



# THE 12TH CAV Trooper



## Semper Paratus

Serving Those A/4-12 Cav Troopers who Served In The Republic of Vietnam 1968 - 1971

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## The 2010 Reunion is Just Around the Corner

November 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2010

This is the 10th anniversary of the A Troop 4/12 Reunion and for many of us the 40th anniversary of our days in Vietnam. Every year we have new Cav brothers attend the reunion that have never attended before, making every year more and more special. This year the hospitality suite will start on Wednesday night, for those able to attend the Las Vegas Veterans Day parade Thursday morning. We will be the only defined Vietnam unit in the parade. Those that attended the 2006 parade will vouch to the fact that it is an emotional and heart warming experience, a welcome home after all these years, an event missing when we returned home those many years ago.

This year, we will be giving out jackets which will be included in your \$50.00 reunion registration fee, so please register early with the size of jacket you wear. Late registrations will get to pick from the jackets we have left from our purchase so the early bird will get the worm so to speak.

Other high lights of the reunion will be a Sisterhood Tea, and the annual banquet on Saturday night a fitting conclusion to the weeks activities.



The very first A Troop reunion Sept 2001 Las Vegas, Nevada. Front Row L-R Merle Reed, George Gersaba, Dennis Perrino, Wally Mendoza, and Warren Swinford. Middle Row L-R Tom McPhee, Earl Schorpp, Jim Miles, Jim Good, and Keith Eaton. Back Row L-R John Sharpe, Jim Clark, Jim Rinaldi, Bob Taylor and J.T. Tillman. Not pictured, Ken Dye



A Troop marching in the 2006 Veterans Day parade, Las Vegas, Nevada.

## Reunion Room Reservations

The reunion this year, will be held at the:

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino  
4000 West Flamingo Road  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-4088

You can either make your reservations on line or by phone.

Online reservations at:  
<http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>

Telephone reservations:  
1 (800) 331-5334, sales ext.400

When making your reservations please use the following Group Code. 0ATRC11 the first letter is a zero not an "o" Group name "A Troop 412 Cavalry Reunion"

Also a quick note if you get your reservations on line their web site requires you to enter a date using "/" as a separator. e.g., 11/09/2010

## Where are My Medals

This question has been ask many times over the last 40 years, and to date it still has not been answered. I need your help in identifying the Troopers from the Second Platoon, that were awarded medals by Brig. General William Burke the morning after our firefight at Cau Viet on April 8th, 1970. Many of you are still wondering and waiting for the medals you never received.

Help me put this issue to rest. What I need from each of you that were assigned to the Second Platoon, is a short story of what you saw, and what you did at Cau Viet on April 8th, 1970, regardless of how little or how much you did during the firefight.

If you are interested in receiving what is rightfully yours, drop me a line or call me at the address and telephone number listed below.

S/Sgt D.A. Boshell  
3716 Fairlindo Way  
National City, Ca 91950  
Ph: 619-475-9536

If you would like assistance in receiving your medals and/or the Cold War Recognition Certificate. Send me a copy of your DD-214 and your Congressmans address and phone number. I will then organize all the necessary paperwork and forward it to the proper people.

Also, If 3 or more Troopers saw a heroic action by an individual Trooper on the night of 4-8-1970. Write it up and we will forward copies to the Dept of the Army

## Reunion Tentative Schedule

### Wednesday November 10th

Hospitality Suite opens 6 or 7 P.M.

### Thursday November 11th

Meet to board transportation 8:30 A.M.  
Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade 10:00 A.M.

Hospitality Suite Open from end of parade  
until 12:00 A.M.

### Friday November 12th

Transportation available for tours of Hoover Dam  
Check with Dave Larson  
Jersey Boys Concert  
Val Larson is looking into tickets for a 7:00 P.M.  
performance.  
You can contact Val at 1-608-271-4464 or e-mail  
her at [Val@ptitle.com](mailto:Val@ptitle.com)  
Hospitality Suite Open all Day

### Saturday November 13th

Business Meeting 10:30 A.M. in Hospitality Suite  
Military Historical Tours will give a presentation  
on a proposed 2011 return to Vietnam tour.

Sisterhood Wine and Pizza Social  
(Ladies Only)  
12:00 Noon Hospitality suite

6:00 P.M. Social Hour

6:30 P.M. Group Photos

7:00 P.M. Opening remarks and Toast  
Dinner Seating

8:30 P.M. After Dinner Program  
Raffle  
Surprise Entertainment

# Registration A Troop 4/12 Cavalry Reunion 2010

November 10th through the 14th

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Trooper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others attending with Trooper \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Fee is \$50.00 per Trooper \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Fee is \$50.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Jacket Size \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: A Troop

Mail to:

Ken Dye  
10908 66th Avenue East  
Puyallup, Washington 98373

## Questions?

E-Mail, John Sharpe at [john@sharpestuff.com](mailto:john@sharpestuff.com) or call 1-810629 1764

For Hotel reservations contact the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino on (888) 402-6278 and use the group code 0ATRC11. You can also contact them on their web site: [goldcoastcasino.com](http://goldcoastcasino.com)

If you have any items you would like to donate to the Troop Raffle Please Let John Sharpe know of your gift to the Troop. This Raffle helps support the Troop Web and Newsletter Expenses.

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