On Feb. 1, 2010, Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base became Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) -- one of 12 joint bases worldwide. On that day, JBLM reached its initial operational capability, meaning the installation support functions at Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base began a phased consolidation to Army management under the Joint Base Garrison. The process will be complete on Oct. 1, 2010, when JBLM reaches its full operational capability and all installation support functions have transferred. Some of the units based at JBLM are three Stryker Brigade Combat Teams from the 2nd Inf Div, 191st Inf Bde, 1st Special Forces Group, 2nd Ranger Bn, and Engineer Brigade, a Fires Brigade (we would remember it as Corps Artillery), and a Battle Surveillance Brigade. On the AF side the major command is the 62nd Airlift Wing.

Things are shaping up very nicely for the national convention in Seattle later this fall. We are 98% sure that we will be able to visit JBLM, but at this printing the Corps HQ and some of the brigades are just returning from deployment. That means we don’t know exactly what resources will be available to us six months from now. We have a plan that is being presented to you on the itinerary page of the Registration form; and we believe that with the help of the National Deputy Commander and the Washington State companies it can be pulled off.

Visiting JBLM will be an important part of the convention, but it is by no means the only reason you should attend. One of the most important matters to come up in several years—considering changes to the current Constitution and By-Laws will be discussed. Those proposed changes, if approved will have a significant impact on the Association. If you have not read it thoroughly, go back to last issue and do so. Be sure you know what you are voting for BEFORE you cast your ballot; it is too late to complain after the vote is certified.
STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

The Blue Badge is the official publication of the Combat Infantryman’s Association. It is published Quarterly for the periods covering Jan-Feb-Mar; Apr-May-June; July-Aug-Sept; Oct-Nov-Dec. All official information pertaining to the Association will be found here. The Blue Badge’s intent is to keep you informed about the activities of the Association, not necessarily the entire veterans’ community. So, even though such items may be of interest to some members, you will not normally find articles pertaining to veterans’ benefits or other veterans’ issues in the Blue Badge.

Each member is encouraged to communicate with the Blue Badge. Give us your ideas, comments, and complaints. Give us your human interest stories, share personal memories from your days in combat and the aftermath. Tell us what your unit is doing. Because of the volume of mail received, sometimes we cannot print all of the letters. But be assured that every letter is read and considered. Space is also a consideration. The Blue Badge must be printed in multiples of four, i.e. 8 pages, 12 pages, 16 pages, etc. sometimes we have too much for, let's say 20 pages, but not enough for 24 pages, some things may have to wait.

The Blue Badge is not a political tool. Articles portraying a political position or negative or demeaning to another member will not be printed. We do not accept any type of advertising, and we will not promote commercial products. Finally, articles, poems, etc which are not the original work of the sender, must be accompanied by the author’s permission before it can be published in the Blue Badge.

Remember there is a cutoff date for items to be published.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

One of the delays that causes some confusion and aggravation among members is sometimes perceived as a lack of response to the member needs. The staff works hard to answer your questions, act on your requests, and in general be responsive to your needs. One of the problems encountered is requests being sent to the wrong place. In order to simplify the process, the following GUIDELINES have been established. Please use them:

- Articles to be printed in the Blue Badge including letters to the editor; poems, personal stories, etc,
- Items pertaining to the annual convention
- Taps notices
- Address changes
- Failure to receive a Blue Badge
- Requests for additional Blue Badges

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Step 3: All Applications, Renewals, and Requests for Transfer go from the National Membership Officer (Admin) to the Data Base Manager, Larry Eckard for records updating. See address above.

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ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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Note 1: In some cases it is possible that applications, etc may go to unit commanders or other personnel first, but these persons must forward them as prescribed above or the system will not be accurate and complete.

Note 2: Address changes go directly to the Data Base Manager, Larry Eckard.

Note 3: Lost or replacement card requests go directly to Membership Officer (Admin), Mr Vincent Arfuso.

Recap of Duties

Trustees (Alfredo Herrera Chairman & 3 yr member, Joe Liles 2 yr, Clyde Floyd 1 yr member), they will audit all transactions and expenditures of the National Organization and recommend to the Commander any necessary changes and/or improvements needed in order to maintain proper fiscal accountability. Immediately they are charged with examining the entire financial structure to include the Quartermaster procedures and inventory on hand.

Finance Officer (Robert W Hickey, CPA) monitors all financial transactions through online banking, insuring the Association has complete transparency in our established accounting and procedures. The FO will publish this information in a future issue of the Blue Badge.

Membership Officer (Administrative) Vincent Arfuso is sole authority for approving/disapproving applications and/or transfers and issuing Membership cards.

Quartermaster Fred Fiedler; the old Quartermaster sales system has been abolished. We have changed to a private vendor system. The new supervisory QM (Mr Fred Fiedler) has located and is working with two new vendors, and more vendors are being added. Vendor Color Graphics has a CIA merchandise web site in addition to the company website. Please see the advertisement on page 9. Do not mail old order forms attempting to purchase items. Please remember Bob Saxton is no longer the Quartermaster.

Data Base Manager, Larry Eckard; Maintains the association master data base and the Blue Badge mailing list. These are in fact two separate lists. In the near future updated rosters will be sent to commanders.

Website: A new website has been constructed and is up and running. It has a link to the QM vendor(s). This is a first class site, look it over! www.cibassoc.com

CIA MEMBERS INVITED

Members of the 40th Inf Div Combat Teams, the 224th Inf, 160th Inf, 40th Div Recon, and 223rd Inf, invite members of the Combat Infantrymen’s Association to attend their annual reunion September 26-29, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV.

For more information contact: 40th Division Korean War Veterans, PO Box 11578, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33339 or 954-771-5436

XO Expresses Concern

National XO, James Bourgeois has expressed his concern over number of members who do not renew their annual memberships.

Any unit that has a member (or members) who terminate, or the unit gets a return letter should report those names to the National HQ so they can be contacted from the National level. There are literally hundreds of members with expired memberships who were not contacted by their local unit, but simply dropped from the rolls. The current National Staff is now identifying and contacting those former members and it is amazing the success they are having. The majority of these members did not know their membership had expired and most are renewing.

Don’t Forget the CIA National Convention to be held October 21-24, 2010 At the Seattle/SeaTac Holiday Inn, Seattle, WA.

See pages 13-16 for details
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THIS FORM IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH PROPER ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ASSOCIATE FINANCE OFFICER/NATIONAL COMMANDER

1- WHAT IS YOUR UNIT DESIGNATION? - EXAMPLE-HQ 1 1 WA

2- WHAT IS YOUR UNIT’S MAILING ADDRESS?

UNIT NAME: _____________________________
ADDRESS: _____________________________
CITY: _________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ___________________

3- WHAT IS YOUR UNITS EMAIL ADDRESS? ____________________________________________

4- COMMANDER’S NAME--------------------------------------------------- TELEPHONE #

5- XO’S NAME--------------------------------------------------------------- TELEPHONE #

6- TOTAL # ANNUAL MEMBERS --------------------------------- TOTAL # LIFE MEMBERS

7- IS THE ADDRESS FOR REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS THE SAME AS # 2 ABOVE? _____ YES _____ NO

IF NOT THE SAME - PLEASE WRITE THE PROPER REIMBURSEMENT ADDRESS:

UNIT NAME: _____________________________
ADDRESS: _____________________________
CITY: _____________________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ________________

8- PLEASE INDICATE THE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES YOU CONDUCTED LAST YEAR AND EXPECT TO CONDUCT THIS YEAR?

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9- PLEASE COMMENT BELOW AS NEEDED- THANK YOU FOR THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP US TO PROPERLY COMPLY WITH 501-C AND BUDGETING PROCEDURES / PLEASE NOTE- REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER PAYMENTS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER WILL DEPEND ON THE PROPER RETURN OF THIS FORM. (THIS DATA WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED TO UPDATE THE CONTACT LIST FOR UNITS AND COMMANDERS. AS THIS DATA IS RECEIVED WE WILL BEGIN REBUILDING THE BLUE BADGE AND WEBSITE CONTACT LIST INFORMATION. PLEASE RETURN NLT-15 JUNE 2010)
Dear Fellow Combat Infantrymen;

Since my last article many improvements have taken place. We have established a well organized financial program in our banking arrangements. We have a Finance Officer who knows his business and has years of experience. I myself assist and manage day to day transactions. This is a job that requires constant attention to detail and our budget is certainly looking somewhat better since establishing this new system of accounting. I pay every bill from the online Suntrust banking program. Mr. Hickey has total access and monitors all accounts regularly. Joey Liles Trustee is also an authorized signatory. I expect that this issue and future issues will have financial information from the Finance Officer. All financial data for an organization such as ours must be transparent and available for review. Our National Finance Officer is ready and willing to comply with this transparency.

We also have established a separate paver bank account for the perpetual care and maintenance of our national monument. Mr. Ray Dunn and myself are both signatories to this account. Please Combat Infantrymen see the enclosed application and purchase these pavers for you and your family. All units should also purchase a paver at our National Monument.

It was a very difficult decision to stop printing newsletters for each member and to move primarily into the electronic version. This decision was based strictly on cost and recent financial history. To make it brief we simply could not afford to print copies as before. I want to personally thank all members who have contributed donations for the Blue Badge printing and other organizational expenses. All members who do not have computers will still receive the newsletter (Continued on page 7)

Greetings from the Great Pacific Northwest!

The time is at hand to mark your calendars to attend the Annual CIA Convention! We will be reviewing, discussing and voting on several issues voiced by our members. Please be prepared to discuss your concerns and ideas!

Once again, I am reaching out to every member to actively participate in recruiting new members for our organization. I have made it my personal mission whenever visiting Fort Lewis or even the local community - - if I see a Soldier wearing a CIB, I stop and ask if they would like to become a member. Each of you can do the same ... seek out our Infantry brothers who wear the CIB! In addition, please contact those members that have expired memberships and ask them to renew their membership and pledge to our organization.

As you are aware, our convention will be held in Seattle. The convention will give everyone attending the opportunity to meet Combat Infantry Soldiers from World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts where Infantry Soldiers have earned the Badge of Courage.

In closing, please take a moment to think about the passing of one of our great Infantry Soldiers and lifetime member - - General Frederick C. Weyland. He continued to demonstrate his love and dedication to the Infantry Soldier to the very end ...

Looking forward to seeing each of you in Seattle!

Thank you!
James A. Bourgeois
Commander’s

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after filling out and mailing or faxing the request form to Larry Eckard.

We have finally published our new website and it is totally professional for an organization such as ours. The cost of the new website was donated by one of our members. Gary Ramsey of C11SC has volunteered to manage the site. Our website is for the use of every unit. Please contact Gary and arrange for your unit pictures and news articles etc. The music available on the site is tremendous and extremely patriotic as it should be. H21TX and H11NE have great links on the new site, quite an example of “ATTENTION TO DETAIL”.

Mr. Arfuso our membership officer has engineered a very successful program in distributing new membership cards. These cards reflect who we are. They were extremely well designed by our wonderful helper Jamie Burnell. Jamie also designed our new application forms and writing pads from which we have received numerous compliments. This young lady has been extremely helpful to Mr. Arfuso and myself. I am overwhelmed by the response from our members who have received renewal reminders. Some units are also mailing notices, making phone calls etc.

I cannot thank our Deputy Commander and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary enough for how much they have helped and the hard work they are still doing toward this effort. I also want to thank Mr. Jim Meador of Columbia SC who has volunteered to help as the National Recruiter in that area. We must all work at recruiting. I have found that there are many Combat Infantrymen who do not know about our organization. Our members sometimes send letters and notes along with their dues. I do not have time to answer everyone but each letter is classy and professional. One member spoke of a past situation in which he described it as: “He was in the water over his head and to vain to take a life preserver”.

Norman Godfrey complimented the Blue Badge and wished us all good health.

I receive numerous notes and letters complimenting the Blue Badge. Jim and Erika mailed us a very nice letter over the holiday seasons describing their family and happenings. Many letters are received from members who were surprised that their membership had expired.

I have also received computer music and books. I recently received two books written by our own members. Raymond S. Ross Ph.D (When Your Number’s Up). This is a great WWII book. Dick Sayers, another one of our members wrote a Korean novel (No Victory, No Sting) and this is also an excellent read.

This job is not all work and there are times when I simply have to kick back and laugh. The most honorable duty I have performed—not to underestimate the New York presentation- is the placing of the wreath at Arlington. We are allowed to have four representatives at the tomb and I welcome volunteers. If I have more than four volunteers I will have to determine how to proceed. Please call or write.

Another decision which was not the most popular was the changing of membership dues to expire at the same time each year. The old system was extremely time consuming and very hard to manage. The difficulty of many units and the national headquarters to remind members of annual renewal dates caused some problems both financially and administratively. We believe that our new system will be much more effective in helping to maintain control and accountability. We will phase it in over several months in order to not cause close renewal periods.

The issue of our data base of members having fallen behind on entries has been well managed by Larry Eckard. You may notice in this issue that the unit officers and locations are being updated. If you need specific information please call. As unit commanders submit new information it will be reentered. We have had some organizational changes which have not been reported (please see the unit questionnaire). Please remember that all of your officers are volunteers and we want to do everything that we can to make their volunteer jobs easier.

Recently our new advisory quartermaster Mr. Fred Fiedler established a program for supplying our members with memorabilia. There should be information in this issue addressing the details and this information will also be placed on the website. Our new vendor is: Color Graphics and Deer Creek Awards-Contact Debbie Gustafson-President-1-800-456-8288 or WWW.COLORGRAPHICSWA.COM OR WWW.DEERCREEKAWARDS.COM or fax to: 360-786-8293. Some will ask why the change and my answer is very simple. We were losing significant dollars previously. I encourage you to buy these products as they become available. I recently received some samples and the excellent quality befits a Combat Infantryman. Another issue of much importance is our annual convention scheduled this year in Seattle. Please, Combat Infantrymen, pull out your moldy billfolds and take your family to this event. Bud Gonzalez and his excellent unit will be very superior and capable hosts. They know how to do the job. Our National Deputy Commander Jim Bourgeois will coordinate the conventions highlight of the event, which is a trip to Fort Lewis. I assure you that this is not all business and that I will not drag out the business meeting. Lastly on the subject of dollars please return your lottery ticket (INSIDE THIS ISSUE). All of this money goes toward worthy charitable causes. If you have any questions please call.

Now please allow me to address another need in the improvement of our fine organization. We have concluded that our rules for governing must be modernized in order to comply with our goals and missions. As we have arrived into a new communications era we have not kept pace as good as we should have. We must address communication and con-
Isn’t it wonderful to have warm weather again? I may live in the sunshine state, but even we had a cool winter.

Our auxiliary is growing one member at a time. Actually we gained five new members in February-March. If each auxiliary member would attempt to solicit one new member from her area, we could begin building up the auxiliary. Ask your husband to talk to members of his unit about urging their wives to join the auxiliary. Find out the name of your husband’s CIA unit adjutant, and ask him to provide you with names of the unit’s members. If you would just pick one name a month to contact a wife, we could add some members. Our auxiliary is in the infancy stage. We can’t accomplish much without members. At present we have only thirty-three members. The men have over five thousand members. We have plenty of potential members out there!

Please assist me in growing our auxiliary. It is impossible for me to come to all of your areas to solicit membership in the auxiliary. It takes team work to grow an auxiliary.

Membership forms can be obtained by printing a form from the Blue Badge. If you would like a number of forms you can contact me or Ann Yamrus to receive them.

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“Ladies Auxiliary’s Column

Vicky Kennedy”

Our View

Larry Eckard, Editor Blue Badge

Unless you have been in the National Commander’s chair, or worked closely with him you may not understand what an undertaking it is—it is a full time and sometimes thankless job. We as an association have been fortunate to have had a string of excellent Commanders. Each in his own way has contributed immeasurably to the organization.

Sometimes they were faced with difficult decisions; decisions that had to be made immediately with no time to consult with staff or membership. To their credit every past commander, lived up to our expectations.

Unfortunately, far too often they only hear the criticisms; this, Past Commanders is for you—Thanks for your commitment, hard work, and your efforts that made us a stronger organization.

Our present Commander, Earl Kennedy is living up to the high standards of those who came before him. He is guiding us through some big changes with the same vigor and dedication as his predecessors. Thanks, Earl.

There have been a lot of comments about the decision to mail the Blue Badge only to those members who request it by returning the form that was in the last issue. Hundreds of them have been received and those members will continue to receive their BB by mail. If you did not return the form, you will not be reading this in a copy that has been mailed to you.

Most of the comments were not unfavorable; many said in effect, “It’s about time.” As Commander Kennedy remarks in his column, the primary reason was financial, but there are other advantages as well. The BB is posted on line at least three weeks before you receive your paper copy in the mail. This is because the BB is posted at the same time it is sent to the printer, where it takes that much time to be printed, mailed and delivered. Also, you can see the photos in the Blue Badge only to those members who request it by returning the form that was in the last issue. Hundreds of them have been received and those members will continue to receive their BB by mail. If you did not return the form, you will not be reading this in a copy that has been mailed to you.

Greetings Larry,

If you Headquarters honchos believe you’ve taken a great leap forward by converting The Blue Badge to electrobunkum and technowizardy, you’ve stood the traditional world on its head.

I am from the smoke signal generation, and I’ve got lots of friends dumber than me.

Besides, any folding magazine that you can’t read while sitting on the crapper is either too long or ain’t worth reading. If I plugged in one of those computers where it belongs I’d get electrocuted.

Dennis Kelly, PA

Possible Future Conventions! Food For Thought??

Why? Why do you people in charge! Seems to happen to National KWVA, American Legion, VFW, etc organizations that you (we) have to go to some big city in our country to impress everyone! I have been to several cities in Nebraska for the Neb KWVA conventions and had a Great Time! Why?? They catered to us, had parades, lunch at a VFW or Legion, decent hotel rates, luncheon for the ladies, very good Friday night meal, Saturday night banquet, etc. Again, why big cities? High Prices, etc?? The cowboys and Indians also served. Why not get a place that all can afford to go to? I’m not saying go to Nebraska, but we have 50 states to choose from. Many smaller cities in our country have a lot to offer, cost less and much easier to drive around. Thanks for letting me share my thoughts.

Jim Bork, AZ

Ed Note: Remember the membership selects the convention city—not the leadership; join us and make a recommendation.

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Commander's

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C�trol issues aggressively in order to improve our organization. We are designing new rules which will assist in this effort. State units will be reorganized for better control and accountability. Cecil Wooten is working on a reorganization plan to be presented in Seattle. Financial oversight will be improved by the establishment of an empowered trustee group who will be assigned a mission. This group should also be empowered to act, if necessary, based on the loss or failure of key National Officers. Units which are in name only and have failed to establish proper 501-C bank accounts and have lost control and accountability of their members will be absorbed by Commanders and units who have proven management capabilities. We are Combat Infantrymen with an organization full of reliable, skilled and proven members. We will never stop being the best and we have already proven that skill. Let me close by thanking all of you for your continued support. Please be assured that we will continue to support good causes with your donations and dues payments. God Bless all of you and your families.

Earl Kennedy

From the COS

As of 4/19/10 I have received two emails from our total membership about the proposed membership changes. Each had a different opinion, but regardless of the opinions, we would like to have more input from the membership. Please get active in OUR Association; don't hesitate to make suggestions or give us your ideas.

The Constitution & By-Laws are such important documents that they cannot be taken lightly. If approved, these revised documents will guide us into the future and will effect every member. That is why it is so important for you to get involved!

I would like to let you all know that the Executive Board and many individual members are working very hard to unify OUR GREAT Association, but it will take US ALL working as a team, not just a few.

I want the entire membership to know that the Board represents the entire Association, not just a few. I am so very proud of them all and the direction—up—we are headed.

Your Friend and brother
Wayne Watts
Chief of Staff

Back Talk

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Editor, Blue Badge

Dear Larry,

A couple of years ago my 1999 Mercury Sable took off at a high rate of speed down one of the mains roads in my town. I must have been over sixty miles an hour when I made a sharp turn at the corner intersection leading to my street. I was going so fast I wound up in the oncoming lane.

I lucked out; there were no cars there, and fortunately my right turn lane was also clear. After I made it to my lane, I threw it into neutral, and it felt normal again. I had a mile to go home and felt if I were careful, I could make it. When I finally got home I called for a tow to the dealer where I bought the car.

To my recollection, the bill was about $580.00 plus $75.00 tow. I received $50.00 from my Insurance Co. for the tow. I sent a special delivery letter to Mr. Mullaly, Pres. of Ford requesting reimbursement for an obvious defect. I was turned down, as my car was not under warranty. I didn't pursue it then as I felt Ford was hurting.

Now, due to the Toyota fiasco, Ford is on top.

I contacted my Congressman, who is on the Veterans Committee, and the Asst. told me that they could not contact Ford directly, that he would have to go to the Dept. of Transportation, and they would have to make the contact. She further stated that my complaint was the first in reference to a car problem. The Better Business Bureau states it is the #1 complaint. I would appreciate your input on this. Incidentally the mileage was about 45K.

Thank you and Kindest Regards,
Ed Littleton

Ed Note: It's hard to get a good car anymore! If anyone can offer a suggestion I am sure Ed would appreciate it. Contact him at 8 Priscilla Court, Courtland Manor, NY 10567. Ph 914-528-6061.

Editor:

I am proud to be a life member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association. I was a member of company B, 1st Bn, 409th Inf Regt, 103rd Inf Div. We were ordered to Europe in late December 1944. We landed at Camp Lucky Strike, Marcai France.

We started combat after engaging the German Troops 16 days after entering the continent. After the attack we were taken POW, first night Co B; next night Co C; and the next night Co A.

I am now a healthy 92 years old; thanks to my God and Master.

Marion B. Morgan

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QM ITEMS CAN BE ORDERED

Color Graphics & Deer Creek Awards

Color Graphics Apparel & Ad Specialties and Deer Creek Awards is proud to support our active duty and retired military personnel. With over 26 years of service to businesses, schools, clubs, service organizations, military units, and associations there is not a company with a better reputation than Color Graphics and Deer Creek Awards.

Fred & Debbie Gustafson started Color Graphics in the dining room of their house in 1983 working with their local church to provide banners and apparel for local ministries. As they gained experience and acceptance in the community because of their quality of work and follow through in meeting deadlines, Color Graphics moved into their first warehouse in January 1987.

After a few expansions, Color Graphics built their current 23,000sf warehouse in 2005 and have continued to increase their services. Initially pressing letters onto fabric in 1984, Color Graphics expanded first with screen printing equipment and then with embroidery equipment. Each expansion was initiated to make sure their customers received their items when promised without being at the mercy of another company. Color Graphics now has an 2 large multicolor automatic presses, a manual press for small custom orders, 19 embroidery heads, and a 50 inch digital printer for signs and banners.

In 2007 Color Graphics acquired Deer Creek Awards and now offers a full line of trophies, plaques, coins, 3D modeled military items, sandblasted glass and crystal awards. Color Graphics and Deer Creek Awards now has 2 laser engravers, a diamond tipped engraver, sublimation printer, and a sandblaster to compliment their production services.

Color Graphics is excited about partnering with Combat Infantrymen’s Association in providing logo’d wear and products. We are currently developing a website to make the products available online for easy ordering. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the CIA.

Sincerely,
Fred & Debbie Gustafson
Color Graphics & Deer Creek Awards

To see the CIA merchandise available from the QM vendor, visit the CIA QM website at http://co-store.com/cia. To see the entire vendor inventory, go to www.colorgraphicswa.com.

New CIA Website Up and Running, Thanks Gary

At last the new Combat Infantrymen’s Association web site is up and running, thanks to Gary Ramsey of South Carolina. You are invited to visit the site. You will find membership, renewal, request for transfer, and Ladies Auxiliary forms for your convenience; you will find a link to the online Blue Badge and convention information.

You can access the site at www.cibassoc.com

Gary Ramsey is webmaster; contact him at 843-650-5542 — cibc11@gmail.com

Thanks again Gary!!
Join the 25th Infantry Division Association

Since 1949 Soldiers and Veterans who were once assigned or attached to the famous Tropic Lightning Division have enjoyed membership in the 25th Infantry Division Association. We feature Annual Reunions, Chapters, Scholarships to children & grandchildren, a 40-page quarterly newsletter, a Historical Archive Project, Soldier Support, Memorabilia sales and more. For more information and a membership application please visit our website at www.25thidaa.org or write to:

25th Infantry Division Asn.
PO Box 7
Flourtown, PA 19031-0007

Chaplain’s Corner

Father Leo Hetzler, CIA Chaplain

Father Hetzler’s column will return.

CIA Members Participate in Battle of the Bulge Meeting

The Florida Southeast Chapter of the Battle of the Bulge held their spring meeting at the Grand Ball Room of the Hilton Hotel in West Palm Beach.

As in the past the chapter issued an open invitation to returning veterans and their families as guests.

They were introduced individually and each received a standing ovation.

The guest speakers were four women who were teenagers in Belgium and France during the liberation and occupation. At the conclusion of their presentation, CIA member George Fisher, also founder and President of the Chapter, presented each of the ladies with a watch exhibiting the VBOB emblem.

The next meeting will be on Sunday December 19, 2010. If you want to leave the cold weather behind and have a most enjoyable luncheon, give George a call at 561-585-7086.

If Ever Written, These Would Be The Ten Shortest Books

THINGS I CANNOT AFFORD
By Bill Gates

AMELIA EARHART’S GUIDE TO THE PACIFIC
By Ace Pilot

TO ALL THE MEN WE’VE LOVED BEFORE
By Ellen de Generes & Rosie O’Donnell

THE AMISH PHONE DIRECTORY
By M. A. Bell

MY PLAN TO FIND THE REAL KILLER
By O. J. Simpson

THINGS I WOULD NOT DO FOR MONEY
By Dennis Rodman

HOW TO DRINK AND DRIVE SAFELY
By Ted Kennedy

THINGS I LOVE ABOUT MY COUNTRY
By Jane Fonda and Cindy Sheehan Illustrated by Michael Moore

WHY I LOVE BILL
By Hillary Rodham Clinton

THINGS I LOVE ABOUT HILLARY
By Bill Clinton

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT MILITARY STRATEGY
By Nancy Pelosi
Taps

The Blue Badge was notified of the death of the following Combat Infantrymen’s Association members between Jan 1, 2010 and April 15, 2010. The entire association sends our deep sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased member.

William G. Ilg  
H 2 2 OH (Columbus)  
Died 11/24/09

William R. McClain  
H 2 2 OH (Columbus)  
Died 11/28/09

Eugene L. Inman, Sr  
HQ 1 1 WA (Covington, OH)  
Died 11/02/09

Milton D. Crippin  
HQ 1 1 WA (Danville, IL)  
Date unknown

James M. Hoff  
HQ 1 1 WA (Riverside, CA)  
Date unknown

Leonard L. Junker  
HQ 1 1 WA (Oldham, SD)  
Date unknown

John O. Neeley  
HQ 1 1 WA (Columbus, MO)  
Date unknown

Edward Martens  
HQ 1 1 IA (Waverly)  
Date unknown

Clifford Smith  
HQ 1 1 AZ (Scottsdale)  
Died 02/10/10

Gen Frey Weyand  
HQ 1 1 WA (Hawaii)  
Died 02/10/10

Otis Kleaver  
Marquette, MI  
Died 09/18/08

Maurice E. Grimm  
Ft Wayne, IN  
Date Unknown

ONE LAST NOTICE TO COMMANDERS

Please, Unit Commanders at all levels, look over the Unit Commander and XO lists found on pages 3, 4, and 5. If you and your XO are still in the position as shown and all of your information is correct, then you don’t need to do anything. If either you or your XO are no longer in the position shown, or if any of your information is incorrect or missing, please let the Editor/Data Base Manager know so the additions/corrections can be made. Be sure your listing contains the following information:

Your position and name  
CO HQ 1 1 AL (example)  
Street Address  
City, St, & Zip code  
Phone number  
E-mail address (if any)

A new master roster will soon be made available to all Unit Commanders. It is incumbent on you as Unit Commanders to make sure your information is correct so that when you receive your roster, it will be updated and current. By the way your roster will be on CD or DVD, not printed. If you don’t have a computer your local library can help you. This is one more step in refining our records keeping. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

CIA’s Only Four Star General Dies  
(Compiled from the Wire Services)

The Combat Infantrymen’s Association’s only four star general and former Army Chief of Staff, General Fred Weyand, 93, died on Wednesday February 10, 2010 at a retirement home in Hawaii. General Weyand, a native of Arbuckle, CA was commissioned in 1938 through the ROTC program at the University of California. He served during WW II in the China-Burma-India theater. During the Korean War he commanded an infantry regiment in five battle campaigns.

He held a number of commands and staff positions during the period between the end of the Korean War and the Viet Nam War era.

He served as Commanding General 25th Infantry Division (1964-67) and II Field Force, Viet Nam in 1967.

General Weyand oversaw the withdrawal of US forces from South Viet Nam during 1972-73.

He served as Chief of Staff, US Army from 1974-76.

In addition to the coveted Combat Infantryman’s Badge Gen Weyand earned the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star.
Combat Infantrymen’s Association 2010 Reunion Information

The Combat Infantrymen’s Association annual Convention will be held October 21-24, 2010 at the Holiday Inn SeaTac, located at 17338 International Blvd, Seattle, WA. The Holiday Inn is a first class hotel with all of the amenities that you have come to expect, in your room and in the rest of the facility as well. You’ll find complimentary high speed internet access, personal care items, iron & ironing board, full service restaurant and lounge, plus much more. There is complimentary airport shuttle service to/from SeaTac International Airport. To obtain transportation from SeaTac use the courtesy phone located near the baggage claim area or call the hotel direct at 1-206-248-1000. Parking for the CIA has been reduced from the standard $12.00 a day parking to only $5.00 a day. Directions to the hotel will be included with your confirmation letter. If you have questions, please feel free to call our Customer Service Representative @ 828-256-6008.

Your Choice: Please select one of the three options shown below, or create your own limited agenda. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require the use of American Express, MASTERCARD or VISA.

1. **Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before September 20, 2010. After the initial deposit, you may make installment payments as long as the full amount is paid by the final payment due date of October 1, 2010.

2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before October 15, 2010 there is a $50.00 cancellation fee plus the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after October 15, 2010. *Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.*

**PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM IN TWO PLACES IF YOU USE A CC; ONE PLACE IF PAYING BY CHECK!!**

### Option A
**Arrive on Thursday, depart on Sunday**

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.

- Three Nights Lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d’oeuvres & cash bar; three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday night dinner; Saturday night banquet; Seattle, WA City tag; Banquet and Memorial Service Programs; Roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is **$392.00 per person based on double occupancy; $548.00 for a single person**. A **$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.** Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, so long as the entire balance is paid by October 1, 2010.

### Option B
**Arrive on Friday, depart on Sunday**

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.

- Two Nights Lodging (Fri, Sat); Two breakfasts (Sat & Sun); Friday night dinner; Saturday Night Banquet; Seattle, WA City Tag; Banquet and Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is **$294.00 per person based on double occupancy; $388.00 for a single person.** A **$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.** Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, so long as the entire balance is paid by October 1, 2010.

### Option C
**Arrive on Saturday, depart on Sunday**

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.

- Saturday Night Lodging; Saturday Night Banquet; Sunday breakfast; Roster of attendees; Seattle, WA City Tag; Banquet and Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is **$150.00 per person based on double occupancy; $201.00 for a single person.** A **$25.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.** Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, so long as the entire balance is paid by October 1, 2010.
YOUR ITINERARY

Thursday October 21, 2010
12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room opens stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the hospitality room. HQ 1 1 WA will staff and stock the hospitality room. By contractual agreement, the hospitality room must close during the welcome reception and all hotel sponsored functions.

5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. This is the first planned function of the convention. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar and some appetizing hors d’oeuvres to prepare you for dinner on your own. National Commander Earl Kennedy will make a few welcome remarks prior to the food and bar service. Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only. If you cannot participate in the reception, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Thursday’s Reception”.

Friday October 22, 2010
Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant. Coupons will be provided; eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the Ft Lewis tour departs. Cost of breakfast is included in Option A. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, delete breakfast (be sure to specify which morning.)

8:15 AM: Load ‘em up’ 8:30 AM move ‘em out: Optional trip to Ft Lewis. Because the Combat Brigades are currently returning to Ft Lewis, the exact itinerary is not known at this time. If the itinerary is known, next issue of Blue Badge will provide the details. In the meantime, just be assured the trip will be a great trip. Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Friday’s tour.

9:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens if anyone does not go on the tour. HQ 1 1 WA will staff and stock the hospitality room.

1000 AM: Registration will resume for Friday arrivals.

6:00 PM: Social hour begins. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a good meal and a fun evening. Hospitality Room must close during dinner.

7:00 PM: Dinner is served. Tonight you’ll enjoy a dual entree buffet featuring cole slaw, tomato and cucumber salad, BBQ Chicken and Ribs, baked beans, rolls, dessert and coffee. After dinner sit back and enjoy the company of the heroes around you. Cost of dinner is included in Options A and B. If you cannot participate in dinner, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, delete Friday’s dinner.

Saturday October 23, 2010
Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant. Coupons will be provided; eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the business meeting begins. Cost of breakfast is included in Options A and B. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, delete breakfast (be sure to specify which morning.)

8:30 AM 11:30 AM: Annual Business Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting. You must present your CIA membership card to gain entrance to the meeting. Only paid up members are admitted. There is no cost what-so-ever to attend the meeting.

9:00 AM: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting—location to be determined. Hospitality Room will open at the discretion of HQ 1 1 WA.

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour

7:30 PM: The Combat Infantrymen’s Association Banquet. Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. If all goes according to plan, we will have an Honor Guard and guest speaker. Following dinner there will be a short memorial service to honor our deceased comrades. Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in the banquet, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Saturday’s Banquet”.

Sunday October 24, 2010
8:00 AM: For those who can wait until this hour to leave, breakfast together will be in the hotel restaurant. Eat at your leisure. A section of the restaurant will be set aside for CIA members. If you must leave earlier or want to sleep in, you may eat at anytime the restaurant is open for breakfast. Cost of breakfast is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, delete breakfast (be sure to specify which morning.)
Office use Only: Dep Rec’d ___________________/Payment Method ____________________________   Date Rec’d _______________________

Combat Infantrymen’s Association
Holiday Inn SeaTac
17338 International Blvd, Seattle, WA 98188

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before September 20, 2010
Mail to: ML & RS, Inc, PO Drawer 11399, Hickory, NC 28603
Ph: 828-256-6008: Fax: 828-256-6559; Website: www.mlrsinc.com/cia

Attendee Info
Last Name: ______________________________    First Name: ___________________________________    MI ___________
Name of person rooming with: ________________________ Spouse or guest name:  ___________________________________
Combat Unit: ___________________________________
Address: ___________________________________  City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________
Phone: (__________) _________  _________________  E-Mail: _____________________________________________

Emergency Contact Info
If there is an emergency during the convention, who should we contact??   __________________________________________
Relationship to you: ____________   Phone #: ________________________
Cell phone or travel number in case there are last minute changes: ____________________________________________

Nametag Info
If this is your first CIA convention, or if you misplaced the name tag you received at a previous reunion, you are encouraged to
order one now. The name tag is white plastic with your name, hometown, combat years, Combat Infantrymen’s Association and
a CIB engraved on the tag. Guest tags will have the guest’s name engrave on it. This is a great conversation starter and identi-
ﬁes you as a CIA member. If you ﬁll in the info below, you will be charged for the tags. Cost is $6.00 each.
Your nametag Name: ______________________________  Guest Name Tag Name: _______________________________
Which years did you serve in combat? _________________  Which war did you earn your CIB? _________________
Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Seattle, WA 2010) to hang below your name tag. If you sign up for only selected ac-
tivities You are encouraged to order a city tag. Cost is $3.75 each. City tags from previous years are also available @$3.75. If
you wish to order a city tag from a previous city—list the cities and year on a separate sheet.
Number of Seattle City Tags @ $3.75 ______________;        Number of previous years tags: (list separately) __________

Special Needs
If you have special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY speciﬁc.
Special dietary meals are available. List any special requests below:
Handicapped Requirements: __________________________________________________________
Special Dietary Needs: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Payments
Make checks payable to: “ML & RS, Inc”
Personal Check # ____________ Money Order ________ American Express ________ MasterCard ________ Visa ________
ML & RS, Inc is authorized to bill the credit card listed in the amount of $ __________________________
Name as it appears on the credit card: ____________________________________________________________
ZIP Code where you receive your statement: _________________________   Expiration date: __________________
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Cancellations
By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before October 15, 2010 there will be a $50.00
cancellation fee, PLUS the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to a ven-
dor. There will be no refunds—for any reason—for cancellation requests received after October 15, 2010. Trip cancellation insurance is
highly recommended. See your local insurance agent.

Signature Required:  Sign here: __________________________________________________________
**Activity Selection**
You may wish to choose one of the following pre-packaged options. You may add to or deduct from these options using the Individualized Option and/or Adjustment Opportunities selections below.

**Option A:** Requires $75.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities except tours from Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

$392.00 per person based on double occupancy __________
$548.00 per single person_________

**Option B:** Requires $50.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities except tours from Friday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

$284.00 per person based on double occupancy __________
$388.00 per single person_________

**Option C:** Requires $25.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities from Saturday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

$150.00 per person based on double occupancy __________
$201.00 per single person_________

**Adjustment Opportunities**
You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above:

Deduct Thursday’s Reception @ $30.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

Add Friday’s Tour @ $26.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

Deduct Friday’s Dinner @ $45.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

Deduct Saturday’s Banquet @ $50.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

Deduct Breakfast @ $13.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________ Which days_______________________

Add nights lodging @ $104.00 per night X ____ (# nights) = $ ________ Which nights____________________________

Deduct nights lodging @ $104.00 per night X ____ (# nights) = $ ________ Which nights____________________________

**Individual Selections**
If you can only participate in some of the reunion activities, make your selections below:

Thursday Reception @ $45.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

Friday Dinner buffet @ $60.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

Saturday Banquet @ $65.00 pp X _____ (# people) = $__________

**THESE SELECTIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL WHEN SUBMITTING RESERVATION.**
A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast
As he sat around the Legion
Telling stories from the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
All the deeds he had done
In his exploits with his buddies
They were heroes, everyone.

And tough sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became joke
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew of what he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer
For ol' Bob has passed away
And the world's a little poorer
For a soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many
Just his children and his wife
For he lived an ordinary
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family
Going quietly on his way
And the world won't note his passing
Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth
Their bodies lie in state
While thousands note their passing
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell their stories
From the time they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land
Some jerk who breaks a promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in time of war and strife
Goes off to serve his Country
And offers up his life?

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast
As he sat around the Legion
Telling stories from the past.

Perhaps a simple headline
In the paper that might say
“OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY.”

Submitted by Warren McPherson
Former Sgt. Co C, 1/502nd, 2nd Bde,
101st Abn Div

The following was written by 10 year
old Logan Lopez, grandson of CIA
member Richard Lopez HQ 2 1 CA.
The poem was attached to a pencil
drawing that could not be reproduced.
Thanks Logan!

The Scar

War is like a scar.
A big permanent scar inside your
heart that brings everlasting pain.
But when you think about it, it seems
like you are picking at it, and then you
bleed.
Memory, hate, tears, anger, horror,
and revenge in one big scar.

Our View

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color on line. If you print your own
copy, you can print as many copies as
you or your unit needs and save the
association a lot of money in extra
printing costs.

We always get excited this time of
year about the CIA convention, and
this time is no different. There is a
really good program lined up and we
urge all members to try and attend.
This event is not just for the men,
but the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land
Some jerk who breaks a promise
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Or the ordinary fellow
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To Editor, Blue Badge,
I've been a life member since
September 2002 and an annual
member prior to 2002. First of all the
return cut out form required to be
filled out and mailed back has our
address and information on the re-
verse side. My handwriting is getting
not as legible as it once was.

I am honored to be a member of
the CIA and I am also a life member
of the 1st Cavalry Division Associa-
tion, Military Order of Purple Heart
and Disabled American Veterans. I
still volunteer in the VA outpatient

My questions is, why do we not
have a small section in the Blue
Badge for contributions? Also why
not have return address labels to
raise donations like MOPH, First
Cav, etc?? Or an Honor Roll of
different contributions—$10.00,
$20.00—$100.00 or others where a
percentage goes into our treasury,
and a percentage goes into helping
CIA members and their family. For
education, hardship, projects for our
units, signs, pavers, or plaques with
our logo or actions that our mem-
bers, including the Ladies Auxiliary,
are invited to participate in. I donate
items like phone cards, cash, and
other troop items to the organiza-
tions that I am a life member of and
to all of our troops. Last year I got a
card for a baseball-style hat with a
CIB and wanted to purchase an-
other one, but in the last BB there
was no items displayed. I have a
miniature CIB pinned on my hat and
would like another one. A page in
the BB with these items displayed
would be helpful.

I will close for now and will send
Commander Earl Kennedy a dona-
tion. I hope to see a large turn-out
in Seattle!

Thank You, Ken “Cisco” Gardiner

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**Welcome Mat**

A warm welcome to all new Combat Infantrymen's Association members. If you have joined since 01 Jan 2010 and your name does not appear below, contact the Membership Officer. Names are not listed in any particular order.

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It is no secret that the Combat Infantrymen’s Association could use some financial help. If you would like to help the Association meet its financial commitments your help would be appreciated. As you can see below some members have stepped up and offered their support, if you are in a position to assist, send your contribution to the Associate Finance Officer, Earl Kennedy. His address can be found elsewhere in this publication.

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One of my buddies was Homer Peterson. He came from the hill country near Burnsville NC. Homer hadn’t learned to read or write but he had good natural intelligence. His girl back home, Maggie, wrote to him, always in green ink. He had me read the letters to him and told me to answer them the best that I could. However, he went to a night school at the camp and in less than a year he could read and write his own letters.

Homer was a big blond, good natured fellow and he had a great sense of humor. He also did a certain kind of old dance where he tapped his toes and shuffled his feet in a complex rhythmic pattern. One of his tricks was to dance on a table. He would get to the edge waving his arms apparently about to fall off, then suddenly “regain” his balance and keep right on dancing.

In basic training we learned to do many things “by the-numbers”. Marching by 1-2-3-4; hand salute by 1-2; manual of arms by 1-2-3-4. It simplified actions and helped fix them in our minds. Homer and I had a way to drink beer by “the numbers”: 1-hold mug, 2- raise it up; 3-drink, 4- put it down. When we went through that some other fellows used to take it up.

Homer went through Tennessee Maneuvers with us, and to Camp Barkley in Texas afterward. The 4th Armored Division needed trained soldiers when it shipped overseas, and Homer and several other fellows from our company were transferred to Company Cm 51st Arm/Inf Bn of the 4th Arm Div.

After the war I received a letter from Gilmer Mays who had also been transferred, and he told me what had happened to them. Several had been wounded, and Homer had been killed. Gilmer said Homer was one of their best men.

A few years after I got home from a recall during the Korean War (I was stationed at FT Belvoir, VA), I got married, and sometime later my wife and I made a trip to see Homer’s parents in Burnsville, NC. They were overjoyed that one of Homer’s buddies came to see them. Homer had been returned there, and we went to visit his grave. They treated us so well—had such wonderful Southern cooking, and visits—that we will always remember.

Submitted by Robert C. Brooks
RETURN TO VIET NAM - FORTY YEARS LATER

For several years, and again this year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) had a contest in their monthly magazine for a trip to return to Viet Nam. The rules were that any Viet Nam Veteran who had received a Purple Heart Medal could apply for a ten day, all expenses paid, trip to Viet Nam. I completed the form and mailed it in. Voila! I received a call from VFW Headquarters in Kansas City asking me if I was available from March 19th to March 29th for a journey back to a place I will never forget, Viet Nam. I of course replied yes and sent them a copy of my DD214 to verify my status.

After sending them my Passport so they could get me a Visa (which is required for entry into Viet Nam), I received information verifying that I was one of the nine Veterans selected for this trip. We were accompanied by Jim Rowoldt, the National Director for VFW Membership and also a Viet Nam Vet. The ten of us all met at LAX Airport. Although we had never before seen or even knew of each other, we were able to get together as a group at the airport prior to our flight to Hong Kong.

When we arrived in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), after the flights from LAX to Hong Kong and then to HCMC (Saigon), we were joined at the hotel by the VFW National Commander-In-Chief, George Lisicki (from New Jersey) and "Gunner" Kent, the National Adju tant. They had been in China before joining us in Saigon.

The next eight days and seven nights were filled with extensive travel and reminiscing of our days, forty years ago in Viet Nam. This included three days in Saigon where we stayed at the Rex Hotel (where I stayed on my way home in October, 1968). While in HCMC we visited Reunification Hall which was formerly the Presidential Palace and the former US Embassy Compound and, of course, the War Remnants Museum (a propaganda mill of so called American------atrocities).

The following day we went to Nui Ba Den, the Black Lady Mountain which was partially occupied by the VC for the entire war and traveled up her by cable car which was installed by the government after the war. We then arrived in time for a noon time service at the unique Cao Dai Buddhist Temple. Next were the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels and more propaganda films. The third day was my first visit to the Mekong Delta starting at Cai Be. We had a boat ride on the Mekong River and ate catfish from the muddy river for lunch at a house on stilts, followed by a visit to the Dong Tam Snake Farm which formerly was the home of the US Navy's Riverine Force (Senator Kerry's best). The fourth day started with a flight by Viet Nam Airlines to Hue, we landed at Phu Bai Airfield installed by the US Marines in 1965. We drove to the four star Morin Hotel located on the Perfume River. After lunch we went, by cyclo, across the river to the Citadel, the Forbidden City which was captured and held for twenty five days by the NVA during the Tet Offensive of 1968. Gunner Kent, one of the Marines in our group had to inform our Viet Name guide that the only reason the NVA held the Citadel for twenty five days during Tet was because General Westmoreland forbid the Marines from using artillery, air strikes or Naval gunfire during the siege. That night we cruised and dined on the Perfume River. The marines were very disappointed the next morning when we drove to Khe Sahn. The overgrowth of forty years had erased all signs of the long ago skirmish in which over five hundred US Military were killed in action. NVA losses were estimated at 10,000 killed, mostly from artillery fire and air strikes with bombs and napalm. The Viet Nam ese government built a museum on the site and it alone represents the location of perhaps the most glaring misrepresentation of our former presence in this country.

Then we drove slightly north to the Ben Hai River Bridge which was in the five mile wide DMZ on the seventeenth paral-
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the American Dollar, not the Viet Namese Dung. Currently 15,000 Viet Namese Dung equals one good old American Dollar.

Ed Note: Many thanks to CIA Member Wilbur Bishoff for sharing this with us. Many Viet Nam veterans remember with mixed emotions all of the places you re-visited. Thanks again!

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As we move into the new era of electronic communications the great majority of our members have not requested to continue receiving the Blue Badge by mail. This is going to save the Association thousands of dollars over the course of a year. Thanks to everyone for participating.

There is now one other issue that is directly related to the electronic age. When possible, we need your submissions for publication in the Blue Badge to be done by e-mail. By doing this the item can be printed directly into the Blue Badge without the time consuming re-typing. Second option would be a typewritten correspondence that can be scanned into the BB.

Finally, if you do wish to send a hand-written item, please do so, but make it legible. Every issue some items are not published simply because they cannot be read. We realize that not everyone has computers so we still welcome hand written items, but if you can use electronics, we’d appreciate it.

CIA Pace Setters for Apr-May–June

A 1 1 GA Holds 1st Awards Banquet

Alpha Company, of Savannah, GA held the unit’s first annual awards banquet on 28 February 2010. The banquet was held at Carey Hilliards Restaurant in Savannah.

Shown at the left is Past Commander Freddie Thompson (center wearing the medal) and the newly elected 2010 company officers.

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The Combat Infantrymen’s Association has donated approximately $5,000.00 worth of CIB clothing to the Lee Memorial Hospital Military Support Unit. Lee Memorial in turn sent the clothing items to our troops serving in Afghanistan. These are items that were in the CIA inventory when the decision was made to go to a commercial vendor for memorabilia items.

The photo on page 24 gives a better idea of the volume of items that were donated. Shown with National Commander Earl Kennedy is Kim Gaide from Lee Hospital’s Military Support Unit.

Monetary donations to the hospital are accepted. Call Kim at 239-343-9690 for details on how to donate.
Shown above are the boxes of items to be sent to our troops in Afghanistan. As soon as we know who received them, we’ll let you know. See related article on page 22.

Former National Commander Jack Wagner (on the right) is getting an earful while current National Commander Earl Kennedy stands quietly at semi-attention.

A 1 1 FL HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER PARTY Feb 28, 2010 See Photos Below and right above

At the left, Dan Sankoff is busy at the registration table. An unidentified A 1 1 FL member is supervising. To the right Dan’s partner is either really busy, or at least pretending to be. What are the unidentified red things, pens ????

If your unit has had a meeting, held elections, or some other noteworthy event be sure to get lots of photos and send them to the BB. Publicize your activities, let the rest of the country know what you are doing. Items submitted for publication with photos will get precedence.
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Sic Parvis Magna

The Infantry, the first to strike, the last to yield.

The last to receive the honors.

The first to die.

The infantry — Queen of Battles.

The Badge of Glory

Combat Infantryman’s Badge

The Association

Our Purpose

FOLLOW ME!

I am the infantry.

I charge them on.

For the engineer, where the fighting is

and where the odds are against him.

I am the infantry.

The infantry — Queen of Battles.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Date

Last Name ___________ First Name ___________ M.I. ________

Street

City ___________________ State _______ ZIP _______

Phone (____) __________ E-mail __________________

Date of Birth ___________________

Would you be willing to form a new Company in your area? Yes _____ No _____

Membership Requirements:
The applicant must have earned the Combat Infantry Badge as certified to by official notification on
the applicant's DD-214, Official Army Orders or other official documents.
Applicant must attach a copy of such documentation to this application
(Dues rates effective 1 January 2008)

Annual Membership Dues are $95.00 for one year (just over $8.00 per month)
~~~Afghanistan and Iraq veterans First Year FREE~~~

Life Membership is pro rated to your age (Not available by Credit Card)
18 to 40 years $300.00 (or three payments of just $100 per year)
41 to 65 years $250.00 (or three payments of just $84.00 per year)
Older than 65 years $150.00 (or three payments of just $50.00 per year)

Date entered the United States Army ___________________ Date Discharged or Retired

CIB earned for combat services during the following period(s): Circle all that apply:
W.W.II - Korea - DMZ Korea - Vietnam - Grenada - Panama - Desert Storm - Bosnia - Afghanistan,
Iraq - Costa Rica - Somalia - El Salvador - Other ____________________________

Combat Unit where the CIB(s) were earned — (CO - Bn - Regt - Div) ______________________________

I hereby apply for membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc. and I certify that I
am eligible as explained above. A copy of the document verifying my eligibility is attached.

Enclosed is my check [_____] or Money Order [_____] in the amount of $_____.

Please make check payable to COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CIA)
if you do not have a nearby Company - Mail your application and dues to;
National Commander / Associate Finance Officer
8351 Arborfield Court - Fort Myers, Florida 33912

(Note - Application is also available online: www.cibassoc.com)

SPONSOR ___________________________ CIA UNIT ______________________

Applicant's Signature _________________________ Date _________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY - WE SHARE A "SPECIAL BOND."
Please contact the CIA Auxiliary President for your wife, daughters and sisters' applications and dues
requirement.

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CIA Number ___________________________

Date Member Accepted ___________________ Valid Until Date ___________________

This is the ONLY AUTHORIZED APPLICATION FORM. Destroy all others.

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COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
National Headquarters
Asheville, North Carolina

C.I.A. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own
— Edwin Markham

WE WANT YOU TO RE-ENLIST TODAY!

CIA Number ____________________  Exp. Date ____________________

Present CIA Unit _______ Request Transfer to CIA Unit _______

This is to remind you that your membership dues are payable on or before the above exp. date.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR DUES CHECK TO THE
COMMANDER OF YOUR CIA UNIT

IF YOU ARE A "MEMBER AT LARGE"
SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS at the address shown below.

PLEASE PRINT
First ___________________ MI _______ Last ____________________

Street ___________________ City ___________________ State _____ Zip _______

Phone (___) ______________ *** Email ______________________

There is discipline in a Soldier
You can see it when he walks.
There is honor in a Soldier
You hear it when he talks.
There is courage in a Soldier
You can see it in his eyes.
There is loyalty in a Soldier
That he will not compromise.
— Angela Goodwin

Dues are $25 for one year.

LIFE Membership: $300 for ages 18-40 (or three payments of just $100 per year);
$250 for ages 41-65 (or three payments of $84.00 per year);
$150 for age 65 and older (or just $50.00 per year).

You will soon be able to renew ONLINE - check our website:
www.cibassoc.com

Enclosed is my payment of $___________ for (check one)  Annual [___]  Life [___]

Make check or Money Order payable to: COMBAT INFANTRYMEN’S ASSOCIATION and mail to:

Combat Infantrymen's Association
National Commander/Associate Finance Officer
8381 Arborfield Court
Fort Myers, FL 33912
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

Mail to:
Associate Finance Officer
Earl W. Kennedy
8381 Aborfield Ct
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Date:__________
I wish to be transferred from the:__________________________________Company

To the:_________________________________________________________Company

Name: ____________________________________ C.I.A. #:_____________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________ State: ____ Zip: _____________________

Phone#____________________________ E.mail _____________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________________________