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2024 REUNION SEPTEMBER 8 – SEPTEMBER 12

Arrangements are nearly all in place for our next reunion. We will be gathering in San Antonio once again, almost exactly ten years after we met there for the largest reunion we've ever held.

Our hotel will once again be the Holiday Inn Riverwalk, with the same group of rooms for our meetings and banquet. This reunion will take place Sunday through Thursday, instead of Wednesday through Sunday as we've done in the past, due to the lower room rates available. Our room rate will be \$124 per night, plus taxes and is available 3 days prior to and after the above dates, based on availability.

The hotel will begin accepting reservations in October of this year. The reservation desk phone number, along with a web link for reservations, will be published in the fall newsletter.

Another departure from previous reunions is that the Chapter will be absorbing some of the costs of this reunion. The reason for that will be explained in future newsletters.

A copy of the agenda as it now stands may be found on page 6 of this newsletter. The registration form is on page 7.

A copy of the February, 2023 issue of "Convention South" was sent recently to Jerry Headley. Among the articles, was a section covering military reunions and the impact that the COVID pandemic has had on them in the last two years. The article mentioned that, according to Isaiah Griffin, convention sales manager for the Fayetteville CVB in North Carolina, attendance numbers have been down. As a result, "more of the older war veterans are eager to see their battle buddies,

and more military reunions are booked, just with smaller groups." This was certainly our experience in Fairfax, Virginia, last April.

In addition to older veterans, Griffin senses that younger veterans of the Persian Gulf War, as well as those who were deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, "will begin to start planning reunions."

Fortunately for 3-4 Cavalry veterans of those deployments, all they have to do is join us at our reunions. Here's hoping that those who read this newsletter will spread the word to their friends.

CENTAUR VETERANS VISIT THE SQUADRON



Bob Taylor trip to Hawaii: *Maryanne and I just spent two weeks in Hawaii (PARC) with Mark Thomson and his wife Marion. We took the opportunity to visit the 3/4 Cav's squadron area at Schofield Barracks in the hope we could secure some of the squadron's newest shirts/hats. When they found out we were Vietnam era "Raiders" the whole day changed. We had the pleasure to meet the squadron CO, LTC Josh Suthoff, and almost all of his command staff. We were treated like royalty.*

They gave us a tour of the entire area where we were able to look at some squadron memorabilia. The CO's Adjutant took pictures and you can view them on Facebook at 34CavRaiders.

The Letter of Appreciation from our LTC Glenn Otis to the Wolfhounds January 1968) for their actions during TET, is prominently displayed on the wall in their rec room/lounge, with a Plaque from the Wolfhounds

... D Troop as we knew it, is now Dakota Troop (still Centaurs) and their responsibility is maintenance. All air resources are tasked out of the Division and are stationed at Wheeler Army Airfield, across the road from Schofield. LTC Suthoff wanted to arrange a meet and greet over there but we had run out of time and our wives were waiting for us at the PX. It was a very proud and heartwarming day for both Mark and I.

Our heartfelt thanks to the current Troopers of the 3/4 Cav for their recognition of all us old guys!

Courtesy of Bruce Powell / CIVO Newsletter

ATTA BOY / GIRL

Anonymous members for their donations to Chapter funds. To all who have newly joined the Chapter, renewed or upgraded your membership.

Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our chapter running. Please send your tax-deductible donations to Bob Bingham, treasurer.

TROOPERS FOUND

STEVEN H. LANE, D TROOP 69/70
Bethania, North Carolina

Current number of Troopers found – 1685
(Includes those with whom we have lost contact or are known to be deceased)

NOTE: 291 are on the print mailing list and 307 on the email list. **If you wish to switch from the print edition to the email edition (or vice versa) or your dues are current and you are not receiving your newsletter, please contact Dave Cox at 13 Loma Linda Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028 or the email address shown in the masthead.** Please notify Dave Cox ASAP if you change your mailing address.



TAPS

DAVID BARBER, B TROOP 68/69
LEONARD BLACKBURN, C TROOP 69
DANIEL CZEPIAL, C & D TROOPS 68
PAUL FALCONE, 75TH RGR / LRRP 69/70
FRANKLIN FOLSOM, C TROOP 67/68
CHARLIE "CHUCK" JOHNSON, D TROOP 67/68
JAMES MORELAND, A TROOP 68
BILL REYNOLDS, B TROOP 66/67
KEITH RICE, D TROOP 68/69
BILL RUFF, C TROOP 69/70
EDWARD SOJDA, F TROOP 72
COL (R) GUY TROY, SCO 63/65

**"Heaven goes by favor.
If it went by merit, you would stay out
and your dog would go in."
Mark Twain**

FYI

THE ASSOCIATION ON THE WEB

3/4 Cavalry Chapter (John Moore):

<https://www.3-4cav.org/>

A Troop (John Moore):

<http://www.atrp3-4cav.org/>

B Troop (Jesse Doyle and daughter Tiffany Hendrick):

<https://www.btrp34cav.com/>

C Troop (John White):

<http://www.ctrp-3d-4thcav.com/>

D/F Troops (Bruce Powell):

<http://www.centaursinvietnam.org/>

THE ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK

note: if the Facebook group is a closed group ask to join the group.

3/4 Cavalry Chapter: (Ruppert Baird):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/53219715921/>

HHT (Roger McGill):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1755445718108376/>

1st Plt B Troop (David Xanten/Jerry Boucher)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/582621255221032/>

C Troop (Bill Ruff/needs an administrator):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/194723020977176/>

F Troop (Frank Dillon/Harry Rogers):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/525635240973831/>

Online announcement layout by John Moore

QUARTERMASTER STORE

NOTE: *Payment for all orders up to \$50 must include an additional \$10 for mailing. Orders above \$50 must include an additional \$20.* Send check or money order payable to 3/4 Cavalry Chapter, to P.O. Box 24414, Lexington, KY 40524-4414, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED. You can also order items on the Chapter website – www.3-4cav.org , and pay using PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account, the PayPal system will process your credit card.

100 MILES OF BAD ROAD by Dwight Birdwell. Dwight has donated his last copies of his book to the QM Store for the benefit of the association. \$18 each while they last. The book is no longer in print, so if you would like a copy, this is your last chance.

NEW TET '68 CHALLENGE COIN: Designed to commemorate the actions of our squadron on January 31, 1968. **These were recently re-stocked and have been going quickly. As of this edition only about 50 are left, so order now if you want one.** \$10 each.



TET '68 RIBBON & PIN: One set of each is free except for \$5 shipping to any Trooper who served during the period of the Tet Offensive in 1968. Any additional ribbons or pins can be purchased for \$10 per set, while they last.

GUIDON PIN: Cost is \$5.00 each.

4"X6" MAGNET: Gold 3/4 crossed sabers on a dark blue background. Will attach to an auto or other metal device. Cost is \$5.00 each.

4th CAVALRY CREST DECAL (Outside Mount):
These are 3.5" tall and are 2 for \$5.00.

REGIMENTAL CROSSED SABER PIN: \$15
PATCHES: Sew-on. \$5 each.

CROSSED SABERS: Crossed 3/4 sabers pin. **\$10** each.

FULL SIZE CREST: \$10.00 each.

MINATURE CREST: \$5.00 each.

BUMPER STICKERS: 2 for \$5.

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT: Gray, like the Tees already available, but with long sleeves for cooler weather. Prices are: S, M, L & XL = **\$30**. 2X & 3X are **\$35**.

DENIM SHIRT: Available to order. Prices are: S, M, L & XL are **\$55**. 2X is **\$60** and 3X is **\$65**. Cost is higher than at reunions due to shipping fees. Add \$5 each for name and troop and / or CIB.

GUIDON PATCH: 9"X 6". For sewing on to jacket or vest. \$45 each. Indicate Troop with order.

NEW: LARGER COFFEE CUPS: In stock now at **\$25** each.



CUPS BELOW also available at **\$25** each.



STONEWARE CERAMIC COFFEE MUGS: \$30.00 ea.

Note: If you want one of these, order now as they will soon be out of stock and will not be replaced.

POLO SHIRTS: Navy Blue with embroidered 4th Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$35.00. S, M, L, XL, \$40.00 2X, 3X.

Get your name, unit & years served embroidered on the right side for just \$5.00 extra.

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NEW: WRINKLE FREE POLYESTER POLOS Same description and prices as the ones above.



NEW: MESH HAT: Black front, white rear, one size fits all. \$30 or \$35 with Troop designation.



FLEX FIT HAT: Black or Khaki with 3rd SQUADRON, 4th U.S. CAVALRY and Crest on the front and 3-4 Guidon on the rear. S/M fits 6 3/4 to 7 1/8. L/XL fits 7 3/8 to 7 & 3/4. \$30 With Troop designation: \$35.

BELT BUCKLE: Enameled full-color 4th Cavalry crest on crossed sabers. This is the same buckle awarded each year to the top two Troopers in the Squadron. \$28.00 each.

T-SHIRT: Navy Blue T-Shirt with embroidered regimental crest on front. Get one for your grandkids. Cost \$25 in S, M, L & XL. \$30 for 2X, 3X.

T-SHIRT: Gray with 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry and 25th Infantry Division lettering, regimental crest and Tropic Lightning insignia on the front and crossed sabers on the back. Sizes S, M, L, XL are \$25. 2X and 3X are \$30.

T-SHIRT with new Barry Anderson design. Prices are the same: S, M, L, XL are \$25, 2X & 3X are \$30.



Front of Shirt



Back of Shirt

T-SHIRTS: Gray with artworks by Barry Anderson on the front and back. Prices are \$25 (M, L, XL), \$30 (2X & 3X). Note that there are two different shirts. When ordering, please specify which shirt you want by indicating the front side artwork.



Shirt One



Shirt Two

SWEATSHIRTS: Navy Blue with embroidered 4th Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$35.00. S, M, L, XL. \$40.00 2X,3X.

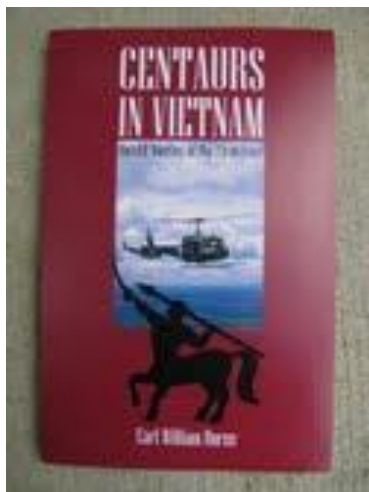
3/4 CAV LICENSE PLATES: **RESTOCKED.** Cost is still \$15.00. In stock, but they go fast!

LICENSE PLATE BRACKETS: \$22 each. Designate **Veteran** or **Vietnam Veteran** preference.



3-4 CAV CARDS - Color drawing of unit crest, crossed sabers, unit guidons on front cover. Old Bill on top of inside. Description of crest on back. Includes envelopes 25 for \$25.00, 10 for \$10.00, or 5 for \$5.00 (min order).

KOOZIE CUPS: Blue with the 3-4 crossed sabers. Priced to move at two for \$5.



Purchase the book "**Centaurs in Vietnam: Air Cavalry at War**" or lithographs "Mackenzie's Raiders" or "Centaurs in Vietnam." Proceeds help 3-4 CAV projects. Email cwburns@optonline.net or visit our website.

3/4 CAV Dues

Our association annual membership dues are **\$10**. Life membership is available for a single payment of **\$75**. Checks should be made out to 3-4 CAV Chapter and mailed to P.O. Box 24414, Lexington, Kentucky 40524-4414. You may also pay through our website, www.3-4cav.org by going to the site and clicking on **JOIN**. In either case, please mail us a copy of your DD-214 or other document to verify your service.

25th Infantry Division Association Dues

25th Infantry Division Association dues should be sent to P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007. Dues are age-based, so check their website, www.25thida.org for amounts. 25th IDA also requires documentation of service.

CHECKLIST: HAVE YOU.....

X Found a new member?

X Paid your dues?

X Notified us of your address change?

X Joined the 25th Infantry Division Assn.?

X Made a donation?

3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Reunion
San Antonio
September 8-12, 2024

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION – AUGUST 15, 2024

Name: _____ Spouse/Friend: _____
 Name (s) as you prefer on your ID Tag(s) _____
 Names of Guests: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Troop: _____ Dates Served: _____ Special Limitations, Diets: _____
 Your E-Mail Address: _____ Is this your first Reunion? _____

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THIS REUNION ARE COMPLIMENTS OF THE CHAPTER
PLEASE SHOW YOUR TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES HERE _____

ACTIVITY	Price Per Person	X People	
Wednesday Night Banquet			
Beef	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Fish	\$24.00	_____	\$ _____
Chicken	\$23.00	_____	\$ _____
Special Diet	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Children's	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Breakfast Buffet	FREE	_____	

NOTE: The Chapter is responsible to the providers of services and goods based on participant counts. Therefore, the Chapter will refund 100% of Reunion meal fees paid, provided notice is received at least 30 days prior to the reunion. Between 15 and 29 days, the Chapter will refund 50%. If notice is received in 14 or less, no refund will be made except in cases where injury/illness or "Acts of God" prohibit attendance.

Donation to 3/4 CAV Reunion Operating Fund \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please send check or money order payable to 3/4 CAV Chapter (write reunion on memo line) and mail to:

Dave Cox, 13 Loma Linda Drive, Kerrville, Texas 78028
Phone: (830) 895-1172 email: cox.a.34cav@gmail.com

REUNION AGENDA – 2024

**The photography schedule and and last-minute changes will be announced /
posted in the hospitality room.**

Sunday, Sept. 8

Hospitality Room Open	12:00 PM – 11:45 PM
Registration - Hospitality Room	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
QM Store - Hospitality Room	12:00 PM - ?

Monday, Sept. 9

Hospitality Room Open	7:00 AM – 11:45 PM
Registration - HR	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
QM Store - HR	10:00 AM - ?
Icebreaker - Hospitality Room	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Business Meeting	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Hospitality Room Open	10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Registration - HR	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
QM Store - HR	12:00 PM - ?

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Memorial Service	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Hospitality Room Open	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Registration - HR	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
QM Store - HR	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Banquet Reception	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Banquet	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Raffle - Banquet Hall	9:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Hospitality Room Open	9:30 PM – 11:45 PM

Thursday, Sept. 12

Farewell Breakfast Buffet	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
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Provided by Dean Miller, National Sales Manager for Visit Fairfax*

REMEMBERING GUY TROY

COL (Ret) Guy Troy went to Fiddler's Green from his home in North Carolina on March 17, 2023, just two days after his 100th birthday.

Guy took command of our Squadron in February, 1964 and served in that capacity until December, 1966, when he was assigned to the staff of CINCPAC at Fort Shafter, Oahu. He was always disappointed that he didn't get to take the 3-4 Cavalry Squadron to Vietnam. However, after his assignment with CINCPAC was completed, he again rejoined the 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi, where he was assigned to the division staff. For a portion of the time he was at Cu Chi, he shared quarters with then LTC Glenn Otis, before Glenn took command of our Squadron. They, of course, had many conversations and Guy was able to brief Glenn on the capabilities of 3-4 Cav.

After Guy's retirement, he became a regular at our Squadron reunions as well as some of the Division reunions. Your editor recalls getting up early on Sunday morning at the end of the 2013 25th IDA reunion in Columbus, Georgia and running into Guy in the hotel lobby. Guy had just checked out and was on his way out to his car with his suitcase. He was asked if he was staying for breakfast and his reply was that he had to hurry home to attend a dance that evening. This was the same reunion during which 90 year-old Guy made the jump from the 34 foot tower at the Ft. Benning Airborne School.

The last reunion Guy was able to attend was in 2018 in Colorado Springs. He will certainly be missed by many of us. The following pages contain some photos, mostly provided by Roger McGill.



LTC Troy (center) at the Change of Command ceremony in 1964



Change of Command Squadron Review



Squadron formed up for review.



LTC Troy reviewing the troops.



Relaxing at Cu Chi



Chatting with former SCO David Zinn in Harrisburg – 2016 Reunion



At the banquet table in Harrisburg with former A Troop CO Joe Monihan



*In Harrisburg with former Troopers, most of whom served under Guy at Schofield Barracks
L-R: Bob Winkler, Bill Imrie, Joe Monihan, Guy Troy, Roger McGill, Jesse Doyle and Dave Cox*