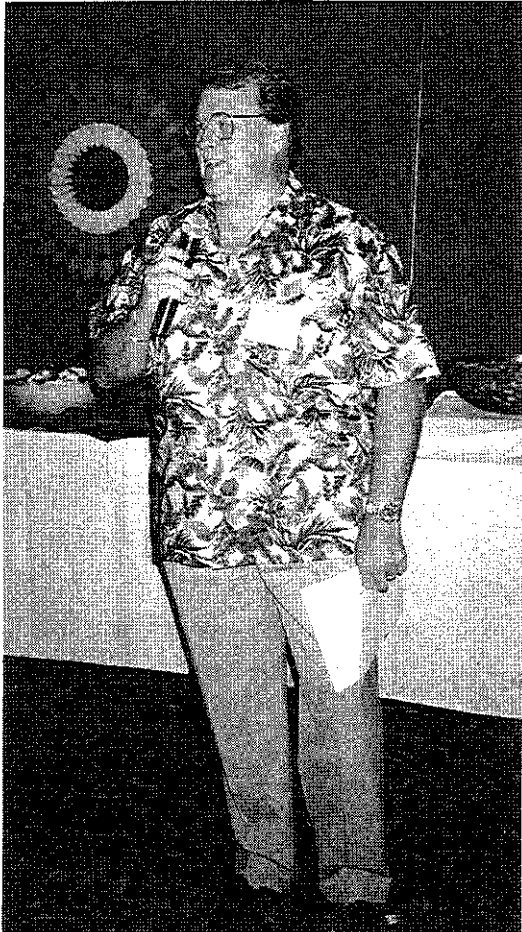

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Fellow Psywarriors and Special Friends,

As I write this letter, I'm nearly overwhelmed by the growth in our Association, both in our membership and in our ongoing activities. The past few months have been truly remarkable. Let me tell you about it....

Shortly after our reunion, members of the British Psychological Warfare Society contacted me. They are researching materials for a possible book on American PSYOP's in Viet-Nam, and are particularly interested in speaking with some of our members....these discussions have been sporadic, but their interest seems genuine.

Between our own Rick Hofmann's "Mindbenders" webpage on the Internet and the work done by Ed Rouse on his own PSYOP webpage, we have been contacted by many former psywarriors seeking information and membership. I haven't checked the numbers lately, but we are clearly in a growth mode again. I believe our decision to expand membership eligibility will pay membership dividends for us.

Since last summer, I have been in conversation with the staff of the 4th POG regarding a proposed memorial to the Group's Viet-Nam KIA's. 4th Group is considering a permanent memorial, and has invited our Association to contribute thoughts and ideas for its design and eventual location. Following on these conversations, COL Charles P. Borchini, CO of 4th POG contacted me, and invited our Association to participate in the activation of a new

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Psychological Operations Regiment, as well as in the laying of a wreath to commemorate all soldiers who have served in 4th Group. The ceremonies were held on November 18....more about that later in the newsletter.

In addition, we have discussed a role for our Association's members in ongoing career development education for current PSYOP soldiers, bringing our experience and expertise to our modern counterparts. This project should begin in 1999. Any Association members who believe they can contribute to the development of today's psywarriors should contact me at the earliest possible time. Our own Ray Ambrozak will participate, and others will be welcome as well.

Finally, I am working with 4th POG to create internship opportunities for 4th POG soldiers. These internships are designed to assist the soldiers in improving their skills and abilities to perform their missions, and are available at virtually no cost to those receiving the interns. For my own part, I have received overwhelming support inside my own corporation for the creation of several internships in our printing and media-development operations. This is another way for members of our Association to contribute to our military "alma mater's" ability to perform its mission.

As you can see, it has been a busy autumn. Our webpages are bearing fruit, the Internet email traffic is exploding, and we are in contact with more potential members than at any time in our history. Our decision to expand membership outside our original Viet-Nam veteran community is beginning to draw new interest in our Association. We are on the edge of a major breakthrough for our Association, and we have some significant questions to answer for ourselves as we chart our future.....who will we be in the future? What will we look like? Will our mission be different than the founder's originally conceived? We are facing substantial change and we need to begin preparing for it....we will either create our future, or somebody else will.

In closing, I hope you and your family had a most enjoyable Holiday time, and enjoyed the seasons.

Sincerely,

Chad Spawr
President

Financial Report

August 15, 1998 - January 30, 1999

Income

Reunion Fees/Dues: 495.00

Total Income: 495.00

Expenses

Rick Hofmann: 70.00

Jack O'Neil: 72.50

Chad Spawr: 116.69

Total Expenses: 259.19

Balance Forward - August 15, 1998: \$1,968.55

Balance On Hand - January 30, 1999: \$2,204.36

(With the assistance of Hazel Coburn)

Respectfully Submitted



Frank Coburn, Treasurer
4th PSYOP Group



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Credibilis Web Site

*** [HTTP://WWW.PSYOP.COM](http://WWW.PSYOP.COM)

Ed Rouse PSYOP's Webpage

[HTTP://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html)

(Please inform the Newsletter Editor if any of the above telephone numbers are incorrect or have been changed)

*** NOTE CHANGE OF WEB PAGE SITE

A New Psychological Operations Regiment

Our Association was honored by the opportunity to participate in the activation of the new Psychological Operations Regiment, composed of the 2d, 4th, and 7th PSYOP Groups. The new Regiment was created after many years of hard work by the current and former Group Commanders, the Group Command Sergeant Major, and PSYOP supporters in the Kennedy Center at Ft. Bragg. Our Association was represented by Bill Pelkey, one of our newer members, and by me as president.

The new Regiment was activated at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, 18 November, 1998, in a ceremony at the US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Headquarters at Ft. Bragg. The Command has dedicated a beautiful memorial park to all soldiers and civilians who have worked in Special Operations, including a large beautiful stone commemorating the soldiers of the 4th PSYOP Group.

The ceremony was attended by Lieutenant-General William P. Tangney (CG, US Army Special Operations Command) and his wife, Major General Kenneth R. Bowra (CG, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School), Brigadier General Herbert L. Altshuler (CG, 351st Civil Affairs Command), several retired 4th Group Commanders and retirees, and a large detachment of Special Operations and PSYOP soldiers from around the world. I enjoyed the opportunity to speak briefly with each of the general officers, each of whom extended his thanks for our commitment and participation in this important recognition ceremony.

The ceremonies commenced with the Star-Spangled banner, sung beautifully by two 4th Group soldiers. The new Regimental colors were uncased and flew free in the breeze for the first time...a truly magnificent sight. The colors were uncased by MG Bowra, COL (Ret) Alfred Paddock, and CSM (Ret) Rudy Whittaker. The new Regimental colors are beautiful, and I will try to obtain a copy for our Association. COL Paddock is the Honorary Regimental Colonel, and CSM Whittaker is the Honorary Regimental Command Sergeant Major.

Following the uncasing of the colors, MG Bowra and I laid a lovely floral wreath on the stone commemorating all veteran and current 4th PSYOP Group soldiers. It was an emotional moment for me...I had vivid memories of my own friends who had died in Viet-Nam, and must confess that it was more difficult than I had imagined. Upon returning to the rostrum, MG Bowra offered his remarks, among which was his recognition of the great value PSYOP's has provided to modern military operations. His remarks provided sure and positive recognition of the value we have always delivered. MG Bowra was followed by COL (Ret) Paddock, who spoke of the links of today's PSYOP's to its modern origins during World War II, and complemented MG Bowra's comments about the value of PSYOP's.

As one of the guest speakers, I made a specific observation...something all of us in the veterans' community already know: we made a difference! We saved lives, we prevented bloodshed, we took enemy troops off the battlefield! No matter how many ways you put it, we saved American lives by our service. I reminded those in attendance, in particular the active duty members of the Regiment, that the new Regiment inherits a long and proud tradition, one steeped in honor, performance of mission, and paid for in the blood of a dozen young men. In special recognition of 4th POG's Viet-Nam KIA's, the names of our twelve lost brothers were printed in the official program for the activation ceremony.

It was a pleasure and an honor to represent our Association in the activation of the new Regiment. During my stay at Ft. Bragg, the commander, officers and NCO's of 4th PSYOP Group accorded me full VIP treatment, and offered their sincere appreciation for the work our Association has done to create a "home" for veterans of military PSYOP's. I was frankly surprised that so many recent retirees had never heard of us, and very gratified that several current and former 4th PSYOP Group officers requested membership information and applications. From my own perspective as a Founder and current president of our Association, I am very proud of the trail we have traveled.

Special recognition and thanks for the success of my visit must be extended to COL Charles P. Borchini, Commanding Officer of 4th POG, and his excellent command staff (LTC Keith, MAJ Crews, and MAJ Schliemann); CSM James McEwen, 4th POG Command Sergeant Major; CPT Lewis Doyle, Commanding Officer, HHC, 4th POG; and 1SG Timothy Hill, HHC, 4th POG. CPT Doyle offered me a room in his home during my stay, an offer which I accepted and enjoyed very much.

There is much in which we can take justifiable pride....we have earned the respect of the active duty PSYOP community, and have demonstrated our value to those who will soon be veterans. We have helped to create the traditions and legacy which the young men and women of today's Psychological Operations Regiment now carry....of that, and of our own service and commitments, we can be very proud.

Update on Psychological Operations Veteran Association Activities

1. Relations with 4th PSYOP Group

I've spoken with LTC Keeth, the Deputy CO of 4th POG. They are appreciative of our organizational changes and supportive of our efforts to expand our membership base beyond the Vietnam veteran community. In addition, our amendments to organization name and removal of the 4th PSYOP unit crest have resolved their concerns in our current age of political correctness. Their concerns were legitimate, and I believe that we were extremely responsible and responsive in addressing both 4th POGs concerns and our own. It was a mutually satisfactory resolution. Most important was that leadership in finding a resolution came from within our membership. We did the right thing!!

2. Use of electronic media

Our use of the Internet has expanded. Between Rick Hofmann's work on our own webpage and the more general work by Ed Rouse on a broadly-based PSYOP webpage, we have attracted several new members. In addition, we have helped get people together who had been apart since Vietnam. There is a large volume of email between members, and we have attracted international attention from a broadly-based PSYOP community. In fact, we have recently been approached and may be collaborating on a major intellectual work on PSYOP's in an international context. For those who haven't yet seen it, Ed Rouse has dedicated a section of his psywarrior webpage to our KIA's from Vietnam, as well as adding a section on our current POVA activities.

3. New Members

Although I don't have exact figures, it appears that our Internet connections have generated several new members, including members who served in PSYOP's after Vietnam. There are a few retired general officers who have demonstrated an interest as well. What does this mean for POVA? In addition, we have gained a couple of active duty psywarriors as members as well.

It means that we are being recognized as a viable and valuable organization for veterans of PSYOP's to call "home". It means that we can be larger than a declining pool of Vietnam veteran Psywarriors; it means that what we started 10 years ago may well succeed us. It also means that PSYOP's is recognized as a valuable force expander in the scope of military operations, and will generate future membership for us. We have something to offer to our potential members.

4. 4th PSYOP Group Viet-Nam KIA Memorial

4th POG is considering creation of a memorial plaque to commemorate those who died in service of their country in Vietnam. POVA has offered to support this memorial by providing information, publicity, and funding. Of particular note: 4th POG had no information on the identities of our KIA's; we have provided not only names, but additional data to help them. A memorial is still in design, and is being led by a couple of committed officers currently assigned to 4th POG. These officers are very professional and committed to doing the right thing not only for current soldiers, but those who are PSYOP veterans.

In addition, 4th POG is considering a permanent larger-scale memorial for future construction; I have offered our services and support in the design and dedication of both projects. In particular, I have asked our new Vice President Ray Ambrozak to serve as POVA's point man in cooperation with 4th POG to bring our support and commitment to the fore. We will report our progress on this to you in future newsletters.

5. Return to Viet-Nam

Under Stan Michelsen's capable leadership, we believe we will be able to organize a return trip to Viet-Nam in 2000. It will not be our Year 2000 Reunion site, but it appears to be a logical additional opportunity for our members. Stan will continue working on this and will report progress in a future newsletter. While attending both this trip and our reunion in Colorado may be a stretch, I believe both activities will be of great value for our members and our Association.

6. Memorial for 4th PSYOP Group Soldiers who have died since DEROS

We can't avoid one essential fact of life.....our Viet-Nam veteran population is aging, and we have lost brothers since the war ended. I'm certain we all have known a fellow psywarrior who has died since the war ended. One of my most painful experiences was talking with Jim Dickman on the phone one day, and learning that he killed himself the next day. Jim and I were friends in Viet-Nam; we were apart for many years, but when we got back together in 1988, it was like old-home week. Talking with him was wonderful, although I knew from our conversations that he was in real pain. When I learned of his death, it was as traumatic and painful as if he'd died in Nam.

I am proposing that we create a memorial for our brothers who have died since coming home. There has been some talk of this between members over the past few years, but nobody has taken the lead. I know it is painful for all of us, but I believe these men shouldn't be forgotten. Although they did not die in that war, they paid a price for their service. We should not forget them. I don't know what kind of memorial would be appropriate, but we should somehow remember them as clearly as we remember those who died by the enemy's hand.

So, what are your thoughts about such a memorial? I'll be writing an article for our next newsletter about this; would surely appreciate your thoughts as we proceed.

Well, that's about it. As you can see, we have a lot of irons in the fire, and lots of growth potential in front of us. Our Association is growing in lots of ways, both in terms of numbers but also in activities and influence. There is real value in membership in POVA; we can make our own commitments to fit our individual needs, and make valuable contributions in the process.

Sincerely,
Chad

Update on Veteran's Affairs

Cindy, Sean and I hope everyone's holiday's were wonderful.

Disabled vets and retirees will be getting only a 1.3% raise, effective this January 1999. The reason, the economy is doing so well and the rate of inflation is low. This is the lowest increase in many years. I suppose we must be grateful that the Country is in good shape.

I would also like to report that across the country there is going to be large decrease in Veteran's Hospitals. The Manchester New Hampshire V.A., for example, is losing over \$800,000 in funding for the next calender year. It seems their goal is to mainstream and put more Vet's into the public health system. It means fewer beds, staffing and programs. I can only recommend that you write or call your representatives in the Senate and the House and appeal to them to reconsider. Many of us use need or will need these services. I wish I had better news. There is a whole generation reaching those middle and "golden" years. In addition, the Gulf War Vet's need these service's now.

Finally, hats off and a big salute to Chad for his trip to Ft. Bragg. We have come so far from the first "Five at the Wall" gathering. Good going Chad!

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail with regard to any Veteran's issues.

Loyally,
Jack O'neil
Veteran's Affairs



*From the
Editor's
Desk*



Let me first apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out to our membership. There were quite a number of contributing factors, not the least of which was the usual hustle and bustle of the holiday season. As some of you are aware, I am employed by a utility company here in New York City. The utility industry is currently going through quite a number of changes involving breakup and deregulation by the Government. Because of this, I have been extremely busy with the reprogramming involved. In many cases I have had to put in extra hours and even worked weekends and holidays. To further complicate matters, my personal computer system CRASHED. As a result, I had to scramble around for a week trying to recover whatever I could. Unfortunately, I did lose some stored data. Enough WHINING Forgacz!

The number of members with computer Email addresses continues to grow and grow. As a result of the increase in PC's among our membership, I've devoted an entire page to Email addresses in this issue. Hardly a day goes by where I don't receive Email from a fellow member. I've made myself a vow to check my mail more regularly, kind of a New Year's Resolution.

Chad has submitted various articles, along with his customary 'letter from the president', for this issue. Quite a number of things are going on. An article entitled "Update on Psychological Operations Veteran

Association Activities" has already been sent to members with Email addresses. I have reprinted the article for the benefit of the entire membership.

Recently, I spoke to Tom Brandt, our Historian, Memorabilia, and Design Artist. I told him he was dearly missed at the last reunion and I hoped to see him in Colorado. Tom would like some input from the membership and asked me to convey the following questions: What would you like to see displayed? What do you like or dislike? How can the displays be improved? If any member would like to respond to his inquires or has additional suggestions, please give him a call at 630-837-7955, or drop him a note addressed to 1307 Robin Drive, Carol Stream, Ill 60188. For those computer buffs who love to use Email, you can address your comments to me at forzacza@aol.com and I will be sure to forward the information to Tom.

Just prior to the completion of this newsletter, I was informed of our new Web Page site. The new Web Page site is WWW.PSYOP.COM. For those of you who have access to the Internet give it a check. I checked it out and must admit Rick Hofmann did one hell of a job!

Al Forgacz
Newsletter Editor



MAILBAG



Good Evening,

We may have an excellent opportunity to be more involved in psyop's with the 4th Group as we go forward. No, we're not being inducted; however, some of us may be able to participate in presenting courses and seminars on psyops for active duty psywarriors. While still in design, 4th POG has indicated an interest in a possible role for the veteran community to participate.

It is not a promise or commitment; it is an indication of their interest in a continuing relationship with us. I believe this is occurring in part because our Association has taken a more proactive approach in dealing with the military; also, because we represent a body of substantial knowledge and experience which has contributed substantially to the present status and value of psyops as a force multiplier in current military doctrine.

In summary, we have value we may be able to add. I will advise you further as these conversations progress. Our relations with the leadership of 4th POG are better than ever....we have been responsive to each other, but more importantly, we seem to have something to offer to each other. That is the basis for all good business deals, and for all worthwhile relationships.

More later,

Chad



MAILBAG



E-Mail from COL(Ret) Alfred Paddock:

Chad:

It was a pleasure meeting you at the PSYOP regimental activation ceremony last month. I thought that the ceremony was well done, and I appreciated your remarks about the PSYOP veterans of Vietnam.

I'm quite interested in establishing a dialogue with both you and Butch Cassidy (president of the Psychological Operations Association) about the potential role of the two organizations in helping to make our new PSYOP regiment an effective institution. We have a real opportunity to do so, and I'm going to be reaching out to everyone for ideas. One of my primary goals will be to promote a greater awareness of, and pride in, our PSYOP history, and thus to enhance our sense of community. But a lot of things need to be fleshed out in this start-up endeavor, and I welcome your help in doing so. Let's keep talking...

Al Paddock

Subj: Re: Re: PSYOP Regiment?
From: chad_spawr@hotmail.com (Chad Spawr)
To: DWASrFla@aol.com (Dave Affleck)

Dave,

This is wonderful news.....I attended your change of command ceremony in Jan '70. Knew I'd been there, but didn't remember whose it was.

Here's a memory blast from the past: You conducted an inspection of HHC, 1st Bn, and 15th Bn shortly after taking command. It was a full TA50 inspection with fieldgear on the bunks. You went through the other bays and NCO rooms and were pretty rigorous; you then came through my room, asked some tough questions of my roommate (an E5), came to me, looked at my stripes (E-5) and decorations, asked me if I'd been in psyops in Nam; when I said I had, you smiled very warmly, patted my arm, and said "welcome home, son." I was one of the very few 'Nam vets in the Group at the time; couldn't believe the respect you gave me at that moment for having been there. I would have followed you into hell after that...still would!!

Sorry I didn't remember that it had been you after all these years!! Until that inspection, you were just another "old man."

I've wondered for years what it was about you that has been so special for me, and why I've respected you so much for these past few years since we've been together in POVA. Now I know.....it started almost 29 years ago!! It just makes POVA and these memories even more special!! Thanks for that.

Chad

From: Ed <psywarrior@pipeline.com>
To: cvspawr@ix.netcom.com <cvspawr@ix.netcom.com>
Cc: hsalley@CONCENTRIC.NET <hsalley@CONCENTRIC.NET>
Date: Sunday, October 04, 1998 6:56 PM
Subject: PSYOP Expert

Chad:

Don't know if any of your contacts might be interested. I am forwarding the below message to several of my former PSYOP team mates.

Ed

We are looking for an individual to be our Psychological Operations Subject Matter Expert for one of our current projects. This is a paid position.

Here is the list of desired qualifications, (in addition to being a TRUE master and expert in this field):

- 1) B.A degree in Education (or higher)
- 2) Experienced in courseware development (from concept to completion)
- 3) Background in requirements analysis, testing and delivery and analysis of optimum delivery methods
- 4) Very familiar with Army Training Doctrine formalities, policies and guidelines
- 5) Preferably resides in the Fayetteville, NC or surrounding area

For such an individual, this should prove to be a very interesting and even exciting assignment, leading to widespread utilization and effect.

The work hours would be quite flexible depending on the existing schedule of the chosen candidate and the demands of the project.

If the individual were also a subject matter expert in Civil Affairs, this would be a big plus (although not a necessity), as we have a parallel project in that arena.

I am very hopeful that you can direct me in this matter and am looking forward to hearing from you! My email is rmtod@onsitegroup.com / .

You are also welcome to contact me by phone at (888)838-7483.

Best Regards,

Ralph Todhunter
OnSite Technical Group, Intl.

The following Email sent by a fellow member is noteworthy to pass on to the rest of the membership
The Editor

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem.

You can't tell a vet just by looking.

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL.

He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the parade - riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot, "THANK YOU".

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protestor to burn the flag."

Father Denis Edward O'Brien/USMC

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If there are any other members out there who have an Email address and would like to get on our listing, please let me know. Also inform me of any corrections or changes to the above.

Al Forgacz - Editor

Message to a Prospective New Member.

We are essentially a reunion association; we do a little other business, but we are mostly a group of vets and families, including a few Gold Star families, who get together every other summer for a few days, enjoy each other's company, and do a little business. No war stories or drunken revelry, we enjoy the fact that we are alive, we remember our losses, but we mostly enjoy the company of each other and our families. We've been together every other year since 1988, and have recently become more involved with 4th PSYOP Group at Ft. Bragg.

I hope you'll take a minute to consider us and then join. Our dues are only \$15 per year, or \$60 for 5 years. We publish a newsletter approximately quarterly, the content and value of which is directly dependent on our members and officers. We are not a veterans' service organization such as VVA, AL, VFW. We are about enjoying each others' company once every other year, and perhaps doing a little business.

If you are interested, please send your name, address, phone, connection to PSYOPs and the dates of your involvement, to me and to Rick Hofmann at richard.hofmann@phwilm.zeneca.com. Rick will send you our application and that will make it as official as it can be. We are a pretty informal Association, and we do have a good time at our reunions.

Our next reunion will be at Estes Park, CO, around the July 4 holiday in 2000. Hope you can make it. If I can answer any other questions for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, and Welcome Home

Chad Spawr
President
PSYOP Veterans' Association

JUST A REMINDER

Membership dues are \$60.00 for FIVE years or \$15.00 annually (\$10.00 after July 1). All enrollments (\$15.00) received after November 1 will be applied to the following year's dues. Please make your checks payable to Psychological Operations Veterans Association and forward to:

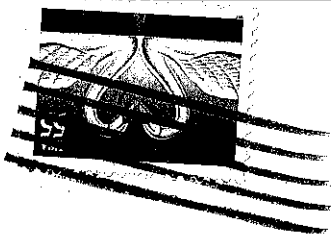
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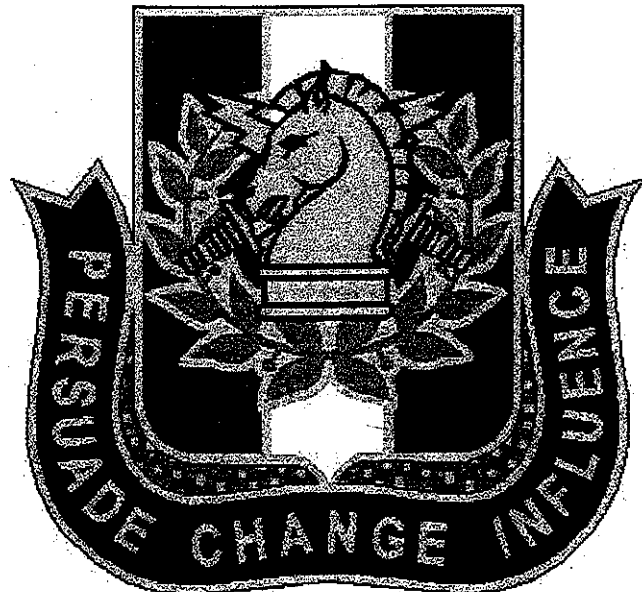
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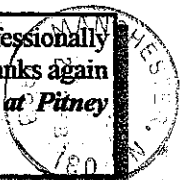
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Dear Fellow PSYOP Veterans,

Well, we did it....our 1998 Biennial Reunion in Buena Park, California, is now history. After several previous reunions on the East Coast and in the nation's heartland, we went West, and experienced all the sun, fun, and pleasures of Southern California. It was a wonderful, warm, and fun time together for the vets, our families, and friends. Hammond Salley and his lovely wife Linda worked very hard to put this together. With the efforts of both Ham and new member Mike Aquino, the Association was treated to the wonders of Disney, the Magic Castle, and an excellent tour of the 306th PSYOP Company. We were treated like visiting royalty everywhere we went....all through the hard work and commitment of Hammond, Linda, and Mike. Thanks, folks....it was truly great.

Our Reunion business meeting was perhaps the most momentous of our Association's history.....we made fundamental changes in the Association, and are now much stronger and better focused on the future than at any time in our past. And, when the business

was done, we took the time to honor a very special member of our Association, David W. Affleck, COL, USA (Ret.). Let me tell you about it.

Dave was one of the early senior commanders in PSYOP's in the Viet-Nam War. Many of our current members, both former officer and enlisted, served under Dave, and remember him as a true and genuine leader, both firm and fair. I didn't know Dave in Viet-Nam, although I would have been proud and honored to have done so. As a token of the Association's appreciation for his service as one of Vice Presidents for several years, for his commitment and support of both Jack O'Neil and myself during our terms as president, our Association membership unanimously voted Dave a Life Membership. He is a very special member, a wonderful friend, and a truly great leader. Thanks again, Dave, for your support, and for your friendship.

As I mentioned above, we undertook a tremendous agenda at the Reunion. Here are the key highlights:

To focus our Association on the future, as well as to resolve a long-standing and contentious issue with the 4th PSYOP Group (Airborne), we have changed our name. The Association, by

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unanimous vote of the membership, is now the "Psychological Operations Veterans' Association (POVA)." This change reflects a move away from specific identity with our 4th PSYOP Group origins, and at the same time opens our membership opportunities to others who have served in psychological operations in a larger context than Viet-Nam.

We have also voted to cease using the 4th PSYOP Group crest and the nickname "Mindbenders." Some current and potential members voiced concern about the implications of the name (our history notwithstanding); some are bothered, and we decided not to continue using a nickname which may cause loss of current or future membership. For those of us who were known in Viet-Nam as Litterbugs," "Mindbenders," or "B--s---t Bombers," we know who we are, and we won't lose our heritage.

We voted to cease naming our newsletter "Mindbender." Beginning with this issue, it will be known as "Credibilis" (assuming 4th POG has no problem with the change). That was the name of the 4th POG newsletter in Viet-Nam, and allows us to maintain a link to our heritage. We have a couple wrinkles available if 4th POG is still unhappy. I'll report on this in our next newsletter, following my conversations with 4th POG's Commanding Officer.

Although we will continue investigating a possible return of individual members to Viet-Nam in the year 2000, our Association Reunion will be held in Estes Park, Colorado, a lovely and picturesque location in the Rocky Mountains. We are still working the details, but it is at once beautiful, loaded with things to do, and eminently affordable for our members. Bill Forgey, one of our more recent members (a former PSYOPS-4), suggested Estes Park, and the membership was very excited. Bill is our Year 2000 Reunion Coordinator, and will gladly accept any help that may be offered. Stan Mickelson is coordinating our Return to Viet-Nam project and will report progress as it is made.

We conducted our Biennial Election of Association Officers and amended some of the duties of the Association's officers.....the election results for the 1998-2000 term are reported later in the newsletter. However, I am pleased and honored to have been re-elected to serve another term as president of our Association.....thanks for the support. We worked on other issues as well, but these are the real key items which we accomplished. Other matters will be taken up elsewhere in the newsletter.

In closing, I'd like to share some thoughts....our Reunions are wonderful events. We come together every two years, share our time, our memories, our families, and our friendship. Each Reunion is different, and each offers something different from all the others. We just seem to get better every time we come together....for those who attend, it is a special time. For those who can't, or won't, attend we think of you warmly and miss you. There are no politics, no political correctness, no "axes" to grind because of personal values or styles. We are simply a group of very special people who once shared a special and difficult time. Nothing more, and nothing less. This Association has something to offer everyone....we offer camaraderie, friendship, warmth, understanding, sharing, and we have in common a past which is unique. Those who have attended our Reunions always find something in it for themselves.....we find each other, and give meaning to each others' lives. What more could one ask?


Thanks for your friendship, your support, and the honor of serving again as your president. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve such a group of special people.

Welcome Home,

Chad Spawr

Financial Report

February 1, 1998 - August 15, 1998

Income		Expenses	
Reunion Fees/Dues:	5,039.10	Newsletter Postage(2):	254.10
		Historian Fees:	300.00
		Web Site Renewal:	50.00
		Dues Postage:	70.00
		Reunion (Hotel, Disney, etc):	3,178.38
		Ham Salley Reunion Expenses:	401.09
Total Income:	5,039.10	Total Expenses:	4,253.57
Balance Forward - February 1, 1998:		\$1,183.02	Respectfully Submitted
Balance On Hand - August 15, 1998:		\$1,968.55	

With the Assistance of Hazel Coburn

Frank Coburn, Treasurer
4th PSYOP Group

Listing of members with Internet EMail addresses:

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Holzheimer	Richard	rholzh@aol.com
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Ambrozak	Ray	teresa@prismet.com
Belki	Michael	belkim@hood-emh3.army.mil

If there are any other members out there who have an Email address and would like to get on our listing, please let me know. Also inform me of any corrections or changes to the above.

Al Forgacz - Editor



Important Phone Numbers for Members & Families

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Chad Spawr	<i>PRESIDENT</i>	(248-613-6867)
Dave Affleck	<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	(813-596-5068)
Frank Coburn	<i>TREASURER</i>	(209-798-2294)
Dave Rogers	<i>TRUSTEE</i>	(502-695-1263)
Dave Schultz	<i>TRUSTEE</i>	(516-298-9340)
Dick Holzheimer	<i>SECRETARY</i>	(703-689-2296)
Rick Hofmann	<i>Locator</i>	(302-762-5629)
Al Forgacz	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	(516-431-2014)
Dave Missavage	<i>Nominations Officer</i>	(309-788-9296)
Ray Ambrozak	<i>Membership</i>	(245-698-2266)
Jack O'Neil	<i>VP of Member Service & Veteran's Affairs</i>	(603-776-8253)
Tom Brandt	<i>Historian/Memorabilia/ Design Artist</i>	(708-837-7955)
Bill Forgey	<i>Public Information/ 2000 Reunion Chairman</i>	(219-769-1808)

Credibilis Web Site

[HTTP://204.183.91.227](http://204.183.91.227)

Ed Rouse PSYOP's Webpage

[HTTP://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html)

(Please inform the Newsletter Editor if any of the above telephone numbers are incorrect or have been changed)

The Biannual Reunion Minutes

The Biannual meeting of the 4th PSYOP GP MINDBENDERS REUNION ASSOCIATION was called to order at 9:15 AM, July 4, 1998 at Buena Park, California by President Chad Spawr.

The meeting opened with a joint recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Vietnam KIA and MIA.

Chad expressed everyone's appreciation to Ham Salley for his (and his wife's) work in organizing the reunion. Mike Aquino presents the features scheduled and available at Disney Land.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

The following were nominated by the members;

President: Chad Spawr

Vice President: Dave Affleck

Vice President of Member Service and Veteran's Affairs: Jack O'Neil

Treasurer: Frank Coburn

Secretary: Dick Holzheimer

Nominations: Dave Missavage

Locator: Rick Hoffman

Membership: Ray Ambrozak

Trustees: Dave Schultz

Dave Rogers

All were elected by acclamation

MEMBERSHIP

Chad suggested that we open our membership to all who are retired, or received an Honorable Discharge and were associated with or attached to the 4th Psy Op Grp and its units. Also open to "special invitation" persons and all who were affiliated with PsyOps. The suggestion was changed to a motion, seconded and approved.

ORGANIZATION NAME

There was a discussion by members that the term "Mindebenders" was not fully accurate and at times confusing. Suggestions for a new name were "Litterbugs" and "BS Bombers". A motion was made and seconded to change the name to the PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS VETERANS ASSOCIATION (POVA). The motion was passed unanimously.

NEWSLETTER

With the change in the organization's name, it was suggested that the name of the newsletter be changed from "Mindbenders". A motion to change the name to CREDIBILUS was made and seconded. The motion was approved, pending a check with the 4th PsyOp Gp to make sure that they were not still using that name for a publication.

1998/1999 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

A short discussion and distribution of material on the Bru Montagnards was given and a motion to

donated, in the name of the association, \$100.00 to the "Save the Bru Montagnard Tribe" as our 1998 charitable contribution. For the 1999 contribution a motion was made, seconded and passed to donate to the American Legion Hale House, which is a program for disabled VietNam Veterans.

TREASURERS REPORT

Frank Coburn reported that the current balance of the Association's account was \$4122.68 and that after paying for the 1998 Reunion expenses, the balance should be around \$1,800.00.

A question was raised by a member concerning our contribution given at the last reunion to a welcome home party for the Bosnian PsyOp personnel. He stated that he had talked to some members of the unit and they did not know of such a party. Chad stated that he would check.

NEW BUSINESS

Reunion Site and selection for the 2000 Reunion area.

Permanent site for reunions: There was a discussion of this topic, however the majority of members stated that they enjoy visits to different cities and areas of the county. The consensus of opinion was to continue the current program.

Year 2000 Reunion

There was a discussion of Vietnam as the site, however expenses and time would severely limit attendance. It was agreed that a trip to VietNam should be planned, but not as the official reunion, that those who could and would travel to VietNam would, but that a separate 2000 reunion would be held. Bill Forgey suggested Estes Park, Colorado as our 2000 site. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the next reunion in Estes Park, CO. A motion was made, seconded and approved to name Bill Forgey as the 2000 Reunion Coordinator.

Chad suggested that it would be desirable if members could contribute items of "oral history" to the VP for Member Services. Also a request for recollections of events be sent to Al Forgacz for inclusion in the newsletter, as well as becoming part of the repository of history.

Al also asked for any suggestions for items in the newsletter.

Chad suggested that, in the future, family members be invited to attend the meetings.

Ham Salley suggested that the full roster of located members be made available on the Association Web Page.

Chad brought up for discussion a suggestion to make Dave Affleck a "Lifetime Member". A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to award to Dave Affleck, "Lifetime Membership".

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM, to reconvene the week end of July 4, 2000, in Estes Park, Colorado.

Dick Koltzheimer
Secretary

Letter From Our Hosts

Dear Fellow PSYOP Veterans and guests,

Linda and I wish to express our appreciation for permitting us to host the Mindbender's VI reunion - 'West Coast Adventure'. From the many favorable comments we continue to receive, it would appear that everyone had a good time in Southern California. In fact, some of our members extended their stays to enjoy more of the many adventures California has to offer. We were pleased that some fifty people attended various portions of the reunion. For the benefit of those unable to join us, we are including some of the highlights:

Wednesday - July 1st

We enjoyed visiting with all during registration and especially during our evening reception. After the reception, everyone moved to the hospitality suite where many sat out on the patio and continued renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Thursday - July 2nd

Two hours of the morning were spent at the 306th PSYOP Company, Armed Forces Reserve Center, Los Alamitos, CA. Unit personnel provided a very professional briefing/overview about current PSYOP missions and capabilities which was followed by an informative tour of the printing and 50kw radio transmitter facilities. Static displays of other equipment and weapons were also available for our review. Overall, a very nostalgic and interesting visit.

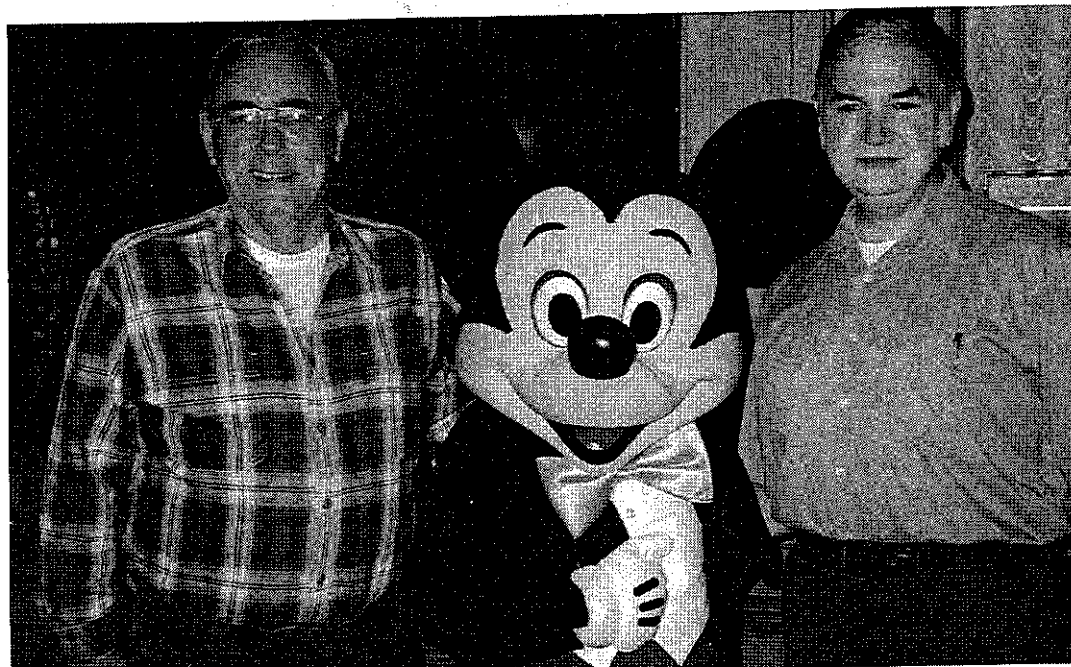




An evening at Hollywood's Magic Castle, the home of the Guild of Magical Performing Arts, capped off an afternoon of individual sightseeing and visits to Knotts Berry Farm. Dinner was delicious and all enjoyed the selection of fantastic magic shows in this old Hollywood Gothic mansion.

Friday - July 3rd

Our Disneyland adventure started very early with a great gourmet breakfast served in Club 33, Disneyland's little known, but exclusive dining area above New Orleans Square. A surprise visit by Mickey Mouse brought out the kid in all of us as he posed for a number of pictures. Following breakfast, everyone split up in smaller groups for an eventful day exploring the rest of Disneyland. Some hearty souls even stayed until the park closed at midnight - a very long day.



Ham Salley, Mickey Mouse and Mike Aquino

For those of us with less stamina, an evening slide show was presented by several of our members in the hospitality suite. It was great to view scenes of Vietnam and old friends that we remember from our various tours.

Saturday - July 4th

The day started with our Association business meeting led by our Association president Chad Spawr. The election of officers and the designation of a new name for our organization: the 'Psychological Operations Veterans Association' were significant events of the meeting. Bill Forgey volunteered to host our next reunion in Estes Park, Colorado.



Bill (Doc) Forgey & Ray Ambrozak



Rough day Arlo???

'Resting up', shopping at exclusive Orange County malls and/or visiting local attractions rounded out the afternoon. The evening started with a cocktail reception followed by a scrumptious banquet. The food was plentiful, the raffle exciting and dancing bringing a great ending to the banquet. The party then moved outside to enjoy the 4th of July fireworks display next door at Knotts Berry Farm. With everyone reluctant to say good-bye, the conversation continued late in the hospitality suite.

We wish to give special recognition for the extraordinary volunteer support cheerfully given by Al and Bobbie Forgacz, Frank and Hazel Coburn, and Michael and Lilith Aquino.

Thanks to all attendees for making this a successful reunion. See you in Estes Park, Colorado in 2000.

Hammond and Linda Salley



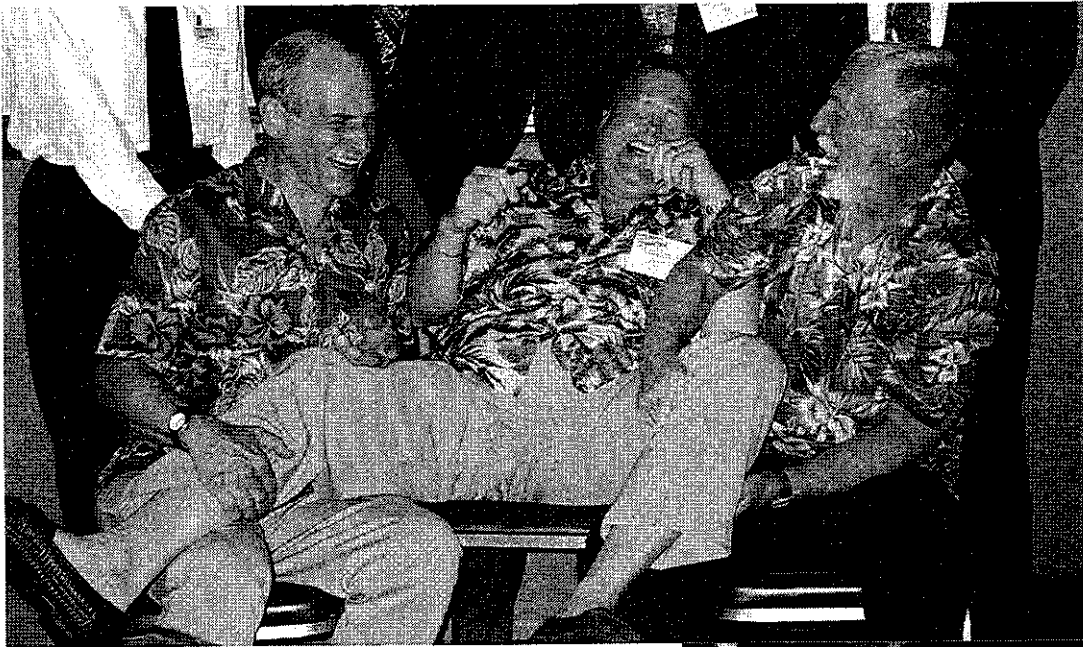
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 AMBROZAK
 AQUINO
 BELKI
 BINKLEY
 COBURN
 DESPAIN
 FORGACZ
 FORGEY
 GAIDOSH
 HOLZHEIMER
 HUBBARD

David W./Janice
 Raymond/Ann
 Dr. Michael A./Lilith
 Michael/Pat
 Clarence A. (Al)/Ruth Ann
 Frank/Hazel + 2 Guests
 Arlo C./Hildegard + 1 Guest
 Alfred N./Bobbie
 Dr. William W.
 Clyde R. + 1 Guest
 Richard
 Waymond

MICHELSEN
 OSBORNE
 PROBST
 ROSENBERG
 SALLEY
 SPAWR
 VIOLETTE, Jr.
 WESTCOTT
 COOPER
 MORZOV
 STEFFENS

Stanley/Marlene Taylor
 James M./Margie + 1 Guest
 Joseph/Jo Anne
 Joseph
 Hammond M./Linda + 1 Guest
 Chad/Linda/Alex/Ryan
 Donald + 2 Guests
 Harry F./Ruth
 Bill
 William, III
 Roger M.

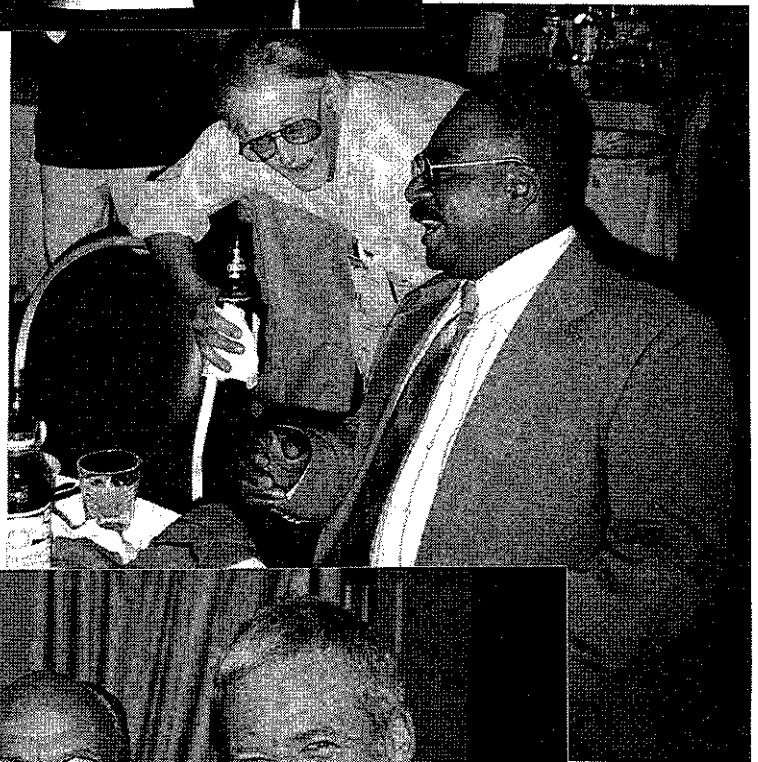


Looks like our President's fallen into some tough times- CAN'T EVEN AFFORD SOCKS!!!

Any contributions to get him a pair forward to: Jack O'Neil VP of Member Services

Waymond Hubbard chatting with one of the new members Clyde Gaidosh

Hey Waymond, did you know the beer's missing from your hand???



Old Buddies - Bill Cooper, Donald Violette, Jr. and Stanley Michelson



MAILBAG



Dear Fellow Psywarriors,

I would like to thank all of you for electing me as your Vice-President for veterans affairs. I want to make it clear that I'm available to assist any member who may want help with claims or anything else that has to do with the VA or even with the Department of the Army.

We, as an organization, were formed for one reason, re-uniting old friends from a war many years ago. Along the way some of us have been effected by it in one way or another, such as PTSD or Agent Orange. I have been involved with the VA as an in and out patient since 1975 and have learned a lot about the system.

Remember these are your rightful benefits, so don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at NAMVET6870@aol.com or at 603-776-8253. I don't have all the answers but hopefully I can help in anyway possible.

Also, if you have any information that you think I could use, please pass it on to me. Once again, thanks for the vote of confidence. I won't let you down and together we will prevail.

In closing, I wish to extend this invitation to all veterans past and present of the 4TH Psyop Group. Join us for the friendship and good times we have had since we began 10 years ago with only 5 of us at the "Wall" in Washington. You won't be sorry.

Sincerely,
Jack O'Neil
Vice-President of Veterans Affairs



Message from Bill Cooper:

Dear Chad,

As a reporter I've been tracking the Tailwind story CNN put out...actually being privy to some of the SO/SF web messages between and among members who remain infuriated by how CNN did the story. At first those interviewed (not all interviews were aired) were told it would be a simple Q&A regarding a secret mission, etc. What was left on the cutting room floor is what's gotten all the dander up. My point: (and I'm in the friggin' media game) do not trust some innocent-sounding producer who wants to hear war stories. Refer the query to the Pentagon. (PSYOPS is the back door to SOG)...and given those vets experiences with CNN, I'd put a warning flag out unless and until the producer first goes through the Pentagon; those being interviewed also getting cleared on areas which may still be sensitive. Nixon once said never trust a reporter when he says : "oh, and just one more question..".

For what it's worth,

Bill C.

Re: Ed Rouse Internet Webpage

I served with HQ 4th Psyops Group (S4) 7-14-68 to 7-10-69 (in Saigon). Major Price was my "boss". I just wanted to say that I liked the site, and to say hello to all the Psyops guys from my period in Vietnam, and to all others, also.

Thanks for the good site.

Allen Lieberman

Ed,

You are a real treat....the PR work you do for us as a result of your own webpage is absolutely wonderful. I cannot begin to tell you how much it is appreciated. You are one hell of an asset to our Association.

I'll be sending a note to Allen; be nice to get him on board. Thanks again. We're collecting pictures from the reunion to send to you. By the way, our webmaster is a fellow named Rick Hofmann; have you contacted him? Between the two of you, the work we have...and could have...on the 'net could be outstanding. It is already great!!

Thanks again, my friend.

Chad

Al and I always look forward to the reunions. This year was no exception. We spent five wonderful days in Buena Park taking in the local attractions and mingling with our extended Vet's family. We caught up with what's been happening with folks since Nashville. It was nice to see familiar faces. Equally as nice were the new people who attended this year.

Many thanks to Mike for arranging the trips to the Magic Castle and the sumptuous buffet at Club 33 in Disneyland. I was glad to see that there were sufficient eats available even after Al visited the buffet line.

Ham and Linda did a splendid job and were marvelous hosts. Accommodations were centrally located and it was easy access to many attractions.

We're already looking forward to Colorado in 2000. Al and I hope to see this years first timers at Estes Park. Now that you know what we're about (mostly fun and laughs) we're sure you'll want to come.

*See you in Colorado,
Bobbie Forgacz*

P.S. This is for Ryan Spawr...Al's still not sorry about pantsing you!

Chad,

Thanks for the kudos, I really enjoy spreading the word about psyops and trying to link up old psywarriors. Checking my website counter I reached 15,500 hits. So a few people have shown an interest in PSYOPS.

Speaking of which, I received an unexpected e-mail yesterday about my website. This time from ABC television. Check out the below extract of the message:

I'm a journalist working on an ABC special on the future called "Next: Life in the 21st Century." I'm currently producing a segment on the future of war so it was with much relief and enthusiasm that I located your website last night.

When you have the chance, I'd love to talk with you more about your experiences in psyops and your vision of the future of warfare. Please let me know the best way to get in touch with you. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Amanda Pike

She provided me with business phone and even a pager number.

I contacted the USAJFKCEN Public Affairs Officer and USACAPOC at Fort Bragg, and the Public Affairs Officer at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA and both gave me the green light with some advice to stay clear of sensitive or ongoing classified missions. The Office at Fort Bragg had been contacted by her and was aware of the project she is working on.

I don't know if what I say will make the final cut, but it might be another way to publicize the good work that Psyop does.

I have some material that I think they may find interesting. However, I was thinking that through your contacts with the Association there may be a few good/great psyop related stories that may really tickle their fancy. So if any of your contacts have any good psyop stories I would appreciate you using your resources to send them my way.

Ed Rouse

JUST A REMINDER

Membership dues are \$60.00 for FIVE year memberships, or \$15.00 annually (\$10.00 after July 1). All enrollments (\$15.00) received after November 1 will be applied to the following year's dues.

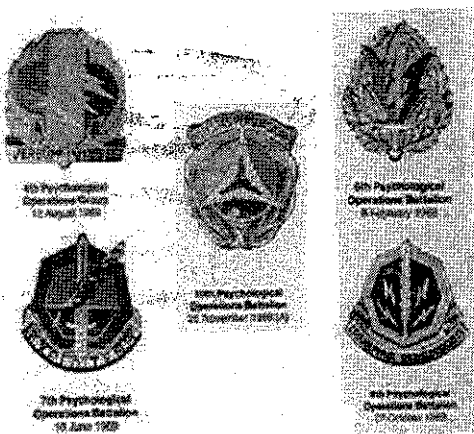
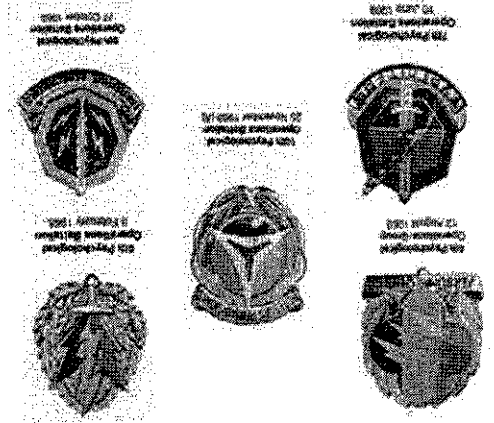
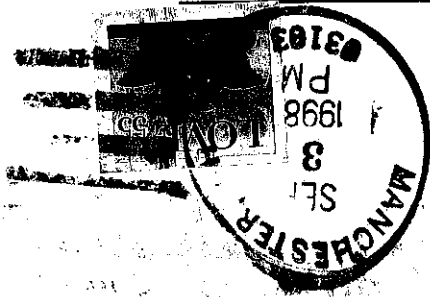
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Spring 1998

My Brother Psywarriors and Friends,

This will be our last newsletter before the July Reunion in California. This issue is therefore focused on the Reunion. Before saying another word, however, I want to strongly commend the superior commitment and effort by Hammond Salley to make this Reunion truly world-class!! We will be treated to a wonderful experience for the entire time we are in California.

All the fun notwithstanding, we must also conduct the business of our Association. Although we have normally conducted our business meeting in a 2-hour block in the past, the issues we must tackle at this Reunion will require more time. Here are some of the key issues we will be discussing and resolving:

Year 2000 Reunion: will we come together in Viet-Nam in 2000?

Election of Officers: please submit your nominations directly to Dave Missavage so he can present them at the Business Meeting.

Constitution and By-Law Amendments: since we last amended our constitution and by-laws in St. Louis in 1994, some changes appear to be needed. If you have suggestions, please come prepared to discuss them.

Association Logo: how should we resolve the question raised by the Army about linking the name "Mindbenders" with the 4th PSYOP Group unit crest?

Association Name: Some of our members object to the name "Mindbenders" as part of our Association name. This goes to the heart of our identity.....who are we, and how will we

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"title" our Association.

Charitable Contribution: please come prepared to propose a worthy charitable recipient so we can provide our financial support in 1998.

Token of Recognition: Our past presidents, Duane and Jack, have performed excellent service for our Association; yet, when they leave office, they receive little more than a pat on the back. We need to provide at least a token of our appreciation.

Permanent Reunion Location: more than one member has proposed that we have a specific fixed location for our biennial Reunions. I'm quite certain this will be a hot topic!!

In a departure from the past, I am inviting our Gold Star members, our family members and friends to join us for our business meeting. Our Association depends on the support and help of our families, and it seems unfriendly not to invite them to join us. They may choose not to, but I believe that they make our Reunions richer and more meaningful for all. Accordingly, please be sure to invite your family members and our friends to attend the meeting with you.

We have a new friend and a possible new member to welcome. Ed Rouse is webmaster for an Internet Website which is dedicated to the history and practice of psychological operations. A retired veteran of the 4th PSYOP Group, Ed served with the 1st PSYOP Bn in the early 1970's, and with the 4th Group during Operation Desert Storm. His website is outstanding, and includes a memorial to the 12 veterans of the 4th PSYOP Group who were lost in Viet-Nam (plus Tommy Baumgardner who had served with the 6th Bn, but was lost in the 101st Airborne during a second tour). Welcome home, Ed.

The remainder of this newsletter contains information you'll need for the Reunion. Please plan to attend and bring your solid thinking to help us wrestle with some weighty issues.....oh yes, plan to have a lot of fun, too.

Sincerely,

Chad Spawr
President

Memorial Day



Let us remember
our fallen brothers
on this
Memorial Day

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Blanco, John A. Jr.

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Mindbenders Web Site

[HTTP://204.183.91.227](http://204.183.91.227)

(Please inform the Newsletter Editor if any of the above telephone numbers are incorrect or have been changed)

MINDBENDERS 1998 REUNION UPDATE
“WEST COAST ADVENTURE”
1-4 JULY 1998

by Hammond (Ham) Salley
6th Bn/4th Gp/MACSOG

Final arrangements for 1998 Mindbenders' reunion are underway. The Buena Park Hotel, which takes special pride in catering to military reunions, has been accepting room reservations and is looking forward to providing outstanding service to our reunion attendees.

During registration we will provide each attendee a packet of materials to include instructions and directions to each scheduled event as well as discount tickets for many other local attractions.

Southern California is warm at this time of the year and dress tends to be rather casual. However, dress code at the Magic Castle, as noted below, is rather strict. Coat and tie is preferred but not required for the banquet.

An abbreviated 'Fact Sheet' with reunion schedule and registration form is included with this update.

Below are some comments, corrections and recommendations I have received from our members regarding the reunion:

Buena Park Hotel:

The Buena Park hotel will automatically set you up for a room with two double beds, however, if asked and still available, they will switch you to a room with a single king bed at no extra cost. Also remember to specify a "non-smoking" room if you want one.

Magic Castle:

We currently have reservations for 40 people for the 6:30 PM dinner seating on Thursday, July 2, 1998. This is at a flat charge of \$38/person, which includes dinner & coffee/tea-type beverage, tax, & tip. Anyone who wants drinks from the bar/with dinner would just pay for those personally at the time. In addition to this there will be a valet parking charge of \$4/car. That's it. This includes all shows within the Castle for the entire evening, and preferred seating for the main show (the Palace of Mystery).

The dress code at the Magic Castle is: "Coats and ties for men, evening wear for ladies (i.e. cocktail dresses). No casual wear (i.e. jeans, tennis shoes, etc.)." The Castle is stringent on this code, turning away members/guests at the door if they don't meet it. The Magic Castle does have this requirement, which of course keeps the atmosphere inside very Hollywood chic - which is presumably what most people coming to Hollywood would like to bask in (because that's what "Hollywood" looks like in the movies). The Magic Castle is a perfect dinner with shows - tonic for anyone wishing to capture that atmosphere. The result is a very elegant atmosphere inside the mansion, of course.

Since the world's best magicians are all members of the Academy (the Castle's owner), it gets the cream of the crop of whoever's in town. The Palace of Mystery handles the more lavish, stage-type shows, while other theaters in the Castle are designed for close-up stuff - where the magician tells you the SSN in your wallet, etc.

Our host's guess is that those who do attend will find this a spectacular evening and experience - the glamor of "old Hollywood" as they always imagined it to be, coupled with some of the best magical presentations in the world.

Correction to the notice in the last newsletter: The minimum age requirement is 21, not 18 as previously stated.

Disneyland:

Dress for Disneyland and Club 33 is casual. Recommend walking shoes.

We are arranging for a hotel shuttle bus to take us to the mass-transit drop-off area right in front of the main gate. I anticipate that the bus will depart the hotel at about 6:45 AM in order to be there at 7:15. As our breakfast is at 7:30, that's probably enough time for the shuttlebus to make two trips if necessary.

Some of our members might prefer to take their cars so that they can leave and/or return when they want, especially if the bus is only available at certain times. Parking is available in several lots and will be no problem that early in the morning. Tram service to the main gate (and return) is provided in each lot.

A receptionist from Club 33 will meet us at the gate - probably 7:15 AM - and escort us through [still unopened] Main Street to Club 33 in New Orleans Square. It should be interesting for everyone to see Disneyland "deserted", as it sure won't look like that later in the day!

The single most popular ride in the park - the Indiana Jones Adventure - is about a 2-minute walk away from Club 33. So after a leisurely breakfast everyone will have plenty of time to get there before the park opens. Pirates of the Caribbean and the Haunted Mansion - two other big attractions - are right there too. The new Tomorrow Land just opened on 22 May. Many changes are apparant and everyone will enjoy the new 3-D movie "Honey, I Shrunk The Audiance".

FACT SHEET

4th PSYOP Group MINDBENDERS Association Reunion

(As of 5/20/98)

WHAT: 1998 REUNION "WEST COAST ADVENTURE"

WHEN: 1-4 JULY 1998

WHERE: Buena Park Hotel, 7675 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620
(Adjacent to 'Knotts Berry Farm' and five miles from Disneyland)

WHY: To have a good time and renew old acquaintances

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Special group rate of \$69.00 plus taxes per night for up to four persons per room. Make room reservations directly with hotel (800) 422-4444 or (714) 995-1111. Please inform the reservation agent that you are with 'The 4th PSYOP Group Mindbenders Reunion' in order to receive this rate. Although **1 June, 1998 is the cutoff date for our room block and special rates**, it is recommend that reservations be made as early as possible because Knotts Berry Farm is a very popular attraction. All additional guest charges are to be paid by the individuals concerned.

REUNION REGISTRATION FEES: (Tentative per person - includes taxes/gratuities)

Business Meeting (Coffee/Sodas) \$ 1

Banquet (includes Disk Jockey) \$32

Disney Breakfast at Club 33*

Adults (12 and over) \$37

Children (3 to 11) \$33

(*Currently limited to first 76 applicants; includes park admission)

Administrative Fee (per family) \$ 5 (Non-Refundable)

Magic Castle (Pay as you go: \$38 flat charge at door; includes admission, shows, dinner, tax and tip; no one under 21 admitted)

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Travel arrangements are the responsibility of individuals concerned. However, air-fare discount arrangements have been made with Northwest Airlines for a discount off the current lowest published round trip fares into Orange County, Ontario, Los Angeles and San Diego airports. (Not valid with other discounted fares such as senior and under \$100 fares.) Tickets must be purchased through Mr. Gordon Eisert at 'All Points Travel' in Louisville, KY. Phone (800) 627-6468. Please mention '4th PSYOP Group Mindbenders' reunion. For those traveling by air, regardless of the airlines, it is recommended that tickets be purchased as early as possible for lower fares.

<u>Travel Window</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Ticketing Days Before Departure</u>
6/28/98 to 7/8/98	%10	60+ Days
	% 5	0-59 Days

MINDBENDERS MEMBERSHIP:

Not required for reunion attendance. All interested PSYOPERS (and families), whether members or not, are encouraged to join us at the reunion. Non-members may also join us at the business meeting, however they will not be permitted to vote on matters brought forth by the membership. Persons interested in joining should contact our roster chairman, Rick Hofmann, at (703) 762-5629 or E-Mail at hofmann@delmarva.com.

Cancellation Policy:

We will attempt to accommodate reunion registration cancellations or changes prior to 1 June 1998 with fees refunded as appropriate. However, because of deadlines invoked by conditions beyond our control, banquet fees will not be refunded after 1 June 1998.

For additional reunion information contact our reunion chairman:

Hammond Salley
1669 S. Inez Way,
Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 956-2546
E-Mail: hsalley@concentric.net

**1998 REUNION "WEST COAST ADVENTURE"
1-4 July 1998**

REUNION SCHEDULE: (Tentative)

Wednesday, July 1st 1998

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm **Registration and Hospitality Room open**

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **Reception and Cocktails**
(light Hors d'oeuvres w/ cash bar)

Thursday, July 2nd 1998

9:00 am - 12:00 am **Registration and Hospitality Room open**

9:30 am - 12:00 am **Visit with 306th PSYOP Company**

10:00 am - 10:00 pm **Open Time.** This would be an excellent time to visit Knots Berry Farm or other amusements in the local area.

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Magic Castle.** For those interested, selection of three magic shows in old Hollywood Gothic mansion.

Friday, July 3rd 1998

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Registration and Hospitality Room open**

6:30 am - 10:00 pm **Disneyland.** A full day's event, especially for all the kids. Includes breakfast at Disney's exclusive Club 33 for first 76 registrants.

7:30 - ? **Slide show.** Member's photos of 4th Group in Vietnam. Hospitality room.

Saturday, July 4th 1998

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Registration and Hospitality Room open**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm **4th PSYOP Group Mindbenders Association Business Meeting** (Cypress Room - may terminate earlier)

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm **OPEN TIME**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Cocktails (Cash Bar) (Valley View Room)**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Buffet Dinner (Valley View Room)**

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Dancing, music provided by a DJ (Valley View Room)**

Sunday, July 5th 1998

Departure

Registration Form "Mindbenders West Coast Adventure"

In order to register for the reunion, please clip, complete and mail this form along with your check or money order registration fee(s) payable to the '4th PSYOP Group Mindbenders Association' to Hammond Salley, 1669 S. Inez Way, Anaheim, CA 92802. After 1 June 1998, certified checks or money orders are required. Walk-ins at the reunion will be required to pay in cash or travelers checks and will not be guaranteed seating at either the Disney Breakfast or the banquet.

Name: _____
Last, First

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: H () _____ B () _____ FAX () _____

E-Mail _____

How many will accompany you? ADULTS: _____ CHILDREN: _____

Attendee Names (for Name Badges): _____

What is your anticipated arrival date (day of month)? _____ June / _____ July 1998

Will you be staying at the Buena Park Hotel? YES: _____ NO: _____

[Remember, hotel reservations are the responsibility of individual attendees. Please make room reservations directly with hotel (800) 422-444 or (714) 995-1111. Inform the reservation agent that you are with 'The 4th PSYOP Group Mindbenders Reunion' in order to receive the special \$69.00+ tax per night (for up to 4 people) room rate.]

Reunion Fees (per person) (includes taxes and gratuities:

Business Meeting (Coffee/Soda)	\$ 1	x	_____ attendees	=	\$ _____
Banquet (includes Disk Jockey)	\$32	x	_____ attendees	=	\$ _____
Disney Breakfast at 'Club 33' (includes full day in park but currently limited to first 76 applicants):					
Adults (12 and older)	\$37	x	_____ attendees	=	\$ _____
Children (3 to 11)	\$33	x	_____ attendees	=	\$ _____
Administrative Fee (per family) (Non-Refundable)	\$ 5	x	_____ Family	=	\$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Interested in visiting with the 306th PSYOP Company on Thur. 2 July? YES: _____ NO: _____

A Special Welcome to Ed Rouse

Within the past couple of months, we've made a very special acquaintance with a fellow named Ed Rouse. Although not a veteran of the Viet-Nam war, Ed was a Psywarrior with the 4th PSYOP Group after Viet-Nam, serving most recently with the 4th in Operation Desert Storm. Clearly an expert on the theory and practice of psychological warfare, Ed has recently joined our Association and has already made a major contribution on our behalf. Ed has created an Internet Webpage dedicated to PSYOP's, a portion of which he has dedicated to our fallen brothers from Viet-Nam. You can find this very special memorial at the following Internet address:

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html>

Ed retired from the Army with the rank of Major in 1992. He served in the 1st Psychological Operations Battalion from 72-75. He returned to Ft. Bragg's Smoke Bomb Hill in 78-81 where he was assigned to the United States Army Institute for Military Assistance to work on the design and development of instructional material for the revised Special Forces Qualification Course. In 90-91 Ed returned to the 4th Psychological Operations Group and served with them in Desert Storm. It is a genuine pleasure to welcome Ed to our Association, and thank him sincerely for the beautiful memorial he has created for our lost brothers.

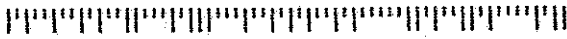
JUST A REMINDER

Membership dues are \$60.00 for FIVE year memberships, or \$15.00 annually (\$10.00 after July 1). All enrollments (\$15.00) received after November 1 will be applied to the following year's dues.

Please make your checks payable to "Mindbenders" and forward to:

***Rick Hofmann
5 Van Dyck Drive
Wilmington, DE 19809***

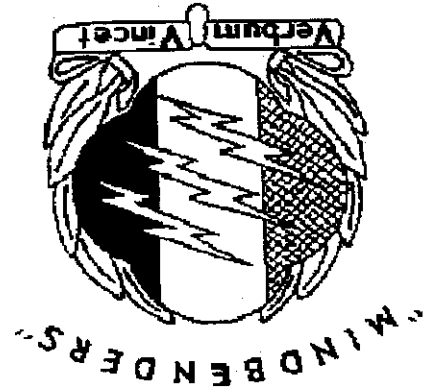
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