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National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, MA

1:00 P.M. Executive Council Meeting

2:00 P.M. Business Meeting

February 10, 1988

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, MA

1:00 P.M. Business Meeting

March 9, 1988

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, MA

8:00 P.M. Business Meeting

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On November 8, 1987, Veterans Day was celebrated at the V.A. National Cemetery, Bourne, Mass. A great many of our members were present, to help pay homage to our departed comrades. A short parade was held in which our Color Guard participated. After the ceremony, a group of thirty Americal family members went to American Legion Post #188 in nearby Sandwich, Mass. for a collation and get together talk.

On November 11, 1987, A great many of our members also participated in Veterans Day services at the Hall of Flags, State House, Boston, Mass. I wish to thank everyone that took the time to attend these two affairs.

I am writing this prior to our Christmas Party but judging by the advance ticket sale we should have a large group of members present. I Want to thank Hugh and Lorraine Murnaghan and my wife Doris, for all the hard work they put in to making this party a success.

I hope that all our members had a Happy Holiday Season and best wishes for for a health and prosperous 1988.

Bernie Chase
National Commander

AMERICAL MUSEUM

We've got a job
so important,
it takes a
retired person
to do it.

Ken Turner - Museum Director of the Americal Museum, Fort Devens, MA invites any member who would like join the list of Curators who open the Museum for the two days a week to join the crowd. This is a good opportunity to meet old friends and renew old times.

PLEASE CONTACT Ken as follows:

Ken Turner

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VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

ADVA member, Donald Berg, has brought to my attention a serious injustice being done to all men who served with the Americal during Vietnam. The injustice is in the form of a book titled "The Vietnam Fact Book" by Jeff Stein. It's being published on the Dell label. I haven't seen the entire book but Berg photocopied the cover and page 105 which concerns the Americal. Apparently the entire book is made up of facts on the war written in a question format with the answer following in the next sentence. Question #155 states "On November 29, 1971, a U.S. Army unit that was notorious for it's poor performance was deactivated and disbanded. Which was it? Answer: The Americal Division

Don, I have'n't been able to find a copy of this book around my town so how about sending me the address of the publisher or author. These people need to be contacted and advised of the more distinguished facts about our Division's service during the Vietnam war. I'll let them know what to do with their book.

Ron Ward, Vietnam Editor

Dear Sir:

In 1969 thru 1972 I served with the 1/46th 196th LIB of the Americal Division. In 1970, I received a "certificate" from the Americal Division. But due to the unexplained, not of my control. I was a victim, and my certificate lost. I hope that you can see that it may be replaced. Because to me after so long with the Americal Division. It became a part of me. I'm also a good member in standing with the Association. #224.

Sincerely yours
Gilbert Jennings Paris

Editors Note: Jennings stationary indicated that he retired as First Sergeant with 6½ years of service in Vietnam so there are probaly quite a few members who might rember him. I'm not sure what type of certificate he recieived but perhaps one of you might. If you have any ideas on how we can help him out, let your Vietnam Editor know about it.

Dear Members:

I want to contact anyone with Sgt E5 orders dated approximately August 1 thru 12 1969 for the 1/52 Infantry. I was in C Company but for some reason I had a lot of mail and paperwork go to "A" and "HHC". I do not know if I was ever promoted as orders usually came down on the 12th of each month and I DEROSed and ETSED on August 12, 1969. Because of possible bad routing and my DEROS/ETS, personell records do not show a promotion in my file, but I was at the top of the promotion list. Anyone who may still have these orders please contact me.

Daniel L Straight
[REDACTED]
Fort Collins, Colorado
80525

Our NEWSLETTER mailing files have now been completely computerized. No doubt there is still a few "bugs" in the system but with your help we can soon eliminate them. If there is any thing wrong with your address please cut out ~~the~~ label and return it with the correction. Send to:

Jim Buckle
[REDACTED]
Wakefield, MA 01880

FIREFIGHT BRINGS OLD CO BACK

LZ Baldy: Accounts of an American-NVA clash 18 miles west of Tam Ky flooded into the air operations office. Captain John Whittecar, air operations officer, listened intently as the radio crackled a distress message from D Co., 4/31st Infantry 196th Light Infantry Brigade. The unit had engaged a battalion of NVA and their commanding officer was wounded. "I couldn't just sit there and listen while Co. D got riddled. I caught a resupply chopper going out to the fight," said the former CO of D Company. The men were happy to see the former commander jump from the chopper under heavy enemy fire. The NVA were attempting to encircle the the outnumbered U.S. soldiers. RPG and machinegun fire laced the air as the enemy tried to keep the company immobilized. "Fire was coming from three sides", related Captain Whittecar. "I knew we had to exit before they closed in. But night was coming on, so I decided to set up a defensive perimeter and wait." The enemy began to move in the dark. Helicopter gunships pounded the creeping NVA. Hearing the gunships coming, the enemy opened up on the company with RPG and machinegun fire again. Whittecar directed the gunships fire to within 25 meters of the company's position because the NVA were so close. "The captain was calm all the time," recalled PFC David Roland. "He talked to the gunship pilot as if he were back in the States talking to his nextdoor neighbor." At one point Whittecar talked to the tactical operations center. "I've got the enemy where I want them," he quipped. "They're all around me in a complete circle." The next morning, Whittecar set up his CP in an old French building, continuing to direct defensive fire. A RPG smashed into the room. The blast wounded several men including Whittecar. Undaunted, the captain helped the medics treat the wounded and "talked in" a medevac helicopter to remove the more seriously wounded. The impromptu reunion with their old commander was a real lifesaver for D Company.

Thanks to Randy Hummel, D Co 4/31 196 LIB, for this reprint from an old copy of the Stars n Stripes.

ADVA members Jim Crum and Tony May continue to crank out their "Locate-A-Brother" service free of charge to men who served with the 196th. Light Infantry Brigade. By the looks of their second issue which I recently received, their efforts are paying off. Former 1st. Lt. Bob Gibbs, who served in A CO. 3/21st. Infantry, has made their job a bit easier by donating a computer for them to program the names into.

Jim and Tony are also working on maps locating firebases and LZs in the 196th. area of operation. They are contour maps copied from the originals as issued to the field units. When this project is completed they will make the maps available to those who request them. A charge of one dollar will cover the cost of copying.

If you're a 196th. vet and have'nt entered your name with "Locate-A-Brother", get in touch with these guys. One of your Brothers from Nam may be looking for you.

WORKING FOR
Jim Crut

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Canal Fulton, Ohio
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ARE YOUR DUES PAID?
CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD NOW!
CHECK THE LIST IN THE ADJUTANT'S NOTES

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK (Con't)

VETERANS DAY 1987 WASHINGTON, D.C.

For many years I have wanted to be in Washington, D.C. on Veteran's Day to participate in the activities honoring all those who have served in the military. This year I was able to do so.

A light snow had fallen before dawn. The forecast had been for light snow but we were in store for much more than that. After breakfast, my friend Tony and I were joined by Tony's cousin Marvin who was to be our guide for the day. Marv is currently assigned to the Third Infantry (Old Guard) at Ft. Meyer.

Our first stop was at Arlington National Cemetery for the 11:00 ceremony. We walked from Ft. Meyer to the Tomb of the Unknowns and joined a small crowd waiting for the ceremonies. As we were a little early, we watched as the joint-service Honor Guard was assembled. Precisely at 11:00, the VIP's took their places and the program began. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger laid a wreath at the tomb and gave a short address. Others included on the program were Thomas Turnage, Administrator of Veteran's Affairs, and John Comer, National Commander of the American Legion. Patriotic music was provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Band.

The program was abbreviated due to the heavy snow fall. If it would have been carried on as scheduled, it would have lasted nearly two hours. As it was, we were on our way at 11:30.

After a short lunch to warm up, we went by Metrorail to the Mall station exit. At this time the storm was at its high with over two inches of snow per hour and 20 MPH wind. The visibility was less than a block and had we not been familiar with the area we would have been immediately lost. We slowly made tracks by the Washington Monument on our way to the 1:00 PM activities scheduled at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We arrived just as a cheer went up to the announcement that the program would continue as scheduled.

Jan Scruggs, founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial project, acted as emcee. The National Anthem was performed by the country group Alabama, followed by "God Bless America" sung by the Judds. The speakers were gathered from a variety of backgrounds. Ted Koppel of ABC's Nightline remarked that while many more would be attending if the weather was nicer, those who would make it out in such a storm were truly "hard-core". He read a piece written by a Vietnam Veteran journalist friend as to the meaning and benefits of "The Wall".

A surprise speaker was Bob Hope. He had performed the night before at a benefit with the country singers to raise funds for the 24 new names that were added to the monument. He read each of the 24 names, many of whose families were present. He commented that what ever discomfort we were suffering that day because of the weather was really nothing compared to the sacrifices of those whose names appeared on the wall. He admitted that while he was entertaining the troops in Vietnam he never really knew the extent of the conditions that the troops faced in the field. He cited current movies of helping him understand the soldier's lives in the field.

The final speaker was BG George Price, USA, Ret., who also spoke at the dedication of the memorial five years ago. He emphasized that Vietnam Veterans should participate in the education of their children so that they may learn of the history of the war first hand. He doubted the accuracy of some of the history as it has already been recorded.

After the official ceremonies were concluded, we made our way past "The Wall" one last time to the statue of the three infantrymen. Although I would have liked to remain longer and possibly meet someone I knew, the record breaking snow and other

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VETERANS DAY AT THE WALL (Continues)

commitments required that we leave. Many others did remain to finish out the day in memory of friends or family.

As I reflect on the day I am glad that I was able to make the trip this year. It seems to have filled some kind of need. I also know that this trip will not be the last that I will make in memory of fellow veterans. I heartily encourage others to make plans to someday be in our Capitol for observance of Veteran's Day.

Gary Noller
B Co 1/46th 196th Light Inf Bde
Vietnam 70-71

DID YOU KNOW?

- * 2.7 million Americans served in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975.
- * 58,132 Americans lost their lives, 300,000 were wounded, 80,000 of them severely, and 2,436 remain unaccounted for. 12% of those that died were black, out of an age group that comprised 13.5% of the American male population.
- * A 1980 Harris poll of Vietnam veterans showed:
 - * 91% were "glad they had served their country".
 - * 80% disagreed with the statement, "The United States took unfair advantage of me".
 - * 74% "enjoyed their time in the service".
 - * 72% strongly agreed with the statement, "The trouble in Vietnam was that our troops were asked to fight in a war which our political leaders in Washington would not let them win".
- * US Bureau of Justice stats show that Vietnam vets are less likely to be in prison than their non-vet peers.
- * Two-thirds of those who served in Nam were volunteers, compared with two-thirds who were drafted in World War II.
- * The average age of Americans who fought in Nam was 19, compared with an average age of 26 for those who fought World War II.
- * 150 Americans won the Medal of Honor in Nam.
- * American ground forces defeated the enemy in every major encounter of the war.
- * About 20% of the Nam vets experienced readjustment problems after they came home. The National Academy of Science estimates that 25% of returning World War II vets had emotional difficulties upon return.
- * A 1985 Washington Post poll showed that: The Nam vets were more likely than their peers to have gone to college, own a home or earn \$30,000 a year or more. A majority of Nam vets said they benefited from being in Vietnam, supported the bombings of North Vietnam and the use of Napalm, and weren't bothered by the fact that the others had avoided military service in Vietnam.
- * The North Vietnamese lost 600,000 combat soldiers in the war, the equivalent of the U.S. losing 10 million.

Thanks to Jim (PIGMAN) Crum for the above.



The men of Troop F 17th Cav 196th LIB is trying to locate former members of that outfit for a troop reunion. As of a couple months ago they had a list of 79 men. If you're interested, contact David Bush 417 Washington Street Apt. 3 Watertown, New York 13601

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK (Continues)

Ron;

I hope this letter reaches you in time for the next newsletter. There is someone I want brought to the attention of the Association. He is Bob Grant, WABC Radio talk show host in New York. About a month ago he was the driving force responsible for getting Jane Fonda's contract cancelled with Nabisco. Apparently she was approached to endorse Shredded Wheat for a fitness program or some such nonsense. Through Bob Grant's efforts, there was a massive call in and letter writing campaign that was very effective. Bob Grant always ends his program with this line. "Your influence counts, use it." We did, and thank you Mr. Grant. It's taken a long time Jane but somebody finally shredded your wheat.

Sincerely,
Tony Percoskie
178th. Avn. Door-Gunners

Editors note: Tony, your letter made my day. I've always been an enemy of Hanoi-Jane since she decided to betray her country. I've heard that she recently appeared on TV in the LA, Calif. area and stated that when she made her much publicized visits to North Vietnam, she was merely exercising her constitutional right to free speech. It seems to me that she's overlooking the article in the constitution about treason. Hanoi-Jane did in fact give support to the enemy and I say she belongs in a Federal prison. The woman is filthy rich, and I'll never be convinced that anything but her money kept her out of jail. The same thing goes for her husband Tom Hayden.

The younger generation needs to be made aware of the activities of Fonda and Hayden during the war. At the Veteran's Day parade here in St. Louis, I was asked by several young persons why I was dragging an effigy of Jane Fonda with a hang-man's noose around her neck. They all knew Jane Fonda as an actress and exercise buff, but they had not heard of "Hanoi-Jane", the communist. Myself, I plan on spreading the word on her every chance I get.



RON WARD
St. Louis Veterans Day Parade
November 11, 1987

VIETNAM MEMORIAL AUTHORIZED

The Boston Redevelopment Authority recently authorized the Massachusetts Vietnam Memorial Fund Inc. to run a "design competition for construction of a Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial" that would be built in the Charlestown Navy Yard. The cost of the memorial is estimated at \$1 million and would be built within Shipyard Park. The tentative location for the memorial is a knoll in the center of the park near the Freedom Trail and Constitution Park.

The design competition will be funded by the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, a non-profit organization established in 1986 to raise funds for a memorial. The competition will be open to all Massachusetts residents and former residents.

A nine member volunteer jury will judge the competition, with final approval by the BRA.

There will be first, second, third and several honorable mention prizes, but the amount of each has not been determined. All engineering and construction services are being donated by the licensed state contractors. Competition registration will end December 4 and submissions will be received by February 5. Winners will be notified April 18. Start of construction is planned for June, with completion set for September.

Ed Note; Americal member Roly Casatranova is a member of this committee.

MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER

DEDICATION

On the sixteenth of October a dedication of the Memorial Clock Tower was held at Marina Bay in North Quincy. This Memorial is dedicated to the men of Quincy that gave their lives in the Vietnam War.

General William C. Westmoreland (Ret) was the guest speaker and there were many other dignitaries present.

The above article was sent in by Irving Isaacson, an Americal member. He has been active in Veterans organization in the Quincy area for many years.

BROTHERS

We were brought together by an act of fate,
But we shared love and we shared hate.

The life in Nam, was like no other,
Our comrade in arms became our brother.
The emotions and secrets we held deep inside,
We shared with each other with a great

Sense of pride.
He became your best friend, your brother
Good or bad,

They were the closest thing to a family,
That you would ever have.

To confide in each other, as we would so often do,
Helped to take the place of our loved ones,
So far from view.

Then fate took a turn for the worst,
And when they were gone part of me went too.
For you see we were "Brothers,"

Tried and True.
I became the only one of to return
Home safe from harm,

But that's the way it was in Vietnam.
Many years have passed us by, and often times
I still cry.

For the memories of our lives together,
Will live deep in my heart forever!

David H. Souza

VIETNAM NEWS NETWOOK (Continues)

D/4/21 11th LIB 3rd Platoon

On July 3, 1987, thirteen members of this unit met in Summit, KY and enjoyed a picnic in the back yard of Joe and Debbie Allen. It was Debbie that instigated the reunions, this was the fifth, after she and her husband attended the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC

Attending the reunion were Ed Marsh, a truck driver from Michigan who won a Silver Star; Tom Vogt, a farmer from Iowa, who was awarded two Bronze Stars; Steve Parten, manager of a Convienence store in Tennessee, a former sergeant and platoon leader who won a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Stars; Joe 'Rocky' Alegandro, a computer operator from Texas; Dennis Ramagos, an auto body repairman from Louisiana; Roger Blevins, a furniture shipping manager from Virginia; Mike Parker, a welder and fellow Kentuckian; James Fannin, a construction worker from Ohio; Dave Hauck, a postal supervisor from Pennsylvania; John Hudson, a mechanic from South Carolina; Bob Lindenau, an electrician from Virginia; and Stephen Milek of New York, a Purple Heart recipient. The last nine named men also won Bronze Stars for there combat duty in Vietnam.

It was great to see the old faces and some new ones that came for the first time. I had to tell Dave Hauck that he did a great job when I left the field and he took over my M-60 called Judy--thanks Dave!

Ed Marsh

P.S. Thanks Jim for sending me the minature Combat Badges. Thanks for the great job on the Newsletter. Send me some extra copies and I will try to sign up the guys that are not yet members.

Thanks Ed -- will do. Jim



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TO ALL VIETNAM VETERANS

November 8, 1987

Dear Bill,

Per our conversations at the recent South-East Chapter meeting at Perry's Ocean Edge.

I find that as a new member, I was greeted very warmly and with a lot of enthusiasm. I can understand the intentions of those in attendance of having a good time sharing the past and future. The location was superb, the hospitality sincere and the company excellent. As a Viet-Nam era member I found an interest that sparked me, probably not realized by many in attendance, that I now have met those who fought in battles that were previously only names in books. The big question is, did I personally enjoy myself? I can definitely say yes, but the ultimate test was the fact that my wife enjoyed herself immensely. Both my wife and I wished we had brought along our daughter, as ample time was allotted to both enjoy the company and see the sights, which is a major selling point to the next group that will have to take the reins and perpetuate the organization.

Most of the Viet-Nam veterans will have young adults that should be considered when locations for meetings and reunions are organized.

Probably the single most appealing reason for associating myself with this organization is stated in the Dedication.

I pray there are no more wars to be fought, but those who gave so there could be such a time in history of the world should not be forgotten, just as those who gave their all are forever remembered with holidays and memorials. I urge the Viet-Nam veteran to support the organization. I hope the Viet-Nam veteran will realize now that almost twenty years have gone by and soon old friends will mean more as the time begins to fly by at an alarming rate or so it will seem.

Sincerely yours,

Larry McNamara

Formerly with A/3/21/196 Americal, Nickname "SPANKY", the palace was LZ Center.

Adjutant's Note: Larry had just joined the ADVA and this was his first Reunion with his wife Sara. The above letter speaks for itself and I hope that many Vietnam Veterans will attend Reunions in their areas in the future plus make plans to attend the National Convention in June at Carlisle, PA. Larry's wife, Sara, brought to our attention that the Chairmen of future events should make inquiries for FAMILY RATES. If this had been so at the Florida Reunion, they would have brought their family with them. I told Sara that this was a great idea and had never been asked this before and would certainly bring it to the attention of the future Reunion and National Committee members to advertise such rates.

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TAPS

Francis E. Short
246th FA
Baden, PA
August 5, 1987

Robert J. Donohue
USN
Hyde Park, MA
November 4, 1987

Timothy P. Crowley
182nd Infantry
Charlestown, MA
July 29, 1987

James Davidson Jr.
Co. G, 182nd Infantry
Oildale, CA
October 14, 1987

Frederic J. Maillet
Co. B, 182nd Infantry
Yoncalla, OR
August 1987

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



The above photo was taken this past September at the New England Reunion, Plymouth, MA of Harry Corliss L. and Robert "Jiggs" Donahue, r. "Jiggs" passed away November 4, 1987 and will long be remembered as a LOYAL MEMBER OF THE AMERICAL FAMILY. "Jiggs" was a Navy Veteran and served his country in Guadalcanal and many other areas in the Pacific. He also was a National Officer of the Assoc. serving on the Exec. Council for many years, chairing various committees and was always available when called upon to help with the mailing and work of the Assoc. If you had a plumbing problem especially on a Saturday or Sunday, when no one else was available, - "Jiggs" was a licensed Master Plumber.

Robert "Jiggs" Donahue held the record for adjourning each National meeting after the official business was completed, missing very few meetings. So with this note in mind we will have to adjourn "Jiggs" membership in the association from active to an inactive status. "Jiggs" you will be sadly missed.

TAPS

Dear Americal Members:

I thought you would like to know that I lost Jim the 14th of October. He just suffered so much that his heart couldn't take any more pain. As he was being taken into the emergency ward he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He did so enjoy the Americal newsletter and also reading about all the boys from the 182nd Infantry. Several of the 182nd Infantry members wrote to him. I do not remember their names but I would like to thank everyone that did write to him.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jim Davidson

Dear Members:

I wish to report the passing, in August, of Fred Maillet who lived in Yoncalla, Oregon. He had been sick with a heart condition. We corresponded regularly. The last time was just before I left for my vacation, in June.

Fred served in B Co. 182 Infantry on Guadalcanal and Bougainville. He was the one who had me join the A.D.V.A. I will surely miss him.

Sincerely,
Emery J. Boudreau

NEW MEMBERS

Edward C. Bogdam
Westfield, MA
121st MED
#Self

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Middleton, TN
198th LIB
#Ron Ward

*Capt. Ronnie J. Hoggard
Milihane, HI
132nd Assault
#Fred Kolbrener

*Donald E. Alsbro
St. Joseph, MO
123rd Adm Co
Ron Ward

Michael Sholtis
Shippensburg, PA
132nd Infantry
#Bernie Chase

*Peter J. Gallagher
Los Galos, CA
196th LIB
#A. Boland & L Scofield

*Edward J. Stein
Chicago, IL
HHC G-5 PYOPS
Ron Ward

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101st QM
#Paul Santgeanis

Henry P. O'Melia
Winchester, MA
101st QM
#Frank Diorio

*William J. Lobeck
Belleville, WI
198th LIB
#Ron Ward

*Charles W. Hall
Indianapolis, IN
198 LIB
#James A. O'Brien

*James R. Stringham
Rockford, IL
198th LIB
#Ron Ward

*Frank A. Burnett
Metairie, LA
1st CAV
#Self

Col. Francis W. O'Brien Ret
Vero Beach, FL
182nd Infantry
(Re-instated)

*Vietnam Veteran

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WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HEARD

FROM THAT OLD BUDDY?

This would be a good time to get in touch.

How about a telephone call?

It would be a good way to start the New Year!

 **NEW LIFE MEMBERS** 

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Lewis G. Cooper 132nd Infantry Roselle IL.	Israel Rosenzweig 182nd Infantry New Britain, CT.
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The following cost for Life Membership will be increased \$25.00 per age bracket January 1, 1988. Any member who requests a Life membership after January 1, 1988 and does not send a check to Headquarters with the new increased cost for Life Membership will have his request returned.

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

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

IMPORTANT!
You Should Know

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

MAILED MAY 1987

We do not like to place your name in the Newsletter but as a final plea to pay your dues and not to drop you from the Roster the following list of members are (8) months overdue in payment.

1st Notice: Dues Card mailed in ADVANCE
May 1987

2nd Notice: July-Aug Newsletter your card number published as over due.

3rd Notice: Sept-Oct Newsletter you card number published as overdue.

FINAL NOTICE: In (30) days your name will be removed from the Roster. I don't know of many Organizations who will carry an OVERDUE member for almost a year.

Arch H. Ayscue	N.B. (Brad) Burgess
Charles R. Byland	Steven Baum
Dennis Booth	John H. Brawley III
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* * * * JANUARY DUES NOTICES * * * *

The January Dues notices for 1988 will be mailed in January. PLEASE REMEMBER that Dues will be \$12.00 starting the first of the year.

National Adjutant
William L. Dunphy

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I am requesting each of the Chapters to forward news items to Headquarters for the January-February Newsletter. We will compile the items received from the Officers or Members of any interest pertaining to that Chapter for a News Column. We at Headquarters can only print the news as we can not create the news.

Chapter Coordinator
William L. Dunphy

Adjutant's Notes



The above picture displays a Vietnam 'first' of the Americal name. After WW II many veterans used the Americal name for business ventures and about two years ago we published a list of about 24 various ways the Americal name was displayed in the business world.

Edward J. Nahas, a Vietnam Veteran, assigned to the 123rd Aviation Battalion, Aero Scout Recon Unit, 11th LIB is the first that we know of who has used the Americal name. Ed is the president of the Americal Collision Inc. and is a new member of the ADVA. If you need to be towed just call Ed at the following:

Americal Collision Inc.

[REDACTED]
Staten Island, New York 10310
Tel. [REDACTED]

Welcome to the Americal Ed.

ADJUTANT'S NOTES (Continues)

Dear Bill;

I am enclosing my dues payment and the money for another decal. It sure is a nice looking lapel pin and I have put the decal on the back window of my car. Maybe some other veteran of the Americal will see it and ask me how to join. Please send me some application.

Do you have a sports cap that has A.D.V.A. on it? I notice that a lot of veterans in this area wear a sports cap with their former division emblem on it. It sure would be a good way to recruit new members! -- and a good fund raiser too. Send me a cap if available and also the book "Under the Southern Cross."

I'm sure glad to hear that the Americal has a Newsletter. Maybe I'll see a name in it that I remember.

I hope some day to visit the Museum. Thanks for sending me the short history to the A.D.V.A.

I joined the Americal in Feb-45 on Samar and made the landing on Cebu. I was slightly wounded in March, seriously wounded in April and again slightly wounded in July.

I re-enlisted in Japan and was sent to Germany. I was discharged in Nov-46, stayed out eleven months and then enlisted in the Air Force in 1947 for three years until the Korean War started and then I was frozen for another year. All Stateside duty though.

I am a Life Member of the DAV and Quartermaster of VFW Post here in Portland.

I'll keep in touch.

W.K. "Bill" Maddox

Adj. Note -- The Cap and book have been sent. The following story was printed in the Exxon Newsletter.

W. K. "BILL" MADDOX RECEIVES WAR MEDALS AFTER 40 YEARS



Memories of World War II have been more poignant for W.K. "Bill" Maddox of late due to the recent delivery of seven war medals. Although Bill served in the Philippines during the war and in post-war Japan and Germany, he never received several medals due him from the time. Recently, Maddox saw a news show in which another World War II veteran collected his long-due medals and Maddox decided to seek his medals as well.

In August, the medals arrived. Among them were the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal with one star, Phillipine Liberation Ribbon with one star, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Occupation of Germany Medal. He also received a Sharpshooter Badge with carbine and rifle bars and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Bill said he plans to place the newly arrived medals in a shadow box along with the Purple Heart he received 40 years ago. Bill was employed by Exxon in 1952 after serving four years in the U.S. Air Force. Now a Senior Tech Drafter, Bill has spent his entire career working in the surveying and mapping section, which under the new organization is now known as the Project Engineering Group.

ADJUTANT'S NOTES (Continues)

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

Enclosed is a check for my dues, and not much, but a little extra. And by the way--thanks for listing my name in the Newsletter for non-payment of dues. I knew that if I didn't pay you would and that way some of my old buddies might see my name and drop me a line. So if anyone remembers me or served in -- 3/16 C Btry Arty, LZ Fat City, please drop a line to; Leonard Clay "It's been 18 years! 9041 Fenner Road Ludlow Falls, OH 45339

P.S. Thanks again for listing my name and I am always looking forward to the next issue of the Newsletter.

Leonard Clay

Adj. Note; You don't have to do anything as drastic as not paying your dues to get your name in the Newsletter. All that is needed is a request and permission to print your address.

Bill

Dear Comrades;

Thought i would get thie check off to you to complete my Life membership.

Being on the go all the time for the State Dept. of Amvets I won't have to think about renewal of dues. Sure know what it means by easing the work load in the office.

If there is any way I could help the Association in the State of Maine--just lay it on me.

As a member of the 182nd Infantry who left the Americal in Fiji for duty with Merrill's Marauders, Sep 1943, along with volunteers from the 164th and the 132 -- they were a credit to the parent organization--the Americal. Would sure like to hear from any member of this group.

In Comradeship,
Andy Pung.

Dear Americal Members;

Enclosed you will find a check for my dues for 1987 and 1988. How one takes a good Newsletter for granted! You guys put out a fine publication. I promote it at all veterans event that I attend. Then i let my dues go out of date. Sorry about the delay and keep up the good work. While I'm at it, I never received a copy of the Nov-Dec 1985 issue. Please let me know if I can still get one. I have kept all of my copies since becoming a member in Jan of 1985. Please let me know one way or the other.

This coming weekend I'll be running into a few 196th LIB veterans and other Americal veterans. Kokomo, IN is having their 5th annual reunion in September. Your current newsletter, July-August, mentions others that will be there. Hope to have a good time and bring more vets into our organization. Keep up the good work. And again, sorry about the delay.

As Always,
Michael Matalik 196th

Mike, the copy you want is on the way. Ed



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ADJUTANT'S NOTES (Continues)CORRECTION!

Dear Bill;

Enclosed is my check to cover the cost of a Life Membership.

The coverage of the ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington was fine. However, I would like to point out that the article "Reunion" was written by Pete Messina and not George Yates. This was a news release that Pat Dionne, Pete and I sent to all our local newspapers. I think that this oversight should be corrected in the next Newsletter.

We hope to see all od our New England friends at the 1988 Reunion in Carlisle.

Regards,
Robert T. Hock
Regional Commander

Sorry about that Bob. Hope this takes care of it. It was a well written article.



Patrick H. Dionne

In recognition of outstanding humanitarian service Patrick H. Dionne received the Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Club International Foundation. Named for the founder of the Lions Club International, the fellowship recognizes exceptional commitment to serving others.

A resident of Severna, MD and a member of the Sernera River Lions Club, Pat joins more than 5000 individuals in over 70 countries world wide who have received this distinction. Lion Pat is an active member of his community and received the JayCees Citizenship award and was recognized by the Severnale Community Association as well as several other Lions Club awards.

Through the use of donated funds, Lions Clubs International Foundation makes possible programs devoted to humanitarian services, vocational training and major disaster relief. Recent grants include more than one million dollars for research into the prevention of blindness related to diabetes and more than \$500,000 to bring drug awareness programs into schools around the world. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in 161 nation.

Note; Pat was also instrumental in arranging the Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier .

CONGRADULATION Pat!

New Caledonia

On June 20, 1940, following the fall of France, the Free French Army consisted of two men: General de Gaulle and Lieutenant de Courcel; there was no Free French Navy or Air Force. But now recruits were flocking in at the risk of their lives, for the government of Occupied France declared that any man who rallied to De Gaulle would be convicted of treason. Although General Mittelhauser in Syria, had apparently reconsidered his first impulsive pledge to carry on the fight and had now accepted the armistice, thousands of his troops and officers were streaming into Palestine to join the British and eventually their own colors in London.

From the forgotten far Pacific, New Caledonia declared its adherence to the men who represented the real France, who would not lay down their arms while compatriots were being held as prisoners of the Germans on French soil.

So, New Caledonia became one of a few French colonies to remain true to De Gaulle--the Free French.

With this declaration their problems began to mount. With only a few Colonial troops at their command, they were unable to protect themselves against the threatening Japan. They could not turn to their neighbors, Australia and New Zealand, for help because these two nations were deeply involved with supplying troops to the British army. New Zealand had already sent what she could spare to help build the defenses of the Fiji Islands and Australia did send a small force to New Caledonia.

New Caledonia is an island in the Southwest Pacific and it lies about 800 mile off of the coast of Queensland, Australia. It is 248 miles long and 31 miles wide. A very mountainous island, it is rich in natural resources. After the Japanese entered the war, by attacking Pearl Harbor, It was important that New Caledonia remain in friendly hands because it would protect our supply line to Australia.

After a record run across the Pacific Task Force #6814 arrived in New Caledonia on March 12, 1942. From this task Force the Americal was born. New Caledonia was built up as a forward base and it was from here that the Americal would begin it's march toward Tokyo. You know the rest of that story.

After the War New Caledonia remained a French Colony and it does today. On my first visit there in 1981 I could see many changes in and around Noumea but up country things were much the same as they had been forty years before. I did drive a rented Japanese car across the mountains to Yate. I had crossed here before on a foot trail, with a pack on my back in 1942.

However, by the time of my second return to the Pacific in 1985, things had changed. I did not feel safe in visiting New Caledonia so the island was bypassed, much to my disappointment.

Several militant organizations, grouped under the title of New Caledonia's Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front, have threatened a long war of attrition to make the territory "another Algeria." The leader of this group has stated that he will accept arms from anyone that will offer the and men have been trained by Libya and returned to the to the island. In a recent vote the people that want to remain a part of France won by a small margin. All is not happy in Paradise but the Americans are well liked and they have an American Party and an Americal Museum there.

In our membership we have a man, Ed Smith from the 101 Med that has visited there many times.

His story follows-----

Dear Bill,

Enclosed are the mementos of my New Caledonia trip July 1987. I hope you will enjoy looking at the phot album of the Americal Museum construction at Poindimie. The July 4th New Caledonia newspaper (Les Nouvelles) had some pictures and writeup of the American Military landing in New Caledonia on March 12, 1942. Also a writeup about the Americal Division that is endeared by the people of New Caledonia, especially the folks of World War II days.

I saw Paul Paturel two times, at the July 4th Independence Day, Grand Ball, Amis des Etats-Unis (friends of the U.S.A.) and the night before my departure to Australia. A few words about the Grand Ball and Buffet Banquet. The Ball began at 8:00 PM with the music and singing of the French National Anthem and the American National Anthem. The huge ballroom was bedecked with American flags and an overflowing crowd of young and senior citizens enjoying the festive mood of dancing, comradeship and a fantastic buffet meal. This year I stayed until the last dance melody ended the Ball at 3:00 AM. Words cannot express the wonderful feeling to have so many people both young and elderly come by my table, shake hands and tell me how pleased they were to have me return again to New Caledonia. It brought tears to my eyes when many said "we love the Americans that were here during World War II and saved the Island from Japanese invasion, your Americal Division is something special for New Caledonia".

This year I took the French Airlines, UTA, saved seven hours flight time. I would suggest travel in Galaxy Class(Business Class) on those sectors where it exists. In either class, speak to the Flight Director, he or she will be pleased to know that you are a WW II veteran that was in New Caledonia during WW II. Bill, I hope your good progress from angioplasty will continue and you will be able to return to New Caledonia and Australia next year.

It was good to see you and some of my other Americal comrades during my Boston trip in Sept.

Sincerely,
Smitty - Co H, 101 Medical



Ed Smith third from left with Mr. Paturel to Ed's left President of the Americal Museum, New Caledonia.

NEW CALEDONIA (Continues)

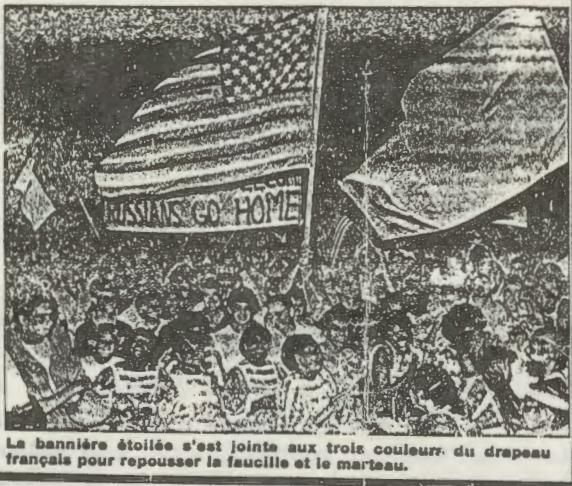
Les Nouvelles Calédoniennes

L'ambassadeur soviétique
n'a pu poser le pied
sur le sol calédonien

Le Pushkin caillassé !

- Plus de 1 500 personnes à la manifestation
- Les amarres du paquebot coupées à la scie

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La bannière étoilée s'est jointe aux trois couleurs du drapeau français pour repousser la faucille et le marteau.

Never has a ship attracted so many people as the 'Alexander Pushkin' did as it sailed into the harbor yesterday a 20:00 hours.

There were more than 1500 persons there to "Welcome" the Soviet ambassador from Australia, Dr. Samitikine. They welcomed him with banners saying 'Russians go Home!'. They came to condemn an ideology and encountered their refusal. The only victims -- the tourists -- that had to stay on board.

The ship's Captain neither opened the door nor let the gangway down, pretending that the ship's line had been cut and thrown into the water. This was not true because the ropes were guarded by the police on duty at the rally.

The Captain caused a great deal of tension on board by not allowing the passengers to disembark. He told them they would be in danger if they landed. (The tourists were Australians and quite welcome.) Though the protesters waved pro-Aussie and "Welcome Australians" banners.

Some of the tourists started the French national anthem with the support of the protesters among whom were Parair Reybas, Pierre Frogier, Jean Leques and Maurice Nenan.

Faced with the Russian Ambassador's attitude, some of the demonstrators took their frustration out on the ship by spraying it with white paint.

Continues;

A beer bottle was thrown and insults were aimed at the Russian Ambassador. Finally they were calmed down by Mr. Reybes. He shouted--"All who wish to make trouble, please go home."

Around 21:15 hours, many people swam to the cement pier where the bow lines were secured and proceeded to cut them, while being hosed down from the deck of the ship.

At 21:30 the Captain decided not to let anyone leave the ship. The remaining line were cast-off and the ship put to sea.

A handful of protesters won their fight against one passenger but left 48 disappointed tourists. The welcome slogans for the Aussies did not accomplish anything.

As the Pushkin left under a shower of rocks it is still too early to measure the impact. The Soviet Ambassador was unable to put his foot on Caledonian soil--and the U.S. banner joined the French Flag to push the Russians back.

It is refreshing to see that we have a friend left in the vast Pacific. Russia has been greeted with open arms on some of the islands that Americans fought and died for. More later. Editor



COMMUNIQUE

On Saturday July 4, 1987, in recognition of the friendship that exists between the United States and New Caledonia, a wreath will be placed in front of the monument at La-Foa.

The Americans present on the island and those having some loyalty of feeling toward the United States of America are welcome.

This program was sponsored by the American Party in New Caledonia.

The preceding two articles were sent to us by Roger Ludeau and were translated by Francis Franklin, wife of our National Chaplain, John S. Franklin.

If any of our members have a story about the islands or their war experiences please send them in and they will be printed at the earliest possible date.

Jim



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World War II (South Pacific)	1942-1945
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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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