



NATIONAL DUSTERS, QUADS & SEARCHLIGHTS ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

NDQSA 33rd ANNUAL REUNION WILL BE IN COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. June 10-14, 2015

The 2015 Reunion Committee has arranged for hotel and meeting space at the Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, just across from US Air Force Academy. See the reunion flyer and registration form inside this newsletter for details.

NDQSA MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

NDQSA, PO Box 890130, Oklahoma City, OK 73189

**DO NOT USE OLD MEMBERSHIP FORMS
WITH THE OLD FAIRFAX VA ADDRESS!!!!**

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-17

The Nominating Committee has begun our annual task of proposing a slate of seven executive officers for the next two-year period. Technically nominations are still open for positions, but there are prerequisites for anyone that is nominated. Check your by-laws for details. The formal ballot will be separately shipped to all active members or with the 2015 Rosters with a return SASE.

MEMBERSHIP & ORDER FORM

The multipurpose form has been updated again for 2014/15. This is the form to use to pay your annual dues, make donations to projects and to order products.

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.

SUMMARY OF LAST FEW BOARD MEETINGS

Board members participated in several conference calls to go over the activities and plans for the 2015 reunion. Association finances are strong, restoration projects are continuing, and membership continues to rise.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear brothers and their families,

Summer and fall is past! Hope it was good to all. I would like to talk about the 2015 reunion. It has been scheduled for June 10th thru June 14th in Colorado Springs, CO. I would like to suggest that you come early and stay late. There are many attractions to see in the area: Fort Carson, Pikes Peak, Cable car rides, etc. This will be one of the most beautiful and scenic areas we have visited as a group. Details are being worked out for the events but hotel reservations can be made at this time. More information will be coming.

I hope you all had a great Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. WELCOME HOME!

Please bring your families and enjoy the west in 2015!

John F. Huelsenbeck

Summary of NDQSA Board of Directors and Executive Officers Meeting July 24th 2014

Amended with subsequent information as needed.

Members Present	Time in	Time out
President: John Huelsenbeck	11:31	12:50
1 st Vice President: Bob Cuce	11:25	12:50
2nd Vice President: Paul Kopsick	11:38	12:50
Secretary: Garry Severin	11:25	12:55
Treasurer: Allan Penwell	11:31	12:50
Past President: Paul Hanson	11:29	12:50
Director: Joseph Belardo	11:34	12:50
Director: Bob Lauver	Unavailable	
Director: Bruce Geiger	Unavailable	
Director: George Nagelschmidt	11:30	12:50
Director: Duane Gettler	11:25	12:50
Parliamentarian: Luke Clark	11:32	12:50
Director: Dave McCray	11:28	12:50

Reports of Officers:

President, John Huelsenbeck

First Vice President, Bob Cuce

Second Vice-President, Paul Kopsick

Secretary, Garry Severin

Treasurer, Allan Penwell - Allan stated we broke even for the reunion and should have \$70,000 at year's end

Immediate Past President, Paul Hanson

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

Reading of previous BOD Meeting minutes, motion made by Paul Hanson to accept as written, seconded by Bob Cuce, motion accepted. No dissention noted.

Membership Committee (Joe Belardo, Paul Kopsick):

Paul Kopsick stated we now have 537 Active members. The print form of the newsletter will be sent out the first week in August.

Nominating Committee (Paul Hanson, Bob Cuce, Garry Severin):

No comments

Legislative (Bruce Geiger, Bob Lauver):

No comments

Good Works Committee (Sam Hopkins, Bob Cuce & Bruce Geiger):

No comments

Publications/Historian Committee (Paul Kopsick):

No comments

Reunion Committee (Bob Lauver, Bruce Geiger, Mary Severin, Paul Hanson, Luke Clark)

Scouting of reunion location to take place in September Vince Tedesco has contact at FT. Carson to facilitate possible group activities. John Huelsenbeck to talk to Bruce Geiger about possible reunion dates.

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

Dave McCray purchased Duster and Quad patches with possible intention to sell this type of item at reunion and online. Dave stated the 5 inch round patch can be purchased for \$7.30 each with a \$10.00 resale. The crescent patch with Duster or Quad written on them goes for \$4.00 each. Resale value is \$6.00. Paul Kopsick recommended we explore having our own made with unit specific line art. Paul Kopsick is to look into this matter. Item open until Paul Kopsick investigates. Duane Gettler will contact Bob Lauver for resupply of merchandise.

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

No comments

St. Barbara & Molly Pitcher Committee (Vince Tedesco, John Huelsenbeck & Suzanne Tedesco):

Vince Tedesco told Paul Hanson he had no further updates.

Special Committee Reports:

Special Projects – Restoration Notes -- Other:

Paul Hanson proposed that we use blank bricks at the FT. Sill Memorial to remember the BOD members who made it happen. The Eagle Committee for getting it done and on time. Luke Clark will facilitate this endeavor. (Luke Clark stated to avoid any red tape, no application would be made for said project) John Huelsenbeck appointed Paul Hanson, Paul Kopsick, Dave McCray and Luke Clark to make this happen. A Motion was made by John Huelsenbeck and seconded by Dave McCray, no opposition motion passed. Luke Clark proposed a donation to Robert Ratliff for the Quad restoration. George Nagelschmidt questioned validity of this donation and legacy to the organization (NDQSA purchased this vehicle for History Fanatics to restore) It was decided that payment would be made to the lien holder as Mr. Ratliff borrowed the money from this person to purchase the vehicle. Upon Mr. Ratliff's demise the title of said vehicle will return to the Houston Museum.

A motion to adjourn was made Dave McCray, seconded by Paul Hanson without dissenting votes and thus approved. Meeting adjourned!

NDQSA Officer Election Nominations

All active dues paying members of the NDQSA are invited to submit nominations for the 2015-2017 election of the association's Director positions. Members in good standing may submit their own names or the names of other eligible members for the ballot. As long as the nominee consents 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 2015 NDQSA reunion in Colorado Springs.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following tentative slate of names for the seven (7) open directorships for 2015-2017. The nominations are:

Ron Almon	Joseph Belardo (*)
Bruce Geiger (*)	Duane Gettler (*)
David McCray (*)	Robert Lauver (*)
Al Martin	G. Nagelschmidt (*)
Jim Smith	

Parliamentarian Luke Clark (*) has offered up his Director position in an effort to open a slot for 'new blood' to enter the Board. Incumbent officers (*)

The deadline for submitting additional nominations to be listed on the official ballot is February 28, 2015. Send any nominees to John Huelsenbeck, Paul Kopsick or Bob Cuce. For more information about the nominating process, call Paul (202) 262-9560 or send a message to dqshistorian@cox.net.

MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED

Merle Bennett Jr A-1/44 '66-67 2Dec12 GA
Jack Hess B-4/60 '69-70 27Jan14 TX
Jimmy Logan E-41 '69-70 5Apr14 TX
Lloyd Stokes A-4/60 '68-69 2May14 AL
Roy Fultz C-5/2 '66-67 19Aug 14 IL

Each of these men will be missed and we give honor to their service, their lives and their families.

NEW MEMBERS/CONTACTS

[Steve Poff, B-29th '69](#)
[David Glass, B-1/44th '70-71](#)
[Daniel Fimbres, G-29th '69](#)
Frank D'Antonio, G-65th '68-68
Roy Hurtado, G-65th '70-71
Dennis Dederick, B-1/44th '69-70
Mike Nelson, B-1/44 '70-71
[Doug Jordan, B-1'44th '70-71](#)
[David Creekmore, B-1/44th '69-70](#)
[Nicholas Ventura, D-4/60th '68-69](#)
[Leonard Philpot, G-55 '68-69](#)
[Al Bodro, B-1/44 '70-71](#)
[Ron Huff, I-29th '69-70](#)
[Allen Boyce, A-1/44 '66-67](#)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

There were a lot of returned newsletters last time around. A number were due to guys with split mailing addresses or 'snowbirds'.

It costs the Association over a dollar for each returned newsletter, and if we need to mail them out again to another address, that is another \$0.70.

If you have multiple addresses and your listed address does not save or forward bulk mailed items, please contact the Historian to make other arrangements for receiving your newsletters.

2015 Membership Rosters

The 2015 Membership rosters will be printed and mailed out in late January so people will have time to send in their 2015 dues (if necessary) with updated contact information.

When you get your roster there will also be your 2015 membership card.

REMEMBER

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 Lifeloc™.

Cho Lon -Phu Tho Racetrack Inquiry

I am [Robert Craig Huff](#) and I was with D Troop, 17th Cav (Lt. Harper's platoon). The chaplain and his assistant were in my track (APC). I was WIA that day and eventually returned to CONUS (via Vung Tao, the Philippines, and Camp Drake, Japan). If you have interest, I can provide names and details re: some of the guys in my platoon.



BACKGROUND – [TET SAIGON 1968](#)

Lt. Col. Gibler choppered into the racetrack with B and C companies 3-7 infantry and set up the command post in the director's office. The [Phu Tho racetrack](#) was vital as the only sizable landing field in Saigon.

Moving down a narrow street three blocks away from the racetrack, B Co. 5-60th Mech, having neglected to deploy dismounted security to its front and flanks as ordered, was ambushed. "The company was firing like hell with .50-cals and M60s, but they couldn't get out of there," said MacGill, who was overhead with Gibler. "They were totally blocked in. I thought we were going to lose the whole company."

Huey gunships were made available instead, and after an hour of nonstop gun runs on the cemetery, the VC broke. The 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry swept the area around the racetrack for the next two days, **reinforced by tracked**

M42 "Dusters" with twin, rapid-firing 40mm cannons in an open turret. "The twin-40s were a lifesaver," said MacGill. "Whenever we ran into resistance in a building, the company commander in contact would pull a Duster up and point out which room was giving him trouble, then they would wheel up there and pop four or five rounds through the window real quick. The shrapnel effect on the inside of the room just cleared 'em right out."

ARVN intelligence indicated that General Do's command post was entrenched in tunnels and bunkers in an adjacent cemetery. "The ARVN want to go in and wipe 'em out if you'll block for 'em," Schroeder said. "Bullshit!" Gibler rejoined. "I've got armor here, buddy. I'm going after 'em..."

The attack was launched on February 11th. Gibler commanded the operation from the ground. With the VC boxed in, **the Dusters chewed the bunkers up with their twin-40s.** The body count was forty-nine, and four prisoners were taken, along with radios, documents, etc. General Do, however, was nowhere to be found.

FROM THE 5/2d ORLL 10May68



On 9 February 1968, the Platoon Leader, 2d Platoon, B Battery 5/2nd led four Dusters to the Phu Tho race track in the western section of Saigon. They were attached to Task Force Ware and assigned the mission of supporting the 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade.

On 10 and again on 11 February 1968, A, B, and D Companies moved out on a sweep of the area west of the race track. Each company was accompanied by a Duster which advanced behind the infantry, and each Duster was secured by an infantry squad. Initially, difficulties were encountered when the M42's were led by the advancing infantry into streets too narrow for them to pass through.

There was substantial enemy activity in the area on the night of the 10th. At 1015 hours on the 11th, D Company with the Duster carrying the B Battery Platoon Leader, moved to investigate reports of NVA soldiers

seen moving into a village on the outskirts of the city. After participating in this search and destroy mission for a period of time, the Duster had to return to the race track for fuel and D Company continued the advance without it.

Two platoons of D Company were soon pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire coming from haystacks in the area. At this time, the Duster deployed with B Company as a blocking force was moved over to aid D Company. As it moved from the northeast side of the village to the south side it began receiving small arms and B-40 rockets.

The Duster returned fire and as the 40mm rounds detonated against haystacks, numerous secondary explosions were set off. The M42 would back into firing positions and fire over the rear deck to afford better protection from the B-40 rockets. As the Platoon Leader's M42 returned from refueling, it became heavily engaged and fired on targets marked by the infantry. The enemy activity decreased sharply toward nightfall and was sporadic throughout the night.



From the 5/2nd Battalion Newsletter, TRIUMVIRATE, Vol. 2, No. 2, 29Feb1968

On 11 February 1968, SSG Carl R. Henderson. and his squad consisting of SP4 PAYNE, SP4 GLASS, PFC WOODSTEAD, and PFC SHULTY were on a sweep supporting Bravo and Delta Companies of the 199th Inf. At 1330, Bravo Company's CO received word that the VC were seen running into a small village. 'We moved out for the village with Bravo on the east and Delta on the south. We were with Bravo directly behind the line of Infantrymen. Just before the Infantry were in

position, the VC opened up with devastating small arms fire. With Bravo Company pinned down, we immediately opened up with our 40mm. Unaccustomed to close "Duster" support, the infantry signaled us to cease fire. After about an hour, the infantry requested us to shoot down a line of trees blacking their field of fire. Sixty 40mm rounds later, they had clear fields of fire. Our accuracy and devastating firepower bolstered their confidence in us; they requested more of our support."

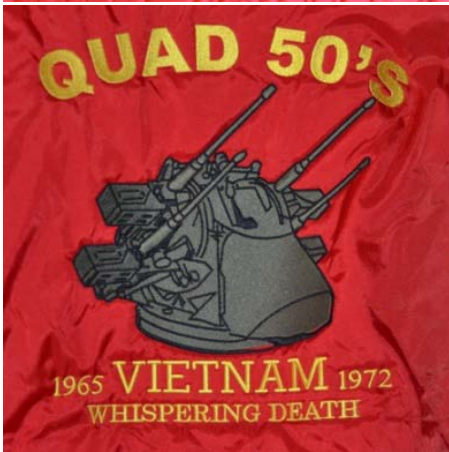
We were told that Delta Company required our help on the south side. Upon arrival, the platoon leader pointed out to us one of the haystacks from which they were receiving a heavy volume of AK fire. We took it under fire with six rounds of 40mm and received a secondary explosion sending flames 150 feet into the air. **The next thing we heard was the voice of Delta Company platoon leader yelling "I love you, I love you!"** He then went on and pointed out ten more bunkers.

"We received a call on the radio from our B Battery platoon leader wanting to know how our ammo was holding out. Up until this time we had not thought about ammo. Upon a quick check, we discovered that there were only 40 rounds left; also our gas supply was down to ¼ tank. We then requested permission from the infantry to pull back for ammo and fuel supplies. We started to pull back and the VC opened up on us with six B-40 rockets. None of them being accurate, we then destroyed the house from which the rockets were coming. We then received word over the radio that the VC were running out of the village. **We readied our M-16's for a 'fight to the finish'** at which time we found that the VC were running out the other side of the village away from us – this was a welcome relief. We looked around and saw a cloud of dust headed towards our location. It turned out to be our platoon leader with our much needed ammo. Now with our sister "Duster" we moved down the sides the village delivering fire into the village. The Infantry on a sweep turned up 60 VC bodies n the area. The infantry gave the "Dusters" credit for half. One of the bodies turned out to be that of Major General Tran Do, head of the Communist Central Committee in South Vietnam."

-Reported by SFC McPherson. Assistant operations sergeant as told by SSG Henderson, 2-B-5/2nd Arty.

NDQSA PRODUCT ITEMS 2015

Duster, Quad & SLT
Embroidered Jacket Artwork
HAWK can be made also



Searchlight Print (\$60 min)



Logo Patch \$5



Logo Decal \$5



NDQSA Challenge Coin \$10 @
NDQSA Pin Set \$8 @



50-cal bottle opener \$12



NEW NDQSA Cap \$15 Made in the USA



NDQSA BUMPER STICKERS
\$10 each

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

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

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

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

Light printed NDQSA Jacket: no longer carried

SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

Embroidered Jacket:
Medium
Large
\$140+ XL
XXL
XXXXL

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

You can have your name, unit, years of service added at no extra cost.

You can have it made as either a light or heavy weight jacket model. Use the multipurpose form in the newsletter to order these items.

NDQSA HISTORY BOOKS ARE
SOLD OUT

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Oklahoma City, OK 73189

2015 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 version supersedes any previous forms as certain options are not available.

Roster Contact Information (Please Print)

Are you a new or existing contact (New) (Existing) circle one

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email(s): _____

Home Phone: () -

Cell Phone: () -

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

Dates of 1st tour (m/yr): ___/___ to ___/___

Addtn'l tour (m/yr): ___/___ to ___/___

Primary MOS: _____

Primary Battery/Unit: _____

Attached To: _____

Names of bases:

Names/hometowns of buddies you knew:

Rank (highest grade while in Vietnam)

Grade: Officer: _____ NCO: _____ EM: _____

Valor Awards

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

If you want to get the newsletter only by email and forego the paper mailed copy, please check this box. ()

If you want to switch back from email to paper mail, please check this box. ()

DUES - DONATIONS – PRODUCT ORDERS

Make check/MO payable to NDQSA

Shipping is included in the price of all items.

Dues: circle payment(s) for (2015) (2016) (2017) (2018)

DUES ARE \$25 PER YEAR \$ _____

Donations: Operation Eagle \$ _____

Quad 50 restoration \$ _____

Searchlight restoration \$ _____

Searchlight Print (\$60 min) \$ _____

2015 Good Works \$ _____

Product: NDQSA Emb. Patch ___ @\$5 = \$ _____

NDQSA Logo Decal ___ @\$5 = \$ _____

Bumper Sticker ___ @\$10 = \$ _____

Circle (Duster)(Quad)(SLT)(HAWK)(Vulcan)

Challenge Coin: ___ coin @\$10 = \$ _____

NDQSA Pin Set: ___ sets @\$8 = \$ _____

.50-cal bottle opener ___ @\$12 = \$ _____

NEW NDQSA HAT ___ @\$15 = \$ _____

NDQSA T-shirt (black)(grey)(green)

Size: ___ # ___ @\$15 = \$ _____

NDQSA Polo Shirt (black)(white)(green)

Size: ___ # ___ @\$30 = \$ _____

(regular) (tall) (Women's)

NDQSA Custom Embroidered Jacket

Size: ___ # ___ @145 = \$ _____

Circle (Duster)(Quad)(SLT) (HAWK)(Vulcan)

Allow 60 days for delivery.

[] Light weight [] Heavy weight

TOTAL \$ _____

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

2015 NDQSA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY AND MAIL THIS FORM TO THE TREASURER – SEE ADDRESS LABEL BELOW

33rd ANNUAL NDQSA REUNION, COLORADO SPRINGS, JUNE 10-14TH 2015

Colorado Springs MARRIOTT 5580 Tech Center Drive Colorado Springs Colorado 80919	Phone Reservations: 1-800-932-2151 or 1-719-268-4218 Use Group Code: NDQSA Room Rate: \$109 + tax single/double For Online Hotel Reservations Use this Link -> NDQSA 2015 Room Rate includes 2 Daily Buffet Breakfasts! Free Parking!
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Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 (print)

Cell Phone Number: _____

Which days are you planning to attend the reunion? (circle)
 June 07 08 09 **10 11 12 13 14** 15 16 17
 Su M Tu **W Th F S** Su M Tu W

Remember to make your hotel reservations ASAP to insure room availability.
 If you have already made your reservations, check this box [].
 If you are local or not staying at the reunion hotel, check this box [].

To help planning reunion activities including buses & meals, please pre-register now and send fees for the following activities.
 As always, should unforeseen circumstances occur and you are unable to attend the reunion, you will receive a full refund.
 Activity times are tentative and subject to change as plans are finalized.

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday June 10th Setup and Registration Hospitality Room Opens Open Day for Sightseeing	Thursday June 11th 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Bus Tour Manitou Springs, Cog Train to Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods Lunch & Shopping on your own 5:00 PM buses return to Hotel Cost: \$ 75 per person round trip Hospitality Room in evening	Friday June 12th 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Bus trip to Cheyenne Mtn., Fort Carson, Memorial Ceremony Lunch on base 4:00 PM buses return to Hotel Cost \$ 45 per person round trip Hospitality room in evening Free Pizza Party	Saturday June 13th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Annual Business Meeting (All members required to attend) 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Ladies Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM Annual NDQSA Banquet Guest Speakers, Awards, and Presentations Cost: \$40 per person Evening Hospitality Room Activities, Auctions & Raffles
			Sunday June 14th 9:00 AM Chaplain's Farewell Service

Select & Pay for Activities

No. of Persons Amount

Wednesday, June 10 th Registration - Sightseeing on your own – Hospitality room open.	
Thursday, June 11th: 800–1700 hrs.- Bus Tour Manitou Springs, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods.. (\$75) x _____ = \$ _____	
Friday, June 12th: 0830-1600 hrs. – Bus Trip to Cheyenne Mtn, Ft. Carson, Memorial Svc, Lunch (\$45) x _____ = \$ _____	
Saturday June 13th: Luncheon Banquet with Guest Speakers and Awards (\$40 per person) x _____ = \$ _____	
Voluntary donation to 2015 NDQSA Reunion Good Works Service Project Fund (any amount welcome) \$ _____	
Reunion Registration Fee: <u>Make sure you add it into your total!</u> (\$20 per individual / \$25 per family) \$ _____	
Total >>>>>>	\$ _____

Allan Penwell, NDQSA
 1501A Theodore Drive
 Champaign, IL 61821

Make your pre-registration check payable to **NDQSA**
 and mail to NDQSA Treasurer:
 ← Cut out this address label and tape it to your envelope.

Tear off this
 page, fill it out
 and mail it in.

NEW BRICKMANIA KIT OPERATIONAL SEARCHLIGHT JEEP

Searchlight JEEP

M151 "MUTT" 1/4 Ton Utility Vehicle with
AN-GSS Air-Defence Searchlight

An original custom LEGO® kit
designed by Daniel Siskind

SKILL LEVEL:
★★★★☆
Intermediate



3 AA batteries
not included

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Contains 148 LEGO®, BrickArms®,
Brickstuff elements + printed instructions

A new Lego™ based custom designed model limited edition kit is now available from our friends at BRICKMANIA. If you saw the displays at the reunion, they have made high-end custom designed kits of the M42A1 Duster, a [Quad-50 Gun truck](#) and now a Mutt Jeep with a working LED searchlight.



These are model kits that you put together using Legos™ and they are quite challenging to assemble. You will often need the help and smaller fingers of grand-kids to finally get it completed.

The new searchlight kit is still available online at their online store, the retail cost is \$120.00 but you can look

for discounts which they frequently post. The Quad-50 gun-truck was a limited run of 50 kits and was sold out and out of production before I even heard of the guys at Brickmania. There was also a limited run of 50 M42 kits produced in 2012 and they too are sold out and out of production. (But see Paul's note below)

Kit designer David Siskind has graciously donated 10 M151 Mutt Searchlight kits to NDQSA with the intended purpose of raising funds for our Searchlight Restoration Project. Since this is a limited offering, we will not handle this as a normal product sale. I will offer to coordinate the sale and distribution of the kits as I will also offer the option of having the kit come fully assembled.

If you want to get a kit and support the SLT restoration Project, the price will be the current retail price of the kit \$120 plus \$5 shipping. If you want it fully assembled (without batteries) the total price will be \$150. So it will be \$25 to assemble the kit which took me ~2 hours to complete. Make your check out to **Paul Kopsick** and mail it to:

Paul Kopsick,
4338 Still Meadow Rd.,
Fairfax VA 22032.

I will see that the donations are processed properly.

Since the newsletter is received online before the majority of the members see the mailed version, I think it only fair to hold all orders for the kits until February 1, 2015. If there are more than 10 orders, I will draw lots and return the checks of those that were not selected. If you want to insure your get a kit, go online ASAP at Brickmania. There are still some available.

Remember 29th Artillery Searchlight guys, was also have the wonderful SLT jeep print by Bob Schuman for sale. It also supports the SLT restoration project. See Product Sales page of the newsletter.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The reason the [M42Duster Brickmania](#) Kits are sold out is that Paul Kopsick bought the remaining stock of these kits back in 2012, wanting to make it possible for NDQSA Dustermen to have a chance to own one of these kits. These are difficult kits to put together. It took Phil Pettice and Dave McCray many, many hours and several attempts to get their Duster models together.

If you want to purchase one of these kits (\$200) contact Paul Kopsick (202) 262-9560. (\$250 assembled).



SEARCH FOR UTEP ROTC OFFICERS

During my research into M42 Duster units in Vietnam, I came across your contact information. I wanted to reach out to ask a few questions. In your archives, or through your contacts, were there Officers serving in any of the M42 Duster units that commissioned through the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) ROTC program. The time frame I would be interested in would be from when the 1-44th deployed (i.e. 66') to the end of the war. I understand there were more M42 Duster type ADA units, and if you have any information on officers serving in those units which commissioned through UTEP, I would be interested as well.

I recently commissioned through the UTEP program and have undertaken a model of a M42 Duster. My intentions were to personalize it to the program here by drawing connection through a past commissioned officer. I figured since UTEP commissioned the majority of their officers in the 50's into Costal Artillery, to include the assumption in the 60's they would have done the same into ADA. Other connections could be made with the New Mexico National Guard or recently commissioned officers going to Fort Bliss for ADA training around these time frames. I have done extensive online research, library research, and local ROTC research, which have turned up very little in regards to UTEP officers during that period. I was hoping that you might have some insight that could help. Thank you for your time.

Very Respectfully,
[2LT Mason P. Livingston](#)
Recruiting Officer, UTEP ROTC
Office: 915-747-5621
Cell: 915-777-2394

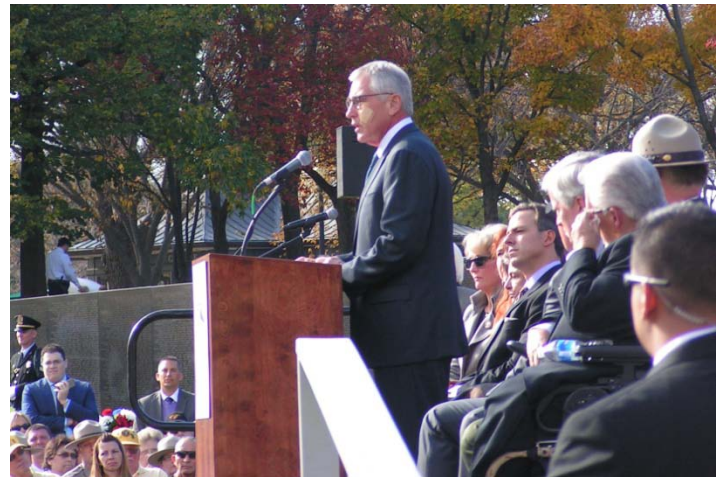
NDQSA LAYS WREATH ON VETERAN'S DAY

With all the activity in Washington DC this year with the reunion and all, it was remarkably difficult to find any NDQSA members coming in to DC for the annual ceremony at The Wall. All the regulars were duly committed elsewhere and there was talk about breaking our streak of nearly 30 continuous years of NDQSA laying wreaths in this, the year of our largest reunion.

As I am local to Washington DC, I could not let that happen. So I contact another local NDQSA vet Ed McGill (HAWKS) and asked him to help me lay the NDQSA and Khe Sanh wreaths this year.



We were able to locate a few Marines to handle the Khe Sanh wreath so here are Ed and I keeping the string alive. Thanks to Bruce Geigers preplanning.



We got to listen to Hon. Chuck Hagel, THEN the 24th US Secretary of Defense talk to his fellow Vietnam Veterans. It was pointed out that he still had shrapnel in his chest from his two Purple Hearts. NDQSA presented (to his security detail at least) a copy of our History Book along with a photo of his brick that is on our Project Eagle Memorial. We hope to hear back from him now that he will not be so busy.

NDQSA AT THE TANK FARM 2014



A number of veterans' groups had displays at the open house, including the National Dusters, Quads & Searchlights Association. Robert Wise, a Duster crewman with Battery B, 5th Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment in Vietnam during 1969-1970, was one of the veterans that this open house honored.

www.mvpa.org HISTORY IN MOTION



Thanks to “Buster” Wise (B-5/2d) for covering for me at the 2014 Open House at the Tank Farm, the site of our Vietnam Field Day during our May reunion. I was out of the country and Buster again drove up from Florida to man the NDQSA tent and to explain to the public what the Duster was and how it was used in Vietnam. This photo is from an article in the Dec/Jan issue of **Supply Line** the publication of the *Military Vehicle Preservation Association*. [MVPA](http://www.mvpa.org)

The weather was better than last year and the crowds were bigger. Alan Cors (who regrettably missed our reunion) unveiled “The Voices of Freedom” program and traveling recording studio bus.



Voices of Freedom is a program whereby a team of trained volunteers will set up shop at various events around the east coast where veterans of all wars might congregate. One of the best places are military hospitals and nursing homes. The goal is to get as many first person accounts of military service as possible. They are focusing on WWII and Korean War vets right now as they are the oldest and most vulnerable of the veterans. They do also want to work with Vietnam vets when they are available.

During the Americans in Wartime Museum's recent Open House, they held a roundtable with several American veterans. Their discussion ranged from personal stories about their wartime service to their homecoming experience and their gratitude for their families' support. Here are brief bios for each of the Vietnam veterans that participated this year-.

Colonel H.C. “Barney” Barnum, Jr

Colonel Barnum is a retired USMC officer who received the Medal of Honor for valor during the Vietnam War. He was the fourth Marine to receive the Medal for valor in Vietnam. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1989 after more than 27 years of service. Colonel Barnum served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs from 2001 to 2009. He also served as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) in 2009. He is a member of the Americans in Wartime Museum Board of Trustees.

Colonel Douthard R. Butler

Dr. Butler was called to active duty in August 1955, and remained in service for 30 years retiring as a Colonel in 1985. During his years of service, he earned his wings in November 1956 and was a Master Army Aviator at retirement. Dr. Butler is a Vietnam Veteran.

Major Bill Peters

Major Bill Peters served as a rifle platoon commander, executive officer and assistant adjutant with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines in Vietnam from 1969-1970. Major Peters is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V”.

Historian Paul Kopsick is one of the people trained on the video-recording process and hopes to participate in future interviews as time permits.

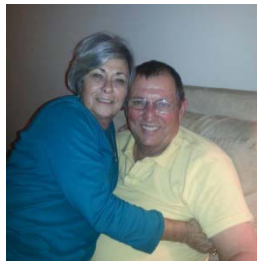
WHY WE COLLECT YOUR INFORMATION?

I was contacted by Evelyn asking for help locating guys that might have served with her husband, [Roy Walters](#). She wanted to try and find guys that could help him deal with the deep-seated memories of Vietnam. All she could tell me was his name, but from our existing records I determined Roy was with 4/60 and served from 1968-1969. We had information that he was in A-Btry. The only other piece of information she had was a name, 'Dewitt'. When I search and could not find a Dewitt in Charlie Battery so I decided to expand my search for all of 4/60th and I did find a Dewitt in Alpha Battery. After a few anxious emails, the results are as follows.

Paul,
When I answered the phone and [Dennis Dewitt](#) (A-4/60 '68-69) identified himself; I was overcome with tears of joy. I gave the phone to Roy without telling him who was calling. His face suddenly lit up and I could see the happiness flood his very soul upon reconnecting with his long lost "Brother".

I left him alone so he could have privacy to talk with Dennis who was able to fill in some of the memory losses related to names and events that occurred while they were in Vietnam.

Roy was absolutely elated to talk with Dennis. After their conversation; Roy, who never spoke a word to me about his service in Vietnam was like "Chatty Cathy". He told me he had heard that Dennis had died in Vietnam and was so relieved to hear from him. Roy was able to tell us what the #'s on his track were and also that "The Professionals" was painted on their track. (These were things that he had forgotten until talking with Dennis).



Thank you for helping. You have made me a very happy wife of a very good man. My heart is filled with such pride and it makes me happy to see Roy so thrilled to finally be in touch with one of his "long lost buddies."

Welcome home, Paul. I am honored to be in contact with you. Thank you for your service to our great nation and for all you do for these vets and may God always bless America.

With sincere thanks, [Evelyn Walters](#) 13Sep14

The photo of *The Professionals* is from Sal Crimi's (H-4/60th) albums. That is him on the track. It may or may not be Roy's actual track. Thanks Sal!

Again I ask you to drag out the old footlocker and pull out your old photos and slides and to look for paperwork that might have names of fellow servicemen.

We are especially looking for any images of any of our 211 casualties for The Wall's remembrance site.

Contact the [Historian](#) when you are ready to get your material archived. All originals will be returned.

Dennis and Roy talked about some of the men they served with and Dennis said he knew how to contact some of the other guys and said he would get in touch with them and have them contact Roy.

I want to thank you from the depths of my heart for your hard work. God bless you. I have seen less stress over the last day or so since Roy's conversation with Dennis. Resting better at night!!!

As I told you; I want so much to help Roy and once again I thank you. I did tell him that I had spoken with you and he was open to speaking with you as well.

As an aside; I know now why during Roy's nightmares he would always call out "Get down Dewitt". It was because he had thought Dewitt died in Vietnam. Now you and I have helped to rid Roy of one of his awful "demons" in his mind for so many years. See, he never told me that he thought "Dewitt" was a casualty.

He has since told several of his friends that he had talked to Dennis and each time he told someone; I could see the happiness spread all through him.

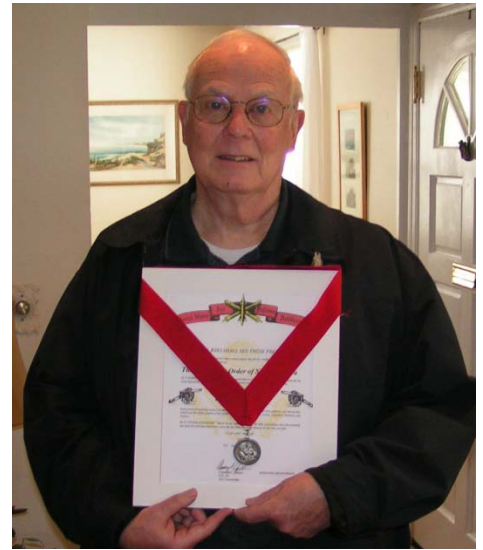


Dear Paul and NDQSA vets.

I wrote an article for my neighborhood newsletter – “The Holmes Runner” which has been published continuously since 1952. [“A Time to Remember and Honor”](#)

Please share this link with your members as you see fit. It was an honor to participate in your wonderful reunion and all the activities. It was a special time for me.

– “Dibby” Clark, ARC RSO 1970-71



Ed McGill (A-6/71st HAWKS) was presented with the Santa Barbara Award and Medallion on Veteran’s Day.

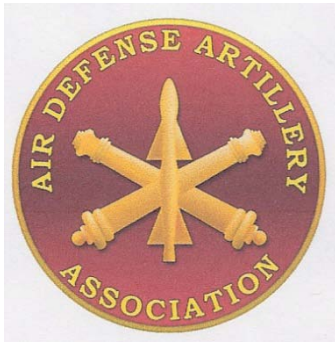
Air Defense Artillery Association - Who Are They?

The Air Defense Artillery Association was founded in 1975 at Fort Bliss, Texas. The Air Defense Artillery had become a separate branch of the Army in 1968. By 1975 it was clear that there was a need for an association that had as its mission the support of the Air Defense Artillery soldiers, their family, and their units. In addition, the branch heritage that dated back to the artillery, coast artillery and the anti-aircraft artillery units that had defended America since 1775 needed to be preserved.

The year 1975, the 200th birthday of the Army and the Artillery, was seen as the right time to organize this association. The association would be built on the foundations of the Artillery Association and the Coast Artillery Association. At that time, Fort Bliss was the home of the branch and the location of the ADA school. The branch was also establishing the Air Defense Artillery Museum at Ft Bliss; therefore, one of the first missions the ADA Association assumed was that of providing both financial and volunteer support for that museum.

By 1989, the association had a strong membership and was supporting ADA soldiers and units worldwide. The association made it possible for soldiers to be awarded the Order of Saint Barbara, and their spouses the Molly Pitcher Medal. A branch chapter had been established at Huntsville, AL, home of Redstone Arsenal. The gift shop was supporting the ADA Museum and sending branch pride items all over the world. The association also supported the efforts made by MG Donald Infante to establish the branch motto “First to Fire”; and create the Air Defense Artillery March. The association commissioned a painting showing Anti-Aircraft Artillerymen being the first to fire in World War II. Then, as the First Gulf War began, the association developed the “SCUD Buster” t-shirt. It showed the whole world the pride we had in the ability of our branch to allow America to fight a modern war without losses being incurred from enemy tactical ballistic missiles. Those shirts were so popular the association could not keep them in stock, especially when the Vice President of the United States was pictured in a national weekly news magazine running wearing a “SCUD Buster” t-shirt. Much of the money made from the sale of those shirts was used to send gifts to our deployed ADA soldiers.

In 2009, the ADA branch and the association moved to Ft. Sill, OK. However, our mission remains the same and every day we do our best to support our ADA soldiers, families, units and their history.



Dear Members and Supporters of Air Defense Artillery:

The Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Walk of Fame that surrounds the **First to Fire** statue (now located in front of the 30th ADA Brigade headquarters at Fort Sill, Oklahoma), is populated by bricks purchased by soldiers and civilians just like you. These historical markers represent air defenders past and present both military and civilian; government, corporate, city and state partners; ADA units; family members; friends; and significant moments in history.

The Air Defense Artillery Association (ADAA) Walk of Fame Brick Campaign provides you with an opportunity to commemorate your contribution to the branch; pay tribute to an outstanding soldier, leader or mentor; honor

a battle buddy or loved one by purchasing a brick (multiple bricks). The bricks are professionally finished and installed (in groups of no less than 150 due to budgetary restrictions) as an addition to the current Walk of Fame. The standard red brick is priced at \$60, the black stone and white stone (reserved for those killed in action) bricks are priced at \$100.

Inscriptions/dedications are restricted to 4 lines with a maximum of 21 spaces per line.

For your convenience here is the link to the order form. You may also contact us for more information at or by calling Mrs. Gigi Arnold, ADM's executive secretary, at (830) 385-0057.

Your participation and contribution to the ADA Walk of Fame Brick Campaign will help to ensure the ADA Association's long standing support of ADA Soldiers and their families around the world continues.

Thank you in advance for your support. First to Fire!

Jim Hankins
Executive Director
ADA Association

Note: This is not affiliated with our completed Project Eagle Memorial.



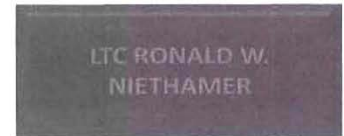
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ADA Association Brick Order Form



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Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

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The National Dusters, Quads & Searchlights Association tm (NDQSA tm) is the original, official representative for ADA Veterans who served in Vietnam. NDQSA was founded in 1981 by John Huelsenbeck et al, holds annual reunions and has grown to over 570 active members with a directory of over 2200 ADA Vietnam Veterans and supporters.

NDQSA is an IRS 501(c) (19) non-profit veteran's organization and is incorporated in the State of Indiana.

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.