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First order of business for this edition of the Crossed Sabers Newsletter is to formally thank Ken Howser, for his many years of dedicated service to the Regiment in his capacity as Secretary to the Regiment, which included duties as author/historian for the 'Saber' Regimental Column he generated for many years in the Division Association News Paper. Ken informed December 2018 that he needed to move on for personal reasons. We will truly miss Ken's work and we do hope to see him in June to thank him in person for his most valuable contributions.

Thomas Crabtree agreed to fulfill the duties of this additional responsibility in the near term, while we continue the search for someone with the desire to accept the Secretarial position on a permanent basis.

For those who attended the Regimental Luncheon in Charleston, you may recall that I broached the issue of finding additional personnel to backstop the Secretarial and Treasurer positions. I believe that we should put in place some type of succession plan, so that we can smoothly transition the duties of each position when required to do so. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact me at your convenience.

It's early March, the groundhog lied and Mother Nature continues to let us know that she is one unpredictable Lady. I spent some time late January and most of February in a much (PG- 2)

Warmer place than Michigan, but now I think I didn't stay away long enough. I love the four seasons, but this year's weather pattern is getting just a little ridiculous here. Maybe another trip is in order for us. I hope each of you have fared a little better weather wise, wherever you call home.

In a final note, if you haven't done so, please get your paper work in for this year's Reunion at Ft. Hood, if you plan to attend. We had a great turn out last year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it for this year's event.

SEMPER PARATUS

LEON

NOTES ABOUT POSITIONS

There is a need for three (3) positions-Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster. Dennis Rasmussen who has managed the 12th Cavalry Web Site since 2010 believes it is time to step down. Primary requirements-willingness to serve two (2) years to maintain current Association status and help preserve the 12th Cavalry Legacy for New Era Troopers who will be future Association Members. Duties performed by WEBMASTER will be to maintain 12th Cavalry Regiment Association Web Site-Archive old articles and keep current site updated-Post Unit for general membership access-Publish current events and news information about general membership-Maintain security of the Website. SECRETARY will write 12th Cavalry News Column for Division Association Saber-Monitor active duty deployments of 1-12/2-12 to inform general membership of ongoing activities both Overseas and in Garrison-Maintain liaison with the Battalions-Keep Association Business Records and Minutes of Meeting Records for Officer meetings at annual reunion-Communicate with all units of 12th Cavalry Regiment-Administer, monitor and operate the Association Facebook site. TREASURER will monitor and update membership database with changes of address, email and phone numbers for each member-Submit Master database to Crossed Sabers editor every quarter for Newsletter mailing and coordinate with him to publish updated membership directory every other year-Maintain the General Fund and Trooper Support Fund Accounts, disburse checks and payments for administration of Association Business and assistance to active duty Troopers and Families, as deemed appropriate and approved by 12th Cavalry Association Officers at the annual meeting-Provide annual Financial Report at Reunion Luncheon Meeting and submit 990N e-post notification to IRS each year NLT 15 May-detailed information on website 12th Cavalry.US.Gov. If interested contact LEON HINTON at 810-272-6524, (TLC).

TROOPERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT, MAKE CHECK /MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 12TH CAVALRY DOCUMENTARY FUND, SEND TO: BEVERLY BORMANN, 202 SOUTH MILES, VALLEY CENTER, KS 67147-2039. ANY AMOUNT HELPS AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THANKS TO THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED STORIES AND FUNDS- DVDs 1-2 ARE AVAILABLE \$25.00 EACH/INCLUDES MAILING, PROCEEDS GO TO FUND. CONTACT THOMAS 432-853-4851, SEMPER PARATUS! (TLC)

FIDDLERS GREEN

04/13/2019 ALBERT ANTAKI, 1ST SGT (RET), C CO. 1ST-12TH (ABN) 11/65-1/67

04/26/2019 ROBERT LEWIS KIRBY, 1ST SGT (RET), C CO. 1ST-12TH (ABN) 05/65-09/66



KIRBY passed on MAR 2018. With no next of kin records or papers, he was buried in a Pauper's Grave in his County of Residence. When this became known to C Company Brothers they set out to correct this. MIKE CHASE, JAY SNYDER, JOHN SPRANZA, DOUG WARDEN searched archives, contacted VA and DOA and after a year obtained papers and approval to bury KIRBY with proper honors. 26 APR 2019, 1ST SGT KIRBY will be buried with full Military Honors at FT MITCHELL, AL. NATIONAL CEMETERY. KIRBY was awarded SILVER STAR/PURPLE HEART for bravery in BATTLE of LZ HEREFORD, 21 MAY 1966. SALUTE TO OUR BROTHERS WHO FOUGHT TO HAVE PROPER HONORS FOR THIS BRAVE SOLDIER! RIP TOP! (TLC)... .. CRABTREE OUT!

Until next time-"May the Chief Chopper Pilot Hover over us, the original Paratrooper eliminate our T10 Malfunction and the Head Point Man keep us in the Assigned AO!"

SEMPER PARATUS and BOOT to BOOT!

OVERVIEW

BRANSON REUNION EVENTS

We have 80 Rooms Reserved. Reservations will be accepted for Group Rate until 27 AUG. It is best to reserve your room by 9 AUG at which time, one-half of unreserved rooms will be released back to general populace. On 27 AUG ALL unreserved rooms will be released for general customer availability!

EVENTS

WED 9/11-WELCOME RECEPTION 600 PM is Plated Smoked BBQ Dinner

THU 9/12-HITS OF THE 60s 200 PM (Brand New Show) You will enjoy it

FRI 9/13-PATIO BBQ 530 PM with Music by DJ BEAR DAVIS (IRAQ VET)

BURGERS and DOGS w/condiments

SPECIAL SONG REQUESTS indicate on Registration Form

SAT 9/14-500 PM GROUP PHOTOS-BANQUET DINNER 600 PM-SPEAKER

DR. HA TUONG

FORMER INFANTRY OFFICER ARVN FORCES BINH DINH PROVINCE

RETIRED EDUCATOR MINNEAPOLIS, MN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED

With

COALITION OF ALLIED VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

WE WILL AGAIN BE DOING VIDEO RECORDINGS FOR BOOT TO BOOT DOCUMENTARY. WE HAVE 48 TROOPERS' STORIES. NEED STORIES FROM A-B COMPANIES (1965-67/1968-71). C COMPANY (1966-67/68-70/70-72). LIKE TO HEAR FROM OUR MEDICS.

NEED TO HEAR FROM OUR 2D-12TH TROOPERS AND ALL WHO WANT TO TELL THEIR STORIES SO WE CAN DEVELOPE A SCHEDULE AND NOT DISRUPT THE FLOW OF ONGOING ACTIVITIES!

THIS WILL BE OUR 4TH RECORDING SESSION. WOULD LIKE TO DO A 5TH ONE AFTER THIS, CONTINGENT ON HOW MANY TROOPERS WANT TO TELL THEIR STORY AND RAISING FUNDS. WE NEED \$35,000 TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. FORTUNATELY, WE WERE ABLE TO PULL TOGETHER THIS SAME AMOUNT FOR THE FIRST 3 PARTS. EPISODES ONE AND TWO ARE COMPLETE, THREE IS NOW IN EDITING/RENDERING PROCESS. PARTS 3/4/5 WILL BE HISTORY OF OUR LEGACY FROM SAVANNAH, GA, BACK TO NOW. CONT'D (PG 7)



COLONEL JIM DINGEMAN, USA (RET)

Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

Commander, 2D-12th Cavalry, Vietnam 1968-1969

GREETINGS TO THE 12TH CAVALRY FAMILY

SUMMERTIME GREETINGS:

Hope all are doing well. Sylvia and I are looking forward to another Reunion in Ft. Hood, 5-9 June 2019. I encourage all to get their registrations in as soon as possible. Lot of events planned for Cav week. Both our Battalions, 1-12/2-12 will be in Garrison during the reunion.

This is a great opportunity to visit and interface with our current group of Warriors on Thursday, 6 June., 0900-1600 HRS. In the AM we will visit Headquarters and General Area of 1st-12th and with 2d-12th Troopers in the afternoon.

We are the only Regiment who arranges for active visitation and interaction with current active duty Commanders and Troopers. In past reunions, these visits and intermingling have had positive effect for us and the active duty Troopers. Details about specific times and places to gather for these visits will be available upon arrival at the Shiloh. Being a part of these events gives us all a greater understanding of the Army concept of A SOLDIER FOR LIFE with a firm commitment to our Regiment Motto ALWAYS READY.

Looking forward to a great reunion and seeing You All in Killeen. Until then, a couple of thoughts to ponder- (1) "What would life be like if we had no courage to attempt anything?". (2) "You see things, you say why but I dream things that never were and I say why not...that's why I am here today, I am asking you why not?" (Robert Kennedy 1968).

GOD BLESS

JIM DINGEMAN, COL (RET)

SEMPER PARATUS

14TH ANNUAL REUNION 12TH CAVALRY TROOPERS

WELK RESORT-1984 STATE HIGHWAY 165

BRANSON, MO 65616

RESERVATIONS-800-808-9355-GP # 565466-12TH CAVALRY

ROOM RATES (\$99.97 INCLUDES TAX 2 PER ROOM and DAILY BREAKFAST BUFFET)

ADDITIONAL GUESTS PER ROOM (ADD \$10.00 EACH/INCLUDES BREAKFAST)

DOES NOT INCLUDE REUNION REGISTRATION

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM and EVENT SCHEDULE

TROOPER ONLY REGISTRATION FEE is \$20.00 (NAME TAGS/SNACKS/DRINKS)

TROOPER NAME/UNIT/DATES _____

NAMES/OTHER GUESTS _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELLPHONE _____ EMAIL: _____

EVENTS REGISTRATION

ADD TROOPER ONLY REGISTRATION FEE \$20.00 (NAME TAGS/DRINKS): TOT AMT _____

WED: 9/11/2019-600 PM-WELCOME RECEPTION-\$10.00 EACH-# TICKETS ____ TOT AMT _____

THU: 9/12/2019-200 PM-#1HITS OF 60s/50s/70s -\$22.00 EACH-# TICKETS ____ TOT AMT _____

FRI: 9/13/2019-530 PM-PATIO BBQ-w/DJ 'BEAR'-\$20.00 EACH-# TICKETS ____ TOT AMT _____

SAT: 9/14/2019-600 PM-DINNER/GUEST SPEAKER-\$32.00 EACH-# TICKETS ____ TOT AMT _____

TOTAL AMT ALL EVENTS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 12th CAVALRY REUNION-BRANSON, MAIL TO: THOMAS CRABTREE, 195 BUZZ STREET # 18, BRANSON, MO 65616, QUESTIONS: CALL THOMAS 432-853-4851 or MAGGIE 432-853-4856

12th Cavalry

Stage Door Restaurant

Saturday, September 14, 2019

5:30 PM

Banquet Menu

Choice of:

Roasted Prime Rib

OR

Seasoned Chicken Breast

(Choice is due at time of room reservation)

Served with:

Vegetable Medley

Red Roasted Potatoes

Mixed Green Salad Served with House Dressing

&

Yellow Cake w/ Chocolate Frosting

Served with Tea, Coffee or Water

(Cash bar available for alcoholic beverages)

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