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Fellow Psywarriors,

A reminder that our newsletters are now being sent with a link to the file on our website. We've undertaken this delivery method as several ISP's (e.g., Yahoo, AOL, etc.) like to treat emails with several addresses and attachments as "spam." We just cannot convince them that we are a legitimate tax-exempt business communicating with our international members. Oh well. Sorry for any inconvenience.

I hope this issue finds you preparing for a beautiful autumnal season. Of course, for those in the more northerly latitudes, it won't last long enough as we once again prepare to be buried in snow, ice, and freezing temperatures.

Enjoy this issue...there won't be a quiz.

Ahhhh....the life!

C. V. (Chad) Spawr
President

Remembering our Fallen Brother

1LT John Sanford Martin was a PSYOP officer assigned to the original 6th PSYOP Battalion's 244th Company in Viet-Nam. John was from Oklawaha, FL, and was 24 years of age when he died. His family lovingly called him "Sammy." Here is a note from his sister Annie:

"John was born February 26th, 1944 to parents Eva Grace Westbrook and John Jefferson Martin. He had one brother Marshall Kayle Martin and one sister Gladys Ann Wyatt, but she goes by Annie. John graduated from Ocala High School, and then graduated from Florida State University. Four years after graduation, he enlisted into the army. He died on October 8th, 1967. He was on a fixed-wing flight that wasn't supposed to be flying in bad weather, but they went up anyway. The monsoon was so bad they couldn't see the mountain and it blew up."



John Sanford Martin
KIA 10-8-67

Rest in Peace, John. We'll all see you at Fiddler's Green one day.

New POVA Life Members



POVA welcomes new Life Members **John M. Seagraves, Scott Hinton, David Frisone, Jeffrey J. Haas, and James Brady**. In addition, late Life Member **Dwight Blanchard** has been added to the Life Roster. Our early poor records had not included him. POVA's Life Member roster now totals 154. You can view our entire Life Member roster on POVA's website at <http://www.usapova.com/current-members/>

POVA is Proud to Introduce the new CO of the 2d PSYOP Group (A)

12 August was a very special day for the 2d POG and for POVA. Headquartered in Twinsburg, OH, the Group held a Change of Command ceremony. This was reported in the 1 September newsletter.

What made this more special is that the outgoing Commanding Officer, COL Jesse Manning, is a POVA Life Member.....and he was succeeded by another POVA Life Member, COL Andree Navarro. The 2d POG has a long history of outstanding Commanding Officers, going as far back as 1969 when the late COL-Ret David W. Affleck commanded the Group at Ft. Bragg. COL-Ret. Affleck became a POVA Life Member in the early 1990's.

POVA is pleased to introduce COL Navarro.

In 1993, COL Andrée G. Navarro received a two-year Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She graduated from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia in 1995 and commissioned as an Army Reserve Quartermaster officer. COL Navarro began her commissioned service as a Platoon Leader and continued to serve in the Quartermaster Corps in a multitude of tactical level positions at the Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels, to include serving as an Operations Officer overseeing movement of equipment to Bosnia, leading the 849th Quartermaster Company to Iraq, and serving as Logistics Observer Controller/Trainer Team Chief overseeing training and validation of Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan.



COL Andree Navarro

COL Navarro's career as a Psychological Operations officer began in 2008 serving as the Psychological Operations Plans Officer at Headquarters, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). She continued to serve in a multitude of tactical and operational level positions, to include serving as the Executive Officer of the 13th Psychological Operations Battalion, leading the 319th Tactical Psychological Operations Company to Afghanistan while serving concurrently as PSYOP Officer for 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during her deployment as Company Commander, and serving as the Battalion Commander of the 16th Psychological Operations Battalion. COL Navarro's most recent assignment was at the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve as a Plans/Operations Officer.

COL Navarro holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisitions Management, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. She is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, Transportation Officer Advanced Course, Support Operations Course, Psychological Operations Qualification Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Reserve Component National Security Course, Stability, Security & Development in Complex Operations Course, and the Army War College.

COL Navarro's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Honorable Order of Saint Martin Medal, and the Bronze Robert A. McClure Medal.

COL Navarro's fiancé is Senator Troy Carter and they share custody of Millie, their beloved mini dachshund. In her civilian occupation, COL Navarro oversees mission support at the New Orleans Asylum Sub-Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Introducing new POVA Life Member David Frisone



***POVA Life Member COL-Ret.
David Frisone***

Colonel (Retired) David Frisone was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant in 1987 from the Army ROTC program at the University of Akron. His active duty assignments include Platoon Leader and Aide-de-Camp in the 6th Infantry Division, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; Battalion Adjutant and Company Commander in the 1st Infantry Division, Ft. Riley, Kansas; and as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Akron, Ohio. Following active duty, COL(R) Frisone transferred to the Army Reserve and was assigned to the 2nd Psychological Operations Group in Cleveland, Ohio where he served in a variety of command and staff positions culminating as the Group Commander (2010-2012). He completed several overseas mobilizations as a Reserve Component Psychological Operations Officer including deployments to Kosovo, Iraq and Africa. In his last assignment, COL(R) Frisone served as an Army Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer where he deployed in support of Hurricane Matthew and the Republican National Convention while assigned to the FEMA Region V Defense Coordinating Element in Chicago, Illinois. He retired in January 2017 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas with over 30 years of service.

COL(R) Frisone is a graduate of the University of Akron with Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and Master of Arts Degree in Urban Affairs. His military schools include the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder Course, Jumpmaster Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Infantry Mortar Platoon Officer Course, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Leader Course, Battalion Maintenance Officer Course, Senior Army ROTC Instructor Course, Psychological Operations Officer Course, Civil Affairs Officer Qualification Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Medal, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge and the Ukrainian Parachutist Badge.

In his civilian career, Dave serves as a county Drug Task Force Commander in Northeastern Ohio. He and his wife Geri Ann, a former Adjutant General Corps officer, reside in Wickliffe, Ohio.

Developing PSYOP Structure and Capability in the US Marine Corps

Several POVA members have worked with Marines in Viet-Nam and in our nation's seemingly unending conflicts in the 21st century, providing PSYOP support to our Leatherneck brethren. Over the past several years, the USMC has explored creating its own organic PSYOP capability, and has worked with our PSYOP Regiment to plan this new force. While details are still unclear, POVA has been in touch with the Corps' PSYOP leadership about creating a relationship. The



response has been very favorable, and President Chad Spawr and Trustee Miguel Hobbs will meet with the USMC PSYOP leaders in either October or November to initiate conversation.

The USMC has sent its Marines to Ft. Bragg to train in the Regiment's PSYOP Qualification courses for years, and have been actively engaged in providing direct PSYOP support to their war fighters! More to follow.

Possible Expansion to Include Canadian Psywarriors

POVA has been in recent communication with Psywarriors from Canada's Armed Forces, who have demonstrated interest in potentially forming a relationship with POVA. It is not clear what this might mean, but they do not have a POVA-type of organization for their soldiers and veterans. The Canadian PSYOP organization is headquartered in Kingston, Ontario. A visit and further conversation in the near future are being discussed. As POVA has expanded to include our fellow Allied Psywarriors, including our closest neighboring ally may make perfect sense. More to follow.



What is POVA really about?

POVA has worked hard to create a "path forward" to articulate and organize the things for which we organized in the first place. At the 2018 Cleveland Reunion, we briefly discussed POVA's vision and "foundational constructs" by which we will plan for our future. As a pundit once said....."if you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there!" We definitely know where we're going. Here is a very concise summary of POVA's Vision and Principal Constructs. These are articulated in our Constitution:

POVA's Vision

POVA will be the leading organization to reconnect PSYOP soldiers and veterans, execute excellent reunion events, and provide support where needed and applicable to PSYOP soldiers, veterans, and family members and those of our brethren who were lost.

FOUR PRINCIPAL CONSTRUCTS

Reconnect PSYOP soldiers with former comrades and their families and hold reunions for PSYOP veterans and families

A commitment to philanthropy to support PSYOP soldiers, veterans, and their families

Authorize the formation of POVA chapters, which may include acceptance of other veteran organizations as chapters of POVA

Provide the PSYOP Regiment with speakers and instructors to present historical background to all PSYOP personnel

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