

NAME:

NDQSA PRODUCT SALES

PHONE #:



NDQSA Cap



Listed below are the only items that NDQSA has for sale at this time. Please do not try and order off of any previous versions of our product lists.



Light Jacket front (above)
Back of jacket (below)

Apparel

NDQSA Light Jacket

Med Lrg XL (\$65@) _____
XXL XXXL (\$70@) _____

NDQSA T-shirt

Med Large XL XXL XXXL (\$18@) _____

NDQSA Cap (price reduced)

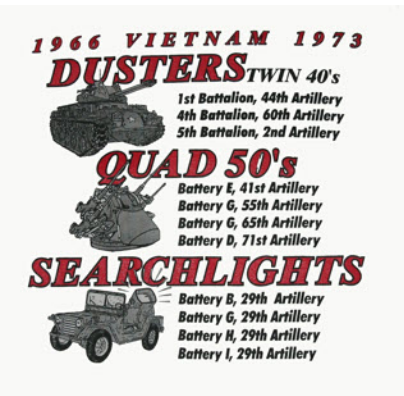
one size fits all (\$10@) _____

Bumper Sticker one size fits all (\$5@) _____

Sub Total _____

Shipping & handling
(1 item \$5, 2+ items \$9) _____

Total _____



NDQSA T-Shirt front (above)
back of T-Shirt (below)



Coins and Pin Sets

NDQSA Challenge Coin: (\$10@) _____

NDQSA Pin Set: (\$8@) _____

NDQSA Lucite Coin: (\$25) _____

One per family, limited quantity
(Coin prices include shipping costs)

Total _____

Grand _____

Total _____



Mail check or MO to :

NDQSA, PO Box 2903, Fairfax VA 22031



Front of Jacket Logo (above)
Patch with units (below)



YOU CAN PAY YOUR 2011 DUES EARLY !!

Look at your mailing address on this newsletter; if you see a four digit year number, it is the year for which you have paid your dues. If you DO NOT see a date, you are not considered to be in Active status.

If you get your newsletter via email only and are unsure of your status, email the Historian.

Remember only Active members get to vote in that year's elections. (contact us if you have any questions)

2011 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / ROSTER UPDATE FORM/ BOOK ORDER

Roster Contact Information (Please print)

First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Nickname: _____
Mailing Address: _____

City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Email(s): _____

Home Phone: () -
Alt. Phone: () -

Service Information (Vietnam)

Dates of 1st tour (m/yr): ___/___ to ___/___
Dates of other tour (m/yr): ___/___ to ___/___
Primary MOS: _____
Primary Battery /Unit: _____
Attached to: _____
Names of bases: _____

Names/Hometown of buddies: (if there are many, list them on a separate sheet of paper)

Rank (final grade while in Vietnam)

Grade: Officer: _____ NCO: _____ EM: _____

Valor Awards

PH () DSC () SS () BS/V () ACM/V ()

If you were awarded a Silver Star send the historian a copy of the citation for the archives.

To be sure you get the newsletter via email, tell your email program to accept emails from:
dqshistorian@cox.net and ndqsa@cox.net

If you have changed your email address recently send an email to the historian.

Would you agree to get future newsletters by email or from the website to save on printing and mailing costs?
Yes No, please mail it

DUES – DONATIONS – BOOK/COIN ORDERS

Dues: \$25 per year (Jan-Dec) \$ _____

Circle payment for: (2011) (2012) (2013) (2014)

Donation for Quad-50 restoration: \$ _____

Book order: single book @ \$ 60 _____
 multiple books @ \$ 55 _____
 reorder @ \$ 50 _____

Challenge Coin: _____ coins @ \$10 _____

Challenge Coin: _____ coin @ \$25 _____
(Lucite) * limited amount - one per family

NDQSA Pin Set: _____ sets @ \$8 _____

TOTAL _____

Make check(s) payable to NDQSA

Mailing address: NDQSA,
PO Box 2903,
Fairfax VA 20031-2903

PRODUCT SALES

If you want to order any jackets, T-shirts or hats use the [product sales form](#) on the web site or in this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NDQSA Newsletter

Bob Lauver – 21 September 2010

Greetings to all whom have served with Dusters, Quads, Searchlights, Vulcans, and Hawks.

The Association enjoyed the most successful reunion in NDQSA history in Savannah, GA. 124 members attended, many for the first time, making it the most attended ever. Congratulations to Bruce Geiger, the Board of Directors, and all who were responsible for organizing the event. I wish to pay special thanks to Paul Kopsick, Mary Severin, and all the auxiliary members for their long hours at the registration and product sales table.

A major **Well Done** is in order for Bruce Geiger, the Officers, and the Board of Directors of NDQSA 2008 – 2010 for leaving the Association in excellent condition in terms of membership, fiscal strength, and administrative organization. Their efforts bode well for our future.

The goals for the next two years are to continue the new traditions of expanding membership and conducting outstanding reunions. We would also like to increase membership involvement through committee participation, introduce new and expanded product lines, create a revamped web site, offer more response to the needs of the members, conduct a final Gold Star Mothers trip, and begin to organize unit-specific trips back to Vietnam.

We have had this term's first Board of Directors meeting via conference call and have begun the necessary steps to achieve the stated goals. Individuals have been named for many of our elements to begin an organized effort to contact lost brothers and increase membership. The membership committee is looking for representatives from all Batteries of the 5th of the 2nd, G – 55th, and D 71st. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Chairman Joe Belardo. We are also searching for individuals with web site and Veterans Administration expertise. Please contact Paul Kopsick and Sam Hopkins respectfully. I would like to express my gratitude to Sam Hopkins for accepting the appointment as Chair of the Good Works and Welfare Committee and to Duane Gettler for assuming responsibility for product sales. We owe a debt of gratitude to Ed Willmarth for serving in this position for so many years.

The next reunion is scheduled for Boston with Philadelphia as a backup. I will be joining the reunion

committee consisting of Mary Severin, Bruce Geiger, Bob Cuce, and Gerry Ioannilli on a conference call for our initial meeting. Many hotels and activities have already been identified. We will do everything possible to make our visit to the "Cradle of the Revolution" a memorable event. More information will be forthcoming in the December newsletter.

Remember that NDQSA is an Association for all who served in ADA units regardless of job title or rank. If we are to continue to grow and serve our membership we need more individuals who wish to be involved. We will respect your desires and opinion. Thank you for your continuing participation, support, and service. We are Comrades-in-Arms.

NDQSA Book Presentation

At the recently concluded (19 Sep 2010) USS Hue City (CG66) Battle of Hue Memorial Service, NDQSA Books were presented to Anthony (Limey) Cartlidge on behalf of Golf Company 2nd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division and to CAPT Paul A. Stader, USN, Captain of the USS Hue City on behalf of the officers and sailors of the ship for the ship's library.

The guest speaker for the event was Lieutenant General G. R. Christmas, USMC, Ret. General Christmas is currently the President and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. He was seriously wounded during the battle for Hue and was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions there.



A wreath was presented for all the ARVN and United States Combatants who lost their lives during the battle.

Minutes of NDQSA Board of Directors and Executive Officers Meeting September 13, 2010

President: Bob Lauver*

Vice President: Paul Hanson*

1st Vice President: John Huelsenbeck*

Secretary: Dave McCray*

Treasurer: Allan Penwell*

Immediate Past President: Bruce Geiger

Director: Joseph Belardo

Director: Luke Clark

Director: Bob Cuce

Director: Duane Gettler

Director: Paul Kopsick

Director: Clyde Larsen

Director: George Nagelschmidt

* elected in July 2010

Bob Lauver, President, presided. His first agenda item was a **Recap of the Reunion**. Paul Kopsick reported 124 members signed in making it the highest attended and best meeting ever eclipsing the record attendance of the November 11, 2000 meeting in Washington D.C. The Savannah reunion finished with a profit. The coin sales and other sales were flat especially the Lucite Coins. Revising the product sales forms was discussed. The hospitality room was the biggest ever to be negotiated and was estimated to have at least 100 members present at times. Future hospitality rooms should be able to handle up to 125 members. Bob Cuce volunteered to help with the Boston Reunion. It was stated the peak period for Boston Hotels is April through November.

Next was Allan Penwell's **Treasurer's report** in which he noted that we had a profit of \$4,322 (although not all receipts have been processed) and are in good financial standing. Many favorable complements were made concerning the Tours. Donations of \$1339 were collected for the Quads Restoration Project. In a prior BOD Meeting matching funds were to be made up to a maximum \$1,500 for the Quad Project.

The next agenda item was the **Fall Newsletter**. Paul Kopsick reported he will complete it ASAP. Paul also reported sending a copy of our history book to Dudley Dingman who has terminal cancer. Also, a copy of the book was presented to Richard Zinz, so all six original DQS members now have the book. Paul Kopsick reported he gave Challenge Coins and Pins to John Huelsenbeck to use as he feels appropriate at Kokomo. Brief updates were given on the health of Dudley Dingman (cancer), Ed Willmarth (heart) and Clyde Larsen's wife Janet.

Next the BOD tackled the **Committee Functions of the NDQSA**. First, the ***Membership Committee*** is to be made up of Joe Belardo/John Huelsenbeck/Bruce Geiger responsible for the First of the 44th, Paul Hanson for E-41^s

and NCOCS (shake & bakes), Luke Clark for 4th/60th Arty, Bob Lauver for the G-65th, Clyde Larsen for Searchlights, Ed McGill for Hawks and Paul Kopsick will talk to Bob Stevens for the 5th /2nd and Vulcans. Need representatives for G-55th & D-71st. Representatives will attempt to contact past and potential members, asking them to join and attend future reunions. All of us should contact all others so that we can to build our Association. The ***Legislative Committee*** was discussed next and Bruce Geiger and Bob Lauver are the members of the committee. A section will be added to the Newsletter with information on Agent Orange and a contact number for members. It was decided we will not participate in any political agendas. The ***Reunion Committee*** discussed the Boston Reunion next and Bob Lauver had some numbers as follows: The Crown Plaza at Newton for \$95 six miles from downtown, Crown Plaza at Danvers for \$119, Sheraton Colonial for \$135 ten miles from downtown and the Holiday Inn at Boston Center for \$119 also ten miles from downtown. Bob Cuce will help with quotes for Marriott. Increased cost in transportation is expected for Boston. Helping Bob in the committee is Bruce Geiger, Gerry Ioannilli and Bob Cuce. A trip to Boston will be made in October. It was suggested that Mary Severin be included in the committee updates. They are looking at June or August for reunion dates. The ***Good Works Committee*** needs a member to commit. It was suggested we ask Sam Hopkins to help. It was decided it should be left to Sam if he accepts. Book and Coin contributions were discussed for some members as good works. The ***Publication Committee*** is made up of Paul Kopsick and Ed McGill. Ed's effort to have our history published in a military magazine has not been successful to date. They are currently exploring other options. The recent administrative shutdown of the website was resolved by Paul Kopsick. Retooling of the website is needed, but volunteers have yet to be identified. Red Sigle's name was mentioned as person of interest as the new webmaster and Joe Belardo will contact him. The ***Nominating Committee*** is made up of John Huelsenbeck and Sam Hopkins. The slate of open offices will to be posted in the next newsletter and nominations opened.

The next agenda item was the **Product Sales on Shirts, Jackets, Patches and Hats**. Duane Gettler will assume product sales distribution. The ordering process will be moved to his e-mail address. Duane took inventory from the Savannah Reunion with him and the remaining Willmarth stock is to be transferred to Duane. Product Sales is very slow. Duane had a question on insurance for material stored at his home. It is not considered a problem. He will do an inventory when he has a chance. We need to do a "one-off" production of newly designed Jackets and Shirts. Joe Belardo suggested

we bring quotes to the next BOD conference call. Luke Clark will obtain several hundred Velcro Flags to sew on caps to cover the Combat Artillery Badge on hats since that was never approved by Congress. We have recovered about 63% of the investment in Coins and Pins as well as 86% of the cost of the 2nd printing of the books. Ed McGill will do a mailing to the over 100 members with bios in the book who have not purchased a copy yet.

The next agenda item is the **Gold Star Mothers Trip**. Two mothers able to make the trip are identified as Frances Turley (#1) and Dorothy Schafernocker (#3). The Escorts are Bob & Sue Lauver, Jerry Ashley, Luke Clark and wife. Richard Smiley is also a possible and will let Bob know in a week. In addition, Bruce Geiger and son may make the trip too. Will let Bob know in a week or so.

The last agenda item is **New/Old Business**. Robert Ratliff of History Fanatics will receive a \$3,000 check to be delivered and presented by Luke Clark. Luke will review the progress and report back to the BOD with possible recommendations for future donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 ET.

Minutes compiled by David McCray, Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT - Allan Penwell

Our accounting software allows us to compare financials for this year and last which is helpful in getting a perspective on how we are doing.

We're doing well financially with \$45,000± of operating cash. There may be some minor expenses for the rest of the year, but a Fall 2010 newsletter is the only major expense that will occur.

The Gold Star Mothers CD of \$15,499.01 comes due in January 2011 so that will be available for the Vietnam trip if all goes well.

We are closing out the Glass City Federal account which Ed Willmarth used for mailing NDQSA merchandise. The entire inventory has been transferred to Duane Gettler. His wife, Mary, is taking care of the money part, and we are issuing her a business debit card which will come right out of our checking account.

As of this writing, we are waiting for the engagement letter from our CPA who will be conducting an "agreed-upon procedures" as our audit. My letter for the request is attached. For the 2010 fiscal year, the audit will be conducted in January 2011 so we will have it completed for the 2011 business meeting at the reunion as prescribed in our by-laws.

In terms of the 2010 reunion, we showed a profit of \$4,322.71 which compares to last year which was about break even. Inventory sales are profitable because there

are no remaining expenses for the history book, challenge coins, and merchandise. Remember that we are on a cash basis of accounting so we pay for everything when we buy it. There is a possibility that may have to change, but I will learn more after our audit.

Note also that we have received quad restoration donations of \$1,339.00. If I remember, the board has discussed a match of some sort with the member donations, and that may be a discussion topic for our conference call.

GOOD WORKS COMMITTEE

As chairman of the Good Works and Veterans Welfare Committee, I would like some volunteers to serve on the committee with me to help plan services projects and to keep our membership informed about the personal concerns of our fellow NDQSA members.

In particular, the committee needs to develop a service project recommendation for the Board of Directors that can be performed in conjunction with our annual reunion in Boston. Likewise, I want to set up a communication network for notices about illnesses and deaths among our membership.

In my additional capacities as the association's chaplain, upon request I shall put names on prayer lists for those who want spiritual support for their families. Service project recommendations and membership welfare communications may be sent to Sam Hopkins at sampat1964@suddenlink.net or phone (903) 586-4488.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Nominations are now open for the seven directors offices which expire in 2011. The other six executive positions do not expire until 2012.

If you are interested in serving in one of these offices or in nominating another member for a position, you must contact John Huelsenbeck. The list of nominees will be posted in an early 2011 newsletter and ballots will be mailed out in time to be processed for the 2011 reunion.

VETERAN'S DAY - DELTA TO DMZ DANCE

VVA Chapter 227 November 10, 2010

Holiday Inn, Rossllyn, NY 1-800-465-4329

If you are planning to come into WDC for Vet's Day you can get the VVA-227's hotel rate of \$100 +tax by using code VIE. Offer good thru Oct 30th



Savannah Reunion Recap

Based on the registration forms and sign-in book, this was the best attended reunion to date. Thanks go out to the Reunion Committee (Bruce Geiger and Sam Hopkins) for their excellent work in setting up the 2010 NDQSA Reunion and meetings in Savannah Georgia. It seems no matter where we could have planned the July reunion; the local temperatures would be near triple digits. Still Savannah was sublime and the Marriott Riverfront Hotel was a perfect venue for our gathering. The off-site memorial program and historic trips by Bob Lauver and Sam Hopkins were well received.



The hospitality room was the most active to date and was filled with displays, artifacts and memorabilia thanks to our historian Paul Kopsick and individual members like Warren LoCascio, Joe Belardo and others. The registration and product sales tables were managed this year by the Ladies Auxiliary under the coordination of Mary Severin. The auction tables were capably handled by Sally Huelsenbeck.



The Saturday luncheon filled the adjoining conference room and we heard a wonderful accounting from Bill Jordan on his MIA work in remote localities and got a



roaring pep-talk from Vinny Tedesco on his continuing work with the 44th.

The annual business

meeting saw the election of officers based, for the first time, on write-in ballots from the active membership, whether present at the meeting or not. This was a big logistical effort to coordinate and it worked out well.



We honored past President Bruce Geiger for his steady hand during the transition of the past two years.

There were many "special" reunions within the greater reunion. One in particular was the reuniting of members

of the March 18th 1971 battle at Ap Phu Quang (page 85 in the history book). The Battery Commander, Capt. Bud Trexler and Platoon Leader, 1LT John D. Bailey who led the reaction force got to meet the two men that were seriously burned when the internal ammo cans were ignited by an RPG that destroyed their track B-141 "The Kind Murph." Both men, Sgt Charles R. Carey and SP4 Robert R. Doyle survived and they came to Savannah after being located by the historian in 2010. Each man was pleased to find out that they each had successful lives and wonderful families.





NEW PUSH TO LOCATE CREW MATES

There were also several first timers to a reunion, men local to the Savannah area and even a few “walk-ins”. Each man brought their stories and shared memories with brothers from their unit or with those that served in other units or at different times. The personal value of attending a reunion cannot be under-estimated.

The Board of Directors is always looking for ways to locate and bring more ADA vets into the association. We had a pretty good response to the Savannah 2010 reunion notifications that were placed in several magazines and we will continue to advertise our reunion in that way. Also, when officers talk on the phone with veterans, we always are given a few names, nicknames and hometowns of buddies they would like to locate.



In keeping the tradition of fundraising going, many members donated items for the auctions. The greatest number of items coming from Joe Belardo’s collection of artwork, books and memorabilia. Several thousand dollars were raised and will be put to various good works projects.

While we would like to talk on the phone with every member to reconnect and try to identify lost veterans, it would be very difficult even with the specific points-of-contact we are trying to establish for each of our sub-units. Therefore, we have modified the membership update form to include room for you to list what you remember about your buddies. The goal is to help you identify and locate buddies. Some of you only have a few names and other have a lot so add do what ever you have to to get us the information. We will use our resources and the Internet to try and find them.

The 2011 reunion will be in the northeast, in the greater Boston area. The NDQSA has yet to hold a reunion in the northeast area and we hope it will allow many members from the region to attend.

So when you pay your dues or update you contact info using the current form, try and list some names we can work on. We do not promise that we will be able to locate them, but we will try and with each new contact could come a dozen more names, and so on, and so on.

If you are still in contact with guys from Vietnam, please share their contact info with us so we can contact them. Everyone has a part of our story and until we find them and get their part of it we will never know it all. Make the effort, do it this year.

Participate in your association!

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

- Paul Kopsick

While working on archiving Phil Gregory's photo albums from G-29th Arty (1969-70) I came across several very interesting photos and clippings. Some would probably have made it into the history book if they had been made available sooner, but at least we have them archived now.

One of the photos showed Phil launching a flare from a M-79 grenade launcher at night. It was taken with a nice view of the perimeter lights and wire. You can see the smoke contrails above the launcher quite clearly.



Phil did not give me any names of people in his photos, but I noticed that I had seen other G-29th photos in Dean Cherry's albums and I might be able to identify some names from his photos. As I was going through Dean's albums, I was very surprised to find a similar photo of a guy shooting a M-79 at night. Dean's photo was much darker, but I soon discovered that both photos were of the same event but from slightly different angles. The backgrounds are different, but if you look very carefully at the smoke just above the launcher you will see that they both show the exact same pattern.



This is truly amazing. To get two guys taking the same photos at the exact same time and to locate them decades later. What are the odds?

Below is a clipping from Phil's album of an uncredited poem about a village or a firebase. It reflects the general sentiments of just about every other village or firebase in Vietnam. Just change the name to whatever place you remember and now it is your poem.

PHU BAI

I want to live, but if I have to die,
Please dig my grave in old Phu Bai.

There's nothing here for those alive, it has been said.

Probably its because Phu Bai, means the land of the dead.

There's no place to go, or nothing to do.

But two days after payday, I'm broke, too.

You hear choppers and planes, day and night

And an occasional drunk yells, "Phu Bai is all right!"

Phu Bai P.X., helps you save your gold.

Because when you get there, the goodies have all been sold.

You work all day, come in dragging your tail

And to complete your misery, there's no mail

So you get drunk again and go to bed

And dream you're on the block, instead of the land of the dead.

You go to the mess hall, and in great disbelief

There's the Phu Bai Steak again: Roast beef

Mama-san loses your clothes, or gives you some that won't fit

And when you get on her about it, she says, "No biet."

Baby-san will give the "V" Sign and the power shake of the hand.

Then she'll ask for two cigarettes, one for her and one for her old man.

When I get back to the block, and meet someone I can't stand

I won't curse and get all nasty, I'll simply say "Phu Bai you Man!"

SILVER STAR RESEARCH PROGRAM

Paul Kopsick, NDQSA Historian



Another switch-er-roo this month. Instead of a Silver Star story, I found another award of the Distinguished Service Cross to one of our mates, but this time from the Korean War.

The DSC is the second highest valor award of the military services and while we do not have complete records of these awards, we have determined that a commander of a M-19 "Duster" was awarded the medal.



As in Vietnam, automatic weapons battalions also served, very conspicuously, in the ground role. The best example out of many is that of the 15th AAA AW Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division. The 15th formed the rear guard of the 7th Division in the retreat from

the Yalu River in 1950. Quoting from a Distinguished Service Cross citation for an air defender in that unit perhaps best illustrates the kind of war they fought. Here is the citation:

"Sergeant Harold P. Haugland, a member of Battery D, 15th AAA AW Battalion (SP), 7th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy near [Chosin Reservoir](#), Korea, on 29 and 30 November 1950. On these dates the battery to which Sergeant Haugland was assigned was providing ground defense for Field Artillery elements, and his M-19 (twin 40-mm guns) was covering one sector of the perimeter defense. The enemy made numerous heavy attacks against his weapon on 29 November, and, by exposing himself voluntarily to intense fire, he was able to direct his guns to the most vulnerable points with speed and efficiency. As a result of his selfless exposure to enemy fire, he was seriously wounded in one foot and was carried to the aid station. Early on the morning of 30 November, the enemy renewed the attack against the perimeter. Sergeant Haugland, with complete disregard for his own welfare and safety, wrapped his wounded foot in cloths and, using an empty ration box for a shoe, made his way under fire from the aid station to his M-19, where he resumed command and continued to expose himself to enemy fire while commanding the weapon.

During this action, an enemy mortar set fire to the ammunition trailer. In order to direct the driver of the M-19 to an alternate position, Sergeant Haugland, with great valor, in the midst of exploding 40-mm high explosive

shells, coolly walked in front of the vehicle and guided the driver of the gun carriage.

As a direct result of his outstanding devotion to duty, his fearless leadership, and his exemplary heroism, Sergeant Haugland's M-19 prevented penetration of their perimeter and killed scores of the enemy. His display of extraordinary heroism on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service."

Harold never got to see his medal, he was killed two days later and his body was not recovered. He is officially listed as died while missing.

Hometown: GALLATIN, MT

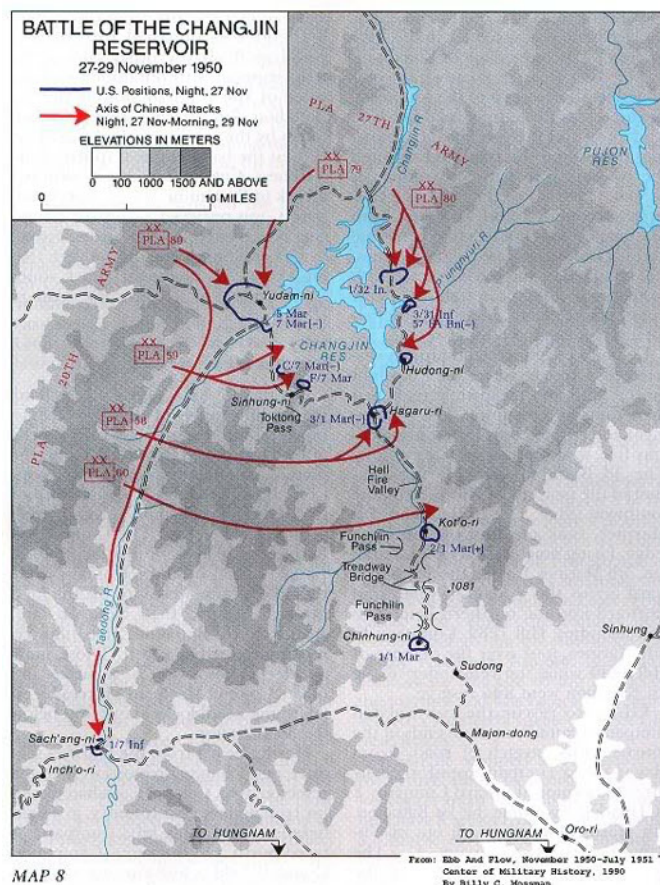
Rank: SGT

Branch: Army

War: Korea

Date of Death: Dec 02, 1950

Location of Death: Korea



The growth in technological firepower was certainly evident in the Korean War. Roy Appleton in his fascinating work, *East of Chosin* brings to life the murderous effect of mobile artillery including the M19 full-track (dual-40) as used by trained American soldiers in their desperate defense of positions east of the Chosin Reservoir in 1950.

Some 78 men received Silver Stars during the Korean Conflict from the following AAA AW units: 3rd, 15th, 21st, 25th, 50th, 52nd, 60th, and 82nd.

TRIBUTE PAGE

PFC Richard Brueckmann
to Major Bob Stevens, XO H-5/2d

Rick found our reunion notice in a magazine and contacted us. We were able to put him in contact with his former XO who as it turns out was also looking for him.

(3/29/10) Hello Bob Stevens (Sir) !

I have a lump in my throat after reading your message because I have had no contact with anyone that we were in Nam with. I live in a southwestern suburb of Chicago not far from where I grew up so although I've traveled the country and world somewhat I never resided far from my roots. I do remember you so very well. I remember one time specifically we were in a hurry driving "Mutha Duster" to bring a visiting officer back to Field Forces Headquarters and were traveling pretty fast to get him back for a flight or meeting and we had to "squeeze" between a Lambretta and big truck on the small road out of the village near our compound and you reamed my butt out after we dropped him off because you stated that "one little flinch by me or either other driver (of the Lambretta or truck) and we could have been killed". I wrote about that back to my family and it was a topic of discussion when I returned home that December (1969).

I believe you and Major Gates Scoville were true gentlemen and the type of officers and men that I always looked up to while I was in and then out of the service. I became Colonel Cooper's aide and driver after I drove for you. (Funny story: I didn't know how to drive stick shift before becoming Major Scoville's driver and he made me spend the night (all night) in the motor pool learning how to drive every vehicle. Actually it was the pressure from the look on the face of Sgt Major Grubbs when I "hopped" down to the chopper pad to pick up the Major, who ended up driving us back to S-1, as well as his stern statement to The Major that "he should not be driving that Jeep" that made me learn very quickly.

Major Scoville just brushed him off with "I just felt like driving because I haven't in quite awhile". Then he told me to "get down to the motor pool and learn how to drive this thing!" You had one of the troops take a photo of you and I by Mutha Duster and I would love to have a copy of it if you have it yet. You made a truly great impact on my life in Vietnam even though we were not together very long and I was just a SP4 (drafted). Thanks for your message and I wish you the very best. AND historian Paul Kopsick thanks so much for getting us together in this manner. -Rick

(3/29/10) Lordy, am I glad to hear from you! I am attaching a picture of you and me, one of the very few

pictures I have of myself that was taken in Vietnam. A copy of it hangs in my study; so I gaze upon your handsome young features just about every day (you are still young, aren't you?). You were an outstanding soldier, who served our unit well. I hope to meet you again.

- Bob Stevens



(9/7/10) Gates Scoville: Just a note to show you this attachment photo that my son worked up from Bob and Nancy Stevens' visit a couple weeks back. They were on their way to a class reunion, for Nancy, in Wisconsin and coming through the Chicago area so we got together to chat and have lunch. Way too short of a stay but my son Chuck put together these photos with his photo shop program and I thought you'd get a kick out of them. Please let me know what you think of them. Take good care and hope to talk soon. -Rick

Tank Farm Open House – Aug, 2010 -Paul Kopsick

Last newsletter we told you about the group that recently restored two M42A1 dusters. Well they had their once-a-year open house in late August at their compound near Quantico, VA. NDQSA was allowed to set up an information station next to the two dusters and the Korean War era M-19 twin forty.

The two-day event allowed many NDQSA members in the area to come out and see and touch over 60 tanks and tracked vehicles. There were re-enactors from many different nations and historic conflicts as well as demonstrations and battle re-enactments.

Newly-elected officers Bob Lauver and Paul Hanson came down for the day and were amazed to see so many different pieces of operating (but demil'ed) equipment. The stars of the show were the Dusters. They were given a prime location near an elevated loading dock which allowed the public to see into the gun turrets. They were placed side by side and the older M-19 was on the dock behind them. It made for a very unique photo.



As part of the NDQSA contribution, we had Vietnam era artwork printed out for the gun shields of the two dusters. Since the restorers were enamored with the busty “Twin 40’s” artwork, I decided to try and recreate that image (see p. 28 of the history book). I could not get a clear version of the original artwork that was on B-231 and B-232 from the 4/60th in 1971, so I used a very nice alternative: [Annie Fanny](#) from the Playboy magazine comic panels of that era. The artwork was laminated and attached with magnets and was the only “non-military” art on any of the machines. I do believe that because of the artwork, the two dusters were the most photographed pieces on display.

President Lauver made a special presentation of an NDQSA hat and coin to Allan Cors, the founder of the [VMMV](#), Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles, in appreciation for his efforts on the dusters and for his continuing support of NDQSA. We also made a

commemorative poster which was stamped at the local post office as a memento of the day.



The open house also brought out a number of members to the venue and all were impressed with the setup and breathe of the collection. ([Additional photos link](#))

Next year we will make a similar announcement regarding the open house. We are working with the group to have a quad-50 mount refurbished and on display in 2011. **The group is looking for miscellaneous duster and quad equipment, such as: 40-mm ammo cans, flash suppressors, barrels, canvas covers, tools, even stray 40-mm rounds that can be clipped together to ring around the guns. If any of you members out west or in guard units know of any such items please contact the Historian.**

These open houses would be a good opportunity for groups of members to plan to get together for more intimate mini-reunions and to tour the many museums in the DC area.

The long term plan is to build a new National Museum of [Americans at War](#) along I-95 near Quantico. Many of these machines including the dusters will be part of that museum which is slated to open in 2014.



*** NEW MEMBERS * NEW CONTACTS ***

We are very pleased that we continue to locate and bring into our Brotherhood, 37 new contacts . If they were in your unit, why not use the email link and welcome them to the Association.

Charles Wendling H-4/60 '70 Member

[Laurence Hoff 1/44 '67-68](#)

[Lester Fields A-1/44 C-4/60 '66-67 Member](#)

Bruce Brown A-1/44 '66-67

Therian Abrams A-1/44 '66-67

Glenmore Kersey Sr. A-1/44 '66-67

[Gary Bray D-1/44 -68-69](#)

Charles Adams H-4/60 -69-70

Roger Turnage H-4/60 '69-70

Mitchell Collins H-4/60 '69-70

Michael Cichy B-52 '68 Member

[Buddy Ford](#) HAWKS

[Norbert Repinski](#)

[Henry Parker B-5/27 C-5/22](#)

[Robert Johnson D-6/71 '65-68 Member](#)

[Robert Pearson D-4/60 '70-71](#)

[Donnie Delano B-1/44 '66-67](#)

Glen Bull B-1/44 '66-67

Robert Crosswhite B-1/44 '66-67

Donald Trim B-1/44 '66-67

Carl Lipka B-1/44 '66-67

Elmer Sheely B-6/71 '66-67

[James Rossi B/29 '69-70](#)

Eric Johnsen E-41 '69-70

Nathan LaFollette

Henry Roth Jr.

Larry Burns

Charles Onitberos B-4/60 B-1/44 '66-67 Member

John Bailey B-4/60 '70-71

[George Howze B-4/60 '67-69](#)

William Wise A-5/2 D-71 '70-71

[Marion Ford C-6/56 '65-66 Member](#)

Dale Vold B-29 '65-66

[Lou Gray](#) C-4/60 '69-70

+++ RECENTLY PASSED +++

Wells Whited B-5/2nd '66-67 24Jul10

John Gunesch of C-1/44 '67-68 15May10

Jackie Davis B-1/44 '66-67 4May09

Earnest Perchez-Lopes G-29 '70-71 21Aug09

Luis Vidro-Torres G-29 '68-69 10Sep09

Clayton Claybourne G-29 '69-70 27Dec07

Anthony Cruze C-5/2 Vulcan '68-69 16Nov07

Robert Coleman B-? 9Apr07

Clifford LaRock I-29 '67-68 18Aug06

Harlin Estep G-29 '69-70 9May06

We honor and mourn those that have passed.

Sergeant's Corner 9/21/2010

ONCE AGAIN, CALLING ALL NCOCS GRADS

Well guys, we had one very successful reunion! More NCOCS grads than ever before and more time spent reminiscing ((with some war stories) than ever before. It was great to see so many Non-commissioned officers in the same room! Your support was/is great to see and be a part of. On behalf of the NCO and particularly the "Shake and Bakes" we gave Bruce Geiger, the outgoing Association President a saber from all of the NDQSA NCO's. He said to pass on his thanks to you all.

I had a chance to finally meet a member of the first class to go through the NCOCS school in 1968. Elvis Adcock came to Nokesville to see the two restored Dusters and Paul Kopsick introduced him to me. He is getting his records together so he and I can get their names and other data on the rosters for the school. After that I can see if we finally have a complete list of our graduates. We are beginning to verify the lists we now have and will be looking for more data as we go. If any of you have information changes or know of any graduates that have not joined the association, please let me know at pdhanson1@comcast.net or 610-909-0632. I would like to hear from any of you at any time. We are all in this together so please give me a hand filling out the record. We may even write it all down!!

G-65th COMMEMORATIVE

NDQSA thanks member [John Korzek](#) (B-4/60 '71-72) for constructing a beautiful shadow box containing a commemorative .50-cal round fired by G-65th (MG).

The round was donated to NDQSA by [Colonel Mike Sirkis](#) (who brought his family to the Open House) and was the 5 millionth round fired by G-65th at base A-1 on 27Aug70. Paul Kopsick donated the unit crests and ADA crossed cannons with the number 65.



Warren LoCascio constructs automated diorama of a duster and searchlight.



Very few of us knew that [Warren LoCascio](#) possessed such celebrated skills that allowed him to create a working diorama of a duster and searchlight. Warren has a sideline of making mechanical music box creations. Some of his artwork have been presented to famous people, even a president.

With his background in miniatures and micro-robotics, it was inevitable that he would eventually turn his skills to creating a Vietnam era diorama.

It began with a picture from his photo album of a duster and searchlight in position at a firebase. The ultimate goal was to have the duster be able to raise and rotate its guns and fire. Second would be an operating searchlight that also pivots.

After many many hours of detailed construction work and the modification of commercial model kits, Warren was able to make miniature gears and motors that would recreate the desired actions. A tiny LED light was modified to work inside the tiny searchlight and a rotating mechanism was created for the jeep as well as the duster.

The result was a spectacular three-dimensional diorama in a handmade wood and glass case. The control panel on the side allowed your to rotate and raise and lower the guns and to “fire” the guns. A tiny puff of smoke was accompanied with the recorded sound of the twin-40’s firing. AWESOME!

The searchlight could also be rotated and the light would shine on the backdrop which was from another photo showing the perimeter of the firebase.

Warren not only manufactured the micro-electronics and mechanics, he also sculpted the gun and light position from sandbags to ammo cans. He cast several parts out of resin plastic to complete the project.

There is no way to put a price on the project and we hope to see it again at future reunions.



[\(special secret internet link\)](#)

QUAD 50 GUN TRUCK RESTORATION UPDATE

For an update on the Quad-50 restoration project by Robert Ratliff of History Fanatics (Houston TX) please check their website [\(click here\)](#)

Our \$3,000 donation to the ~\$25K project will allow him to work with local banks to acquire loans to buy the gun mount and truck.

Gold Star Mother's Trip - Bob Lauver

Our Mothers for the final GSM trip to Vietnam are Frances Turley and Dorothy Schafernocker. The escorts are Jerry Ashley, Luke Clark, his wife Lynette, and their daughter Rose Arnold, Bob and Sue Lauver, and possibly Richard Smiley. The absolute closing date for individuals wanting to go on this trip is 30 September 2010.

The draft itinerary for the trip is as follows:

15 Mar Depart from your home town to Los Angeles International Airport. Arrive at least 3 hours to connect with your flight from Los Angeles at 12:50 pm on *Asiana Airlines* flight OZ-201 for Seoul, Korea.

16 Mar Arrive Seoul at 6:00 pm and immediately connect with *Asiana Airlines* flight OZ-731 departing for Saigon at 7:10 pm and arriving at 10:40 pm. Clear customs and immigration, meet guide and driver and transfer to you hotel.

17 Mar Mid morning Saigon city tour: the fantastically ornate Hotel de Ville which serves as Saigon's city hall, the turn of the century Opera House, Dong Khoi Street shopping area of the French colonial period and of today, Notre Dame Cathedral (1880) and the spectacular turn-of-the-century Colonial French Post Office, street views of the historic Continental, Rex and Majestic Hotels, street view Reunification Palace, a walking tour of the vast Ben Thanh Market. Return to your hotel for a free evening.

18 Mar 7 am depart for Moc Bai, crossing border to Cambodia, to Svay Teap, Kampong Ro to border opposite location in Cambodia from border crossing at Binh Hiep, Vietnam, to visit the site. Return back same route to Moc Bai and back to Saigon. Free evening.

19 Mar Free time until noon check out. Leave luggage at front desk with receipt. 2:15 pm meet guide at lobby for airport transfer for flight to Pleiku. Arrive Pleiku, meet guide and driver to your hotel. Check in and rest. Free time.

20 Mar 8 am depart for Mang Yang Pass, to Dak To, Ben Het, back to Pleiku. Free evening.

21 Mar Free time until noon check out. Leave luggage at front desk with receipt and go do your things. Meet guide at lobby at 4:15 pm for airport transfer for the flight to Danang. Arrive, meet guide and driver to Hoian. Check in hotel and rest. Free time.

22 Mar 8 am depart for Tam Ky, Thang Binh, Que Son, LZ Ross and LZ Leslie. Return to Hoian, rest and free time.

23 Mar Morning rest and afternoon city tour Hoian. Free evening.

24 Mar Morning rest/ enjoy this charming city. Noon check out, depart for Hue via Hai Van Pass to view spectacular view of central coast. Arrive Hue and continue to Dong Ha, check in hotel and free time.

25 Mar 8 am depart for DMZ along route number 9 to visit Con Thien and the site 5 km WSW Con Thien and couple of other sites on the way at group's interest. Back to Hue. Check in hotel and free time.

26 Mar 8 am Hue city tour downtown, surrounding Citadel area and to Thien Mu Pagoda, a symbol of Hue. Noon check out hotel. Leave luggage at front desk with receipt and go do your thing. Meet guide at lobby at 3:15 pm for airport transfer for flight to Saigon at 5 pm. Arrive, meet guide and driver to your hotel. Check in. Free time.

27 Mar 8 am depart for Di An to visit the FSB Luke's Castle. Return to Saigon. Free time until 8 pm check out for airport transfer for connecting with your flight to Seoul on *Asiana* flight OZ-732.

28 Mar Arrive Seoul at 5:20 am. At the option of the group to do a city tour or going to a hotels to rest, both options are supplied free from *Asiana* and with other people as a big group. Back to airport to connect with *Asiana Airlines* flight OZ-202 departing for Los Angeles International Airport at 4:30 pm and arriving at 11:30 am same day. Connect with your flight home.

National Dusters, Quads & Searchlights Association
P.O. Box 2903 Fairfax, VA 22031-2903

Forward Service Requested



Air Defense Artillery
"First to Fire....Last To Leave"

NDQSA Reunion
???? 2011 ????
LZ Minuteman

Boston Area
Date to be determined

WWW.NDQSA.COM

