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You made a powerful and positive impact on the United States Senate Youth Program delegates during Washington Week. Your remarks added an important dimension to the program.

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the 43rd Annual United States Senate Youth Program Yearbook and an endorsement letter from Senator Susan Collins — the first program delegate to be elected to the U. S. Senate.

Each of the 104 student delegates — chosen by the Chief School Officer in each of our 50 states, the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity — was awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship. Transportation and all expenses for the week in Washington for the delegates will continue to be provided by the foundation. No government funds are utilized.

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The directors and program staff of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation thank you for your interest in these outstanding students and for your support of this unique program of the United States Senate.

With appreciation,

Rita A. Almon
Program Director

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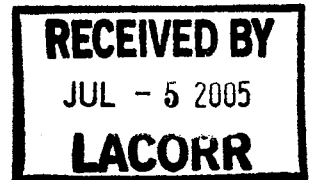
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Dear Fellow Delegates:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the United States Senate Youth Program for the outstanding experience it provides to the future leaders of our nation. Your program gives its delegates a first-hand look into how our country's government functions and has inspired many of us to become more involved in public service.

I have the honor and privilege of being the first delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program elected to the U.S. Senate. My commitment to public service was reinforced as a senior in high school during the 1971 Washington Week when I met with Senator Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman in history to serve in both the House and the Senate.

To the thousands of alumni of this unique program in the U.S. Senate, I know that many of you are and will remain active in public service on a national, state, or local level. I am pleased to hear of the activities of my fellow alumni and encourage you to remain in contact with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation so that we may know of your continued successes.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

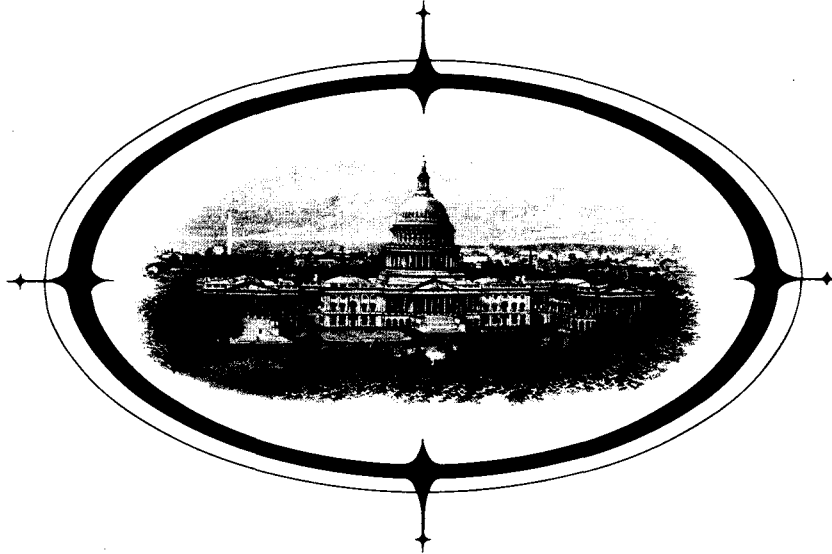


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Senator Susan M. Collins of Maine
with 2005 delegates, Cara Pavlak
and Andrew Edwards

44th Annual



United States Senate
Youth Program

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 4 — 11, 2006

104 STUDENTS WILL EACH RECEIVE:

One week in our nation's Capital

A \$5,000 college scholarship

All expenses paid

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The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 2005-2006.

INTRODUCTION

In 1962, the United States Senate voted unanimously to endorse a nationwide youth program that would bring high school students to Washington, D.C., for a brief on-site introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular, the United States Senate.

The program was created and originally authorized by Senate Resolution 324 (see back cover) and continued in succeeding years by unanimous action of the Senate.

The resolution specified that the program should be "supported by private funds with no expense to the federal government". The William Randolph Hearst Foundation made available the necessary funds and, each year, two high school juniors or seniors from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia have participated in this unique experience.

In early 1981, the U.S. Senate amended Resolution 324 to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense Education Activity in the United States Senate Youth Program (see back cover).

THE PROGRAM

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) will be held in Washington, D.C., from March 4 — 11, 2006.

The 104 student delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout their week's stay. Delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense and directors of federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington Week, including transportation, hotel and meals. (See number 3 under Rules regarding DoD Education Activity.)

A registered nurse will be available to delegates at all times and a physician will be on immediate call throughout the week.

The military services will provide specially selected men and women officers to serve as escorts for the student delegates while in Washington.

In addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work, the student delegates rank academically in the top one percent of their states. They continue to excel and develop impressive qualities that are often directed toward public service. The program is proud that among the many distinguished former delegates are Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the first program delegate elected to the Senate; Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals; former Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt; Presidential Advisor Karl Rove and former Presidential Advisor Thomas "Mack" McLarty. Additional distinguished alumni are former Lt. Governor of Idaho David LeRoy, U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Christopher Christie, Foreign Service officers, military officers, members of state legislatures, top Congressional staff, healthcare providers and university educators.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Two student delegates and a first and second alternate will be selected from each state and the District of Columbia by the chief state school officer. A program examination — prepared each year by a distinguished professor of political science — will be provided for the selection process.

The office of the Department of Defense Education Activity, Washington, D.C., will be responsible for the selection and confirmation of their delegates and alternates.

Military dependents who reside and attend schools in the United States may apply for the program under the PERMANENT RESIDENT ruling as shown below.

Alternate delegates will be selected as replacements in the event a primary delegate is for any reason unable to participate in the program's Washington Week. If the primary delegate is unable to attend the Washington Week, the foundation must be notified in advance. Appropriate disposition of scholarship funds will be determined by the program director.

The foundation will provide \$1,000 to each state-level department of education to assist with the selection expenses for the program.

Selection will be based solely on the outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected or selected high school student officers of the 2005–2006 school year. A student, who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2005 semester/quarter, is not eligible to apply for the program.

1. Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to the program, and is currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:
 - a. Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
 - b. Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
 - c. Student council representative
 - d. Student representative elected or selected (selected by a panel, commission or board) to district, regional or state-level civic or educational organization.

2. Each student must be a PERMANENT RESIDENT of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state (including for these purposes the District of Columbia) in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. A student attending a school which is located in a state other than the state of legal residence of either one of such student's parents or guardians is not eligible.

Exceptions to the permanent residency requirement will only be made in the following cases:

- a. Students from Department of Defense Education Activity will represent the state(s) of which the parents/guardians are U.S. legal voting residents.
- b. Interstate Compacts (by consent of the U.S. Congress) presently exist between New Hampshire–Maine and New Hampshire–Vermont, authorizing school districts to legally traverse state borders. Students in these schools are eligible to make an application for this program only through the states where the schools are located.

For general program information and State-level Selection Administrator contacts, please visit the United States Senate Youth Program website www.ussenateyouth.org. Applications may be obtained from high school principals or the State-level Selection Administrators. Deadline dates vary at state level depending on the selection process.

RULES

1. At state level, applications must be obtained from high school principals or the State-level Selection Administrators. Deadline dates vary at state level depending on the selection process.

2. The chief school officer from each state, the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity must submit in writing to the foundation by December 1, 2005, the names of their two delegates and alternates. After the confirmation of the delegates and alternates is received by the foundation, the foundation will forward to the delegate a statement of participation to be signed by his or her parents or legal guardians, a copy of the rules and scholarship regulations and other pertinent information relating to the delegate's stay in Washington.

3. The foundation will arrange transportation to and from Washington, D.C. It will be the responsibility of the local school district, local secondary school, parents and/or legal guardians to transport (at their expense) each delegate to and from the nearest commercial airport, bus terminal or railroad station.

The Department of Defense Education Activity will provide round-trip transportation for their two delegates from their homes to Washington, D.C.

4. No tours or side trips will be permitted by individual delegates while traveling to or from Washington, D.C., or while in Washington, D.C.

This policy also includes any program, conference or event of another organization, which is conducted in Washington, D.C. or the surrounding area during the time frame of the USSYP Washington Week.

The following dates and time frames are strictly observed for Washington Week arrivals and departures of student delegates (pending weather conditions, availability of non-stop flights and jet service) to and from The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. — Eastern Time: arrival on Saturday, March 4 between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. and departure on Saturday, March 11, between 5:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Exceptions may be made for the students from the Department of Defense Education Activity, Hawaii and Alaska. USSYP will only provide round trip transportation from a delegate's home location to Washington, D.C. Full adherence by all students to the official USSYP Travel Policy is required.

5. No recognition or arrangements for individual religious services will be made during Washington Week. A group interfaith inspirational service will be held on Sunday at The Mayflower Hotel for students who wish to attend. This policy will be strictly observed from the time the student delegates arrive at the Washington area airports and/or The Mayflower Hotel until return to their home sites.

6. During Washington Week, the program does not provide individual or group jogging, running, swimming, weight-lifting, combined training or aerobic sessions, etc.

7. Each delegate will be the guest of the United States Senate throughout the program and will be required to conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to assure that neither the United States Senate nor the United States Senate Youth Program will be discredited as a result of the conduct of such delegate.

8. Rules related to the United States Senate Youth Program and scholarship awards shall be construed, interpreted and applied by the foundation, whose action and determination shall be final and binding.

SCHOLARSHIP

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. To this end, the foundation will make available to each of the 104 delegates selected to participate in the program a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship award, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the adjoining rules. Additional information concerning the scholarships will be provided to the delegates before their arrival in Washington. Certificates representing a \$5,000 scholarship award will be presented to delegates during their visit to Washington — often personally by their senators.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

These rules will govern the award of the \$5,000 United States Senate Youth Program Scholarships for undergraduate studies:

a. To qualify, a student must participate in the United States Senate Youth Program during his or her Washington Week. If a selected student is unable to participate, merits of his or her reasons will be considered by the program director relative to scholarship awards.

b. Within two years after high school graduation, a student is required to enroll at an accredited United States college or university. Scholarship funds may also be designated through an accredited United States college or university account for attendance at an accredited foreign campus, institute or center. The student is encouraged to include government or related subjects in his or her undergraduate program.

c. Eligible students must complete the United States Senate Youth Program Application for Grant of Scholarship form, have it signed by the dean of admissions or registrar, affixed with the college or university's official seal, and forwarded to the foundation.

d. The \$5,000 scholarship is designated for the specified student's educational expense within a four-year undergraduate study period. Under the program IRS Rules, these funds cannot legally be given directly to a student and are designated for tuition, enrollment and other fees and charges, or room and board provided or approved by the college or university. Funds not utilized by the designated student are to revert to the general scholarship fund of the college or university and utilized at the discretion of the college or university.

e. The student must notify USSYP immediately if he or she does not intend to utilize the undergraduate scholarship funds within the four-year period. If college or university enrollment is delayed or enrollment is interrupted because of personal illness or a family emergency, the student may seek an extension of the scholarship fund availability — subject to the USSYP program director's specific review and approval. When a scholarship is "on hold" for a student's use, USSYP must be notified by October 15 each year whether or not the scholarship will be utilized.

f. Students attending military academies (U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard) may draw the USSYP scholarship to purchase required military uniforms, books, computer equipment and other educational materials.

g. A student will automatically forfeit eligibility for a scholarship award by failure to fulfill the above rules, or in the event of misconduct as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

♦ RESOLUTION 324 ♦

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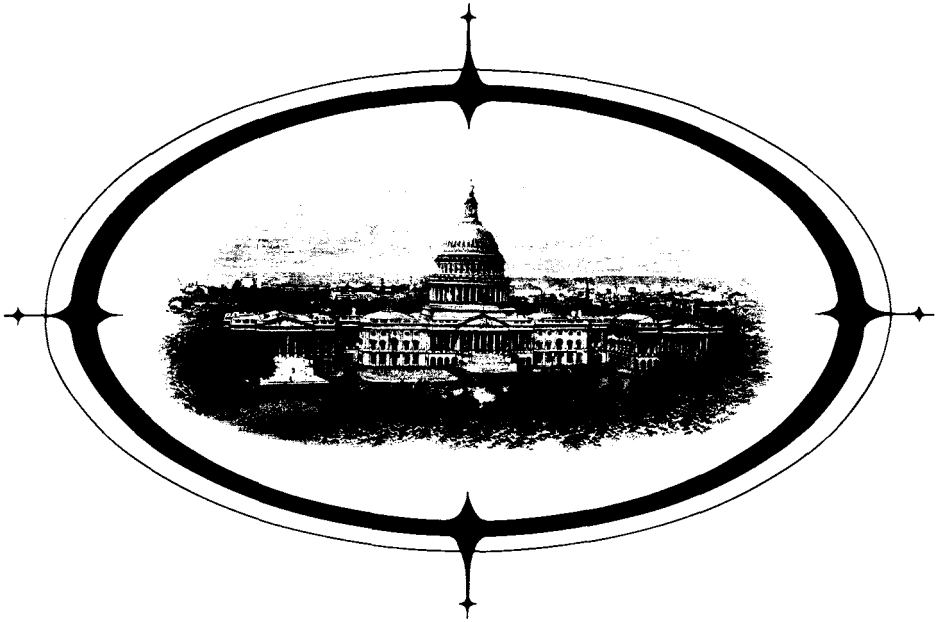
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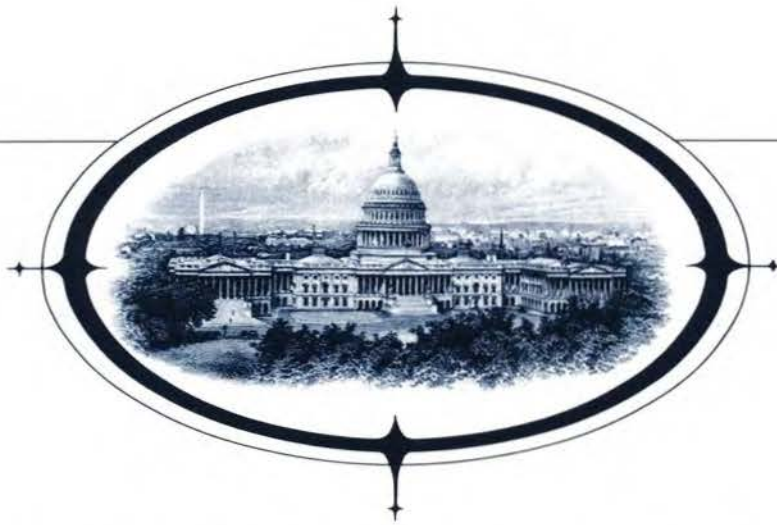
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"In the end, it is the institution of the Senate. It is the Senate itself as one of the foundations of the Constitution. It is the Senate as one of the rocks of the Republic."

Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana
(The Senate's longest-serving Majority Leader 1961—1977)

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United States Senate Youth Program

WASHINGTON, D.C.
FEBRUARY 26 — MARCH 5, 2005

This book seeks to tell the story of the 43rd Washington Week of this unique youth program of the United States Senate.

The week of February 26 — March 5 was memorable, as once again 104 student delegates came to their nation's capital to see, to question and to reflect on their government and perhaps on their own roles in its future. The week was memorable for itself — and for the many special events and people that were part of it.

The United States Senate Youth Program was in every sense a learning experience.

The student delegates not only met with our national leaders, they shared ideas and perspectives with their peers from every state in the nation.

Administered and completely funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation since 1962, the program utilizes no government funds. Each delegate is awarded a \$5,000 scholarship for undergraduate studies at an accredited United States university or college.

While no book could fully capture the events of Washington Week in the hearts of the student delegates, we hope these pages and pictures offer insights to another highly successful year.

Our sincere gratitude to the many across the country in the high schools, state-level departments of education and in our nation's capital who provided valuable contributions to this significant week for the student delegates.

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Without Freedom of Thought there can be no such Thing as Wisdom; and no such Thing as Public Liberty, without Freedom of Speech.

Benjamin Franklin



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Foundation President

Dear Delegates,

Warm congratulations to the student delegates for your participation in the 2005 Washington Week. We are certain your week in the nation's capital reinforced your individual commitments to responsible, well-informed citizenship, and the virtues and challenges of public service.

The Hearst Foundation is honored to sponsor this unique 43-year partnership of education, youth and public service — the United States Senate Youth Program.

The program highlights exceptional young people, many of whom are considering a career in government, politics and lawmaking. The opportunity to see our government in action and to spend time with Senators and other high-ranking officials is a rare introduction to an honorable tradition. We have many people to thank.

Our appreciation is extended to the 2005 program Co-Chairs, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, as well as to the many other distinguished speakers who shared their time with you, the delegates.

The U.S. Senate and the program highly value the important role of the Council of Chief State School Officers each year in the selection process across the country for the delegates.

Very likely you are as proud as we are that among the many distinguished alumni are: Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the first program delegate elected to the U.S. Senate; Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals; former Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt; Presidential Advisor Karl Rove; and former Presidential Advisor Thomas "Mack" McLarty.

The program's mission shall continue so long as there are young people in America with a dedication to academic excellence and a desire to serve their communities.



Christian Osmena
of California



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of Maryland



Vivek Viswanathan
of New York



Kaitlin Spak
of California



Jamarr Brown
of South Carolina



Andrew Edwards
of Maine

Senator Susan Collins (USSYP Maine 1971) is the first program delegate elected to the United States Senate. Addressing the 40th Anniversary class of delegates in 2002, the Senator presented the program with a formal Senate Resolution to “honor and pay tribute to the thousands of exemplary student delegates.”



Randy Brantley (North Carolina 1981), right, Aniket Shah (New Jersey 2005), Nick Hemond (Rhode Island 2005), and Patrick Martin (Illinois 2005)

Program Alumni Continue to Provide Dynamic Encouragement for Delegates



Natalie Voris (Missouri 1996)
Gabriel Amo (Rhode Island 2005)
William Kesler (North Carolina 2005)



Among the alums who welcomed the 2005 delegates to Washington on arrival day was Robert R. Middleton, Jr. (District of Columbia 1966), who coordinated the reception table where each delegate phoned home to confirm their arrival.

Michael S. Sundermeyer (Missouri 1969) recruited and organized alumni to staff the mentoring tables.



Sherry Deckman (Pennsylvania 1996), left
Paige Wigginton (Virginia 2005)
Joanna Erny (Kentucky 2005)



The United States Senate Youth Alumni Association, a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1999 and has forged and maintained ties with thousands of program alums. In addition to on-going activities throughout the year, alumni gather annually during Washington Week to attend the Association's dinner and board meeting. Proudly, the program alumni continue to have a pivotal presence during Washington Week.

Alumni working in the fields of education, government, business, healthcare, law and journalism shared their professional experience and provided networking opportunities for delegates. A new feature was added this year — the college experience — and alums pursuing undergraduate degrees were on hand to answer questions.

First Female Senate Pages Appointed — May 14, 1971: The tradition of Senate pages dates back to the 1830s, when Senator Daniel Webster appointed a boy to run errands and serve as messenger — and hundreds of boys have since followed. Not until 1971, however, did any girls follow that path. On May 14 of that year, two 16-year-old girls broke another gender barrier to become the first female pages.



SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
of TEXAS and her delegates,
Ashley Young (left) and
Jennifer Yamada

Giving Equality to Girls and Women in Our Society: “Utilizing 100% of Our Talent and Creativity.”

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison is the first woman to represent Texas in the United States Senate. Not only was she re-elected to her second term with the largest number of votes ever received in Texas, but the Senator was also chosen in 2001 to serve as Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference — to become one of the top five leaders of Senate Republicans.

The Senator is honored to serve as this year's Co-Chair and enthusiastically congratulated the 43rd generation of program delegates. “This program has produced the leaders of this country — including my colleague Senator Susan Collins, who is the first USSYP delegate elected to the Senate, and many judges and high-level government officials,” stated the distinguished legislator. “It is proven,” Senator Hutchison continued, “this program is going to give you a big head start in life.”

Turning to her powerful role in the next Congress, the Vice Chairman of Senate Republicans said there are two major issues to be addressed, namely Social Security and the war on terrorism. “When Social Security was passed in Congress in 1935,” the Senate leader explained, “life expectancy in America was 64, whereas today men and women are expected to live 75 to 80 years.” Of course, this results from American progress, but it also requires efforts to “shore up Social Security.” Therefore, the Senator stressed, “It is very important that the President take the leadership position that he has to ask Congress to work with him to come up with a plan that would make sure that Social Security does not implode and remains available for our younger generations.” As with all major policy decisions, “there are several options on the table, including personal accounts or maintaining the system as it is,” said the leading Republican. “I just hope we can find one that will be a bi-partisan solution so that we will be able to keep Social Security intact for you,” concluded the 2003 winner of the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service.

A leading voice on U.S. foreign policy and national security issues, Senator Hutchison serves as a U.S. delegate to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (aka the Helsinki Commission). She deals with the “war on terrorism” at home and abroad, and argued that “the importance of that effort is essential to maintaining and strengthening freedom in America and around the world.” Recounting “the call to past generations of World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam,” the Defense Subcommittee member of the Senate Appropriations Committee proclaimed, “our generation was called on September 11, 2001 to defeat an enemy that would take away our freedom.” Citing the difficult elections in Afghanistan and Iraq, the experienced foreign policy analyst said, “I am beginning to see what happens when people taste freedom.” Hence, defending a country and a world in which “living in diversity is a good thing that strengthens people is our challenge,” emphasized the Senator.

Selected as one of the thirty most powerful women in 2001 by *Ladies Home Journal*, Senator Hutchison called attention to the significance of “utilizing 100% of our talent and creativity” by giving equality to girls and women in society. And, the co-author with her female Senate colleagues of *Nine and Counting: The Women of the Senate* argued that those societies in which women are not educated and involved in decision-making suffer from the lack of “enlightened participation.”

In conclusion, Senator Hutchison shared some the significant findings from her recent research on the personal stories and critical character traits of powerful women. Her interviews with such notables as Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, astronaut Sally Ride and journalist Barbara Walters, to name a few, revealed that perseverance, curiosity, hard work and learning were the most commonly cited traits by women in positions of leadership.

In 1968, the Senate established the Senate Commission on Art and gave it the responsibility to “supervise, hold, place, protect, and make known” all works of art and historic objects in the Senate wing of the U.S. Capitol and Senate office buildings.

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
of HAWAII and his delegates,
Kristine Duong and Troy Hashimoto

From Disparate Cultures and Traditions — Shared Unique American Strengths

“Aloha! Congratulations on a job well-done,” began Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka. “I’m glad to have the opportunity to speak with you as the Democratic Co-Chair of the 43rd program,” continued the Senator. “This is not any program that brings young people to our nation’s capital, but the Senate Youth Program,” he emphasized. Senator Akaka graciously recognized his Republican Co-Chair, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and thanked her “for sharing this leadership honor,” and further expressed his sincere gratitude to the Hearst Foundation for this program which “makes such a big difference in the lives of our young citizens.”

Senator Akaka, a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee, stated clearly “the USSYP means opportunity — an opportunity to witness first hand the operations of our government and to share our differences and similarities.” This powerful champion of the rights of indigenous peoples continued earnestly “it is in these similarities and differences that we see some of America’s great, great strengths.” The Senate leader on issues dealing with Freely Associated States and U.S. Pacific Territories stressed “we (Americans) celebrate our diversity while working toward common ideals.” He referred to several examples that are fundamental to American democracy: “We all desire and work to maintain ‘free speech’ even if we don’t agree with what is being said, we cherish freedom of religion even if the next person prays in a church whose teachings conflict with what we pray for, and we want to ensure that people can participate in government and in electing leaders even if their



vote may cancel our own.” Senator Akaka summarized, “this brief review conveys a sense of America — the place we call home.”

Adopting another approach, Senator Akaka said let’s look at your USSYP opportunity “from the perspective of individual and collective heritage.” Citing his personal experience, he continued “I’m the only native Hawaiian in Congress and the only person of Chinese ancestry in the United States Senate.” The World War II veteran and Senate Armed Services Committee member added, “the U.S. is a leader in the world partly because of our ability to recognize and utilize the potency of our combined diverse citizenry.” Moreover, “in a world that is too frequently torn by ethnic and religious conflicts, we can demonstrate to others how racial and ethnic harmony in the United States provides a balance that encourages a stable democracy, provides for functioning societies and sustains the most powerful economy in the world.” Still, “there are many challenges ahead, and I speak for all of my Senate colleagues when I say that we believe in each of you and feel fortunate to have you all to help meet current and future needs with the spirit of Aloha,” concluded Senator Akaka.

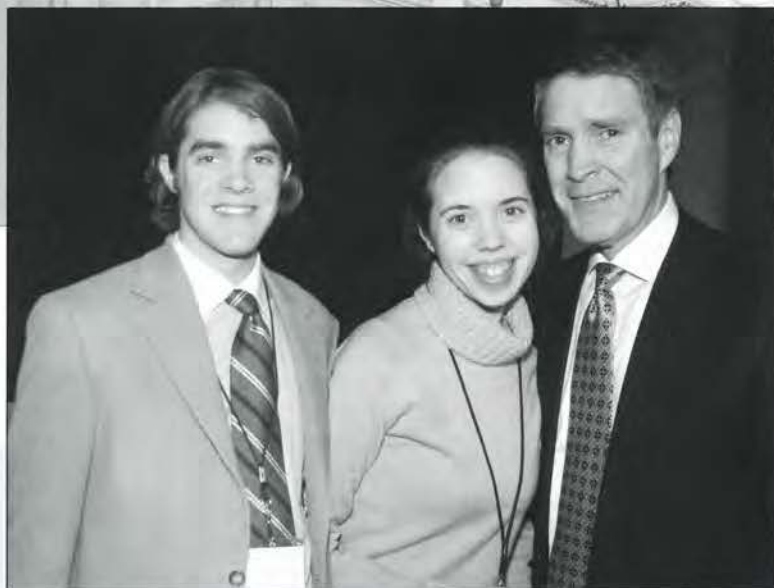


Distinguished Educators Joined Delegates for Washington Week

DAVID VODILA (left), President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals
LAURALEA BAUER, Texas Education Agency
BLAIN SHINNO, Hawaii Department of Education



SENATE LEADERSHIP:



SENATOR BILL FRIST of TENNESSEE, Majority Leader, and his delegates, Michael Lawyer and Angela Perkey

U.S. Congress than any previous leader. And, Senator Frist's unique blend of medical and policy expertise has allowed him to serve as one of only two congressional representatives to the United Nations General Assembly during the 107th Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist joined the Leadership Luncheon directly from the Senate floor where the outcome of crucial legislation balanced on a vote or two. The board certified surgeon admitted that the transition from life-saving heart transplant surgery to critical (but not life threatening) Senate arm-twisting was not something he had anticipated. Indeed, some Senators have teased the heart specialist that he "might be needed to revive colleagues, not congressional bills." Still, the first practicing physician to be elected to the Senate since 1928 was delighted to congratulate the 43rd generation of USSYP delegates and emphasize the fact that "your being here is the result of a Senate resolution some forty years ago and it is a great accomplishment."

Following twenty years in medicine, Senator Frist turned his professional commitment to helping people from individual patient care in operating rooms and private practice to broader public service in national and international forums. Winning a hard-fought Senate race in Tennessee in 1994 "with a lot of hard work, popular support, and the grace of God," the 18th Senate Majority Leader in our nation's history has risen quickly through Republican ranks. Republican Senators unanimously elected him Majority Leader in 2002, and Dr. Frist now serves as the 14th Republican Floor Leader having served fewer total years in the

Senator Frist's expertise in healthcare, especially infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS), bioterrorism and organ transplantation, allows him to knowledgeably address pressing social health issues. Before joining the Senate, Dr. Frist took many trips to Africa where HIV/AIDS kills tens of millions of people every year. He shared with the riveted audience that "it is wonderful to be able to work in the Senate, with Senator Dick Durbin, who is a champion in the fight against global HIV/AIDS, and the President to pass an \$18 billion package to address this dreadful problem." He's also focused on the high price of prescription drugs in the United States.

Another facet of his medical experience assists him daily in the Senate and that is his "emphasis on listening." He acknowledged that "this is a very chaotic time and a commitment to listening helps to negotiate the divides." This is essential, he said in response to several questions, not only because "civility is expected of public servants, but the American people do not view problems or solutions as simply Republican or Democratic." He closed with a quote from the great 20th century Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill: "It takes great courage to stand up and speak, and great courage to sit down and listen."

Civil Rights Act of 1964. On June 10, 1964 the Senate voted to end a five-months-long debate. After 534 hours, 1 minute and 51 seconds of filibuster, then Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen provided the votes that made cloture possible. The formal Senate vote (73-27) on the historic bill for the cause of human rights took place on June 19, 1964. Majority Leader Mansfield historically noted of his distinguished colleague, Senator Dirksen, "This is his finest hour. The Senate, the whole country is in debt to the Senator from Illinois."

Civility and Strength of Purpose



SENATOR RICHARD J. DURBIN
of ILLINOIS, Democratic Whip, and
his delegates, Patrick Martin (left)
and Dallas Woodrum

Senator Richard J. Durbin, the current Senate Democratic Whip, enthusiastically welcomed all of the 2005 USSYP delegates from across the United States. He called attention to the rich history of the Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building (site of the USSYP Leadership Luncheon) in which hearings have addressed: why the Titanic sunk; whether communists threatened our democracy as Senator McCarthy claimed; if Clarence Thomas should serve on the United States Supreme Court; and more recently, should Mr. John Ashcroft become our Attorney General.

While studying in Washington D.C., the Senate Minority Whip worked as an intern to then Illinois Senator Paul Douglas. Senator Douglas was an inspiring mentor because he held a Ph.D in Economics and while serving as a local alderman and professor, he enlisted in the Army at the age of 50 following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and lost the use of his left arm while fighting in Okinawa. Every day a young Senator Durbin was able to ask innumerable political, historical and philosophical questions of Senator Douglas. That experience led Senator Durbin to "know that I wanted to work in the U.S. Senate."

Following fourteen years of distinguished public service in the U.S. House of Representatives, the 47th U.S. Senator from Illinois joined the 1,884 Senators in the history of the United

States. In January 1997, he followed the historic tradition of "scratching one's name in the bottom of the drawer of your Senate desk" beneath that of Senator Paul Douglas and many, many others. The

proud Senator added, "I tell you that because some of you might want to run for office, but feel you don't have family or financial connections" and "I just want to say that the door is there for you to open." "All of us U.S. Senators, historically and currently," continued the Democratic Whip "are people just like you." Senator Durbin further inspired the delegates when he recounted that "as the number two Senate Democrat behind Senator Harry Reid, I was offered a few tickets to the President's annual 'State of the Union' address," and "my staff and I decided to invite a wounded soldier, Major Tammy Duckworth." "I didn't know her or her story," admitted the Senator, "but Tammy Duckworth is a Blackhawk helicopter pilot in the Illinois National Guard who was called up for duty in Iraq." While serving "Tammy's helicopter was hit by a rocket attack and even though she was severely injured, she landed the helicopter safely." In talking with this extraordinary young woman who has lost portions of both legs Senator Durbin asked her if there was any way he could help her and she replied "Senator, I want to stay in the Guard and fly helicopters."

Major Tammy Duckworth's courage, commitment and determination made a lasting impression on Senator Durbin — and he encouraged us all to meet life's challenges with similar strength of purpose.

The people made the Constitution, and the people can unmake it. It is the creature of their will, and lives only by their will."

Chief Justice John Marshall
(The Power of the Courts — Marbury v. Madison, 1803)



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
ANTHONY M. KENNEDY

Photograph from the Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States

The Supreme Court of the United States: Where Justice Has the Definitive Word

Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy captured — or perhaps “enlightened” — the attention of the eager 2005 USSYP delegates from the moment he entered the courtroom of the highest national lawmakers. Beginning with The Enlightenment, the Justice advised the delegates that their best security was “in the world of ideas.” He recounted how our Framers, like the great Enlightenment figure Isaac Newton, were fascinated by clocks and gears, machines and models that worked, and most importantly, ideas.

The Constitution, drafted by these enlightened Framers, has fascinated the avid historian and Justice. He stated that he has “interpreted the meaning of the document throughout his legal education and career, and still marvels at the foresight of the Founding Fathers.” It is simply remarkable, Justice Kennedy said, that the model the Framers created was so flexible: “the U.S. Constitution was conceived of and written with enough versatility to be able to address the many different issues that have arisen throughout the centuries of our history.”

In the battle of ideas raging during that crucible of time, the idea of a written constitution, which promoted rational and orderly discussion of ideas, was a huge shift. Reminding the delegates that Harry Potter’s nemesis, Lord Voldemort, urged “there is no good and no evil, there is only power,” Justice Kennedy argued that the Constitution opposes this nihilist and Nietzschean view. Power must give way to reason when rights are written and enforced.

Turning to his own task, Justice Kennedy pointed out that, unlike other branches of government, the Supreme Court is “confined to a language which is the law.” Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution provides that “judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States and Treaties.” Specifically, “the supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact.” The Supreme Court has no press or military to publicize or enforce its rulings, Justice Kennedy emphasized.

The Harvard Law School graduate also maintained that the Supreme Court is “unable to directly affect national issues as they come up.” The Supreme Court is not involved “until a controversial issue is referred to the high court,” which often happens when the matter has achieved divided results from the lower courts. Each year the Supreme Court reviews nearly 8,000 contested cases and selects approximately eighty for oral argument and disposition. In this way, the Supreme Court is “confined to its function” as the authoritative branch which defines “what the law is.”

President Ronald Reagan nominated Justice Kennedy as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and he took his oath of office in February 1988. Prior to his present appointment, Justice Kennedy served on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. A native of Sacramento, he began his legal career in private practice in San Francisco and Sacramento, and also taught constitutional law at the University of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law.



ROBERT H. HENRY, J.D.
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Tenth Circuit

The Constitution: “The Most Remarkable Document Ever Written in English”

Scholar and distinguished federal appellate judge Robert H. Henry offered a hearty congratulations to the enthusiastic student delegates. The 1971 USSYP delegate from Oklahoma then

said, “In your Hearst Foundation welcome packet, I call your attention to two special items. First, you have a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution, which, along with the Declaration and Bill of Rights, is the most remarkable document ever written in English. Second, and appropriately from the Foundation which derives from a great newspaperman’s philanthropy, you will find a press notebook, the kind that working reporters continue to use.” These two handouts are in the nature of flying buttresses: “the free press and the Constitution keep the American edifice free-standing.”

First in a wide-ranging “Socratic monologue,” and then in dialogue, Judge Henry discussed judicial activism, Constitutional history, and current events. The former Attorney General of Oklahoma commented that activism is not always easy to define. He noted that cases termed “activist” have included *Marbury v. Madison* and *Brown v. Board of Education*. In a recent newspaper column, “someone wrote judicial activism began with Chief Justice Earl Warren which is, of course, completely false.” Judge Henry continued, “serious judicial activism began with Chief Justice John Marshall. He led the Court during the turbulence of our country’s formative stages” and “made incontrovertible the Supreme Court’s previously uncertain right” to review laws for constitutionality. Judge Henry pointed out that it is always a battle not to be overly “activist” when interpreting unclear legislation, Constitutional passages purposely left “flexible,” like the “necessary and proper” clause, or passages broadly amended, such as the post-Civil War Amendments that eventually led to *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The veteran judge asked the attentive delegates if they had read Malcolm Gladwell’s *The Tipping Point*, which has a similar thesis to the “paradigm shift” of Thomas Kuhn’s *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Judge Henry continued that “some ideas are so important scientifically that they shift paradigmatic thinking 180 degrees. I think there are also American ideas of democracy that don’t tip, but clash in such a way that they uplift the cathedral ceiling. My ‘flying buttress theory’ refers to both great ideas and powerful personalities in history.”

Judge Henry next discussed how the clash between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson exemplifies his “flying buttress theory” of American federalism. The two leaders had different philosophies: Jefferson supported states’ rights and a limited federal government, while Hamilton favored a strong federal government, economic power, and judicial review. Judge Henry later described how this theory plays out in contemporary relations between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. Despite judicial review, “the judiciary has neither sword nor purse.” “When push comes to shove, the Court doesn’t have the power to enforce its decisions.” The court system is buttressed by the two other branches of government.

Judge Henry further explained that “Congress can limit the jurisdiction of the lower courts, and it can overrule Supreme Court decisions by passing constitutional statutes or by instituting constitutional amendments.” According to Judge Henry, “electoral politics eventually dictate the Supreme Court’s composition.” In conclusion, “the court has to be careful where it treads” because it must, eventually, answer and explain its reasoning to the American people.

Undoubtedly, Judge Henry and the inquisitive delegates enjoyed a vibrant exchange of ideas and philosophies.



Reginald Williams of the
District of Columbia



Rachel Okunubi of the
District of Columbia



Gabriel Lade of Oklahoma



Munim Deen of Oklahoma

43rd ANNUAL SENATOR RECEPTION

The distinguished reception in the historic Senate Caucus Room drew well over half of the Senators from the demands of their floor and committee activities. The Senators proudly came to visit with their states' top student leaders, present college scholarship certificates to the delegates and pose for photographs.



Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas with Frank A. Bennack, Jr., foundation director and gift committee chair



Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York with Victor F. Ganzi, foundation director



Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana (center) and his delegate, Katherine Rada, with William Randolph Hearst III, foundation president

THE LEGACY CONTINUES: FOUR GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS OF WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

Lisa Hearst Hagerman (left)
Anissa B. Balson,
foundation director
Samia Staehle
Virginia H. Randt,
foundation director
George Hagerman
(back row, left)
Dana Randt
Daryl Staehle





Senator Barack Obama of Illinois signed a \$5,000 college scholarship certificate for each of his delegates, Patrick Martin and Dallas Woodrum.

Senate's role: "First to protect the people against their rulers (and) secondly to protect the people against the transient impressions into which they themselves might be led."

James Madison, paraphrasing Edmund Randolph (Founding Fathers)



Senator James Jeffords of Vermont with Vincent LePeltier and Anna Schulz



Senator Susan Collins of Maine with her state's delegates, Andrew Edwards and Cara Pavlak



Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland with John Conomikes, foundation director



Senator Mark Dayton of Minnesota enjoyed a long visit with his delegates, Thomas Leeper and Laura Nelson



Senator Craig Thomas of Wyoming and Mrs. Thomas enjoyed visiting with their delegates, Miriah Dobbs and Andrew Henley

WARM GREETINGS THE PRESIDENT OF



On the sunlit March afternoon, President George W. Bush enthusiastically welcomed the delegates and military escort officers during their educational tour of The White House.

The President proudly presented a surprise guest — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

NOTE



FROM THE UNITED STATES



NANCY J. POWELL
Acting Assistant Secretary of State
for Legislative Affairs
Department of State

Diplomacy: Our First Line of Defense and Offense

With the backdrop of the historic Diplomatic Rooms, Ambassador Nancy J. Powell spoke after lunch with the delegates from across the country. She eloquently stated, "One derives an overwhelming sense of history from being among the furnishings that have witnessed many of the great events that are the heritage of our nation."

Ambassador Powell began by clarifying the gap between the Hollywood image and the reality of being an ambassador on the ground. While "there is glamour and honor in being the President's representative to the people of the country to which you are accredited," the seasoned diplomat told the delegates, "the success of the mission depends on working effectively with a group of people who have many different tasks and many different personal and bureaucratic backgrounds." In Pakistan, "we used a technique developed in the State Department called the 'country team' in which each representative at post participated from the various government agencies." She continued, "we developed a specific plan for Pakistan that concentrated on six main areas: Counter-terrorism, Regional Stability, Development Aid and Education, Public Diplomacy, Resource Management, and American Security." "Our number one goal, as you might guess, is encouraging Pakistan's efforts to counter terrorism," conveyed the Ambassador.

Secondly, we worked on "regional stability." Pakistan lives in a very dangerous neighborhood. "When I arrived to serve as Ambassador in August 2002," said the experienced foreign service officer, "the news headlines in both New Delhi and Islamabad were announcing the impending war between India and Pakistan — two nuclear countries." Fortunately, the Ambassador continued, "through the efforts of people in both of those countries, as well as of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, etc., the two countries have been able to disengage, and are now involved in what I think will be a rather lengthy peace process." In addition to the Kashmir issue that developed out of Independence in 1947, she reported, "we are actively supporting the efforts of President Musharraf and

*To the Senate on July 10, 1919,
President Woodrow Wilson
personally delivered the Treaty
of Versailles, which ended World
War I and established the
League of Nations.*



President Karzai of Afghanistan to establish a working relationship that contributes to regional security." Now, "there are new trade protocols and booming trade between Afghanistan and Pakistan, and both countries have the ability to become a transit route of Central Asian gas and oil for the Indian market where there is an enormous energy deficit," said the incisive diplomat.

Within Pakistan, "the USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development), our development assistance agency, supports programs in education and health," emphasized the Ambassador. Since "Pakistan is one of the poorest countries in the world, it has a very low literacy rate, especially for girls in poor, rural areas," she continued. This affects not only socio-economic development but basic health needs. "While there are some very highly educated Pakistanis, including women," noted the sophisticated diplomat, "overall their system has not kept pace with the educational needs of the country as it emerges into the 21st Century." In this regard, assisting the education of foreign nationals like Pakistani university students through visa reform is a critical issue. The State Department is working diligently, she related, "to try to streamline educational visa processes — not to eliminate them — so that we can enroll eligible foreign students in our universities." She appreciatively claimed, "not only do foreign students return with their education, but also with lasting impressions of American students, like you, and our democracy in action."

"Another crucial form of education is public diplomacy," said the veteran South Asia and Africa specialist. "Our approval ratings in Pakistan are very low, while Osama bin Laden's ratings are very high," Ambassador Powell stressed. As mobility is restricted by American staff security issues, using technology to reach audiences is paramount. Chat rooms, radio stations and journalists' training all work to "get our side of the story out," said the Ambassador.

Emphasizing that many alumni of this unique program of the U.S. Senate have developed rewarding careers in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Powell welcomed the delegates to consider these gratifying public service options.



KIM R. HOLMES, PH.D.
Assistant Secretary of State
Bureau of International Organization Affairs

Multilateral Diplomacy Promotes Peace, Democracy, Security and Growing Economies

Meeting with the delegates in the Loy Henderson Room of the Department of State, Assistant Secretary of State Kim Holmes presented a vibrant view of the intricate work of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs — advancement of U.S. policies and interests through multilateral diplomacy in the United Nations and other international organizations around the globe.

Dr. Holmes, the former principal spokesman on foreign and defense policy issues for the Heritage Foundation, involved the students in an extensive question and answer session. With knowledge and experience, he discussed the principles of engagement that reflect the five U.S. foreign policy priorities:

- Preserving peace and protecting the innocent
- Placing multilateralism at the service of democracy, freedom and good governance
- Helping those in desperate need
- Advancing results-oriented development
- Urging United Nations reform and budget discipline.

The delegates heard the message loud and clear: The United States is proud of its record in helping to found organizations like the United Nations that play important roles in global affairs — to make the world more secure, democratic and prosperous. Key to U.S. efforts is effective multilateral diplomacy based on principled, consistent leadership and core values.



AMBASSADOR BRUCE LAINGEN
President, American Academy of Diplomacy

A distinguished, career diplomat and scholar, Ambassador Laingen through the years has shared time and valuable insights with the program delegates. The American Academy of Diplomacy is an eminent non-profit, non-partisan, elected society of men and women, who have held positions of major responsibility in the formulation and implementation of American diplomacy. These dedicated public servants and the Academy's activities focus on programs designed to help enhance the quality of American diplomacy and to build greater public understanding of the critical role played by diplomacy in America's foreign policy process.



Each table of delegates enjoyed educational conversations over lunch with knowledgeable representatives of the Department of State.

The delegates and education guests were delighted to receive docent tours of the 18th century style Diplomatic Receptions Rooms, which are under the accomplished direction of Gail F. Serfaty. The collection of museum-caliber American furnishings of the period has been acquired with the generous tax-deductible contributions from public-spirited citizens, corporations and foundations.



LIEUTENANT GENERAL
NORTON A. SCHWARTZ, USAF,
Director of the Joint Staff, with the delegates
from the Department of Defense Education
Activity, Brianna Carroll and Mark Norsworthy



America's Military: "Lean and State-of-the-Art Trained for the New World"

Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz welcomed the delegates to the Pentagon, "It is a privilege to stand before the very best of America's youth." As Director of the Joint Staff, the three-star Air Force General directly assists the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Richard Myers. In sharing his personal story of growing up as an average kid from New Jersey, graduating from the Air Force Academy, receiving major defense service and merit awards, and now, directing the Joint Staff, he emphasized the singular importance of "public service." "It is what has made this country strong over the years, and it is what inspires people to do things beyond their beginnings." In this regard, General Schwartz encouraged the students, "as you make some very fundamental decisions about your own futures — where to go to college and what to study — focus on developing a compass for success that will bring honor to your self, your friends and family and of course, your country."

Turning to his job in the Pentagon, General Schwartz, a thirty-year veteran, called attention to a "very important principle in America — civilian control of the military." There is "no such thing as a military coup in this country" because the U.S. Constitution clearly states that the "Congress of the United States will raise armies, which is both literally and figuratively true." In our country, "civilian leadership decides how the military will be organized, how it will be resourced and how it will act in the interests of the United States." In short, reported the General, when it "came to putting a plan together to go to war in Iraq, the Joint Chiefs and their support staffs worked very hard to garner the best military advice for the President, Secretary of Defense and Congressional

leadership." Therefore, "when very profound decisions are made — to take military action, to purchase equipment, to open or close bases — they are based on the best military advice."

The Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 identifies the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) as the senior ranking member of the Armed Forces. As such, the Chairman is the principal military adviser to the President. He may seek the advice of and consult with the other JCS members and combatant commanders. When he presents his advice, he presents the range of advice and opinions he has received, along with any individual comments of the other JCS members. The primary responsibility of the Joints Chiefs of Staff is to ensure the readiness of their respective military services. Within this structure "every branch of the American military is fairly represented," and despite friendly competition between the various services, "each brings its own knowledge and experiences which together is much more capable than any individual branch alone." The President "nominates a candidate for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, which is sent to the United States Senate for advice and consent. Typically, it follows a hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee."

Whether engaged in "Deliberate Process" (planning for the war in Iraq for nearly one year) or "Crisis Action" (response to Tsunami or other disasters) planning, "interagency communication and cooperation is the 'coin of the realm,'" explained the former Director of Operation for the Joint Chiefs. General Schwartz took many of the delegates' questions and discussed additional pertinent topics — among them the deep understanding across the country of the economic contributions of military installations (some recently selected for closure) in communities and the social value of an all volunteer fighting force.

The Armed Forces of the United States — under the auspices of the Secretary of Defense — provide specially selected men and women officers to serve as volunteer Escort Officers for this unique program of the U.S. Senate. This offers the Armed Forces an opportunity to interact on a personal level with the student delegates, providing a direct opportunity to gain a better understanding of Defense missions, personnel, and lifestyle. Escort Officers are role models for and offer strong influences on an impressionable group of young American leaders, many of whom have only a limited understanding of the role of the Armed Forces in American society.

On January 2, 1947, the United States Senate established the Committee on Armed Services, which has responsibility for the comprehensive study and review of matters relating to the common defense policy of the United States.

The Delegates' Dedicated Escort Officers



(Left to right) LT. Jessica Crandell, USCG; Major Desiree Wineland, USA; 1st LT. Karlyn Joyce, USAF; LT. Eugenio Anzano Jr., USCG; LCDR Quentin Kent, USCG; Captain Sidney Cobb Jr., USA; LT. Meghan Filson, USN; Major Stephen Cox, USMC; Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF; 1st LT. William C. Atkins, USAF; Major Geoffrey Weiss, USAF; LCDR Robert Ballister Jr., USN; Major Wendy Goyette, USMC; Captain Michael Hunzeker, USMC; Captain Gerard Dempster, USMC; LT. Kate Higgins, USCG; LT. Catherine Eyrich, USN



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UNITED STATES ARMY BAND



OLD GUARD FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

BERND FISCHER, Ph.D.

Minister of Economics

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany



Petition to Younger Generations: Embrace Expansive Global Opportunities and Challenges

"Being with you tonight brings back fond high school memories when I and an American student briefly exchanged places and wrote about our experiences in our own student newspapers," Dr. Bernd Fischer, Minister of Economics of the German Embassy, heartily shared with the delegates. "It was a highlight in an otherwise fearful time," he recalled. Within his own lifetime, he reported, Europe has experienced "a little miracle as the Cold War has given way to a peaceful united Europe." Free from the terrible threat of nuclear annihilation, the professional diplomat described the peace and prosperity now felt throughout an expanding European Union. "Overcoming historic divides is a tedious process," acknowledged the experienced diplomat. However, new opportunities for joint efforts to meet current and future challenges arise as a result.

In a sweeping overview of contemporary European and German perspectives and policies, the Minister emphasized several major political, economic and cultural issues. Politically there are two core problems — namely, terrorism and poverty. German policy focuses on assisting the United States in stopping terrorism. In Afghanistan, for instance, he reported that Germany is one of America's most active partners in making sure that it does not "become a haven for terrorists again." Equally important, said the distinguished economist, is eradicating stifling Third World poverty, which creates conditions that can contribute to the development of terrorism. To this end, Dr. Fischer said, the United States and Europe contribute essential financial and intellectual resources. "Modernizing development assistance through political reform in order to avoid the cancer of corruption," is also a high priority, said the seasoned diplomat. At times, however, American unilateralism differs sharply with European multilateralism and support for the United Nations.

Economically, employment and trade remain at the top of national and international policy agendas, conveyed Dr. Fischer. A critical development being widely studied in corporate headquarters and university classrooms around the world is outsourcing. Theoretically, outsourcing suggests that "companies produce goods and services where it can be done most profitably (meaning at the lowest price) and relying on the transportation system, sell them where they can be sold at the highest price." One example of this approach is "Wal-Mart which is one of the ten biggest business partners in China." Another is the fact that "Volkswagen and Porsche both produce the bodies of their SUVs (sport utility vehicles) in Slovakia." As a result of outsourcing, "many German (and European)

production jobs of the 1950s, 60s and 70s have been moved to Eastern Europe or Latin America." However, "because we in Europe had to overcome postwar devastation, we are as proud of our economic success and productive power as overcoming political divisions."

More broadly, the question remains: "Is an integrated world economy the answer to maintaining economic growth in advanced countries while overcoming crushing poverty in the developing world," said the diplomat.

Another aspect of modern economic integration is, of course, "trade and the rules that guide it." With previous restrictions of trade with the former Warsaw Pact disintegrating with the Berlin Wall, European businesses look increasingly to the east for trade and investment opportunities. Developing a trade regime with "fair chances for everyone" is an extremely complicated and demanding project that becomes evermore significant as outsourcing continues. Is cross-border movement of goods and services international trade or internal business operation? Moreover, Dr. Fischer, the father of high school students, maintained the success of foreign investment and global trade (outsourcing) depends on "good educational systems."

In conclusion, the former German Cultural Attaché to Japan called attention to the need for "new cultural bridges." Historically, the "old common ideal of protecting democracy that united western societies during the Cold War does not fit unfolding social relationships." Within contemporary Europe, "younger generations are incredibly close to each other and increasingly feel 'European.'" However, Dr. Fischer suggested that "a new cultural binding material between an integrated Europe and America has not been found yet." He continued, "vehicles to enhance cultural understanding, such as educational exchange programs, are hampered by a palpable post 9/11 sense of security threat." The optimistic diplomat encouraged the outstanding young leaders to embrace the wonderful opportunities and challenges that lie before them — not only in their immediate future in Washington — but as they work hard throughout their lives to create an increasingly peaceful and prosperous world.

Germany is celebrating Einstein Year in 2005 in a joint initiative launched by the Federal Government, science, industry and culture. The occasion is the 100th anniversary of the Theory of Relativity and the 50th anniversary of the death of the world-famous scientist. At school, he thought about questions, which his teachers did not ask — and later revolutionized the foundations of physics. The brilliant scholar lived and taught in Berlin and Potsdam from 1914 until immigrating to the United States in 1933.

Delegates State Their Views on the Education System

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP) takes a position that "building capacity to improve teaching and learning requires a significant long-term investment for implementing systemic improvement and raising individual student and school-wide performance levels."

The 2005 delegates have by all accounts 'succeeded' in securing a meaningful education through their high school years. In this year's education survey, the delegates share their candid views on the factors that enhanced or impeded their learning experience.

Parental Involvement

When asked which personal traits they credited with their success in school, 54% attributed their success to "parental support", 26% to "teacher quality" and 15% to "school academic standards". Well over a majority of delegates (76%) cited their parents' role in their education as "always positive". Twenty-two percent of delegates said their parents were "usually helpful" and only 2% indicated their parents' role was "financial only". When asked why some students succeed while others fail, the largest number of delegates — 40% — indicated that "more parental" support was a factor.

[A national study has found that parental involvement is a greater predictor of academic success than economic status, parent education level and ethnicity or race.]

Teacher Quality

Twenty-six percent indicated that teacher quality was an essential factor to students' success at school. While "teacher quality" is difficult to determine, one traditional indicator is the level of teachers' educational attainment:

- Public — 41% of teachers hold master's degrees
- Private — 30% of teachers hold master's degrees

[Public schools with low minority enrollment (less than 10%) and schools with low percentages of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (less than 15%) both have higher percentages of teachers with master's degrees than those with high minority enrollments (50% or more) and those with high percentages of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (30% or more)].

Technology

Only 5% of the delegates indicated that "access to computers" was an essential factor in their school success.

- In fall 2002, 99% of public schools in the United States had access to the Internet.
- Public schools have made consistent progress in expanding Internet access in instructional rooms, from 3 percent in 1994 to 77 percent in 2000 and 92 percent in 2002.

Class Size

Ninety-seven percent of delegates said small classes — 20 students or less — help them learn better.

- Class size in public and private schools differ:
 - Public School — 23.4 students per class
 - Private School — 20.3 students per class

"I believe education, public or private, is a gift from one generation to the next. Those who receive this gift must make the most of it to honor the givers."

— 2005 Delegate

- Eighty-five percent of delegates attend public schools, while 15% attend private schools.
- The average delegate school size was 1057 and the average graduating class was 249.

[Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools increased 19% between 1988 and 2001 and is projected to increase 4% between 2001 and 2013.]

Delegates' Time Management

Most delegates (48%) found their school years "enjoyable", 20% indicated their school years were "challenging" and 13% felt they were "interesting".

Managing their time was "difficult" for 58% of the delegates, "no problem" for 41%.

Goals in Education

The delegates of 2005 diverged from previous classes in their education goals. For the first time in recent years, the delegates ranked first the desire "to prepare for life" (39%), a close second was the traditional front runner "to acquire knowledge" (35%) and unchanged in third place was "to prepare for a career" (23%). "To obtain a degree" came in fourth place (9%), while "earning capacity" trumped "to please my family".

The average income for students graduating from postsecondary institutions compared with those graduating from high school:

Males

- High School Graduate: \$34,303
- Bachelor's Degree: \$56,334

Females

- High School Graduate: \$24,000
- Bachelor's Degree: \$40,000

Education Priorities of Delegates' Home States

Thirty-one percent of the delegates indicated their state's November 2004 ballot contained an election initiative. Twenty-four percent rated their state's emphasis on education "fair" and 48% rated the emphasis "good". Thirteen percent said "mediocre" while 10% said their state's emphasis was "poor" and another 6% ranked their state's emphasis as "innovative".



Adam Berry of Maryland



Allison Sutton of Nevada



Geoffrey Buller of Ohio



Erin Chase of South Dakota



Kejia Tang of Massachusetts

National Day of Remembrance Act of 2001 (S.J. Res. 25 Considered and Passed by the U.S. Senate on October 11, 2001.) “(1) remembering those who tragically lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, and honoring the police, firefighters, and emergency personnel who responded with such valor...”

CONGRESSMAN
LEE H. HAMILTON
Former Member of the
U.S. House of Representatives

A Poignant Call: “Integrate Our International Efforts”

A former leading Democratic U.S. Representative from Ninth District in Indiana for 34 years, Congressman Lee Hamilton generously shared almost two hours with the delegates at breakfast — and answered their many questions.

The former Vice Chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks on the United States (also known as the 9/11 Commission) quickly turned his attention to a subject he has conscientiously focused on throughout his career. Congressman Hamilton noted that “we should observe that we have been very fortunate in this country in that we have not been attacked in 3 -1/2 years since September 11th.” He added “that does not mean that the threat is fading.” Indeed, he continued, “we know that the terrorists want to attack us again.”

President Bush’s appointee to the President’s Homeland Security Advisory Committee called the riveted delegates’ attention to what he defined as their foremost “generational challenge” — “winning the war on terrorism.” To do so, Congressman Hamilton outlined several requirements: “First, identify the threat (which is not as easy as it sounds); Second, integrate all of the tools of American power; Third, secure international help; and Fourth (and most obvious to all of us) gather and utilize very good intelligence.”

The veteran statesman, who also currently serves on the U.S. Commission on National Security in the 21st Century, identified the crucial questions of whom, why and how. Specifically, he asked:

- “How do we identify the threat, or put another way, who is the enemy?”
- Are we fighting an enemy acting out of hatred of America or one that hates American policies — whether in Saudi Arabia or Egypt or Israel?
- Are we fighting a single global organization, coordinated by a uniquely powerful hidden leadership, or countless organizations around the world?”

On the 9/11 Commission, “we concluded the enemy is two-fold: one, al-Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden, that struck us on 9/11; and two, an enemy that expresses a radical ideology, inspired in part by al-Qaeda that has spawned terrorist groups across the globe.” Clearly, “it is a very difficult question and it makes a big difference how you answer it,” said the experienced foreign policy maker.



“How do you put together all of the tools of American power to deal with terrorism?” asked the Congressman. “If you believe that we can deal with terrorism by applying only one of the military, economic, covert or diplomatic actions,” he continued, “may I respectfully suggest you don’t understand the depth of the threat.” What we need is a comprehensive strategy that balances all of the elements of American power. “Terrorism has to be stopped by all the tools of American power,” he continued, and that’s why “integration is the key.”

As we integrate American power, said the Congressman, “we have to integrate our international efforts.” In short, “what we have come to learn is that as smart, rich and strong as we are, we cannot do it alone.” From “securing international aviation to local law enforcement,” the 9/11 Vice Chairman stated, “working with partners is not a luxury; it’s a necessity.” Equally important in dealing with the ‘generational challenge’ of promoting economic progress and political reform that will undercut the influence of radical actions and ideologies in the world is to avoid a “pie in the sky attitude.”

Finally, “I believe all of us would agree the single most important thing we can do to fight terrorism is to have good intelligence,” said Congressman Hamilton. Let me say, he continued, “after working with them for over thirty years, that I think that the United States intelligence community, all 15 agencies of it, is filled with very capable people dedicated to their task with extraordinary commitment.” Still, the knowledgeable expert maintained, “the tragic story of 9/11 is a failure of the intelligence community to put it all together.” Frequently the 9/11 Commission heard, “It wasn’t my responsibility.” So, “we made major recommendations in the field of intelligence, including the appointment of a Director of National Intelligence with real power.”

Let me conclude: “In the end it’s not really about what kind of America we want, it’s really about what kind of world we want,” said the Hoosier statesman. “Achieving that kind of a world, where children grow up safe and without reason to become terrorists,” said the grandfather, “requires drawing very deeply on all of our reservoirs of American power, idealism, and justice.”

In 1798, Congress established the U.S. Marine Hospital Service — predecessor of today's U.S. Public Health Service — to provide health care to sick and injured merchant seamen. In 1870, the Marine Hospital Service was reorganized as a national hospital system with centralized administration under a medical officer, the Supervising Surgeon, who was later given the title of Surgeon General.

VICE ADMIRAL
RICHARD H. CARMONA, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S.
Surgeon General of the United States

Effectively Shaping Health Policy for the 21st Century

Admiral Richard H. Carmona eagerly shared his pathway to becoming the “doctor of the nation,” that is, the 17th Surgeon General in the history of the United States. Given his humble beginnings as a high school drop-out in a poor neighborhood of New York City, he said “I was a young man with a better chance of winning the lottery than becoming Surgeon General.” But, the Admiral emphasized, “My personal history bespeaks of the greatness of this country.”

The combat-decorated Vietnam veteran declared he is “privileged to continue to serve his country as Surgeon General.” Applying his education and patriotic commitment, Admiral Carmona said his “job on paper is to protect and advance the health, safety and security of the nation.” However, he continued, “it is an extraordinarily difficult job to do because there are infinite needs and finite resources, and every day I realize that I (and all those that work with me) speak for the American people.” The Surgeon General's role is to address preventable health problems (including obesity and diabetes, tobacco related diseases and AIDS) and promote scientific research and public education. Admiral Carmona described the crucial elements of the “Year of the Healthy Child” campaign.

The Office of the Surgeon General is concerned not only with the unprecedented rates of Type II diabetes, hypertension and cancer accompanying our increasingly overweight young population, but also the work force implications in terms of physically demanding jobs in military and public protection (police, fire fighters, etc.). Recognizing the multifaceted issues involved in promoting health to all Americans, Admiral Carmona claimed that “health literacy is making sure that the American people understand that there is an epidemic before us and actions must be taken to improve the diet, exercise and environment of all people — especially children.”

Consistent with these goals is Admiral Carmona's “adamant opposition to tobacco which is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S.” Four decades ago, “Surgeon General Luther Terry published the first report on the hazards of smoking,” he reported, and “in May I published a Surgeon General's report on the health consequences of smoking, and still we have 440,000 people dying of tobacco related diseases each year.” Together “obesity and cigarettes cause the death of more than 750,000 people and cost several hundred billion dollars every year, and that does not include consideration of quality of life issues,” explained the Surgeon General.

The “lack of health literacy in the United States” also contributes to concerns over the value and application of scientific research. For example, stem cell research policy requires “a balance of scientific discovery and ethical and religious views.” While an “intersection



of all voices contributes to policy, the American public needs to be educated so that it doesn't base its positions on sound bites, and thereby limit scientific discovery that can protect and improve life,” said the head of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Similarly, “education and safe practices are the only approach currently available to limit the spread of HIV/AIDS which is wiping out entire communities,” said the UCSF medical school graduate. Development of drugs must also be governed by “full disclosure of relationships between pharmaceutical company laboratories, private sector investors, and government research and development funds.”



Oscar Baca of Arizona (left)
Brian Kamoie (USSYP Pennsylvania 1989)
Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Nicholas Tzitzon (USSYP Massachusetts 1998)
Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Tyler Bosmeny of Arizona

Original Ledger Found: "Probably the oldest book of consecutive accounts kept by government officers," noted an 1885 newspaper article, "is a time-worn volume kept in the office of General Anson G. McCook, secretary of the senate." Marked S-1, this financial ledger records nearly a century of salary and mileage payments to senators, from 1790 to 1881. McCook, recognizing the ledger's importance, had it restored and rebound in 1884. In the early 1960s, S-1 and nearly sixty other financial ledgers were stored in the basement of the Capitol, and then forgotten. Rediscovered in late 2002, this collection is a unique treasure of Senate history.

History, Protocol and Rules Offer Invaluable Balance



EMILY J. REYNOLDS
Secretary
United States Senate

WILLIAM H. PICKLE
Sergeant at Arms
United States Senate



The offices of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, the Chief Parliamentarian and the Senate Historian offered invaluable insights to the intricate workings governing this legislative body. Through open discussions, the delegates gained an important understanding of the interplay of rules, procedures, precedents and strategies.

During their visits with the Senate officers, the delegates were also briefed on development of the The Capitol Visitor Center — Democracy's Front Door, which is scheduled to open during the Spring of 2006. The Center will offer an enhanced educational experience for the four million people a year that pass through the famous domed edifice of The Capitol.



ALAN FRUMIN
Chief Parliamentarian
United States Senate



RICHARD A. BAKER
Historian
United States Senate

In preparation of this 2005 program yearbook, which highlights the history of the United States Senate, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation deeply appreciates the informative online services and publications of the Senate Historical Office.

A GREAT COMPROMISE: A Dual System of Congressional Representation

July 16, 1987, began with a light breeze, a cloudless sky, and a spirit of celebration. On that day, two hundred senators and representatives boarded a special train for a journey to Philadelphia to celebrate a singular congressional anniversary.

Exactly two hundred years earlier, the framers of the U.S. Constitution, meeting at Independence Hall, had reached a supremely important agreement. Their so-called Great Compromise (or Connecticut Compromise in honor of its architects, Connecticut delegates Roger Sherman and Oliver Ellsworth) provided a dual system of congressional representation. In the House of Representatives each state would be assigned a number of seats in proportion to its population. In the Senate, all states would have the same number of seats. Today, we take this arrangement for granted; in the wilting-hot summer of 1787, it was a new idea.

In the weeks before July 16, 1787, the framers had made several important decisions about the Senate's structure. They turned aside a proposal to have the House of Representatives elect senators from lists submitted by the individual state legislatures and agreed that those legislatures should elect their own senators.

By July 16, the convention had already set the minimum age for senators at thirty and the term length at six years, as opposed to twenty-five for House members, with two-year terms. James Madison explained that these distinctions, based on "the nature of the senatorial trust, which requires greater extent of information and stability of character," would allow the Senate "to proceed with more coolness, with more system, and with more wisdom than the popular[ly elected] branch."

The issue of representation, however, threatened to destroy the seven-week-old convention. Delegates from the large states believed that because their states contributed proportionally more to the nation's financial and defensive resources, they should enjoy proportionally greater representation in the Senate as well as in the House. Small-state delegates demanded, with comparable intensity, that all states be equally represented in both houses. When Sherman proposed the compromise, Benjamin Franklin agreed that each state should have an equal vote in the Senate in all matters—except those involving money.

Over the Fourth of July holiday, delegates worked out a compromise plan that sidetracked Franklin's proposal. On July 16, the convention adopted the Great Compromise by a heart-stopping margin of one vote. As the 1987 celebrants duly noted, without that vote, there would likely have been no Constitution.

In 1913, the Constitution was mended (17th Amendment) to provide for direct popular election of senators, ending the system of election by individual state legislatures.

Office of the Senate Historian

On July 8, 1841, the Senate amended Rule 47, removing reporters from the floor of the Senate chamber and placing them in the eastern gallery, then after known as the "press gallery."

HELEN THOMAS
Washington Columnist for
Hearst Newspapers

Invaluable Principle: "Truth is Our (Journalists') Holy Grail."

Challenging the student delegates, renowned Washington newspaper woman Helen Thomas emphasized the educational leadership opportunities of Washington Week. "This is a chance of a lifetime to meet with the people that lead this country and to take their measure," explained the front row journalist, who has done exactly that throughout the last nine presidential administrations.

In a passionate discussion of many of the pressing issues of the day, including the war in Iraq, Social Security, national security, public service, education, and perhaps, most importantly for tomorrow's leaders, the significance of credibility in government and journalism, the forthright journalist exhibited the invaluable journalist's principle: "Truth is our holy grail." Ms. Thomas' extensive experience in the White House press corps and open-minded approach to delegate questions left a clear impression of an honest broker in the heat of Washington politics.

The admirable journalist emphasized the oft-used phrase "knowledge is power" as she advised "the leaders of tomorrow" to "never let a day go by without reading at least one newspaper — preferably more" because "you should know more about the happenings in the country and around the world." Ms. Thomas maintained "journalists are in a profession where every day we fight for the people's right to know everything that affects their lives and impacts the world." In doing so, experienced journalists often run into a "tendency for those in government at any level — local, state, and national — to be secretive and to covet information that really belongs in the public domain." Of course, the correspondent of nearly six decades acknowledged, "There are national security secrets where lives could be endangered if they were made public that need to be protected." However, she expressed serious concern "about the abuse of the label 'top secret and classified' to cover up attempts to make an end-run around the U.S. Constitution and the courts, which are designed to protect our freedom and individual liberty." Invoking Thomas Jefferson's famous preference for newspapers (if the choice was between them and government), the irrepressible journalist maintained that we "cannot have a democracy without an informed people."

With regard to foreign policy, Ms. Thomas pointed out that "the reasons given to go to war (in Iraq) have all turned out to be false." Despite the administration's claims, which were widely reported



in the press, that "Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and he had ties to al-Qaeda, the terrorist network," she stressed that "two task forces looked in vain for weapons of mass destruction and even the president admitted that there were no al-Qaeda terrorist ties to Iraq." Moreover, she underscored the importance of "our country defying our pledges under international law to invade Iraq and continue to hold suspects in military prisons in Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib." "Although the administration conveniently changed its rationale for fighting for democracy to justify its actions, nothing can erase the fact that the U.S. by its superpower military might has lost its moral compass and all that it represented in the world," claimed the only woman print journalist who traveled to China with President Nixon.

Of course, the seasoned journalist could not conclude her lively exchange with the audience of young leaders without a few critical remarks about her chosen profession — as well as a plug for it as "a career that will use the fullest of your talents." The blurring line between entertainment, public relations and journalism does not serve our democracy's reliance on an informed citizenry.

Ms. Thomas encouraged the delegates to consider journalism a public service career that will allow them to "keep their faces against the window as history unfolds."



Robert Rankey
of Michigan

Aniket Shah of New Jersey



Meredith DeBoom of Iowa

In McGrain v. Daugherty (1927), the United States Supreme Court firmly established the general power of congressional committees to compel testimony from witnesses.



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Centennial Professor Emeritus
Stanford University

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Vibrant Democracy: Debate and Policy Creation

During Washington Week, the delegates participated in Public Policy Discussions — The Supreme Court's opinion in *Elk Grove Unified School District et al. vs. Newdow* (daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in elementary school) and the recently established President's Council on Bioethics. One student from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity received at their

homes an advanced reading assignment on the Supreme Court opinion and the other student received the advance reading assignment on the Public Healthcare Policy issue.

Insightful exchanges with the student delegates were conducted by highly recognized university-level professors: David Danelski, author of several books on law and the courts and recipient of the Hughes-Gossett Award for Historical Excellence from The Supreme Court Historical Society and Brian Kamoie, author of numerous publications on public healthcare and USSYP alumnus in 1989 from Pennsylvania.



The Supreme Court Opinion Discussion



Public Healthcare Policy Discussion

HONORS *from their Senators*

Senators honored their student delegates and presented each with a \$5,000 college scholarship at the 43rd annual reception in the historic Senate Caucus Room.



ALABAMA Senator Richard C. Shelby with Jennifer Huddleston and Carson Moseley

ALASKA
Senator
Ted Stevens
with Katelyn
Baldwin and
David Wilkinson



ALASKA Senator
Lisa Murkowski with
Katelyn Baldwin and
David Wilkinson

COLORADO Senator Wayne Allard with
Julie Markham (left) and Riley McIntyre



ARKANSAS Senator Mark Pryor and Senator Blanche Lambert Lincoln with Jennifer Hirsch and Alexander Schwyhart

COLORADO
Senator Ken
Salazar with Julie
Markham (left)
and Riley
McIntyre



DELAWARE Senator Thomas R. Carper with
Elizabeth McBride and Stephen Giattino



FLORIDA Senator Bill Nelson with Mark Norsworthy (left), Roxanne Bras and Andrew Brannan (right)

GEORGIA Senator Saxby Chambliss with Yuji Huang and Max Winograd



HAWAII Senator Daniel K. Akaka with Kristine Duong and Troy Hashimoto



GEORGIA Senator Johnny Isakson with Yuji Huang and Max Winograd

IDAHO Senator Larry E. Craig with Rachel Esplin (left) and Jennifer Dettori



ILLINOIS Senator Barack Obama with Dallas Woodrum (left) and Patrick Martin

INDIANA Senator Richard G. Lugar with Jaycob Knazur and Katherine Rada



INDIANA Senator Evan Bayh with Jaycob Knazur and Katherine Rada



IOWA Senator Charles Grassley with Nicholas Dial and Meredith DeBoom



LOUISIANA Senator Mary L. Landrieu with Philip Cortese and Rachel Rizzuto



MAINE Senator Susan M. Collins with Cara Pavlak and Andrew Edwards



MARYLAND Senator Paul S. Sarbanes with Thuy Le and Adam Berry

MICHIGAN Senator Carl Levin with Christopher Golski (left) and Robert Rankey

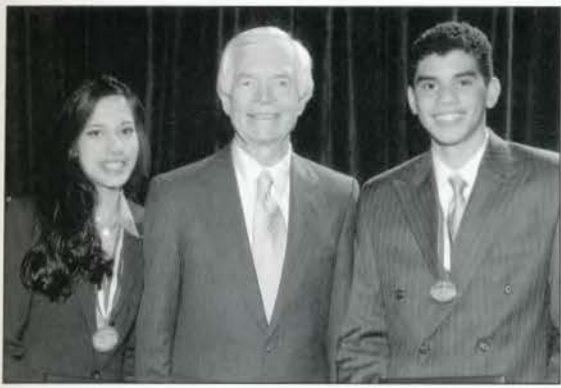


MICHIGAN Senator Debbie Stabenow with Christopher Golski (left) and Robert Rankey

MINNESOTA Senator Mark Dayton with Laura Nelson and Thomas Leeper



MINNESOTA Senator Norm Coleman with Laura Nelson and Thomas Leeper



MISSISSIPPI Senator Thad Cochran with Lauren Jee and Kyle Cockrell



NEBRASKA Senator Chuck Hagel with Sheila Bentzen (left) and Shannon Geis



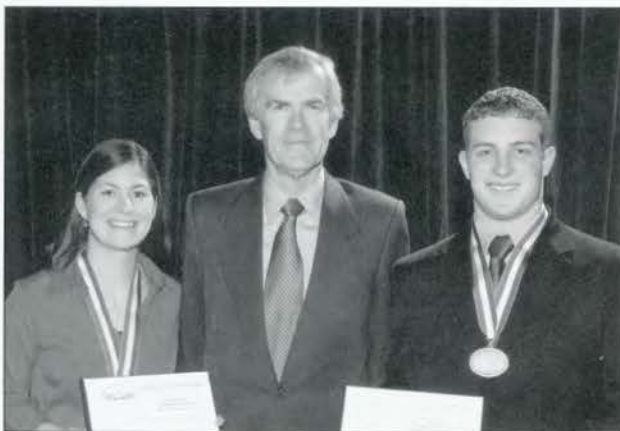
NEBRASKA Senator Ben Nelson with Sheila Bentzen (left) and Shannon Geis



NEW HAMPSHIRE Senator John Sununu with William Allen (left) and Sean Korb



NEW YORK Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton with Stefan Holt (left) and Vivek Viswanathan



NEW MEXICO Senator Jeff Bingaman with Lauren Lilley and Ross Cortese



NORTH CAROLINA Senator Richard Burr with Jessica Dragonetti and William Kesler



OKLAHOMA Senator James M. Inhofe with Gabriel Lade (left) and Munim Deen

RHODE ISLAND Senator
Jack Reed with Nicholas
Hemond (left) and
Gabriel Amo



RHODE ISLAND Senator Lincoln D. Chafee
with Nicholas Hemond (left) and
Gabriel Amo



SOUTH CAROLINA
Senator Lindsey
Graham with Andrew
Walker (left) and
Jamarr Brown

SOUTH DAKOTA Senator Tim Johnson
with Joseph Dosch and Erin Chase



SOUTH CAROLINA Senator Jim DeMint with
Andrew Walker (left) and
Jamarr Brown



SOUTH DAKOTA Senator John Thune with
Joseph Dosch and Erin Chase



TENNESSEE Senator Lamar Alexander with Michael Lawyer
and Angela Perkey

TEXAS Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison
with Jennifer Yamada
(left) and Ashley Young



TEXAS Senator John Cornyn with
Jennifer Yamada (left) and Ashley Young



VERMONT Senator
Patrick J. Leahy with
Vincent LePeltier and
Anna Schulz



VIRGINIA Senator George Allen with Paige Wigginton
and Ryan Millendez



VERMONT Senator James M. Jeffords with
Anna Schulz and Vincent LePeltier

WYOMING Senator
Craig Thomas with
Andrew Henley and
Miriah Dobbs



WASHINGTON Senator Patty Murray with
Mallory Dwinal and Adam Membrey



WYOMING
Senator Michael B.
Enzi with Miriah
Dobbs and
Andrew Henley

Delegates Visit Historic Sights in Our Nation's Capital



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL



IOWA JIMA MEMORIAL



FRANKLIN
DELANO
ROOSEVELT
MEMORIAL

Special Memories . . .



Phoebe Neidhardt of Oregon (upper right) and Adam Membrey (lower right) of the State of Washington offered collective remarks from the 2005 class at the Farewell Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel.

Alabama



Jennifer Huddleston



Senator
Richard C. Shelby



Carson Moseley



Senator
Jeff Sessions

Alaska



Katelyn Baldwin



Senator
Ted Stevens



David Wilkinson



Senator
Lisa Murkowski

Arizona



Oscar Baca



Senator
John McCain



Tyler Bosmeny



Senator
Jon Kyl

Arkansas



Jennifer Hirsch



Senator
Blanche Lambert Lincoln



Alexander Schwyhart



Senator
Mark Pryor

California



Christian Osmena



Senator
Dianne Feinstein



Kaitlin Spak



Senator
Barbara Boxer

Colorado



Julie Markham



Senator
Wayne Allard



Riley McIntyre



Senator
Ken Salazar

Connecticut



Alexander Armstrong



Senator
Christopher J. Dodd



William Haun



Senator
Joseph I. Lieberman

Delaware



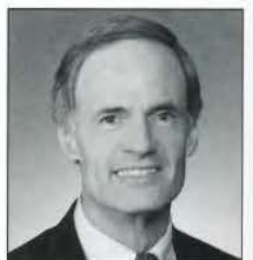
Stephen Giattino



Senator
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.



Elizabeth McBride



Senator
Thomas R. Carper

District of Columbia



Rachel Okunubi



Vice President
Richard B. Cheney



Reginald Williams



Andrew Brannan



Senator
Bill Nelson



Roxanne Bras



Senator
Mel Martinez



Mark Norsworthy

Florida



Yuji Huang



Senator
Saxby Chambliss



Max Winograd



Senator
Johnny Isakson

Georgia



Kristine Duong



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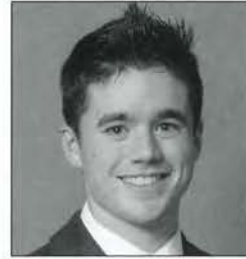
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Over the years since its organization, the foundation has made contributions to numerous hospitals, schools, colleges, art museums, youth clubs and other charitable and educational organizations in the United States.

The foundation has made available the necessary funds for operation of the United States Senate Youth Program, as created and originally authorized by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and continued in succeeding years by unanimous action of the Senate.

The foundation, under the auspices of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication, also sponsors an annual Journalism Awards Program in colleges and universities. The program is designed to encourage excellence in journalism education in writing, photojournalism and broadcast news in colleges and universities throughout the United States. Since 1960, under the program, the foundation has awarded scholarships to students and financial grants to accredited undergraduate schools of journalism.



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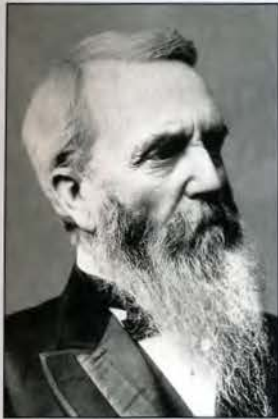
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A Family, A Foundation, A Legacy



GEORGE HEARST

The famous progenitors of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation did not live to see the United States Senate Youth Program come to life in 1962.

Yet each of them — father, mother and son — is forever an important presence each year as the program's young delegates immerse themselves in our nation's capital and listen to its leaders.

George Hearst, the mining pioneer whose skills and industry developed the family fortune, was a United States Senator from California. At the time of his death in 1891, he had served four years of his six year term.

His wife, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, like George, was born on a farm in Missouri. Over the years, through her philanthropy and educational interests she distinguished herself as one of America's most accomplished women. One of her greatest interests was the Parent Teachers Association, which she co-founded in 1897 with Alice McLellan Birney.



PHOEBE APPERSON HEARST

When Phoebe Apperson Hearst died, one educator said "Her charities were as broad as the sea and as silent as the quiet of the night." As the nation mourned, the federal government issued a rare request — to lower all flags to half staff to honor Phoebe's "Long life of good work".

William Randolph Hearst, their son born in 1863, grew to become one of the great legends of American journalism — setting patterns of 20th Century communication as his newspapers recorded history.

Another such family would be hard to find — mother, father and son — all pioneers, all fervent pursuers of progress and all spectacularly successful in their own lives.

The philanthropies of his father and mother were carried on by the son — who gave millions of dollars to colleges, hospitals, kindergartens, museums and social programs. In the decade before his death, William Randolph Hearst created two foundations which bear his name. The two foundations give millions of dollars each year to worthy causes — of which the United States Senate Youth Program is a shining example.



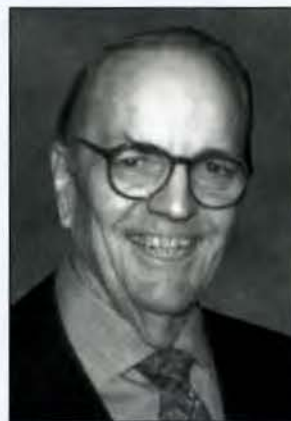
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The program became an extension of the family legacy in 1962. It was envisioned by the grandsons of George and Phoebe, sons of William Randolph Hearst: Randolph A. Hearst and George R. Hearst, Sr. It was authorized by United States Senate Resolution 324, and is administered and funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

In its 43 years, the program has brought thousands of bright students to Washington, sending them home with special insights into their heritage — and granted scholarships to further their educations. Every year the delegates depart with fond memories of their experiences in Washington and with new and lasting friendships forged in shared experiences with their fellow delegates.



RANDOLPH A. HEARST

Their presence is felt every year among the student delegates.

“HERE THE PEOPLE RULE . . .”

Alexander Hamilton
1755 - 1804



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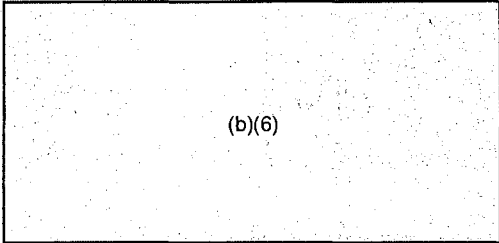
Dear Dan:

I recently learned about your kindness and generosity toward a friend in need. Your remarkable act reflects the true character of our country. I applaud your bravery and compassion.

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Sincerely,

George W. Bush



June 27, 2005

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Dear President Bush:

It was a great honor to meet you and to serve on the prescription drug discussion panel at the Maple Grove Senior Center on June 17, 2005. You can be assured I will continue to do my part to educate my fellow senior citizens on the prescription drug plan.

Thank you for coming to Maple Grove and inspiring us to get the word out on this new drug plan. Your visit was an honor to our city and something my family and I will never forget.

With sincere regards,

Dorothy Bourgeois
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May 29, 2005

President George W. Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

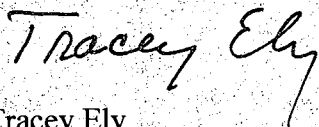
It was a tremendous honor to welcome you to South Carolina last month, and to have the opportunity to shake your hand. That alone would have been something to remember. But to be recognized so publicly for the work I do with the children, and to have an official photo recording the event, along with your personal notes, and your Call to Service award – these things have left me with many wonderful memories, as well as tangible evidence that this really happened! I appreciate that you make the time in your very busy schedule to encourage volunteers like myself. Thank you.

Your visit to Columbia has given me a new opportunity to talk about volunteer work. People who saw me on greet you on TV – sometimes even total strangers – ask me, “How did you get to do that?” So I tell them about how you established the USA Freedom Corps, I tell them about Tutor Eau Claire, and the joy of serving others. We’re planting seeds, aren’t we?

Please give my regards to Mrs. Bush, and tell her how much her campaign for children’s literacy has encouraged me.

My prayer for you and Mrs. Bush is that God will continue to give you both great wisdom and discernment, courage, strength and love, and that He protect and guide you as you lead our great country.

In Jesus’ Name,

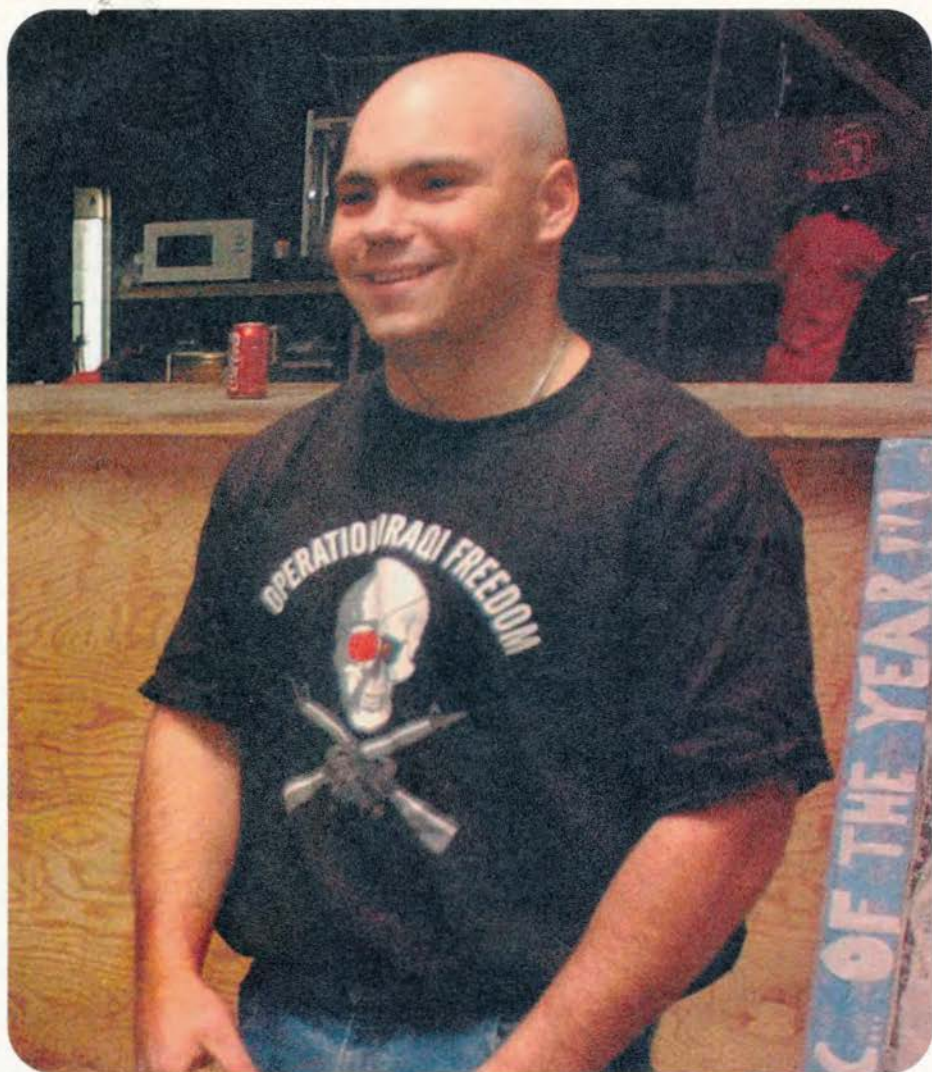


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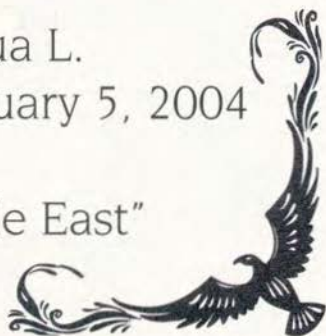
"Keep us Close to Your Heart"



SPC Knowles, Joshua L.

September 28, 1980 - February 5, 2004

"Peace from the Middle East"



Joshua Lincoln Knowles was born September 28, 1980 in Mason City the son of Leslie Dean and Sandra Rae (Cahalan) Knowles. He spent his entire life in Sheffield. Joshua was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockwell. Josh is a 1999 SCMT High School graduate. He was employed with D&L Sanitation and Fareway throughout high school, and was part of the SCMT football and track teams. Following graduation Josh worked at Eaton's Corp, Sukup Manufacturing and Jim's Tree Service.

At the time his Guard unit was mobilized Josh was employed at Woodharbor in Mason City and was taking classes in Criminal Justice at NIACC. He had wanted to make the National Guard his career and was very proud to be a SOLDIER.

In addition to his membership at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockwell, Josh was a member of the Gallagher Post 208 American Legion in Rockwell. He liked to spend time golfing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, playing football, softball, hunting, paintball wars, fishing, woodworking, scuba diving and watching stock car races. He loved his dog Jake and singing Karaoke (even though he did it poorly). Josh's most special times were spent attending his Grandpa and Grandma's fish fries and playing with his cousins and their children.

Specialist Joshua Knowles was killed February 5, 2004, while proudly serving his country as a member of the 1133rd Transportation Company, Iowa National Guard, Mason City, as the unit was deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was 23 years old.

Josh's family includes his parents, Les and Sandy Knowles and his sisters Breanna & Michelle, all of Sheffield; his grandparents: Kenneth & Henrietta Cahalan and Delivan & Audrey Knowles, all of Mason City; aunts and uncles: Deb (Bill) Orozco, Mason City and their children: Rachelle (Mick) Meyers, Tara Orozco; Mona Beasley, Sheffield and her children: Greg (Kerrie) Beasley, Jeannie (Dick) Rodgers, Merilee (Eric) Johnson; Betty (Tom) Gauley, Rockwell and their sons: SGT Kenneth Gauley, Timothy Gauley (fiancée Sue); Pam (Jim) Black, Ventura and their children: Michaela (Dan) Dohlman, Megan Schoning, Robert Black; Marshall (Cathy) Knowles, Manly and their children: Jodi Knowles and Jennifer Knowles; Lorna (Darwin) Meyer, Sheffield and their children: Tawnya (Paul) Willits, Brian (Hollie) Meyer; Cliff (Jolene) Knowles, Urbandale and their children; Melissa Knowles and Aaron Knowles; Josh had a special place in his heart for Rowan Meyers and Kaibrea Schoning and his many other cousins. He will also be missed by his dog, Jake.

Josh is preceded in death by his Maternal Great Grandparents Frances & Geneva Cahalan, John & Sophia Schaer, and his Paternal Great Grandparents Clifford & Edna Knowles and Frank & Myrna Pope.

In Loving Memory

Joshua Lincoln Knowles

BORN

September 28, 1980 - Mason City, Iowa

BAPTIZED

November 2, 1980 - Sacred Heart Parish

CONFIRMED

October 27, 1996 - Sacred Heart Parish

DIED

February 5, 2004 - Baghdad, Iraq

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

10:30 A.M., Saturday, February 14, 2004

CELEBRANT

Rev. Craig Steimel

HOMILIST

Rev. Dennis Cahill

READER

Janice Doane

MUSIC

Ann Wolf - Organist

"American Soldier" - Toby Keith

"On Eagle's Wings" - #439

"I Will Remember You" - Sarah McLaughlin

"Be Not Afraid" - #432

"I Can Only Imagine" - Mercy Me

"Song of Farewell" - #842

"God Bless The U.S.A." - Lee Greenwood

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And All the 1133rd Transportation Company Soldiers

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Rockwell, Iowa

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Joshua

By Michelle Knowles

Joshua-
A name,
A brother,
A son,

Joshua-
Acts like a kid,
An old boy,
A young man;

Joshua-
A friend,
A relative,
A family member;

Joshua-
A human,
A man,
A hero;

Joshua-
A Survivor,
A U.S. Trooper,
AN AMERICAN;

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ACTIVE SERVICE

O God, we beseech Thee, watch over those exposed to the horrors of wars and to the spiritual dangers of a soldier's a sailors or airman's life. Give them such a strong faith that no human respect may ever lead them to deny it, or fear to practice it.

Do Thou by Thy grace fortify them against the contagion Of bad example. That. Being preserved from vice, and Serving Thee faithfully, they may be ready to meet death Whenever it may happen though Christ Our Lord. Amen Sacred Heart, inspire them with sorrow for sin, and grant Them pardon. Mother of God, be with them on the battlefield, And if they should be called to make the supreme sacrifice, Obtain for them that they may die in the grace of Thy Divine Son.

St Joseph, pray for them. May their guardian angels protect them.



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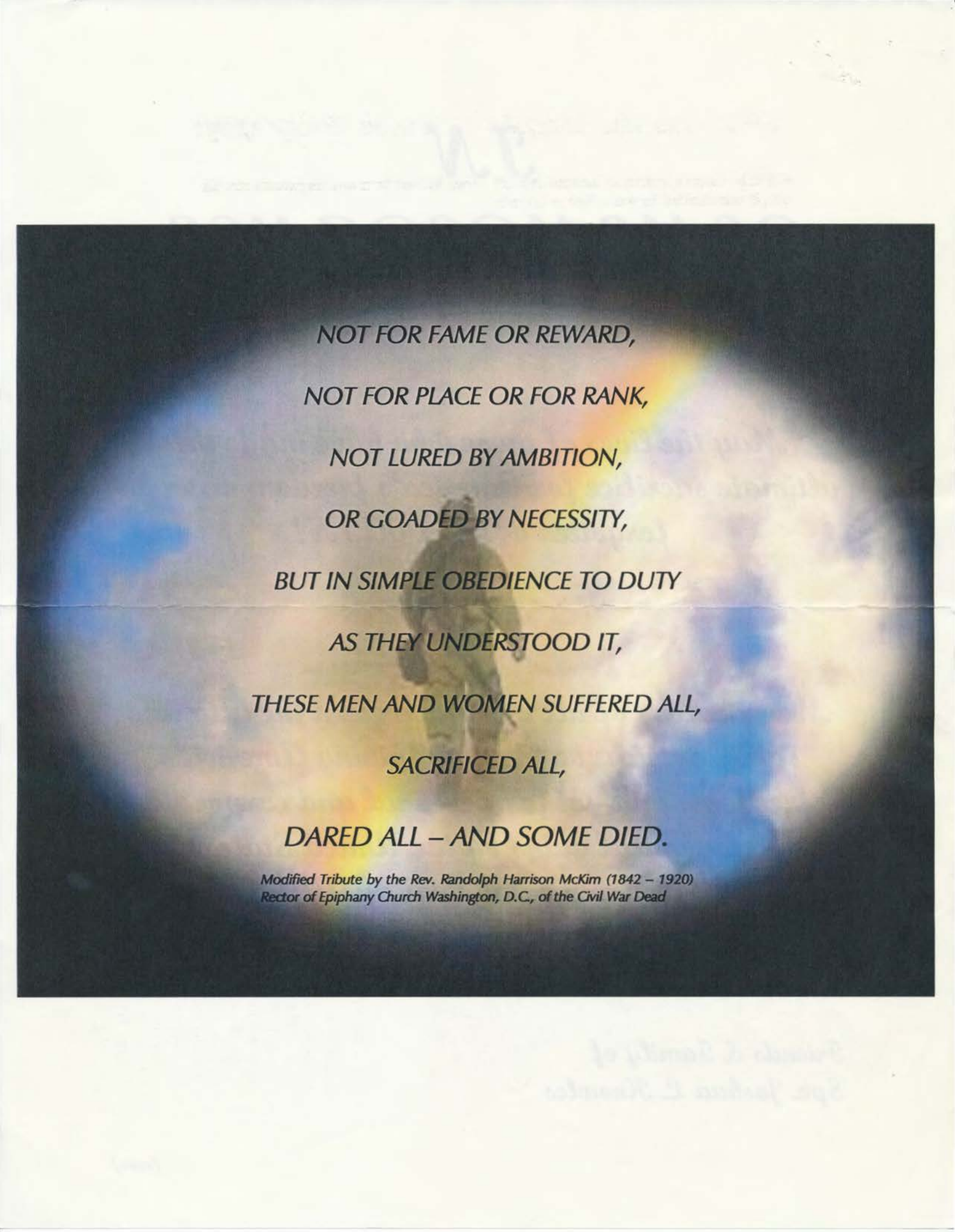
*May the lives of those who have made the
ultimate sacrifice for America's freedom never be
forgotten or be in VAIN!*

And

*May the loss of all who have given the ultimate
sacrifice truly be for maintaining America's
freedoms and not for personal and corporate
economical gains by the United States
Governmental Leaders!!!!!!*

*Friends & Family of
Spc. Joshua L. Knowles*

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A photograph of a soldier in a field, with a rainbow in the background. The soldier is in the center, wearing a helmet and carrying a rifle. The background is a bright, hazy field with a rainbow arching across the sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

*NOT FOR FAME OR REWARD,
NOT FOR PLACE OR FOR RANK,
NOT LURED BY AMBITION,
OR GOADED BY NECESSITY,
BUT IN SIMPLE OBEDIENCE TO DUTY
AS THEY UNDERSTOOD IT,
THESE MEN AND WOMEN SUFFERED ALL,
SACRIFICED ALL,
DARED ALL – AND SOME DIED.*

*Modified Tribute by the Rev. Randolph Harrison McKim (1842 – 1920)
Rector of Epiphany Church Washington, D.C., of the Civil War Dead*

SPC. Joshua Lincoln Knowles Biography:

Will it be Lincoln Joshua or Joshua Lincoln? When he was born and his parents saw his face, it was decided he was a Joshua Lincoln.

Josh came into this world as an only child. Over the next few years, he was joined by his sisters, Breanna and Michelle. It was a quiet household until he learned how to talk. His first word was DADDA!!!!

He was a quiet young boy who slowly learned to become more vocal. This was evident when he stood up at preschool graduation and announced his name was not Joshua Knowles, it was Joshua LINCOLN Knowles.

He also learned through his grade school and junior high years, to test the waters and the boundaries set by mom and dad and the schools. As he learned the boundaries could be stretched and pushed, and pushed a little harder, to the very extremes of the water they would eventually come back within the main stream, only after consequences were paid.

He proudly paid his consequences but never failed to test the boundaries of the waters again and again. As members of the community have stated, he was an exuberant young man who lived life to the fullest and proudly pushed the limits with only the best intentions.

Some of the fondest memories of family and friends are, (names have been omitted to protect the guilty):

Josh and his elementary pals skinny dipping at the creek and finding some girls had run off with their clothes.

Josh jumping off the roof of the canteen into the swimming pool and losing his season pass two days into summer.

Racing down the snowy road with someone's stuff hanging off the homemade trailer from shop class.

A 10 year old Josh and friend using dew filled squirt guns to shoot the neighbor girls.

One day at work, after the daily pep talk from the boss, Josh gave a recital of a poem that was just a touch off color, from the microphone in back. After being confronted by the boss, Josh simply replied, "What?"

Watching Joshua slowly go bald by shaving his own head just a little at a time. First the center, than a piece around the sides. Let's try some lightening bolts. Until finally he shaved the whole head.

He colored his hair half red and half blue in celebration of Independence Day. As he yelled at the members of the 1133rd participating in the 4th of July parade, the response was "your hair better not be that color on Monday."

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Bull fighting with Josh at Septemberfest, to see who could get the cement sticker worth \$100 off the bull's forehead first.

Nights spent at the Rosebowl, singing karaoke to, "Friends in Low Places" and "Folsom Prison Blues," with the gallery.

From time to time, he'd fill up his beloved car the "tank" claiming to be able to drive around all night, picking corn on \$2 worth of gas.

Hanging out with the guys trying to invent a new smoke. Beef Jerky crossed their minds but after trial and error it was discovered the grease was too hot to handle.

Downhill skiing, on cross country skis, frontwards and backwards down Galvin's Hill.

Going through a 64 oz. bottle of ketchup in 2 days with Ruffles chips.

Some of his favorite things were fish fry's at Hank and Kenny's, playing golf and softball, time spent with family and friends, especially his littlest cousins Kaibrea and Rowan.

At the end of his school days and into young adulthood, he proudly joined the Iowa Army National Guard. Upon where he discovered, his true love of God and country. He proudly completed many domestic missions with the full vigor, individuality and testing of boundaries he was famous for.

He was his own soldier and always performed his assigned duties with respect and determination.

I'd like to end with a word, a phrase and a message. A small word with big meaning "Hooah!" The phrase "U.S. soldiers never die, they just take cover until the next mission."

This message from Specialist Joshua Lincoln Knowles, "Peace from the Middle East."

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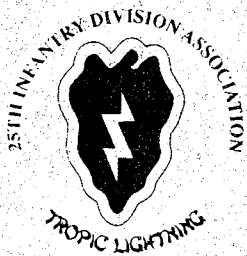
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Association to Lead Schofield Memorial Project

The 25th Infantry Division Association is taking on the largest fund raising project in the 56 year history of the organization. The pending return of our Global War on Terror soldiers from Afghanistan and Iraq has prompted us to welcome them home and thank them for their service by building a monument in honor of their brothers and sisters in arms who have been killed. But the monument has taken on an even greater meaning by including our fallen comrades from all battles and conflicts that the 25th ID has participated in over its storied history.

Our association, through the leadership of GEN Eric Olsen and staff, retired GEN's Fred Weyand and David Bramlett and Executive Committee members Tom Jones and Dave Garrod,

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Commanding General Pulls Patrol Duty as Holiday Gift for Soldiers

*By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen and
Journalist 1st Class (SW/AW) Kristin
Fitzsimmons*

WAZA KHWA, Afghanistan – Service members stationed across Afghanistan celebrated the holiday season in a number of different ways, but Combined Joint Task Force 76 (CJTF-76) and 25th Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, decided to give two Soldiers a very special holiday gift.

Olson left Bagram Airfield (BAF) to relieve two Soldiers of their daily duties for 24 hours, while the Soldiers

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A concept drawing of the Schofield Memorial with (from left) Tropic Lightning Soldiers of Vietnam, the War on Terror,, World War II and Korea, all standing before the boots, rifle & helmet of a fallen comrade.



Association and regimental tributes at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C., on Veterans Day, 2004

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 2. The high standards and ideals set by our Army.
 3. The determined and aggressive spirit of our fighting 25th Infantry Division.
 4. The ever-present teamwork that has carried our units of the "Tropic Lightning" to victory.
 5. The perpetuation of the unselfish friendships formed in combat.
- To the above aims the officers and members of our Association dedicate themselves.*

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As this issue of *Flashes* is sent to the printers most of us in the Northern tier states are enduring bone-chilling temperatures and wishing for the return of warm weather. Something like what we had at our Tucson reunion would do just fine. That said, one way to beat old man winter is to think positive and look forward to another great reunion to be held in Pittsburgh. While preparations for Pittsburgh are ongoing, your officers are also busy with other major projects involving our Association.

One that deserves kudos is Joe Finch's masterful arrangement of a Christmas party for our seriously wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Joe serves as our WRAMC Committee Chairman, and a more dedicated and enthusiastic individual would be hard to find. You can read Joe's account of the Christmas party elsewhere in this issue of *Flashes*. Joe is also an author and I recommend his book: *Angel's Wing: A year in the skies of Vietnam*. As a chopper pilot with the "Little Bears," Co. A, 25th Aviation Battalion, Joe saw life and death up close and personal. We are fortunate to have a mover and shaker like Joe among our ranks.

Dave Garrod, immediate Past President and Tom Jones, Association

Finance Chairman, also deserve our appreciation for taking on the challenge of establishing a permanent memorial to those killed in action during four eras of conflict while serving in the Tropic Lightning Division. This ambitious goal seeks to dedicate the first stage of this effort by this summer and will coincide with the return of our soldiers from Afghanistan and Iraq. A more detailed account of this undertaking is located within this issue.

Also of note are indications that some veterans of the 12th Evacuation Hospital that was co-located with Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi, may be attending our Pittsburgh reunion. They also plan to have their 2006 reunion concurrently with ours in Hawaii. Many of our Vietnam wounded (myself included) are grateful for the prompt lifesaving treatment received by their hands. This will be an excellent opportunity to personally thank these dedicated medical personnel for their outstanding support of wounded Tropic Lightning Soldiers.

Another noteworthy event is the recent publication of *Hero Mama* by Karen Spears Zacharias. Those of you who attended the Tucson reunion will recall Karen's poignant and heartwarming tribute to her father, a casualty of the Vietnam War, and to her mother who is Karen's "Hero Mama." This is another highly recommended read.

I should also mention the ongoing reorganization of the United States Army and its impact on the 25th Infantry Division. Basically, the Tropic Lightning Division will have six so-called "units of action," all of brigade size. The make up will include:

- Three Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (IBCT) composed of current light infantry, but with added wheeled vehicles.

- One Infantry Brigade Combat Team composed of airborne-qualified Infantry.

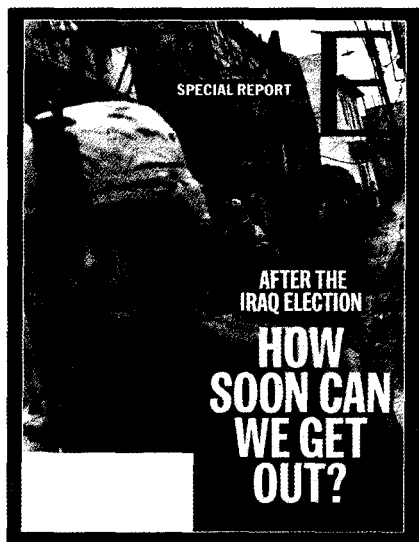
- Two Stryker Brigade Combat Teams (SBCT) equipped with the Stryker family of vehicles.

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Look for Spring

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- More Pittsburgh Reunion
 - Information
 - New PX Items
 - Tropic Lightning news from Afghanistan and Iraq
 - Plans for "Welcome Home" for our Soldiers
 - Memories of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War.
- More, more, more....



Front Line Cover

The January 31, 2005, issue of *Time Magazine* featured a photo of 25th Infantry Division Soldiers on patrol in Mosul, Iraq. Pictured in the foreground is PFC Christopher Lujan of Rio Rancho, New Mexico. PFC Lujan joined the Army in 2002 and hopes to someday become a pilot. His father is a retired Army man.

The *Time* cover story also featured a double-page photo of another Soldier from Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry (Golden Dragons) on patrol in the Old City of Mosul.

THE BASTARD BRIGADE BOOK PROJECT

We are continuing to gather material to be included in a new publication to chronicle the history of the 25th Infantry Division's Third Brigade Task Force in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. The scope of the book project has been expanded to include the entire "in-country" history of those 25th units in the 3rd Brigade that were reassigned to the 4th Division in November 1967.

Our plan is to compile additional photographs to expand on those taken by assigned 25th Division photographers and published in "yearbook" format in 1966. We will reconstruct a historical timeline reflecting the combat operations of the Brigade's assigned maneuver units. We welcome anyone with recollections, records, photos or other pertinent information (events, places, names and dates) to share it with us for this project. Submit written or orally-recorded (audio cassette) material and copies of photos for review to:

Thomas A. Jones

2030 Wynstone Circle N,E,
North Canton, OH 44720

All original materials submitted to the Bastard Brigade project will be catalogued and permanently kept in the 25th

Infantry Division Archives at the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia.



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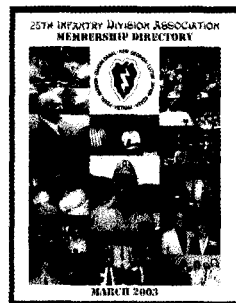
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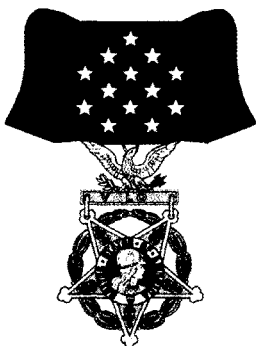
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25th Infantry Division Medal of Honor Roster

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Riley L. Pitts

Rank and organization: Captain, U.S. Army, Company C, 2d Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Place and date: Ap Dong, Republic of Vietnam, **31 October 1967**. Entered service at: Wichita, Kans. Born: 15 October 1937, Fallis, Okla.

Citation

Distinguishing himself by exceptional heroism while serving as company commander during an airmobile assault. Immediately after his company landed in the area, several Viet Cong opened fire with automatic weapons. Despite the enemy fire, Capt. Pitts forcefully led an assault which overran the enemy positions. Shortly thereafter, Capt. Pitts was ordered to move his unit to the north to reinforce another company heavily engaged against a strong enemy force. As Capt. Pitts' company moved forward to engage the enemy, intense fire was received from 3 directions, including fire from 4 enemy bunkers, 2 of which were within 15 meters of Capt. Pitts' position. The severity of the incoming fire prevented Capt. Pitts from

maneuvering his company. His rifle fire proving ineffective against the enemy due to the dense jungle foliage, he picked up an M-79 grenade launcher and began pinpointing the targets. Seizing a Chinese Communist grenade which had been taken from a captured Viet Cong's web gear, Capt. Pitts lobbed the grenade at a bunker to his front, but it hit the dense jungle foliage and rebounded. Without hesitation, Capt. Pitts threw himself on top of the grenade which, fortunately, failed to explode. Capt. Pitts then directed the repositioning of the company to permit friendly artillery to be fired. Upon completion of the artillery fire mission, Capt. Pitts again led his men toward the enemy positions, personally killing at least one more Viet Cong. The jungle growth still prevented effective fire to be placed on the enemy bunkers. Capt. Pitts, displaying complete disregard for his life and personal safety, quickly moved to a position which permitted him to place effective fire on the enemy. He maintained a continuous fire, pinpointing the enemy's fortified positions, while at the same time directing and urging his men forward, until he was mortally wounded. Capt. Pitts' conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the Armed Forces of his country.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The 25th Infantry Division Association's camaraderie is in itself a support system. Getting to know soldiers in a personal way and providing pastoral care enhances my sense of calling. Our Association visits wounded soldiers, supports our deployed troops and their families, encourages Soldiers Letters, provides scholarships and other programs that indicate our ongoing commitment. Motivated by compassion, spiritual values and the principles upon which

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*Easter Services at the Conroy Bowl, Schofield Barricks, circa 1930.
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C Troop, 3/4 Cav.
Afghanistan
Oklahoma
- Walter R. Hewett**
WWII
N. Carolina
- ☆ **1LT Nainoa K. Hoe**
3rd Bn, 21st Inf Regt.
Iraq
Hawaii
- George F. Hoffman**
25th Signal Co
Korea
Virginia
- ☆ **CPT William W. Jacobsen, Jr**
1st Bn, 24th Inf. Regt.
Iraq
North Carolina
- Urban D. Kapler**
Div G 4
WWII
Arizona
- Richard W. Kern**
14th Infantry
Korea
Ohio
- Daniel P. Kitchura**
Co A, 25th Med.
WWII
Pennsylvania
- ☆ **SPC David P. Mahlenbrock**
65th Engineer Bn.
Iraq
New Jersey
- ☆ **SPC Daniel James McConnell**
1st Bn, 27th Inf. Regt.
Kirkuk, Iraq
Minnesota
- ☆ **LTC Michael J. McMahon**
HQ Troop, 3/4 Cav.
Afghanistan
Connecticut
- ☆ **SSG Julian S. Melo**
1st Bn, 5th Inf. Regt.
Iraq
New York
- ☆ **SPC Harley D. Miller**
B Troop, 3/4 Cav.
Afghanistan
Washington
- BG (R) Delbert E. Munson**
35th Infantry
WWII
Virginia
- Billie M. Nelson**
Co A, 65th Engr. Bn
Vietnam
Virginia
- MSG (R) Lee S. Roberts**
Med Co, 27th Infantry
Iraq
Korea
California
- ☆ **PFC Oscar Sanchez**
1st Bn, 24th Infantry Regt
Iraq
California
- BG (R) Frederick A. Schaefer**
Co F, 27th Infantry Regt.
WWII
Oregon
- Howard M. Selby**
Co K, 3rd Bn, 27th Inf. Regt.
Korea
W. Virginia
- Lawrence D. Shelton**
Division HQ
WWII
Michigan
- Stanley A. Sikorski**
HQ, 64th Field Artillery
WWII
New Jersey
- ☆ **SPC Joseph C. Thibodeaux**
HQ Co, 2nd BCT
Iraq
Louisiana
- Everett B. Van Hart**
Co K, 35th Infantry Regt.
WWII
Maryland
- ☆ **SSG Darren D. VanKomen**
2nd Squadron, 14th Cav Regt
Iraq
W. Virginia
- Fred Villanueva**
B Troop, 3/4 Cav
Vietnam
California
- Lad Vinciguerra**
Co K, 27th Infantry
WWII & Korea
New York
- Robert C. Wright**
Co M, 14th Infantry Regt.
Korea
New York
- ☆ Killed in Action

To the family and friends of these departed, our deepest sympathy and wishes for God's blessing to see you through your grief over the loss of your loved ones. The Division and the Association will miss them!

MAIL CALL

Hi Paul, Butch, Jerry, Carl:

Well yesterday we had our Mayfair Veterans Memorial Ceremony. Just wanted to let you know we honored a Chicago Fire Fighter Capt. Patrick Maloney - A Marine Desert Storm Vet, A Chicago Policeman - (Ret) Commander Mike Atkins - A Marine, and a Vietnam Veteran Tom Earth 1st Cav '64-'65 - who is also a (Ret Lt. CPD), and a Korean Veteran Louis Krueger - Ret Con Edison 44 years, and a Posthumous Remembrance - Rosemary A. Bacino: World War II "Plane Spotter and Army Quartermaster" decorated by General Omar Bradley - Her husband accepted her award.

We do this every year now in conjunction with the Alderman of the 39th Ward Marge Laurino, and the Mayfair Lions Club. After the ceremony at the Memorial we have a dinner that is sponsored by the Mayfair Lions and this is where the awards are passed out. Two out of the three are neighbors of

mine and the other two are in the Neighborhood. Tom Earth the VN Vet is also a good friend of mine as is Patrick Maloney, and Mike Atkins. I picked three out of the five to receive the awards, and everyone agreed, the Alderman picked the other two.

Anyway, my Welcome Speech was from an article that was written in the *FLASHES* and it was written by **Bill Barber**, a WW II 25th member. And it was about his Memorial Day Reflections on Page #22 of that copy of the *FLASHES*. I didn't read his whole article just the where he talked about Soldiers from the Great War (WW I), the parades he attend as a boy, and then when he served with the 25th as an 18 year old rifleman with the 25th Infantry Division in the Caraballo Mountains of Luzon in the Philippines in 1945.



and the fine article he wrote. Made my speech very easy yesterday.

Hope all is well with all of you and that you have a GREAT Veterans Day this Thursday.

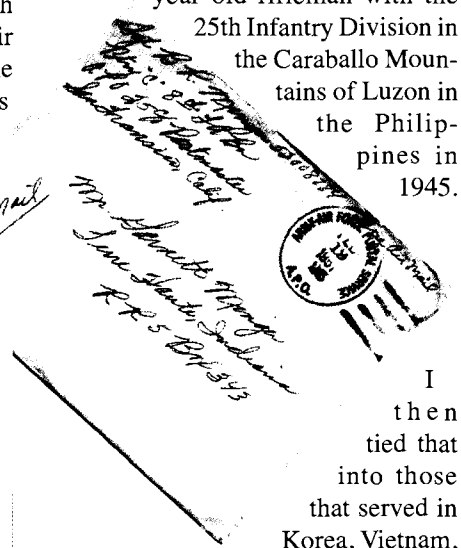
I will be attending the Mayor's Veterans Ceremony at Soldier Field at the Dough Boy Statue at Gate O. Paratus Et Fidelis,
Roger McGill

Mr Sincock,

I am writing to you for help in locating anyone who may have information on the whereabouts of anyone who served with my father during the Vietnam War. My father served with the **3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry** and I am quite certain he was with an artillery unit. His unit patch was the 25th Infantry patch with a number 3 in the lightning bolt.

He served in **Vietnam** from **67-69**. I am a Gunnery Sgt in the Marine Corps and have been trying to locate anyone from his unit for several months with no luck. My father's health is starting to fail and I am doing this for him because I know he would love to contact his former brothers in arms. He has had no contact with anyone he served with since Vietnam and I am certain it has troubled him greatly.

I have some additional information but not much. His name is **Robert Leroy Allen Jr** and he was a Sergeant in Vietnam. I know he served in and around the **Chu Lai** area and was wounded in Chu Lai in 1968. If you



then tied that into those that served in Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq and those serving today.

And ended with the following: "These are the reasons why all of us are here today - to remember all those sacrifices all the Men/Women have made in the Armed Services of the United States."

Anyway, just want to share and thank Bill Barber from - New Jersey

Left: A recent donation to our Archive is a collection of letters written home by Bobby Minger from Korea over half a century ago. Then Sgt. Minger served with the 8th Field Artillery.

17 February 1951
Suwon, Korea

Dear Sincock and Apple,
I received your little holiday postcard 8/3/51. I am sure you are glad to hear from me. Sorry you have all had colds, I guess most everyone had them here. I am doing O.K. I can't complain the biggest thing I have in the mind I know what you mean when you say it is half as deep because it is so low here and the damn stuff sticks like glue. I sure feel for the poor Infantry they have sure been giving the "bandy bag" hell, our own things have been almost worked to death ever since we started to push north again (don't write anyone) I think nothing of it here it should be left alone before very long that is what the jet calls for. Well I don't know anything to write about nothing must be told only about the weather. Write and tell me all the hot news I will write again soon.

Love Bob.

know of anyone who can help me with this I would be very grateful. I can be reached via email at gungy71@msn.com or by phone at 760-819-2110. I thank you sir for your service to this country and for your time.

Semper Fidelis

GySgt John Allen
USMC

A boyhood friend and I entered the Service in early 1948. He in the Army, me into the Navy. We wrote to each other and kept up our friendship that way. Later, he was sent to Japan and in one of his letters told me how nice it was there, living off base, etc. The last letter I got was in late summer 1950 when the Division was sent to Korea. He was attached to the **64th Field Artillery**, 25th Division, and was killed Sept. 5, 1950 on the **Pusan Perimeter**. I still think of him a lot. I wonder if you could forward this to any soldier who may have known him. I would sure like to hear from them.

He was **Cpl. James Beveridge** from Bellaire, Ohio. After all these years I still visit his grave, (he was brought home), and make sure there is always a grave flag bright and new there.

I also had a replacement grave-stone made and set to replace the weathered one last year.

Thank You,

Arthur Piatt

66690 Christmas Tree Lane
Bellaire, OH 43906
dp418@webtv.net

Hi all,

I'm an Australian Vietnam Vet who spent part of my tour on attachment to elements of the 2/25th Infantry at **FSB Lynch** in **Long Khanh Province**, III Corps from September to December of 1970.

My reason for contacting you is to try and find out if anybody knows who this FSB was named after. I have done lots of research into the base, and while I can find out certain details about it, such as it's location etc, nowhere does it list who it was named after.



Afghanistan in winter brings back memories for many Korean War Veterans of the cold, wet, muddy environment. Here a 25th Division Soldier works on a Humvee at one of the Division's bases in Central Asia.

I also note that there are two separate references to it, one as Fire Support Base Lynch, and the other as Operational Base Lynch. Are these one and the same, or where there in fact two separate bases? One reference says that it had "roads, signposts, a barber shop, a tailor shop, and was just like a miniature Cu Chi." This is not how I remember it at all. Rather from my recollections it was only about 2 acres in size, had mud roads, lots of tents, and straddled Highway LTL-2 south of the province capital of Xuan Loc.

Any help anybody can give me will be extremely gratefully appreciated.

I am also wondering if I am eligible to join the 25th Infantry Association, as I am an Aussie not a U.S. serviceman. Is it only open to U.S. citizens, or is anybody who "served with" the 25th Infantry eligible to join. And if so, how is the best way for me to forward funds to you to enable me to become a member.

Once again, any help will be gratefully appreciated. Peace.

John Casey

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Torquay, Queensland 4655
Australia

<http://jdcasey4655.tripod.com>

Letter to the Editor:

I was a Red Cross Donut Dollie with the 25th ID in '67-'68 and would like to spread the word about a reunion we are planning July 8-10, 2005 in Albuquerque, NM. We're trying to get as many Donut Dollies as possible to join us at this reunion, especially those who have been "lost" to us.

Red Cross Donut Dollie reunion.
July 8-10, 2005, Albuquerque, NM.
Contact: Jenny Young, P.O. Box 42,
Mabank, TX 75147 or
redcrossservice@yahoo.com.

Thanks!

Nancy Smoyer

I'm looking for information regarding "**Mortar Battery Company Roster - 27th Wolf Hounds**" - 1959. Stationed in Hawaii.

Look forward to hearing from you. Please forward an application and info regarding Division Association.

Thank you.

Ed Grow

205 Penn Avenue
Ephrata, PA 17522

Hi

My name is **Richard Bolding**, and I wore the 25th Inf. Patch. I was in

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MAIL CALL

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Vietnam with the 25th Inf. from 1965-1966. I am interested in hearing from anyone who was in Vietnam during that time. My email is:

rmboldhm2@earthlink.net.

Sincerely,

**Richard F. Bolding, SFC, USA
(Ret)**

Butch,

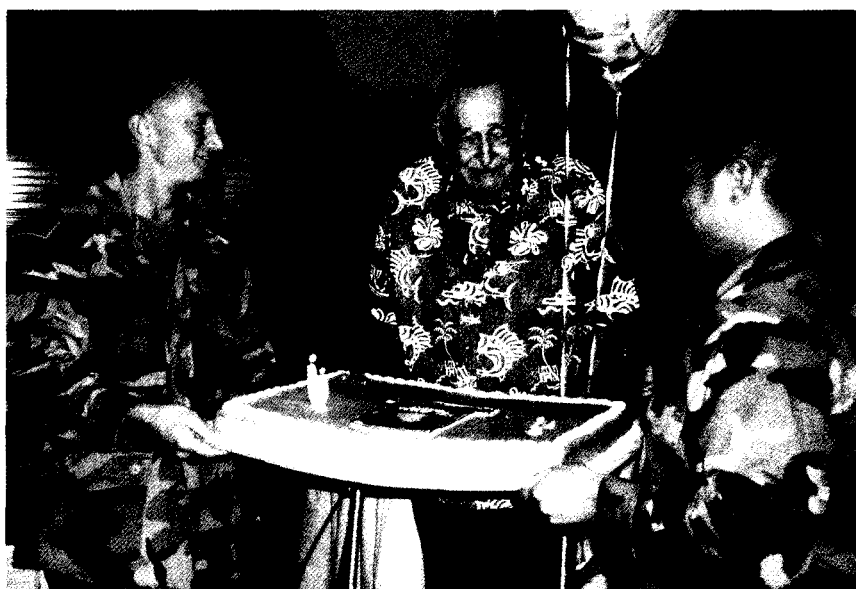
I was in the **25th Recon Troop 1944-1946** in New Cal, Luzon, and Japan. The Recon Troop was transferred to a MP Co. in Japan and I left it when they moved to Osako. I never had much luck in finding any of the old Recon guys. I received my **VFW Magazine** today and saw your E-mail address. I found info on the Internet of the coming reunion in September. I would appreciate any information on the reunion.

I spent some time on the Internet this evening and found A Brief History of the 25th Infantry Division, also found info on the cavalry that shows the Recon Troop has been very active again.

I remember **Jay Russell** from a long way back. Lost track of him over the years. I have been going to a few of Muzzy's get together in the past and only met one fellow from the 25th Rcn. Would you believe he was the fellow I replaced in communication. I ended up in Japan trying to keep the radios going. We had fun in Luzon changing all the radios from the half tracks to M8's.

Never forgot the first week in Japan when they sent me out in a jeep to pick up a film. Picked up the film downtown and saw a lot of people looking at that guy in a jeep driving down their streets. Only problem that night was low voltage in the tent set up full of guys waiting to see their first movie in years. I hooked up the jeep battery to the little lamp in the projector and we saw the movie. Never forgot Christmas in Japan but that's another story.

Just reread your letter. That trip to Luzon must have been very interesting I often wonder what those little towns look like now. I'm afraid it is to late



Hugh F. O'Reilly, Honorary Sargeant Major of the 27th Infantry Regiment, was recently honored on his 90th birthday by the Soldiers of the Wolfhound Regiment.

now for me to see them again.

Still trying to find any of the fellows from Recon back in 44-46. any ideas would be appreciated.

Irvin Arnold (Pete)

9221 San Bernardino Ave.
Englewood, FL 34224

Hello,

My father, **George O. McBride**, I believe, was a member on your unit at some point. I am trying to fill his pages in the family tree and wanted to put his military duty in.

I know he wore the "**Tropic Lightning**" patch on his uniforms.

He retired from duty as a Lt. Col. in 1970. He was in **Viet-Nam** during 54-55 with MAAG as Aide de Camp to a General S.T. Williams. He was again in the Nam in **68-69**. I'm not sure where he was then, Saigon I think.

Any info you might be able to give me will be very useful to fill his pages in the family tree info I'm collecting.

If you have any information of him I would be so grateful.

Thank you

George McBride II

80 Darts Run
Vesuvius, Virginia 24483
Email: george53@ntelos.net

My Father **PFC Franklin (Frank) Cutshall** (late) Ser # 34739231 Served with Co F, **161st Inf Reg**, 25th Div

approx: **5 Jan 44 - 29 Mar 45**. He was wounded on or about 18 Jan 45 somewhere in the Philippines. I would like to find out any information on his unit. Can you help?

I am a Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran, who served a total of 32 years combined active and reserve time.

Thanks

Lonnie F. Cutshall

Unit Administrator
639th Trans Co
Kingsport, TN 37660-1050
lonnie.cutshall@us.army.mil

Hello:

My Dad, who is 90 years old now, was with **24th Medical Battalion**, 21st or 24th Infantry, South Pacific, from 1943 until the occupation of Japan. He wore the same patch as the 25th Infantry (shown in your ad on page 54 of the January issue of VFW).

I'm trying to help my Dad find anyone who is still living from his group.

Drafted as a Private, my Dad received a battlefield commission. Lt. Charles V. Hammack served with **Captain O'Donnell, MD, Sgt. Major Cox**, and **Vic Fritch**. They were on many of the Philippine islands - the Hollandia and Biak operations of New Guinea, and the Leyte, Philippine campaign, and also on the island Panoan. He was injured and received the Purple Heart.

Before he got to go home, he was sent to occupied Japan.

Thanks for your help with this. Please let me know if there are any locator services that I might use to locate Captain O'Donnel.

Thanks,
Carol Hammack Yavno, daughter of:
Charles Hammack
3302 Browning Street
San Diego, CA 92106-1515
yavno@cox.net

Regarding the letter from **John Gudavich** in the Fall '04 edition of *Tropic Lightning Flashes*; the 2LT that he mentions was probably **Walter Hogans** who was killed by a sniper north of **Tay Ninh City** in Oct 1969. Walter was a Plat Ldr in **A or B company, 4th Battalion (Mech) 23rd Infantry** & had not been in country for very long (a few weeks at best). I cannot put a face with Gudavich, but am sure that I knew him.

Thanks,
Terry Seay

To the members of the 25th Infantry Division Association.

We want to thank you for the acknowledgement of all the many dedicated hours of work that George and I have given to the 25th Infantry Division Association. It was a complete surprise to be honored with a plaque at the Annual meeting in Tucson.

Having joined the Association in 1951, George made most of the Annual meetings while living in Connecticut. However, after we moved the family to California it wasn't quite as easy to attend meetings across the country. When there was talk of having a reunion in southern California in 1982, he volunteered to honcho it. For almost a year the committee held regular meetings to coordinate and plan the reunion, which was held in Anaheim, CA. It was a very successful Annual Meeting.

From that time on George devoted his time to the mini-store, which he started and to the formation of the Southern California Chapter. He took the mini-store to the dedication of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., the

Welcome home parades in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and to the Dedication of the Statue in Washington, D.C.

In 1984, he went to Hawaii to help the Division put on the Reunion over there. In 1993, he approached the Southern California Chapter about putting a Plaque on the Memorial Wall at the Riverside National Cemetery dedicated to those who served in the 25th Infantry Division. Through the generosity of the members of the Southern California Chapter the Plaque was dedicated on Memorial Day 1993. We continue to put flags on the graves of all known 25th members who are buried in the Cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

In 1994, he donated over \$25,000 to establish the **CW04 George F. and Rosemary M. Murray Scholarship** within the Association Scholarship Program. That sum has continue to grow by generous donations from members and friends of the Southern California Chapter. We have been on the Scholarship Committee since that time, devoting many hours to selecting the recipients of both our Scholarship and that of the Division Association.

We were happy to see so many old friends at the Annual meeting in Tuc-

son and want to thank you again for the great tribute you gave us. We send our very best to you all.
Rosemary and George Murray
863 Navajo Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Butch,

Thank you and all of our Tropic Lightning vets who have done so much to support us in peace and war. You are all hero's to me. May God bless you all and Happy Holidays. Look forward to seeing you again.

Tropic Lightning!
v/r **CSM Frank Ashe**
25th ID (L) & CJTF-76 OEF-A
Command Sergeant Major

We, as Americans, sometimes forget the blessings that we have. Family and the heritage of this great nation number high on my list.

Man's God-given intelligence created inventions such as the telephone and email that my great-great grandparents on my mother's did not have in traveling across pre-Civil War America by wagon train. Then, people at the turn of the century witnessed the greatest influx of immigrants across our shores, which also brought my Sicil-

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Jeffrey Guerin, Co. C, 215th Infantry, was visited by President Andy Anderson and 1st VP Fred Deverse at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Guerin is recovering from combat injuries received in Afghanistan.

WE STRIKE LIKE TROPIC LIGHTNING!

The 25th Infantry Division at War



Capt. Ryan Welch sits strapped to the outside of his helicopter as Chief Warrant Officer Justin Taylor looks out from his gunner position inside the aircraft. The two pilots performed a daring rescue mission Oct. 16 in which Welch strapped himself, as seen here, to his aircraft so one of the injured 25th Division pilots could sit in his seat. Photo by CPL Benjamin Cossel

25th Aviation Pilots Rescued

*By CPL Benjamin Cossel, USA
Special to American Forces Press
Service*

CAMP TAJI, Iraq, Nov. 5, 2004 — For two AH-64D Apache Longbow pilots, the night of Oct. 16 was just a regular night flying a reconnaissance mission around southern Baghdad.

Then a distorted cry for help came across the emergency radio, shattering the chatter of all other communications. They recognized the call sign; they recognized the area; and a few minutes later, they were en route to perform what would become a heroic rescue.

“I really couldn’t make out at first what was going on. The transmission over the radio was broken up and weak, but I could make out that it was a distress call,” said Lodi, Calif., native Army Chief Warrant Officer Justin Taylor, an Apache pilot with Company C, 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation

Regiment, of the 4th Brigade Combat Team.

At first, the transmission seemed as though it might be coming from a U.S. Marine Corps aircraft. The call sign of another aircraft speaking to the downed pilot was of Marine Corps designation, Taylor said. He radioed to Marine Corps headquarters asking if any aircraft of theirs was down in the area. The response came back — negative.

Then a call sign familiar to Taylor and Capt. Ryan Welch, the air mission commander, came across the guard, or emergency, channel. The two men now knew that Army OH-58D Kiowa helicopter pilots were down.

“We’re in zone 43,” came the weak transmission.

“I recognized the area and immediately made the decision that we were going to break from our sector and go over to the area,” said Lebanon, N.H., native Welch. “Those were our guys on the ground, and we had to help.

My first thought was we would provide aerial security.”

As the team changed flight paths, they notified the USMC aircraft they had heard earlier of their intentions and made a call to 4th BCT headquarters to alert the unit to their movement. When they arrived in the area of the crash site, they began trying to contact the pilots on the ground.

“As soon as we told the Marines what we were doing, a call came up on the guard channel. It was the same call sign but a different numerical designation,” Welch explained.

The wounded pilot explained that the pilot who had called previously was now unable to respond, that two other pilots had been killed in action, and that he and the other survivor were trying to make their way to a defensible position, but were having difficulty because one of the wounded men was unable to walk.

“When we flew over the sector, we immediately picked up the heat signature of a burning fire,” said Welch.

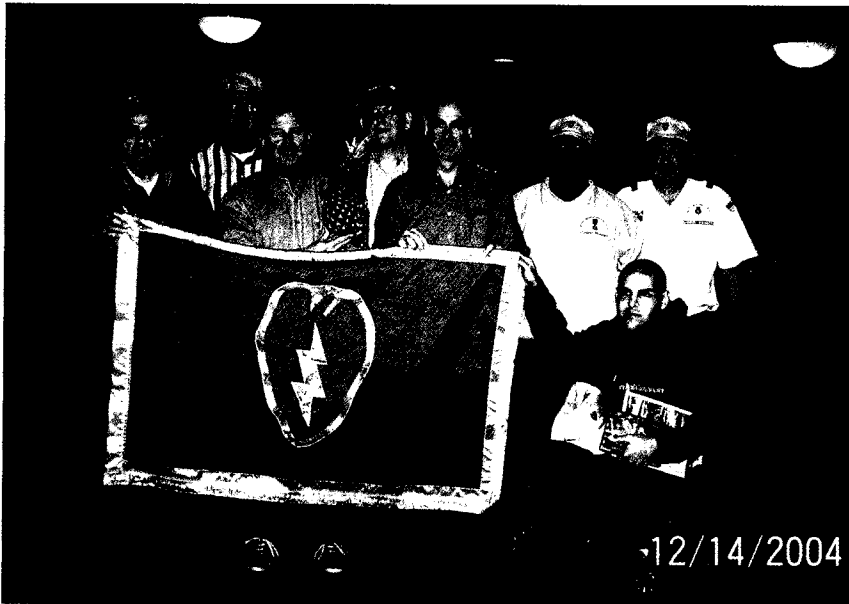
“But at first we weren’t sure what it was. It kind of looked like one of the many trash fires you see all over Baghdad,” Taylor added.

While the two were flying over the fire trying to get a better look at the ground, an excited call came up. “You just flew over our position,” the transmission informed. Welch’s wingman noticed the emergency strobe on the ground and notified Welch of the positive identification.

“Once we had identified the crew on the ground, I made the call that we were going to land and get those pilots out of there,” Welch said. “I had no idea of the situation on the ground or what the landing zone looked like, so I informed my wingman to fly a tight defensive circle around our position to provide cover if needed. “As we landed and I got all the cords off of me, I

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Veterans Support Soldiers



25th Division Veterans who helped throw the Walter Reed Army Medical Center party for Soldiers and family members showed the Tropic Lightning colors at the event. Joey Benegas, being treated for wounds received in Iraq, holds up his end of the Division Flag.

25th ID Association Takes Care Of Its Own

By Sharee Moore

Editor, Hawaii Army Weekly

Riddled with memories from an era long gone, Vietnam veterans from the 25th Infantry Division Association commit themselves to ensuring "invisible heroes" get a proper welcome home.

On a recent visit to Hawaii, Tropic Lightning Association members Tom Jones and David Garrod spoke of the ongoing mission for the division's wounded at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"The 25th has had Soldiers in World War II, Vietnam, Korea and now

in the Middle East, so we have a broad spectrum of interests," began Jones.

"About a month after the deployment - we'd come [to Hawaii] for both deployment ceremonies - and we said we really need to do something for the Soldiers and especially the ones who are injured and coming back to Walter Reed," said Garrod, picking up where Jones left off.

Butch Sincock, Association Executive Director, began a letter writing campaign, garnering support from 16 veterans while Joe Finch called number after number trying to make their vision a reality.

Other groups had tried unsuccessfully for years to gain entry to Walter Reed, but this band of determined veterans, 14 of whom wear the Purple Heart Medal, made it work, according to Finch.

Left: Soldiers and their family members helping themselves to some of the treats. Right: A Veteran's wife baked the Tropic Lightning Cake and the Public Affairs Office at Schofield Barracks shipped an entire case of fresh pineapples, all of which were taken home by family members.

Once the Recreation Services office agreed to host a welcome home party, "[We] arrived with a carload of chips, dips, soda, 23 pounds of cookies and cakes from Oregon and a cake with an American flag on it ..." Finch recounted. Since then, it has become a monthly event.

For the party, Eli, an injured Soldier, made his first trip outside the hospital in four months when his parents rolled him outside on a wheeled bed.

Eli displays courage every day as he faces the unspoken question: 'will they take my leg today?' explained Finch.

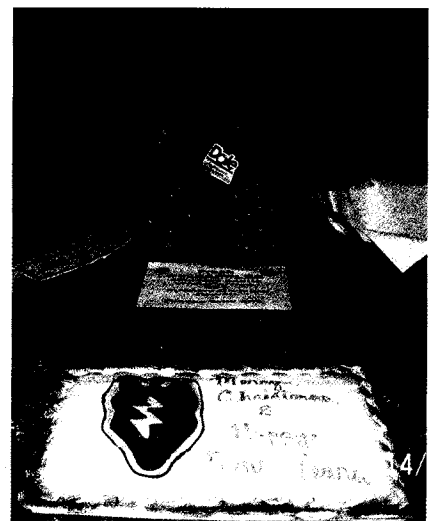
Another Soldier Association members recently visited, named Aaron, suffered major leg wounds and extensive surgeries, skin grafts and more. He wore a contraption on his left leg to stabilize the bone.

"He got married at the chapel at Walter Reed and when he pulled up to the door in his wheelchair said out loud, 'I am not rolling up there in this wheelchair, I am walking to my wedding.' He got up out of the wheelchair, and walked to the altar," Finch described.

Finch said there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

For Jones, Vietnam experiences triggered the commitment to a program described as, "not for the faint of heart."

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MAIL CALL

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ian grandparents. And, the end of WWII was a momentous era for my father as he came back from combat in the Philippines and Occupied Japan to his new bride, my mother.

My family fought in every war from the American Revolution to WWII. So, this Christmas season I remember our soldiers overseas, my family here, and those that are with the Lord. And, I thank God for the blessings of this great nation and the part my family heritage played in it. The Lord bless you and keep you this Christmas season!

Joanne Grasso

25th Infantry Division Association:

Please be advised of my address change. It's been a number of years since I have received any information of the Association for which I claim responsibility.

I think often of the Association and the friendships made over the years, as well as of the proud service in **Vietnam** with the 25th **1966-67 – Cu Chi**.

Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bde and 2/27 Inf "Wolfhounds." My service with the 25th has left me to be proud to be a citizen of this nation and being able to grow to manhood in such areas as the Iron Triangle, Boi Loi Woods, Ho Bo Woods, Nui Ba Den and Operations such as **Junction City I and II**, as well as **Cedar Falls**, just to name a few.

I am a Life Member of the Association as well as the Wolfhound Assoc. I do apologize for my absence and would like again to be informed and a part of this family again.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin V. Munis

CTF DW IIII

P O Box 689

Soledad, CA 93960

Dear Editor,

I am searching for information regarding my cousin, **John Austin Anderson**. John was killed at **Nui Ba Den** on May 13, 1968. Please put my message in your magazine. I got your address from another veteran, Ron Swonkwiler, by way of another veteran Reg Lee on the internet.

John Austin Anderson was a member of **Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Manhus, 25th Infantry Division**. I believe John was a radio operator stationed at Nui Ba Den, and died on May 13, 1968. I have tried talking to John's Mom. She is still very reluctant to talk about John. If anyone out there knew John or has any pictures of him or any information regarding John, please get in touch with me, as I would like to build a memorial page for John on the VVM web site. I was 13 when John passed away.

Thank you,

Ed Tatarnic

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Red Deer, Alberta

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Tatarnic@shaw.ca

WJHS Students Helping US

Military, Children in Afghanistan

Smithfield, NC — The Honors Ethics and Leadership class at West Johnston High School has been involved in a project of compassion this semester. Approximately 9 weeks ago, their instructor, **Dr. Bill Reid**, showed the students an article in the 25th Infantry Division Association newsletter asking for help with school supplies for Afghan children. The students saw this as an opportunity to support the efforts of our military men and women in Afghanistan, and, at the same time, help the Afghan children. As a result, they have developed a number of projects — including bake sales, candy sales, magazine sales, raffles, direct solicitation, and student auctions — to raise money to be used to purchase these supplies. All of this was done in addition to their normal workload in this class. To date these 13 students have raised almost \$2000. They have been in communication with the commander of the Joint Task Force in Afghanistan and are in the process of working with his civil affairs people to identify an Afghan school or schools most in need of these supplies. The American commander is also planning to award the students with certificates and presentation coins for their efforts.



Roger McGill (3/4 Cav) recently had his photos from his Tropic Lightning Days scanned to a CD and donated a copy to our Archives. Here we see Roger's Cav buddies aboard ship enroute from Hawaii to Vietnam in 1966.



With his Dad's assistance, Cacti Soldier Eli Cook takes his first steps since being wounded in Afghanistan and evacuated to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Dear Butch,

Congratulations on a wonderful Reunion. I know all of the research that is needed to plan a successful affair for the Twenty-fifth Infantry Division Association, Tropic Lightning, and appreciate that fact very much.

Tucson is a fascinating city and the Inn Suites Hotel was perfect in every way. That wonderful free breakfast, the complementary Wednesday night barbecue, the excellent accommodations, the swimming pool, and the courtesy of all of the employees made for a wonderful stay.

The trips were all exceptional and the tour guides so knowledgeable. Tombstone was so interesting as was the shopping trip to Mexico and the Desert Jeep Adventure.

I will never forget the **Fifty-fifth Annual Reunion**, and I want to say thanks a million for all that I know you did towards making it so outstanding.

Sincerely,

Denise C. Wetmore

(Widow of George R. Wetmore, a former member of the Association)

Dear Butch:

Great reunion (except for hotel din-

ing room service fiascos!) Kudos for the job you and **Dave Garrod** have done the last two+ years. I told him the same on the Nogales trip!

You will find enclosed clip of interest. Potential member (if he isn't already) Even better, potential reunion speaker—maybe Pittsburgh next year. (Ed. Note: refers to US Army news article announcing **Lt. Gen Roger C. Schultz**, a 25th Division Vietnam Veteran, as 2004 recipient of the Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain Medal for his leadership of the Army National Guard. Gen McLain was in Vietnam as a platoon leader with the 22nd Inf, 25th Inf Div.)

Best wishes to you and Glenda.

Regards,

Col Leo T. McMahon, Jr. USA-Ret.

363 N. 28th Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Dear Butch:

I was shocked, happily so, when I received the certified letter. I always receive one or two hands full of mail every day. My mailman said, "I have one here you will have to sign for"—no problem.

Taking this mail into the house, looking more closely at the special envelope, noting the postage \$4.42, thinking this must be something very important. After opening the special envelope, beginning to read that my ticket was the Grand Prize winner in the Association's 2004 drawing. Thinking, maybe \$100.00, but no, \$1,000.00 I was shocked. I would like to thank all of the Association for this honor presented me just before Thanksgiving. Also, want to thank my ole buddy Tomahawk Butch Sincock. We served together for a short time in 1968 with the 4/23 Inf. 25th Inf Div. V.N.

Being the BN maintenance motor officer, I talked with company commanders frequently. Butch Sincock's name came up often, all favorably, at times I thought there must be at least three Butch Sincocks.

Again, I want to thank all that attended the Tucson 2004 Reunion, and all others that took part in this.

CWO Jack L. Daniels, USAR Ret.

1814 Donna Drive
DeRidder, LA 70634-4503

Dear Butch and fellow veterans:

The U.S. Postal Service has a forthcoming commemorative in May 2005 on "distinguished U.S. Marines," a block of four stamps. Each of the four incorporates a different USMC division shoulder sleeve insignia. So, we may yet hope that someday Army division insignia may be incorporated somehow on postal commemoratives.

The **2005 Tropic Lightning Calendar** is superb—fine selection of photos. Our thanks to all who supplied photos and wrote their captions.

Yours in Patriotism

R.P. (Pete) Fairchild

Former Manchu A Co. F.O. '67 – '68
Former 3/4 Cav
PETEFAIRCH@aol.com

To Whom it concerns!

A job well done on the 2005 calendar. Keep up the good work.

CSM (R) John M. Chabala

1688 E. Los Altos Ave
Fresno, CA 93710

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Schofield Memorial

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started developing ideas for the monument and the budget required to build it in late September at our reunion in Tucson. It was determined that we would need up to \$500,000 to complete this project.

The project will be done in two phases. Phase 1 will be completed by June 2005, when our Schofield Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraq Freedom (OEF/OIF) soldiers have returned and before they rotate to their next duty station. This phase will have a statue of an OEF/OIF soldier standing in front of and paying respect to the symbol of a fallen comrade; an upturned rifle with boots at the base and helmet on top.

Phase 2 will add statues from WWII, Korea and Vietnam to the rear of the OEF/OIF statue. These statues will symbolize the long history of combat service to the Nation and the support of our World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans for today's Tropic Lightning Soldier. The OEF/OIF figure will be cast in a bronze color and the other era soldiers will be cast in a slightly lighter color (similar to the Korean Monument) to indicate the spiritual link between warriors of all eras of this great Division. This phase will be completed by September 2006 in time for our reunion in Hawaii. Proper dedication ceremonies will take place at the completion of each phase.

We have an opportunity to honor our fallen comrades in a very meaningful and appropriate way. An added benefit of this project will be the merging of generations and eras of this Division much like the battle streamers on the Division colors. We are welcoming into our membership warriors who will be the future of our association: today's Global War on Terror Soldiers.

Look for a mailing being sent to all members, chapters and regimental associations of the Division asking for donations. With over 4,000 members, all we have to do is average a donation of \$100 per member and we will reach our goal. We realize not everyone will be able to donate \$100, but if we each donate as much as we can afford, we

will make that average of \$100 per member easily. Check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift program and get more "bang for your buck" by going through this type of program.

We have a way to make your donation as painless as possible. You will have an option of putting it on a charge card or even pledging installment payments stretched out up to 18 months by check or charge card.

We will keep you informed of dedication dates and our progress in reaching our goal in each issue of *Flashes*.

MAIL CALL

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As a relatively new member, this is my 2nd calendar. I must say, the 2004 and 2005 are beautiful. I look forward

to receiving a 2006. In the meantime, I'll proudly replace the 2004, which hangs on my office wall, with the new 2005. It is a source of pride: that my father served with the 25th Infantry Division and that so many courageous service men and women continue to serve the 25th Inf. D. with distinction. Thank you!

Stacie Byas
P.O. Box 32
New York, NY 10014

Thanks for paying respect to our Afro-American soldiers. We have fought in every war.

SSgt Till Lecian (fought with Millett & Desinando '52 - '53)
691 So 44th Street, Apt 1
Louisville, KY 40211

The calendar you created is fitting tribute to the valiant young men (among them my Peter) who gave their lives for our country. It is a masterful piece. I cherish it and am proud to use it to mark important dates. Thank you.

Mrs. Peter S. Neubeck
62 French Oaks Lane
East Amherst, NY 14051

I am sending in \$10 for my 2005 calendar. I wish to correct a mistake. On your January 2005 calendar you identified a ship as a **L.S.T.** This ship is a **L.C.I. (Landing Craft Infantry)**. L.S.T.'s opened from the front and were much larger than a L.C.I. On L.C.I.'s you disembarked from ramps on each

18 year old Infantry replacement, I was assigned to **Co G, 35th Infantry, 25th Div.** In the Solomons we used L.C.I.'s a lot. They carried a company of infantry on decks. I did not like them for when you jumped off the ramp you usually jumped into four feet of water. The L.C.I. in the 2005 calendar is shown with the tide out.

John Matthew Kraly
1920 Park Drive
Kansas City, KS 66102

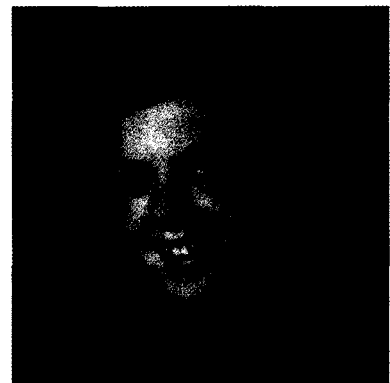
Dear 25th Inf. Div. Assn. Members:

Over the summer I was thrilled to learn that the 25th Infantry Division had chosen me to receive a one thousand dollar scholarship toward my college education. I wanted to wait until I was well into my studies at Fresno City College before I wrote back and informed all of you how much that scholarship has helped me.

Not only has the one thousand dollar scholarship paid for enrollment fees in all of my classes, it also paid for the books and blank quiz materials that are required for all courses. Before learning that I had been chosen to receive the scholarship, one of the main things I was concerned about was finding a way to earn enough money to pay for my books. Luckily, through your generosity I was able to put those worries aside and focus on what is really important: my schoolwork and devoting the majority of my time to furthering my education.

Again, thank you for all that you have done for me, my education, and my future.

Sincerely,
Grant Travis Barrett
Fresno, California



2004 Assn. Scholar Grant Barrett



We need a Helping Hand here! Who are these Soldiers? What was "Helping Hand?" This photo is dated October 12, 1966 and was distributed by United Press International. A copy of it recently surfaced, but no narrative to explain the usual who, what, where and why. Can our members lend a hand here to identify these men and their mission? Write to Mail Call with your thoughts.

CG Pull Patrol Duty

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flew to Bagram to enjoy some of the comforts they are generally not afforded.

"Waza Khwa is one of the more remote and less developed fire bases," Olson said. "I thought if there were any Soldiers, who could use a good break by switching with me for a day in Bagram, Waza Khwa was a good place to find them."

Spc. Freddy Barahona, 22, and Spc. Michael Hanes, 21, assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light) as infantrymen in Company C, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, briefly met and talked with Olson before departing for Bagram.

"Burger King was our first stop when we arrived," said Barahona, a native of Antioch, Calif. "It was great to be able to spend Christmas relaxing watching some football, picking up a few items at the PX and being able to eat something that reminds us of home."

As junior Soldiers, Barahona and Hanes, who have both spent less than

three years serving in the Army, have both recently reenlisted because they feel what they are doing is important and they enjoy their jobs.

"There are a lot of reasons why I chose to reenlist. A lot of it was pride in what we are all doing out here," said Hanes, a native of Cochranton, Pa., "It is sometimes really tough to deal with certain things on a daily basis out here

in Afghanistan. But there are many rewards both big and small and Maj. Gen. Olson giving us the opportunity to enjoy some free time, talk to our families and relax was a big reward for the both of us."

Olson spent his Christmas holiday by accompanying several Soldiers from Co. C on a patrol to two nearby villages following Christmas dinner and a brief tour of the base.

"It's always good to get out, show presence in the local community, interact with some of the community leaders, and that's exactly what these guys are doing," Olson said. "There's always risk when you do it, but these guys are absolutely unafraid of accepting that risk. They know it's a job that they've got to do."

While on the patrol, Olson accompanied the Soldiers by riding in the back of a cargo Humvee rather than being escorted in an up-armored version. He joked and talked with the Soldiers throughout the patrol and was constantly waving to Afghan children, who gathered along the roads.

Spc. Eric Rigsby, an M240B gunner with Co. C, was the gunner on Olson's Humvee and said Olson was talking and joking with the Soldiers throughout the mission. He said the fact Olson chose to spend the holiday at such a remote location says a lot since he came here even though he doesn't have to.

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MG Eric Olson addresses the Soldiers with whom he is about to go on patrol.

CG Pull Patrol Duty

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"To show the guys he has done this before, to sit in a Cav truck in one of the worst seats and ride with us, to come and pull guard with us, to sit here and eat chow with us – it really makes lower enlisted Soldiers like myself feel good about him as our leader," Rigsby said.

Following the patrol, Olson gathered the Soldiers and told them all what a fine job they were doing and that he loved each and every one of them.

"The quality of Soldiers here is top notch, just like we see across (Afghanistan)," he said. "This is a great battalion, a great company in that battalion, and they're just doing super things out here."

Chaplain's Corner

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our nation was founded, our unselfish friendship formed in military service continues the aggressive spirit of the 25th Infantry Division.

Chaplains with our armed forces relate that many troops are attending chapel services of their faith. Chaplains minister to many of our troops, pointing them to hope in the faith and sacred scriptures. When our troops leave the U.S.A., they are given "deployment packs" donated by various organizations. These include scripture

texts, a devotional guide, a religious symbol, complete study aids, notes, hymns and quotes from religious leaders of our nation. The troops relate these packets are, "a great version of the scripture, high quality, helpful and user friendly", and are just right for military personnel.

Every moment, deployed men and women face an uncertainty. They need the promises of their faith, prayer, strength and comfort from the living God who is the same yesterday, today and forever in all circumstances. God is at work behind the scenes. He teaches us the wisdom and importance of living in faithful service wherever we are.

I will never forget the U.S. Army chaplain's mission of "bringing God to the soldiers and the soldiers to God." It was often repeated in Chaplain's School where clergymen of all faiths meet and share experiences as part of the military code of conduct. After my combat infantryman's experience in Korea, the completion of seminary and graduation from Chaplain's School on June 3, 1959, I set out in the community of faith to further spiritual causes.

As you share your faith with others and our Association, we never cease to be amazed how grace, mercy and forgiveness flow from God. Somewhere among the heartaches a blessing may be found that will somehow make you stronger and turn your life around. As the poet wrote:

"And when our eyes grow dim with tears,

We need to trust him with our fears.

We need to bow before His throne and claim His vision for our own."

May God's blessing be upon each of you.

Tropic Lightning Sir!

Carlyle C. Crank, Chaplain

Pilots Rescued

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looked back at (Taylor) and told him if he started taking fire, (he should), 'Get this bird out of here, leave me, and we'll collect all of us later.'

Welch had landed his Apache approximately 100 meters from the crash site. Armed with his 9 mm pistol and an M4 Carbine rifle, he set out to collect the downed pilots. Welch contacted the pilots and asked if they were able to come to him themselves. Again it came over the radio that one of the pilots couldn't walk. They would need help getting out of their location.

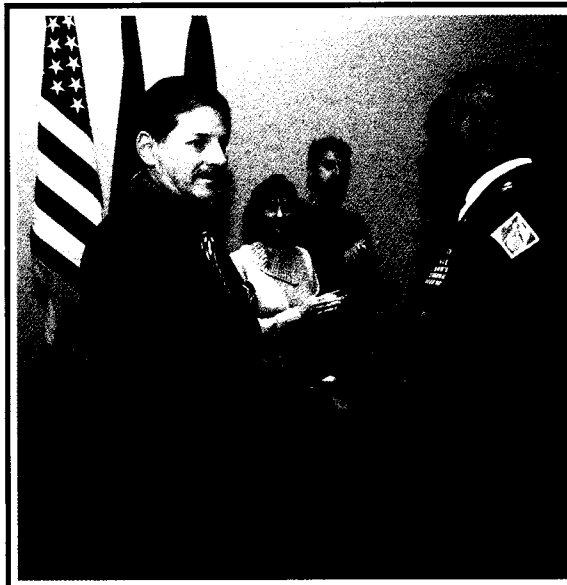
"I basically had to stumble my way through an open field. It was treacherous, with potholes and low brush. I stumbled a couple times," recalled Welch. "But I finally came up on the crash site about 10 minutes later."

When Welch arrived on the scene he saw one pilot standing and one sitting. The two had been able to get a fair distance away from the aircraft.

"As I came upon them, I noticed they looked pretty bad; multiple cuts on their faces and both looked like the early stages of shock had set in. I called out to (Army Chief Warrant Officer Chad Beck), who was standing, to get him to help me with (Chief Warrant Officer Greg Crow)," Welch said. "It took a few seconds to get Mr. Beck's attention as he was visibly shaken and dazed."

Both of the downed pilots were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division. Their unit is attached to the 4th BCT, Welch's unit.

As the two got Crow up and began the long trek back to Welch's Apache, the mess of tangled cords attached to their equipment nearly tripped them up.



Bobcat Roger Hayes receives congratulations from Brigadier General Robert Crear after presentation of his third Purple Heart at a recent ceremony at the St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Paperwork for the medal had been lost for over 30 years. Roger is author of On Point - A Rifleman's Year in the Boonies: Vietnam, 1967-1968.

“We stumbled initially with all those wires just everywhere,” Welch said. “I pulled out my knife and just cut them all away, and we took off.”

Assisting two wounded men over the treacherous 100 meters to his waiting Apache, Welch said the time seemed to slow down to an absolute crawl. They inched their way back, working carefully not to further injure Crow.

“We had to move kind of slow,” he explained. “I swear it probably took us like 10 minutes to get back, but it seemed like we were out there for hours. I was never so relieved to see (Taylor) and my bird sitting there.”

Four personnel to get out and only two seats in the Apache posed a problem. Self-extraction was a maneuver the pilots had been told about in flight school — a maneuver considered dangerous enough that no practical application was given, just the verbal “here’s how you do it.”

Hanging from every pilot’s flight vest is a nylon strap attached to a carabiner. On the outside of the Apache there are handholds bolted on primarily to assist maintenance crews as they work on the birds. But, they also have another purpose — to be used in the event of a self-extraction. The general idea is for the pilot to wrap a nylon strap through the handholds and then connect the strap to the carabiner. The aircraft then flies off to a safe location with the person attached to the outside of the aircraft.

“I knew getting back to my bird that Mr. Crow was in no position for self-extraction — that I would have to put him in the front seat,” explained Welch. “I radioed to (Taylor) and told him what I intended to do — Crow in the front seat, Beck and I strapped to the outside.”

At first Taylor just looked at Welch, a little surprised at the plan. “It kind of surprised me at first. And then I just thought, ‘Cool, that’s what we’re going to do,’” said Taylor.

Beck and Welch worked to get Crow into the front seat as Welch explained what was next to Beck. “At first Beck really didn’t want to leave. His commander had just been killed,



SOLDIERING WITH PRIVATE MURPHY

by Master Sergeant Mark Baker (USA-Ret.)



and he still wasn’t thinking 100% clearly.”

“I can’t go; I just can’t go,” pleaded Beck, but soon enough he understood the situation.

And then another problem surfaced. “The mechanism Kiowa pilots use for self-extraction is different than the setup Apache pilots use,” explained Welch. “But we finally got it worked out, got Beck hooked up, and then secured myself to the aircraft.”

Secured and assuming a defensive posture with his rifle, Welch gave Taylor the thumbs-up sign and the Apache lifted off. “I was a little bit freaked out,” explained Taylor. “You just don’t fly an Apache by yourself; it’s definitely a two-man aircraft”

At 90 miles per hour, the helicopter flew 20 kilometers to Forward Operating Base Falcon, the closest base with a combat support hospital.

“I only had my night visor on,” said Welch. “I thought my eyes were going to rip out of my sockets and that my nose would tear from my face, the wind was so strong.”

Landing on the emergency pad, Welch and Taylor helped medical personnel take Beck and Crow inside for treatment.

“One of the medics asked me if I was a medical-flight pilot,” chuckled Welch. “You should have seen the look on his face when I told him, ‘Nope, I’m an Apache pilot.’”

With the patients safely delivered to the hospital, the two exhausted pilots looked at each other with the same thought. “We both climbed back into our bird,” Welch said, “and almost simultaneously said to each other, ‘Lets go home.’”

The 25th Infantry Division Association

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE 25th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Tucson, Arizona October 2, 2004

The 55th annual meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by the president, David Garrod. Chaplain Crank led the attendees in prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Garrod welcomed all those in attendance and introduced LTC Malcolm Frost, representative of MG Eric Olson, Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division (Light).

STATE OF THE DIVISION: LTC Frost assured the members that courage, honor and dedication to duty is alive and well in the young men and women presently in the service of this nation. He summarized the Division's accomplishments since last report and the future as it appears. Presently, the Division is fully engaged in our nation's War Against Terrorism. A slide presentation showed some of our 12,000+ troops engaged in various activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, such as the donation of an ambulance to an Iraqi clinic serving over 9,000 people, the Tropic Lightning band performing for Afghanistan and our troops, and an advance party from Ft. Lewis to Iraq. At the present time, 11 soldiers have made the ultimate sacrifice and now number among this generation's heroes. Their photos with names were shown. Construction of a special memorial to commemorate those whose lives were lost is being planned at Schofield Barracks.

Update on brigades – The Army has begun a transformation from division-centered forces to brigade combat teams, the purpose of which is to provide greater flexibility enabling more rapid deployment. At present, it appears that the 25th Infantry Division will increase its brigades to six, each consisting of two infantry battalions, a reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition cavalry squadron, a direct support field artillery battalion, a support battalion and a battalion of specialized troops. The brigades are expected to be at different bases in Hawaii, Washington, Alaska, Kansas

and Georgia. There are several possible scenarios for the reorganization. LTC Frost answered a number of questions from Association members. In regard to equipment and supplies, he responded that Soldiers from Hawaii are very well equipped, giving examples of body armor and combat lifesavers. Some Reserve soldiers arrived without these lifesaving equipment and supplies, but that now has been fixed.

LTC Frost thanked Association members for their continued support of the Division, stating it is an honor to stand before the veterans present today.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the 2003 General Business Meeting were published in the 2003-2004 Winter issue of *Flashes*. **A motion was made by Jerry Headley to accept the minutes as published in *Flashes*. The motion was seconded by Bob Ottis and accepted by unanimous vote.**

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT: Butch Sincock, Executive Director, gave the report in the absence of Finance Chairman, Tom Jones. Overhead slides (copies on file) were used to give the status of the various accounts and investments of the Association. All are in good shape. Expenses now include "Soldier Support." This includes items given to our wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center by Association visitors, such as hats, coins, *Flashes* and calendars. Further, an additional 1,000 copies of *Flashes* are printed and sent to 25th ID units in Iraq and Afghanistan for dispersion to Tropic Lightning soldiers serving in those areas.

The proposed budget was shown on the screen. It was suggested that copies be made available for easier review by attendees at future business meetings.

Motion for acceptance of the budget for 2005 as proposed was made by Don Morris. The motion was seconded by Larry Lydon and passed by unanimous vote.

MEMBERSHIP:

Glenda Ellis, Membership Secretary, reported a present total membership of 4,037, of which 2,115 are annual members and 1,710 are Lifetime members. About 165 members are Medal of Honor, Honorary, Associate and widows/Gold Star Mothers. There are 588 WWII era and 23 WWII and Korea era members. There were 278 new members since last year's report.

SCHOLARSHIP: David Nelson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, introduced Larry Weist and George and Rosemary Murray, members of the committee. This year, 31 scholarships for \$1,000 each and one George and Rosemary Murray Scholarship for \$1,500 were awarded. The list with photos was included in the summer *Flashes*. Mr. Nelson stated that two of the scholars, Grant Barrett and Brittany Wrightman, were inadvertently left out of that listing. There were several presentations of scholarship donations made at this time as follows:

\$781 – by Fred Deverse, chapter president of the 5th Infantry Chapter (Bobcats);

\$1,000 – (pledge) by Jerry Headley, chapter president of the 3/4 Cavalry; and

\$1,000 – (pledge) by E.K. Chandler, chapter president of the Wolfhound Pack Chapter

ARCHIVES: B. Sincock reported that many items are being received. Member Ken Hoser donated a fine collection of photographic negatives from WWII this past year; several are included in the 2005 Tropic Lightning calendar.

WEB SITE: B. Sincock reported for Association Webmaster Paul North. The site received about 10,000 visitors last year. A number of upgrades and several additions have been made. One addition is a Soldier Support page, which allows posting of messages by site visitors. The PX page now has five pages and an order form for on-line sales. Overhead slides were used to demonstrate links to sites where our soldiers are deployed and related news articles. Historian John Keliher's histories of units are part of the web

site with links for accessing further information. Information of KIA's in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom are also found on our web site.

HISTORIAN: John Keliher reported that all historical information he has gathered has been put on the web site. Overhead slides were shown with the history of the Division, beginning in 1941 to the present, of units at various times. He stated that his first priority is to respond to questions received from our web site. He referred to the transformation of the Division as explained by LTC Frost and stated he would keep Association membership informed on the subject through the web site. He will work to assure the Association's voice is heard relative to keeping the Division's historical integrity, though it appears the newly formed brigades will be scattered from Alaska to Georgia. In regard to the present plans for transformation within the 25th Infantry Division, he has written a position paper to protest the loss of the 1st Bn, 8th Field Artillery. This position paper has the support of the Division.

In regard to the Association's project to have a written account of the 25th I.D. service members' experiences who were stationed in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, member Joe Carter collected eyewitness accounts from our members. Mr. Carter has asked that someone replace him in this endeavor. J. Keliher is in contact with a possible volunteer.

REUNIONS:

Upcoming reunions - Fred Deverse announced that the 2005 Association reunion will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 20-24. Four sites for consideration had been visited. This location is in the far western part of the northeast section of the country and is within one-day's driving distance of about 80% of the membership. The Wyndham Hotel is between the airport and the city and is close to many shopping areas and restaurants. Selection of tours and activities is in process. The 2006 reunion location is Hawaii. The Hyatt Hotel in Waikiki offered room rates matching those in

1991, 1996, and 2001 (\$112/night). Location of the 2007 reunion has not yet been decided; it will be in the southeast part of the country.

First-time Reunion Attendees - Those present at the meeting were asked to stand and be recognized. A significant number stood and were welcomed with applause. An attempt was made at this reunion to identify new attendees with a round red sticker on their name badge. It appears to have worked well, and the practice will be continued.

Reunion Questionnaire - At the 2003 Executive Council meeting in Hampton, Virginia, concern was expressed over the low number of attendees at reunions in comparison with the 4,000+ membership total. A committee was appointed, chaired by Jerry Headley, with committee members Fred Deverse and Tom Jones. A questionnaire was developed and mailed to a random selection of members from the four areas of the country in which reunions are planned. Overhead slides were used by Mr. Headley to show the results of this survey. Following are the major points: 1) Entertainment is a major interest and there is a need for a greater focus on activities for the ladies. 2) Desire for unit tables in the Hospitality Room for members to share memorabilia. 3) Coordination of chapter reunions with the Association reunion. The advantages of having chapter reunions simultaneously in the same location with the Association were pointed out. 4) A new Standard Operating Procedure should be developed. 5) Considerations in the site selection should include cost to the Association and to members; accessibility, accommodations, e.g., meeting and banquet rooms, dining facilities; and a wide variety of activities. A suggestion was offered by member Don Morris that an evaluation/comment form be included in the packets given to attendees at reunions. BOOK PROJECT - THE BASTARD BRIGADE: B. Sincock reported for Tom Jones and stated his opinion that this will be the "best brigade history to come out of Vietnam." This book concept has been expanded to include the Brigade's entire time in Vietnam

under both 25th and 4th Division control. Date of publication is not known at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

NIMITZ MEMORIAL PLAQUE: The plaque was finished and mounted on the Memorial Wall at the Admiral Nimitz Foundation in Fredericksburg, Texas earlier this year. On his way to the reunion, B. Sincock joined Ralph Melcher at the foundation for a formal dedication ceremony. A slide photo was shown of the plaque and event.

ASSOCIATION OFFICER POSITIONS: A plaque has been presented to MG Eric Olson noting his appointment as Honorary President. Former Commanding General of the Division, GEN Fred Weyand, has accepted the position of President Emeritus. He will be presented with a plaque in the near future.

INCORPORATION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The incorporation, as voted upon at the last business meeting, is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

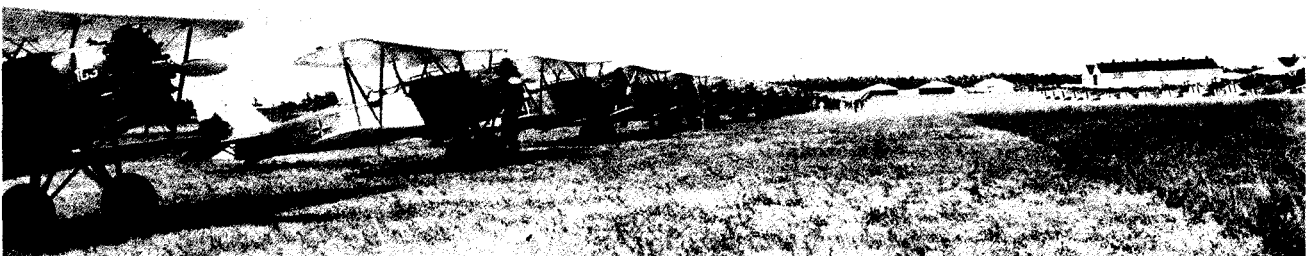
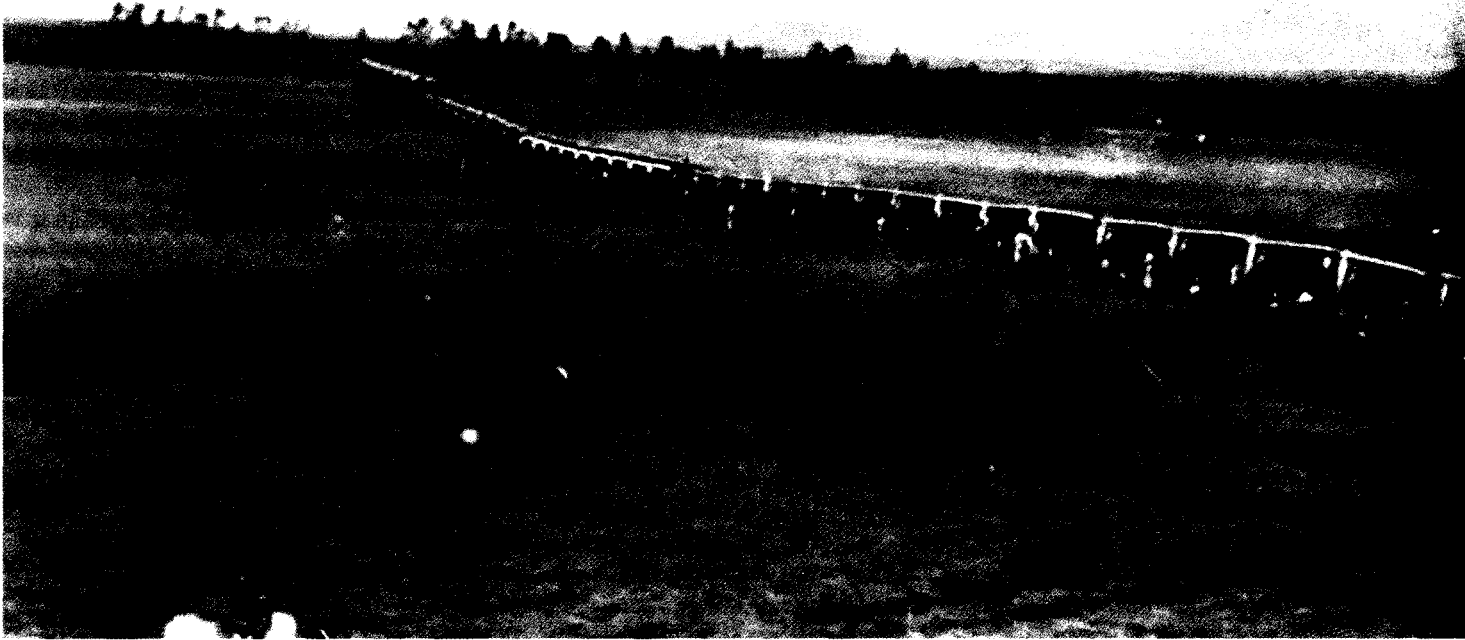
LETTERS TO SOLDIERS: Thanks for all the letters to Soldiers, which are sent to Association headquarters. They have been forwarded to our Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. Feedback is great. Another large package of letters will be forwarded shortly to both war zones. Several hundred were received from students in classes at various schools, and about a hundred more have been received from our members.

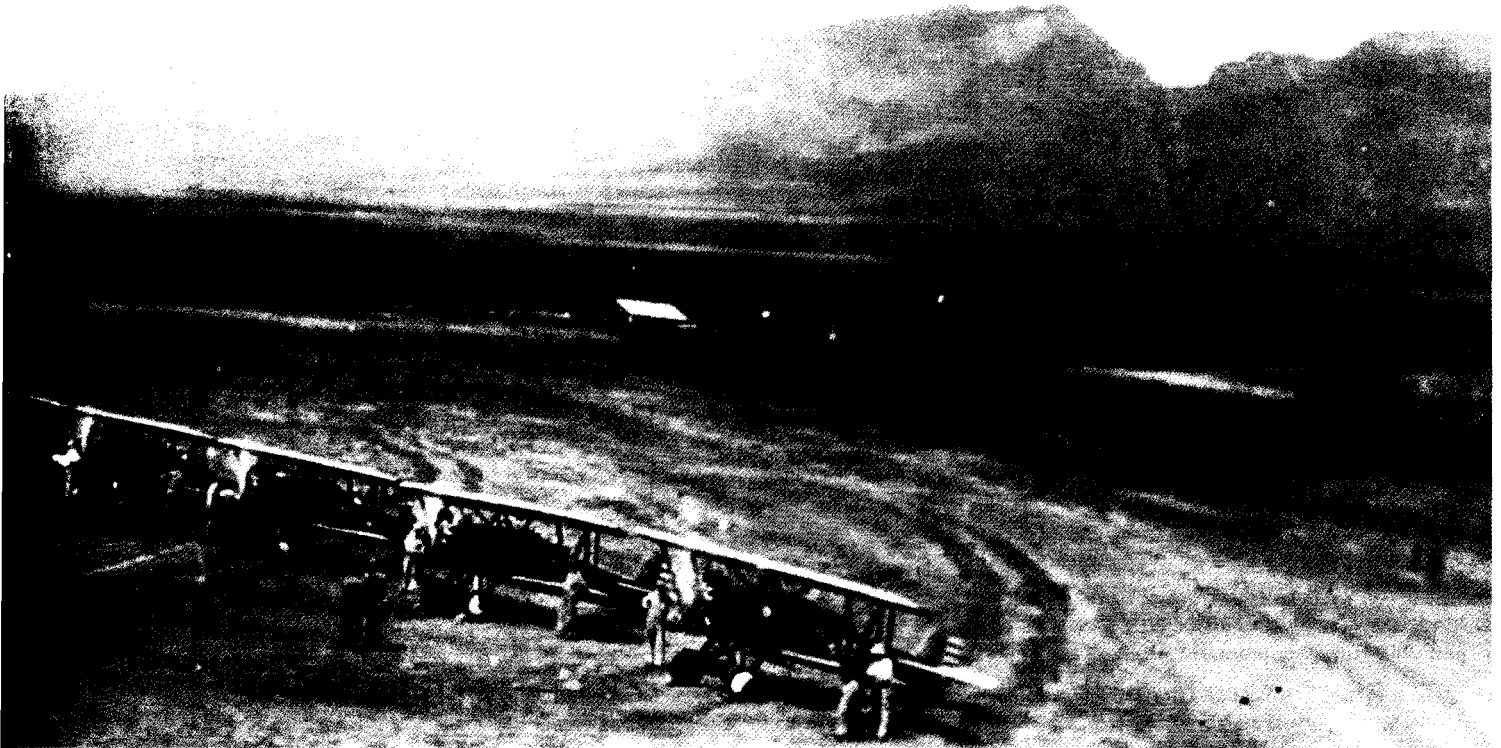
WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER VISITATION COMMITTEE: Many volunteers from the Association living in the proximity of the hospital have signed up to visit our Soldiers who were wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq and are being treated at this Walter Reed AMC. On September 21, ten Association volunteers, led by member Joe Finch, co-hosted a welcome home party with the Armed Forces Foundation. Mr. Finch's report of that event was read and is attached to the file. He stated that the event was a "success from many perspectives." He noted that

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Wheeler Army Air Field

In the 1930's when it really was a Field





Soldiers from Schofield Barracks began clearing an area to make a landing strip in February, 1922. The airfield was named in honor of Major Sheldon H. Wheeler on Nov. 11, 1922. Maj. Wheeler, former commander of Luke Field on Ford Island, died when his plane crashed during a demonstration on July 13, 1921. Wheeler Field became a separate, permanent military post on August 31, 1939. The first commander of the field was Major George E. Stratermeyer who, as a Lieutenant General, commanded the Far East Air Forces during the Korean War.

Comprising approximately 1,389 acres, Wheeler Field was the site of several major historic aviation events prior to December 7, 1941, including the first nonstop Mainland-Hawaii flight in 1927; the great Dole Derby air race from California to Hawaii; the first trans-Pacific flight from the U.S. to Australia in 1928, and the first Hawaii-to-Mainland solo flight in 1935, by Amelia Earhart.

In August 1987, the Secretary of the Interior designated Wheeler Air Force Base, now Wheeler Army Airfield, a National Historic Landmark, recognizing it as a site of national significance in the history of the United States and in particular, World War II in the Pacific. Wheeler was a major target of Japanese forces on December 7, 1941, as they sought to neutralize any air opposition to their attack on the Naval fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Once designated an Air Force Base, Wheeler was returned to U.S. Army control on November 1, 1991.

Today Wheeler AAF is home to a variety of Department of Defense activities including the Defense Communications Agency, the Air Force's 6010th Aerospace Defense Group, the Hawaii Army National Guard's Aviation Support Facility, and the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Aviation Brigade



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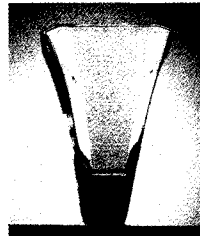
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Annual Business Meeting

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representatives from *Sports Illustrated Magazine* participated in the party.

AFGHANISTAN TRIP: Division Headquarters notified the Association that there were several slots available on a trip to visit Soldiers in Afghanistan in November. Those going are Ben Youmans, 35th Infantry; Fred Deverse, 5th Infantry; E.K. Chandler, 27th Infantry; Jerry Headley, 3/4 Cavalry, and Butch Sincock, Assn. HQ. (Subsequently, the trip was postponed, rescheduled, then cancelled.)

OIF/OEF MEMORIAL AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS: A memorial is being planned for those 25th Infantry Division Soldiers who have given their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The Association has received a request for financial assistance in this endeavor. The Executive Committee recommended a donation of \$10,000 to the Executive Council, which gave its approval.

A motion to give a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to the OIF/OEF Memorial Fund at Schofield

Barracks was made by Bob Ottis and seconded by Bill Schumacher. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was decided that a fund-raising committee be established and members be encouraged to donate to the Memorial Fund. Dave Garrod has offered to help with the fund-raising. E. K. Chandler, Wolfhounds Chapter President, voiced support on behalf of his chapter.

BEQUESTS: Andy Anderson spoke on this subject pointing out that "many of us have artifacts," items collected and saved through the years that are of historical value. In order to assure these artifacts are preserved, disposition should be stated in a will. Consideration should be given to bequests for the Association Archive Project. Financial support is also needed for the Association Scholarship Fund, and now for the Memorial at Schofield. Mike Coale added that the Education Center at the Vietnam Memorial will be completed in the near future and might also be a consideration for bequests. In regard to the Museum at Schofield, B. Sincock stated that

Curator Linda Hee has notified him that she expects to add a new gallery for when soldiers return from Iraq and Afghanistan, and will be asking for help from the Association with that addition. **REPRESENTATIVE FOR FT. LEWIS:** Russ Noble stated his concern that the Association does not have communication with the 25th Infantry Division Soldiers at Ft. Lewis to the extent that it that does with those at Schofield in Hawaii. He suggested that a representative in that area be appointed to act as a liaison. No decision was made at this meeting and the subject was tabled for future consideration.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Russ Noble, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the term 2004-2006. The Directors are elected for a term of three years (to 2007). Also, in regard to the Director positions, while the proposed members for election this year represent the WWII, Korean and Vietnam eras, future nominees will not necessarily represent these three eras. It was the opinion of members of both

the Executive Committee and Executive Council that veterans of the Cold War, and War on Terrorism should be eligible for these positions as well. The Slate of Officers was presented as follows:

President: MG Andrew Anderson, USA-Ret.

1st Vice President: Fred Deverse

2nd Vice President: David Nelson

Director: Harold Bruschwein

Director: Howard Okada

Director: Joseph Finch

Officers appointed by the incoming president:

Constitution & By-laws Committee:

Ed Zglenski and Ward Marianos

Finance Committee: Tom Jones, Chairman, and Gary Dittmer

Historian: John Keliher

Scholarship Chairman: Dave Nelson

Archives: Thomas Tait and Butch Sincock

Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Carlisle Crank

Membership Secretary:

Glenda Ellis

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Russ Noble made a motion that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Glenda Ellis

Membership Secretary

ROLL CALL

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Perry J. Del Purgatorio, 305 Bell Avenue, Hasbrouck Hgts, NJ 07604, 14th Inf Regt, Korea, 6/52-2/53

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Ron Drobac, P O Box 11394, Spring Hill, FL 34610, HHB, 3/13th FA., Cold War, 1972 - 1974

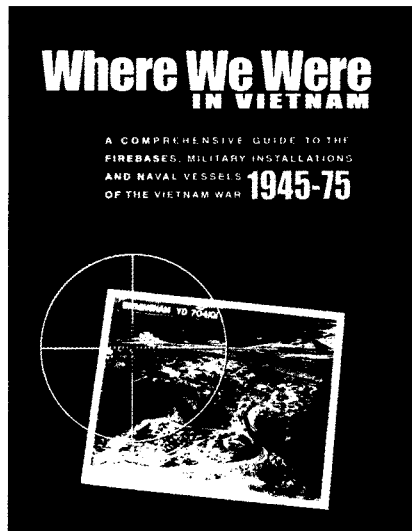
Gregory A. Edwards, 1030 Dry Ridge Mt Zion Rd, Dry Ridge, KY 41035, Co B, 1/27th Inf, Cold War, 10/78 - 10/81

John T. Felz, 1944 Plainfield Ave, S. Plainfield, NJ 07080, 2/22nd Inf, Vietnam, 4/68 - 4/69

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TROPIC LIGHTNING BOOK REVIEWS

In the last issue of Flashes we promised you eight book reviews, but ran out of space before we could fit them all in. Here is the missing review along with several others. From the letters we have been getting, it appears that a number of our readers have obtained the books we have reviewed and gotten satisfaction from reading them. Some of those books reviewed here and in past issues may now or in the future be available through our Parallel PX.



Where We Were in Vietnam: 1945-1975. by Michael P. Kelly, Hellgate Press, 2002

If you were an officer in the field in Vietnam, you knew where you were. You had to. Maps were your connection to reality and accurate support by artillery, mortars and other direct and indirect fire. If you were the CO's RTO, you carried the maps and you likely knew exactly where you were as well. But if you were a "grunt" you might only have a very rough idea of where you were or where you were going on any particular occasion. But we all remembered the names of the bases we operated out of. The location of Division and Brigade-size basecamps were well known and can easily be found today. But the many fire support bases (FSB) have in most cases long vanished from the earth and

exist only in distant memory. However, part of that memory is the unique name, usually assigned by the artillery unit based in the FSB. We can all remember names like FSB Schofield, FSB Pershing, FSB Buell, FSB Rawlings, and FSB Patton among others.

Over the course of years, Mike "M-60" Kelly, a 101st Airborne Veteran, has researched the many military sites in Vietnam from the time of the French War (circa 1945-54) right up through the fall of South Vietnam in 1975. The result is a city phone-book-size work documenting over 5,000 bases throughout the former South Vietnam. He gives the pertinent history, military grid location or latitude/longitude and other details to include the source of the name of the base where known.

If you want to figure out where you've been during your service in Vietnam, this book is indispensable. For those contemplating a return tour to Vietnam, this book ought to be on your pre-trip reading list and perhaps packed among your luggage, although it will take up as much space as a Philadelphia phone book.

Every Veteran of Vietnam owes "M-60" Mike Kelly a hearty "Thanks!"

The Cat from Hue

by John Laurence, Publicaffairs, 2002

This is a very interesting book by a journalist who submerged himself in the Vietnam War for three tours between 1965 and 1970. It is quite an honest recollection. Honest in the sense that Lawrence, a gifted writer, shares his feelings as well his candid observations of the war as it progressed for America over half a decade.

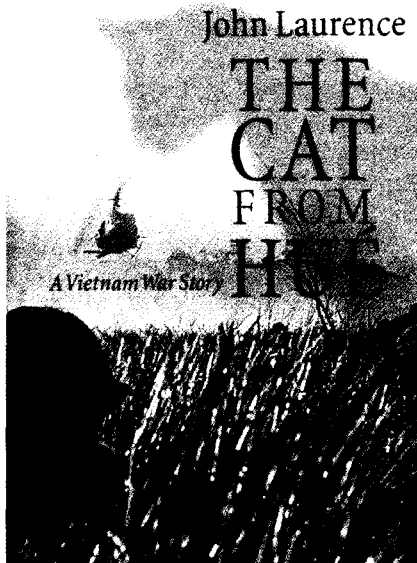
His portrait of some of his fellow journalists and his own occasional behavior is not particularly flattering. Hanging out in Saigon at a place called "Frankie's house," the young press corps, many of whose names are familiar, were into alcohol and drugs long before it became a problem for the

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Book Reviews

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"Laurence's eloquent...recollection of Vietnam is one of the finest books in its genre, comparable to Michael Herr's *Dispatches*."
---NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW



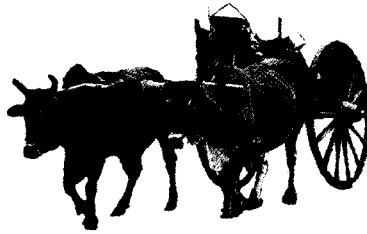
US military in Vietnam. If you ever wondered "what was that guy smoking" when he wrote a particular article, Lawrence can probably give you a shopping list of the possibilities.

No one can doubt the personal courage of this man. But you also have to ask yourself how much damage his frequent exposure to combat situations clouded his judgment and obscured the objectivity that should have been his professional trademark. After a while he not only couldn't see the forest for the trees, he couldn't see the trees for the bark. He states that at a point he came to believe that the war was wrong and his reporting was intended to promote that personal conviction.

In an interesting discussion of military PIO (Public Information Officers) with another reporter he quoted the other reporter as saying, "We're as bad as they are. We exaggerate the violence as much as they play it down. 'Cause it sells copy. Whenever there's a conflict between making money and real honesty, money wins. It doesn't matter whether you saw something firsthand or whether you're rewriting somebody else's stuff. You exaggerate. Make it more dramatic." Given the wide breach between first-hand reports by Soldiers coming out of Iraq pertaining to

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progress in many parts of that country and the press reports about problems in several cities, this reviewer wonders if the same "violence-sells / peace-doesn't" mindset continues to drive the media coverage of our current wars.

Part Four of this book is titled "Tay Ninh." For a student of 25th Division history in Vietnam, Tay Ninh is to the Tropic Lightning Division like Bastogne is to the 101st and Omaha Beach is to the 29th and 1st Divisions. Laurence and a photographer accompanied infantry units on combat operations in northern Tay Ninh, including combat in Cambodia.

Oh, yes, the title. Laurence rescued an orphaned kitten in Hue during the '68 Tet Offensive. He kept the cat as a pet and eventually brought it home to New York. It was always a cantankerous feline and Laurence's relationship with that cat is probably analogous to the relationship of the US to Vietnam. The book is a good read.

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Hero Mama by Karen Spears Zacharias, William Morrow/Harper Collins, 2005

Karen Zacharias was keynote speaker at the Association's 2004 Reunion in Tucson. She read several excerpts from her book and certainly captured the attention of the audience. The book chronicles the repercussions for a family that loses a parent in war.

On Panel 9 East, Line 71 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is the name of SSG David Paul Spears. He was killed in Vietnam serving with the 3rd Brigade in the Central Highlands on July 24, 1966. *Hero Mama* is the story of what became of the family he left behind in Tennessee from that day forward. The book provides some prelude to give the reader an overview of SSG Spears and his family, but most of the book is devoted to the aftermath of his death.

The author was nine years old. She had an eleven-year-old brother and six

year old sister. The Soldier who delivered the bad news drove in a jeep to their trailer in the mountains of East Tennessee. In today's Army there are family support groups within the military and many caring and generous civilians who provide support and comfort to the wounded and the families of Soldiers who die in action. 1966, however, was a different time. Although significant elements within the citizenry had not yet turned against the war, the plight of those left behind was overlooked or soon forgotten.

Hero Mama is an uncamouflaged examination of the lives of the Spears family after SSG Spears' death. There is no sugarcoating, but neither is there hand-wringing. Ms. Zacharias presents a comprehensive chronicle of the Spears family over the next several decades with emphasis on her own maturation during this period. If she were not such a good writer, the story, composed with brutal honesty and humor, might be uncomfortable to read.

The teenage years, a prelude to adulthood, do not afford the youngster much of a perspective on the course steered by the significant adults in their lives. Ms. Zacharias was into her adult years before she could look beyond her mother's pitfalls and faults and fully appreciate the job she had done as a mother. The widow Spears held her family together. While coping with her own loss, the responsibility of raising

a family and a yearning for loving companionship, she worked full-time, went to school nights and over the course of many years earned a degree as a Registered Nurse.

Beyond the tribute to her mother, Zacharias reminds us that long after the guns fall silent, the anguish and sense of loss continue for the families of our fallen comrades. We cannot solve all the problems those families will face, but we can hold out the hand of friendship and loyalty to them that we often find more easily expressed toward our fallen.

ROLL CALL (continued)

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Emanuel Henderson, Co C, 125th Signal Bn, APO AE 09314, Co's A & C, 125th Sig Bn Divarty, War on Terrorism, 5/17/04 - present

Jamie Hernandez, 359 Sante Fe, Unit 101, Wahiawa, HI 96786, Co B, 2/35th Inf, War on Terrorism, Present - WIA

Werner A. Hofmann, 3 Ashmore Place, Monroe, NY 10950-3101, 21st AAA AW Bn; 90th FA Bn, Korea, 1/51 - 2/52

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Roy F. Kirk, 3826 S E Washington, Milwaukie, OR 97222, 1/5th Inf (M), Vietnam, 8/15/69 - 9/3/71

Guadalupe Lopez, Jr., 1819 Gaynor Drive, Killeen, TX 76549-2137, HHC, 2/14th Inf, Vietnam, 7/69 - 8/70

George R. Lovins, 11424 Rt 42, Apt #6, Cincinnati, OH 45241, Co B, 4/23rd (Mech), Vietnam, 12/67 - 12/68

Gary Thomas Mather, 802 Sammy Court, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, 38th IPSD, 2nd Bde, 25th Div, Vietnam, 3/70-1/71

Neil A. Miley, P O Box 108, Sweetser, IN 46987, Co A, 4th Bn, 23rd Inf, Cold War & Vietnam, 1963 - 1967

Charles N. Peay Jr., 129 W Center Street, Ackerman, MS 39735, 35th Inf Medical Co, Korea, 9/1/48 - 8/31/51

Johnnie F. Perry, 2467 Highland, Salina, KS 67401, HQ 25th Mech Cav Recon Co; HQ 25th Inf Div, Occupation/Korea, 1948-51

James N. Pitts, 13102 W Coal Hopper Ln, 2 A, Midlothian, VA 23113-4615, Co D, 2/22nd Mech, Vietnam, 1969

Robert L. Powers, 901 Grande, North Platte, NE 69101, 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, Vietnam, 1966-1969

Timothy W. Price, 1907 12th Ave S E, Aberdeen, SD 57401, HHC 3rd Bde, Vietnam, 4/69 - 1/72

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Ronald H. Sandvig, 3796 Mc Knight Rd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110-4874, 14th Inf Regt, Korea, 2/7/51-11/7/52

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John W. White, 265 Hiltons Lane, Wells, ME 04090, B Troop, 3/4 Cav, Vietnam, 1/1/67 - 12/67

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Brandon Wooldridge, 105 Rolling Ridge Cr, Garner, NC 27529, 25th Inf, War on Terrorism, Present

Hero Mama

A Daughter Remembers the Father
She Lost in Vietnam--and the Mother
Who Held Her Family Together



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From Firefight to Walter Reed in 48 Hours

By Joe Finch

What is the 25th Infantry Division doing, you might ask? What is an Army Division normally based in a tropical paradise like Hawaii doing in a water forsaken high desert like Afghanistan or the blast furnace deserts of Iraq? The answer is "Quite a bit."

It is not unusual for the Tropic Lightning to deploy overseas to carry out or enforce US policy. They have a long history of fighting for freedom around the world in every theater and they generally come out with a glowing reputation for accomplishment and courage. The Tropic Lightning Division has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and the Soldiers themselves can tell you what they are doing.

"We have built schools and power stations, repaired pipelines, and watched as little girls went to school for the first time in their lives. Sir, they weren't dawdling along like our school kids might. They were excited to go to school and very much looking forward to it."

"We have watched as shop-keepers cautiously opened doors to their shops which had been closed for years."

Each of our young veterans was proud they were able to open schools, restart power plants and open shops. They talked of the 90% of Iraqi people they thought were good and decent people. (Is that an "all American" reaction or what?)

I spoke to several wounded veterans recovering in Walter Reed and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. (The two hospitals are only 5 miles apart in the metropolitan area north of Washington DC.) I asked, and they told me how they were wounded and what their mission had been that day. All of them knew exactly what their mission had been and they knew how it fit into the overall plan to liberate the country in which they were fighting. Two were not at liberty to say due to security

concerns, but all of them knew they were making a difference.

Danny O'Sullivan: "Sir, we were an escort for some United Nations personnel, two vehicles with Red Cross teams including a doctor, and some Afghan civilians who were trying to ensure that the people of the village of Qarah would be allowed to vote in the election. We were ambushed by about 15 Afghan resistance fighters armed with rocket propelled grenades and machineguns. They know that the white United Nations vehicles were not armed and they knew the Red Cross vehicles were not armed. We were in the lead vehicle, at the point, so we took the brunt of the assault."

In his blow-by-blow description, Danny, who was the gunner on the Hummv, was very clear about how he had fought back until an RPG hit their Hummvee, blew it off the ground causing it to roll over and injure his team. Shrapnel hit him everywhere. He was bloodied, blinded in one eye, and his ears were ringing. He was crawling around trying to get another weapon and could see 6 assailants on a hillside trying to pick off his team with machine gun fire. He recalls blacking out once or twice, "because the people on the ridge line seemed to jump from one position to another several feet away."

Then he heard more rockets but strangely they seemed to be going over him impacting the assailants' positions. Then he heard the rotor blades of the Apache attack helicopter that had just saved his life and the lives of those around him. The hostile fire ceased and he was able to take stock of his situation. His Hummvee had been hit hard and at least one other crewman, Eli Cook, was seriously wounded with a gaping hole in his leg and buttocks.

Within minutes of the attack a UH-60 Blackhawk aircraft from the 2-25th Aviation, "Diamondheads," settled nearby to rescue them. The crew of the helicopter got out and helped Danny and Eli into the aircraft and returned the wounded troops to the field hospital.

The field hospital stabilized the wounds and realized it was beyond their ability to treat these injuries

completely so both were put on a medical evacuation jet, and flown to the Landstuhl hospital near Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. They were again examined, treated, stabilized and flown by medical evacuation jet to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington DC. Then a medical evacuation helicopter flew them the final leg to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. From the field to the finest medical care available in just less than 48 hours.

President's Corner

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Proposed stationing:

- One SBCT and one IBCT at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
- One IBCT at Fort Benning, Georgia.
- One IBCT at Fort Riley, Kansas.
- One SBCT at Fort Lewis, Washington.
- One IBCT (airborne) at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

The end result, if all goes as planned, will make the 25th Infantry Division the largest and most dispersed division in the United States Army. No other active duty division is programmed to have more than four Brigade Combat Teams. Again, this is the plan and barring any major base closures all Tropic Lightning units should be in place by the end of 2006.

In closing, please note the 45 names listed on our TAPS page. Of that number 16 are KIAs from the fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq. We now have a unique opportunity to memorialize those who have fallen in action or may be KIAs in the continuing war against terrorism. The timely dedication of a memorial at Schofield Barracks this summer is doable with your help. Please consider a sizable donation that will honor the memory of our brave Tropic Lightning Soldiers. We who survived during conflicts owe our brothers and sisters no less than to memorialize their sacrifice made in the noble cause of freedom.

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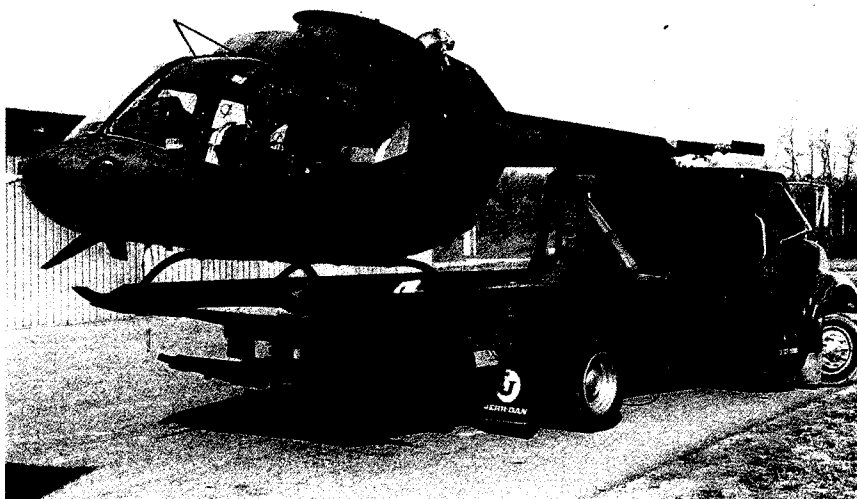
A Tropic Lightning Aircraft Patrols The Chesapeake Still Serving

By Andy Anderson

Living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland has its advantages, not the least of which is the never-ending opportunity to hunt and fish. Much of this area is still rural with large tracts of woods, farms and shore lines. In Talbot County, we have about 600 miles of shoreline with a number of

tributaries feeding into the Chesapeake Bay. To many, fishing in the bay followed by the deer and waterfowl seasons, are excellent reasons to live in the "Land of Pleasant Living."

Unfortunately, there are some fishermen and hunters who exceed the limits and violate the rules and regulations governing these pursuits. To counter these miscreants we have officers of the Natural Resources Police, the law enforcement arm of the Department of Natural Resources. Founded in 1868, the NRP is Maryland's oldest state law enforcement agency and one of the oldest conservation law enforcement



Top: The Kiowa as it sat on the Tropic Lightning tarmac at Wheeler AAF, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Above: The Tropic Lightning OH-58A Kiowa arrived at its Maryland destination atop a wrecker.

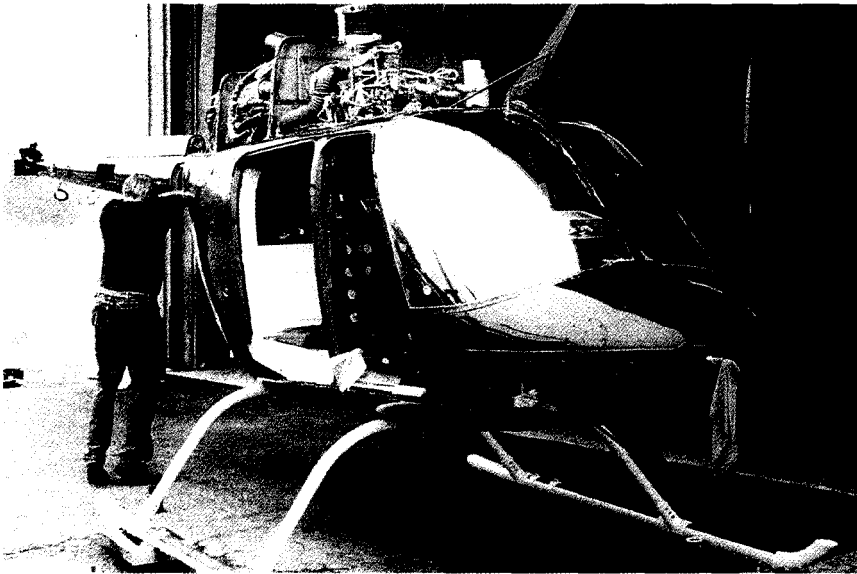
agencies in the United States. Enforcing conservation laws is the primary focus of the NRP, and aircraft are an important force multiplier for this activity. The NRP began using aircraft in support of enforcement activities in 1946. They usually work to support NRP officers working on the ground or in boats on Maryland's numerous waterways. The aerial patrols seek out such violators as hunters taking game in closed areas, using baited fields to hunt migratory waterfowl, or poachers spotlighting deer at night.

A recent NRP aircraft acquisition just happens to be a turbine powered Bell OH-58A+ Kiowa aircraft from the Tropic Lightning Division. When this 25th Aviation Battalion helicopter was replaced by a Black Hawk chopper, the Kiowa became available to any other federal or state agency. This is a common practice within government circles to recycle Department of Defense excess property whenever some other governmental agency can demonstrate a need. The only expense the gaining agency incurs is the cost of transportation from the donor's site. While it was not cheap to ship the bird from Hawaii to the East Coast, it was a bargain when compared to buying a new helicopter.

Buzz Jones, a neighbor who happens to be a Golden Dragon (B Co., 14th Inf) and who was wounded in Korea, currently serves as a NRP reserve officer. Recently, I mentioned that a helicopter with a searchlight turned on was circling nearby late at night. Buzz said the bird was aiding in the search for poachers seen and reported in the area. It was then I learned the history of this aircraft that came to our area by way of Hawaii.

During a visit to the Easton Airport and the aviation section of the NRP consisting of three rotary and one fixed wing aircraft, I was introduced to the flight section consisting of: Sgt. Brian J. Martin, chief pilot; Cpl. John F. Buchanan, pilot; and Gregory W. Lantz, aviation mechanic. Sgt. Martin is also a CW4 and a CH-47 Chinook pilot. He recently returned with Company B, 5th

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Bn., 159th Aviation Regiment, from a deployment to Udairi, Kuwait, flying resupply missions into Iraq. His Army Reserve unit is based at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

The records of OH-58A Kiowa Tail # 70-15198 reveals that this bird entered military service in 1970. In addition to service with HHT, 3/4 Cavalry and the 25th Aviation Battalion at Schofield Barracks, this Kiowa also served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. At the time of hand-off to Maryland's NRP Aviation Section, she had 2763 hours of flight time. Some of the installed equipment now includes Forward Looking Infrared Radar. The FLIR system model Ultra 7500 provides thermal imagery for night operations; a Spectrolab SX-16 Nightsun searchlight and a spiffy high gloss paint job. Pilots and observers also utilize ANVIS-9 night vision goggles. Illegal activity can be recorded on the FLIR video for later use in court. The FLIR has even been used to locate firearms and cartridge casings that suspects have attempted to discard to avoid prosecution. The Nightsun is used to guide officers on the ground to the suspects. Maritime drug smuggling is also a target of NRP Aviation. Night surveillance is conducted to locate and apprehend small boats used to transfer contraband from ocean going ships to shore. The aviation personnel of the NRP clearly prove that even a small airborne law enforcement unit can do big things.

While some may question the air worthiness of an aircraft with now over 3,000 flight hours, it does speak well for prolonging its useful life by changing out major components periodically. The voluminous logs and records of Tail # 70-15198 clearly reflect the stringent maintenance performed over time that has allowed for such a long and useful life. This enhanced Kiowa now serves in law enforcement and continues to receive excellent support services and whatever it takes to keep her flying for many more years. It should make any Tropic Lightning Veteran smile to know that a 35 year Veteran of our Division is "Still Serving".

Above: The chopper as it was being worked on in Maryland. Below: Andy Anderson (L) and Buzz Jones (R) with the fully restored Kiowa.



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Scholarship Application

Persons who qualify and who desire to apply for the award must file an application with the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee at 4112 Southeast 1st Place, Cape Coral FL 33904, not later than April 15, 2005, to be considered. In addition to the other necessary documents (see criteria below) the following information is required:

Name of applicant _____ Marital status _____
 Permanent address _____
 Current mailing address (if different) _____
 Birthplace _____ Birth date _____
 High school attended _____
 Graduation date _____
 Veteran parent's or grandparent's full name _____ Living [] Deceased [] KIA []
 Veteran's Occupation _____
 Period(s) of time parent or grandparent was a member of the 25th Infantry Division: _____
 25th Unit(s) to which assigned _____
 Rank or grade with the 25th Infantry Division _____ Army Service No. _____
 Present rank or grade (if active duty) _____
 Period parent or grandparent was (has been) a member of the 25th Infantry Division Association _____
 If deceased during active combat or as a result of combat give available information on a separate attached sheet.
 Mother's full name _____ Living [] Deceased []
 Mother's Occupation _____
 If parents are deceased name and address of legal guardian _____
 College course you intend to pursue _____
 College you attend or intend to attend _____
 Have you applied for this Scholarship before? [] Yes [] No If "Yes," when: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

25th Infantry Division Association Educational Scholarship Award Criteria

The 25th Infantry Division Association has established the following criteria for administering and awarding the Education Memorial Scholarship Awards and the George and Rosemary Murray Scholarship Award:

- Individual scholarship grants of up to \$1,500 (based on the decision of the Executive Council) may be made annually from Association Scholarship funds to provide assistance to the most deserving applicants who are:
- A child or grandchild of an active member of the Association, or
- A son or daughter of a former member of the Division deceased during active combat with the Division or as a result thereof or
- An active member of an Association Chapter with the Division who is scheduled for release from active service or discharge on or before 31 December of the year of the award.

The following limitations are established:

- The awards are considered only for those applicants who will be enrolling in a four year college, university, junior college or trade school.
- The applicant must be intent on pursuing a course toward a baccalaureate degree or certificate of completion and must include at least 12 semester hours per semester toward that goal.
- The application and supporting documents must be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman by 15 April of the year of consideration as indicated on the application form. Applications submitted after 15 April will not be considered. The complete application must include, in addition to the application form, the items listed below:
 1. A personal letter from the applicant giving reasons for the request, plans for the future, summary of school activities and interests, financial situation, and other points the applicant thinks pertinent.
 2. A transcript of high school credits through the first semester of the senior year to include rank in class and most recent ACT or SAT college entrance test scores or a transcript of most recent semester of undergraduate study.
 3. Letters of recommendation by three recognizable, reputable community citizens, one to be from the high school principal of the graduating school, the authority who certifies high school equivalency or a faculty member of the institution of higher learning in which the applicant is enrolled.
 4. A letter of acceptance from the institution selected by the applicant.
 5. A full-face head and shoulders photograph of the applicant, not larger than 4x5 inches. This photo will not be used during the evaluation for the award, but only for Association publicity for award winners.
 6. A copy of the applicant's parent's or grandparent's DD-214 or other documentary evidence of service in the US Army and in the 25th Infantry Division.
- The Association does not award more than \$1,500 nor does it say the grant must be spent during a limited period of time.
- Applications will be evaluated during April and May by the Scholarship Committee which will make its recommendations to the Association Executive Council by late May. The Executive Council by direct contact or mail ballot will make a decision and so notify the Association President by 1 July, in order that he can notify award winners in early summer.
- Persons who qualify and who desire to apply for the award must file an application with the Chairman, Scholarship Committee, 4112 Southeast 1st Place, Cape Coral FL 33904 not later than 15 April of the year of consideration, except that applicants whose parent is on active duty with the 25th Infantry Division at the time of application will forward the application to the Committee Chairman through the President of the Schofield Barracks Chapter of the Association. The President of that Chapter will insure that all applications forwarded through him reach the Scholarship Committee no later than 1 May of the year of consideration.

Pittsburgh Activities

Heinz History Center and Andy Warhol Museum Tour

Tuesday, September 20
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 PM

Andy Warhol



Immerse yourself in the culture and history of Pittsburgh at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center, where 250 years of Western Pennsylvania History comes alive! The History Center is a 160,000-square foot museum and research facility devoted to the history and heritage of the

Western Pennsylvania region and is one of only 15 history museum affiliates of the Smithsonian Institution nationwide. Exhibits include the history of Heinz “57” ketchup, Pittsburgh glass and “Building a Life in Western Pennsylvania.” A well-known Pittsburgh guide will be aboard the coach to provide interesting facts about the Pittsburgh area while enroute to locations. We have lunch on our own at the “North Shore” where we can select from among Finnigan’s Wake, Firewaters, Atria’s, or Outback Restaurants. After lunch we go to the Andy Warhol Museum. The Warhol is ever changing and constantly redefining itself in relation to contemporary life, using its unique collections and dynamic, interactive programming as tools. Later, we return to the Reunion Hotel. \$52 per person

Wendell August Forge Tour Wednesday, September 21

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

A visit to Wendell August is an experience you won’t soon forget. Since 1923, Wendell August has pioneered the artistry of creating unique hand-hammered metal giftware. Today, Grove City is home to the nation’s oldest and largest forge still in operation. We watch as skilled artisans and craftsmen create one-of-a-kind metal giftware in aluminum, solid bronze, copper, fine pewter and sterling silver. Once inside our gift shop, the friendly associates will assist you with the well over 1,000 different gift items created in the workshop. We have a tour of the workshop with plenty of time for browsing and shopping upon completion of the tour. We continue on to the famed Tara Inn, reminiscent of the fabled Olde South Mansion, where we enjoy an appetizing lunch. After lunch and time to look around the Inn, we board our motorcoach for our return to Pittsburgh, with stops at the Grove City Outlets for shopping. \$57 per person.



Thursday, September 22 Laurel Highlands Tour

7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Today we venture south into Pennsylvania’s famous Laurel Highlands. Our first stop will be Shanksville where Flight 93 crashed on Sept. 11, 2001. We will hold a Wreath Ceremony at the crash site and honor those Patriots who fought back on that fateful morning. Then we continue our exploration of Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. With historical sites dating back to the French and Indian War to contemporary art and architecture, the Laurel Highlands is home to a diverse culture. Our next stop will be Fort Necessity, where a young George Washington led troops in the first battle of the French and Indian War. Our stop includes the Fort and the Mount Washington Tavern where we learn about early life on the National Road. With a box lunch (provided) aboard our motorcoach, we continue on to Fallingwater, the famed Frank Lloyd Wright. Built in 1939 as a private residence, it was constructed over a natural waterfall. It retains its original furnishings and artwork. We return to Pittsburgh in late afternoon. \$62 per person.



Thursday, September 22 Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise

6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

We travel to dockside and board one of Gateway Clipper Fleet’s ships for our dinner cruise along the three rivers that intersect in Pittsburgh. As we pass the scenery of the Steel City skyline, we enjoy a hearty dinner of chicken and ribs. \$62 per person.



Friday, September 23 Glass & Steel Heritage Tours

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

From 1875 to 1980, this part of Pennsylvania was the steelmaking capital of the world. Our tour will guide you through 125 years of Big Steel as a way of life in this part of the USA. After lunch on our own at the Waterfront in Homestead, we begin our heritage glass tour. At the Pittsburgh Glass Center we learn of the history of glass making and see modern craftsmen practicing their centuries-old skills. Here in Pittsburgh glass making has evolved from function to art. \$54 per person.





Friday, September 23

Frick Art and Historical Center

9:15 AM – 12:30 PM

The Frick Art and Historical Center is a fascinating complex of museums and historical buildings located on over five acres of lawns and gardens in Pittsburgh's residential East End. The Center is devoted to the interpretation of the life and times of industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Exhibitions of fine and decorative art are also presented at the Center. Featured is Clayton, the restored Frick family home and cornerstone of the Center. In addition to Clayton, visitors enjoy: The Frick Art Museum; The Car and Carriage Museum; the Greenhouse; the Frick children's playhouse, now a Visitors' Center and Shop; and The Cafe. \$34 per person.



Saturday, September 24

Just Ducky Tour

11:30 PM – 2:00 PM

A fun-filled land and water trip through Pittsburgh in a vintage World War II amphibious vehicle. Fun for all ages, the tour is a history lesson as well as the ride of your life. The tour ends at Station Square, a former railway station that is now a major entertainment and shopping experience.

\$42 per person.



Pittsburgh

Reunion Schedule

September 20 - 24, 2005

Saturday, Sept. 17 to Monday, Sept. 19, 2005

Early Arrivals

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Reunion Registration Opens	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Warhol & Heinz Museum Tour	9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Wendell August Forge Tour	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Registration	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	12:00 am- 11:00 pm
Parallel PX	2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Executive Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Registration	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
The Laurel Highlands Tour	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Hospitality Suite	12:00 am- 11:00 pm
Parallel PX	2:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Friday, September 23, 2005

Registration	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pittsburgh Steel & Glass Tour	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
Frick Museum Tour	9:15 pm - 12:30 pm
Parallel PX	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Memorial Service	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Auxiliary Meeting	7:30pm
Hospitality Suite	7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Parallel PX	7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday, September 24, 2005

Annual Business Meeting	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Just Ducky City Tour	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
Parallel PX	12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
Cocktail Reception	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Annual Banquet	7:15 pm

Step 1: Hotel Registration



WYNDHAM PITTSBURGH AIRPORT



Reserve your Reunion hotel room now. Rooms are available at these rates only to members and guests registering for the reunion. Substantially higher rates will be charged for those not registered for the Reunion (Step 2 - opposite page). All reservations are on a first-come first-served basis. Don't be left out!

Name: _____ Number of people _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

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Signature: _____

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Single, Double, or Triple Room @ \$69.00 plus tax _____

One King _____ Two Doubles _____

Smoking _____ Nonsmoking _____

Special Request: _____

****Special requests will be honored based upon availability ****

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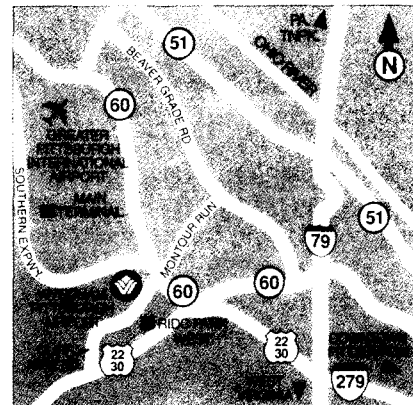
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PHONE: 800-328-9297 or 412-788-8800

FAX: 412-788-6299

We look forward to seeing
you in September 2005!



Step 2: Your Reunion Registration & Activity Selection

56TH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____
 Guests: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Unit within the 25th (i.e., 27th Inf, 89th FA, etc.) _____
 Dates of Service with the 25th Division: _____

Check (✓) here if this is your first 25th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

Reunion Fees:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration before June 15, 2005	_____	X	\$30	\$ _____
Registration after June 15, 2005	_____	X	\$40	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet				
Baked Seabass	_____	X	\$28	\$ _____
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	_____	X	\$33	\$ _____
<u>Tuesday, September 20, 2005</u>				
Warhol & Heinz Museum Tour	_____	X	\$52	\$ _____
<u>Wednesday, September 21, 2005</u>				
Wendell August Forge Tour	_____	X	\$57	\$ _____
<u>Thursday, September 22, 2005</u>				
Laurel Highlands Tour	_____	X	\$57	\$ _____
Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise	_____	X	\$62	\$ _____
<u>Friday, September 23, 2005</u>				
Pittsburgh Steel & Glass Tour	_____	X	\$54	\$ _____
Frick Museum Tour	_____	X	\$34	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, September 24, 2005</u>				
Just Ducky Tour	_____	X	\$42	\$ _____
Donations				\$ _____
Credit Card Service Charge (only if paying by credit card)			\$10	\$ _____
			Grand Total	\$ _____

Pittsburgh

Mail to:
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 Flourtown PA 19031-0007

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Credit Card Information: Discover Card Visa Mastercard American Express

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reunion Cancellation Policies

The cancellation policies of Hutton Group Convention and Group Services and the Wyndham Hotel apply to all tour and hotel transactions.

The 25th Infantry Division Association must provide participant counts for all activities. The Association is financially responsible to the service providers for services and goods based on participant counts. Therefore, the Association will refund 100% of Reunion Registration fees paid provided notice is received at least 30 days prior to the reunion. Between 15 and 29 days the Association will refund 50% of Reunion Registration fees provided written notice is received. If notice is received in 14 days or less, no refund will be made *except* in those cases where injury/illness prohibited

attendance and then any refund will be on a case by case basis depending on any losses incurred by the Association due to the cancellation. Notice of cancellation must be in writing and sent to:

25th Infantry Division Association Reunion 2005
 PO Box 7
 Flourtown PA 19031-0007

As an alternative, cancellations may be faxed to the Association at 215-248-5250. All cancellations must include a copy of the confirmation received from the Association and a complete address and telephone number of the member by which confirmation can be confirmed by our staff. Association headquarters will be closed from Sept. 17 to Sept. 25, 2005

Taking Care of Our Own

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"In our era ... people were wounded on the battlefield, people were evacuated and the guys never knew what happened to them," Jones began.

"... For many [veterans], it took them 30 years to find out where that best friend of theirs had ended up ... They don't want this generation to have what happened to them, happen again."

Garrod emphasized that support of division Soldiers is not optional.

"I think it's very important to us that [the wounded] have that welcome home. We have to make sure that they're not forgotten, that they get the support that a lot of the times we didn't get because of the unpopularity of the Vietnam War.

"We don't want to see that happen and I think each and every one of us, in our own communities, are doing our part to make sure the Soldier is remembered," Garrod said.

Task Force 1-27 Inf. Soldiers Storm Iraqi Villages, Leave as Guests

Sgt. Sean Kimmons
25th ID (L) PAO

NORTH OF RASHAD, Iraq – When Task Force 1-27 Infantry Soldiers and Iraqi Security Forces conducted Operation Wolfhound Jab, no one was detained and no weapon caches were found within two small Arab villages north of Rashad on Nov. 15.

But this was good news. Because it meant there were no signs within these villages of the insurgent activity that has plagued the surrounding area in the past week.

As fighting continued in Fallujah to the south, the insurgency moved north near these two villages located in the northern tip of the Sunni Triangle. Many improvised explosive devices were emplaced, and Iraqi Security Force checkpoints were overrun and destroyed in the area.



A Wolfhound Soldier prepares to enter a building in Iraq. Photo by Sean Kimmons

There were reports that the two villages, Tall Suseus and Rubaydhah, were insurgent sanctuaries. As a result, TF 1-27 Inf. carried out Operation Wolfhound Jab to raid all structures in the villages and eliminate suspicions.

Nothing incriminating was found during the searches, except some extra AK-47 magazines and ammunition.

Acting in response to their raid operations, TF 1-27 Inf. leaders sat down and talked to village males about the reason Multi-National Forces and Iraqi Security Forces were searching their homes.

"We were able to open a line of communications and speak with all the males from both villages and explain that our goal in Iraq is to help them as much as we can until their government is able to do so," said Lt. Col. Scott Leith, TF 1-27 Inf. commander. "They were very receptive."

The villagers were also able to voice concerns and issues that were frustrating them, Leith added.

Leith talked to the males of the Rubaydhah village, while Chaplain (Capt.) Abdullah Hulwe, TF 1-27 Inf. chaplain, interacted with the Tall Suseus village males.

"At first they were, of course, scared," Hulwe explains of the villagers

first impression when they saw Soldiers and ISF roll into their villages.

Hulwe, a Muslim, who speaks the Arabic language, along with some ISF officers, assured the villagers about why they were there.

"We opened a channel of communication [and told them] you don't have to be scared, together we can make a difference," Hulwe said.

After getting his point across, Hulwe was invited to attend Muslim prayer at the village's mosque.

"It was a very good experience," he said.

Because of his religion, Hulwe was even able to break a stereotype of one villager.

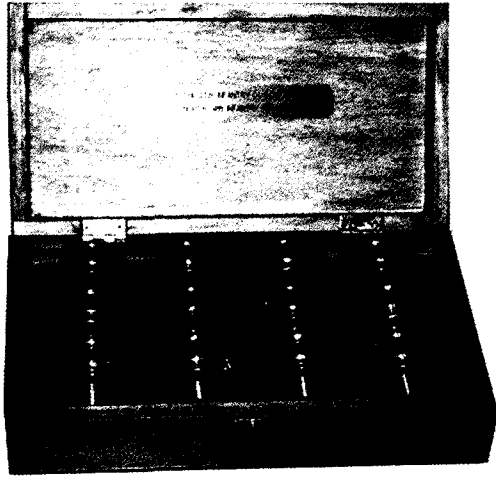
"There was a guy whose father passed away a couple of nights ago," Hulwe explains. "So, I prayed with him in Arabic and read the Holy Koran.

"The guy was freaked out. He must have thought, 'What kind of infidels are these people?'" Hulwe said laughing.

Hulwe then explained to the man that he was also a Muslim. The man then became very grateful afterward, he said.

Leith believes the villages will help defend Iraq against insurgency, as

Lost, Found, and Returned



Our Webmaster, Paul North, occasionally checks Ebay to see what 25th Division items are showing up for sale. In mid-2004 he found a set of twelve brass napkin rings, each with a small metal 25th Division patch.



Paul bought the set and created a custom box to hold them. He had the logo of the 25th Infantry Division Association burned into the box cover.

After some painstaking research, Paul concluded that they had come originally from Schofield Barracks and

likely had once graced the table of the 25th Commanding General. Sometime in the late 1950s, or early 1960s, they had been removed from Schofield. With what information there is available, it is impossible to determine if this was a “midnight requisition” or if they had been given to an individual as a gift.

Paul donated the set, in their new box, to the Association. After consultation with Vicki Olson, the current Commanding General’s wife, it was agreed to place them on long term loan to the Commanding General’s quarters. The Association placed an engraved brass plaque inside the box lid identifying the Association as owner and Paul North as donor.

a result of the interaction that occurred in the villages.

“Now there are a few more people who know why we are here and who are more likely to give us information on who’s fighting against us,” Leith said.

Spc. Ramy Elmer, a translator and cultural advisor to the TF 1-27 Inf. commander, thought the sit-downs helped ease tension from the raid operations.

“It’s a big difference, instead of raiding a home and leaving without

saying why we raided their home,” Elmer said. But “we sat down, talked to them and listened to their problems.”

For that “we didn’t leave the villages as warriors, but as guests,” Elmer said.

Cacti Operations in Afghanistan

*By Joseph P. Walsh
Executive Officer*

2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry

The Cacti battalion is still going strong and up to the usual shoot-move-and communicating stereotypical of most light infantry units. We’ve been busy over the past 6 months weeding out the anti coalition militia (ACM) and Taliban forces attempting to disrupt any form of progress being made in this country. We remain steadfast in our commitment to a free Afghanistan from the terrorist cells that have permeated the countryside for so long. With the

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25th Soldiers Search for hidden weapons along a canal. Photo by Sean Kimmons

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25th Infantry Division Association T-Shirts. Colors: Infantry Blue, Black, Gray & Army Green \$12.00 (L, XL, XXL)

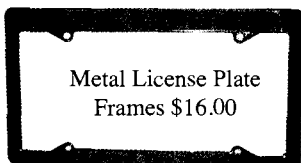
Operation Iraqi Freedom 25th Div. T-Shirts \$15



35" round carpet with patch in full-color on black background \$75.00



25th Post Cards 35¢ ea.



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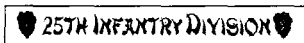


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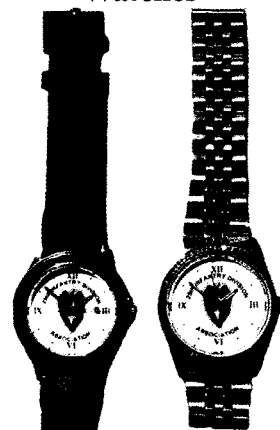


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Tropic Lightning Books and Tropic Lightning Authors

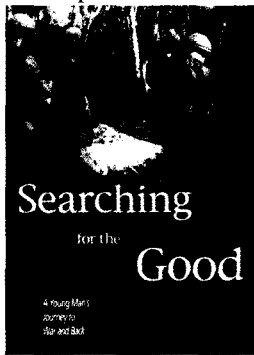
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(Turner Publishing) \$49.50

25th Division in Vietnam
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Fighting on the Brink: The Defense of the Pusan Perimeter
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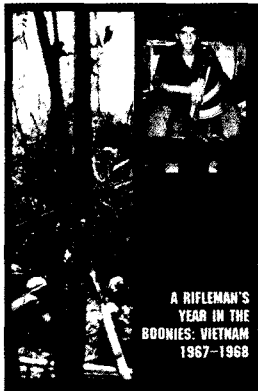
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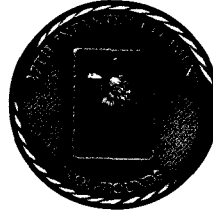
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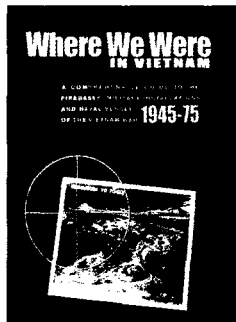
Cacti Coin



Wolfhound Coin

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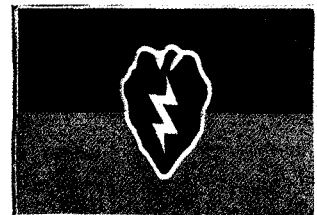


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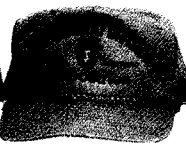
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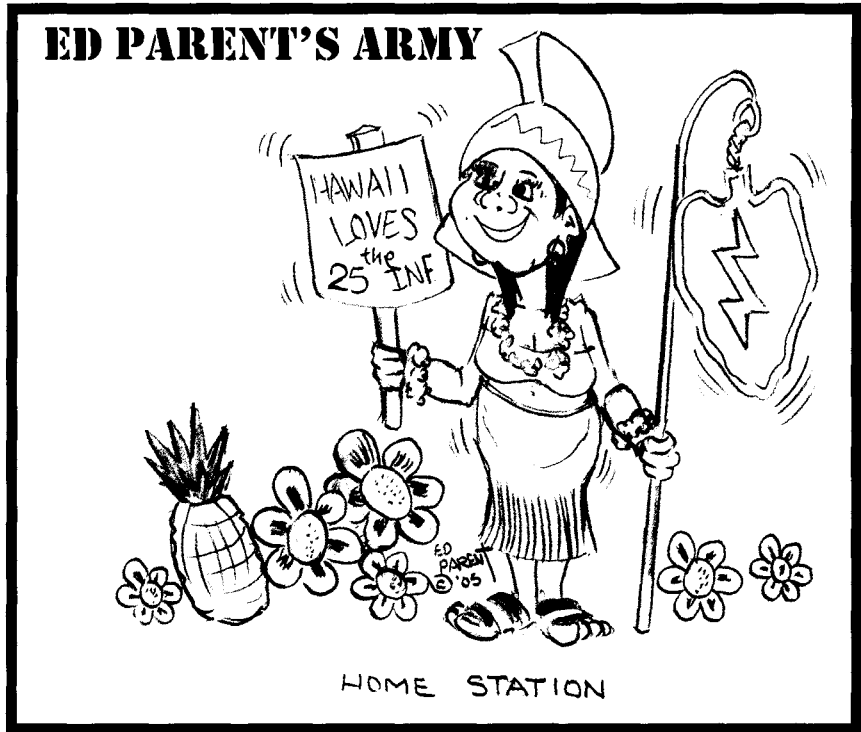
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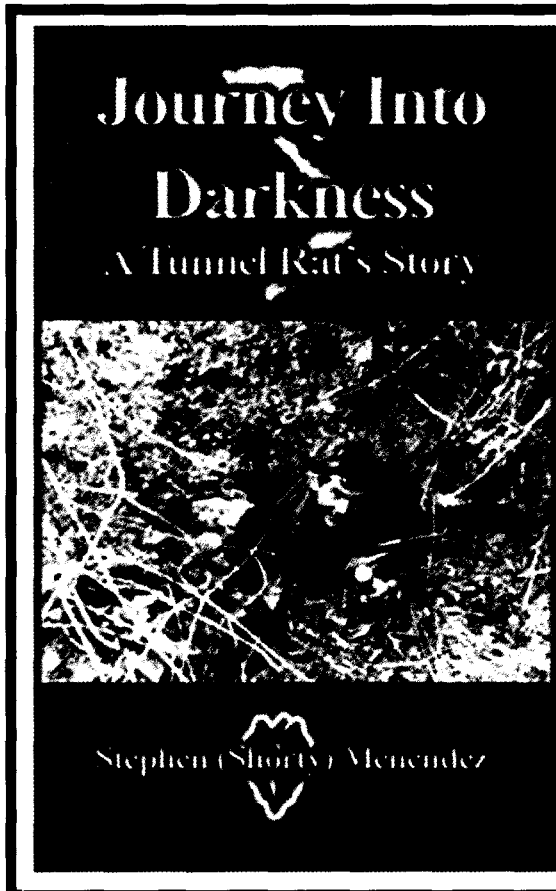
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