have dared to go against the odds. We have chosen to depart from the Alamo to dramatize this theme. We want America to recognize that the same sense of duty and valor still exists. Not only will we go the extra mile, we'll go 1600 extra miles to make a point. A "grunt" can walk forever. Remember the Alamo! And remember the forgotten man."

Attention all members;

I am desperately in need of finding some of my old buddies who served with me in the 1/52nd. Infantry in the period of August 1970 to November 1971. I'm trying to upgrade a medal through Congress and have to have statements from some of the men who served with me in order for the medal to even get considered. I have gone through our National Adjutant, Bill Dunphy and even with his help, my endeavor is futile without statements from the men who served with me. Enclosed find a copy of D.A. Orders awarding the Purple Heart to men who were wounded during the particular operation on 24 and 25 April 1971. Hopefully with a printing in our American Newsletter, I can get a response and an answer to my quest.

Stephen J. Dingle

Editors note: Steve received the Silver Star for his actions on 25 April 1971. He's trying to have that decoration upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor. Below are the names of the men who were wounded with him during the action. If you can help Steve to locate any of them, contact him at 1350 Pleasant Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Major Charles E. Getz, SP/4 Rodney K. Heckart, PFC Stephen D. Boe, PFC Jimmie L. Moore, LT. Gerald C. Dennis, Sgt. Michael J. Fitz, Sgt. Joseph L. Heard, SP/4 Fred M. Shettlers, SP/4 Rueben L. Scott, SP/4 Charles C. McNeill, SP/4 Larry W. Marcum, SP/4 Donald L. Linne, SP/4 Bryant A. Braugus, PFC Billy R. Bevins, PFC Jimmy L. Hooks Jr., PFC Paul T. Savoie, Pvt. Virgil W. Steadman, Pvt. Brian E. Morris

Commander's Message

September was a hectic month for your commander. On September 1, I was at the Americal Museum at Fort Devens with Dan Ramsey as a curator. Frank Diorio, Assistant Museum Director, was also there.

Sept 4-6 Doris and I attended the 132nd Infantry Reunion in Chicago. A great time was had by all. Once again the 132nd broke their attendance record by having 439 present for this gala occasion. After the Reunion was over we spent three days with our old friends Rita and Austin Kelly, visiting some of Chicago's great restaurants.

Back to Cape Cod on September 8. On September 9, a trip to Boston for the Executive Council meeting and the general business meeting. September 14, attended the Cape Cod Chapter meeting. On September 15, Hugh Murnaghan and I attended, as Americal representatives, the New England Joint Veterans Committee at the National Cemetery of Bourne Massachusetts. Dick Gallant, an Americal veteran of the 26th Signal, was again elected Chairman of the New England Joint Veterans Committee.

On September 17-20th, Doris and I attended the New England reunion in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Credit another great job to Ethel and Bob Thornton, who ran this affair. On Friday the 18th, PNC Bill Dunphy PNC Al Doig, and myself flew to Washington, D.C. to participate in the dedication of the Americal Plaque at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. We were joined here by PNC Jim Buckle and his wife Fran, I wish to congratulate the Eastern Chapter and their committee of Commander Bob Hock, Peter Messina, Chairman George Yates, Pat Dionne, and all others who helped make this affair such a great success. I will never forget that day! Due to the conflict between the New England Reunion in Plymouth and the Eastern Chapter reunion in Baltimore, Bill Dunphy and I were unable to attend the reunion in Baltimore.

One of our Vietnam Americal members, who is still on active duty, Sgt. Dennis Murphy, changed his assignment the day of the dedication so that he could serve on the Honor Guard for this auspicious occasion. We had a nice talk with Sgt. Murphy after the dedication and he stated that he would try to make the Convention in Carlisle, PA in June of 1988. I asked Dennis to convey my congratulations and thanks to the Army members who participated in the wreath laying ceremony--they were great. To all our members --- when you visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier be sure to see the Americal Plaque. Paul Donelan, 182nd Infantry, did another great job on the design.

Bill Dunphy and I arrived back in Plymouth at about 9:10 P.M. for the Prime Rib dinner. We were a little late but the good people at the Governor Carver Inn made sure that we had a nice hot meal. On Saturday the Clam Boil was held for a sell-out crowd. We started this affair with Jim Flynn playing his accordian and the rest of us singing "Happy Birthday" to Rev. John S. Franklin, our National Protestant Chaplain -- Number 86 for Chaplain Franklin and he is still going strong. The Clam Boil was great and I noticed that some of our members couldn't quite finish and had to take a doggy bag back to their room.

After the meal Jim Flynn played to the gathering and when he played the Field Artillery song those 221 F.A. Cannoneers from A Btry., C Btry., and Service Vtry. kept singing for the rest of the afternoon, led by Bill McLaughlin and Marge Flynn. It

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE Continues

can also be said that other members joined in the singing.

On Sunday we said goodbye to Plymouth and most of the members took off for home. I drove Bob Icard and Emily to Logan Airport to catch a plane for Hickory, NC. September was brought to a close by a group of Americal members and their wives attending the Heartline Dinner Dance on Sunday September 27, 1987. Some of the coming attractions for the rest of the year are as follows;

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

National Cemetery Bourne, Massachusetts
November 8, 1987 1:00 P.M.

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

Hall of Flags State House Boston, Mass.
November 11, 1987 10:00 A.M.

AMERICAL MUSEUM

Fort Devens, Massachusetts
Business Meeting
Museum Curators Meeting
November 14, 1987 10:00 A.M.

Please make an effort to attend!

Our next social will be:

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6, 1987
Concannon's Village Westwood, Mass.

MUSEUM MESSAGE

A joint ADVA Business meeting and a Curator's meeting will be held on November 14, 1987 at 10:00 A.M. in the Museum.

We will provide lunch for our members.

If for any reason a comrade feels that he can no longer serve as a Curator, please let me know right away. I am in the process of making up the 1988 schedule.

We are losing two Curators this year, Jerry Altieri and Ed Haddad. I wish to thank them for their faithful service.

I would appreciate your help if you serve as a Curator this coming year. Please call me if you are interested -- 245-6266.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members that helped out this past year. See you on November 14, at 10:00 A.M.

Kenneth R. Turner
Museum Director

NEW ENGLAND REUNION

I wish, at this time, to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all who helped make the New England reunion such an elegant week-end in spite of adverse weather conditions. Everyone did such a marvelous job and things went along surprisingly well. I am sure everybody enjoyed meeting our New Caledonian friend, Danielle, as much as she said she enjoyed meeting us.

Bill Dunphy and Bernie Chase made a mad dash to Washington DC on Friday for the dedication ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, but they arrived back in time to catch a meal Friday night.

There was a sing-a-long Saturday afternoon at the Clamboil led by Rev. Franklin and accompanied by Jim Flynn on the accordian.

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NEW ENGLAND REUNION CONTINUES

All in all everybody seemed to have a good time for which I am very happy.

The Hotel staff was very happy with us and as I informed them, we were pleased with their concerns for our well being and their performance of their duties.

I certainly hope that future affairs are as amicable but that we have a little better luck with the weather.

Bob Thornton
Chairman, Reunion Comm.

NEW MEMBERS

Herbert W. Baer Arcata, CA 247 the Field Artillery #E. R. Horton	*John J. Sciacca Staten Island, NY 198th LIB #Lloyd Morrell
*Ernie L. Carrier Houston, TX 196th LIB "Larry" Young Hines	*Phillip B. Glidden Brockton, MA 328th Radio #Maurice Sullivan Family
Lester C. Clements Lebanon, PA 101st Engineers #John Gentile	*Larry W. Heimann Carmel, IN 196th LIB #Ron Ward
*Robert G. Gibney Charleston, WV 123rd Avn Bn #Self	Arthur A. Pope Florence, MA 182nd Infantry #Self
*Luther R. Perry Cincinnati, OH 198th LIB #Self	*Joseph P. Cousineau East Hartford, CT 11th & 196th LIB #E. Al Bates
Edwin W. Saarni Howell, MI 221st Field Artillery #E. R. Horton	*Charles L. Gilliland Roxboro, NC 196th LIB #Arthur R. Wood
Peter J. Bukiri Chicago, IL 132nd Infantry #Arthur R. Wood	Joseph A. Pavlina York, PA 182nd Infantry #Arthur R. Wood
*Ltc John D. Allen Alexandria, VA 11th LIB #Robert N. Thornton	*Larry D. Boyer Clarksville, TN 6/11 Arty #Self
Benjamin J. Kellym Simi Valley, CA 125th Quartermaster #Paul Santogeanis	*Albert J. Walasquez Bloomington, IN Div Arty #James O'Brien
William K. Maddox Portland, TX 182nd Infantry #Arthur R. Wood	Laurence V. McNamara Jr. Deerfield, FL 196th LIB #Arthur R. Wood
*Dennis Espinoza Richmond, CA 196th LIB #Ron Ward	*William J. Carlson San Mateo, CA 196th LIB #Dave Scott
*Leonard D. Zaleski Richton Park, IL 11th LIB #Bill Lynch	*Vietnam Veteran #Sponsor

TAPS

Col. Allan P. Thayer
Sudbury, MA
HQ 1st POE
May 26, 1987

Maj. Gen. James J. Galloway
Com Gen Americal Vietnam
Alexandria, VA
April 18, 1986

Cedric A. Young
221st Field Artillery
Richford, VT
August 1987

William D. Murray
Wrentham, MA
Co. A 182nd Infantry
October 4, 1987

Ernest Fritz
Everett, MA
125th Quartermaster
April 15, 1987
Non-member

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Dear Mr. Chase;

Thank you for your note, it was very much appreciated.

Please accept the enclosed check as a gift in memory of Bob. You may use it for the Museum or where ever you feel it is needed.

Bob was very proud to have been a member of the Americal Division. We have made many loving friendships that I will treasure the rest of my life.

Sincerely,
Margaret Strescino

Dear Bill;

August 13, 1987

Hadn't noticed any mention of the plaque his friends dedicated to BG Ralph T. Noonan at his apartment complex on Beares Way. Hyannis in July. I could have missed it. A noteworthy event for the great "Old Soldier" and a valuable contributor of history of the old Americal.

Glad to see the old get together are continuing at Fort Devens.

Sincerely,
Frank Connelly
Co. "E" 101 QM



NEW LIFE MEMBERS

- | | |
|---|--|
| * William J. Carlson
196th LIB
San Mateo, CA. | * Joseph R. Cousineau
196th LIB
East Hartford, CT. |
| Paymond J. Dorazio
57th Engineers
North Providence, RI. | * Ltc Gregory L. Morgan
21st Infantry
Leominster, MA., |
| Andrew B. Pung
182nd Infantry
Franklin, ME. | Bernard M. Stellar
132nd Infantry
Morton Grove, ILL. |
| Ernest A. Tetrault
125th Quartermaster
Leeds, MA. | * Albert J. Velasquez
Division Artillery
Bloomington, IND. |

Richard A. Zartarian
121st Medical Battalion
Temple City, CA.

* VIETNAM

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WWII 498 Vietnam 98 Associate 10

Total Life Membership 598

The following cost for Life Membership will change January 1, 1988: See 1988 MEMBERSHIP FACTS on another page.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN ADVA

40 or under.....	\$100	Payment	4*
41 to 60	75	'	3*
61 to 70	50	'	2*
71 or over	25	'	1

* Note: Payments of \$25 in 6 month intervals.

Any member who has paid his dues in advance will receive credit toward LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Americal Plaque

**Membership Is Everybody's Business
— Get Involved —
We Are Winning — Get That Membership In**

Reunion

The Americal Division Veterans Association's Eastern Regional Chapter has scheduled its annual reunion for September 18th, 19th, and 20th, at the Hotel Tremont Plaza in Baltimore, Maryland, it was announced by Robert T. Hock, Chapter Commander from Reading, PA.

Lt. Col. Patrick H. Dionne, reunion chairman, indicated that the highlight event would be the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery at 1 p.m. on September 18th.

National Headquarters will be represented by its National Commander, Bernard Chase from South Yarmouth, Mass.

and William Dunphy, National Adjutant from West Roxbury, Mass.

Immediately after the wreath laying ceremony, a plaque will be presented by the Ceremonies Chairman, George Yates of Canonsburg. It will be inscribed, "In Memory of the American Heroes Known But To God" and also, "dedicated 1987 Americal Division Veterans Association" for permanent display at the Memorial Amphitheatre.

Lt. Col. Peter J. Messina, Secretary of the Chapter from Harrisburg, will also be an official member of the ceremony.

The reunion will be held for former members of the Americal Division from the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and the District of Columbia.

The keynote speaker will be Major General Lloyd Ramsey, former Commanding General of the Americal Division in Vietnam. Any former member of the division interested in receiving additional information may contact Lt. Col. Peter J. Messina, [redacted], Harrisburg, PA 17109 or phone [redacted].

The above article was written by Mr. George C. Yates and published in the "Cannon Newspaper", Canonsburg, PA., September 14, 1987 detailing the Eastern Regional Chapter Reunion and Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier plus the dedication of the Americal Plaque.

As Chapter Chairman I wish to thank all the ADVA members who helped out to make this project one of the greatest. Regional Commander Robert Hock, Ltc Patrick H. Dionne, Ltc Peter J. Messina and George C. Yates plus the membership of the Eastern Regional Chapter. I also want to thank Paul G. Donelan, Plymouth, MA a member of the Cape Cod Chapter who did the design work per the National Cemetery requirements. A big thanks to the above

I would be remiss if I did not mention the late PNC Paul J. Jacobs who had started this project and due to his illness had to set it aside. Thanks Paul for the ground work. Also a thank you to Bill McLaughlin who keep the association alerted with a note when he would visit the National Cemetery to make sure that the project was moving in the right direction.

William L. Dunphy
Chapter Chairman

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

September 18, 1987

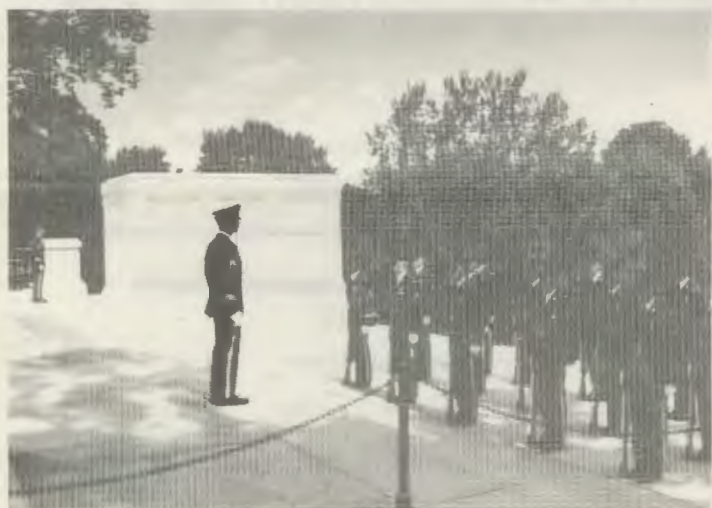
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Sergeant Dennis R. Murphy
198th LTB
ADVA Member & Honor Guard



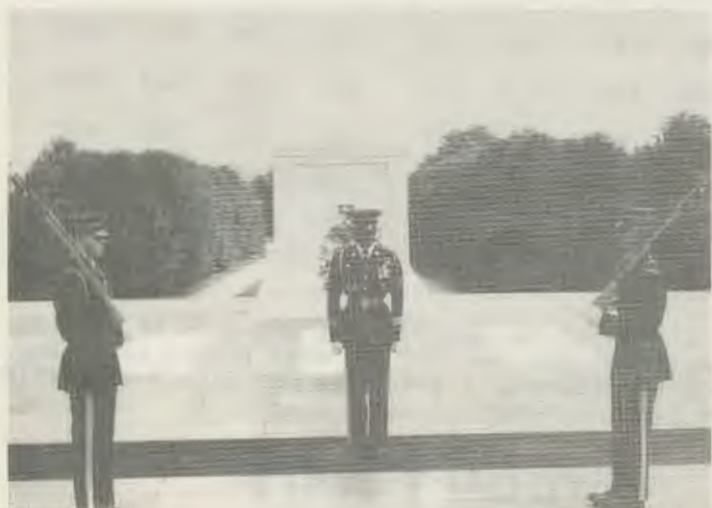
National Commander Bernis Chase
National Adjutant William L. Dunphy
Sergeant Dennis R. Murphy



Ceremonial Honor Guard



Ceremonial Colors



Changing of the Honor Guard



National Commander Bernis Chase
presenting Plaque to
Superintendent R. J. Costanzo

Nominating Committee Report

1987 - 1988

At the September 9, 1987 National Executive meeting the following list of Past National Commanders were approved to serve as the 1987-1988 Nominating Committee.

PNC James C. Buckle
PNC Alfred R. Doig
PNC William L. Dunphy
PNC Francis L. Guerriero
PNC Santo J. Ravagno
PNC William T. Schmidt

ARTICLE V

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 26: National Officers

- A nominating committee comprised of not less than five(5) members appointed by the Commander and approved by the Executive Council.
- The annual election of officers shall be held between May 1st and July 31st of each year.
- The nominating committee shall report to the assembly at the third General Meeting prior to the Annual Reunion Conference its recommendations of officers for the Association.
- Further Nomination for elective office may be submitted to the National Adjutant not later than the third General Meeting prior to the Annual Reunion. Nomination of candidates must be endorsed by 15 members in good standing. (No individual may endorse for the four top elective officers, Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander and Finance Officer, more than one Nominee per office.)
- All members nominated for office will draw for name position on the ballot according to office for which nominated.
- Prior to the election, all candidates for office will be afforded the opportunity to speak to the general membership.
- Members who decline a nomination must do so in writing and will be eliminated from the ballot.
- No member will be allowed to nominate themselves nor will they be allowed to accept more than one nomination.
- The plurality of votes cast by the members voting in the election will decide the election.

PLEASE NOTE: Any active member who would like to seek a National Office please refer to the above ARTICLE V, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Section 26:, Paragraph d.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AMERICAL DIVISION VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This constitution may be amended through the use of Official Ballot at the annual election, by a majority vote of the individual active members in good standing.

Section 2: Amendments will be made in writing and submitted to the National Adjutant who will forward the proposal to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will study the proposal, prior to presenting it to the general membership vote.

Section 3: Amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted not later than February 1 of each year.

To amend the Constitution and By-Laws please use the following (3) steps as a guide in submitting your request. This will eliminate any misunderstanding by the Executive Council prior to presenting it to the General Membership for vote.

1. Present reading:
2. Proposed reading:
3. Reason for amendment:

IMPORTANT!

You Should Know

THIRD NOTICE THIRD NOTICE THIRD NOTICE

1987- 1988 Dues Notices to expire
May 1988

YOUR CARD NUMBER

1590	1569	1568	1572	1588	1584	1580	1576
1567	1555	1546	1562	1551	1538	1552	1531
1525	1507	1514	1501	492	495	483	466
479	470	458	451	419	449	428	423
402	399	398	379	382	373	363	368
341	340	332	329	1787	324	315	322
311							

We will list the names of the above in the Nov-Dec Newsletter and then in (30) days remove your name from the Roster. I don't know of many Organizations who carry a member for (12) months.

DON'T WAIT

MORE VIETNAM NEWS

Dear Sirs;

Enclosed you will find my 1987-88 dues. The wife and I went to the Vietnam Parade and reunion that was held in Waynesboro, PA. I met some vets there from the Americal division and it was good talking to them.. The wife and I enjoyed the parade and reunion.

Sincerely,
Joseph W. Zuba
523 Sig Bn

Dear Bill:

Please put my name, unit and this brief message in the newsletter; would like to hear from members of C Co., 1st Bn 46th Infantry 1970-71. Or, anyone that was on Fire Base "Maryann" the night of March 28, 1971.

Sincerely,
Charles L. Gilliland
203 Reams Ave.
Roxboro, NC 27573

Dear Sir;

Here is my hard earned check for my dues. Add my name to your roster.

I served in Nam from Oct. 1970 to Oct. 1971. My unit was C Brty 6/11 Field Artillery, and I was stationed at Duc Pho area on LZ Liz and LZ Snoopy.

Thanks again,
Larry Boyer

Dear Sirs;

I was assigned to the 1st Bn 46th Infantry 196 LIB in December of 1970, after serving 8 months with 1st Bn 27th Infantry (Wolfhounds) 25th Infantry Division. The Battalion commander, Ltc Bill Doyle asked me id I would be willing to serve as B Company Commander even though I had just completed 6 months commanding a line company in the 25th Div.

I commanded B Company until early April, just prior to my DEROS. The officers, NCO's and men who served with me were some of the finest people I have ever met. During the 16 years since I left Vietnam, I have reflected daily on the courage, attitude, and dedication if those young men, most of whom were drafted. I would enjoy hearing from any of them who may read this and remember me.

My enclosed check for membership dues fulfills a long delayed promise to join the ADVA. My uncle Al Boland and Fuller Schofield, a life long family friend, both served in the 182nd Infantry in WW II. They were instrumental in introducing me to the Americal Division Veterans Association.

Sincerely,
Peter J. Gallagher
[REDACTED]
Los Gatos, CA 95030

COMPANY E, 51st INFANTRY

Dear Sir;

I am presently attending the Infantry Officers Advanced Course and have been assigned to be C.O. of Co.E, 51st Infantry. As you know Co. E, 51st Infantry, Long Range Patrol, served in the Americal Division in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969 and was re-designated as Co. G, 75th Rangers.

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COMPANY E Continues

I am researching the history of E Co. and would appreciate any information, names, pictures etc. that any member may be able to supply.

Please send any info to;

Donald J. Lash Jr. Capt. Inf.
333 North Oakley Drive D.P.26
Columbus, GA
31906

Dear Members;

I am compiling a unit history for the 6th Battalion 11th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington. During the Vietnam War, 6/11 FA supported the 11th LIB of the 23rd Infantry (Americal) Division. I have found information concerning when 6/11 FA arrived and departed Vietnam but other than that I have found very little.

i would appreciate any information, names, dates, stories, pictures and anything else that a member may be able to provide.

Sincerely,
2LT Michael J. Beagle
HHB, 6th BN 11th FA
Fort Lewis, MA 98433

NOW HEAR THIS!!HEADQUARTERSAMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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The cost of running our association has escalated in the last few years. We have held our dues at the same amount since we began in 1945, but now due to the large increase in the printing of our newsletter, the increase of postage, the cost of office equipment, and various other cost that have gone up drastically in the last two years, it was voted by the Executive Council and General Membership at a meeting held September 9, 1987, to increase the dues effective January 1, 1988.

There will be no increase to members who are already enrolled in Life Memberships, as you are grandfathered into that membership.

The new rates are:

\$12.00 per year and \$16.00 for new members first year dues.

Life members

40 and under	\$125:00	5 Payments
41 to 60	\$100:00	4 Payments
61 to 70	\$75:00	3 Payments
71 and over	\$50:00	2 Payments

Bernard Chase

National Commander

NOW IS THE TIME TO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER
BARGAIN RATES IN EFFECT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1987

HOW ABOUT BECOMING A LIFE MEMBER ?

TWO MORE MONTHS OF THESE LOW RATES!

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

CHECK THAT CARD NOW!

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans National Elections

During the August 1987 National Reunion held in Norfolk, Virginia, elections were held for National Officers for the 2 year period 8/7/89 - 8/7/91. Joe Micek was elected as Senior Vice President of the organization. (This is the No. 2 spot that traditionally leads to the National Presidency. Joe was with the Americal Division, 132nd Infantry Regiment in World War II. WELL DONE JOE! GOOD LUCK

General John R. Galvin; the new NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and the Commander in Chief, United States European Command, began his military career as a private in the Medical Detachment of the 182nd Infantry Regiment in 1948.

He was born and raised in Wakefield, MA and graduated from West Point in 1954. He is a combat veteran of Vietnam having served two hitchs there as a Battalion Commander.

A banquet was recently held to honor General Galvin as the Association of the United States Army's "Person of the Year."

Letters to the Editor

121st MEDICAL BATTALION

Americal Division Aug. 25, 1987

The enclosed flag belonged to my Dad - Donald E. Thompson. it came from Guadalcanal and has his buddies names written on it.

My father was ill with terminal kidney failure and he had moved to Florida with my grand parents. He was a patient at the Hines V.A. Hospital in Tampa, FL and then an outpatient for three years. He passed away on June 30, 1986.

He told my Grand parents that he wanted the Jap flag sent to the Americal. Because of legal entanglements it is just now possible to fulfill my dad's request.

I sincerely hope the flag will find a place for display at the Americal Museum. He was very proud to be a member of the A.D.V.A.

Sincerely,
Gene F. Thompson.

Co. "L" 182nd INFANTRY

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

I am enclosing a check for \$50.00. Please sign me up for a life membership. I will try to locate two buddies from the 182nd Infantry and get them signed up too.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Benn Wauneka. Benny and his cousin Frisco were scouts in the 1st Platoon and I was a scout in the 3rd Platoon. There were not many Navajo Indians in the Americal at that time. I have a picture of Frisco and Benny Wauneka taken on Bougainville in 1944. If I can get some prints made I will send them to Mrs. Wauneka. Thanks for signing me up in A.D.V.A.

Vic Crowder
Co. L 182nd Infantry.

57th ENGINEERS

Dear Sir;

Here is for my Life Membership! Sorry for the delay

I have a 34 foot House Boat and have been too busy for anything other than the boat. Hope I can become more active with Americal problems or whatever.

Why doesn't the 57th Engineers hold a get-together or an affair? I see that Arthur Sagan, from the 57th, has signed up as a Life Member. Tell him to get a meeting for our old outfit.

Ray Dorazio
57th Engineers

That's telling him Ray. Sure hope you guys do have a get-together or a meeting---but not an affair! Ed.

Dear Jim;

The enclosed article appeared in the August issue of the VFW magazine- don't know if you saw it.

it's ironic that it appeared shortly after the one in the americal Newsletter regarding the plans for a Memorial.

Perhaps you might want to get in touch with the VFW and bring them up to date.

Jack folmer
247th FA Bn

Jack, I had read the article you enclosed, (the author had returned to Guadalcanal recently and noted the lack of memorials to the Americans in comparison to the memorial that the Japs had erected there. He gives his name as Gary Bousman and says that he had served there as an Army Chaplain.) I had set the article aside without comment but when your letter arrived I immediately sent the Clipping to Bob Muehreke since he is presently heading up a commission on a memorial for Guadalcanal. His comments will be published when they arrive. The article was on Page 26. August 1987.

Dear Jim;

You are doing a wonderful job. Keep it up!

Thanks Steve. Steve comments on the article on how little the Japanese school system teaches about World War II. He enclosed a story written by Archbishop Peter Seichi Shirayanagi of Tokyo.

The Archbishop states -- Japan is following a new course of oppression. The new oppression is shown in renewed militarism and ill treatment of foreigners--particularly the fingerprinting of Korean-Japanese. He further states, "We Japanese have a tendency to think we are the victims, as a nation which experienced the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. But we should never forget that we were the aggressors who destroyed the peace and order of the world. All Japanese, not only those who waged war, should feel responsibility for what Japan, our elders and our society did.

Steve Nicols

Co. 182nd INFANTRY

Dear Comrades;

I have more or less overlooked paying my dues in the A.D.V.A. Maybe it is because I am involved in so many Veterans organizations and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continues

Veterans affairs that the dues notice slipped past. I really enjoy the Newsletters. I just happened to glance through an old issue and noticed my name listed as a delinquent. I wish to correct that problem by taking out a Life Membership.

As my membership application show, I am in the 61-70 bracket so I am enclosing half of the fee now. I am retired now and the final payment will be forwarded just as soon as the Eagle s--- again.

Thank you,
Andrew B. Pung
Co. K 182nd Infantry

P.S. I am currently 1st Vice Cmdr. Amvets, D/Maine

Dear Mr. Buckle;

Just received your July-August edition and wanted to make a short comment concerning the article headed DID YOU KNOW?

I couldn't agree with the article more regarding the VIP treatment given to Japanese firms coming to the United States and your T.S. summed it up nicely. Too, having been a high school teacher for many years, I know of what you speak regarding the treatment given in history books to past wars. The last "talk" I gave on Guadalcanal was given in one of our local schools and in looking for a particular battle I noted that it was covered in one sentence. "The Marines on Guadalcanal August 7, 1942" ---Yes, I do believe that Peaceniks are writing these books.

I'm sure that both you and I wonder about what heroes our youngsters have today.

Ted Blahnik National Com.
Guadalcanal Campaign Vet.

Ted; Have you read the article in the June '87 issue of the Readers Digest entitled "Politics and Education"?

245th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Dear Jim;

Enjoyed reading the recent Newsletter, especially the recap on the Reno reunion. Oh yes, I can truthfully say that not everybody came away winners at the gaming tables or slots. My wife, Helen, says, "Money isn't everything but having a good time and meeting people is"--- and we sure did that.

On a sad note, I want to tell you that my cousin, Francis (Sonny) Short passed away August 5, 1987. He was a A.D.V.A. member. He was a Medic in the 245th FA Bn. and was with the original unit when the Division was activated on New Caledonia. I accidentally run into him on bougainville and that is a day in my life that I will never forget. (That's a story in in it's self).

Keep up the good work on the Newsletter - I really look forward to it.

Sincerely,
Harry E. Milne

SICK CALL

Robert "Jiggs" Donahue Ltc Lewis W. Doyle Ret.
Faulkner Hospital [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] San Antonio, TX
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 78216

97th PACK FIELD ARTILLERY

Sir;

received my first Americal Newsletter, May- June 1987, with picture of Jesse R. Drowley (first Medal of Honor Americal division) and I think the picture was reversed as the "Fruit Salad" with the M.O.H. is on his right breast and it should be on his left breast, if I remember correctly with the M.O.H. as #1.

I would like to hear from anyone who was in the 97th Pack FA on Guadalcanal.

Sincerely,
Samuel K Brown
[REDACTED]
Dallas, TX 75221

We had 1800 copies and in the mail before this mistake was noticed. The printer had reversed the negative. Thank you for your note and sharp eyes-- you were the first to write. Ed.

97th PACK FIELD ARTILLERY

Sir;

I would like to hear from any former members of the 97th Pack FA. My address is;

Leslie H. Braun
[REDACTED]
Mount Pulaski, IL 62548

Ed note; The two letters arrived at the same time and I hope they reach some former members. I will see that their addresses are sent to each other.

AMERICAL DIVISION MUSEUM CURATORS. ATT: KEN TURNER

Dear Ken;

I'm Pete Mastrorio formerly with the 121 Medics. I saw you this last June at the Reno Convention. As you can see I'm living in Florida. I'm enclosing a clipping I saw in the Miami Herald and I thought you might be interested in using it in the Museum. It doesn't mention our Division Per Se, but as you can see these people are so proud of our unit that they call themselves "Americal Group"

I am very surprised to hear that such a group exists in New Caledonia! It sure makes me feel good that after all these years people still appreciate our units presence on their island.

My very best to you all at the Museum and I'm looking forward to seeing you in Pennsylvania at the 1988 Convention.

Sincerely,
Pete & Adeline Mastrorio

P.S. I am enclosing a donation to the Museum and I appreciate the fine work you fellows are doing to maintain it so well.

NEW CALEDONIA

Many things have been happening on this Pacific Island in the past few years. They seem to have settled their differences for the time being and if trouble makers and arms can be kept out it will remain a peaceful Island.

We will be running a story on New Caledonia in the next issue -- ran out of space this issue. There is an Americal Museum on New Caledonia run by our good friend P.R. Paturel.

Editor



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World War II (South Pacific)	1942-1945
Korean War (Caribbean)	1954-1956
Vietnam	1967-1973

Eligibility includes those who served with Task Force 6814 and Task Force Oregon. Branch of service is immaterial.

Dedication

ADVA is dedicated as a *LIVING MEMORIAL* to all veterans of the Americal Division and is pledged to foster true American patriotism, social and welfare activities for all members, allegiance to the United States Government, and its flag, and to perpetuate the traditions and history of the Americal Division of the United States Army.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name:		Telephone:	
Address — Street:	City:	State:	Zip:
Americal Unit:			
Dates of Service — From:	To:	Serial No.:	
Date of Birth:	Blood Type:	Religion:	
V. A. Claim No.:	V. A. Office — City:	State:	
Occupation:	Wife's First Name:		
Date:	Signature:		
Sponsored by: <u>Dutch DeGroot</u>		(NOTE: Please Enclose Annual Dues)	
Date Received:	Date Processed:	Expiration Date:	
Membership Identity Number:	Lapel Pin	Decal	Other