



JUMPING MUSTANG BUGLE

1ST Battalion 8th Cavalry

1965 Airborne - Air Assault - Air Mobile 1971

Jumping Mustang Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division



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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 it's 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 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 to the one man still listed 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:

Our FIFTEENTH REUNION, in Fayetteville, NC 20-23 July 2000 is now history. What a great get together. One of our finest thanks to Pappy and Ginny Loughran, Bobbie and Donald Gibson, Jane and Jim Knafel and all the others who assisted. You did a fantastic job.

The Memorial Dinner on Saturday evening was the high light with over 225 members, family and friends attending. The emotional Memorial Ceremony will be etched in our memories forever. A number of spouses of those who have passed on to Valhalla were present providing interchange of support for all. Several of the spouses and family members spoke a few words, greatly enhancing the ceremony and reinforcing the fact that "We are a Family, the Jumping Mustang Family". Frank Vavrek and Keith Heater (Active Duty), both in uniform, carried the boots, helmet and rifle forward.

Prior to that the colors including the full battalion colors of the 8th Cav (provided by a friend), were posted by uniformed active duty members of the 17th Cav, part of the 82nd Abn Div. The lighting of the candles was accomplished by members and for two of our companies, by spouses of those who passed on. Chaplain Roger Talmadge gave an eloquent prayer. A most impressive ceremony. I think all benefitted from our remembering and paying homage to those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Dinner Dance on Friday evening was well attended and with a buffet type sit down dinner. The Holiday Inn Bordeaux did a great job in providing tasty,

delicious and well served food. Fun was had by all, old and young.

dancing the night away with tunes from a local DJ. It was wonderful to see so many of our young people present, children, grandchildren and others. All so bright eyed and bushy tailed. I have watched many of them grow up during the past fifteen years.

The Ice Breaker was well attended Thursday evening with a buffet type sit down dinner. Well attended and fun by all. An opportunity to reminisce and exchange experiences and renew friendships and associations.

Our Hospitality Suite was spacious and well used. Snacks were available thanks to Carol Edwards and her husband as they always do. Mike Price, our newly appointed Quartermaster, had a plentiful supply of T Shirts and Caps as well as other items. The policy was established by President Nash, that all proposed sales of items for sale in the Hospitality Room, must be co-ordinated with Mike Price. Give him your ideas and thoughts. He is the Quartermaster.

Highlight on Friday morning was a visit to a display by the 17th Cav, Airborne, with a splendid display of a Black Hawk, and OH-58, vehicle mounted TOW and a vehicle automatic 40mm cannon plus a small arms display. Brought back many memories. Several of our members in the auto convoy were lost getting their, showing the need for some map reading classes. Afterwards we had a delicious lunch at the Fort Bragg NCO Club.

Highlight on Saturday afternoon, was a visit to the new Airborne and Special Operations Museum in the new

18 million dollar facility in Fayetteville. We had an excellent tour and saw where our 1/8 Cavalry Monument will be. The Museum has its grand opening on 16 August 2000. As you know, last year members made donations to pay for the monument. The few left over funds were donated to the Jumping Mustang Fund.

In the election Saturday morning, we elected Bill McCarron the new Vice President. The current Secretary, Kevan Mynderup, did not wish to continue so Harvey Auger was unanimously elected Secretary as were the other members of the Executive Board, to continue (Jim Knafl, Treasurer; Glenn Sheathelm, Public Information; Dave Bowman, Historian and Roger Talmadge as Chaplain). Fred Carrazales resigned as Bugle Editor after several years of outstanding dedication and service. Our thanks to you Fred for a job well done. Bill Hawkinberry is the new Editor of the Bugle.

We confirmed the Gulf Port (Biloxi) area in Mississippi as our 2002 Reunion Site. Roy Martin the sponsor. We considered sites for 2003, Providence, Road Island, being one of them. Our SIXTEENTH REUNION will be in Spokane, Washington 18-22 July, 2001.

In other business we voted to donate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the 1st Cavalry Division Scholarship Fund, in the name of our only missing in action member, Randall S. Ellis, Hq Co 1968. One of our members children has already benefitted from the Scholarship Fund.

President Nash tabled the voting on the By Laws Up Date, appointed a committee of four members to review and receive recommended comments from members not later than 1 January 2001. Active members will be provided a copy of the proposed By Laws about 30 days prior to the next Reunion where it will be acted upon. The Members of the Committee are Al Schroeder, Jim Laurie, Tom Frye and Ken Mertel (chairman). Members present, received a proposed draft. Send your comments to any member of the Committee, mail or E mail by the deadline.

We had over forty five (45) new members present. The largest increase in membership ever. These included a lost Bn Comdr, Prichard Adams, 1968; Joe Marm (MOH at the Ia Drang); A Co 1968; John Herman, S-3 & Ex O, 65-66; Bill Smith C Co Comdr 65-66 and many others. A Co had a number of members present, with a skull session in room 666 for most of the reunion. Many

members of C and B Co reviewed the battle of Crazy Horse in May 66 to assist Glen Sheathelm, writing an article for publication.

Tom Brett is trying to organize a trip to Vietnam possibly in year 2001. Contact him for details and information. (See Roster).

One reason for the increase in members was because of the dedication and ingenuity of Stan Buckmaster in locating lost Jumping Mustangs. He has been officially appointed our Recruiting Officer. You are doing a great job, Stan, charge on. Also helping to find those lost, is our Home Page, thanks to the efforts of Jerry Connors, our Official Web Master. Well done Jerry. He was not present to receive the plaque prepared for recognition of his efforts, due to other commitments. He will be there next year.

Bill Mozey, Roy Martin, Pappy Loughran and Ken Mertel were privileged to be interviewed Friday morning by Terry Jordan on his talk show, 1100-1200 hours on local radio station WFNC, News Talk Radio. Many of the local citizens knew the Jumping Mustangs were in town.

We closed the Reunion Sunday morning with a continental breakfast and a stirring closing prayer by our Chaplain.

Again, a great Reunion. Thanks to Jessie Lopez, our President (who could not be with us) and all of our Executive Board and members who made it all possible. Many thanks for a job well done. See you in Spokane.

If you know of anyone not on our E Mail list, please let me know.

We have established contact with the 1/8 Cav at Fort Hood. LTC Abe Abrhams, the Bn Comdr. He is setting up a procedure to select one member and fund for attending future reunions. We appreciate the support, they are known as the MUSTANGS.

HONOR AND COURAGE, DRIVE ON ALL THE WAY, MUSTANG 6, Ken Mertel

PAPPY & VIRGINIA LOUGHREN:

First of all, we want to thank all who attended the 15th Reunion here in Fayetteville. Your participation was responsible for making this reunion so successful. We are anxious to know who won the book "Word of Honor" by Nelson DeMille which was autographed by the author specifically for the Jumping Mustangs Reunion. Would the winner please drop us a line?

We would also like copies of any videos which were made during the reunion. If you made a video, would

you please send us a copy of it? We will be more than happy to reimburse any copying and mailing costs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

New members to be welcomed: James Wise, Bruce Browder, James Busek, Kurt Robinson, Ernest Haight, Earl Watters, Samuel Ault, James Clark, Stan Harrell, Ronald Carter, Gary Schauer, Roy Pittman, Jesse Ivery, John Dennison, Douglas Asher, Jack Belcher, Jerry Watson, James Beard, Thomas Paulovitz, Eugene Colgan, John Patrick, C.C. Echols, George Hull, Fernando Oconitrillo, Nathan Villagomez, Thomas Helminger, James Folker, & Pritchard Adams.

Funds on hand on 31 December 1999 were \$11,009.17. Included is \$2185 for the Historical Fund. Finances were audited by Bill Hawkinberry, Gary Cantwell & Rich Washington. If you would like to do the audit next year, call Jim Knaefel.

During the 2000 Reunion, 103 members attended various functions. 233 people attended the memorial dinner, 160 the ice-breaker, & 180 the dinner dance. We sold approximately 300 shirts, 30 license plates & 50 hats.

Eleven members participated in the golf outing. Harvey Auger's and Roy Martin's teams tied so the prize money went to the beer fund as a donation. Bill McCarron's team finished last - AGAIN! I need to get on another team.

There were lots of nice door and raffle prizes given away this year. If you would like to donate something for the raffle and or door prizes next year, please contact Jim Knaefel or bring them to the reunion. Nash Arranda won the 50-50 and his share was \$322, which he promptly donated to the general fund. We wish to thank him for this generous act. I also want to thank everyone that donated something for a door or raffle prize. It was appreciated by all, especially the ones who won a prize.

Received donations from: Jim Laurie, Bill Mozey, Chico Stone, M.C. Vickers, James Sloan, Jack Peevy, Gary Schulz, and many others who gave at the reunion and whose names I could not keep track of. If I forgot your name, please accept my apology.

Had a letter from Sam Rader. He is feeling better and wants to thank all those who sent cards. He hopes to make the next reunion.

Jim Knaefel, (219) 244-3864.

A LOST JUMPING MUSTANG

by Glenn Sheathelm

I recently received a letter from a Bill Wilson who knew David J Canales and was with Alpha Company in 1965-66. He trained with the 11th Air Assault, but didn't go over on the boat because he went to a school. He says he arrived in Vietnam in time to jump the C-130, but he says most of the people jumped from helicopters because of other commitments of the C-130.

He also remembers the first night air assault and says that it was his first that wasn't training. His view of it was that there were tracers going every which way that were red and blue-green. He remembers the terror of going down into that and the amazement that he got off the helicopter without being hit. He also remembers the guys from Alpha Company fixing bayonets the next morning and heading down the hill to the tree line.

He found that reaching the tree line and finding the NVA had left to be a major relief after spending the previous hours expecting not to survive his first air assault.

If you knew him in Vietnam, some of you Alpha Company troopers may want to contact him and invite him to join. I've sent him a note and Jim Knaefel's address, but I know he would appreciate hearing from the people who served with him in Alpha Company. His address is: Bill Wilson, 10005 Begonia Rd., Ore City, Texas 75683. His phone number is (903) 762-1012.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2002

Some of you may remember going to Biloxi in 1989 for the reunion. At that time we were part of the groundbreaking for the **Mississippi State Vietnam Veterans Memorial** and participated in a candlelight ceremony. The memorial is now almost complete and we will be going back there again to participate in the ceremonies in 2002.

Roy Martin has played a big part in getting the memorial built while he was working with the VA and since he has retired. He is justly proud of the memorial. There are some states that still don't have Vietnam Memorials and my home state of Michigan is one of them even though there are a few nice county memorials. It takes some excellent people to keep the project focused

from initial fund raising to completion and Roy has been one of those in Mississippi.

What makes the Mississippi Memorial unusual is that it has 8X10 inch photos built into the memorial. The people responsible have sought photos of all the KIAs and MIAs and although there are a number of names without photos, the memorial has a very good representation of those who will remain forever young.

The MIAs are on a wall separate from the KIAs and there is a walkway of others who served from Mississippi and units are also represented, including the "Jumping Mustangs." a Huey with a 1st Cavalry patch on the front is also on the grounds as are flags of the allied nations that participated with us in Vietnam.



UHID facing North toward the monument. It will be mounted on a pedestal.



Son of Grover Hoyden visits a relative on the West Wall.

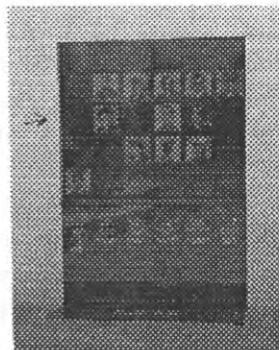


Brick walkway to the Memorial

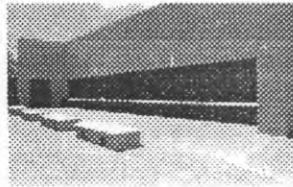
That row of smaller flags was proposed by a former ARVN soldier.



Flag Monument



POW/MIA panel. The arrow points to one of my former SFOC students



West Wall and POW/MIA Wall

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are recreational things to do in the Biloxi area which has casinos and fine restaurants. A trip out to Ship Island was also interesting. In spite of the name it is not covered with old rusting Liberty ships. There is a rather interesting fort on the island

that dates from the costal defense building boom which was a direct result of the British burning Washington, D.C. during the War of 1812. I also remember games on the beach and shallow waters with the families of David Duckworth and Woxie Lyday who were much younger then.

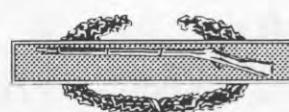
Glenn Sheathelm

FORMER MUSTANG SEEKS HELP

Allen Ray, who was a member of A Company from Aug 66 to July 67 is seeking to contact someone who can help verify that he was wounded on July 2, 1967 so that he can get the Purple Heart. Allen left a message on the A Company 1967 portion of the Jumping Mustang Home Page and I only have his email address. It is ankhevn1@aol.com. If you were there when Allen was wounded, contact him online. If you are not on the internet, contact me at (717) 642-9345 and I'll relay the info to him. Bill Hawkinberry.

ADDRESS OR EMAIL CHANGE?

If so, be sure to notify Kevin Mynderup at 1054 Robin Ave, Hanford, CA 93230-5758. He continues to maintain the data base for all Jumping Mustangs.



ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER?

Normally we renew our membership yearly when you attend the Reunion. If you are not attending the Reunion or are not an Active Member, please fill out this short form and mail to "James C. Knafel, 5510 E-500, South, Columbia City, IN, 46725-9263, Tel 219-244-3864 including your check for \$10.00, annual fee to support publishing and mailing costs of the BUGLE. If you're not sure of your membership status, give Jim Knafel a call. **DO IT NOW! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

YOUR NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DEADLINE FOR BUGLE ARTICLES

is November 30, 2000. Mail or email (no attachments, please) any articles for the next Bugle to Bill Hawkinberry at hawki@cvn.net or 52 Ski Run Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320.

JUMPING MUSTANG CAPS

The Jumping Mustang Quartermaster, Mike Price still has a quantity of caps available for sale. All caps are priced at \$20 plus shipping. They are AIRBORNE and AIRMOBILE in all black and in tow tone - black bill/gold crown. He also has COMBAT MEDIC caps - MAROON BILL/WHITE CROWN. Also has some caps from Bill Mozey - white crown/green bill with DEATH FROM ABOVE LOGO and hats with skull and wings that say VIETNAM 65-71. Contact Mike at 2301 Colorado Drive, Sturgis, SD 57785-2227 or contact him on the web at MP11B40@aol.com.

ATTENDEES AT THE REUNION IN FAYETTEVILLE:

Jas. Holland
John & Virginia Loughran
Don & Bobbie Gibson
Rich & Patty Washington
Colonel Ken Mertel
John & Cherie Donaghue
Harry & Keith Heater
Bobby & Felicia Meadows
Maria Braun & Joe Eichelberger

C.C. Echols & Friends
Gerry Plummer
Bob & Carol Edwards
James & Mary Hancock
Bill & Connie McCarron
Jim & Jane Knafel
Bill Mozey
Kaylin Glasco
Fred Rynkowski

Jim, Marie & Veronica Laurie	Bob & Faye Lynch
John, Vicki & Samantha Esposito	Dave Wright
Randy & Yvonne Howard	Bill Hunt
Robert & Lori Speakman	Frank & Carol Vavrek
Jack Peevy	Bill & Linda Hawkinberry
Gary & Tamara Cantwel	Don & Bonnie LaReau
George & Earline Hul	Ed & Juli Doubet
Roy, Jeannette & Joel Burlew	Eddie & Barbara Dison
Maurice & Carol Waters	Terry McGee
Taylor, Kayla & Erika Vavrek	Gary & Pat Schauer
Bruce Parry, Charles Schel	Tom Podobnik
Andy & Fran Chmiel	Earl & Vikki Watters
Clayton & Paula Goings	Lloyd & Shannon Keene
Joe Musial	Jack & Barbara Belcher
Ron & Gloria Miller	Roger Redd
Fred Luba & Anastasia Carrizales	Herb Harrod
Gary & Joyce White	John Linley
Willis Padgett & Mickey Weaver	Doug Lacoste
Page & Sally Bernstein	Doug Asher
John Butkovich & Raylee Howard	William Crisp
Sam & Mary Ault	William & Virginia Horne
Fernando & Barbara Oconitrillo	Tom Brett
Robert, Larona & Kailen Gore	Glenn Sheathelm
Larry, Karen, John & Cody Thompson	Ron Carter
Jon (Smiley) Williams	Neil & Doris Rousseau
Tom & Margaret Osborne	Ted & Cynthia Danielsen
Bob & Dorothy Gonzales	Herb, Noel & Brandi Walker
Tom Frye & Daughter Karen	Freddie & Elsie Hires
Charles & Lorraine Osborn	Dave & Judy Adkins
Mike & Ginger Price	Bill Martin & Roland Fontaine
Dave & Nancy McCallum	Bob & Charlotte Hamblen
David Bowman & son David P.	John Hermann
Don Vincent & Adele Catazaro	Ron & Molly Hall
Buster & JoAnn Smith	Paul & Lorraine Wessman
Roy & Martha, Randy & Grandkids Martin	
Shirley Bess (widow of Sam Bess, our 1 st KIA) & family	
Al Rose & Sarah Schroeder	Woxie Lyday
Pat Peele & family	Gary Bruno & Judy Myer
Roger & Charlotte Talmadge & guests	Harvey Auger
John & Charlene Patrick	Mary Monroe John
Loughran Jr. & son Ryan	Harry & Dolly Wilson
Jesse & Darlene Ivery & grandson	Stan Buckmaster
Charles Akers	Nash, Cissy & Ryan Aranda
Robert & Charlie Clapp	Jack & Kathy Dooley
Jerry & Susan Endl	Gary & Maria Paxton
Nathan Villagomez	Jim Williamson
Winfield Bledsoe	Jim Southerland & David Riley
(Jim Knafel apologizes to anyone he may have missed)	