



THE TROOPER



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It seems like only yesterday that I finished and dispatched Issue 2 and by golly it's mid August already. Our summer here in "Yankee Land" has been 5 or 6 degrees cooler than the norm. And our spring season was the coolest that I can remember. Al Gore—WHERE ARE YOU !!!!!

As you know by now, we had our annual reunion this year in conjunction with the 1st CDA at Killen, Texas 3-7 June. It was my first attendance at a 1CDA reunion and I thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie with those of our association and the meeting of new troopers from the other regiments. Would I go again—certainly !! But for the 8th Cav Regt luncheon, I'm going to take along either some C-rations or perhaps a can of spam to nibble on. I hate to make bad comments so I won't. The annual Killeen Rodeo was just next door to the convention center and we, wearing our name tags, were admitted for free. All the cowboy (and cowgirl) contestants along with their live stock were all "World Class". No fleabag horses or 20 year old bulls in the bunch. And the demonstration put on by our very own Horse Detachment was absolutely superb!

So, now we turn our attention to our annual reunion for year 2010 which will be held in Canton, Oh. Yours truly with the assistance of trooper Joe Sayer from the nearby city of Dover will be hosting. The reunion date has been established: 12-16 May 2010. It's never too early to start planning so I recommended that you start now. The two main attractions that Canton has to offer is the Professional Football Hall of Fame, enjoyed mostly by the men folk, and the First Ladies Library which is more attractive to our ladies. There is plenty of other "stuff" also. Final details will be dispatched in January.

Keep in mind that this quarterly letter is "your letter". Keep those cards and letters coming.

On behalf of the Directors and Officers of the association we wish you all good health, much happiness and Honor and Courage always.

OK, big team !! - "lets gitter done."

Honor and Courage

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Mail Call

2 Mar 2009 - Bosma, Steve - B Co, 5405

We're back from our Florida adventures. Had a lovely visit with my sister and brother-in-law. During our stay I met up with a couple of old army muddies and we refought the Korean War. We really enjoyed the outing. Our garden at home [CA] was a welcome sight. Tulips are in bloom, daffodils in their splendor, irises getting ready to do glory. Cruise to Mexico in a couple Nov/Dec. I hope the 8th Cav Regt has vicinity Minneapolis/St. Paul. Hope you are



their thing, and Gloria's orchids are in their full weeks, Lake Tahoe in June, and back to Aruba the 2010 reunion with the first in early July vi- well and looking forward to spring. Steve

Editors Note: Thanks for the commo Steve. Looks like you and Gloria are leaving no grass grow under your feet, and that's good. We had our off year, 2009, reunion with the 1CDA at Killeen, TX this year. Reunion 2010 will be in Canton, OH in May. I'm working on the details now.

29 May 2009 - Hurlbert, Dwight E. – HQ&HQ and MG Troops, 3807

To let you know I think your work as the editor of "The Trooper" warrants the award of a medal (which I am not empowered to award). It is a great publication for which I heartily congratulate you. Keep up the good work. Assessing me a zero fee for PUFL won't cut it so I am tossing in a small donation. Best of Luck - *Dwight*

Editors Note: I am always delighted to hear from you Dwight. You are always so gracious and leave me with the desire to reach a little higher, stand a little taller. To the untrained eye, the **3807** indicated above is the initial date you began service with the 8th Cav which was **July 1938**. I was 6 years old at that time playing cowboys and Indians. After 7 Dec 41, we played soldier while you, of the "Greatest Generation", were preparing for the coming VE and VJ Days. Keep the letters coming.

28 May 09 Martin, Bobby J. - D Co, 5010

Called in from the reserves as a CPL in Sep '50. Served in D Co, 8th Regt Nov through the Retrograde Move south: xmas in Seoul: south to permanent line: advanced north: then south: then north until peace talks. Was 2 miles north of DMZ when rotated home.

Editors Note: I remember that very well. Never did so much walking in so short a time in my life. I vividly recall the Christmas meal. My 1st Sgt JB Blair "volunteered" me to assist the cooks in preparing the meal (our first decent meal in Korea). I nibbled so much during preparation that I wasn't hungry come serving time. After all troops were feed, we loaded our mess kits and I couldn't get started on mine. My assistant gunner said. "I'll give ya 20 bucks for the chow". I said, "Sold".

29 May 09 - Reed, Ed - HHC, 1st Bn, 4511

I was in H Troop, 1st Regt, Horse Cavalry, Fort Riley, The Cavalry School, before serving with 1st Cav.

Editors Note: A nice photo album is located at <http://www.uscavalry.org/photogallery/11.html>

1Jun09 - Yunker, John G H Troop, 1st Bn, 4312

Will be 93 in July. Write the story of your life before it's too late. I have written 7 or more different ones to different groups or books. I'm active in four different organizations. Thank You!

Editors Note: Congratulations John! I hope your enthusiasm to leave a written legacy for future generations will spur us to get off our tail and get started on ours. P.S. John, on July 11, I saw 77 :) July was/is a good month.

FRONT PORCH

Nearly every day I find my way to the front porch to grab a little RnR. How pleasant it is to spend some time in the chair glider and sip on a cool drink of choice—in my case root beer. Yesterday my thoughts rolled back to an article that I read in our local paper circa '06. It's worth sharing. Enjoy!

Time for Another Front Porch Campaign

Credit Jim Hillibish, Rep Columnist

I was driving out 19th Street NE in Canton this week. I stopped at a four-way and heard laughter. A **porch** full of folks was enjoying cold drinks and each other. That took me back.

Moments later, I was driving through a modern allotment of air-conditioned houses. I saw not one soul for block after block, no kids, not even a dog. It looked like a ghost town. We keep writing stories about our neighborhoods declining. We blame government. Neighborhoods are not block grants or police patrols or city ordinances. Neighborhoods are us, not them.

This is why I like old houses in the city. They're close together. Front porches still offer comfortable chairs and folks in them. A front porch on a hot evening always is a cool spot, perfect for decompressing after work. When you're on the porch, you see stuff, you know, the pulse of the neighborhood. Everything is public out there.

Joey and his girlfriend walk past, Hi-ya kids. That's some kind of hand holding there. Terry drives by and honks. Need a new muffler, Terry. Al and schnauzer Trapper approach. Trapper looks like he's going to do it again on the lawn strip. Al waves, gives him a yank, and he does business next door. Good boy, Tapster.

In modern subdivisions, the focus is on the backyard patio, and then the deck when you get the money. They've replaced the front porch. The problem back there is privacy. You don't see anything but chipmunks and squirrels. Decks are private space, like so many of our lives.

Years ago in Canton, neighborhood streets were lined with porches. You could sit on yours and look left and right, and it felt like everybody was sitting together. If Edna brought out a plate of cookies three houses down, everybody knew it and walked over to say hello.

Radios were invented for porches. If you didn't have one, you could still hear the ball games out there. I remember the porch during thunderstorms. It was wild but fascinating. You'd not only hear thunder, you'd feel it. Wind and rain beat the trees so loudly you could ignore your mother yelling to come in already.

Unlike decks and patios, I don't recall anybody's eating supper on the porch. That was a formal meal, a family meeting, even on really hot days when the kitchen was a cooker. Still, lunch was fair game. It was a picnic every day out there.

Porches held one mystery. None of them was built over the foundation. It was bare ground underneath, a crawl space, all spidery and dark and scary, perfect for a secret clubhouse. My grandfather told us snakes lived there. That kept us out like right now.

All porches had a welcome mat and a front walk leading to the sidewalk and street. That made visiting easy. None of the front walks on modern houses goes to the street. They always curve to the driveway, hardly inviting.

Long about the 1960s, porches in Canton began disappearing. Older houses were built before family rooms. There's often no space to add a room on the side, so porches were boarded or bricked up and carpeted and became TV dens. Some of them don't even have windows for security, you know.

Porches once drew together neighborhoods and lifelong friends. Their lack is our loss. If I were designing a neighborhood, I'd put front porches on every house, real ones, not those decorative bric-a-bracs that don't have space for a swing or a Scrabble game. I have a notion the neighborhood would be a lot friendlier, a lot better place.

There was a reason for those old porches. We need them now more than ever.

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**A Couple Members From The Oldest Generation**

Last week, while I was performing records maintenance on the association records, I wondered how many members we had that were older than I. So, as nosy as I am, I proceeded to open my excel spread sheet and take a gander- and was kind of surprised.

There are forty-three (43) troopers age 80 plus . WOW !! That gives me an incentive to eat all my liver and onions and to do that mile or so walk every day. Two (2) of the members in this illustrious group served together at Fort Bliss in 1940 and both were members of Machine Gun Troop. And a handsome duo they were.



**Dwight E. Hurlbert**



**J.B. Blair**

Trooper Hurlbert is our senior member and is planning for his next birthday in December. He made the military a career and retired with the rank of Colonel. But his heart always remained in the enlisted ranks.

Trooper Blair was scheduled for attendance at the past reunion at Killeen but became ill on 1 June and went on to Fiddlers Green a few weeks later, 14 June 2009. JB was my 1st Sergeant in Korea, '50 and '51. There is no doubt in my military mind that all who served with JB benefited greatly from his leadership and concern for the enlisted trooper.

**Troopers - We Salute You !!**



## The Quartermaster Store

It is with great sadness that I report that our Quartermaster, Robert C. "Bob" Cable departed for Fiddlers Green on 18 July 2009. He was hospitalized in excess of three months this year and when released was relegated to oxygen use 24/7. Bob was a fighter all the way to the bitter end.

To review the bidding, Items currently available in the Quartermaster store are: Jacket; T-Shirt; Wrist Watch; Ball Caps; and Unit Crests Pocket Patches. All items are available for wear by both men and ladies. The Quartermaster Store is currently closed while we seek a volunteer for the office of Quartermaster. For those of you who would like to fulfill this office, please contact the secretary at the earliest.

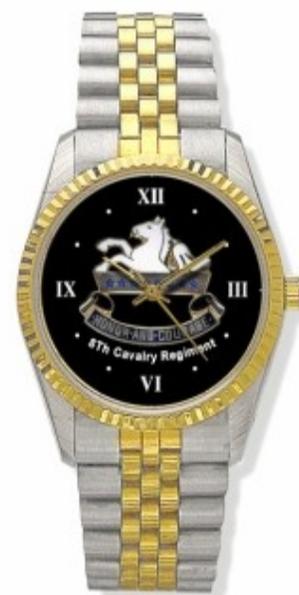


Sizes up to 4X  
Please allow up  
to an additional  
10 days with  
name on front.

**\$ 80.00** plus shipping.  
(Add \$5.00 if name on front  
is desired)



Sizes up to 4X  
**\$ 12.00** plus  
shipping.



**\$ 35.00** plus \$ 2.00 S&H.

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**\$ 12.00** plus  
shipping.



**\$ 4.00** plus  
shipping.

## A message from Director Whitey Reese

We now are authorized to move forward on an incentive awards program!! It has been named the “**Davis Award**” program in honor of its originator, Life Member Bruce Davis. Bruce proposed this program about a year ago, and we have finally brought it to a start. The program is being designed to provide recognition for past, present and future association personnel who have selflessly and significantly performed active productive work contributing to the successes of our association. With this award program it is hoped that it will also provide some incentive for all current and future members to become actively engaged in the operation to further our association mission and goals.

### Basically, the program will be conducted along the following guidelines:

- a. Candidates for the award are to be nominated by *you*, the association members.
- b. A committee will select two (2) winners annually from the nominated candidates to receive the awards which will be presented at the following 8<sup>th</sup> Cav Regt Assn Reunion.
- c. Eligible candidates shall only be association Life Members, Regular Members and/or Associate Members. Past members are also eligible. Awards may also be awarded posthumously.
- d. Awards will consist of trophy type awards, citation, and also inclusion of embroidered name and year of award on an 8<sup>th</sup> Cav Regt Assn fabric wall hanging that will be kept and displayed in the vicinity of our colors and standards. This fabric hanger, or “banner”, will be of the perpetuity type, names being added each year.
- e. *Davis Award* committee members shall not be eligible candidates while holding positions on the committee. Nor shall they be authorized to make nominations for candidates while on the committee.

Current members of the Davis Award committee are troopers Whitey Reese (Chairman) and Charlie Freeman (Member). Before selection of the first two awardees it is planned that two more members will join the committee.

The first phase of the program, **Candidate Nominations** for the *2010 Davis Award* is **now open and will remain open until 31 December 2009!!** Submit your request for the candidate of your choice to Committee Chairman Whitey Reese via E-mail or regular US Postal Service. Your nomination should be submitted in **narrative form** and should include **all the reasons you believe your candidate should receive the award**. Your candidate will not be considered on your writing ability, only on content, and there are no set limits on the maximum/minimum length of your entry. Should you desire to nominate more than one candidate, make sure you use a **separate submission** for each of them!! All submissions will go before the selection committee. Committee members may, at their own discretion, check and research claims/items/reasons for your submissions. Names of candidates and winners of the award will be kept confidential within the Committee until presentation time.

Bear in mind, that the Davis Award is being awarded to association personnel for Exceptional Supportive Service to our 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry *Regiment Association* and not to the active Regiment. **Now, let's get those nominations rolling in!!** I'll be checking mail boxes daily and holding them until we get a selection committee organized!!!!!! Should you have questions.... Give me a shout!!!!

**Send your submissions to:**

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## From The Secretary

**Email Addresses:** The secretary continues to received “bounced” responses to his mailings. Please send your current email address to [secretary@8cavalry.org](mailto:secretary@8cavalry.org) and ensure that you do not have that email addressed blocked on your computer. Otherwise, you have his email address blocked and you can not receive his mail. Also, suggest you put his email address into your email address book which should ensure that you receive association mail. The secretary says “Thank You” in advance.

### **N O T I C E**

Plans for the next annual reunion are well underway. The reunion will be held in **Canton, Ohio**, home of the Professional Football Hall of Fame, **12-16 May 2010**. We have engaged the **Holiday Inn** as the reunion headquarters and currently have blocked **50 rooms**. It is NEVER too early to make your room reservations and I earnestly encourage you to do so. All rooms in this Holiday Inn have been completely renovated this year and all furnishings are brand new. To make your room reservation, call the Holiday Inn reservation line **TP: (330) 826-4121** and be sure to request a room that has been reserved by the 8th Cavalry Regiment Association.

For those of you who have access to a computer, we will be posting photos of the Holiday Inn facilities and features. Final plans for the reunion is expected to be completed in January at which time you will receive a hard copy reservation form. Meanwhile, **please make that room reservation today!**

#### In Memoriam

| NAME                   | UNIT | YR/MO | HOME             | DECEASED  | SPOUSE |
|------------------------|------|-------|------------------|-----------|--------|
| O'Donnell, Thomas B.   | D    | 5100  | Fayetteville, NC | 23-Feb-09 | Cecile |
| Burrer, Esme “Jimmie”  |      |       | Clemmons, NC     | 29-Mar-09 | John   |
| Blair, J.B.            | MG G | 4001  | Conroe, TX       | 14-Jun-09 | Ruth   |
| Cable, Robert C, “Bob” | K    | 5012  | Highland, MI     | 18-Jul-09 | Carole |

#### Membership Recap

| Year Joined | No         | Died      | With-Drew | Regular Members | Associate Members |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2001        | 123        | 39        | 7         | 77              |                   |
| 2002        | 38         | 9         | 2         | 27              | 1                 |
| 2003        | 33         | 6         | 2         | 25              | 2                 |
| 2004        | 27         | 2         |           | 25              |                   |
| 2005        | 20         | 3         |           | 17              |                   |
| 2006        | 9          |           |           | 9               | 1                 |
| 2007        | 50         | 4         | 2         | 44              |                   |
| 2008        | 32         |           |           | 32              | 2                 |
| 2009        | 23         |           |           | 23              | 3                 |
|             | <b>355</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>279</b>      | <b>9</b>          |



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## **POTPOURRI**

There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.

No one ever says 'It's only a game.' when their team is winning.

I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.

Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)

Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.

After 50, IF you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead!!

Always be yourself... the people that matter don't mind, and the ones who mind, doesn't matter!