



NATIONAL DUSTERS, QUADS & SEARCHLIGHTS ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER REUNION RECAP

FT. SILL REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS

NDQSA had its largest reunion turnout to date with some 150 members and their families attending the Oklahoma City and Ft. Sill festivities. We have several stories about members meeting for the first time in many years and the Ft. Sill dedication ceremony.

OPERATION EAGLE MEMORIAL COMPLETED

Through the generosity of members and sponsors, NDQSA completed (ON TIME) the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Air Defense/Artillery Memorial (PROJECT EAGLE) on August 9th 2013.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Board members participated in another conference call to recap the activities since the August reunion. Association finances are strong, restoration projects are continuing, and plans are being made for the 2014 reunion in Washington DC next summer. NDQSA will also be moving its official mailing address in 2014.

MEMBERSHIP & ORDER FORM

The multipurpose form has been updated again with new product sale items, like the NDQSA logo window sticker. Note we also have new artwork for the heavy embroidered jackets to include Searchlights and HAWKS.

VMMV 'TANK FARM' OPEN HOUSE

There is also a small recap on the 2013 Open House at the Tank Farm the following weekend in Virginia.

MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED

We strive to keep everyone informed of the passing of members and others in our community. Please take a moment to check the listing. If you know of any other ADA vets that have passed, please pass them on to the historian.

MEMBERS THAT ARE LOST

We also strive to keep our mailing list up to date, but many times people move without thinking to inform us. Please review the list and if you see a name of a friend you know, try and make communication with them and have them update their mailing address. Also remember to send an email to [the historian](#) if you change your email or phone numbers.

2014 REUNION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON DC

The 2014 Reunion Committee is working on dates and hotel options for the 32nd Annual reunion, which was voted on during the 2013 Business Meeting to be in Washington DC. The dates have not been finalized as yet but it will be sometime between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Anticipated activities to possibly include: a tour of the Pentagon, Quantico Marine Museum, the VMMV "Tank Farm" with its two running Dusters.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

NDQSA President Paul Hanson recaps some of the 2013 reunion activities and indicates that he will not seek a second 2-year term as president. This means that several Executive Officer positions are open for nominations for the 2014-2016 term. Contact members of the Nominating Committee of Hopkins, Belardo and Geiger to make a nomination. The cutoff date for nominations will be March 1st so there is time to send out ballots.

Presidents Message

September 16, 2013

Another reunion has come and gone with a lot of camaraderie and genuine friendship. Oklahoma City turned out to be one of our best reunion venues and was perfect for our dedication of the Operation Eagle project at Ft. Sill. Our



hats are off to Dave and Vickie McCray for their hard work in bringing us to their city and showing it off in such a grand fashion. The hotels, restaurants and points of interest throughout the city gave our gang a new appreciation for Oklahoma and its capitol city.

Along those lines goes a deep appreciation for all of the auxiliary and membership personnel that manned the registration and product tables in a way that consistently made it easy for our members to conduct whatever business they needed to complete easily, swiftly, and without taking away from the enjoyment of visiting with old and new friends. Folks, and you know who you are, thanks for giving everyone a great reunion experience!

The Ft. Sill experience during the Operation Eagle dedication could not have gone more smoothly. The efforts of Luke and Lynette Clark and Vinnie and Suzanne Tedesco were evident from the time we stepped off our busses, through the dedication ceremony and our lunch at the Patriot Club, and especially through the induction of all NDQSA members into the Association of the United States Army Air Defense Association as life members. This was truly and honor this president did not expect but was very gratified to have received. We now have an organization where our records, memorabilia, and honors can be transferred when NDQSA is ready to pass our history on to a younger group of Air Defenders. Thank you all for giving our members a monument and a memory fit to honor all of our brothers that died in Vietnam.

We are currently working on our next adventure for 2014 in the exotic city of Washington D. C. There

are not yet enough pieces of information to give you dates or events but be assured that things are in the works and you will not be left wanting for a good reunion if you join us. D.C. has lots to do and we are pressing hard to make it easy to do as much as possible. Further information will be forthcoming as we figure it out.

Thanks again to all those who attended OKC in 2013 and to all those who worked so hard to make it special. The comments from those who attended, especially those who attended a reunion for the first time, were very gratifying and made it special for your Board of Directors also. Join us next time and we will do it once again. Until then, please stay in touch with each other and with your association. You, and your families, are the reason we do this stuff and reunions like OKC surely show us it is worth the effort.

The last bit of news is that I will not be running for another term as president of the association. The increased requirements of my studies for a PhD in my educational field will preclude me from giving the association the time and energy you deserve from your president and, although I reserve the right to finish my allowable third and fourth years in office until later, for now I must step down. Thankfully there are some great people to step in and they are willing to do so. The nominating committee is working to obtain a full slate to present to you and I wish them as much help and success as you have given me over the last two years. I will remain through these next elections and our upcoming reunion in D.C. so we still have time for many great times. Thank you all for your continued support.

Take care and treat each other kindly and with respect --

Paul D. Hanson, NDQSA President



L-R: Walter Seabock, Bob Cuce, Paul Hanson, Pete Labarre, Dave McCray, Duane Harvey.

NDQSA Officer Election Nominations

All active dues paying members of the NDQSA are invited to submit nominations for the 2014 election of the association's executive officers. Members in good standing may submit their own names or the names of other eligible members for the ballot. As long as the nominees consent to be listed on the ballot, their names will be submitted for election to the voting membership. Each nominee will have their photo and a brief introductory biography included with the ballots to help the membership become familiar with the nominee's qualifications. The ballots will also allow for write-in votes of any qualified member to be elected into an office. Furthermore, last minute nominations may be made during the annual membership business meeting at the 2014 NDQSA reunion in Washington, D.C.

The offices open for nominations are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office is two years. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2014. Send all nominees to Sam Hopkins, 1027 Timothy, Jacksonville, Texas. For more information about the nominating process, call (903) 586-4488 or send a message to [sapat1964@suddenlink.net](mailto:sampat1964@suddenlink.net)

MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED

Donald E. Shaw H-1/44 '71 26Nov68 VA
[Donald C. Dixon](#), C-4/60, '70-71, 2003
William Baddaker, H-4/60 12Aug04 CO
Paul Gauvenau, D-5/2 '69-7028Jan08 NH
Robert L. Wingate, D-4/60 '67-68 Oct09 CO
James Gourley Jr. B-1/44 '66-6724Sep10 FL
Dennis Halcomb, A-1/44 '68-70 17May11 TN
Kevin Stiles, B-4/60 '70-71 3Dec11 NY
Leslie 'Red' Dietze, C-1/44 '66-67 Jan12 IA
Brent Schofield, B-29, '68-70, 24Oct12, ID
George Stone, G-29 '67-68 24Jun13 TN
[Ronnie Dean Davidson](#), C-5/2 & D-71 '70-72 25Jul13
Bernard C. McPhee, D-5/2 '68-69 31Jul13, TX
Jim Ellison, B-4/60 '69-71 6Oct13, TX

NEW MEMBERS/CONTACTS

[Ron Young](#), C-4/60th '68-69
Donald Heineman, B-1/44th '67-'68
Danny Kimery, B-5/2 '69-'70
[William Kiefer](#), B-5/2 '68-'69
[Philip Hosey](#), E-41st '71
Earl Grover, D-71 '69-'70
Simon Garcia, B-1/44 '67-'67
[Paul Baugley](#), A-4/60th '67-'68
[Tommy Mingledorff](#), G-65 '67-'70

Curtis Haugen, G-65th '68-'69
Walter Campbell, HAWK
Robie Wellsman, C-4/60th '67-68
Samuel Martin
Steve Walther, 55th Gen Sup
[Carrol Flemister](#), C-4/60 '67-'68
[Mario Baeza](#), A-1/44th '68-'69
[Frederick Taylor](#), G-65th '67-'68
Roy Tedder, C-4/60th '67-'68
[Myron Roach](#), 6-71st '67-'68
[Russell LaFerrera](#), 6/71st '66-67
Riley McCarty, 6/71st '66-'67
[Charles Farabaugh](#), 6/71st '66-'67
[John Cihak](#), D-71st '70-'71
[Darrell Freedle](#), B-5/2nd
Dail McGee, B-5/2nd '69-'70
Ronald Hendricks, C-6/71st '66-'67
[Larry DeSenville](#), A-1/44 '66-67

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Here are some of the recently returned newsletters.
If you know them and where they are contact the
[Historian](#).

John Sayad, C-5/2 '68-69 MI
Bruce Mensch, H-5/2 '67-'68 PA
Richard Dinsmore, C-4/60 '70-71 TX
Randy Mordecai, A-1/44 '66-69 CA
Phillip Kelly, B-1/44 '66-70 AZ
John Sterbenz G-29 '66-69 WA
Ken D. Eickoff, B-6/71 '66-67 WI
Gary Nistler, H-29 '67-68 GA
Nicholas Rodriguez Jr., 4/60 '67-68 TX
Leroy Greene, C-4/60 '67-68 IL
Clint T. Merida, C-5/2 '67-68 ND
Dennis P. Michaud, H-29 '69-70 NH
John S. Carr Sr., G-65 '70-72 TN
Dwight L. Trimmer H-5/2 '68-69 VA
Garry Wood, B-1/44 '68-69 NM
Richard Forster, B-1/44 '68-69 NY
James Broehl, D-1/44 '66-70 FL
Lloyd Easter, CA

SECURE YOUR NDQSA ROSTERS!!

When you are ready to discard your old NDQSA Members Roster, please handle it as CONFIDENTIAL information. Please shred it or otherwise destroy it so it can not end up in the hands of an identity thief. A copy of our 2007 Roster was utilized by an identify thief according to Lifelocktm.

Minutes of NDQSA Board of Directors and Executive Officers Meeting September 13, 2013

Members Present	Time in	Time out
President: Paul Hanson	11:26 AM	1:15 PM
1 st V President: J. Huelsenbeck	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
2 st Vice President: Bob Cuce	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
Secretary: Dave McCray	11:26 AM	1:15 PM
Treasurer: Allan Penwell	11:26 AM	12:05 PM
Past President: Bob Lauer	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
Director: Joseph Belardo	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
Director: Luke Clark	11:26 AM	1:15 PM
Director: Bruce Geiger	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
Director: Duane Gettler	12:16 AM	1:15 PM
Director: Paul Kopsick	11:26 AM	1:15 PM
Director: Sam Hopkins	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
Director: George Nagelschmidt	11:30 AM	1:15 PM
Asst Secretary: Garry Severin (non voting member)	11:26 AM	1:15 PM

Paul Hanson convened the Board of Directors meeting on September 13, 2013 at 11:35 AM .

Reports of Officers:

President, Paul Hanson – no comments

First Vice President, John Huelsenbeck – no comments

Second Vice-President, Bob Cuce – no comments

Secretary, Dave McCray – no comments

Treasurer, Allan Penwell – Allan provided the board by e-mail copies of the Treasurer's update and gave his presentation of the financial position of the Association. Highlights are the 2013 reunion had a profit of \$7,126, there was approximately \$2,000 left over from Operation Eagle, another \$1500 left over from the Good Works Committee and product sales were at last year's level. Finally, through 8-31-2013 we have a net profit of \$3,516. Our current assets are all checking and savings at \$70,290. We are in very good financial health! Paul Kopsick stated we still have one invoice outstanding on Operation Eagle for \$330. He will forward to Allan.

Paul Hanson moved the discussion to the reading of the minutes. Bob Lauer made a motion to forego the reading of the minutes as all board members have received a copy and have acknowledged reading them before this meeting and proceed to the meeting. It was seconded by Luke Clark and the motion carried unanimously.

Next are discussions to *Standing Committee Reports* (note they are not necessarily in order of discussion):

Membership Committee (J. Belardo, P. Kopsick):

No Comments

Nominating Committee

(Sam Hopkins, Joe Belardo, Paul Kopsick):

New committee members volunteered for the Nominating Committee since Officers will be elected this year. This year the new members that volunteered are Sam Hopkins, Joe Belardo and Paul Kopsick. Sam will contact the officers to follow up on plans for running for election. Offices up for election are President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Legislative (Bruce Geiger, Bob Lauer):

No Comments

Good Works Committee

(Sam Hopkins, Bob Cuce, Bruce Geiger):

Nothing yet for 2014 (see Reunion committee for new Financial Statement line creation)

Publications/Historian Committee (Paul Kopsick):

Paul Kopsick stated we have around 490 active members and our 2014 membership dues collections already are higher than when our new leadership took over the Association. Paul Kopsick also stated that at the Tank Farm this was the first time they had a Duster, Quad 50 and Searchlight together. There was a very nice turnout with only a few from the NDQSA because the reunion was the week before. Paul is also gearing up for next newsletter and may include some personal reunions that happened at the reunion.

Reunion Committee (Bob Lauer, Bruce Geiger, Mary Severin, Paul Hanson, Sam Hopkins, Dave McCray, Paul Kopsick, Joe Belardo):

First is a quick wrap up of the 2013 reunion meeting. A motion was made by Joe Belardo and seconded by John Huelsenbeck to allow for \$500 in bonuses from Operation Eagle fund for the finishing and engraving of replacement bricks. Without them working week-ends they would not have been able to complete the project on time. Paul Kopsick asked that the check be sent to him for distribution. Bob Lauer made a motion that we establish a Good Works Committee fund on the Financial Statements for Good Works Committee to use toward our membership and to move the surplus from the 2013 reunion into that fund. The motion was seconded by Luke Clark. Motion carried unanimously. Paul Hanson then congratulated the Reunion Committee members on job well done and noted he had many compliments on the reunion.

Next up is the 2014 reunion. Paul Kopsick was added to the reunion committee as the local representative at Paul Hanson's request. Paul Hanson

discussed the phone call he had with Bob Lauver, Bruce Geiger and Dave McCray on next year's reunion timing. That phone call centered selecting the best time to have the reunion and during the call the members had selected Veteran's Day as number one, May time period as number two time period and the last week of September or first week of October as the third selection. The Board also asked that committee look at Memorial Day or early June. Bruce will continue to research the hotel availability and price, proximity of local restaurants and mass transportation into Washington DC for the next Board meeting.

Products Committee (Duane & Mary Gettler, Bruce Geiger, Paul Kopsick, Bob Lauver):

Duane informed the committee Mary is out of her sling after breaking a shoulder during a fall. Bob Lauver asked Duane to have Mary call get in touch with him about what needs to be restocked. Bob Lauver also stated he had four custom orders for jackets including two Searchlight jackets at the reunion were sent out.

Bob Lauver suggested we have a competition to design a t-shirt every year dealing with that year's reunion. Even getting Bob Cuce's people involved in the competition and award the winner maybe \$250. The competition will have to have a June 1st deadline for designs. We would purchase 75 and when they run out they run out. Bob Lauver will get with Paul Hanson on the idea and come up with an article to put in the next Newsletter.

Website Committee (Bob Lauver, Paul Kopsick, Allan Penwell, Bob Cuce, Bruce Geiger, Robert Schmeisser):

Paul Hanson announced the committee was on hold at the moment and was not prepared to talk about it any further than to say he had contacted two individuals to help take over the reigns, but they were unable to at this time. Bob Lauver is going to contact Paul Hanson immediately following the Board Meeting for a discussion. This will be addressed in a subsequent Board meeting. **PS Update:** Immediately following the meeting Bob Lauver volunteered to take over lead of the Website Committee and work with Bob Cuce and Paul Kopsick to complete the project. More information will be available at next Board of Directors meeting.

Special Committee Reports:

Special Projects – Restoration Notes -- Other:

Paul Hanson turned the discussion to getting Paul Kopsick some help in relieving him of some of his extensive duties. He announced after discussions the

plan is to move the point of contact for the Association from the current location to Oklahoma City and Dave McCray would become the point on contact on the address. Dave would receive all mail sent to an Oklahoma City P.O. Box, distributing orders for NDQSA Products from inventory to Duane & Mary Gettler or Bruce Geiger; Financial & Accounting documents including all monies received to Allan Penwell; and Membership & Newsletter information to Paul Kopsick. Timing on this is planned for January 2014 or before. Paul Hanson stated he could make this change as President, but would like a motion by the Board to allow this change. A motion was made by Joe Belardo and seconded by John Huelsenbeck that would make Dave McCray the new Association mail box contact and items will be distributed by him. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Kopsick stated that we should encourage members to destroy their rosters and not allow these to become available outside the Association. Paul Kopsick said Lifelock had obtained a copy of our 2007 roster and Lifelock indicated it may be available for misuse. It was suggested that Confidential be added to every page and on the cover page to make clear this is not public domain material. Paul Kopsick is going to make the change.

Luke Clark began a discussion on \$5,000 being given to History Fanatics and maybe use of our logo. During the discussion it was decided that because of insurance reasons of liability not to allow use of the logo. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Bob Lauver to release the \$1,782.50 in the Quad restoration fund to History Fanatics and set up another \$3,000 contribution to be made from the General Fund after future matching funds from other organizations to be applied to his Quad Loan. The motion was seconded by John Huelsenbeck and carried unanimously. Check will be issued to History Fanatics for the balance in the fund. Paul Hanson asked Luke to write him a letter for Paul Hanson to sign that will allow History Fanatics to have a letter in their file to encourage other future donations.

George Nagelschmidt said a member Steve Baker requested we set up a Public Relations liaison official in NDQSA and he would volunteer for the position. During the discussion, it was mentioned this could be an appointed position and include a desk at the reunions to help our Veterans with the Veteran's Administration. George will get more information from Steve Baker and get back to Paul Hanson for a future Board discussion.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Huelsenbeck, seconded by Duane Gettler and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned!



2013 REUNION RECAP

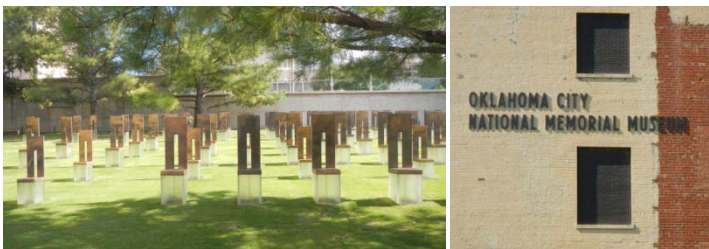
available to sign copies of the print. They included: Joe Belardo and Earl Holt (below) and Jim Smith.

As was hoped and anticipated, the 2013 reunion turned out to be the largest attended reunion to date.



There are so many highlights to share: Oklahoma City itself and the memorial at the Murrah Building; the wonderful hotel and conference center; the restaurants

Unfortunately NDQSA founding member John Huelsenbeck sustained a leg injury just before the reunion and he and Sally were forced to miss the reunion. It was the first time they missed any of the NDQSA reunions.



and other local attractions. Friday's dedication of the Project Eagle Memorial at Ft. Sill was the most incredible and worthy event in the annals of NDQSA. The luncheon at the Patriots' Club was superb and that was followed by the unveiling ceremony at Snow Hall of the commemorative painting of the "Battle on Rt 9". It was made all the more special since several of the participants in that event were present and were



During that ceremony, it was announced that all NDQSA members would be granted honorary 'life membership' in the ADA Association. Artifacts from several Duster battalions were also on display at the facility including Sgt Mitchell Stout's Medal of Honor. After that activity we were off to the final stop on base,

the temporary home of the ADA Museum from Ft. Bliss. There we were up close and personal with all the ADA weapon systems used throughout history. We were treated to the surprising fact that one of the attendees, Phil Pettice of C-4/60th, recognized himself in the large backdrop used in the museum of two dusters coming into a firebase. Read the rest of Phil's story elsewhere in this newsletter.



Saturday's luncheon and awards ceremony was also a wonderful time. Retired Major General Victor Hugo was the guest speaker and whose frank assessment of historic events was widely received. He was presented with an engraved 40mm round in appreciation of his service.



Following that, the co-chairmen of Project Eagle; Luke Clark and Vincent Tedesco were presented with special awards for their stewardship of the project.



Special awards were also presented to Duane and Mary Gettler, Becky Gorby and George Nagelschmidt in recognition of their service to the association.



A final award was presented to Joe Belardo in recognition of his many years of service to NDQSA.



One last surprise was the presentation by Dave Christenson of Ft. Sill of DVD copies of the Project/Operation Eagle dedication ceremony from the day before. While supplies last everyone that made a donation to the project will receive a copy.



To Historian Paul Kopsick, (and all of NDQSA)

Now that I have been back in Argentina for a month or so and have had time to relax and think on my first NDQSA reunion, I wanted to send a little note to the officers and board of NDQSA to express my gratitude for the service done to me personally by your efforts.

After getting back from Nam I took the strong advice of the folks at Ft. Lewis and quietly slipped back into life in The

World without "exposing" my Vietnam Vet's status. Over the years I buried my service deep in the recesses of my mind and, as far as I recall, never had contact with another vet or veteran's organization until 1995. That year I visited The Wall for the first time and was knocked out by my reaction. It seemed like flood gates of buried emotions broke down and I found myself crying like a kid on a bench by the Wall surrounded by other visitors who probably thought I was just another crazy vet. After that experience I started a slow process of trying to recover that part of my life.

Surprisingly, I remember very few details of my year "in country", although I did find a few photos, military documents, etc., buried in old boxes. I started surfing the internet looking for things related to my unit (HHB 4/60th) and the locations I had "visited". It was during that process that I stumbled across NDQSA. I will always be grateful for that stroke of luck because it opened up many new avenues for me to recover some of what I had lost. My two daughters had often asked me about my experiences and now I could begin to pull things together a bit to begin to tell my tale. After I started wearing my NDQSA cap in Texas, I was surprised and touched when people would come up to me, shake my hand and say, "Thank you for your service." The honor and pride of service was returned to me in a small way, at least.

Although my address of record is Texas, I actually live 10 months of the year in Argentina. I usually manage to get to the States about twice a year, but cannot always control the

exact dates since my trips are usually partially for work. When I learned about the special reunion in Oklahoma this year, and more importantly its significance, I decided that I would attend come hell or high water. I was not disappointed!

Most of my tour in Nam was spent as the SITREP clerk at headquarters (An Khe and Tuy Hoa) with night duty hours that meant that I had little contact with most of the other EMs, and especially with the track, truck and searchlight crews. Except for the occasional C&C "outing" with LTC Baddaker, a couple of nights on a FB, Green Line duty every once in a while and one road trip to Qui Nhon, I almost feel like I was living in another world. I know I was involved in a couple of combat situations, but can't remember any details yet. Perhaps I will be able to drag some more memories out or maybe not, but it's not that important, I guess.

What was and is important, however, is the reunion in OKC. Although I felt a little like an outsider since there were no members from HHB present that I could identify and I couldn't swap tales with the crews, the experience was extremely satisfying for me. Just being among the group of guys who had "served with me" and listening to their tales and experiences gave me a sense of pride and accomplishment that I had never felt since leaving Ft. Lewis. It goes without saying that the dedication ceremony at Ft. Sill was fantastic. The Ft. Sill command outdid itself, in my opinion, with the attention they gave us and the ceremony was emotional and gratifying. **For the first time in 42 years I felt real pride in being able to salute and honor our fallen comrades and ourselves for our service and sacrifice.** Because of my geographical situation I may not be able to make another reunion, but I'm certainly going to try. This one in OKC, however, made it all worthwhile.

When you get a chance, please pass along my best wishes and enormous thanks to past and present officers, board members and all of the people who put together such a beautiful personal experience. I'm looking forward to keeping up with the NDQSA projects and other news and hope that the organization continues to help provide to Vietnam vets what we need and, until recently, seldom receive for our service - a simple "Thanks!" and a sense of pride --Drew Myers

"Truth, like Justice, can be relative. We can only hope that they are also related."

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2013 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / ROSTER UPDATE / PRODUCT ORDER FORM

(tear off this page and mail it in with your up to date contact information and unit history)
This October 2013 form supercedes any previous forms as certain items are no longer available.

Roster Contact Information (Please print)

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

City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Email(s): _____

Home Phone: () -
Cell Phone: () -

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

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

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

Rank (highest E-grade while in Vietnam)

Grade: Officer: _____ NCO: _____ EM: _____

Valor Awards

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

I you want to get the newsletter only by email and forego the paper mailed copy, please check this box []. Even if you think you checked it before.

DUES – DONATIONS – PRODUCT ORDERS

Make check payable to NDQSA.
Shipping is included in the price of all items.

Circle payment(s) for: (2013) (2014) (2015) (2016)

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

Donations: *Operation Eagle* \$ _____

Quad-50 restoration \$ _____

Searchlight Restoration \$ _____

NEW * NDQSA Logo Sticker @ \$5 \$ _____

Bumper stickers: @ \$ 10 _____

(Duster)(Quad) (Searchlight)(HAWK)(Vulcan)

Challenge Coin: ___ coin @ \$10 _____

NDQSA Pin Set: ___ sets @ \$8 _____

50-cal bottle opener @ \$12 _____

NEW * NDQSA hat @\$15 \$ _____

NDQSA T-shirt (black) (gray) (green)
SIZE: _____ @ \$15 each _____

NDQSA Polo T-shirt (reg) (tall) (women's)
SIZE: _____ @ \$30 each _____
(white) (black) (green)

NDQSA Light jacket
SIZE: _____ @ \$85 each _____

NDQSA Heavy Embroidered jacket
SIZE: _____ @ \$140 each _____
(Duster)(Quad) (Searchlight)(HAWK)(Vulcan)

NDQSA Patch \$5 each _____

TOTAL _____

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.

NDQSA PRODUCT ITEMS 2013 - 2014



SLT Heavy Jacket Artwork



NDQSA Challenge Coin \$10 @

NDQSA Pin Set \$8 @



Logo Patch \$5



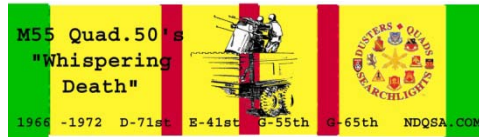
Logo Sticker \$5



50-cal bottle opener \$12



NEW NDQSA Cap \$15 Made in the USA



NDQSA BUMPER STICKERS
Duster- Quad-50-SLT-HAWK-Vulcan
\$10 each

New Products Size Chart Subject to stock on hand Give 1st & 2nd choice on color

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

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

Light Jacket: Medium
\$85 Large
XL
XXL
XXXL

SPECIAL ORDER ITEM
Heavy Jacket: Medium
\$140+ Large
XL
XXL
XXXL

(Duster) (Quad 50)
(Searchlight)
(HAWK) (Vulcan)

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

Use the order form on the back of this page to order these items.

NDQSA CELEBRATES AT THE TANK FARM

Well with the Oklahoma reunion just the week before, chances were that there was not going to be a big turnout for the VMMV Open House at the Tanks Farm this year. Still several NDQSA Members took the event as the opportunity to meet with long lost buddies.

Still tired from the long drive home from Oklahoma just days before, Historian Paul Kopsick made the effort to show the NDQSA colors and manned his station for the two-day event. This was the first year that NDQSA had three different ADA systems on display; Dusters, a Quad-50 mount and a Xenon Searchlight. Possibly all in one place and at the same time, since Vietnam.

We did not know where we were going to set up this year. We learned at the last minute, that the Marine helicopter from nearby Quantico would not be coming (due to sequestration cuts). That meant the center of the big field was now open, and that is where we were told to set up. Front and center of the whole show. A local group of Vietnamese Veterans brought their deuce and a half and Mutt M-151 jeep and they sent up right next to us. A perfect and appropriate showing of support for each other as it was 50 years ago.



Saturday was just perfect weather and the crowd was very large. Buster Wise made the trip up from Florida again this year, specifically to meet his former squad member Dail McGee who came in from North Carolina. They brought out their photos and the families met for the first time since the '60's. They got to climb all over the Duster and shared their personal stories with the many inquisitive visitors to our tent display.



Buster Wise, Dail McGee, Vic Hugo, Frank McGee

Retired Major General Victor Hugo also stopped by on Saturday to show his continued support for NDQSA and the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War group.

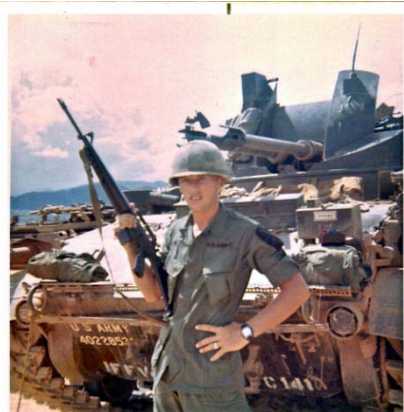
It rained nearly all Sunday and the crowds were nowhere near those of Saturday. Still those that did show up were treated to many of the same demonstrations and activities. Paul Kopsick turned his minivan into the mobile NDQSA museum, optimized to be quickly secured in case of thunderstorms.



With the next reunion being scheduled for Washington DC in 2014, we will certainly be making plans to try and spend an afternoon at the Tank Farm to see the related ADA vehicles. Maybe even go for a ride on one!?

So we hope that next year, many more of you will get to see the Tank Farm firsthand as part of the reunion!

BLOWN OUT OF HIS TC HATCH BY A MINE AND RUN OVER BY HIS OWN DUSTER, PHIL PETTICE C-4/60TH MAKES HIS FIRST REUNION AND MEETS LONG LOST BUDDIES!



You can't script a better reunion story if you tried. The historian located Phil Pettice about a year ago from an annotated photo found in the National Archives and learned of his story.

On 15Sep67, our track, C-142, ran over and detonated a 500 lb mine. SGT Titus who was sitting over my right shoulder was thrown clear with only a minor head wound. Our gunner, PFC Lovell also injured his head in the crash. The force of the explosion blew me out of my commander's compartment and into the adjacent rice paddy. The explosion blew off a road wheel and the right side track. With only the left track under power, C-142 veered to the right and into the rice paddy where I was lying. The 25 ton track ran over my right leg and hip and stopped, pinning me under the vehicle. I was trapped until another Duster could hook up cables and drag my track off of me. The soft soil of the rice paddy was helpful, but my wounds were many.



My commander Col. William J. Monyhan presented me with my Purple Heart while still in the hospital where I spent three months recovering.

Phil made it a point to come to the 2013 reunion in OKC, hoping to meet some guys from C-Btry.

Phil (R) got together with buddies Patrick Johnson (L) and Robie Wellsman (C) at Ft. Sill.



One of the most surprising things that happened with respect to Phil and the visit to Ft. Sill, was that the ADA Museum had used one of the photos from the same series of photos in the National Archives that showed two tracks from C-4/60 returning to the firebase Two Bits after a mission on 9Aug67. It was a really good image with two dusters in actual field condition. The Battery XO Lt. Fitzpatrick was in the track commanders position in this photo and the actual TC/Squad Leader was sitting in the gunner's position. That person was...Phil Pettice! That same track would be destroyed in a few weeks and severely wound Phil Pettice.



When museum director Jon Bernstein stood up to welcome us to the temporary museum, Phil jumped up on the steps next to the photo behind the display duster and exclaimed that he was in the picture!



Phil then went on to tell his story of the events when that very track, C-142 hit a mine. Everyone in the audience was simply amazed with his story and Phil signed the backdrop at the request of director Bernstein.



There were several other ‘special moments’ at the reunion.

Bob Cuce, Dave McCray, and Paul Hanson got to reconnect with former their First Sergeant Jim Tubbs from E-41st Quads in 1971.



Danny Kimery of B-5/2d is new to NDQSA. He came up and asked about a KIA that was in his unit. He was Hispanic and was killed within the first week he was with the unit. It bothered him all these years that he did not remember his name. We determined that his name was Juan Rubio of Refugio TX and we were able to even locate the address of a cousin. Danny had a photo of Juan that he shared with us and he hopes to make contact with Juan’s family including his daughter who was just born in early 1970 and never knew her father.

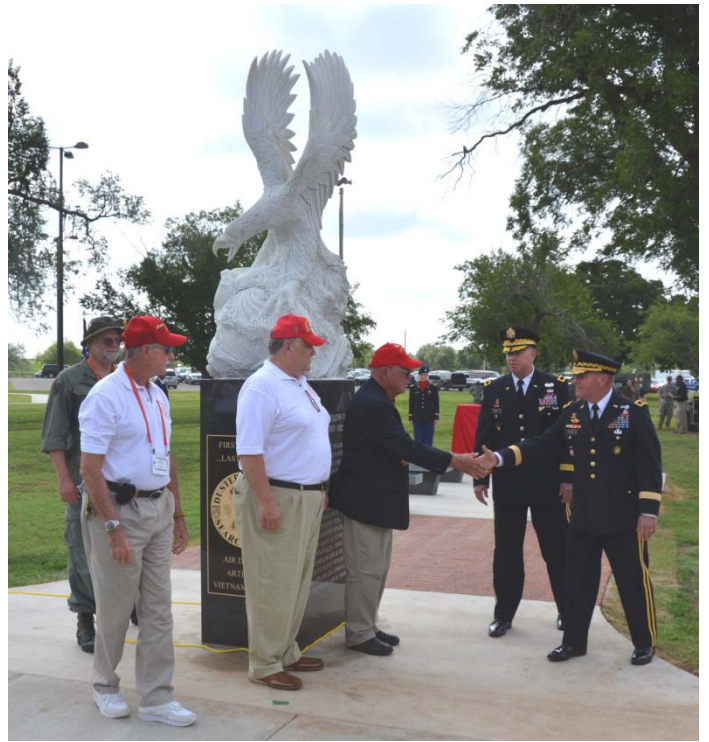
PROJECT/OPERATION EAGLE DEDICATION CEREMONY AUGUST 9TH, 2013

We did it! You did it! Project Eagle was completed in time for the August Reunion and Dedication Ceremony.

For many months and even just a few weeks before the reunion, it was uncertain whether all the components could be brought together in time. Through the unselfish efforts of many NDQSA members, the extra efforts of the monument and brick contractors, and the various staffs at Ft. Sill, it all came together just in time. Vinny Tedesco cleared the regulatory hurdles, Luke Clark in essence 'built the dang thing' and Paul Kopsick kept all the schedules intact though his diligent administration of the brick orders and donations, finances and contractors. Dave and Vicky McCray also came out to oversee the installation of the engraved memorial bricks with barely a week to spare. **Mission Accomplished!**

And you know, the memorial looks exactly like the original rendering made for Luke Clark.





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We welcome and encourage all ADA Veterans who served in Vietnam to join NDQSA and to share the fellowship, mutual support, and continued service to our nation on behalf of all military veterans and active duty personnel.