



THE TROOPER



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This issue will serve notice to all members in good standing of the scheduled Annual Membership meetings IAW the Bylaws: Art3, Sec2, para 7,h :

WHEN: 12 - 16 May 2010

WHERE: Canton, Ohio

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Notes from the "HEAD SHED"

Your association officers desires to see all of you at the reunion. It will be a joint reunion held in conjunction with our Trooper buddies from "Angry Skipper". Who are the Angry Skippers? (Your attention is invited to page 7). Every year we lose a few good friends. And every year we hear troopers say, "I surely wish I'd seen ole Joe one more time... Please don't waste your time getting "around to it". **COME THIS YEAR!!** You'll be glad you did.

You can do several things to greatly assist the reunion hosts in the accomplishment of their hosting duties. Make your hotel reservations **TODAY** and be sure to tell them you are with the 8th Cavalry Regiment to get the Special Room Rate (see Hotel Data following). Next, please fill out the Registration Form **now** letting them know what your meal and tour choices are. Then make out your check to (8th Cavalry Regiment Association) and mail your Registration Form and check to the Secretary at the **EARLIEST**. Finally, contact some of your oldest and best Trooper buddies, bring them along and have your own "reunion within the reunion". Come to the reunion to enjoy yourself and renew your spirit in the knowledge that you served with the best bunch of Troopers there ever were.

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Mail Call And “3d Stool”

Received kudos too numerous to mention for the last issue of *The Trooper* concerning the battle at Unsan, North Korea, 1&2 November 1950. It makes me feel good to know that articles, etc., in *The Trooper* are being well received. Always remember, it is your newsletter, not mine. I'm just here to take the blame if all does not go well :(

Nice phone chat with trooper Bob Kies. He and some of his Korean War memories were featured in *The Coldest Winter* by Halberstam.

Colonel Saksiam Toommanon, retired from the Thai Army, sent interesting articles concerning his battalion in Korea which will be incorporated into our historical records. On several occasions, his Thai Battalion was attached to the 8th Regiment and became our 4th Battalion. Call sign for the Thai Battalion was “Scrappy Gold”. I am particularly aware of that unit because on several occasions I was “tied in” with the Thai Troopers. Of interest, although neither of us could speak the other's language, I showed a picture of my girl friend. My Thai counterpart showed me a picture which got conveyed to me as his wife. Then he showed me a second picture which also was conveyed to me as his wife. I held up three fingers and he looked at me, smiled, and just shook his head NO!

Trooper Frank Ford, retired as Night Security Manager from The Mirage Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. He is exploring with Mirage management concerning the possibility of holding a future reunion there.

The booklet, *The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America*, has been obtained in sufficient numbers to be given to each member of the association. The booklet will be dispatched at the earliest practical time. Currently, the booklet is include in the “welcome” packet to new members and will be given to those attending the Canton reunion. The remainder will be dispatched as time and circumstances permit. Excess booklets will be available for purchase at the QM store.

The association is still greatly in need of a Quartermaster and a Historian.

8th Cavalry Regiment Association (60th Annual Reunion 12-16 May 2010)

Welcome Letter

Hello to all from “Beautiful Ohio”. Even with the winter cold and snow, we have made terrific progress on lining up the best reunion yet. The annual reunion is scheduled to be held at Canton, Ohio, 12-16 May 2010 and will be hosted by Carl & Polly Moreland. and Joe & Millie Sayre

HOTEL; TRAVEL: The Holiday Inn has given us an excellent rate of \$89. plus tax (12.5%) per night and is most convenient for driving or flying. It is located just 4 miles (10 minutes) south of the Akron-Canton Airport (CAK). Free shuttle service to and from the airport is available. Shuttle vehicle runs “on call”. To order the shuttle vehicle from the airport, call 330.494.2770. The courtesy phone is located near the baggage area. The hotel is just a few blocks off interstate route 1-77.

Arriving Southbound on 1-77: Exit 109 - to traffic light, right turn to next traffic light, turn left, the Holiday Inn is on your right. (Dressler Road)

Arriving Northbound on 1-77: Exit 109A - At the 3d traffic light, right turn onto Dressler Road. The Holiday Inn will be on your left.

Arriving Other: Contact Carl Moreland, TP 330.478.0620 or Joe Sayre, TP 330.343.4101

Tours: Three (3) tours have been arranged. Each tour should not exceed 2 hours.

1) Classic Car Museum:

“The Canton Classic Car Museum has something for everyone! Discover thousands of pieces of nostalgia, memorabilia, antiques, period fashions and more. We also have cars: 45 antique and collectible autos, including a 1970 Plymouth Superbird, a 1937 fully bulletproof Canton Police Car, a hand-carved 1937 Packard Hearse, and so many more! Come and see the past come to life!”

2) National First Ladies Library:

“The National First Ladies’ Library is one-of-a-kind attraction, educating the public on the contributions made by our country’s first ladies as well as other notable women in our history. The tour consists of two buildings: an 1895 renovated bank building and a 1840s Victorian home. The guided one-and-one-half hours tour begins in the Education & Research Center located at 205 Market Ave. South where you can view the main exhibit in the Museum before proceeding to the Saxton McKinley Home where tours are given by costumed docents. This is the family home of first Lady Ida Saxton McKinley built in the 1840s by her grandfather and is the dedicated Historic Home of President William McKinley.”

NOTE: This tour is for our Ladies and their guests and will be scheduled to commence during the time frame of the General Membership Meeting.

3) Warther Carvings: Located ½ hour drive south of Canton (We’ll car pool)

It has been said that the Smithsonian Institution sent the Warther Family a blank check to buy the museum.

The check was returned unsigned. Facts concerning Warther Carvings:

Appraised by Smithsonian Institution as “Priceless works of art”.

Showcased by National Geographic

Readers Digest “Most interesting out of the way place”.

AAA Gem Attraction.

General Reunion Information

Hotel Reservation: Holiday Inn, Telephone 330-494-2770

The “welcome packet” that you will receive on arrival will contain a very well written *2010 Official Visitors Guide* that will assist you in planning for your free time.

The Akron-Canton (CAK) airport is located 4 miles north of the Holiday Inn. The Inn provides FREE shuttle service to and from the airport. The courtesy phone at the airport is located near the baggage pickup area.

The Holiday Inn is located in a very large commercial area 6 miles north of the city of Canton known as “Belden Village”. The Westfield Belden Village Mall is located just the across the street from the Holiday Inn and within an extremely short walking distance if one chooses to walk. The Mall is a unique blend of more than 100 shops and eateries that will entice your senses and expand your imagination, Westfield Belden Village Mall has something for everyone. Anchored by Macy’s, Dillard’s, and Sears, and with specialty shops such as Ann Taylor Loft, Coach, American Eagle and The Buckle, Westfield Belden Village offers a shopping experience unmatched in the region.

The eateries abound and are too numerous to list. All are within less than a mile from the Holiday Inn. The Hometown Buffet is a good choice for an “everyday” meal. Lunch is about 6 bucks and after about 3:30 the supper meal is about 7 bucks. All you can eat.

The premier attraction of the Canton area is the Professional Football Hall of Fame. No structured tour is planned for this attraction. Most who visit the Hall of Fame usually spend about 3-4 hours there. And the hard core football fan may browse there for 8 hours. It is located about 2 miles south of the Holiday Inn and is very easy to get to. The Inn will provide shuttle service for those who request.

There is a VA clinic located in downtown Canton should a need for their service be required. And there are 2 major hospitals located with 10 to 15 minutes from Belden Village.

Twenty miles south of Canton is the Warther Museum located in the town of Dover, Tuscarawas County. A tour has been planned for this attraction do to the uniqueness of it being “one of a kind”. The Smithsonian Institution has appraised the museum as a “Priceless Works of Art”. For those who elect to attend, we will car pool.

There are other areas of interest to be found in Tuscarawas County and we will have selected brochures available for those who may have an interest.

Concerning the banquet on Saturday night, should there be a need for a special meal due to a medical condition, vegetarian, or etc., please inform the secretary of your requirement and appropriate arrangements will be made with the head chef.

If you require/desire further information, please contact Editor Carl via telephone or email.

If you have never attended an 8th Cav Regt Assn reunion before, I sincerely hope you will elect to do so this year. So many great Trooper Buddies, so many great memories of camaraderie...

8th CAVALRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION 60TH REUNION - 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Secretary, 8th Cavalry Regiment Assn Reunion, 5369 Aquarius St SW, Canton, OH 44706-5504

WEDNESDAY, May 12

1300-1800 Registration Desk Open
1300-2400 Hospitality Room Open

THURSDAY, May 13

0800 - 1200 Hospitality Room Open
0900 - 1100 Tour Classic Car Museum
1300 - 2400 Hospitality Room Open

FRIDAY, May 14

0800 - 0900 Hospitality Room Open
0900 - 1100 General Membership Meeting
0930 - 1130 Tour National First Ladies Library
1100 - 2400 Hospitality Room Open
1800 - 2200 "Angry Skipper" Dinner

SATURDAY, May 15

0800 - 1200 Hospitality Room Open
1300 - 2400 Hospitality Room Open
1300 - 1600 Tour Warther Museum (Car Pool)
 8 miles - New Philadelphia, OH)
1800 - 2100 Banquet

SUNDAY, May 16

0800 - 0900 Hospitality Room Open
0930 - 1000 Memorial Service - Veterans Memorial Park
 (Car Pool)
1000 - 1200 Hospitality Room Open
1200 - Reunion Closes

REGISTER EARLY !

Are you a Member of the 8th Cav Regt Assn? Yes ___ No ___

Please print clearly or place a Return Address Label. Don't forget
 Nickname

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

NICKNAME _____

Telephone # (____) _____

I served during (Circle one or more): Pre-WWII WWII JAPAN
 (anytime) KOREAN WAR KOREA '57-65 FT. BENNING
 VIETNAM WAR FT. HOOD GULF WAR BOSNIA IRAQ WAR
 FT. BLISS

I will be accompanied by my spouse/other (Full Name and Nickname)

_____ and the following persons. Please specify relationship
 (family members only)

Name _____ Nickname _____ Age(Children) _____

Is this your first 8th Cav Regiment Association Reunion? _Yes — No

FUNCTIONS

Activity	No.	Cost	Total Amount
Registration Fee:	___	\$10.00 single	\$ _____
	___	\$20.00 family	\$ _____
Car Museum	___	\$ 7.00 each	\$ _____
First Ladies Library	___	\$ 7.00 each	\$ _____
Warther Museum	___	\$ 10.00 each	\$ _____
Banquet	___	\$ 25.00 each	\$ _____
Prime Rib	___		
Chicken Florentine	___		
GRAND TOTAL \$			_____

NOTE

**Request this Registration Form
 be submitted to the Secretary so
 as to arrive NOT LATER THAN
April 10, 2010 .**

**This will greatly assist the hosts
 in the accomplishment of finaliz-
 ing all arrangements.**

"Angry Skipper"

Remember The Bad Times Once...Remember The Good Times Forever

The History of Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry:

The 1st Cavalry Division was re-formed in 1965 from the 1st Brigade of the 11th AIR AS-SAULT and the 2nd and 3rd Brigades of the 2nd Infantry Division. The First Brigade (1/8, 2/8, 1/12) was Airborne but could not remain airborne qualified beyond the "First Shift"(65-66). During the battle of Dak To in November 1967, our battalion reinforced the 173rd Airborne Brigade. In trying to coordinate radio communications between our battalion and the 173rd, mass confusion reigned supreme. So our battalion was instructed to create code names for the battalion, the four companies in the battalion and the platoons in each company. Thus our battalion became known as "Stone Mountain". Alpha company became "Custer Dodge", Bravo company became "Eager Arms" Charlie company became "Lone Armor" and **Delta company became "Angry Skipper"**. The 1st Cavalry Division was also know as the 1st Air Cavalry. Other divisions had air cavalry units too. In 1971 the "Colors" of the 1st Cavalry Division came home to the U.S.A. but four battalions, one of which was the 2nd of the 8th, remained in Vietnam as part of the 7th Cavalry Regiment until June of 1972. They were the last combat units to leave Vietnam. The 1st Cavalry Division was the most decorated division in Vietnam. The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 8th Cavalry Regiment won Presidential Unit Citations for the operation in Pleiku Province, 1967. **(Information courtesy of Ed Regan)**

Today there are two functioning reunion groups for D 2-8 Cavalry Veterans of the Vietnam War. The first group is the original 67-69 Veterans who began having reunions in 1993 and adopted our Vietnam call sign name of Angry Skipper. The second group consists mostly of 1971-72 Vietnam Veterans and is incorporated under the name "Angry Skipper Assn." The 2nd group actually split apart from the original group and formed their corporation in the fall of 2005. Both groups are open to all D 2-8 Vietnam Veterans. For more information contact Mike McGhie — mmcghie@prodigy.net

Membership Recap

Year Joined	No	Died	With-Drew	Regular Members	Associate Members
2001	123	42	7	74	
2002	38	9	2	27	1
2003	33	6	2	25	2
2004	27	3		24	
2005	20	5		15	
2006	9			9	1
2007	50	4	2	44	
2008	32			32	2
2009	45			45	7
2010	4			4	3
	381	69	13	299	16



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When Veterans Retire

When a good Veteran leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know.

We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the "job" and merely being allowed to leave "active" duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God," and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

(Author Unknown)