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Some of the honored guests who attended the reunion in Sacramento, CA. Whether a nurse, Red Cross "doughnut dolly" or a Special Services recreation specialist; they were there with their heads held high with pride and honor. We thank you.

From the President

I would like to extend my personal thank you to Ken and Lorraine Gaudet and the Reunion Committee for 1994. I've never attended a reunion where I was moved as much by the warmth and friendship at the banquet.

We now have a new vice-president CSM Cravis Taybron, who is still on jump status and still skinny.

We also have a new secretary, Trudell Guerue, who is an attorney at law. So all you guys still in the joint; write Trudell, he'll help you.

In life things go up and things come down—we are losing a few chapters, but a new one in Southern Illinois is on line.

We would like to wish our best to General Williamson for a speedy recovery, and hope that he will be there next year in '95 for Minnesota.

I'd like to thank Lt. Frank Mantu for not counting all my divits in our 1st Annual Golf Outing. Frank, next year I'll have balls that will float. Thank you to Mark Okazaki for organizing our 1st golf outing. It was a lot of fun playing in 105° temperature!

I'd personally like to thank the Australians for making the trip, we know its not cheap. Joe Atkinson had generously invited any Australians who are in Fayetteville, NC to come and stay at his house for as long as they want. Joe is one heck of a guy, thanks old Joe. Stan said any New Zealanders that come to Fayetteville can stay at his house.

We would like to thank the Chicago Chapter for raising \$2,500.00 for the museum fund and another \$1,500.00 for the memorial fund. Thank you guys, keep up the good work. Col. Tyler will be happy to accept any money for the museum fund. Just send him nickles and dimes they will turn into dollars.

All in all it was a good reunion and alot was accomplished. Looking forward to seeing everyone, and I do mean everyone, even Gene Palledin, at the Minnesota reunion in 1995.

Airborne,
Frank Miceli, President

From the Vice President

Command Sergeant Major Taybron has served as the President of Chapter 5, Fayetteville Chapter of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Society from 1991 to 1994 and presided over the selection board for the Sigholtz Leadership Award Board from 1989 to 1994. Command Sergeant Major Taybron is currently serving as the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 325 Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Command Sergeant Major Cravis Taybron, Jr's military career began in 1969 with assignments after Basic Combat Training, Infantry Advanced Individual Training, and Airborne Training with Charlie Company, 75th Infantry, Vietnam. While with the 75th Infantry, he served as a Scout Observer and Senior Scout Observer from 1970 to 1971. Following his tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam, he was assigned as a Infantry Squad Leader, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 325 Infantry, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Command Sergeant Major Taybron's awards and decorations include the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal(2), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Bronze Service Star(2), Meritorious Service Medal, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster and Army Commendation Medal, 6th Oak Leaf Cluster. Command Sergeant Major is a Master Parachutist and has been awarded the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Respectfully,
CSM Cravis Taybron, Jr.

Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade

FINANCIAL REPORT

1 June 1993 - 31 May 1994

INCOME

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$33,032.35 |
| Money Market | 557.36 * |
| Scholarship Fund | 7,145.09 ** |
| Monument Fund | 3,184.38 *** |
| Escrow Returns | 220.00 |
| TOTAL | \$44,139.18 |

EXPENDITURES

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Donations | \$ 869.85 |
| Postage | 1,500.81 |
| Bad Checks | 202.50 |
| Office Supplies | 79.25 |
| Scholarship Payments | 5,000.00 |
| Newsletter | 17,516.95 |
| Rebates | 2,878.00 |
| Administration | 3,972.19 |
| Membership Cards | 640.38 |
| Plaques | 251.75 |
| Seed Money | 00.00 |
| Telephone | 310.32 |
| TOTAL | \$33,222.00 |

RECAP

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Starting Balance | \$55,446.66 |
| Income | +44,139.18 |
| Subtotal | \$99,585.84 |
| Expenditures | -33,222.00 |
| Balance | \$66,363.84 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$10,601.02 |
| Monument Fund | 28,729.56 |
| Escrow | 320.00 |
| Subtotal | \$39,660.58 |

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Working Capital | 26,703.26 |
| Working Capital 1993 | 21,360.45 |

Net Increase \$5,342.81

* Includes \$546.86 interest

** Includes \$224.49 interest

***Includes \$703.38 interest

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth V. Smith
Treasurer

Notes to Accompany the Financial Report

1. This is the second full year that we have had separate Scholarship Fund, Monument Fund, and Money Market accounts. Interest earned is apportioned directly to each fund. Total interest earned this year was \$1,474.73.

2. This is the second year in a row where dues income has been high. This reflects the consistently large number of Life Memberships (115 in the current reporting period), which is a non-renewable resource.

3. The Newsletter cost figure is significantly lower than last year and reflects publication of only three newsletters. Anticipated cost of the current (fourth) newsletter for the Society's fiscal year is \$5,500.

4. The total income from dues other than Life Membership was \$16,503. This is not enough to even publish the newsletter for a year.

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Financial Report — From page 2

- An increase in annual dues of \$5.00 of which \$3.00 would go to National and \$2.00 would go to Chapters would yield approximately \$2,261 for national.
- An increase in annual dues of \$10.00 of which \$6.00 would go to National and \$4.00 would go to Chapters would yield approximately \$4,522.00 for national.
- An increase in annual dues of \$5.00 where all \$5.00 would go to National would yield approximately \$3,150 for national.
- An increase in annual dues of \$10.00 where all \$10.00 would go to National would yield approximately \$6,300 for national.

The cost of Life Memberships should increase, as a minimum, to \$273.00. (with \$200.00 going to national and \$73.00 to chapters).

- As of May 31, we have 555 life members and 629 people current in dues. If the Life membership trend continues, we will have more life members than current paid members by the end of 1994.

Ken Smith
Treasurer

Monument Fund Update

The Society acknowledges the generous gifts from the following to the monument fund.

Albert Wohlwend, DDS

Michael J. Syzdek

Gil Strack in honor of PFC Lawrence Stack (KIA 3-3-67)

S. Bart Miller

Jerry M. Babb

George M. Krause In Memory of SGT Al Turner (10/93)

Leonard A. Senerote

Clover Typography

Michael Coffas

Robert E. Armstrong

Douglas Foster

Gary Sinclair

Michael Lagerstedt In Memory of J.T. "Doc" Fields 1/C/3; KIA 18 May 68

Michael Tanner in Memory of Gary Shaw, MIA 11-11-67

Chapter VI

Chapter XIII

Joseph P. McDermott

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From the Editor

Due to an editorial oversight, the minutes from the 1994 general meeting were inadvertently omitted from this edition. They will be published in the next edition.

Museum Fund Update

The Society acknowledges the generous gifts of the following to the museum fund:

Chapter VI.

Scholarship Fund Update

The Society acknowledges the generous gifts from the following to the scholarship fund:

Omega Communications

George Krause

Chapter I

MG Ellis Williamson

Allen S. Hodder

Chapter IX

Chapter XIII

Leonard Bertini

John J. Schimpf

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles for the Fall edition is: **31 Oct 1994**

For the Winter edition it is 31 Jan 95

Editor



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Monument Contribution Form

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

☐ Here's my \$ _____ tax deductible contribution for the monument!

Please mail to: Monument Fund, c/o Kenneth Smith
Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade, PO Box 27822, Washington, DC 20038-0822

Attendees at the 173d Airborne Brigade Reunion 1994

"Tribute to the Women who Served in Viet Nam"

MILITARY NURSES

- Lily Adams** — Army Nurse Corps, 12th Evac/Cu Chi, 69-70 (Triage Nurse)
Doris "Lucki" Allen — PhD WAC/MI, Long Binh-Saigon, 67-70 (SP 7-WO1)
Bonnie Humbe-Anda — Air Force Nurse Corps, 483d USAF Hospital/Cam Ranh Bay, 70-71
Sara Ehlers Beatie — Army Nurse Corps, 95th Evac/Da Nang, 71
Shirley Beer — Army Nurse Corps, 93rd Evac-24th Evac/Long Binh; 95th Evac/Da Nang, 70-71
Ann Cunningham — Army Nurse Corps, 36th Evac/Vung Tau/ 12th Evac/Cu Chi, 67-68; 18th Surg/Camp Evans-Quang Tri, 69-70
Sheila Murphy Daugherty — Army Nurse Corps, 3rd Field/Saigon, 66-67; Served with the 173d
Sharon Grant — WAC/Med Tech, USARV MED CMD/Long Binh, 1972
Lorna Griess — Army Nurse Corps, 2nd Surg/An Khe-Chu Lai, 66-67
Evangeline "Jamie" Jamison — Army Nurse Corps, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam; 93d Evac/Long Binh, 66-67 (Head Nurse)
Joyce Merrill — Air Force Nurse Corps, 12th USAF Hospital/Cam Ranh Bay, 69-70
Kate O'Hare Palmer — Army Nurse Corps, 2nd Surg/Chu Lai-Lai Khe, 68-69
Sandy Peterson — Army Nurse Corps, 18th Surg/Quang Tri, 70-71
Shirely McDowell Shaw — Army Nurse Corps, 12th Evac/Cu Chi, 66-67
Winnie Smith — Army Nurse Corps, 3rd Field/Saigon 24th Evac/Long Binh, 66-67
Carolyn Tanaka — Army Nurse Corps, 24th Evac/Long Binh, 67-68 (18 months)

AMERICAN RED CROSS

SUPPLEMENTAL

RECREATION ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS

"DONUT DOLLIES"

- Sharon Lewis Dickerson** — SRAO Asst. Director/Saigon-I Corps, 70-71
Penni Evans — SRAO Cam Ranh Bay-Long Binh-Cu Chi, Quang Tri 70-71
Sara Haines — SRAO Da Nang-Phu Loi-Quy Nhon 1967
Davidina "Davi" Pagano Greece — SRAO Da Nang-Dong Ba Thin-Phan Rang AFB; Cam Ranh Bay-Nha Trang, 65-67
Sharon Vander Ven McGlothlin — SRAO Long Binh-Bien Hoa-Ci Chi, 66-67; Served with the 173d
Linnie Stone — SRAO Pleiku-Bien Hoa-Lai Khe, 66-67
Judy Harper — SRAO Quy Nhon-Cu Chi-Da Nang-Binh Thuy, 70-71; Served with the 173d

USO SERVICES

- Maureen "Mo" Nerli** — USO/Tan Son Nhut, 69-70

ARMY SPECIAL SERVICES

- Cathleen Cordova** — Army Special Services/Tay Ninh-An-Vinh Long, 68-69

Army US Service Clubs Army Special Services Reunion Committee

July 16, 1994

Mr. Ken Gaudet
Society of 173rd ABN BDE
1325 Timola Avenue West
Suite 427
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Ken,

Hello and THANK YOU! On behalf of all the civilian women I was asked to represent, I want to thank you and the entire society for the honor you have paid us all!

Speaking only for myself, I will tell you that your tribute was exceptional. You treated all of us, *military and civilian*, women veterans of Vietnam as equals. *That's a first!* No other organization that I can think of has ever done that before ... not VVA, not even the Vietnam Womens Memorial Project. the 173rd did not relegate us as "second class veterans status"; segregate us and ask us to "enter the parade" (so to speak) after some other country's nurses, nor deny us honorary membership as others have done. I was speaking from the heart when I stated at your banquet that we civilian women felt truly honored! For me, your tribute was everything the Womens Memorial Dedication should have been but wasn't. In my opinion, it took the 173rd Airborne Brigade to do it right! And for that I, and I'm sure all the women who were honored, will be forever grateful. THANK YOU.

Friends asked me how the reunion went, and I said "Great. I got pinned by the 173rd ABN BDE!" But seriously, I will wear your beautiful, sterling silver, 173rd patch with great pride!

Sincerely,
Cathleen Cordova

*(The following has been taken from the
book "Dear America — Letters Home From
Vietnam")*

If you are able,
save for them a place
inside of you
and save one backward glance
when you are leaving
for the places they can
no longer go.
Be not ashamed to say
you loved them,
though you may
or may not have always.
Take what they have left
and what they have taught you
with their dying
and keep it with your own.
And in that time
when men decide and feel safe
to call the war insane,
take one moment to embrace
those gentle heroes
you left behind.

Major Michael Davis O'Donnell
1 January 1970
Dak To, Vietnam

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR State of California

July 10, 1994

TO: THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE

As you gather with your families to once again celebrate the heroic traditions and spirit of camaraderie that are yours as members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, I'm pleased to welcome you to Sacramento.

You have a world-wide reputation as a disciplined and highly successful fighting unit. That reputation is well earned, as time and again the 173rd has undertaken its mission with dedication, courage, and effectiveness.

Your members were particularly courageous in Vietnam, where 173rd Airborne Brigade personnel conducted the only parachute assault of the conflict. The mission was challenging, but you were equal to the challenge, as demonstrated by the 6,000 Purple Hearts that were earned by the 173rd members who participated in the assault.

In addition 12 Congressional Medals of Honor were presented to your comrades. And in honor of the truest measure of gallant sacrifice, the names of 1,600 veterans of the 173rd are carved upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Your efforts as "Sky Soldiers" to defend the ramparts of liberty have secured your premier stature among America's fighting forces. Equally as impressive as your war-time exploits is the manner in which each of you have returned to civilian life and continued to serve — as husbands and fathers, as neighbors and community leaders, and as proud veterans.

As Governor of California, and on behalf of her citizens, I'm proud to tell you that we shall always be faithful to the spirit of "The Herd."

Enjoy your stay in the River City and God speed.

Pete Wilson



Britt Small is presented with a 173rd History Book by society president Frank Miceli at the 1994 Airborne Awards in Atlanta, GA. Britt was recognized by the society for his continuing support of veterans causes and for maintaining the 173rd spirit.

Gold Star Families Request Information

The Gold Star Families would like information from anyone who knew their sons or husbands. Please call if you knew any of our brothers listed below.

DONALD IANDOLI
CO C 2nd BN
4/67-MIA 11/19/67

JOHN E. MARASON
CO B 1st BN
8/68-KIA 12/2/68

GEORGE A. POOR JR.
CO A 2nd BN
9/66-KIA 6/22/67

WILLIAM C. STEFKO
KIA 1/9/70

JOHNSON A. STEIDLER
CO A 2nd BN
3/67-KIA 6/22/67

JOHN TIPTON
CO C 4th BN, 3/319
6/67-6/68

Contact: Tony Albarello, Chapter II President: [REDACTED]

Humor From The Field

Since some of us were Special Forces before or after our stint with the Herd I thought some of our readers might get a kick out of this item I pulled out of one of my old 'Nam S.F. newspapers. There wasn't any title on it and I dug it out after reading the publication of what a Paratrooper is. I entitled it *Green Berets Are Paratroopers Too*. Hope you like it:

"... Making the rounds of Special Forces camps during the Vietnam conflict were the following definitions of a Special Forces man as seen by:

"HQ MacV: A drunken, brawling, jeep stealing, woman corrupting liar with a star sapphire ring, a Seiko watch and a demo knife.

"Himself: A tall, handsome, highly trained professional killer, female idol, sapphire ring wearing, demo knife carrying gentleman who is always on time due to the reliability of his Seiko watch.

"His Wife: A stinking member of the Family who comes through Ft. Bragg once a month with a rucksack full of dirty clothes.

"His CO: A fine specimen of a drunken, brawling jeep stealing, woman corrupting liar with a star sapphire ring, a Seiko watch and a demo knife.

"D.A.: An overpaid, over-ranked tax burden who is indispensable because he has volunteered to go anywhere and do anything as long as he can booze it up, brawl, steal jeeps, corrupt women, lie, wear a star sapphire ring, a Seiko watch and carry a demo knife."

I hope your readers have as much fun seeing this as I did living it back in the 60s for a short time!

Very truly yours,

Eric R. Planteen, Member, Western States \ Chapter X, (aka) Capt. Speed, 3rd Herd

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

News About Sky Soldiers

James M. McLeod, Jr. (Caspers. 66-67) is a Police Planner for the Metro-Dade Police Department and lives in Homestead, FL.

John E. Mallon (3-319 68-69) is an MD who lives in Rome, GA.

Robert B. Bailey (A/H/4-503 66-67) is the Director, Facility Operations, Costal Healthcare Group, and lives in Chapel Hill, NC.

Michael R. Scott (A/3 70-71) is Director of Public Works, City of Phillippi, WV and lives in Phillippi.

Stephen J. Piotrowski (C/3 69-70) is Staff Assistant to Senator Herb Kohl and lives in Madison, WI.

Thomas A. Mosier (H/B 62-63) is a Banker with the Bank of Goodlettsville, and lives in Goodlettsville, TN.

James Kivlin (H/B 68-69) is a Powertrain Assembler at the Willow Run GM Plant and lives in Garden City, MI.

Raymond A. Jankowski (C/3-319 68 & H/B 68-69) is School Director, Century 21 Academy Realty, and lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

William W. "Bill" Shank (C/1 69-70) is Supervisor of Maintenance and Grounds for the Paramount United School District and lives in Long Beach, CA.

Detlev K. Steklis (B/1 63-65) is the owner of an avionics repair facility and lives in Castro Valley, CA.

Ronald R. Combest (D/3 68-69) is a Judge on the Round Valley Justice Court and lives in Covelo, CA.

Homer N. Parker is the latest U.S.A.F. member to join our Society. He was stationed in Tuy Hoa in 67-68 and attached to the Brigade. Homer lives in Tampa but is a member of Chapter II.

Leslie C. DeGregorio (D/Spt 69-70) works for the USPS and lives in Somerville, MA.

Donald Brown (E/17 66-67) works for Omega Studios and lives in North Richland Hills, TX.

Thomas Schroder (173 Eng 68-69) is Product Marketing Manager for Ericsson and lives in Plano, TX.

Jerry M. Babb (B/4 & H/2 67-68) is a Project Engineer for Croft Metals, Inc., and lives in Fayetteville, NC.

Donald R. Desrochers (534 Sig w/ 2-503) is an Installation and Repair Technician with NYNEX and lives in Lewiston, ME.

Daniel G. Brothers (A/4 69) is Division Sales Manager for Liberty Mutual Insurance and lives in Marietta, GA.

Aaron Handy (C/3 69-70) works for the USPS and lives in New Orleans, LA.

Lawrence G. Fischer (A/4 70) works for the USPS and lives in Ponchatoula, LA.

Lawrence J. Paladino (B/2 64-66) is a Free-Lance Writer/Editor and lives in Warren, MI.

LTC Hubert "Butch" Quick (B/2 70-72) is G-4, 1st Armored Division in Europe.

William R. Rose (A/3 & A/2 67-69) is a Computer Operator for Seafirst Bank and lives in Marysville, WA.

Terry L. Ziegenbein (75 Inf 70-71) is a Patrol Lieutenant for the Pekin Police Dept. and lives in Pekin, IL.

Donald J. Watkins (?/3-319 63-64) Captain of an Engine Company for the Carpinteria Fire Department and lives in Carpinteria, CA.

Charles J. Thielemann (E/17 70) is an Air Conditioning Mechanic and lives in Torrence, CA.

Robert H. Runo (B/3-319) is Assistant Manager for Operations, Sears Roebuck and Company and lives in Indianapolis, IN.

Edmund R. Oiseth (B/4 68-69) is a Police Officer for the San Jose Police Department and lives in Santa Clara, CA.

Patrick Looman (D/3-319 68-69) has retired from the Veterans Administration Dietary Service and lives in Chillicothe, OH.

Johnny Graham (C/2 64-66) is an Electronics Technician for Southern Bell and lives in Columbia, SC.

Paul R. Sheehan (E/3 & 46th Public Information Det 68-69) is retired but would like to hear from any Skysoldiers in the 13 different companies with which he worked as PIO. Write him at 2 Hawthorne Place, 17-M: Boston, MA 02114-2317.

Calvin Landreth (C/3 67-68) is a Glazer for Preferred Shower Door and Mirror and lives in Fresno, CA.

Floyd E. Mishoe (B/3 67-68) is a Dairy Processor to T.G. Lee Dairy and lives in Orlando, FL.

David E. Holt (H/A/2 64-66) is a Machining Foreman at Midland Brake, Inc., and lives in Paris, TN.

Lee R. Kenner (H/SPT & H/B 64-66) is Field Supervisor, ACE Fire and Security, and lives in Tenino, WA.

Harvey J. Knapp (C/2 68-69) is Disabled and lives in Santa Barbara, CA.

Richard D. Van Hook (H/B 63-65 & E/17 66-67) is a Trucker and lives in Phoenix, AZ.

John L. Reid (C/3 & D/1, 67-68 & D/3 69-70) is Disabled and lives in Tenino, WA.

Eulaliao Perez (B/1 66-68) is VA Disabled and lives in San Antonio, TX.

Ned O. Campbell (A/SPT 65-66) is a Pipeline Inspector for the Louisville Gas & Electric Company and lives in Shepherdsville, KY.

Frank Duarte (C/1 67-68) is Deputy District Attorney for L.A. County and lives in Lakewood, CA.

Vincent P. Conti (B/2 67-68) is CSM of 2-103 Armor, PA National Guard, and lives in Ringtown, PA.

Paul R. Decker (3-319 & H&B) 70-71 is Executive Director of the Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau and lives in Gulph Mills, PA.

James A. Fogarty (D/4 66-67) has retired from the Philadelphia Police Force but still resides in Philadelphia, PA.

Larry C. Hoy (B/1 67-68) is a Cable Technician for New York Telephone Company and lives in Kingston, NY.

Frank M. Muller (E/17 66-67) is Senior Vice President, Costal Corporation, and lives in Houston, TX.

Paul Reed (A/1 68-69) is a Writer and lives in Dallas, TX.

John P. Griggs (A/2 67) is with Hobert pools and lives in Garland, TX.

Michael L. Anderson (H/2 67-68) is a Truck Driver who lives in Deland, FL.

Arnold L. Baker (E/D/4 69-70) is a Construction Superintendent for Capital Atlanta Building and lives in Kennesaw, GA.

Richard W. Hurlburt (404 RRU) has retired a second time from US West Communications and lives in Yuma, AZ.

Gary Frye (75 Inf 69-70) is an Electrician with Eastern Associated Coal Company and lives in Cool Ridge, WV.

Auturo Azcona (A/3 69-70) works for the USPS and lives in Protage, IN.

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John Rotundo (D/4 69) is an Operations Supervisor for Bidgestone/Firestone Incorporated and lives in Hurst, TX.

Raymond A. Reese (C/4 69 & E/4 69-70) works for the VAMC and lives in Louisville, KY.

Warren A. Stephens (C/2 66-67) is an Ironworker Local #3 and lives in Johnstown, PA.

Robert E. Armstrong (H/Bde 66) is a Senior Program Analyst for the Department of Agriculture and lives in Warrenton, VA.

Edward Placencia (A/2 67) works for C&L Construction and lives in Ridgecrest, CA.

Ralph Whitman (D/Spt 67-68) is medically retired and lives in Jasper, TX.

Gard A. Morris (H/4 68-69) is a Carpenter for View Pointe Builders and lives in Montrose, CO.

Thomas D. Key (B/H/3-319 67-68) is an employee of the Houston Department of Public Works and lives in Houston, TX.

Joseph P. McDermott (D/SPT 64-65) is a Supervisor for the USPS and lives in Burke, VA.

Bill E. Gray (C/3 67) is a Manufacturing Engineer for United Air Lines SFO and lives in Antioch, CA.

Mercer van den Burg (A/4 67) is a member of Navin Group Healthcare Recruiting and lives in St. Louis, MO.

Martin C. Page (C/2 69-70) works for the USPS and lives in Round Rock, TX.

Charles C. Gilchrist (H/3-319 68-69) is Owner of Country Wholesale and lives in Glencove, AL.

Jack H. Graham, Jr. (H/A/C/3 70-72) works for USPS and lives in Beckley, WV.

MG Fred Elam (Ret) (H/B 64-65 and A/SPT 65-66) is Project Manager, LB&M Associates, and lives in Springfield, VA.

Michael Minjack (A/SPT 64-65) is owner of Don's Auto Parts and lives in Berwick, PA.

Dr. Jack E. Peckett (A/H/3 67-68) is a Professor and Administrator at New York University, and lives in Baldwin, NY.

COL Raymond C. Rupport (B/4-69 and 172 MI 69-70) is Legal Adviser, USEUCOM.

Jay Spaulding (H/B 67) is Manager, Civil Operations Center, FEMA, and lives in Fort Washington, MD.

George M. Ward (A/SPT 71-72) is Executive VP and COO of Portrait Industries Corporation and lives in Mobile, AL.

COL Robert Stryjewski (H/3-319 69) is Program Manager in Residence, DSMC, Ft. Belvoir and lives in Fairfax, VA.

James D. Wing (C/1 66-67) is Vice President for Mechanical Contracting, PBM Mechanical, Inc., and lives in Arlington, VA.

MG Herman C. Kammer, Jr., (H/B 69-70) is retired and lives in Fairfax, VA.

COL Walter J. Mitchell (H/1 70-71) retired on 1 July 1994 with 30 years service, and now lives in Odenton, MD.

Irvin W. Moran (MP 67 and 74th Inf 67-68) is a Special Agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and lives in Midlothian, VA.

Carl A. Rea, Jr. (B/C/H/4 68-69) is Executive to the Chief, Army Reserve, and lives in Fairfax, VA.

John B. Rosamond is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and lives in Alexandria, VA.

Harry J. Dolton (D/3-319 70-71) is Senior Army Fellow, Brookings Institution, and lives in Alexandria, VA.

Robert A. Glacel (?/3-319 70-71) is Executive Officer to the Under Secretary of the Army and lives in Burke, VA.

Joseph E. Hair (C/1 68-69) is and Electrical-Instrument Supervisor for Westinghouse Corporation and lives in Barnwell, SC.

Henry L. Jacobs (B/1 68-69 & A/SPT 69-70) works for the U.S. Capitol Police and lives in Clinton, MD.

Alan C. Rosen (C/3 70 & A/SPT 70-71) is a Shift Manager for Avis Rent-a-Car System, Inc., and lives in Creve Coeur, MO.

Robert R. Will (C/2 69) is Admeasurer (Ship Surveyor) for the Panama Canal Commission and lives in the Republic of Panama.

Sherman Weisinger (H/SPT 67-68) is an Investment Broker for Alex, Brown and Sons and lives in Richmond, VA.

August C. Bono (B/3-319) is a Millwright for Werres Corporation and lives in Laurel, MD.

Joseph J. Ryan (A/3 70-71) works for the National Institute of Health and lives in Silver Spring, MD.

John E. Shaw (C/2 63-65) works for DOD Security at Adelphi, MD and lives in Beltsville, MD.

Loren L. Storjohann (H/1 & H/2 67-68) is retired and lives in Sauk City, WI.

Ewing J. Thomas (D/SPT 67-68) is a Supervisor for MTI Construction and lives in Odenton, MD.

J. Leonard Wood (Cowboys — 66-67) is President of Condor Aviation Company and lives in Timonium, MD.

Bryce Woodrow (A/3 69-70) is Manager of ADS PLUS and lives in Norman, OK.

LTG (R) James T. Callaghan, USAF (ALO/FAC 9/66-6/67) is Director of Development for World War II Commemoration Programs at Curtis Publishing Company and lives in Indianapolis, IN.

Douglas P. McClurg (H/2 68) is a lawyer with Hill, Ward and Henderson, and lives in Tampa, FL.

COL James R. McDonough (B/4 & H/Bde 70-71) is Commander of the 509th Infantry Brigade at SETAF in Italy.

Walter Bradley (A Co 5/503 67-68) 1530 Quincy St., Louisville, KY 40206. Lives and works in Louisville.

LTC(R) Roy S. Lombardo, Jr. (B/2-503 63-65) was the graduation speaker for Ranger Class 7-94 at Fort Benning on 3 June 1994.

CPT Lance D. Lombardo (Associate Member of the Society) after 21 months will relinquish command of A/1-18 IN/3d Bde/24th ID on 15 July. On 18 July, CPT Lombardo will assume command of B/1-29 IN, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Training Command for the U.S. Army.

SSG Kevin M. Lombardo (Associate Member of the Society) will graduate from Ranger Class 8-94 and proceed to Fort Sam Houston, TX for Special Forces medical training. He is a member of 2d Battalion, 20th Special Forces.

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News from Down Under

Barry Adams (Support CO, 1 RAR) is a real Estate Valuer and lives in Ruse, NSW.

Trevor Adams (B CO, 1 RAR) is Works Supervisor, Kingborough Council, and lives in Bruny Island, TAS.

WO2 Gordon Andrews (1 ALSC) is GSO-3, Dept of Defence (Army) and lives in Wondonga, VIC.

John Arnold (C CO, 1 RAR) is a Private Investigator and lives in Altona, VIC.

Keith Bell (161 Recce Flt) is a Fitter and Welder for Allmel Sheet Metal and lives in Ipswich, QLD.

Noel Berzinski (D CO., 1RAR) is a Truck Driver and lives in Cairns, QLD.

Allan Brandt (Spt Co, 1RAR) is a Training and Human Resources Manager for Warltworth Mining and lives in Singleton, NSW.

Brigadier I.R.W. "Lou" Brumfield, Commander of 1 RAR in 1965, works for A.A.T. and lives in Benowa Waters, QLD.

John Buhmann (105 FD Btry) is retired and lives in Cleveland, QLD.

Sidney Cheeseman (1 ALSC) is retired and lives in Carlingford, NSW.

William Coolburra (3 FD Troop) is a Church Worker, St. Ann Parish and lives in Palm Island, QLD.

Edwin Cowley (161 Btry, RNZA) is Safety & Training Officer for Western Mining Corporation and lives in Roxby Downs, SA.

James Cruickshank (B CO., 1 RAR) is a Control Centre Operator for Federal Airports Corporation and lives in Thornlie, WA.

Howard Dalton (Bn HQ, 1RAR) is an Information Technology Officer with the Australian Federal Police and lives in Giralang, ACT.

Keith Doyle (Adm CO, 1RAR) is a Welfare Officer for the NSW Dept. of Corrective Service and lives in Cooma, NSW.

Lawrence Ferguson (1 ALSC) is a Civilian Catering Assistant for the Department of Defence (army) and lives in Toowoomba, QLD.

Charles Cgeljon (105 FD Btry) is Owner of TNT Transport and lives in Logan City, QLD.

Trevor Hagan (A CO., 1RAR) is retired and lives in Rockhampton, NSW.

Barry Harford (3 FD Troop) is a Wool Presser and lives in Broken Hill, NSW.

Danny Hargans (Adm CO, 1RAR) is retired and lives in Childers, QLD.

Colonel John Healy (A CO., 1RAR) is retired and lives in Campbell, ACT.

Thomas Heesom (1 ALSC) is a Logistics Consultant and lives in Korora, NSW.

Warren Kelly (?/1RAR) is an Admin. Service Officer for the Dept. of Defence (Army) and lives in Rosemeadow, NSW.

Mervyn Kirby (B CO, 1 RAR) is retired and lives in Murwillumbah, NSW.

Bruce Lauder (3 FD Troop) is an Open Cut Examiner for R.W. Miller PTY LTD and lives in Bolwarra, NSW.

John Leane (1 ALSC) works for ACT Electricity and Water and lives in Melba, ACT.

Des Lynch (1 ALSC) is retired and lives in MacLeod West, VIC.

Gaven Malherbe (1 ALSC) is in the Landscape and Nursery Supplies Business and lives in Bray Park, QLD.

Thomas Maxwell (Adm Co, 1 RAR) is retired and lives in Narrabundah, ACT.

Tom Maytom (1 ALSC) is a Driving Examiner for Queensland Transport and lives in Boyne Island, QLD.

Regimental Sergeant Major John McKay (Bn HQ, 1RAR) is retired and lives in Baxter, VIC.

Alan Murphy (1 APC Troop) is Warehouse Manager for Pacific Dunlop and lives in Werribee, VIC.

David Newberry (SPT CO, 1RAR) is retired and lives in Singleton, NSW.

Richard O'Brien (B Co, 1RAR) is a Weighbridge Operator for Readymix and lives in Rockhampton, QLD.

Laurie Pedrana (SPT CO, 1RAR) is a Crane Operator for Mid Coast Cranes and lives in Kempsey, NSW.

Phil Pritchard (1 ALSC) is retired and lives in Hobart, TAS.

Anthony Rehder (C CO., 1RAR) is a Landscape Designer and lives in Eumundi, QLD.

David Roper (3 FD Troop) is an Ambulance Operator for the SA Ambulance Service and lives in Victor Harbour, SA.

Douglas Sanderson (3 FD Troop) is a builder and lives in Medowie, NSW.

Austin Shaw (105 FD Btry) is retired and lives in Chester Hill, NSW.

Colonel Peter Sibree (B CO, 1RAR) is on active duty (Headquarters, 11th Brigade, Jezzine Barracks), Townsville, QLD.

Kenneth Simons (C CO., 1RAR) is a Supervisor for Gas and Fuel Corporation and lives in Lara, VIC.

MAJ Bryan Smith (C CO., 1 RAR) is now Operations Officer for 6 RAR and lives in Stafford Heights, QLD.

John Spitzers (B CO., 1RAR) is a Driver for Blakiston & Boyd Transport and lives in Moorabbin, VIC.

Lenin Stansfield (SPT CO., 1RAR) is a Police Sergeant with the WA Police Dept and lives in Kalgoorlie, WA.

Lawrence Symons (1 APC Troop) is retired and lives in Wangan, QLD.

David Vealey (C CO, 1 RAR) is a Hospital Worker for the NSW Dept. of Health and lives in Casino, NSW.

Wayne Wright (105 FD Btry) is retired and lives in Burnie, TAS.

Paul Yeates (1 APC Troop) is a Cattle Grazier/Farmer and lives in South Bullarto, VIC.

RETRACTION!

LEVERN CRAIG IS ALIVE AND WELL

SFC (Ret) Lavern Craig is alive and well, living in Fayetteville.

Lavern Craig meet Mark Twain. The great American writer was the first person to observe that reports of his death had been greatly exaggerated. Lavern Craig is just the most recent. Welcome Back!

— Editor

Chapter News

Chapter I: Sigholtz Capital Chapter, PO Box 27478, Washington, DC 20038-0478

Chapter II: Lt. Clare Thurston-Lozada-Watters Chapter, 450 West 148th Street, New York, NY 10031

Members decided to take up the cause of our homeless veterans, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Tom Kelly has volunteered to solicit major corporations for donations for the stand down to be held in September of this year. The chapter will operate a kiosk to distribute food, socks and toiletries.

At the national officers meeting, in Sacramento, it was proposed that the 1996 National Reunion be held in either New York City or the Meadow Lands in New Jersey.

Chapter III: Columbus/Ft. Benning Chapter, PO Box 1977, Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Chapter IV: Philadelphia/English Chapter, PO Box 345, Ft. Dix, NJ 08640

Joe Logan has stepped down after 10 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer. Ken Rocks has replaced him as Secretary-Treasurer.

Chapter V: Ft. Bragg Chapter, PO Box 71313, Ft. Bragg, NC 28307

New officers are: Joe Atkinson, President; Stanley Kuzminski, Vice President; Lawrence Ashton, Secretary; and John DeLay, Treasurer.

Chapter VI: Elite Forces Chapter, 931 South Roselle Road, Suite 173, Schaumburg, IL 60193

In the true spirit of Project Uplift (Veterans Helping Youth), Benito Garcia took six young people, plus his own son, on a fishing trip in June.

Benito said they spent the first night at his farm in Wisconsin. The weather was really great and so they slept outside.

They then took off for Silver Creek in the northeast corner of Iowa. There, again, they camped out and Benito did the cooking.

He said the best part of the trip was that every kid caught some fish!!

Chapter VII: Florida Chapter, 5580 Teakwood Road, Lake Worth, FL 33467 — (407) 966-1323

Chapter VIII: Hawaii Chapter, 44-130 Kou Place, #4, Kaneohe, HI 96744

Chapter IX: New England Chapter, PO Box 411, East Hampton, MA 01027

Chapter X: Western States Chapter, 1325 Imola Avenue West, Suite 427, Napa, California 94559 (707) 252-6732

Chapter XI: Australia (Down Under) Chapter, "Duty First", PO Box 45, Chester Hill, NSW, Australia 2162

Chapter meetings are held quarterly at the Auburn RSL Club. For details of the meeting dates and times consult the Chapter's Newsletter or contact the Chapter Secretary on (02) 683-6261.

You are all invited "Down Under" to the biggest Army Unit Birthday Party in history.

The First Battalion, of the Royal Australian Regiment, (1 RAR) will hold it's 50th Birthday Celebrations over the period 10th-16th October 1995, in Townsville, North Queensland.

Townsville is Australia's largest tropical city. Nestled at the foot of Castle Hill, which provides panoramic views of the city below and also to the magnificent islands of the Great Barrier Reef. The city boasts an International Airport, many International Hotels, including the Townsville Travelodge and the Sheraton Breakwater Casino. Breakfast or lunch on the Broadwalk is a must. Experience some of the finest seafood restaurants in Australia. Four nautical miles from the heart of the city, across the bay, is Magnetic Island. The Billabong Sanctuary and Koala Park Oasis allow you the opportunity to view and handle Koalas, wallabies, Kangaroos, brolgas, cockatoos and many other unique Australian animals and birds.

From Townsville you can also visit many of the hundreds of other tourist attractions. A four hour car or coach trip up the picturesque coast to Cairns gives you the opportunity to gain a wider view of the leisure life of the Aussies.

If you haven't experienced an Aussie party before, "Come on Down," we'll ensure that you leave with life long memories.

Full details of the Birthday Celebrations and the Chapter's plans will be released in a later edition of "Sky Soldier". However, should you wish to be placed on the Chapter XI mailing list, write to the Chapter XI Secretary today.

Chapter XIII: Southwest Chapter, 830 Oak Bluff Drive., Lancaster, TX 75146

Chapter XIV: Southern California Chapter, PO Box 47, Azusa, CA 91702

Gilbert Becerril was appointed Chapter Chaplain. Robert Flores was appointed Chairman of Ways and Means Committee. A long range planning committee to prepare a bid to host the 1997 Reunion was formed with Robert Flores as Chairman; Robert M. Duarte and Joe Ibarra volunteered to help. All other members are invited to join.

Chapter XIV will support Chapter X with the July Reunion in Sacramento.

The members present voted to provide \$400 to the Ways and Means Committee for fund raising seed money.

Chapter XV: SSG John K. Weber Chapter, P.O. Box 583131, Minneapolis, MN 55458-3131

Chapter XVI: Pacific Northwest Chapter, 27610 27th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003

The Pacific Northwest Chapter XVI with the cooperation of the Pacific International League, Semi-Professional Baseball, held an exhibition baseball game, Armed Forces Day in Tacoma, Washington. Proceeds of the effort benefited the 173d scholarship fund and Tacoma area youth.

Free youth baseball/softball clinics were presented at six locations around Tacoma area (including Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB) the morning of game day. The PIL player volunteers served as clinic instructors and 475 kids from ages 8-15 took advantage of the opportunity provided by the chapter.

The players, forming two composite teams, played the benefit game in the afternoon under sunny skies at Cheney

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Stadium, home of the Tacoma Tigers (AAA affiliate of the Oakland Athletics) and were glad to have the opportunity to help us out.

The 1 Corps Command Color Guard from Ft. Lewis presented the colors while Carole Paddock, a civilian employee at McChord AFB sang the National Anthem to open the game.



Chapter XVII: Western Pennsylvania Chapter, c/o Jerry Sopko, 101 Center Street Ext., Jeannette, PA 15644

Chapter XVIII: Oklahoma Chapter, Carl Baldwin, 4350 Will Rogers Parkway, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73108

New chapter officers: President, Mr. Richard W. Triplet, Route 1, Box 365, Mutual, OK 73853-9709, (405) 989-3270; Vice President, Mr. Dennis R. Crelling, P.O. Box 811, Okarche, OK 73762, (405) 263-4477; Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Carl A. Baldwin, 1809 St. Christopher Drive, Edmond, OK 73003, (405) 348-4785.

Chapter XIX: New Zealand Chapter, NASU Christchurch, PSC 467, Box 211, FPO AP 96531-2000

Chapter XX: 3519 East Water, #B, Tucson, AZ 85716 (602) 326-2465

'Where is Sgt Rick?'

On Saturday 6 August, 1994, I went in to Sydney with my lady Krys to visit a quilting exhibition and generally relax and look around an area of Sydney known as "The Rocks".

I chanced to enter a shop to look around, not for any particular reason I looked in a display cabinet and saw an array of cigarette lights with a sign over them stating: —

Genuine American Servicemens — Vietnam — Cigarette Lighters

Sure enough my eyes found what I was unconsciously looking for, the emblem of the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

The engravings on the lighter identify the lighter to have belonged to a member of the herd, who served in Vietnam with the Herd from 1966-1967 and 1970-1971.

The owner may well have come to Australia for his R & R and left the lighter here under any one of a thousand circumstances but I am not concerning myself with why it is here, rather, who was the owner and where is he now, did he survive, did he go home to his girl who is named on the lid of the lighter, if he is still surviving where is he?

I will describe the engravings on both sides of the lighter and its lid, the name and markings might be recognised by someone who may be or may know who the owner may have been.

Zippo Lighter — Front Side

"SGT RICK"

Viet-Nam

66-67-70-71

173rd

(173rd Patch)

Reverse Side

Parachute Jump Badge

For those who
have fought for
it, freedom is a
taste the
protected will
never know.

Lid

'Karen'

I will hold the lighter here in trust and hope that 'Sgt Rick' will be found and I can send the lighter back to him, failing that, I will, after a reasonable period of time, forward the lighter to the National Headquarters for inclusion in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Museum.

Regards to all of my Herd family friends.

Carey McQuillan

Australian Chapter

Croydon Park NSW
Australia

"HOOK-UP"

My friend **Daniel R. Meador** was killed 3 October, 1967.

I hope there is someone in the Society that remembers Danny and may have been with him when he was killed.

Please contact Roy D. Nelson, Jr., 826 Hardy Road, Vinton, VA 24179 (703) 982-2051.

The sons of **Donny Ramon Kidd** have contacted this Chapter in hopes of obtaining information regarding their father. He was a helicopter pilot serving with Casper Platoon with the 173d Airborne Brigade, K.I.A. March 4, 1968. Please contact Carl Baldwin [redacted] or write [redacted] Edmond, OK [redacted] All information will be dispatched promptly.

Owen M. McNamara (B/4/503, 2nd Platoon 11/69-11/70) trying to locate my platoon leader (Lt. Weaver?) to support the Purple Heart in action on May 7, 1970 near Tam Quan Village. Patrol tripped artillery shell booby trap, KIA/Plumb, WIA/J. Burton, R.T.O. Whitey and me. Whether C.O. German Lt. Howell, Lt. Tisdale, Top Sgt. Capella, or any platoon brother can help or not, I would love to hear from you. Contact: Owen M. McNamara, [redacted] Shirley, MA [redacted] or call home number [redacted] or work number [redacted] ext. 103.

Second Generation Parachutist

At a recent winging ceremony at Ft. Benning, GA, my son, Army ROTC Cadet Andrew C. Evans, was awarded his Parachute wings. He is a third year AROTC Cadet at Texas A&M University at Kingsville, majoring in Math. He will be graduating in December, 1995, and has high hopes of making the Army a career. I was fortunate to be able to attend the winging ceremony and pinned my own original jump wings on him. It was a very proud day for my son and I both, him a new airborne trooper and me to see the legacy of paratroopers continue in the family. I have enclosed a photo of the winging ceremony and hope you will find a place in the *Sky Soldier* newsletter for it to be published.

As a point of interest, the question was asked of the graduating troopers as to how many were 2nd or 3rd generation paratroopers, with a response of about 1/3 to 1/2 raising their hands as being sons or grandsons of former paratroopers. It was a very proud moment in the life of this father to see my son follow in my foot steps.

Thanks for your assistance. Keep up the good work. AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!

Sincerely,
C.L. Evans
Commander, U.S. Navy (Ret.)



Cadet Andrew C. Evans receiving his Wings from his father CDR C.L. Evans, D/E/4/503 8-70/7-71.

A picture of some latter day Airborne Rangers, spanning two generations.



From L to R, SSG Kevin Lombardo (graduated Ranger 8-94 on 15 July and is assigned to 2d Battalion, 20th Special Forces); CPT Lance Lombardo (graduated Ranger 5-87, relinquished command of Co A, 1-18 Infantry on 15 July and is shown here after assuming command of Company B, 1-29 Infantry on 18 July); and LTC Roy Lombardo (graduated Ranger 3-60, Senior Ranger Advisor to 41st Vietnamese Ranger Battalion and later 4th Vietnamese Ranger Group, 1967-68).

Dear Editor:

I recently was able to pass the torch on to my son, Private Christopher Estes, by pinning on his jump wings at the ceremony at Fort Benning, Georgia on the 24th of June. Christopher will be assigned to the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

I retired from the Army in January 1987, with 20 years. My Vietnam assignments were the 101st Airborne Division. I deployed from Fort Campbell with Company C, 1/502nd in December 1967 and DEROS'ed in March 1969. My second tour was with the 173d, Company A, 3rd Battalion in 1970 to 1971. I returned back to Fort Campbell and was in the deactivation ceremony for the unit. Shortly after the 173d became the 3rd brigade of the 101st I went Special Forces and remained with them till my retirement.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Estes, MSG, Retired



MSG Robert E. Estes and Son Pvt. Christopher Estes

1994 Scholarship Winners

As scholarship chairman, it is my privilege to announce the following five winners for 1994. Total amount awarded is \$5,000. This program is made possible through your generous and sustained support.

Winner of a \$1,400.00 Scholarship

Julie I. Bowles
Route 2, Box 160
Warrenton, MO 63383
(314) 597-3301
Dau of Charles A. Bowles (?/1 67-68)

Winner of a \$1,200.00 Scholarship

Shannon M. Simons
19 Gedney Terrace
White Plains, NY 10605
(914) 946-5165
Dau of William J. Simpson (A/2 67-68)

Winner of a \$1000.00 Scholarship

Bryan J. Gardner
RD #1, Box 279, Skinner Settlement Road
Camden, NY 13316
(315) 245-4134
Son of Dennis A. Gardner (?? 68-69)

Winner of a \$800.00 Scholarship

Samuel T. Edwards
1015 Brickell Street, SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909
(407) 724-1405
Son of Samuel M. Edwards (A/1 65-66)

Winner of a \$600.00 Scholarship

Shawn M. Corbett
1476 Murdock Road
Dresher, PA 19025
542-7764
Dau of John J. Corbett (B/4 68-69)

The winners are from Missouri, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania

The judges were from Virginia, California and Florida

Scholarship Thank You's

Dear 173rd Airborne Brigade President,

I would just like to take this time to thank the 173rd Airborne Brigade for this very generous scholarship that you have bestowed upon me. This money will help me to deal with the ever rising cost of a college education. This scholarship has helped to make a college education a reality for me, instead, of just some distant dream. Thank You.

Gratefully Yours,
Bryan Gardner

Camden, NY

Dear 173rd Airborne Brigade President,

I wanted to take a minute to thank the Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade for the scholarship I received to help with expenses this school year. I will never be able to express how much it means to be honored by your organization.

Your financial help allowed me to work a few less hours and focus on my studies and my gymnastics training.

This April, I competed at the Women's National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics at Buffalo, NY and brought home a silver medal for the University of St. Thomas.

Again, I was proud to have been selected as one of your scholarship recipients. This year, I educated many about the 173d Airborne Brigade and what it means to be a daughter of a Sky Soldier. May God bless everyone in your organization for pulling together to help young people make their dreams come true.

Sincerely,
Juanita Marie Valdez
Spring, TX



Heritage Days II Hosted by Chapter V and Fort Bragg, NC

The Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade established to:
— Keep alive the spirit of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and to preserve its history — which you helped to write.

— Honor the memory of our fallen comrades.

— Provide an occasion for you to enjoy the camaraderie born of combat and service to our country with the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

— Support and encourage the children and grandchildren of brigade members as they strive for excellence.

We intend to promote all these goals Oct. 28, 29, & 30 during operation "Heritage Days II". This event is jointly hosted by Chapter V (Fayetteville/Fort Bragg) of the Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 3d Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment.

We will also have an opportunity to get to know the troopers who today man the 3d Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery regiment. As you'll remember, the 3-319 FA was the Brigade's organic field artillery from the birth of the "Herd" on Okinawa in June 1963 until the 173rd's deactivation at Fort Campbell in 1972. The battalion's color proudly bears the 14 campaign streamers, the "Dak To" presidential unit citation, and other unit awards earned in Vietnam by the airborne field artillerymen of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Now a part of the 82d Airborne Division Artillery, the battalion is the only unit from the "Herd" still on jump status and recently added to the history we wrote when they made the night parachute assault into Panama on Operation Just Cause. As we learned last year, today's soldiers of the 3-319 have a strong desire to keep alive the spirit and history of the 173d, which is an important part of their heritage.

For more information please contact Joe Atkinson

or Ray Willard

Hope you can join us. I look forward to seeing each of you.

Airborne!
Joe Atkinson
President, Chapter V

OPERATION "HERITAGE DAYS II"

Registration: To assist us in properly planning for lodging and food please send the "Registration Form" to us as soon as possible (no later than 15 Oct. 1994) Upon receipt of your registration form, we will send further information and a schedule of events.

Lodging: Lodging has been made available on Fort Bragg at Moon Hall. The rooms are comfortable and provide a hotel type setting. Rooms must be paid for by the occupant at checkout.

Credit Cards and Checks are accepted. A single room is \$19.00, two people \$24.00, mini suite \$20.00, and full suite is \$21.00.

Please indicate on the registration form your room requirements and date of arrival so we can coordinate your reservation with the staff at Moon Hall.

We suggest you arrive at Fort Bragg on Thursday, Oct. 27, as operation "Heritage Days II" will begin at 0815 Hrs. on Friday Oct. 28, 1994.

KEY EVENTS:

Friday, October 28, 1994

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| Activities with 3-319 & fellow Sky Soldiers | 0830-1200 |
| Pig Roast/ Chicken Fry at McKellar's Lodge | 1230-1700 |

Saturday, October 29, 1994

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| Brunch with 3-319 in their dining facility | 0900-1100 |
| Banquet & Social with music & dancing | 1830-until |

Sunday, October 30, 1994

Memorial Service (To be announced)

Attention: If you would like to sponsor a trooper of the 3-319 for the banquet on Saturday night please indicate so on the registration form. The price for sponsoring a trooper at the banquet will be \$20.00. \$35.00 if accompanied by their spouse.

Note: A Hospitality area will be located in Moon Hall and will start operations on Thursday night, October 27.

Registration Form *(please print)*

NAME: _____ AREA CODE & PHONE: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (If attending) _____ GUESTS: _____

PLANNED DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____ FLYING: _____ DRIVING: _____

RESERVE _____ ROOM(S) AT MOON HALL FOR _____ NIGHTS

SINGLE _____ TWO PERSONS _____ MINI SUITE _____ FULL SUITE _____

PIG ROAST/CHICKEN FRY: _____ PERSON(S) \$10.00 EACH BANQUET/SOCIAL _____ PERSON(S) \$20.00 EACH

BRUNCH AND HOSPITALITY ROOM: _____ PERSON(S) \$10.00 EACH

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| FULL REGISTRATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES: \$40.00 EXCLUDING TROOPER SPONSORSHIP |
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TROOPER SPONSORSHIP: SINGLE \$20.00 _____ W/SPOUSE \$35.00 _____

Make checks payable to

SOCIETY OF THE 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEP)

(Chapter V).

P.O. Box 71313

Fort Bragg, NC 28307

DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR ROOM, PAY UPON CHECK OUT.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Fellow Sky Soldier:

I read with special interest Chapter IV's In Observance of Memorial Day reprinting of a beautiful letter and poem by Linda Philips Palo addressed to three classmates that she lost in Vietnam. Her grief and anguish was all the more borne home to me for one of her classmates, William Paul Mason, was under my command in the 2nd Platoon, Co. D, 16th Armor when he was KIA.

"Doc" Mason was the platoon medic on 4 Mar 68, when D/16 engaged a numerically superior enemy force of battalion strength at the Battle of Tuy Hoa North, the villages of Ninh Tin 1, 2, & 3. Co. D/16th Armor stood tall that day, credited with 137 enemy killed of a total of 200. For this action, and at BG Allen's behest, the company was nominated for the Valorous Unit Citation. This of course would not have been possible without the supreme sacrifices made by Sp4 Mason and seven others of our company.

It was during the third assault, Ninh Tin 3, on the entrenched enemy command post in close quarters fighting that Sp4 Mason was killed. An APC from the 3rd platoon had taken a hit from a B-40 and the fighting crew were badly injured and killed. The two nearest tracks to the stricken vehicle, one of which was the 2nd platoon command track in which Doc Mason was riding, rushed to its aid. As soon as his vehicle was stopped and without a moment's hesitation, he leaped from his track and ran to the aid of his fallen comrades. While he was attempting to evacuate the wounded and dead from the burning fighting vehicle, he was hit again by another rocket at point blank range killing him and mortally wounding the already wounded. The second APC was also hit until the rocketeer was silenced by two bursts of six of caliber .50 from the 2nd platoon APC.

For his selfless act of courage and devotion to duty, SP4 William P. Mason was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with V and the Purple Heart.

At the end of the sun-up to sundown battle, D/16, whose complement of Officers and Men did not total more than fifty, suffered 50% casualties, KIA and WIA. But we never stood taller for ourselves and for The Herd. I remember monitoring the brigade push and listening to the 4th Batt. CO repeatedly requesting permission to commit one of his rifle companies, and the CO of "Dog" Company, I believe, practically screaming to join the fray and prepared to form an immediate PZ. This was in response to our asking for Infantry support of our own. Requests denied.

I remember our brother Armor unit, Troop E, 17th Cavalry screening our right flank along the highway, who would occasionally yell words of encouragement on our company and platoon nets. Years later at our 1990 reunion, Don Ashlock of E/17 Cav and the Texas Chapter told me of their giving us "unauthorized" supporting fire across the paddies and picking off those enemy too dumb to realize what they were running into. They were there.

I remember when I called the 1Sgt in the rear for our resupply of ammo and asking him how he was making out manpowerwise in getting it done, since we already had our company and supply clerks and cook's helpers on the line. He replied that it was not a problem because NCO's and men from the 4th Batt. were helping hump ammo. D/16 was never alone.

Within a week of the next of kin being notified of the loss of their loved ones, as the Executive Officer of D/16, I had the honor of receiving two letters on behalf of the company. The first was from Sgt. Gary D. Hall's widow. She wrote to us, not of her loss of her husband that fateful March day, but to ask us, the survivors, if we were alright; could she do anything for us; that she was praying for and thinking of us. I will never ever forget her selflessness in what had to be her deepest moment of sorrow.

The second letter was from Sp4 Mason's uncle, CWO Mason explained he was a career military man and although he knew it was Army policy not to give details of battle deaths to anyone, he felt, as a soldier and as an uncle, he had a right to know the circumstances of his nephew's death. I felt that way too. And I told him.

So Linda Philips Palo, I too think of your classmate, William P. Mason, and I would like to say just this, he will live forever because paratroopers never die for we are, and shall ever remain. Airborne. All the Way.

Airborne!

Frank M. Mantua

(D/16th Armor, 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep)
14 Feb 68-9 Aug 68)

Los Altos, CA

Dear Editor:

I made contact with Dale Pederson who had been in the M.P. platoon through 1967. He left 12/67 and I had had a few conversations with him. He was very "short" when I met him so he did not recall who I was. Dale was from Columbia Heights, Minn. where I now work. He has been living in Vale, N.C. for the last ten years with his wife & 3 kids. And, you can call him "Pastor Dale Pederson". Kind of spookie. His nickname while he was in the platoon was "priest". Somebody must have known something.

Pastor Dale Pederson, (Cedar Grove Lutheran Church), Route 4, Box 23, Vale, NC 28168. (704) 276-1319 home, (704) 276-2430 church, 261 Cedar Grove Church Road (home), Vale, NC 28168.

Rollin Goldsberry

Fridley, MN

Dear Editor:

I really enjoy the newsletter, keep up the good work.

Had two heart attacks this past year but am recovering fine. All that rich food ambushed me.

Have been promoting the 173d by speaking at the local high schools. The kids listen very closely and appreciate what we did.

Am looking forward to seeing my good buddy Art Ortiz in Sacramento. We served in the same company.

Well I know you guys are busy, so see you at the reunion.

Airborne Always

Ray E. Bull

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Letters to the Editor — From page 14

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for life membership to the 173rd Airborne Brigade. A couple of weekends ago I enjoyed a mini-reunion with a couple of "old herd" buddies that I had not seen in 25 years. Bill O'Sullivan, Jeff Walker and I were Lieutenants in the 172nd MI during the 68-70 time period. We had a great little reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. It proved to me that peoples' characters come out clearly in a place like LZ English, because these two guys have not changed one bit from 25 years ago.

We plan to have additional reunions and are looking for some of our old "buds" including Bill Lipke, Don Leonard, Dave Smith, and others to join us. If they are reading the *Sky Soldier*, they can contact me at the address below. Also, a couple of years ago our old chief ARVN interpreter with the Brigade, Sergeant Le Van Hiep (Marvin the ARVN) moved to Houston. He started with the Brigade when it came into the country and somehow survived the takeover. I have his phone number and address, and if at some point in time it would be appropriate, he would be a great addition to either a regional or national meeting of the Brigade alumni.

All the way,

Eddie J. Davis

College Station, TX

Dear Editor:

Hi — I don't know if you remember me but I'm the guy who was going to go back to Vietnam to take pictures and try to teach English as a second language (ESL). Well after 2 years of planning, I woke up one morning and I realized I didn't need to go back. I can't explain it — maybe it was all those memories coming back during the last two years, and dealing with them. Anyway, I've seen too many better photographs from other's returning — Take care and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Mike Smith
P.O. Box [redacted]
Salem, OR [redacted]

I'll be returning your photos. — ED.

Dear Editor:

I was a RTO Brigade with A/2/503 under Capt. Vance Forepaugh working out of LZ English around Bong Son in Binh Din province.

I'm still looking for my partner, Thomas Vietch. Call me if your out there, (408) 279-0629.

P.J. Leonis

Dear Editor:

In response to Ken Smith's article concerning the tragedies still occurring due to PTSD was well stated. Coming from a high ranking officer in the Army Airborne and Society, his article hopefully dispelled the ideas that only the weak are subject to the affliction. Personally, I think that our Airborne

Espirit keeps many in desperate need, from seeking out the help that is available. Thank you for addressing this subject. "Enough is Enough".

Carl Baldwin
Chapter XVIII, Oklahoma
[redacted]
Edmond, OK [redacted]

Dear Editor:

I am a new member — just joined — and glad to be aboard.

Just received latest copy of your first rate newsletter.

I was Brigade Aviation Officer for the year of 1968 — located all over II Corps — An Khe, Bong Son (LZ English), Plieku, and several more places.

I look forward to a continued association with my Sky Soldier friends.

Best regards,
Bruce D. Silvey

St. Petersburg, FL [redacted]

Dear Editor:

I have been warehoused for the last 19 years, the court ruled, the only reason I broke the law, was because, I was suffering from PTSD long before this condition was ever recognized.

I have a court hearing coming up — I am requesting a new trial because, I had a defense then but, that defense was not recognized until 1980, PTSD. One of my attorney's is Robert E. McGowan, Esq., 14300 Gallant Fox Lane, Suite 223, Bowie, MD 20715-4003, who I met in the Herd in 1969, and we have remained close friends.

Norman Ryman/137652
P.O. Box [redacted]
Jessup, MD [redacted]

Dear Editor:

I am representing David Greenslade in his claim with the VA for service connection for PTSD. The Court of Veterans Appeals remanded the case to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. We are now seeking additional evidence, particularly regarding stressors.

Mr. Greenslade served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. The first was from May 2, 1967 to April 28, 1968, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. He served as a cook at Dak To and elsewhere. He was rotated into the field when possible to serve the troops hot meals. We have one affidavit from a member of the 173rd stating that there was mortar fire in December 1967 at Dak To, that cooks were in forward support groups, and that such groups were subject to fire. He also stated that cooks were left in the field of battle overnight. This man, however, did not witness Mr. Greenslade in the field personally. That is what we are seeking — someone who witnessed his exposure to combat.

Would you please let me know if you or your publication can help. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Julie M. Clifford
Attorney At Law
[redacted]
Alexandria, VA [redacted]



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