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Vietnam Locator Requests

Looking for: Information on my father, Adolf Haffenreffer, Jr. who served in the 182nd Inf. Regt., Americal, as captain. I have his Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross, and Purple Heart. He was at Guadalcanal, Cebu and Bougainville. Contact: Adolf F Haffenreffer III, [REDACTED], Little Compton, RI 02837.

Looking for: Information on my dad who was in the 182nd inf. regiment of the Americal Division on Guadalcanal. His name was Sgt. Chester M Seremet and I'm trying to find out which company he was in. Contact: Martin Seremet; [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone that served in B Co. with Captain James Lamp on July 5, 1968. My name is Swede and I served with H Troop 17th Calvary, second platoon. On July 5, 1968 we worked with three platoons of Bravo Company in an area s/w of Bihn Son to Recon an area. Soon after we met up with Bravo Company, three soldiers walked into an enemy minefield and all three me were critically wounded. Their names were Van Gilder, Hurst and Hooker. Contact: Swede, [REDACTED]

Looking for: Information on veterans. I was called Binky or Bink as a grunt in Vietnam. I am looking for two vets, names unknown. 1) a warrant officer mosquito pilot from Oregon (Portland?), who in June or July 1970 momentarily dropped into Americal jungle territory and asked me if I wanted "to go for a ride". And with two other passengers in the two rear seats for 200 miles to an Air Force base with a brick gymnasium. 2) Though I welcome contact from any one of the approximate 100 Vietnam vets in the singular company sent to England from Fort Hood Texas from approximately 9/70 to 11/70 in a one time "exchange program", I'm looking in particular for a Spec 4 or E5 (?) with whom I hooked up, toured England and ended up staying in a brothel in Soho. Contact: Bink. John Curti, Gibsonia, Pa. [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone who served with my father, Dennis Wayne Pollock, near Duc Pho from 5 July 1969 through 4 July 1970, with Co. C, 26th Engineer Bn. My father died in 2002 and I am trying to get some information verified. Contact: Jacqueline (Jackie) Pollock; [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone from the post office on Hawk Hill and Chu Lai, 1970-71. Contact: Bobby Grantham [REDACTED]

Looking for: Veterans. I was in Chu Lai from Oct '67 til Oct '68 with the HHC, 1/6 Inf, 198th Lt Inf Bde, Americal Div. I would like to locate anyone from the 1/6 Inf during that

time frame. HHC or A Co principally but anyone in the 1/6 Inf. I was in the Motor Pool which was assigned to our S4 Officer. Contact: Bob Merriman, [REDACTED]

Looking for: SSG Harry Fredrick, 1st BN, 6TH INF. He was stationed with the Americal Div. 1969/1970. May have been at LZ Bayonet (not sure) Just down the road from Chu Lai. Contact: Wes Montgomery [REDACTED]

Looking for: Additional members of Alpha Company, 5th/46th Light Infantry Brigade who served in Vietnam from 1967 - 1971. To date our group has located over 300 A/5/46 veterans who are alive. Contact: Jessie Gause [REDACTED]

Looking for: Information pertaining to the four engineers walking off LZ Center sometime 1968 when one stepped on a mine. Two engineers were KIA and the other two were WIA. The four medics from LZ Center walked into the mine field with four stretchers. Captain Keith Young and myself were on a Huey that hovered while the medics handed up the KIA's to be flown up to BTOC chopper pad. Does anyone know the names of the medics?. Contact: Gary Lipowski, VN 1968-May 1969 [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone who served at LZ Bayonet during June 69-June 70. I was in the 26th Combat Engrs. I was a driver/gunner on a CEV(Combat Engineer Vehicle) M-60 tank. One of the guys close to me was Ross Morrison. He was the loader. Ross was from the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Contact: Jim Foster; [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone who knows me. I was attached to the 196th infantry. My name is James Tapp and my nickname is colonel Tapp. Contact: Jim Tapp; [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone that served in Charley Battery, 3/16th artillery from Dec. 1967 to February 1968 I was the ammo chief. This has to do with Agent Orange compensation. Contact: Stoney (Mike Stone); [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone who knew my father Dennis J. Main he flew in the 123rd Aviation Battalion called the Warlords, he was shot down 12/27/68. My dad also mentions a Whalen or Wallin and an Alvarez, when Alvarez returned from r and r he gave my dad a sport coat. Contact: Michelle Main; [REDACTED]

Looking for: Anyone who served in Co. B, 5th Sig Bn, US Army, Vietnam, March 1968-February 1969. My father, Richard Leibowitz was a Radio Carrier Relay Operator, and later Team Chief and circuit controller in this unit. Contact: Vince Leibowitz [REDACTED]

Fond Memories From Times Past

By Gary L. Noller

This year is the first year in my memory that no World War II veterans were in attendance at the annual ADVA reunion. I have attended each reunion since 1990 and am saddened by not seeing my many old friends. Reunions just don't seem the same without them.

The first reunion that I attended in 1990 was in Oakbrook, Illinois. I only attended the Saturday night banquet and was seated at a table with other Vietnam veterans. The banquet room was filled with about 500 attendees. The table I was at was the only table with Vietnam veterans. We were in the corner--- way over there.

The next year the reunion was in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. When I arrived on Friday I was directed to the Vietnam veterans hospitality room. The World War II veterans had their own room in a different area of the hotel. In the next couple of days the Vietnam veteran hospitality room was visited by a few World War II veterans. This is when I first became to know them and begin a great friendship. One World War II veteran said, in reference to the split hospitality rooms, "I would much rather be in here with you guys."

After Cape Cod we were in San Antonio. Bill Maddox was the reunion chairman and he greeted me when I arrived. I asked, "Where is the hospitality room for the Vietnam veterans?" He replied, "There isn't one. We are all in the same room. We are all the same." Bill became one of my closest WWII buddies and I shall always appreciate him. After the San Antonio reunion he became National Commander and appointed me to the position of Junior Vice-Commander upon the unfortunate passing of Dave Recob.

The next reunion was in Topeka, Kansas. I met Larry O'Boyle at the bar in the hospitality room. He was a veteran of the 182nd Infantry Regiment and lived in the Los Angeles area. I lived in Long Beach at the time so we immediately struck up a conversation. Larry had a habit of giving two dollar bills to people he met. He stamped the bills with the word SAMPLE and had a canceled postage stamp on the front. No one receiving such a gift would ever forget Larry O'Boyle.

When the Topeka reunion was closing Larry told me that he would invite me to his family reunion which was scheduled in a few weeks. I thought it was a fine gesture but that I would not receive an invitation. But I was wrong. A few days after returning to Long Beach his invitation to join him and his family arrived in my mailbox. I thought, "If he is bold enough to invite me to his family reunion then I am also going to be bold and take him up on it." So I did.

When I arrived at Larry's house the door bell was answered by his daughter. I told her that I was there for the family reunion. She looked puzzled. I told her that I met Larry at the ADVA reunion in Topeka and that we were in the same Army division. She looked even more puzzled. It finally dawned on me to add, "We were in different wars."




Gary Noller and Larry O'Boyle sometime about 1995

I could continue these memories on and on as I have benefited from good friendships with many WWII veterans. So many of them took me into their homes over the years and showed me great hospitality. I would like to list the names of those most dear but cannot do so for lack of space. But they came from every part of the United States- Massachusetts to New Jersey to Florida to Illinois to Texas to New Mexico to California to Oregon. I enjoyed the automobile tour of the hills north of Los Angeles with Jay Roth as much as a short voyage on the Delaware River in a leaky boat with Don Ballou.

WWII veterans serving as leaders in the ADVA were always helpful to me as I became involved in the workings of the association. Among the many I remember are Jim Buckle, Editor-in-Chief; Bernie Chase, National Adjutant; Joe Chin, National Finance Officer; Ken Turner, Product Sales Manager; Ernie Carlson, South Midwest Chapter Commander; Joe Feeler, Far West Chapter Commander; and Lloyd Morrell, Northwest Chapter Commander. Lloyd recruited me into the ADVA in 1987. He always encouraged me. I appreciate the confidence they all had in me and the much needed training that they provided.

I firmly believe that my coming to grips with being a Vietnam veteran is due to my friendship with World War II veterans of the Americal Division. More that once we compared and contrasted our experiences. And more than once I faced an aging World War II veteran with tears streaming down his face as he recounted the hardships endured during the war- by both of us. It is like Bill Maddox said, "We are all the same."



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Constitution and Bylaws Americal Division Veterans Association (AS AMENDED 2018)

This Constitution and Bylaws were voted on and approved by the Executive Council and the General Assembly, to be effective as of July 1, 2018. This Constitution and Bylaws supersede all previous Constitutions and By-Laws and amendments enacted by this organization.

Constitution - Preamble

We, the Officers and Enlisted Persons on active duty or who having been honorably discharged or released from active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and having served honorably with the Americal Division, do unite to establish a permanent organization which shall be known as the Americal Division Veterans Association, incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article I - Objectives

The objectives of this organization are fraternal, patriotic, historical, social, and beneficial; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its constitution and laws; to honor its flag, to foster true patriotism; to maintain the institutions of American freedom; to preserve and protect the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to maintain the history of the Americal Division.

Article II - Organization

Section 1: This organization, hereinafter referred to as "The Association", shall consist of a national organization and such subordinate chapters as may be authorized within the United States of America. **Section 2:** A. Should the organization dissolve for one reason or another, the

assets are to be converted into cash. B. These moneys to be distributed in a manner determined by the Executive Council.

Article III - Amendments

Section 1: This constitution and by-laws may be amended through the use of the official ballot at the bi-annual election, by a majority vote of the individual active members in good standing. **Section 2:** Amendments shall be made in writing and submitted to the National Adjutant who shall forward the proposals to the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall study the proposed amendments and may make recommendations to the membership as to whether the amendments should be approved or rejected. **Section 3:** Amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted not later than November 15th of the year preceding the bi-annual election.

By-Laws

Article I - Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1: Classes of Membership: There shall be three (3) classes of members: ACTIVE, HONORARY, and ASSOCIATE. Only active members shall have the right to vote. No person who obtains membership in this Association shall be permitted to retain such membership if their military service past or present, is other than honorable, or if that person is engaged in un-American activities. **Section 2:** Eligibility Requirements: A. Active membership: Any officer or enlisted person, who has honorably served with the Americal Division, 23rd Infantry Division, Task Force 6814, Task Force Oregon, and any other unit of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, who was attached with or assigned to and served with the Americal Division shall be eligible for active membership upon submission of proper application and payment of appropriate fees and dues

that may be established. Any officer or enlisted person who has served with or is now serving with the 182nd Infantry Regiment (separate) shall be eligible for active membership upon submission of proper application and payment of dues as established. B. Honorary Life Membership: May be awarded to an individual who has served with distinction in the Americal Division or the ADVA. Life Membership shall be automatically awarded to Medal of Honor veterans of the Americal Division. Members receiving this award shall retain their right to vote. This award shall be made on the approval of the National Commander and the National Executive Council. C. Any person not eligible for Active Membership may be recommended by an active member in good standing for an Associate Membership. Widow(er)s of deceased Active Members may be retained on the membership roll as Associate Members for a period of one year following the death of the Active Member. The widow(er) shall then be contacted to determine if she/he wants to continue as a dues paying Associate Member. D. Associate membership shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of active membership as of January 1st of each year. E. A person eligible for associate membership who has rendered outstanding service to the Americal Division or the ADVA may be awarded an Honorary Life Associate Membership. Applications must be submitted to National Commander and approved by the National Executive Council. **Section 3:** Right to Vote: Active members in good standing only shall have the right to vote. **Section 4:** Right of office: Only active members in good standing shall have their right to hold elective or appointive office, to serve on committees or other administrative bodies that may be established. **Section 5:** Application for Membership: Application for membership, except Honorary, shall be submitted on an approved form,

completed in full and signed by the applicant, and shall be accompanied by such fees and dues applicable to the period in which the application is made. No person convicted of a felony or who supports the violent overthrow of the government of the United States, or any of its subdivisions thereof, shall be accepted for membership. **Section 6:** Suspension or Expulsion: Any member who has been suspended from office or expelled from the Association for any just cause may be considered for reinstatement upon appeal to the Chairman of the National Executive Council, who shall study the causes for expulsion and make his recommendation to the National Executive Council asking for their vote in writing. **Section 7:** Causes for Suspension or Expulsion: A. Any officer of this Association, elective or appointive, may be suspended from office and expelled from the Association for: failure to carry out the duties of their office, violation of their oath of office, continued absence, unauthorized or misuse of Association funds or property, conduct unbecoming their office, bringing discredit upon the good name of the Association, failure to pay assessments and dues collected, and any and all other actions detrimental to the Association, or failure to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. B. When found delinquent in their office, the individual concerned shall be notified by USPS certified mail of their contemplated suspension. This notice is to be signed by both the National Commander and the National Adjutant, and it shall request the individual to resign, or appeal to the National Executive Council, showing cause why he or she should not be removed. C. All Officers who are removed from office by the National Executive Council shall not have the right of appeal. **Section 8:** Oath: A. "I _____ do solemnly swear or affirm that I shall bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, to the governments

of its component states and municipalities, and to be ready to defend the same against all their enemies whomsoever. B. "I, _____, do further swear or affirm that I shall abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association and shall carry out my assigned duties to the best of my ability, so help me God." C. The Oath of Office shall be taken orally or in writing by each elected officer or member of the Executive Council for each term of office. The Oath of Office shall be taken no later than July 31 following the election. The Oath of Office shall be administered and documented by the Nominating Committee or its designee(s). Such documentation shall be submitted to the National Adjutant upon completion. **Section 9:** Dues, Fees, Assessments, and Funds: A. The National Executive Council, may on the advice of the National Commander, National Finance Officer, and the National Adjutant, fix the dues, fees, and other assessments necessary to balance the budget and make the Association financially sound. B. Annual dues shall become payable on January 1st, May 1st, and September 1st as assigned by the National Adjutant. The month is determined by the date membership application is accepted. C. All fees and assessments shall become due upon demand. D. Membership records shall be posted to show the date of payment and the date of expiration, and all membership credentials shall show the appropriate dates of membership. E. Any member shall petition in writing to the Chairman of the National Executive Council for approval to solicit funds. **Section 10:** Right of Redress: A. All active members in good standing shall have the right of redress to the National Executive Council for any action by this Association or its Officers. B. Any such petition shall be submitted in writing, stating all the facts of the case, including any evidence or witness to the complaint, to the Chairman of the National Executive Council,

who shall present the petition to the National Executive Council. The Executive Council members shall be required to register their vote in writing. **Section 11:** Distribution of roster: Distribution of the Association's membership roster, in electronic or printed format, shall be restricted to the national commanders, chapter commanders, finance officers, membership committee chairman, and the editors. The National Commander shall approve any other distribution of the Association's membership roster.

Article II - National Officers

Section 1: National Executive Council: A. The National Executive Council shall be an elective body consisting of not less than seven (7) members nor more than eleven (11) members, excluding chapter representatives, elected every two years. B. Each chapter shall select one member from its membership to serve on the Executive Council. If the chapter representative is subsequently elected to the Executive Council on a national ballot he must choose to serve in one role or the other prior to the beginning of the elected term. If no choice is made by the required date the member shall retain the chapter representative post and the elected post shall be declared open. C. The Council shall have a Chairman and a Recorder who shall serve as clerk. The Chairman and Recorder shall be elected from and by the body of the Council. Balloting for Chairman and Recorder shall be facilitated by the Nominating Committee and be completed within 30 days of the tabulation of the election results. D. The term of office for each member elected to the Executive Council shall be for two (2) years. A member shall be eligible for re-election not to exceed four (4) consecutive years in office. After four consecutive years in office followed by a break of two years, a member shall be eligible for re-election. These term limits shall include chapter representatives serving on the Executive Council. E. Vacancies on the Council shall be nominated by the National Commander and

approved by the Council. F. The National Executive Council shall serve primarily as the monitoring and advisory board of the Association. G. The duties of the Executive Council Recorder shall be to keep records of all proceedings and discussions of Executive Council annual meetings and to document voting results of National Executive Council ballots. Such records shall be copied to the National Adjutant. **Section 2:** Duties of the National Executive Council: A. Approve a yearly budget for the Association, and to approve non-budgeted expenditures. B. Inspect and audit books of all funds of the Association. C. To cause additional assessments and fees as may be necessary to meet the obligations of the Association. D. To handle all appeals, petitions, and recommendations of any nature pertaining to the Association from active members and officers of the Association. E. When found necessary, to take such action to suspend from office or expel from membership an elective or appointive officer or other member for just cause after investigation and review. F. A quorum of two-thirds of the Council members is required for any balloting by the Council. A three-fourths vote of the quorum of members shall be required to carry a vote of the Council. Balloting may be conducted at an Executive Council meeting or by mail. The Chairman or his designee shall conduct the balloting. A mail ballot will be invalid if it is not signed by the voting member and returned within 45 days of the date the ballot was mailed. **Section 3:** National Officers (Elective): A. The elective officers of the Association shall consist of the following: 1. Commander, 2. Senior Vice-Commander, 3. Junior Vice-Commander. B. The term of office for each elective officer shall be for two (2) years. After a break of two years, an elective officer shall be eligible for re-election. (1999) **Section 4:** National Officers (Appointive): A. The appointive officers of the Association shall be appointed by the National Commander and consist of the following: 1. Adjutant, 2. Historian, World War II, 3. Historian, Vietnam,

4. Sergeant-At-Arms, 5. Finance Officer, 6. Assistant Finance Officer, 7. Chaplain, 8. Editor-in-Chief, 9. Museum Curator, 10. Product Sales Manager, 13. Judge Advocate, 14. Membership Chairman, 15. Assistant Adjutant. B. The term of office for each appointive officer shall be for two (2) years. Appointive officers may be replaced by the National Commander at any time but not beyond the term of office of the National Commander. Appointed officers are not subject to term limits. **Section 5:** National Officers (Eligibility): A. All active members in good standing shall be eligible for any office in this Association, provided that the member has not previously been suspended from office. B. No member shall hold more than one (1) elective office at the same time. A member may hold one elective office and one or more appointed offices at the same time, providing that one office does not conflict with another office. C. All elected officers, when duly installed, shall serve during the period which elected and until the next election and installation of officers. Elected officers shall be considered duly installed when they complete the Oath of Office. **Section 6:** National Officers (Duties): The following duties shall be the responsibility of each officer holding office in this Association and shall be governed by these By-Laws and Constitution. A. National Commander. 1. Preside at the General Meetings of this Association. 2. Insure that all business matters are handled in an efficient manner. 3. Appoint committees, fill vacancies, and insure that the Association has the necessary personnel, equipment, and supplies to conduct its business. 4. Check all records and reports submitted by the officers and committees and assure that they are in the proper order and properly signed. 5. Supervise all activities of the Association and cooperate with Executive Council and perform such other duties as may be required of this office. 6. Be Chairperson, Ex-Officio, of all national committees. 7. Send a letter of condolence to the spouse of all deceased members. 8. Submit an annual budget to the National Executive Council. B.

National Senior Vice Commander: 1. The Senior Vice-Commander shall preside in the absence of the Commander and shall assist the Commander in the performance of the duties of that office. 2. Perform other duties as assigned by the National Commander. C. National Junior Vice Commander: 1. The Junior Vice Commander shall preside in the absence of both the commander and Senior Vice Commander. 2. Perform such duties as may be required of his office. D. National Finance Officer: 1. The finance Officer is to receive, hold, and disperse all funds of this Association. The Finance Officer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all funds, securities, financial records, and any other items concerned with the moneys of this Association. Incoming moneys shall be banked promptly and all authorized debts paid and receipts obtained. 2. The Finance Officer shall be bonded by the Association in a sum to be determined by the Executive Council. 3. The Finance Officer shall open the books and records to the Executive Council. He shall act as Financial Advisor to any committee or other body of this Association who may be dealing with Association funds. 4. Perform such other duties as may be required of this office. 5. Shall not honor any request for payment of non-budgeted items. E. National Chaplains: 1. The Chaplains are to provide spiritual guidance and other services required by the Association and its members. This shall include sending a letter of condolence to the spouse of a deceased member. 2. Chaplains may be appointed for each religion in the membership. F. National Adjutant: 1. The National Adjutant is to handle all the administrative business of the Association and shall keep books, records, files, and correspondence pertaining to the Association. 2. Keep in a proper file all applications and records of each and every member. 3. Notify all members of dues, fees, and assessments

due for payment and shall issue such receipts as necessary. 4. Make and keep records of all General Meetings and other business meetings as required. 5. Maintain a roster of all departed comrades. 6. Be custodian of all property of the Association and insure that such property is safeguarded and properly utilized. 7. In case none of the Commanders are present, the Adjutant shall preside and will designate an acting Adjutant. 8. Perform such duties as shall be required of this office by the laws of the Association or on orders from a competent authority. 9. Transfer to the successor, without delay, all records and property of the Association under his control. G. National Historian: 1. The National Historian is to maintain from records and data submitted to him a true history of this Association and of the Americal Division. H. National Sergeant-At-Arms: 1. The National Sergeant-At-Arms shall assist the Adjutant in those duties and shall act as assistant custodian of Association property. 2. Shall at the beginning of every General Meeting have the Colors posted, before taking a position at the entrance of the meeting place. 3. During the period the meeting is in progress, admit no one except members in good standing or such invited guests and other persons authorized by the presiding officer. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall escort and present to the presiding officer any invited or distinguished guest. 5. At the close of each meeting assure that all property is safeguarded and secured in a proper place. J. National Judge Advocate: 1. the National Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor to the Association and shall advise the Commander and other officers on all legal matters concerning their office. 2. Have a copy of the constitution and By-Laws in his or her possession and shall rule on the Constitution and By-Laws and the proper conduct of business during each meeting. 3. Perform such other duties as

may be required by this office. K. Assistant National Finance Officer: 1. The Assistant Finance Officer shall perform such duties as assigned by the National Finance Officer. 2. Shall safeguard funds and monies belonging to the Association and shall make complete and accurate reports to the Finance Officer as required. 3. Shall make deposits of Association funds into the proper account on a frequent basis. 4. Perform such other duties as may be required of this office. 5. Shall be bonded by the Association in an amount to be determined by the Executive Council. L. Product Sales Manager: 1. The Product Sales Manager shall safeguard the Association's product inventory and funds and shall fulfill members' orders in a timely manner. 2. Shall make necessary reports to the Finance Officer as required. 3. Shall not place orders for new inventory prior to consultation with the Finance Officer or Asst. Finance Officer. 4. Shall make deposits of Association funds into the proper account on a frequent basis. 5. Shall be bonded by the Association in an amount to be determined by the Executive Council. M. Assistant National Adjutant: The Assistant National Adjutant shall perform such duties as assigned by the National Adjutant, and perform other duties as required by this office.

Article III - Committees

Section 1: Organization: A. There shall be two (2) classes of committees to be known as: 1. Standing 2. Temporary. B. Standing committees are of a permanent nature and are established by these By-Laws. C. Temporary committees shall be appointed by the National Commander when deemed necessary to carry out the business of this Association. Section 2. Function and Purpose: The Membership Committee, under the Chairmanship of the appointee of the Commander, shall be charged with the organization and operation of the membership

program for the purpose of recruiting new members, the retention present members, and to establish qualifications, records, and credentials.

Article IV - Nominations and Elections

Section 1: Nominating Committee: A. A Nominating Committee comprised of not less than five (5) members appointed by the National Commander and approved by the National Executive Council. B. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of elective officers to the National Adjutant by February 1 in the year of the election. The elective officers are (1) National Commander, (2) Senior Vice-Commander, (3) Junior Vice-Commander, (4) Executive Council Members. The National Adjutant shall verify the eligibility of the Nominated members. C. Further nominations for elective officers shall be submitted to the National Adjutant no later than February 1 in the year of the election. Nominations of candidates for elective officers made in this manner must be endorsed by fifteen (15) members in good standing. The National Adjutant shall determine the good standing of the candidates and endorsing members and forward these results to the Nominating Committee. D. The balloting for the election of officers shall be held every two years in even numbered years and shall be at the direction of the Nominating Committee. The election ballot may also contain any questions to be decided by a vote of the membership. The balloting and tabulation of ballots shall be held between March 1 and May 31 of the election year. The results of the ballot count and all returned ballots shall be provided to the National Adjutant within seven (7) days of the tabulation. E. Members nominated for elective officers shall have their names drawn for position on the ballot. F. The plurality of votes cast by members voting the election shall decide the election. G. The term of office for elective

officers shall begin on July 1 following the election. The term of office for appointed officers shall begin immediately upon appointment by the National Commander. Section 2. Notifications. A. The Nominating Committee shall notify each nominee of the intention of placing the nominee, including those made from the field, on the ballot. The Nominating Committee shall ascertain that the nominee agrees to be on the ballot and will serve the post before placing the nominee on the ballot. B. The Nominating Committee shall notify each nominee, the National Commander, and the Chairman of the Executive Council of the results of the ballot count within fifteen (15) days of the tabulation of the ballots. (2004)

Article V - Chapters

Section 1: General: A. Individual groups of members in good standing, to number not less than twenty (20) will be authorized to form a local chapter under the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization. B. Each Chapter so formed shall abide by the laws and regulations of the Association and decisions rendered by the National Executive Council. C. Each chapter shall consist of not less than three (3) officers, elected or appointed, who will be designated as follows: 1. Commander, 2. Vice-Commander, 3. Secretary/Treasurer. 4. Sergeant-At-Arms, 5. Chaplain. D. If a chapter lacks the required three officers and is unable to elect officers the National Commander shall appoint chapter officers as needed. E. Chapter Commanders may appoint as many committees as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Chapter. Section 2. Procedures: A. To organize a chapter, a request in writing must be submitted to the National Adjutant for review by the national Executive Council and must contain the following information: (1) Name, address

and card number of twenty (20) members. (2) Name of each proposed officer. (3) The designated name of title of the chapter. (4) The mailing address of the proposed chapter. B. The above request shall be signed by both the Chapter Commander and the Secretary. C. The Chapter may be identified by the following: 1. Name of a deceased Americal veteran. 2. Name of the locality in which the chapter is located. 3. Name of a unit represented by the chapter. D. Upon approval by the National Executive Council, a Charter shall be issued to the new Chapter.

Article VI - Alcohol Usage

By majority vote in the ADVA 2018 bi-annual election, this article is deleted from the bylaws.

Article VII - Miscellaneous

Section 1: Nothing herein constitutes members of the Association as partners for any purpose. No member, officer or agent of this Association shall be liable for the acts or failure to act under this Constitution and By-Laws, excepting only acts or omissions to act arising from willful misfeasance. Nothing herein shall constitute any liability for acts or omissions committed by any entity associated with the Association. Each such activity stands alone and is governed by its Constitution and By-Laws, Charter, or agreements.

Article VIII - Rules of Order

Section 1. A. the official reference and guide for the proper conduct of business meetings ceremonies, and such other business of the Association shall be governed by the "Roberts Rules of Order". B. The latest edition of the above reference shall always be utilized and shall be in the possession of the Judge Advocate during all business sessions. C. The term, General Assembly, shall mean the general business meeting held within the annual National Convention.

Article IX - Indemnification of Officers

Section 1: Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, every Director and every Officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liability including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association, whether or not he is a Director or Officer at the time such expenses are incurred. Section 2: Exclusions from indemnification: The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions or omissions to act were material to the cause adjudicated and involved: Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association, in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor. A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful or had reasonable cause to believe his action was lawful. A transaction from which the Director or officer derived an improper personal benefit. Section 3: Claims: Claims for reimbursement as permitted under this Article shall be paid by the Board as incurred. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such Director or Officer may be entitled.

Article X - Annual Reunion Planning and Oversight

Section 1: National Commander Duties: The National Commander will appoint a reunion oversight chairman and a reunion organizing chairman. The reunion oversight chairman,

with approval of the National Commander, will appoint members to serve on a reunion oversight committee. The reunion organizing chairman will appoint members to serve on a reunion organizing committee. The reunion oversight chairman and the reunion organizing chairman shall not be the same person. Section 2: Duties of Reunion Oversight Committee: The reunion oversight committee will oversee the organizing, planning, management, and operation of all ADVA national reunions by the reunion organizing committee. The reunion oversight committee will report to the National Commander and to the Executive Council as needed and when requested and in a timely manner. Section 3: Contracts: All contracts involving an ADVA national reunion will be reviewed by the reunion oversight committee before they are signed. Contracts that name the ADVA as a party and expose the ADVA to potential financial liability will be submitted for Executive Council approval or rejection. Contracts will be signed by the National Commander or by designee(s) authorized in writing by the National Commander to sign contract(s). Section 4: Event Business Plan. A business plan will be submitted to the reunion oversight committee by the reunion organizing chairman. The business plan will detail expected revenues and costs and outline reunion location, programming, hotel accommodations, and other details as requested. Section 5: Funding and Financial Reporting. Money raised from reunion fees will be placed in a bank account under the ADVA national account. Reunion financials will be reported to the IRS on the annual ADVA 990 return. Within ninety days following the reunion, the reunion organizing chairman will complete a detailed reunion finance report using a form provided by the reunion oversight committee. The report will be made available to the ADVA officers and general membership.

2019 Reunion Announcement Providence, Rhode Island October 2-6

By Larry Swank

Initial plans for the 2019 ADVA annual reunion for October 2-6 are now complete. The reunion will be held at the Crown Plaza Providence-Warwick Airport Hotel near Providence, Rhode Island. The hotel is conveniently located near I-95 and the T.F. Green International Airport.

The daily hotel rate is \$109 plus tax and includes a free breakfast, free parking, and free shuttle to and from the airport. The hotel is located at 810 Greenwich Avenue in Warwick, RI, 02886. Reservations may be made by calling [REDACTED] or online at www.CrowneHotelWarwick.com. Reservations must be made by using the code ADV and by identifying the Americal Division Veterans Association special group rate.

Additional details will be in the next issue of the Americal Journal and on the americal.org website. I may be reached at lswank@aol.com.



Original Army barracks at Ft. Sill.



Roger Gilmore addresses guests at Americal monument at Ft. Sill.



Roger Gilmore (L) and Gary Noller (R) begin memorial service at Americal monument at Ft. Sill.



Americal Monument
Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

2018 Reunion Wrap-Up Oklahoma City - September 27-30

By Gary L. Noller

A larger than expected crowd enjoyed pleasant Oklahoma weather for the 2018 reunion of the Americal Division Veterans Association. Over 400 members and guests were in attendance with approximately ten percent of them attending their first ever ADVA reunion. The central geographical location of Oklahoma City made it convenient for many members and guests to drive to the reunion and enjoy seeing the country from ground level.

The Thursday tour to Ft. Sill was capped off with a memorial service at the Americal Division monument at Constitution Park. The Friday tour included a sobering stop at the Oklahoma City bombing memorial and museum as well as a visit to the 45th Infantry Division Museum and the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Saturday morning featured annual meetings of the Executive Council and the General Membership. Additional details on these meetings will be in a future publication.

The Saturday banquet featured a viewing of the video documentary American Medevac produced by former TV newsman Morton Dean. The video featured footage from Vietnam of Dean on board a dustoff chopper dispatched to pick up three wounded Americal Division soldiers. The soldiers were wounded by an enemy booby-trapped hand grenade. They were safely evacuated to the aid station at Hawk Hill.

Dean wanted to find out what happened to the men involved in this incident. He was assisted in his search by Les Hines, ADVA Vietnam Historian. Hines narrowed the search down from 21 possible incidents to the one Dean wanted. The wounded soldiers were from Co. B, 4/31st Inf., and were wounded a couple of kilometers north of LZ Gimlet. Hines credits the work of Bruce Flaherty, Larry Swank, and Wayne Johnston in obtaining the records that led to detail of the combat action.



Display at Ft. Sill Artillery Museum.



Sartorius Brothers on bagpipes and drum at memorial service.



Sunny day greets ADVA members gathered for memorial service.



Members recite Pledge of Allegiance at Saturday meeting.



Membership meeting was well attended by reunion attendees.

In spite of some unanticipated glitches with the Thursday lunch all went as planned. Credit goes to the hard work of PNC Ronald Ellis, PNC Ron Ward, and National Adjutant Roger Gilmore and their wives for all the work that went into the reunion. They received some much needed assistance at the registration table from Lisa Baird and Jan DeGroot. Wayne and Gena Bryant reported brisk activity at the PX with gross sales topping \$5,000.

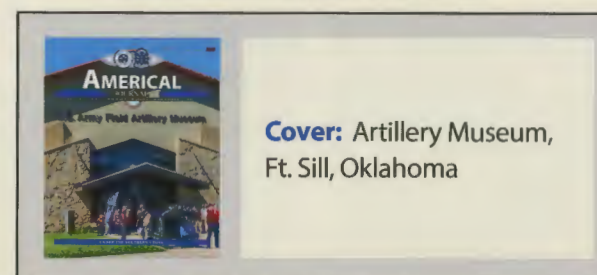
Thanks to Dutch DeGroot for photographs provided with this article. See you in Rhode Island next October.



Morton Dean makes a point during his address at the Saturday banquet.



Morton Dean looks on while helicopter pilot takes the podium for a few words.



Cover: Artillery Museum, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

A pilot of the 236th Medical dustoff and one of the B/4/31 wounded soldiers were at the Oklahoma City reunion. The former pilot is Daniel Stephenson and the Purple Heart recipient is William Formanack. The video has been showing on many PBS TV stations across the country.



About 40 ADVA members attended the reunion for the first time.



Spencer Baba, Roger Gilmore, Dave Eichhorn, and Bob Cowles await beginning of membership meeting



National Commander J. Reginald (Reggie) Horton



World War II Historian David Taylor



National Adjutant Roger Gilmore



Vietnam Historian Les Hines



National Finance Officer Spencer Baba



ALF Scholarship Chairman Bill Bruinsma



2018 Reunion Chairman Ronald Ellis



Vietnam History Book

Second Reprint Now Available

The Americal Division published a history book in Vietnam sometime in 1970 and distributed it to many soldiers upon their departure to return home. Les Hines, ADVA Vietnam Historian, created additional pages to cover the division's history to include its deactivation in November 1971. The full contents of the original publication along with the added and updated pages have been reprinted and are available to ADVA members and others for the affordable price of \$28 each.

The first reprint of this book was made about a year ago and the 300 available copies sold out very quickly. A decision was made to print another 200 copies of the updated book in order for a supply to be on hand for those who missed the opportunity to purchase a copy in the past year.

The book is in soft cover and printed in landscape format on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. It contains black and white as well as color photos depicting various activities of soldiers of the division. It gives an over view of the Americal Division in World War II but its main concentration is on the Vietnam War and the units

that composed the division in that war. Text includes a description of some of the major operations of the division, a monthly narrative recap of happenings, and a listing of Medal of Honor recipients along with their award citations. Hines picked up where the book left off in mid-1970 and provided text and photos to give a complete overview of the entire era of the division in Vietnam.

Of special interest is the description of the order of battle of the Americal Division in the Vietnam War and a brief description of each unit of the division. The photos depict scenes that will be familiar to all veterans of the Americal Division in the Vietnam War.

A recent reprinting of 200 new copies is now available through the ADVA PX. The price, including postage and handling, is \$28 per copy. Books may be ordered from Wayne Bryant, ADVA Product Sales Director, [REDACTED], Greensboro, NC, 27405, [REDACTED]. Call or write Wayne and give him your order. He can take credit card information for your purchase. The price per copy is \$28 and includes postage and handling.