



196 Light Infantry Brigade Association



Back to Vietnam - 2010

*2011 Reunion Update
Seattle, Washington
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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 comrade ship.

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 according to 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.

ON THE COVER: The Tay Ninh bridge, with Nui Ba Den in the background. This photo was taken in April 2010, during a trip back to Vietnam by four buddies from Charlie Company, 4/31. The photographer's location is just about where the old market used to stick out over the river. It has been removed to a new location and the area is now a park.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Charger Family,

I really don't know how to describe the turnout at Buffalo for our last reunion other than to say, "Wow"! Our tour operator put together terrific tours of both the American and Canadian sides of the Falls. Only one bus had a problem and that was a completely innocent mistake on the part of one of our members. He recently had a medical procedure that left some residual radiation in his body that the scanners picked up through the bus walls. It was a small diversion that truly proved the quality and value of the scanners used to keep our borders safe.

We had our largest turnout to date and as far as I can tell a good time was had by all. I'm glad I could surprise the membership with the appearance of Terence Knox of "Tour of Duty". Terry came a day early so he could hang out with the real soldiers of the 196th LIB. I'm not sure who was more impressed, Terry or the members. He gave a heartfelt, emotional speech that showed that he was truly humbled to be in the presence of "the real deal", as he put it. I had previously told him that he would have that kind of reaction when he met our membership. I thought he was going to ask us for our autographs. I told him I am awed every time we get together at the bravery, camaraderie and humility of our band of brothers. He has promised to return for the Seattle reunion and bring another cast member, Tony Becker, with him.

I have to apologize for the lack of information coming out of the Association. Ken and I have both been tied up with our lives and finding time to get it all done has proven problematical. We will try to do better in the future.

The planning for the upcoming Seattle reunion was turned over to an outside reunion planning service. Due to unforeseen circumstances we canceled that contract and have taken it back in-house. Subsequently we have been behind in getting the info to you. We are getting up to speed again. The reunion info and Registration Form are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

Warren

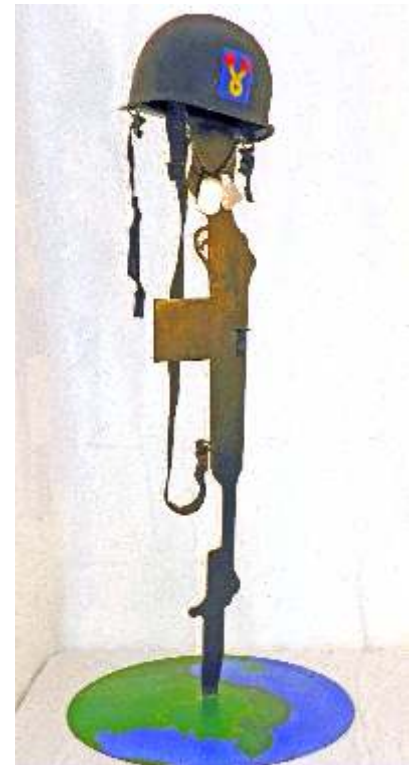
One day when I returned home from work was I ever surprised by this huge wooden crate sitting in my driveway, blocking my garage. I struggled to get it into the garage and then spent the better part of an hour removing the screws that held the crate together. Thank God for power screwdrivers! Inside I found this amazing piece of art.

The central figure is an M-14 rifle and bayonet stuck muzzle down. A full sized helmet with 196th patch hand painted on the front and a pair of dog tags hang down from the stock in the salute to a deceased warrior mode. The base is a hand painted map of SE Asia with another, smaller, 196th patch hand painted inside the map of South Vietnam.

The sculpture was made for Nolin Perrin, C 4/31, 69-70 by his great friend John Ott from Pennsylvania. Nolin describes him as a, "ne'er do well" except of late when he started working for the military and went to Iraq, and all over, repairing equipment."

Nolin believed it would be of more use in a public way than for him to keep it and he has donated it to the Association for us to find a fitting home for it. I am humbled and proud to have custody of this amazing piece of art. It is a wonderful tribute and honor to our legacy.

I am planning to ship it to Seattle for the reunion and will gladly accept realistic ideas on where this sculpture's permanent home should be.



TAPS

We often are not notified of a members 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.

Weaver, Dennis, 4 Sept 2010, served with A, 4/31, 1968-69. Dennis was a Life Member of the Association. His wife Cindy writes, "I know that he has many friends throughout the Association and that he will be greatly missed. He really loved y'all and was really excited about the upcoming Seattle trip next year. He will be with you in spirit."

Llorca, Art, 15 Apr 2010, Commander of D & B, 2/1 during the period 1965-67. Art lost his battle with cancer, and is survived by his wife Ann.

O'Dwyer, John A. (Jake), 22 Aug 2010, served with C, 2/1. Jake was an original member from Fort Devens.

Carmona, Crispin, served with C, 3/21, 1966-68, Warren Neill writes, "I fondly remember my days with Cris. He will be missed. Rest in peace, my brother."

Heisler, Tom (Pigeyes), Aug 2006, served with HHC 196th radio crew from Oct 1967 to July 1968. His wife stated that Tom had passed away due to complications from Agent Orange caused cancer.

Stewart, Joe, 6 July 2010, served with Alpha Btry, 3/82, 1965-67. He will be missed by his Alpha Btry and Charger brothers.

Chambers, Richard, 21 Jan 2010, served with B, 2/1 during basic at Fort Devens and moved to 8th Support in Tay Ninh. Dick died of a heart attack shortly after attending the Buffalo reunion. He is survived by his wife Doris and three children.

Genna, Angelo J., 21 April 2010, served with 2nd Platoon, C, 4/31, 1965-67. Angelo lived in Harper Woods, MI. He was a Life Member of the Association, and attended many reunions.

Karczewski, Ron, 20 May 2010. A Btry 3/82 Arty, 1965-67. He was one of the A Btry cooks and passed away in Florida of lung cancer.

Martin, William S., 19 Dec 2009, served with Rifle Platoon, HHC from 1966-67. "God speed!" - Denny and Tom Tom.

Johnson, David, 14 Jan 2010, served in A, 3/21, 1969-70. The demons of war and stress took its toll, and David took his life.

Gerringer, Carl, 14 Nov 2009, served with B, 3/21, 1965-67. Carl was from Henrietta, NY.

Bryant, Thomas, 22 Oct 2009. Tom was the platoon Sgt of Recon E, 3/21, 1968-69. Warren Neill writes, "Tom loved his family, his men, the 196th, and coming to the reunions. We were very lucky to have had Tom with us in Buffalo. I will personally miss his phone calls when he thought I needed guidance in running the Assn. Rest in Peace brother."

Van Doran, Terry, 15 Aug 2009, served with A, 2/1 and was an original from Fort Devens.

Poe, Mason, April 2009, served with F-Troop, 1967-68. His son, Mason Poe Jr., writes, "I'm looking for anyone who served with my father. I'm his eldest son, and am also in the service. I'm going to write a few stories about his life for the family. That time was really big in his life as well as ours." e-mail: mpoejr1@aol.com

Devereaux, Earl (Rocky), Oct 2010, served with the Gun Squad, A 3/21 in 1970. Steve Hemmert writes, "Rocky passed away in Syracuse, NY. The last time we talked he told me he had prostate cancer. Please remember him in your prayers."

Kachelmyer, William, 5 Jul 2009, served with F-Troop, 17th Cav. Bill was an original and a Life Member of the Association, and had been planning to attend the Buffalo reunion.

Gullet, Brian, Jun 2009, served with 2nd platoon, D, 2/1, from 1965-1967.

Senske, Richard, 14 Jun 2009, served with B, 3/21, 1969-70. Richard was from Alloway, NJ and suffered a massive heart attack while sitting at his kitchen table.

Lions, Gene, 12 Jun 2009. Gene was BN S-3 NCO working in the TOC on Center in 1968, before assuming duties as B 3/21 First SGT in mid 1969. Gene was from Hardin County, KY.

Malanga, Phil, 5 Jun 2009, served with C 2/1, 1965-67.

Dixon, Ron, 17 May 2009, served with F-Troop, 17th Cav, 1965-67. Ron was from Davisville, WV and had been battling lung cancer.

Vanduire, Doug, 10 May 2009, served with C 3/21, 1968-69. Passed away as a result of conditions associated with

his service in Vietnam. Chuck Horner writes, "Doug was a brave and fearless warrior. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him."

Bailey, COL Robert N., 13 April 2007, served with A 4/31 in 1967. His wife, Nancy Bailey writes, "My husband passed after a long battle with bladder cancer. His friends in the 196th were of great support and comfort during his illness. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 18th of 2007."

Sauto, Richard (Dick), 7 May 1948 - 19 Mar 2009, served with B, 1/46, 1969-70. Dick was a retired Cleveland Police Officer.

Hoover, George F., 21 Aug 2008, served with 1st platoon, A 3/21, 1965-67.

Williams, Saylor, 24 Jan 2009, served with B 4/31, 1968-69. He was medivaced out of country after being wounded Sept 11, 1969 on LZ Siberia. His friends write, "He was a fine soldier, grenadier, friend and leaves behind his wife Loraine, a daughter and three grandchildren."

Houp, Ronald E., 2008, served with HHC on LZ Baldy, 1968-69. Ron was living in Chiang Mai Thailand, and his passing was relayed to us by the new resident in his house upon receipt of the last newsletter.

Schafer, Bruce E., 11 Dec 2008, served with 2nd platoon, B 4/31, 1965-67. Bruce was a retired Police Officer from Tully, NY.

Robinson, William A., Nov 2007, served with B, 4/31, 1969-70. Bill lived in Saugerties, NY and passed away from Agent Orange related causes.

Plyler, James R., 1 Mar 2009. His grandson, Jason Cochran writes, "James was born in North Carolina in 1931 and died at his Florida home. He didn't speak much about Vietnam, quite understandably. I would like to know more about his service there, it would mean a lot to my family. If you knew him, please e-mail me at: jason.cochran@gmail.com

Burkhardt, Donald (Skinny) Ellwood, 12 Dec 1949 - 30 Oct 1996, served with A, 2/1, 1970. Don was an M-60 machine gunner on Hawk Hill and other locations. Don died in a car wreck in Newton, Iowa and left behind a wife and two children.

Mizelle, Leon F., 19 Jun 2007, served with C, 3/82 Arty. Leon was from Hampton, VA.

Fitzgibbon, Jim, Sept 2008, served with C, 4/31, 1967-68. Jim was from Camp Hill, PA.

Decker, Derry, date unknown, served with 2nd platoon, D, 3/21, 1967-68. Derry was from Pueblo, CO.

Purser, Benjamin (Chief), 28 Mar 2004, served with 3/21, 1968-71. His wife writes, "He served two tours earning 2 Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts. He never forgot the people he served with or his time in Vietnam."

O'Dwyer, John A., 22 Aug 2010, served with 2/1. John was from New Jersey, and was a guard for the Essex County Jail for 20 years before retiring.

Coley, COL (Ret) James, 28 Nov 2010. Col Coley had been the Commander of 4/31, 66-67.

Treppoy, James C. (CSM USA RET), 7 Oct 2010, served as CSM 3/21, 1968-69. Jim, 89 years old, was from Salina, Kansas and was an original member of the Gimlet Regimental Association. He had served as 1SG B 1/21 INF (MECH), 25th ID in 1961-64.



Some daySoon

Someday soon I'll be free again,
To live a life without sorrow or pain.

To hold my hand with pride and grace,
And be a part of the human race.
Someday I'll be called a man,
Following my own stars and well
thought plans,
Giving love and earthly pleasures,
To a deserving female treasure.
Someday soon I'll wish no more,
For things I never had before.
Each man to me will be a kin,
Regardless of race, color, or skin.

*Written 11-12-69 in Vietnam, by:
Richard (Dick) Timothy Sauto
May 7, 1948 - March 19, 2009*

Keith William Nolan

Nolan, Keith William, Vietnam War Author, age 44 of St. Charles, MO, passed away February 19, 2009. Loving father of Britt Nolan; loving son of William F. and Ulla A. Nolan; loving brother of Erik A. Nolan; dear friend of Kristin Halbert and Jordan Massey; loving brother-in-law to Becky and Ed Millinger; dear uncle of Rachel Millinger; dear friend of Kelly L. Nolan; loving nephew, cousin and friend.

Memorials may be given to the Anna Britt Nolan Trust in care of First Bank 6211 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304 or American Cancer Society in care of Alternative Funeral & Cremation Services, 2115 Parkway Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376.

Keith was an extraordinary writer on Vietnam. He worked with many members of the 196th to research his books. We cannot thank him enough for his capture of our history.

Books by Keith Nolan:

House to House: Playing the Enemy's Game in Saigon,

Ripcord: Screaming Eagles Under Siege, Vietnam 1970,

Battle for Saigon: Tet 1968,

Sappers In The Wire (Texas A&M University Military History Series),

A Hundred Miles of Bad Road (Dwight Birdwell, coauthor),

The Magnificent Bastards: The Joint Army-Marine Defense of Dong Ha, 1968 ,

Operation Buffalo: USMC Fight for the DMZ,

Into Cambodia, 1970: Spring Campaign, Summer Offensive,

Into Laos: The Story of Dewey Canyon II/Lam Son 719, Vietnam 1971,

Death Valley: The Summer Offensive, I Corps, August 1969,

Battle for Hue: Tet 1968.

Search And Destroy: The Story Of An Armored Cavalry Squadron In Vietnam: 1-1 Cav, 1967-1968

Keith's last book was recently published after his death.

BOOK BY 196th MEMBER

Author: Pozdol, Thomas

Publisher: iUniverse.com

Title: Tam Ky: The Battle for Nui Yon Hill



From 5 May through 19 May, 1969, units of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry were ordered to clear elements of the VC (Viet Cong) from the Tam Ky area in the wake of the Post-Tet Offensive of 1969. They began an assault on a hilltop, Nui Yon Hill, which was a South Vietnamese Army outpost that had been overrun by VC and NVA troops a few days before. After the initial assault to retake the hill failed, the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment was air assaulted in to reinforce the 1st Cavalry. A, B, C, and D Companies of the 3/21 were committed to this operation. On 13 May, 1969, the men of C Company were combat assaulted into a hot landing zone near the South Vietnamese village of Tam Ky. Their objective was to take Nui Yon Hill. As the Hueys carrying C Company began to descend, they were hit by heavy enemy fire. Once the U.S. soldiers had their boots on the ground, they became embroiled in a fierce two-day battle that

claimed the lives of twelve Charlie Tigers. This is the compelling story of that battle told by the men who were there.



MAIL CALL

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My name is Hal Laffin from Blyth Ontario Canada.

I am writing in regard to a Canadian, Ivan C. Broeffle, who died May 9, 1968, while serving with B Co. 2/1st Inf. 196th LIB.

(www.canadianvietnamveterans.ca/IvanBroeffle.html)



Ivan was born in Emo Ontario Canada, and his home of record is Downers Grove, IL. I am forwarding this information to the Association so you will know what is happening for Ivan.

For whatever reason, Ivan's resting place in Emo, Ontario Canada, has not had a marker. My wife and I helped Ivan's sister to send to the US for a military marker in October of '08. The marker arrived last month (June 2009) and will be placed in the ground once things dry up some. Ivan's sister lives in the area.

The Manitoba Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association (www.cvva.ca/) will perform a service at the Emo cemetery on July 25, 2009.

Warren Neill informed me that the 25th of July is the date of your reunion in Buffalo. However, there may be members of the 196th or fellows who served with Ivan that might want to attend the service in Emo. Emo is located along the banks of Rainy River, directly north of the state of Minnesota. The closest bridge connecting Canada and the U.S. is at Fort Frances, which is about 30 minutes from Emo.

With Respect,
Hal Laffin
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Subject: Ssgt Alan Hosnedle, D Co, 3/21, 196th KIA 3/12/69

My name is Lisa Lark and I am a teacher at Edsel Ford high school in Dearborn, MI. I am also a historian and writer. This Memorial Day, I was very moved by a service that our school holds to remember the young men that we lost in Vietnam.

This service has moved me to begin work on a book about the men that the city of Dearborn, Michigan lost during this horrific war. Our city lost nearly 70 young men in this war at a rate of twice the national average.

In my research, I have discovered that SSgt Alan R. Hosnedle served in D Co with the 3/21 in Vietnam and died on 3/12/69 in Quang Tin.

I am trying to locate men who may have served with him or known him. I'd like to find out more about him. I was hoping you might have a way to contact members of D Co to try and locate anyone who knew him.



I have attached a photo of Ssgt Hosnedle in case anyone wishes to put a face with the name.

Thank you very much for your time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and to pass a long my email as needed.

Sincerely, *Lisa Lark*
e-mail: lisalark@googlemail.com

FOLLOW-UP

(The following was received as a result of a request by Jerry Fulbright for information on his friend John Wetzel., KIA 28 Feb 1967)

Let me update you on the results of my request. A friend of John's by the name of Ed Tarala from upstate New York sent me a photo of he and John in Vietnam. Ed was not with John when he was shot, but went to the site of the firefight and saw John's body. Then, much to my amazement, I got a call from Jim Williams, from Oregon, who was John's Platoon Leader and was within 10 feet of John when he was shot along with Mike Myers. Mike Ruane had been trying to help me locate Jim but had been unsuccessful, and I was able to get Mike and Jim (both career officers and old friends) reunited. The only other information that I'm really hoping to get from them is an accurate location of the firefight, and then I'm hoping to go back to Vietnam and place a wreath in honor of John and the other soldiers who were killed or injured in that engagement.

I owe the 196th Association a lot for sticking with me and helping me find the people I really wanted to hear from. Imagine, some 42 years later, I have been able to have first hand discussions about John with his two immediate commanding officers, and friends who served with him.

Thanks again, *Jerry Fulbright* jerryfulbright@yahoo.com

MAIL CALL

RESPONSE TO WARREN FAULK'S STORY

In the December 2008 issue, you printed a story by Warren Faulk (*196 Cedar Falls... Really*) which may very well be an incident I was a part of. I was with D-4/31 from June 1968 to July 1969. The incident was fairly early in my tour, because I was still at the squad level. I became RTO and eventually ended up as senior RTO for CPT Whittecar.

We were on a platoon sweep when we made contact with the enemy. (Alas, I can't remember who fired first)

As was standard procedure, we were trying to call in fire support, and as I understood it at the time, there was a lot of confusion at the fire support base because the other platoon (who we thought were 'Charlie') was also calling for fire support. The two enemy locations were suspiciously close. For a while we thought both platoons were shooting at the same enemy position. Both platoons reported receiving heavy enemy fire.

I seem to recall that it was a helicopter (conveniently nearby) that was finally able to get a visual and determine that the "enemy" were really friendly. Boy did we feel stupid, and lucky!

When we heard the "Cease Fire" order, we rose from our prone positions and noticed that the trees were chewed up by rifle fire from about 18 inches above ground on up, yet no one from either platoon had been hit.

From that time on, platoon leaders were required to show each other on a map just exactly where they would be going on their platoon sweeps.

Michael Day

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FLAG POLE DEDICATION



I had a flag pole dedication at my home with some Vietnam Vets from my Erie, PA VA talk group, on Friday October 17, 2008.

I erected the flagpole, which I re stored from an old 30-foot light pole salvaged from the General Electric Company when I retired. It took about eight years to complete the project, which was longer than I anticipated, but Rome was n't built in a day.

We raised the flags in honor of all Vets, past and present, and the current men and women now serving in all branches of our military. The USA flag, of course, was the first to be raised. The next flag was from the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, to which I have a lasting history.

I wanted to dedicate these flags to our brave men and women who served, to those who gave all, and to the ones who carry on the fight for freedom every day to make this country the greatest one of all.

To my surprise, Eddie Zahn, our Secretary of the Association, showed up in Erie, PA, from his home in Norway, MI, about a 750-mile trip, one way. He had a plaque made up for me to mount on the base of the flagpole, and presented it to me from the officers and members of the 196th LIB Association.

Sincerely, *Paul Jensen*
Erie, PA



NEED HELP GETTING VA BENEFITS

I am writing this for my husband, Alvin Jerry Copeland. He was in the Army in 1968-1969. He is trying to get his VA benefits and needs to find someone that remembers him being in the infantry in this era.

He was trained as a speed radio operator, and when he went to Vietnam he was only there for three days when he got word his father had died. He went home, and when he got back in country his MOS was filled. He was in-transit for about five months. He saw action in Duc Pho with the 11th LIB. from there he went to LZ Baldy with the 196th LIB. Then he got his MOS and went back to the 23rd MED for about three months. Due to a foul-up, he went to Tam Ky for two weeks and then back to 23rd MED where he drove a truck for the rest of his tour.

None of this is in his records as to where and what he did. His DAV Rep advised him to try and see if anyone could help, or tell him how to get the help he needs.

Thank you, *Alvin Jerry Copeland*, PO Box 1584, Big Spring, TX 79720 432-213-2773 / 432-213-3558

LAST TO LEAVE THE 1/46TH COMPOUND

The inquiry by Winston Wood in the Dec 2008 newsletter concerning the last man out of Vietnam from the 196th triggered a memory.

I was assigned to C Co, 1/46 in Sep 71 after going thru the combat center at Chu Lai. I was the 3rd platoon leader. We operated out of FB Linda.

Mid tour I took over a s company XO. Subsequently, as a result of my previous experience as a n S-1 in G ermany, I was reassigned as the Asst S-1 the last couple of months of my tour. As a result, I was selected to close out the battalion morning reports as we stood down. Additionally, I and three of our young E-5's were selected to accompany the unit col-ors to Erlangen, Germany where the 2/46 was stationed. The 2/46th was to be re-designated and re-flagged the 1st/46th.

We departed DaNang on 20 Jun 72 f or Sai gon, and la ter that a fternoon departed Sai gon on an Ai r France 747 f or Bangkok. We were in Bangkok for three days waiting on the Air Force Embassy flight to Frankfurt, Germany, with stops in New Delhi, India; Saudi Arabia; and Spain.

Therefore, I can say my team and I were the last to leave the 1/46th compound prior to it being turned over to the Viet-nam ese.

Jim
James G. Cole, Sr.
LTC USA Ret.

P.S. I'm proud to say my son, Cpt James G. Cole, Jr. carries on the tradition, currently serving with the 10th Mountain Div in Iraq and previously in Afghanistan.

LAST MAN ?

Before the bus es pulled out , about 30 vol unteers, in-cluding me, agreed to sta y behind for s everal more days; maybe a w eek. We pro vided security for the rest of the unit to s afely de part, se cured the c ompound, and transitioned everything over to the ARVNs.

We rode to the airport in 2 ½ ton trucks which were al-ready re leased to the A RVNs, sur rendered our we apons and ran to the f irst C-130 whi le the airfield was under at-tack. The plane was hit by an RPG right in front of us. We scrambled to a second plane, which hit a pot hole created by the RPG a ttack before it could ge t airborne. The third plane barely made it out as it swerved down the runway to avoid the newly-formed potholes.

To the be st of m y knowl edge, we di d not lea ve any grunts behind, nor did I encounter any U.S. service mem-bers who st ayed behind to sup port our tr ansport. Nothing but ARVNs.

As for who the last man was, technically, that would be the flight crew member who was walking behind me at the end of the line.

When we ar rived i n Sai gon, the s taff wer e a bi t sur-prised to se e us, as t hey had pre sumed that all the grunt s had departed. We wer e de layed in ge tting out of S aigon, since they were fill ed beyond capacity, and we even tually flew to Oakland AFB.

Summarily put, if a s oldier left on a bus, m y guess is that they were not the last to leave.

Pete
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LAST MAN OUT

Regarding Wins ton Wood' s ques tion about the la st 196er out of Vie tnam, bec ause of the w ay the re maining Brigade uni ts were dis bursed, I don' t think w e wi ll ever know who that man actually was.

I commanded D, 3/21, the last US infantry company to conduct combat operations in the V ietnam War. We we re extracted fr om our fi nal fi eld lo cation by he licopter and were flow n back t o DaN ang to s tand dow n Tas k Force Gimlet, commanded by then LTC Rocco Negris.

Most of the 196th soldiers were flown home, but a few, particularly if they were rel atively early in their tours, were reassigned to other units in Vietnam.

So, there were a mix of guys fly ing back to the S tates, and others staying behind. While one of thos e who stayed behind would ultimately be the la st 196er out of V ietnam, he would no longer be wearing the 196th patch, and would not likely have known he was the last former Brigade sol-dier re main ing.

Incidentally, on that f inal 196th c ombat m ission, t here were about six of us on the la st Huey to lift off from that PZ.

Chuck Viale
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(The 196th Association ran a story and a number of photos of that last field pickup in a previous newsletter several years ago.)

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CRUISE

After reading the letter from one of the members wondering about the last ones to leave Nam, the closest I can come to that is that I was one of the last to leave Chu Lai. We didn't fly out either, we left by ship; LST to be exact.

My name is Bruce Butler (a.k.a. Butt's). I was an E-5 with Div Art y as an FO attached to E, 1/6th. When the stand down started we were out on a small FB called Hill 270. We were told that we would stay there until the Division left.

On or about the 20th of November 1971, we got a call saying that our "Ball Game" would be on Thanksgiving Day. On that day at 0800, the Box Cars came in with some Cobra gun ships to pick us up. When we arrived at Chu Lai we found the base virtually empty. That was a very strange feeling.

Once we arrived, the company and my FO squad were assigned bunkers out on the perimeter. We were told to occupy them until it was our turn to leave.

Three days later we got called and told to pack our stuff, you're being picked up ASAP. Along came some deuce-and-a-halfs and we loaded into them. We thought we were going back to the airfield. "Wrong!" They took us to the docks where there were three LSTs waiting for us. First off... boats and infantry do not go together. After we loaded and set out for DaNang it was rather nice for a while, but once out in the South China Sea some people started to turn "Green".

We spent the night on the LST and docked in DaNang in the morning. There were a lot of happy G.I.'s that morning.

That was how the last of us left the Chu Lai Base Camp.

Thank you,
Bruce Butler



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PRINCESSCRUISES

(In response to cruise planner Ron Dougard's request to fly the 196th colors during the Alaskan Cruise, Alan, a Vietnam veteran, wrote the following)

Dear Mr. Dougard:

I received your letter and looked you up in our reservations system; I hope you don't mind me emailing you as I thought it would be quicker. I want to begin by thanking you for your comments on my blog — they were much appreciated. I enjoyed your brief story about your service in Vietnam — thanks for your service and welcome home! I believe your brigade (196th) joined the Americal division while in Vietnam. My older brother served in the Americal division in 1967-68 with the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.

In regard to your request, Princess would be proud to fly the colors of the 196th during your Alaska cruise next summer. Back in 2004, Fox Force had a reunion aboard the Sapphire Princess on the very same itinerary — it was a fantastic event for all of us and I am sure your cruise will be a great one as well. I can assure you I will be thinking about you and your comrades from the 196th, as the Fox Force annual reunion is the first weekend in August; so while you are enjoying the Sapphire Princess all of us Fox Force guys will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico which was the site of our first reunion in 2000. I will be very fortunate as my brother will be joining me for the reunion. I will definitely have a toast or two for you and all the valiant men of the 196th.

I wish you and your brothers-in-arms all the best. Let me know if you have any needs. Your travel agent is one of, if not the very best agents in the US and is an expert on Alaska — I know Jeff and his wife will take excellent care of you and your group.

All my best,

Alan B. Buckelew
President & CEO
PrincessCruises

Read Alan's blog about his return to Vietnam, at:
<http://50essentialexperiences.com/2010/10/18/a-soldier-re-tuns-%E2%80%A6-as-a-tour-is/>

196th WEB SITE

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

www.196th.org

You can also leave a message on the 196th Website Guestbook at: **www.196th.org** to search for friends or information. Make sure you leave contact information such as an e-mail address, home address, or phone number. When leaving an e-mail address, use "at" instead of the @ sign to prevent spammers from getting your e-mail address.

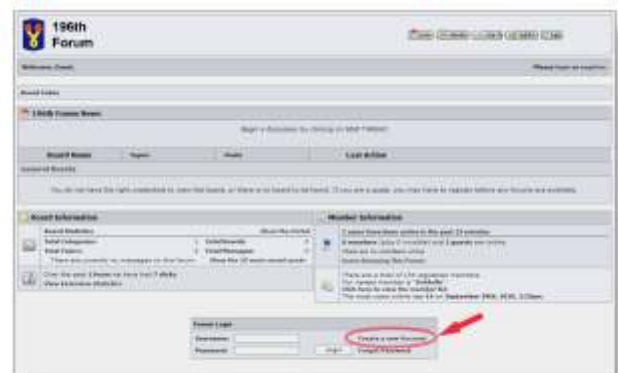
196th FORUM

We have recently added a new feature to the 196th website. A FORUM has been added to make discussion and communication easier. While the Guestbook served us well for many years, it cannot categorize discussion into separate groups, and it is not easy to search through.

The FORUM is still in the process of being set up, and we are looking for suggestions on how the different categories should be organized.



Access the FORUM by clicking on the forum button from any 196th website page.



When first accessing the FORUM, you must create a NEW ACCOUNT, and will be asked to choose a USERNAME and PASSWORD.

Once you are using the Forum, it is suggested that you change your SCREEN NAME to your real name so people can find you more easily.



Once signed in, You can click on a category heading to read the postings, and reply or join in the topic.

We will add additional topic headings as we receive suggestions. We will probably have headings for each of the Battalions and possibly for smaller units or years.



Discussions will look something like this, with a THREAD started by someone and then replied to by others.

LOOKING FOR

GEORGE HULSE

I am the brother of George Hulse, who was KIA on 8 Mar 1967. I am not looking for information on his death, as I have lived with this for 43 years. I know how he died and it was by one of his comrades in arms.

I am only asking if anyone knew him as a friend, maybe they would have some memories of him that they could share with me; maybe a picture of him in Nam; things I could share with my sons and grandsons. They ask about my brother and all I can say is, "He died in Nam."

I have his medals on my wall next to mine, but no photos. I even contacted the military personnel and got his records. It's hard to face his dying just seven days after saving the lives of two fellow soldiers, and the fact it was called an accident, but this is the past. I just want to find someone who knew him and joked around with him.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Hulse

e-mail: hulse5046@yahoo.com

CHAPLAIN MEMORIAL

To whom it may concern,

My name is 2nd Lieutenant Jeremy Anderson. I am working on a memorial project to be erected at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School in Fort Jackson, South Carolina starting February 2011. My reason for contacting you today is that I am currently compiling a list of Army chaplains and chaplain assistants who were KIA. Concerning your brigade can you please provide for me a list of Army chaplains and chaplain assistants who were KIA (non-illness related)? A name, unit, date of death, and perhaps denomination would be extremely helpful. However, any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

I understand that you might not be the person who can provide this information. However, I am kindly asking you to forward this e-mail over to someone who you believe might be able to help us further in this matter.

Our goal for this project is to not forget any of our Soldiers who were killed in combat. Therefore, we are counting on our Divisions to help us not unintentionally overlook any one.

Thanks in advance for your time and support.

2LT Jeremy Anderson

e-mail: chaplainmemorial@yahoo.com

JACKIE RONDELL COOPER

My father served in Vietnam in the 196th. He was in E Company, 3/2, and I'm having trouble finding any information about Echo Company.

He died in 2005 and he didn't talk much about his war experience and I'd like to find out where he was and what he was doing during his tour. I would also like to find people who may have known him and ask some questions.

He served in Vietnam from July 1967, to July 1968. He received the Bronze Star sometime during his tour also.

His name was Jackie Rondell Cooper. If any one has any information or can point me to some place where I can find information, that would be great.

Thank you,

Pat Cooper

e-mail: pcoop73@live.com

VA CLAIM ASSISTANCE

Steve Emrich, C 3/82, 1967-1968 is trying to find Tom Gilson or Elliott Samuels, or any one who served with or remembers him, in order to help in filing a VA claim. Steve can be reached at:

8415 S 100 W

Wabash, IN 46992

260-571-2062

VA CLAIM DENIED BECAUSE OF MOS

War rewrites:

Juan Gerrero was a combat specialist (MOS 31 K) in HHC 2/1, then further assigned to B 2/1 as an RTO. Juan says he spent his share of time in the bush and experienced all of the stressors that the grunts endured, but the VA is giving him a hard time because of his MOS and the fact that he has no CIB.

He wants to try and gather some info or statements to support his claim.

If you can offer any help, please contact:

Juan Gerrero

1785 Merchant St.

Sparks, NV 89431

775-842-3578

e-mail: juan_gerrero@yahoo.com

(This is a typical problem we face, as many soldiers were assigned to infantry roles due to manpower or other reasons, but never qualified for the CIB because of their MOS)

Colonel Jack K. Pritchard Commands the Active Duty 196th



COLONEL JACK K. PRITCHARD

COL Pritchard is currently the Commanding Officer of the 196th Infantry Brigade headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Prior to his current position, he was Commanding Officer of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization's Iraq Field Team headquartered Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq. He also served as the Director of the US Forces- Iraq Counter – IED Operation Integration Center (COIC).

COL Pritchard enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1982 and was commissioned through the University of Scranton Reserve Officer Training Corps as a Field Artillery officer in 1984. He graduated from Wilkes University in 1986 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Career Courses, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College.

From 1992 to 1995 COL Pritchard commanded two Batteries in 2nd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, at Fort Drum, New York. Following this assignment, he served as an Observer/Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana. He commanded the 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 2005 to 2008. He deployed the battalion to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2006 to 2007.

COL Pritchard has also served in a variety of staff positions at Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Arlington, Virginia; Fort Stewart, Georgia; and Landsburg, Germany and has participated in operational deployments to Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

COL Pritchard's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. He has earned the Combat Action Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Parachutist Badge. He holds a masters degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

COL Pritchard has been married to the former Michele Modeski of West Pittston, Pennsylvania for 24 years. They are the proud parents of son, David (16), a junior at Leilehua High School, and son, John (21), a Soldier in the US Army.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association is currently in good shape financially.

Present funds:

Regular checking -	\$30,696.52
Money Market -	\$23,391.35
Life Membership Fund -	<u>\$113,353.52</u>
Total -	\$167,441.39

Anticipated upcoming expenditures will include the publication of this newsletter, and additional reunion planning costs.

Mailings go out to over 4000 addresses and the cost is close to \$14,000.

We currently have over 500 Life Members, and the remaining addresses are split about evenly between those who have paid dues and those who haven't. We do not take anyone off the mailing list, and encourage everyone to contribute by sending in their dues.

An updated Treasurer's report will be made at the 2011 reunion.

Ken Wright, Treasurer

EDITORS REPORT

It pains me to say this, but I'm not making any excuses for the lateness of the newsletter. My available time seems to be getting smaller, and the workload of the newsletter keeps getting greater. I think a lot has to do with age.

I have asked for someone else to take over the editorship of the newsletter for the past several years, and although I've had some very well meaning offers of help, they fall short of either the total commitment, or the skills necessary to put out a twice yearly newsletter.

I'll ask again if there is someone with the computer and publishing skills who is willing to take over the editor duties. It requires the collection of stories, assembling them in a readable form (often requiring rewriting and retyping), getting the newsletter printed, and having it mailed to about 4000 members.

It is a volunteer job, with no compensation, so you must enjoy it. While I still enjoy it, I'm getting burned out after 23 years.

Ken McKenzie, Editor

Home Town View of Vietnam



Lt. Beadling bought a cheap guitar to amuse his men. To his surprise the result was "an Anglo-Oriental version of the Beatles" — the guitar, a 49c harmonica and two steel helmets for drums. The five-man combo draws crowds of more than 100.

SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS

Cheltenham Officer Says Viet Nam Gives Lessons Not Found in Books

By LT. WILLIAM H. BEADLING, III

The biggest lesson a soldier has to learn is that the war is part of his life. Our men learned it on the quiet tropical evening of Aug. 20, 1966.

The 106th U.S. Light Infantry Brigade was formed at Fort Devens, Mass. in August, 1966, comprised of the Infantry battalions, one artillery battalion, one support battalion and an engineer company. We are nearly 4,000 strong.

The term "light infantry" means that this brigade is not encumber-

moving, hard-hitting, air-mobile, anti-guerrilla force.

Buddie Heads Unit

Capt James Bouldin has been the company commander since the company was formed. He is one of the most qualified men I have met in his position. An enlisted man for eight years, he was accepted to OCS, Fort Benning, in 1963. Upon graduation he attended Airborne and Ranger school and was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

After five months in Ben Hoa S, Viet Nam, he transferred to Ft. Devens, Mass., and took command of Co-G Co.

The Brigade arrived on Aug. 15 at its base camp at Toy Ninh, 30 miles from Saigon on the Cambodian border. We hurred our equipment about 1,000 meters to the company area. The heat seemed unbearable but the men worked hard and doggedly all day.

By nightfall we were settled but by no means organized. The Artillery pounded out H & I fires (harass and interdiction) all night and we had trouble adjusting to it. They are fired without schedule to try to keep the V.C. (henceforth referred to as "Charlie") from infiltrating and penetrating your perimeter.

Shattering Complacency

For the next five days the men labored to establish camp. They were hampered by tropical down-pours, heat that sometimes reached

120 degrees and a slight shortage of fresh water, but as of Aug. 20 they had neither seen nor heard any hostile action.

At 7 that evening most of the men were beginning to wear a look of complacency and their backs were turning bronze from the tropical sun. The company had settled down and most of the men were scratching out letters or chatting about what they had done during the day. I was sitting in a tent with the other platoon leaders and the Artillery Forward Observer discussing the problems of the day.

Suddenly we heard loud thumps that sounded like mortar fire. Then a thunderous clap resounded across the field. I turned toward the explosion in time to see the second round land on top of an uncovered bunker, and send a young soldier hurtling through the air.

Under Fire

The rounds pounded in at about four-second intervals. The men in our company scrambled for the defensive trench with weapons and their helmets.

In five minutes it was all over and silence prevailed — except for the movement of the medics in the concentration area.

Two young Americans were dead and three injured from the flying steel of 60 millimeter mortars. But the air of complacency was gone. The boys were men who realized that the war was now part of their lives.

A young Cheltenham lieutenant sends BRIDGE readers an eye-witness account of the tragic, fantastic and occasionally comical life of the American soldier in Viet Nam.

He is 2nd Lt. William H. Beadling, III, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Beadling, II, 107 Ryers ave., whose father, a former Chief Petty Officer, is employed at the Cheltenham Post Office.

"Beary" attended Fox Chase School and Cheltenham High and worked for Bell Telephone before entering the Army three years ago.

ed with heavy items of equipment such as big trucks, heavy mortars, or a large logistical support element. We were designed as a fast-

RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER 43 YEARS

(by: Ken McKenzie)



Nui Ba Den (the Black Virgin Mountain). In 1966 we walked across these rice paddies. We once again crossed the paddies to pay tribute to our three friends lost in an ambush here. We placed a 196th coin at the spot.

At the 2009, 196th Reunion in Buffalo, several of us discussed going back to Vietnam. By late 2009, we had decided to go, and began planning. Four of us from Company C, 4/31 would make the trip. Greg Kitchen, Ken McKenzie, George (Oz) Ratto, and Lee Perez.

We were all originals from Fort Devens, and had been split up after six months in-country, with Lee going home with an injury, Ken to the 25th Div, Oz to the 4th Div, and Greg staying with the 196th and going up to Chu Lai.

We didn't want to take a packaged tour, so we made all our own plans and itinerary.

The planning was important to me, so I took on the task of arranging our itinerary and planning for vehicles, hotels, and interpreters. I contacted Bob Dellzell, a former 196er who was living in Vietnam at the time as a teacher. He connected me with Steve, his friend who operated a tour agency in Saigon. Working with Steve, I



Lee, Ken, George (Oz), Greg

was able to make all the arrangements.

Using After-Action reports, topographical maps, and Google Earth, we were able to pinpoint locations of interest and load them into a handheld GPS unit.

We spent the first day in Saigon, and then traveled to Cu Chi and the surrounding area. We then checked into a hotel in Tay Ninh and spent three days around Nui Ba Den, Dau Tieng, and the areas north and west up to the Cambodian border.

We traveled about 100 miles a day, visiting the areas of Operations; Attleboro, Cedar Falls, and Junction City.

We were temporarily detained by the military for being close to the border, but papers were examined, money changed hands, and we were freed to continue.



Former Presidential Palace in Saigon

After touring Tay Ninh, we flew up to Da Nang and stayed on China Beach while touring around the Chu Lai base, Tam Ky, and other areas where Greg had been stationed.

We flew back to Saigon for one last night and then headed back to the world.

It was a great trip, and interesting to see the country again after 43 years. The cost for ten days, including airfare, all hotels, van and driver, interpreter, in-country flights, etc. was about \$2000 each. The people were friendly and, knowing

RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER 43 YEARS (cont.)



Ken stands on the Tay Ninh bridge.



The entrance to the 196th Basecamp in Tay Ninh. This is as close as we could get, because the base is used by the military and not even photos were allowed.



The Tay Ninh traffic circle, now larger and without tanks

we were veterans, would say hello or talk to us about their involvement with Americans during the war. There is no doubt it is a Communist country, but the Southerners tolerate the North's rule and they are generally left alone to bring in the needed dollars.

We agreed that there was no closure over the events of the war, and the friends we had lost there, but perhaps we can now remember the country in a slightly different light.

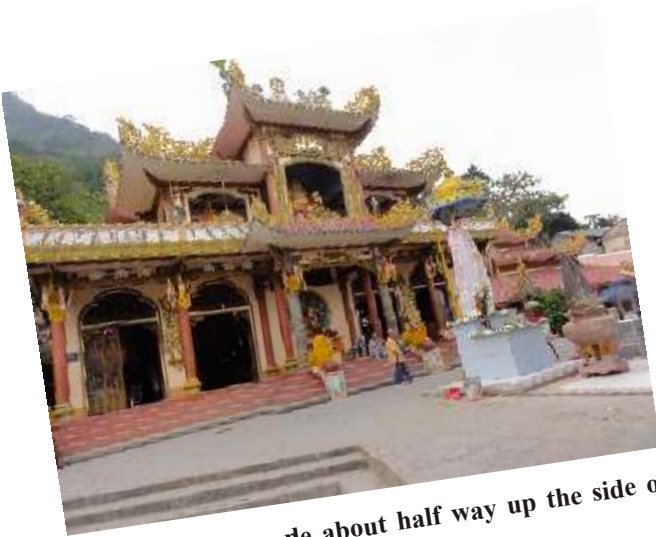
RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER 43 YEARS (cont.)



A gondola cable car now goes up Nui Ba Den as far as the Buddhist temple.



No trip back would be complete without a water buffalo.



The Buddhist temple about half way up the side of Nui Ba Den.



The road from Soui Da to the rear of the mountain.



The Cao Di Temple in Tay Ninh.



Cao Di service.

RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER 43 YEARS (cont.)



Tay Ninh main street , heading from the bridge to the 196th Base.



Not the same Shell station in Tay Ninh as 1966, but brought back memories .



Rubber plantation southeast of Tay Ninh. The 4/31 pulled road security here and the area was known as AO Blue.



The Michelin Plantation just outside Dau Tieng. Just down this path, 3rd Platoon set up an ambush position in 1966.



Dau Tieng Reservoir from the dam. The Saigon River has been dammed just north of Dau Tieng, flooding much of the Operation Attleboro area. Nui Ba Den is just visible at the far left, and the hills north of Dau Tieng are to the right.

RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER 43 YEARS (cont.)



Ken stands on the site where his APC hit a mine in Feb 1967, after he was transferred to the 5th Mech, 25th Div. We were able to find the site using GPS coordinates from the After-Action Report. There are the remains of an old road still visible. We were then detained here for three hours by the military, who couldn't understand what we were doing taking photos so close to the Cambodian border.



American deuce-and-a-half at a military camp in the Ho Bo Woods.



Cu Chi tunnels tourist guide. These tunnels are at the site of those discovered by the 196th during Op Cedar Falls.



There are memorials to the Viet Cong in every village and town. This particular one is in the Ho Bo Woods. They leave offerings, just like we do at the Wall. The South Vietnamese resent that there are no memorials allowed for the South's soldiers.

RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER 43 YEARS (cont.)



Beautiful resort on China Beach in Hoi An. We were the only ones there until a busload of Northerners came in for the celebrations of the 35th anniversary of the fall of the South. Some of the workers here referred to them as "the bosses from the North."



Old Hoi An.
Now a tourist attraction. Mostly European tourists.



The old fighter revetments on the Chu Lai base. These, and some old tarmac and concrete were the only recognizable features left of the base.

*196th Light Infantry Brigade Association
2011 Reunion*



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REGISTRATION FORM

Make Hotel Reservations First: Call Hilton Reservations Toll Free at 1-800-445-8667. Tell them you are with the 196th Reunion, Group Code – LIBA - to receive the special reunion rate of \$109 per night plus tax. If you plan to arrive early or stay over, the special rate will apply for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion. No airport shuttle.

Hotel Reservation Confirmation# _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Unit: _____ Dates of Service _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

(Member & Primary Guest)

Number of People : _____ x \$20.00 = _____

(Registration fee helps defray costs of programs, speakers, gifts, shipping, name badges & welcome packets)

No Memory Book Photographer this year. Please bring your camera!

TOURS:

9am – 3pm Totally Seattle Tour**

Adults _____ #Seats x \$51.00 _____

Children 13 & Under _____ #Seats x \$45.00 _____

9am – 3pm Future of Flight/Boeing Factory Tour**

Adults _____ #Seats x \$65.00 _____

Children 15 & Under _____ #Seats x \$53.00 _____

You must be 44 inches tall to take the Boeing Factory Tour. Other restrictions can be found in the attached flyer.

***For fold-up wheelchair, motorized wheelchair or scooter access please indicate here (_____)*

Saturday Banquet: 5:30pm – 9:00pm. Please indicate your meal choices –

_____ Grilled Chicken Picatta, _____ Grilled Salmon Number of Meals: _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Banquet with Special Guest Speaker. Dress is Business Casual. Cocktail Hour: 6:00pm – 7:00pm Music & Dancing with DJ “Doc” Mosher: 9:00pm – Midnight.

Membership current? No? Do it now! Annual - \$20.00 / Life - \$196.00 Dues enclosed = _____

Make check payable to: 196th LIB Association TOTAL: \$ _____

Send Registration Form with check to: Warren Neill, PO Box 434, Cicero, IN 46034

Registration Deadline – Friday, 17 June 2011

Any Questions Contact: Warren Neill – 317-984-3853 or email – neill196@comcast.net
Bob Kelly – 610-207-0170 or email – libbob196@aol.com

196th Light Infantry Brigade Association 2011 Reunion Schedule

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You will find the Registration Form, information and tentative schedule in this newsletter.

******Please take time to read all the information before you fill out the form.******

****** Make Hotel Reservations First. Place Confirmation Number on the Registration Form , then fill it out and send in with your check.******

We have booked almost the whole hotel and have reserved another 50 rooms in a back-up hotel which shares the same parking lot. The Hilton is big enough to handle our room requirement at a very favorable rate and has adequate hospitality, meeting and banquet space, so everything will be on one site.

There will be two tours offered this year.

“Totally Seattle Tour”. This is a 6 hour tour on which you will experience the sights of the Seattle area with a professional guide who is passionate about the Seattle area and loves sharing it! See the enclosed flyer for more details.

“Future of Flight/ Boeing Factory Tour”. This is a 7 hour tour on which you will travel the 30 miles to Mukilteo, home of the “Future of Flight Aviation Center” and one of Boeing’s major assembly plants. You will join a 1 ½ hour “Boeing Factory Tour” where you will see the assembly lines for 747, 767, 777 and the new 787- Dreamliner. A nearby hangar is the home of the “Flying Heritage Collection” which features US, British, German, Russian and Japanese aircraft from WWII. An experienced tour guide will be on board for the round trip to further enrich the experience. Please see enclosed tour description for special rules concerning the Boeing Factory Tour.

Both tours will depart from the Bellevue Hilton, Friday, 29 July at 0900 Sharp!

Please see enclosed “Seattle Area Attractions” or visit www.visitseattle.com for descriptions of other personal sightseeing opportunities in the Seattle area.

Our memorial this year will be held, on site, immediately following the business meeting.

We suggest and request that you schedule your personal, self-directed sightseeing during the day and plan to spend the evenings meeting and socializing with your fellow Chargers in the hospitality room..

There will be no Memory Book Photographer this year. Please bring your camera!

Guess that about covers it. We are really looking forward to having a great time of fellowship and camaraderie in Seattle. We hope to see you there!

Warren Neill, President / Bob Kelly, Vice President

196th Light Infantry Brigade Association 2011 Reunion Schedule

This year we will be celebrating the 46th anniversary of the formation of our Brigade. Let us raise a glass to all Chargers, Past & Present.

There will be no Memory Book Photographer this year. Please bring your camera

Following is a list of events planned for the Seattle reunion –

Thursday -28 July

1200-1900 Registration

All Day Self Guided Attractions - See www.visitseattle.com or the concierge for suggestions

1200-2400 Hospitality Room

Friday - 29 July

0900-1500 **Totally Seattle Tour**

0900-1600 **Future of Flight/Boeing Factory Tour**

All Day Self Guided Attractions - See www.visitseattle.com or the concierge for suggestions

1200-1900 Registration

1200-2400 Hospitality Room

Saturday - 30 July

0900-1030 Membership Meeting

1030-1100 Memorial Service

1200-1700 Hospitality Room

1730-1830 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)

1830-2100 Banquet - with Special Guest Speaker. **Dress is Business Casual.**

2100-2400 Music & Dancing - DJ- Rich “Doc” Mosher.

Sunday - 31 July

0900-1000 Chaplain Service

Prior to Noon Check Out

Seattle Area Attractions

-Take a cab ride or bus the nine miles to Seattle where you can see and do some of the area's must-do activities

-Visit the Space Needle and ride 520 feet up to see the awesome view of the city

-Experience Pike Place Market. Born in 1907, Seattle's Pike Place Market is the granddaddy of farmers' markets. Today, it's a major tourist attraction with 200 businesses operating year-round, 190 craftspeople and 120 farmer booths — plus street performers and musicians. Flowers by the bucketful, flying fish, fresh pastries and fruit, handmade cheeses, local honey, wine, an assortment of restaurants, and lots of surprises are around every corner.

-Enjoy the Olympic Sculpture Park on the shores of Puget Sound

-Stroll around the Seattle Art Museum

-Take a quick cab to Pioneer Square to learn about Seattle's history through Bill Speidel's Underground Tour

-Watch animals frolic at the Woodland Park Zoo

-Stroll along Seattle's Waterfront, see some unusual sights at Ye Old Curiosity Shoppe and have a delicious seafood lunch at one of the many restaurants

-Catch a Washington State Ferry for a round trip ride to Bainbridge Island or Bremerton. Enjoy spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains and the Seattle skyline. Take a 35 minute ferry ride to Bainbridge Island. Stroll along the shops and dine in one of the many eateries. Plan your return to Seattle at sunset to see a breathtaking view of the city skyline from the ferry.

-Ride the Argosy boat from the Seattle Waterfront to Blake Island to visit Tillicum Village. The Tillicum Village tour includes a boat cruise, salmon buffet dinner, and a Northwest Coast Native American dance performance.

-Hit the slopes and spend a day skiing at some of the nearby mountains. The Cascade Mountain ski slopes, including Crystal Mountain, Stevens Pass and Snoqualmie Pass offer day and night skiing November through mid-April. Snoqualmie Pass is just a 60 minutes drive from Bellevue.

-Create your own adventure in one of Washington's national parks. Seattle lies within a couple of hours of three spectacular national parks. Mt. Rainier is just a two hour drive south of Seattle and features the highest peak in the Northwest at an elevation of 14,411 feet. Gray Line Sightseeing offers a guided day tour to the visitor center located at Paradise. Olympic National Park, on the Olympic Peninsula west of Seattle, features the only temperate rain forests in the lower 48 states; the park also features 8,000foot mountains and wild ocean beaches. North Cascades National Park, north of Seattle, boasts a necklace of turquoise glacier-fed lakes with a backdrop of jagged mountains and a scenic highway (Cascade Loop) which runs from beach to mountains to eastern Washington's semi-arid plateaus.

-Take a scenic trip to Mt. St. Helens. May 18th marks the anniversary of this volcano's fiery eruption in 1980. Today visitor and interpretive centers explain dramatic geologic and human stories and their legacies. Flightseeing tours are also available.

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2011 196th LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE REUNION CRUISE



7-NIGHT ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE: ROUND TRIP SEATTLE ON THE SAPPHIRE PRINCESS JULY 31 TO AUGUST 7, 2011

(Detailed Itinerary on reverse side)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Prices</u>
Interior Stateroom	\$959 pp.
Interior Stateroom (Deluxe)	\$1099 pp.
Oceanview (Obstructed view)	\$1239 pp.
Oceanview (Unobstructed view)	\$1599 pp.
Balcony Stateroom	\$1799 pp.
Balcony Stateroom (Midship)	\$1849 pp.
Mini-Suite Stateroom	\$2079 pp.
Mini-Suite (Midship)	\$2129 pp.
Suites	Call

Price includes port charges and government fees.

Each stateroom receives a \$50 onboard credit per cabin.

Deposit: 20% at time of booking: Final Payments due May 1, 2011

Early booking incentive: If cabin is booked prior to June 30, 2010 the deposit will be reduced to \$100 pp and two on board savings booklets worth up to \$300 each will be included.

Deposits are fully refundable up to 90 days prior to departure date.

Prices are based on availability and are not guaranteed until deposit is made.

For more information and to make your reservation call:

BEST CRUISES & reference "196th Reunion Cruise

Please see reverse side for additional terms and conditions.

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2011 196th LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE REUNION CRUISE

**7-NIGHT ALASKA
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Now she knows how GI died. Son wasn't just killed in action in Vietnam; he was a hero.

By MANNY GAMALLO World Staff Writer

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COWETA — It has only been in the last two years that Evelyn Sloat learned how her son died 40 years ago in Vietnam.

When the Army informed her of the Jan. 17, 1970, death of her son, Donald Paul Sloat, all she was told was that he had been killed in action. A year later, Sloat exchanged letters with a soldier who was present when her son died, and she was

told that he had stepped on a land mine.

So for nearly four decades, she lived with that simple bit of information about her son's death, never questioning it. All that changed two years ago, however, when a nephew in California read an online account of how Don Sloat died. Just three weeks shy of his 21st birthday, Sloat didn't step on a land mine. His death came about as a result of bravery that might have saved others' lives.

According to recently released military records, Don Sloat was on patrol when he tried to toss a live, booby-trapped enemy grenade away from his platoon. The grenade blew up, killing him instantly. Three nearby soldiers were wounded by shrapnel, but the carnage could have been far worse if not for Sloat's heroic action.

Sloat — attached to Company D, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 196th Brigade of the Americal Division — had been in Vietnam for a few months, but in that short time he had received two Bronze Stars for valor. But he was never decorated for the act of courage that claimed his life.

Evelyn Sloat wants to change that. She's on a mission to see that her son is properly recognized, possibly with a Medal of Honor.

Sloat said she has learned that her son's platoon leader was going to recommend him for the Medal of Honor. She believes that through the chaos of Vietnam, her son's bravery was simply overlooked. She's not bitter — just fiercely determined to see her son recognized.

Sloat also has received the forms to apply for a Medal of Honor, but she is facing an uphill struggle. The hitch is that she needs to find an officer in command at the time of her son's death who will verify that he died heroically. So far, her efforts are leading to dead ends.

She has tried reaching out to Vietnam veterans who knew her son and how he died, but some she can't find, and others have died.

In May, Sloat received an "out of the blue" telephone call from Michael Mulheim of Kansas, who knew her son in Vietnam and how he died. Mulheim followed up the call with a letter to her, in which he said Don Sloat was a "young, brave soldier who gave his life for our country." He also confirmed that Sloat saved lives with his action.

On the night before he died, Sloat was sitting in his bunk with Oscar Truitt, who was enjoying a cigar that Sloat's family had sent. Truitt, who now lives in Hyde Park, Mass., said he wasn't present when his buddy died but learned the next day of Sloat's heroism. He expressed dismay that Sloat was never recognized for his actions. "He should have been," Truitt said. "Don was a really good guy who was well-liked."

Truitt was uncertain of the officer who was present when Sloat was killed, but he thought it might have been a Lt. Woodman. "We used to call him Lt. Woody," he said.

Truitt remembered that a Major Marshall Sackman was there. "He told us what had happened," he said. "He was real shaken up by it." Sackman could not be found. His last known address was in Jackson, Mich.

As difficult as the task ahead of her might be, Evelyn Sloat said she is "bound and determined to get that medal for Don. He was never recognized for what he did." "All I want to do is correct a mistake," she said. "It's not going to help Don, but he does need to be decorated."

Read more from this Tulsa World article at http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20100406_12_A9_Evelyn463339

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LOOKING BACK ON THE 2009 REUNION

The 196th Business meeting was well attended. The current officers were voted in unanimously.

The hospitality room was full most of the time.



Active duty 196th members were in attendance and had a good time.



Terence Knox, the star of "Tour of Duty" as Sergeant Zeke Anderson, was our guest speaker. His words were from the heart and well appreciated.



Dancing the night away!

BACK HOME FOR A FEW HOURS

By: Jim Gales (galesgemoll@aol.com)

I just finished reading the 196th magazine and thought I would drop you a few lines about something that flashed back to me.

I was an 81 mm mortar gunner with B. Co. 2/1, 196th back in 71-72. I was mostly out on remote fire bases and had been on one for more than a month. Every once in a while our platoon was allowed to send someone to the rear to pick up supplies and make a PX run. The last stop was to get the platoon mail and be on the last chopper out to the fire base.

It was about March 5-7th when I got a turn to go to the rear. After living in mud, dust, and dirt for so long my fatigues could stand up in a corner all by themselves.

I went to the rear, grabbed a shower, made a trip to the PX, and as I was walking back to my company area, I cut between two buildings for a short cut. While passing by a window, I heard a basketball game coming from a radio inside. I stopped, and to my surprise, it was the Boston Celtics against my hometown Milwaukee Bucks.

I put down a couple of cases of Coke that I was carrying and took a seat. It was already the second half and the game was close. I closed my eyes and pictured myself back home and listened to the rest of the game. The Bucks won and Kareem had a field day with over 40 points. For the hour or two that the game was on, I mentally escaped the war and recharged my internal batteries. A guy heard me outside and offered me a seat inside, but I was just as happy to sit under the window and listen to the world back home. Thanks to that nice guy for leaving the game on for me.

After I picked up the mail and made the last chopper out to the fire base, I was greeted by my squad to help carry all the supplies. I guess I must have been smiling from ear to ear, as my squad mates asked me if I was at the steam and cream (that's a whole separate story). I simply said I was back home for a couple of hours, and for the next few days I was one happy camper. They still thought the smile was from the steam and cream.

Isn't it amazing how that short cut between two buildings lifted my spirits. Also thanks to Armed Forces radio, whom I think carried the game.

I called my local paper, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, this morning to see if they could help me with the time frame for the game. When the PR guy from the Bucks heard my story, he said he'd look it up and call me back. Ten minutes later he called and had the date, and reminded me that the Bucks won the title that season.

HONOR ROLL

We are working to correct the 196th Honor Roll and need some additional information before posting the corrections to the website.

We've found a few unknown except Michael Woodard, a PFC from Nashville, TN, who was in the 3/21. Mike was KIA on 3/20/71. If anyone remembers him, we would like to know his Company and if his battalion is correct.

We will remove names that were not in the 196th, and correct or add any new names we can come up with. If you know of anyone we have missed on the web Honor Roll, please let us know.

We may add a thread to the web FORUM for people to enter corrections to the Honor Roll.

Remember, the corrections have not yet been posted to the website, and probably won't be until after the New Year.

Article from the
"Charger"
14 Jan 1972
DaNang Vietnam



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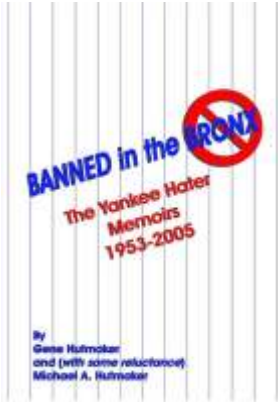
Mark Robinson of Delta “Black Death” 3/21 has donated some unique T-Shirts that were made for him by his daughter. In Mark’s words, “My daughter’s name is Nancy Gibson. She graduated from Michigan State with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is employed as a firefighter at the airport in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She is also a volunteer firefighter for the City of Hastings, Michigan where she is a resident. She was always interested in art and my Vietnam experience. After a few years of her persistence I told her my story. I asked her if she would do her Dad a favor and produce a unique T-Shirt with the 196th Emblem. She did many variations until she decided on this one at which time I bought her a 6 color screen press. She used it to produce the shirts that we are donating to the Association.”

There is a limited supply so it will be first come first served until they run out. I’m sure if there is enough demand we might get Nancy to fire up that press and produce a few more that we will pay her for next time.

The shirts are \$15 apiece and can be ordered on the supply sheet included in this newsletter. There is a limit of one per order.

Banned in the Bronx: The Yankee Hater Memoirs 1953-2005

Au thor:Gene Hutmaker



Baseball fans will relive the past 50 years of America's greatest pastime through the eyes of the Yankee Hater. This book chronicles the year-by-year account of each baseball season with little or no mention of the success of the New York Yankees, but rather a highlight of their failures. This is the Yankee Hater's narration of 50+ years of baseball, life and everything in between.

AUTHOR BIO: For over fifty years Gene Hutmaker has observed baseball from every possible vantage point - a player, coach, umpire, and most importantly, a lifelong fan. His ability to recall obscure facts and stats has earned him the moniker 'The Baseball Rainman'. He recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 40 years and is a 196th Viet Nam Army Veteran. He is married to Josephine (37 years and counting) and has two sons (both Yankee fans), co-author Michael, a University Dean, and Christopher, a former All-State baseball player and Wall Street Executive

Dues Renewal Form

(other side)

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LOCATOR SERVICE

The 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association will search its database, on request, to attempt to locate buddies you may want to find. Simply send a written or e-mail request to Warren Neill, President, stating the name if you know it. We can also do a search by unit and year. State the Company, Battalion, and year(s) to search. We will send you a print-out of up to ten names returned by the search. If the search returns more than ten names, we will just send you the names without addresses. Look over the list to see if you want to get in touch with anyone, and we will send you those addresses.

The purpose of not sending long lists of names and addresses is to protect the mailing list from possible commercial exploitation. We have spent a lot of time and effort building our member database and do not want it used indiscriminately.

We currently have over 4,000 names on our mailing list so maybe we can help you find that long lost buddy.

Locating on the Web

You can also leave a message on the 196th Website Guestbook at: www.196th.org to search for friends or information. Make sure you leave contact information such as an e-mail address, home address, or phone number. When leaving an e-mail address, use "at" instead of the @ sign to prevent spammers from getting your e-mail address.

The Web Forum

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