What is “special” about a Special Edition Issue??

- This Special Edition issue is filled with the very latest information about the changes taking place in the Association.
- See our Finance Officer’s shocking article on page 33 on our finances—
- See the latest updates for the Convention Please note the additions to the convention itinerary—they are highlighted in bold italics (and red on the internet)
- You must read the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws. These are the documents that will be voted on at the Seattle business meeting. Be there, make your voice heard and your vote count.

NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PROPOSED

THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN’S ASSOCIATION IS MOVING FORWARD IN A POSITIVE WAY. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS MUST BE DESIGNED TO COMPLY WITH MODERN BUSINESS PRACTICES. PLEASE READ THE PROPOSED NEW BY-LAW’S AND CONSTITUTION. THE NEW EDITION HAS BEEN WORKED ON EXTREMELY HARD BY SOME OF OUR MEMBERS.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR LETTERS OR COMMENTS AND MAIL OR E-MAIL THEM TO THE NATIONAL COMMANDER; OR IF YOU PREFER CALL HIM. HIS ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS IS FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE.

Don’t Wait to Register

We are certainly looking forward to having a large turnout for the Seattle convention. Don’t wait until the last minute to register, make up your mind to attend and get your registration in the mail (or fax, or phone it in).

Please remember that you must pre-register so the reunion manager will have an accurate count and everyone can be accommodated. Everyone who can be accommodated will be, but if you wait until after the cut off date to register, it is likely that you cannot be accommodated. Save yourself the embarrassment of being turned away.

Once again, there is no cost to attend the Business Meeting—every member is cordially invited to have a voice in the important decisions that will be made at this meeting. See you in Seattle!
STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

The Blue Badge is the official publication of the Combat Infantrymen’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

All items for publication in the Blue Badge must be received on or before the 15th of the month before the publication month. The Blue Badge is published Quarterly for the periods covering Jan-Feb-Mar; Apr-May-June; July-Aug-Sept; Oct-Nov-Dec of each year. This means your items must arrive at the Blue Badge on or before the 15th of January, April, July, and October. Items received after those dates will be held until the next issue is published.

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)
ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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to the Data Base Manager, Larry Eckard for records updating. See address above.
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 on line 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; Maintains liaison with the commercial vendor that is responsible for securing CIA memorabilia items (hats, shirts, etc). See Page 10 for more details.

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: The new CIA website is up and running. It has a link to the QM vendor, to the Blue Badge plus other sites that may be of interest to members. This is a first class site, look it over! www.cibassoc.com.

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

Interesting Coincidence

It is interesting how many people who at one time had an e-mail but now do not. I am sure it is a coincidence, but not having an e-mail address seemed to coincide with the time members were asked to receive the Blue Badge electronically.

Certainly there are some members who do not have computers and consequently would not have an e-mail address. Those are the members who “need” to receive the BB by mail.

Update Your Information

One of the most frequent complaints is, “I did not receive my Blue Badge.” This is not a new problem, it is the same one that has plagued everyone who ever had a hand in printing or mailing the Blue Badge. It not only concerns the member who did not receive his BB, it concerns the BB and CIA staff as well. The single most reason that Blue Badges are not received is the simple fact that you do not notify us of an address change. We don't know when you move.

The Blue Badge is not forwarded, nor is it returned to the mailer. It is simply discarded by the Postal Service forcing the Association to absorb the cost of a wasted printing and postage. If you do not tell the data base manager of your move or address change there is no way for him to know that you moved. Consequently, although you may be a member in good standing you will not receive your BB. The responsibility is entirely yours—if you want the continue receiving the BB by mail (assuming you have returned the form provided last issue) you must make the data base manager aware of your move; otherwise, you will not get your BB. It is that simple.

To a lesser degree the same is true of e-mail addresses. Sometimes there are e-mails sent to advise you of forthcoming events—don't let yours bounce—report your new e-mail address.
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**End of National Officers**
THIS FORM IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH PROPER ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING AND IS FOR ACTIVE UNITS TO COMPLETE.

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

1- WHAT IS YOUR UNIT DESIGNATION?- EXAMPLE—H11WA: ________________________________________

2- WHAT IS YOUR UNITS PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS___________________________________________

3- WHAT IS YOUR UNITS EMAIL ADDRESS ?  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

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

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

NOTE-AT LEAST TWO CONTACT NAMES AND NUMBERS ARE NEEDED/ THEY MAY INCLUDE A CONTACT PERSON OR PERSONS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS

CONTACT INFORMATION IF NOT THE CO OR XO--------------------------------------------------------------------------
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6- TOTAL # ANNUAL MEMBERS ? ---------------------- TOTAL # LIFE MEMBERS------------------------------------

EIN # FOR REIMBURSEMENT PURPOSES-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

(This the federal tax # your unit utilizes as a 501-C organization each unit needs its own tax # according to our finance officer)

7- IS THE ADDRESS FOR REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS THE SAME AS # 2 ABOVE ? IF NOT THE SAME -
PLEASE WRITE THE PROPER REIMBURSEMENT (FINANCE OFFICER) ADDRESS:-------------------------------------------------------------

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

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-1 SEPT 2010)

Comments: ___________________________________________________________________________________
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Signed: __________________________________________________________________________________
Dear Brother Combat Infantrymen;

During this issue of the Blue Badge I want to thank Larry Eckard for the quality of this wonderful publication. I receive so many positive notes and calls from our members. I also want to remind you that we need your form mailed or faxed if you choose the mailed version of the Blue Badge. Everyone who can take the electronic copy saves us valuable dollars which can be used for donations and operational cost. Nothing is cheap and our volunteers are always donating more than they ask in return. I also want to remind you to preview our Bylaw and Constitutional revisions which will be presented at the Seattle Reunion. Please send your comments. Several members have worked hard on these documents. We believe that they will help move us into a more modern and much improved management structure. Knowing that some of you cannot visit our website—www.cibassoc.com I am asking Larry to publish my Memorial Day and 4th of July messages for this issue, knowing full well the dates will be passed before the publication date.

God Bless you and your family and thank you for your service to our Great Nation.

Greetings Combat Warriors!

The time is just around the corner for us to gather in the great Pacific Northwest for the annual CIA convention. Highlights of your trip will consist of a very special visit to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the home of I Corps—America’s Corps, and three of the Army’s finest Stryker Brigades. YOU will have the pleasure of viewing several monuments honoring the 3rd Infantry Division, WW II; 4th Infantry Division, and the famous Lewis-Clark expedition. Many of you recall living in wooden barracks in years past. We will tour/visit a brand new set of barracks that our soldiers of today live in. We will also visit the housing area where our married soldiers live. We will visit the 1st battalion, 23rd Infantry (this is one of the battalions of the regiment that broke the Chinese from over-running Korea). Our lunch, (on your own) will be at the Cascade Community Club. Directly following lunch we will visit the 1st Special Forces Group where you will be given the opportunity to meet and speak with several of today’s infantry soldiers. These are just a few of the highlights that await you.

I would like to close by asking your assistant please. Our organization is looking for a National CIA Advertisement Officer. The position would require collecting input from each of the CIA Divisions and serve as liaison officer. Your assistance is appreciated in getting the word out for this position. God Bless our Soldiers and the United States of America.

The visit to Joint Base Lewis-McChord is going to be a great trip—rivaling the visit to Ft Bragg a few years ago. There have been several calls wondering why there is a charge; folks that is for the transportation. There is no charge to visit JB Lewis-McChord, but the Army does not provide transportation for us and commercial busses are not free. No, it is not practical to drive your own car and try to follow the bus around, just to save a dollar or two. Please don't try! Register for the tour in advance so you will have a seat.
July 4th Message From National Commander

Earl Kennedy

July 4, 1776 is the birthday of our Nation as approved by our founding fathers. This is the power of the pen that changed the world forever. This is so significant to we Combat Veterans because it is only with our blood and sacrifice that brings all war motions and declarations to reality. Indeed our ancestor Combat Infantrymen established the guidelines and principals for defeating our enemies. As an avid student of History and a member of The Sons Of The American Revolution (SAR) I regularly think of their struggles. Our Combat Infantrymen and our other soldiers are once again locked in a struggle as it has been throughout History. As your National Commander and as I know you are also I am totally instilled with the pride I feel for our young men and women who serve today. Recently I received an application on line from a young warrior presently serving in Afghanistan. We also received some pictures and it is really striking to see their uniforms and equipment when one compares to other wars. Our forefathers still teach us how to never surrender and never stop loving this Great Nation .If I could say anything to our enemies I would tell them that they need to go back to school. Our Nation has not began to fight. When our well trained Combat Leaders are given the full authority to conduct war then our enemies will be placed in a very serious situation. Cowards hide behind civilians for protection in combat zones.

We must never stop honoring our American Flag and our Constitution. Patriots do not strip the rights of our Constitution away, nor do they dishonor our Flag. Recently I made a donation to a Patriotic group of volunteer firefighters. This donation is to kick off the placement of Metal American Flags on fire hydrants. It will also serve to help locate the hydrant when the snow is deep. We Combat Infantrymen must use every excess dollar we have to help preserve our traditions and to help our present warriors and their families. I recently learned how active H11OK and Retired Colonel JL Rhodes and his group are in providing for our soldiers and families in need. I am so proud of these gentlemen and how they represent our organization. I tell our members daily and in all of my writing that we are to advocate Patriotism and to help our veterans and their families this is our mission. I sincerely believe that our forefathers and founders would be very proud of us for what we have done for our Great Country and for what we continue to do. Our WWII Veteran members are so valuable in our organization and each and every one of them that I talk with inspires me to try harder. My Grandfather William Kennedy fought under Cpt. Buford and at Point Pleasant WV. He was a Sgt. And a Ranger and fought also in Dunmores War. My Grandfather Joshua Jones guarded British Prisoners. I am a Vietnam Veteran and I am extremely proud to have served our Great Nation. As we approach this Independence Day lets all fly our Flags and wear our Combat Infantry Badges. We must never give up the fight. God Bless you and your families.

MEMORIAL DAY
MESSAGE FROM
THE COMMANDER

DEAR BROTHER COMBAT INFANTRYMEN,

AS WE APPROACH THIS MEMORIAL DAY MY THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN MANY. I CANNOT HELP BUT TO THINK OF HOW HONORED I HAVE BEEN TO LIVE DURING THE TIMES OF THE GREATEST GENERATION. ALL OF THE GREAT MEN WHO TOUCHE MILL LIFE AND STILL DO TODAY INFLUENCED ME TO NEVER GIVE UP AND TO ALWAYS WORK HARD. THIS TRAINING WAS FREE FOR JUST TAKING THEIR ADVICE AND IT PROVIDED ME WITH SUCCESS IN LIFE. TODAY, AS I LOOK AT OUR SOCIETY AND OUR GREAT NATION I SEE TREMENDOUS TURMOIL, CRIME RATES SOARING AND FAMILIES SUFFERING BUT IN THE MIDST OF ALL OF THIS I SEE A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG MEN FIGHTING FOR OUR NATION AND STANDING UP FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. INDEED I SEE MUCH MORE POSITIVE THAN NEGATIVE IN OUR FUTURE. I STILL BELIEVE THAT OUR YOUTH WILL RISE TO THE NEEDS OF THIS NATION AND OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES AND DIVERSITIES WHICH BURDEN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE. OUR FOREFATHERS WERE GREAT THINKERS AND VERY HARD WORKERS. THEY WERE ALSO THE GREATEST OF WARRIORS AS THE WORLD LEARNED WHEN OUR NATION WAS TESTED.

EMOTIONS FILL MY HEART WHEN I THINK OF ALL THOSE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR NATION. THEY WERE OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. COMBAT IS NOT EASY AND IT IS DISLIKED BY THOSE OF US WHO NOW FIRST HAND OF THE SACRIFICES. COMBAT IS HOWEVER NECESSARY AT TIMES AND HAS BEEN SINCE THE DAWN OF HISTORY. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THE PARENTS OF A SOLDIER WHO GAVE THE UL-

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MEMORIAL MESSAGE

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TIMATE? WORDS ARE ONLY TOKENS BUT THE MEMORY AND CONTINUED PRACTICE OF HONORING THESE HEROES ON DAYS SUCH AS THIS GIVES US HOPE AND FAITH. HOPE AND FAITH BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE THOSE WILLING TO SUPPORT OUR NATION’S FREEDOMS. IT IS AN HONOR TO KNOW AND SERVE ALL OF YOU AS YOUR NATIONAL COMMANDER AND IT IS INDEED A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE. EVERYDAY I QUESTION MYSELF AS TO MY ABILITY TO SERVE SUCH A GREAT NUMBER OF HEROES AS YOU GENTLEMEN. I SOMETIMES LAY AWAKE WONDERING WHY AND HOW I WAS SELECTED FOR THIS HONOR. TODAY I WILL RECEIVE A MONUMENT FOR MY GRANDFATHER WHO FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTION. I WILL SOON PLACE THIS MONUMENT AT HIS GRAVESITE IN WEST VIRGINIA. I THANK ONE OF OUR OWN COMBAT BROTHERS AND THE COMMANDER OF OUR WEST VIRGINIA UNIT FOR ASSISTING ME IN THIS EFFORT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK COMMANDER BARTLETT FOR PLACING MONUMENTS IN NUMEROUS CEMETERIES FOR OUR BROTHER VETERANS. JOHN HAS PLACED SEVERAL MARKERS AROUND HIS HOME AREA OF WEST VIRGINIA.

I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS HONORING OUR HEROES ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY AND I THANK AND COMMEND EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SINCERE EFFORTS. GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION.

EARL W KENNEDY
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2010 MEMORIAL DAY

Your Help Appreciated

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.

Map of New DMZ

Saturday Tour Added

A Saturday tour has been added to the CIA Convention agenda. The tour will take you to downtown Seattle to the famous Pike’s Fish Market, where unless you are careful, you’ll have a fish thrown at you. You can have lunch, on your own here) followed by a visit to the Space Needle (admission included); and time permitting, a short riding tour of Seattle. Relax from the business end of the convention and enjoy a little of Seattle. You must register separately for the tour; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block. If you have already registered you can call 828-256-6008 and add the tour by phone.
Upon attending a recent nursing seminar, I received some excellent information on veteran’s/widow’s benefits that isn’t commonly known. I would like to share some of that information with you.

**Pension Aid and Attendance** is a benefit available to both wartime veterans and to the widows of these veterans to pay family caregivers to provide care in the home. Often people wanting to remain in their homes are forced into nursing homes because family members are not able to give up their employment to provide care for free. A veteran with a dependent could receive up to $1,949 / month. A widow could receive as much as $1,056 / month.

The veteran or widow must be unable to: dress/undress or keep self clean and presentable, attend to the wants of nature without assistance, or have a physical or mental incapacity that requires assistance on a regular basis to prevent injury or hazards. Blindness will also qualify as a criterion for the benefit.

The family member providing the care must be a non-licensed in-home attendant. Instead of a family member the caregiver could be a friend or someone hired to live in the home.

Obtaining pension and attendance benefit is not easy. There are certain contracts, etc. that must be in place before an application can be placed. For assistance in obtaining information and filing a claim for benefits you may contact: an accredited, elder law attorney; a veterans service organization; or a state or county official of the Department of Veteran Affairs in your state.

Arkansas’ last living Medal of Honor recipient and former head of the state Department of Veterans Affairs, Nick Bacon died Saturday morning after “a long fought battle with cancer” at his home in Rose Bud, according to the Veterans Affairs Department. He was 64. "Nick was a very dear friend," Keith Dover said. "He will be missed by his family, by his veterans and by his fellow Americans who understand the sacrifice that those like him made so we enjoy the freedoms that we have today." Dover, the public-relations chairman for The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, said Bacon rarely spoke about his Medal of Honor, or any of his other military honors. "Nick was just a veteran just like the rest of us, and he wanted to be known that way, but we always recognized him with the honor that he deserved," Dover said. "He never really asked us to see him in any other light." retired U.S. Army first sergeant, Bacon served in 1963 to 1984. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his efforts during a battle "west of Tam Ky, Republic of Vietnam, on Aug. 26, 1968," a press release said. During the battle, then-Staff Sgt. Bacon rescued trapped soldiers and destroyed an enemy bunker with grenades after assuming command of a platoon when several fellow soldiers were “struck by machine gun fire and fell wounded,” according to his Medal of Honor citation.

Bacon served two tours in Vietnam and tried to serve a third. He also received the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart during his military career. Bacon retired from the Army, then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker appointed him director of the Department of Veterans Affairs in April 1993 where he served as director until February 2005.

Nov. 25, 1945, in Caraway, he was one of six children. After his family moved to Arizona, he joined the Army at 17. He returned to Arizona after retiring and worked for the VA Regional Office in Phoenix. He moved back to Arkansas in 1990, most recently living in Rose Bud. a statement Saturday, U.S. Rep. John Boozman, (RArk) praised Bacon’s actions as director of the Veterans Affairs Department. "Nicky was not only one of America’s great heroes, he was a very good friend and our nation grieves with his family today as we mourn his passing," Womack said, noting Bacon was also a former president of the Medal of Honor Society.

"I like many, many, many veterans, not only in the state of Arkansas, but all across the nation, held Nick dear to our hearts," he said. "He was a very special individual who means so much to us. ... It's so hard a loss for us."

Fewer than 100 Medal of Honor recipients are still living, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Nick Bacon was a life member of the Combat Infantrymen’s Association, living in Rosebud, AR.

On behalf of the entire association, CIA National Commander Earl Kennedy expresses his sorrow at the loss of this true American hero.
QM ITEMS CAN BE ORDERED

According to CIA QM Fred Fielder, Color Graphics is the only vendor sanctioned by the Combat Infantrymen's Association. There may be others who offer similar items, but they are not approved by our QM. The commemorative coin shown at the left may be available at the Seattle convention.
To see a full line of items being offered, visit the QM store on line @ www.co-store.com/cib.
To see the entire vendor inventory go to www.colorgraphicswa.com
Regardless of the War in which we earned our Combat Badge, we are bonded with the Infantry of every War. Thus in present-day Afghanistan, we are one with those waiting for the road explosion and the ambush. So in the recent TV series Pacific, where uncommon valor was common, we were one with those who fought so bitterly, island by island. We understood. And they were our brothers.

Even its final episode “Homecoming” awoke memories in us all. The moment of my leave taking from the comrades I had been with for three years seemed to come almost unexpectedly—and then I was suddenly alone to make my own way from the northern Philippines to the Reppo-Deppo in Manila. And, in a sense, I was alone on the crowded troop ship.

Joseph Plumb Martin, the 17 year old American Revolutionary private, who “took his first whiff of powder” in the War’s very first battle, eventually some 6 years later had to face the moment when he had to take leave of those companions with whom he had endured so much and whom he knew he would never see again (A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier). In Pacific there’s a scene aboard a train where two of four Marines have already left and now the third is about to. The fourth is asleep. The third gathers his things together and then looks down on his sleeping friend. He does not wake him—his final favor to his longtime comrade.

After I sailed back to San Francisco’s Golden Gate and got home, I decided to go with a high school friend (Navy) to try to get into Villa-nova. My poor Dad complained, “You’ve been away for more than 3 years, you’re home two hours, and now you’re off on a night train to Philadelphia?” Well, I was young.

But my first Homecoming (from Europe) was quite different, simply because my Division was the first to return to New York Harbor. What a welcome! Our three ships were surrounded by fireboats, yachts with dignitaries—one with the Rockettes aboard, dancing number after number—fly bys of fighter planes, shore batteries booming, and fireworks. In Grand Central Station, as I squeezed through the jam packed crowds to cries of “Yea, Blackhawk!” as they caught sight of my shoulder patch, I heard the resonant voice of my home Rochester Bishop, and I thought of Christ’s words, “The sheep know their shepherd’s voice.” However, the crowd was so thick I could not get to him.

Homecoming—the return to family and friends! We survived—but friends who were far better than we did not. And there was the inescapable isolating gulf that loomed between civilians and myself. The fact is, as wonderful as our non-Infantry friends are, the ones we fought along side of exist on a wholly different level. They are our brothers.
**Taps**

The Blue Badge was notified of the death of the following Combat Infantrymen's Association members between April 16, 2010 and July 15, 2010. Names received after July 15 will be listed in the next issue of Blue Badge. The entire association sends our deep sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased member.

- **Charles L. Stuart**
  - Died 12/18/08

- **Gary Slater**
  - C 1 1 SC
  - Died 10/20/08

- **Andrew J. Straka, Sr**
  - West Lawn, PA
  - Died 03/09/04

- **Howard Milligan**
  - Aurora, IL
  - Died 01/30/10

- **Glenn Goodson**
  - Galant, AL
  - Died 12/25/09

- **Thomas J. Smith**
  - Hinesville, GA
  - Died 11/02/08

- **Michael Ignowski**
  - The Dalles, OR
  - Died 11/12/08

- **Vernon M. Parker**
  - Georgetown, SC
  - Died in 2009

- **Joseph L. Tarallo**
  - Braintree, MA
  - Died 04/16/10

- **Clarence W. Perkins**
  - Florence, AL
  - Died 08/26/09

- **Robert A Rue**
  - Saint Joseph, MI
  - Date not reported

- **Daniel G. Perkins**
  - West Lafayette, OH
  - Died 02/01/10

- **Edmund L. L'Heureux**
  - Macomb, MI
  - Date not reported

- **Edward J. Smagala**
  - Chicago, IL
  - Died 06/20/09

- **Bernard Zavislak**
  - Hanover, PA
  - Date not reported

- **Thomas Ware**
  - Birmingham, AL
  - Date not reported

- **James Weston**
  - Bessemer, AL
  - Died 05/28/09

- **William M Koczwara**
  - Lake Worth, FL
  - Died 12/21/08

- **Guy G. Wright**
  - Leesville, SC
  - Died 06/21/10

- **Bertil G. Janasson**
  - Plymouth, MA
  - Date not reported

- **Bob Pessin**
  - E. Falmouth, MA
  - Date not reported

- **John Alutto**
  - Hyde Park, NY
  - Died 10/24/09

- **James “Max” Lill**
  - Rochester, NY
  - 06/10

- **Edward McKitrick**
  - Harrisburg, PA
  - Date not reported

- **John Johnson**
  - Palmdale, AL
  - Date not reported

- **Robert Faught**
  - Houston, TX
  - Date not reported

- **Justin Raphael**
  - Wilmington, NC
  - Date not reported

- **William Haste**
  - Heltonville, IN
  - Date not reported

- **Bernard Zavislak**
  - New Hanover Township, PA
  - Date not reported

- **Robert Ryan**
  - Medina, NY
  - Date not reported

- **George Watts**
  - Gloversville, NY
  - Date not reported

- **Johnnie Gray Howell**
  - Pikeville, NC
  - Date not reported

- **Jame"Max" Lill**
  - Rochester, NY
  - 06/10

- **James E. Trafton**
  - Kansas City, KS
  - 04/05/10

- **Charles Christian**
  - Corps of NY
  - Date not reported

- **Fouad K Aide**
  - Jacksonville, AL
  - Date not reported

- **Robert Greeb**
  - Hq 1 1 OK
  - 2007

- **Lonnie D. Johnson**
  - Hq 1 1 OK
  - 2009

- **Charles A. Todd**
  - Hq 1 1 OK
  - 2010

- **Robert Moreno**
  - Redlands, CA
  - Date not reported
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!!

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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. Note to HQ 1 1 WA - 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 can not 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 downtown Seattle departs. Your first stop will be at the famous Pike’s Fish Market, where unless you are careful, you’ll have a fish thrown at you. You can have lunch, on your own here) followed by a visit to the Space Needle (admission included); and time permitting, a short riding tour of Seattle. Relax from the business end of the convention and enjoy a little of Seattle.

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 to attend the meeting.

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.

10:00 AM: Registration will resume for Friday arrivals.

Note to HQ 1 1 WA - By contractual agreement, the hospitality room must close during the welcome reception.

Hospitality Room opens after the meeting at the discretion of HQ 1 1 WA.

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 to attend the meeting.

9:00 AM: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting—location to be determined.

Hospitality Room will open after the meeting at the discretion of HQ 1 1 WA.

12:00 Noon: Optional trip to downtown Seattle departs. Your first stop will be at the famous Pike’s Fish Market, where unless you are careful, you’ll have a fish thrown at you. You can have lunch, on your own here) followed by a visit to the Space Needle (admission included); and time permitting, a short riding tour of Seattle. Relax from the business end of the convention and enjoy a little of Seattle.

Since this is an OPTIONAL tour the cost is not included in either of the Option Prices; you must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Saturday’s tour.

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 can not 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.)
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**

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**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 identifies you as a CIA member. **If you fill in the info below, you will be charged for the tags.** Cost is $6.25 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 activities 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”

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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 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.**

Signature Required:  Sign here: __________________________________________

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Office use Only: Dep Rec’d ____________/Payment Method ____________________________   Date Rec’d ________________
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) = $ ___________

Add Saturday’s Seattle Tour  @ $39.00 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) = $ __________  THESE SELECTIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL WHEN SUBMITTING RESERVATION.

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

Saturday Banquet  @ $65.00 pp X ____ (# people) = $ __________
Poet’s Corner

Bury Me With Soldiers

I’ve played a lot of roles in life;
I’ve met a lot of men.
I’ve done some things I’d like to think
I wouldn’t do again.

And though I’m young, I’m old enough
To know that someday I will die,
And think about what lies beyond,
Beside whom I should lie.
Perhaps it doesn’t matter much;
Still, if I had my choice,
I’d want a grave ‘mongst soldiers when
At last death quells my voice.
I’m sick of the hypocrisy
Of lectures by the wise.
I’ll take the man, with all his flaws,
Who goes, though scared, and dies.
To live in one where no one belongs.
We'd come from different worlds.

They fought because their fathers, and
Their fathers, had before.
They cursed and killed and wept
God knows they're easy to deride
But bury me with men like these;
They faced the guns and died.
It's funny, when you think of it,
The way we got along.
We'd come from different worlds.

To not soon see their like again;
We've had our fill of war.
But bury me with men like them
Till someone else does more.

I know some did for me.
So bury me with soldiers, please
Though much maligned they be.
Yes, bury me with soldiers, for
I miss their company.

We’ll not soon see their like again;
We’ve had our fill of war.
But bury me with men like them
Till someone else does more.

Rev. Charles R. Fink
(Formerly Sgt. in the 199th Lt. Infantry Brigade)

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National Commander Visits WV Pace Setters

JR Bartlett is a very busy fellow traveling around his community in West Virginia and getting involved in activities. He regularly visits and recruits new members at Camp Dawson, a small training post where many Special Forces soldiers train prior to deployment. Mr. Bartlett recently called National Commander Earl Kennedy about the patriotic needs in his community and wondered if the Association had any ideas or could offer any assistance. Commander Kennedy responded with a personal visit to the WV unit and a donation.

The current WV CIA project is in conjunction with their local Volunteer Fire Department to install heavy duty American Flags on the fire hydrants, hoping to raise the patriotic awareness of the local community.

In Commander Kennedy's own words, "I was honored to make this visit and donation. I would like to see some of our lottery proceeds be used for donations to these type of community oriented activities. Here you see a wonderful example of National and local units working together in executing the main mission of our organization—patriotic and charitable work. This makes me very proud that I can be of a meaningful service to the organization and not simply a ‘National Commander’ in name only.”

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Members of the Kingwood, WV Volunteer Fire Department are shown accepting donations for their flag project from WV Commander JR Bartlett (left) and from National commander Earl Kennedy (right). Commander Kennedy made the trip from Florida to visit the WV unit and to participate in the presentation. Congratulations to these Pace Setters.

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On the following page (top left photo) National Commander Earl Kennedy is shown with West Virginia Commander JR Bartlett.

In the top right photo Commanders Kennedy and Bartlett are shown with WV CIA member Bud Loughry, a WW II infantryman who fought in the Pacific Theater. Bud is a resident at the Long Term Care Facility in Kingwood, WV and is an active member of the WV unit.
On April 3rd, 2010 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC the annual NIGHT OF HEROES GALA was held in honor of the Intelligence and Special Operations Communities. The "Keynote Address" was given by the Honorable Condoleezza Rice, 66th U. S Secretary of State. Award Presenters and Speakers included General Barry McCaffrey, General Michael Hayden and Chris Wallace, host, Fox News, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Receiving Special Honors and recognition were ten members of Operational Detachment Alpha 3336, 3rd Special Forces Group who participated in a seven hour battle in Afghanistan in 2008. All were recipients of the Silver Star. Col Kurland, a guest of his son-in-law and daughter representing FISERVE, a corporate contributor. His youngest daughter and husband also in attendance approached Ms. Rice and asked if she would come and meet her father, retired Special Forces Colonel, WWII and Vietnam veteran and also a holder of the Silver Star Medal. Ms Rice agreed to do this, and unknown to us at our table, she came and greeted me and our table guests. Thus the "photo-op."

This event is sponsored by the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation and provides financial support to help meet the unmet needs of veterans and the wounded men and women of the armed forces.
MORE CIA PACE SETTERS

CIA Members (Corps of NY) Honored By General Petraeus

General David Petraeus, newly appointed Commander in Afghanistan recognized four Purple Heart recipients at a ceremony at Anthony’s Pier 9. One of the honorees, is CIA’s own Perry Marchigiani, top photo on the right, who was wounded by a mine explosion in Viet Nam in 1968. He was then a Staff Sergeant. He was offered the opportunity to convalesce or return to his unit, he chose to go back. Just another example highlighting quality of the US Army non-commissioned officer corps (airborne!)

Other CIA members present were NY Corps Commander Dom Esposito, top photo on the left, (also a Purple Heart recipient from the Battle of the Bulge), Vince Logiudice, bottom photo, left in blue coat, (also a WW II Purple Heart recipient), and Michael Otto mano, bottom photo, second row right in red, (a WW II POW in Germany).

Other former soldiers shown in the photos are also Purple Heart Recipients, but are not CIA members.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

What is it that binds combat veterans together? It isn’t friendship, we all have friends. You can go to a high school or college reunion and you will not find the same emotion in the air as when you attend a reunion of combat veterans.

Maybe it is the fact that we all were in hell and back maybe it is the knowledge that we all lived through a terrible war. At these reunions, we open up our wounds and cleanse them. All the memories that were buried for years now come to the surface. “What ever happened to” or “Remember When” are repeated over and over again. There is something binding with your buddies who lived and fought beside you.

I have attended many reunions over the past few years, and I still get a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye when it is time to leave. Sure, we may have less hair on top and a few more inches around the waist, but you could still recognize everybody.

Combat was hell and you have many terrible memories of death and destruction. But the memory of total camaraderie with men who shared that hell will forever be imbedded in your heart. There is no friendship like that of combat buddies. It is something that lasts forever.

I am fortunate to still see my buddies form the 26th Division and the Battle of the Bulge. Our wives get along well.
Combining Infantrymen’s Association, Inc.
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ARTICLE I
Chartering Companies and Membership Eligibility Requirements

Section 1: Transmittals and Charters

To form a CIA Company, a member must contact either the National Commander, Deputy Commander, the National Adjutant, National Membership Officer or Division Commander for required information and action to be taken.

Have the names of ten (10) current members or applications for new members for a total of ten (10) members to form a company. The National Commander may transfer desiring members into the new company so that they are nearer their homes for meeting purposes and management efficiency.

The National Commander will appoint a “pro tem” Commander, and shall direct the National Deputy Commander to forward a Transmittal Form for Charter to the aspiring Company Commander. The appointed “pro tem” Company Commander will complete the requirements of the Transmittal Form for Charter and return it to the National Membership Officer for the completion of administrative procedures and records.

The National CO and National Deputy Commander will sign the charter and return it to the aspiring company. A copy of this charter will be maintained by the National Commander who is responsible for record keeping. The “pro-tem” company commander will appoint a company XO, an adjutant/finance officer, and a company chaplain. Each unit of the association below the National level must have an Executive Board of at least four members and no more than 12 voting members in order to maintain an active charter.

The National Membership Officer will supervise the making and mailing of new ID cards as needed. Use of unauthorized cards by the company will immediately revoke the Charter. A card that has been tampered with will not be honored by any unit of the CIA. The person bearing such a card will not be recognized as a member of the CIA.

Any copy of this card by other than National Headquarters will be construed as a forgery.

A membership card will not in any way reflect that a member has been awarded the CIB more than one time and will never show that he was a Charter member of any company without the approval of the National Commander.

No rank, US Army or appointed CIA, will ever be placed on a CIA Membership card or Life Certificate without the approval of the National Commander. Rank worn will designate the position held but it is understood that the insignia does not give official title—Example—The National Commander may wear stars but this shall not be construed to mean that he is a General. Police Departments and Fire Departments have similar Rank Procedures. Example to be used for advertising ones CIA standing—(CIA Rank) - LTC. Smith, (CIA Rank) – MAJ. Smith etc. Members shall wear insignia voluntarily and never indicate that it is equivalent to actual TO&E Army Rank.

Personal records such as DD 214s, orders, applications, check copies etc. will be destroyed after a member is approved. The data base will not maintain any records of a personal nature such as SS
numbers.

All units must remain active by: (1) meeting at least 6 times per year with a Quorum of the Executive Board present, (2) submitting written minutes of each meeting to the National Commander, (3) Maintaining active bank accounts and EIN #s per 501-c guidelines, (4) Maintaining a minimum of two signers on each active bank account for the purposes of opening the accounts in case of the loss of a member signatory, (5) Report annually to the National Finance Officer all banking information detailing account location and bank contact information. (ALL OF THESE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO RETAIN AN ACTIVE CHARTER)

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. Membership

Membership in the Association is open to any officer, warrant officer, or enlisted person, without regard to race, color, creed, gender, or national origin, who received at any time the US Army Combat Infantry Badge, hereinafter referred to as the CIB.

Section 2. Membership Application

All persons applying for membership in the Association shall provide proof of eligibility by submitting either a copy of the WDGAO 53-55 November 1944, DD 214, DD 214A, DD 215, Form 100 or unit special orders awarding the CIB. The National Commander may authorize conditional membership in writing for 1 year while awaiting proof.

All membership applications and renewals will be sent to the National Finance or Associate Finance Officer as directed by the National Commander who will forward the application(s) to the National Membership Officer. No applications or renewals will be processed by anyone other than the National Membership Officer or an individual appointed by the National Commander.

Upon membership application approval by the National Membership Officer or other National Commander appointed individual, the designated Unit Officer will receive, by regular mail or e-mail or by publication in the Blue Badge a list of their newly approved members. This list will be forwarded by the data base Commander and National Commander as they so determine but no less than quarterly to all Division Commanders.

Section 3. Ineligible Membership Applicants

The National Membership Officer will return all checks, papers and documents to any person who applies for membership and is found to be ineligible minus postage cost. Along with the above, the National membership Officer will provide an explanation as to why the applicant was denied admittance to the CIA.

Section 4. Auxiliary Members

There will be an auxiliary to the CIA. All wives, mothers, sisters, nieces, daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters are eligible upon presentation of proof of relationship to eligible CIA members. Each active unit may determine if they choose to involve an auxiliary. If a unit votes not to include an auxiliary the unit commander must submit this information in writing to the National Commander.

Section 5. Female Members

In the future, should there be female veterans who have earned the CIB, they will be welcomed to the Association and afforded the same respect as any other member with the same right of holding office in the CIA.

Section 6. Honor Roll Membership

The National Commander and National Trustees by majority vote will have the authority to place on the Association
Honor Roll located at the North Carolina Monument the names of non-member deceased veterans, which may be submitted by family members of the deceased veteran or selected by the association. All names submitted must meet the eligibility requirements of the Combat Infantrymen’s Association and the approval of the above officers by majority vote.

The Association Honor Roll is to commemorate the memory of all men who wear the CIB and shall remain in existence parallel with the Association. A separate perpetual care account will be maintained for this monument and it will be managed by a commander appointed by the national commander. The account for this monument will always have two persons on the established account and will be audited annually by the Finance Officer and National Trustees.

Section 7. Honorary, Associate, or Free Membership

There will be no Associate or Free Membership in the Association EXCEPT:

During the War on Terrorism and such conflicts as Iraq and Afghanistan etc. as the Governing Board shall designate. A complimentary one (1) year membership in the Association may be granted to CIB holders having earned the CIB in such war upon application and proof of eligibility.

A free Life Membership may be conferred on any Medal of Honor holder having been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge upon application and proof of eligibility. The National Commander and Trustees by majority vote may award life membership in other circumstances as they are determined.

Honorary certificates may be issued by the National and unit commanders. These certificates must be perfectly clear that they are only honorary. Official membership requires a CIB.

ARTICLE III
Organization and Government

Section 1. ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer
Deputy Commanding Officer
Chief of Staff
Finance Officer
Judge Advocate
Chaplain
Membership Officer
Quartermaster
Immediate Past National Commander
Blue Badge Commander
Senior Trustee or Trustee Present
The Judge Advocate shall report directly to the Commanding Officer as shall the Deputy National Commander, Chief of Staff and Finance Officer

(THE ABOVE (11) OFFICERS MAKE UP THE VOTING EXECUTIVE BOARD) (TRUSTEES)
5 YEAR TRUSTEE-APPOINTED
3 YEAR TRUSTEE-APPOINTED
2 YEAR TRUSTEE-APPOINTED

TO&E HEADQUARTERS
Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
Adjutant  
Executive Board

STATE HEADQUARTERS

Commander  
Deputy Commander  
Chief of Staff/As Needed

Officer positions may be varied in accordance with the needs of the unit. The Commander may appoint other officers as needed for the effective management of the organization. Any appointed Officer may be terminated by the Commander. Units not active for 1 year or longer or found not to be in compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws will be deactivated in writing as determined by the National Commander and Finance Officer. Chartered State units will be assigned a reporting direction for membership, financial and other selected business matters in accordance with the approved Constitution and only one State unit for a selected geographical location will report to National Headquarters. Non chartered sub units of the State chartered unit and chartered units from surrounding States in the geographical TO&E designated area will report to one selected chartered State unit which may encompass several States. This unit will in turn report to National Headquarters and supervise the units or subunits within it’s assigned TO&E Command area.

Division standard operating procedures (SOPS) will always be maintained for the purpose of assisting the sub units. The sub units shall maintain autonomy and will report to the Chartered State unit or Division Headquarters as required. Division Headquarters and Chartered State units will be one and the same in name and function. The State chartered unit will be selected by the National Headquarters to serve also as the Division Command. These selections for Division Command will be made based on the administrative capabilities of the unit to command and perform membership and financial duties. It is recognized that not all States have active chartered units and therefore not commanders. The National Headquarters will select the Division Command Unit. Financial and membership duties may be shared by the chartered sub units and the Division Headquarters. The Division will not deduct dues from the chartered subunit but may negotiate miscellaneous expenses. Chartered subunits will submit all dues through the Division Headquarters who will in turn transfer Nationals share of the dues to the appropriate National Officer. The National Headquarters will determine if a sub unit is in compliance with the requirements of the bylaws for continuation of a charter.

B. Each Division will have in place a system for annual renewal notices to be mailed to their respective members.

C. Each Division will require financial solvency and compliance with 501-C requirements for every chartered unit within the Division.

D. Each Division will have a system in place for recruitment of new members. The National Headquarters will supply the National Data Base to each Division Commander quarterly.

E. Each Division will submit a membership, finance and 501-c activity report annually to the National Commander who will in turn publish such information on the website and in the Blue Badge. Changes in officers will be immediately reported.

F. It is recognized that the association business may require outside vendors for assistance at all levels.

It is recognized that electronic sharing of information and data in order to adequately perform the business of the association is necessary.

Section 2. Government

The Association shall be governed by two elected and one appointed officer. These officers are-National CO-National Deputy CO and appointed Finance Officer. National Headquarters will always supersede the Division Head-
quarters in rank and authority.

The Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer will be elected simultaneously in odd numbered years beginning with the year 2005.

The Finance officer and Associate finance officer will be appointed and supervised by the National Commander and National Trustees. The Finance officers will never have data base control. Data base control will always be separated from and not controlled by Finance Officers.

The CO and Deputy CO may serve only one (1) two (2) year term of office in the position for which elected. The National Finance Officer may serve continuously at the discretion of the Commander and Trustees. Officers may offer their names for another position upon completion of their current period of service. In the event of not having an elected Candidate for any National Office the Trustees will have full power to direct the associations business and to select by a majority vote of the Trustees a National Commander and National Deputy Commander.

B. After the National Commander is out of office for two years he is eligible for election to the same office. There is no minimum time out of office to be eligible for election or selection to a position excluding Commander.

C. All non-elected Executive Board Members who have been appointed may serve consecutive terms of service until they are relieved by the National Commander.

D. The Executive Board shall consist of twelve (11) members:

National Commanding Officer (Elected)
National Deputy Commander (Elected)
National Adjutant Chief of Staff (Appointed)
National Finance Officer (Appointed)
National Judge Advocate (Appointed)
National Membership Officer (Appointed)
National Data Base Commander (Appointed)
National Quartermaster (Appointed)
Past National Commander
National Chaplain (Appointed)
Senior Trustee (Appointed)

E. All non-elected members of the National Executive Board will be selected by the National Commander. They will serve until relieved by the National Commander.

F. All members of the Executive Board will have full voting powers except as otherwise described in these Bylaws when such authority is in the control of the Trustees or Governing Board. Votes by the Executive Board will be based on those members presently active and positions filled. This could mean that a vote is conducted with less than the twelve member requirement for a full board.

G. Conventions:
   The General Membership present will submit recommendations to the Executive Board to determine future Convention sites. The Executive Board will select a slate of 3 locations for submission for final selection at the National Convention.

H. Standing Committees:
   The National Finance Officers and the National Trustees will appoint a (Budget Committee) to develop an annual budget. They may appoint themselves. This budget will be in writing and signed and approved by the National Commander.
SECTION 3. ELECTIONS:

Elections for required elected officers must be conducted at a properly called meeting which must be advertised to the General membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Electronic advertisement of the meeting time is acceptable. Members in good standing who do not attend this meeting are able to vote by printed ballot. This printed ballot will be included in the Blue Badge that is the last edition distributed prior to the election date and on the National Website for printing. Ballots will be forwarded to the Blue Badge Editor and must be marked “Ballot” on the envelope and post marked properly as to the members address as listed in the data base unless proof of other temporary residence accompanies the ballot. This proof must be a utility bill or a letter signed by two witnesses including the witness address. Ballots will be opened only at the time of election at the National Convention by an independent selected committee of no more than 7 observers approved by the Commander.

All nominations for elected office in the Association must be made from the floor and all nominees must be present at the General Membership meeting to accept the nomination. This does not prevent candidates from advertising and running for office prior to this time. All candidates may advertise on the website and in the Blue Badge with equal time and space.

Only a ballot vote will be used for elections at the national convention. There will be no proxy or floor votes. The National Commander will control the ballotng process with the assistance of the Blue Badge Editor. The person or persons running for office may not assist.

The Commanding Officer and the trustees may select officers by majority election of this group in order to fill a vacant elective position if the Commanding Officer position is vacant the Trustees will make such appointment.

The Association recognizes that electronic balloting throughout the year is an acceptable practice for selected issues and in times of loss, resignation etc. It is recognized that the newsletter and electronic communications are acceptable for official business notification purposes.

After the conclusion of the election of the National Commander and the change of command there will be a 30 day period of power sharing and administrative transfer of operations and finances. Bank account signature changes on all accounts will take place unless the outgoing Commander is voluntarily retained in a financial capacity requiring his signature.

SECTION 4. REPORTS

The National Finance Officer will submit a By-Annual financial statement to the Trustees as well as to the Blue Badge Editor for annual publication. This report will be available for review at the annual meeting.

Each Division will submit the annual report requested by the Commander and Finance Officer by the date requested. The Division Commander will annually and NLT 31 December each calendar year submit the Divisions updated roster to the National Finance Officer in order for an accounting comparison of members and dues payments.

SECTION 5. DUTIES

A. The Commanding Officer will preside over all meetings of his unit, and be responsible for all reports, if applicable, to higher headquarters. This includes all tax and/or informative reports required by law or by the Association. He will at each meeting call for the rendition to the flag of our country and the chaplain will follow with prayer. He will perform all functions necessary in accordance with the bylaws and constitution of the organization to assure that the unit operates as required. He will conduct all meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules.
B. The **DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMANDER REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL COMMANDER.**

C. The **Executive Officer** is to perform the duties of the Commander in his absence should he resign or be unable to perform his duties. He will also perform any other duties as requested by the Commanding Officer.

D. The **Adjutant** is to keep all personnel records and supervise all correspondence. Keep the CO informed of all activities pertaining to the daily operations of the unit. The adjutant will attend all board meetings. The Company Adjutant will be the Company Finance Officer, sign all checks and drafts for incoming and outgoing bills and make a monthly financial statement. All financial officers will be bonded and all funds will be retained in a duly authorized FDIC financial institution.

E. The **Executive Board** will perform their duties in accordance with the bylaws and constitution.

F. (Trustees) will control every aspect of the finances of the organization along with the commander and the finance officers. The trustees will establish guidelines or a policy manual apart from the bylaws and constitution for but not limited to:

- Unit bank accounts and EIN number requirements.
- Annual unit financial auditing and open transparent financial information and procedures.
- Directors and Officers liability insurance must be maintained.

**SECTION 6. Censure and Punishment**

(Any Officer) suspected of not properly performing his duties may be temporarily suspended and investigated by a Committee appointed by the Commander and the Finance Officer. The Investigative Committee will provide its findings to the Executive Board for action or suspension of the individual (The individual need not be present)

Dismiss the charges

Remove the offender from membership

Any of these actions may be taken by a majority vote of the Executive committee by ballot or by voice vote.

This vote may be taken at anytime as so determined by the National Commander or the Executive committee.

**ARTICLE IV Uniform**

The prescribed uniform of the Combat Infantrymen’s Association shall consist of:

- Overseas cap of the “Fort Knox” pattern in blue slate color, trimmed with Infantry light blue piping, and adorned with the emblem of the Association centered on the right side.

- White shirt with epaulet straps and adorned with a blue Infantry shoulder cord and the individual’s combat unit patch on the right shoulder/sleeve, and the American Flag over the Association’s emblem on the left shoulder/sleeve.

- Light Blue Infantry scarf.

- Black pants and belt.

- Black shoes and socks.

Division Commanders have flexibility in uniform requirements.

Rank will be worn in accordance with the other provisions of these bylaws.

**ARTICLE V Finance**
Revenue for the Association and subsidiary units shall be derived from membership dues, raffles, donations and such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Board.

All sources of income for the Association must be kept within the guidelines prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit organizations. Any excess donation dollars left over in the National Budget at the end of the calendar year may be distributed to the Divisions for charitable use. Any such distribution will be approved by the Commander and made on a Division Membership percentage basis to each Division. The only sales authorized by this Association are to be made by the approval of the National Commander.

All officer positions in the Association are voluntary. No member of this Association may draw any compensation for services rendered to the Association.

A member performing duties required by the Association will receive compensation for normal expenses. Meals will not be compensated.

Purchases other than Blue Badge printing/postage, minor amounts of office supplies, and membership cards/certificates will be reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

Dues:
Regular annual dues shall be $25.00 and shall be for one (1) calendar year. Dues will be due March 31 each year.

Life membership dues shall be $300 for applicants between the ages of 17-40 years, $250.00 for applicants between the ages of 41-65, and $150.00 for applicants 65 years old or older.

Membership dues will be distributed as follows:
50% will go into the Blue Badge Escrow Fund
25% to National Headquarters
25% to member’s company

A member who converts from annual to Life Membership may have a prorated portion of his annual dues refunded: $20.00 if he converts in the first three (3) months of his enlistment, and $10.00 during the first year.

All dues will be paid to the National Finance Officer who shall distribute according to the percentages listed above. The National Commander may authorize the Division Finance Officer to withhold 50% of the dues and forward 50% to National. Refund checks will only be issued to companies with an EIN number.

Any unit recalled for not complying with the requirements of these bylaws will be required to close all active accounts and forward all proceeds to the National Finance Officer. The National Finance Officer will then disburse 50% of the proceeds to the Division Finance Officer for this location or State. Any unit so recalled and not complying with these disbursement requirements will be in violation of pilfering of the Associations Funds.

ARTICLE VI
Should any provision of these by-laws be deemed to be in conflict with any provision of the Constitution, such conflict shall be promptly resolved by a majority vote of the Governing Board. Electronic voting is acceptable.

((End of By-Laws))
COMBAT INFANTRYMEN’S ASSOCIATION, Inc.

CONSTITUTION
NEW EDITION - 2010

PREAMBLE

For Duty, Honor, and Country, we, The Combat Infantrymen, shall associate for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and to insure that liberty and justice prevails. To strengthen the camaraderie between members of the Combat Infantrymen’s Association and keep alive the patriotism, accomplishments, and memory of our service and the service of those who wear the Combat Infantryman Badge. To consecrate all of those who have gone before us.

ARTICLE I
Name

This U. S. Army organization shall be known as the COMBAT INFANTRYMEN’S ASSOCIATION, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II
Objective and Purpose


The primary purposes of this Association are:

To provide a means of communication and fellowship between men and women who have been awarded the US Army’s Combat Infantry Badge (CIB).

To hold reunions at such times and places as the membership designates to perpetuate liberty and justice through patriotism and companionship.

To assist all veterans of the US Armed Forces, their families, widows and children and other selected charities whenever possible regardless of race, creed, gender or branch of service. To support our Military in the performance of their duty, protect our Nations Flag and to support the Constitution of the United States of America as written.

This Association is organized for a perpetual term.

ARTICLE III
Chartering Companies

Companies may be organized in a local area to provide members with a meeting place near their homes wherever possible. This will enhance comradeship and patriotism among members of the Association. Only one charter per State will be issued for management purposes. All members will be assigned and remain assigned to the chartered unit unless properly transferred to another State, TO&E unit or to National Headquarters. Unchartered State local units will function under the umbrella of the State Chartered unit. The State Chartered unit will function under the direct supervision of the Division or TO&E unit assigned by the National Headquarters. Each chartered unit will maintain a roster of their assigned members. The chartered unit will perform all administrative duties required for the proper
maintenance of membership records. The Chartered State Company will serve as the EIN unit and primary financial
unit for the sub units of the State. State chartered units will report to the TO&E unit which is the selected unit of Com-
mand for a group of States, single State or specific geographical area. This selected TO&E unit will report to National
Headquarters for membership, financial and other matters. It is recognized that the National Headquarters must have
in place an organized central system of reporting and accounting by being able to assign certain State unit Command-
ers to serve as the TO&E reporting unit from specific geographical locations. This selected unit will be assigned a
TO&E designation. An updated map will always be in place designating the units which will report directly to the Na-
tional Headquarters. Any changes made to geographical reporting locations, Divisions etc. must be immediately
mapped and reported to the webmaster and Blue Badge editor. The executive board will approve border changes for
geographical TO&E reporting units.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

To be eligible for membership in the Association, a person must provide written proof of having earned the award
of the CIB.

The Association does have an auxiliary membership.

The Honor Roll is to remember and honor all persons who have earned the CIB.

ARTICLE V
Organization and Government

The Association will be organized in accordance with the US Army Table of Organization and Equipment where
possible.

The Association will be governed by a Commander, Deputy Commander, Finance Officer or Associate Finance
Officer in his stead when necessary. The Executive Board shall consist of (2) elected and (8) appointed
officers and the past National Commander. Total-11

In the event that the immediate past national Commander is not available the immediate past National Deputy
Commander shall act in his stead.

The Commander and Deputy Commander will stand for election and will be elected by a majority vote, at a gen-
eral membership meeting.

The term of service will be for two (2) years.
The Commander and Deputy Commander shall be elected in odd numbered years.
The Executive Board will meet each year prior to the annual business meeting of the Association, time and place
will be announced by the Commanding Officer.

ARTICLE VI
Standing Committees

Committees may be organized as deemed necessary by the Executive Board to perform specific tasks that may arise.

ARTICLE VII
Dues

Dues amounts shall be set by a vote of the general membership present at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
Uniforms

The prescribed uniform of the Combat Infantrymen’s Association (CIA) shall consist of the standard uniform selected
by majority vote during the general membership meeting. Division commands have flexibility concerning the uniform.
Such flexibility may include a blazer or suit with the members issued ribbon bars above the left jacket pocket if a mem-
ber finds the prescribed uniform to be more inconvenient.
ARTICLE IX
Publications

Publication of a newsletter called “The Blue Badge”: shall be published and mailed to members who sign up for the publication and choose to have the mailed version instead of the electronic version. This publication shall be the official communication vehicle of the Association. Advertising is acceptable in the Blue Badge but must be consistent with the association 501-c obligations and the association’s goals and objectives. The Blue Badge Editor will have the final approval of all such advertising and may veto all or any advertising. The National Website will be governed by the National Commander and the National Webmaster and must also meet the association’s 501-c and other organizational goals and objectives.

Minutes of all National meetings will be recorded and published by the National Chief of Staff or other designated National Officer. This shall be both on paper within the Archives as well as electronically.

ARTICLE X
Disposition of Funds

Should the Association ever disband, any funds remaining with the Finance Officer shall be donated to the US Army Emergency Relief Fund.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted to the National Commander, in writing, for consideration thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled Executive Board Meeting. Proposed amendments shall be considered at the next general membership meeting for approval or disapproval.

The Constitution shall remain unchanged except by a 2/3 vote of the Membership present as provided for in Article XI, 1.

By-Laws enacted for the function of the Association may be made and amended by a majority vote of the membership present in the same manner as provided for in Article XI, 1.

At the conception of the CIA, the “Founding members” agreed that the National Headquarters of the Association will remain in Asheville, NC, as long as the Association is in existence. There will be no recommendation presented or voted on by the general membership to change this location. The desires of the “Founding Members” shall be carried out.

Wherever the word “he” or “his” appears in this Constitution and By-Laws of the Association the word shall be inclusive of both genders.

This Eighth Edition of both the Constitution and By-Laws of the COMBAT INFANTRYMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC., was adopted and approved by a 2/3 vote of the membership present at Seattle, Washington, on October 23, 2010.

Should any provision of this Constitution be deemed in conflict with any other provision, such conflict will be resolved by a majority vote of the three members of the Governing Board.

THEREFORE, in witness thereof, I, the National Commander of the Association hereunto subscribed my name on this date, October 23, 2010.

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Earl W Kennedy
Commanding Officer
Welcome Mat

A warm welcome to all new Combat Infantrymen's Association members. If you joined between 15 April 2010 and July 15, 2010 your name does not appear below, contact the Membership Officer. New names received by the Blue Badge after July 15 are not listed in this issue. Names are not listed in any particular order.

Craig J. Wright
Co C, 1/279th Inf, 45th CT
Iraq Nat Hq NC

Marvin R. Jeffcoat
Co C, 2/505th PIR
Desert Storm Corps of NY

Carlos Chavez
Co C 3/22nd Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Chabala, John M (CSM)
Co F, 7th Inf Div
Korea/Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Arnoldo Arana
HHC 1/124th Inf, 53rd IBCT
Korea Nat Hq NC

James L Edward
Co B, 1/12th Cav, 1st Cav Div
Viet Nam Hq 1 1 NV

Milton Grandpré
Co M, 3/175th Inf
WW II Nat Hq NC

Kirk D. Floyd
Co C, 1/506thInf, 101st Abn
Viet Nam A 1 1 GA

Raymond L. Kight
Hq 1/17th Inf, 7th ID
Korea Nat Hq NC

Juan E Troche
2/2 Inf, 3rd Bde, 1st ID
Viet Nam Hq 1 1 PR

William M Potts, Sr
Co C, 2/12th Inf, 4th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

John W. Smith, Jr
Co B, 4/31st Inf, 196th LIB
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

James W. Scroggins
35th Inf, 25th ID
Korea Nat Hq NC

Anthony L. Smith
HHC BMMC, 39th SIB, 1st Cav Div
Iraq NAT HQ NC

Irwin Fischman
Co G, 3/35th Inf, 25th ID
Korea Nat Hq NC

Robert H. Kraft
Americal Div
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Itsuji Shimizu
Co L, 3/187th RCT
Korea HQ 1 1 HI

Salvador G. Flores
Co A, 185th Inf
Iraq NAT HQ NC

John M Lummis
Co E, 1/22nd Inf, 4th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

John J. Jalivay
Co D, 1/27th Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Patrick B. Beam
Co B, 1/115th Inf
Iraq Nat Hq NC

Constantine Constantine
Co B, 2/12th Inf, 4th ID
Viet Nam NAT HQ NC

William Stephens
Co A, 1/168th Inf, 34th ID
WW II HQ 1 1 NV

Charl E. Matteson
Co B, 3/8th Inf, 4th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Tim L. Detray
25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Arthur J. Johnson
Co A, 2/35th Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam NAT HQ NC

William J. Scovil
2/8th Cav, 1st Cav Div
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Philip C. Firl
Co B, 1/16th Mech Inf, 1st ID
Viet Nam Hq 1 1 WV

Roy E Hoyt, Jr
Hq Co, 3/35th Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam NAT HQ NC

Jack Struekl
1/505th PIR, 82nd Abn Div
Viet Nam A 1 1 KS

Kenneth F. Schreper
Co E, 2/101st Inf, 26th ID
WW II Nat Hq NC

Johnny A. Taylor
Co B, 1/28th Inf, 1st ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Darrell G. Harris
Hq Co 504th PIR, 82nd Abn
WW II H 2 1 TX

Robert E Steward
Co B, 2/7th Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Richard E. Robinson
Co B, 1/14th Inf, 25th ID
Korea C 1 1 SC

Samuel F. Coronado
Co C, 1/506th Inf, 101st Abn
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

William F. Searles
Co E, 2/31st Inf, 7th ID
Korea Nat Hq NC

Randall C Keck
Co B, 3/22nd Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Stephen J. Schawang
Co D, 2/44th Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Gene Schneider
1/413th Inf, 104th ID
WW II Nat Hq NC

Chester P. Petty
HHC 2/232nd Inf, 42nd ID
WW II Nat Hq NC

Tate Higgins
Co D, 134th Inf Det (LRS)
Iraq Nat Hq NC

Alonzo L. Rollins
Co B, 1/22nd Inf, 10th Mtn
Iraq Nat Hq NC

Ralph Moore
1/52nd Inf, 23rd ID
Viet Nam H 1 1 AL

Stanley C. Sybulski
HHC, 2/27th Inf, 25th ID
Viet Nam Nat Hq NC

Albert J Binder
Co C, 1/506th Inf, 101st Abn Div
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and we spend enjoyable times together.

To me, it is a wonderful day when I can attend a reunion of combat veterans.

George Fisher
Commander B 1 1 FL

**Notice To Commanders**

Please, Unit Commanders at all levels, please respond to the Commander’s Query found on page 5. It is important that you provide this information.

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 info 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.
Dear CIA Comrades:

In late 2009 I e-mailed our previous commander, Ray Yamrus, and volunteered my services as a CPA to maintain the books and records of the CIA and prepare whatever interim financial statement were needed as well as the annual federal filing of Form 990. It was clear to me after seeing various reports in the Blue Badge purporting to be financial statements that there was need for dramatic improvement in the accounting for the operations and balance sheet of the CIA.

Ray informed me that there would be a change of commanders at the October meeting and that the newly elected Commander might contact me at that time. In late November I received a call from Earl Kennedy asking me if I would accept the position of National Finance Officer. I agreed. I have been a life member of the CIA since the early 1990s and have been and continue to be a licensed and practicing CPA in the State of New York.

The first task that Earl faced was the prompt and orderly transfer of all the assets of the CIA from the control of the previous Finance Officer and Quartermaster to Earl’s control. This consisted primarily of cash and goods purchased for resale.

The Finance Officer, realizing his term may well be coming to an end, retained a CPA firm in Marinette, WI to perform bank reconciliations for the years ending September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2009. The firm completed the task and issued a report to the Finance Officer. Very few other officers / members ever saw this report. In the course of their work, the accountants discovered that the Finance Officer had transferred $3,000 from CIA funds to a checking account under the control of the Finance Officer. Since he retained the CPA firm; they only had to provide the report to him, which they did - with full discloser of the $3000 owed to CIA from the Finance Officer.

The firm WAS NOT retained to perform an audit of the books and records, which is a much more thorough examination of all assets, liabilities, and transactions. They performed their duties in full accordance with the terms of their engagement and their professional obligations.

At that time, it was indicated that there existed two CDs - one for $10,000 and one for $5,000 as well as approximately $3,000 in checking accounts. Add to that the $3,000 owed from the Finance Officer and we should have had assets in excess of $20,000. However, when Commander Kennedy opened new accounts in Florida and requested that the Finance Officer transfer all cash and quartermaster merchandise, only approximately about $7,000 was transferred he indicated that he would send another $6,000 “later”. The quartermaster inventory and boxes of financial records were transferred, but no additional money has been received to date.

The Commander and I decided to contact the bank that held the money. They could not give us any information because we were not signatory on the account and the Finance Officer had opened all the accounts using a tax identification number other than the one assigned to the CIA. He would not respond to our requests or to those of the bank to grants access to the records.

Commander Kennedy located one of the other signatories on the accounts and contacted the Marinette Police Department. The bank turned over the documents over to the police and on March 31, 2010 we were informed that the Finance Officer had transferred $16,281.29 from various CIA accounts to his personal and business accounts, cash and a loan. These transfers apparently started in July 2008 and ended December 2009.

I have informed the police department that I agree with their analysis to date so that they may proceed with their investigation. However, there may well be additional funds transferred or payments made to vendors for the benefit of the Finance Officer that have yet to be discovered.

I want to assure you in the strongest possible terms that Commander Kennedy, the Trustees and I have set up an internal control system, with mutual oversight, which will prevent this from ever happening again. It is also obvious that no one person will ever be given so much control over all the assets of the organization for such an extended period of time.

I have recently completed the Federal Form 990 and forwarded to Commander Kennedy for filing with the IRS. The return itemizes “Unsubstantiated Withdrawals” in the amount of $19,122, which is my best estimate of the amount withdrawn by the Finance Officer that was not properly documented. This is a public document and is will be available to any member who requests it.

Please feel free to call me at 585-738-8339 with any questions or comments.

Robert W. Hickey, CPA
National Finance Officer
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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 type-written correspondence that can be scanned into the BB.

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CIB awarded for combat service during the following period(s). Check all that apply.

WWII ___ Korea ___ Viet Nam ___ Dominican Republic ___ Grenada ___ Panama ___
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Combat unit that awarded the CIB(s) (Co, Bn, Rgt, Div, SF Group) _____________________________

Auxiliary to: ____________________________ Request Membership At Large: ___________
(State number and location of CIA Unit)

I hereby apply for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Combat Infantrymen’s Association, Inc., and I
certify that I am eligible as explained above. A copy of the sponsoring veteran’s membership card or a
copy of the documents (WDGAO 53-55 November 1944, DD 214, DD 214A, DD 215, Form 100 or unit spe-
cial orders awarding the CIB) verifying my eligibility are attached.

Signature: _________________________________________ Date: ________________

Enclosed is my check ____Money Order____

Make Payable to: 
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Annual Membership = $ 15.00
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Mail this entire form with your check/money order and documents to:

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As an infantryman, I will fight with valor, sacrifice, and devotion the cause of those who serve the nation. I will honor the standards of the United States of America. While on the field of battle or in thought or prayer, I will give due honor to our flag and to the emblem of the nation.

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The Badge of Glory

The Badge of Glory recognizes the achievements of those who have served in the infantry. It is a symbol of honor and a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who have fought for our country. It is a reminder of the importance of remembering those who have served and honoring their contributions.

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Last Name ____________________ First Name ____________________ M.I. ____________________  
Street ____________________  
City ____________________ State ____________________ ZIP ____________________  
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Would you be willing to form a new Company in your area? Yes _____ No _____  

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

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

Please make check payable to COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CIA)  
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SPONSOR ____________________ CIA UNIT ____________________  
Applicant’s Signature ____________________ Date ____________________  

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None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others
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— Edwin Markham

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— Angela Goodwin

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Fort Myers, FL 33912

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