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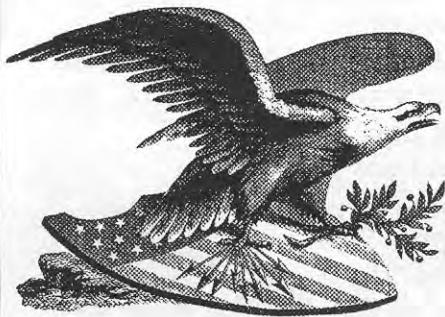
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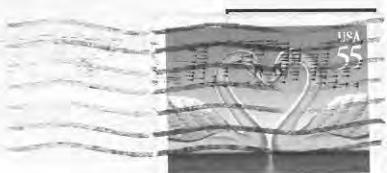


The object of this chapter is to preserve in patriotic reverence the memory of those who served in the *JUMPING MUSTANG BATTALION* of the First Cavalry Division and its associates of the Vietnam War from 1965 - 1971, to support and enhance the fame and glory of the Battalion, to maintain and strengthen the bonds of comradeship which distinguished the men of the Battalion; to provide for the gathering and dissemination of information concerning these men. To provide for the the patriotic assembly in local and national reunions, and to perpetuate the "*JUMPING MUSTANGS* Drive On All The Way" spirit as to heritage and tradition for future generations. Last but not the least; "*JUMPING MUSTANGS*" gather each year in reunion to participate in a memorial to those who have died and the one man known as missing in action. Without distinction as to creed or heritage, we offer our united prayers in their behalf to our maker. We pray that their sacrifice may not have been in vain. We grieve for their loss as we would-for our own sons and brothers.

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# MUSTANG 6 REPORT: 14th REUNION



What a great Reunion. Under the leadership of our President, Jessie Lopez, Nash and Cissy and Bill and Susanne Onstott and others who assisted did a great job in the planning and conducting our most successful Fourteenth Reunion. It was truly outstanding. Over 135 warriors, spouses, children, family and friends present. The Double Tree Hotel was excellent, food delicious and service excellent.

The ice breaker Thursday night was enjoyed by all. Our Flag raising was inspiring as always. Lt Robert Crum's family (8) attending both the Memorial Dinner and the Memorial Ceremony at the Houston Vietnam Memorial on Saturday morning was a major event. Helped them and helped us. This is what we really are all about.

Our thanks to the Houston Police Department for the splendid color guard. Nash, did a great job at our Business Meeting.

I am pleased we decided to fund a History Research Fund, to purchase Operations Reports and Morning Reports, etc, headed by Dave Bowman. Our start with \$2,300.00 to begin the project will let us get under way. If you care to donate to this fund as others did, including our Association donating \$500.00, send your donations to Jim Knafel our Treasurer, made out to Jumping Mustang Association. This information is also on our Jumping Mustang Home Page, established by one of our members, Jerry Conners, <http://sites.netscape.net/jumpingmustangs/homepage>. These records, available to all in notebook form will be computerized later if we can manage it, to help preserve our history for the future. Our thanks to Dave Bowman for his yeoman efforts in getting this project under way and being our Historian.

I am also pleased we funded a Memorial Obelisk at the Airborne and Special Forces Museum at Fort Bragg, NC in honor of the 1/8, Airborne, Air Assault, Airmobile. The donations of \$3,300.00, including \$500.00

from our Association coordinated by Talmadge, We are still short about \$400.00, but have enough to go ahead with the project. If want to donate, send your check to Roger Talmadge, Museum Project. Anything left over will be donated to the History Fund. We have also placed this information on our Home Page. Our thanks to Roger for his initiative in organizing this project which we shall see at our next meeting.

Our next Reunion will be at Fayetteville, NC 20-23 July 2000, where we shall be able to visit the Airborne & Special Forces Museum, dedicated to Air Mobility, Air Assault and Airborne. Year 2001 we go to Spokane, Washington and the great North West. Year 2002 we voted to go to Biloxi, Miss (to be confirmed at next meeting).

Several members indicated we should try to do something about preserving our historic photographs. I have asked Glenn Sheathelm and Tom Brett, our photographers, to come up with a plan on what we can do about photographs before they deteriorate or are lost when their owners go to the Happy Hunting Grounds. Maybe we can eventually preserve our photographs, and eventually computerize. Glenn and Tom present their plan to our members at our next meeting.

The JUMPING MUSTANG HOME PAGE is up and running thanks to Jerry Conners. We need help in obtaining information developed during your shift. The Home Page is divided into time periods: 1965-1966; 1967; 1968; 1969; and 1970-1971. Under each time period, will be battalion and company links. We need help here. If you wish to participate, send me your material, either mail or Internet. Bring up our Home Page on your computer or a friends. Terry McGee is compiling information on those who paid the supreme sacrifice, send him your input or to me. Dave Bowman is collecting history, send to him or to me. I am on the Internet as "bobogigi@aol.com". Let us all pitch in and help make this work.

Our thanks to Jim Knafel for handling the money. This takes time and he,

**OFFICERS:**

Kenneth Merle  
Larry S. Pender  
Jane Lopez  
Nash Aranda  
Roger Talmadge  
Jim Knobel  
Kevan Hockenberry  
Chris Schaeffer  
Dave Hartman  
Sandi Rader

14th Reunion by Jessie Lopez, President, and Nash Aranda, Vice President, for their hard work and inspiring leadership. Thanks again also to all helped make our 14th Reunion so great.

Thanks also to Roger Talmadge for his inspiring and motivating prayers, including our Memorial Dinner, the Memorial Ceremony at Houston's beautiful Texas Vietnam Memorial Saturday morning and the Prayer Breakfast on Sunday.

Bill Jones tried to "cut a rug" at our Saturday evening dinner dance, and did some damage to an already damaged back. After a few hours in the hospital, he was able to fly out for his home on Monday morning. Last

report was he was doing okay, but hurting. Our prayers with you Bill.

We must not forget Bill Mozey, as always excellent jokes, humor and fun. You keep us all young, Bill. Many thanks. Incidentally, Bill Hawkinberry sent me a copy of a Division Order, showing the 1/8 Cav still listed as "Airborne" in 1967. Anyone top that?

Lastly, thanks to all that came and helped in any way and made our 14th Reunion so great. It was great to see all of the young people again. See you in Fayetteville.

**BRING SOMEONE  
WITH YOU. HONOR  
AND COURAGE,  
DRIVE ON ALL THE  
WAY: MUSTANG 6**

**JUMPING MUSTANGS' 15TH REUNION**

**Fayetteville, North Carolina**

**July 20 - July 23, 2000**

**Holiday Inn Bordeaux**

**1707 Owen Drive**

**Fayetteville, NC 28804**

**DIRECT NO. 910-323-0111**

**OR**

**1-800-325-0211**

**Ask for the JUMPING MUSTANG RATE**

**Rates apply from Sat. July 15th to July 24, 2000**

**\$70.00 Per Night rate**

**The hotel furnishes a FREE shuttle for those traveling by air, for your convenience a direct phone line is available to the hotel.**

**We've set up an E-Mail line for the reunion. JMReunion15@aol.com or  
WebGear6M@aol.com**



## **Tentative Schedule of Events**

### **Wednesday 19**

8: 00 A.M. Hospitality Room opens for Early Registration.

Best Ball Golf Tournament (Tee Time to be determined).

### **Thursday 20**

9:00 A.M. Opening Ceremony followed by Free Time.

5:00 P.M. Ice Breaker (price to be determined).

### **Friday 21**

9:30 A.M., Trip to Ft. Bragg hosted by 17th Cavalry, Lunch Buffet at main NCO Club (price will not exceed \$6.50 per person)

6:00 P.M. Cash Bar

7:00 - 11:00 P.M. Informal Dinner-Dance (price to be determined)

### **Saturday 22**

9:00 A.M. Business Meeting

10:30 A.M. Trip to Airborne and Special Operations Museum.

6:00 P.M. Cash Bar

7:00 P.M. Memorial Banquet

### **Sunday 23**

8:00 A.M. Prayer Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Closing of Hospitality Room



## **"The Wall That Heals"**

"The Wall That Heals", the traveling half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania May 27 thru May 31, 1999.

A local historian, Wayne Motts has conducted a two and one-half year research project to collect information on the 18 residents of Adams County, Pennsylvania who are memorialized on the wall and these efforts were summarized in the local paper in conjunction with the visit of the wall. One of the soldiers, George L. Mummert, served with the 1st of the 8th Cav. The article pertaining to PFC Mummert read as follows:

"I remember the day I learned of my son's death, Burnell Mummert recalls. "My father and I were working on the front door stairs of the house, when a car pulled up and two men stepped out. I knew then something was wrong."

George Mummert's short life began in Hanover on November 13, 1948, as one of six children reared by Burnell H. and Pauline C. Mummert. The family resided in Union Township, Adams County between Littlestown and Hanover. He graduated from Littlestown High School in 1967, where he left his mark as one of the friendliest members of the senior class. "George was the funniest member of the class." Not only did he have a great sense of humor but - according to classmate Connie Weaver - George also was sensitive and caring. He was always willing to help a friend," she said.

After graduating from high school, George went to work for a furniture company in Hanover; and entered the Army on Dec. 4, 1968. After training at Fort Dix, N.J., he was sent to Vietnam on May 20, 1969. He was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment - part of the famed 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), a special unit designed to utilize helicopters for lighting mobility.

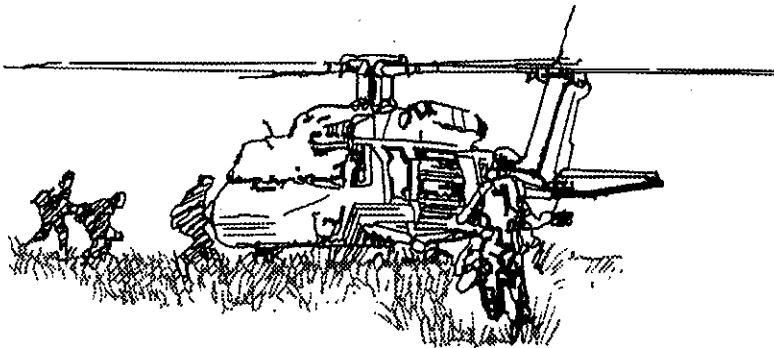
Shortly after noon on July 8, 1969, while Company A was about to be airlifted out of a landing zone to return to base, the group came under brief enemy fire. Because the regular gunner was ill, the 20-year-old volunteered to carry a M-60 machine gun on the operation in his place. Killed in action defending his friends, he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for his services that day.

George is buried at Rest Haven Cemetery in Hanover, PA. His name appears on Panel 21 west, Line 84."

# Mustangs On Line

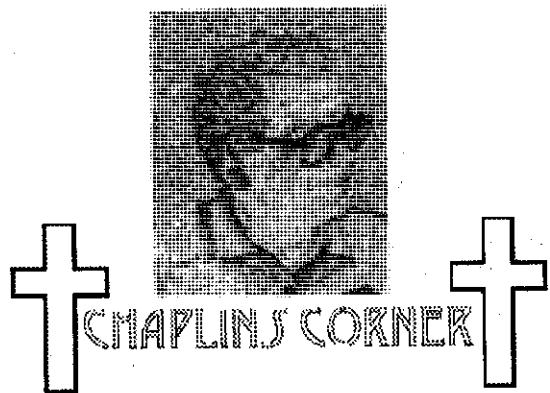
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## COLD WAR CERTIFICATES

The Department of Defense will award a Cold War Certificate to anyone who served during the Cold War Era, 2 September 1945 to 26 Dec 1991. (Note, this applies to all who served during Vietnam War). Proof in the form of any government or military document (copy, not original) which lists your name, social security number, and dates of service, should be sent to "Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Ste 400, Fairfax, Va 22030". For information call 703-275-6279 or visit on internet, "www.coldwar.army.mil". The Department of Army is the action agency for ALL SERVICES, on, this matter.



## The Dash on the Tombstone

Dedicated to SGT John Murphy, C/1/8 '65-66'  
Skytrooper Grunt/RTO with 2 Silver Stars

I know a story about "Captain Bill" who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a dear Army comrade and friend.

He referred to the dates on his tombstone  
From beginning to end.

He noted that first came the date of his  
Birth and spoke of the following date with  
Tears, but he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth,  
And now only those who loved him  
Know what that little line is really worth

For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars, the house, the cash.  
What matters most is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard,  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left.  
You could be a "dash mid-range."

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile,  
Remembering that our special dash  
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash...

Would you be pleased with the thing they say  
About how you spent your dash?

John Murphy, at 54 years old, when home to the  
Lord on about September 1, 1999. Bill Mozey asks  
that we pray for John's family and send a note to  
them at 1127 Airport Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913

Thank you for your special kindness and love for  
another. **With hugs and love. Roger S. Talmadge**

## Randall Shelley Ellis

Last year there were some questions  
about the MIA from 1st/8th and how he hap-  
pened to turn up missing. Gerrell Plummer  
ran down some information on the computer  
and sent it to me.

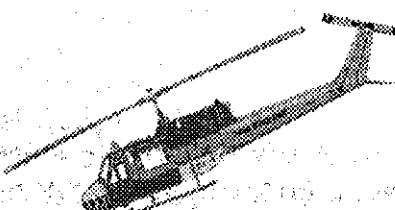
Randall Shelley Ellis was a SP4 medic  
assigned to HQ Company 1st/8th on April 18,  
1969. He was at 112323N 1061833E  
(XT428593) when a tank accompanying them  
was hit by an RPG causing casualties. As Ellis  
climbed on the tank he was hit in the left  
hand by small arms fire.

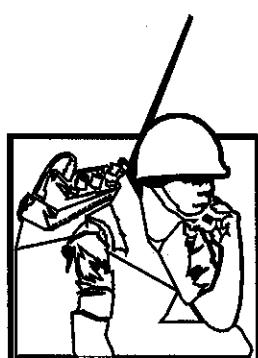
He was helped to an LZ that was being  
used for medevac and was seen by several  
other people at the LZ. It was not determined  
if Ellis ever boarded a medevac helicopter, but  
he was not seen again. The area was cleared  
and searched twice that day as the 1st/8th  
policed the battlefield and again the following  
day. All medical facilities in country and the  
most likely out of country facilities were  
queried, but no information about his fate  
was reported.

Randall S. Ellis was born June 14, 1948  
and listed Charleston, S.C. as his home of  
record.

## Dale Mason ?

"Roxie Folkner, is trying to find Dale Mason  
who served with her husband (dying of can-  
cer) in 1966-1967. Please contact her at Rt  
#1, Box  
27, Mt Sterling, Iowa, 52573, Tel 319 494  
5585





# Tops Mail Call

Talked to Roy Martin and they are fine. Roy said he can't make the Mini reunion in St. Joe of the 8th Cavalry in May as he cannot drive alone. • Sam, Bill Mozey, Gerry Plummer and Poynter will attend as we are invited to see the old WWII 8th Cavalry troops and visit with them. We will raise the flag over the Post Office and enjoy the events that are to be at that reunion. • We may have another Mustang that was on the first shift in Nam, as I have located John Langston who served in A Company and B Company 1965-66. • News from Army Stars and Stripes that we are authorized to receive a certificate from Awards and Decorations. If you wish to apply for your award for helping stop the Cold War you can apply by sending a copy of your DD Form 214 or copy of your Discharge to the following address: Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030. You must send a copy of your proof that you served from Sep 2, 1945 through Dec 26, 1991. Anyone serving in these dates are authorized a certificate, but you must apply for it with proof of service between these dates. • Call from Bill Jones says that Matt will be a full fledged cop in 16 days. Bill was very proud of Matt's accomplishments and we passed on word that I am sure all Mustangs are also. If you can, please send Matt a card of congratulations for his accomplishments. Well these children of yesteryear that were tots when we held our first reunion are now teenagers and young adults. We have two of our grandchildren that are becoming parents making us great grandparents now three times. Wow, how time passes. • Heard from Roy Martin. Says all is well from the Martins. Connie is attending college and they are looking forward to the reunion in Houston. I am sorry that I won't be able to attend all the reunion. Bad time as my family has planned a reunion at that weekend and I can't miss that. I will make the Friday memorial, but will depart after that and go to Dallas where my family will gather. With the reunion was at

another time many are planning an attendance on July 4th weekend and it will interfere with our reunion in Houston. • Heard from Joe Quade, Airborne Quarterly, who wanted an update on the "Jumping Mustangs" activities. I wrote him and sent an update as I knew it. The Quarterly is a good magazine and if you haven't read a copy, you should, and I'm sure you'll find something of interest. • Letter from Gerry Plummer and the information about the 8th Cavalry gathering in St. Joe Missouri. I will attend that gathering with Sam, Bill, Gerry and maybe a couple more Mustangs from the first shift. • Heard from Bill Jones who gave me an update on Matt's graduation from Police Academy. Said Matt was going to be a great cop. • Roy Martin wrote about the Mississippi Memorial Ceremony May 30th. Wanted me to attend, but I have too many things in my plans to make it. • Gerry Plummer called and asked me about the shows in Branson. I made reservations for four shows and a motel for our trip there after the St. Joe reunion. Plans are that we will raise the POW/MIA flag in front of the Post Office in St. Joe, Missouri while attending the 8th Cavalry reunion Then go to Branson. Sam, Gerry and I will go to Branson together and see the shows. • Call from Marle Laurie about Connie Moss who I requested for our prayer list. I gave her what I had and she wanted to send a card. • Heard from Jas Holland who gave me 12 names of lost Mustangs. I sent the names to James Knaefel who I hope will contact these men. We are finding many now that the internet is in operation. • Heard from Col Mertel about the Mustang Web site. Said there was about 25 of the Mustangs that are communicating by e-mail now. My son has a computer and I get messages through him. Back from St. Joe where we had a good time visiting the St. Joseph Mo. Area. Many Antique places and we went to the casino and visited some. One girl from our reunion there won \$3,000. Lucky lady. We had a wonderful three days

(mail call cont.....)

and lots of visiting with the old 8th Cavalry veterans. Next year we'll be in Florida. Afterwards, Gerry and I came by my house and Sam went on home. • Gerry just called and he got home safe. Said he enjoyed the trip to St. Jo and our place. Also enjoyed the shows at Branson. • Talked to Fred Carrizales who reports that he will miss the Houston reunion because he will have surgery on his hand on 30th of June. He reported that all is well with them. He said that his son who is an instructor in the SEALS will get out of the service after this hitch is over. They (the government) don't want to give him what they promised when he enlisted. Seems that we are losing our military and it will be bad if we have a national emergency again where the servicemen are needed. • Bill Hawkinberry is helping with the Bugle now. I am sending this report to Bill today for April, May, and June's report from my mail call. I ask you all to place Fred on your prayer listings. • Calls from many Mustangs saying they really enjoyed the 1999 Reunion in Houston.

Thanks go to Nash and Sissy Aranda and Bill and Susanne Onstott for their hard work and hosting that reunion. Some of the members are concerned with not getting the Bugle on time. Well we are trying to correct this but many understand that Fred was in bad health for a while, and wasn't able to do the Bugle. Then there's others that stepped in and helped get it out after a delay. Hopefully we will start getting it on time again. • Call from Col. Mertel who is really concerned about getting the Web Site in force. Our Mustang Web Site is getting stronger all the time. Many of the older Mustangs have sent in their inputs to get it started. I sent in some information about First Sergeants, but haven't sent anything on Sergeants Major as I will ask others to do that. I will ask you Sergeants Major that were in Nam to make a comment on your job. • Letter from Doc Hancock saying he really did enjoy the Houston reunion. • Also call from Jas Holland who is working hard to get new members. He has sent me names of 18 X-Mustangs that may come to the next reunion if contacted by someone who can send them information about the reunion. I passed this information on to James Knafel to have him send out information and request sheets asking them to join the Chapter. Since I do not do that anymore, I hope others will get involved and

do something about getting members to join. I hear from some X-Mustangs and I ask them to contact James, who can send the joining sheets as I used to send out. We must keep others in contact. If members are neglected, we will lose our membership as times goes by. Veterans need to be thought of and contact must be kept to keep them interested in our Chapter. • Call from Bill Mozey with the latest jokes Wow!!! I hear from Bill lots and I enjoy his contact. • Bill Jones gave me an update on his situation. Bill is better after having the trouble in Houston where he had some back problems. We ask you all to pray for Bill. • Got a letter from Gerry Plummer saying that the future planning for the 60th anniversary of AIRBORNE may be held in Kansas City. Col Bill Weber, publisher of the AIRBORNE QUARTERLY, will handle that if it comes off. He did a great job with the Fiftieth Anniversary in D.C. in 1990. Hope all you Airborne people will keep in touch about that. I was really pleased to see other members step in at our business meeting and take charge. Nash did a good job doing the presidents job in absence of Jesse. Harvey Auger stepped in and took notes in the absence of Kevan. It is good that things go on in the absence of others who are supposed to do a job, and we can look forward to much of this happening in the future as we are getting older all the time and will not be there forever. • Letter from Gerry Plummer about the opening of the AIRBORNE Museum in May 2000. He plans to attend along with others from the Chapter. We may just have a mini-reunion if there's enough interested. More on this later. • Letter from Kennay Burk, Hq Co 1965-66. Said he was interested in joining the Chapter. Said he would keep in touch for future reunions. Talked to Bill Mozey again and another joke. He checks up on me often. • Letter from Glen Sheathelm asking about the battle 21-22 May 1966 where Dolby got his CMOH and Roy got a DSC. He wanted my input about the battle. I gave him what I could and how I think it went. Many others have different understandings about that battle and Glen is trying to get it straight for the Saber. • I must mention the progress that Dave Bowman is making on the keeping of our history and preserving it for future Mustangs and families of Mustangs who may want to know just what happened between 1965 and 1971 in Vietnam. Many stories are coming forward and it will be inter-

esting to know we can preserve these stories and have them in our historical storage in the years to come and maybe after we are no more able to be around. • Called Dave Wright and he said all is well with he and Mary and we plan to meet in Fayetteville and have dinner together. • Jeane and I have purchased a house in Fayetteville but will not move until we sell our farm. We have lots of furnishings and other collections to sell before we can move but we are making the move gradually. We'll keep you informed when we are settled in completely. It will hopefully be before winter sets in. • One of our members, an X-Lt from the war in Nam is a writer who has written many books and had best sellers, has now had one of his books made into a movie. "The General's Daughter" has now been made a movie. Nelson DeMille is the author who has written many books and I have read most of them. He is good and I recommend them as good to read. I think that "Word of Honor" and "Spencerville" were two of his best. Am now reading "The General's Daughter" and will see the movie after I finish reading the book. •

## **NOW FOR OUR NEW JUMPING MUSTANGS, FOUND**

Col Raul G. Villaronga,  
Ret: Comdr of B Co, nine  
months after Jerry Plummer.  
Your question Raul, I am  
first Bn Comdr, Mustang 6.  
- John J. D. Barber, His  
Brother Bill was a Jumping  
Mustang, passed away sev-  
eral years ago. John says hi  
to Dave Bowman. John, you  
can join us as an Associate  
Member, we would be hon-  
ored to have you. See Home  
Page for details. Dave  
Bowman address shown  
under copy to. - Freddie  
Hires, with our great battal-  
ion 66-67. What unit  
Freddie? - Lawrence E.  
Fouse, C Co, 1966.  
Wounded and evacuated. -  
Jack Wood, C Co Arty FO C  
Co under Capt Smith.  
Wants to know what hap-  
pened to Capt Smith?  
Please join our association  
as a member.

Call from a Mrs Roxie Folker who's husband is fighting Colon Cancer. Asked for informa-  
tion as to anyone knowing Dale Mason who  
served with him in 1966-67 with 1/8th Cav. If  
you can help her please write her at Rt # 1,  
Box 27, Mt Sterling, Iowa 52573 or contact  
her at (319) 494-5585. I am sure she would  
appreciate it. • Heard from Glen again about  
the Crazy Horse battle in May 1966. He is  
finally getting the story straight I believe, after  
hearing from Bill McCarron, Roy, and others  
that were there. People see different solutions  
in a battle and it takes more than one man to  
explain the situation. I have heard some  
about that battle that I did not know had  
happened. I only know what I saw while I was  
there. • Finished reading the book "The  
General's Daughter." Really a good murder  
mystery, if you like suspense and good read-  
ing. Will now see the movie to see just how  
Hollywood explains the story. • Heard from  
Col. Mertel again and he said the Web Site on  
Jumping Mustangs was going great. If you  
haven't put in your inputs, please send him  
your stories.

## **RULES OF COMBAT**

*Contributed by Bill Onstott*

1. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
2. Incoming fire has the right of way.
3. Don't look conspicuous; it draws fire.
4. The easy way is always mined.
5. Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.
6. Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous.
7. The enemy invariably attacks on one of two occasions: a. When you're ready for them. b. When you're not ready for them.
8. Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy someone else to shoot at.
9. If you can't remember, the claymore is pointed at you.
10. If your attack is going well, you have walked into an ambush.
11. Don't draw fire, it irritates the people around you.
12. The only thing more accurate than income enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
13. When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.
14. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
15. When in doubt empty the magazine.
16. Never share a fox hole with anyone braver than you.
17. Anything you do can get you shot. Including doing nothing.
18. Make it too tough for the enemy to get in and you can't get out.
19. Mines are equal opportunity weapons.
20. Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer to do anything.
21. The quartermaster has only two sizes: too large and to small.
22. Five second fuses only last three seconds.
23. It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.
24. Those who beat their swords into plowshares generally end up plowing for those who didn't.

# INTERNET HOME PAGE

Our Jumping Mustang Home Page is coming along in an outstanding manner, thanks to Jerry Conners, our Web Master and all of those who are helping. TAKE A LOOK, if you do not have a computer, visit a friend who has, and ask them to bring up "<http://sites.netscape.net/jumping-mustangs/homepage>".

We have links to each company in the 1965-66 time frame and two or three others. We need someone to be responsible for the other time phases for the battalion, 1967; 1968; 1969; and 1970-71. We also need someone responsible for each company link in those time phases, not already listed on the Main Home Page.

There is also a Link to "How to Join our Association", also "Jumping Mustang Mothers, Spouses and Family, also "Locate a Lost Jumping Mustang Warrior" and a Link "Jumping Mustang Warriors who have passed on after Vietnam".

There are several other Links, including "Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice", also "Medal of Honor Recipients" (we have five in our great battalion) and "Duty, Honor and Country".

Harry Heater is on as our Resident Poet, "Patriotic Poems" open to all poets.

Also a link with "Report on our 14th (Last) Reunion" as well as a link with details about our next Reunion in Fayetteville, NC next June, 2000.

Many other links concerning history, other units, including 8th Cav and 1st Cav Div Associations.

Elsewhere in the Bugle, is a listing of Internet Addresses. We have over 50 and counting. We have located many new members who have joined our Great Association.

Any ideas, thoughts, contact MUSTANG 6 on the Internet, "bobogigl@aol.com" or see roster for mailing address.

**HONOR AND COURAGE, DRIVE ON ALL THE WAY, MUSTANG 6**

## Gunnery Sgt. (Ret) Carlos N. Hathcock II

Died Feb 27, 1999 at the age of 57.

He won the 1,000 yard Wimbledon Match at the National Rifle Matches in 1965 and served two tours in Vietnam. He was credited with 93 kills, but his highest award was a Silver Star for an incident on Sep 16, 1969. An amtrak ran over a mine and although suffering burns and other injuries, he pulled seven other Marines out of the burning vehicle. Fellow Marines ran a letter writing campaign to get Hathcock the MOH but failed.

An obituary article was written by Steven Hunter in The Washington Times and part of it is a real tribute to all infantrymen. This article appeared Feb 27, 1999 and reads: *"The academics write their mighty histories, the politicians dictate their memoirs, the retired generals give their speeches, the intellectuals record their mighty epephanies. And in all this hubbub attending wars either lost or won, the key man is forgotten ó the lonely figure crouched in the bushes, wishing he were somewhere else: the man with the rifle."*

For those of you interested in more information on Hathcock, there is an excellent book written about him titled Marine Sniper by Charles Henderson.

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## SUBMISSIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE BUGLE

Until Fred Carrizales has recovered from his operations, Bill Hawkinberry will type all input for Fred.

Bill will send a floppy disk to Fred with the input and Fred will continue to have responsibility for formatting, printing, and mailing of the Bugle.

Send your input to Bill at: 52 Ski Run Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320. NOTE: This is not the address which appears in the older versions of the Mustang Roster. Bill has moved from Ohio to Pennsylvania. His current phone number is (717) 642-9345.

# DEFENDING AMERICA

BY DAVID H. HACKWORTH  
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO PRIVATE RYAN'S ARMY?

Army Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy tells audiences around the nation, "Today's Army is not your father's Army." Then she goes into why "Consideration Of Others" (COO) sensitivity training is the real deal in today's Army and why Private Ryan's kill-or-be-killed World War II techniques are as obsolete as Sherman tanks.

A sergeant major who sat in on one of her lectures says, "The general, wearing spit-shined paratrooper boots that came up to her knees, spent 15 minutes discussing our mission. And then, for the next 40, she stressed the need for equality and sensitivity and understanding of others. I couldn't help wondering if this was some event sponsored by a YWCA instead of the U.S. Army."

In my Army, the sergeants were gravel-road rough, and the mission was about knocking off the enemy and winning. Back then, the brass didn't care about COO stuff. They were into training soldiers to kill our enemies and win battles. Put simply, the philosophy was: The more sweat in training, the less blood in battle.

Back then, generals didn't hug returned POWs after they threw down their weapons, waved the white flag and then wrote "thank-you" notes to their jailers. They court-martialed the slackers.

No way I can imagine Gen. George Patton saying to three such cowards upon their release from a Belgrade slammer, "Welcome home, boys. Don't sweat that .50-caliber machine gun, those three M-16 rifles and all that ammo you handed over to those nasty Serbs without firing a shot. Bad things happen in wars. Oh, and on behalf of our president, here are six medals for all that discomfort those mean old Serbs put you through."

At Fort Benning, Ga., units must conduct "battle-focused" physical training three days a week. And these days at the home of the U.S. Infantry, guess what falls into that category? Aerobic dancing. A major says, "Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure aerobic dance can be a good workout. However, I can't help wondering what kind of message this sends to our soldiers. To me, this is just another sign of the continued feminization of the armed forces and further evidence that our senior leadership has lost sight of

what's important. This trend has converted me into one more member of the growing number of soldiers who've become frustrated with the current state of the Army."

At Fort Gordon, also in Georgia, four students were recently caught red-handed with marijuana. They were still allowed to continue a training course that includes classified signal instruction. A captain says, "The info they'll be exposed to closely resembles the data U.S. Navy spy (John) Walker sold to the Soviets. None of the top people here want to kick these birds out because it would violate what's got all the brass' attention -- 'Consideration Of Others' issues above all else."

During the Cold War, Walker did more damage to U.S. security than a thousand Soviet spooks. But since dope violations are ignored in the White House, I guess it's easy to look the other way with Army communication folks exposed to top-secret traffic. Besides, no one's willing to stand tall and be so flat-out insensitive as to boot them out just for being security risks.

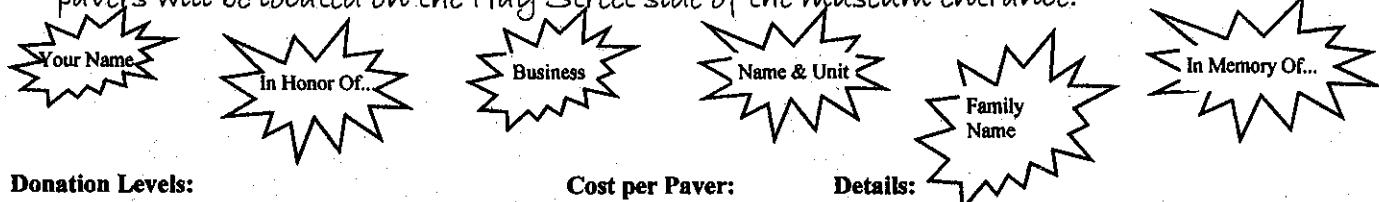
Except for a couple of elite units -- Rangers and Special Ops -- the modern Army has just about lost it. It will certainly take a big change by the top leadership to correct the damage that's been done to the Army and the American profession of arms since the end of Desert Storm.

With the Gen. Kennedys and her ilk at the helm, it's no bloody wonder that grandfathers, fathers and older brothers are telling young folks not to join the Army. It breaks my heart, but not a day passes where I don't give the same advice.

If the old standards aren't brought back in a hurry, then the politically correct Army with its hundreds of maternity and child-care centers and a wrongheaded basic load of COO fixation should be given only support -- bringing up the rear -- missions. The fighting and killing jobs should go either to the U.S. Marines or, as in East Timor, soldiers like the Aussies should handle the Private Ryan stuff.

# PAVE YOUR WAY INTO HISTORY AT THE AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM

The Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation invites you to become a part of history by purchasing a granite paver. These North Carolina white granite pavers will be located on the Hay Street side of the museum entrance.



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**Just found out this a.m. that the dead line for purchasing the pavers is October 31**