



THE 12TH CAV Trooper



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

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2019 is Here 51 years since the Troop landed in Vietnam

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Troopers of 1969 and the start of their tours of duty with A Troop in the wonderful land of the green grasses and Northern I Corps. I know I started my tour at the end of June with a deuce and a half ride in the growing darkness and in a rain storm from Quang Tri airport to LZ Nancy. No weapon, alone and bouncing around as the driver drove hell bent for leather to get back to Nancy before it got too dark. Going in to the orderly room and getting directions to the commo hooch on the top of the hill. Things from that point on get fuzzy in the back of my brain but it was the start of a great experience in my life. John Sleigh, began teaching me the ropes in the TOC. Harold Pierce and Allen Anderson were also in the commo section under Mac Blevins. We were a close group and in the field we rode on Alpha Deuce.

That's enough about me though this year's reunion is going to include a rededication of our Troop Memorial. After our last dedication we found out that we were not in compliance with the type of stone used so we had to have the stone replaced. That has been done therefore the rededication of our Memorial. Our two honorary guidon bearers from the first dedication have passed since that ceremony Myron Honican and Danny Hawn so we will need to find someone to take that position this year. The spot where our stone sits is guarded by a Sheridan Tank on the hill above it giving the area a sense of who we were and who we are now. I know the Third herd is working hard to ensure a good time is had by all. So I hope to see as many of you as possible this fall, in Columbus, Ga. and Ft. Benning.

Keith Eaton Editor



We all stand for Old Glory no matter the form

In this issue of the Trooper you will find information regarding this year's reunion. Please check the dates carefully. Things need to be done earlier especially getting your hotel room. We also changed this year to different dates. Since we are all retired the dates shifted to Saturday thru Tuesday, in hopes that airfare and travel would be easier on those two days.

Military Reunion Planners are again this year taking care of our registration fees and coordinating both food drink and other parts of the reunion eliminating a lot of paper work that was so time consuming and frustrating for those folks that handled them for our previous reunions. See Contact info for Military Reunion Planners on the registration form.

ALPHA TROOP 4/12 CAVALRY 2019 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

>>> [Click Here](#) to Register On-Line OR Mail this completed form with a check payable to:
MRP, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		All Troopers Pay Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$60		\$60
Sun 10/27	1130-1600	Speaker, Lunch & Movie at Ft. Benning	\$15 pp		
Mon 10/28	1800	Group Buffet Dinner at the Hotel	\$36 pp		
Tue 10/29	Noon	Ladies Luncheon – included in Registration Fee	Enter Qty		
Tue 10/29	1800	Buffet Dinner at the National Infantry Museum	\$43 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after September 14, 2019)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
TOTAL					

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
PRIMARY PHONE: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: WHEELCHAIR LIFT, DIETARY, ETC.: _____	
PLATOON: _____	YEARS WITH A-TROOP: 19__ to 19__

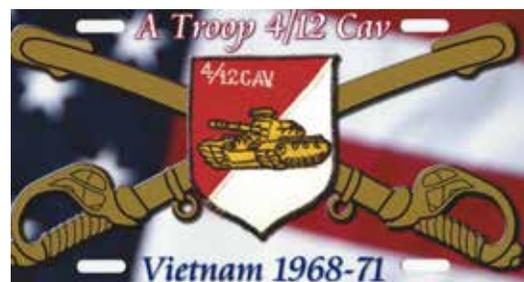
RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

- There will be a 5% surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Please have your order ready before calling MRP
- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1st day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7
You must leave a voice message to receive a call back. Thank you for using Military Reunion Planners, LLC

Date Rec'd:	Check#:	Amount:	XCL#:
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Hotel Rooms need to be Booked Early
The cut off date for our room Block is **July 26th 2019**. After that date Prices go **Back to the hotels regular rate** and are on a **first come first served basis**



A Troop 4/12 Cavalry 2019 Reunion

Fort Benning, Ga. / October 26-30,2019

Welcome to Fort Benning



Fort Benning is the home of the United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the United States Armor School, the United States Army Infantry School and more units. During your reunion you will have the opportunity to tour the post, enjoy a guest speaker, and lunch at the museum and a Memorial Re-Dedication on the Walk of Honor.

Hotel Information

The reunion officially runs from Saturday, October 26th until Wednesday, October 30. You will be staying at the Hampton Inn Columbus/South-Ft. Benning, located at 2870 South Lumpkin Road, Columbus, Ga. 31903

The room rate is just \$125 plus tax per night based on single or double occupancy **including breakfast**. Check out is on Wednesday October 30th when the reunion block ends. If you want to stay on to attend graduations at the Ft. Rooms are available. However, Wednesday and Thursday Nights are on a first come/first served basis at their standard rate, and you must book those nights with the hotel yourself. Make your reservations **NOW** by calling the hotel at 706-660-5550.



You may cancel up until 48 hours before arrival with no penalty. Mention you are with the A Troop 4/12 Cavalry Reunion to assure you are associated with our group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations { Handicap accessible room, etc }.

The hotel check-in time is 4:00 P.M. Please do not expect to get into your room before then. They will request a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **July 26, 2019** whichever comes first. Please note the hotel is ADA compliant and in general, so are most of the events. If this is a concern, please call MRP to discuss and note on your reservation form if you have any special needs.

Transportation & Directions

For those flying the closest airport is Columbus Metropolitan (CSG). You may take a cab from the airport for approximately \$25. The hotel provides complimentary self parking during your stay

Schedule of Events

Saturday, 10/26: Room Block Starts: Check In/Registration and Hospitality Suite open. Motel says rooms will not be ready until 4 P.M. ***** Hotel does not serve any meals except for Breakfast.**

Sunday 10/27: 1200 Hours I have rented the theater 1200 to 1600. I'm searching for a movie we would be interested in (ideas welcome) There will be a sandwich lunch w/chips and a drink (see registration form). There will also be a guest speaker. May be a good time for our business meeting.

Monday 10/28: 0800 Bus for the stuff on Benning. What we will see or do has not been determined. 1800 Buffet dinner at the hotel (see registration) We will eat lunch in a mess hall. Not on Registration form. I'll collect the money for that at sign- in.

Tuesday 10/29: 0900 Rededicate our memorial.

1730 Pictures followed by our Banquet at 1800 in the Infantry Museum

Wednesday 10/30 Reunion over and initial room block ends.

Thursday 10/31 if enough people stay over there is the possibility of an Armor Graduation if there is no Graduation scheduled I will set up another tour of Ft. Benning

Restaurant Hours at Museum : Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat. 1100 to 1500

Sun, Mon, Tues Closed

Any Questions Please contact Charlie Russell at 734-972-4972

Pre Reunion Night Out



Before the Reunion official opening John and Cheryl Sharpe , Bob and Diane Rebbec, and Keith and Linda Eaton spent a quiet evening enjoying the boys singing at the Red Neck Riveria on Broadway in Downtown Nashville. Dinner at the Rock Bottom Brewery closed out a family night out. You missed alot if you didn't attend this years reunion. We missed you!



Misty Fopiano was the final recepiant of Val Larsons silent auction Quilt. It was won by John Sharpe Jr. Son of John Sharpe 2nd Platoon. He then gave it to Misty daughter of Trooper Danny Hawn who passed away last year.



When we say the reunion is a family affair most of you probably don't believe us. But this photo shows what it is all about. The family Cooper. Row 1: Romy Walker, Callie Taylor, Emma Taylor, and Reese Walker Row 2: Josh Taylor, Cara Taylor, Coop, Barbara, amd Jessica Walker

A Veterans Creed

- 1.) I am an American Veteran
- 2.) I proudly served my Country
- 3.) I live the values I learned in the military
- 4.) I continue to serve my community, my Country and my fellow veterans.
- 5.) I maintain my physical and mental discipline
- 6.) I continue to Lead and Improve
- 7.) I make a difference
- 8.) I Honor and Remember my fallen comrades



The Family Sharpe: John Sharpe and his wife Anita Wilhelm, Cheryl and John Sharpe our fearless Chairman

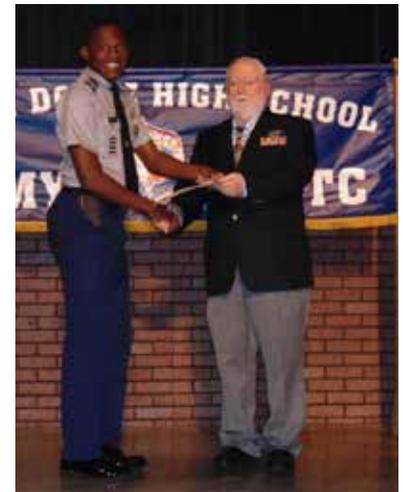


Abigail Trivette and Bob Curnell
Abigail is Commander of the Color guard, a member of the JROTC academic team, She is on the Deans list and maintains a 4.0 academic GPA

Tenacity

As you all know during our last reunion in Las Vegas, Bob Curnell HQ Platoon and our last XO. Brought forth and idea to help and honor our future military by supporting an award to be given to a student in Jr ROTC honoring them for their drive and persistence and tenacity in performing their duties with the ROTC. In May of last year Bob Honored Rasheed Woods with our Tenacity Award and Abigail Trivette with an award from the MOWW , (Military Order of the World Wars). Both Rasheed and Abigail are students at South-Doyle High School in Knoxville Tennessee.

Bob says, “ When a cadet walks up to me, salutes and I present them with the certificate and the Troop Coin, the look in their eyes is unbelievable. The cadets prepare and execute the program for the awards event. They march in to the auditorium and take their seats as good as any regular army unit I have seen. It makes you proud to be a part of their future. The cadets cherish the coins and certificates they receive. Everyone should be a presenter or attend a JROTC function.



Rasheed Woods and Bob Curnell
Rasheed, is a Junior cadet and has served as 1SG, Executive Officer and Company Commander. And is a member of the school Rugby Team

Chairman’s Corner

Another reunion has come and gone and I am already looking forward to the next one. We had two new members attend the reunion this year, Ron Cerny and Charles Treese. The rest of us have been before. For those who have not attended a reunion then you should. The camaraderie is amazing. In Vietnam we usually operated as a platoon and didn’t know many in the other platoons. After attending several reunions we now know troopers from all platoons and all eras. This year we had 53 troopers in attendance and about 130 for the banquet including guests.

I would like to recognize some people that worked to make this reunion special. Merle Reed and John White who worked the hospitality room and raffle. Bob and Diane Rebbec hospitality and Toast. Our photographer J.T. Tillman. Charles Treece, invocation. Keith Eaton, who is an important part of every reunion. And nobody has played “Taps” better than Joe Taylor. The person I would like to recognize most, is my wife who organized the Ladies luncheon and worried enough, the rest of us didn’t have to. There are many others. People that donated “Silent Auction” Items, raffle items and favors for the ladies luncheon.

Next year, Charlie Russell and the Third Herd will be putting on the party at Ft. Benning, Columbus Georgia.

If you served in A Troop 4/12 Cav in Viet Nam, you are a member. There are no dues. We rely solely on donations to defray newsletter costs and some reunion expenses. This year’s reunion at Ft. Benning, we will be offering Free lodging at the reunion for any member that has not attended a reunion. What a deal for our newbies.



Brother Joe Shue getting instruction from Bob Curnell on the proper way to enjoy your tomato juice



The Larson Grandkids enjoying their winnings from the raffles.
Levi Struckmeyer, Mckinley Struckmeyer and Cassidy Larson

Please Remember if you move during the year the post office will only forward your mail for 6 months. If you don’t let us know of your address change you may be lost for a period of time. Our Newsletters are sent out at a cost of about 72 cents apiece, for that price they are returned when undeliverable. Some times when returned the will have your new address some times not. So please send your address changes to the Trooper, we don’t want to lose you again.



Ruth Ann and Ron Cerney newcomers at this years reunion



Nancy and Dale Bail



Gene Reiter and Charlie Russell enjoy our Banquet



Right to Left : Charles and Diane Treese with Son Charles L.



Don Scott and Son Mike



Nancy Curnell, Linda Vires and Sue Christine at Ladies Luncheon





Left: Linda and Jim (Rag) Rinaldi



Right: Beverly Lucas, Paige Christensen, and Glenn Lucas



Wendy Ferguson and Linda Kerin enjoying the Ladies Luncheon



Rich and Gail Stefani enjoying the banquet

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VA News from Bob Richards

The VA is adding more features to Blue Button, the web app that veterans can use to access their health information. The new app, Health API, allows veterans to access, download, and even update their own medical records. Data in your health record includes notes dating from 2013 to the present, pathology and radiology reports, immunizations, wellness reminders, etc., plus your current and past two years of appointments. To learn more, go online to www.va.gov/bluebutton. To see how comprehensive your records can be, scroll to near the bottom and select the text or pdf sample to view. (Excerpted from an article by Freddy Groves, appearing in the "New Mexico Marketplace")

On line shopping the New "My Exchange"

Something new reported by Bob Taylor you can now shop on line at the Post Exchange. Benefits include

- * Tax Free shopping
- * Military-exclusive pricing
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HQ Platoon: Row 1 Charles Treece, Dennis Perrino, Bob Curnell, Joe Taylor.
Row 2, Tom Lang, Ron Cerney, Jeff Bloomquist, Keith Eaton, John Smith



HQ Platoon : Wives, Carol Taylor, Ruth Ann Cerney, Elda Lang, Nancy Curnell, Linda Eaton, Diane Treese



Jeannie White, Elda Lang, Linda Eaton, Nancy Curnell, and Jeanine Drake discuss what else, Us.

VA Million Veteran Program

For those of us that do not know about this yet, I urge all of us to sign up with the VA “Million Veteran Program”. This is a medical research program, using a large number of study subjects, that is aimed at discovering genetic connections with several ailments, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, kidney disease, macular degeneration, osteoarthritis, PTSD, and Parkinson’s disease, among others. This will allow for prevention or improved treatments for those ailments. There is very little that one needs to do to participate, just sign up, fill out a survey about your lifestyle and general medical history, and provide a small blood sample at a VA facility. This is a worthwhile effort, takes very little effort to participate, has strong controls to ensure your identity and medical privacy is protected, and will advance medical knowledge in a large number of areas.

To find out more about it or to volunteer, call (866) 441-6075 [toll free] or go to www.research.va.gov/mvp

Best Regards, Bob Richards

Troop Income/Expense/Networth	
Income: Donations Newsletter and Reunion, Raffles, silent auction	\$7175.00
Expenses : Newsletter Printing, Reunion Expenses, To Checking.	\$6446.41
Assets: Cash and Bank Accounts	\$15,156.83
Liabilities:	\$0.00
Overall Total On hand	\$15156.83

Editors Note:

The financial report , is quite abreviated due to space requirements. As you can see our expenses and income are for the period from August 12th thru February 17th and cover activity for that period only. I want to thank Neal Smith for providing the info for the newsletter. And also thank or fellow Troopers for their generosity. As you know we charge no dues and rely solely on fun raising and donations from our Brotherhood.



1st Platoon: Row 1, Dale Bail, Gene Reiter, Charles Cooper, Ken Dye, Ted Whipple, Hap Shannon.
 Row 2, J.T. Tillman, Stan Howell, Walt Ferguson, Chris Phillips, Doug Roy, Jim Rinaldi, Dave Larson,
 Joe Shue, Al Christine, Bob Kerrin



Ladies of the 1st Platoon: Row 1,
 Wendy Ferguson, Natalie Dye, Delores Phillips, Val Larson, Linda Rinaldi, Sue Christine.
 Row 2, Nancy Bail, Mary Oscendosky, Ann Howell, Terri Roy, Barb Cooper, Lori Shue, Linda Kerin



Two old buddies remembering all the good times since we started getting back together again. 1st Platoon's Hap Shannon and Glenn Costanza

An Open Invitation

At this years reunion Bob Basner made an open invitation for our Troopers to join the 1/77 Armor for their Reunion on July 11 thru the 14th at the Bavarian Inn Lodge , in Frankenmuth Mi.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Bavarian Inn Lodge for reservations Phone 885-652-7200 or bavarianinn.com. Be sure to use their group code of **12R8T8**.

Reunion registration info and forms will be posted soon on the 1/77 web site





2nd Platoon : Row 1, Merle Reed, Stan Centala, George Gibbs, Dennis Perrino. Row 2, John White, John Sharpe, Neal Smith, Bob Taylor, Bob Rebbec, Charles Treece, Ted Vires



2nd Platoon Wives: Row 1, Linda Vires, Rita Maher, Jean White, Carol Centala, Diane Treece
Row 2, Diane Rebbec, Janet Casavant, Diane Smith, Susan Zivich, Mary Redeagle, Sherri Taylor, Barbara Rosenbaum, Cheryl Sharpe, Reda Reed



Neal Smith and Bob Rebbec 2nd Platoon Regulars



Bob and Sherri Taylor enjoying a small family gathering



Third Platoon : Row 1, Rich Stefani, Joe Taylor, Charles Russell, Bob Schlitzberger, Don Scott
Row 2, Glenn Lucas, Jim Good, Kent Drake, John Reynolds



Third Platoon Wives and Families:Row 1, Beverly Lucas, Lucas Malphruf, Mike Scott.
 Row 2, Kimberly Christensen, Paige Christensen, Keith Christensen, Carol Taylor, Gail Stefani, Janine Drake, Diane Schlitzberger.



These boots were made for walking



Diane and Bob Schlitzberger on banquet night



Bob Curnell, Kent Drake, Tom Lang, John White and Guest Bob Basner from 1/77 Discuss the state of the world and raffle tickets

Open Mouth Insert Both Feet: Captain Smith, I apologize for interrupting your presentation, John Sharpe, I apologize for the disruption of Saturday nights dinner. I apologize to my Wife; who was very embarrassed by my actions. To all Troopers (Family-Guests-Friends) I apologize for any discomfort or embarrassment I may have caused you. Coop

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Needs Your Support

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.



Thanks for your Support

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