

NDQSA PRODUCT SALES



NDQSA Cap



Patch Coins and Pin Sets

- NDQSA Patch:** \$5 each
- Challenge Coin:** \$10 each
- NDQSA Pin Set:** \$8 each
- NDQSA Lucite Coin:** \$25

New Light Jacket
Embroidered with
Logo and Weapons
\$85 each

NEW!!
LADIES POLOS



New Products Size Chart

Subject to stock on hand
Give 1 & 2 choice on color

Light Jacket: Medium
Large
\$85 XL
XXL
XXXL

Mens Polo: Small
Black Medium
Green Large
White XL
\$30 XXL
XXXL
XXXXL
XL Tall
XXL Tall

Ladies Polo: Small
Black: Medium
White: Large
\$30 XL

T-shirt: Medium
Black: Large
Tan: XL
Gray: XXL
\$15 XXXL
XXXXL

SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

Heavy Jacket: Medium
Large
\$140+ XL
XXL
XXXL
(Duster) (Quad 50) (Searchlight)

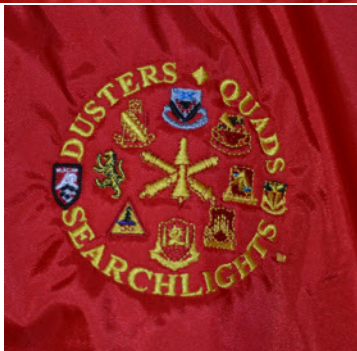
You can have your name, unit, years of service added at an extra cost.

Use the order form on the membership update sheet at the end of the newsletter.

Collared Polo Blk, Gn, Wh \$30

NEW NDQSA PRODUCTS

T-shirts : Black, Tan, Gray \$15 each



New Heavy Jacket
Embroidered with
Name and Weapon
\$140+ any extras

President's Message
Bob Lauver 7 October 2011



I look across the Susquehanna River and see the first touches of color on the trees of the mountains of Central Pennsylvania and reflect on the events of my first year as President of NDQSA. Two years of planning, research, and coordination went into making the final trip of Operation Gold Star a reality. Three Gold Star Mothers, Frances Turley, Dorothy Schafernocker, and Georgia Burkes were escorted to Vietnam to walk the land last trod by their sons. It is with some sadness that I watch this chapter of the Dusters, Quads, and Searchlights close. It is a reminder to us all that time marches on and that while 23 Mothers made the trip, there are many, many more that could have realized the closure that comes with standing on a piece of ground 12,000 miles from home. It is hard to realize that this year marks the 50th year since the beginning of the "Vietnam Era". It is time for us all to reach out and bring more of our brothers into the fold of NDQSA.

Judging from the comments I have received, the reunion in Boston in July was a marked success. We had the opportunity to travel the paths of History in Boston and to be able to share those steps with many of our surrogate mothers, the ladies who had made the trips back to Vietnam with us. Their presence added an element of emotion to our event that will be remembered by all that attended. We had the good fortune to be able to conduct our Memorial Service on the dock which is the berth of the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides", a symbol of our Nation. The Banquet gave us the opportunity to hear the inspiring words of General Heidi V. Brown, an individual who has carried on the traditions of Air Defense Artillery. We recognized the Gold Star Mothers in attendance and were addressed by the President of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Norma Luther. We had the opportunity to recognize the contributions of several of our members, including Clyde and Janet Larsen, Mary Severin, and Sally Huelsenbeck. We had a special recognition for one of our founders; John "Tank" Huelsenbeck was given the first "Presidents Award for Lifetime Achievement" which included a lifetime membership in NDQSA. We conducted an Author's Round Table featuring Sam Hopkins, Robert Scholten, Paul Kopsick, and Joe Belardo. It gave us an opportunity to hear these notables speak and the opportunity to show our appreciation for what they have done to preserve our history. There were many new products introduced in Boston including new jackets, tee shirts, and polo shirts. For the first time we had shirts just for the ladies. All items were very popular, including the .50 caliber bottle openers which sold out immediately. The highlight of Auction Night was a quilt dedicated to the Gold Star Mothers from

this year's trip. The Quilt, which now hangs in the Gold Star Mothers National Headquarters in Washington D.C., brought in almost \$5,000.00.

In August several members attended the open house at the "Tank Farm" in Virginia. Several old "Dusters" managed to take a ride on one of the Dusters without suffering injury. This is a great facility to which our Historian, Paul Kopsick has devoted much time in helping to preserve that part of equipment that relates to the men of DQS. In September My wife Sue and I, along with Paul Kopsick and his wife Deborah, attended the Gold Star Mothers National Banquet in Washington, D.C. During this program NDQSA was recognized and awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of Operation Gold Star. Past President Bruce Geiger presented a \$1,500.00 check to the Wounded Warrior Project. Thank you all for your dues and contributions that makes good works such as this possible. In October Sue and I had the extreme privilege of representing the men of NDQSA who participated in the Battle of Hue City during the 1968 TET Offensive. This is sponsored by the Officers and Sailors of the USS Hue City and is primarily the Marines of 2/5 and 1/1 of the 1st Marine Division. As part of this reunion we were able to go on a day cruise aboard the USS Hue City (CG66). During the cruise we were treated to a fire demonstration of the 5 inch gun and this old Quad man did something that I had not done for 40 some years. I squeezed off a few bursts from a Browning M2 .50 CAL. Whew! Bring back the memories!

At the present time there are many projects in the works for NDQSA including a revamping of the web site, the establishment of a permanent Memorial to the Air Defense Artillerymen of the Vietnam ERA (Project Eagle), the continued enhancement of our product lines, area focused trip (s) to Vietnam, and work is under way for next year's reunion.

Let's get on the phones to the brothers on the West Coast and get as many as possible to Seattle!

Request for Information

At the recent Battle of Hue City Memorial I had several Marines come up to me to request information about our units involved in an action that occurred on 7 February 1968.

Lt. Coates from D/1/44 was killed while on a Quad 50. Places that were mentioned were the Rock Crusher and the Graveyard.

If you have any knowledge of this event or know anyone who does, please contact Bob Lauver at rhlauver@juno.com.

Minutes of
NDQSA Board of Directors and Executive Officers
Meeting September 15, 2011

Members Present

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: Sam Hopkins
Director: George Nagelschmidt

Bob Lauver convened the Board of Directors meeting September 15, 2011 at 10:06 AM.

Bob Lauver called for the reading of July 7 BOD Minutes and were read by Dave McCray. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and minutes were accepted.

Reports of Officers:

President, Bob Lauver, deferred.

Past President, Bruce Geiger, requested the only a synopsis of the BOD Minutes not be put into the Newsletters. Sam Hopkins added we should not publish who makes the motion and seconds the motion. George Nagelschmidt stated we should only publish in the Newsletter an update on Committee reports and select information from the Secretary's minutes.

Vice President, Paul Hanson, no report.

First Vice-President, John Huelsenbeck, saw Ed Wilmarth at Kokomo and Ed wanted to thank the Association for his award as previous Product Sales Officer. Ed indicated he will try to attend the Seattle Reunion.

Secretary, Dave McCray, wanted to welcome back Sam Hopkins to the BOD.

Treasurer, Allan Penwell, wanted to note the following: our Cash Balance is \$10,000 more than this time last year, we had great Merchandise sales at the Reunion, the Reunion had a profit of \$5,000 and we spent \$9,436 on the Gold Star Mothers and the current balance in the GSM account is now zero. Allan sent the BOD a complete set of Financial Statements and Records prior to the meeting.

Products and Product Sales

Bob Lauver requested and received permission to order one XL Searchlight jacket for pictures on Product sheet. Duane

Gettler stated we need more black tee shirts and suggested that prices include the shipping charge. It was decided that Tee Shirts would be \$15 to help with the shipping cost. Bob Lauver asked Duane to send him a complete Inventory of the products. Bob is also proceeding with looking for the Khaki and O/D Green Tee Shirts. Paul Kopsick needs to create a new order form with the prices set. Bob will add the pictures and pricing. It was decided to leave the hats at 2 for \$10 until inventory is depleted. New hats will be designed later. Bruce Geiger will inquire about the open order on the .50 Caliber bottle openers. Paul Kopsick stated we sold 13 books at the reunion and returned around \$6-7,000 on new products which accounts for about one half of our investment in the new products. Paul also needs a copy of the Inventory too and Bob Lauver will forward a copy after Duane Gettler completes taking the Inventory.

Membership Committee

Paul Kopsick reported we continue to bring in new members. We have approximately 50 new members since the last meeting. We have a current total of 480 dues paying members which is great improvement over last year's 371.

Historian Report

The NDQSA display at the Tank Farm has generated several contacts including a National Guard unit in Florida. Paul also met with the Historian for the Army and is sending him a book. Paul continues to search for new members as more and more people find us. Bob Lauver mentioned seeing a Duster in Harrisburg, PA and Boalsburg, PA Museums. Paul Hanson, Buster Wise and Joe Belardo all rode on a Duster at the Tank Farm. Joe Belardo added the Tank Farm has two very nicely preserved Dusters and are currently working on refurbishing a Quad 50. It was suggested we help sponsor the Tank Farm. Bob Lauver stated we should look at holding the Washington DC reunion in a time period when members could visit the Tank Farm on their August open house weekend.

Website Committee

Allan provided the BOD a written report prior to the meeting. Bob Lauver and Allan Penwell have been looking into the upgrading of the NDQSA website. Mojo Active is the company they have settled on as they have a lot of experience and their price is competitive. Allan has completed a site map for the upgrade. He would like to see a Silver Star page, a Mitch Stout Medal of Honor page, History page, etc. We would retain all that is there but would have the pages updated to include our logo on top every page. The cost is \$4,500 and \$500 to run the forum. We need Volunteers to be active and trained by Mojo Active. Bruce Geiger volunteered! Mojo would provide access to most search engines. The site would be windows driven. Paul Kopsick asked we do not over engineer the

website and to keep it simple. Bob Lauver requested we delay any motions until the December meeting. He wants to confer with Allan, Bruce, Paul Kopsick and Joe Belardo on design and detail. More information about Mojo Active can be found at www.mojoactive.com.

Nominating Committee

Sam Hopkins and Joe Belardo will head the new committee. Sam will directly contact current Officers to determine nominations. This will be done before the next BOD meeting in December. Bob Lauver suggested we obtain more help for Paul Kopsick in Publications.

Good Works Committee

Sam Hopkins will research some worthy projects in Seattle. The Tank Farm could use some 40mm projectile tips. A Motion was made, seconded and approved to allow up to \$500 for this project. Bruce Geiger will present the prior approved \$1,505 check to the Fisher House this week.

Publications Committee

Paul Kopsick reported 1,800 Newsletters were sent out and only 30 returned. In addition over 300 e-mails were sent out which saved \$250. The next Newsletter will be next month. A discussion followed about whether or not the 2012 Roster would better sorted by Alpha or Unit/Years. Paul will put a question into the next Newsletter to determine which way the membership would prefer.

Reunion Committee

Bob Lauver and Bruce Geiger will be visiting Seattle to lay the groundwork for the next reunion. They will be using the Chamber of Commerce and want easy access to Fort Lewis as well as determining what Fort Lewis could do to assist with the reunion. They also need to set a tentative date. One suggestion was the week after Labor Day, but Duane mentioned that several members want to take an Alaska Cruise in conjunction with the reunion so he suggested we have the reunion in July or August. An update was given on History Fanatics Quad-50 restoration project. Their 501c was approved by the IRS and is still looking for funding. Luke Clark suggested we hold all donations received until a second site visit can be arranged to assess progress.

Project Eagle Committee

Joe Belardo stated that Vince Tedesco has reached out to Penn State's Architecture Department for support. The meeting in Fort Sill is delayed until October. We have to obtain permission for a site at Fort Sill and locate it. The weight of the Eagle is 1,734 pounds with shipping crate and Luke is including the shipping cost as part of the donation. For calculations purpose they will use 2,000 pounds for shipping. Joe Belardo stated that so far the design is for a hexagon base with one side dedicated to Mitchell Stout, one

side for the NDQSA Plaque for dedication, one side for the colorized Purple Heart, one side for weapons systems and the remaining sides with the NDQSA fatalities list. Luke Clark suggested we post this in the Newsletter to begin the process of raising donations for the project. (see page X)

Old/New Business

We had good comments on the Boston Reunion. Dave suggested we look at ways to improve our ballot counting at the reunion. Sam Hopkins noted it is accepted procedure to do a pre-count of existing ballots prior to the reunion. Bob Lauver said he will appoint two non Board of Director members to the ballot counting with the two Nomination Committee members. Paul Kopsick suggested we review the design of the ballot to see if there is a way to facilitate the counting. George Nagelschmidt asked if double counting occurred and Dave McCray stated he put together a report to Paul Kopsick with the member's numbers off the envelope. This process determined no duplicate ballots had been cast. Paul Kopsick also used this information to send out e-mails to members whom had not voted and it prompted at least another 30 members into voting.

Bob Lauver reiterated the next BOD meeting would be in the middle of December. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and accepted. Meeting adjourned!

Minutes compiled by:
David McCray,
Secretary, NDQSA

Minutes approved by:
Bob Lauver,
President, NDQSA

Website Update Project 2012

Our website needs a makeover. There really won't be much change in content, but navigation is a little awkward and it could really look good with our logo. We have contacted a potential web developer, and a sitemap has been drafted. If you are interested in writing copy, managing the website, or helping in any way, email the FORUM moderator, Paul Kopsick at dqshistorian@cox.net

Area Focused Trips to Vietnam

I need a few good men! I have discussed the possibility of Area Focused trips to Vietnam to each of the locations of our primary battalions. I am seeking an individual (or two) from each unit who would be interested in being the main contact to work with the participants and the tour service to come up with an itinerary, budget, and be the main "honcho" for each group. I have a file of individuals who have expressed interest in going on a trip of this nature. If this is going to happen, I need you to step forward. Please contact: Bob Lauver, rhlauber@juno.com.

**NDQSA Board of Directors and
Executive Officers July 9, 2011-July 2012**

Elected July 9, 2011

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Treasurers' Report for the Fall 2011 Newsletter

Your organization continues to be financially healthy. As of the end of July 2011 we had approximately \$56,000 in checking and a money market account with no bills outstanding. Our CPA, Kallembach & Associates, completed the NDQSA audit for 2010 and noted no discrepancies. Reports for the IRS and the State of Indiana (where we are incorporated) have been filed for this year. Keep in mind that if you itemize on your tax return, we are a 501(c) (19) corporation, and donations are deductible.

Through July, we are about break-even, but there is significant paid inventory that we have on hand. Our product sales this year are almost \$17,000 including \$9,200 from the reunion alone. Product sales are history books, coins, and merchandise including the new T-shirts and polo shirts with our embroidered logo that were available to those who attended the reunion. Overall, the reunion realized a \$5,200 profit.

The Gold Star Mothers fund was originally \$15,000, and it is now closed out. These were funds used for the March trip to Vietnam as reported in the last newsletter. We also paid for the GSM mothers' lodging at the Boston reunion as well as their meals at the banquet.

The annual treasurer's report for 2010 was made at the reunion. If you have further inquiry about it or any other financial matters, I am in the directory, and it is best to reach me at a.penwell@comcast.net.

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

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. The videos are working, provided they are not blocked. One shows the view from a tanker's perspective.

- Robert Ratliff

My Vietnam Deployment with First Battalion, 44th Artillery Fort Bliss, Texas - Maj. Jim Williams



I was going to leave this first part out, but feel it is necessary to the overall story.

My family and I transferred from Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York in June 1965. I was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 333rd Artillery which was being formed as the first Nike Hercules Missile Battalion Field Army. With the draw down on man power due to the Vietnam build up, what men there were in the 1st of the 333rd cleaned barracks, including

officers, and officer personnel spent the majority of time preparing training guides and other busy work to keep the staff occupied and make sure everyone had plenty to do. As S-3, plans and training officer, most of this fell in my bailiwick. I never knew when the phone would ring at night and I would have to go back to the office for some purpose. The CO fought to get his battalion up to strength and left no stone unturned to do so. Some people managed to get assigned out of the battalion, but the CO would consider it outright disloyalty if he thought someone wanted a transfer, no matter the reason. I felt I had to do something or the stress I was under would be my undoing. I had friends in officer assignments and went to them in confidence, asking if there were any openings available to which I could be assigned to remove me from the 1/333rd.

As it happened there were to be four automatic weapons battalions activated, one training battalion and three battalions for Vietnam. I said, "PUT ME IN". I knew I had a good chance as I carried the occupational specialties (MOS) required. Of course I did not tell Ann, my wife, but one of my assignment friends told her I had volunteered to go to Vietnam. Actually, I would have been selected sooner or later anyway, but I should have told my wife myself, first. During this tour I was promoted to Major.

Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers were put into a four week automatic weapons course there at Fort Bliss. It was a review for me but very new for most of the junior officers, especially those from field artillery basic course at Fort Sill.

Upon completion near the end of March 1966, we moved the troops and equipment we had to the White Sand Missile Range (near Oro Grande, NM) and were stationed

in an old training facility used for personnel who flew radio controlled target aircraft (RCAT). Here, we laid out the battalion headquarters and assigned the five firing battery areas and gun parks. It was a terrific training facility-isolated with miles and miles of trails and training areas and no one was there but us. We started receiving enlisted personnel daily and soon we were near to full strength. They were good troops, drafted for the most part, many with some college time. Our largest shortage was the junior sergeants, E-5. All Fort Army posts were taxed with quotas for these shortages. The posts dug into their work pools, mess kitchens, motor pools and the like and produced a large number of misfits which were sent to us. I was given the additional duty to run a summary court martial, almost weekly, to remedy this situation. This was done and the majority of sergeants came up from the ranks of the battalion. At least once a week, LTC Leroy, the CO, would walk in to the S-3 shop and hand me a warning order, which in general directed the battalion to mount and move at a given time to a given place in less than an hour and vehicle interval better be perfect. This went on for weeks and we really got good at it. Sixty-four M-42 Dusters (M41 tank chassis mounted with twin 40 millimeter guns), Twenty-four quad fifty caliber machine guns mounted on 2-1/2 ton trucks together with all the support vehicles of battalion headquarters and five firing batteries on the move. We would stay out deployed over a night or two and then return to camp. Concurrently, other unit combat training such as communications, gun revetment digging and retrieval operations were conducted.

The battalion spent a great amount of time on the firing range. Indeed we managed to shoot Fort Bliss out of 40 MM ammunition at least twice during our training.

As we were basically an air defense unit, we had to train as if we were going to deploy in that role in Vietnam. That is the type of test we would have to pass to be declared "Operationally Ready". As we were the first automatic weapons battalion to train for deployment, we were given a lot of leeway in our procedures. I managed to have a goodly supply of large crates, old truck beds, and pieces of airplane scrape scattered on the firing range. Each time we went to the firing range we would complete our air defense firing, and then each Duster and Quad 50 MG would be allowed to drive down the line of fire and shoot while moving, coming to a stop, continue target engagement and moving off range. The Dusters were tricky as it was hard to hold the gun azimuth against slewing due to gun weight when on a slope. Our men could come on target quickly, with rounds tearing up the sand some 60 yards and moving out and on to target (without troops to the line of fire, of course). This training paid off well when the 1/44th was deployed to Vietnam.



The firing range was considered a fun exercise, especially when the beer truck rolled in after supper and the sun was behind the mountains, and the desert was cooling. I learned my first Beatles song, "Hey Jude", as it was sung along with other Beetle songs by the troops during this time. The chorus was changed to, "hey-hey, we're gonna die." Morbid to say the least. A prophecy for some.

At the worst possible time (it had rained for most of a week), and the desert was becoming a lake, the Operational Readiness Inspection Team descended upon us in the wee hours of a June morning to conduct our Army Training test(ATT). I took their operational order, and quickly converted it to verbal and follow-up written orders for march orders and defense perimeter positions (remember this was an air defense test). We got off well, but we began to sink some Dusters in the desert sand just like we were in a swamp. These were left with a retriever vehicle and some Dusters to pull the sunken Dusters from their "wallow". I will never forget the thousands of frogs that just seemed to appear everywhere, seemly from nowhere, buried for how long? After a couple of days of testing we were ordered to stand down and proceed to the firing range for the firing portion of our ATT.

All of the time spent on the firing range came to the fore and our shooting was great. The first pass by a radio controlled target aircraft was knock out of the sky in flames by a Quad 50 cal of Battery G, 65st Arty, our attached Quad Battery. All Duster batteries acquitted themselves just as well and we passed our test with flying colors. Training continued at battery level. Meantime, we started receiving maps of the An Khe area of Vietnam. We were going to support the 1st Cavalry Division. That excited everyone. It was about this time I found I could go back to my family at Fort Bliss weekly, rather than ever two or three weeks as I had been doing during the real busy times of training and writing Special Operation Orders (SOPs). This one Friday night I hitched a ride with four Lieutenants back to Fort Bliss to be with families. It was suggested we stop at the Officers

Club Annex for a couple of beers. As this facility was just up the street from my quarters, I agreed. Getting them out of the club proved a different matter. I finely knew I was not in any condition to go home and it was late. I managed to get the car keys, got everyone loaded and started back for Oro Grande (a 1.5 hour drive). There were a few words said and it's the only time I recall that I knowingly pulled rank and planned the trip to occur the next day. This was not spoken of again.

Time became a blur. We had an Army Maintenance Inspection on all equipment. We began the preparation for overseas movement (POM), loading trucks and containers (CONEX) on train for transport to the port of embarkation, New Orleans. It is safe to say that I believe the battalion carried over fifty refrigerators hidden among that equipment, along with tents and all else. Everyone had learned that these were worth their weight in gold. What would not be used in the various headquarters would trade for all types of building supplies. The troops were soon moved out as well to port. Battery G, 65th Artillery, had as their unit symbol, an Ocelot (a seventy pound jungle cat from South America). There were air defense units in Panama, and the next thing I heard was the 65th had a "kitty".

Guess what was going to Vietnam! My turn came with the advanced party, leaving on a C-130, with family tears and the band playing "Gary Owen" the cavalry song, Over and over!

Vietnam

After a few stops in route, the C-130 landed the advanced party at Qui Nhon, a huge air and shipping depot. From here, we were trucked to the First Cavalry Division at An Khe. We were all eyes as we proceeded up into the hills. The stories of the ambushed French units stirred our minds, and we artillerymen with only side arms. Going through An Khe to the division base it was obvious that the town existed for retail to the troops. The First "Cav" was a very large fort with a lot of perimeter fencing and defense. A lot of space was utilized for the air park, as the "Cav" was air mobile. The main body of our battalion was still at sea and would be for about a month. As the division base was attacked often, we set to work planning positions for our weapons. The Division Deputy Commanding General, my CO and I toured the perimeter by Huey helicopter, looking at the approaches and placement of our fire power when it arrived. I followed this with a ground recon to get our placements more exact. Things were proceeding nicely when word was received to be prepared leave. Gen Westmorland had changed our deployment, and advance party was to fly to Da Nang and the battalion to become attached to the Third Marine Division. Da Nang was the location of the III MAFC Third Marine Amphibious Force), commanded by LTGEN Walt. Here we received orders attaching the 1/44th reinforced, to the Third Marine Division

in Quang Tri Province, next to the "demilitarized zone (DMZ)".

A week or so later the battalion main body and equipment arrived. Along with the shipment were newly refurbished automatic weapons that looked like new. These were a far cry from our training equipment received from the New Mexico National Guard. The weapons were placed at the seashore and exercised completely and test fired. In preparation for movement north, the M-42 Dusters were placed on landing craft for movement to Dong Ha. Highway I, which the battalion would use to go north over the Hai Van Pass, past Hue, the old Imperial City, to Phu Bai, where a battery, I believe it was Battery D, under the command of Cpt. Frank Ward, and a contingent of Quad 50's were attached, and the battery deployed. This was the headquarters of Third Marine Division (Rear). The convoy continued on to Dong Ha, the main destination at Third Marine Division. The 1/44th was the first unit to try and go up Highway 1 as the opposition had declared it closed. The movement was documented as only a journalist could by Jim Lucus and printed in the El Paso Herald-Post on December 13, 1966. We moved into our assigned area, pitching tents and setting up our perimeter defense in our sector.



The battalion headquarters area was set up in an old tea plantation. The NVA prisoners we used to clear bush in this area would pocket the leaves for brewing tea later, evidently approved by their marine guards. Three battery areas were cleared as well. Battery A, commanded by Cpt Les Custer, Battery B, commanded by Cpt. Troy Young and Btry G(MG), 65th Arty, commanded by First LT Bob Burgett. Upon receiving the M-42 Dusters, Battery C, under command of Cpt. Reagh Neily Jr., proceeded to Camp Carroll (Artillery Hill) overlooking Route 9 which runs along parallel and south of the DMZ. M-55's (Quad 50's) were attached.

The battalion S-3 section set up our operational control center and extended our communication wire to the marine operations and fire control centers and each of our battery

headquarters. We had radio contact and established radio frequencies already in place. When we were reasonably dug in on the sector perimeter, and going about hardening our operations center and gun positions, we requested to announce our presence with a night "mad minute" of harassing and interdiction fire (H & I). Third Marine Division agreed, but failed to inform base personnel of what we were going to do. Soon after dark, at the designated time, at my command, 32 M-42 Dusters with twin 40 MM guns and 12 M-55 quad 50 caliber machine guns opened fire. Marines went into shock, jumping into trenches, grabbing rifles and equipment, and falling over one another manning machine guns and artillery. It was a riot! It was over in one minute, and I had taped the whole episode. I'm not sure the Marines ever forgave us for that act. At a later time the tape was requested by a former member of the battalion, First Lt. John Wilson, who was teaching in the air defense school at Ft. Bliss. He used it in instruction. John was later killed commanding a Vulcan gun unit (scheduled to replace the twin 40 MM Duster) on a second tour.

LTC Charles Leroy, had served with the Marines in Korea and set the tone for great cooperation with the marines of 3rd Division. Major Dick Pickard, Executive Officer and Sergeant Major "Red" Ryder maintained a smooth running headquarters and unit required administration for the far flung battalion. Dick Pickard and I shared the same "hooch", but due to our assignments we rarely saw one another except at meals, if I was there. An interesting aside about S/M Ryder: After we had finished all of our hard work preparing the battalion at Fort Bliss, with equipment entrained and gone, a Sergeant Major E-9 strode into battalion headquarters and announces to the staff that "He" is our new sergeant major from the Pentagon. Without shaking his hand, LTC Leroy said in so many words that he did not feel the "new" sergeant major would be happy in our battalion, and it would be best for him to return to Fort Bliss and find a new home. Charley Leroy further stated he chose his own personnel, and First Sergeant, E-8 Red Ryder was his choice. Ryder became an E-9 at Dong Ha.

In our sector of the perimeter, we coordinated our H & I fires, provided night listening teams and day patrols on a continuing basis. We maintained a ready reaction force of not less than two M-42 Dusters. We also maintained two M-42's with the marines at Con Thien, north of Highway 9 and on the edge of the DMZ.

The CO and I were all over our operations area and knew what was going on with our personnel and equipment. Our automatic weapons were in demand and welcome everywhere they went. The Army advisors in Quang Tri requested some support for their compound. We provided one M-42 or M-55 each week to booster their defense and give the gun crews some relief and recreation (R & R) in town. This was rotated weekly. Marine sweeps and company

size plus operations were accompanied by M-42's. It wasn't long before Battery A lost their first M-42 to a land mine, which blew the vehicle over on its side. LT Fred Joy, assistant platoon leader and the crew were all injured, but none life threatening. Several times during these operations I would chopper out on supply C-34's and spend two-three days (all I was allowed), with the gun sections doing the mission. I would ride the passenger seat with ammunition, observe our fire support and spend the down time with the crews.

Our sector patrol was sniped at regularly and pissed us all off. The patrol would return fire each time with M-14's, but he (she?) was shooting again soon. I arranged two M-42's to move out in sector earlier in the day and lay quietly in defilade and unseen. The patrol proceeded normally and sure enough, our "friend" opened fire on them again. We observed the area where we thought the fire was coming from, and called the two Dusters up from their waiting position to just pulverize the trees and hillocks of the sniping position with 40 MM fire. We did not get shot at from that area anymore.

I wanted to observe our sector patrols and evaluate their procedures, so I did a foot patrol occasionally (I really wanted to just get out of battalion routine). On patrol in January, going into high grass, I stepped in a pit with my left leg, up to the groin. I thought I was "had" for sure, but no punji stakes! I caved the hole in with a grenade. I think I prayed a little harder that night.

We continued position improvement for our automatic weapons and operational control center with sand filled oil drums, sand bags and timber. With WABTOC kits (building supplies and electrical equipment with hardware), all tented buildings were replaced except for the battalion mess tent and a squad tent we maintained to facilitate marine personnel coming into Third Division headquarters from outlying units. We made these marine grunts feel like they were on R & R with a cot, clean sleeping bags and some of the best hot chow in Vietnam. Of course, we used navy rations with real butter and fresh baked bread, and ice cream on occasion. We also issued each of them a Red Cross Box with personal toilet items. On an early morning in January, our headquarters was mortared, three rounds falling next to my quarters (hooch-wooden floor, screen sides and tin roof). The screen sides and tin roof were pulverized by shrapnel. I had been asleep but dove under my cot after the first round, taking my helmet and Colt .45 with me. There I was in my underwear, ready to defend myself. After the next two rounds I high tailed it for the bunker.

There was no follow up to this. Cpt. Neily, on a visit to Artillery Hill (Camp Carroll), demonstrated his solution to rocket artillery bombardments. When faced with an attack all he had to was roll off his bed and drop about ten feet into

a hole through his floor. I heard he spent a lot of time down there.

Battery G, 65th Arty (Quad 50) successfully got their Ocelot to Dong Ha and the cat thrived, leached with a collar and chain, and generally found at battery headquarters.

Upon a visit there the Ocelot grabbed my left leg and put my whole knee in his mouth. I did not dare move. He began to purr and let go of me. Unfortunately, the Ocelot got away one night and trying to find a friend jumped into a bunker with a marine. Scared to death the marine finished the cat with a burst M-16 fire. That animal was beautiful but I am sure it appeared quite different in the dark.

We had two firing accidents while I was with the 1/44th. The first, at Dong Ha involved a Duster firing a night H & I mission, the azimuth indicator ring on the twin 40mm mount became loose and the crew fired out of the authorized firing fan. Some rounds landed in a hamlet, killing a small girl. We were heartbroken. The family was given food, money and condolences. Surely not enough.

The second accident occurred at Con Thien with a Duster firing H & I fire which resulted with the death of four marines. The CO dispatched me to Con Thien to investigate what went wrong. We had a great rapport with the marines and did not want that tarnished. I learned a marine patrol was dispatched after darkness, to the north of the fire base, turned in the wrong direction and had gone into the free field of fire zone by mistake. The marines had this all figured out before I arrived, and my report was the end of the incident. It still haunts you though.

I received orders pulling me out of the 44th effective March the 3rd, 1967. I was getting my job taken by some staff type from IFFV Artillery in Nha Trang, and I was being transferred there as his replacement. What a bunch of crap. I was mad and immediately communicated by objections, which fell on deaf ears. I got frightfully drunk the night before I was to leave, trying to get my grief out, but it did not work. Charlie Leroy and I did heavy damage to a bottle and I cannot remember what it was. The next morning I was up and dressed, with my foot locker and duffle bag packed, ready to go to the air strip to catch my C-130 to Nha Trang. My baggage was loaded in a jeep and my driver drove out on the road to the air base. Lo and behold the whole battalion had turned out, lining the road, Battalion Colors, M-42's, M-55's and battalion and battery personnel, all looking smart. The only thing missing was Btry G's ocelot. Guess if the 44th had a band, it would have been there as well. Sure glad I had my sun glasses on. No one has ever had a finer parade. Guess I was pretty much a mess after that and I asked the driver to pull over before reporting for transportation, so I could walk it off. I did and had a smoke and was ready to move on. As the C-130 lifted off the ground, every one sitting in the side seats, some VC put a rifle round in the fuselage of the plane. Maybe we had not killed that devil in the tree line after all.

EPILOG

I finished my Vietnam tour in Nha Trang with IFFV Artillery (actually a Corps artillery headquarters), as a plans officer in the S-3 section, and had some very interesting times, quite different from the 1/44th. I may have to write about that someday. The 1/44th fell under the administration of IFFV and I could keep abreast of what was going on in I Corps by reading the situation reports. I knew when the 1/44th started taking casualties and were under heavier attack pressure than when I was there, as were all units. This did not do a lot for my morale. I heard LT Art Panori, my assistant S-3 in the 1/44th, was seriously wounded at Con Thien. He had finally got out of staff work and into a Duster platoon, after I left.

If you have more to add please contact me.

FIGHTING 44TH

-Jim Williams, Dong Ha RVN March 1967

It was in the desert our unit was formed ,
Amid the sand dunes, rattlers , and sage.
There, under blazing sun and wind
blowing free,
The spark was struck that kindled our esprit.

Across the trackless waste we did move,
With our "Dusters" spouting sand devils
which dimmed the sun.
And in darkness with the stars so bright,
The deafening roar would shatter the night.

March Order-Panzer-jack knife and coil,
To your front-Watch your flanks-Your
interval is poor.
That's not good enough; sergeant, do it again,
And lieutenant, for heaven' s sake,
Bring all those tracks in.

Slowly but surely our proficiency rose,
We were shooting and moving as professionals
chose.
The battalion was ready-come what may.
Ready for battle, awaiting the day.

The unit is gone now, to fight in a distant
land,
Only the ghostly wind remains amid the
drifting sand.
That slowly covers the scars of months
gone by,
Where eight-hundred men accepted a challenge-
To do or die.

PROJECT EAGLE

With the end of Operation Goldstar, the next NDQSA service project will be the production and funding of a permanent memorial to Vietnam Air Defense Artillery units to be located in Ft. Sill, OK, the new home of the ADA.



While in Vietnam on the last Goldstar Mother's trip, Luke Clark (H-4/60 '71-72) saw a large statue of an eagle with raised wings. It was by a local artist and was made from white marble from the quarry at Marble Mountain near Da Nang. The Clarks purchased the statue and shipped it home with the intent on developing a local memorial in Louisiana. That idea did not develop so Luke has offered the statue to NDQSA for the express goal of honoring NDQSA and ADA units.

The Eagle Project Committee met on August 27th and gave a go-ahead to initially raise funds from NDQSA members. Status of fund-raising thus far is: \$3800 for the White Marble Eagle Sculpture delivered to Ft Sill and a \$500 donation towards the design costs of the memorial. As with the Quad 50 restoration project, donations, no matter how small will be accepted and we hope that all members will contribute to this worthy project, within their means. And for every \$1000 collected, the Clarks have promised to contribute \$100 more.

Donations can be sent directly to the Treasurer and a line has been added to the membership form so members can contribute when they send in their dues or submit a product order.

It would be quite fitting and proper that this project be funded by NDQSA members and all others who served with the men and units which the memorial will honor.

To date, contact has been made with necessary offices at Ft Sill to get that part of the project accomplished.

Project design planning is in progress with Vinny Tedesco and the University of Pennsylvania.

There is no doubt that this project will be completed. It will be a lasting statement that "We all paid the price for freedom in a time when that was not popular."

-Luke Clark 4/60 - Vincent Tedesco 1/44th

*** 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.

[Cliff Finkle](#), B-5/2 '67-68
Joel Wohlman, C-1/44 '69-70
[Doug Northey](#), A-1/44 '67-68
[Lee Deander](#), A-1/44 '66-67
[Donald Clagett](#), B-1/44
[Heinz Haskins](#), 4/60 '68-69
Donald Dupuis, B-29 '66-67
Michael Wong, B-29th '66-67
[James Schmenk](#), A-1/44 '70-71
[Lamar Gilmore](#), D-71 '68-69
[Keith Kidwell](#), D-71 '71-71
Dale Suemnick, C-5/2 '67-68
Albert Horne, C-5/2 '66-67
Paul Kluge, H-4/60
Ron Koeppel, E-41 '67-68
[Henry Sumral](#), D-4/60 '67-68
[Jimmie Williams](#), H-1/44 '66-67
James Aylor, A-4/60 '66-67
David Born A-4/60 '66-67
Jerry Jarvis, H-29

+++ RECENTLY IDENTIFIED AS PASSED +++

Jesse Johnson, B/4-60 '66-67
Stan Cartright, D-1/44 '69-70
John Meenagh, G-55 '68-69
Richard Pechal, H-5/2 '68-69 CA
Shelby C Mathews, C-1/44 '66-67 GA
Bruce LaDuke, A-5/2 '70-71
Richard Wessling, A-4/60 '68-69 TX
Barbara Calfee, Goldstar Mother May 2004
Joe Belardo's Mother
Don Wolfe's Father

We honor and mourn those that have passed. "Rest in Peace, Brothers"

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!

**MEMBERS DEALING WITH SEVERE HEALTH ISSUES
KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Terry Lyons
Lorraine Pankey
Red Dietz
Paul Mitchel B-1/44 '66-67
Terry Blackburn, C-1/44 '70-71

If you know the current status of any of these individuals please contact the Historian.

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FISHER HOUSE FOLLOW-UP

Bruce Geiger was invited by a friend to attend a fundraiser for the Fisher House Foundation held at the Leewood Golf and Country Club in Eastchester, NY. There he presented a NDQSA check for \$1505 plus a personal check for \$200. Bruce gave a brief talk about our Associations philanthropic commitments, including past visits and donations to the Fisher Houses at Walter Reed in DC, and BAMC and the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio.

2012 Seattle Reunion Planning Trip

Bob Lauver and Bruce Geiger will visit (10/18-10/21) Seattle to begin selection of venue and negotiations for next year's 30th Annual Reunion in Seattle. We've gotten some very good proposals and look forward to planning another great reunion. Dates are not yet decided, but we are hoping for summer dates, prior to any rainy season. I am hearing that a good number of people will also try to arrange an Alaskan cruise to follow our reunion.

NDQSA Receives Service Medal from National Goldstar Mothers Association



The National Dusters Quads and Searchlight Association is a fraternal non-profit veterans group that started in 1981 and has held annual reunions for veterans who served in US Army Air Defense Artillery units in-country during the Vietnam War, and their families.

NDQSA began a program called Operation Gold Star in the late 1990's in response to a chance meeting between veteran Mr. Joseph Belardo and Gold Star Mother Ms. Virginia May during the annual "Delta to DMZ" dance held by VVA Chapter 227 of Arlington Virginia. When asked if there was anything he could do for her, she replied, I would really like to see where my son was killed. She also met and danced with NDQSA founder John Huelsenbeck. The idea was planted and Joe and John then started to determine if and how this could be done. What followed was Operation Gold Star, a program with the express goal being to make it possible for any Gold Star Mothers to hold a memorial service as close to the site where their sons were killed in Vietnam or Cambodia. The hope being that this would help bring some closure to their loss and to honor these men and fellow veterans.



Bob Lauver receiving GSM award for NDQSA

NDQSA members raised money through service projects and fund raisers and sought corporate sponsorship wherever possible. This was to be a "door-to-door" program with all costs covered by Operation Gold Star funds.

Through the years NDQSA members, their wives and friends, escorted some 24 Gold Star Mothers to Vietnam during five separate trips from 2000 thru 2011. There would have been more trips, but bad weather and concerns of bird flu outbreaks forced a hiatus for several years. It should also be said that this program never had the opportunity to take a Gold Star Mother from the list of more than 200 men that perished from NDQSA units. Honorees included Army, Navy and Marine servicemen.

OGS Summer 2002: Valerie May, Theresa O. Davis, Irene Tschan and Mary Wheeler, escorted by Ed and Nina Allen, George Nagelschmidt, Jim Smith, Bruce Geiger and John and Sally Huelsenbeck.

OGS Fall 2002: Emogene Cupp, Anne Herd, Florence Johnson and Georgiana Carter Krell, escorted by Bob and Sue Lauver, Greg Dearborn and Mike Sweeney.

OGS May 2004: Dorothy Oxendine, Shirley Jones, Pauline Yeakley, J. Winona Tucker, Bill and Doris Nuhfer and Barbara Calfee, escorted by Ed and Nina Allen, Clyde and Janet Larsen, and Dale Peters.

OGS Fall 2004: Janice Dahlke, Carol Tabor, Virginia O'Neal, Betty Van Dusen, Betty Pullian and Anna Roble with Bill Griffith, escorted by Bruce Geiger, Jim and Sandy Smith and Sam Hopkins.

OGS 2011: Georgia Burkes, Dorothy Shafernocker and Frances Turley, escorted by Bob and Sue Lauver, Luke and Lynette Clark, Rose Arnold, and Jerry Ashley.

Although a few of the ladies have since passed, NDQSA was able to reassemble nearly a dozen of the mothers to attend the NDQSA 29th Annual Reunion in Boston in 2011. This was also the formal closeout of the Operation Gold Star program.

NDQSA to the man is proud to have conceived of and administered this great showing of love and respect for these ladies and their sons who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service to our nation. We are honored to receive this service award on behalf of all those that donated to and participated in Operation Gold Star over these many years. It has always been for the men and their families. Brothers then... Brothers forever.

Paul R. Kopsick
NDQSA Historian

A copy of the certificate is on the outside of this newsletter along with a photo of the 2011 NDQSA Quilt hanging in their headquarters in DC. Sue Lauver and GSM President Norma Luther in the foreground.

BOSTON REUNION WRAP-UP

Without a doubt, the Boston reunion was the best NDQSA reunion ever. The turnout was excellent with about 120 attendees and their friends and families. About one third of the men were attending their first reunion.



Having a dozen Gold Star Mothers in attendance to help close out the Operation Goldstar Program was so special. The tours of historic Boston, Lexington/Concord and the memorial service dockside at the USS Constitution provided enough memories to last a long time. Well at least until next year in Seattle when we celebrate our 30th reunion.

There were many memorable moments as buddies were reunited for the first time and we said goodbye to the Gold Star Mothers. There was a particularly emotional program put on by book authors Sam Hopkins, Bob Scholten, Joe Belardo and NDQSA History Book Editor Paul Kopsick. Each man bared their soul and told of the process of writing a book and what it meant to them and others.

Bob and Diane Cuce are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to our special project for local disabled veterans, many who have nothing and continue to suffer from wounds and physical disabilities. We had a great fundraising event and our last Goldstar Quilt was bought and presented to the National Gold Star Association on our behalf. (see photo on back cover)

We were honored to have General Heidi Brown as the guest speaker at the awards luncheon. Her knowledge and experience were well received.

Of the various awards presented, none was more well received or deserving than the Lifetime Achievement Award presented to founding members John and Sally Huelsenbeck for their decades of service to NDQSA. John was presented with a laser etched crystal of a duster and given the first Lifetime Member status in the Association.

Thanks again to everyone that made the trip to Boston and all first attendees. Next year we will be in the northwest for the first time and we hope to have as good a time or better and to meet NDQSA members from that region. See you in Seattle!!!!!!

Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles Tank Farm Open House August 2011

Once again NDQSA had the pleasure of setting up a booth at the annual open house at the Tank Farm near Nokesville, VA (by Quantico).

This year they were able to have one of the two restored dusters available for operational runs around the display field. Paul Kopsick who volunteers at the farm was able to find and restore about 32 40mm rounds to add to the duster displays. It was very impressive seeing the gun turrets lined with clips of brightly colored 40mm rounds.

Several regional and local NDQSA vets came out for the two-day event and Buster Wise and his wife drove up from Palatka Florida to see the dusters in operation. There were many re-enactors in period uniforms talking about their specific wars and equipment. Several of the attending NDQSA members handled questions and showed off the duster. This year we also had a ground mounted quad on display.



The highlight for a chosen few was the chance to ride the duster around the grounds during the presentation of the M42A1 duster to the crowds. The history of the gun as well as the names and units of the men riding on the duster made it very special and personal for all involved. Joe and Nancy Belardo joined Buster and his wife in the turret and Paul Hanson rode in the TC hatch next to the driver, VMMV director Marc Schering.

In appreciation for their restoration of the dusters and support of NDQSA at the open houses, the Board authorized the purchase of 32 40mm bofor projectiles to be part of their permanent duster display.

VMMV also has a M55 quad 50 mount that they would like to restore and Mitch Reynolds (E-41 '70-71) will be looking for local quad vets to help with the project. If you would like to come by and help on the project, contact Mitch or Paul Kopsick the historian. Maybe we will have it ready to go for next year's open house and maybe even have it mounted on a deuce and a half.

Stay tuned for updates and keep August 2012 open!

2012 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / ROSTER UPDATE /PRODUCT & BOOK ORDER FORM

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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 (highest grade while in Vietnam)

Grade: Officer: _____ NCO: _____ EM: _____

Valor Awards

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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 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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(Duster)(Quad) (Searchlight)

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Active membership is up by over 100 members in 2011, we now have close to 480 active dues paying members. Many have also already paid for multiple years, so look carefully at the mailing label for the year which shows when you are paid up through. If you see 0000 we have not seen a dues payment in a while. If you can't afford dues, we fully understand so don't worry about it. We are just glad to get and update on your status and verification of your contact information, phone numbers and email.

We would also like to know if you have a preference on how the 2012 Membership Roster should be sorted. Do you want it again, by unit and year or do you want to go back to straight alphabetical? See the check box on the Mem form.

