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40TH ANNIVERSARY

July 2008 is the beginning of a series of 40th anniversaries for the Troopers of A Troop 4/12 Cav. Over the next three years, we will all be celebrating our first (or last) day in NAM with A Troop. During this time, there will be some very special moments, some not so special, and a whole lot of moments most of us can not even remember. Either way, we will reflect on the time that we spent with A Troop and the Troopers with whom we served. Buried deep in our souls, there has always been this bond of shared experience, which knows no boundaries with regard to platoon, year, or even rank...THE BROHERHOOD OF THE CAV lives on within us.

Come to a reunion and share your memories, or even discover those you never knew were still buried deep in your mind.

Commo Net message posted by Jim Mills 1st Platoon A 4/12 Cav:

"It will be 40 years tomorrow after a long flight on C-141s from Fort Carson that the Advanced Party of ATrp 4/12 Cav. landed at Da Nang in South Viet Nam. After a short stay at Da Nang we were flown by C130 to Quang Tri. To begin the 4/12th's time in Nam."

Reunion 2008 Gold Coast Hotel and Casino October 9th, 10th, and 11th 2008

A tentative schedule of events

Thursday 10/9 Hospitality suite and registration from noon until midnight.

Friday 10/10 Hospitality Suite and registration open 8:00 A.M. until midnight

Friday 10/10 at 11:30 A.M. Third annual Ladies Luncheon

Saturday 10/11 Hospitality Suite open from 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Business meeting begins at 10:30 in the Hospitality Suite.

Hospitality suite reopens after the bussiness meeting until 4 :00 P.M.
Meet at 5:00 P.M. for group photos,Social Hour, Dinner and Program.

Fellowship time in Hospitality Suite until Midnight

TROOPER SPOTLIGHT

DAVID BOSHELL "THE MARINE"

Not many U.S. Army units can claim having an ex-Marine among its ranks. The Cav was fortunate that David Boshell was sent its way. An excellent sergeant, Boshell is credited with saving at least one of our trooper's lives. Bob Rebbec (2nd 69-70) was pinned down by enemy soldiers when Boshell covered for him so he could escape.

Boshell was born in Alabama, and raised in Tacoma, WA. In 1964, at age 18, he joined the U.S. Marines, much to his mother's disapproval.

After boot camp, ITR training in machine guns, grenades, flame throwers and other combat skills, Boshell shipped out to Vietnam. He was with the K/3/9/3rd Marine Division in the V. C. Valley, Quang Tri, Da Nang, and Hill 881. He was wounded in a 1966 ambush that lasted 25 hours, and cost the lives of 16 Marines, with another 54 casualties.

Back in the States again, Boshell married, then returned to Vietnam for a second time. By the time he finished his enlistment in mid 1968, his rank was Sgt. E-5, and he says he was "hard and mean".

When the marriage dissolved, Boshell requested the Marines take him back for Vietnam service. They refused, so in late 1968 he signed with the U.S. Army with the condition that they return him to Vietnam. His rank dropped to E-4, and soon he was in Pleiku with the 4th Infantry, but within three months he was an E-6 Staff Sgt. "Cause I was good", he says.

In late 1969, Boshell was sent to A Troop by having his name picked out of a hat when the 4th Infantry disbanded. He says he went to Cua Viet with "a bunch of Army dudes". His year with A troop meant a great deal to him, and he says he wishes he "would've never left the Cav" when he came home in 1970.

After his service, Boshell remarried and settled in the San Diego area. He was a police officer for many years, did a stint with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and finally worked for the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) as an inspector at the U.S/Mexico border. He was also a firearm's instructor for U. S. Customs. He retired in 2001. He has much to say about the border problem.

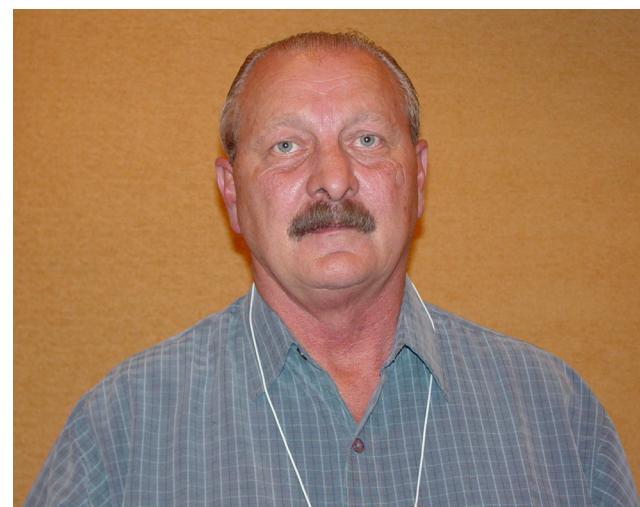
Having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (which is now under control), Boshell is walking without a cane or wheelchair, and is feeling "pretty good". He enjoys shooting, and his gun collection—and his two dogs, "Tank" and "Momsy" (a Puglie and a Pit Bull). Recently, for fun, he has been panning for gold. He joins a group that pitches tents in the wilderness for a few days at a time. So far, he has only discovered "flakes", but has hopes.

Boshell's first Cav reunion was in 2002. His three children—Veronica, Christopher and Adam have also been at Cav reunions in the past. Boshell will be attending this year's October meeting in Las Vegas.

"Ooh-rah" for our Marine.



Sgt Hunter, Sgt Boshell and Alma Tyree 1970



Sgt Boshell 2002

A Troop Memorial Challenge

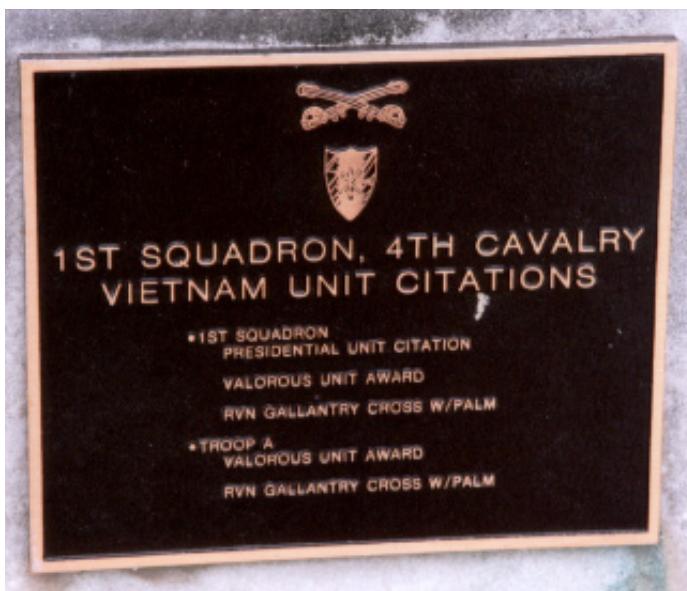
In March of 2008 Capt John Smith returned to Fort Knox , the Patton Museum and Armor Park. His mission was to verify that the Memorial Park and Patton Museum would remain at Ft Knox even with the movement of the Armor Training center to Ft Benning. His trip confirmed the fact that the Armor Memorial Park and Patton Museum will remain at Ft. Knox.

After his trip was completed John was thinking about ways to fund our proposed memorial to A Troop and our mission in Vietnam. Below in Johns own words is his idea to begin our funding drive.

" To help finance the A-4/12 Memorial, I'm now making this challenge gift. For every one hundred dollars the Troopers raise between now and the end of 2008, I will add another Fifty dollars, up to a maximum of a Thousand dollar donation by my self.

Hopefully the Troopers will donate/raise at least Two Thousand dollars so when my Thousand is added to it we would have Three thousand dollars in addition to other funds raised."

If you want to take part in this challenge please send your Check to Bob Taylor at P.O. Box 2152 Globe,AZ 85502. Please note on your check that it is a donation toward the A Troop Memorial Challenge.



Memorial Plate listing Unit Commendations



Memorial Plaque listing KIA's and other info

Don't Delay get your reservation for the Reunion Today Call the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. We will be turning back rooms September 6th so get your Reservation ASAP. Reservations after the 6th are on an if available basis and possibly at a higher cost.

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