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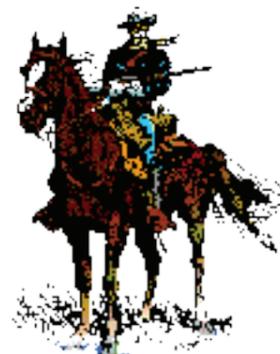


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We hope you enjoy receiving *The 12th Cav TROOPER*. As you can see, the format and contents are new and will continue to improve. The production of such a quality newsletter, however, is not inexpensive. The newsletter constitutes one of the highest expenses of the Association budget. Many thanks to those who have contributed. Many more contributions are needed. Please send your check (Payable to A Troop, 12th Cavalry) along with the form below to Neal Smith, 3002 Arapaho Dr. Fitchburg, Wisc. 53719. We will list all who donate in the next issue.

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The 2014 A Troop Reunion Is Just Around The Corner

Chairman's Corner

It's hard to believe that it has been 45 years or so since we were brothers in Vietnam. Almost all of us are retired now. Which brings to mind. There is less and less an excuse to come to the reunion, in Las Vegas. Second Platoon is putting on the party this year at the Gold Coast. There will be entertainment, raffles, gifts, drinks, etc but most of all the camaraderie of the Cav. Presently, we are soliciting for donations of prizes to be used for the raffles, we currently have some beautiful quilts provided by Jeannie White but as you know more is better.

Although the closing date for the special room rates is September 28th, I'm sure you can get a room after that date. However early registration and room booking will help us immensely in planning the event.

This September, I will be attending the Society of the Fifth reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. The purpose of this trip is to strengthen our relationship with their organization.

Of course another reason I am going to the Fifth's reunion is to have a good time. Cheryl has informed me that she would like to go to the "Grand Old Opry" and as a good soldier, I follow orders. I would like to hear from anyone else interested in attending the Fifth's Reunion.

There have been a host of mini reunions through out the country. If you are traveling, don't hesitate to call a buddy. Maybe for just a beer at the local veterans hall. You would be surprised how good it makes both of you feel.



During an impromptu mini reunion in Florida last winter. Some Trooper's and Sisters of the Cav. took a Jet boat ride from Naples to Key West. Here they are at the Southern most point in the US. From left to right. Kent Drake Jeannie White, Janine Drake, Cheryl Sharpe, John White, and hiding in the back our glorious leader John Sharpe.



Mini Reunion Michigan 2014

In July Kent and Jeanine Drake hosted a mini reunion in Michigan at their home just outside of Three Rivers. The reunion began on Monday evening with a cookout. As is Cav tradition the cookout was preceded by tons of appetizers and some drinks. We talked in to the evening and had a great time.

On Tuesday morning we had a great breakfast then the Ladies left on a trip south to an Amish flea market and some antique stores for a little shopping while the Troopers went first to the Kalamzoo Air Zoo and then to a VFW post to look over the museum they had put together, it consisted of relics from the Revolutionary War thru Iraq. It was a great presentation that we all enjoyed.

Wednesday morning the rest of the Troopers arrived, John and Cheryl Sharpe flew in from Linden, Merle Pollitt and Jim and Joan Rodell came in from just down the road. We sat and talked the afternoon away and then enjoyed a dinner of Chicken Breasts and Brats prepared by our host Kent. After a wonderful dinner it was time to say goodbye to our old and new friends hoping to see them all at an upcoming reunion.



Bob Rebbec ensuring that John Sharpe gets on his way home from the summer mini reunion



Troopers doing what they do best after a good meal, talking about this and that. From left to right: Dennis Patrick, Bob Rebbec, Jim Rinaldi, Dennis Perrino, Don Scott, Tom Lang, John White, Jim Good, and Kent Drake

Tenative Schedule for the Reunion

- October 29th** Hospitality suite Opens at Noon
- October 30th** Hospitality suite Open 9 A.M. til Midnight
Dennis Perrino hosting Italian night dinner
Get with Dennis so he can get you on the list to go. Its a great time.
- November 1st** 10:00 A.M. Business Meeting
5:00 P.M. Photos prior to the banquet.
6:30 till 10:30 A Troop Banquet.

When you check in at the hospitality suite you will be given a complete listing of events. I have heard that some Troopers and their wives are wanting to do a zip line excursion, while others are wanting to see a show. Its a great time what ever you paln to do with your time.



Ladies of the Cav Sisterhood at Mini reunion Ft. Myers 2014. L to R Linda Eaton, Janine Drake, Joyce Patrick, Jeannie White, Diane Rebbec, Elda Lang, Rita Maher, Linda Rinaldi



John White, Keith Eaton, Kent Drake, Bob Rebbec and Denny Patrick inspecting Kent's car at the Casa Drake in Michigan

Registration A Troop 4/12 Cavalry Reunion 2014

October 28th thru November 2nd, 2014

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas Nevada

Trooper Name, Platoon and Year _____

Names of others attending with Trooper _____

Registration Fee is \$50.00 per Trooper * _____

Banquet Fee is \$50.00 per person _____

Total _____

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Ken Dye
10908 66th Avenue East
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* Trooper only

Reunion Data

This years reunion is being held at the Gold Coast Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas , Nevada. The Hotel is located at 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas Nv. 89103. Reservations can either be made on line or by Phone. The Phone number fpor reservations is 1-888-402-6278. The web site for reservations is (<http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>)

When making your reservations remember to use the Troop Reservation Code: **ATROOP4** this will get you the negotiated rate. We have a block of rooms reserved but reservations must be made prior to September 28th to receive the reduced rate.

Delux Room rates: Tuesday, Wednesday,Thursday and Sunday \$32. Friday and Saturday \$56

Premium Room rates: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday \$39 Friday and Saturday \$72

If you are planning to come early and or stay late you must call for reservations you will be given the best available rate for thios additional days