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The President's Corner

Our 1995 First Team Reunion is past history now, and what a fine Reunion it was. We had almost 1,000 Cavalry Troopers and family members present for the festivities and I don't think anyone was disappointed.

The Dedication Ceremony to honor our War Dead of the Division was a beautiful ceremony. The bronze plaques mounted on the side walls of the Chapel list the names of our Dead alphabetically by war era and the effect they

convey couldn't be more perfect. If you didn't get a chance to visit the Chapel during the Reunion, please go there the next time you are at Ft. Hood, you'll be glad you did.

The "First Team", did itself proud in all aspects of everything that was presented for us to see, hear or feel and the individual Troopers were simply magnificent. Many thanks to General LaPORTE, his officers and his men for their outstanding contribution to a successful Reunion.

We did have a malfunction of the air conditioning system at the banquet in the Expo Center which not only caused the salads to be condemned by our sharp eyed Doctor Joe MCNANEY, but caused a little discomfort among our active duty folks, as they were wearing their Greens. We were fortunate that the problem did not last very long, and everything seemed to proceed smoothly.

I was very proud to accept the donation of \$11,000 from the members of the 1st Cavalry Division presented to the Association by our Division Commander. I know that this could not have been possible without the whole hearted cooperation of everyone concerned. This money will be used for our Scholarship Program.

I also would like to thank MG Joe KINGSTON and his West Point Classmates for their donation to help defray the cost of the

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Division Doings by Robyn Gregory



LTG John H. TILELLI, Jr. and troopers.

Well before I get into what the division's doing now, let me first say that once again I really enjoyed the Reunion. It's one of my favorite times of the year, getting to see so many old friends.

In fact I'm really running behind in returning your letters right now, so let me briefly say thank you to these special people. Thanks to Jon Wallenius for the wonderful

IaDrang art (It's being framed this week), Gerrell PLUMMER for the information, Ed DAILY for the tie, John HOLTZ for the kind words, and Marilyn "Mom" GENZ for the photos. And the list goes on and on of kind souls...I'll be sending you all letters this week.

Now to the big news.

We had no sooner wrapped the Reunion up than we de-

ployed a battalion task force, from 2nd Brigade to Kuwait, when Iraqi troop movements there necessitated a short notice deployment for the First Team. We had 1,500 troops ready to go within hours of getting the 911 call.

"We were training out in the field at Fort Hood and our commander told us we were being called in for a different

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MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION

On 10 August, 1995, the first day of the 48th Annual Reunion, the Association presented to the Division a series of bronze plaques listing the names of the War Dead of the 1st Cavalry Division from the four wars in which the Division fought. The ceremony took place in the 1st Cavalry Division Memorial Chapel which was filled with alumni and current members of the Division. It included massing of the colors of the units of the Division in the Sanctuary, an introduction and benediction by the Division Chaplain, LTC Gregory J. SCHANNEP, a moving Living History by Chaplain (MAJ) Ben COLLINS, and especially in-

spirational comments by LTG Paul E. FUNK, Commander of III Corps and Ft. Hood and a previous Commander of A Troop, 1/9 Cav in Vietnam.

The plaques, mounted in beautiful hardwood frames, line the walls of the Chapel.

The President of the Association, COL (R) Ernest P. TERRELL, Jr., presented the memorial to the Division Commander, BG Leon J. LAPORTE, with the following words:

"General LaPORTE, the 1st Cavalry Division Association and its Foundation humbly presents this memorial to the 1st Cavalry Division as fulfillment of a solemn pledge to dedicate a fitting memorial to the 10,383

troopers assigned to units of the First Team who gave their lives for their country and their comrades during World War II, the Korean War, the War in Vietnam, and Desert Storm. On the walls of this chapel the names of our honored dead set in long bronze tablets surround you. This dedication is a solemn moment for every one of us who lost friends in action during our service with units of the 1st Cavalry Division. The memory of those gallant comrades has not dimmed with the passage of time. As recorded on the dedication plaque, this memorial is dedicated by the troopers past and present of the 1st Cavalry Division

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Calendar

July 31- Aug. 4	49th Annual 1st Cav. Div. Assn. Reunion. in Milwaukee, MI
Oct. 7	"G" Trp. - Am. Legion Hall, Pompano Beach, FL 10:00am
Oct. 14	FL Chpt. 11:00am Sebastian's Steakhouse Rest., Ramada Inn Orlando Central
Nov. 11	Vet. Day Luncheon 1:00pm Ramada Inn Orlando Central
Nov. 11	Rededication Vietnam Vets State of FL Memorial, Tallahassee, FL 1985-1995.
Dec. 9	5:30pm FL Chpt. Annual Christmas Dinner party/Meeting Ramada Inn Orlando Central 1996
Feb. 8 - 11	9th Annual Mid Year Reg. Reunion, Ramada Inn Orlando Central

BOOK REVIEW

By Jim Marks

"CUSTER TO MacARTHUR 7TH U.S. CAVALRY 1866-1945"

By Edward L. Daily

Turner Publishing Co., Paducah, KY, 200 pg. hard bound

Ed DAILY has become the premier historian of the 7th Cav. Regt. with the publication of this outstanding volume.

With the publication of "Skirmish Red, White, and Blue", a history of the 7th U.S. Cav. (1945-1953) already under his belt, this new effort sets DAILY apart as preeminent among 7th Cav. historians and scholars.

While there has long been a fascination with Custer and the 7th and DAILY does justice to this era as well, he also makes it clear that this is not all of the history of the 7th as the book covers in great detail all of the service to the nation of this great Regt.

The book is very well illustrated with the photos being printed in sepia tone which is a very pleasing aspect and gives the pictures an antique feeling.

DAILY has included not only Regimental diary type of information but also statistical information such as Medal of Honor recipients, rosters of Custer's troops, unit citations

and lineage and honors. Also included are details on the saber, the Regimental coats of arms, insignia, and the standard of the Regt.

DAILY enlisted in the Army in 1948 and was assigned to the 1st Cav. Div.'s Co. "H" 2nd BN 7th CAV RGT on occupation duty in Japan. When the Korean war started he quickly rose from the ranks with a battlefield commission to 2LT.

DAILY's decorations include the D.S.C. Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart w/2 O.L.C.'s.

He has served as President of the 7th U.S. Cav Assn. and currently is a member of the 1st Cav. Div. Assn. Board of Governors.

This book is a must for any one interested in military history, the Indian wars, Custer's era, the 1st Cav. Div. and WWII and all "Garryowen", the troopers who served with one of our nations finest and historic Regiments. It is well written and organized and is destined to be a standard research volume on the 7th. It is highly recommended.

Pres. Corner

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dedication to our War Dead.

I sincerely apologize to the members of the 227th, 228th and 229th Helicopter Battalions and the 1/30 FA Battalion for inadvertently omitting them from the Foreword Section of the book "Book of Honor-Vietnam". I assure you that any future copies of this book will reflect the assignment of these battalions to the 1st Cavalry Division, and I urge all persons who have already purchased the book to make a pen-and-ink change to their copies.

To close on an unusual note, where else, but in the "First Team" would you find a Division Chaplain who wears a Special Forces Tab on his sleeve? Our's does!!

First Team
COL. T.

Dear Editor,

Thursday evening, July 27, 1995 ABC presented the 90 min. documentary, Peter JENNINGS Reporting, HIROSHIMA, Why the bomb was dropped. Early in the narration Mr. JENNINGS stated "Two years ago... the Smithsonian Institution set out to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the flight of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the (atomic) bomb... By the spring of 1994 some veterans groups had declared virtual war on the Museum saying the exhibit portrayed Americans as vengeful aggressors, the Japanese as innocent victims". In his closing remarks Peter JENNINGS stated, in part... "It's unfortunate, we think, that some veteran's organizations, and some politicians, felt the need to bully our most important National Museum, so the whole story of Hiroshima is not represented here". (At the exhibit)

I have no problem with the way the documentary was presented, with the questions raised about the morality of dropping the bomb, or with the gruesome pictures presented. The cameras told the whole story. I thought it was well done. My problem is with Peter JENNINGS. He

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did not 'report', he provided a very biased narration, most of it severely criticizing veterans groups for opposing the original Enola Gay exhibit set up by the history revisionists of the National Air and Space Museum.

The exhibit was to open in May, 1995. The 500 page script accompanying the exhibit was so full of inaccuracies and biases, which portrayed the Japanese as the victims and the Americans as violent aggressors, that many World War II veterans (myself included) wrote to complain.

Officials of the American Legion and the National Air and Space Museum worked through five revisions of the exhibit but a compromise could not be reached. The result was a partial showing of the Enola Gay, without the biased statements of the history revisionists.

Peter JENNINGS castigated veterans for standing firm in their desire that the truth be told. It is sad commentary when the most prestigious museum in the nation will allow itself to be victimized by those favoring political correctness, and history revisionism. It is even sadder that a knowledgeable and highly respected TV anchorman will champion such questionable actions and criticize those of us who only ask that the truth be told so generations to come will know the whole story.

Do I have a personal interest in all this? Yes, very much so.

I was in the Philippine Islands training for the invasion of Japan when the bomb was dropped. Had we invaded, there would have been many thousands of American casualties. Many more thousands of Japanese military and civilians would have died in the defense of their homeland and to save their Emperor, many more then were killed by the atomic bombs. Donald A. MERCIER, Co. C, 44th Tank Bn. 1204 Bolles ST. Eau Claire, WI 54703-2732 (715) 832-7898

Dear Editor,

If I'm not mistaken, my son, Clyde D. SMITH, and I met you at the 8th Cavalry lunch on Saturday, August 12.

The 48th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division was my first, and it was an impressive and moving experience. I know it took the cooperation of many, and I'd like to be able to tell you all what a great job you did, and thank you sincerely for my son and I.

My husband, Clyde D. SMITH, was with the 8th Cavalry from June, 1942. He had just graduated from the University of Illinois where we had met two years earlier, and we were married in July when he was training at Ft. Riley. From there we went to Ft. Bliss until May, 1943, Continued on pg. 3.

OTHER REUNIONS

44th TANK BN, 5-8 Oct., '95, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Wayne BRANNON, 360 Glenwood Dr., Mooreville, NC 28115, (704) 664-1074. 161st ASSAULT HELICOPTER CO., 6-8 Oct., '95, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Contact Ronald J. CRISLIP, 2319 Tytler St., Jenison, MI 48948, (616) 457-5205.

U. S. CAVALRY ASSN., 15-17 Sep., Ft. Riley, KS. Contact USCA, P.O. Box 2325, Ft. Riley, KS, 66442, (913) 784-5797.

DUSTOFF ASSOCIATION, 23-25 Feb., '96, San Antonio, TX. Contact the Assn at P.O. Box 8091, Wainwright Station, San Antonio, TX 78208, or Doc Kralich at (210) 558-7764.



SILVER WINGS of the CAV.



Frank Tierney
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Greetings from the Midwest. I'm hoping ya all have settled down from the Texas reunion. Heard from many of you in attendance and the agreement is that the reunion was a great success. Mick, along with Bob "227" JOHNSON, Ken OLSEN and others handled the SILVER WINGS hospital-ity suite. Seems this years attendance was down a little for our group, but Ft. Hood still poured out their hearts to make it the best yet. I spoke with CPT Paul (was a LT 2 years ago) RUTKOWSKI, who was our liaison again this year. He arranged again this year to get us on the flight line and some stick time in an Apache and Blackhawk helicopter. I mean simulators. CPT Paul is moving on to his next station but I'm sure our paths will cross in the future. Once a Trooper, always a Trooper. Take care, Sir.

Thanks to Mick and the others for having the room available for all to relax and slow down in. Thanks also to the following store for their generous contributions again this year: The Hangar, 1.800-598.9534 for the Cavalry plaque, it's always a great hit; Wings, 334.598.2610 for their altimeter clock and glass coasters; and of course the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Gift Shop, 334.598.9465, for their beautiful frosted beer mug and key ring. When I called the museum for a donation, the manager Lynnda described the beer mug and I had her send one to me as well. If any of you are beer enthusiasts (dumb question) you will love the mug. It holds 12 ounces of your favorite beverage (and holds it over and over again, I know, I tested it), but it is frosted with images of helicopters etched in gold. Christmas is coming, mention it to your significant other. Hey, Margie you out there? An-

other gift to buy yourself is the Forest Gump Soundtrack. It has the best of the music from the 60's and 70's. Make sure you get the double length recordings for the full songs.

I still have three SILVER WINGS watches left at \$25 each plus 12 caps with gold embroidery at \$25 also. Let's have a fall sale and sell both for \$45 complete.

Bob "227" JOHNSON, 2013 Dickens (as in full of the) Drive, Killeen TX 76543 tel# 817.699.8216 out of his own pocket had some t-shirts printed up with the SILVER WINGS logo printed on one side along with all of the aviation units from Vietnam. It's absolutely gorgeous. It's on an athletic grey high quality cotton t-shirt. It's the best investment in a shirt you'll make. For \$20, he'll mail you one. We keep this up and we'll have to rename this column the SILVER WINGS of the CAV Home Shopping Network.

I have to tell you a story. (So what's new?) For the EAA airshow, I camped on a friends farm. The owner was a Korean Vet but was admiring my Vietnam black t-shirt with the Hueys on it. For his hospitality, sitting around the campfire, I took the shirt off my back and gave it to him. After much urging and a few tears he accepted it and wore it proudly the next day. While I missed it, Bob's t-shirt arrived a few days later and I now have a new cherished t-shirt. It's like a new puppy after the old dog is gone.

So, let's tally our costs. \$20 for the Forest Gump CD while you're wearing your \$45 cap and watch, \$20 t-shirt and enjoying your coolest beverage in your \$20 Ft. Rucker Museum beer mug. For a "C" note, you can be looking mighty FINE!

Well, I gotta keep rolling as I'm a Waldo big time today, but with good reason. The real estate market is still rolling along, I have a bad cood, (I can't say L's), the car broke down, kids started school, have a few seminars coming up I have to study for and you're not buying any of this are you Lorinda?

Hey, I went to the EAA OshKosh Air show again this year and it was as good as



Williamsfield, IL Memorial to L-R: Persian Gulf, VN, WWI and WWII, and Korea.

ever. They recreated the Normandy invasion by having 160+ aircraft fly over at different altitudes and the same time combined with bombing runs and huge explosions. It was a tear jerker. Next years reunion is the same weekend as the airshow so plan on being in attendance and allow enough time for the show. Additionally, there is a private military museum about 20 minutes from the hotel which will be interesting to view. I know the Kettle Moraine Wisconsin Chapter has much planned and I don't know if the plans include the previous items. Bottom line is plan on attending the 1996 1st Cav Div Association reunion in Milwaukee. It's going to be a knock out with something for everyone. **GUARANTEED!!!**

Last month I mentioned about Lake Zurich's plans for a Veteran's Memorial in a park and solicited photos. Thanks to all. I am enclosing a photo to give you an idea of some of the memorials out there. Any photos or information you can provide is still appreciated.

Hey Pink, Mel and the others on Compuserve. You may have noticed I dropped my subscription to the service, initially by accident. I changed credit cards and, unknowingly, dropped my service. I hope to start it up again soon as time permits. It's hard enough to sit down at the 'puter and knock this out. Between this article and the office computer, my fingers are down to the first knuckle. I'm hoping they'll grow back.

We've gotta pull pitch and push the nose over.

LET'S LAUNCH!!!

American Wings Air Museum, PO box 12091, St Paul, MN 55112-0901, sent me their premier edition of their newsletter. The museum is associated with the Mohawk Association and is committed to preserving the starch wing aircraft. The issue highlights some of their restorations and future plans. If you have a mild interest in aircraft, you'll really enjoy the information. I

bet they might be willing to send a free newsletter to you so you can see for yourself. Thanks guys. I look forward to the next issue.

"SHORTROUND" MIGUT sent me an update on the 7th Cav's activities complete with photos, bumper sticker and joke. Looks like you had a grand time at LZ Moultrie in Lakeland, FL. I just love photos of old friends getting together. I could tell there was no way you were going to get these guys to pose for a portrait. But, then again, a photo like this shows feeling and emotion like no other I remember. I'm happy for all of you. They had the mandatory burning of the North Vietnam flag draped in front of a grass hut. Also, thanks for the "7th Cavalry" bumper sticker. SHORT-ROUND always includes a smile in his letters and this time he shared the history of why nobody knows "Jack Sh_". I obviously can't print it in detail here, but I can tell you I knew Jack when he was just a little fart.

Bob SMITH, McHenry VVA, called me to pick up this years Vietnam Veteran plates. Every year his chapter arranges for special event plates commemorating the Vietnam Veteran. Again this year I received #22 which was my callsign in Vietnam. For \$28, you can legally display these not only through November 18, but a few have been known to run them the full year. For those who collect license plates, have a Vietnam veterans display or a classic show car, these are definitely for you. You need not be from Illinois to display them. Call him and he'll Fed Ex them to you. If nothing else, put them

on your easy chair while you're wearing your SILVER WINGS garb. Okay. So. We're up to \$133.

Dave DeSLOOVER, 617 Wolverine, Monroe, MI 48161, has been in contact with many of you in the past and is proud when he can help a fellow veteran out. He recently received a letter from Patsy CONNER which he passed along to me regarding her husband James who has been in and out of Veterans hospitals. While they are trying to help him it can be very despairing both personally and financially. The letter is a real tear jerker in that James suffers both physical and PTSD. While we did send them some support during their trying times, at the best it will be only short lived. If you have a moment and can drop James a line, it will be appreciated by many. Write James CONNER at 1304 15th Ave. SE., Decatur, AL 35601. Dave summed it up best in the note he attached to the letter. "Take care Frank and God bless you and the family! Sometimes, that's all we have is family and I'm happy you're part of "my family". I do consider my Silver Wingers as family." And you are in mine. It's amazing how so many strangers can come together and develop such strong bonds when many of us have never met. Isn't it wonderful!

Dave also included many photos of the Monroe County Veterans memorial which has Charlie model and Cobra helicopters displayed. What a fabulous monument. I look forward to seeing it.

Ken OLSON sent me a letter with his activities at the reunion. And active he was. He traveled to Ft Hood with Joe ARGON. Ken hooked up with Joe COMBS at the hotel as well as Mitch BLANKENBERG and GEN SHOE-MAKER. Ken attended his first reunion in 1993 at Ft Hood and expressed how welcome he felt by all. He returned the favor this year by welcoming many who were there for their first reunion. My friend, you do more than your share in helping others. **Continued on pg. 11.**



C 1-7 CAV LZ Moultrie Lakeland, FL July 1, 1995

9th CAV News - Flying Point



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I am sorry that I was not able to attend the 1st Cav Div Assn. reunion this year. One of my children needed my help in his business. I think all of you would agree that family comes first. However, I am starting to gather information about the activities at Ft. Hood. I hope to publish a list of attendees in the next issue of SABER if the Association does not, and the Director gives me an OK.

I want to thank Sue and Pete BOOTH for picking up the pieces I left for the hospitality suite at the last minute. I understand that we had a good setup. Pete advised that we owe a special thanks to Peg and Jim GOLDSBERRY who were very generous with their time and help to make the suite a success. Attendees were treated to a visit from LTG Paul FUNK (A Trp 69) (CG III Corps and Ft Hood) on Saturday afternoon. He spent considerable time talking to all of our troopers. LTG FUNK is just another example of the quality of leadership produced by the 9th Cav.

I am in the process of reserving a room for our hospitality suite in Milwaukee for the reunion 31 Jul. - 4 Aug. next year. Don't want to wait until the last minute! I have a son-in-law who works for Miller Brewery Co. in Milwaukee, and I think we can get some support through him. Silver Wings has a raffle each year to help offset the expense of their suite. What are your thoughts about doing something similar? We would need a few items of value contributed to make it work. Drop me a line (or call) with your ideas on this subject.

I received a nice letter from Matt BRENNAN (I appreciate your comments. Matt). Matt wanted to report about the Vietnam Helicopter Pilot Reunion that took place in Kansas City during the week of July 17th. He said he was invited to attend by John HAZELWOOD (C Trp 66-67) and attended as his guest.

There were about forty 9th Cav Troopers present including, but not limited to Larry BROWN, Lou ROCHAT, John FLANNIGAN, Mike Covey, Barry MCALPINE, Bob LACKEY, Dean EICKENBERRY, Bert CHOLE, and B Trp's First Sergeant Paul TYRRELL (Duc Pho, An Loa Valley, Chu Lai) with his son, a Regular Army Captain who participated in Desert Storm as a tank platoon leader. All the B Troopers were thrilled to see their old First Sergeant who was a well-loved individual in Vietnam. Matt added that John HAZELWOOD has been in contact with Lt. SCHULTZ, C Trp Blue when Matt was there. Matt considers him the best infantry platoon leader he was ever honored to know. [and Matt knew several CW]. VHPA members urge more 9th Cav (pilots, maintenance, crew-members or Blues) vets to attend their meetings. Their next reunion will take place in San Diego next year. I will print the dates in this column as soon as I learn them.

Matt mentions the name of his Blue Plt. Ldr. and guess who checks into the net? None other than Ed SCHULTZ (5 Flintlock Lane, Falmouth, ME 04105). Ed was responding to my request for Trp and Sqdn radio call signs. He recalls that C Trp used Phantom Raider in the 65-66 timeframe. He became the XO of HQ & HQ Trp and remembers their call sign as Flashy Saber. Thanks for the input Ed!

Another nice letter arrived (too late for the last issue of SABER) from Liz and Phil ZEMKE (233 East Portland, Fresno, CA 93720). Liz reports that her leg was finally amputated on April 11th. She was fitted with a temporary leg and gets around very well. She expected to have her permanent legs (one for dress and one for athletics which will be fitted for skating!) in July. They plan to be in Washington, DC this November for Memorial Day ceremonies and of course, Milwaukee in 96. Liz reports that their son will graduate from college next May and receive a commission in the Army in a ceremony to be administered by her brother who is a Colonel. Also, BULLWHIP SIX will pin on the first set of wings. Liz and her son's fiancée will pin his bars on and Phil will receive the first salute. Talk about planning. I bet you would have made a super operations officer in BULLWHIP's CP

Liz!

C Trooper Stan GARNHART (5685 Rural Edge Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073) sent a short after-action report about the C Trp reunion that was held in St. Louis 7-9 July. Twenty-five C Troopers attended. Stan said that one of the highlights was a fantastic slide show presented by Nat SHAFFER and his wife Tiz. He added that without the determination of Tiz and Nate the get-together may not have taken place. "Thank you Nate and Tiz." Stan is looking forward to the next C Trp get-together where ever/when ever, and he hopes it won't take another 25 years only to find most in wheel chairs, popping old age pills, playing bingo, and on Medicare (if it still exists).

John FORGETTE USAF Ret. (104 South Garden Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-5818 (360) 671-5083) who is working on an unofficial history of Phu Cat Air Base (see my comments in the Jul/Aug issue of SABER) sent some of the data he has compiled about the area. We called the area LZ Hammond. His data indicates that Hq. A, and D Troops occupied the area during September 1966. I thought that we were there through Nov. I know we were there on 2 Oct. when A Trp started the famous fight at Hoa Hoi which is located on the China Sea Northeast of Hammond. Can anyone confirm when we moved to the Bong Song area? John also indicates that B Trp. was at Hammond from Dec., 1966 through March, 1967. That does not seem to be correct from what sketchy details I can remember. Can any of you B Troopers help?

I received a lengthy letter (too late for the Jul/Aug issue of SABER) from Dick TIMMONS (2379 Giffels Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221-3509 (216) 923-3004). Dick advised that he and Gayle would not be able to join the reunion this year because of work and a conflicting family reunion in KY. Dick said they should be able to make the trip to Milwaukee next year. He said he has been doing a lot of "messaging with Paul BECHBEGER (B Trp 65-66), on American Online. Paul has been living in Colorado Springs but is considering moving back to Columbus GA. He asked that we pass his regards to everyone. Computer on-line users can reach Dick on CompuServe (72202,3036) or American On-line using the screen name IaDrang. Paul can be reached on America

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Thank you for supporting the Souvenir Shop and Troopers of the First Cavalry Division

On-line at screen name CAV9THVN65. [How about those call signs]

Both Dick and Paul would appreciate hearing from you. Are there any more on-line users out there? Pass your address to me and I will spread the word. One of these days I will put my modem to better use than sending or receiving a FAX!

Another Trooper checking in was "First Shift" B Trp. Maint. Officer David SHANKLIN (1612 Mill Creek Road, Mebane NC 27302). David wrote about the comments provided by Bob THAXTON (see my July/Aug. column) concerning the events that took place on 3 Nov., '65. David said he knows Bob very well and can verify most of what was written. He acknowledged that after over 30 years, some of the details are sketchy but he remembers being on the ground at the B Trp CP before dark and also remembers landing there with ammo. David recalls that B Trp moved to a location each night. One of his jobs was to fly back to the Golf Course almost every day for water, food, mail, and other "ash and trash." All aircraft maintenance was done in the field, and he recalls being shot down while conducting a test flight. David said that Dick TIMMONS was his Crewchief - Doorgunner the day he got hit when departing a hot LZ. David dropped Dick off at an aid station. A tour with the 9th Cav was not enough for David. He returned to RVN two more times, once as "shotgun" flying Bird Dogs in the Delta and a tour with the 101st. Abn. Div. Yes David, I agree with your comment, someone up there really likes you! David retired from the Army and the Postal Service and now raises a few cows.

Another Trooper checked in with a few observations about the LZ English fire works display when the ammo dump

went up with a bang on 6 June 1967 (I didn't realize at the time that the event coincided with D Day 1944). Bruce "Ace" MORRIS (C Co. 229th Avn. Bn.) (RR #1 Box 4045 Solon, ME 04979-9729) was at English that night and woke up with the roar, grabbed his rifle and jumped into his bunker. He said he almost killed some of their ARVN security troops as they ran across the road in front of his position. Someone screamed that they were friendly troops. After all those years, Bruce can still see the ARVN security troops dragging M-1 Carbines behind them and not looking back. That is why (at least during my time in A Trp) that we performed our own security. At LZ Dog, all of our troopers (pilots, maintenance and Blues) manned our perimeter. Bruce would like to contact John HAZELWOOD (C Trp 67). John lives in VA and can be reached at (804)-447-7365 (w) or (804) 447-8242 (h). Bruce said he is still proud that he served with the 1st Cav Div. Dito Bruce!

Art JUNOT forwarded a letter the Assn received from Robert NORVELL. His father, Clyde L. NORVELL, was a B Trp 9th Cav pilot, who was shot down and killed on 30 March, 1966 while trying to extract some troops. Robert is an Arizona Wheelchair Athlete and is training for the 1996 Paramilitary Archery competition to be held in Atlanta, GA. Robert has a rigorous training schedule with tournaments in San Diego (June 95) Boston (June, '95) Ohio (Aug., '95) Long Beach (Aug 95) and the Pan Am Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Sep., '95). Robert is seeking financial support for his effort. If any of you out there would like to help this young man, I suggest that you contact him at his address above. We are prohibited from direct fund raising activities through Continued on pg. 16.

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