



NDQSA Newsletter

National Dusters Quads and Searchlight Association
Fall 2008



TRANSITION

After ten years of steady growth under President Ed Allen, the NDQSA is under new leadership. Thank you Ed and Nina for all you've done. The results of the voting by membership at the 2008 Annual Business Meeting held during the Rochester Reunion are:

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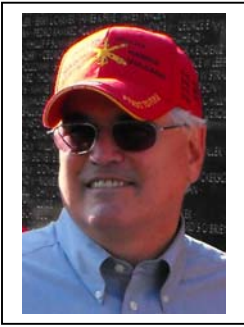
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bruce Geiger Oct. 13, 2008

It has been a busy three months for the newly-elected officers and executive committee of the NDQSA. We delayed the printing of this newsletter in order to include an update on our

significant progress toward achievement of the initiatives we proposed in July. All officers and Executive Committee members were invited to participate in conference calls in late July and September to establish priorities and committee responsibilities.

I am pleased to report that Turner Publishing is back on track and we are proceeding with the final production of the NDQSA History Book. We will announce the release date as soon as the printing schedule is finalized in a special mailing. Thanks to Paul Kopsick, our historian, and his team for all their efforts on behalf of NDQSA. I urge anyone who has not yet placed an order, or has cancelled their order, with Turner Publishing to consider (re)submitting it ASAP. You won't be disappointed.

With the unanimous support of the Executive Committee, I have negotiated a contract on behalf of NDQSA with the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX to host our next Reunion from July 1-5, 2009. San Antonio is one of the most popular reunion/conference sites in the country, with many attractions within walking distance and/or a short river-taxi ride from the hotel. I am hopeful that those of you who, for whatever reason have been unable to attend recent reunions, will set aside these dates and commit to making this our best reunion ever! It promises to be a great event! Many thanks to Sam Hopkins for laying all of the groundwork in San Antonio in preparation for my September visit. He assisted me for four days (with four hotel finalists) and escorted me on a whirlwind sightseeing tour of San Antonio and its many wonderful attractions.

After many telephone/email conferences, recommendations, consultations with DQS member attorneys and other veterans organizations, and no less than eleven draft revisions, our Rules Committee has completed a By-Laws Draft for submission to the Association's membership. It is intended that this document, along with a brief Mission Statement, will replace the current NDQSA 'Constitution'. We are hopeful that they can be reviewed by the membership and presented for a vote of approval at the annual business

meeting in July 2009. Thanks to Rules Committee chairman Bob Lauver, DQS member attorneys Frank Ward and Luke Clark, and all Executive Committee members for their contributions on behalf of this cooperative effort.

In addition to this Newsletter, our publications committee, chaired by Paul Kopsick, has begun an effort to improve and update our website. We are seeking volunteer members with website expertise to provide backup and assistance to Richard Shand who has tirelessly provided his voluntary services for so many years. Please contact Paul Kopsick if you can help in any way.

I would like to thank Condon Payne and his wife Jackie for their selfless service to NDQSA as Treasurer for the past several years. He is about to undergo hip replacement surgery in December, and has asked that we find a replacement. Bookkeeping and/or accounting experience is preferred. Interested parties please contact me to volunteer your services. Time is of the essence.

Closing thoughts: Despite the disagreements of the past we must not lose sight of the unique and timeless bonds we share as ADA Vietnam veterans. We have endured the terror and hardships of war that most will never comprehend. We have trusted and depended upon each other without precondition, and we must endeavor to heal our wounds by embracing this sacred bond of brotherhood. Although on occasion we may agree to disagree on issues, we must never permit any issues to interfere with this sacred brotherhood. We are not getting any younger and we must nurture that which is positive and good in our brotherhood. For any who have felt disenfranchised over the years, I am committed to resolving any issues or concerns you may have. We cannot afford to lose a single living member of this Association. The leadership of this Association is committed to a policy of inclusion for all of its membership. We will always welcome and respect your opinions and show compassion for your feelings. I promise to lead by example, and I invite you to return to the fold. If you need to talk my door is always open.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (7-24-08)

At 1500 hours EDT, newly elected DQS President, Bruce Geiger, began the first executive committee teleconference. The agenda as previously emailed to all 2008 Executive Officers prior to the conference was:

1. Book Status
2. Reunion Options
 - a. San Antonio, TX
 - b. Colorado Springs, CO
 - c. Seattle, WA
 - d. Springfield, IL
3. Newsletter
 - a. President's Message
 - b. Book Status
 - c. Reunion
 - d. Election Results
 - e. Corrections to Roster
 - f. Web Site
 - g. By-Laws
4. Web Site – Discussion
5. Operation Gold Star
6. Governing Document

Thirteen officers participated in the call and a copy of the minutes is available from Secretary Sam Hopkins.

Action Items:

President Geiger appointed a **Publications Committee** to be chaired by Paul Kopsick, with Bob Lauver, Joe Belardo, and Richard Shand serving as committee members, to manage the book publishing function for the Executive Committee. Paul Kopsick will also coordinate the next newsletter. The DQS Book committee will remain: Paul Kopsick, George Nagelschmidt and Warren LoCascio.

President Geiger appointed a **Rules Committee** to revise the DQS Constitution and develop a set of by-laws to be approved at the next annual meeting. Vice President Bob Lauver will serve as the committee chairman, with committee members Paul Hanson, Frank Ward, Luke Clark, and Bruce Geiger (ex-officio capacity).

President Geiger appointed Secretary Sam Hopkins as the chairman of the **Reunion Committee**, with committeemen Paul Kopsick, Warren LoCascio, and Bruce Geiger (ex-officio capacity).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Publications Committee: Paul Kopsick, Chairman

With the change in leadership official, Turner Publishing President Todd Botoff has directed Mr. Gene Bedell to coordinate the layout and printing of the **DQS History Book** as presented by the DQS Book Committee in Feb 2007. There will be minor edits and updates to the text but it will essentially be the same material that was presented for review at the 2007 and 2008 reunions.

Turner is still transitioning all original material and photos from the previous editor to Mr. Bedell. We are awaiting his review of the material and an initial layout of the text and photos. We do not yet have a publication date at this time, but it will be ASAP.

The **NDQSA Newsletter** is being coordinated by Paul Kopsick until a permanent newsletter coordinator is selected. Any volunteers?

The **NDQSA Membership Roster** for 2008 has been printed, but distribution to all dues-paying members is still on-going. There is a critical need to do a name-by-name confirmation/updating of the membership and mailing lists. A call for volunteers is being coordinated by Paul Kopsick for members (and wives) willing to call the names on the list to verify contact information. If you can help, contact Paul by email or at 202-262-9560. He will assign pages and coordinate the updates.

Rules Committee: Bob Lauver, Chairman

The Rules Committee has prepared a draft set of By-Laws for review by the membership. We plan to post the draft document on the NDQSA website and to mail a copy to all paid members. The document will be voted on during the 2009 business meeting and if accepted, will replace the existing constitution.

Reunion Committee: Sam Hopkins, Chairman

Following the Executive Committee tele-conference, the decision was made to hold the 2009 Reunion in San Antonio, Texas. Reunion Committee Chair Sam Hopkins has coordinated bids and Bruce Geiger visited the hotels with Sam. A contract has been negotiated with the Crowne Plaze Riverwalk Hotel.

Operation Gold Star: Geiger, Lauver, Belardo

There is \$13,000+ in donations available for the Operation Gold Star Program. The Executive Committee is currently in discussion with the Goldstar Mothers group to determine if there are any GS Mothers who still want to visit Vietnam. If there are no perspective candidates, then other options for the money to support GSM will be explored.

**MEMBER TAPS
2007-2008**



**FROM THE HEART OF
YOUR CHAPLAIN:**

Pastor Bob Scholten

What I am writing I am writing to all. Jesus had it right regardless if we believe in Him or not: *“He who is without sin, cast the first stone.”*

Life is precious guys, as is time. From what I have witnessed, read and heard we of the DQS are misusing them both.

Let’s take an honest look at what we allowed to happen. Remember back to the 60s and the early 70s? I am hearing the very same language now as I heard back then, when our society divided citizens and Vietnam Veterans into “us & them;” “Us” as the protesters and “Them” you & me as “baby killers” and other decorative terms. Look at how long it took some of us to get over the name-calling and injustices thrown into our lives and memories.

It took me over 30 years to get the gumption to attend my first DQS reunion. It took 36 years to meet the very first person from my track, which took place in our DQS family. What became special to me started to unravel a few years back, shortly after I started attending. Nevertheless I have refused to come down on “either side” of perceived issues.

The truth will come out; it always does. And often the truth surprises all. For the truth is, there is truth in all sectors of our DQS family feud. Hopefully we’ll get to the point of looking for that truth and bushing the rest aside.

Life, time, my family, my Congregation, and my DQS family are all very special and beyond measure to me. My life has changed. Some of you noticed the beginning stages of that last year, and expressed your concern. I have been diagnosed with significant PTSD and depression; heart & kidney troubles; and to top it off – a stroke.

My communication skills; hearing; understanding and reasoning abilities have all been hit. I by no means am feeling sorry for myself, nor am I giving in to these difficulties, because I have a lot to live for. And so do all of us in the DQS family. Like it or not, you are all my brothers, regardless “which side” you try to fit me in. The truth of the matter is, I’m in neither. I am in the DQS family praying for our family. I hope & pray that this “Us & Them” language and mentality will work itself out of our existence to be replaced with “Our” and “We.”

- Norman Partin, G-29, 22Sep08, OH
- Myles Magness, A-4/60, Sep08, TX
- Steven Graves, G-29, 9Jun08, IL
- Boyd Wayne Bandy, C-4/60, 11Apr08, TN
- Sam Getzie, H-4/60, Apr08, MA
- Doug Massie, H-29, Apr08, NC
- Col. Bill Brant, H-4/60, 26Mar08, TX
- Paul Yeske, H-6/56, 7Mar08, GA
- Col. John House III, H-1/44, Jan08, KS
- Bobby Van Pool, B-4/60, 6Jan08, TX
- Ron Yurchison, 4/60, 4Jan08, PA
- James R. Jackson H-5/2, 26Jan08, TX
- Jerry Wright, D-1/44, 14Dec07, TX
- Bruce Tedd, B-5/2, 10Dec07, NY
- Terry Reberry, I-29, 20Oct07, MO
- Eugene Holder H-29, 20Nov07, KY
- Warren Wilder, D-5/2, Jul07, NC
- Dave Hornbarger, B-4/60, 21May07, CA



2008 REUNION SUMMARY

President Ed Allen again put on yet another wonderful reunion and the downtown location of the hotel was the perfect focal point for our dining and social events. As far away as it was to most, Rochester, MN was home to at least one NDQSA member, Stan Sohre of C-5/2d. At final count, 88 members and families attended.

The breakdown was:

- 50 Dusters (1/44 = 19, 4/60 = 12, 5/2 = 19);
- 19 Quads (E-41 = 6, D-71 = 9, G-65 = 4);
- 18 Searchlights (G-29 = 16, I-29 = 2); and
- 1 HAWK. No Vulcan or G-55 quad Vets.



The highlight of the reunion was the presence of an operational Duster courtesy of the Fort Snelling Military Museum and a Xenon searchlight owned by Clyde Larsen and friends. The two units were set up at the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial.

others in an ambush on QL 9 between the Rockpile and Ca Lu.

John Huelsenbeck, who was in the battle and knew Roger personally, reports that “I received a thank-you note from the family, Helen (his sister) who also attended, said it was quite healing for her mother. She was exhausted for a couple of days but was very glad that she was able to attend.” John says “Thank you Brothers! We do make a difference and never forget our Brothers!”



This year one of our most stirring and elaborate memorial services was held at the Soldiers Field Memorial in the brisk Minnesota evening. The dioramas on the walls of the Memorial spanned from WWII through the Persian Gulf. <http://www.soldiersfieldmemorial.org>

Dusterman and The Commemorative Air Force pay tribute to Vietnam-Era Air Defense Artillery Medal of Honor awardee Sgt. Mitchell W. Stout

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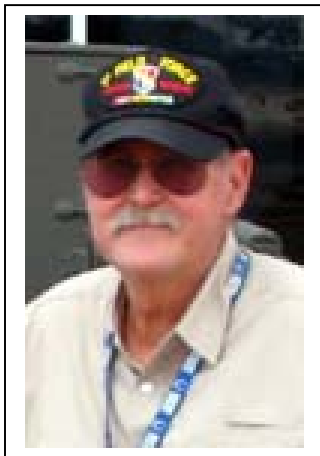
During the day Mrs. Mary Lewis and family from Caledonia, MN, met with our group. Mary is the Goldstar Mother of DQS KIA Roger Lewis (4/60 & C-1/44), her only son, who was killed on 21Aug67, along with many



The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in Midland, Texas, formerly known as “Confederate Air Force”,

<http://www.commemorativeairforce.org/index.php> is an educational, historic preservation, nonprofit organization that restores and flies vintage military aircraft. The International Headquarters of the CAF is located in Midland, Texas and has members in every state of the union and 28 foreign countries. There are some 30 subunits throughout the world that have joined together to foster camaraderie and, in many cases, actively support one or more of the classic military aircraft operated by the CAF.

So why would the CAF show their support for a weapons platform initially designed to shoot their precious aircraft out of the sky? The answer is: Myles and Deborah Magness of nearby Odessa, Texas. Although trained as an Armor Crewman (11E) at Fort Knox, when Myles got to Vietnam in 1967 he was assigned to a twin 40mm self propelled, automatic weapon called the M42A1 Duster.



The Duster's 40mm Bofors cannons were also used on navy ships in various configurations for antiaircraft protection for decades. The Duster is basically twin "pom-pom" or "ack-ack" guns mounted on the modified body of a tank (the M41 Chaffee). To protect ground forces the guns were adapted to follow the troops using whatever vehicle could be successfully adapted. In Korea it was called the M-19 but with the advent of jet planes, the strictly air defense role gave way to ground based targets. The Dusters built in the 1950's were already largely obsolete for modern combat and were relegated to Air National Guard units and international Allies. When Vietnam came around it turned out that a weapon that was fairly simple to operate and maintain, that could fire 240 high explosive rounds a minute and could run with convoys by day and protect the firebases at night, was a pretty useful item. Ergo, Dusters were now a precious but albeit sparse commodity. In total, less than 200 "tracks" (we don't call them tanks) were deployed among the three Duster Battalions in Vietnam between 1966-71. Coupled with the fact that all three Battalions were deactivated as they left Vietnam in 1971, Dusters have been largely overlooked by military historians.

This is why it is so important that a Duster has been given such a prestigious location, outside the front entrance to the CAF Commemorative Center. But how

did it actually get there? Back to Myles and Deborah Magness.

Myles, who served with D Btry, 4th Bn AWSP 60th ADA relates that the Duster project started August 14, 2002 when he was talking with a Sgt. Jerry Kimmel at the Alamogordo National Guard Armory about the Duster they had on display there. Jerry mentioned that there were other Dusters at other places in New Mexico, essentially rusting away.

Since Myles had been active with the CAF since 1995, he decided to look into the possibility of acquiring a Duster for the Confederate Air Force's (now Commemorative Air Force) American Airpower Heritage Museum in Midland. They first contacted the New Mexico National Guard HQ in Santa Fe and thought they were going to be able to get one of the two Dusters sitting in Roswell, NM, but that option fell through. They were about to give up on the whole idea when fellow CAF volunteer Ray Pierson learned of another Duster that was available at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. After seemingly endless phone calls and paperwork between CAF staff, Camp Mabry, the Center for Military History, and the Automotive Tank Command, the Duster was formally released to the CAF. Myles credits the diplomatic skills and persistence of dedicated CAF officers Bob Rice, Tami O'Bannion and Annelorre Robertson and their staff or else this Duster would not have made it to Midland.

When Myles retired from FedEx in 2004, instead of them getting him some useless memento, they took up a collection and sent the money to the CAF to be earmarked for use on the Duster project. So, the Midland FedEx employees were some of the earliest contributors to the project.



On August 10, 2005, E. L. Farmer Trucking (a CAF supporter) picked up the track from Camp Mabry in Austin and transported it some 330 miles to Midland on one of their oilfield trucks at no cost to CAF. The project took an unexpected delay after

Myles fell off the front of the Duster and hit the tarmac. Fortunately the guys on the B-29 crew, specifically Gary Austin, saw him lying there and summoned help. Myles broke the big bone in his right arm and his right wrist and now has titanium implants. The event he relives in his mind each time he goes through airport security. BEEP!

After his recovery Myles committed to having the Duster ready for the annual FINA-CAF AIRSHO during the third week in September 2008. To that end, the folks at CAF's Desert Squadron kicked in at least \$1000 to help with the project. Ray Pierson and Myles provided most of the muscle for the reconstruction and took the commo gear, gauges, and seats out of the driver's compartment before the whole track was sandblasted. Then the exterior was primed and given a coat of olive drab by F & W Industries in Odessa. Deb and Myles later sprayed several coats of Light Machine Gray paint in the driver's compartment, and on 9Aug08 Ray Pierson put a 2nd coat of OD paint on the top of the Duster.



Besides helping out wherever she could on the res-toation, Deb "Duster Chick" Magness was a tremendous motivator to Myles. Her mantra was "Just Get R Done!"

One of the last decisions to be made was which markings to put on the Duster. In late July 2008, Myles contacted the National Dusters Quads and Searchlight Association for insight on how to place the military vehicle marks on the Duster. Together they decided that it would be fitting if they could mark the Duster using the same numbers of the track of the Association's lone Medal Of Honor awardee Sgt. Mitchell W. Stout.

Sgt. Stout was killed on March 12, 1970 when a grenade was thrown into his squad's bunker during a ground assault at the Khe Gio Bridge near the DMZ. Mitchell grabbed the grenade, which detonated as he exited the bunker, saving the lives of the men inside.



His track was C-121 and belonged to First Platoon, C Battery, 1st Battalion AWSP 44th Air Defense Artillery, then under the control of the 24th Artillery Group (XXIV), First Field Forces Vietnam IFFV.



Sgt. Mitchell W. Stout was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and was buried in his hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee. It was decided to include on the Duster the panel (13W) and line (121) of his name where it appears on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial "The Wall" in Washington DC. A fitting tribute to the ultimate sacrifice of one man and to the many thousands of Air

Defense Artillery crewmen who served on the Dusters in Vietnam.

Therefore, we want to acknowledge Deb and Myles Magness, who gave several years of their lives to this project, from inspiration through to final completion, and with personal physical and financial costs. However, Myles is quick to note the roles of others, their generosity and similar self-sacrifice. Those not already mentioned include: Mark Baxter who is in charge of facilities at the CAF in Midland; Gary Austin who is in charge of aircraft maintenance for the CAF fleet; Eric VanHoff also assisted Myles when he was injured; Elmo and Eric Hockman at AvSource West who put Stout's name and track markings on the Duster and also repaired the driver's seat and other items in the driver's compartment; and Joey Benzenhafer, master model maker, who built two incredible Duster models and donated them to the CAF, along with a Vietnam-era helmet, flight jacket, and clip of 40mm rounds. Local Duster vets, John Hood (5/2nd ADA) and David Treece (4/60th ADA) who was actually Myles Platoon Leader in Vietnam, often lend a hand at CAF festivities to help tell the story of the Dusters to visitors.

The true value of this project is not just seeing a freshly painted war relic in front of a museum. The fact that the project was proposed by a man that served on the Duster is great. That others shared his vision so it can be proudly displayed at a premier historical location is also great. Not only because it preserves and visualizes an important yet largely overlooked component of a long ago yet unpopular part of our nation's history, but because it commemorates the self sacrifice of one individual who exemplified our highest moral values.

We hope that this display of this Duster, especially in central Texas where many Air Defense Artillery men still reside, will foster an awareness of the past and the men that served and sacrificed then and who continue to cope with their individual aftermaths each day of their lives.

POSTSCRIPT: Following the completion of this article, Myles suddenly passed away in his sleep just a few days before the 2008 AIRSHO. Our sincere condolences go out to Deb and the families. We are deeply indebted to both of them for undertaking this project on behalf of all Dustermen. We give honor and thanks to both of them.

Deb has asked that compassionate ADA men send a contribution to the CAF in Myles' name for the continued upkeep of the Duster.

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NDQSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Fact: Out of a mailing list of some 2300+ names (many out of date), there are less than 250 card-carrying members of NDQSA. Between 80-120 members attend an annual reunion in a given year. The executive committee that runs and manages the Association is made up of 23 volunteers.

The leadership urges you to strongly consider submitting or renewing your membership for 2009. A strong turnout will send a positive message to our volunteers that there really is an interest and pride in being a Vietnam Era ADA/Arty serviceman.

The first steps have been made: 2009 Reunion in Texas; commitment to the DQS Photo/History Book; By-Laws; newsletters with relevant news; and plans for more. Now it is your turn. Show us your care.

Calling All NCOCS Graduates

We are trying to locate as many of the "Shake and Bake" grads as we can. An attempt is being made to put together a history of the school, the classes, the people, and the Vietnam experiences of the graduates. Please contact SGM (Ret) Paul D Hanson, E Btry, 41st Arty (ADA), graduate of the last class (and proud of it), at: 610-909-0632 or Email at: pdhanson1@comcast.net with any of your data or data of any other graduates. No one has tried, to our knowledge, to put together such a listing before and, as it is a part of the history of the NDQSA family, it is time this was rectified.

Paul D. Hanson, SGT, E Btry 41st Arty (ADA)
Vice President, NDQSA 2008

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Continuing with a list of what historic documents and materials are stored at the National Archives in Suitland Maryland, here is a list of materials related to the 1/44th ADA.

Your Historian has copied some of the material, but not everything.

1/44th holdings at National Archives

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Box 807:

- F1: Org History and lineage notes
- F2: Org Hist (1971) redeployment notes Keystone Oriole and copy of Liberator V.III No. II Feb70
- F3: Unit History Awards
- F4: Histories and some Change Of Command fliers
- F5: Unit Histories
 - F6: Press releases, copies of newspaper articles and photos
- F7: Press Releases HHB 1/44th types press releases 1969
- F8: News Releases minor Btry news for newsletter
- F9: Lineage and Honors, repeat of stuff with two CoC instructions sets
- F10: Lineage and Honors, repeat
- F11: Authorization and Organization for 1/44 and B/29 (error)
- F12: photos B&W larger format mostly Vietnam, some w/IDs
- F13: photos B&W smaller format mostly Vietnam, some w/IDs
- F14: photos (from magazines) larger size, some color of leaving Ft. Bliss

Box 813:

- F1: General Orders 1966-71 on organization
 - F2: General Orders 1-47 (1967) Good Conduct Medals, Names SSNS
- F3: General Orders 1-46 (1970) Good Conduct Medals, Names SSNS
- F4: General Orders 1-34 (1971) Good Conduct Medals, Names SSNS
- F5: Report of Investigations, mostly 1971, hang fires and alike
- F6: ORLL ending 31July 1967 (3 copies)

ORLL: Organizational Report and Lessons Learned
Quarterly summary of actions, w/ unit locations.

Box 814:

- S/2-S/3 Daily Journals: 1Jan68 – 30 Sept 68.
Daily Events and After Action Reports

Box 815:

- S/2-S/3 Daily Journals: 1Oct68 – 30Mar 69.
Daily Events and After Action Reports (AARs)

Box 816:

- S/2-S/3 Daily Journals: 1Apr69 – 30Aug69. Daily Events and AARs

Box 817:

- S/2-S/3 Daily Journals: 1Sep69 – 30Dec69.
Daily Events and AARs

Box 818:

- F1: ORLL 1967 ending 31Jan67, and 31 Oct67, missing Apr and Jul rpts*
- F2: ORLLs ending 31Jan68, 31Oct68, missing Apr and Jul rpts*
- F3: ORLL for 31Apr70 only, missing others*
- F4: Personal Items (1970) inventories of men's gear that shipped out
 - F5: Physical Security Surveys (1970) something about lost SOIs
- F6: Personal Items Inventory (deceased) (1969) not really deceased
- F7: Personal Items Inventory (deceased) (1970) not really deceased
- F8: Personal Items Inventory (deceased) (1971) not really deceased
- F9: Letter of sympathy 1970 (SSG Marion Mee) accident D'1'44
- F10: Line of Duty (LOD) Determinations (1970) paperwork on accidents
- F11: Line of Duty (LOD) Determinations (1971)
- F12: Line of Duty (LOD) Determinations (1971)
- F13: Line of Duty (LOD) Determinations (1971)
- F14: (1971) one Captured Weapons Status Rpt
- F15: (1971) AARS, a few after action reports C-Btry Jan-Mar71
- F16: (1971) Logistics Reports
- F17: (1971) Suspected Drug Users, names

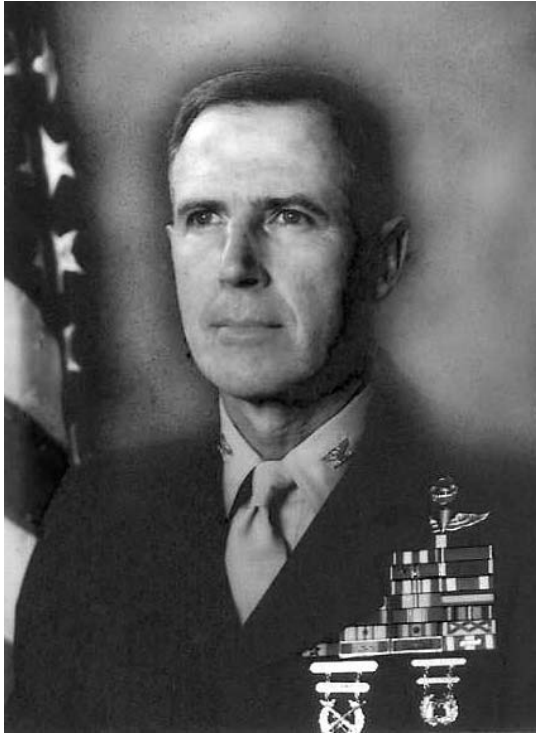
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- F1: Redeployment of DQS in 1971 up to deactivation
- F2: Weapon Status Rpts. June 1971
- F3: Weapon Status Rpts July-Aug 1971
- F4: Weapon Status Rpts Sept-Nov 1971
- F5: ARVN Training documents
 - Coord w/ 1 ARVN ADA Bn.
- F6: Searchlight Locations (G/29th locations)
- F7: FORSTAT Delta Reports
- F8: Status Rpts (telex's liken to daily commo chatter, info on firing and accidents)
- F9: Status Rpts (Ref DJS – Backup)

As a follow-up to the Myles Magness article, here is a list of places where the M42 Duster is on display.

AL: Alexander City, Elkahatchee State Park.
AL: Huntsville, Veterans Memorial Museum, 2060 Airport Road.
AL: Mobile, USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park
AZ: Phoenix, AZ Military Museum, Papago Park Military Reservation, 5636 E. McDowell Rd.
AZ: Yuma, Yuma Proving Ground
AR: Heber Springs, American Legion Post 64, 49 park Road.
AR: Morrilton, VFW Post 4453
CA: Los Angeles, American Society of Military History Museums, South El Monte. Two Dusters
CT: Danbury, Military Museum of So. New England, Park Ave.
CT: Wallingford, American Legion Post 73, 190 Ward St.
DE: Bethany Beach, Bethany Beach Tng Site, Rt 1.
DE: Hockessen, VFW Post 5892, 7620 Lancaster Pike.
DE: Newark, VFW Post 3420, 649 Churchmans Road
DE: Wilmington, Delaware National Guard, First Regiment Road
FL: Daytona, 1-265 ADA, FL ARNG Armory
FL: Deland, FL ARNG Armory, 401 S Alabama Ave.
FL: Gainesville, VFW Post 16, US 301
FL: Green Cove Springs, VFW Post 1988, 421 South Orange Ave Miami, FL
FL: West Palm Beach, US Army Reserve Center, Gun Club Road
GA: Augusta, VFW Post 649, 2430 Windsor Spring Rd.
ID: Boise, Gowen Field Armor Park
IL: Melrose Park, Veterans Park District
IL: Russell, Russell Military Museum, 43363 Old Highway 41. (2)
IL: Victoria, American Legion Post 26
IN: Crawfordsville, Ropkey Armor Museum, 5649 E. 150 North
IN: Edinburgh, Camp Atterbury
IN: South Bend, Military Honor Park, Michiana Regional Airport
IA: Bradgate, VFW Post 7083
IA: Camanche, near S Washington Blvd & 6th Ave.
IA: Des Moines, Iowa Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge
KS: Jetmore, American Legion Post 290
KS: Topeka, Combat Air Museum, Forbes Field
LA: Lafayette, Lafayette Asphalt Co., Hwy 90 South. (2)
LA: Ruston, Louisiana Military Museum, 201 Memorial Drive.
MD: Aberdeen, APG US Army Ordinance Museum
MD: Elkton, VFW Post 8175, 941 Bouchelle Rd.
MA: Springfield, Roosevelt Ave.
MI: Detroit, Fort Wayne
MI: New Haven, American Veterans Post 72, AMVET Drive
MI: Three Rivers,
MN: Isanti, VFW Post 2735, 410 Railroad Ave S
MN: Minneapolis-St. Paul, Fort Snelling Military Museum,
MS: Camp Shelby, Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Bldg 850
MS: Jackson, Spec-Ops Plaza, 2387 W. Jackson Blvd.
NE: Lexington, Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles
NE: Newman Grove
NV: Carson City, Nevada ARNG Armory, S Edmonds Drive
NJ: Lawrenceville, Artillery Annex to the Militia Museum of NJ
NJ: Sayreville, VFW Post 4699, Jernee Mill Rd.
NJ: Sea Grit, National Guard Militia Museum of NJ
NJ: Teaneck, NG ARMG Armory
NM: Deming, Veterans Park, Hemlock & S Silver Ave.
NM: Lordsburg, Veterans Park, Main Street
NM: Raton, Raton Municipal Field, Hwy 64
NM: Santa Fe, Battan Memorial Military Museum
NY: Cheektowaga, VFW Post 2429
NY: Cortland Manor, Camp Smith Military Res., Front Gate
NY: Minneola, Nassau County Legislature
NY: Schenectady, Empire State Aerosciences Museum
ND: Anamoose, VFW post 6831, 606 1st St W
ND: Lidgerwood
ND: Manvel, Amer. Legion Post 299, Main St & Manvel St
MD: Newman Grove, VFW Post 6831, 606 1st St W
ND: Sheyenne, VFW Post 3696, 303 3rd St S
OH: Bellevue, VFW Post 1238
OH: Burton, Geauga County Fairgrounds, 1473 n Cheshire St.
OH: Deerfield, American Legion Post 713, 1357 State Rt 14
OH: Edison, in junkyard in 2002
OH: Gibsonburg, NE Corner of Ohio State Route 300 "North Main Street" and East Stone Street
OH: Groveport, Motts Military Museum, 5075 S Hamilton Rd.
OH: Holland, Memorial Park
OH: Logan, American Veterans Post 1776, 649 Radio Ln.
OH: Mansfield
OH: Marietta, American legion Post 64, 8th & Wooster
OH: McConnelsville, Reserve Center, Township Hwy 209
OH: Newton Falls, American Legion Post 236
OH: Northfield, VFW Post 6768, 8584 Olde Eight Rd.
OH: Norwalk, Firelands Museum of Military History
OH: Oregon, American Legion Post 537, 4925 Pickle Rd.
OH: Port Clinton, Camp Perry Military Res., Bldg 1, 1000 Lawrence Rd.
OH: Sylvania, Veterans Memorial Park
OH: Tiffin, American veterans post 48, 1901 S State Rte 100
OH: Wauseon, Amer. Legion Post 265, 1105 N Shoop Ave.
OK: Grove, VFW Post 8380, 33450 S 620 Rd.
OK: Miami, VFW Post, A St NW
OK: Oklahoma City, 45th Inf. Div. Museum, 2145 NE 36th St.
OR: Clackamas, OR Military Museum, Camp Withycombe
PA: Boalsburg, PA Military Museum, South Atherton St.
PA: Easton, American Legion Post 9, 2260 Corriere Dr.
PA: Muncy, VFW Post 3428
PA: Norristown, Former PA ARNG Armory, Harding Blvd.
PA: Smethport, Allegheny Arms & Armor Museum, Rt 46
PA: Uniontown, VFW Post 8543, 1235 W Penn Blvd.
PA: Williamsburg, Local Park, Riverside Dr.
SC: Clemson, SC ARNG Armory, Anderson Hwy (Rte 28)
SC: Clinton, Willard Rd and N Adair St.
TN: Chattanooga, National Medal Of Honor Museum, E 4thSt & Georgia Ave.
TN: Jefferson City, Tennessee ARNG Armory
TN: Knoxville, TN ARNG Armory, 3330 Sutherland Ave.
TX: Austin, Texas Military Forces Museum, Camp Mabry
TX: Corrigan, VFW Post 6521, 100 N Home St.
TX: El Paso, VFW Post 6388, 9170 Cananea Ln.
TX: Fort Bliss, Fort Bliss Museum, Marshall Rd. (4)
TX: Fort Hood, 4th Infantry Division Museum
TX: Midland, American Airpower Heritage Museum,
VT: Colchester, Vermont Veterans Military Museum & Library, Camp Johnson, 789 National Guard Rd.
VA: Danville, AAF Tank Museum, 3401 US Hwy 29B (2)
VA: Newport News, Virginia War Museum, Warwick Blvd.
VA: Nokesville, VMMV (2)
WA: Fort Lewis, Fort Lewis Museum
WI: Fort McCoy, Commemorative Area, History Center & Equip Park
WI: Howards Grove, Post 9924, 904 College Ave.
WI: Keshena, west side of Hwy 47.
Even one scuttled off the coast of Jordan as an [artificial reef](#).

TRIBUTE



Marine Col. John Ripley, dies at age 69

Retired Marine Col. John Ripley, who was credited with stopping a column of North Vietnamese tanks by blowing up a pair of bridges during the 1972 Easter Offensive of the Vietnam War, died at home in Annapolis Md., at age 69, Nov 2, 2008.

In a videotaped interview with the U.S. Naval Institute for its Americans at War program, Ripley said he and about 600 South Vietnamese were ordered to "hold and die" against 20,000 North Vietnamese soldiers with about 200 tanks.

"I'll never forget that order, 'hold and die'," Ripley said. The only way to stop the enormous force with their tiny force was to destroy the bridge, he said.

"The idea that I would be able to even finish the job before the enemy got me was ludicrous," Ripley said.

"When you know you're not going to make it, a wonderful thing happens: You stop being cluttered by the feeling that you're going to save your butt."

Ripley crawled under the bridge under heavy gunfire, rigging 500 pounds of explosives that brought the twins spans down, said John Miller, a former Marine adviser in Vietnam and the author of "The Bridge at Dong Ha," which details the battle.

Miller said the North Vietnamese advance was slowed considerably by Ripley.

"A lot of people think South Vietnam would have gone under in '72 had he not stopped them," Miller said.

Ray Madonna, president of the U.S. Naval Academy's 1962 graduating class, served in Vietnam as a Marine at the same time and said his classmate saved countless U.S. and South Vietnamese troops.

"They would have been wrecked" if the tanks had crossed, Madonna said. He said Ripley also coordinated naval gunfire that stopped the tanks from crossing at a shallower point downstream.

"He was a Marine's Marine, respected, highly respected by enlisted men, by his peers and by his seniors," Madonna said.

Miller said Ripley, who was born in Radford, Va., descended from a long line of veterans going back to the Revolutionary War. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1962, after enlisting in the Marines out of high school and spending a year in naval school in Newport, R.I.

Ripley earned the Navy Cross and Silver Star for his service in Vietnam. He later served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was regimental commander at Camp Lejeune, N.C., among other postings.

Ripley is survived by his wife, Moline B. Ripley, 67; three sons, Stephen Ripley, 43, Thomas Ripley, 38, and John Ripley, 35; a daughter, Mary Ripley, 39; and eight grandchildren.

On Friday, Nov 6th, 2008 Memorial Services were held at the Naval Academy Chapel followed by a funeral procession, conducted by Marines from 8th and I, to the Academy Cemetery where "Rip" was interred. The Commandant of the Marine Corps was in attendance along with several NDQSA Vets.

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He (then Capt. John Ripley) fought in many battles with C-1/44th Dusters and was in the August 21, 1967 battle when the 44th lost a lot of guys. Ripley thought the Dusters and Quads were the best thing that ever happened to the Marines and always welcomed us with open arms when we saw him.

-Joe Belardo, C-1/44th

I served with this great man and many of C-1/44 ADA Duster and G-65th Quad men as well. A Great Marine and a Great Man. I'm deeply saddened by his passing and along with Lt. Steve Moore we were proud to attend his funeral in Annapolis, MD on behalf of all DQS men that served with him.

-Don Wolfe, C-1/44th '66-67.

- Steve Moore, 4/60th & C-1/44th

Link to YouTube Video of Ripley funeral service.

<http://www.youtube.com/v/xP-s-bjR7Tg&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&fs=1>



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Last push for pre-orders of the DQS History-Pictorial Book

Why has the book taken so long to get published? Well, there was disagreement among the principles that the 2006/07 Book Committee's Draft document strayed from the "original" intentions for the DQS book? To that issue, here is the list of Ed Allen's original suggestions for book sections sent to the original book committee: "I'll offer some suggested items for consideration. Some may seem or be redundant and some may or may not actually end up a part of the adopted organization of materials. They are just offered to provoke thought and to illustrate what is being asked for. It is certainly not meant to be an all-inclusive list."

Original list of contents	Current Draft
Cover =====	Full color art of all 14 Arty/ADA unit crests
Inside front =====	Vietnam artwork and Vietnam map
Title Page =====	BW version of cover
Table of Contents =====	2 page photo spread of index page
Publisher's Message (if any)=====	2 page photo spread with Turner info & ISBN
Introduction =====	2 page introduction
Dedication (s)=====	1 page Dedication
Acknowledgements =====	1 page acknowledgement
Epilogue: Foreword: Notes & Sources: Preface: Prologue ==	Not used
DQS – origins of DQS =====	1 page History of NDQSA
(DQS) Mission Statement =====	1 page Mission of NDQSA
DQS - OGS Project Trips =====	2 pages Operation Gold Star (all 4 trips)
....NEW... =====	2 page tribute to surgeons/chaplains - lead in to KIA list
KIA List =====	2 pages
Mitchell Stout MOH =====	1 page
Taps List =====	1 page updated with latest information
DQS Equipment =====	8 pages w photos (5 weapon systems)
Unit Citations/Awards Lineages =====	5 pages (14 units)
DQS Unit Deployments =====	16 pages (14 units)
Stories & Pictures =====	40+ pages of (60+) stories and photos
Bios w/pictures =====	55 pages of bios (334 bios and 600+ photos)
Pictures (all sources except bios) =====	235 photos excluding bio photos
DQS Roster =====	To be developed by Turner
Index =====	To be developed by Turner
Glossary =====	We do not have a glossary
Postscript =====	Not used

The final version may vary slightly but will essential contain what is listed above on the right. The 2006 Book Committee was very careful to provide as equal a representation as possible to each of the 14 different units that make up the NDQSA. Every unit is covered! In history, stories and photos!

For the record, many of the photos used in the current draft are not from the very limited number of photos sent to Turner. They are from the archived photos of the various guys that provided their albums to the Historian to archive and that made it possible for there to be balanced representation of photos, by unit, throughout the book. It also allowed for an appropriate image to be added many of the submitted stories that did not have imagery. Otherwise the book would have been limited to what was originally sent in to Turner and would not have been truly representative of the entire Association.

That being said, you can still order a copy of the NDQS History-Pictorial Book. The original 2001 prices are still valid. An order form is reproduced on the cover of this newsletter. Please consider/reconsider ordering a copy for yourself, your family, your buddies. It is our story and it needs to be shared!

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