

THE BULLWHIP SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

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BWS NEWSLETTER

Thanks to each of you for your articles, photos, letters and stories. Can you recall a story that you want to share with others or specifically with BWS members? Do you remember any "war stories" about you and your buddies? How about pictures of you, fellow Troopers, aircraft, vehicles, patches, hootches, POL, LZs, fire bases, jungle, mountains, flybys or ceremonies? If so, let us know! We'd like to include them in the BWS library, BWS Newsletter and on the web site. All information will be controlled and archived for incorporation into an official BWS repository available to BWS members.

Any story/picture/item you provide by mail, email, or upload should have originator information and related event/article information. If you like you can download the newsletters on the BWS website and/or request the newsletter be emailed to you (keep in mind that the pdf file may be up to 10 megabytes in size so a high speed internet connection will be necessary).

From Your Association President

REUNION 2012

Many of our Troopers are returning to the Squadron and renewing old friendships and finding that "once a brother, always a brother". Our Association's bi-annual reunion is October 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th in Killeen and Fort Hood, Texas and this is our first time we have scouted out an LZ West of the Mississippi! Your reunion registration packets are enclosed again in this issue so please fill them out, cut them out, enclose a check to cover your events and mail them to us as soon as you can. The 2012 reunion LZ will be in Killeen and Fort Hood and we will have access to a variety of events and gatherings not previously available.

A significant benefit to us for the reunion is that our Squadron will be able to join us in our events and festivities. During the past months we have refined the reunion details and we will have activities beginning earlier than previous reunions. Both Friday (Texas BBQ) and Saturday night functions will have additional internal events to keep the camaraderie cruising. Of special note for the Saturday night banquet is that Walt Titchnell convinced Joe Galloway to return to be our Guest Speaker. Joe honored us as our Guest Speaker at our 2004 reunion in Dothan and for those who missed his presentation you really must be with us at LZ Hood to meet him and share a tale or two.

I have been told to enclose a special note from Titch and a picture of his smiling face to encourage those who have not sent in your packets to do so.....you can get the idea of what Titch is saying by just looking at him...



From Titch: Send in your Registration Packets — "or I will be getting a hold of you!"

We still need volunteers for reunion operations at Fort Hood. If you can spare the time we need help in registration, lobby control, operations, BBQ ticketing and banquet coordination. Contact Larry Wright or Walt Titchnell if you can assist.



HEADHUNTER News

The HEADHUNTERS at Fort Polk, LA, the month of August conducting predeployment training in preparation for their upcoming November tour in Afghanistan.

Respectively,
Joe Bowen, Apache Red

2012 Bullwhip Squadron Reunion Hotel Information

When making reservations, mention ***Bullwhip Squadron and Group Number 101112BS*** to receive the discounted price per room per night. to receive the discounted price per room per night.

Host Hotel:

Shilo Inn
3701 South W.S. Young Drive
Killeen, TX 76542
1 (800) 222-2244
\$99 per room per night



Alternative Hotels: Holiday Inn

Holiday Inn—Killeen, Fort Hood
300 East Central Texas Parkway
Killeen, TX 76542

\$95 per room per night, for rooms with two Queen beds the rate will be \$99

Above block of rooms and rates at each hotel are good through September 20, 2012. However, if Troopers call beyond the deadline and mention Bullwhip Squadron, as long as they have rooms available, Troopers ***might*** receive the negotiated rate.

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS THAT FELL IN BATTLE SO LONG AGO

STEPHEN A YOUNG

Steve was Shot Down and Killed in Action 9 Aug 1969.

Steve Died Together with James Dine and Michael Seibert When Their LOH Crashed.



BRUCE CHURAN was born on August 26, 1948. He became a member of the Army while residing in Port Neches, Texas and attained the rank of 1LT (O2).

On August 30, 1969 at the age of 21, **BRUCE CHURAN** gave his life in the service of our country at Quan Loi, South Vietnam, Binh Long Province.

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Name (Please Print)

Title First MI Last Suffix

Address

Street

Home Phone: _____

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Email: _____

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Table with 3 columns: Squadron, Troop, Date(s) Served. Contains 5 empty rows.

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Trooper Name Tag Information. Name Tags will be three lines,

- 1st Line: Fill in preferred Name
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- 3rd Line: Dates served (if applicable)

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- 3rd Line: Optional

Trooper

Name

Unit

Dates

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Name

Guest of

Guest 2

Name

Guest of

Guest 3

Name

Guest of

Guest 4

Name

Guest of

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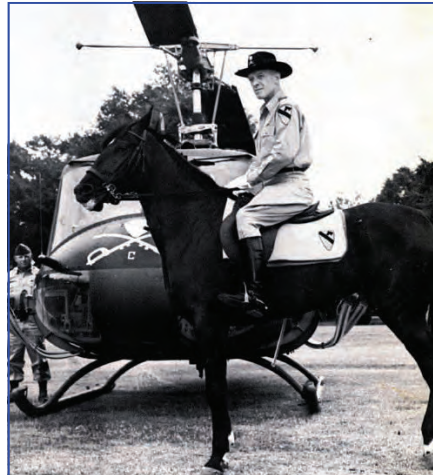
From the BWS Website Guest Book

Christ Maher

My father was Frank J Maher III B Troop 1-9 CAV 67 - 68 , I think call sign White 11, shot down not sure DTG or location, he was only survivor. Looking to see if anyone has any info on him and crew or pic before the TIC.

E-Mail

christopher.w.maher@us.army.mil



DEATH FROM BEHIND

HE LOVES HEARING THE THUNDER OF THE ROTOR
FEELING THE HEAT AS IT FLARES FROM THE MOTOR.
ON THE WIND IS A FAMILIAR SCENT, THE ENEMY'S ODOR
TOO LATE AS HE REALIZES HE'S NO MORE THAN A FLOATER.

THE GRASS WAVERS UNDERNEATH AS THEY SOAR ALOFT
HE HAS NO IDEA WHY THE BLOODIED FLOOR FEELS SO SOFT.
TREES PASSING BELOW ARE A REMINDER THAT THEY JUST LIFTED OFF
UNBEARABLE PAIN INCREASES IN HIS CHEST EVERYTIME HE TRIES TO COUGH.

SECONDS BECOME MINUTES, AS MINUTES BECOME YEARS
THOUGH HIS EYES ARE CLOSED, HE STILL FEELS BURNING TEARS.
MAYBE HE'S JUST DREAMING, BECAUSE NO SOUND REACHES HIS EARS
KNOWING HIS BROTHERS ARE THERE HELPS CALM HIS PERSISTENT FEARS.

WORDS OF MERIT SEEP INTO HIS MIND AS HE WONDERS WHY
WORDS LIKE DUTY, BRAVERY, HONOR, SACRIFICE, AND GOODBYE.
THEY ALL SOUND WORTHY TO A MAN WHO IS BREATHING HIS LAST SIGH
BELIEVING ALL ALONG THAT GOD'S CHOSEN FEW WERE MEANT ONLY TO FLY.

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TO ALL TROOPERS

PHOTO CONTEST for the 2012 REUNION

We are having a photo contest for each Troop HQ, A, B, C, D, E, F and attached elements. We want to enlarge a photo from each Troop to poster size to be displayed at the Reunion.

Priority will be given to Photos that have the following: Identification of Troopers, Number of 9th Troopers in the photo, Identification of Time and Place of Photo, Number of Bullwhip Members in photo, Clarity of photo (we are enlarging it to poster size Approximatant 24x36 inches). If you have your favorite photo of your 9th Cav Troopers contact Larry Wright to submit it for the contest. Photos must be submitted by **September 28, 2012**. For example, in the category of completion between Scout and Weapons pilots, Bob Monette and Norm Stewart have been nominated with the pictures below.



Bob Monette, Sabre 20, F Troop 72-73 and one of his Girlfriends way back when he could date young and good looking ladies by F Troop standards



Who was the crew on this B Troop Gunship ???



Norm Stewart, Apache 13 found one of his granddaughters at the Apache Troop Reunion in Albuquerque, NM, back in August 2011



Official BWS Year 2013-2015 Board Members Nominations

Once again it is time to elect the Board of Officers for the next two years. **Only Regular Dues Paying Members, can Vote.**

We have a distinguished nomination for Vice President, LTC John Cushing, HEAD-HUNTER 6 from August 2009 to December 2011. John is presently the most recent former 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry Combat Commander and will hold that distinction until November this year when LTC Joey Polanco takes the Squadron to Afghanistan. LTC Cushing has provided amazing support to the Association and in one of his last actions enabled Bullwhip to acquire an OH-6A and put in a place of Honor in front of the Squadron at Fort Hood.



**LTC John M. Cushing,
Commanded 1-9 CAVALRY
(Headhunter 6) from
6 Aug 2009 - 7 Dec 2011**

LTC John M. Cushing received his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1993. LTC Cushing's first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. With the "Mustangs" of 1-8 CAV, LTC Cushing served as a tank platoon leader, a support platoon leader, and assistant S-4 deploying to the National Training Center twice and to Kuwait as a part of Intrinsic Action.

In 1998, after completing the Armored Officer Advanced Course and the Combined Arms Services and Staff School, LTC Cushing was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division as a Brigade plans officer. With the "Spartan" Brigade, LTC Cushing commanded Bravo Company, 1-64 Armor and Echo Company 9th CAV, the Brigade Reconnaissance Troop.

After attending Command and General Staff College, LTC Cushing was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division and assumed the duties as the Operations Officer for 1-15 IN. As the Operation Officer, LTC Cushing deployed for 14 months to Iraq as a member of the "Surge." After redeploying in the summer of 2008, LTC Cushing became the 3rd Brigade Executive Officer. LTC Cushing assumed command of the 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas on August 2009 and deployed the Squadron to Iraq in September 2010 as part of "operation New Dawn". LTC Cushing redeployed back to Fort Hood, Texas in September 2011 and relinquished command of the Squadron in December 2011. LTC Cushing currently serves as the Armor Branch Chief, Officer Personnel Directorate, Army Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Airborne badge, the Air Assault badge, and the Ranger tab.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS BULLWHIP SQUADRON ASSOCIATION 2013-2015

Official Election Ballot

The signed, official election ballots inside the **August** newsletter must be mailed back to the Association and received not later than October 5, 2012.

Bullwhip Squadron Association
ATTN: Board of Director Voting
5570 County Road 18
Ozark, AL 36360

Only Lifetime Members of the Bullwhip Squadron Association are eligible to run for Office. All Lifetime and Regular Members can vote in the election. Honorary and Associate Members are not eligible to run for board positions or vote in elections. All election ballots will remain unopened until they are opened and counted at the Bullwhip Squadron Reunion's General Membership meeting, 1500-1600, October 13, 2012 at the Shilo Inn, Killeen, Texas. The election results will be announced during that meeting to all Association members present. If a newly elected Board Member is not present he will be contacted immediately afterwards and congratulated.

Write in the names of those you would like to elect in the respective position. **(Must be Lifetime association members)**

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Membership Chairman _____

YOU make the decision who the Association leaders will be.

Your Name (Print) _____

Troop Served _____

Signature and Date _____

Current Board Members

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Membership Chairman _____ Larry Wright A Troop 65 —66

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The Squadron Landing on the Beach at Qui Nhon —September 13, 1965

Left to right UNK, SP4 Shelman (C TRP), CSM “Rabbit” Lawrence Kennedy, the Dog Suzzie, LTC John Stockton (Bullwhip 6), SSG Moore, HQ Trp, SP4 Walt “Titch” Titchenell, C Trp *. Many others in the picture just off the landing craft were from C TROOP

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SICK CALL AUGUST 2012

Our troopers need our prayers, thoughts and concerns.

Chuck Atkinson, A Troop, Apache 34, 1969—1970

CSM "Rabbit" Kennedy, HQ 65-66

Jack Oliver B Troop, 64-66

William Potts, A & HQ 66-67

Dave Pryce, A Troop 67

Oscar Rincon, A Troop 70-71

Gen. Robert Shoemaker, Spur 6, HQ 66

MG Jim Smith, HQ 66

Chuck Soltes, A Troop 66-67

Dick Timmons, B Troop 65-66



TAPS

As the years go by our fellow Troopers are lifted out of the LZ and our lives. We will keep you advised of these sad events when we can and post the information here and the BWS website. When BWS members provide information we will try to pass on the information to the rest of the association. If anyone has pictures and memories they would like to share please send them to us. Our intention is to have space for memorialize for all that pass on. Surviving family members can provide information and pictures and we will make a separate web page/s for the Troopers that died in combat or passed away after tour.

Robert Joseph (Pappy) Kuster - A Troop, 1965—1966

Robert Joseph (Pappy) Kuster, age 90, of Whitewater, WI passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at Fairhaven in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Robert was born in Gratiot, Wisconsin on May 19, 1922, the son of Josef and Mary Bertha (Schmucke) Kuster. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1940. Robert served his country as Master Sergeant and flight engineer in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1940 until 1970. Robert saw duty during WWII, Korea, and 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry in Vietnam. He received the Presidential Unit Citation Award WWII, Korean, Vietnam, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal 16 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Soldiers Medal, Commendation Medal 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal 5 Award, American Defense, Asiatic Pacific 7 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberatic Battle Stars, Victory Medal, Army Occupation Japan, Korean Conflict 5 Battle Stars, United Nations American Defense, National Defense, Vietnam Service and Conflict 6 Battle Stars, and the Koroang Medal.



Robert was a member of the Smith Masonic Lodge #31 F & AM, the Palistine Chap Preston Council, Zor Shrine, Green County Shrine Club, the VFW, Caterpillar Club, American legion, Cooties, and served as an alderman for 6 years in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Surviving are: Four Children: Cathy Elmer, Roswell, GA, Robert J.O. (Susan) Kuster, Verona, WI, William G. (Dale) Kuster, Whitewater, WI, and Sharon (Robert) Ratzburg, Las Vegas, NV, and their mother: Orpha Kuster, Monroe, WI, Two sisters: Gertrude Fields, Lake View, AK and Antionte Ratzlow, Mountain Home, AK, Seven Grandchildren and Five Great-grandchildren.

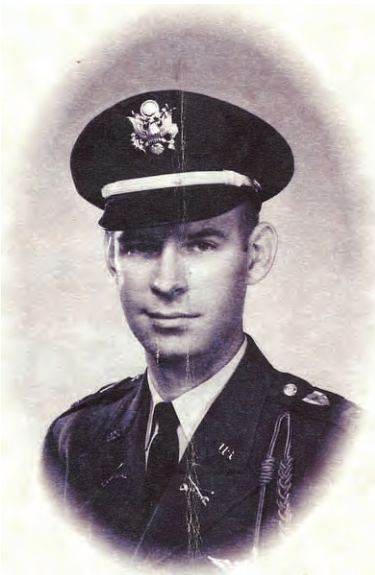
Robert was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Joe, Ed, and Anton, and two sisters: Margaret Kuster and Metilda Kuster.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, July 14, 2012, at 11:00 AM at the Nitardy Funeral Homes Inc., 550 N. Newcomb Street, Whitewater, WI. Interment with military rites was at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Wisconsin.

TAPS (CONTINUED)

Johnny Keith Gower, C Troop 1/9th

Johnny Keith Gower, age 77, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Johnny was born December 9, 1934. to Alvin and Mildred Gower in Kendrick, Oklahoma.



Johnny served two combat tours in Vietnam, starting in 1965 with the newly formed Air Cavalry Division. During these tours he served with the Bullwhip Squadron C Troop 1/9th and 117th AHC Company, as well as many other assignments. He received numerous awards and decorations, including several air medals.

Johnny is survived by his high school sweetheart Barbara Conn, who he married in 1953. They had 3 children, Johnny Keith Gower, Jr., Kathy Jean Bausch, and Karen Leigh Cooper (Blair); 8 grandchildren, Nick, Tony, Ben, Kalleigh and Marty Bausch, Amanda Gower,

Cody and Casey Cooper; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Brayden, Brooklynn, Tabion, Joziah; his brother Jimmy (Jan) and family, Jenny (Dennis) Rogers; Jimmy Jr. (Mary), Wade, Wyatt and Wilhelmina; also Jerry's surviving children, Jayna (Craig Motzkus), Janel Clum, Jerry Gower, Jr.; cousin, DeWayne (Frankie) Gower and family; Aunt Helen Gower. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Mildred Gower and brother Jerry.

Special mention to close friends and neighbors Lance and Waleta Michael, Glen and Mary Simons, Roma and Ted Walters, Lori and Dale Lindsey, Sonny Putman, Class of '52, Bill and Doris Williams. Johnny loved to fly and really enjoyed his antiques and especially his antique cars. He bought a 1940 Chev like the car that he and Barb used when dating in high school. In the 5th grade, Johnny made a list of his goals for his life. We can proudly say he completed these goals by being in the Army and becoming an aviator. No words can express how much he will be missed nor how much he is loved by all his family and friends. He fought a valiant battle with his cancer. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, uncle and cousin.

Burial was conducted on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at City View Cemetery, Kendrick, Oklahoma.



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Larry Wright, Membership Chairman

We have a total of 654 Members. 617 Lifetime Members with 10 being on the installment plan. 37 Annual members with three being Associate Members.

We have 74 Honorary Lifetime Members and one Associate Lifetime Member. After the newsletter is sent out I will send the Annual and Lifetime payments dues letters out.

- 542 Paid Lifetime Members
- 74 Honorary Lifetime
- 1 Paid Associate Lifetime
- 37 Paid Annual Members

654 Total Members



New Members:

Col Robert C. Hinote, KY, wife Ann, HQ 2/69-2/70, 93H20 ATC TWR

Billy Ray Johnson, VA , wife Gayla, B troop 67-68, Red. 21 & Blue, Pilot & Blue Leader

David F. Rostar, MI , Wife Susan, A & E troop 70-71, Oscar & door gunner,

Paul T. Wells, CA, B Troop, H Troop 16th CAV, F Troop as Scouts Observer, CE and Gunner 1/70 to 3/72

Just a note on how some things can get corrected...from your friends.

Larry,

I sent this a while back and don't see Wally on the roster. He is alive and well.

Fellow Troopers,

I have the happiest retraction ever. A great American Hero and dear friend has been found. Although never really lost, we have regained contact with Wally.

Please post B and F Trooper was reported on Fiddlers Green in a big error. Wally the recipient of 2 Silver Stars, a few DFCs, 2 Bronze Star and a bucket full of Air Medals is alive and well. We hope to see both him and Beverly at the BullWhip Reunion in Oct.

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Member, B, F Troop, 68-69/72-73

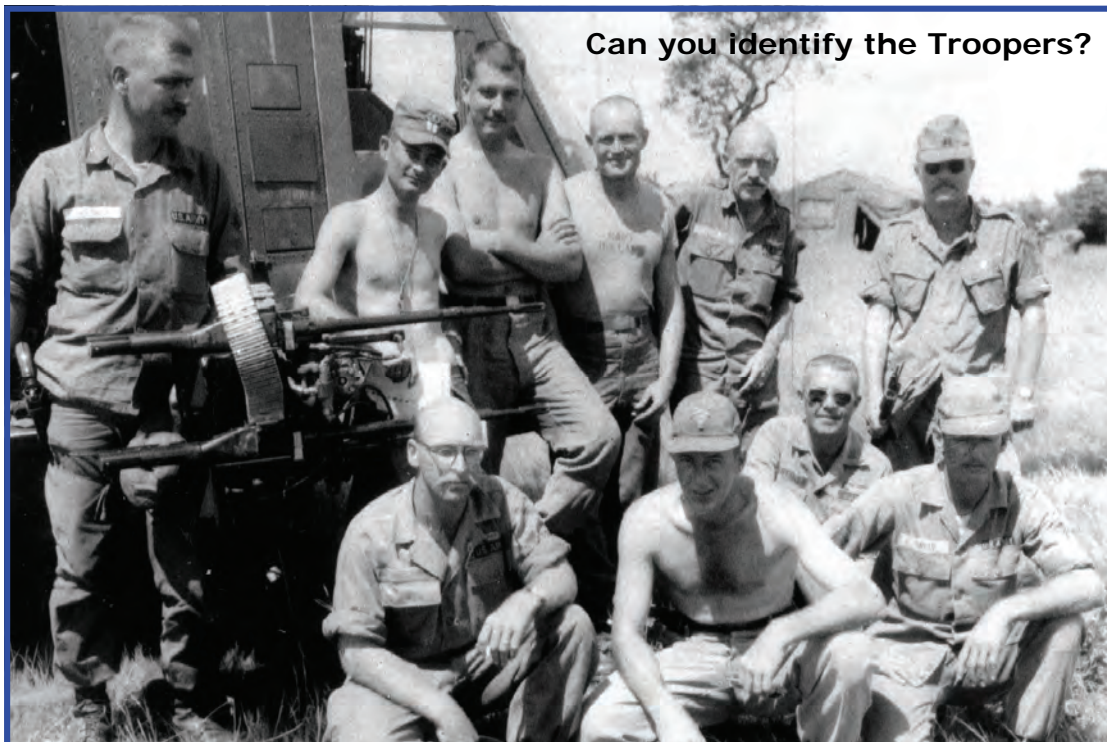
FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN –ADDRESSES

Larry Wright, Membership Chairman



We do not have any good addresses for the attached list of Members. We have lost contact with the following members. If you know how to contact them please have them contact Larry Wright at 812-871-8642.

Robert H. Bowman	Lifetime	B	69-70
Morton Bulkley	Lifetime	B	66-67
Harry P. Butt	Lifetime	B	65-66
Jim Francis	Lifetime	D	67
Charles H. Gregor	Lifetime		
Donald L. Gresham	Lifetime	C	70-71
William W. Hartin	Lifetime	C	68-69
Edwin Hill	Lifetime	A, D	
Richard C. Lunbery	Lifetime	B	67-68
James W. McKnight	Lifetime	B	70-71
Bruce T. Morris	Lifetime	F	71-72
Louis B. Niles	Lifetime	B	68-69
Walter J. Pugh	Lifetime	C	67-68
Steven J. Serkez	Lifetime	C	69-70
Robert R. Silva	Lifetime	C	69
Peter G. Snow	Lifetime	F	71-72
John F. Stetter	Lifetime	A	69-70
Russ Underwood	Lifetime	C	66-67
Franklin Williams	Lifetime	C, F	69-70, 70-71
Ronald K. Westfall	Lifetime	HQ	65-66





FROM THE PAST—NICK HLYWA

Standby Before my time , but you guys.....you know. 😊



Mike Perry Scouts Out
Subject: Nick Hlywa archives --- Very weird ...

Katherine,

I did some cursory searches on Nick Hlywa and it's very, very weird that I would come into possession of these photos and letters. I'm attaching some stuff I've already scanned. The world of the U.S. Army in Vietnam is very small, indeed.

Hlywa was in Delta Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st CAV Division in 65-66. My dad was in B Troop 1/9th CAV from 1969-1971 - two tours as well. Most of these photos appear to have been made when Nick was in 3/17th CAV in 1968 and he was a pilot. 1/9th CAV was the Scout-ing squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division. Hlywa was a pilot but I'm not sure he started as such. I'm cc'ing a few guys who probably knew him because they were also in 1/9th Cav during 65-66.

(for you Troopers --- Katherine had an aunt who had been a close friend of Hlywa. When her aunt passed away Katherine inherited her things which included these photos. Katherine put the photos in Craigslist recently because she lost a good job and it trying to make ends meet. A friend of mine told me they were on Craigslist. I drove up to Indianapolis not knowing what the photos would be (it was kind of an act of faith because it's a 65 mile trip each way) and bought the photos. I never imagined though the guy would have been in D Troop in 65-66 which I quickly figured out searching his name. These photos are from just before Tet when he was a pilot in what seems to be 3/17th CAV.)

So, Katherine, here's what really weird ... I'm one of the official historians for the Bullwhip Squadron and I've been working on a documentary for a few years about my dad and gathering up a lot of other history in the process. Last summer I drove down to Mississippi to interview a guy named Lawrence Kennedy who served with a guy named John B Stockton. Stockton was the pioneer of the Cavalry concepts 1/9th CAV used in Nam. Some of the techniques they in the 1/9th CAV were recently used in the assault on Osama Bin Laden. Cavalry tactics use the element of surprise but instead of horses like in the old days, in Vietnam, helicopters were used to deliver soldiers who could do their job quickly and leave and by the time the bad guys realize what hit them the Cavalry troopers are long gone which is how it went last year in Pakistan. In Nam, the leaving quickly part did not always work out, but the air assault became a signature tactic in Nam. Now all branches of the military use helicopter to put troops into battle.

Like I told you, my dad's letters from the Cambodia Opns in 1970 and 71 were burned by my mother's second husband. I've had a heck of time piecing together what happened in Vietnam. Due to my dad's PTSD there are large gaps in his memory and Agent Orange has already taken a lot of those he served with. Their photos, letters --- who knows where the stuff went. These letters and photos don't solve what happened to my dad but they're definitely very interesting. Anyway ... here's what I dug up so far. It's weird when people "speak to me from the grave" -- - because the odds of you having these photos and me getting them are zero to none. On this first part excerpt I found in the 1/9th CAV newsletter from 1997 - look who the author is:

FROM THE PAST—NICK HLYWA

CAV TROOPER EXTRAORDINARY

FORWARD

Colonel John B. Stockton passed away at 04:45 hours on the 7th of August 1997. His last words to his wife, Rita, were "I'm ready if you are." With these words, a great soldier and man left his friends and loved ones. Rita called me that morning to give me the sad news and to inform me of the Colonel's wishes for cremation and to have his ashes scattered at sea. No military burial, no laying at wake with all that entails. In short, he wanted to make his passing as easy as possible for his loved ones.

So it was at 18:30 hours on 13 August 1997, that we gathered at South Beach Marina, Miami Beach, aboard the 68 foot yacht, Pizzaz. On hand for the final farewell were Rita and her three daughters, Annelies, Katinka, and Marianne; me and my wife, Susan, Mark Dekema who arranged for the yacht, and Capt. Nick Reeves. We headed to sea at 19:30 hours, out by the fishing grounds that John and Rita has cruised so many times. A few minutes prior to sunset, Capt. Reeves turned the Pizzaz into the wind, slowed to idle and we prepared the ashes to finalize the Colonel's wishes. From the aft swim platform, Annelies spread the ashes while Rita, Marianne, and Katinka threw an evergreen and white rose wreath into the sea. Each of us followed the wreath with orchids and watched all float away into the distance. We followed with a toast of the Colonel's favorite Genever gin, and a few last words; mostly we were immersed in our own private thoughts of the man as we each knew him. After a quick downing of the gin, we threw the glasses into the sea, with a full one just for John.

Looking to the west, we saw a huge thunderhead, black as coal and rimmed in reds and pinks by the setting sun. It was a fitting send-off, depicting the storminess and beauty of the man and his life. Capt. Reeves turned the ship back to Miami Beach as we held a small wake amid speculation of which topless beach John might visit first—Cannes, the Riveria, or just stay around South Beach, Miami. Many of us would have liked to have, had, the traditional closing to say goodbye to the Colonel; but as mentioned, this "ceremony" was his wish. As you know, although he appeared to be at ease with the public accolades, he was in fact a very private man who shunned the spot light for 30 years after his retirement. It took a lot of us many years to get him to agree to a reunion, to let us show our love and respect. So let us be happy that we had that much of him while we could and now respect his privacy again and say goodbye in our own ways and time.

COL John B. Stockton, go with the Grace of God.

Nick Hlywa
August 17, 1997



Nick Hlywa

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Art Murray

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Bruce Churan

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Art Murray



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Nate Shaffer's Journey and His Loach, 990 ZIT

Nate Shaffer's journey to find, re-build and dedicate the aircraft he flew , 990 ZIT. He and his fellow Charlie Troop Brothers efforts to make this happen is just incredible. ZIT was dedicated May 19th at the Motts Museum in Ohio.



Nate Shaffer's Journey and His Loach, 990 Cont'd



The Early Days—How the Bullwhip Squadron Association was Born!!

The Early Days - How the BWS was born!!!

One bright Sunday morning in 1994, I had just arrived at church and was walking through the parking lot when I was approached by one of Ft. Lauderdale's finest (doing double-duty directing church traffic). He said, "I noticed the flight wings and cavalry sabers on your car and wondered if you have every heard about a 'John B. Stockton'? I admit that I was stunned and managed to emit a strangled, "How do you know that name?" You see, the last time I saw Col. Stockton was during a visit to 1st Aviation Brigade in Saigon years before. He had very graciously, wined and dined me; provided me with transportation and lodging and pumped me on news of the 1/9th Troopers he loved so much. After recovering my composure, I learned that Col. Stockton lived about 20-30 minutes away from me and a week later was given his address and phone number. For nearly a year I agonized over how to contact him or even IF I should contact him. I didn't know how he would react to opening "old wounds", owing to the circumstances surrounding his departure from the squadron. Would he remember me? Did I have the right to intrude upon his retirement? Finally, Ron Baxter, the Vice President of one of the companies I owned, sat down in front of me and said, "the Colonel is getting older each day - so are you. This thing is eating you up so either call him, write to him or tear up his contact information and forget you know anything about him." I took that advise and wrote a letter. Several days later, I had received no reply and departed on a trip only to receive an "urgent call" from Ron that I had received a fax from "THE MAN" in answer to my letter. Ron read me the fax. Again I was stunned!! I asked Ron to reply, cut short my trip and upon my return, immediately contacted the Colonel by phone. Shortly thereafter, we did visit the Colonel at his home in Miami, the first of many visits and contacts to follow. I was honored and amazed to walk through his office and see the many pictures and other mementoes of his army career dominated by items from the 1/9th Cav. The first picture, in fact, immediately in from of the office door was Billy Williams, my old Troop Commander. Another picture that caught my eye was a very well published photo of General Eisenhower talking to paratroopers from the 101st Airborne that were about to jump into Europe on D-Day. Much to my surprise and delight, there at the Generals left side stood Lt. John Buchanan Stockton, his aide.

While I always looked forward to visits and correspondence with the Colonel, one that particularly stood out was the day he placed his hand on my shoulder and said, "Mike, I've been thinking that we should form a more structured BWS organization. What we need is someone to take on the project and run with it." I said (without realizing what I was getting into), "Why Colonel, I'm sure anyone you ask would be happy to do that for you!" His reply was, "Thanks for volunteering - I'll be sending you some thoughts on getting started. Jose (Joe) Steine has a list of Squadron member's we know about and Davie (General Dave Allen) will sign off on everything 'cause I'm not sure how people may react to me being involved." The next few weeks and months were filled with faxes, phone calls, letters and visits to design and print or get made, "diploma's" Squadron Certificates; membership cards; Lapel pins; bumper stickers. An interesting side note - the original BWS lapel pins said "SQN" for squadron designed by THE MAN himself - who was I to argue?!! During that time frame, we also made every effort to update and add to Joe Steine's list of squadron members and print and publish the first of many newsletters. Here again an interesting side note - the newsletters were assembled, printed, funded and mailed by my Vice President Ron Baxter, USAF retired, who in turn was recognized

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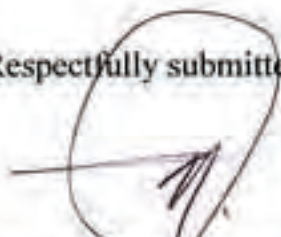
by Col. Stockton for all of his time and efforts by becoming the first “Life-time Honorary Member of the Bullwhip Squadron” with all present and future dues suspended.

Well, the “fun” had just begun as we were soon involved in numerous trips to Ft. Rucker to coordinate many projects with General Allen including the first several BWS reunions as an organization and trips with SMAJ DeFloren to Amory, Mississippi to get original signatures on Squadron Certificates from CSM “Rabbit” Kennedy.

On one particular visit to Miami, Colonel Stockton had me sit at his desk where I was instructed to open each drawer and had its contents described to me. Colonel Stockton said that “when” anything happened to him, he wanted me to insure that all property was properly transferred to Rita, his wife. Shortly, thereafter, he called me and informed me that he and Rita were going to Canada to visit his daughters; that his phone were being transferred to me; and that I should screen all calls and advise him of anything that required his attention that couldn’t wait until his return home. He also, strangely, sent me a “copy for file” of his OBIT that he had previously sent to the USMA Association of Grads, as well as a copy of his DD214. I found that to be very odd only to be followed by his Death Certificate from Quebec, Canada soon afterwards. I still have all of those documents.

Shortly after the Colonel’s demise, I received a call from General Allen advising me that the Squadron had grown; that he recognized the extra workload with “The Colonel” being gone and that he had several Squadron members at Ft. Rucker to “take up the cause”. He instructed me to turn over all “books, records and funds” and thereafter the Squadron would be administered there. I must note that with the resources and dedication of those Ft. Rucker members, the Squadron benefitted greatly. Most noteworthy, in my mind, is the very professional expansion and publication of the Newsletter. It is, however, only as good as the stories and input from members. I would therefore encourage you to take the time to jot down some thoughts and submit them for publication. I’m sure if Col. Stockton were here - he would appreciate it!

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Michael J. Bogdue
Formally and Forever a Proud Member of C Troop, 1/9 Cav 1965



The Early Days—How the Bullwhip Squadron Association was Born!!

Guidance from Bullwhip 6 to Mike

FROM : JB/HN STOCKTON 305 573 1928 PHONE NO. : 305 573 1928

0945 est Mon 16 Oct 95

Mike Bogdus, pls

On the treadmill just now I had this hot flash about the rank dilemma on your membership cards. Why not just assign ea member a Bullwhip # in numerical order of receipt @ Boca? Reserve the single digits & allocate these to the Old Guard. Start w/ David Allen as BW #1 (I'll take "6" and Kennedy "7" if they're available). Maybe Joe Steine as BW #2, etc. Then your first membership application as BW #11 and go on from there in order of your receipt, w/o fear or favoritism. If you stay w/ 1965 rank, then remember I was an LTC then.

We can talk more about this when you come down if you want. But the decision is yours w/ blessing of DJA. All I do is counsel / advise.

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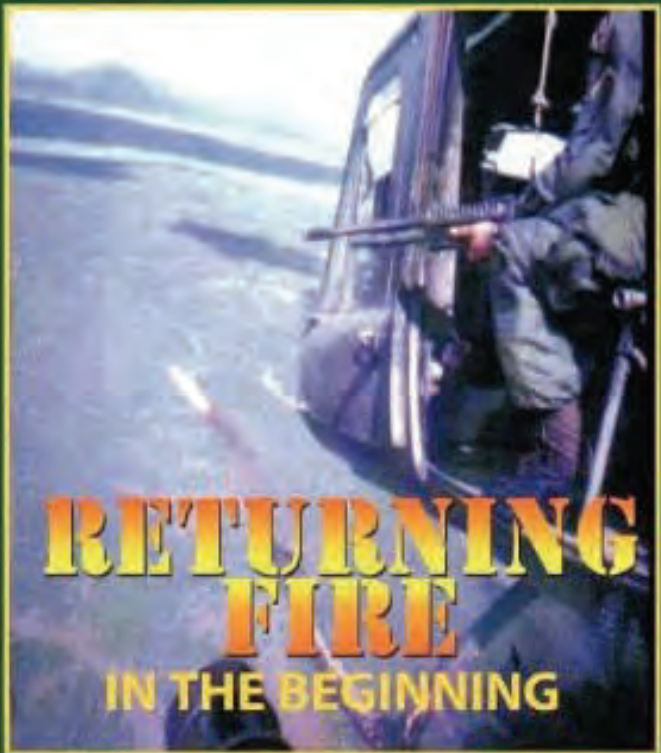
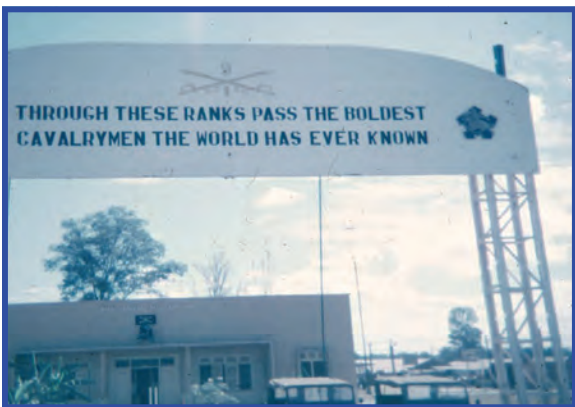
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