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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by VSPA President Newell Swartz

Brothers of the VSPA, even though things appear to be quiet, your board has been very active since the reunion last October

Upon assuming the presidency and in the process of installing our new treasurer the board became aware that the Articles of Incorporation in Texas had been suspended for non-payment of franchise taxes. This is a technical issue since we are a non-profit organization and we do not owe any taxes. However, the suspension was imposed pending the filing of reports dating back to 2005 listing all income including dues. This suspension prevented Richard Garcia from assuming the duties of treasurer because the bank wanted a copy of the Articles of Incorporation in addition to the Minutes of the Meeting verifying his election to treasurer before an account could be opened.

The past few months, including the Christmas Holidays, required a lot of work from Steve Gattis, Den Cook, and Van Digby as a new system of accountability had to be established. The problem arose over a misunderstanding as to whether dues had to be reported as income. The short answer is yes, they do. That requirement triggered the necessity for other reports dating back to 2005 when the VSPA initially filed the Articles of Incorporation. Detailed reports for all income such as contributions, dues paid, as well as BX merchandise sold, had to be accounted for by year for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The forms were new and had not been used before so the lack of familiarity was also a factor in consuming time. During this process, your board completed a full review of our income and expenses. A complete inventory of the BX merchandise was also completed by Van and Joyce Digby.

The rapid growth of the VSPA approximately doubling in membership and income over the past three years has required a change in our system of accountability.

As of now, we have all the information collected. Steve presented the forms reflecting our income and our exemption (from paying taxes on any amount under \$300,000) to the Texas State Controller's Office. They in turn issued him a clearance letter. This clearance letter has to be presented to the Texas Secretary of State's Office to initiate our reinstatement request. As of this edition of Guardmount, Texas has reinstated our Articles of Incorporation. We are an organization in good standing. No penalties were assessed. No payments were necessary for any fees.

As to Federal IRS reports, a 90 day extension has been requested. A professional accountant will review our reports and submit them to the federal IRS. We will employ an accountant who, each year in the future, will review our finances for accuracy and reporting requirements; and to file our tax forms and other legal documents in a timely manner. The cost will be approximately \$600 per year if we stay with the same accountant.

As of now, Richard Garcia has assumed duties as treasurer. We do owe a debt of gratitude to Den Cook who took care of our finances for many years. Our money under his control was very strictly accounted for and he made the transition for Richard and myself much easier.

Don Hamilton, our Second Vice President, has been tasked with setting up a suspense file for filing all documents requiring yearly reports to State and federal agencies. He will also maintain a file containing copies of all our original documents such as our Constitution, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, federal and State tax ID numbers, Minutes of Meetings at the annual Business Meeting and other minutes covering board decisions. Don will also store other pertinent documents such as contracts with the Reunion Brat for reunions and other significant expenditures by the VSPA. Is this a duplication of effort? Yes, to some extent. It will be a double check system to remind all of us who have deadlines and due dates so the burden of operations of the VSPA are shared. An oversight by one person cannot have an adverse effect on our operations because there will be another board member to cover in case of illness, injury, vacation or other personal reasons. By keeping a separate copy of all reports, any board member will know what reports have to be filled out, how to fill them out and who is to get them.

The BX will submit quarterly reports to the treasurer. The treasurer will submit a quarterly report to the president and/or other members of the board so we know where we stand on budget issues.

The past few months have been a learning curve for the board and staff members. The VSPA is stronger and better organized for it. I am really proud of the way everyone worked together to bring about the resolution of a complex matter.

One remaining issue involving finances is the VSPA Constitution requirement that the treasurer be bonded. A \$100,000 bond costs \$6,000 a year according to the bonding companies Richard obtained estimates from. That is a certain path to totally depleting our financial reserves of approximately \$90,000 which is money we need to remain financially secure as we move into the future. We will be proposing a change to the Constitution deleting the requirement for a bond. The alternative safeguard would be a requirement on the bank to require three signatures (Pres, Vice Pres and Treasurer) before the reserve money (\$90,000) could be withdrawn, transferred or encumbered in any manner.

Reunion update: A hotel has been selected in Phoenix and the Reunion Brat is finalizing the contract. When they have completed their negotiations, a flyer will be sent out and more info posted on the Bulletin Board with the hotel details. The Business Meeting and banquet will be on Saturday, October 10, 2009. We will close with a memorial service at the hotel on Sunday morning. Tentatively we have a tour scheduled for Thursday for the Heard Museum which has exhibits featuring the Southwest and its culture. A golf tournament is being arranged on Thursday as an alternative for those who do not want to visit the museum.

The visit to Luke AFB with the 56th SFS will be on Friday, October 9, 2009. So far they have scheduled us for a PowerPoint presentation detailing SFS activities in Iraq by the Commander, Maj Borders, who recently returned from Iraq. CMSGT Wilson will provide us with several men who also returned recently from Iraq providing us with details of combat life on and outside the wire for our SFS personnel. This part of our visit will be in the Base Theater for comfort. We will be hosting a BBQ lunch in one of the hangars which will also be the site for some of the other events like the K-9 demonstration. We still have some events to plan including the memorial service at Luke honoring members of the 56th who have given their lives in combat zones. Phil Carroll is the Chairman of

memorial service committee so if you have any historical information or memorabilia concerning the 56th that you would like to share with Phil, please do so. The 56th is really excited about having us come to visit and I can tell you that visiting those warriors just gives me a great feeling about this reunion. The July Guardmount will include final details for those of you who rely solely on receiving Guardmount in the mail.

2nd Vice-President Report

By DON HAMILTON
LM #201

It seems like such a short time ago, that Newell Swartz appointed me to the position he called "2nd. Vice-President". It was proposed at the New Mexico Reunion to create additional elected positions with a final decision deferred to the 2009 Phoenix Reunion.

The first thing I learned is that this Association is far larger than I had known. There are about 1,100 Members. We now have 550 Life Time Members. I have not included at least 300 Sisterhood Members and perhaps that is an error for they are just as much a part of this Association as you and I are.

Simply put, the VSPA has come of age. No longer a bowling league size; we have members in almost every state and in every walk of life. Our Association has outgrown operations in a shoe box. Together with this unexpected rapid growth have come responsibilities and obligations; like never before.

Newell decided he needed an updated listing of Officers and Staff that included phone numbers and e-mail addresses. I was amazed at how long it took to gather the information and place it in computer format.

We found that there were copies of our Constitution and By-Laws but they were not on a computer disk. With the help of my lovely wife, Missy, it is now on two disks and archived for future references and needs. The next task will be to update it with all the changes from previous Meeting Minutes.

We next focused on a master file for VSPA Documents. Everyone had some paperwork that should have been saved. No one had it all in a central location. As documents are generated and re-created, they will now reside in a central location, filed by subject for easy retrieval.

The hardest task was to create a suspense file for all of our reports. With each Officer and Staff person making quarterly reports on activities as well as taxes due, yearly licenses renewals and the like, we can ill afford to miss these deadlines.

One of the questions that was asked in the New Mexico Reunion was does this association need an additional elected officer? At this time I can tell you there is more to this Association than the planning of the yearly Reunion. Simply keeping herd of when taxes are due, when our quarterly IRS reports are due and doing the things that we need to do to grow our brotherhood, is simply more than, one man, our President, can do. There must be a staff that takes up extra responsibilities and makes sure that things are getting done, when they need to be.

VSPA HISTORIAN REPORT

Kelly Bateman 02.28.2009

The last several months have been busy for your VSPA Archives. Perry Money donated a DVD of his 8mm films taken while at Da Nang in 1968 with the 366th. Ron Saville sent in photos, newspapers and a personal narrative of his time in service. Jim Watson donated original photos of the first K9 Demo team at Ubon, AFB, Thailand 1968. Glen Myers, 6253rd. AP, sent in a photo of the Long Van Main Gate at Nha Trang AB Vietnam. Ron Eberhart, Tuy Hoa/Pleiku 1968 submitted his photos.

I spoke with Maria-Rios Samaniego, curator of the SF Museum at Lackland AFB, on Jan. 29 2009. She informed me that the head of the planning committee for the Hall of Honor expansion/upgrade is in the process of issuing the RSP for the exhibit expansion. The new Hall of Honor will have a wall each for KIA, all medal recipients, CMH recipients, AF Cross recipients, Distinguished Flying Cross and donors. The following medals as well as those listed above qualify for the wall. Bronze Star w/V device. Silver Star, Combat Action Medal, Airman's Medal, Distinguished Service Cross and Air Force Cross. Submissions should include a photo copy of the original citation, a copy of your DD214, a brief up to date bio and photograph of service personnel while in service. Also, your current contact information, phone number, e-mail and current address. If any of the above items are not available please send what you have. They want everyone included and will research the information you send. Submissions should be mailed to: USAF Security Forces Museum 1300 Femoyer, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-5404. Anyone wanting to make a donation to the Museum can send their "tax free" contribution to: Security Forces Museum Foundation P.O. Box 276412 Lackland AFB, Texas 78227-6412. The foundations web site is www.securityforcesmuseum.org Ms. Samaniego confirmed that all USAF AP/SP KIA's for the Vietnam War, except 7, have been confirmed. She is researching these with Maxwell AFB Records Repository at this time. For questions she can be reached at the museum, 210-671-0809, Fax 210-671-1087 or maria.rios.samaniego@lackland.af.mil

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Any member interested in playing in a VSPA Golf Tournament on Thursday, 8 October, 2009, please call Erlyce Pekas at 602-923-0121 cell 602-574-7089. Mike Douglas is checking our several courses including Luke AFB to determine the accommodations and prices such as greens fees and cart rental. We need to get an idea of the level of support we would have for a tournament. As we get prices and locations we will publish more on the VSPA Bulletin Board.

To: Vietnam Security Police Association Board Members

Subject: J. J. Chestnut Memorial Grant

Dear Vietnam Security Police Association,

I am so grateful for the scholarship you provided for me. It came at the perfect time. I had just cut back my hours at work, to focus on school, and my budget was really tight. In the letter you said it was a small gift, but it really was enormous for me. Honestly, in high school, when I would hear about \$500 scholarships awarded, in the back of my mind I think, "Wow, that's sounds so tiny." Now that I'm at in the real world, though, the gift you gave to me was just so beneficial and really came at the perfect time.

I'll just tell a little bit of my story so you know where your money went. I was raised and grew up in a suburb of Omaha, Nebraska called Bellevue. I was very rebellious in high school and very disobedient to my parents, especially towards the end of my high school career. I moved out, into my own apartment and, a very long story short, came to know and have an ongoing relationship with Jesus. My priorities are right, now, and I'm working hard to become a civil engineer. Physics absolutely intrigues me and gives me drive to keep on plugging through my classes. The classes continue to challenge me, but I just love civil engineering. I have a great relationship with my parents now and have healthy relationships with friends that love me.

I just want to thank you again, the scholarship means so much to me. What also means a ton to me is the selfless service you guys gave to our country. You are just so brave and courageous and I admire you so much. Thank you so much for your scholarship and even more for your service.

Sincerely,

Phil Smith
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Omaha, NE 68127



31 Jan 09 Mini-Reunion Get Together

by Pete Piazza

Here is a picture of the folks that showed up for our mini-reunion on 31 Jan 09 at the Santa Fe Cattle Company in Midwest City, OK.

L to R: John Cary, James "Vito" Crescentini, Jim Rasco, Annette & Donald Huff, Gloria & Pete Piazza



Vietnam and all Veterans Reunion By TED WHITLOCK

Vietnam and all Veterans Reunion, 23-26 April 09, at Wickham Park, Melbourne, Fl. This is the largest veteran's reunion of its kind in the nation. Mark your calendars and please pass the word to our AP/SP/SF Brothers and Sisters that this is the largest veteran's reunion in the nation. All veterans of all services are invited, especially active duty troops. The Moving wall moves into 400 acre Wickham Park, Melbourne, Fl. on Sunday 19 April and will be erected and remain until the 26th April. The entire park is ours for the week. For the past 7 years, the VSPA, the Air Force Security Forces Association and the Space Coast War Dog Association have held a joint AP/SP/SF Rendezvous at the park in conjunction with the Annual Vets Reunion.

So please pass the word and try to come and join us. We will be camped out at the Youth Campgrounds, Wickham Park all week. Watch for the signs in the park. Live entertainment and vendors will set up on Thursday, 23 April. Opening ceremonies start at 7 PM on Monday night; 20 April at The Wall, closing ceremonies will be at 7 PM on Sunday night, 26 April at The Wall. If you have some spare time to help us set up the park for this reunion, please stop by any day between 19 and 23 April. We will also need help in breaking things down and moving out of the park on Monday, the 27th of April. Hope to see you there!!!! A great time will be had by all.

BASE LIAISON PERSON

Lew Goldberg...LM150

At the reunion in Las Vegas I noticed Bob Citrano wearing a nice golf shirt with his NKP patch and it looked great. I have always wanted one with Binh Thuy and found out he could have them made for a small start up fee.

The VSPA and VDHA had over a dozen names of guys from Binh Thuy and I started with that. I sent everyone a picture of the shirt design and we ordered over a dozen shirts. That was my start to become a Liaison Person.

I used Microsoft Word Roster and started to make phone calls. I listed their name, email, home phone, address and in country date. Mostly I asked "Who do you know" I found if I just use email, I don't get the information I need, so the phone is what I use and I am happy I get free weekends and nights after 9.

I found a guy on eBay that would make the Delta Devil Patch with no start up fee and only needed to order a few patches. I stuck my neck out and ordered 60. Went thought them and the last time ordered 50 more. Everyone that we find or joins VSPA gets a phone call., email or letter from me. I add them to my roster and then mail everyone I know with my "Lost & Found" letter. All new guys get a roster from me and I mail everyone a list twice a year.

One important question I always ask new guys is do you have medical problems and are you in contact with the VA or DAV. I get on that quick and you would not believe how many guys need help.

My first reunion in 2001 there were 3 of us and the last reunion 15 us us met for the first time and had a mini reunion and BBQ with our photo books in hand. It was a blast.

Does having a Liaison Person matter? In the beginning for sure but now we are a good group and many guys are in contact with each other. We number 140 now and are heading for 150.

For more information and help contact ojdiddoit@yahoo.com
Binh Thuy Delta Devils



Lots of Things Have Changed

Jimmy O'Connell -Phan Rang 1971

Lots of things have changed since the 60's in the SP world., uniforms, food, communication, weapons. But the things that were noticed that haven't changed are courage, honor, brotherhood, and the SP badge. Yes emotional support. Without you there would be no us.

The SP Badge means a lot to me. No matter what other accomplishments in life, I have made I hold dearest the time I wore the SP Badge. Which carries with it tremendous responsibility, precious memories, lots of pride. Pride that is still seen even today. I am very impressed. Yes us old dawgs. We all still feel the same way. All of us wore the SP Badge with pride. Walking the fence line, guarding an aircraft, working the base housing, launching that needed illumination round; we were there.

Sad times when loosing your best friend, or even happy times when you walk into the commissary carrying your kid on your shoulders, thinking life is great.

Before joining the Air Force I was a wimpy kid. Made poor grades in high school but after Air Force duty I went to well known university. My whole attitude had changed, made high grades and graduated honors. Told myself I'm going to do this and did. Wound up top of my class. Got a fine job with Maytag. Retired two years ago and live in a resort area. This is the pride I'm talking about. Feel that other VSPA vets may have followed the same path, accomplished goals in life, having a great time along the way. Since finding the VSPA I want to give back. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. When you walk smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant. Welcome Home.

C-141 Tail Number 60177

C-141 Tail Number 60177 was the last of the 285 C-141's built by Lockheed to leave active service. She flew 100 POWs out of Hanoi on 12 February 1973, some of them tasting freedom for the first time in six years. Each POW put their shot-down date on the face of the oxygen panel during their flight to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. For her retirement ceremony, some of the POWs she brought home were brought back for the ceremony and one last flight by this gracious lady. Most of them are old men now but their enthusiasm, emotions, and excitement were evident during this flight and retirement ceremony. She was then flown to Dayton, Ohio where she will spend her final days in the Air Force Museum.

Safeside Shoe Drop

Early in 2006 Pete and Gloria Villarreal (USAF - 822nd SPS Safeside Association) were notified that a young lady from their area had started collecting shoes for the needy. The Villarreal's then contacted TSgt Sherrie Conkright (506th/822nd K-9 SFS/Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq) who they had been in contact with via an ongoing program that supported our deployed troops. After being contacted by TSgt Conkright, the 506th SFS Commander, Operations Officer, and the Patrol Master viewed the program as an opportunity to provide shoes for the local Iraqi children.

Approximately 300 pairs of shoes were shipped from North Pole, Alaska, along with another 70 pairs from TSgt Conkright's local church in Valdosta, Georgia. The shoes were sorted by sizes for toddlers, boys, and girls and then transported to the 506th SFS patrol element. The first stop for the "Shoe Drop" was Dipak Topa. The 822nd SFS patrol, 101st Airborne Brigade, and the Iraqi Army set up and then distributed the shoes to the children of the city. SSgt Joshua Hicks (506TH SFS K-9) joined the project to photograph the event on April 25, 2006.

The second mission of the "Operation Shoe Drop" took the project to Kallid City where once again shoes were distributed to the children while they attended school.

As this article is published, TSgt Conkright is awaiting another shipment of approximately 400 pair of shoes to present to the local Iraqi families. TSgt Conkright is the "spoke" of the project as she works with Villarreal's and the Squadron Leadership. The local children were very appreciative of the shoes as you can see in the photographs below. Once again, the 822nd is out in front – leading the way as they build on their heritage. It should be noted that TSgt Conkright is support by Pete & Gloria Villarreal and Mike Clunis via the "K-9 Supply Program" of the Thailand Dog Handlers.

**Capt Borders and SrA Goligłowski (506th / 822nd SFS – Kirkuk Air Base)
with a young Iraqi child displaying her new shoes.**



William "Pete" Piazza, AF12596004;

I am in the midst of going through my footlocker that I brought back from Bien Hoa in 1969, and where I have filed all of my "official" paperwork.

My wife has given me PCS Orders from Alaska to Texas, reporting date of Summer, 2009. We are currently in Alaska celebrating Christmas. If -45 degree weather is conducive to celebrating then our brains are frozen.

One piece of paper that I have found is a 3700th Personnel Processing Squadron, Lackland Military Training Center (ATC), Special Order A-2622, dated 8 April 1960.

The order lists all of the airmen assigned to Flight 215-16-25, Squadron 3701, promoting each to A/3C with Date of Rank: 15 Apr 60.

YOU AND I ARE LISTED ON THE SAME ORDER. YOU AND I WERE IN BASIC TRAINING TOGETHER.

I also have the photo taken upon our graduation or prior to that, where we stood on bleachers. I'm sure that I'll run across it eventually prior to my PCS. I don't doubt that I'll be able to identify your handsome Italian face.

Cheers, Pete

AND

Hi guys, well here are the pictures we took of me donating a copy of the "Security Police - Vietnam & Thailand War Stories" book to Maria "Milita" Rios-Samaniego, SF Museum Director/Curator last week during the AFSPA National meeting. I did this on Friday (5 Oct) afternoon. Milita told me she was going to put the book in the library for all to read.

Now Jackie, that makes three books out there and I am going to send one to Chief Paul Zidack at the AFSFC for his placement of the book for all to read when they come to the Center at Lackland AFB. Also send one to the 3rd SFS for their book case.

Pete



CRB, 12th Air Police Squadron by: Frank Pilson

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RED SKIES

Several months ago the Miss World 2008 Contest was held in Nha Trang, Vietnam. We used to run convoy between Cam Rahn Bay Air Base and Nha Trang. I taped the Miss World contest to see what area of Vietnam looked like 41 years later (I had to tape it because it was on after my bedtime of 9pm). I offered to be a Judge but nobody called me or offered me a free trip. The hour-TV show showed the sights and sounds of Vietnam in 2008. It helped also that the girls were not hard to look at on TV. I think Uncle Ho is turning in his grave—tourists with money in communist country. This is a nice little story to connect the other parts of this story.

A few days ago I received e-mail about two F-4Cs crashing over South China Sea in Sept 1966. I was then assigned to the 12th Air Police Squad in April 1966, and to a tent with eight skycops of USAF. I was always looking for my former tent mates and found one about 15 years ago. Then two of them joined VSPA recently and I have been in contact with both men. It has brought back many memories of duty as Cops in 12th Air Police Security Squadron, or Sandtown, South Vietnam.

Over the years, I have told my wife about two F4Cs crashing, and I got me to thinking about the specific details of that night. We were all working Mids 10PM to 6AM. I was working guard duty in the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) Bomb dump. My post was overlooking the South China Sea. About 3AM, the sky turned bright red and loud sounds and big bang noise which lit up the night sky. Just as fast as it happened it turned dark again. We called Central Security Control (radio room for base). Our shift was over at 6am and USAF gods asked for volunteers to search for any signs of life in the bomb dump area. I think I volunteered to get a free boat ride and something to do.

I am not sure of what was found and filed the incident away as just another in a crazy war year. I know I attended the funeral service for five USAF men killed in action. The F-4Cs hold two men, pilot and Radar operator. My father had me make a scrap book about my USAF life. In Sept of 1966, we were lean mean fighting machines; in 2008 our muscles moved down in our bodies and we became nice and retired napping machines.

I had forgotten about his little part of Vietnam War, which my wife reminded me, is not just a little part of our war years. She is right. A few days ago at work I had a major PTSD attack. It bites me in the rear end and sends me back to Vietnam for about 20 minutes in my mind. I redirected myself outside and calmed myself down. Truth is I didn't see this attack coming. I tried to call a fellow Vet after work on Monday and got the silent treatment. This was my second time to call for help and there was no answer. It sort of left me with a sickening feeling. My wife later emailed him that my hubby needed help, but there was no real answer. "So when hubby gets his head out of his rear end give us a call," and hubby was not there for Frank, and I had to call a fellow VSPA member in PA, but he was out for the night. I called another VSPA friend and explained what had happen. He asked my wife, hubby ok, Joan said yes.

A good night sleep, work, the school year starting, all this can help me with my little problem. Yesterday my wife had a bad day at work. Joan came in and sat down on the steps, then began talking about her fun day. It seems that I forgot to set the table and my wife made me go out for dinner. Joan talked about her fun day with "normal" people. A good cup of coffee and an understanding spouse (Saint Frank per me) can help you in 2008.

In 1966 Cam Rahn Bay was a place of sand, sun and war. In 2008, time has changed it to place of peace, sand, beach and water.

That 1966 night, so long ago, with a sudden sky of red, reminds me of the old saying: "Red sky at night ... sailor's delight" and since then, the "Red sky in morning ... sailor's warning" has also proven true in life.

Frank Pilson

Sunday, November 02, 2008

Two weeks ago several hundred Vets, better half's, children, grandchildren and guests went to New Mexico for our annual reunion.

I had started a serious article about this, but decided to change this article to a humorous look at the events.

One year ago we were in DC for the 25th anniversary of the wall. That was once in a life time event. The reunion was our roots from the Vietnam War. It was meant to honor the missing, living and dead of this war. This was a very hard reunion to attend, march, and remembers all our fallen brothers and sisters from this war

Here are my top things we all share in Nam and New Mexico

- 1 All my peers look older than me.
2. We all have natural GI hair cuts.
3. All of our hair has turned gray caused my age, wisdom, wives, ex-wives, children and grandchildren
- 4 We need bathroom breaks during business meeting.
5. We can't remember where this is located in hotel
6. We should have worn Hawaiian Shirts?
7. Can't Remember Stuff seems to be interesting each year,
8. Our muscles have sunk with age {lean mean fighting machine to I can't see my feet now}
- 9 Our clothes seem to have shrunk with age.
10. We used to party in Nam 24/7- now we need our afternoon naps.
11. We have lots of up and downs in hotel?
- 12 I will share my next foxhole with a woman cop any day.
- 13 We tend to annoy everybody.
14. We know who the real boss is? {Yes Dear}
15. I got on wrong plane and went back to Vietnam again!
16. Toilets are indoors.
- 17 Running water is inside the hotel.
18. No hot or cold showers in hot weather.
19. We now talk to lifers.
20. We need swipe cards to open our doors. In Vietnam, things just walked away.
21. Our first TV show was Combat outside on black white TV.
22. We can order movies from our hotel rooms. {Movies were a drive in Sandtown RVN}
23. The PX is bigger in 2008 than our tent BX [small tent] in Sandtown RVN.
24. We use American money and not MPC.
- 25 Happiness now is seeing that lessons we learned in Vietnam are being passed on to younger and wiser cops in today's world wars.
26. Trusting in God before, during and after our Vietnam Service.
- 27 We take care of own and God takes care of us.

It has taken me a few weeks to remember that I wrote this article Sunday, December 07, 2008

My Military Medal Last Will and Testament

An official Will and Testament that is valid in all States authorizing military veteran's to bequeath their military medals and military award certificates to a specific member of their family for eternal preservation to be passed down from generation to generation is now available.

Although it is not necessary, veterans and their signatory Witness may wish to sign the My Military Medal Last Will and Testament in the presence of a licensed Notary Public. Consult your bank or telephone directory for a local Notary Public.

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY'S MILITARY MEDAL LEGACY IS IMPORTANT

The United States of America is our world's oldest Democracy but we are comparatively young when it comes to preserving our personal or a family member's military history. Very, very few American families are in possession of their military veteran's military records, medals and certificates mostly because their veterans never bothered to acquire them, or family members never bothered to preserve a family member's military service history and awards they acquired upon the death of a family member.

The My Military Medal Last Will And Testament provides veterans the incentive and ability to preserve the greatest accomplishment any American can claim as his or her most honorable and highest contribution to our Nation and the human race.

**AMERICAN FAMILY'S MUST PRESERVE
THEIR FAMILY MILITARY MEDAL LEGACY**

REFERENCES:

**Military Medal Issue Regulations
Military and Veteran Information-Exchange Forums
Military and Veteran Websites and Resource Guides
Military Medal and Display Recognition Replacements**

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My Military Medal

Last Will And Testament

I, _____

On this date _____

In The Year Of Our Lord, Two Thousand _____

Do Hereby Bequeath My Most Treasured
Military Medals, Badges and Certificates

To _____

In Whom I Confidently Trust to Preserve, Safeguard and Value for the Full Length of His Life And Near or Before the Close of His Life To Transfer Possession of My Military Recognitions To Another In Whom He confidently Trusts to continue Preserving, Safeguarding and Valuing. And that the Descendants of those who will be entrusted with my Proudly Earned Military Recognitions will continue Preserving them So as to provide unbroken Custodianship Within Our Family Or Relations From this Day Forward Unto Forever.

Signed In My Hand

And Witnessed By

Table 4. U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths, 1980 Through 2006, Part I, Total Military Personnel

Calendar Year	Active Duty ^a	Full-Time (est.) Guard-Reserve	Selected Reserve FTE ^b	Total Military FTE	Total Deaths
1980	2,050,758	22,000	86,872	2,159,630	2,392
1981	2,093,032	22,000	91,719	2,206,751	2,380
1982	2,112,609	41,000	97,458	2,251,067	2,319
1983	2,123,909	49,000	100,455	2,273,364	2,465
1984	2,138,339	55,000	104,583	2,297,922	1,999
1985	2,150,379	64,000	108,806	2,323,185	2,252
1986	2,177,845	69,000	113,010	2,359,855	1,984
1987	2,166,611	71,000	115,086	2,352,697	1,983
1988	2,121,659	72,000	115,836	2,309,495	1,819
1989	2,112,128	74,200	117,056	2,303,384	1,636
1990	2,046,806	74,250	137,268	2,258,324	1,507
1991	1,943,937	70,250	184,002	2,198,189	1,787
1992	1,773,996	67,850	111,491	1,953,337	1,293
1993	1,675,269	68,500	105,768	1,849,537	1,213
1994	1,581,649	65,000	99,833	1,746,482	1,075
1995	1,502,343	65,000	94,585	1,661,928	1,040
1996	1,456,266	65,000	92,409	1,613,310	974
1997	1,418,773	65,000	94,609	1,578,382	817
1998	1,381,034	65,000	92,536	1,538,570	827
1999	1,367,838	65,000	93,104	1,525,942	796
2000	1,372,352	65,000	93,078	1,530,430	758
2001	1,384,812	65,000	102,284	1,552,196	891
2002	1,411,200	66,000	149,942	1,627,142	999
2003	1,423,348	66,000	243,284	1,732,632	1,228
2004	1,411,287	66,000	234,629	1,711,916	1,874
2005	1,378,014	66,000	220,000	1,664,014	1,942
2006	1,378,014	66,000	220,000	1,664,014	1,858

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/Death_Rates1.pdf], accessed on June 27, 2007.

Notes: As of February 28, 2007 (reflects preliminary counts for 2006 and revised figures for 2004 and 2005).

- a. Official Department of Defense end-strengths as of December 31 for military pay accounts. Excludes full time Guard and Reserve.
- b. Full time equivalent (FTE) is based on official Department of Defense fiscal year end selected reserve strength (10% of the figure is used to estimate days on active duty).

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Table 5. U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths, 1980 Through 2006, Part II, Cause of Death

Calendar Year	Total Deaths	Accident	Hostile Action	Homicide	Illness	Pending	Self Inflicted	Terrorist Attack	Undetermined
1980	2,392	1,556		174	419		231	1	11
1981	2,380	1,524		145	457		241		13
1982	2,319	1,495		108	446		254		16
1983	2,465	1,413	18	115	419		218	263	19
1984	1,999	1,293	1	84	374		225	6	16
1985	2,252	1,476		111	363		275	5	22
1986	1,984	1,199	2	103	384		269		27
1987	1,983	1,172	37	104	383		260	2	25
1988	1,819	1,080		90	321		285	17	26
1989	1,636	1,000	23	58	294		224		37
1990	1,507	880		74	277		232	1	43
1991	1,787	931	147	112	308		256		33
1992	1,293	676		109	252		238	1	17
1993	1,213	632		86	221		236	29	9
1994	1,075	544		83	206		232		10
1995	1,040	538		67	174		250	7	4
1996	974	527	1	52	173		188	19	14
1997	817	433		42	170		159		13
1998	827	445		26	168	10	161	3	14
1999	796	436		37	150	13	145		15
2000	758	398		34	138		151	17	20
2001	891	437	3	49	185	1	140	55	21
2002	999	547	18	51	190	6	160		27
2003	1,228	440	344	36	207	16	167		18
2004	1,874	604	739	46	270	19	188		8
2005	1,942	632	739	49	281	72	150		19
2006	1,858	465	753	30	205	238	155		12

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/Death_Rates.pdf], accessed on June 27, 2007.

Note: As of February 28, 2007 (reflects preliminary counts for 2006 and revised figures for 2004 and 2005).

Table 6. Comparison of Death, Wounded and Amputation Statistics in American Conflicts

	Deaths ^a	Wounded ^a	Amputations ^{b,c}	Ratio Deaths/Wounded	Ratio Amputations/Wounded	Ratio Amputations/Deaths
Operation Iraqi Freedom	3,091	23,417	472	1:7.6	1:49.6	1:6.5
Operation Enduring Freedom	352	1,110	37	1:3.2	1:30	1:9.5
Persian Gulf War	382	467	N/A	1:1.2	N/A	N/A
Vietnam	58,209	153,303	5,283	1:2.6	1:29.0	1:11.0
Korea	36,578	103,284	1,477	1:2.8	1:69.9	1:24.8
World War II	405,399	671,846	7,489	1:1.7	1:89.7	1:54.1
World War I	116,516	204,002	2,610	1:1.8	1:78.2	1:44.6

Source: For deaths and wounded: Department of Defense Military Casualties webpage, at [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/castop.htm]. For amputations: PowerPoint presentation provided by Col. Michael Carino in the Office of the Surgeon General.

- a. Current as of February 9, 2007.
- b. Current as of November 31, 2006.
- c. Individual soldiers may have multiple amputations.

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Table 9. Persian Gulf War – Casualty Summary DesertShield/Desert Storm
(as of June 15, 2004)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy ^{a,b}
Killed in Action	143	96	20	22	5
Died of Wounds	4	2		2	
Missing in Action-Declared Dead					
Captured-Declared Dead					
Total Hostile Deaths	147	98	20	24	5
Missing - Presumed Dead	12		2	8	2
Other Deaths	223	126	13	36	48
Total Non-Hostile Deaths	235	126	15	44	50
Total In-Theater Deaths^a	382	224	35	68	55
Total Non-Theater Deaths	1,590	608	299	171	512
Total Deaths	1,972	832	334	239	567
Killed in Action – No Remains	2				2
Missing in Action – No Remains					
Captured-Declared Dead – No Remains					
Non-Hostile Missing- Presumed Dead – No Remains	12		2	8	2
Non-Hostile Other Deaths – No Remains					
Total – No Remains	14		2	8	4
Wounded - Not Mortal	467	354	9	92	12
Serving Worldwide^b	2,225,000	782,000	561,000	213,000	669,000
Serving In-Theater – Active Duty	584,342	271,654	70,741	90,866	151,081
Serving In-Theater – Recalled	110,208	78,512	11,666	12,660	7,370

Source: [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/GWSUM.pdf], accessed on June 27, 2007.

- a. Inclusive dates are August 7, 1990, to September 14, 1991. Any casualty date in the detailed records after the end date represents a servicemember who was wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds or a servicemember who was in a missing status during a part of the war period and later declared dead.
- b. Estimated figures includes Coast Guard. Report does not include one POW (Speicher).

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War/ Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Casualties*			
			Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal ^b
World War II	Total	16,112,566	405,399	291,557	113,842	671,846
1941-1946 ^b	Army ^c	11,260,000	318,274	234,874	83,400	565,861
	Navy ^d	4,183,466	62,614	36,950	25,664	37,778
	Marines	669,100	24,511	19,733	4,778	68,207
Korean War	Total	5,720,000	36,574	33,741	2,833	103,284
1950-1953 ^e	Army	2,834,000	29,856	27,731	2,125	77,596
	Navy	1,177,000	658	506	152	1,576
	Marines	424,000	4,508	4,266	242	23,744
	Air Force	1,285,000	1,552	1,238	314	368
Vietnam Conflict	Total	8,744,000	58,209	47,424	10,785	153,303
1964-1973 ^f	Army	4,368,000	38,218	30,957	7,261	96,802
	Navy	1,842,000	2,565	1,631	934	4,178
	Marines	794,000	14,840	13,091	1,749	51,392
	Air Force	1,740,000	2,586	1,745	841	931
Persian Gulf War	Total	2,225,000	382	147	235	467
1990-1991 ^g	Army	782,000	224	98	126	354
	Navy	669,000	55	5	50	12
	Marines	213,000	68	24	44	92
	Air Force	561,000	35	20	15	9

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/WCPRINCIPAL.pdf], accessed on June 27, 2007.

- a. Data prior to World War I are based on incomplete records in many cases. Casualty data are confined to dead and wounded and, therefore, exclude personnel captured or missing in action who were subsequently returned to military control.
- b. Marine Corps data for World War II, the Spanish-American War, and prior wars represent the number of individuals wounded, whereas all other data in this column represent the total number (incidence) of wounds.
- c. Not known, but estimates range from 184,000 to 250,000.
- d. As reported by the Commissioner of Pensions in the annual report for the fiscal year 1903.
- e. Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. Estimates of the number who served range from 600,000 to 1,500,000. The final report of the Provost Marshal General, 1863-1866, indicated 133,821 Confederate deaths (74,524 battle and 59,297 other) based upon incomplete returns. In addition, an estimated 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.
- f. Number serving covers the period April 21 to August 13, 1898, while dead and wounded data are for the period May 1 to August 31, 1898. Active hostilities ceased on August 13, 1898, but



**Table 1. Principal Wars in Which the United States Participated:
U.S. Military Personnel Serving and Casualties**

War/ Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Casualties*			
			Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal ^b
Revolutionary War^c	Total	—	4,435	4,435	—	6,188
1775-1783	Army	—	4,044	4,044	—	6,004
	Navy	—	342	342	—	114
	Marines	—	49	49	—	70
War of 1812^d	Total	286,730	2,260	2,260	—	4,505
1812-1815	Army	—	1,950	1,950	—	4,000
	Navy	—	265	265	—	439
	Marines	—	45	45	—	66
Mexican War^d	Total	78,718	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
1846-1848	Army	—	13,271	1,721	11,550	4,102
	Navy	—	1	1	—	3
	Marines	—	11	11	—	47
Civil War	Total	2,213,363	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
(Union Forces Only) ^d	Army	2,128,948	359,528	138,154	221,374	280,040
1861-1865 ^e	Navy	84,415	4,523	2,112	2,411	1,710
	Marines	—	460	148	312	131
Spanish-American War	Total	306,760	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
	Army ^f	280,564	2,430	369	2,061	1,594
	Navy	22,875	10	10	—	47
	Marines	3,321	6	6	—	21
World War I	Total	4,734,991	116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
1917-1918	Army ^g	4,057,101	106,378	50,510	55,868	193,663
	Navy	599,051	7,287	431	6,856	819
	Marines	78,839	2,851	2,461	390	9,520

Table 3. Active Duty Military Deaths — Race/Ethnicity Summary
(as of March 15, 2003)

Race/ Ethnicity	Korean War		Vietnam Conflict		Persian Gulf War		Since 1980 (all)	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Number of Deaths								
American Indian or Alaska Native		104		226		3	12	151
Asian		241		139		1	15	332
Black or African American		3,075		7,241	3	63	472	5,998
Hispanic or Latino		306				1	24	366
Hispanic or Latino-One or More Races		575		349		14	18	322
More Than One Race or Unknown		2,853		204		3	37	590
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		148		229		2	2	120
White	2	29,272	8	49,802	12	280	1,250	24,699
Total	2	36,574	8	58,190	15	367	1,830	32,578
Percentages^a	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
American Indian or Alaska Native		0.3		0.4		0.8	0.7	0.5
Asian		0.7		0.2		0.3	0.8	1.0
Black or African American		8.4		12.4	20.0	17.2	25.8	18.4
Hispanic or Latino		0.8				0.3	1.3	1.1
Hispanic or Latino-One or More Races		1.6		0.6		3.8	1.0	1.0
More Than One Race or Unknown		7.8		0.4		0.8	2.0	1.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		0.4		0.4		0.5	0.1	0.4
White	100.0	80.0	100.0	85.6	80.0	76.3	68.3	75.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/RACE-OMB-WC.pdf], accessed on June 27, 2007.

- a. Percentages of total female or male deaths, divided by ethnicity. For instance, in the Persian Gulf War, 20% of female deaths were Black or African American and 80% of female deaths were White.

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