



The National Dusters Quads and Searchlights Association 2011 Reunion Boston Area July 6th thru July 10th

Bivouac Boston 2011

The NDQSA Reunion Committee is pleased to announce that the 29th annual NDQSA reunion will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, Mass. just west of Boston.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/bosnt-boston-marriott-newton/>

A daily room rate of \$99 + taxes has been arranged and will be honored 3-days prior and 3-days following the reunion (depending on available rooms) and includes free parking for reunion attendees.

For those making longer vacation plans, such as wanting to be there for the 4th of July festivities, make your reservations early! The hotel is outside the city of Boston near the intersection of I-90 and I-95, and is 12 miles from the airport. The hotel does not have a free shuttle but there is a limo service that can be reserved for a \$33 fee each way (1-800-822-5456). NDQSA may try and arrange a volunteer shuttle van to pick up groups from the airport. There is a train station about 2 miles from the hotel that services the airport inexpensively. Note: Taxis can cost \$55 and up from the airport.

The Marriott is a non-smoking hotel and does not allow pets except for those with disabilities. There is free Internet in public areas, but fee Internet available in room at daily rate.

It is best to call the hotel directly at 1-617-969-1000 to make your reservations. Be sure to state you are with the Dusters Quads and Searchlights group or NDQSA. 1-800-228-9290

Check your "Bucket List", this is a great opportunity to visit and explore the historic Boston Area and attend a reunion during the 4th of July. Start making your plans, NOW! Call your buds.

Below are some links to Boston and the 4th of July, 2011

<http://www.july4th.org/>

<http://www.bostonharborfest.com/>

http://www.whatsonwhen.com/sisp/index.htm?fx=event&event_id=104979

*Tentative Schedule:
subject to revisions*

Wednesday July 6th -

AM - personal time
Hospitality Room set-up
Afternoon registration Boston
Orientation Afternoon bus
drop & pick up to shop and
dine in Faneuil Hall Markets
PM - evening social time
PM - optional baseball game
at Fenway Park

Thursday July 7th -

AM - personal time
Afternoon bus tour
PM - Hospitality room,
50/50, other activities TBD

Friday July 8th -

AM - personal time
Board Meeting
Afternoon bus/trolley tour
and Memorial Service
PM - Hospitality room,
Authors table, 50/50, other
activities being planned

Saturday July 9th -

AM - Annual business
meeting. Noon luncheon and
speakers
PM - Fundraising auctions

Sunday July 10th -

AM -Hospitality room
breakdown and Sunday
service.

The Hospitality Room will be
open as much as possible
each day for check-ins.

Bivouac Boston 2011

Honoring the Air Defense Artillery Veterans of Vietnam Dusters, Quads, Searchlights, Vulcans & HAWKS

Wednesday 6 July 2011

Noon - ? Registration

2:00PM – 7:00PM Departure and Pickup times for shop, sight see, and dine at Faneuil Hall Markets. <http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com/> \$12.00 per person

Evening Toronto Blue Jays vs. Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park (optional)

Reservations & payment must be in to Bob Lauver by the 2nd week of March
Bleachers - \$69.00

Grandstand - \$85.00

Grandstand Infield - \$150.00

Evening Hospitality Room Activities at the hotel

Thursday 7 July 2011

9:00AM – 4:00PM City Tour ~\$75.00 per person to include:

Pick up at the Marriott Newton Hotel

City Tour

Fenway Park Tour

Lunch at Fenway Park

Sam Adams Brewery Tour

Back to the Hotel

4:30PM Board of Directors Meeting

Evening Hospitality Room Activities at the hotel

Friday 8 July 2011

1:00PM to 7:00PM Historical Tour and Memorial Service ~\$40.00 per person

Pick up at the Marriott Newton Hotel

Boston back-bay District

Public Garden

Past the Bull & Finch Pub (Cheers)

King's Chapel & Burial Ground

Old South Meeting House (Boston Tea Party)

Old State House

Site of Boston Massacre

Site where the Declaration of Independence was read on

18 July 1776

Cambridge

Lexington

Concord

Tour of the Destroyer U.S.S. Cassin Young (DD-793) and her Quad 40 guns.

<http://wgordon.web.wesleyan.edu/kamikaze/books/ships/cassinyoung/index.htm>

Memorial Service, Dockside, USS Constitution "Old Ironsides"

<http://www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution/>

Back to the Hotel for Evening Hospitality Room Activities

Note: All times, amounts, and itineraries are subject to change. The USS Cassin Young is presently in dry-dock. All other events are as depicted in the preliminary brochure/flyer.

A pre-registration form will be generated and distributed when all the activities are finalized.

If you plan to go to the baseball game on Wednesday Evening make those arrangements with Bob Lauver ASAP.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Lauver – 22 January 2011



It is my sincere desire that everyone had a joyful holiday season and I give my wishes that everyone can look forward to a happy and rewarding 2011. I ask everyone to reach out to our brothers and let them know that the National Dusters, Quads, and Searchlights Association exists for them. There are many individuals who served with our units who do not know of our existence. With work and dedication we can find many new members with whom we can catch up with old stories, share experiences, and find healing for them as well as ourselves.

As 2010 becomes another of many years in our history, our association is in good financial shape as determined by the first ever audit of our books performed by Kallembach & Assoc. and coordinated by treasurer Allan Penwell. The fact that this was performed as called for in our adopted by-laws gives the membership an assurance that their monies are being utilized in a controlled and conservative fashion to carry forth the mission of NDQSA. There has been a check for \$3,000.00 presented to History Fanatics for the restoration of a quad fifty mounted on a deuce and a half as were utilized in Vietnam. We will continue to keep you posted on this project. The Gold Star Mother account is being used to finance a final trip for three Gold Star Mothers to Vietnam. This will be updated in this issue of the newsletter. The association is current with all corporate and IRS filings.

Plans for our 2011 Reunion are well underway with specifics being defined as this newsletter is sent. I am sure that Boston will be a highlight of the year for our members and ask all to make every effort to attend. I wish to thank Bruce Geiger, Bob Cuce, Mary Severin, Paul Hanson and Gerry Ioanilli for their work and input to make this a successful event. If anyone has interest, the Red Sox will be home to play Toronto during the week. A trip to Fenway is not to be missed for baseball fans. Please contact me by March 10th to secure some of the most difficult tickets in sports.

In addition to another great reunion there are many plans for 2011. The Gold Star Mother's trip to Vietnam is scheduled to depart the middle of March. At the conclusion of this trip, we will be looking for members to work on area-focused returns to where we served.

There are plans to revamp our jackets and shirts with embroidered products of better quality. We hope to have some of these available for the reunion. There are polo shirts with the NDQSA logo being considered that would be an addition to what we have had in the past. There are also challenge coins and pins still in stock. You can have the coins engraved with your name and the year(s) you were in Vietnam at a modest cost by your local jeweler to produce a distinct memorial to give to comrades and loved ones. We continue to strive to introduce a new website for NDQSA and are investigating different options. If you have experience and expertise in this area, please contact Historian Paul Kopsick.

I would like to commend Joe Belardo for the publication of his book taken from his Vietnam diary. If you obtain a copy of this, you will never look at Joe the same way again. I was in the areas described within "*Dusterman – Vietnam Story of: The Last Great Gunfighters.*" by reading it I was transported back in time to many memories, some good, some bad, but all real. Joe will be given a chance to talk about the book and to also sign your copies at the reunion.

Enjoy your NDQSA newsletter, I am looking forward to seeing you all in Boston. - Bob

Gold Star Mother's Trip Update

The most exciting news to report is that we have added a third Gold Star Mother! Georgia Burkes of Deerfield Beach, Florida has agreed to make the trip! Her son, David Ronald Burkes, JR. was killed in the line of duty with the 9th Infantry Division, 28 June 1968, in the vicinity of Long An, South of Saigon. The final roster for the trip will be mothers; Georgia Burkes, Dorothy Schafernocker, and Frances Turley, Escorts; Luke and Lynette Clark with their daughter Rose Arnold, Jerry Ashley, and Bob and Sue Lauver. The Itinerary is to leave on or about the 15th of March and return on or about the 28th of March.

With the addition of the third mother the schedule will tighten up a bit for our time around Saigon. In addition to visiting the casualty site of Mrs. Burkes' son, we will also be going to the location of FSB Luke's Castle north of Saigon. I made a promise to Iris Walden that I would visit that site out of respect for her son. Although Mrs. Walden wanted to make the trip she is physically unable to do so.

Insurance has been obtained for all individuals making the trip and payment for flights from LA to Vietnam and return have been made. Domestic flight arrangements have been secured and paid for as well as hotel rooms. We will be paying the Gold Star Mother travel expenses from doorstep to doorstep. I will be posting a report on return.

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 *

* **current term expires July 2011**

Prior to the meeting Allan Penwell mailed and e-mailed the Treasurer's update and Accounting Procedures by Kallembach & Associates on December 15, 2010 to the Board of Directors. In addition, Bob Lauver e-mailed pictures of potential products for future sales that will be discussed. The BOD Meeting was convened at 11:06AM ET December 16, 2010 and all were present by 11:11AM ET.

Bob Lauver, President, presided over the meeting and began with the first agenda item of **Finance and Treasurer's Report**. Allan Penwell reviewed the Financial Statements noting a few high lights such as the Donation to History Fanatics presentation of \$3,000 by Luke Clark. Allan noted the higher cost of postage this year, the certificate of deposit for GSM coming due in January and will be deposited into a separate checking account to pay GSM trip expenses. The \$750 advancement for the GSM trip from the operating cash will be reimbursed at that time. Allan also noted the accounting procedure or simplified audit of our books was completed by Kallembach & Associates. It was noted by Bob Lauver that this is a huge advancement in control of our finances at a relatively small cost of \$375. At this time a motion was made by Bruce Geiger that this Accounting procedure be conducted on an annual basis. Paul Hanson seconded the motion and was passed unanimously. Allan will present the books to Kallembach & Associates again in January. Kallembach & Associates as well as Allan did discover a small merchandise account that is to be added to our statements. The agenda item was concluded by Joe Belardo moving that the treasurer's report be accepted and it was seconded by John Huelsenbeck and unanimously accepted.

The second agenda item was **IRS Returns and other Corporate Matters**. Allan stated he had completed the Indiana Business Report (Corporate Certification) about a month ago. The 990EZ will be filed by May 15th. Allan

will follow up on revising the names of the principal officers on the report. John Huelsenbeck will be listed as the agent since it requires an Indiana resident.

Next, Bob Lauver moved the committee on to the next agenda item the **Reunion**. Bob Lauver and the Reunion Committee members Bruce Geiger and Bob Cuce that were present (Gerry Ioanelli and Mary Severin were not present) discussed some of the obstacles they navigated in making the decision on the Reunion location. The reunion being downtown was prohibitive in cost with the best quotes of somewhere around \$159-\$169 per day plus \$40 parking per day. The decision came down to two Marriott's the Newton Marriott and the Quincy Marriott. The final decision was made to use the Newton Marriott because the Quincy Marriott would not commit to a hospitality room for the four and one-half days needed. The final rate was \$99 per night with free parking. The rates were extended three days before and three days afterward. The reunion will be July 6th through July 10th. Bruce mentioned Boston has one of the premier Fourth of July celebrations. Also mentioned were several other events that will be put into the Newsletter. We will have four and one half days for our hospitality room. Bob has signed the contract and we committed to a 70-80-80-70 night stays with an 80% attrition rate. Internet is provided in public areas such as the hospitality room, but not in the rooms. The Newton Marriott is 9 miles from downtown with a subway (called the T) 1 ½ miles from the hotel. There are shuttles to it, but it should be noted this line is the slowest. Discussions are ongoing on 15 passenger vans to be available. There may be a liability issue here that will need to be resolved. Tour bus options are also ongoing as well as the Freedom Trail walking options. Mary Severin and Gerry Ioanelli are working on another downtown shopping tour. Many other tours are available such as the Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Market, Aquarium, etc. As of now Thursday afternoon will be the drop and shop time and Friday afternoon will be the other sponsored tour. They are looking at the USS Constitution, Old Ironsides, as the site for the DQS memorial ceremony with a bugler, color guard and possibly bagpipes, dependent on the firing of the cannons. The personal times available will be Wednesday, Thursday morning and Friday morning. More information will come in the newsletter in early January. Need to try and do more pre-registration early.

Next Bob Lauver directed us to **DQS GSM Trip** agenda item. Bob Lauver discussed the trip was close to being booked. It appears the \$3,500 estimate per mother was going to be very close and it would provide service for the mothers from door step to door step. The insurance for the GSM trip would be in excess of \$300 because of their age. The escorts are going to be Bob & Sue Lauver, Jerry Ashley, Luke Clark and wife Lynette, and their daughter Rose Arnold.

The next agenda item is **Products and Challenge Coins**. Duane Gettler noted the sales have been brisk and not much

is left. There are primarily hats and bumper stickers remaining. Discussions followed on purchase of future tee shirts, jackets, polo shirts, etc. Bob Lauver will have a couple made for himself and will do some sample testing. He will inspect them for possible future purchases. Paul Hanson asked Bob Lauver to have a large polo shirt made in white and he will reimburse Bob Lauver for the cost. They were to have the DQS logo over the left breast and the three weapons systems on the back. Bob is looking at the red and olive drab colors. Discussions also were directed at whether or not they should be silk screened or embroidered. The dates have been wrong on items in past and we will put the correct date of 1965-1972 on future products. Paul Kopsick then discussed the challenge coins. Bruce Geiger has 390 coins, 45 coins in Lucite and 400 sets of pins remaining and we have sold 275 coins and 170 pins. Paul Kopsick suggested we might have the deceased members names listed on the Wall be engraved on 200 plus coins for display or to gift to the new Wall Museum. Bob Lauver suggested we table this until after the reunion and see how many coins remain, but it is a good idea. Bob Lauver suggested we move the product sales away from the registration desk. Bruce suggested we obtain a cash register for Product sales to ease the burden of tracking. Paul stated he thought it may lead to too many mistakes because of lack of training on personnel manning the cash register and could cause reconciliation problems. It was decided we may purchase the machine because of the low cost, and that Bob Lauver and Bruce Geiger would discuss different alternatives. The following are needs for the January 2011 Newsletter ASAP in January: presidents message, reunion details, Goldstar trip update, taps and new members, Silver Star page (TBD), standard membership and order form, Review of Belardo Book, Tribute page to Dudly Dingman, 2011 Officer Nominations, NCOCS article, Penwell treasurer's statement of accountability, whatever else necessary to fill up 16 pages (Tedesco speech). Hopefully to be finished, printed and mailed by the end of the January or sooner.

The next agenda item is **Other Old Business**. Paul Hanson suggested we begin the calls to the individuals for attendance to the Reunion. Paul Kopsick will sort the roster by Unit and Time frame for the Membership Committee to begin the calls. (Memo: The Membership Committee members are as follows Joe Belardo, John Huelsenbeck and Bruce Geiger. The contacts from the prior minutes were Bruce Geiger for First of 44th, Paul Hanson for E-41st and NCOCS, Luke Clark for 4th/60th, Bob Lauver for G-65th, Clyde Larsen for Searchlights, Ed McGill for Hawks. We will look for volunteers for the other units. Bob Lauver suggested the prior members responsible begin calling now. Discussion moved to the web site. Cost is prohibitive to obtain an outside source to handle the web site. Discussion turned to whether or not Joe Belardo had any luck with Red

Sigle, but Joe had already signed off and went unanswered. Paul Kopsick mentioned we have 14 new contacts and 7 passing since last newsletter. Also 139 had already renewed their membership for next year. A comment was made that was a very good start. Paul Kopsick is to coordinate 2011 membership cards and 2011 Rosters, including printing and mailing.

With that, Bob Lauver moved us on to the last agenda item, **New Business**. We have seven non officer positions coming up for election. John Huelsenbeck is head of the nominating committee and he will contact those directors to see who wants to remain as a Director. It should be put into the January Newsletter that those 7 positions are up for election and John will field the nominations for the positions. The nominations will then be put into the March Newsletter to prepare for the election. They should contact John Huelsenbeck at 260-318-2235. Bob Lauver will be looking at this year's recipient of the Outstanding NDQSA Award for this year. Most outgoing officers and directors receive the award too. Bruce Geiger will e-mail Bob Lauver the information on the prior year's recipient Ed Willmarth. Clyde Larsen asked whether or not we should keep the GSM link to our web. It requires a fee of \$25. It was decided that Clyde would pay for one more year and submit the fee for reimbursement since we are doing the GSM trip this year.

With the completion of the agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13PM ET.

Minutes compiled by David McCray, Secretary.

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 current seven directors indicate that they are willing to be nominated to continue in the Director's position. If additional nominees are received, they will be posted in the next newsletter and on the web site. Ballots will be mailed out to only Active Members (according to the By-Laws) in time to be processed for the 2011 reunion. The nominees with top seven number of vote in the general election will serve for two years.

We are always looking for "new blood" and new skills for the board so if you are interested in serving, let someone know ASAP. This is a good time for guys retiring and having more time on their hands to serve the association.

TREASURERS REPORT - Allan Penwell

Your association is still doing well financially and has liquid assets of \$43,500 as of November 30, 2010. There is a profit of \$7,600 for the year. We were \$3,800 in the black on the reunion. Because our coins, merchandise, and history books are paid for, we have made \$7,600 in the sales category. Members have donated \$1,400 toward the quad restoration, and Luke Clark presented a check to Robert Ratliff for the History Fanatics who are trying to bring this weapon back to life.

We have spent \$750 for trip reservations to Vietnam for the Gold Star Mothers, and our \$15,000 C.D. will be transferred to a checking account to pay the remainder of expenses which will occur next year if all goes well.

Lastly, the board has received the 2009 audit report from Kallembach & Associates, CPAs. Procedures included reconciliation of the net worth, bank verification of the deposit accounts, and testing of bills paid for proper payment and authorization. In addition, our tax return, corporate papers, and good standing were verified. There were no adverse comments. The board approved a similar audit for this year, and we expect to present it at the members' meeting at the reunion in July.

I'm always available to answer any questions. Email works best at a.penwell@comcast.net, but I'm also in our directory.

Allan Penwell 12/16/10

GOOD WORKS COMMITTEE Sam Hopkins, Chairman

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.

*****ROSTER UPDATE *****

NDQSA volunteers are currently making calls to those names and phone numbers on the NDQSA roster to verify their contact information. We have repeatedly asked you to keep your contact information current but only a handful of you regularly respond.

For the majority of you, your original contact info was obtained years if not a decade ago. People move without informing us and they get dropped from the mailing list. People's area codes get changed and we find out that the phone number is no longer valid. After 9-11, many people's post office designations changed and when any newsletter is returned to NDQSA (at the cost of about \$1.50 each) they get dropped from the active mailing list. People are also forgoing their traditional land line telephones in favor of cellular phone accounts and more frequently the email addresses change.

If you have not already been contacted by a unit representative, please take a few minutes to verify your contact information with NDQSA. Send an email to dqshistorian@cox.net or call (202) 262-9560 and give your current mailing address, your phone numbers AND state which battery/duster battalion you served with and what year you arrived and left Vietnam. If you had more than one tour of duty give those dates as well. If you are an associate member and receive the newsletter please explain your connection to NDQSA.

*** NEW MEMBERS * NEW CONTACTS ***

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

[Warren Dimas Jr](#) C-4/60 '68-69

[Dennis Clark](#), B-6/56 '69

Paul Peters, G-65

[James Olive](#), A-4/60 '67 Member

Mike Rosas, A-1/44 '68-69

Robert T. Garcia, A-1/44 '68-68

[Steven Reisdorff](#), B-6/56 '68-69 Member

[Andy Jenkins](#), ?-6/71 '65-67 Member

Orville King, E-41 ?-?

Silva Francisco, E-41 ?-?

Eloy Garcia, E-41 ?-?

[Frank Blair](#), A-5/2 '67-68

Roy Pennington, B-1/44 '68-71

[Gerald Onasch](#), B-5/2 '66-67

[Charles DeShazo](#), H-6/56 ?-?

[Leroy Green](#), C-4/60 '67-68

[Jamil Rahman](#), C-7/15 '70-71

[Don Briggs](#), B-5/2 '67-69

Benny Day, H-29

[James Arnold](#), C-5/2

Bill Blaylock, C-1/44

William Stites, A-4/60 '68-70 Member

[Walter Ben Moore](#), D-71 '70-71 Member

[Chris Jamison](#), A-1/44 '70-71 Member

Johnny Moon, G-65 '66-67

William Meeks, G-65 '66-67

The 2011 Membership Roster will be printed in late February, after this round of corrections and updates. Your **2011 membership cards** will be sent out with the rosters in early March.

NEW PUSH TO LOCATE CREW MATES

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 NDQSA officers talk on the phone with veterans, we always are given a few names, nicknames and hometowns of buddies they would like to locate.

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 others have a lot so do what ever you have to to get us the information. We will use our resources and the Internet to try and find them.

When you pay your dues or update your contact info using the current form, try and list some names we can work on finding them. 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!

The 2011 Roster will be resorted this year by primary unit so it will be easier to locate men who served in your unit during your tour of duty. This is a great year to pay your dues and become an Active Member. Remember only Active Members are sent out the roster. However if you are not able to afford the annual dues, please still send in the update form with your current contact information.

CHICKEN HEART!

[Pat Monahan](#) A-1/44th '67-68



Here is a short version of how "Chickenheart" came to be.

One day while we were sitting around looking at Playboys, we received a Mad Magazine. The big yellow bird character "Chicken Heart" just popped out at us and we decided to try and get one drawn up for our guns.

I was elected to write the letter to Mad Magazine and I asked if they could send us a bird stencil and lettering. I sent the measurements of door on the front of the duster and also the measurements of the 2-1/2 ton truck door.

To our surprise, 3-4 weeks later a package arrived, and it even had the paint to paint with. We painted both guns and lettered them plus door on 2 1/2 ton truck driven by Jim Galoch.

Also we received a nice letter wishing us a safe return home signed by the staff of Mad Magazine.

A picture was sent of one of the "Chickenhearts" and a thank you note. We were later told that the Dept of Defense would not allow them to put the picture in the magazine.

Photo is of Chicken Heart 2 with B-1/44 in 1970 taken by Larry Burgess.

Sergeant's Corner:

Once again the call is out for former NCO's to meet at a NDQSA Reunion. It looks like this should be very interesting, & I'm hoping many of you can attend. Imagine, 4th of July in Boston of all places.

This isn't just for NCO's but we are still looking to close the data gaps in the NCOCS chapter on 16F Shake N Bakes and what they did for the MOS, the Battalions we served in, and the U.S. Army. Those I have talked with have been helpful and very forthcoming; however, we still have not completed the rosters or been able to identify all of the classes. I have talked to members of the original cadre, those who said they were in the first class, and those who remember other cadre and classes but have not received any hard copies of orders or rosters, especially the beginning classes. If you are coming to the reunion in Boston, and I hope many of you are, please bring any documents and pictures that you have. Reconstructing records is difficult, just ask Paul Kopsick, but as he showed us, it is possible with everyone's help. I will make a concerted effort during this reunion to gain as much NCOCS data as possible. I may become a pain in the --- but hope you will bear with me.

There has been a book written about the "Shake n Bakes" and I will get the info to you as soon as I can. Should be interesting and can be found on the [www. shakenbakesergeant.com](http://www.shakenbakesergeant.com) website.

Thanks guys. Hope to see you at the next reunion---Paul Hanson -- pdhanson1@comcast.net or 610-909-0632.

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.

We continue to collect and process donations from the membership for this project. So if you are inclined, include a donation along with your 2011 dues payment.

SILVER STAR RESEARCH PROGRAM

Paul Kopsick, NDQSA Historian



1LT John D. Bailey IV, 1-B-4/60th 1970-71



“For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam; First Lieutenant John D. Bailey IV distinguished himself while serving as first platoon leader for Battery B 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery. Four of his eight dusters were the main part of a combat assault force given the mission of routing a reinforced North Vietnamese Battalion occupying fortified bunkers in the southern portion of the village of Ap Phu Quang. In order to accomplish this. First Lieutenant Bailey rode in the lead element directing destructive fires of his elements both by radio and hand signals thus exposing his body countless times to blistering enemy fire. He also used his M-79 and was credited with killing two enemy snipers.

In an attempt to get his dusters out of the kill zone he ordered the lead element to break down a potentially mined barrier at the south end of the village and then to direct suppressive fire for the other elements. As the last duster of his pulled by his position. First Lieutenant Bailey left the comparative safety of his duster and on foot completely exposed to enemy fire, placed his guns in position, to bring maximum fire on the enemy. Although wounded, he pointed out enemy positions to his men and not until these positions were silenced did he move back to the safety of the duster.

First Lieutenant Bailey's actions in the face of the enemy are in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.”

B-Btry Commander Captain Herbert J. Trexler was also awarded the Silver Star for his actions this day in the command APC for directing the recovery of the wounded from the field of fire. The events are presented in the NDQSA History Book. (p85)



At the Savannah Reunion in 2010, Bailey, Trexler and two of the badly burned men of B-141, SSG Charles Carey and SP4 Robert Doyle were reunited after 39 years. SP4 Dan Ross was also present in Savannah; he was at the firebase at Phu Nhon, which was cutoff for weeks and under siege. The duster relief force was credited with routing the enemy from the area. Some 12 dustermen were injured in the battle, several seriously.



John has recently relocated from Savannah to Crystal City, MO and is preparing to retire soon.

TRIBUTE PAGE

Dudley Dingman was one of the six original men that got together at John Huelsenbeck's house in Avilla, IN in 1981 and began what was to become the NDQSA.



Joe Murphy, Hugh Roberts, Darryl Hale, Richard Zinz, John Huelsenbeck and Dudley Dingman (upper right).

OBITUARY

Dudley Joseph Dingmann, age 65, a resident of Webster died Oct. 6, 2010 at his home. Dudley was born on May 23, 1945 to Robert and Genevieve (Patnaude) Dingmann in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Dudley graduated from Grantsburg High School in 1964. He was drafted into the US Army on Nov. 2, 1965. He saw active duty as a tank operator known as a "Duster" in Vietnam and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, The Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. He was honorably discharged on May 25, 1967. He owned and operated the Black and Orange Bar and Lanes in Webster, WI. from 1973 until 2003. During the last 5 years of that time he partnered with his brother, Don, due to declining health. He was one of the longest term bar owners in Burnett County.

He was known for his generous involvement in numerous causes. He was an avid horseman, a dalmatian lover, and participated in and supported

others who loved bowling. Dudley was plagued with many health issues most of his entire adult life, but still remained positive and helpful to others. He is survived by his brothers and their wives, Don (Evie) Dingmann, Jim (Evie) Dingmann, and Bill (Jacqui) Dingmann. Dudley had no children of his own so his nieces and nephews were what made his life meaningful.

His Memorial Service was held Sat. Oct. 9 2010 at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Webster, WI. Interment at Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, WI.

Dudley was a good personal friend, along with his "imaginary friend" WHISKY MAN. He was one of the original DQS members that attended the first reunion at my house back in 1981. Darryl and Sue Hale, Jim "Smitty" Smith and I attended his funeral. He was a respected man in his community as seen by the great number of people that paid their respect to him by attending his service. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

-John Huelsenbeck C-1/44

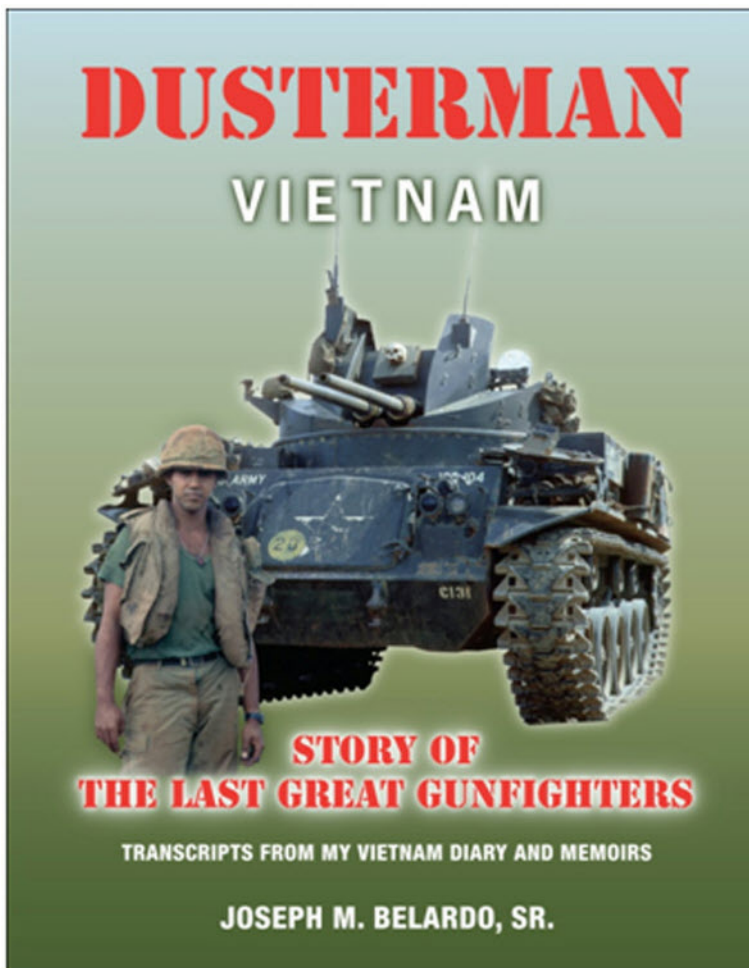
+++ RECENTLY PASSED +++

Dudley Dingman, C-1/44
Jay Kimberly, G-29 '67-68
Alan Wittenbery, G-29 '68-69
Leon Gapen, G-29 '67-68
Harvey Booher, G-29 '67-68
Gene Lucas, C-5/2 1968 XO
Augustino L Merolla, H-1/44 24Apr07

**We honor and mourn those that have passed.
TAPS - "Il Silenzio"**

The current 24 note version of 'Taps' is credited to Daniel Butterfield in 1862. The link below is a 1965 adaptation of Taps by Nini Rosso. The young lady, Melissa Venema, age 13 in 2009, was the trumpet soloist. Her solo will make your hair stand on end. Miss Venema's performance, especially the vibrato, simply is beautiful.

Here is link. ([Youtube link](#))



Press Release - Book Signing

On Sunday November 21, 2010 at 1:00PM, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6763, 155 Front Street, South Plainfield, NJ will host an author's lecture, and book signing by hometown resident, Joseph Belardo.

Joe's book, [Dusterman – Vietnam.... Story of: The Last Great Gunfighters](#), is a transcript of his diary and memoirs, including photographs, from when he served in Vietnam along the DMZ in 1967 and 1968 during the TET Offensive. Joe was in a specialized Army mobile combat team and body recovery unit attached to the Third Marine Division.

His book gives a detailed, day-by-day, frontline battle and body recovery narrative of daily combat life. His fascinating, introspective memoir reveals a sensitive soul's struggle to be physically and mentally strong amidst unimaginably horrible suffering and dying.

Joe and his crew hold the distinct honor of being the last to leave the finally abandoned Khe Sanh Combat Base.

Joe has appeared in two TV documentaries: *The Soldiers Story* and *Vietnam War* with Oliver North. He is an author who has been published in the book *The Soldiers Story – Vietnam in Their Own Words*, *Vietnam Magazine – Dusters Battle for Route 9*, *The Khe Sanh* book of Poetry



and the *Khe Sanh Magazine "Red Clay."* Joe's medals include the Bronze Star with Valor, multiple Purple Hearts and numerous Army and Marine Corps medals and citations.

Book Review- Allan Penwell

This is a must-have, must-read book written by Duster driver Joe Belardo of C-1/44th that was edited by NDQSA chaplain, Sam Hopkins. It's the diary and pictures that all of us wished we would have kept while we were in Vietnam. As Bob Lauver said, "I read it in one sitting and had trouble sleeping the next three nights." After attending the reunion last year I found that some of you like Joe, were in intense combat, but for others of us, while danger always lurked, not much went on. The thing that struck me was how prepared Joe and his crew were for combat. They knew just what to do, like having the track commander's seat pulled out so extra ammunition could be stored. Or the driver was assigned certain tasks in a firefight such as guarding the track from NVA sappers trying to throw a satchel charge in the tub. Joe's book is a great read as he mixes combat action with the day-to-day life of the American G.I. from basic training to homecoming.

Joe has set up a website for ordering this book online. www.dusterman6768.com PayPal only.

To order by mail send a check for \$25 to: Nancy Belardo, 527 O'Donohue Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

- Paul Kopsick

Donut Dollies

The February 2011 issue of Vietnam Magazine has a nice tribute to the ARC Red Cross women that visited the troops in the field. They were called Donut Dollies and were distinctive for wearing those powder blue uniforms and of course their “round eyes” see Evelyn Safford (CA) below.

While many Vietnam vets never saw a DD during their tour, a good number of us did. NDQSA is very active with many “Women in Vietnam” groups and this includes the Red Cross ladies. We see a number of them continuing to do volunteer work at The Wall each Veteran’s Day.

I am still in contact with Evelyn (Safford) Jacobs, who came to our unit in

1971. She now lives in Australia and when she came back east in July 2010 she visited with my family before going

to an ARC DD reunion in Florida. It is the “Short-Timers Calendar” that she gave me that was used on the inside cover of the NDQSA History Book. She gave me this picture of myself with it that she took in 1971 which I had never seen until now.

So in tribute to them, here are a few photos of Donut Dollies found in the archived photos of men from our unit.. Below: B-5/2 Day Room Chu Lai Jul67 by John Norris of I-29th SLT.



ARC Diana Scarborough at LZ Betty in early 1971 by David Zimmerman. B-5/2.



By Ron Almon of B-4/60 69-70 near Cambodia

If you have a story or any other photos about the Donut Dollies, the nurses or other females while in Vietnam please contact the Historian.



NDQSA’s Joe Belardo and ARC Donut Dollie and Veteran's Day Volunteer Nancy Smoyer (AK).

NDQSA Continues Tradition of Laying Wreath At The Wall On Veteran's Day



My first trip to the "Wall." I lack the words to express accurately the profound fulfillment I experienced seeing and touching the names of my closer than " Blood Brothers" etched in black granite for eternity. I mourn our loss but rejoice in their sacrifice so I could make a small contribution to the ideals we all served to protect. It is my fervent hope that I have not squandered the life they saved for me to raise my children and instill their values in their hearts. God bless them their families and all those inscribed on the Wall.

-Luke Clarke H-4/60 '71-72

Going back to DC for Veterans Day was an event I'll reflect on in the time God gives me. It was so good to meet the DQS brothers in person after seeing their forum postings all these years. Had some great conversations and shared some memories.



The ceremonies at the Wall were one of the greatest showings of respect and honor for those who did not return. I was humbled to be there.

-Doug Moore D-71 '69-70

We actually had a pretty good turnout. Close to 20 guys at one time or another. We all had red DQS hats or jackets on so we were hard to miss. I even set up our small NDQSA banner next to the Women's Memorial for about an hour and picked up two new and one old member.



As I was leaving I went by the DQS wreath and Willie Wong of 1/44th was standing there getting his photo taken. He had not seen us but was glad to reconnect. Great weather, good crowd, nice singer.

We had a nice trip to the Tank Farm on the day before. Maybe we can make it a regular option for guys visiting on Veteran's Day.

Paul Kopsick -Historian

NDQSA MEMBERS VISIT "TANK FARM"



As an added treat for those DQS vets that came to the Veteran's Day festivities in November, we made a trip down to the Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles (aka [Tank Farm](#)) to see the [restored dusters](#) and. The VMMV is not open to the public but NDQSA was give permission to drop by to talk to the men that did the restoration. Check out their latest online newsletter. ([link](#))

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



NDQSA Cap

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NDQSA Light Jacket

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Use membership form for ordering



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



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* quantities limited



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



2011 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / ROSTER UPDATE FORM/PRODUCT & BOOK ORDER

(tear off this page and mail it in with your up to date contact information and unit history)

Roster Contact Information (Please print)

First Name: _____

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Email(s): _____

Home Phone: () -

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Service Information (Vietnam) (fill out even if on file)

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.

If paying dues presents a hardship for you but you still want to be an Active Member, check this box []. Some members have made donations to assist you.

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Lucite Coin*: ___ coin @ \$25 _____
* quantities limited

NDQSA Pin Set: ___ sets @ \$8 _____

NDQSA Light Jacket (quantities and sizes are very limited
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~~Med~~ Lrg (2) XL (4) @\$65 each _____

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NDQSA T-shirt

Med Large XL XXL XXXL @\$18 each _____

NDQSA Cap you now get 2 for \$10 _____

Bumper Sticker \$5 each _____

TOTAL _____

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29th NDQSA Reunion
July 6-10th 2011

Boston Area

WWW.NDQSA.COM

The 2011 Roster will be sorted by your unit to make it easier to locate men from your unit, BUT we need to know your unit designation and tour dates are correct.

IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR 2011 DUES !!

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, or 0000, you are not considered to be in Active status. If there is a “P” after the numbers we do not have a good phone number for you. If you get your newsletter only via email and are unsure of your status, email the [Historian](#). Remember only Active members get to vote in that year’s elections and the Membership Roster is sent out annually only to Active Members.(contact us if you have any questions) Also there should be a primary unit designation and years of tour number printed above you name, if it is not there or is incomplete (missing the Battery) please update your information.
