

NATIONAL DUSTERS, QUADS & SEARCHLIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #2 SEPTEMBER 2017 ---2017 REUNION RECAP---

**2018 NDQSA 36th
ANNUAL REUNION
GETTYSBURGH, PA
June 5th – June 10th 2018**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters
It's been a couple of months since the reunion in New Mexico. The reunion seemed to be a real success and was a good time for all the people that attended.

The Thursday night Presidents reception was well attended and the music and food was great. Dancing was a fun time and enjoyed by many. Thanks to Bob Lauver for setting that all up.

I would also like to thank all the ladies that work hard at the reunion. If you work at the tables, Chinese auction, selling tickets or anything else Thank You!

To the board of directors who work year round to see that this reunion is a success Thank You! A special thanks to Bruce and Bob for the work it takes to set this all up. To Paul for the hundreds of hours spent putting the newsletter together and all the other things he does for the organization. Duane and Mary Gettler for the work for the product sales. To all the Veterans and Families that come to support this reunion. It takes everyone to make this a success.

Thank you Ron Almon for serving as a director. Welcome James Smith to the board of directors.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to all in the paths of the hurricanes. Be safe, be healthy and safe travels. Hope to see everyone in 2018 in Gettysburg, PA.

[John F. Huelsenbeck](#)
President NDQSA

FEATURED STORIES:

**Albuquerque Recap
Cleveland Tank Show**

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

**Minutes of NDQSA Board of Directors and
Executive Officers Meeting May 31, 2017**

Reports of Officers:

President, John Huelsenbeck: A request to read the meeting minutes for the April 03, 2017 meeting was made by John Huelsenbeck, A motion was made by Dave McCray to accept the minutes as written and was Seconded by Paul Hanson and no dissention was noted. Luke Clark addressed the Board on the condition of the NDQSA Monument at FT. SILL. Oklahoma, Mr. Clark will peruse the estimate to repair or replace the base of the monument with the Board's approval. A Motion was made by Bruce Geiger and seconded by Bob Lauver to approve of this endeavor, no dissention was noted.

First Vice President, Bob Cuce: No comment

Second Vice-President, Paul Kopsick: No comment

Secretary, Garry Severin: No comment

Treasurer, Allan Penwell – Allan next brought up a proposal to have NDQSA donate to the US ARMY Museum fund, at FT. Belvoir VA. The question was brought up on the cost of getting the Organization name in the front entrance hall. Allan Penwell provided more information before the Annual Business Meeting to the Board members. This discussion was tabled until more information can be obtained.

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

Heritage Committee: No comment

Membership Committee (Joe Belardo, Paul Kopsick): Paul Kopsick stated that the Organization has currently has five hundred and forty active members. One hundred and twenty too one hundred and fifty members are regular attendees at annual reunions, that's a sixty-six percent average

Nominating Committee (Paul Hanson, Bob Cuce, and Garry Severin, Paul Kopsick): No comment

Legislative Committee (Bruce Geiger, Bob Lauer):
No comment

Good Works Committee (Sam Hopkins, Bob Cuce & Bruce Geiger): This year's donation will go to "HERO'S WALK AMONG US" A local group that that provides for homeless veterans. They will be provided with seventy-five fifty-dollar Target gift cards to be distributed among needy members. Also 1870.00 was received from the group that Bob Cuce works with. The organization recognizes Bob Cuce for his efforts in fund raising over the past few years. The unit recognizes Bob Lauer who is now involved in a new charity.

Publications/Historian Committee (Paul Kopsick):
No Comment.

Reunion Committee (Bob Lauer, Bruce Geiger, Mary Severin, Paul Hanson) : Bob Lauer announced that time changes for the bus tours would be posted in the entrance of the Hospitality room. Bruce Geiger proposed Gettysburg /Harrisburg, Norfolk /Virginia Beach and Philadelphia as alternatives to FT. Sill. The Museum at FT. Sill nowhere near ready and may not be finished until late 2018.

Products Committee (Duane & Mary Gettler, Bruce Geiger, Paul Kopsick & Bob Lauer) : Duane and Mary Gettler will now handle all product .T-shirts will now only be available in black and heather (light grey) and polo shirts will only be available in tan or black .A new jacket vendor will be found and all information on the new product line will be provided in a upcoming newsletter. Also, any old stock that was not sold at this year's reunion will be available in limited sizes, colors and quantities A Motion was made to limit the product line by Dave McCray and seconded by Bob Cuce., the vote was unanimous and passed without dissention.

Website Committee (Bob Lauer, Paul Kopsick, Allan Penwell, Bob Cuce, Bruce Geiger): No comment

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

Special Projects – Restoration Notes – Other: No comment

Next Board of Directors Meeting : A BOD meeting date has not been set.

A Motion to close the meeting was made by Bob Cuce and seconded by Ron Almon ,the motion passed without dissention. Minutes compiled by [Garry Severin](#)

2016 TREASURER'S REPORT (QUARTERLY SUMMARY)

The 2017 reunion is in the books, and our cash position of \$100,000 at June 30, 2017 is the same as it was at this time last year. Reunion revenues were \$38,095, and expenses were \$40,846 for a loss of (\$2,751). The loss was expected as the board authorized extra expenses for the Thursday night band and dinner which everyone enjoyed. Our reunion Good Works project was for local homeless veterans where we spent \$4,572 with our members contributing \$2,410. A small profit is expected for 2017, and our cash position remains strong.

[Allan Penwell](#), Treasurer

MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED

Walter Stayas, C-5/2 '70-71 21Jul17
Richard H. Hummelbaugh, Jr., H-29 '67-68 21Oct16
Lewis Maness, A&B-5/2 '67-68 6Nov10
Sylvester Seaman, I-29, 68-70 30Jun13
James K. Dowdy, 4/60, '69-70 22May17
James Guthrie, A-5/2 '67-68 2013
Willie Wong, D-1/44 '67 – 68 Aug2017

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

NEW MEMBERS/CONTACTS

Orval Mammenga, 5/2 '66-67
[Randy Savage, D-4/60 '67-68](#)
[John Bailie, B-1/44 '67-68](#)
[James H. Kelley, D-71st Quads](#)

If the name is blue and 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!!

ALBUQUERQUE RECAP

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

NOTE: For some reason I cannot email to anyone with an embarqmail.com account! 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 any 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 multipurpose form and just fill out the personal info side of the form and mail it in. PLEASE!!!

2017 Membership Rosters

The 2017 membership rosters will be printed and mailed out as needed with updated contact information. When you get your roster there will also be your 2017 membership card.

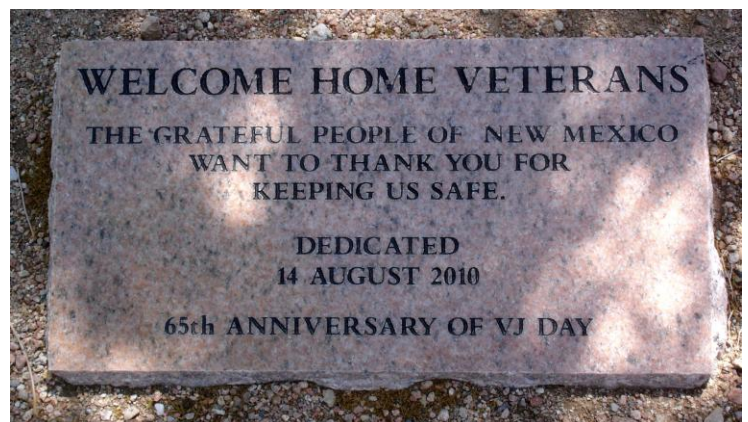
NDQSA
35TH ANNUAL REUNION



OPERATION: LAND OF ENCHANTMENT



What a venue and what a hotel! This was certainly the grandest reunion ever, thanks to President John Huelsenbeck's guidance and the hard work of reunion organizers Bruce Geiger and Bob Lauer.



The NDQSA Memorial Service held at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial service was a joyous yet solemn event and continued our tradition of honoring those that perished while in service to the Country and NDQSA

members that have recently passed. We are all still fighting for our lives in one way or another.



Luke Clark and granddaughter Jennifer reciting the poem "Remember".



Special thanks to the wives of the members that (wo-)manned the tables and ran the auctions.



Past President Paul Hanson was back as auction ringmaster and the membership did not disappoint with their donations of articles and with their joyful bidding on the bounty!

Historian Paul Kopsick made sure there was no unused space on the walls and tables with his vast holdings of artifacts and memorabilia.

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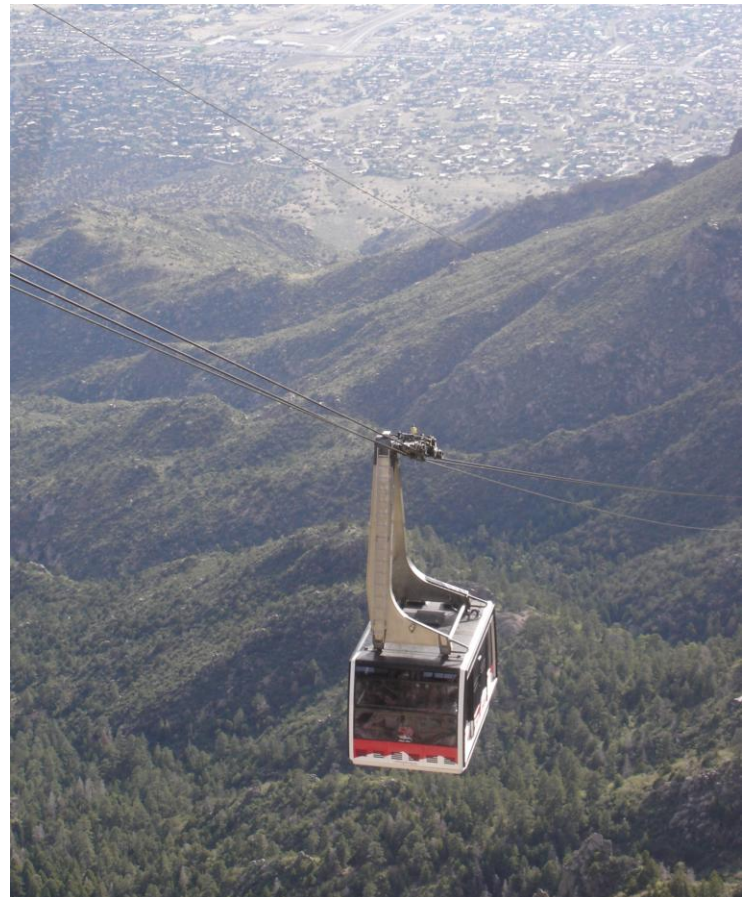
35th Annual Reunion - May 30 thru June 4, 2017 - Albuquerque, NM - Operation Land of Enchantment

The hotel was one of the best and the staff was very accommodating especially when we over-whelmed them at the party. Man that was the best 'finger food' ever!

Albuquerque was a long trip for many of the members (I drove ~1,875 miles from WDC) and tight finances and health issues kept some regulars from attending. The final member count was just around 107 men and families. Those that made it were not disappointed. The city, its attractions, its history made the day-trips great.

Santa Fe was a short train ride away and of course there were the local Indian Casinos.

Sandia Mountain Tram





Indian Pueblo Cultural Center



National Museum of Nuclear Science & History



President's Party with food and dance band

NDQSA AWARDS BANQUET

Saint Barbara medallions were presented to: Joseph Belardo, Ed Tidwell, George Nagelschmidt, and Paul Hanson by BG Randall McIntire and later on to Terry Gorby (in absentia for health reasons). Each of these men have been long-time supporters on NDQSA and the

entire Veteran Community for many, many years. Congratulations!



FOLLOW-UP: On Saturday 24 June 2017 members of NDQSA and The Order of St. Barbara gathered in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania to welcome NDQSA member Terry Gorby into the Order. The presentation had been scheduled to take place at the recently concluded reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico but Mr. Gorby was unable to attend Due to health. Vincent Tedesco made the presentation to Mr. Gorby. In addition to Terry's wife Becky many members of the Gorby family were present. NDQSA was represented by President John Huelsenbeck and his wife Sally, Vincent and Suzanne Tedesco, Bob and Sue Lauver, and George Nagelschmidt.



Thanks to all that provided reunion photos to Paul.

A special Santa Barbara medallion was presented to our guest attendee William C. Overmyer an ADA veteran of WWII by General McIntire.



The Chapel of Four Chaplains, Legion of Merit Award was presented to David McCray with the citation read by Pastor Robert Scholten.



The Good Works Committee presents some of the donations to Mr. Shane D'Onofrio with "Heroes Walk Among Us" organization.



The ladies Molly Pitcher medallions were presented to Susan Tidwell, Gloria Robison and Nancy Belardo (in absentia for health reasons)



Ethan Parrish addresses the membership in honor of his father Joseph who recently passed.





Folks at the Saturday Awards Banquet



Ladies Brunch



Bill Sturgeon and Bruce Geiger



Shopping in Santa Fe



The NCOCS Group and wives



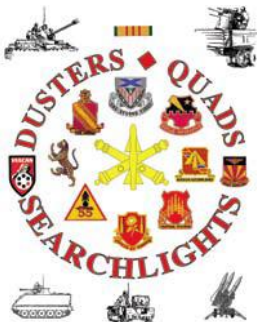
Young Navajo Dancers



Honest John Rocket & Launcher and Stratofortress



Luke Clark, Sue Lauver, Jennifer and Luke's Son

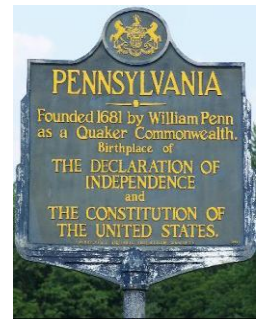


36th Annual NDQSA Reunion

[“Make a suggestion for reunion name”](#)

Gettysburg, PA

June 5th - June 10th, 2018



NDQSA is pleased to announce that our 36th Annual Reunion will be in Gettysburg, PA. Bruce Geiger & Bob Lauver have negotiated a great deal at the

Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel
95 Presidential Circle
Gettysburg, PA 17325
1(717)339-0200

<http://www.wyndhamgettysburg.com>



Direct Hotel Phone Reservations:

1(717)339-0020 “press 3”

>>[Online reservations link click here](#)<<

Use Group Code: NDQSA Reunion

Room Rate: \$119 + tax single/double

Room Rate includes: Free Parking, 10% discount

In hotel's 1863 Restaurant & Lounge

NDQSA Group Rate 2 days before & after

Nearest Airport is Harrisburg, PA 46 miles



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Mailing Label ->

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to envelope

NDQSA
PO Box 890130
Oklahoma City, OK 73189

2017 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 (2017) (2018) (2019) (2020)

DUES ARE \$25 PER YEAR \$ _____

Donations: Quad 50 restoration \$ _____

Searchlight restoration \$ _____

Searchlight Print (\$60 min) \$ _____

Quad-50 Print Sold Out

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

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

Bumper Sticker ____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

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

Challenge Coin: ____ coin @ \$12 = \$ _____

***** Lucite Challenge Coin: ____ @ \$25 = \$ _____**

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

.50-cal bottle opener ____ @ \$14 = \$ _____

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

NDQSA T-shirt (black)(grey)

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

NDQSA Polo Shirt (black)(tan)

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

(regular) (tall)

NDQSA Lightweight Embroidered Jacket

Size: ____ # ____ @ \$145 = \$ _____

Circle (1 large Quad available)

(SLT) (XL) or (XXL) only

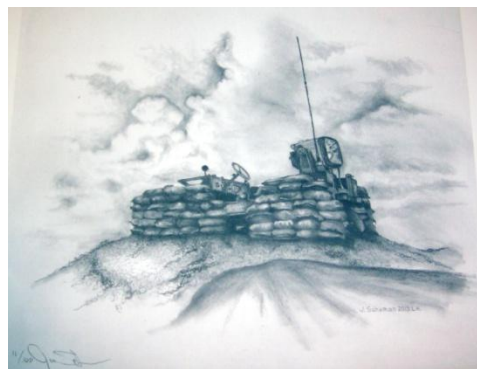
TOTAL \$ _____

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 2017

Duster, Quad, SLT, HAWK
Embroidered Jacket Artwork

New Jacket sales on hold!



Searchlight 50 Print (\$60 min)
Quad .50 print Sold Out



Logo Patch \$5



Logo Decal \$5



NDQSA Challenge Coin \$12 @
NDQSA Pin Set \$8 @



Lucite Coin \$25



50-cal bottle opener \$14



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
Gray XL
\$15 XXL (Tall)
XXXL (Tall)
XXXXL

Mens Polo: Small
Black Medium
Tan Large
\$30 XL
XXL (Tall)
XXXL (Tall)
XXXXL
XL Tall
XXL Tall

Embroidered Jacket:
Only a few Jackets remain!
1(Quad 50)
Large
\$145 2 (Searchlight)
XL
XXL

NDQSA is having a hard time finding a credible and reliable Jacket supplier. Orders are on hold until further notice.

NDQSA HISTORY BOOKS ARE SOLD OUT

Contact Paul Kopsick if you want one of the Lego Searchlights Kits

NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

"Brothers of the 1/44th ADA,

Please save the date: 24 JAN 2018! I am planning a get together for those that fought their way through the **Ambush on Route 9, the TET Offensive and the Siege of Khe Sanh**. 2018 will mark the **50th anniversary** of these key events that Dusters, Quads and Searchlight Units played such key roles in fighting and WINNING!

My plan is just taking shape. But here is what I know:

Place- State College, PA (Yes, PA in the middle of the winter!!) This makes it easier for me to arrange the event and should keep cost down.

Cost for hotel about \$80.00 per night. Cost for event is unknown at this time, but I hope to keep less than \$100.00 to include meals.

More to come later. If you think you might be interested. Please send me an email @ vintedesco@me.com"

Per Ardua Vin Tedesco 571-292-4498

Dear Commemorative Partners,

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, we are losing over 500 of our Vietnam veterans each day. Since 2013, the Vietnam War Commemoration's History and Legacy Branch (H&L) has been conducting video-recorded oral history interviews to capture the memories of our Vietnam veterans. The mission of the H&L Branch is to provide the American public with a clearer understanding of and appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans, and to tell the story about their service during that period of our nation's history.

[Click here](#) to read our latest SITREP, which highlights the oral history project and how you can participate. We can't wait to hear about the awesome commemorative events that you will conduct and are so grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff

"Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"

www.vietnamwar50th.com

Larry Lippencot reports: Found a good source for 40mm projectile heads and fuses at: Springfield Arsenal LLC, Nancy Morris, 6021 Greeley Blvd, Springfield VA 22152. Phone# 703-309--0023. Just in case some other brothers need one.

Robert H Hollis Spec 4 of the 1st of 44th duster unit. March 12th 1970, while serving with C Battery at Khe Gio bridge we were attacked by NVA unit. During the fight Sgt. Mitchell Stout and Spec 4 Terry Moser were killed. We suffered several wounded; there were only 13 US troops there. We fired until our guns failed. It was time to get the hell out of Dodge. We gathered up our wounded and set out for Camp Carroll a couple of miles away. I drove the truck though having been shot through the hip. I received the Silver Star for this action.

Randy Stafford writes: Lewis Ed Maness was a Captain in the 5/2 when I served 11-67 11-68. He deros-ed a few months ahead of me, but I knew him well. West Pointer and a fine officer. I recently found out he passed away on 11-6-2010. I don't know how or why. His dad "Chippy" Maness was a General and passed in March of the same year. I tried getting a hold of his sister earlier this month, but found she'd died on July 4th. Anyway, I didn't know if you had this information or if you keep records on the Duster officers.

I keep in touch with my X.O. Major (then) Gates Scoville and he's been a wealth of information from our Nam days. Interesting how me an enlisted man and he a field grade officer thought alike back then.

My name is Scott Lynch and I assist with communications at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF). As you may know, this year is the 35th Anniversary of The Wall in Washington, D.C. and we are proud to once again host the Reading of the Names to commemorate The Wall's 35th Anniversary.

VVMF wants to thank you for your participation in our 2012 Reading of the Names.

This year, volunteers will read the names of the 58,318 service members inscribed on The Wall. The Reading of the Names will take place at The Wall for 65 hours over a four-day period from Nov. 7- Nov. 10, 2017.



READING OF THE NAMES - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund www.vvmf.org

READING OF THE NAMES. As part of the 35th Anniversary Commemoration Tuesday, November 7, 2017 - Friday, November 10, 2017. Registration for the Reading of the Names .

If you or someone you know are interested in being a reader again, please go to <http://www.vvmf.org/reading-of-the-names> to register. Specific name requests will be taken. Readers may sign up for multiple reading times. Group readings are also welcome.

If anyone wants to join me in DC for Veterans Day we may wish to participate again this year. I will be going down the afternoon of 11/9/17 and we could request to read names on 11/10 in the afternoon Bruce



Meagan Clarke recently sent a list of valuable veteran resources and we have now made a page of it on our website. There is now a “resource” category in our main navigation menu available on every page.

We want to add to our list and make this info available to not only our members but any veteran or veteran’s family that may need it. If you know of any additional links, please send. Also, if you know of someone in need, all service members, send them our links.

Link to our page.... <http://www.6thbattalion71startillery.com>

Link to resources...
. <http://www.6thbattalion71startillery.com/resources.html>

From: bobstone <bobstone@ptd.net>
To: lsmooredqs <lsmooredqs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:22 AM
Subject: Fwd: Rockpile/Razorback

DMZ guys! Thought that you might to see this info on your old home grounds away from home.

Subject: Rockpile/RazorbackBoth Rockpile and Razorback are being torn down completely for road fill in the area. Rte 9



HOLY SMOKE! Fire & brimstone on the road

PFC Larry G. Doyle (71M) Chaplain’s Assistant went back into the Army in 1969 at Ft. Lewis, WA. I received his orders for ‘Nam and was assigned to HHB, 1st Bn 44th ADA in Dong Ha. I drove for Chaplain Maj James Bruns.

Larry recalls: On Sunday May 24 1969 we drove to our Duster outpost near Khe Gio Bridge by Camp J.J. Carroll below Dong Ha Mountain for a field service. As we started back to Camp, VC gunners in the area opened fire on us. They dropped three mortar rounds on the Dusters. We were told they fired 25 rounds on and near our lonesome jeep on the open hillside. I do not know who called in the airstrike but two Air Force fighters took out their tubes. I think it was someone from Camp Carroll. A belated “THANK YOU!” to whomever “saved our souls” that day. Amen. –SFC Larry G. Doyle (ret)

“CON THIEN”

Look at Heaven in a starry night
Experience Hell with a crash of light
Moonlight glints off taloned wire
Reminds you that, Good God! You're still here
Peaceful and serene, a beautiful night
Reflect and dream of another life
A girl somewhere, some other world
Think of God, maybe he's here
Rising with the mist
Washed silver by the light of the moon
Hills of Angles, for once believable –
Noises, rustling, rushing to reality
Crouch down, hide, behind a rifle
Noises out of the darkness
Trip flare
Wire Swings
Shadows
Death

-Bob Lauver 1971

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:54 PM

Subject: Ada Museum

We have some outstanding news! The contract to build the ADA Museum's new Training Support Facility has been awarded today!!!! This new facility will house the ADA Collection and will allow us to better train incoming and continuing Air Defense Soldiers and Leaders. The new building will have a 40,000 sf "training lab floor", classrooms, a research library and collections storage facility all under one roof. Estimated time of construction is 18-24 months and we anticipate a late summer 2019 opening. Please pass this on. Thanks

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES?

Long time member Bill Sturgeon has generously offered to help to try and locate buddies that you served with. But you have to have something to go by. He had done professional searches as part of his career and has access to online resources unavailable to the Historian. He can be reached at (858) 663-4199 (cell/text) Please provide your full contact info and as much of the info you have of the person you are looking for: Name; Hometown; Nickname and Birth date or at least how old you think he is.

Thanks Bill, I hope we locate a bunch of guys.

Here is your first request:

The man I was asking about at the reunion. His name is FORD. We trained at Fort Bliss and deployed with A-4-60 ADA on the USS Gordon in February 1967. Hope you have something. This all the info I have.

Noel Brown 915-588-4227

ORAL HISTORY

May 30, 2017

Dear Mr. Perry, I-29th SLT '68-69 redleg64@mchsi.com

Thank you for allowing us at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library to interview you as part of our *Veterans Remember-Vietnam* Oral History project. I want to thank you again for telling your story for the historical record. You had an important story to tell, and we are proud to include it in our collection. I also thank you for your patience in receiving the completed transcript, which is posted on your interview webpage at:

<https://www.illinois.gov/alplm/library/collections/oralhistory/Pages/default.aspx>

It was in **THE MOUNTAIN EAGLE** newspaper.

“Road naming honors sheriff”



Among those attending a ceremony honoring Letcher County **Sheriff Danny R. Webb (Danny served with B-4th/60th in 1969-70)** were State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Darrell Holbrook, Webb, State Rep. Leslie Combs, Arius Holbrook, Whitesburg Mayor James W. Craft, Webb's sister Lisa Webb Stansberry, Webb's wife Sharon Webb, one of the Webbs' sons Jody Webb and Letcher County Judge/Executive Jim Ward Letcher County Court Clerk Winston Meade and Letcher Circuit Judge Sam Wright also attended but are

not pictured. The state highway spanning from the bridge near Rite Aid in West Whitesburg to Pine Mountain Junction has been named in honor of Letcher County Sheriff Danny R. Webb.

Instead of KY 15X, it's now Sgt. Danny R. Webb U.S. Army Vietnam Vet. Letcher County Sheriff Highway. Tuesday afternoon Webb's wife, Sharon, told Webb she was taking him to have professional family photographs taken. Little did he know that a crowd would be gathered below the Letcher County School Bus Garage for the unveiling of a road named after him. Webb was surprised.

"It's an honor," he said. "I don't know if I am deserving of this. I have really enjoyed serving the people of Letcher County." Darrell Holbrook, secretary of the Letcher County Veterans Memorial Museum, started the process of having a road named after Webb about two years ago when he contacted the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The Letcher Fiscal Court approved a resolution supporting Holbrook's effort.

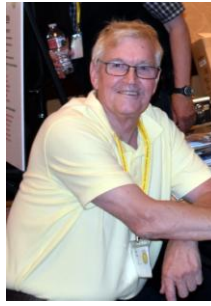
"He is not just an official, he is a friend," said Ward. Webb was graduated from Whitesburg High School in 1966 and then served two years in the United States Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He spent 30 years working for Kentucky State Police. The majority of his tenure was spent in Letcher County, but he also worked at posts in Elizabethtown, Henderson and Pikeville.

In 2001, Webb retired as a captain. He was elected sheriff of Letcher County in 2003. Webb is a member of the Kentucky Sheriffs Association and a board member of the Appalachian HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) program.

"I can't think of a more fitting tribute to a man who has done so much," said State Rep. Leslie Combs. Letcher County holds the state record for being the county with the most bridges and roads named, said Sarah George, public information officer with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. George credited Holbrook and others with the veterans museum for their efforts in getting roads and bridges named in honor of veterans.

"They do work hard to recognize veterans," said George.

IX TANK PLANT SHOW IN CLE. OHIO



Gentlemen I was with **Dan Ross**, NDQSA member and part time reunion photographer as he enthralled the crowds with the history of the Duster's in Viet Nam. Many marveled at his Bronze Star Medal and Dan got many a young person to put on a flak jacket and

steel pot and hold a 40mm shell so their parents could photograph them in front of the Duster, at least three hundred over the four day event were photographed by parents and family. Including an eighty plus year old grandmother who had lost a son in the military. I would suggest that the Board recognize his effort as he was there between ten and twelve hours daily for the four days the show ran. **Dan Ross was the best kind of Ambassador a unit could have, he answered questions was gracious under fire and the show's organizer told us the display, which Dan included many of his personal pictures, was the most complimented in the show.** He told us the other vendor's now realize that the way he displayed the photos, told the **real story** of the vehicle on display. Thanks to Paul Kopsick for the Unit Banner and other photographs and the physical items he supplied and his way of displaying them that tells a story. The Cleveland ABC station carried a short video they shot Saturday afternoon 6/24/ 2017 before the show closed featuring Dan Ross and the Duster. - Garry Severin

Note; Dan is a good buddy of mine and was invaluable during the reunion in Albuquerque. Just before he came to NM he had an accident at work and severely damaged his foot and big toe, nearly severing it from his foot. Still he came and was a great help. Then when he got back home to Cleveland, and before any medical treatment for his foot, he spent several long hour days telling his Vietnam story to anyone that walked up to the Duster.

During our farewell service on Sunday after the reunion, he made some very personal remarks which I will share with you. Paraphrasing: "Outside (in the real world) they consider me BROKEN (damaged)...but here at the NDQSA reunions I feel WHOLE!" I am honored to have him as a friend and fellow veteran. -Paul Kopsick

Hello, my name is Robert H. Pearson. I was in Vietnam as a 16F20, Dusters stationed at FSB Schuler outside of An Khe, from 12/70 to 12/71 with Delta Battery, 4/60th ADA. I am enclosing some photos that I have left of my time there. I only know of a couple of guys I was stationed with but no full names that I know of. There was a SP4 Johnson "Slim" from North or South Carolina. A platoon sergeant named SFC Foucks or something like that. There was a guy we named "Sunshine" from Portland, OR he was our driver and ammo humper. And then there was SP4 Weaver, not sure where he hailed from.

Here are some of the photos I have. I do have some photos of the 1st Cav when they first arrived to An Khe from the early to mid 60's that I ran across about 20 years ago. I will attach a couple of those and if you are interested in the others let me know and I will send them to you.



(front to back) SP4 Slim Johnson, Me (Tex) and unknown D-222 (Feb 1971) at a small FSB Nancy outside of An Khe.

BRICKMANIA NEWS

David Siskind, the owner and a good friend to NDQSA has committed to making available a special issue M42A1 Duster to our members. The sign-up period is over. Instructions on how to complete their purchases will be emailed separately to those that signed up. Thank you. - Paul Kopsick



Note: I still have a few of the [Xenon](#) Searchlight Jeep kits available for \$150 each. Proceeds go to our Searchlight Jeep restoration project funds. Contact Paul if you want one.

GUNTRUCK RESTORATION PROJECT HOUSTON TEXAS UPDATE

Doing okay here. I'm on high ground on the west side of Houston, right next to some of the worst flooding. My neighborhood didn't flood, but I'm located in the middle of a mandatory evacuation area.

I've been on anti-looter patrol at night. Caught a few. Made several more reconsider their actions. Definitely made one change his shorts.

The gun truck survived safely in the museum. She didn't go out at all. The jeep and ambulance had water about halfway up the wheels, but no damage. I'll have those up and going soon.

News note for the quad mount: work has commenced on the Little Joe generator to get it working again. Also, machine gun simulated firing kits have been ordered (should've here in a couple of weeks) for the guns. I'll get those installed, shoot some video, and send it to you. -Robert Ratliff

We are still collecting donations for the Gun Truck and Searchlight Jeep projects. We have about \$3500 in each account. Wanting enough money to get a proper M151 jeep to mount the searchlight at the Tank Farm. You can donate using the multipurpose form when you pay your annual dues. - Paul Kopsick

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NDQSA was founded in 1981 by John Huelsenbeck et al, holds annual reunions and has grown to about 600 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.