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Greetings to

ALL my fellow 12th Cavalry Troopers



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Hope this message finds all well and getting back to somewhat of a normal life, to say the least, this past year has been a challenge! Scientists say the pandemic, for the most part is behind us...we can only hope! Branson Reunion, Memorial Day through 6 June is past, Thomas reported it was a good turnout. Hopefully, this will translate to a good turnout at the 100th 1st Cavalry Division Anniversary at Ft. Hood, 22-26 September.

I've heard, that, Thomas and Maggie are planning a move to FL in the near future. For the Branson Reunion to continue someone may have to step up for the coming year. If interested get in touch with Thomas. He can help you with the to dos and not dos. 12th Cavalry is 120 years old this year, formed in 1901 at Ft Bliss, TX., as an intervention force against Pancho Villa. Although, 1st Cavalry Division formed also at Ft. Bliss in 1921, 12th Cavalry did not become part the Division until 1933, both have long traditions, something for us all to be proud of!

I want the 12th Cavalry Regiment to have the largest turnout at Division Reunion. Registration Forms are in the Saber or can be downloaded from Division web site at 1CDA.org. As a reminder, if you have not received your Saber, you need renew (Page 2)

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Your annual 10 dollar membership, even if a life member. At the same time, if you need to renew your 12th Cavalry dues, 20 dollars a year, please do so. This covers costs of printing/ mailing for Crossed Sabers Newsletter and Directory...these are not cheap endeavors! Also...please update mailing address, email, phone number and send to Treasurer Gary Pezzuti...again, this is an expensive endeavor...if items are returned as undeliverable with no forwarding address you will be dropped from the rolls. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN...we want everyone eligible to belong. This includes those who served in the 3d and 4th Battalions and attached units.

Again, I emphasize, the Division Reunion this year is special so please do everything possible to attend. With COVID 19 pretty much under control Division mini-reunion will take place in Washington, DC, this year during Veteran Day Week, Crown Plaza Hotel in Crystal City. Hospitality Room, Gift shop, will be set up and a Banquet 11 November. Division Honor Guard will be present for 'The Wall' festivities and we will place wreaths at the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Memorials.

Signing off for now...all the best to you and Thank You for your Service! As part of the 1% who served...ALL have something to be proud of...! That's all for now!

JIM STOKELY

President

SEMPER PARATUS

...See Photos Pages 4 and 5 of Reunion 15.5 (16th Annual) 31 May-6 June 2021...

SALUTE to MAJ (R) RAYMOND WELCH C 2-12 1965-66

Outstanding Photography of All Events

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'Great Divide'. Men's meeting concluded with tentative decisions based on two factors...(1) how the Marriott Buy Out of Welk Resorts and new management policies might affect our gatherings, (2) how each passing year affects our overall health and well being as it relates to our ability and willingness to travel.

Thursday morning, among those who did an audio-video recording for the documentary, we discussed status of the project. COVID 19 disrupted the production process. We are in a 'Post Production Stage' where we need to find someone to put our stories and material together in a sequenced story. Those present agreed we should do all we can to see it through. Five Troopers will be working to see this happens...two for 1-12...two for 2-12 ,with Thomas as coordinator of the effort. DOUG WARDEN and BOB MARCH will be helping with 1-12 story lines...FRED WILSON and TOM PAOLI 2-12. RAY WELCH (MAJ RET) will consult with us about Original 2-12 (1965-66) story line.

A great reunion closed out, most departed Sunday morning after breakfast. A tentative time was set up with Welk Management for a possible gathering, 7-12 September 2022. This will be determined by staying touch with the current management and by talking with the Troops some time in March 2022 to gauge the interest in doing it one more time. Stay tuned for updates...(TLC)!

...KEEP ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Until next time..."May the Chief Chopper Pilot Hover Over us...Original Paratrooper eliminate our T 10 Malfunctions...the Head Point Man keep us in the Assigned AO"! (TLC)...

CRABTREE OUT!

Thomas Lon Crabtree

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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TOP ROW PAGE 4-L to R: Weds Welcome Remarks CRABTREE-JOCELYN WILSON receiving Certificate as HONORARY TROOPER OF 12TH CAVALRY REGIMENT-LAST BOOTS off Ground SGT FRED WILSON (D 2-12 1970-1971) Presenting Saber to First Boots on Ground SGT MARIO MATA (C 1-12 1965-1966): 2D ROW: FRED presenting Saber to fellow Trooper SGT THOMAS WILLIAMS (D 2-12 1970-1971)-Chow ready Guests getting grub and ready to socialize-GERGULIS, DOC VOGT, VAN KIRK-DOC O'KEEFE, SGM MILLIKEN enjoying food: 3D ROW: Patio camaraderie-MATA, KEN CHAPMAN (D 2-12 1970-1971) and SGT ROCK SFC (R) DANNIE CUMMINGS "telling tall...tall... tales"...

TOP ROW PAGE 5: Clips from LIVE DVD Thu Hits 60s Show: ROW 2: MICHAEL FROST singing to and flirting with our beautiful 12TH CAV LADIES-STAR BAR and GRILL after the show-AMBER receiving Certificate designating HITS OF THE 60s Cast as HONORARY TROOPERS of the 12TH CAVALRY-AMBER CAMPBELL and ED HUCKABEE-ROW 3: Good People-Good Food-Good Drinks and rollicking Good Time.

Word around camp is "it was one of the best reunions yet." 78 Troopers and Guests registered...48 made Wednesday Welcome Reception...70 Attended Thursday Show...45 Made Friday Spaghetti Supper with CARLISLE MAHTO BAND playing Boogie Music. MARIO MATA 'Cut a Rug' in FRED ASTAIRE fashion dancing with all the Ladies throughout the Evening. Saturday Night Banquet 70 Troopers and Guests were present. We had a full live 'Roll Call' of all 33 Troopers...each spoke from the podium with bits from personal combat experiences and an appreciation for the opportunity to gather with Brothers at Reunions and what this means to the "Legacy of the 12th Cavalry". Saturday morning men's meeting future of the reunion was discussed, at the women's meeting information was presented about procedures to deal with VA when their Trooper Crosses Over to the (Page 7)



COL JIM DINGEMAN, USA (RET)
Honorary Colonel 12th Cavalry
Battalion Commander 2D-12TH
VIETNAM 1968-1969
GREETINGS TO 12TH CAVALRY
...FAMILY...



Let's hope that we are almost over the COVID 19 attack on our country and the world. Continue to wash those hands...Don't Bunch Up...Wear a mask when in doubt. Hope we have a good Reunion turnout for the 100th Birthday of First Cavalry Division.

I regret that Sylvia and I will not be with you ...as my Doctor suggests...we forgo long plane trips. Be assured that we will be with you in Spirit! For sure, we have always enjoyed being with the 12th Cavalry Family .

All of you should be aware that we are looking for a 12th Cavalry Association Vice President. If interested get in touch with JIM STOKELY (724-992-8358). We should all thank JIM for all of his 'above and beyond' efforts to keep our Association operating as a viable organization during these difficult times.

Let's continue to be the class Veterans Group we have been over the years!

SEMPER PARATUS

Proud to be a 12th Cavalry Trooper

JIM DINGEMAN COL (R)

HCOR

REUNION PHOTOS

WEDS 2 JUNE 2021-WELCOME RECEPTION

