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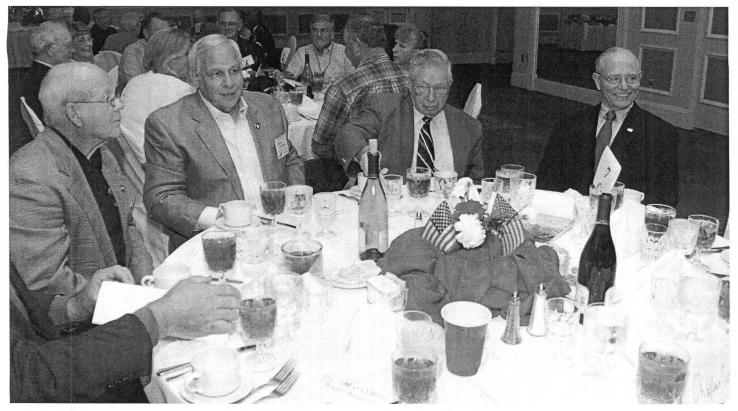
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REUNION REPORT



(L to R) Terry R. Zahn, HHC SPT BN 7/65-5/66, host for the 12th Biennial Reunion in Omaha, Nebraska; Joe R. Alexander, 3/506 A 4/67-10/68, President of the 101st Airborne Division Association; Ivan Worrell, Brigade Information Officer 4/66-4/67 and the Honorable James B. Peake, M. D., 2/502 A 6/67-6/68, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

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The reunion in Hampton was well attended and, I believe, a success. Jim and Becki Shamblen were the organizers and the ones with answers. They are to be commended for their service in making the First Brigade (S) welcome and for having a smooth running reunion.

Chaplain Curt Bowers conducted a moving Memorial Service for the Memorial Dinner and as he was in Viet Nam was with the troops most of the remaining time. His Ecumenical Service on Sunday morning was outstanding.

This magazine is produced by and for veterans of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE who served in the brigade from July 1965 through April 1968. The publication will chronicle the military history and accomplishments of veterans who served, as well as units that were assigned, attached or supported the brigade. The editor solicits material about the brigade for use in the magazine and for future publication in a book that will contain a comprehensive history of the brigade.

Another goal of the editor is to lead an initative to place a monument, to honor members of the brigade, at the Wings of LIBERTY Military Museum at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (the museum will be located on the Tennessee side of Fort Campbell).

Veterans Administration Secretary James Peake gave us a great overview of the VA and told of some of his experiences while serving in the brigade. I have just learned that the new administration in Washington will replace him with a former Army Chief of Staff.

Larry Redmond performed his usual outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies and kept the two dinner programs moving.

This issue of the magazine is going to the printer just before Christmas week.

I HOPE ALL VETERANS OF THE FIRST BRIGADE AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I plan to have material about the 2008 Reunion in future issues so send your pictures and other material about the reunion for publication.

You may have noticed that our LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are not as big a section as in the past. If you have comments or additional details about any story in the magazine please send a letter so all can be informed.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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101st Airborne Division MEMORIAL DINNER Chaplain (Colonel) Retired Curtis R. Bowers 1/327 HQ 7/65-6/66

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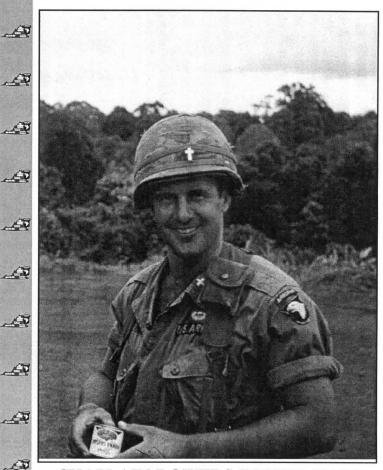
Chaplain Curt Bowers, U. S. Army, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He entered the chaplaincy in 1961 and retired with the rank of Colonel in 1984 after serving 23 years as a chaplain on active duty.

While serving as an enlisted man in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany, Curt Bowers was introduced to Christ and became a Christian through the example and efforts of Nazarene Chaplain H. J. VanVorce. During college and seminary, he pastored a Methodist church for four years. After graduation from Asbury Seminary, he pastored the Cape May Church of the Nazarene in New Jersey for one year. During this time, he felt God's call to minister as a chaplain in the U.S. Army.

His first assignment as a chaplain was Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Subsequent stateside assignments include Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Hamilton, New York; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Fort Stewart, Georgia. His overseas assignments included Germany, Vietnam (with the First Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division), Japan and Korea.

Chaplain Bowers was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal with First Oak Cluster, Air Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster and Senior Parachutist Badge.

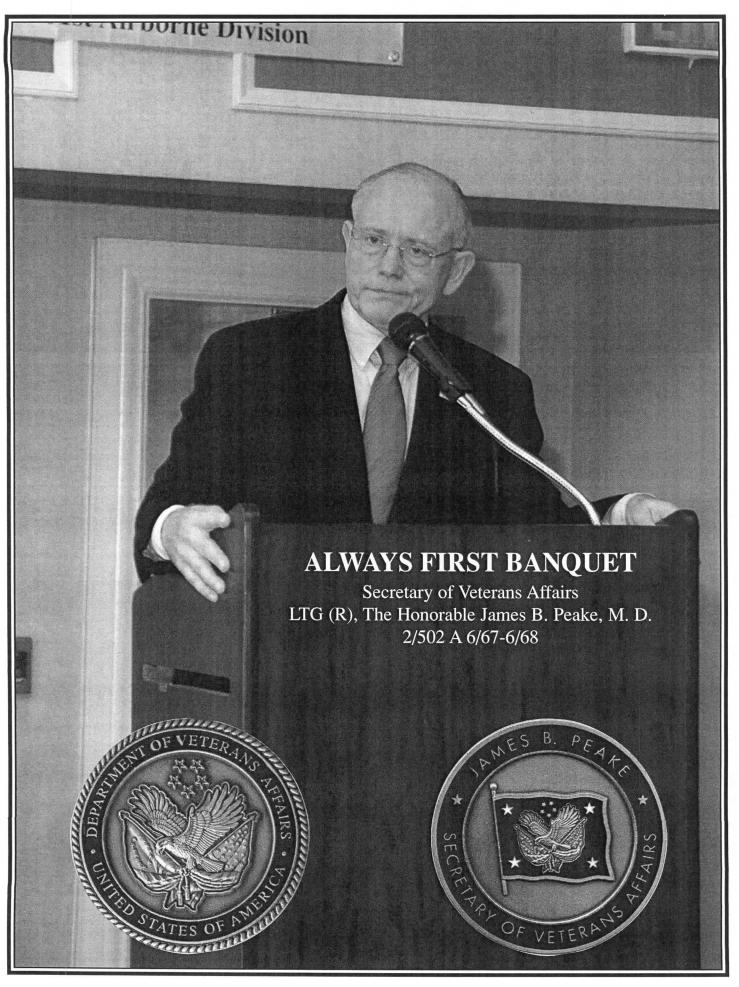
He was recognized in the 1968 year book of Outstanding Young Men of America. He was inducted into the 327th Infantry, 101st



CHAPLAIN BOWERS IN VIET NAM

Airborne Division, Hall of Fame (Distinguished Member of the Regiment) in 1998. He authored the book *Forward Edge of the Battle Area*.

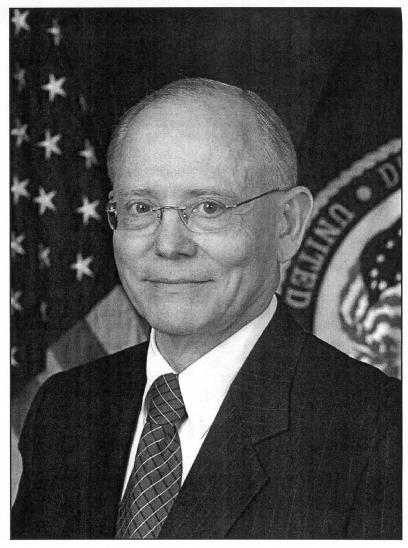
Chaplain Bowers retired from active duty while serving as Installation Chaplain at Fort Stewart, Georgia, to accept the position of Director of Chaplaincy Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene. In this position, he serves as the endorsing agent for the denomination. He currently provides denominational supervision to 750 chaplains.



Doctor, LTG (R) James B. Peake Secretary of Veterans Affairs 2/502 A 6/67-6/68

Lieutenant General (ret) James Benjamin Peake (born June 18, 1944), is the current United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA). In 2004, he retired from a 42-year United States Army career as the 40th Surgeon General of the United States Army. His selection as VA Secretary was announced on October 30, 2007. He was confirmed by the Senate on December 14, 2007 and sworn in at VA headquarters by Vice President Dick Cheney on December 20, 2007.

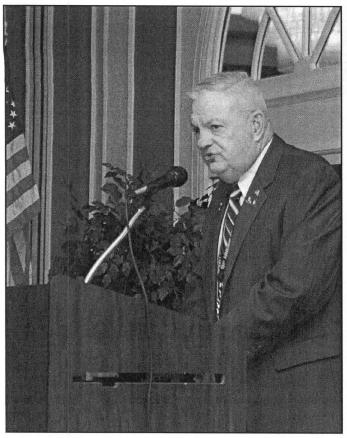
Peake was born in Saint Louis, Missouri. He retired from the Army in 2004, as a Lieutenant General. He served for four years as the United States Army Surgeon General. He also served as commander of several Army medical units. Previous key assignments include Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Installation Commander, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Commanding General, Madigan Army Medical Center/Northwest Health Service Support Activity, Tacoma, Washington; Commanding



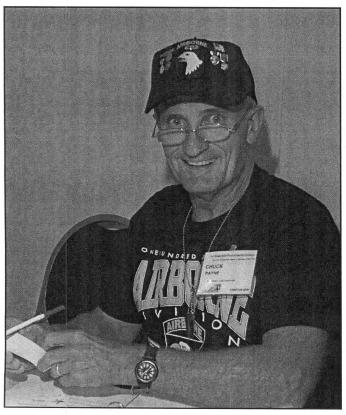
General, 44th Medical Brigade/Corps Surgeon, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Deputy Director, Professional Services/Chief, Consultant, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia; Commander, 18th Medical Command and 121st Evacuation Hospital/Command Surgeon, Seoul, Korea; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii; Assistant Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Staff General Surgeon/Chief, General Surgery Clinic, DeWitt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and General Surgery Resident, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Prior to becoming Secretary of Veterans Affairs, he was employed by QTC Management Inc., as the company's chief medical director and chief operating officer. This company provides occupational health, injury and disability examination services, which are outsourced to it by the U.S. Government. It helps understand health complaints.

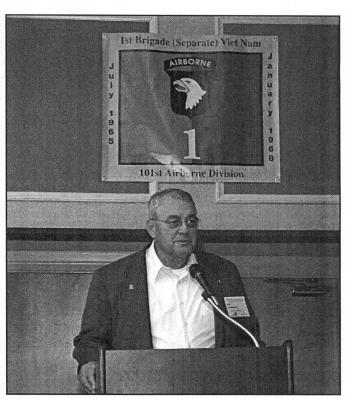
Peake is a 1966 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Awards and decorations that Lt. Gen. Peake has received include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star with "V" device (with one oak leaf cluster), Purple Heart (with one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Air Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device (with one oak leaf cluster), Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with one oak leaf cluster), Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Combat Medic Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge. After Vietnam, he attended Cornell University's Weill Cornell Medical College. He is also a graduate of the United States Army War College, in 1988.



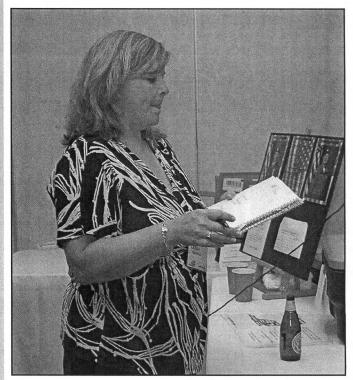
Larry Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-WIA 2/68, Master of Ceremonies



Charles Payne, 2/327 HHC 12/65-11/66, member of the General William C. Lee Host Chapter and responsible for the Reunion Program Book



Secretary of the William C. Lee Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association and host for the 11th Biennial First Brigade (S) Reunion, LTC(R) James F. Shamblen, 39th ENGR D 5/67-5/68, greets the First Brigade veterans.



TAKING NAMES is Sarah Quarles, granddaughter of Ivan Worrell who wrote identifications for group pictures and was in charge of sales and administration for The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam.

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ABU Company 1st Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R) Robert (Pappy) Papesh, 1/327 ABU 12/65-7/66; Ray Ryan, 1/327 A 64-66; Galen G. Mitchell, 1/327 A 5/65-5/66; Harold Mattson, 1/327 A 6/65-3/67; Bill Robbins, 1/327 A 6/64-6/66.



Tiger Force 1st Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R back row) Thomas Washington, 1/327 HHC 5/66-3/68; Bennie Dancy, 1/327 T.F. 1/66-1/67; David K. Dever, 1/327 HHC 7/65-7/66; Dave "Doc" Nelms, 1/327 HHC TF Med 10/66-10/67; Tom Carhart, 2/502 A 12/67-7/68; Chaplain(COL-R) Curt Bowers, 1/327 HQ 7/65-6/66; (L to R front row) Bill Crook, 1/327 TF 7/65-7/66; Carroll Dinkle, 1/327 Recon 7/65-7/66 and James D. Wilson, 1/327 TF 7/65-6/66.



A Company 2nd Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R top row) COL(R) Seavy A. Bain, 2/327 HHC & A 6/67-6/68; R. Pat Noonan, 2/327 A 10/65-10/66; Bruce A. Masters, 2/327 A 1/66-6/66; Dallas E. Brown, 2/327 A 12/67-12/68; Dave Walz, 2/327 A 6/67-6/68; Nick Mihalic 2/327 HHQ 4/67-8/67; Gerry Carter 2/327 A 6/67-1/68; Dan L. Boursaw, 2/327 Inf A 10/66-9/67; Gene W. Gainer, 2/237 A 7/67; Charles (Bill) Parrish, 2/327 A 6/67-7/68; (L to R middle row) LTC(R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson, 2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67; Pete Pepper, 2/327 A 8/66-3/68; MAJ L. W. Johnson, AUS-Ret., 2/327 A 10/66-9/67; Joe M. Hoban, 2/327 A 12/67-9/68; Louie F. LaTorre, 2/327 A 7/67-7/68; Thomas W. Dohnke, 2/327 A 7/67-5/68; COL(R) Herbert D. Williams III, 2/327 A&B 7/67-6/68; COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68; George Fallon, 2/327 HHC 1/67-1/68; (L to R front row) Terry L. Wren, 2/327 A 4/67-2/68; LTC(R) William (Bill) Rovan, 2/327 HQ&A 6/66-5/67; William F. (Billy) Weldon, 2/327 Inf A 6/67-6/68; Douglas Abran, 2/327 A 67-68; Sammy Pullum, 2/327 A 67-68; Richard A. Luttrell, 2/327 A 3/67-3/68; SGT(R) Roy D. Gierke, 2/327 A 4/67-2/68 and Donald R. Lenc, 2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68.



Company Commanders A Company 2nd Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R) LTC(R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson, 2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67; LTC(R) William (Bill) Rovan, 2/327 HQ&A 6/66-5/67; Pete Pepper, 2/327 A 8/66-3/68; COL(R) John P. Lawton, 2/327 A 67-68; COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68 and COL(R) Seavy A. Bain, 2/327 HHC & A 6/67-6/68.



B Company 2nd Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R back row) LTG(R) John E. Miller, 2/327 B 5/67-2/68; Samuel Mendoza, 2/327 B 67-68; Larry Boecklen, 2/327 B 1/67-1/68; Jesse A.(Alex) Ramey, 2/327 B 9/66-2/68; Herb Williams III, 2/327 A & B 7/67-6/68; Terry L. Wiley, 2/327 B 4/67-2/68; LTC(R) James C. Joiner, 2/327 B&C 1/67-1/68; William J. Oberli, 2/327 B 2/67-2/68; Steve Baker, 2/327 B 5/67-4/68; Douglas N. Field, 2/327 B 4/66-12/67 and LTC(R) Ray Millard, 2/327 CO B 1/67-1/68.



Hawk Recon Platoon 2nd Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R back row) George Fallon, 2/327 HHC 1/67-1/68; Roderick J. Marshall, 2/327 HHQ Hawks 5/66-5/67; Sammie D. "Sam" Ipock, 2/327 HQ 63-66; Tom McHugh, 2/327 Hawk 11/65-10/66; James Weed, 2/327 HQ 2/64-9/66; John R. Stiles, 2/327 Hawk Recon 65-66; (L to R front row) Robert O. Martin, 2/327 HHC Recon 1/67-11/67; Jay Molyneaux, 2/327 HHC Hawk Recon 3/67-4/68; George W. Day, Jr., 2/327 HQ 6/65-6/66 and Dan French 2/327 HHC 65-66



2nd Battalion 502nd Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R back row) COL(R) Gerard Landry, 2/502 A 7/64-7/66; Charles Wright, 2/502 B 63-66; Tom McMullan, 2/502 B 6/65-5/66; Wilford E. Roe, 2/502 B 8/64-9/65; Jeremiah Carter, 2/502 C 12/65-12/66; LTG(R) Charley Otstott, 2/502 A & HHC 6/67-6/68; Ionie A. Anglin, widow of Larry 2/502 B 10/60-7/66; Joseph E. Stifler, Sr., 2/502 HQ 7/65-7/66; Elijio Navarro, 2/502 A 2/66-2/67; Henry I. Willey, 2/502 A 2/67-2/68; Peter Fekete, 2/502 B 4/65-6/66; (L to R front row) Tommy Brown, 2/502 HQ, A, B 6/67-5/68; Samuel B. Snyder, 2/502 B 5/66-5/67; Donald Mew, 2/502 C 12/65-9/66; David Perrine, 2/502 HHC 3/67-10/67; John Pippin, 2/502 A 1/66-2/67; Dean Beaupre, 2/502 A 67-68; Tom Carhart, 2/502 A 12/67-7/68 and Lee C. Pugh, 2/502 A & HQ 6/67-6/68.



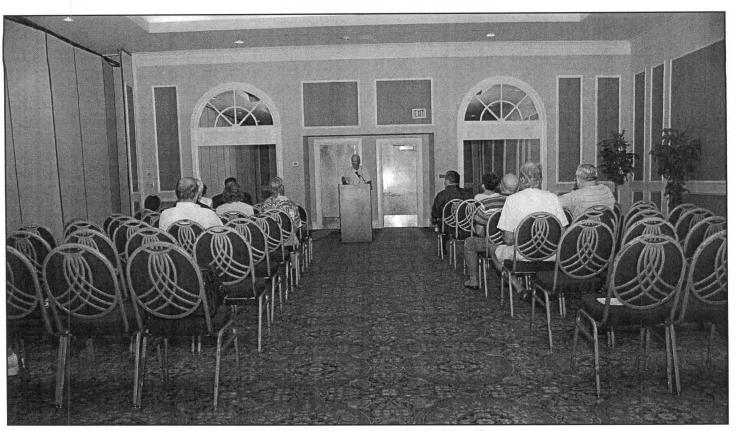
A Company 2nd Battalion 502nd Airborne Infantry Regiment (L to R back row) LTG(R) Charley Otstott, 2/502 A & HHC 6/67-6/68; Howard Danford, 2/502 5/67-5/68; Roderick Tillman, 2/502 A & B 9/67-12/68; LTG (R) James B. Peake, 2/502 A 6/67-6/68; Henry I. Willey, 2/502 A 2/67-2/68; (L to R front row) Dick Winters, William C. Lee Chapter; Tom Carhart, 2/502 A 12/67-7/68 and Dean Beaupre, 2/502 A 67-68.



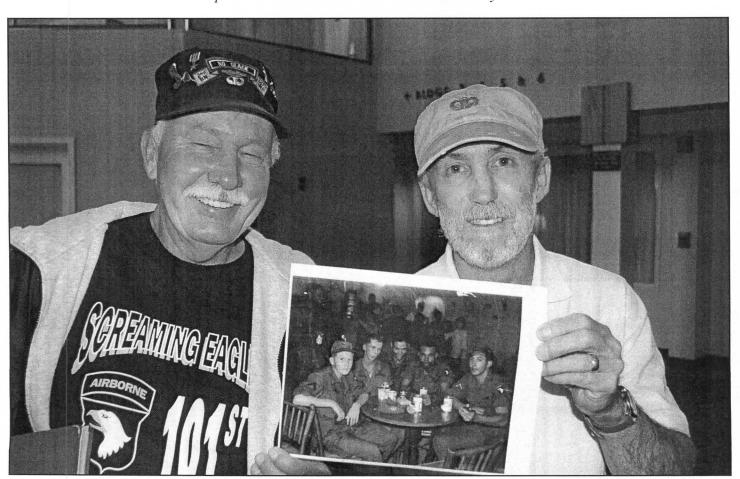
2nd Battalion 320th Artillery (L to R) Jim Samuel, 2/320 FA HHB & 2/502 10/66-10/67; Frank Rauch, 2/320 Arty HQ 6/67-6/68; John Patten, 2/320 Arty HQ 4/67-10/67; Perry Larson, 2/320 FA C 7/66-7/67 and George W. Aux, 2/320 FA HHB, A, B 1/67-8/68.



Brigade formation preparing to make unit pictures



Chaplain Bowers leads an Ecumenical Sunday Service



Richard Luttrell, 2/327 A 4/67-3/68 and Butler A.(Buddy) Baldwin, Jr., 2/327 A 7/67-7/68, hold a picture taken in Viet Nam that includes the two of them, Sergeant Buckley and one trooper they cannot identify.



Memorial Dinner toast to fallen comrades

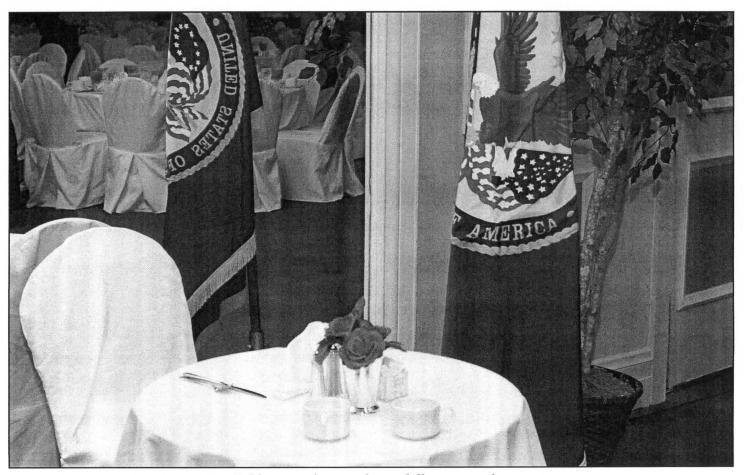
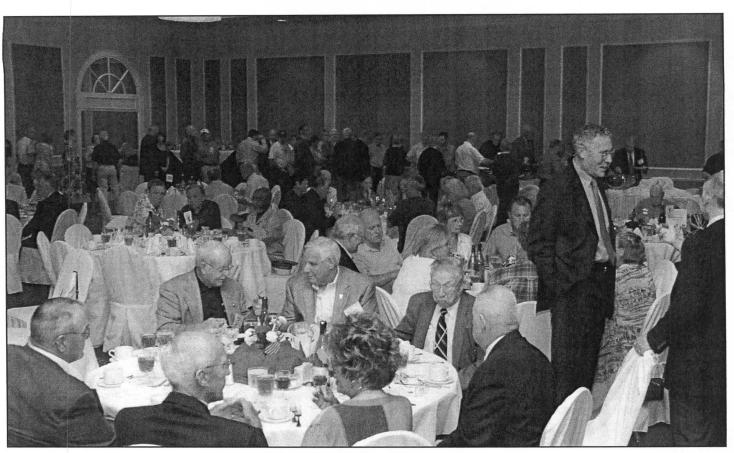


Table set to honor absent fallen comrades

The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam

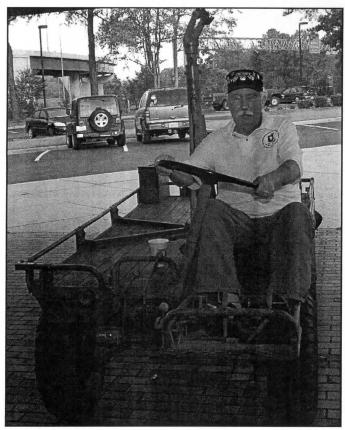


"The Always First" Banquet

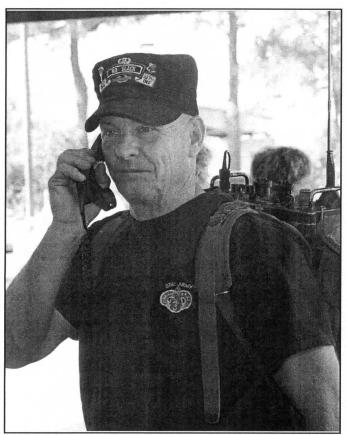


Chow Line at "The Always First" Banquet

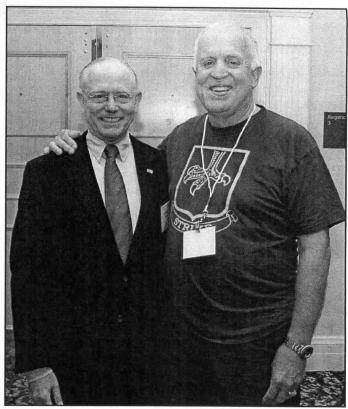
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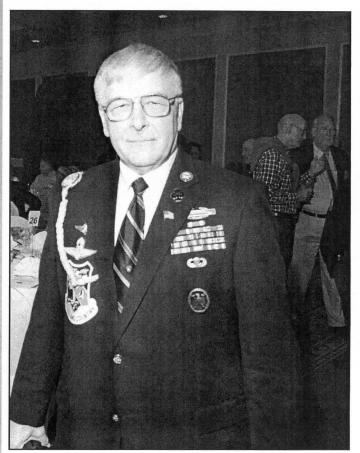
Richard Luttrell, 2/327 A 4/67-3/68, checks out the Mechanical Mule put on display at the reunion by Fred Behrens, General William C. Lee Chapter President.



Terry Wren, 2/327 A 4/67-3/68, reminisces about his days as a RTO in Vietnam.



(L to R) LTG (R) James B. Peake, M. D., 2/502 A 6/67-6/68, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Tom Carhart, 2/502 A 12/67-7/68 who were 1966 classmates at the United States Military Academy



Kenneth Potts, 1/327 C 12/66-1/68

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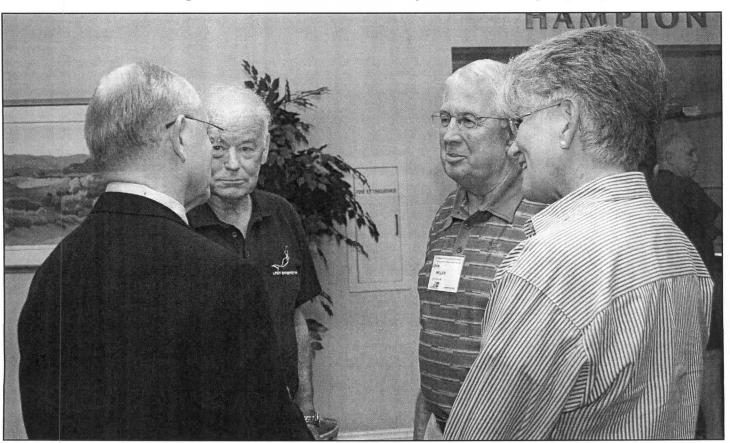
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TWO HATS (L to R) Randolph Worrell, 2/502 C 6/67-6/68 and Thomas Washington, 1/327 HHC 5/66-3/68 take time from war stories to pose for a photo



(L to R) LTG (R) James B. Peake, M. D., 2/502 A 6/67-6/68, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; John P. Lawton, 2/327 A 66-67; John Miller, 2/327 B 67-68 and Joan Miller prior to "The Always First" Banquet

President Honors 2 Paratroopers



Lt. Wessell

Brigade, 101st Airborne Division paratroopers received the Dis-President Lyndon Johnson here recently during the President's second visit to the Vietnam war

second visit to the Vietnam war zone.

An air of quiet expectation surrounded the asphalt-covered ramp as Air Force One carrying the President, taxied to a stop near a contingent of more than 40,000 troops who stood waiting to pay tribute to their Commander-in-Chief. Among the 14 persons to be decorated by the President were Lt. Col. Ralph Puckett Jr., Columbus, Ga. and Lt. Leon M. Wessel, Indianapolis.

The President debarked and ade a brief visit to hospitals

in the Cam Ranh Bay where he presented Purple Hearts to wounded soldiers. He then returned to the airfield for e award ceremonies.
Puckett received the DSC for

valorous actions when as bat-talion commander of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., he landed Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., he landed his command helicopter during a battle and stayed on the ground directing the fight until its conclusion. Many times he exposed himself to enemy fire, rallying the troopers. By occupying positions with his men and aiding the wounded Puckett inspired the embattled paratroopers. At one point during the two-day fight a helicopter was sent in to extract him. Puckett refused to leave the battle area. The DSC was awarded to Wessel for valorous actions when the platoon he was accompanying as an artillery forward observer engaged a large enemy force. The platoon leader was wounded and Wessel assumed command of the unit. Directing fire from both artillery and gunships, he kept the enemy at bay while bringing in Medevacs for the wounded troops. He received shrapnel wounds but refused treatment until all other wounded had been cared for and evacuated. cared for and evacuated.

Puckett is now serving as executive officer of the brigade and Wessel is assistant executive officer of C Btry., 2nd Btry., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 320th



Lt. Puckett

O-Deuce Receives Citation

PHAN RANG — General Harold K. Johnson, chief of staff of the Army, presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf. — a top fighting battalion of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

The presentation was made at a battalion tactical command post southwest of here.

The citation commended the unit for action on September 18 and 19, 1965 in the Republic of Vietnam during Operation Gib-

"The 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam during Operation Gibraltar.

ration Gibraltar.

"On September 18, the battalion was ordered to conduct a heliborne assault and make contact with and destroy a Viet Cong battalion which was operating in the mountains east of the village of An Khe. Upon landing, the initial heliborne lift was subjected to enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Unhesitatingly, the men of Company C assembled and moved quickly to secure the landing zone and to await the arrival of subsequent lifts. quent lifts.

"As the second and third lift reached the airhead, the enemy directed a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire onto the land-

"During the initial phase of the battle, the enemy fire killed the battalion's operations officer and one of the company com-manders, wounded the two other rifle company commanders and hit more than half the helicop-ters

ters.

"Small unit leaders seized the initiative, organized fighting elements, and aggressively attacked enemy automatic weapons and mortar positions in order to enlarge the airhead. During the initial hours, isolated elements fought off frequent attacks by numerically superior enemy forces. Small unit leaders repeatedly directed air strikes within 50 meters of their own positions. own positions.

"The battalion continued to defend its positions throughout the day and into the night, repulsing at least nine enemy attacks. The following morning a link-up was accomplished with another ground element airlifted into the area.

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Air Assault

Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade leap from a helicopter of the 240th Assault Helicopter Co. before it touches the ground during Operation Klamath Falls. The action occurred when the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., assaulted enemy positions after touching down on a "hot" landing zone (LZ). (Photo by Staff Sgt. Al Wilson)

Sgt. Hogan Awarded DSC

PHAN RANG — Sgt. John Hogan, Hartford, Conn., a paratrooper of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division was presented the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) by General Harold K. Johnson, chief of staff of the Army.

The Screaming Eagle of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., was honored during the general's visit to a battalion tactical command post southwest of here.

Hogan was cited for an action May 18, 1967 when as a Spec. 4, he was leading a fire team against an entrenched Viet Cong force west of Duc Pho during Operation Malheur I.

While moving along a ridge line, his company was hit by enemy automatic weapon fire. Seeing a wounded comrade trap-ped in the open, Hogan dashed from the column and, under a hall of enemy bullets, dragged

the man to safety.

Grabbing several hand gre-nades, he charged through the fire and destroyed one enemy bunker. Heedless of the fire now



Sgt. Hogan

concentrated on him, he charged another bunker and killed the defenders with another hand

Seeing another wounded para-trooper nearby, Hogan carried him to safety. A Viet Cong sol-dier stood up to fire on him, but Hogan grabbed the wounded man's rifle and killed the ene-

After moving the man to the perimeter, he ignored his safety, grabbing more grenades to assault enemy fortifications. Firing furiously, he destroyed a third bunker with grenades. Shouting to his fire team to follow, he quickly knocked out a fourth bunker and moved inside to pick up enemy weapons.

Leading his men in a fierce charge, he swept through the hostile position and aided in de-stroying four more Viet Cong

Trooper Eagle Springs **Surprise**

PHAN RANG — Three Viet Cong were killed by a para-trooper of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division as a squad of Viet Cong were surprised around

Viet Cong were surprised around a camp site southwest of here during Operation Klamath Falls. Sgt. Phillip M. Vernon, Junction City, Ky., a member of the 1st Bn. (Abn.), 327th, Inf., was atop a ridge, scanning the area below when he saw smoke in a nearby draw. Quickly he summoned Sgt. Andrew Rivera, Colorado City, Tex., and notified the platoon leader, Lt. James A. Schlax. Chicago.

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Schlax directed Vernon and his squad to check it out. Rivera's fire team led the way. Quickly and silently the paratroopers moved down into the draw. Pfc. Neil B. Tibbets, Osage, lowa, was on point, alert for any enemy movement.

One hundred yards from the smoke, Rivera took over as point man. Huge rocks hindered the squad's movements.

"I found a passage through the rocks big enough for one man," said Rivera. "As I stooped to crawl through, I smelled food cooking."

One by one the paratroopers moved through the small opening. Rivera and Vernon silently climbed to the top of a ledge and spotted a camp fire — but no VC were in sight.

"I moved to a large boulder on my right, peeked over the edge and 25 feet below me were three camp fires," said Rivera. "Twelve VC were sitting around the fires eating rice."

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"Twelve VC were sitting around the fires eating rice."
Suddenly one of the enemy stood and walked away.
"He tripped and fell." said Rivera. "The others laughed,

"He tripped and fell," said Rivera. "The others laughed, but as he got up he stared right up at me. I had to open up."

As Rivera downed the VC with his M-16 rifle, the other enemy fled leaving their weapons and food. Quickly the paratrooper hurled grenades into the positions, killing a second enemy. The paratrooper squad advanced, but received enemy fire from the left. As suddenly as it started, it stopped.

The Screaming Eagles moved into the camp, but the two dead VC had been dragged away during the initial burst of fire covering the enemy's retreat. Rivera advanced beyond the clearing and climbed a nearby boulder. Hearing a noise beyond and below him, he moved on. Suddenly a figure darted from a cave. The enemy fell as Rivera fired a burst from his M-16.

Ambush Pays Off For 1/327 Unit

By SP4 James Parker
PHAN RANG — Night enveloped the jungle and all was
silent. Only the distant calling
of a nocturnal bird was heard,
its cry adding an eerie note to
the darkness.

Ten paratropare of the let-

Ten paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division established an ambush on a piece of high ground overlooking a dry stream bed. Three trails intersected in the ambush "kill-zone"

Staff Sgt. Lloyd W. Peele, B Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., made a hasty reconnais-sance before settling down for what appeared to be a long night.

night.
"A good location," he thought.
"If 'Charlie' comes along surely
we'll police him up."
Pfc. John A. Balabon, Alsip,
Ill., turned to Pfc. Frank N.
Black, Denver, and whispered: 'This is a helluva way to make a living!"

Black smiled. About 9 p.m., Spec. 4 Richard. Gerhard, Orrington, Ma.,

heard slight noises in the stream bed below. He alerted the other members of the ambush. Together they listened for several minutes. It sounded like some-one was coming up the stream bed. Shadowy figures now ap-peared along the draw.

Gerhard triggered his clay-more mine and opened up with his M-16 rifle. Other weapons joined in and Pfc. Keith W. Arm-strong, Bovey, Minn., raked the area with his machine gun.

Suddenly a flashlight was turned on by an enemy. All weapons zeroed in on the beam of light.

As the firing tapered off, the company commander, Capt. Ed-gar F. Burch, Boulder, Colo., remarked the firing sounded like his men had engaged a battal-

With daybreak, B Co. moved to check the kill zone. They found four enemy dead, three AK-47 automatic rifles and a complete 82mm mortar-tube, bipod, sight, base plate and 10 rounds of mortar ammunition.



Careful Aim

A paratrooper of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., takes careful aim as his buddles fire on Viet Cong during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of Phan Rang near Phan Thiet.

(Photo by Sgt. Bob Chambers)

NVA Courier Zapped

PHAN RANG — A full moon was shining. The trail seemed to glow in the night. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary as the NVA courier cautiously worked his way down the jungle path. Stopping every few yards path. Stopping every few yards, he would listen to the night

Just down the trail from the Just down the trail from the enemy, laying behind their machine gun, Spec. 4 Daniel W. Bersch, Milwaukee, and Spec. 4 Richard M. Crowell, Towson, Md., paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, waited in ambush. "It was our first night in the AO (area of operations)." said

"It was our first night in the AO (area of operations)," said Bersch. "I was wondering what kind of operation this would be when I heard a slight noise on the trail ahead."

Both men peered intently into the moonlit night.
"I spotted the enemy and

alerted Sgt. Evans, our squad leader," said Crowell.
Instantly the men of A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. were ready. The machine gun opened up and a cry was heard from the NVA as he dove off the trail and out of sight. Sgt. James W. Evans, Ottumwa, Iowa, and three members of his squad spread out to search for the enemy.
Suddenly a stream of green tracers sliced the night air. As the paratroopers dived for cover Staff Sgt. Leon Watson, and

Spec. 4 Jimmie W. Wilson, Jef-fersonville, Ga., moved to flank the enemy.

"The tracers helped give away his position," Wilson remem-bered.

"We could hear his breathing," said Watson, "So we opened up on the sound."

The firing stopped and the breathing could no longer be heard. The paratroopers found one dead NVA with an AK-47 rifle and a leather bag containing papers and documents. ing papers and documents.



Fighting Jungle

A paratrooper of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., fights his way through thick jungle during Operation Klamath Falls. The search and destroy sweep accounted for 136 enemy killed after four weeks of fighting. (Photo by Spec. 5 William P. Singley)



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Movement Completed PHAN RANG — Air Force C-130s filled the air here recent-

by as the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne moved to new areas of operation in II Corps, completing the move in 24 hours and 35

the move in 24 hours and 35 minutes.

Support battalion operations officer, Maj. B.J. Maynard, Petersburg, Va., directed the move from the brigade base camp here to staging areas at Bao Loc and Phan Thiet to conduct Operation Klamath Falls.

Beginning at 6:30 a.m., the move began with the first sortie to Bao Loc. Twenty-one sorties later, the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., 2nd Bn (Abn), 502nd Inf., and their direct support batteries of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 320th Arty. closed at Bao Loc. By 5:30 p.m., the combat elements plus 88,400 pounds of cargo including howitzers, vehicles and cargo pallets were off-loaded.

The following day the remaining elements of the brigade began moving to Phan Thiet. Sixty-eight sorties carried the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., brigade head-quarters company, two more artillery batteries and support battalion elements. More than 1,000 troops and 794,827 pounds of cargo closed at the new command post by 8:05 p.m.

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Man-Sized Load

A pair of eyes on the steel belmet of Spec. 4 Ron Burboa, Oxnard, Calif., tops the equipment worn by the paratrooper radio-telephone operator (RTO) with the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Ivi. Beside the rucksack filled with supplies and food, Burboa carrie his radio-making (Photo by Pfc. Robert Mosey) a total of 60 pounds on his back.

Pretty Smile is a Reminder of Home

PHAN RANG,—"I've got eight months and days—but I'm not complaining," says Miss Char-lotte Connor, Columbia, S.C. "I like my job and I like the Screaming Eagles."

Chaplette is one of four Army

Charlotte is one of four Army Red Cross "doughnut dollies" assigned to the 1st Brigade, 101st

4 VC Fall In Ambush PHAN RANG—The four VC walked to within two feet of the

walked to within two feet of the hidden claymore mines.

The paratroopers of A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., watched as Spec. 4 Charles V. Tissander, Blanchester, Ohio, gripped the firing device and squeezed. The explosions were deafening.

Two VC were killed instantly. Two wounded enemy fought back. Streaks of pink and green enemy tracer rounds criss-crossed the area.

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Spec. 4 Edward A. Zenobi, Binehill, N.J., raked the area with machine gun fire. The other men of the 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div., unit joined in.

As he heard a dull thud to his left, Staff Sgt. William R. Doyle, Kansas City, Mo., yelled:

"Grenade!"

The explosion rocked the ground, but no one was hurt.

The heavy fire faded. The enemy tracers could no longer be seen. The Screaming Eagles stopped firing.

Silence. Two grenades were thrown. Still no reaction from the enemy.

the enemy.

A fire team checked the kill zone. Four dead VC, three AK-47's and one carbine were

"I'll say one thing for the VC," said Spec. 4 Lewis L. Lopez, Dallas, "They have pretty tracers."

He Gives Men Faith

PHAN RANG—A 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratrooper stood in a hacked out jungle clearing. All eyes were on him. He said: "Let us pray."

The prayer was the beginning of another moment of spiritual guidance offered by Staff Sgt. Homer L. Saltzman, a squad leader in C Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of here. A native of Columbus, Ga., Saltzman has been in the Army 12 years.

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"I've traveled around the world a lot during my career, but I never found the satisfaction I was looking for until five years ago when I turned to the church," he said.

Saltzman doesn't advocate any specific denomination or faith:
"My message is simply spiritual."

Members of his squad have

tual."

Members of his squad have a high regard for their Christian squad leader.

Pfc. John Wilson, Scottsdale, Ariz., said Saltzman is a "real cool guy. But we try to watch our language around him."

"He's a good soldier and has a lot of patience," added Spec. 4 Steven Hassna, San Leandro, Calif.

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The troopers respect his principles and like having him with them. They sit quietly and listen as he explains the Christian faith in simple language.

Capt. Jesse W. Myers Jr., Greensboro, N.C., company commander, says the morale of the platoon has improved because of Saltzman's presence: "He's a real inspiration for the troops."

Airborne Division here. Their mission? To provide a canteen service for paratroopers, listen to their problems, give them an opportunity to talk with a "girl from home."

from home."

The four young ladies—Charlotte, Jan Sigurdson, Indianapolis, Lizann Malleson, Ridgewood, N.J., and Deidre "Claymore" O'Brien, the team director from New York City—work daily at the recreation center. Each wears a Red Cross patch on the left sleeve and the Screaming Eagle on the right. They wear other insignia too Battalion crests and colors, jump wings, Scout Dog tabs and reconnaissance tabs—all presented by appreciative paratroopers.

Recreation Center
The recreation center offers
coffee, soft drinks, puzzles, ping coffee, soft drinks, puzzles, ping pong, card games, conversation and desks for letter-writing. But most of the girls' time is spent talking with troopers — some lonely, some on the way home, some new in country.

"Most servicemen are expected to gripe," says Charlotte. "But we hear very few complaints. The men know why they are here. They know their job. It's an honor to have talked with so many."

Why does a young girl volunteer to go to Vietnam?

"Curiosity and an eagerness to help," says Charlotte. "We feel strongly about the troops being here and had to do our

being here and had to do our

College Graduates
General guidelines require the General guidelines require the girls to be under 25 years of age while serving with units. All must be college graduates. Charlotte has a degree in philosophy from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Lizann a degree in radio-television from Marquette University, Jan a degree in German from Ball State and "Claymore" a degree in sociology from Mount St. Vincent College.

College.

All Red Cross girls must serve three units during their one-year tour in Vietnam. Each dreads leaving the 1st Brigade.

"Everyone's been so friendly," said Charlotte. "I'll hate to

move on. They say you can get

attached to your first unit assignment and I guess they're right. The men here are exceptional—they're airborne."

Keep Busy
Each day the girls have a calendar of events in the Recreation Center. A ping-pong tourney may be held one day, a musical jam session the next. One day the girls held a fashion show to acquaint the troopers with feminine styles they'd encounter back in the United States.
"We had an exceptionally good

"We had an exceptionally good turnout that day," said Clay-more. "I didn't think men were so interested in a lady's fash-

more. "I didn't think men were so interested in a lady's fashions."

The girls also combine forces with Air Force Red Cross girls in Phan Rang and visit outlying units. They often slip into a mess hall's serving line and dish out hot food to troops. They visit hospitals and dispensaries. At Christmas they had a decorating party one day and a Christmas party on the holiday.

Like the Troops

"We just like working with the troopers," says Charlotte. "They come in for a break from their work—some from the field, some from the supply areas.

"They talk a great deal. Some tell 'war stories', some talk of girls back home, some tell us how soon they're going home. We listen. Sometimes that can be the best medicine for a weary trooper."

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Two Currahees First to Re-up

Two "Currahees". First Sgt. Theron V. Gergen, Hopkinsville, Ky., of A Co., and Staff Sgt. Benjamin L. Patterson, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, of C Co., were the first two paratroopers to reenlist since the 3/506 arrived in Vletnam. Patterson also was the first emlisted man to be promoted since the battalion arrived. rived

Completion of their current enlistments will push both men over the 20-year service mark.



Eaglettes

The four Red Cross girls attached to the 1st Brigade are honorary "Eaglettes" — note their jump wings. (Left to right) Deidre "Claymore" O'Brien, New York City; Jan Sigurdson, Indianapolis; Charlotte Connor, Columbia, S.C. and Lizann Malleson, Ridgewood, N.J. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Art Campbell)



Extraction by Chinook

Paratroopers of the 2nd Bn. (Abn.), 327th Inf., await extraction from a landing zone southwest of Phan Rang. The paratroopers moved from Phan Thiet to Bao Loc to continue Operation Klamath Falls.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Al Wilson)

By Pfc. Robert Mosey
PHAN RANG — A discarded
porcelain dish found on a river
bank southwest of here recently
led two paratroopers of the 1st
Brigade, 101st Airborne to eight
Viet Cong during Operation
Klamath Falls. Seven enemy
were killed and one captured.
Sgt. Ramon A. Quintero, Miami, Fla., a trooper of A Co.,
2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., was
leading his squad on a reconaissance patrol when the Vietnamese utensil was found.
"We were returning to our
company's perimeter along a

company's perimeter along a small stream bed," said Quin-tero. "But the dish warranted

tero. "But the dish warranted further checking."

The squad leader radioed the discovery to Capt. Robert McGurk, Manlius, N.Y., who ordered the search to continue. "The jungle was thick on both sides of the stream," Quintero said. "There wasn't a trail anywhere."

where."

Spec. 4 Randall Caudle, pointman in the 10-man column, moved along the bushy river. Suddenly he stopped.

Find Bush
"I think I've found something," he said, eyeing a dead bush. "Set up security."

The paratroopers quickly moved into a semi-circle defense as Caudle grabbed the shriveled bush and tugged.

There was no resistance. A

Seven Enemy Killed Dish Leads Way to VC



Burdens of Hope

Spec. 4 Theopelius P. Lq Labyzon, New Orleans, helps a Vietnamese mother by carrying one of her children to safety during Operation Klamath Falls. Labyzon, a paratrooper with the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 522nd Inf., helped Vietnamese families move from a village terrorized by Viet Cong. (Photo by Spec. 5 Richard McLaughlin)

Locket Tips Off Cautious Trooper

PHAN RANG-A heart-shaped locket dangling from the neck of a Vietnamese woman spoiled a Viet Cong officer's attempt to escape paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne conducting search and destroy missions southwest of here.

The men of the 2nd Plat., A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., tensely waited at the jungle's edge near an isolated village complex. The word soon would be given to sweep the tiny hamlet.

Lt. Leonard Anderson, Bauxite, Ark., gave the signal and the Screaming Eagles sprang from their crouched positions. They moved swiftly on-line, searching for distinct movements. There were none. They quickly secured the village of six huts and began a systematic search. "There were a few women and children," said Spec. 4 Tim Nulty, Long Island, N.Y. "But there were no men to be found."

Nulty moved to the far end of the complex and cautiously edged his head around the entrance of a large hut.

"I found another women with her child," he said.

The paratrooper searched the interior. He didn't see anything suspicious. Then he noticed the gold locket around the women's

"It was unusual for a peasant woman to wear jewelry," said Nulty. "My curiosity got the best of me, so I checked it."

"There was a tiny picture of a Viet Cong inside," Nulty said, "he was dressed in fatigues and a Communist flag was behind

Nulty reported his find to Anderson. He ordered his men to continue their search. Spec. 4 Edward Fontaine, Auburn, Maine, noticed a haystack behind the hut. "I've been in combat seven months and I've never seen one directly behind a hut," he said, "I called some of the guys and we pushed it over."

A hidden tunnel was exposed.

Spec. 4 Randall Caudle, Newport Beach, Calif., pistol and flashlight in hand, entered the tunnel. "It sloped down into a large room," he said. "It looked occupied." Caudle inched towards the underground chamber, stopping short of the expanded entrance.

"I thought my ears were going to burst when those shots rang out," he said. "Whoever was in the room emptied his magazine because I heard the weapon's hammer click harmlessly." Caudle tossed in a grenade. After the explosion the paratrooper again entered the tunnel. "The VC lieutenant was slumped in the corner, a loaded pistol still clenched in his hand." Fifteen sandbags of small arms ammunition and 20 Chinese-Communist grenades were extracted. A satchel of Communist propaganda sheets and a Communist flag also were found.

For fifteen minutes the Screaming Eagles waited. Caudle then returned to the en-

trance.

VC Ahead

"It runs 150 yards straight as an arrow," he reported to Quintero. "On the opposite end I could see eight VC sitting around a small fire."

"How many weapons did they have?" Quintero asked. "Were there any huts?"
"I saw two weapons in a rack behind them," came the reply. "Four huts are located at each corner of the square clearing."

"Grab your M-16," said Quintero.

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As the remaining men secured

As the remaining men secured the entrance, Quintero and Caudle entered the tunnel.

The two paratroopers crawled until a thin shaft of light appeared.
"Caudle jumped out and scrambled behind a bush with me close behind," said Quintero. "The enemy continued talking."

Sees Caudle

talking."

Sees Caudle
One Viet Cong happened to look up. He saw Caudle.
"The VC yelled and they scrambled in all directions," said Caudle. "Three went for the two weapons but we dropped them instantly."
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The two men split up. Quintero raced across the clearing in pursuit of four enemy who entered another tunnel. Rushing past a hut, he smashed into something. A VC fell to the ground

ground.
"We didn't see each other until the collision," the Sergeant said. "A swing of my rifle bar-

rel knocked him unconscious.' Quintero reached the tunnel harboring the four enemy. He tossed in a grenade.

Comes Back Out They tossed it back out, send-

ing the paratrooper scrambling for cover.

"After the explosion three came running out," said Quintero. "They thought the grenade killed me." killed me.

A burst of automatic fire from his M-16 rifle dropped the three

his M-16 rifle dropped the three fleeing enemy.

"I looked around for Caudle when I saw another VC lunge for a weapon and aim it," said Quintero. "Caudle, looking into a tunnel, was his target."

Again Quintero's rifle spoke. The enemy dropped. Caudle wheeled and saw what happened.

"Over here," Quintero beck-oned. "I've got a VC trapped in a tunnel."

Enters Tunnel
Coaxing failed to bring the
VC from the underground sanc-

tuary.
"I'll get him," said Caudle,
pulling out his pistol. The paratrooper dipped into the darkness.

shot rang out. Then an-

"Caudle! Are you all right?"
Quintero yelled into the black-

The paratrooper crawled out. "He was a lousy shot," Cau-

dle said.
The two paratroopers collectane two paratroopers collected the enemy weapons and head towards the exit tunnel, carrying the one unconscious VC.

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shriveled bush and tugged.

There was no resistance. A block of dirt clung to the roots, revealing a three foot-square board covering a tunnel.

Shedding his bulky equipment, the Newport Beach, Calif., paratrooper grabbed a flashlight, cocked his pistol, then entered the tunnel.

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"Despite the loss of key leaders, the battalion's personnel manifested initiative, determination and the will to survive during the entire action. In every critical situation, an individual emerged to assume responsibility and to inspire continued effective conduct of the operation. Moreover, although facing a numerically superior, well-trained and well-organized enemy the U.S. forces registered a resounding victory and rendered ineffective two main force Viet Cong battalions. Confirmed en em y losses inch ded 257 personnel killed and five captured.

"The gallantry, determination

"The gallantry, determination and esprit de corps of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., in close combat, against numerically superior enemy forces is in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflects great credit upon the unit and the armed forces of the United States."

Elephant Patrol

Cries of "Elephants on the Perimeter" echoed through the command post of a 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne infantry battalion recently as a half dozen lumbering giants approached the unit's lines during Operation Klamath Falls.

The uninvited visitors appeared curious and moved closer to the dug in positions of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf.

A quick check of the patrolling pachyderms revealed they were not being used to carry Viet Cong or supplies. The tusked monsters were driven off by howling line troops on the peri-



Path of Ooze

Staff Sgt. Donald Robinson, (front) Chester, Pa., and Spec. 4 Bobby W. Martin, Kannapolis, N.C. struggle through mud during Operation Klamath Falls. Both paratroopers are members of B Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf. (Photo by Pfc. Robert Mosey)

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+ MAJ(R) BILLIE R. COOK, SPT BN 65-66 208 James Landing Cir., Smithfield, VA 23430-2316 (757) 357-9179 fastballcook@charter.net

Ivan--after the holidays I will send a few pictures mostly of support activities on our travels. I got word this week that Northwestern State University will retire my college baseball number Feb 7th. Quite an honor as I will be only the 2d recipient of that honor. I was a baseball pitcher. Have not heard one word from the Lee Chapter since the reunion. If you are ever in this vicinity--give me a call. We'll get together.

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+ MSG JAMES D. WILSON, SR., 1/327 HQ TF 7/65-6/66, 8 Darlene Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-5604, (845) 463-2710 wrote: It was great to see you again as I attended my FIRST reunion with the "Always First" Brigade. I was blessed to reunite with two other ORIGINAL TIGER FORCE members whom I also served with in HHC 1/327 INF (ABN) for a year back at Fort Campbell, prior to our deployment to Viet Nam in July 1965.

You and the local chapter, with support personnel, did an outstanding job with the reunion. Please remember that I want copies of ALL the 1st BDE (S) magazines.

P.S. Please give my regards to your granddaughter Sarah. We appreciate her efforts on our behalf and enjoyed her company. Thanks Again, AIRBORNE!!!

Editor's Note: Jim was informed on how to order copies of the magazine.

+ MAJ(R) William E. Groves, HHC (AG) 6/66-5/67, 576 Coast Oak Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6114, (770) 963-9947 wrote: The code on my mailing label is waving a red flag. It must be renewal time.

I was completely broadsided recently when I received my "Static Line" publication and the news of Don Lassen's death. We had a death in our family on the 6th of August and were out of town for two weeks, consequently, I did not have access to the Atlanta newspaper and was totally unaware of the news. His passing is a real loss to the airborne community. I did not have the opportunity to meet him personally, but just reading comments printed in "The Static Line" is indicative that he was well thought of by many troopers, young and old alike.

Back to the red flag. Enclosed is a check for renewal, plus a little extra for whatever.

Take care friend. I trust all is well health wise. We are doing great and enjoying retirement.

+ RICHARD A. HISE, 1/327 HHC TF 1/67-7/68, P.O. Box 327, Machias, NY 14101-0327, (716) 353-4501 sent a short note. A "Tiger Force" Reunion was held back in June in Deadwood, S. D. There were 21 troops present. A good time was had by all.

We are planning another in 2009 during WEEK of the EAGLES in June at Ft. Campbell. Motel info and exact dates as soon as we know. It is open to ALL TIGERS from 1965-2009. No wannabes or authors, PLEASE!

+ LTG(R) DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, 2/327 CO 6/66-6/67, 32 E. Bull St., Savannah, GA 31401-3337, work (912) 233-6717 home (912) 232-1139 when ordering the First Brigade Scrapbook wrote: Sorry to miss the reunion, but something came up that I had to attend. Hopefully, I'll make the next one. Have a great day.

+ JAMES D. AGINS, 326 MED D 7/66-2/67, 33 Sunset Blvd., Hamilton Sq., NJ 08690-3940, (609) 586-3724 sent the photo below.



Pictured at the Memorial Day 2008 Flag Installation Ceremony at Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, NJ are Emily Albrecht of Brownie Troop 25132 of Bordentown, NJ and her grandfather, James Agins.

Emily's father is Sgt. James Albrecht currently serving in Iraq (2nd tour) with the 101st Airborne Division (2/44AD). Emily's grandfather, James Agins served with the 101st Airborne Division 326 Medical Bn from 1964-67. He served in Viet Nam from 1966-67 with the 1st Brigade Separate. He is a Life Member of the 101st and General Anthony C. McCauliffe NY-NJ Chapter of the 101st.

+ CSM(R) ED BURKHALTER, 2/502 A 3/67-5/68, 5123 Boone Links Lane, Columbus, GA 31909, (706) 565-8898 along with his renewal wrote, I'm renewing at the new price – early. Keep up the great work. That STRIKE FORCE VA Secy is also doing good!

+ LTC(R) BILLY R. ROBBINS, 1/327 ABU 7/65 - 9/66, 2686 Clubhouse Drive South, Clearwater, FL 33761-3003, (727) 724-9721 when purchasing more back issues of the magazine wrote: These issues of "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam" are like looking at a very old movie – one you turn made of cards or sheets of paper/photos. They are great. Now, I know where and when I traveled in S. Viet Nam. They're great!

P.S. Do you sell Christmas cards? Make some 1st Bde (S) 101st Abn Div Christmas cards.

Editor's Note: I have not made 1st Brigade Christmas cards but will have them next year.

+ ROBERT DICKSON, 2/320 FA B Btry 7/65-8/66, Box 203, New Hartford, IA 50660, (319) 983-2777 sent the following. I'm sorry I forgot to renew my subscription. I really enjoy and look forward to every issue. Find a check enclosed for \$50. Please send a year's subscription to an old buddy I finally found after 40 years of looking. Chuck Streeton (P.O. Box 2254, Dunlap, TN 37327). We served together in "B" Battery 320th Arty 101st Airborne Viet Nam 65-66. I flew over on C130, advanced party, and I think Chuck was one of the lucky ones along with another life long trooper, Harold Buckner, Princeton, West Virginia, who went over on the LeRoy Eltinge.

P.S. Use the extra money for postage.

+ DAVID P. PERRINE, 2/502 HHC 5/67-10/67, 8628 Appleton Ct., Annandale, VA 22003-3806, (703) 323-0845 along with his renewal wrote: Great job Ivan! I enjoy receiving the magazine immensely. Look forward to receiving the reunion photos.

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+ MRS. JAN MCMULLEN, American Red Cross, 6318 23rd St. N.W., Gig Harbor, WA 98335-7525, (253) 265-8589 along with her subscription renewal wrote: Thank you for the reminder. I had not noticed my subscription was running out. Thank you for all you do for all of us.

+ ROGER D. POLASKY, 1/327 ABU 7/67-1/68, P.O. Box 441, Lawrence, PA 15055-0441, (724) 941-3882 wrote: Sorry for the delay in renewing, just got out of the VA Hospital today after 2+ months. A.K. rounds still doing damage after 40 years. Included a little extra in dues money, well worth it.

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COL (R) Luther U. Campbell SPT BN C 6/65-7/66

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Colonel Luther U. Campbell, 75, of Eatonton, Georgia, died October 5, 2008 at his residence.

Services were held at The Historic Sanctuary Methodist Church on October 8, at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Peggy Little officiated with burial at the

Eatonton Memorial Park with military pallbearers.

His son Jeffrey Stuart Campbell predeceased Colonel Campbell. He was the son of the late William Campbell and Maude Bateman Campbell.

He was born in Washington County in 1933. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired as a full colonel.

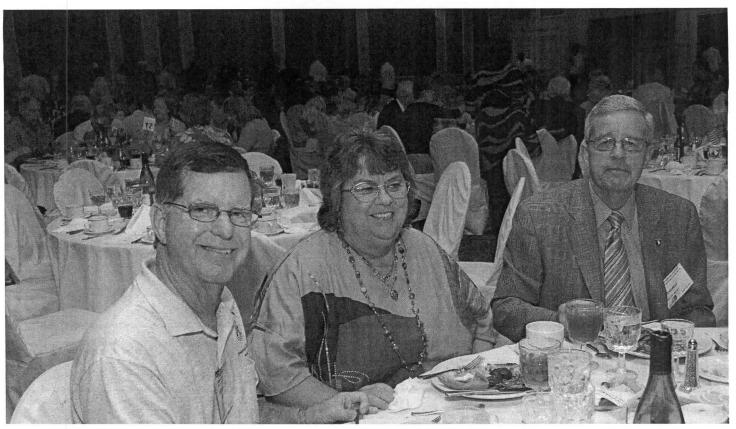
When being notified of his passing a note stated, "He was proud to be a Screaming Eagle."



OBITUARIES



General Anthony C. McAuliffe New York – New Jersey Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association members who attended the 11th Biennial First Brigade (S) Reunion in Hampton, Virginia, September 25 -28 were: (L to R rear) George Fallon, 2/327 HHC 1/67-1/68; Peter Fekete, 2/502 B 4/65-6/66; Ionie A. Anglin, widow of Larry Anglin, 2/502 B 10/60-7/66; Diane and James D. Agins, 326 MED D 7/66-2/67; (L to R front) David Lindwall, 2/327 C 1/67-10/67 and Kim; Theresa Fallon; Irene Fekete; MSG James D. Wilson, Sr., 1/327 HQ TF 7/65-6/66; Bennie Dancy, 1/327 Tiger Force 1/66-1/67 and Tony Bliss, 1/327 A 10/65-10/66.



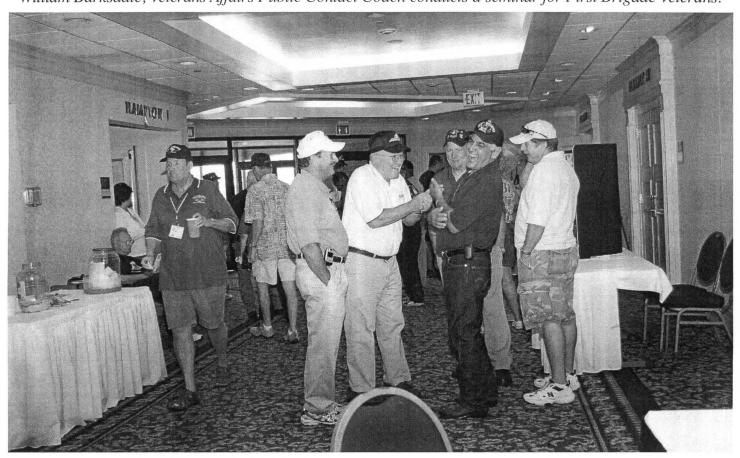
(L to R) Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, 1/327 C 8/66-8/67, Trudy Pfeiffer and Bill Northquest, 1/327 C & HHC 12/66-12/67



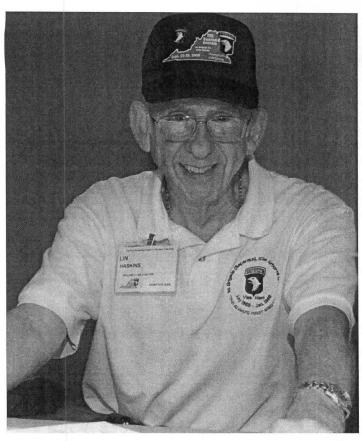
Nathaniel Fells, 2/502 B 9/66-9/67, and his wife Pankye made beautiful music at the ecumenical chapel service on Sunday morning



William Barksdale, Veterans Affairs Public Contact Coach conducts a seminar for First Brigade veterans.

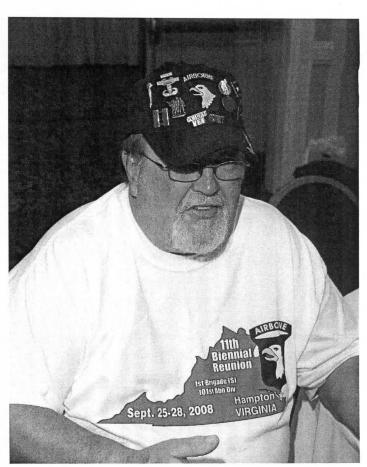


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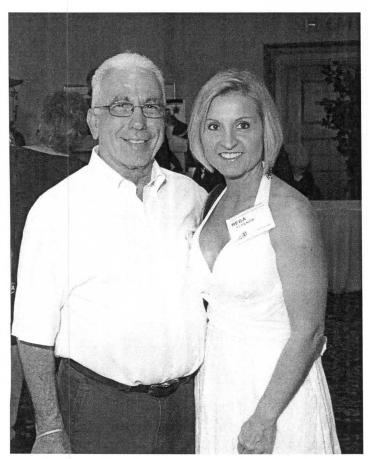


Franklin C. Haskins, BDE HHC 6/66-6/67, "Bugs and Gas," was the Brigade Chemical Officer.

He is a member of the Host Chapter.



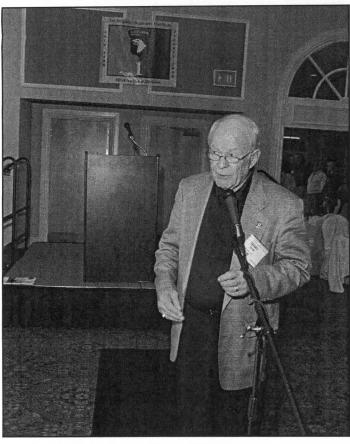
Mike Hadden, 2/327 HHC 7/65-6/66



Lowell M. Fleenor (2/327 A 6/66-4/67) and his wife Reba



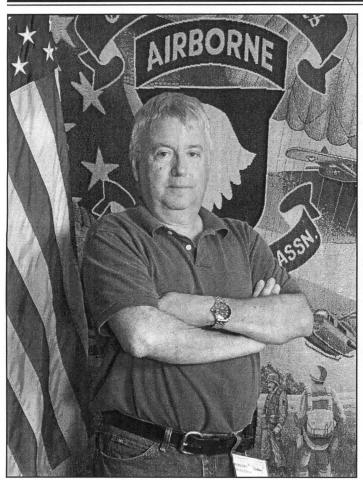
LTC(R) Louis M. McDonald, 2/327 B 5/66-10/66



Terry R. Zahn, Spt Bn Hq Elt 7/65-5/66, announces that he will host the 2010 reunion in Omaha, Nebraska.



Dave Nelms, 1/327 HHC Tiger Force Medic 10/66-10/67, furnished the 101st Airborne Division Association afghan for use as a photo backdrop.





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It was great to meet you after all of these years. I sure appreciate what you do for the association as the man that makes the magic happen! Thanks very much for inviting me. I only wish I could have been there for more of the meeting. I will pass on to Bill Barksdale, our briefer, and to his boss, the kind kudos that he got from all quarters.

Again, many thanks.

Best Regards,

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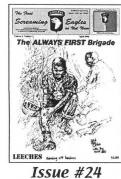












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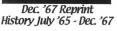


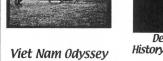
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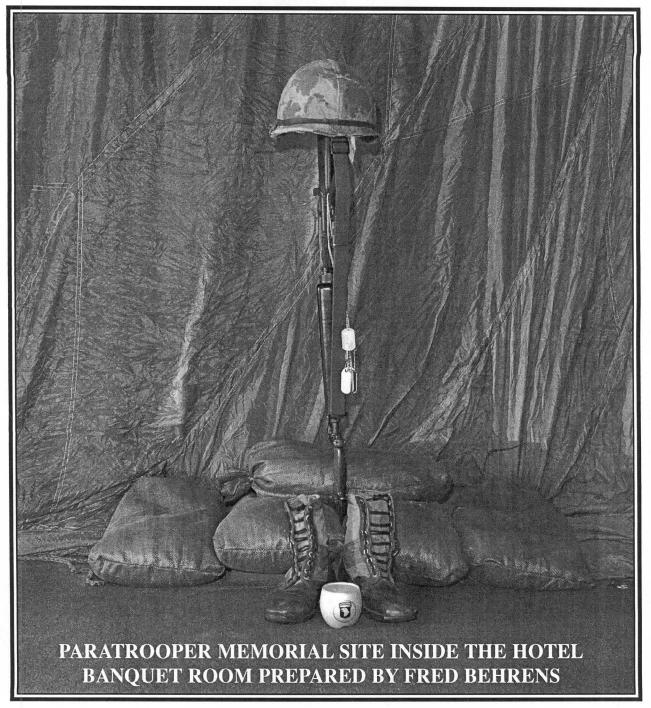
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