



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Lauver – 17 May 2011

**Bivouac Boston** is the most important issue now at hand. We have the opportunity to spend quality time in the cradle of liberty.

Do not miss this chance to see Bunker Hill, the Old North Church, the site of the Boston Massacre, Lexington, Concord, The Boston Tea Party, and so many more places where the events that led to the formation of The United States took place. We have confirmed that there will be an opportunity to see the Quad Forties aboard the Fletcher class destroyer, *The USS Cassin Young (DD-793)*. The ship is presently in dry dock but we will be allowed aboard and permitted to see the guns. We are being given the opportunity to hold our memorial service dockside at the *USS Constitution*, "Old Ironsides". She is the oldest floating commissioned naval vessel in the world, launched in 1797, George Washington named her after the United States Constitution. We will also be honoring the sons of the Gold Star Mothers who have participated in Operation Gold Star over the past 11 years.

We will making tours of "Old Boston", Fenway Park "Home of the Red Sox", and have been promised a special "Tasting Event" at Samuel Adams Brewery, all of which happens on Thursday, 7 July 2011. On Friday we will be having a guided tour of the "Freedom Trail". We will visit the sites that began the Revolutionary War. The day will conclude with our annual honoring of the 210 men that we lost in Vietnam. We will have a group of Gold Star Mothers present. The culmination of our Reunion will be Saturday's Banquet. We will be honoring the participants of the five Operation Gold Star trips to Vietnam. We look forward to having members of the American Gold Star Mothers who have made these trips. We can look forward to a dynamic and unique speaker. We will have representatives from the Air Defense Artillery School and Museum. We will take this

opportunity to thank some of the members who have served our Association for many years.

The most important thing that will happen in Boston will be the opportunity to meet and mingle with those to whom we share a unique bond. The opportunity to talk of events from forty some years ago and to find out how lives have evolved for crew mates is what these events are all about. As we get older, these times become ever more important. This is the time to try to pull our brothers together. I ask each of you not only to attend, but to reach out, call the guys you knew and have not seen for these many years. Go through the roster and pick out who lives close to you or those guys who live in the Northeast. Help them wade through the excuses and get them to Boston. We were Brothers then, we are Brothers now – **Let's have a big Family Reunion at Bivouac Boston!**

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## NCO Corner:

Well gentlemen, the Boston reunion is almost here. Since our last letter a number of NCOCS grads have been identified thanks to Jim Williams, class 3-71, and others. We will have a lot to talk about aside from the normal gab sessions between classmates and all of the other NCO's in attendance. Please bring your pictures and letters so Paul Kopsick can enter them into the association records for all to see and remember.

This reunion looks to be one of the most interesting venues we have visited even for those of you who have never been this far north. Lots of history and interesting places to see and looks like we may get on to a WWII destroyer with Quad 40's as well as the USS Constitution. If you haven't made your reservations, please do so ASAP and join us for another great get together. NCO's have always been the backbone of our Army and will always be the same for the NDQSA. Come and support us as we invade "Bivouac Boston".

As always, take care, stay healthy, and take care of yourselves. Best wishes—Paul Hanson

**Minutes of  
NDQSA Board of Directors and Executive Officers  
Meeting May 17, 2011**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Time in</b>	<b>Time out</b>
President: Bob Lauver	10:59 AM	12:46 AM
V President: Paul Hanson	11:00 AM	12:46 AM
V President: John Huelsenbeck	11:03 AM	12:46 AM
Secretary: Dave McCray	10:50 AM	12:46 AM
Treasurer: Allan Penwell	Unavailable	
Past President: Bruce Geiger	11:05 AM	12:46 AM
*Director: Joseph Belardo	Unavailable	
*Director: Luke Clark	11:00 AM	12:46 AM
*Director: Bob Cuce	11:00 AM	12:46 AM
*Director: Duane Gettler	10:57 AM	12:46 AM
*Director Paul Kopsick	11:47 AM	12:04 AM
*Director: Clyde Larsen	11:00 AM	12:46 AM
*Director: George Nagelschmidt	10:59 AM	12:46 AM
* up for election along with nominee Jim Smith		

Prior to the meeting Allan Penwell e-mailed the Treasurer's Reports to the Board of Directors.

Roll was then called and Pres. Lauver concluded we had a quorum and convened the Board of Directors meeting May 17, 2011 at 11:05 AM.

First, the **March 8, 2011 Minute's** highlights were presented by the Secretary, David McCray. The motion to accept the minutes was made by John Huelsenbeck and seconded by Paul Hanson. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

The second item on the agenda was the **Treasurer's Report**. A brief review was made on the report including the filing of the 990-N and "agreed upon procedures" or Audit functions. There was nothing adverse to report. The discussion turned to the \$1,926.59 remaining in the Gold Star Mother's Fund. Motion was made to use the funds toward the Friday Hotel Rooms and Saturday Banquet fees for the attending Gold Star Mothers. A total of 23 mothers were invited, but only 10 at the most are expected. John Huelsenbeck made the motion to use the monies for the Gold Star Mother's Fund and Paul Hanson seconded. Motion carried with no objections. Bruce noted he is still concerned about the Principals on the Articles of Incorporation since they are no longer active members. Bruce considers this to be a problem. Bob Lauver will call Allan Penwell and talk to him. Should Bob Lauver decide to pursue the issue he will call John Huelsenbeck to contact an Attorney in Indiana. The motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bruce Geiger and seconded by George Nagelschmidt.

The third agenda item was the **Good Works Committee**. The Good Works Committee has developed a service project

with the Boston VA Hospitals Volunteer Services Department for the NDQSA membership to perform during the reunion. The VA patients could use donations of sweat suits and shower shoes. If we would like to visit bed to bed at the West Roxbury Hospital the Volunteer Services could set up a cart for us to provide healthier snacks. Sam invited the National VA Chaplin, Friar Phil Salios, to attend our reunion. Bob Cuce will check with Cosco to get a deal on clothing and toiletries. Bruce Geiger suggested we call the VA Hospital to see what they need most. Bob Lauver suggested we donate between \$1,000 and \$1,500. George Nagelschmidt volunteered with Bob Cuce's help to be the committee to narrow down the range of products to purchase. Bob Cuce is driving up and could pick up the supplies. Bob Lauver noted the Good Works project may conflict with some of those that will be attending the Red Sox-Toronto Baseball game or going on the drop and shop trip downtown.

The fourth agenda item was the **Products Report**. Duane Gettler reported that sales are flat and we still have lots of hats, some T-shirts. The first 110 registrations will get bumper stickers. Bruce Geiger suggested we purchase 50 each 50 caliber shell bottle openers to sell at the reunion. Also, that we obtain 50-100 K-Bar knife pins with Army written on them for sale at the reunion as well. Bob Lauver also reviewed the following: New T-Shirts in the Hanes beefy Tee do not fit well and he will be evaluating a different product. He hopes to be able to have these available by the time of the reunion and available in 3 or 4 different colors including gray, green, black or khaki. The Polo Shirts colors for men are black, white and green and for women in black and white. The light Jackets have some issues with sleeve length at this time. A new product will be evaluated and hopefully be available for the reunion. Heavy Jackets appear to be OK and orders can be placed with the individual weapons systems and name on the front of the Jacket at the reunion. Duane will be introducing the new Patch at the reunion. It costs \$2.50 and will be sold for \$5.00. We will do nothing at this time with the hats or decals.

The fifth agenda item was the **Legislative Committee**. It was noted the House Resolution 111 bill for the continuation of the POW/MIA project needs two more sponsors. There is also a bill before Congress to eliminate Class 7 & 8 Veterans from continued Disability. Class 7 & 8 are non-service connected disability.

The sixth agenda item was the **Newsletter and Reunion tidbits**. Bob Lauver committed to Paul Kopsick the President's message by May 18. Paul Kopsick will write a 4 page article about the Gold Star Mother's trip. Paul Hanson will send Paul Kopsick the NCO Corner article by

May 18 too. Paul mentioned he will also write a page on Tributes, a page on NDQSA Order Forms, a page on Reunion registration forms, something on the tank farm and we will be recognizing the Gold Star Mothers at the Reunion. He will also put an Alert on the Hotel Reservations on the back of the Newsletter. Memorial Services will be performed on Friday night. Color Guards and Pipers will be at the reunion and Paul Hanson and Bob Lauver will contact Gerry Ioannilli for assistance. The Taps board will be updated. It was noted Gary Dodd passed away and Paul Kopsick was representing the NDQSA today at his funeral with his former squad members. Paul informed us the total current membership is around 400. The name of this year's reunion is Bivouac Boston. Bob Lauver wrote up a 33 page report on the Gold Star Mother's trip. He is having it printed and will be sold at cost at the reunion. Paul Kopsick indicated he will bring the GSM trip posters to the reunion. Bob Lauver had the KIA Boards framed in Black and Aluminum for a table top display.

The seventh item was **Updates**. Bruce Geiger informed us that 3 of the 5 trademarks have been approved and one more will be approved. The Federal Trademark Attorney advises that Dusters, Quads and Searchlights will be protected by the approved trademark for National Dusters, Quads, Searchlights Association, and there is no need for a separate filing. Paul Kopsick noted he found a source for 40mm cans in Oklahoma and will contact David McCray directly.

The eighth item was **Future Reunions**. The 2012 reunion will be in Seattle, Washington. Bob will be reviewing the following cities for the 2013 reunion: Colorado Springs/Denver, OKC/Fort Sill, Nashville/Fort Campbell and St. Louis. It was noted that Vincent Tedesco will be investigating what we can expect from Fort Sill and what the status of the ADA Museum will be. It was suggested we hold the 2014 reunion in Washington DC on Veteran's day. The Vietnam Wall Museum as well as several other Military Museums will be finished by that time.

The ninth item is on the 2011 **Reunion in Boston**. Bruce reported that 70 registrations and 124 guests have registered at the hotel with the most, 67, staying on Thursday. Allan Penwell worksheet shows 84 guests have pre-registered. Bruce also stated they may pull out the rear seat out of the Van for Wednesday Airport pick-up for the luggage storage. They may use the Van to take people to Fenway Park too. Wednesday is the Drop & Shop day to Faneuil Hall and the Red Sox Game. There will be a pick up point probably at 7 or 8:00 PM for Faneuil Hall. Also, Bob ordered 25 tickets and has already sold 24 of them for the Red Sox Game. Thursday will be the City Tour and everything is arranged except Mary Severin has a little more to do on the meal. In addition to the arranged tour there will be a special tasting

tour at Sam Adams Brewery. We will have a Board meeting that evening. Friday will be the Historical Tour and Memorial Service. Bob Cuce and Gerry Ioannilli are to arrange 2 trumpeters and a bag piper. A destroyer is in Dry Dock and will be able to accommodate 50-75 in groups of 25 to the deck to see the Quad 40mm guns. Security is high. George Nagelschmidt will take pictures and write a short article. Paul Hanson obtained a contact that will allow us to park inside the park. The Memorial will be Dock Side at 6:00 PM. It was noted there may be restrictions on throwing the Memorial Wreath into the water. Paul Hanson will find out the rules on this. Due to time constraints, members may have to choose between either the Destroyer - USS Constitution. Saturday is the Banquet. A speaker and a backup have been arranged. We are scheduled to have representatives from the ADA school and Museum with us. The National Anthem has been arranged too. All arrangements are close to being completed. The menu will have New England Clam Chowder.

The last agenda item is **New Business**. George Nagelschmidt suggested we put an advertisement into the Vietnam Magazine to make the outside world aware of our DQS History book. Maybe include it in some Military Historical Books as well. Need to wait until after the reunion to make the decision. A discussion followed about additional printing of the book and whether or not it should be abridged. Bob Lauver will look into the possibilities. The next meeting will be in the later part of June. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM ET.

Minutes compiled by David McCray, Secretary, NDQSA

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Voting is continuing for the seven Directors positions for the years 2011-2013. Ballots have been sent to all currently active NDQSA members (meaning you paid your dues for 2011). Some 400 ballots have been mailed with about half being already cast. Please send in your voting ballot. It is your right and duty as an active member.

I remember turning 21 in Nam and only then having the right to vote for those men that sent me there. We fought to have the selection of officers open to all active members, so please send in your vote using the pre addressed and pre stamped envelope.

You can still become an active member and a ballot will be sent to you by mail. The ballots will be totaled at the July reunion and the elected officers confirmed. We do have more nominees than positions, so it IS a matter of choice this year.

# VOTE....VOTE...VOTE!!!!

**Brief summary of portions of the 5th Gold Star  
Mother's Trip to Vietnam, April 2011  
- from Bob Lauver's Journal**



**The mission was one of closure and memories,  
a task to give life to sons and comrades long  
dead but never forgotten.**

**MEMORIAL FOR  
MICHAEL E. SCHAFERNOCKER**

The next morning we boarded the bus and headed west toward Cambodia. The travel through the countryside gave everyone a chance to see the markets, rice paddies, and gardens. The veterans realized that the gravel roads had been paved and that the grass hooch's were now substantial masonry buildings. The Vietnamese Cambodian border had a feel of "Checkpoint Charlie" with government buildings on each respective side, counterbalanced gates, and a hundred yard "no mans" stretch in between. The immigration process was tedious both coming and going with mad searches for passports at every stop. The process was handled and we managed to walk across the strip without incident. On the Cambodian side we were met by local guide Kong Vitheany and a bus to transport us to our destination. Cambodia looked much like the Vietnam the vets remembered, the roads were not paved, the hooch's were grass, rice paddies were on both sides of the road and amply populated with water buffalo. After a few false turns with the need to ask the locals for directions, we met a moped police escort, drove through the village of Teng Mao and into the bush. The road we were on was little more than a cow path with old

rice paddy berms crossing it frequently. The path had numerous washouts, was covered with a half of foot of talcum powder dust, and the bus bottomed out several times. As we drove further into the rice fields I began to recognize some groves of trees from pictures Dorothy Schafernocker had sent to me. I knew that we were close. The bus stopped in a dry rice paddy and "Theany" told us that this was the spot, I looked at the terrain and thought "this is it, we can pick an area and honor Dorothy's son". I looked for a suitable location when I noticed a local walking toward us. He had on a green camouflage boonie hat and what appeared to be an old uniform shirt. Slung over his shoulder was a worn canvas satchel. I was reminded of us many years ago with a spare pair of socks tied together, filled with our ration cans and worn across our chests. His face was lined from years of life lived in the shadow of the Ho Chi Minh Trail and the killing fields of Cambodia, his eyes were furtive and his manner was tentative. He and the guide talked and he pointed, moving away from where we were standing. We followed him in a strung out column until he pointed to a small stick with a piece of colored cloth attached, Theany said that this was the spot where he had witnessed the helicopter go down forty two years ago. The guide explained that he had been in the area of some trees a couple of hundred meters away when he saw the impact. He had previously identified the spot to two different American teams doing excavations in attempts to recover remains. The excavators recovered some skeletal remnants and teeth that were later identified as belonging to Dorothy's son and other members of the crew. As I listened to the interpretation of what he was saying I, and I am sure some of the others, wondered "Was he a happenstance witness or was he the man behind the machine gun that brought down the aircraft?".

On 28 April 1969 Aviation Ordnanceman Second Class Michael E. Schafernocker, United States Navy "Seawolves" was serving as a door gunner and crew chief on the UH-1B helicopter "The Delta Mauler". His aircraft had engaged suspected Viet Cong sampans when it was hit by a massive amount of enemy fire. The aircraft was heavily hit and descended rapidly. It struck the ground and immediately burst into flames. Attempts to reach the burned out helicopter were unsuccessful. Michael Schafernocker's remains were never completely recovered. We were now standing on the exact spot where this happened. I gave Dorothy a small American Gold Star Mothers Flag and she

placed it in the ground. The other Gold Star Mothers and group members placed American Flags. I hugged Dorothy and told her that this was the exact spot where her son was last on this earth. The group joined hands and sang "God Bless America". Luke Clark produced a plastic bag and assisted Dorothy in the collection of a small amount of soil from where her son had died. I looked around and found that we were surrounded by local herders and their cattle. The water buffaloes were still and looking in our direction. Candy and tee shirts were given to the children who had gathered. Their appreciation and obvious delight lightened the mood.

### MEMORIAL FOR FRANCIS EDWIN "DUKE" CORTOR, JR.

We stopped at the base of hill 174 which the Army had dubbed "Rocket Ridge". We left the bus and I handed out flags. Francis Turley's son, Sergeant Francis Edwin "Duke" Cortor, Jr., 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Division, was involved in operations against North Vietnamese Forces on 21 October 1969. Elements of his unit had suffered casualties during an enemy mortar attack. Although the injured were not from Sergeant Cortor's platoon, he voluntarily made repeated efforts to recover the bodies of fallen comrades. He

gave up his life attempting to save others. Duke Cortor was awarded the Silver Star, our Nations 3rd highest award for Gallantry in Action. We gathered in the grass at the base of "Rocket Ridge". I read the eulogy for Sergeant Cortor. Frances placed the Gold Star Mother's Flag. Other member of the group and the Gold Star Mothers placed American Flags. I hugged Frances and pointed to the ridge line. I told her that this is where her son heroically died. Luke assisted Frances with the gathering of a sample of soil. The vets stepped back and saluted the honor of a fallen comrade, The Gold Star Mothers hugged and placed their hands over their hearts. They shared the grief that only they know. We left the flags in place to honor our fallen and to let the

Vietnamese know that we have not forgotten our dead. We returned to the bus and continued to Cam Lo.

### MEMORIAL FOR MARION FRANK WALDEN JR.

The Gold Star Mothers got on the bus wearing their new white silk blouses, very nice. We drove in a Northwesterly direction to Binh Duong Province. We made a stop on the way and Tony has us walk down a rough, uneven road on a sightseeing excursion to a ferry dock. I was unsure what the real motive of this was, but found the walk interesting. When we approached the dock I saw a couple of young men fishing. That always catches my attention. I had to find out how they were doing. They had a bucket containing what I would consider bait, turns out that's what they were catching. They looked like some kind of goby to me, Luke said they were snakeheads so we'll just say they were fish out of the Song Be River. There were quite a few

floating houses on the river and as we were watching the ferry came across from the other side. It was crammed with the ever-present mopeds. They managed to create a traffic jam just getting off the boat. On the way back to the bus I stopped to observe some lemon grass that had just been planted along the road. As I



walked over to it I had to shake my head at what I saw, a guy was giving a chicken a bath! With soap and water! The chicken did not seem to appreciate this. It was apparent that this was a fighting cock and probably a valuable bird. We returned to the bus and drove a few kilometers through Di An and stopped at a park like area on a canal. This was very near the location of Luke's Castle Firebase. This base was located on an island formed by the canal and the Song Be River. It was near this spot that Iris Walden's Son was killed. On 13 December 1968 Private First Class Marion Frank Walden Jr. was engaged in operations against Viet Cong forces in what was then Bien Hoa Province, Vietnam. While patrolling with a squad of Alpha Company, 1st

Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division in the area of Luke's Castle Firebase, the squad triggered an 81mm mortar round booby trap. Private Walden was Killed In Action. Private Walden was 19 years old. Iris Walden is from Tennessee. She very much wanted to come on this trip. She was one of the original Gold Star Mother's that I talked to and was on my original roster. She was prevented from making the trip for medical reasons. Frances knows Iris well and she placed the Gold Star Mothers Flag at the memorial site. Other members of the group and Gold Star Mothers Dorothy Schafernocker and Georgia Burkes placed American Flags. The eulogy was read and the Veterans saluted the site while the Gold Star Mothers grieved. Luke provided a baggie and helped Frances collect soil from the spot. Frances picked a white blossom from a nearby vine and took it, the soil sample, and a marked flag to give to Iris.

### **MEMORIAL FOR DAVID RONALD BURKES, JR.**

We continued South on Highway one into Long An Province. We turned off on Highway QL-1A (highway 4 at the time of the war) toward the town of Ben Luc. We came to the old bridge over the Song Vam Co Dong River, known as the Ben Luc Bridge. I had limited details about the casualty site for Georgia Burkes' Son. The information was sketchy and incomplete. I had talked to her son's commanding officer and he did not know the exact site. I finally asked the NDQSA historian to contact the unit historian for Corporal Burkes' unit. I received information that pinpointed a location that was SW of the bridge. I had explained that all to Tony previously and while we were in the North he had traveled to the area and found the site for our memorial. We turned off QL1A on to a dirt road. We traveled for a couple of kilometers and stopped between two dwellings. I held Georgia's hand as we walked through rice chaff to some dry paddies about a hundred and fifty meters from the bus. We went toward a location where there were a couple of banana trees growing out of the paddy berm and Georgia picked that as the spot for her son's memorial. Private First Class David Ronald Burkes, Jr., Company A, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division was involved in a search and destroy mission on 28 June 1968. The goal of his unit was to engage and eliminate Viet Cong forces that were threatening the bridges on Highway 4 at Ben Luc and Tan An.

We Join Hands and Sing God Bless America at the Memorial Site for David Ronald Burkes, Jr.

As we walked back to the bus the gentleman whose property we were on came out and wanted to meet Georgia. As they talked I noticed that "Nyugen" was holding back. I saw confirmation of something I had suspected at the site for Frank Walden. He waited until we left and then pulled all the flags from the ground and stuffed them in his bag. Tony came up to where I was standing and said; "We have to leave, we are not allowed to talk to this man". I was furious, the disrespect shown to our flags coupled with the demand that we not converse with local residents just about put me over the top. For the first time in two return trips to Vietnam I was made to feel as "persona non grata", here only at the pleasure of the Vietnamese Government. I also realized that I was at the mercy of that Government, that I had no rights here. The concepts of Constitutional Freedoms that we take for granted are foreign, not just to us as tourists, but also to the citizens of this country.

### **POSTSCRIPT**

The trip was very rewarding for all involved. Sue and I look back with the pleasure of meeting great people and becoming a surrogate son and daughter to three more outstanding and wonderful Gold Star Mothers. Luke and Lynette Clark made the comment that; "I went on this trip to help three Gold Star Mothers have some closure after these many years. Actually, it was they who helped me". Dorothy Schafernocker wrote; "Seeing Mike's actual burial site was a very big step in my healing...Bless you and thank you". Rose Arnold wrote; "...I am returning home a changed person...". Jerry Ashley was a right hand person along with Luke. Jerry demonstrated sensitivity and concern with the Mothers. Georgia Burkes wrote; "...a trip I'll never forget. It meant a lot to me. Seeing & knowing where he was killed put a lot of my fears to rest.". Frances Turley said; "Just can't begin to tell you how much the trip meant to me—after all these years.

Here is a link to Bob Lauver's larger [write up](#) and another to his photo album. [Link](#)

# National Dusters, Quads & Searchlights Association

< **READ EVERYTHING** >

**TEAR OFF THIS PAGE AND MAIL IT IN ASAP!!!!!!**

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

Name: (print)  
 Phone Number:

29th NDQSA Reunion  
 Bivouac Boston

Which days are you planning to attend the reunion? (circle)

**July 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13**  
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Boston Area, MA  
 July 6-10, 2011

Remember to make your hotel reservations ASAP to insure room availability. If you have already made you reservations check this box [  ].

WWW.NDQSA.COM

**If you are local or not staying at the reunion hotel check this box [  ].**

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - 2011 NDQSA ANNUAL REUNION – BOSTON, MA

To help in planning for reunion activities please pre-register now and send in fees for the following activities. As always, should something unforeseen happen and you are unable to attend the reunion, you will receive a refund.

Persons/Amount

- 1) Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>: 1400-1900 hrs - Faneuil Hall Marketplace drop and shopping trip \*\*  
 (\$20 per person)      x \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
- 2) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>: 0900-1600 hrs - tour of Boston, including Fenway Park (lunch included)  
 and the Sam Adams Brewery \*\*      (\$75 per person)      x \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
- 3) Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: 1300-1900 hrs History Tour \*\* which includes site of Boston Tea Party,  
 Old North Church, Cambridge, Lexington, Concord, and NDQSA memorial service  
 dockside at USS Constitution      (\$40 per person)      x \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
*Note: Everyone going to the Friday memorial services is expected to sign  
 up for the bus transportation. Options for individual parking problematic.*
- 4) Saturday Luncheon Banquet with Guest Speakers, Gold Star Mothers  
 Recognition and Awards      (\$35 per person)      x \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
- 5) Voluntary donation to Boston VA service project fund      (any amount)      \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Reunion registration fee  
 (\$15 for individual/ \$20per family) make sure you add it in to your total!>>>> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* (moderate walking involved) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**READ THIS!!!!** We are expecting our largest turnout ever this year and we do not want to have to turn away people from any of the events. Seating will be assigned on a first come basis, so please pre-register to help us plan accordingly. The luncheon menu has not been finalized but will take into consideration typical dietary options.

**IMPORTANT!** If you have made flight reservations and would like to be picked up at the airport (for a donation in lieu of the \$40-50 cab ride) please provide your flight information here:

Carrier/FLT #      Arrival date:      Arrival time:      cell phone #

Make your pre-registration check payable to NDQSA and send to the NDQSA Treasurer:  
 Allan Penwell, NDQSA, 2408 N. Nottingham Ct., Champaign, IL 61821-7017.



# 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 or July, 2011

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

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

[http://www.whatsonwhen.com/sisp/index.htm?fx=event&event\\_id=104979](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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    )                    -

Alt. Phone: (    )                    -

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

Dates of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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    \_\_\_**

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If you have changed your email address recently send an email to the historian. [dqshistorian@cox.net](mailto:dqshistorian@cox.net)

**DUES – DONATIONS – PRODUCT ORDERS**

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

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

**Donation** for Quad-50 restoration:                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Book order:** single book    @ \$ 60    \_\_\_\_\_  
multiple books @ \$ 55    \_\_\_\_\_  
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**\* 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 or not, why not use the [email link](#) and welcome them to the Association.**

**Jackie Dale Carver, E-41 '67-68 AL**  
**[Michael Tiren](#), A-1/44 '66-67 NY**  
Ed Boger, C-5/2 '67-69 IA  
**[Fiore DeClerico](#)**, C-4/60 '70-71NJ  
**[Dan Moadus](#)**, A-4/60 '67-68 OH  
**[Michael Cunningham](#)**, A-4/60 PA  
**[Cletus Pete Bortner](#)**, A-4/60 '67-68 PA  
Wayne Keller, E-41 '66-67 PA  
William Meerbott, H-5/2 '66-67 NM  
Bruce Mensch, H-4/60 '66-67 PA  
**[Leon Malishan](#)**, H-5/2 '66-67 FL  
**[Fred Bolda](#)**, D-6/56 HAWKS '67-68 IL  
**[Ed Brewer](#)**, D-1/44 '68-69 FL  
**[George Fair](#)**, H-1/44 '68-69 TX  
Tom Zito AL  
**[J.Michael Treveno J.D.](#)**, G-65 TX  
Joe Mendez, C-1/44 '70-71 TX  
**[Tom Prichard](#)**, H-29 '67-68 FL  
Tommy Purdue, A-5/2 '67-68 TX  
**[Paul Helenek](#)**, A-5/2 '67-68 CT  
**[Carl DiBenedetto](#)**, C-4/60 '70-71PA  
Jerry Duff, C-/60 '70-71 KY  
**[Chuck Falkowski](#)**, C-4/60 '70-71 IL  
**[Fred Connaster](#)**, C-4/60 '69-70 MD  
**[Frank Musmanno](#)**, H-5/2 '70-71 NH  
Richard Hummelbaugh, H-29 '67-68 PA  
Clyde Williams, H-29 '67-68 VA  
Steve Starling, H-29 '67-68 NC  
**[Ray Canas](#)**, H-29 '67-68 TX  
Bernard Wiorkowski, H-29 '67-68 OH  
Larry Killingworth, H-29 '67-68 CA  
Allen Davidson, H-29 '67-68 NY  
**[Sherman Wright](#)**, D-71 '70-71 MO  
**[Lee Deada](#)**, A-1/44 '67 TX  
Otis Walls, E-41 '68 AR  
Alvin Badger, E-41 NC  
**[James Pryor](#)**, B-1/44 '69-70 AR  
Earl Fruits, B-1/44 '69 NV  
Ken Marsh, B-4/60 '71-72 MA

Eugene Bohn, NCOCS 2-71 '71-72 UT  
Robert Hough, B-4/60 '71-72 IL  
Richard Crosson, D-5/2 '68-69 MI  
**[Rick Johnson](#)**, H-1/44 '70-71 OH  
Edward Charles, 5/2 '67-68 MI  
**[John Cole](#)**, G-29 '70-71 PA  
**[Arthur McGowan](#)** 6/65 '70-71 AL  
**[Ken Eck](#)** 352 Eng  
Lloyd Easter CA  
Tollie Payne MO  
**[Jerry Driggers](#)**, D-4/60 '70-71 GA  
**[Gerry Bowers](#)**, D-1/44 '66 CT  
**[Robert C. Horn](#)**, H-1/44 '66-67 VA  
Joel Wohlman, C-1/44 '69-70  
**Richard W. Whitaker, A-1/44 '66-67**  
LT Ken Krukonis, H-4/60 '67-68  
**[Ed Tidwell](#)**, I-29 '67-68

So how did we find all these guys in just a few months? Well we worked at it. The roster update calls made by volunteers asked for names and hometowns of men to research. We did not find them all, but we did find a few and that is progress. We implore you to remember names and share them with us. Check your papers, photo albums and letters home.

Please make an effort to stay in contact with your buddies. Try to plan to attend a reunion as a group. The best way to ensure that you will see a buddy at a reunion is to invite him. See if you can carpool in and maybe share a hotel room. If you do not make the effort, you will lose the chance to make it happen. DO IT!

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**LOST CONTACTS  
& RETURNED NEWSLETTERS**

Randal Kuhn, G-29 '68-69 IA  
Bill Richey, MO  
Ed Whelton, C-1/44 '70-71 MI  
William Strahan, A-1/44 '67-68 LA  
William Stender, H-5/2 '68 AL  
Leo Lapointe, MA  
Rockey Cox, A-5/2 '70-71 CA  
James Vincent, D-1/44 '70 VA  
If you know the status of any of these Lost Contacts please contact the Historian.  
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## QUAD 50 GUN TRUCK RESTORATION UPDATE

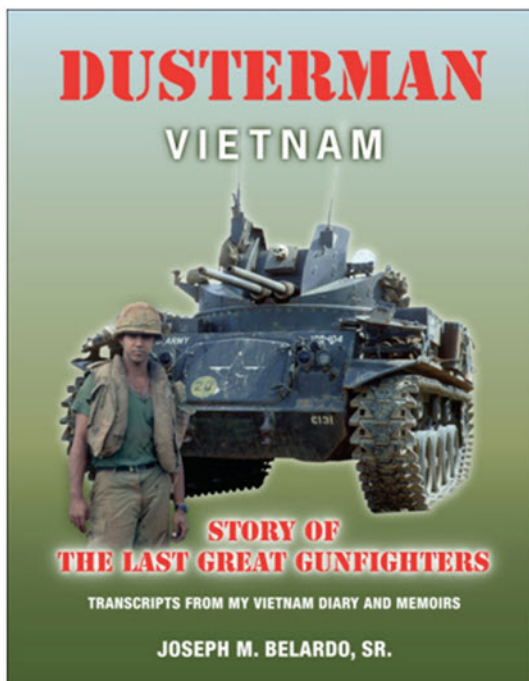
For an update on the Quad-50 restoration project by Robert Ratliff of History Fanatics (Houston TX) please check their website ([click here](#))

Our initial \$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.

[http://www.historyfanatics.net/recent\\_events](http://www.historyfanatics.net/recent_events)

The above is a link to the "Recent Events" page on my website. There are several links from that page to the Muster Day (American Heroes Week-end) events. Please note that the link for "Photo Set 3" is not working. I will fix it this evening. However, the videos are working, provided they are not blocked. One shows the view from a tanker's perspective. - Robert Ratliff

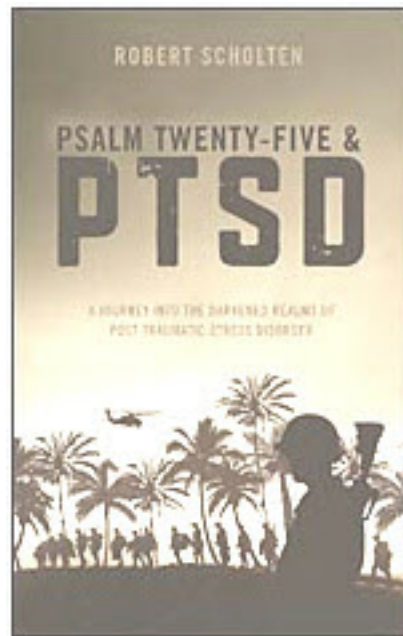


Joe Belardo has set up a web site for ordering this book online.

[www.dusterman6768.com](http://www.dusterman6768.com) PayPal only.

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by Robert Scholten  
C-4/60 '70'71

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**TRIBUTE**  
**CHICKEN HEART REMEMBERS**  
**GARY DODD A-1/44**

Last issue we told the story of “Chickenheart” and the dusters of A-1/44th. We did not know at the time, but the photo from 1970 was the original track from 1967. The way we found out was from a photo from Gary Dodd’s funeral. It shows him atop 12G002. So he would have seen the photo before passing. I met Gary at the Tank Farm in 2010.

Gary Dodd of A-1/44th on Chickenheart II, 1967. Gary just passed away after a long illness related to Agent Orange. He can to the VMMV in 2010. We did not know that Larry Burgess's 1970 photo was the exact same track until we saw the vehicle number was the same in the only photo of Gary on his track. It was nice that Gary saw it before he passed. His mates were honary pall bearers.

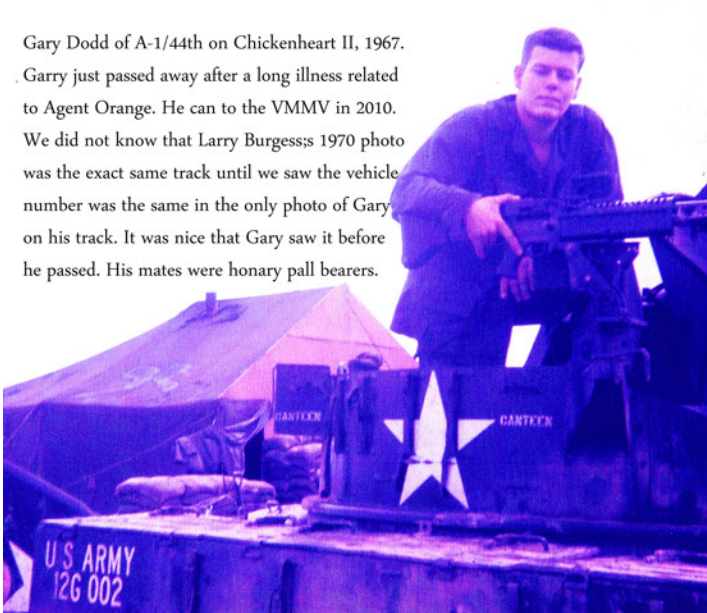


Photo is of Chicken Heart II A-232 with A-1/44 in 1970 taken by Larry Burgess.



Four of Gary’s buddies from A-1/44th have been visiting with Gary over the years in nearby Woodbridge VA. They were Marvin T. Cornelius of AL; Richard W. Whitaker from CA; Eary J. Verhasselt of WI; and Jim

Tontrup of OH. Pat Malone was unable to attend. They men served as honorary pall bearers at his funeral and internment in the Quantico National Cemetery.

Like many of the vets in our association, Gary was wheel chair bound and dealing with constant pain. It is a tribute to his buddies that they were there for Gary and his family over the years and were present to honor him during his final journey. Well done men of A-1/44th!!

**+++ RECENTLY IDENTIFIED AS PASSED +++**

Some obituaries available via [web link](#)

- Ollie Hardin, E-41 25Nov02
- Ivar Grotins, H-29 ‘68-69 21Jan05
- [Joseph Doc Barnes](#), B-5/2 ‘68-69 2Dec06
- Calvin McGowen, 1/44 ‘68-69 12Jul07
- Arthur Mathisen, H-29 ‘66 16Aug07
- Charles Thomen, H-29 ‘67 10Dec07
- John Hettinger, H-29 ‘66-67 16Nov08
- [Larry A Burns](#), 1/44 ‘66-67 20Aug09
- [Don W. Ingwerson](#), Jr. H-29 ‘67-68 4Jun10
- Buck Branham, H-29, ‘68-69 7Aug10
- [Eric Strawoet](#), B-1/44 ‘70 21Dec10
- [John W. Pierce](#), 5/2 ‘67-68 9Mar11
- [Gary Dodd](#), A-1/44 ‘66-67 11May11
- [Dennis C. Halcomb](#), A-1/44 ‘68-71 17May11

**We honor and mourn those that have passed. “Rest in Peace, Brothers”**

## SEVERE WEATHER PUTS MEMBERS IN PERIL

Each year, the severe weather across our nation places some of our members in physical peril. With the devastating effect of hurricanes like Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi, to the current flooding of the major rivers in the northern plain states and along the entire Mississippi River valley, people are displaced and livelihoods destroyed along with precious photos and personal items.

The recent rash of tornadoes may have impacted one NDQSA member, Doyle Vance who reportedly lives in Joplin MO. As of May 24 we have not been able to contact him. While this was his last known residence as of 2009, he may or may not have still resided there. We had very little information on him, not even his unit but he was in Nam in 1968-69 and was on 100% medical disability. If anyone knows of his situation, please let some in the association know.

The May 24th tornadoes that hit OK and KS have also imperiled many NDQSA members there. So if there are NDQSA Vets displaced by the flooding or tornadoes, we would like to hear from them as well.

There is not much as an organization that we can do for the individual, but if we hear of a dire situation we can pass on that information to others in case they might know of options for these families.

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## WHY ATTEND A REUNION?

First of all there are many different mind-sets by vets regarding their military service. Some men embrace their past service, some still hide it, and some relive it every day. Whether it is an good or terrible memory of an event; a health condition that continues to cause distress, or the reality that I am fine, I never saw any action, or some other reason, attending a reunion can be a bit uncertain. But don't let that deter you.

You might ask, will I see anyone I served with? Is it just a bunch of drunks being arrogant and telling trumped up war stories? Gee, it is too far away and costs too much. Well, all of these points are valid and should be considered.

Remember we are a fraternal organization, not an adjunct of an organized historical part of a military unit, run by retired officers with deep Army connections. We are somewhat unique. Started by a bunch of enlisted guys from one sub unit, it has grown to include all the air defense artillery units that served in Vietnam! WOW!

The odds of meeting someone that you served with is slim, but it does happen. Guys walk in out of the blue that never knew about us until they saw something in the news or paper. It happens, but it is better to make the effort to locate buddies and coordinate attending the reunions.

I know several men have indicated that they did not like what they saw at some of our earlier reunions. They were turned off by the internal politicking and the behavior of some members. There was little to do other than drink and solemnize the past. Most wives hated coming unless they had friends also attending. There was just nothing for them to do.

Well in the past three years, there has been a conscious attempt made to make our reunions an event you and your family would be proud to attend. We have kept the good traditions and reigned in the excesses. We are moving the reunion around the country to try and attract regional attendance that we would not ordinarily see. Trying to give men in every region a chance to attend a "local" reunion once every few years. Arranging great hotels in great cities and having appropriate social and historical programs that honor our collective service and sacrifices.

You owe it to yourself to try and make the trip to Boston this year. Yeah money is tight, but I can tell you stories of several less fortunate men that still make the effort to attend these reunions. One man slept in the bus station in San Antonio because he could not afford a hotel room. Another with a bad leg that walked several miles in the middle of the night to make it to Branson, MO. Others driving over 900 miles with gas over \$5 a gallon to attend in Rochester MN. Guys in wheelchairs, guys with oxygen tanks and enough pills to choke a horse.

We also know there are guys that wish they could attend but just cannot. They simply don't have the resources or support structure. We understand and wish their circumstances were better. We can't change things, but we can let them know that they are still in our thoughts and if needed our prayers.

Bucket list or not, we will be in Boston this year. We plan to be in the northwest (Ft. Lewis area) for the first time in 2012 and probably the middle part of the country in 2013. If the museums get built in time, we hope to be in the DC area in 2014. So plan accordingly. Take good care of yourself and your family. Make your Boston hotel reservations NOW! Send in your registration form NOW! The deadlines are at hand. It is less than a month away!

**See you in Boston!**

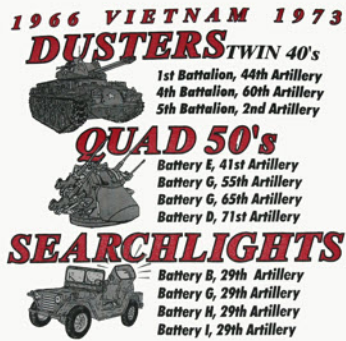
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**Save the dates August 21-22 for the next VMMV Open House near Quantico, VA. The two restored dusters and several quad-50s will be on display.**

**Come to Boston and help us honor our Project Gold Star Mothers and families. Make the effort to call a buddy and say “Lets get together one more time.” Help us locate other DQS vets by checking your records and photo albums. Help us document more of our past, share your stories and photos.**

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