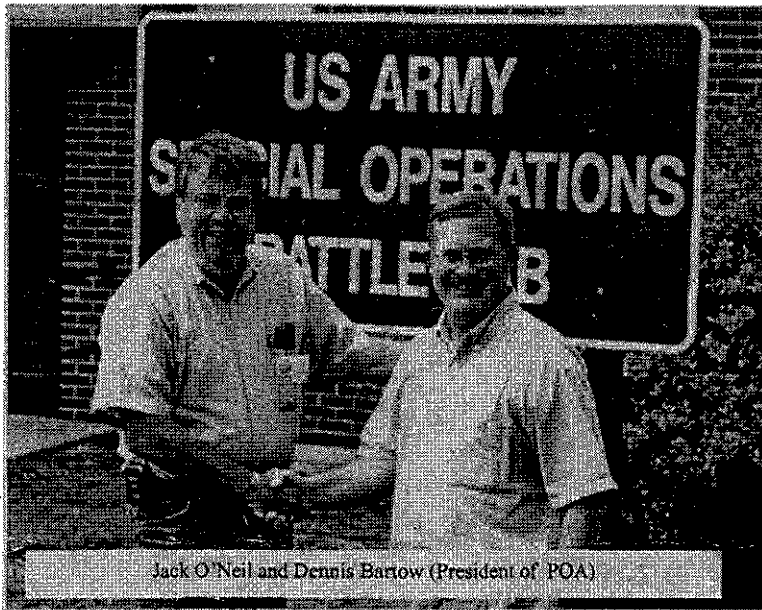


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Jack O'Neil and Dennis Bartow (President of POA)

Over the many years I have written to you, no matter what hat I was wearing at the time, I have always found that the words have flowed. Today, they don't.

POVA has accomplished much, especially over the last few months. Several more of our members have addressed graduating classes of psywarriors at Ft. Bragg. These have included Col (ret) Dr. Al Paddock, Vice President and former President Rick Hofmann, Col (ret) Mike Charlton and myself. Chad Spawr, former President and co-Founder has just returned from Ft. Bragg, where on 3 September he presided as POVA's representative at another Regimental Pinning. Chad also made office calls with Major General Altshuler, Col Jack Summe and others in the Special Warfare community at Ft. Bragg.

We have maintained our commitment to unity with those who have followed us in the profession of military psychological operations, to the point where we are now much sought after as speakers and exemplars of the craft. In our own way, we are still serving.....through others, but serving nonetheless. Unity and service are what POVA is striving for. Yes, we get together every two years and that will continue.

But, I ask you, isn't there more that we can do? I believe there is. Many fine veterans' organizations have started just as we old "Mindbenders" did in 1988. Outfits like the 1st Air Cav Association, the Special Forces Association, and many more. These organizations do what we at POVA are capable of doing: form a larger organization, support the active duty organization from which they came (e.g., Division, Regiment, etc.), and continue to support the Veteran community.

There is much discussion about formation of a Regimental Association to support the Army's Psychological Operations Regiment. I have long supported such an Association, and believe both POA and POVA can play vital roles in its formation. Such an Association can create a home for all Psywarriors, including those on active and reserve duty and the PSYOP veteran community. It can be done. What a legacy to leave behind.

In the coming months, some of you will be asked to participate in the "PSYOP Hero" program at Ft. Bragg. This program recognizes veteran psywarriors for their very honorable service, and allows us to serve as role models and exemplars for young soldiers just entering the military PSYOP profession. I am proud to have participated in this wonderful program. What an

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Jack visited SP4 Nathan Barnes at Womack Army Hospital

opportunity to serve! Even though a lot of us are still working, retired or otherwise busy, taking out two or three days to share our history with these young people is worth it.

Earlier this summer, Cindy, Sean and I had the pleasure of hosting Col (ret) Charlie Borchini, former 4th PSYOP Group commander, and his son Charlie, jr here at our home in New Hampshire. We spent quality time together for a couple of pleasant days.....isn't that what POVA is all about?

In the coming months we are going to support the first annual CAPOC golf tournament at Ft. Bragg, which will also help POVA. We are bringing more and more of us together, from all over the world everyday. we continue to grow, bring old friends together and take care of our own. We can do better. It will take your support, your contribution and your spirit. We can prevail.

I remain Loyally, Jack O'Neil President POVA

Congratulatory Note

POVA would like to extend our congratulations to CAPT Dave Albanese on his recent promotion to Major, a promotion well deserved!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forward 6-1-03		\$831.26
Income	Expenses	
Dues \$70.00	Postage \$265.90	
Donations \$45.00	Flowers \$165.50	
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	(SFA) \$100.00	
Total Income \$115.00	Total expenses \$576.40	
Balance on Hand 9-9-03 \$414.86		

Submitted by
Frank Coburn (Assisted by Hazel)



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REUNION 2004 INFORMATION

from your Reunion Chairman, Tony Newcomb

Well folks, it's time to make those reservations for July 2004. First, take a look at what's on the agenda.

Thursday, July 15th will be check in day at the Fayetteville Holiday Inn Bordeaux. The Hospitality room will be open, and our Historian, Tom Brandt's complete display will be set up! We'll have name badges for you at the Hospitality room, and a final agenda.

Friday will be a comprehensive tour and briefings of the new PSYOPs facilities at Fort Bragg, and most of you will be amazed at the strides that have been made in PSYOPs, ever since Desert Storm! A tour of the Special Operations Museum just up the road from the hotel will top off the day. Friday evening can be spent in the Hospitality room, or there are any number of interesting things to do such as the Cameo Theater downtown Fayetteville that shows oldie movies.

Saturday morning is our Membership meeting, with elections for the Board, as well as several other important things, including the 2006 reunion. While we are doing the meeting thing, the ladies have a special breakfast to attend, followed by a bus trip and tour of the Botanical Gardens, the Cape Fear Museum, the Fayetteville Heritage Square (old colonial homes!) and the wonderful Rose Garden at the Fayetteville Technical Community College. We plan to have a golf outing for Saturday afternoon, just in time for the ladies return, for our Tiger Woods wannabe's. And Saturday evening is our dinner and ceremonies.

Sunday is checkout day.

Get your reunion reservations in to Rick now, and you will receive in return a visitors guide and map of Fayetteville/Ft Bragg. Reunion cost, which includes our Saturday night dinner, is \$55 per person, \$110 per couple. Kids under 16 eat free at the hotel. The hotel is surrounded by other eateries, too, both fast food and sit-down restaurants most within ½ a block of the hotel. And don't forget your swimsuits, as the hotel has a great outdoor pool.

Make your hotel reservations by calling the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, at 910-323-0111 or 800-325-0211 and then email or drop a short note to Jack to let him know so we can keep abreast of the numbers.

Psywarrior Website

Attention POVA Members:

Herb Friedman and I are working on an article for the "Psywarrior" website that will identify the PSYOP Order of Battle during the Vietnam War. As you can image, this is a very difficult endeavor, but in the long run it will honor all of the personnel who worked in PSYOP during those difficult years.

We ask for assistance from the POVA membership in identifying the Commanders of each of the PSYOP units and their approximate dates of command. In addition, we ask the readers to visit The "Vietnam Order of Battle" and "PSYOP Command and Control in Vietnam" draft pages below and review the information we have posted.

<http://www.psywarrior.com/VietnamOBPSYOP.html>

<http://www.psywarrior.com/VietnamCommanders.html>

Any feedback; corrections, additions and/or deletions, as well as any anecdotes or information that Vietnam era PSYOPers might like to share about their experiences in Vietnam would be appreciated. The data is raw right now. We need to verify places and dates.

Eventually this will be your page. It will be where you send people when they ask, "What did you do in Vietnam." We want and appreciate your help.

Ed Rouse and Herb Friedman



1st Annual **"CAPOC Golf Classic"**

GATES FOUR COUNTRY CLUB

6 November, 2003

Start Time - 1230 - "Shotgun Start"

Tournament Format - 4 Man Best Ball

Open Division & CA/PSYOP Team Division

Trophies for Division Winners

Awards Dinner & Ceremony Following Tournament Play

Door Prizes, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin Awards

Entry Fee - \$50.00 per Player / \$200.00 per Team

Will Accept Individual Entries - First 144 Entries Accepted

Entry Includes Cart, Greens Fee and Awards Dinner

"SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE"

For Information and Entry, Contact MAJ Paul Warren, 432-7716

email warrenp@soc.mil

I have been working the coordination for the golf tournament for the past 2 months. The tournament information is as follows:

WHEN: 06 NOV 2003, Shotgun Start 1230

WHERE: GATES FOUR COUNTRY CLUB, Fayetteville NC (In the Hope Mills Area)

FORMAT: We will accept up to 100 individual entries. Cost for Greens Fees + Cart is \$36 per person. Recommend playing one of two formats - either Captains Choice or Four-ball Best Ball. The 4 Ball Best Ball would probably keep the scores from getting too low. We may be able to raise the entry fee slightly, but we might shut out some entries if we do that. I think we can get away with an entry fee around \$50.00 if we have excellent incentives. We can also raise additional money with Long-Drive and Mulligan purchases.

POST TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES: Gates Four has an excellent Banquet room, which is part of a new clubhouse. They can cater a dinner at a reasonable cost. I currently have a copy of their menu and they offer a Buffet as well as individual entrees.

SPONSORSHIP: Intent is to access several primary sponsors and get smaller sponsorship for each hole, to include Hole-in-one cars and cash for 2 of the Par 3s. The sponsorship piece will be the challenge over the next two months and require a significant amount of legwork.

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TITANIUM

There I was riding my bike after finishing a pool workout of 2000m. It was a beautiful Carolina morning and I had a couple of miles to ride to my office where I would put on my uniform to attend the Group Change of Command. The scene changes dramatically as the next moment I'm tumbling uncontrollably. Earth, sky, earth, sky, earth, sky. When I landed on the pavement I could see that my lower left leg was not good. It took the full impact of the car's bumper that had hit me.

One never knows what a day may bring. I knew that my future months, maybe years, were going to take on a very different complexion from what I had planned. I quickly stopped thinking about the long term and decided to focus on the immediate, "Hold on for the ambulance, get to the ER, take x-rays, get to surgery, begin physical therapy." Moment by moment. One thing at a time. Day by day. Every day stronger. Every day closer.

I am now two months out from the accident and am in a reconditioning phase, which includes swimming, stationery bike, and running in the deep end of the pool with a flotation devise. I expect full recovery, but how long that will take still remains unknown. My Christmas list is one deep – to be walking again, but it may be sooner, may be later.

This could be very discouraging considering how much I love to be out seeing soldiers in the Mata Mile and across Ft. Bragg in the mornings during PT or participating in a Group airborne op or visiting our soldiers downrange doing what they do best. From the time I hit the road and throughout the past 8 weeks, God's strength, peace, and joy – yes, even joy, has never left me. I have not been discouraged. I can honestly say as Nehemiah said during trying times, "The joy of the LORD is my strength."

God's word is true. God's promises are good for eternity. There is no expiration on God's word. In Isaiah, God promises that all those who hope in the LORD, their strength will be renewed (Isaiah 40.31). I know its true because God has confirmed that promise in my own life these past two months. There may be stainless steel in my leg, but there is titanium in the core of my being because God is there.

Many of you reading this devotional have had tough times in your life and in your family. You may be experiencing an incredible challenge right now. My prayer for you is that you walk hand in hand with the LORD each day and when hard times come you will lean on God who never disappoints and never abandons.

"I can do all things through [my LORD] who strengthens me."
Philippians 4.13

Karen Meeker
Chaplain

Note of Thank You

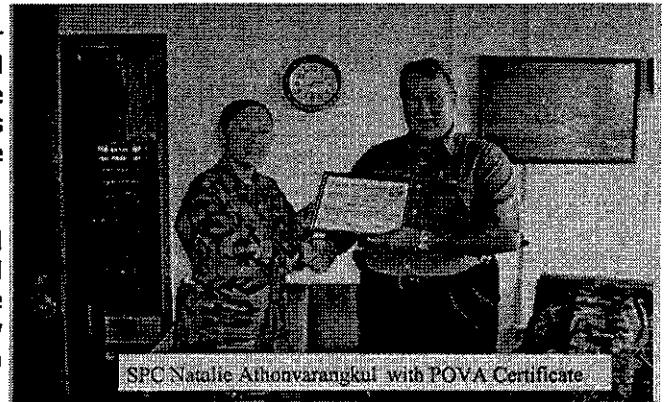
I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of POVA for the visits, e-mails, prayers, cards, and flowers during my recent hospitalization. Your encouragement has been like fuel for me in my recovery and rehabilitation. Thank you for making a difference and God bless you.

RECENT TRIP TO FT BRAGG

Submitted by Chad Spawr

I arrived at Ft. Bragg at approximately 1430 on Tuesday 2 Sep; after checking in at the Airborne Inn on post, I visited D Co, 3d Bn, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (A), which is located on Merrill Road near Smoke Bomb Hill. Although I was not expected to arrive on this date, I was nonetheless pleased to meet 1LT Zegadlo, Co XO. The remainder of the Co leadership was completing a parachute drop that afternoon.

I arrived at D Co at approximately 0845 on Wednesday 3 Sep 03, and met SPC Natalie Athonvarangkul, who has been my primary contact and intended escort for my visit. SPC Athonvarangkul introduced me to the other company officers and NCO's as they were available. I then a few minutes with MAJ Scott Sill, D Co CO; I was also introduced to 1SG Tom Miller and other cadres as they came to the building.



SPC Natalie Athonvarangkul with POVA Certificate

At approximately 0930, SPC Athonvarangkul escorted me to Co B 3d Bn to meet the unit officers and NCO's. I spent a few minutes speaking with MAJ JP Morgan, CO. We discussed the SWTG training program and briefly reviewed the training of the new SW soldiers.



CSGM Gaspar, Maj Sills, Chad Spawr, LTC Boyd, and 1SG Miller

From Co B., I was escorted by SPC Athonvarangkul to the Special Operations Academic Facility (SOAF), a relatively new and very modern multi-story training facility for Special Operations academic training. We visited a classroom occupied by PSYOP students; I was invited to speak to them briefly, and spoke about how vital their work will be; and relayed to them how much better prepared they will be to do their PSYOP work than we were during our times in Viet-Nam.

We departed SOAF, and drove to Bryant Hall. This is the HQ for the SWTG; I was introduced to CSGM Gaspar, senior NCO for 3d Battalion; we spoke briefly and I was then escorted to meet LTC Curtis D. Boyd, Commanding. CSGM Gaspar is an extremely impressive and articulate chief NCO, who immediately commands respect. He is an excellent example of senior NCO leadership.

I was left alone briefly with LTC Boyd; we discussed current deployments and their effects on the Special Warfare force structure; ongoing training activities for new soldiers, and briefly discussed my role in the Regimental pinning activities to be conducted that evening.

LTC Boyd and I then drove to US Army Special Operations Command (USASOCOM) HQ to meet with MG Herbert L. Altshuler, CG of the US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC). While awaiting the General, we met CPT Brittain London, Aide de Camp, and COL Mike Seidl, USACAPOC G3. We then met with MG Altshuler. During our conversation, the General made it very clear that he strongly endorses creation of a Regimental Association to support the Army PSYOP Regiment. He recounted failed efforts to force a merger of POA and POVA, a move which I confirmed was not possible. However, the General indicated clearly that a confluence of interests must be found between four key publics vital to a Regimental Association: the academic/intellectual public which is represented by POA; the veteran community represented by POVA; the current PSYOP force structure both active and reserve; and the soldiers to be trained and deployed into the PSYOP force structure, this interest being represented by the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (A).

The General strongly encouraged the various publics to find common ground in support of a Regimental Association while at the same time preserving those aspects of their own existence which were important to them. There is no need to disappear if a Regimental Association should be created. He also highlighted the need for a strong coalescing leader to pull the parties together, and the need for a source of funding to provide resources for the new Regimental Association to conduct its activities.

I committed to MG Altshuler that POVA would work with the current force structure and SWTG (A) as we have been doing to promote their interests and those of a Regimental Association, and would also work to create linkages with POA to identify and resolve any issues which may currently exist to prevent future cooperation and collaboration. The General was clearly pleased with our commitment and cooperation. The meeting with the General, planned for 10 minutes, lasted almost 45 minutes, and was very successful.

Following our departure, LTC Boyd and I had lunch with several of the SWTG (A) drill sergeant cadre. We then returned to Co D, whereupon I confirmed my schedule for the remainder of the day; at this time, SPC Athonvarangkul and I visited briefly with 4th POG assistant Chaplain CPT Karen Meeker, who continues her recovery from a badly broken leg. CPT Meeker is in great spirits and very appreciative of the cards and flowers sent by POVA. I briefed her on my activities during my visit.

I then returned to Bryant Hall to link up again with LTC Boyd. We traveled to 4th PSYOP Group (A) HQ for a meeting with COL Jack Summe, Commanding, and CGSM Steve Carney. COL Summe had just returned the previous day from Korea, had endured oral surgery, and had just completed a parachute jump. We discussed POA and POVA's relationship, and reviewed the conversation with MG Altshuler. COL Summe strongly encouraged POVA to continue its visibility with the active and reserve POG's and to work aggressively in support of a Regimental Association. He also said he was a member of POA but seldom hears from them. Given the deployments



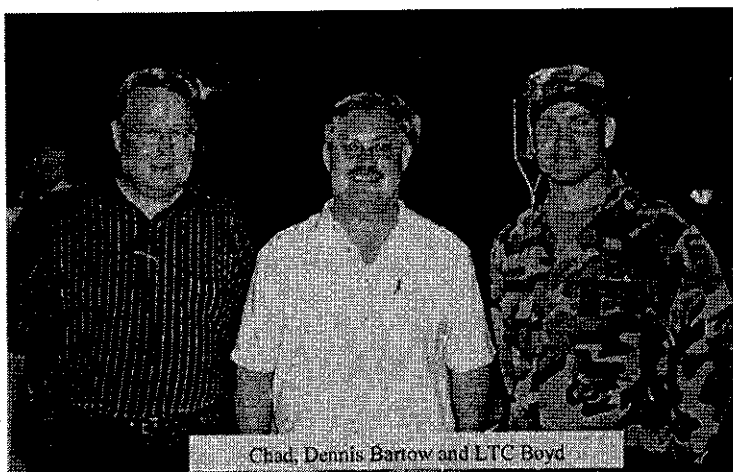
of 4th POG soldiers, his command is under great pressure and will not likely be very active with POVA for the near term. He does, however, appreciate our commitment and support of the POG, and wants to see a viable REgimental Association created to benefit his soldiers and all other psy-warriors. After taking some photos, we departed 4th POG.

After dropping LTC Boyd back at Bryant Hall, I returned SPC Athonvarangkul to her office, and went back to my quarters for some personal time.

Prior to arriving at my quarters, I stopped at the Special Warfare Battle Lab to meet with LTC (Ret) Dennis Bartow of POA. Although I had no appointment, LTC Bartow readily met with me. We had extensive discussion about my meeting with MG Altshuler and the need for POA and POVA to find common ground from which to support a Regimental Association. We both assured each other that neither was inimical to the other; we recognized that we have different

missions and goals, but support for a Regimental Association should be one of those we have in common. He agreed. As we discussed our respective publications, it was clear that we both are facing financial shortfalls as we attempt to keep our newsletters in front of expanding memberships.

LTC Bartow offered to assist POVA in converting its newsletter issues to Adobe Acrobat format to facilitate email distribution thus dramatically reducing cost. He offered this as a way to promote cooperation between POA and POVA, and I told him I would take this offer to our leadership. I strongly endorse acceptance of his offer. We agreed further that we would begin to identify areas and issues for further discussion, and would explore all possible issues to identify those which may provide for cooperation as well as for those which may require additional conversation. I invited LTC Bartow to attend the Regimental pinning dinner and activities; he did so and was readily welcomed by the other officers in attendance.



I returned to D Co at approximately 1800, met briefly with MAJ Sill, and then departed for Pope AFB with SPC Athonvarangkul. We then participated in the evening activities which included dinner, LTC Boyd's introduction of me as Regimental Hero, my comments to the assembled soldiers, the Regimental pinnings, and then conclusion of the evening. I participated in the pinning of the PSYOP graduates, speaking to each one personally.

Chad Spawr
4th Group Liaison Officer

Smart, Dedicated, Prepared*By Rick Hofmann*

The ceremonies took place in the rain.

Those who've spent any time at Ft. Bragg in the summer might remember those long, soaking rains - the ones that don't leave a square inch of dry fatigue anywhere on your body.

The event was the Super Supper, planned as an open air feast of steak, corn-on-the-cob and the trimmings served to 54 soon-to-graduate PSYOP and Civil Affairs students.

Few, I believe, will forget the experience. Nor will they forget the rain flavored steak, corn and mashed potatoes & gravy served in a pine tree bordered, too small drop-zone by the same officers and cadre who'd made their lives so "interesting" over the previous months.

I'd been invited to attend the ceremonies, and to say a few words to the students, by LTC Curt Boyd, Commander, 3rd Bn., 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

The invitation covered both the Supper ceremonies, and the opportunity to see, first hand, how the new crop of Psyop and Civil Affairs soldiers are being trained for their tasks all over the world.

It was an enlightening experience. What I saw was a group of smart, dedicated young men and women working hard to prepare themselves for their PSYOP missions - where ever the new world order might send them.

I saw, in a kind of "pick a country out of a hat" exercise, groups of students expanding their minds, working hard to get out of their own cultural mind-set to understand the political, economic, social, cultural, linguistic, religious and historical elements of countries as diverse as China, Bhutan, Korea, Bolivia and Djibouti.

The contrast of that exercise to the "training" we received before being deployed to Vietnam was stunning.

I also had an opportunity to see the variety of languages offered to our new Psywarriors, and how they're taught. Students have the benefit of both native speaking instructors in a wide range of European, Asian and Middle Eastern languages, as well as full computer based language labs.

Again, there's a bit of a contrast to the experience many of us remember.

Then there's the hardware. Including a full 50,000 watt radio station, capable of broadcasting any audio format known to man, housed on the back of a Hummer.

Same-same television. Live broadcast, vhs, s-vhs, three-quarter inch, BetaCam, 8mm digital; PAL, NTSC you name it, they can broadcast it. Cramped quarters, maybe, but air conditioned.

Local printing is also accomplished off the back of HummVs. No more wet negatives, striping and plate making though. It's all digital now, delivered via satellite.

Soon, the new Psywarriors would experience the second part of their initiation into the PSYOP/CA community.

The most impressive part of the new PSYOP character, however, isn't the training capabilities, or the hardware, or the PSYOP specific MOS -- 37A.

The most impressive part of the new PSYOP character is within the men and women, active duty and reserve, who've chosen PSYOP and CA as their military career fields.

I had the opportunity to speak with quite a few of our new brothers and sisters and am convinced of their patriotism and absolute dedication to the PSYOP mission.

After the Supper, I was also honored to participate in the second part of the new students' rite of passage - the Regimental Pinning. Each new PSYOP and CA soldier stood tall - in the rain - as the regimental crest was pinned to their fatigues, officially inducting them into the PSYOP Community.

I had the honor, and pleasure of shaking the hand, and looking into the eyes of each new member of the PSYOP / CA force.

If the class I saw was any indication, our craft is in good hands. They're smart, they're dedicated, and they're prepared. The craft is in good hands. I'm proud to welcome them as our new brothers and sisters.

2003 U.S. MILITARY PROMOTIONS

Submitted by Capt Dave Albanese

THEME PARKS:

COMPANY: ANHEUSER BUSCH - Seaworld/ Busch Garden Theme Parks

PROMOTION: "Heroes Salute"

OFFER TIME: May 23-November 11, 2003

DETAILS: FREE 1 day Admission to all Anheuser-Busch theme parks including SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as four of their direct dependents. Must obtain form from ITT. For details, go to www.seaworld.com

COMPANY: UNIVERSAL - Orlando

PROMOTION: "Military Appreciation Program - Bonus Pass"

OFFER TIME: May 13-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: Free 5-Day Bonus Pass for active duty military, Reservists, and National Guard. The Bonus Pass is valid for Universal Studios® and Islands of Adventure® for a 5-day period from the first day of visit. This pass also includes the CityWalk Party Pass. Military ID must be presented to the front gate admissions to obtain this special pass. Additional Family and Friends: Up to 5 people can purchase the Bonus Pass at a 50% discount of \$49.95 plus tax. Dependent spouses with a military ID may purchase this pass if the active member is still overseas. For more information, call 407-363-800 or visit www.universalorlando.com

COMPANY: DISNEY - Disneyland/California Adventure

PROMOTION: "Disney's Armed Forces Salute"

OFFER TIME: May 12-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: FREE 3-Day Ticket good for admission to both Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure(tm) parks. active U.S. military personnel may make a one-time purchase of 3-day Disney's

Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets during the offer period for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends for \$39 each. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military.

COMPANY: DISNEY - Disney World, Florida

PROMOTION: "Disney's Armed Forces Salute"

OFFER TIME: May 12-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: FREE 5-Day Ticket good for admission into the Walt Disney World theme parks, two Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more. Each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket during the offer period. During the offer period, active military personnel may also make a one-time purchase of this same ticket for \$99.95, plus tax, for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military.

DISNEY ARMED FORCES SALUTE DETAILS:

- ξ "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" theme park tickets can be obtained only at Main Entrance ticket windows.
- ξ Active military personnel (or, if they are not present, their spouses) must present proper military identification.
- ξ To purchase the tickets for family members or friends, the service member must show the complimentary ticket issued to them.
- ξ Activated members of the National Guard or Reservists (or, if they are not present, their spouses) must also show active duty orders.
- ξ Tickets for family members or friends may be purchased only by the active service member or spouse, not both.
- ξ Last day of use on "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" theme park tickets is no later than December 19, 2003.
- ξ A valid ID may be required for admission.
- ξ This offer may not be combined with any other offer.
- ξ Walt Disney Parks and Resorts ticket information is available at military base ticket offices.

HOTELS:

COMPANY: DISNEY - Disneyland Resort Hotels, California

PROMOTION: "Disney's Armed Forces Salute"

OFFER TIME: May 12-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: Disneyland Resort Hotels are offering room rates for active military personnel at a 40 percent savings per night, based on the non-discounted price of the same room. This offer is available most nights during the offer period, and the number of rooms available at this savings is limited. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military. For reservations call 714-956-6424

COMPANY: DISNEY - Disneyland Resort Hotels, Florida

PROMOTION: "Disney's Armed Forces Salute"

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COMPANY: UNIVERSAL - Portofino Bay Hotel, Orlando, Florida

PROMOTION: "Military Appreciation Program"

OFFER TIME: May 13-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: Universal On-Site Hotel, Portofino Bay Hotel offers a 40% discount with military ID from 5/13/03 - 12/19/03. For reservations call 800-292-7827.

COMPANY: UNIVERSAL - Hard Rock Hotel, Orlando, Florida

PROMOTION: "Military Appreciation Program"

OFFER TIME: August 17-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: Universal On-Site Hotel, Hard Rock Hotel and Royal Pacific Resort offer a 40% discount. For reservations call 800-292-7827.

COMPANY: UNIVERSAL - Royal Pacific Resort, Orlando, Florida

PROMOTION: "Military Appreciation Program"

OFFER TIME: August 17-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: Universal On-Site Hotel, Royal Pacific Resort offer a 40% discount from 8/17/03 - 12/19/03. For reservations call 800-292-7827.

COMPANY: DAYS INN/TAMPA NORTH - Busch Gardens/Adventure Island

PROMOTION: "Military Appreciation Package"

OFFER TIME: August 17-December 19, 2003

DETAILS: 40% Off Regular Prices At Our Newly Renovated Hotel. Ask For SRP Code LPMA - \$29.95 (1-2 Adults/rm.)+tax. Includes free, hot breakfast, Free Busch Gardens Tickets. Under 12 stay free Call Toll Free 866-895-6584 or www.the.daysinn.com/tampa05280

COMPANY: RAMADA - Orlando

PROMOTION: "Military Rate"

DETAILS: military rate of \$45 (+ tax and based on availability). Visit www.ramadaorlando.com or call 800-327-1363.

OTHER TRAVEL:

COMPANY: DISNEY - Disney Cruises

PROMOTION: "Disney's Armed Forces Salute"

OFFER TIME: June 19-December 18, 2003

DETAILS: Disney Cruise Line is extending special rates to active military personnel. Disney Cruise Line offers 7-night cruise vacations to the eastern and western Caribbean, and 3- and 4-night

cruises to the Bahamas. On select sailings from June 19-Aug. 24, rates start at \$379 for a three-night cruise, \$429 for a four-night cruise and \$799 for a seven-night cruise. On select sailings from Aug. 28-Dec. 18, rates start at \$349 for a three-night cruise, \$399 for a four-night cruise and \$599 for a seven-night cruise. All rates are valid for standard inside staterooms. The number of staterooms available at these special rates is limited. For more information or to book a Disney Cruise Line vacation, military personnel can call Disney Cruise Line at (888) 325-2500.

AIRFARES:

US AIRWAYS, "Salute Savings" April 21-December 31, 2003 (travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004)

Special fares for U.S. military personnel as low as \$79 each way, based on roundtrip purchase. Under the "Salute Savings" program, fares must be purchased roundtrip and are available for travel originating in the U.S. to destinations across the US Airways system, including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. For information on these fares, military personnel or their military I.D.-carrying family members should contact their commercial travel office. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least three days in advance of departure. One Saturday night stay is required, and a maximum 30-day stay is allowed. Seats are limited, and other restrictions apply. Fares are available to the immediate families of members of the Armed Forces when the member is part of the traveling party. An immediate family member is defined as a parent/guardian, spouse/partner, or child.

America Airlines - System-wide fare sale for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families
 American Airlines announces a new system-wide fare sale for travel exclusively for members of the U.S. military on active duty and their dependent family members. Members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, National Guard and Reserves on active duty and their dependents are eligible. The special fares require only a three-day advance purchase and are available to all 250 airports worldwide served by American and American Eagle for travel through February 12, 2004. Reserva-

tions may be made by contacting American Airlines Reservations at 1-800-433-7300, and may be purchased at any American Airlines ticketing location or travel agency. We apologize, but these special military fares are not available for purchase on AA.com. Because of the unique nature of these fares, verification of military status for members of the armed forces and their dependent family members must be done in person. Active-duty I.D. card or tan active-dependent I.D. required for purchase.

Alaska Air and Horizon Air are cutting fares by 40 percent for active and reserve military and their immediate families traveling with them. Ask for the "Thank you Fares" which will be valid for travel through Feb. 12, 2004, but must be purchased by Sept. 30 of this year. Travel must originate in the United States and requires a Saturday-night stay-over and a three-day advance purchase. To book "Thank You Fares" call Horizon at 800/547-9308 or Alaska at 800/ALASKA-AIR (800-252-7522). The airlines also have special bereavement and medical emergency fares.

ATA is offering free travel for immediate family members of wounded Active military personnel. It's extending this free service to family member who need to travel to attend funerals as well. Call 800/435-9282 and ask for ATA's "Military Family Travel Assistance Program".

Continental Airlines is waiving advance purchase requirements and minimum stay requirements for family of members of the US armed forces who were injured in Iraq. Call 800/468-7022 for more details.

United Airlines is offering an additional discount off it's normal "emergency" and "bereavement" fares. The program is called the "Special Care Fare". Call 800/864-8331 to learn more.

Mika Mäkeläinen, a reporter from Finland, who is presently in Camp as-Sayliyah, Qatar, wrote an excellent article on PSYOP. The article is called "US Steps Up Propaganda War". It contains quite a lot of previously unpublished information about the Iraqi mission of Information Radio and Commando Solo. You can read the article at:

http://www.dxing.info/profiles/clandestine_information_iraq.dx

MILITARY RECORDS

Submitted by Norton Newcomb

The National Personnel Records Center has provided the following website for veterans to access their DD-214 online: <<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. Please see the details below. Point of contact is Lyn Krout, linda.krout@us.army.mil

DSN 458-1755 or commercial 410-306-1755.

NPRC initiates online records request procedures

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online web site.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. Veterans and next of kin may access this application at <<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>>. Please note there is no requirement to type "www" in front of the web address.

Army's 'PSYOPs' Media Center A Special Kind of Weapon

*By JAY PRICE
Raleigh News & Observer
July 02, 2003*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Except for the woodland-camouflage dress code and a discreet lack of windows, the new building - with its state-of-the-art digital television and radio production rooms, studios and printing presses - could easily belong to a sophisticated marketing firm.

In a way it does. But the "firm" is the U.S. Army's 4th Psychological Operations Group, and its "products" are whatever messages the Defense Department wants to sell.

The group held an open house Monday to show off its new \$8.1 million Special Operations Forces Media Operations Complex. It was a rare look inside the Pentagon's central production facility for "PSYOPs" products such as fliers, posters and television and radio segments aimed at the hearts and minds of, well, those the military wants to persuade.

Since 9/11, those have included civilians and enemy troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. More than 150 million fliers, all of them produced at Fort Bragg and many of them printed there, have been spread over those countries, said Col. James Treadwell, the 4th POG's commander. About 16,000 hours of radio messages produced by the group were transmitted to Afghan listeners and another 4,000 hours to Iraqis, he said.

The psychological-operations campaign in Iraq reportedly cost tens of millions of dollars and has been called the biggest in history. It centered on Arabic-language leaflets and radio and television scripts designed by the 4th POG to encourage mass surrenders and erode support for Saddam Hussein.

PSYOPs troops are still in Iraq, but their efforts have shifted to calming and winning over civilians.

Like a marketing company, PSYOPs soldiers often perform marketing studies before designing products. They also conduct detailed analyses of results. Army officials say it still may be a few months before the official report on the Iraq effort is complete. Civilian experts say the campaign probably had mixed results, but still likely saved thousands of lives on both sides by taking some of the fight out of the Iraqis.

PSYOPs has been busy lately, and not just in Iraq and Afghanistan: The staff of the media complex is supporting nearly 900 PSYOPs troops spread across 13 countries, Treadwell said.

Until now, the PSYOPs troops had to make do with facilities scattered around the base in several buildings, many of them pre-dating the Vietnam War. The Pentagon's willingness to invest in the new media complex is a sign of its growing confidence in the value of PSYOPs, he said.

"This facility marks past success and emphasizes our potential for future contributions," Treadwell said.

Lots of future contributions: The four new presses can churn out 1 million leaflets in a single day. The new, fully digital presses and audio and video equipment could cut the amount of time it takes to produce a given product by 20 percent or more.

Thanks to Col Affleck for this article !!! Jack O'Neil, Rick Hofmann and I (Tony Newcomb) got to see it in January, still under construction, and we'll get the full tour next July !!!

Filing VA Disability Claim

Dear Sir:

I was assigned August 4, 1967, to the 6th PSYOP Bn (Commander LTC David W. Affleck) in Saigon. I later worked as a press operator, for the first few months with the 246th Psyops at Bien Hoa. In late 1967 I was transferred to Cu Chi, a field team with "Helping Hand" attached to the 25th Infantry Division. In the TET Offensive in the first part of 1968, I was transferred to a small Arvin compound called PK17, just north of Hue, where we ran with a mine sweep company clearing HWY 1 into Hue.

I contracted Hepatitis. I spent several months on a hospital ship called the USS Sanctuary. After recovering, I was promoted to Sgt. E5, and reassigned to 244th Psyops Co. where I was a Field Team Leader in Quang Tri Province, attached to the First Cavalry where we did Search and Destroy missions in the A Sha Valley. We were trying to convert Chieu-hoi's.

The purpose of all this information is to find documentation of my existence in the afore mentioned companies. I am trying to document my whereabouts at that time to the Veterans Affairs, to confirm that I had contracted Hepatitis during my tour of duty and possible PTSD from these combat missions. I've had problems since arriving back into country in 1968, and was just made aware of the possible connection 30 years later. Can you help direct me to the right sources for retrieving this information? Thank you for your time and cooperation with this matter

Sincerely,
James D. Carlisi

RA 18775391

Reply...

Sir;

I don't know who told you that you had to document your existence with the various companies, etc while in Vietnam to be eligible for your disabilities, hepatitis, Diabetes Type II or PTSD. None of this is necessary. For PTSD you must have at least one "stressor", and for Diabetes Type II, all you need is your DD214 that shows you were in Vietnam. If you have Hep, your medical records should reflect that, and again, that's all that's necessary.

I recommend that you contact your nearest Vietnam Veterans of America chapter, or AMVETS, and ask to see one of their advocates. They will assist in acquiring your old medical records, and know how to do the paperwork and will track it after it you file it. They can also help you write up your stressor(s) for PTSD. There is no need for you to "prove" that you were anywhere at any given times. This is a myth, and if someone advised you in that manner, I would avoid that person, as they are full of BaMiBau as well as some other things best not mentioned here, and you're welcome to tell them that I said so.

If you have a Vet Center within reasonable distance, you need to go there and get involved with their counseling groups - this can go a long way in your claim for PTSD. If you would tell me the town and state you live in, I can locate the nearest Vet Center for you.

Norton Newcomb

New E-Mail address? Let Us Know

Keeping your e-mail up to date in our records is just as important as your snail mail address.

Not often, but from time-to-time we may need to contact you about things going on in your area, or asking you for information only you may have.

For example, we helped the daughter of one of our KIAs find out about her dad, and we're currently looking for anyone who knew Sgt. Edwin Bunz, 6th Bn. 1967-1968. And sometimes those requests really can't wait for the next newsletter. So we send e-mails directly to those who might have known the individuals concerned.

So please, make sure we have your correct e-mail address. If you've changed recently, or if you're not sure we have your e-address, just drop a note to rg@psyop.com. We'll update the records.

Many thanks,
Rick

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 \$20 per year, or \$80 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, 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.

Sincerely, and Welcome Home
Rick Hofmann

JUST A REMINDER

Membership dues are \$80.00 for FIVE years or \$20.00 annually.

All enrollments (\$20.00) received after November 1 will be applied to the following year's dues.

"Life Member" - One-time dues of \$200.00.

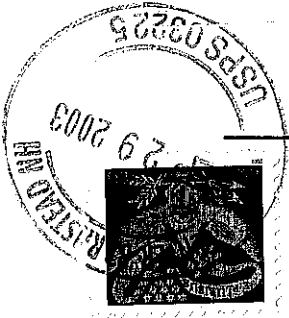
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Dear fellow POVA members,



Command Sgt Major 3rd Batt, 1st SWTG, Steve Gasper presenting Jack with CSM Pin

What a time for our country. What a time for our troops. What a time for Psyops and Civil Affairs. Iraq is on its way to total freedom for the first time in decades and Psyops was there from the onset. I ask you to join me in congratulating our men and women on a job extremely well done. We are very proud of these Psyopers, Special Ops and Civil Affairs soldiers. They accomplished much, and as of today none of our Psyopers/Civil Affairs people were hurt. Special Ops lost several young men, both killed in action and wounded. They are and will remain in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless them all and their families.

The last few months have been busy, fulfilling and challenging. In March, I was invited to Ft. Bragg to be the guest of honor at the Regimental Pinning of our newest Psywar/Civil Affairs enlisted class. It was a wonderful experience. Major Kyle Reidle, my escort officer kept me running from the time I arrived till departure. I was taken to many different areas where our future soldiers are trained. I was given the chance to speak to several classes of trainees. What I found, was profound dedication, patriotism and commitment in these young people. The future of our military and of our country are in good hands. They are trained by some of the best I have ever had the chance to meet. To name a few, MSG D. Jackson, SFC W. Tilley and many others. The dedication and long hours put in by these cadres is paying off ten fold. These troops will and are performing well. Upon graduation many are going on to jump school, then back to Ft. Bragg or other facilities for more training in various fields.

Today's Psyoper/Civil Affairs soldiers are trained in every aspect of their potential "Target Audience". We (I) hope to see many of these young men and women at our reunion(s). Also, with Rick's help we continue to distribute membership certificates to all graduating classes, both officer and enlisted. As we get new members and lists of names Rick pumps them out, I sign 'em and off they go. LTC Curt Boyd has been an inspiration to all, along with Command Sgt Major Steve Gasper and so many others on the staff. All treated me wonderfully and I'm extremely humbled and grateful.

While on this trip, I met with Col Jim Treadwell, commanding officer of the 4th Gp. We discussed many topics, and we both feel that the RA is slowly but surely coming together. Back in January, when Rick, Tony and I met with Jim, LTC Mike Seidle, Major Doug Jordon (wrongly identified in last newsletter as Major Denny) and others we made a promise to Jim that we would help get the RA "off the runway". We at POVA are doing that. Along with that, we are working closely with the new Honorary Colonel Larry Deitz in achieving our goals, while not losing the focus of POVA. While at the 4th I was honored to present several membership certificates to members of the staff. Some of these were Major Jason Rock and Captains Mike Pate and Lowanda Roberts. Welcome to POVA!!!

With the help of Stan and Major Warren of Col Boyd's staff we are forging ahead with the first annual "POVA Golf Tournament". The dates,



Jack presents membership certificate to Capt Lowanda Roberts, 4th Group,S-1

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hopefully will be sometime in the first two weeks of November. Stay tuned for further information on the website and in the September issue.

Finally, a big thanks to all who have responded to some of our members, who have been under the weather, both veterans and active duty folks. They have felt the love and caring that separates POVA from the rest. You are the best.

In closing, I have sad news. Pitney Bowes may be leaving us, a victim of the economy. We will be forever grateful for their years of service. Let's hope they can ride it out and come back stronger than ever. Later this week, I will be formulating criteria for fund raising on a corporate and national level. If successful, we can achieve our dreams of helping out the "entire" Psywar community. I ask for your help and guidance. Thanks.

Have a great and safe summer. The "Hotel O'Neil" is open for visitors. I remain,

Loyally,
Jack O'Neil President & Co-founder POVA

Dear Members,

In the next couple of weeks I will be kicking off our fund raising. I will be writing letters to some rather heavy hitters. As an example, the CEO of Burger King. Information provided by Stan Michelsen. I hope this will be the start of a successful venture. I will give you the basics:

1. Our Tax ID # is 37-1240688. This number should be included in all letters and requests for donations so as those who do chose to donate money, can have a legal write off, wether it be for \$10 or \$10,000. Hopefully, one of our new corporate friends will provide "matching" funds for any non-corporate donations we receive.

2. The purpose of our fund raising is simple. We want to provide a fund so as to be able to award scholarships and create a "soldier's relief" fund to assist any of our "families" in need, especially those who might loose a loved on while on duty, Killed in action or accident. We can be there if we have the funds. Also our veteran community is getting on and we don't know when POVA may be called upon. With a healthy treasury we can be there.

3. Finally to continue our promise to make the Regimental Association a viable part of the Psywar Community.

That's pretty much it in a nut shell. Any ideas, contacts or info you feel we can use please forward to myself or any of your board members.

Your support is needed. I know I can count on you. God Bless

With Thanks
Jack O'Neil President POVA

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Balance Forward (2-15-2003)		802.78
Dues	555.00	Holiday Inn (deposit)	600.00
Donations	250.00	Postage newsletter	126.00
		Postage	50.52
Total Income	805.00	Total Expenses	776.52
	Balance On Hand (5-31-2003)		831.26

Submitted by
Frank Coburn (Assisted by Hazel)



Important Phone Numbers for Members & Families

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Unsuspecting Messenger

(Story reprinted with permission from Guideposts)

It was a gray February afternoon, but my dad began thinking of flowers. He was on his way to my sister's birthday celebration and he wanted to take her a bouquet. She lived at the time near Pittston, Pennsylvania, about thirty miles from his home. He searched without success for a florist. Then he spotted a mom-and-pop-type grocery store. *They will know*, he thought.

An elderly woman was coming out of the store as he pulled over. When he asked about a florist she had a surprising reaction: Her eyes brightened and a smile brought a blush to her cheeks. "Flowers?" she said. "Someone's getting flowers today?"

"Yes. It's my daughter's birthday."

The old woman directed him to a nearby florist. He tried to thank her but she turned quickly and walked away.

He purchased a colorful bouquet for his daughter at the shop. He also decided to take a remembrance to the woman who led him there – an exquisite red rose.

He drove back to the grocery store and the clerk behind the counter nodded when he described the old woman. "She comes in nearly every day," she said.

"Would you give her this?" he asked.

"A rose!" said the woman said with excitement. "She's been saying a special prayer for five days and today is the fifth day!"

"What does that have to do with the rose?"

"It's a message from God," she explained. "She told me that if she received a rose on the fifth day, God had answered her prayer."

He left the store as they made plans to deliver the rose to the old woman. When he arrived at the birthday celebration, he shared the story of what had just happened. Everyone listened with awe at the mysterious ways of God.

May God bless you as you walk in faith and devotion each day.

Chaplain Karen Meeker
Ft. Bragg

Note from the Editor:

It appears that I made a serious mistake in the last newsletter. I inadvertently identified Doug Jordan as Major Denny in error. My most deepest apologies.

In addition:

Chad Spawr informed me of the following:

Seems my email address in Credibilis still shows the old "comcast" address.

It should be:

spawrtan@wideopenwest.com

Thanks to all who submitted articles, bios, etc. My apologies to those who's submissions do not appear in this newsletter, but as you can see there was just not enough space to 'squeeze' it all in. I will attempt to incorporate them in the next newsletter.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER REPORT JUNE 2003



First, I want to remind you all that our reunion at Ft Bragg one year from now (July 15 – 18 2004) should be TRIPLE interesting because the war is (virtually) over and because of the critical role that PsyOps played in Iraq and will continue to play in it's peace !! The new 4th PsyOp Groups buildings will be completed and occupied and we've got tons of interesting things planned for everyone, including the distaff side, like a visit to the Botanical Gardens, and a "ladies only" breakfast !

Here's a picture of our hotel, the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, one of the largest convention centers in the South. Get those calendars marked for July 15th thru the 18th!

INTEREST LOWERED ON VETERANS LOANS

The Federal government has just announced the lowering of interest rates on all VA Loans. This is a great opportunity for all Veterans to lower monthly payments, sometimes by as much as \$200 or more per month. No money is needed up front and in many cases it comes with the added benefit of one months payment relief. For more information, contact you local VA loan office.

CERTAIN VETERANS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR COPAYMENT REFUNDS

WASHINGTON (April 25, 2003) - Veterans insured by the Hartford Life Insurance Company or the USAA Life Insurance Company may be eligible for a refund of their VA copayments. In a recent settlement with the Department of Veterans Affairs and a coalition of insurance industry groups, Hartford and USAA paid VA approximately \$11.1 million. The settlement involves payments for care provided by VA to insured veterans with Medicare or Tricare supplemental coverage from Jan. 1, 1995 through Dec. 31, 2001. VA will notify by mail those veterans who may be eligible for refunds according to records on file. Other veterans who believe they may be eligible for a refund may obtain a claims application form by calling a special toll-free number (1-866-258-2772) between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday. They also may download the application from the VA website at www.va.gov/hottopic/ <<http://www.va.gov/hottopic/>>.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PTSD

A program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs—The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was created within the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989, in response to a Congressional mandate to address the needs of veterans with military-related PTSD. Its mission was, and remains: To advance the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans through research, education, and training in the science, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and stress-related disorders. This website is provided as an educational resource concerning PTSD and other enduring consequences of traumatic stress. Go to these websites:

<http://www.ncptsd.org/> also -- <http://www.va.gov/rcs/>

Purple Heart Stamp To Be Issued

Posted on Wed, Apr. 30, 2003

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -The Purple Heart, the nation's oldest military decoration, will be commemorated on a new postage stamp to be issued May 30.

"With the issuance of this stamp, the Postal Service, along with the rest of America, can pay tribute to the men and women whose sacrifices have given all of us a country that is truly the 'land of the free and the home of the brave,'" Postmaster General John E. Potter said in a statement.

Originally a "badge of distinction for meritorious action," the Purple Heart now is awarded to members of the U.S. military who have been wounded or killed in action.

The formal first day of issue ceremony will be held at Mount Vernon, George Washington's estate in Virginia.

Washington ordered creation of the Purple Heart in 1782, during the Revolutionary War. It was known as the Badge of Military Merit and consisted of a heart-shaped badge of purple cloth. The award was not continued after the Revolutionary War, but was reinstated by the War Department on the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, Feb. 22, 1932.

The current decoration consists of a purple heart of metal bordered by gold and suspended from a purple and white ribbon. In the center of the medal is a profile of Washington beneath his family coat of arms.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, the organization for combat-wounded veterans, says it is the oldest military decoration in the world still in regular use and was the first decoration available to the common soldier.

The 37-cent stamp features a photograph of a Purple Heart awarded in 1968 to James Loftus Fowler, a Marine lieutenant colonel, following action in Vietnam.

The new stamp will be available at post offices nationwide beginning May 30.

ON THE NET

U.S. Postal Service: <http://www.usps.com>

The Library is Open. Have something to share?

Submitted by Rick Hofmann

The POVA on-line library is open. www.psyop.com/library



Group – all from the early 1950's.

In addition to the unit histories, insignia and historical links we've collected, we're now receiving additional information from members. That material includes both photos and written remembrances, is beginning to fill in some of the gaps in our psyop history.

Most recently, Bill Ross and Tom Majors, for example, are providing information on the 7th Psyop Gp., Okinawa.

Mike Paschkes, Alan Miller, Bob Richards and Frank Haas, have provided information on the early days of psyop from the 5th Loudspeaker and Leaflet, and 8th Mobil Radio Broadcast Co.; the 107th Radio, Broadcast and Leaflet Bn., and the 2nd Loudspeaker and Leaflet co., 6th Loudspeaker and Leaflet

These in addition to the Vietnam era materials we've received from a number of our members.

These additions - and the photos, patches and other memorabilia you may have in your basements and attics - are important. They help fill in the picture on what psyop is and where it came from. They give us a perspective on how our craft has evolved over the years - and how it's stayed the same.

And most importantly, what we share through the library gives the new men and women coming in to Psyop and Civil Affairs a sense of who they are, what they're a part of, and the proud lineage psychological operations.

So the library is open. If you have anything to share, please do. Send materials electronically to rg@psyop.com. If you have materials, to be scanned and returned to you, please send them to:

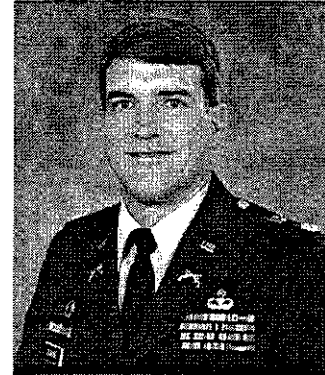
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The Joint Staff, The Pentagon



Colonel Jack N. Summe United States Army



Colonel Jack N. Summe was born in Rochester, Indiana and attended school in Warsaw, Indiana. He received a Regular Army commission in May 1978 from the ROTC program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Purdue University and a master's degree in International Relations from the University of South Carolina.

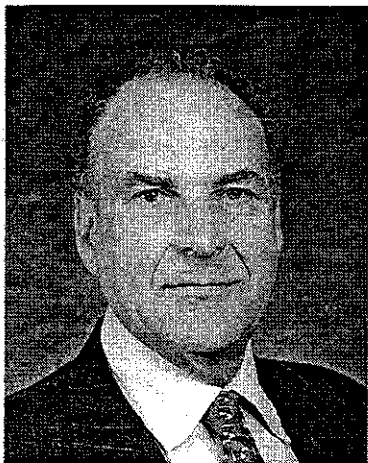
Colonel Summe has served in command and staff positions within various Military Police and Psychological Operations Organizations. As a Military Police Officer, he served as a Platoon Leader with the 720th MP Battalion and as Executive Officer and Acting Commander of the Fort Hood Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Hood, Texas. He then Commanded the 2nd MP Company, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea and went on to serve as the Operations Officer, Deputy Provost Marshal, and Acting Provost Marshal for the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

As a Psychological Operations Officer since 1990, Colonel Summe served as the Executive Officer of the 8th PSYOP Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC and the 8th PSYOP Task Force, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, providing PSYOP support to U.S. Central Command throughout Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After returning to Fort Bragg, he served as the Chief; Plans, Programs and Force Development for the 4th PSYOP Group (Airborne). Colonel Summe then served as a PSYOP Staff Officer and a Strategic Planner for the Directorate of Strategic Plans and Programs at U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida. Most recently, he commanded the 1st Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC. Colonel Summe is currently serving as the Chief, Psychological Operations Division of the Information Operations Deputy Directorate of the Joint Staff.

Colonel Summe's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Assistance Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He holds the Joint Staff Badge, is an Army Master Parachutist, and holds the award of Paracaidista Comandante from the Venezuelan Army.

Colonel Summe is a graduate of the MP Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Advanced Investigative Management Course, the Special Warfare Regional Studies Course, the PSYOP Officer's Course, the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, VA, and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. He is also a U.S. Army Strategist and designated as a Joint Specialty Officer.

Colonel Summe is married to the former Loretta Moore of Anniston, Alabama. They have two daughters, Jessica and Jennifer.



Colonel Dietz – POVA Intro

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the second Honorary Colonel of the PSYOP Regiment (HCOR). The military has always been and will always be an essential component of my life. I have been married for 33 years, a father for 31 years and a soldier for 27 years. My wife and I have two sons and two grandchildren. We have lived in California since 1978, except for a two-year stint in Atlanta.

I was born in Brooklyn, New York and lived there until the 10th grade when my family moved to Suffolk County on Long Island. I worked my way through Northeastern University in Boston through their 5-year work-study cooperative education program and ROTC. While in ROTC I was active in the National Society of Scabbard & Blade. My wife has always been a part of my military career, perhaps due to the fact that our first date in 1965 was a Scabbard & Blade pledge party.

My 27-year military career was centered around the Army Reserve. I was commissioned a 2 LT in MI in 1968, attended Basic Signal Officer training at Fort Gordon, GA and received ASA EW Cryptologic Officer training at Fort Devens, MA. My first assignment after training was in RVN, where I functioned as a Radio Research Platoon Leader and COMSEC Officer. After fulfilling my 6-year obligation I was discharged in 1974.

After a while I felt that I was missing something by not being in the military, that sooner or later I would be old and need a pension and that this crypto thing might be important later on. I applied for reappointment as an officer. After a year's worth of waiting for the paperwork to clear I was reappointed as a CPT in 1981. My first reserve assignment was to command an ASA Company in California. My next assignment was as a Strategic Intelligence Officer in a Strategic Military Intelligence Detachment. After moving to Atlanta, I commanded an MI Company at Dobbins AFB in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon our return to California I was a training officer at a USARF school, which nearly drove me crazy. I sought other, more challenging assignments and joined the 7th PSYOP Group in 1989 as FD (Strategic Intelligence) Team Leader, later serving as the Group S-2, X-0, and S-3. In 1994 I was selected to command the 353rd PSYOP BN (later renamed the 12th POB) until 1998.

In July 1997 I was recalled to active duty to serve as the Deputy Commander of the Combined Joint Information Campaign Task Force (CJICTF) at the Stabilization Force HQ in Sarajevo from July 1997 to February 1998. After turning over my command to my XO, I assumed duties as G-2, 351st Civil Affairs Command from October 1998 to November 2000. I'm proud to say that each of the two subsequent 12th POB Commanders were former company commanders or BN staff officers under my command. My final assignment prior to retirement in April 2002 was Information Operations Officer at USSOCOM. Military schools included Command & General Staff College and the Army War College where I graduated as a retiree in July 2002. I'm a life member of the Viet Nam Veterans Association (VVA), a member of the Reserve Officer Association (ROA), and an Associate member of the Special Forces Association (SFA).

On the civilian side of the house I've been involved in the computer industry in marketing, market research, sales, and customer support. I harnessed my early military background to work as a research analyst in the field of information security and I'm currently the Director of North American Enterprise Marketing for Symantec, perhaps better known as the company that provides Norton Anti Virus.

You could say I'm a compulsive learner have earned MBA and JD degrees in the U.S. and a Master of European Law from the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom.

I was pleased to submit my name as a candidate for the HCOR as a way of giving back something to the service, and of course staying more connected to the military community.

Ar-600-82, Paragraph 6-1b defines the mission of the Regimental system "to enhance combat effectiveness through a framework that provides the opportunity for regimental affiliation, develops loyalty and commitment,

fosters an extended sense of belonging, improves unit esprit, and institutionalizes the warfighting ethos." The regulation also states that Regimental or corps associations may be established to support the honorary positions (Paragraph 5-4d) and implies that these associations would support the mission of the Regimental system.

It is my intent to employ the role of HCOR to further these ends, support PSYOP soldiers, past, present, and future, and to promote a positive image of the PSYOP community. I hope to serve as a catalyst and build on the fine work of COL Paddock and to enlist the support of the PSYOP community to create a proper Regimental Association that incorporates the spirit of PSYOP and builds on our strengths to shape an enduring future.

We are fortunate to be served by two different and complementary PSYOP associations and I'm pleased to have membership and a kinship in both. In my role as HCOR I have established a dialogue with POVA and POA and look forward to working with both organizations for the betterment of all. Each organization has its own unique strengths and can make a solid contribution to the future of PSYOP and the Regiment.

In closing, I welcome your thoughts, feelings, and input. I travel quite extensively in my business so e-mail is the best way to reach me. I do my best to hit the information highway no matter where in the world I happen to be. You can reach me at COLLDD@aol.com.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with a quote from one of my personal heroes, President Theodore Roosevelt: "...the man who really counts in the world is the doer, not the mere critic-the man who actually does the work, even if roughly and imperfectly, not the man who only talks or writes about how it ought to be done."

Let us all commit to be doers together.

Military Officers Group Changes Name

Tony Newcomb, Veterans Service Officer

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) is no more. Effective Jan. 1, it became the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

MOAA, founded in 1929, historically has pursued legislative and policy actions on a variety of active duty, Reserve, and National Guard issues, in addition to its heavy and effective focus on lobbying for military retiree programs.

However, MOAA officials say that those active duty efforts have not always been understood because of the word "retired" in the organization's name. They say that this factor also has deterred membership among some active duty, Reserve, and National Guard personnel, plus recently retired officers embarking on second careers.

"The new name better reflects the total membership composition and what the association does for all of them," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., president of MOAA. "We believe the change is in our members' best interests for future organizational strength as we lobby for them and a strong national defense," he added.

Although a majority of MOAA's 387,000 members are military retirees or survivors of retirees, more than 30,000 members are now on active duty, including those in the Reserve and National Guard. Former officers also may be members. MOAA began the transition to its new name on Jan. 1, but will use "formerly TROA" in its logo until Oct. 1, 2003.

MOAA's magazine changed its name on Jan. 1, 2003, from *The Retired Officer Magazine* to *Military Officer*. The new web site address is www.moaa.org.

Visit to Fort Bragg

MIKE PASCHKES REPORTS ON A SPECIAL VISIT HE AND MARY MADE TO FORT BRAGG

Early in March, on our way back to New York City from spending a couple of months in Florida, I made arrangements with Capt. Dave Albanese for Mary and me to visit Ft. Bragg, which is the center for Special Ops, so important in the Iraq and other wars. Dave is the SOUTHCOM Operations Officer for the US Army Civil Affairs and Psyop Command (Airborne), and a POVA member.

It's a good thing Dave was able to meet us at the entrance to the base and get us through, since our car was loaded to the roof with luggage and stuff, and the guard wanted to see everything! It would have taken hours to take everything out and put it back!

Anyway, Dave was most hospitable, and gave us some very interesting materials, which I'll describe later. While on the base we visited two wonderful museums: the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, and the 82nd Airborne Division War Memorial museum. The latter shows the history of that infantry division since its founding in 1917. It went airborne in 1942. There is a fascinating account of its activities not only in combat but also in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations, and an aircraft park of old planes, including troop carriers. There is a special exhibit on five Medal of Honor winners, including Sgt. York.

Of even more interest to us was the JFK Special Warfare Center. Its mission is "to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret significant historical property related to the history of special operations in the US Army, including the Special Forces and Civil Affairs branches, the Ranger Regiment, the functional areas of Psychological Operations and Aviation, and its predecessor organizations from the American colonial period to the present. As an educational institution, the museum will support training and education for military and civilian personnel."

That's quite a handful, but it doesn't begin to describe how magnificently the work of so many is shown, including, of course, the work of the 4th Gp. 6th Bat. in Vietnam. The museum publishes a beautiful quarterly magazine "Special Warfare" full of current and historical information. It's distributed free at the museum, but subscriptions can be obtained through the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Gov't. Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Curiously, there is a Psyop Association in Canton O., but I haven't had time to find out more about it. There is a newsletter published by the museum association. Anyone interested can get in touch with me.

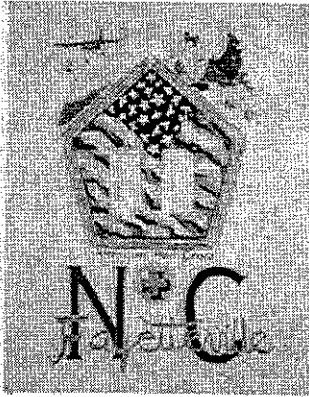
Dave Albanese gave us a folder with some fascinating materials: 1) a history of Operation Allied Force, the war in Yugoslavia, where 104.5 million leaflets were dropped; 2) a comic book in Spanish (his area of expertise) using Superman and Wonder Woman to teach kids how to avoid the danger of land mines which, apparently, can be found in several South American countries, and 3) some samples of leaflets dropped in Panama and Afghanistan. Our thanks again to Dave for helping to make our visit so informative.

Having had my basic training in 1951 in the 540th FA Bn at Ft. Bragg, before transferring to Ft. Riley and the 5th L&L, I was able to stop in at the FA Division Hq. and get some clues as to what happen to the 540th. Apparently this kind of information is stored in the National Archives.

Of course, Ft. Bragg is located near Fayetteville, NC, where there is now a remarkable Airborne and Special Ops museum. It claims to have launched "the only permanent archive and internet service that preserves the shared history of airborne and special operations soldiers, both active-duty and veterans." One can enroll online in "Roll Call" to record army and post-military experiences for future generations at www.asomf.org. There's a lot there of interest to children.

In all, our visit was emotional, inspiring, informative and downright wonderful. We look forward to our reunion in 2004 to see everyone and everything all over again.

Of Special Interest



POVA member 1st Lt. Julie Sager wins 1st place with an original painting in the Miscellaneous category at the 2003 American Red Cross of North Carolina Communication Excellence Awards. The painting honors Fayetteville, NC American Red Cross volunteers that served at the site of the World Trade Center & Pentagon terrorist attacks. 1st Lt. Sager also won a 2nd place award for press release photography. An accomplished photographer & artist, Julie served in Imagery Production in the US Air Force. She continues to serve the nation as a 1st Lieutenant and Public Affairs photographer in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and is an American Red Cross Disaster Team volunteer.

WHAT POVA MEANS TO ME

What has POVA done for Frank and I? Where do I start? I guess in 1993, we had missed the reunions in 1990 and 1992, after several phone calls we decided to meet Duane Yeager, Al Forgacz and Gary Conley in Ohio, at Gary's home.

We went in March thinking the weather would be good, HA HA. The worst blizzard in 20 years was only a small part of our trip.

I can remember vividly walking in the front door at Gary's house, Al and Bobbie Forgacz were already there; my husband of 20 plus years, suddenly was 18 again. I had not heard him laugh so much and so long with anyone before. He was like a teenager. I had gotten so used to him not wanting to go anywhere there would be a lot of people. Wanting to be only in "comfortable places", home, work or with his family, I really had no idea how much his time in VietNam had effected him.

He had seldom really talked about anything relating to his service there, I just took for granted that it was not a very memorable time in his life. WAS I EVER WRONG!

I have all of you to thank for giving me my husband back. He is not the same person he was 10 years ago. He is more outgoing than ever, he loves to go places and do things. We have traveled more in the past few years than when he was still in the Army.

Our children have noticed the difference in him. He is more thoughtful and caring than ever.

Our experiences at the reunions have been wonderful, we have met new friends and seen new places. We have found true friendships that will stand the test of time and distance.

I love all of you. Some of you have become our family. Brothers I never had and sisters Frank never had. Our lives have been enriched and blessed by knowing all of you.

THANK YOU!

Hazel Coburn

PS: Big hugs and kisses to my special guys, Al, Jack, Rick and Chad.

"Wandering Soul."

Imagine sitting alone in the nighttime darkness, the distant rumble of B-52 and artillery fires in the distant. Maybe you can even feel the vibrations of the far-off explosions of the weapons falling from the sky. The night is full of the distant sounds of war, the buzz and sting of hundreds of mosquitoes, the blood trails on arms and legs from the thousands of blood-sucking leaches. You're never quite sure just what that strange sound nearby is.....a jungle animal, a snake seeking a meal, perhaps an American recon team looking for you. Your senses are on edge, you haven't eaten a decent meal in weeks, your body aches from the dampness, from the fever of the malaria that devastated your body, and from the long walk down the Ho Chi Minh trail, only to find yourself living in a damp bunker with poor food, filthy water, wet clothes, and the ever present danger of Allied bombs, ambushes, and artillery. In a word, you're scared. Then, as if in a bad dream, a wailing terrified voice comes from a distance.....the voice of a man who says he has died far from home, away from his loved ones, his parents, wife, and children....he has died in combat in a strange land, his body left broken and bloody and nobody has buried him and he must wander endlessly in eternity because he wasn't buried with his ancestors in his ancient homeland.....a Wandering Soul lost in the agony of eternity, terrified of the unknown of "forever," searching endlessly for the home and loved ones he will never find.

"Wandering Soul" was a recording made by Allied

psychological operations forces in Viet-Nam to prey on the superstitions and beliefs of the Viet-Nameese people. The terrified voice in the recording describes a man from a far distant homeland, who had come south but who was killed, his body lost forever to his loved ones; a soul released through death to wander endlessly through eternity, never seeking the peace of a burial and reverence of loved ones who have survived him, doomed forever to an eternity of wandering and never finding peace.

The tape was cited by both Communists and Allied Viet-Nameese soldiers as having affected them. While using the tape, many American psychological operations teams were advised not to use it within hearing range of South Viet-Nameese troops for fear of frightening those who themselves were fighting hundreds of miles from their own families. Surrendering Communist troops often cited "Wandering Soul" as having influenced their decision to surrender.

Even for those who do not speak Viet-Nameese, listening to the tape can conjure up images of a lost and terrified soul, wandering in agonizing pain through all eternity, with no hope of peace or redemption.....listen, and imagine how you would feel hearing this wailing terrified voice in the jungle, while you listen to the sounds of the night, the sounds of distant war, suffering the many agonies of soldiers fighting far from home, in fear of being lost themselves for all eternity.....listen to "Wandering Soul."

Did you know Sgt. Erwin Bunz?

We were recently informed of the passing of Sgt. Erwin A. Bunz, 6th Bn., 67-68. His widow, Lucy, would like to make contact with those who served with him in Vietnam.

In her letter to us, Mrs. Bunz wrote"

"Erwin died on Oct. 19, 2002 at the VA in Tucson, AZ. He died from lung cancer at age 58 even though he quit smoking in 1971 and kept himself in excellent shape. I do know he had a friend Larry Miller who applied for Agent O benefits. Erwin worked for Southern pacific- Union Pacific RR so was exposed to pollutants but I can't help if AO wasn't a factor. I know Erwin is in God's hands now. We were blessed with 2 sons, Alex 25 and Matt 21. We miss Erwin terribly. If possible I would like to know about others Erwin was with in Vietnam.

Thanks for your help,

Lucy Bunz"

If you served with Erwin Bunz, please write to Mrs. Bunz at Lucy.Bunz@psyop.com

"Day Is Done"

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock.

In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full mili-

tary burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are ...

Day is done ... Gone the sun ... From the lakes ... From the hills ... From the sky ... All is well ... Safely rest ... God is nigh ... Fading light ... Dims the sight ... And a star ... Gems the sky ... Gleaming bright ... From afar ... Drawing nigh ... Falls the night ... Thanks and praise ... For our days ... Neath the sun ... Neath the stars ... Neath the sky ... As we go ... This we know ... God is nigh.

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

Marlene and I send our love to all - God Bless, Stanley

The Millennium C.D.

Rock City News 'An album with diversity and style. The songwriting skills are first rate. If true originality is the measure of a great album, then Enter at your own risk is off the scale.'

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Jonathan Frakes a.k.a. Commander Riker, Director and Star of "Star Trek: The Next Generation", Director of TV's "Roswell" This album is great. It swings...feels like you're on a beach in the Bahamas or Jamaica, mon!

This may help sales for POVA - to give someone else's review.

Peace, Stanley

Welcome to New Members

Until recently, as one of only two Korean War vets that I know of who are members of POVA, the other being Len Rudy, and both of us having served in the 5th Loudspeaker & Leaflet Co. in Germany, I have been anxious to increase our representation in the organization. I have supplied Rick Hofmann with lists of members of the 5th and the 301st. RB&L Group, but, thus far he has had little or no success in reaching or recruiting these people.

Accordingly I'm happy to announce that, via the internet, I found a new member, Frank Haus, a sergeant in the 2nd L&L which was formed at FT. Riley in 1951 at the same time as the 5th. The 2nd went to Ft. Bragg when we went to Germany. He has a fascinating story to tell and can be reached at franks-tale@yahoo.com. He hopes to come with wife, Aline, to the reunion at Ft. Bragg in 2004.

As I write this, I have just had a call from Peter Dallo who was with the 301st RB&L Group which he joined when we were both reservists there, and with whom I went to high school! He said he would join POVA. There are others with whom I have been communicating as potential new members.

I hope some of our readers will also reach out to people they know to help POVA grow.

Mike Paschkes

P.S. Mary and I will be moving to SE Florida sometime in August. Will keep you posted on our whereabouts.

Maj. Kyle M Riedel, Company Commander 37F AIT.
474 Greywalls Court, Fayetteville, NC 28311

Sent check for 5-year membership.

To quote him, "I have been exceptionally impressed with the willingness of POVA to participate in training the career field's newest soldiers."

New E-Mail address? Let Us Know

Keeping your e-mail up to date in our records is just as important as your snail mail address.

Not often, but from time-to-time we may need to contact you about things going on in your area, or asking you for information only you may have.

For example, we helped the daughter of one of our KIAs find out about her dad, and we're currently looking for anyone who knew Sgt. Edwin Bunz, 6th Bn. 1967-1968. And sometimes those requests really can't wait for the next newsletter. So we send e-mails directly to those who might have known the individuals concerned.

So please, make sure we have your correct e-mail address. If you've changed recently, or if you're not sure we have your e-address, just drop a note to rg@psyop.com. We'll update the records.

Many thanks,
Rick

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 \$20 per year, or \$80 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, 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.

Sincerely, and Welcome Home
Rick Hofmann

JUST A REMINDER

Membership dues are \$80.00 for FIVE years or \$20.00 annually.

All enrollments (\$20.00) received after November 1 will be applied to the following year's dues.

"Life Member" - One-time dues of \$200.00.

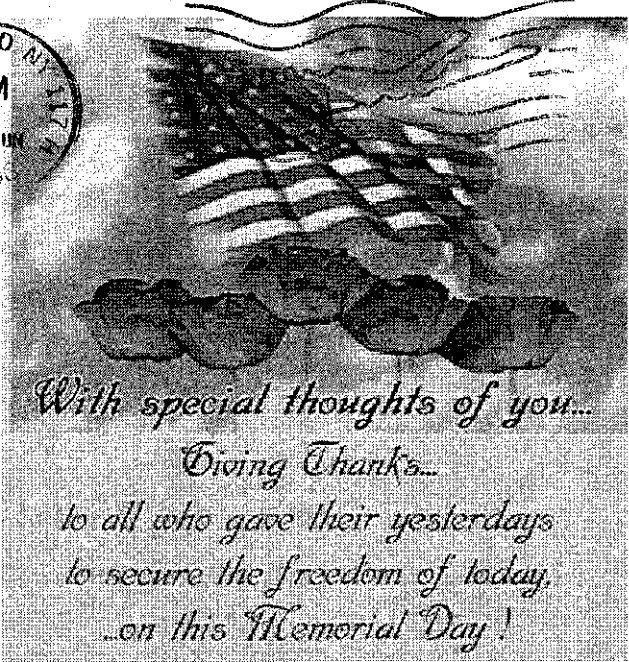
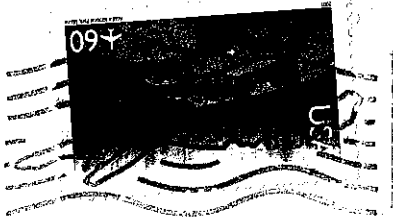
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