



196 Light Infantry Brigade Association



New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial

BY-LAWS

Article I. Title

The Association shall be known as the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association.

Article II. Aims and Objectives

Section 1. To preserve and foster the spirit of fellowship among former and possible future members of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army, and provide an organization through which they may unite in bonds of comradeship.

Section 2. To commemorate the memory of soldiers who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Section 3. To support a national military that will promote stability and peace throughout the world.

Section 4. To foster public understanding and support of the United States Army.

Section 5. To promote and perpetuate those Army and unit traditions that contribute to esprit de corps and superior performance of duty.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association shall be open to any soldier, active, retired or honorably discharged Veteran, who served or was attached to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade during its active service.

Section 2. Terms of Membership. Membership in the Association shall remain in force so long as the member maintains current status by payment of prescribed dues.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Enumeration. The Officers of the Association shall be a President who shall be the Chief Executive Officer, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. Duties. The Officers of the Association shall administer the affairs of the Association in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 3. Terms and Election. The President and the Vice President shall be elected by the membership, as provided in these By-Laws. The terms of office of the President and Vice President shall be two (2) years, and they shall be eligible for reelection. The other officers shall be appointed by the President.

Section 4. Vacancies in Elective Offices. If the President vacates his office during his term, the Vice President shall succeed thereto.

Section 5. Honorary Presidents. The Honorary Presidency of the Association may be tendered after election by the membership.

ON THE COVER: The centerpiece of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial consists of three over-sized statues cast in bronze. They represent the soldiers who were wounded or killed in Southeast Asia, the women who served, and all those who eventually came home. Designed by Thomas Jay Warren of Trenton, New Jersey, they are surrounded by the Wall containing 1,563 names.

President's Message

To all of our 196th members and brotherhood,

I hope that all of you are feeling and doing well. I realize the virus has taken its toll on so many of us. I pray that this year it would be cleansed from the face of the earth so that we may go on with our lives with our families and our friends. I know that many of us counted on seeing each other again this year. I was happy to see that almost everyone agreed to cancel for this year.

We have rescheduled for 2022 at Gettysburg with the same two hotels. The Wyndham and Courtyard by Marriott both next to each other on Presidential Circle. The dates will be Sunday July 17th for early arrivals through Monday July 25th. Registration will be on Wednesday July 21st. The single rate per room will be \$132. As in the past Armed Forces Reunions President Molly Dey Will be coordinating the event and will reach out to all of you with your packages.

I cannot wait to see all of you again.

On another note I want to remind you that there are still those of you who have not put in a VA claim for your service related health problems. All you have to do is call me at 201-206-7430. I normally talk to Vets at 7:00 p.m. at night and on the same night I complete the claim and fax it on the same night. Please don't hesitate. Pretty soon the majority of us will be entering the fourth quarter. Time is of the essence. Call me.

In closing, I pray that all of you stay safe and have a prosperous and healthy year.

Yours truly,

Michael Timmerman

President

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 8 March 2021, the 196th accounts contain:

Checking: \$39,772

Savings: \$32,896

Edward Jones investment: \$83,527

Total: \$156,195

Statue Memorial Fund: Will be included with the enclosed article regarding the progress of the statue.

This newsletter is anticipated to cost approximately \$13,000. There will be additional expenses for the statue of \$28,000, and \$5,000 for a commemorative plaque at the US Army Museum.

Dave Eichhorn, *Treasurer*

196th LIB Memorial Monument Nears Completion

By Gary L. Noller



The 196th Light Infantry Brigade memorial monument is nearing completion and will be installed at the Walk of Honor in the very near future. The Walk of Honor is located on the grounds of the National Infantry Museum near Fort Benning, Georgia.

The memorial is composed of two parts- a larger-than-life sculpture of two soldiers and a memorial plaque. The bronze sculpture shows a soldier assisting a



wounded brother in need of care. The sculptor is Sarah E. Hahn of Columbus, Ohio.

On March 1 Ms. Hahn provided an update of the manufacture and assembly of this major work. She said, "It's in pieces right now and they are starting to assemble it. My plan is to visit soon to see their progress and will send pic-



tures then. They have sent some of the process shots."

Dave Eichhorn is the 196th LIB Association representative in charge of the memorial construction and installation. Dave is the treasurer of the 196th LIB Association as well as the national commander of the Americal Division Veterans Association.



196th LIB Memorial Monument Nears Completion (cont.)

Funding for the memorial was raised by members of the 196th LIB Assn, the 196th LIB Assn treasury, the Americal Legacy Foundation, and other interested parties. Donations are still being accepted and may be sent to Dave Eichhorn at the address below.

Hanh also provide details about the installation of the memorial, She stated, "The foundry is planning on installing the piece in late April early May. The concrete pad is going in as early as next week, depending on the weather. We are squared away with the granite and plaque details and I will forward the final proof of the plaque before it is made for a final review."

The wording on the proposed plaque is shown below.

**196th Infantry Brigade
Chargers
Vietnam**

**August 1966 to May 1967 – Tay Ninh – 196th (Separate)
May 1967 to September 1967 – Chu Lai – 196th
(Separate)**

**September 1967 to November 1971 – Chu Lai – 23d
Infantry Division (Americal)**

**November 1971 to June 1972 – Da Nang- 196th
(Separate)**

**Casualties: 1188 Killed in Action 5591 Wounded in
Action**

Eichhorn has requested that the description 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) be changed to read Americal Division (23rd Infantry Div.) to comply with the more familiar and used name of the division.

Ms. Hahn is an accomplished sculptor with many fine works to her credit. She obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2008 and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Kentucky in 2012.

She says of her work, "Recently I have been teaching adjunct at several colleges/universities in various states. I currently reside in Columbus, Ohio, creating art and pursuing opportunities in the ceramics world. Along with teaching and my involvement in local art organizations, I have been featured in national and international shows. Though my focus is sculptural, I pursue all aspects of ceramics with the same passion, including pottery. Please take a minute to look over my site, and I hope to see you at one of my upcoming shows. It's been a privilege to work on this project and I look forward to seeing it installed."

Ms. Hahn will create models of the 196th memorial monument and provide them for sale to the public. The model will retail for \$2,800. Each model will be custom

made at the same foundry as the major piece. One of the photos with this article shows components of the large sculpture as well as components of the model sculpture. Additional information may be obtained at www.sehahnstudio.com.

Email may be sent to sehahn3@gmail.com.



The Walk of Honor consists of about a hundred memorial monuments dedicated to infantry units. The Americal Legacy Foundation completed a monument honoring Americal Division and 23rd Infantry Division veterans in 2010.

At last report the Walk of Honor was full but additional space for more monuments is being considered. The 196th LIB Assn. secured its memorial location four years ago. Veterans interested in receiving assistance for a future unit memorial on the Walk of Honor may request assistance from the Americal Legacy Foundation.

A formal dedication date for the 196th memorial has not been set at this time. One proposal is to hold the dedication in conjunction with a dedication of the recently installed Americal Aviation Monument at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. The two locations are about 100 miles apart.

Donations to help pay the cost of the memorial may be sent to Dave Eichhorn, 196 LIB Assn. Treasurer, 328 Deming Rd., Fleming, OH, 45729.

196th LIB Connection to the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial

In 1998, a group of 196th veterans decided to raise \$5,000 to sponsor one of the 366 granite panels of the proposed New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. They were successful and the 196th became one of the few units credited as a major sponsor when the memorial opened. Each panel represents a day of the year, and contains the names of the New Jersey KIAs on that day. The 196th group sponsored the panel for November 13th in tribute to Michael Macarell. Mike was an original member of the 196th and served in the 3rd platoon, Company C, 4/31. He was killed during an ambush of his platoon on the slopes of Nui Ba Den, Tay Ninh in 1966. There are 45 soldiers from the 196th memorialized on the panels of the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation offers the Complete Vietnam Era Experience

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation is committed to sharing the experiences of the Vietnam War Era and its enduring legacy with future generations.

Our Memorial recognizes the valor of New Jersey's Veterans and the sacrifices of their families and communities. Our Museum collections encourage learning by exploring the Vietnam War Era through an inclusive and objective lens.

Visitors are invited to learn about the complex history of the Vietnam War era at the Vietnam Era Museum and New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, located adjacent to one another in Holmdel, New Jersey.

The Memorial

The **New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial** is a powerful tribute to those who served our country during the Vietnam War, specifically the 1,562 New Jersey men and one woman who did not return home.

The dominating focus, the Memorial Wall, is an open-air, circular pavilion with two tunnels acting as entrances to symbolize the trip the soldiers took to Vietnam. Lining the outside are 366 8-foot black granite panels — each representing one day of the year — featuring the names of Vietnam Era casualties, listed according to the day they died while serving.

The Memorial is oriented so that the May 7 panel points toward Vietnam to commemorate the day the war ended. A red oak, the state tree of New Jersey, is located at the center of the circular pavilion, providing shade for the statue by Trenton sculptor Thomas Jay Warren depicting three diverse figures: a nurse tending to the wounds of a dying soldier, and another soldier standing by their side. The statues represent those who died, the women who aided in the war, and those who came back safely.



The Museum



Dedicated in September 1998, the **Vietnam Era Museum** is the first and only Vietnam War Era museum in the United States, providing political, cultural, and historical context for the Memorial. The Museum helps visitors gain an understanding of the conflict in Southeast Asia, the surrounding political strife in America, and its lasting impact on American culture, with an emphasis on experiences in New Jersey.

Visitors to the Museum learn about the forces that produced the conflict abroad and the dissension at home. Through diverse materials and exhibitions, visitors gain an understanding of the significance of the Memorial, the reality of the conflict, and the social, political, and cultural complexities of the Vietnam Era.

New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial (cont.)



Covering the walls of the Museum is a chronology of the Era that presents a historical recollection of the events, shown in two concurrent timelines — one reflecting the activity in Vietnam and the other reflecting political, cultural, and historical events in the United States.

Complementing the historic timeline is the Circle of Letters, a chronological display of items collected from those who served and their supporters back home. Temporary exhibits focus on a variety of topics related to the Vietnam Era, from music to media to awards and medals, further enhancing visitors' understanding of this complex time in history.

Visitors are also invited to visit the additional features across the Memorial campus:

The Huey Project, which celebrates the 7,000 Huey helicopters that operated in Vietnam and features a restored Bell UH-1 Iroquois helicopter that served as a symbol of the United States combat forces during the war;

·The U.S. War Dogs Memorial, which honors our nation's military service dogs and their handlers – past, present, and future. The Memorial, designed by sculptor Bruce Lindsay, consists of a bronze statue of a kneeling soldier and his dog, set on a black granite base;

·The Vietnamese-American Monument, which honors the sacrifices of the Vietnamese soldiers who fought alongside American forces during the Vietnam War, many of whom became Americans citizens;

·The Women Veterans Meditation Garden, which is a lasting tribute to the thousands of women — both military and civilian — who served during the Vietnam Era and continue to serve today. The Garden includes a fountain, a covered pergola with benches, and a variety of plants chosen to provide color and texture year-round. The Garden pays special honor to Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander, the only woman from New Jersey honored at the Memorial after losing her life in service in Vietnam;

·The NJ Gold Star Memorial, which includes three statues of family members placed alongside an obelisk that shares the meaning behind the Monument honoring the sacrifices of those families who have a lost a loved one in defense of our country; and

·The Purple Heart Memorial, which honors the recipients of the nation's oldest military decoration.

As You Were: Stephen Warner – Words and Images from Vietnam

The current temporary exhibit, “As You Were: Stephen Warner – Words and Images from Vietnam,” is on currently on display at the Vietnam Era Museum. It tells a story of the Vietnam War and Era from the perspective of someone who experienced it: Stephen Henry Warner, who was opposed to the war in Vietnam, yet willing to risk his life as he took part in it.

Born and raised in Skillman, N.J., Warner graduated from Princeton High School in 1964 and continued his studies at Gettysburg College, where he became a vocal leader of the anti-war protest movement on campus. Warner graduated with top honors in 1968 and attended Yale Law School for one year before he received his draft notice. Warner was inducted into the United States Army and sent to Basic Training at Fort Dix, and he arrived in Vietnam on March 23, 1970, and was assigned to the Army Information Office at Long Binh.

As an Information Officer, he was given a pass that allowed him to travel freely throughout the country. He spent weeks in the field with various units, rejecting the comforts of Long Binh and embracing the harsh realities of life as a grunt. In doing so, he gained a unique perspective of the war and the people involved in it.

On February 14, 1971, Warner accompanied a road construction crew that was working in territory controlled by the North Vietnamese Army. The group was ambushed, and the vehicle that Warner was riding in was hit by an enemy rocket. He was killed in action one week before his 25th birthday and two weeks before he was scheduled to return home.

His story is told at the Vietnam Era Museum through the photographs he took and words he wrote, both in letters to loved ones and in the notebooks he kept while serving in Vietnam. (Visit: www.njvvmf.org)

Donors for the 196th Statue

It is anticipated that the statue will be in place on the Walk of Honor at the US Army Infantry Museum close to Fort Benning, Georgia, by the middle of May, 2021. A tentative dedication date is around 29 Mar 2022 to coincide with the Firebase MaryAnn reunion. More information will be provided in the next newsletter around the end of this year.

The following donations were received from following

196th LIB Association \$30,000

Americal Legacy Foundation \$10,000

\$3,203 was collected in cash anonymously from members attending the reunion

American Legion Post #239 Tigerton, WI donated \$200 on behalf of members Bob Frank ,Gerald E. Murray and James M. Wickersheim

John Maloney's VFW Post donated \$2000 to memorial

We had 243 members make donations, total of \$37,630, the largest being \$5000

A list of all contributors donating \$100 or more:

<p>The following donated \$1000 or more</p> <p>Joseph Czubaki</p> <p>Ed DenBraven</p> <p>David D. Eichhorn</p> <p>Gary Noller</p> <p>Paul Ramsperger</p> <p>Jim Simms</p> <p>Bill Stull</p> <p>\$500-\$999</p> <p>Don DeGain</p> <p>Robert G. Frank</p> <p>Robert E. Garst</p> <p>MG Fredrick J. Kroesen</p> <p>Marvin L Loveless</p> <p>Jerry B. McGrath</p> <p>Allen J. Piantkowski in memory of his brother</p> <p>Atonio W. Ramirez</p> <p>Col Ronnie B. Rondem</p> <p>David R. Schissler in memory of his father</p> <p>Gerald R. Skeel</p> <p>Terry D. Smith</p> <p>\$196-\$499</p> <p>Donald Berg</p> <p>Ed Braunstein</p> <p>Harold Dolbee Jr.</p> <p>Eric J. Eckland</p> <p>A. Root Edmonson</p> <p>John R. Ferdon</p> <p>Ed Griffen</p> <p>Gordon Gutwein</p>	<p>John Patrick Isley Jr.</p> <p>Robert Kelly</p> <p>George A. Kline</p> <p>G.E. Will Kocher</p> <p>Sam Mazzola</p> <p>Ken McKenzie</p> <p>Mike Murphy</p> <p>Gary Parkhurst</p> <p>Larry K. Proctor</p> <p>Glen A. Reinhardt</p> <p>Betty Ritchey in memory of her husband</p> <p>Thomas F. Schmitz</p> <p>Dennis F. Serio</p> <p>Richard J. Smith</p> <p>Larry Snyder</p> <p>Victor J. Sudel</p> <p>William G. Sullivan</p> <p>Noel Whitman</p> <p>Larry C. Wigton</p> <p>Richard L. Zavatchan</p> <p>Dennis J. Zysk</p> <p>\$100- \$195</p> <p>Jess I. Austin</p> <p>Spencer Baba</p> <p>Maurice Beauregard</p> <p>John J. Bezuyen</p> <p>Rodney J. Boltjes</p> <p>Bill Breeton</p> <p>William V. Brummett</p> <p>Ron Buchanan</p> <p>Timothy Casey</p> <p>Stan Cottrell</p> <p>Charles M. Cresenz in mem-</p>	<p>ory of brother</p> <p>Joseph M. Cresenz in memory of brother</p> <p>James N. Delorme</p> <p>Ronald P. Dinsmore</p> <p>Stephen L. Earnes</p> <p>Frank Elston</p> <p>Thomas Fisher</p> <p>Charles E. Finkbeiner</p> <p>Christopher Flood</p> <p>John Garst</p> <p>Thomas J. Grabowski</p> <p>Ronald A. Guns</p> <p>Rich Heroux</p> <p>Larry Howard</p> <p>John R. James</p> <p>Jerry Johnson Jr.</p> <p>Andrew Kapustiak</p> <p>Harry R. Kays</p> <p>Calvin L. King</p> <p>Ken Lebeck</p> <p>Steve E. Lenheim</p> <p>James W. Lewellen</p> <p>Billy Lightfoot</p> <p>Joseph McCourt</p> <p>Lawrence V. McDonald</p> <p>Terrence A. McKay</p> <p>Leon Mehrkens</p> <p>Delbert R. Milligan</p> <p>Steve A. Moore</p> <p>Theodore J. Nedderman</p> <p>Warren R. Neill Jr.</p> <p>Roy Obrigewitch</p> <p>James T. Overstreet</p> <p>Wes Patterson</p>	<p>Mitchell Paulo</p> <p>Claude Poiter Jr.</p> <p>David A. Prawdzik</p> <p>Charles Pyles</p> <p>Pete Rojas</p> <p>Charles Russell</p> <p>Frank J. Scarpa</p> <p>Franklin Schafer</p> <p>Robert S. Shankman</p> <p>Fred C Sheldon</p> <p>Jackie L. Smith</p> <p>Russell P. Smith 111</p> <p>William Greg Spangenberg</p> <p>John C. Stack</p> <p>William Stauch</p> <p>Donald Thomas</p> <p>Richard T. Van Remnen</p> <p>Richard Viglasky</p> <p>William G. Walker</p> <p>Ben Walton</p> <p>Olen R. Warner</p> <p>Thomas Wilson</p> <p>Mikel W. Yarmon</p> <p>Gregory Young</p> <p>We're sorry if we missed any-one, and thank you to every-one including those who donated anonymously.</p>
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**2022 REUNION
196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE
ASSOCIATION**

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17 JUL - 25 JUL, 2022**

INFORMATION AND RESERVATION PACKAGES WILL BE MAILED AROUND JANUARY 2022

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**James C. McCloughan
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Books by 196th Authors and Others

Rain in Our Hearts



With words and photographs, *Rain in Our Hearts* takes readers into Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, 196th LIB, Americal Division in 1969–1970.

Jim Logue, a professional photographer, was drafted and served as an infantryman; he also carried a camera. “In order to take my mind off the war,” he would say, “I took pictures.” Logue’s photos showcase the daily lives of infantrymen: setting up a night laager, chatting with local children, making supply drops, and “humping” rucksacks miles each day in search of the enemy.

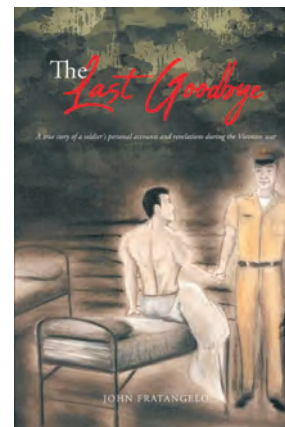
His camera records the individual experiences and daily lives of the men who fought the war. Accompanying Logue’s over 100 photographs is the narrative written by Gary D. Ford.

Wanting to reconstruct the story of Alpha Company during the time in which Logue served, Ford and Logue trekked across America to meet with and interview every surviving member whom they could locate and contact.

Each chapter of *Rain in Our Hearts* focuses on the viewpoint and life of one member of Alpha Company, including aspects of life before and after Vietnam. The story of the Company’s movements and missions over the year unfold as readers are introduced to one soldier at a time.

Rain in Our Hearts offers readers a window into the words and sights of Alpha Company’s Vietnam War.

The Last Goodbye



It’s a November day and a visit to the grave site of Anthony Rutigliano, one of countless fallen American young men from the Vietnam war triggers memories of years past for John Fratangelo.

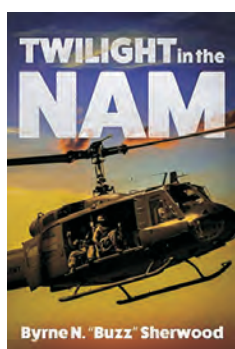
This true story tells of the life John and Tony, two inseparable cousins had during their young years as kids in the Bronx and their adventures together through their teen years and their time in Vietnam.

The book has some humorous moments but sadly they are overwhelmed by the heartaches and losses that occur during the military. The story is highlighted by the apparition that John has of Tony on the night that John finds out about Tony being killed in Vietnam. This scene was what inspired the writing of this book. However, the story does not end there. It goes on to tell of the tragic events that continue in the life of John, nicknamed “Pizza” by his Recon buddies.

“The Last Goodbye” is a read that is sure to bring both a smile on your face and a tear to your eyes and will have a lasting impact on the way people who read it come to feel about the combat veteran and have a new found respect for every man and woman who proudly serve their country.

Although the author was not in the 196th, your Editor worked with him for several years, and perhaps because of each individual's "ghosts", they never spoke to each other about their Vietnam experiences.

Twilight in the Nam



By late 1971, Vietnamization of the war was in full swing. Only two infantry brigades remained in-country. President Nixon assured the American public that soldiers in Vietnam were only performing guard duty. The media portrayed U.S. forces in Vietnam as undisciplined and mutinous, plagued by drugs, and seething with racial tension.

In *Twilight in the Nam*, the author describes his experience as a rifle platoon leader in 1971-72 as a member of Co. C, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, the same company that was overrun on Firebase Mary Ann by the Viet Cong in March of 1971. While he does not flinch from describing the realities of drugs and racial tension, he does paint a picture of young American infantrymen on continuous combat operations, doing their best in a lost cause.

TAPS

This list is comprised of all the names that have been submitted to the Association since the last reunion in August 2019. Some of the members passed prior to the last reunion, but were never reported in prior newsletters. James Simms has researched the 4/31 roster and has provided much of the information for that battalion, and that's why you will see more names from the 4/31.

We often are not notified of a members passing until we get a notice from the Post Office. If you have any information on the death of a 196th Brother, please send it to the Editor.

Abbott, Roy, 20-May-49, 9-Nov-20, HHC, 1/46, 1970-71, Chino Valley, AZ,
Anderson, John, 15-Aug-18, C, 2/1, 1969-70, ENGLEWOOD, CO,
Arnold, William, 2-Dec-19, C, 3/21, 1968-69, BELLEFONTAINE, OH, LIFE MEMBER
Aubrey, Tom, 6-Sep-13, B, 4/31, 1965-67, BELLE VISTA, AR,
Baca, Jeffrey H., 17-Oct-15, B, 4/31, 1967-68, MORRO BAY, CA,
Bartnick, Lee, 16-Mar-18, A, 4/31, 1968, HAMPSTEAD, MD,
Beam, Dennis K., 13-Nov-19, D, 4/31, 1968, LUPTON, MI,
Beauregard, Maurice, 29-May-19, B, 4/31, 1969-70, LEXINGTON, SC,
Bernreuter, David, 21-Jul-20, , , 1967-68, BAY CITY, MI,
Blaylock, Tommie L., 13-Jan-20, B, 4/31, 1967-68, HOLDEN, MO,
Blum, David, 16-Apr-20, D, 4/31, 1969-70, MORA, MN,
Bodrick Jr., William, 11-Oct-29, 5-Mar-12, HHQ, 4/31, 1965-66, RICHMOND, VA,
Brice, James, 16-Jan-48, 30-Nov-19, B, 2/1, 1968-69, SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX, LIFE MEMBER
Brown, MSG (Ret) Robert, 12-Feb-16, B, 4/31, 1970, SAHUARITA, AZ,
Caballero, Stephen S., 20-Nov-49, 12-Jan-21, HHC, 4/31, 1969-70, LONG BEACH, CA,
Calafell, Ray, 19-May-49, 1-Apr-16, B, 4/31, 1970, TAMPA, FL,
Capsolas, Chris, 12-May-46, 27-Nov-20, B, 4/31, 1965-67, East Hartford, CT,
Cardaropoli, Fred J., 08-Apr-48, 11-Oct-16, A, 4/31, 1968-69, WAREHAM, MA,
Cassidy, Patrick J., 01-Feb-47, 28-Oct-19, D, 4/31, 1967-68, MIAMI, FL,
Chalich, Joseph, 14-May-14, B, 4/31, 1970, ST PAUL, MN,
Clark, Lucious, 4-Aug-16, D, 4/31, 1967-68, SAINT SIMONS ISLAND, GA,
Cox, Steve, 22-Mar-44, 12-Sep-19, C, 2/1, 1967-68, GREENVILLE, SC, LIFE MEMBER
Craft, Roger, 05-Dec-39, 23-Jun-20, HHC, 156-SIG, 1966-67, ELBERTON, GA, LIFE MEMBER
Creviston, David, 10-Feb-19, , F-TRP, 1970-71, SHELBYVILLE, IL,
Cutting, Raymond, 21-Apr-46, 4-Aug-17, B, 4/31, 1965-67, North Providence, RI, LIFE MEMBER
Czerkie, Raymond R., 07-Dec-32, 2-Nov-15, B, 2/1, 1965-67, ASHFORD, CT,
Davis, Russell W., 18-Aug-45, 27-Oct-20, B, 3/21, 1966-67, MCCONNELLSVILLE, OH,
Delia, Phillip, , Unk, C, 3/21, 1965-67, CHICAGO, IL,
Den Braven, Edward, 11-Aug-47, 29-Mar-20, B, 3/82, 1967-68, VINELAND, NJ,
Deriscavage, Julius, 16-Feb-48, 16-Mar-19, B, 2/1, 1968-69, MAHANOEY CITY, PA,
Donovan, Allen Ray, 7-Nov-48, 22-Sep-09, A, 4/31, 1969, PETERSBURG, WV,
Duffy, John E., 20-Aug-44, 21-Apr-20, A, 4/31, 1965-66, OSSINING, NY, LIFE MEMBER
Dull Knife Sr., Guy, 31-Oct-19, B, 2/1, 1968-70, KYLE, SD,
Dunbar, Sr., James L., 19-Apr-40, 24-Nov-08, HHC, HHQ, 1967-68, SENOIA, GA,
Dutton, SGM (Ret) Rodney, 23-Jan-11, B, 4/31, 1968-69, FAYETTEVILLE, NC,
Efta, Lou, 13-Feb-16, B, 4/31, 1969-70, ARGYLE, MN, LIFE MEMBER
Enwright, Bill, 02-Jan-48, 08-Apr-20, A, 3/21, 1968-69, PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI, LIFE MEMBER
Farrow, Edward, 16-Nov-20, A, 4/31, 1968-69, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO,
Flaherty, William, 30-Aug-45, 25-Jan-20, HHC, 4/31, 1966-67, HIGHLANDS, NJ, LIFE MEMBER
Flannery, Brendan, 18-May-15, , 6/31, Unk yrs, GROTON, CT,
Flater, Bobbie J., 03-Apr-33, 23-Jun-19, HHC, 4/31, 1967-68, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ, LIFE MEMBER
Force, Joe, 15-Nov-13, A, 4/31, 1965-67, BRADFORD, OH,
Fox, Thomas D., 15-Nov-45, 2-Jan-20, , F-TRP, 1965-67, MILWAUKEE, WI,
Garrison, Glen P., 01-Jan-45, 07-Jun-10, A, 4/31, 1965-66, BUCKHANNON, WV,
Garver, Tim, 21-Aug-15, , , Unk yrs, VALPARAISO, IN,

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Gibson, Elmer, 30-May-14, A, 4/31, 1965-67, WEBSTER SPRINGS, WV,
Grazioplene, Rodger, 6-Nov-20, B, 2/1, 1969, BATAVIA, NY,
Gunnels, Millard, 28-Sep-08, A, 4/31, 1966-67, MARTIN, KY,
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Lawrence, Stephens, 17 Dec 2018, B, 4/31, 1968-69, LINDEN, MI,
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Monaco, Dana, Unk, D, 3/21, 1971-72, SURPRISE, AZ,
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Neely, Charles J., 25-Jun-41, 13-Jan-19, HHB, 3/82, 1965-66, WARRINGTON, PA,
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Penick, Walter, 7-Sep-12, B, 4/31, 1968, FARMVILLE, VA,
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Poe, Mason, Unk, , F-TRP, Unk yrs, LOUISVILLE, KY,
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Rodriguez, Thomas G., 1-Sep-17, C, 4/31, 1966, LEAVENWORTH, KS,
Rossom, Wayne, 22-Mar-11, HHC, 4/31, 1967-68, BOGATA, TX,

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Sadler, William, 12-Aug-12, A, 4/31, 1969-70, GREENWOOD, AR,
Sanguedolce, Vince, 5-Sep-18, B, 4/31, 1970-71, HUNTSBURG, OH,
Scott, Robert, 1 Aug 2018, A, 4/31, 1970-71, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA,
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Sitaris, Anthony, 02-Feb-41, 1-Jan-13, HHC, 196TH, 1965-66, ABINGDON, MD,
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Taylor Jr., Harry B., 04-Jul-31, 9-Nov-12, C, 4/31, 1966-67, CARROLLTON, TX,
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Tice, Charles S., 3-Apr-17, C, 4/31, 1965-67, PINE GROVE, PA,
Timblin, Richard, 6-Sep-19, D, 4/31, 1969-70, DULUTH, GA,
Torres, Angelo, 12-Jun-15, B, 4/31, 1966-67, READING, PA,
Underwood, Bryan E., 19-Feb-45, 21-Jul-20, A, 4/31, 1965-67, BESSEMER CITY, NC, LIFE MEMBER
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Whittaker, Mel, 2-Jul-19, D, 4/31, 1969-70, FOND DU LAC, WI,
Widstrom, Ken, 5 Mar 21, D, 4/31, 1968, COON RAPIDS, MN,
Will, Ronald, 16-Sep-16, , , Unk yrs, MANSFIELD, OH,

Frederick James Kroesen Jr.

(February 11, 1923 – April 30, 2020)

Frederick Kroesen was a United States Army four-star general who served as the Commanding General of the Seventh United States Army and the commander of NATO Central Army Group from 1979 to 1983, and Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command from 1976 to 1978. He also served as Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army from 1978 to 1979. He commanded troops in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, enabling him to be one of the very small number who ever was entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge with two Stars, denoting active combat in three wars.



Kroesen was born in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the son of Jean (Shillinger) and Frederick Kroesen, who worked for the New Jersey state government. Kroesen moved to the Lawrenceville section of Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey as a child and he attended Trenton Central High School. A 1944 graduate of Rutgers University, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He earned Bachelor of Arts (1962) and Master of Arts (1966) degrees in International Affairs at George Washington University. In addition, he was also a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity to which his membership traces back to his days at Rutgers University.

World War II

In 1944 Kroesen was commissioned through the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, then fought in World War II with the 254th Infantry Regiment of the 63rd Infantry Division. He was a company grade officer, serving as platoon leader and company commander, in the fighting in the Colmar Pocket and into Germany. On the 26 and 27 January 1945, he participated in the particularly tough fighting in Jepsheim.

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Korean War

During the Korean War Kroesen served in Korea with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Vietnam War

Kroesen was the commander of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade of the 23rd Infantry Division in 1968. He was an adviser to the assistant chief of staff, J-3, in Vietnam, and then served there as commander of the 23rd Infantry Division; deputy commander, XXIV Corps; and commanding general, First Regional Assistance Command.

Post-Vietnam

After returning from Vietnam, Kroesen served as Deputy Commander, XXIV Corps (1972), Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division (1972–1974), Deputy Commanding General, V Corps (1974–1975) and Commanding General, VII Corps (1975–1976).

In 1976 Kroesen was promoted to the rank of four star general (O-10), becoming the first Officer Candidate School (OCS) graduate to hold that rank. He then served as Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command (1976–1978) and Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army (1978–1979).

Red Army Faction Attack

From 1979 to 1983 Kroesen served as commander of United States Army Europe and a commander of the Seventh United States Army.

As Commander of the United States Army Forces Command, Kroesen was injured in Heidelberg on September 15, 1981, when his armored Mercedes was targeted with an RPG-7 anti-tank rocket. Responsibility for the attack was claimed by the "Kommando Gudrun Ensslin" of the Red Army Faction (a.k.a. Baader-Meinhof Gang). In 1991, West German prosecutors announced that former East German secret police leader Erich Mielke had been indicted for collusion with the attack.

After retiring from the army in 1983, Kroesen became a businessman. He was chairman of the board of Military Professional Resources Inc. (incorporated in 1987) and a senior fellow at the Institute of Land Warfare of the Association of the United States Army. He was a Vice-President of the American Security Council Foundation. General Kroesen was a Compatriot of the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution based on the service of his ancestor, Johannes Kroesen, who served as a second lieutenant in the Bucks County Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Kroesen died in Alexandria, Virginia on April 30, 2020, at the age of 97 after a long illness.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION

In order to provide an interesting and relevant 196th Association newsletter, we need YOU, the members, to submit your stories, photos, requests, etc. The following are the types of material we are looking for:

Stories - relevant to your 196th experiences, either in-country or after getting home.

Should be electronically submitted, preferably in .DOC or .TXT format to avoid having to retype everything.

Photos - interesting photos from Vietnam, with explanations or descriptions, preferably as part of a story.

Must be high quality, of 300 dpi or higher, and submitted in .JPG format.

Letters - may be short but of general interest to the members. No political or controversial issues, but can express an opinion on the Association or your service.

May be sent hand written regular mail or preferably by e-mail.

Requests - may be "looking for someone", or looking for information.

Deaths - reports of a member's passing should be sent in for publication, and for our reunion memorial service.

Research - articles or stories relevant to the history of the 196th.

These last three categories may be sent hand written regular mail, or preferably by e-mail

Gary Noller will take over editing responsibilities with the next newsletter and all material should be sent to him, preferably by email at gnoller@aol.com. Submissions by regular mail, or any questions should be coordinated with Gary by calling him at 830-337-8115, leave a message if there is no answer.

Editor's Note

PASSING OF THE TORCH

It seems like I've been doing these newsletters forever, but that's not true. I actually began this journey by volunteering (never do that, didn't the Army teach me anything?) to typeset and print the newsletter being published by Bill Knight. Bill was our first Association President, and mimeographed the first national newsletter in January 1987. Our second reunion was coming up in Cincinnati, and although Bill provided all the material, I typed it up and published the November 1987 edition. It was designated Number IV, because Bill had put out two prior to our becoming a national organization, and Number III was his mimeographed reunion notice and publishing of the bylaws. I actually had a letter to the editor published in that edition pleading with the Association to never drop anyone from the rolls, regardless of dues owed. I suggested we could sell t-shirts and other items to ensure we didn't run out of money from non-payment of dues.

By June 1988, I was adding small filler articles into Bill's material, which led to my being designated the Editor for the Association at the Summerville, MA reunion in July 1989. Bill's typed minutes from that reunion state "The newsletter will be published 2 times per year", and under that in his handwriting it says, "Ken McKenzie vol".

As our Association was now growing, I was able to get Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the Ross Perot company, to donate a computer and printer, along with software to maintain our membership database. In the next newsletter there were comments about how difficult it was to transfer the address list from a Commodore 64 to the new Microsoft PC. Most of the early newsletter files are on 5 1/4" floppy disks.

My first fully edited edition was Number VII, November 1989. Up until around 1999 my wife and I put on all the address labels and stamps by hand, and sorted the newsletters for the Post Office. As the numbers reached over 1000, we almost gave up. It was only the discovery of a mailing house that saved the newsletter. Now I could supply them a disk and the printing and mailing were handled by others. What a relief.



Copies of every 196th Newsletter

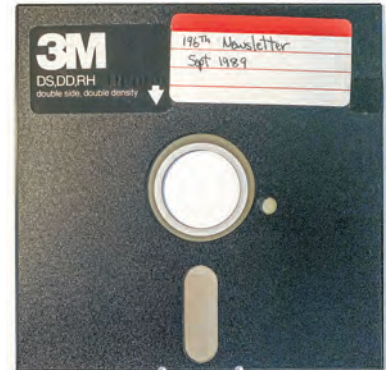
So - I agreed to continue as editor for a few more years. I've tried several different size newsletters and done more color as the technology improved. As the years have passed it is becoming harder to gather material, and I've pleaded at each reunion for someone to take over the editing job. I've apologized numerous times for the sparseness of newsletters, which are now down to one every two years. This isn't acceptable to me, so I'm happy to announce that Gary Noller will take over the editing position with the next newsletter. Gary has been editing the Americal Newsletter for about 24 years, and does an outstanding job. He will put out one 196th Association newsletter a year. Some of the articles may be shared with the Americal newsletter, but the 196th will have its own publication.

Gary will need assistance from the membership in gathering material to publish. He will need letters, stories, pictures, etc. to fill the newsletters. As we transition over to Gary, I will put instructions on the 196th website of how to submit articles to him. Preliminary instructions are on the facing page.

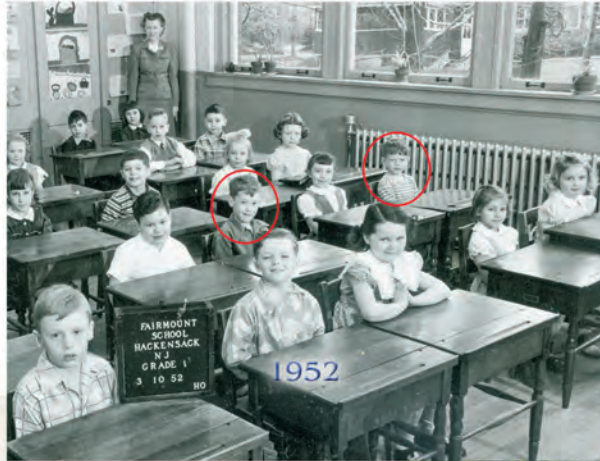
I have to admit, as much as a relief it is to have Gary take over, there's also some nostalgia over leaving a job that's given me a lot of satisfaction over the years, watching the Association grow from about 100 members to over 6000, although we're beginning to decline as we age. I'm proud that my insistence never to drop a member has always been followed. The friends I've retained, and the new friends I've made through the Association will always warm my heart.

So after 34 years, I'm not going away, just passing the torch. Optima fortuna, Gary.

Ken McKenzie



VETERANS HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR OVER 70 YEARS



1966



2014

Ken McKenzie, of Eaton, NH, and Dave Gaige, of Hackensack, NJ, have been friends for over 70 years. They lived on the same street in Hackensack and first met at age four in 1949.

They were best friends throughout school and Boy Scouts, and grew up spending many summers at Ken's parent's cabin in New Hampshire, and as teenagers working on cars and drag racing together.

After receiving their draft notices on the same day in 1965, they walked down the street together to the induction center, vowing to walk back up the street together after their service.

They were both sent to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 4/31, and went to Vietnam on the same ship. In January 1967, Dave was transferred to the 5th MECH, 25th Division, so they made plans to meet in California after their discharge, but Ken was also sent to the 5th MECH and they rotated and flew back to the States together.

After being discharged in California, they flew to New Jersey and walked back up the street together. They still get together for coffee every morning over the phone.

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31st Infantry Regiment Association Reunion



Polar Bears

The 31st Infantry Regiment Association has rescheduled their 2020 reunion to September 18 - 22, 2021. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, in Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities).

The schedule will include dinners, banquet, and several tours. The highlight of the reunion will be the banquet on Sept, 21, at which time the Shanghai Bowl Ceremony and formal toasts to the 31st US Infantry Regiment will take place.

The hotel rate is \$85.00 per night and includes a hot breakfast every morning and free airport shuttle (Quad City International Airport).

Dinners, tours, and cruises are optional and separate cost.

For information about the reunion you may contact: Charlie Tapp, Commander, ctapp94@gmail.com, home: 864-473-1999 or cell: 864-680-9165

Dues Renewal Form

(other side)

Please include your old address also if you have moved.



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The purpose of not sending long lists of names and addresses is to protect the mailing list from possible commercial exploitation. We have spent a lot of time and effort building our member database and do not want it used indiscriminately.

We currently have over 6,000 names on our mailing list so maybe we can help you find that long lost buddy.

Locating on the Web

You can also leave a message on the 196th Website Guestbook at: www.196th.org to search for friends or information. Make sure you leave contact information such as an e-mail address, home address, or phone number. When leaving an e-mail address, use "at" instead of the @ sign to prevent spammers from getting your e-mail address.

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Please make sure you fill in the application completely. There are several similar names on our mailing list, so we need the old address as well as the new address if you move.

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