

196th Light Infantry Brigade Association



BY-LAWS

Article I. Title

The Association shall be known as the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association.

Article II. Aims and Objectives

Section 1. To preserve and foster the spirit of fellowship among former and possible future members of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army, and provide an organization through which they may unite in bonds of comradeship.

Section 2. To commemorate the memory of soldiers who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Section 3. To support a national military that will promote stability and peace throughout the world.

Section 4. To foster public understanding and support of the United States Army.

Section 5. To promote and perpetuate those Army and unit traditions that contribute to esprit de corps and superior performance of duty.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association shall be open to any soldier, active, retired or honorably discharged Veteran, who served or was attached to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade during its active service.

Section 2. Terms of Membership. Membership in the Association shall remain in force so long as the member maintains current status by payment of prescribed dues.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Enumeration. The Officers of the Association shall be a President who shall be the Chief Executive Officer, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. Duties. The Officers of the Association shall administer the affairs of the Association in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 3. Terms and Election. The President and the Vice President shall be elected by the membership, as provided in these By-Laws. The terms of office of the President and Vice President shall be two (2) years, and they shall be eligible for reelection. The other officers shall be appointed by the President.

Section 4. Vacancies in Elective Offices. If the President vacates his office during his term, the Vice President shall succeed thereto.

Section 5. Honorary Presidents. The Honorary Presidency of the Association may be tendered after election by the membership.

ON THE COVER: San Antonio has been selected for the site of the next 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association reunion. See the information on page 3, and additional information that will be mailed in November.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Branson! What a terrific reunion. I was very impressed by the way everybody went out of their way to make us feel welcome and very special. We had our largest turnout, ever. 400 members were registered and paid attendance at the banquet was 680. I had nothing but positive feedback on the attractions we chose for the members and who will ever forget the terrific "Remember When" show that Mike & Shari Radford put on especially for us Chargers. I know I will never forget my time in the "spot light" just as I am sure some of you may still be having nightmares about it. I was very proud to be named an official "Buckaroo", an honor that I share with all of you.

Almost all of the comments I received during and after the reunion were very positive. But there were a few exceptions that really bothered me and I am compelled to say something about one in particular.

It seems that we had a brother attend who had little or no luck finding some one from his battalion and year group. He said he felt very much like an outsider and didn't feel welcome at all. I'm here to tell you that I never want to hear those words from another brother as long as I am president of this association.

Article II, Section 1 of our bylaws states we exist, as an association, "to preserve and foster the spirit of fellowship among former and possible future members of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army, and provide an organization through which they may unite in bonds of comradeship". Our main purpose is to promote camaraderie between former soldiers of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

It also appears that part of the reason this member felt alienated was that there were some printed materials lying about or handed out that did not include his battalion in the order of battle or include KIAs from his battalion in the rolls of honor.

I appreciate all of the efforts put forth by members of this association to put together items to share at the reunion but it must be noted that all of that stuff needs to at least be looked at by one of the officers of the association before it's handed out so we can feel confident that we won't have any more folks feel like this.

There were other comments that I will address in coming newsletters but I thought this one important enough to address immediately.

I have personally guaranteed this individual that when he shows up at the next reunion he should come and introduce himself to me and I will make it my personal mission to make sure that this brother, or any brother, feels like he is back with his brothers regardless of battalion affiliation or branch of service.

I challenge you to do the same. I know it's only natural to hang with the guys from your sqd/plt/co/bn/svc but don't ever forget that those guys in other sqd/plt/co/bn/svc's were there to back you up and bail you out if needed and you were there for them. Be there again.....

Warren Neill, President

196th Light Infantry Brigade Association-Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 2, 2003

- The meeting was held in a meeting room of the Radisson, Branson, Missouri.
- The meeting was called to order by President Warren Neill at 8:10 A.M.
- Pledge to the U.S. Flag, and opening prayer, led by Chaplain David Lovelace
- Minutes of the July 28, 2001 meeting were ready by President Neill and approved.
- Membership surveys distributed in reunion packets requesting input concerning the 2005 reunion were collected.
- A motion regarding sending \$196.00 as a donation to the National Museum of the US Army, to be built at Ft. Belvoir, VA was approved.

Election of officers:

- Nominations for President: Warren Neill, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vote: Yes: all No: none
- Roy Dolgos was nominated for Vice-President. He accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vote: Yes: all No: none. Roy then announced that he was honored to be re-elected but would have to decline due to career demands.
- Bill Knight was then nominated for Vice-President. He accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vote: Yes: all No: none.
- President Neill appointed the following, all accepted the offices:
Rev. David Lovelac-Chaplain, Ken Wright-Treasurer, Ed Zahn-Secretary, Ken McKenzie-Newsletter Editor
- A cap with the 196th Association insignia was presented to the Veteran's Restaurant in the Branson Radisson, to be placed on display with other veteran memorabilia.
- Suggestions concerning the 2005 reunion were discussed:
Having a group picture taken at the reunion, to be placed in a year book.
Listing the attendees' home states on their name tags.
Obtain permission for the hotel to display the 196th Association flag during the reunion week end and have a flag-raising ceremony at the beginning of the reunion.
- Doc Mosher will check into the possibility of having decorative license plate rings made, to have available for purchase at the next reunion

Respectfully Submitted, *Ed Zahn*, Secretary

Treasurer's Report as of January 13, 2003. Respectfully submitted by *Ken Wright*

Life Membership Fund

Balance 01/13/03 29,063.94

Edward Jones Investment

Value 01/13/03 18,516.24 (Value one year ago \$18,556.18)

General Fund

Balance brought forward 24,813.96

Deposits 9,479.70

Expenses 9,842.20

Balance 01/13/03 24,451.46

Balance Total 72,031.64

REUNION 2005

The results are in!! The top place selected to hold a reunion from the survey conducted at the Branson reunion was San Antonio, TX!!

You asked for it! You got it! We're going to San Antonio, July 28 - 31, 2005, for a Texas size celebration of all Chargers. It's the 40th Anniversary of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, and the 20th Anniversary of the forming of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association!

So mark these dates, July 28-31, 2005, on your calendar, dust off those boots & hats, brush up on your line dancing' and get ready to have a great time with your 196th brothers, families, & friends. The hotel we have contracted with will make rooms available at the reunion rate of \$77 plus tax for 5 days before and five days after the reunion dates so you can plan a complete vacation around the reunion.

More details will be provided in the coming months.

Registration materials, with hotel, tour, and banquet information are scheduled to be mailed in mid-November. Registration forms will also be available to download and print from the website in mid-November.

Check the San Antonio website at: www.sanantoniovisit.com/visitors/com_history.asp
Specific questions should be directed to:

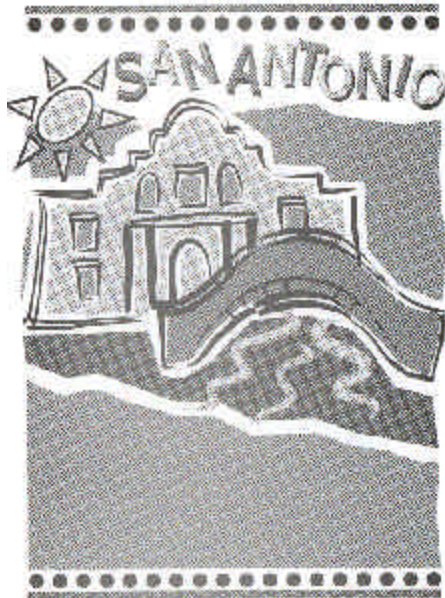
Warren Neill

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or

Bill Knight

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SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio captures the spirit of Texas. Now the ninth largest city in the United States, the city has retained its sense of history and tradition, while carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress. Close to eight million visitors a year delight in the discovery of San Antonio's charms.

Native Americans first lived along the San Antonio River. The actual founding of the city came in 1718 by Father Antonio Olivares, when he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which became permanently etched in the annals of history in 1836 as where 189 defenders held the old mission against some 4,000 Mexican troops for 13 days. The cry "Remember the Alamo" became the rallying point of the Texan revolution against Mexico. Located in the heart of downtown, today The Alamo is a shrine and museum.

We often are not notified of a member's passing until we get a notice from the Post Office. If you have any information on the death of a 196th Brother, please send it to the Editor.

Sides, Robert, 21 Oct 2002, F-Troop, Summerville, IN. Robert had high levels of Agent Orange and passed away from cancer. His wife Mary urges all veterans to be checked and registered with the VA.

Burns, Thomas P., 7 Apr 2000, 4/31, Maspeth, NY. His wife Kathleen writes, Thomas' passing was caused by cancer of the throat, and his loss was devastating. Well wishes to all who are still among us.

Hart, David, 2 Sept 2002, HHC, 3/21 1968-69, Johnstown, PA

Haag, LTC (Ret) Donald, 20 Jan 2003, HHQ, 2/1 1965-67, San Antonio, TX. He is survived by his wife Bonnie and a daughter, Sue Ivers who wrote, "I can assure you, he will be missed by our family and everyone that ever knew him!! He was MY HERO!!!! He died from a stroke after a 20 year battle with cancer. He was a fighter and soldier to the end..."

Spikes, William, A, 4/31, 1965-67, from Browns Mills, NJ.

Thompson, Michael, 26 Sept 2002, Larry Wigton writes, "Mike died of a heart attack. He served in B, 4/31, 3rd Platoon in 1968-69. He was a good soldier, friend and is survived by his wife and two teenage daughters. He lived in Westerville, OH."

Gelling, Col. Louis, Brigade Commander 1967-68. Bert Hampton writes, "He passed away in Florida on 28 Dec 2002, a fine commander. As one of the men who flew his C&C ship, I watched and listened as he directed operations over many a battle. His son is also a Col. Louis Gelling."

Clark, Maj. John, Served with 196th from Ft. Devens to Tay Ninh.

Dewald, Edward G., 5 June 2002 3rd Plt, B-4/31, 1968-69. Ed's wife Susan writes, "He was 54 years old. Ed retired from Ford Motor Co in Sterling Heights, MI in June 2000, and we moved to Ocala, FL in July 2000. We had been married only 3 1/2 years when he passed away from a heart attack."

Klinesmith, Allen, Aug 2003, Rich Mosher writes, "Allen worked at the VA in North Chicago, IL; was only a couple of years away from retirement; was only 51 years old; suffered a heart attack while on his way to work. He was in D Co, 1/46 in 1971 and was on Firebase Maryann. I tried to get him to attend one of our reunions, but he always said: "Can't this year... maybe next one." Maybe this comment might inspire some one to attend who has also been putting it off. He lived in Winthrop Harbor, IL."

Sorrentino, William, 7 May 2001, served with A-4/31 1970-71

Melchior, Richard C., 2 Jan 2003, HQ & B-3/21, 1965-67. Born 26 Jun 1945, he lived in the Crestline, OH area all his life. He retired as President of Crawford Construction Co. in 2002 after 35 years. He was a member of KofC #2642, several contractors as so ci a tions, Jaycees, Fraternal Order of Eagles #859, and VFW Post #2920. Rick was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved to play golf and attend equestrian events as well as ride horses. He always had a joke to tell and will be missed by those who knew him. He was survived by his wife Linda, and many family members.

TAPS (cont.)

Buchanan, Jerry, Passed in 1999, served in F-Troop. Jerry was from Smith field, VA and is sur vived by his wife Alyne.

Wittenwyler, Mike, April 2003, Mike served with 3/82 Arty, 1966-67. He passed away from cancer. Mike was active in researching *Stars and Stripes*, and had attended sev eral re unions. He will be missed.

Hunt, Douglas John, 7 May 2003, served in A-3/21, 1967-68. Doug was an RTO in A Co. He was from Santa Barbara, CA and was bur ied in Florida Na tional Cem e tery. Say a prayer for Doug. He strug gled with PTSD since he came home and he is in a better place now.

Wagner, Robert, 2003, Served with A, 4/31, 1965-67. He lived in Kan sas City, MO

Farrand, Terry, Jan 2004, Served with D-3/21, 1967-68. "Red" Coulthard writes, "This is a big shock and loss for us. Terry died from a heart at tack."

DePew, John, 23 Nov 2003, F-Troop. Bob Janicek writes, "John had been a pa tient at the VA Hos pi tal in Read ing, PA for the past two years af ter suf fer ing an an eu rysm. He was our Troop cook from 1966-67. John at tended sev eral re unions. John had made the model of the F-Troop base camp at Tay Ninh, that is on dis play at the Americal mu seum. He is sur vived by his wife Ca thy and chil dren."

Walter, Frank, 11 May 2003, Served with HHC, 1966-67. A LIFE MEM BER of the 196th As so ci a tion. Frank was 57, a life long Staten Is lander, and a re tired firefighter. Frank sur vived a Viet Cong am bush with two wounds in his left arm. He was one of two men to sur vive the night time jun gle pa trol in which eight oth ers were killed. In 1968 he began his career as a New York City firefighter with Engine CO. 204 in Brooklyn, and eventually transferred to Eng. Co. 158, Mariners Harbor, retiring in 1990. He was an avid fisherman and a member of the American Legion. He is sur vived by his wife Myra of 35 years, and other fam ily. His brother writes, " Al though he led a very pro duc tive life, and leaves be hind a fam ily that will miss him dearly, he lived with the de mons of his past ev ery sin gle day."

McGonigle, John, 3 May 2003. Served with C Bat. 3/82 Arty. John will be es pe cially missed by all the As so ci a tion mem bers that reg u larly at tended the re unions. John took over the vol un teer du ties of run ning the Hos pi tal ity Suite, and al ways made sure that the beer and soda were stocked and cold. He spent end less hours mak ing sure ev ery one had an en joy able time. John passed away af ter a short bout with can cer. He was from Willingboro, NJ. God Bless you John, we loved you.

Quick, Gary Clayton, 9 June 1945 - 16 Aug, 2001, B, 4/31, 1965-67. Gary lived in Collierville, TN and is sur vived by his wife, Joan Feathers Quick, a son in Kerhonkson, NY, where Gary grew up, two daugh ters, three step sons, a brother, two sisters, and 11 grandchildren. Goodby Gary, you had many friends who remember you. Me mo rials may be made to a vet er ans as so ci a tion.

Oquist, Jeffrey P., 18 Feb 2004, Served in both C&E, 2/1, 1970-71, From Montague, MI. His brother Steve would like to contact anyone who may have known him. Steve's e-mail ad dress is: SACCOMM3@aol.com

LOOKING FOR

LOOKING FOR F-TROOPERS WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN MY BROTHER

I am looking for any one who may have know my brother Ronald E. Gerten. He was a Medic in the 1st. Cav. Airmobile. He was KIA on 31 Dec. 1970 while attached to F Troop 17th Armored Cav. I was only 8 years old when he was killed and am trying to find out more about him and his experiences. I have a Letter from an other Medic from his unit that was written several months after Ron's Death. This letter, from Mark Madigan, was with Ron's things that I got from my parents, and only now am I able to go through these things, and I want to know more about Ron. Among Ron's things was a plaque, with the inscription "In memory of Ron from his friends in F Troop 17th Armored Cavalry, he gave his life while helping us. His memory will remain with us for ever" then there is a list of names.

CAPT CHESTER FETNER

SGT RICK WOOD

SP4 LARRY GALLENINE

PFC MARK HOWARD

1LT EVAN W LAYTON

SP4 STEVE METCALF

SP4 STEPHEN CHAVEZ

If you could help me contact any of these men, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your time,

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OH23 CRASH

My name is James Phipps. I was assigned to HHC 196th. on 15 Dec 1966, as a crew chief on an OH23 helicopter arrived at Tay Ninh on or about 26 Dec 1966. Within the next several days the OH23, after having the rotor head worked on, crashed into medical tent area. Is there any information on the crash or the two who were killed that day?

Thanks for your time,

Jim Phipps

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COUSIN

Looking for anyone who served with Frank Zydzik, D 3/21, Mar 69 - Jan 70 (KIA 1/7/70). Frank was my cousin and I am trying to locate members of his platoon. I have photos that need be identified and passed along to those in them. Please contact:

Lee Smolen, getnby79@aol.com.

INFO ON FATHER

I am seeking information about my father, SGT Thomas Stephen Black. He was from Jasper, AL and was assigned to B Btry, 3/82nd Arty. His war memories haunted him and he took his own life in Feb 95. I believe he may have developed cancer from Agent Orange. He never shared much with his family concerning his time in Vietnam. Anyone who knew my dad, and can help us fill in the gaps, please contact me. Thanks to all of you who served in Vietnam, you are all my HEROS and the essence of the American Spirit.

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196th WEB SITE

The 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association has its own Internet domain. Please visit the website at:

www.196th.org

LOOKING FOR

FRIEND FROM HIGH SCHOOL

A high school friend of mine, Bill Weleski (Martin W.) was in the 196th and was killed in Viet nam. I am trying to obtain information about his tour of duty. Do you have any suggestion that might help? He was killed January 9th 1968, which, oddly, is an anniversary to day. Thanks for your help.

Bud Walkup

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(Bill was in A-3/21 and was among 22 men from his unit that were KIA over 9-10 Jan 1968.)



SQUAD LEADER

I have been searching for my squad leader, Ed Farrell, for about four years. He was with me from April 1968 to July 1968 in A-4/31. Anyone that can help would be appreciated.

Terry Goul

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FATHER

My father, Howard Eugene Williams, Jr. of Chamblee, GA served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army in the 196 Light Infantry Brigade, HHC-3/21, and was killed December 7, 1969, the day after his 26th birthday. He was known as "Gene" or "Will" in the service. I was only four years old when he died and truly never knew him. As my son reached four years old earlier this year, I have spent a lot of time reflecting on my father. Last Summer I came across the website for the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association and learned of the upcoming reunion. The President, Warren Neill, was kind enough to ask around for anyone who may have known or served with my father. As you are well aware, Vietnam was an emotionally charged issue, and growing up it was not a topic for discussion due to the extreme and passionate views many people held at the time. It has been more than thirty years and my Mother has never remarried. We have talked very little about my Father's military career, and really never about his death, although my Mom talks about him all the time. As a family, my Mother, sister, and I were never able to grieve together due to our young ages (4 & 5 at the time). The first time we did was when the Moving Wall came through Atlanta in the late eighties. I have to say it was definitely moving. My father is honored on the wall Panel 15W, Row 37. I have visited The Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC several times and am very proud of my father and his service to our country. And I sincerely hope that I will be half the Father to my son as he and his memory have been for me. I would appreciate any information you can provide about my Father, his service, or his death. Thank you all for your service to our Country, and thank you to anyone who can help..... He may be the honoree of a memorial in Atlanta in 2004 or 05. I would like to arrange for any of his platoon or leaders to be present or possibly as a speaker.

Lee Williams

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CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) WILLIAM NEW COMER FEASTER

By: Ray Pezzoli Jr.

New Englanders are proud of their heritage, character shaped by the jagged terrain and rugged winters. These six months are spent cozily sequestered behind a talking fireplace; book in the lap, engaged in some academic pursuit. They have always proclaimed the individuality of each region, proud to announce their tradition, yet quick to point out each state's peculiarities.

Boston is the birth place of our revolution where Paul Revere answered the signal, "One if by land, two if by sea," spreading the alarm "...to every Middlesex village and farm." And the Minute men farmers met the Red coats at a bridge in Concord for the first engagement in our country's struggle for independence.

The Boston Marathon still traces this route. Boston remains a phalanx of learning, medicine, and culture for America, regardless that it has been chucked into the back seat by its archrival, New York City. Their antagonism rampant since the City stole Babe Ruth from Bean Town.

William N. Feaster was born in the subdued small city of Portland, Maine where his love grew for the mountains and woodlands. He participated in typical childhood activities of snatching night crawlers for bass fishing, testing the strength of ice in a local millpond, peeking into bird's nests, and slogging home with muddy feet after catching pollywogs at the Puddle.

William was a proud Explorer Scout with several distinctions who began leaning toward the classics in high school. He graduated from Harvard in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts in Greek. While there, he was an assistant scoutmaster at home, escorting scouts in mountain hikes. Three years later he graduated from Harvard Divinity School with a B.D. After his ordination in 1963, he served two years as assistant at New Haven's Center Church On-The-Green where he actively involved himself with low cost urban housing projects. While helping with volunteer work at the local medical facility, he met Nancy, a student nurse he would later marry. His quiet, unassuming character, dedication to perfection in everything he did, and common dress of tan pants, white shirt, military type shoes with frequent black tie, were part of his demure character. Chaplain Captain Feaster's college persona was described at his requiem in Andover Chapel, Harvard Divinity School, November 7, 1966 as an "...old fashioned man of practice--looking before he leaps."

Nancy entered the Army's nurse corps upon graduation; William joined her by entering the chaplaincy in January 19, 1965. When she became stationed in Korea, he followed her to Asia on July 15, 1966 where his services were needed. While many of his



CHAPLAIN FEASTER (cont.)

peers were burning draft cards in protest to the war, he volunteered for the assignment as chaplain in the Republic of South Vietnam.

“Bill was genuine in everything he did.” In Vietnam he immediately displayed that ethic New England stick-to-it-ness he showed his entire life, being where needed—this time with his troops in combat. On September 18 he randomly joined a Search and Destroy Mission with a unit of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

The troops made contact with a well-entrenched enemy base camp and immediately received injuries from the enemy shooting from secluded trenches and camouflaged foxholes connected through the tunnel complexes. Although forward visibility in the jungle entanglement was less than a yard, Captain Feaster assisted the hectic medic plunging into the battle to back up his unanswered calls. An enemy mine connected to a trip wire exploded, blasting its hot shrapnel into the tree next to him. All of it, that is, save a sharp chunk which carved a piece out of his leg, obliterating the nerve endings.

He struggled forward to retrieve another wounded soldier. The chaplain’s wound was unnoticed until he escorted the man to the Command Post where his commanding officer noticed William’s ripped pants with white bone at the base of the V of red flesh. He directed the medic to tie the gap together with first aid kit gauze, then ordered the chaplain to remain at the CP with the wounded.

By the time the MEDAVAC chopper was able to penetrate the jungle canopy with its gurney, the number of wounded had increased. Although the CO told Chaplain Feaster to leave, this altruistic hero insisted on remaining at the battleground caring for “...those more needy.” The jungle’s extreme humidity and temperature, coupled with his prolonged evacuation, caused a rampant infection. William’s leg was amputated shortly after arriving at the hospital in Saigon. His wife was flown to Vietnam from her assignment at the U.S. Army Hospital in Seoul. She cared for her husband lying very sick in a body cast. In his typical concerned manner, he expressed apprehension about the amputation interfering with his chaplain work. On October 26, 1966, Chaplain Captain William N. Feaster became the youngest chaplain to die in Vietnam at twenty-eight.

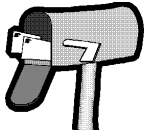
AUTHOR

Ray Pezzoli, pictured below right, as sistering his Chaplain, Fr. Thomas Confroy, writes: My credits include features written after Vietnam for the newspapers, *Purple Knight*, *Wareham Courier*, and *New Bedford Standard Times*. My books, *This Is Our Story: The Legends Behind the Wall* and *They Were There* are being reviewed by a number of publishers, while *The International Bartender’s Guide* is the textbook for a major Southern California school of Mixology.

Also, my articles have been published in the magazines *Vietnam*, *Plain Truth Ministries*, *Grit*, *American Survival Guide*, *Flying*, *Hustler*, *Soldier of Fortune*, *Untold Stories Vietnam*, *Archdiocese for Military Services News*, *Reunions*, and *Catholic Digest*.

I was PIO, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division Vietnam, 1965-1966.





MAIL CALL

“MILLION DOLLAR HILL”

DAD

About fifteen years ago I met a man named Jim Henson, a door gunner from the 173rd. He lent me a paperback entitled “Death Valley” by Keith William Nolan. It was about the 196th. When 4/31 caught it at “Million Dollar Hill” I was in Sidney on R&R. I’ve felt fortunate ever since. The fellow I gave the M-60 to, Jerry Hill, was killed by friendly fire. I visited Jerry’s folks in 1981 and gave them all the photos of him that I had.

More years have passed than the age we were then. I don’t think about it much as life goes on. Can’t even remember the marching songs, but I’m glad now that I was a part of it and met so many. For the most part it was interesting and exciting.

Here’s a laugh for you. The four of us that were the gun squad were; Hill, Rill, Brill, and Stanley.

The date, Aug 17, was when my company caught it on “Million Dollar Hill”.

Larry Rill

Belvidere, IL

156th SIGNAL

I was a member of the 156th Signal Plt, from Aug 1966 till the Brigade went north in 1967. I am trying to locate members who were with me during Attleboro, Cedar Falls, and Junction City.

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I am daughter number four of SFC Domingo F. Morado. He died on May 13, 1969 in Quang Tin. My father was 35 years old and was an enlisted man for 18 years. I was 10 years old when he died. He left six daughters behind, and he would have been proud of us. My mother is in the Gold Star Wives of America, and she never remarried. My mother has never discussed him in any detail and I would like to contact any one who served with him and may know some details about him.

I would like to find pictures of him for my children and myself.

His name can be found on the monument at Kennedy HS in San Antonio, TX. He had served at Forts, Ord, Benning, Hood, Polk, and we think he was a Ranger

Thank you for any help you can offer,

Katherine Morado Duke

PROSTATE CANCER

Per Dept of VA decision, if a military member served anywhere in Vietnam, all prostate cancer is considered service connected. If the service member dies from prostate cancer, the spouse is entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the VA. If you have or had prostate cancer and served in Vietnam, you are entitled to a service connected disability. Contact your local VA office or call 1-800-827-1000

FOR ALL U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM

1. Description: A Gold color medal, 1 3/8 inches in width, consisting of a wreath superimposed by two crossed scimitars saltirewise and a Maltese cross. In the center of the Maltese cross a disc with an outline of the country of Vietnam between two palm sprigs joined at the bottom and a scroll overall inscribed "QUOC-GIA LAO-TUONG" (Reward of the State).

2. Ribbon: The ribbon is 1 3/8 inches wide and consists of the following stripes: 3/8 inch Old Glory Red 67156; center 5/8 inch Golden Yellow 67104 with 16 strands of Old Glory Red; and 3/8 inch Old Glory Red.



Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross

3. Criteria: a. U.S. Military units were individually cited for award of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Gallantry Cross; however, the Vietnamese Government is sued the award to all units subordinate to Military Assistance Command (MACV) during the period 8 February 1962 and 28 March 1973 and to U.S. Army Vietnam and its subordinate units for the period 20 July 1965 to 28 March 1973. This permits all personnel who served in Vietnam to wear the RVN Gallantry Cross unit citation.

b. The medal was awarded by the Vietnamese Government to military personnel who have accomplished deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting the enemy and have been cited individually at the regiment, brigade, division, corps, or armed forces level.

4. Components: The following are authorized components of the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross:

a. Medal (regulation size): Not issued. Available commercially.

b. Medal (miniature size): Not issued. Available commercially.

c. Ribbon: MIL-R-11589/173. Commercially available.

d. Streamers: Awarded to cited units. Inscription is as indicated on the unit's lineage and honors. Requirement in accordance with Chapter 9, Army Regulation (AR) 840-10.

e. Unit Award: Commercially available.

5. Background: a. The RVN Gallantry Cross was established by the Vietnamese Government by Decree No. 74-b/Qt, dated 15 August 1950 and Decree No. 96/DQT/HC, dated 2 May 1952. Authorization for all U.S. Army personnel was confirmed in HDQA General Orders No. 8, dated 19 March 1974.

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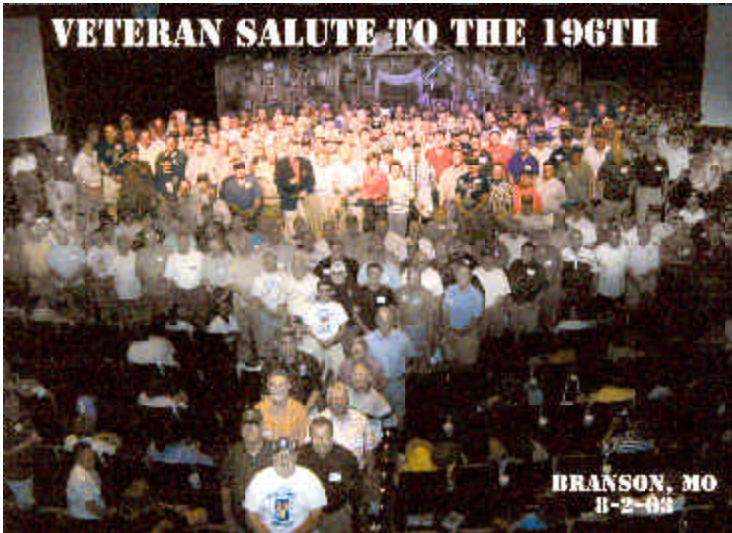
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