



THE 12TH CAV Trooper



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ATTENTION

At the 2015 Reunion we had 10 new Troopers show up and I think to a man and to a family they had one of the best experiences that they have had since they came home from Vietnam. This experience ranks just under a wedding and the birth of a child and a grandchild. It is one that helps erase the stigma and the rejection we felt upon returning home from Vietnam. Many of us had bad experiences when we returned and many of us have experienced problems with PTSD and other gifts we acquired while we were in Vietnam.

This year we have had some of the old timers as our reunions go pledge money to allow anyone attending the reunion this year for the first time to receive four free nights in the hotel in Branson Mo. If you have never attended a reunion. What better way than to be guest of A Troop for four nights in a great hotel with a bunch of great folks who know where you have been and what you went through. We don't talk about Vietnam all the time but in many cases questions can be answered that have been on our mind for years. No judgements no requirements to be anyone but yourself. We would be happy to have you join us for our 16th reunion.

If you want to take advantage of this offer Contact Bobby Schlitzberger at 832-746-4952.



2015 Newbies, L to R : Glenn Lucas, Ted Vires, Gary Stover, Larry Goodlet, Stanley Howell, Dale Bail, Kerry Pepple and Richard Stefani. Missing from the Photo were Nick Cazares and Don Knutty. In the front is Bennie Adkins MOH our guest.

At press time we have 25 rooms reserved at the Welk Resort. On August 28th our room block will revert back to the hotel as is general practice. So Make your reservations early or run the risk of losing out on the preferred pricing they have given us for the reunion if we sell out the room block early additional rooms will be added. Again Reserve your room before August 28th.

Registration A Troop 4/12 Cavalry Reunion 2016

Welk Resort, Branson Mo. September 28th,29th,30th, October 1st and 2nd

Trooper Name, Platoon and Year _____
 Names of others attending with Trooper _____

Registration Fee is \$50.00 per Trooper _____

Banquet Fee is \$40.00 per person _____

Activities Scheduled

Thursday Sept 29th

Welcome Cookout 5:00 PM Adults _____ @ \$18.00 _____
 Children _____ @ \$ 9.00 _____

After the cookout The Welk Resort show, “The Million Dollar Quartet” is playing at the theatre.

If you want to attend the show Tickets can be purchased at the box office, for \$31.25 If interested How many _____

Friday September 30th

Dinner Cruise and Entertainment on the Branson Belle:

Be at the ship by 3:00 P.M.

Loading and Dinner starts at 4:00 P.M. Adults _____ @ \$50.00 _____
 Children _____ @ \$27.00 _____

The only costs that need to be prepaid are the registration, banquet, cookout, and dinner cruise costs. We need counts and payment in advance for those functions. The Million Dollar Quartet tickets need to be purchased at the box office but a count is needed so we can all sit together.

Make Checks Payable to: A Troop

Mail to:

Ken Dye
10908 66th Avenue East
Puyallup, Washington 98373



Reunion Schedule

9/28/16 Hospitality room opens in the afternoon.

Opening time depends on availability of the rooms it will stay open until the last person leaves.

9/29/16 Hospitality Room will open at 9:30A.M. and be open the rest of the day.

5:00 P.M. we will have a welcoming cookout on the patio weather permitting see reservation form for cost.

7:00 P.M. if you want to go and see the "Million Dollar Quartet" the Welk show. This would be the best time to see it. Price is on registration form and tickets can be purchased when you arrive we just need a preliminary count to allow us to be seated together.

9/30/16 Hospitality Room opens at 9:30 A.M. and will remain open the rest of the day.

3:00 P.M. those that want to go on the Branson Bell dinner cruise will head over to the venue for the dinner and cruise. It will last from 4 to 7. This is one event that needs pre paid please check out the registration form.

10/1/16 Hospitality room opens at 9:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. a business meeting will be held, all Troopers should try and attend this meeting

2:00 P.M. Weather permitting we may have a short memorial service at the resorts Vietnam Memorial Wall.

5:30 P.M. we will gather for photos of the platoons, troop and sisterhood

6:15 to 6:30 P.M. Seating and pre dinner greeting

6:30 P.M. Dinner and program

Hospitality Suite will be open after the dinner and program until last person leaves.

Hotel Check out 10:00 A.M.

Chairmans Corner

Got a call from the Army Infantry Museum, at Ft. Benning. It seems that our monument is limestone and not granite, which is the rock of preference for the memorial garden. Not to worry, we were given two choices. 1.) Change to a rough stone with the plaque .or 2.) change to a polished stone with plaque. Personally, I preferred the rough stone; since we weren't exactly polished in Viet Nam. Better minds prevailed and we have now ordered a polished stone. Bobby Schlitzberger, our resident monument professional, mentioned the polished stone was much easier to maintain. The photo of our new memorial will be on line and published in the next newsletter when it is installed. I had several brothers offer to pay for the stone to be changed. A really fine gesture, however, we have plenty of money left in the monument fund to cover the costs.

Currently we do not have a plan for the 2017 reunion. It is 1st Platoons turn to put on the reunion. They have done a terrific job in the past, so I am sure they will in the future. Through the years we have had over one hundred troopers attend the reunion. Reunions average about 50 to 60 troopers plus their families. Unfortunately seventeen of our brother who have attended reunions have passed on to "Fiddlers Green". Maybe more. We have had reunions all over the United States in the last sixteen years. Las Vegas has been the most popular, but we have been to Niagara Falls, Tunica Mississippi, Tacoma Washington, Wahington DC, and Columbus Georgia. The platoon sponsoring the reunion decides the when and where. One option that was presented was a Cavalry cruise. If any 1st Platoon member is interested give me a call.

I will look forward to seeing you in Branson Missouri.

John Sharpe

Lodging Information

The reunion hotel is the Welk Resort Branson, it is located at 1984 Statre Highway 165 Branson Mo. 65616. We have a block of 50 rooms reserved for our reunion. All unreserved rooms will be released back to the hotel on 8/29/16. After that date rates and availability can not be guaranteed. So get your reservations in early. To make a reservation call 1-800-505-9355 and refer to group # 433579. Or you can also send an e-mail to reservations@welkbranson.com. Include your group number #433579, name, address, phone number, dates of stay, and the number of people in your party including childrens ages. They will also need a valid credit card number to hold your reservation.

Our group rate is \$98 dollars per night for up to two people per room add \$9 per each additional person in the room. The cost of the room also includes 2 free hot breakfast buffets, it also allows access to all hotel amenities including the Splashatorium, exercise facilities, game room, and outdoor mini golf.

These rates are good for two days prior and two days past our reunion dates there is alot to see and do in Branson so If you want it can be a great vacation too.

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