



NATIONAL DUSTERS, QUADS & SEARCHLIGHTS ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER 2016 REUNION NEWS

**NDQSA 34rd
ANNUAL REUNION
NASHVILLE, TN
May 31 – June 5th 2016**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



DEAR NDQSA FAMILIES
I would like to bid a fond farewell to 2015 and the great reunion we had in Colorado Springs, and welcome you all to 2016. I think we will all have a great year and I'm very much looking forward to the NASHVILLE REUNION. The committees have a lot in store for

us to do: FORT CAMPBELL, THE ORPY, LOTS OF MUSEUMS. JUST A LOT TO DO IF YOU WANT OR JUST GET TOGETHER WITH OLD FRIENDS we will have a great time. Descriptions of the planned events and pre-registration forms are included in this newsletter. Make your plans as soon as possible.

I hope to meet some new faces to go along with all the reunion regulars. It will be a great event, made even greater by your attendance if possible.

[John F. Huelsenbeck](#)
President NDQSA

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Board members participated in several conference calls to go over the activities and plans for the 2016 reunion. Association finances are strong, restoration projects are continuing, and Active membership is at our all time highest number, 605 Active Members! Thank You!!

2016 NOMINATIONS

The election committee consisting of; Al Martin, Ron Almon and Joe Belardo have the following members who want to run for the executive office positions. As of this date we have no other members running but nominations will remain open thru February 2016. Ballots will be developed and sent out with 2016 Membership Rosters in March/April 2016.

President: John Huelsenbeck (incumbent)
1st Vice President: Robert Cuce (incumbent)
2nd Vice President: Paul Kopsick (incumbent)
2nd Vice President: James Smith (nominated)
Secretary: Garry Severin (incumbent)
Treasurer: Allan Penwell (incumbent)

Respectfully,
Election Committee

Joseph Belardo josephbelardo@yahoo.com
Contact Joe if you want to nominate someone.

FEATURED STORIES:

Walt Disney Remembered
Writing your own Tour of Duty book

DQS Historian completes chemotherapy



Following the Colorado Springs reunion, Paul Kopsick was diagnosed with stage 4 CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia). It has been a very difficult 2015 and while the chemo looks to be successful, the recovery has been very difficult. Absolutely no stamina or energy and a fairly clouded mind that has put his archiving and other duties on the back burner. He hopes to catch up in 2016!

Summary of NDQSA Board of Directors and Executive Officers Meetings

April 11, 2015

Amended with subsequent information as needed.

Reports of Officers:

President, John Huelsenbeck; The President's first request was to read the BOD minutes from the April 11, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Bruce Geiger to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Duane Gettler. No dissention was noted and the motion passed unanimously. John Huelsenbeck welcomed the two new board members, Mr. Alphonse Martin and Mr. Ronald Almon, to the board of directors.

First Vice President, Bob Cuce: No comment.

Second Vice-President, Paul Kopsick: No comment.

Secretary, Garry Severin: No comment

Treasurer, Allan Penwell - Allan read the financial report and stated that the latest financial statement was sent out to BOD members and we are on par with last year's numbers. A motion was made by Joe Belardo to accept the financial report; it was seconded by Paul Hanson and passed unanimously.

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

Membership Committee (Joe Belardo, Paul Kopsick): Paul Kopsick noted that we have 584 active members of which 142 attended the most recent reunion. We have lost 5 members since the last count. Paul also reported that he was about to obtain a list from C Btry, 1-44, 1968 of potential NDQSA members. Paul also reported that the alphabetical rosters are in the works.

Nominating Committee (Paul Hanson, Bob Cuce, Garry Severin): The President reminded board members that they will be contacted on their commitment to run or abstain in the next election. Joe Belardo will contact the new board members of their duties as BOD members.

Legislative (Bruce Geiger, Bob Lauver): No comments.

Good Works Committee (Sam Hopkins, Bob Cuce & Bruce Geiger): It was reported that \$2,055 in membership donations plus another \$1,500 plus dollars left this project at \$3,555. John Huelsenbeck proposed that this money be carried over to a new project. A motion was made to accept this proposal by

Joe Belardo and seconded by Alphonse Martin and passed without dissention.

Publications/Historian Committee (Paul Kopsick): NA

Reunion Committee (Bob Lauver, Bruce Geiger, Mary Severin, Paul Hanson) : Bruce Geiger noted that June 21 -26 2016 was the primary date for next year's reunion .Of the five hotels capable of filling our needs, Bruce expects possibly three will submit bids. As of now none of these have replied.

Products Committee (Duane & Mary Gettler, Bruce Geiger, Paul Kopsick & Bob Lauver): Duane Gettler reported on the dwindling supply of challenge coins and Bruce Geiger's report on rising costs for these items. After a discussion on this the board decided to order five hundred challenge coins with four hundred being plain and one hundred in Lucite. The board also decided to order five hundred pin sets. Paul Hanson made the motion to buy the coins and pin sets, and Al Martin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

John Huelsenbeck asked for progress made on Cloud Storage. Bob Cuce is currently using Carbonite and reported that it is one of the most trusted companies. Bob reported that their cost is based on the number of access points, gigabytes used, plus a subscription charge.

It was noted that NDQSA trademark registrations are up for renewal, and there are four that need renewal. The cost to do this is around \$1,200. Garry Severin made a motion to update and renew these certificates. Bruce Geiger seconded the motion, and the board passed without dissention. Bruce Geiger will take care of this matter. It was also noted that Ed Allen and Huey Roberts names are still on the web page leading to possible confusion. The board decided that they should be removed. The current president should post his own mission statement in that space.

St. Barbara & Molly Pitcher Committee (Vince Tedesco, John Huelsenbeck & Suzanne Tedesco):No comment

Special Committee Reports:

Special Projects – Restoration Notes -- Other: None.

Next Board of Directors meeting has not been set.

Motion to close meeting was made by Joe Belardo and seconded by Duane Gettler.

MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED

David Bobeck, B-4/60 '67-69 WI 1Feb92
Nolan Orr, B-1/44 '69-70 NC 23Jan13
William Kohler, G-29 SLT '67-68 GA 31Dec13
James Gropper, C-6/56 HAWK '66-67 GA 19Feb13
Herman Kraiser, D-5/2, '66-67 TN 15Jul15
Donald Shaw, H-1/44 '70-71 VA 26Nov98
Joseph Comroe, A-5/2 '68-69 TX
David Purdon, B-1/44 '66-67 OH 22Jan13

They will be missed and we give honor to their service,
their lives and their families.

NEW MEMBERS/CONTACTS

[Alvin Stevens Jr. C-1/44 '69-70](#)

[Michael Spadaro C-1/44 '67-68](#)

[Richard Rohrback B-1/44 '66-67](#)

[Danny Webb, 4-60 69-70](#)

[L. Patrick Scheetz, D-6/71 HAWKS '66-67](#)

[James Beegle, G-65 Quads 1969](#)

[Wayne Bill, C-1/44 '69-70](#)

[William Engel, E-41 Quads '69-70](#)

If the name is underlined, you can click on it and send a message to the new member. Maybe he knows someone you served with? **Send him an email!!**

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

Two pieces of contact information that frequently change are cell phone numbers and email addresses. Typically there are about a half dozen emails sent out each year to every member with a valid (current) email address on record with the Historian. If you (or a spouse) have an email address and you have not received and emails from the Historian, it is time for you to record your email address with him. Simply [click here](#) and identify yourself clearly (full name). You might as well confirm your telephone numbers in the same email. When an email is sent to a bad email address, the Historian tries to contact the member by phone to determine their status. This is a time consuming effort, but it does give him a chance to talk to members.

CELL PHONE NUMBER UPDATES

We have a lot of families that routinely change cell phones or move away from land-line phone to only cell phones. Also many inactive members have not had any contact with the historian in many years and we do not know if your addresses and phone numbers are correct. **Soooo...please take a moment and email the historian with your current contact info.** If you do not have a computer, use the muntipurpose form and just fill out the personal info side of the form and mail it in. PLEASE!!!

2016 Membership Rosters

The 2016 Membership rosters will be printed and mailed out in February so people will have time to send in their 2016 dues (if necessary) with updated contact information. When you get your roster there will also be your 2016 membership card.

Look through the first few pages of your roster and see if you recognize any of the names there. We do not know which units they were in or we lost contact with them. Contact the Historian if you have any info on them.

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™.

Pastor Bob Scholten reports:

My new email address is dusterbob@outlook.com

I hope all is well with you. I am still recovering from kidney failure. My kidneys are working at 20 percent. So far so good.

I just finished my third book, *PTSD & PSALM TWENTY-THREE: Coming Up Out Of PTSD's Trench*. In a few weeks I will get a "proof copy" from the publisher for me to sign off on it before it goes to print.

ADA Association Report

The Oozlefinch - the ADA's unofficial mascot, evolved from the U.S. Army Coast Artillery Corps



Like us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Air-Defense-Artillery-Museum/157069701016015>

Brothers,

As you may remember, we are all also members of the Air Defense Artillery Association. Therefore I would like to keep you up to date on what our other association is doing:

1. The Air Defense Artillery Association has established the First To Fire Scholarship endowment in order to help our soldiers and their families deal with the costs of getting a college education for themselves and members of their family. Yes, the current government programs go a long way in helping with those cost; however, families where both spouses are in need of help or where more than one child is seeking a college degree, still are in need of help.

If you are interested in helping please contact Vin Tedesco at vintedesco@me.com.

2. 2016 will mark 100 years since the Coast Artillery was given the mission of anti-aircraft engagement; 50 years from the first deployment of Dusters, Quads and

Searchlights to Vietnam and 25 years from the date that PATRIOT units were first deployed in the Gulf War. So 2016 is a big year for the Air Defense Artillery.

3. The New ADA Museum: Ft Sill has the funding for the ADA Learning Center. That is government speak for ADA Museum. The building will be roughly 60,000 square feet, with nearly 40,000 of that being exhibit space, 5,000sf being artifact storage and the remainder as classroom, library and administrative spaces. By comparison, they are currently working with 19,000 square feet of exhibit space and 3200sf storage space (not including our LAMS tent). They are trying to start building before the end of this Fiscal Year.

Hope to see many of you in Nashville in 2016
- Vinny Tedesco

ADA WALK OF FAME



Remember. You can sponsor a brick at the new memorial at Ft. Sill. adaassoc@hotmail.com

ADA Association
Brick Order Form

Purchaser's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Red Brick \$60.00 Stone (White) Brick \$100.00 Stone (Black) Brick \$100.00
(Restriction: Minimum of 21 bricks per order)

INSCRIPTION/DEDICATION
(Restricted to 4 lines with 21 spaces per line)

Make all checks payable to: ADA Association
Mail to:
ADA Association
P.O. Box 10101, Ft. Sill, OK 73401

Do not send cash in the mail!

1-44th and G/65 are Honored -Paul Hanson, Sue Lauver (photos)



Vinnie Tedesco, Bob Lauver, Joe Belardo and their wives were the guests of the Purple Heart and American Legion post in Lewisburg, PA on 5 December 2015. For two hours they kept an audience of over one-hundred guests spellbound as they recounted their experiences of the Battles of HWY 9 and the Hue, Tet 1968, offensive.

The Quad 50 assistance delivered by Sgt. Robert Lauver and his Quad 50 crew, proved instrumental in recapturing the bridge over the Perfume River in Hue in South Vietnam. Their efforts opened the way for the U.S. Marines to assist South Vietnamese troops in the recapturing the center of the city and the MACV compound during the bloodiest fighting of the NVA Tet Offensive. This was the first time Bob had totally recounted the part he and his crew played in the retaking of the Citadel, an example of leadership and valor which



earned him a Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Sgt. Belardo recounted the Battle of HWY 9, depicted in the wonderful print of that battle which was dedicated to the NDQSA Association in 2013 when NDQSA joined the Air Defense Association in Ft. Sill, OK. Joe, as we know him, used a presentation which he has perfected

over years of educating high school and civic groups near his home in New Jersey to recount the furious and deadly battle while helping to assist and extricate a U.S. Marine column under intense fire from being attacked by an extremely large NVA force intent on annihilating them. During the battle, Joe and his crew, with assistance from John Huelsenbeck, other quad 50 and Duster assets, were successful in breaking the NVA ambush and extricating the U.S. Marines WIA and KIAs while helping to bring enough direct fire on the enemy for the Marines to return to their firebase. Joe was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and Purple Heart that day and gratitude of numerous Marines which he is still meeting today.

Vin Tedesco recounted his very successful efforts in gathering a base camp relief force and coming to the assistance of the U.S. Marine column and the embattled Air Defense forces caught in the ambush even as Sgt. Belardo, having run out of 40mm rounds, was being resupplied with ammunition by John Huelsenbeck with a truck load of 40mm. Both efforts were just in time to keep the column and the Air Defenders from being over-run and allowed many wounded to be removed and many KIAs bodies recovered.

Col (R) Tedesco was able to verbally paint a picture for the assembled Purple Heart and American Legion members and their families that gave them an understanding of the valor and dedication Air Defense crews all over Vietnam fought to deliver every day as they provided a level of protection to everyone they fought beside during their entire tours of duty in Vietnam.



The evening was another great NDQSA success and, as expressed by many participants that evening, an education to a part of the war that few, military or civilian, ever have an opportunity to hear about. Congratulations to our NDQSA team members and their families.



34th Annual NDQSA Reunion

“Operation Music City”

Nashville, TN

May 31st - June 5th, 2016



NDQSA is pleased to announce that our 34th Annual Reunion will be in Nashville, TN. Bruce Geiger and Bob Lauver have done it again and have made the best deal possible with the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

Sheraton Music City Hotel
777 McGavock Pike
Nashville, TN 37214



Phone Reservations: 1(615)885-2200
Use Group Code: *NDQSA Reunion*
Room Rate: \$129 + tax single/double

Room Rate includes: Free Airport Shuttle & Free Parking!

For Online Hotel Reservations Use Link at < [NDQSA 2016](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NDQSA)>
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NDQSA>

Sheraton Music City Hotel shuttle will pick up group members from Nashville Airport:

Call Hotel (615)885-2200 to request pick up.



Tuesday, May 31st

Registration opens in Hospitality Suite.
You are on your own to explore around the city.
Hospitality Room closes at ~12:00 midnight.

Wednesday, June 1st

Registration in Hospitality Suite.
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
General Jackson Lunch Cruise/Show
Cost \$60 per person round trip
Hospitality Room closes at ~12:00 midnight

Thursday, June 2nd

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Bus trip to Ft. Campbell
Memorial Ceremony, Lunch on base
Cost \$ 45 per person round trip
Hospitality room in evening
Hospitality Room closes at ~12:00 midnight.

Friday, June 3rd

Shuttle Svc. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Downtown & Hermitage Museum
Cost (max) \$ 25 per person round trip
4:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Grand Ole Opry President's Reception & Show
Includes Hors d'Oeuvres, Beer, Wine
& Softdrinks
Cost \$ 85 per person round trip

Saturday June 4th

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Annual Business Meeting
(Member Attendance Required)

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Ladies Continental Breakfast
In Hospitality Room

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM
Annual NDQSA Banquet
Cost: \$40 per person
Guest Speakers, Awards, and Presentations
Evening Hospitality Room
Activities, Auctions & Raffles

Sunday June 5th

Chaplain's Service in Hospitality Room followed by cleanup and out by noon.

REUNION ACTIVITIES AND OPTIONS

Nashville presents a lot of wonderful options for NDQSA Members in 2016. First of all it is a beautiful city and is one of the top five 'destination' tourism cities in the nation. This is largely due to its musical heritage and the 'Grand Ole Opry' organization. In addition the extraordinarily popular 'Nashville' television series has made it virtually impossible to negotiate reasonable hotel rates in the downtown area. The committee has however negotiated a great deal with the Sheraton Music City Hotel, a beautiful property near the airport and the Grand Ole Opry. The committee has made every effort to make this a memorable reunion and to give you options for both pre- and post-reunion family activities.

Since Memorial Day is the weekend before our reunion, you can make individual plans to come in early and participate in the city's Memorial Day parades, etc. If you are considering this we highly recommend that you preregister with the hotel ASAP since our NDQSA Reunion rate while offered from May 28th thru June 8th, is 'based on availability'. So the sooner you try to get pre and post reunion rooms, the better.



On Wednesday June 1st, the group activity will be a lunch and cruise aboard the [General Jackson](#), one of the country's largest authentic paddle-wheel boats, for a spectacular luncheon cruise down Nashville's Cumberland River! Relax and admire views of the city skyline from the showboat decks, indulge in a 3-course Southern meal on board, and enjoy live

entertainment including talented musical performers, dancers and comedians.

The cost for transportation and cruise is \$60 per person which is below published rates.

Thursday June 2nd will be a bus trip to Fort Campbell for memorial activities and there will be a lunch on the base. Cost for the busses and lunch is \$45 per person.



Friday the 3rd is the BIG ONE! Morning activities include busses to the Andrew Jackson Hermitage Museum and downtown Nashville (\$25 per person).



In the afternoon (4:30 PM) we have arranged for a trip to the "Grand Ole Opry" where NDQSA will have private reception with light food and drink just off stage at the Opry. You will then be in the audience for the evening musical show. The cost for the reception and show is \$85 per person and this being partially subsidized by authorization of President John Huelsenbeck and NDQSA BOD. What a great way to cross off the Opry from your 'Bucket List!'"

Saturday's luncheon and awards ceremonies will be held at noon after the morning's annual business meeting. While the men are meeting, the ladies will be indulged with a continental breakfast in the hospitality room, compliments of NDQSA!

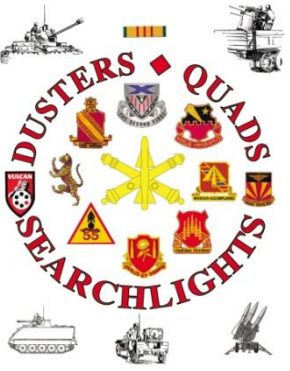
The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$40 per person.

2016 NDQSA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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

34th ANNUAL NDQSA REUNION, NASHVILLE, TN MAY 31st - JUNE 5th 2016

<p>Sheraton Music City Hotel 777 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Phone Reservations: 1-615-885-2200 Use Group Code: <i>NDQSA Reunion</i> Room Rate: \$129 + tax single/double For Online Hotel Reservations Use Link at < NDQSA 2016> Room Rate includes Airport Shuttle & Free Parking!</p>
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Name: _____ Spouse: _____
(print)

Cell Phone Number: _____

Which days are you planning to attend the reunion? (circle)
May 28 29 30 31 June 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 S 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 [].

Operation
Music
City

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				
<p>Tuesday, May 31st</p> <p>Setup & Registration in Hospitality Suite</p> <p>Open Day for Sightseeing</p> <p>Hospitality Room closes ~12:00 midnight.</p>	<p>Wednesday June 1st</p> <p>Registration in Hospitality Suite</p> <p>11:00 AM – 2:00 PM General Jackson Lunch Cruise/Show</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Cost \$ 60 per person</p> <p>Hospitality Room closes at ~12:00 midnight</p>	<p>Thursday June 2nd</p> <p>9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Bus trip to Ft. Campbell Memorial Ceremony Lunch on base</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Cost \$ 45 per person</p> <p>3:30 PM board buses return to Hotel</p> <p>Hospitality Room closes at ~12:00 midnight</p>	<p>Friday June 3rd</p> <p>9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Shuttle Service Hermitage Museum & Downtown</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Cost \$25 per person</p> <p>4:30 PM - 10:00 PM Grand Ole Opry President's Reception & Show</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Cost \$ 85 per person</p> <p>Hospitality Room ?</p>	<p>Saturday June 4th</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Annual Business Meeting (Members required to attend)</p> <p>9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Ladies Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room</p> <p>12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM Annual NDQSA Banquet Guest Speakers, Awards & Presentations</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Cost: \$40 per person</p> <p>Evening Hospitality Room</p>
<p>Sunday June 5th 9:00 AM Chaplain's Farewell</p>				

<u>Select & Pay for Activities</u>	<u>No. of Persons</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, May 31 st Registration - Sightseeing on your own – Hospitality room open.		
Wednesday, June 1 st 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM General Jackson Lunch Cruise & Show.	(\$60) x _____	= \$ _____
Thursday, June 2 nd 9:00 AM Bus Trip to Ft. Campbell, Memorial Ceremony, Lunch on base	(\$45) x _____	= \$ _____
Friday, June 3 rd : 9:00AM–3:00PM Shuttle Svc. to Hermitage Museum & Downtown	(\$25) x _____	= \$ _____
4:30–10:00PM Grand Ole Opry, President's Reception & Show	(\$85) x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday June 4 th : Luncheon Banquet with Guest Speakers and Awards	(\$40 per person) x _____	= \$ _____
Voluntary donation to 2016 NDQSA Reunion Good Works Service Project Fund	(any amount welcome)	\$ _____
Reunion Registration Fee: Make sure you add it into your total!	(\$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.

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Mailing Label ->

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NDQSA
PO Box 890130
Oklahoma City, OK 73189

2016 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 (2016) (2017) (2018) (2019)

DUES ARE \$25 PER YEAR \$ _____

Donations: Operation Eagle \$ _____
Quad 50 restoration \$ _____
Searchlight restoration \$ _____
Searchlight Print (\$60 min) \$ _____
NEW! Quad-50 Print (\$60 min) \$ _____

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)

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.

NDQSA PRODUCT ITEMS 2016

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



Quad 50 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

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

Contact Paul Kopsick if you want one of the Lego Searchlights or Dusters

TANK FARM OPEN HOUSE CANCELLED

It was very unfortunate this year to have the 2015 Open House at the Tank Farm cancelled due to weather (hurricane). There was just too much risk to the participants, guest and equipment to hold the event under such uncertain circumstances.

If your attended the 2014 reunion in WDC, our special field day was at their facility.

We hope that Allan Cors and staff will have better luck in 2016. They continue to be very supportive of NDQSA and they will be leading the work on our Searchlight Restoration Project to go along with the two M42 Dusters and M55 Quad 50 mount already in house.

Allan is working hard to get a new museum built near the Tank Farm. It is the [Americans in Wartime Museum](#). Check them out and consider supporting them.

HISTORY FANATICS QUAD 50 RESTORATION PROJECT

[Robert Ratliff](#) of History Fanatics continues to manage the Quad-50 guntruck 'The Widow Maker' in the Houston area. They are also working on a [jeep restoration](#) as well as acquiring parts and pieces for the truck.

Robert said that they had to replace three tires on the truck that delaminated and broke apart. (Just like the two tires I lost on my ride back from Colorado Springs in June)

Visit his website for updates on all his activities in support of preserving the history of Quad-50s in Vietnam [HISTORY FANATICS](#)

Good NDQSA turnout for Veterans Day at The Wall.



Thanks to Bruce Geiger for arranging for the wreaths for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Also to the wreath bearers this year: Joe Berger; Fred Taylor and John Tamasaukus. Bruce Geiger and Ray Villanueva handled the Khe Sanh Vets wreath. Attendees included: Paul Kopsick, Ed McGill, Barry Willever, Bob Stevens, Terry Gorby, Charles Taylor, Jim Kurtz, Willie Wong and spouses. Two of the surviving Gold Star Mothers were also in attendance.



The weather was perfect. The speakers were stirring and sometimes irreverent. This was the first ceremony without Jan Scruggs who retired this past year.

The next big push is for the fundraising for the underground visitor's center.

WALT DISNEY'S LAST GIFT TO THE US WAR EFFORTS DEC. 1966



In October of 1966, Sergeant Robert Stauffacher of Bravo battery 29th Artillery wrote to the Walt Disney Production offices naively requesting a caricature of a Disney character for use on their searchlight vehicles. This would be in line with similar efforts and traditions by the Disney Group during World War II and Korea.

He received back a response indicating that they would try to accommodate the request, but typically such requests were made more formally by higher ranking officers.

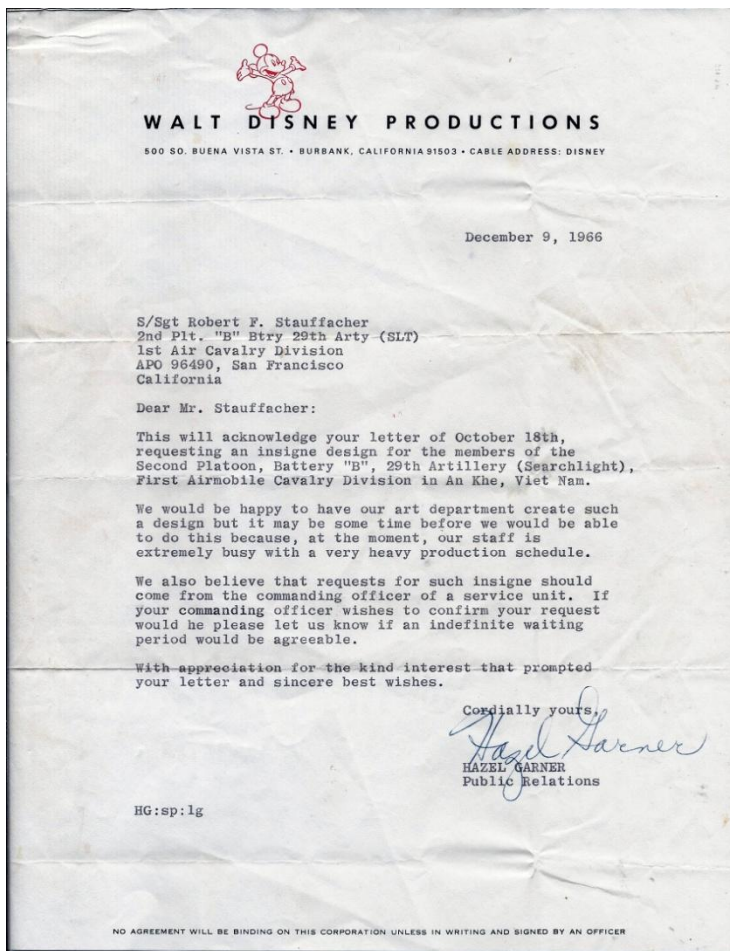
Historically, when Disney Productions used one of their characters in wartime art, it used Donald Duck or a lesser known character, so as not to tie their major character (Mickey Mouse) to such potentially negative representations.

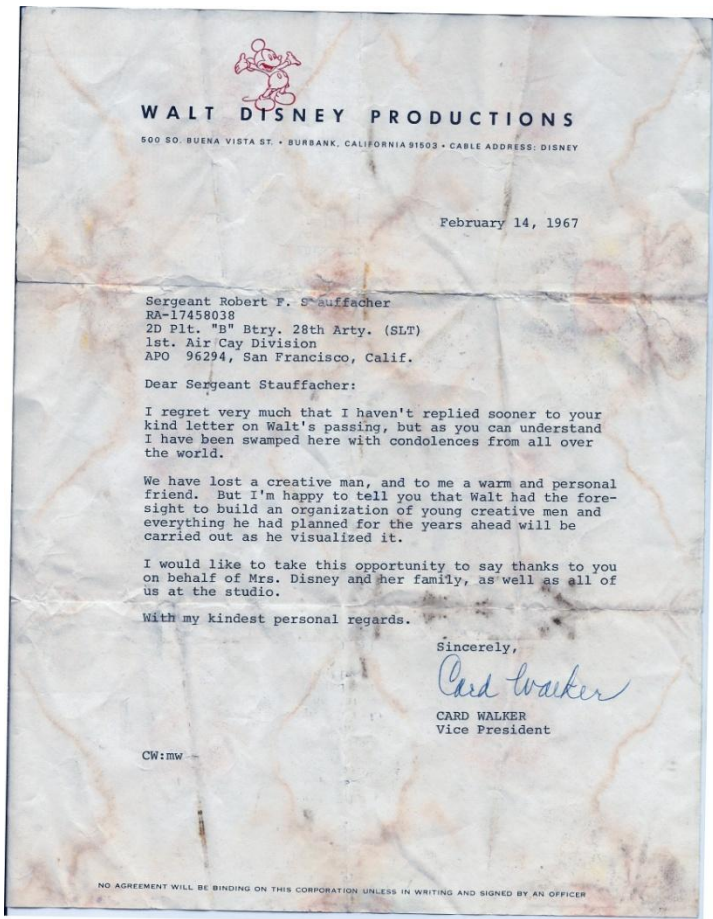


Well, later that month, a large envelope was received by Sgt Bob Stauffacher and it contained a wonderful representation

of Donald Duck astride and aerial illumination device in a menacing pose. On the heavy art board was the sticker showing it was from the Disney Production Co. and attached to it was a small note from Walt. Ironically Walt Disney died on December 15, 1966, so the artwork must have been produced quickly and passed through Walt's hands just before he died!

Stauffacher acknowledge the receipt of the artwork in his condolence letter to the group which was responded to in February 1967.





The artwork was utilized by the men of B-29th Arty on signs around their base camp in An Khe and on the canvas covers to their Xenon searchlights.



Bob took much pride in having arranged for official Disney artwork to be made available to his unit, B-29th Arty SLT. He cherished the artwork and recognized that it might have been the last piece of Disney war art to have been overseen by Walt himself.

Bob and Dora Stauffacher live outside Colorado Springs, Co and did attend some of the 2015 reunion activities in spite of just being



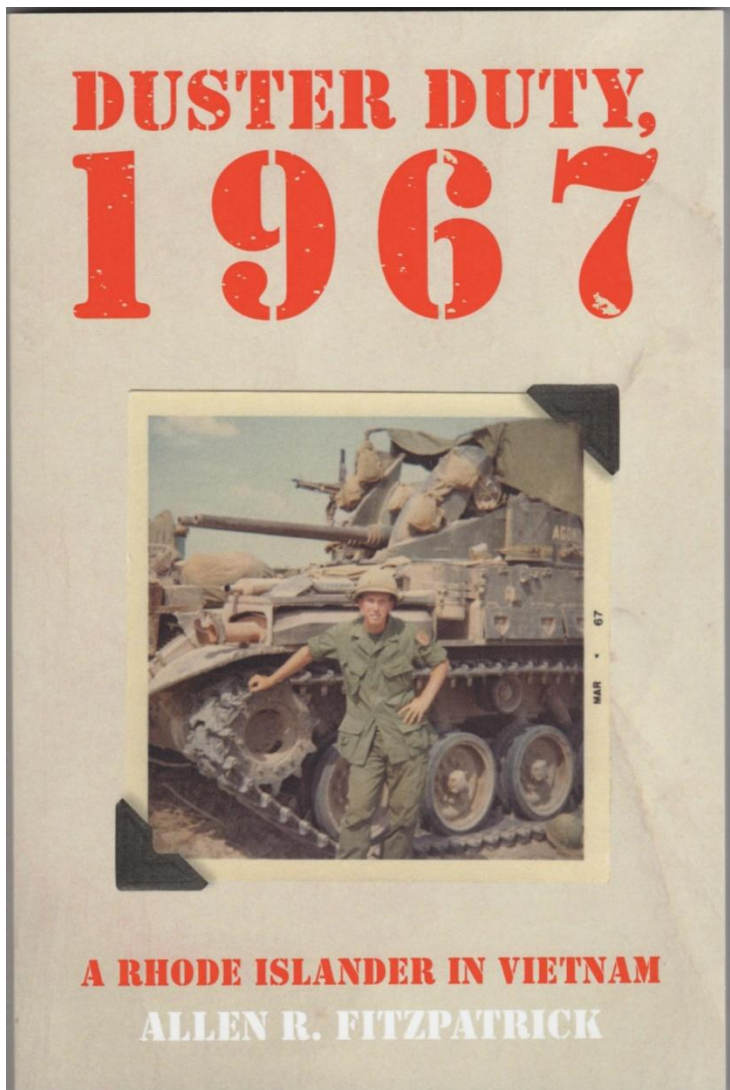
diagnosed with kidney cancer. He is proud veteran and is a historian and officer for the 1st Cavalry Division, the unit that B-29th was originally assigned to before later being reassigned to the 4/60th Duster Battalion. B-29th has the distinction of being one of...if not the longest serving Army artillery unit that served in Vietnam (23Oct65 –23Jun72).

Thank you Bob and Dora for sharing and preserving this unique part of our Vietnam history.



NOTE: We are out of the new M42 Duster photo books. You will have to get them from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or order through your local book store.

NEW DUSTER STORY BOOK



Have you ever thought about telling your story like several other NDQSA members have done? Well I recently received notice of a new book by fellow veteran Allen Fitzpatrick about his deployment with 5/2d ADA and tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967.

I quickly ordered the book from Amazon and when it arrived I found it a very quick read. It is a simple chronological portrayal of his training at Ft. Bliss and actions in Vietnam. I contacted him again and asked him to tell me the process it took to write his book and what decisions he had to make to get it published. I felt that here are

many other NDQSA vets out there wishing they could do the same thing. So here is what he said:

Here is how my book started.

My son Jonathan was the primary influence to write the book. He came to my home with a full page of commercial publishers and two pages of topics to draw from including: what was I doing when the draft notice arrived and what were the feelings and emotions of mine and the family?

He noted he wanted me to include little details such as our MOS number. What did it all mean? There are all kinds of questions I won't ramble about. In short I was not aware anyone wanted to hear what I had to say and mostly thought I had nothing to say.

I started writing, all from memory and recollections. 32 thousand words later..... *I guess I had something to say.* I wrote and wrote, fine tuned and tried to be coherent. Jonathan proof read all of this and spent many hours doing so. We fine tuned and proof read more. We finished with 160 pages and photos.

I looked the publisher list and a few wanted minimum numbers of books printed and the cost was to me prohibitive. I choose [Createspace.com](https://www.createspace.com) as they seemed the simplest. No inventory or minimum print run is required. They print each book to order.

Once I thought I was almost ready, I sent an e-mail to them. It triggered a telephone conversation from a sales rep. We discussed what the book was about, rough word count, cover creation and the number of edits I would like to purchase. He suggested 2 edits, which I decided to do. The cover is a custom cover I designed with my photos and I wanted red letters for artillery.

Having an electronically downloadable version available on Kindle is an option I purchased also. This whole cost to produce the book was quoted just around two thousand dollars. Purchasing the entire package I did get a small discount. \$1900 and change in the end.

As I mentioned we proof read ourselves prior to submitting. We settled on the title which is the first decision one needs to make. Once it is submitted it is assigned a Create number and submitted to the Library of Congress.

Be sure of the title you want. A team of editors is assigned. I believe as many as five people worked it.

Upon down loading the transcript the team checked for grammar and spelling. Making sure sentences are complete and all is coherent.



Joy as we leave Op. Jct.City

Suggestions are made, corrections are entered and sometimes they re-wrote what I said to make the flow smooth.

Electronically one can accept the changes or not. It is a simple process I just can't tell all the techniques, but it is not hard.

Upon completion it is sent back to them and another set of eyes works it, again making suggestions, and why, along with any corrections again being sure of grammar etc. That was the two edits.

You do get prompt for a hard proof or an electronic proof. Photos get entered as prompted with captions added as desired.

This project started April 8th and the book became available September 4th or so. Kindle was a similar process but a couple of weeks later.

Createspace is an Amazon company. They market using a variety of look ups on their site and Barnes and Noble. My local marketing is done by me.

My local book store owner liked the cover design and said my pricing was on the money. Book stores around here get 15 dollars and are on consignment. (60/40 mostly)

I will stop here. I hope this is sufficient and that it will inspire any other budding writers to tell their story in print for the world to see.

I would suggest that you also run your draft through Paul Kopsick our Historian. My memory was pretty good, but Paul pointed out a simple error that I should have known. I know lots of guys have very limited memories of their time in Nam but start with what your do remember and then go out and try and fact-check as best you can.

Any questions, send me a note.

Regards, [Allen Fitzpatrick](#)

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