

*Heading Home*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 97TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION  
APO San Francisco 96312

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 59  
EXTRACT

3 March 1972

12 TC 202. Following reassignment directed. Individual will proceed on PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION as indicated below.

SMITH, GARY S.

SP4 95B20P5 981st MP Co (SD) (WGZDA) APO 96312

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING DATA

Auth: DA Ltr EPARD-0 27 Feb 72

Alloc: NA

OPO C&L No: FFW 0522

Lv Adres: 9618 N. Carrolton Ave, Indianapolis IN 46280

Mo OS (curr tour)10 (nt: 12)

FUS MDC: 5022

PC Cent No: NA

CIC: 221A03

Ult Assgn: NA

DDUS: 27 Jun 71

DEROS: 29 Mar 72

*What in the world is White Sands?  
I wanted Fort Benjamin Harrison.*

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

Assigned to: 259th MP Co White Sands N.M. 88002

Rept date: 4 May 72

Lv data: 30 DDALV

Availability date: 25 Mar 72

Port Call Data: Report to 90th Repl Bn Long Binh NST 4 days & HLT 3 days prior to DEROS

Special Instructions: (a) Comply wit. the following numbered items of DA Supplemental Instructions (Appendix B, AR 310-10) 1,2,31,32,35,39,50,58,62,64.  
(b) Weapon will not be transported incident to travel.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

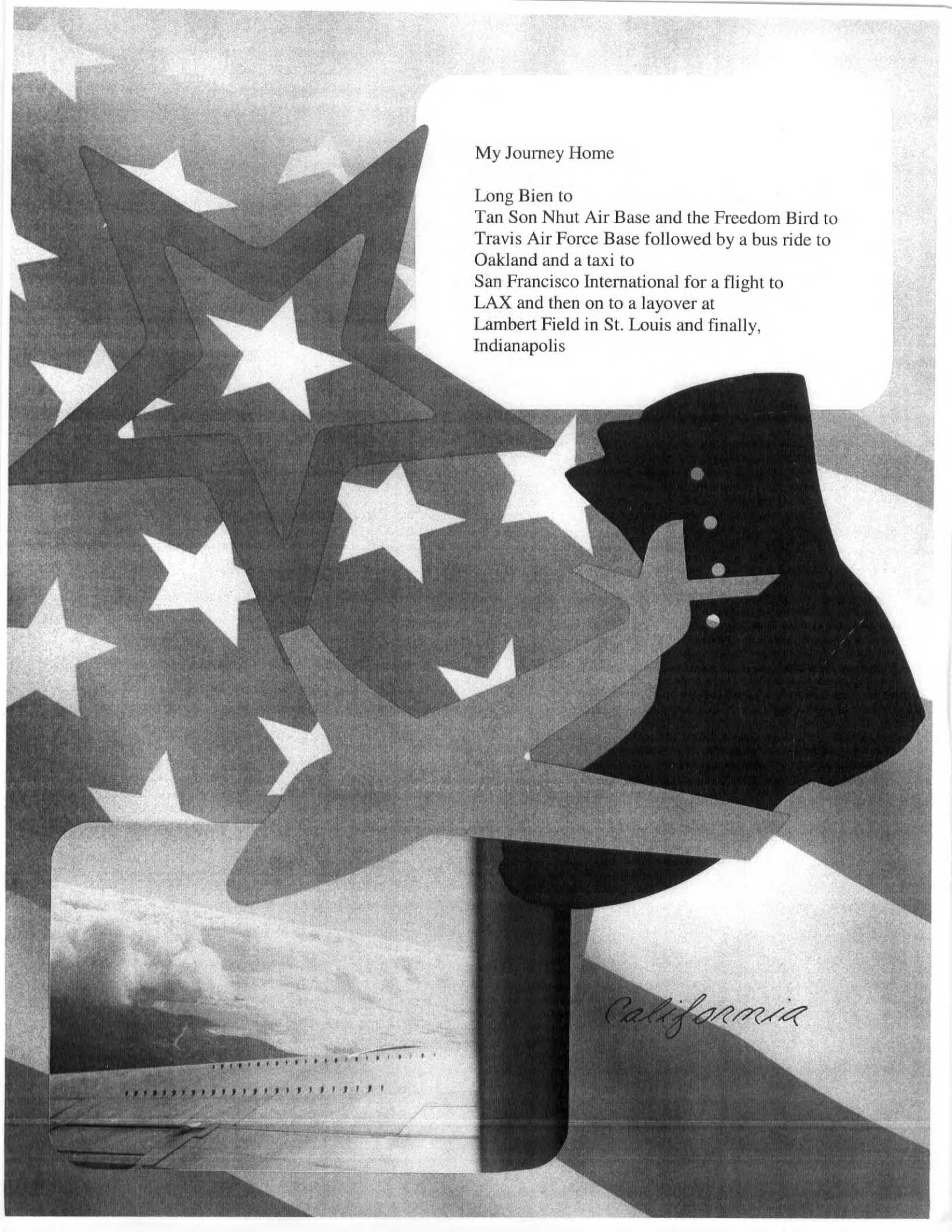
OFFICIAL:

DANIEL T. WHITEMAN  
CPT, MPC  
Adjutant

G. G. SIMS  
CPT, USA  
Asst Adjutant

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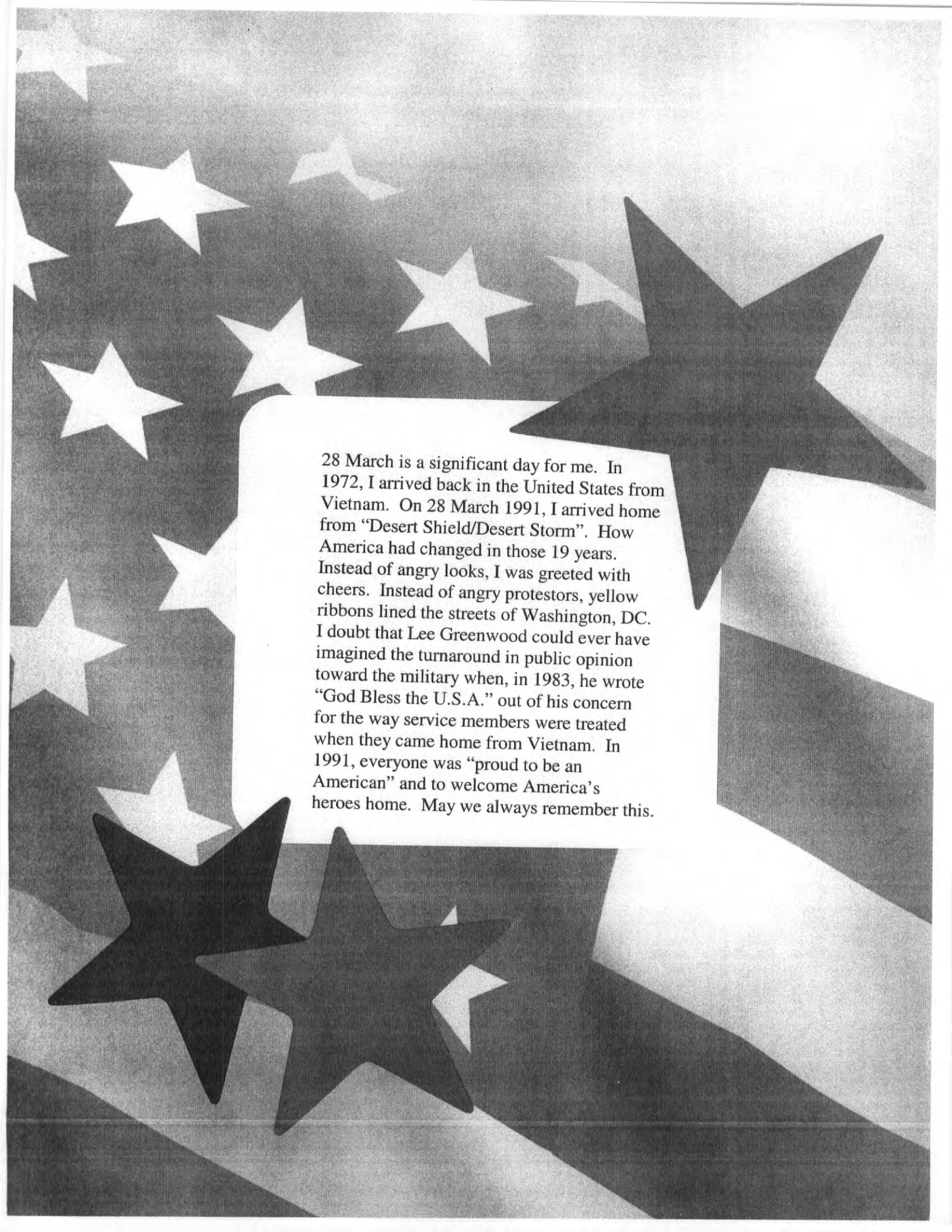
1-Adj; 3-PDRF; 4-201; 1-M/R CLERK; 2-Rec/Ref; 3-CO 981st MP Co (SD)  
3-CO 259th MP Co White Sands, M.M. 88002.



## My Journey Home

Long Bien to  
Tan Son Nhut Air Base and the Freedom Bird to  
Travis Air Force Base followed by a bus ride to  
Oakland and a taxi to  
San Francisco International for a flight to  
LAX and then on to a layover at  
Lambert Field in St. Louis and finally,  
Indianapolis

*California*



28 March is a significant day for me. In 1972, I arrived back in the United States from Vietnam. On 28 March 1991, I arrived home from "Desert Shield/Desert Storm". How America had changed in those 19 years. Instead of angry looks, I was greeted with cheers. Instead of angry protestors, yellow ribbons lined the streets of Washington, DC. I doubt that Lee Greenwood could ever have imagined the turnaround in public opinion toward the military when, in 1983, he wrote "God Bless the U.S.A." out of his concern for the way service members were treated when they came home from Vietnam. In 1991, everyone was "proud to be an American" and to welcome America's heroes home. May we always remember this.



March 1992  
California



LA



LAX



LAX

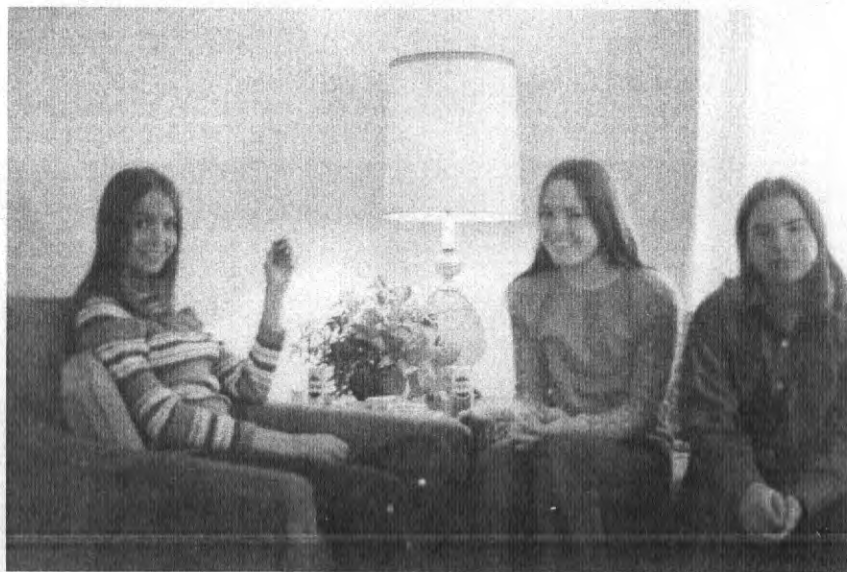


My family,  
left to  
right-  
Nephew-  
Doug Myers  
Sister-  
Bonnie  
Myers  
Niece-



Terrill Myers  
in back  
Niece-  
Janet Myers  
Brother-  
David Smith

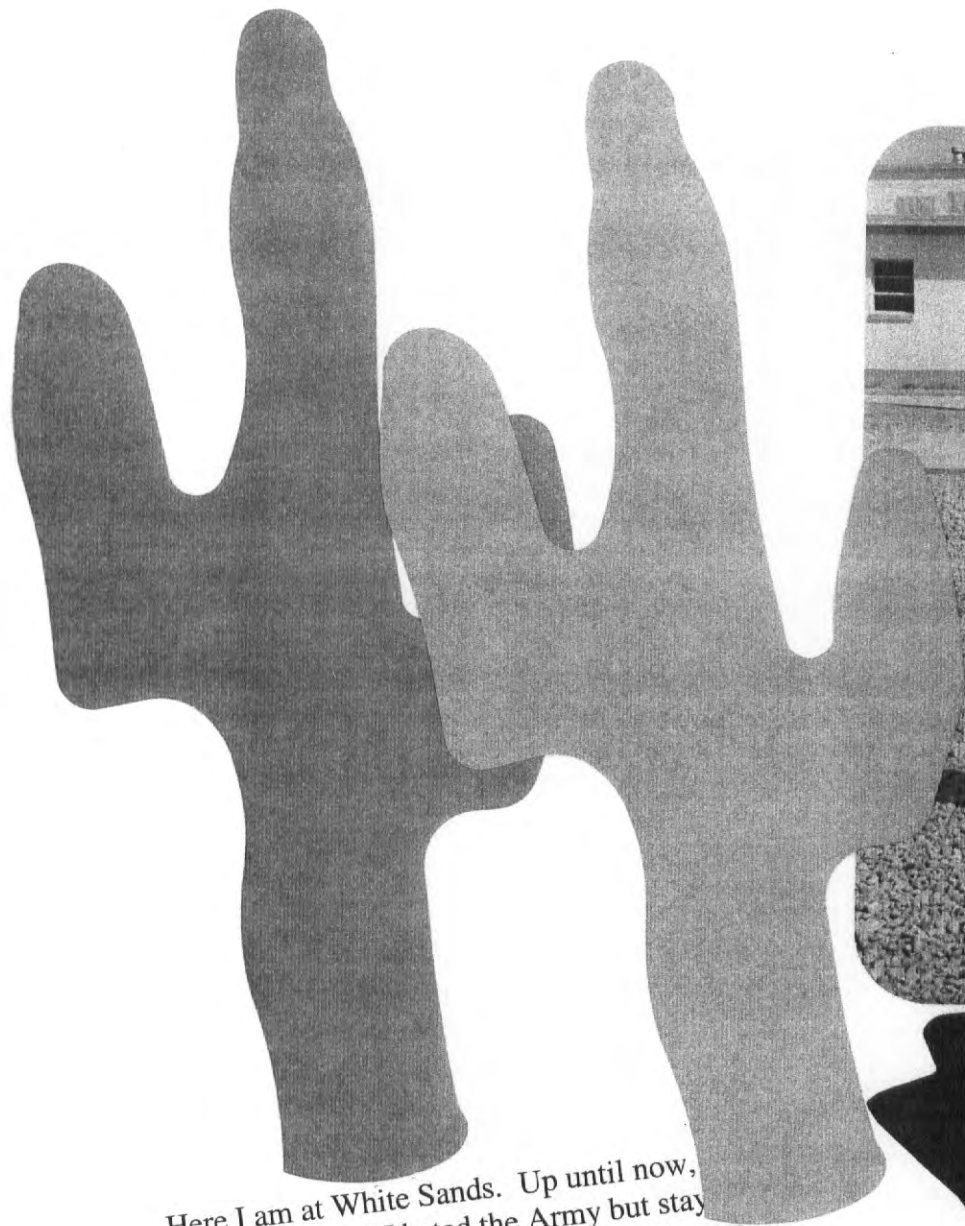
My nieces-  
Terrill,  
Sharon &  
Janet  
Myers



Mumill-  
Terrie  
Quers  
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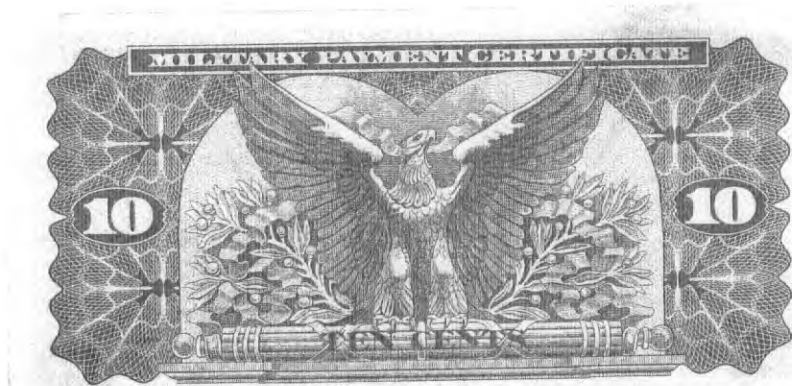




Here I am at White Sands. Up until now, I was convinced I hated the Army but stay in when I was promised Fort Knox and more traditional MP duties. Good experience for becoming a civilian police officer. At some point in time, I changed my mind about the Army and kept re-enlisting for three more years until I had accumulated 24 years. I did two tours in Germany, two tours in Korea and three more combat tours: "Just Cause" in Panama, "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" in Saudi and "Restore Hope" in Somalia. Through it all, I always wore the 18<sup>th</sup> MP Brigade patch on my right sleeve. "Of the Troops, For the Troops", even the four-legged ones. Here's to you Rolf.



*And the Journey goes on...*





# South Vietnamese Currency



NGÂN HÀNG QUỐC-GIA VIỆT-NAM

Q5 882906

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TỔNG KIỂM-SOÁT

*Lơ*

THÔNG ĐỐC

*Chánh*

NĂM TRĂM ĐỒNG



*Reunions*  
*1SG (Ret.) Gary S. Smith*



# **MILITARY POLICE CORPS**



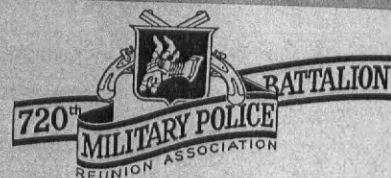
**52D ANNIVERSARY  
1941 - 1993**

## HISTORY OF THE MILITARY POLICE CORPS REGIMENT

The Military Police Corps has a proud heritage. Although the Corps, as a permanent branch of the Army, is one of the youngest of the services, its traditions of duty, service and security date back to our Revolution. In January of 1776, General Washington appointed a Provost Marshal to the Army of the United States Colonies. Two years later, by Congressional resolution, a Provost Corps was established "to be mounted on horse back, and armed and accounted as Light Dragoons.

In 1918, the first Military Police Corps was activated. Shortly thereafter, the Corps was dissolved. In 1941, a Military Police Corps was once again established. On June 28, 1950, Public Law 581 authorized the establishment of the Corps as a basic branch of the Army.

On September 24, 1986, the Military Police Corps Regiment was established at Fort McClellan. Today, after 52 years of dedicated service, the Military Police Corps is still "Of the Troops, for the Troops".



*GARY SMITH*

1993 REUNION 1993  
Anniston, Alabama



*Left to right*  
*CSM Thomas*  
*Mr. McAndle, Co B, 1949-1950*  
*Mr. Sullivan, Co B, 1948-1950* } *X Corp N MP Co 1950-1951*

*Gary A. Smith, HHD, 720th MP BN, 1992-1995*  
*Mr. Ewald, Co B, 1953-1954*





*Vietnam Military Police  
Sentry Dogs Alumni  
St. Louis*

*August 1997*

*Rif Fontenot, Jim Dworshak, Bob Langhals, Dale Komen*



*What's with the  
furry green dog?*

*Sam Brodum Bob Carter  
Rex Hughes*





*Mariamm Dahl*

*Can't forget the ladies  
who put up with these guys*



Rich McPhillips

Bob Carter, Bif Fontenot

Dale Komem



- David Dahl



Rex Hughes, Jim Dworzniak, Alan  
Brookline, Gary