

****** FINAL NOTICE ******
NDQSA 28th REUNION
[2010 REUNION - LZ BROWNING](#)

Savannah, Georgia
July 7 - 11th, 2010
Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/savrf>

Attendees should call the hotel directly at (912)233-7722
anytime to make their room reservations.

Be sure to mention "NDQSA Reunion" for guaranteed reunion rate.
Book now to guarantee the special rate for early arrival or late departure
(July 4th - 13th). Reservations must be made prior to June 7, 2010 cutoff.

Reunion rate: \$99 per day plus taxes (13% + \$1.00 city occupancy fee) single or
double occupancy (each addn'l person 18 years or above is \$20).

Discounted Self Parking: \$10 per day

Discounted Breakfast Buffet: \$15 per person - tax & gratuity included.
This is a great rate at a top hotel during a major holiday.
For hotel info and services via internet ([click here](#)).

Shuttle Service: Between the Savannah Airport and Savannah Riverfront
Marriott by KShuttle: \$34 per person, round trip. Note: All passengers arriving
into Savannah Airport must have a pre-arranged reservation.

Phone: 1-877-243-2050 or <http://www.kshuttle.com/>

Reunion Events Schedule (see page 2) Pre-Registration form (see page 16).

This year's theme LZ Browning honors all Quad 50 Batteries: D-71, E-41, G-55, G-65.
Everyone is of course urged to make plans, so contact your buddies and start planning
for Savannah. Make this our best reunion ever...be there!

The pre-registration response so far has been so great that to keep up with demand, we
have increased the number of rooms reserved per night. So if you have not made your
reservations yet, do it ASAP, and remember to send in your pre-registration form.

Tentative Reunion Schedule

Wednesday July 7th

Hospitality room setup
Reunion registration* and product sales
Evening hospitality

Thursday July 8th

Daily reunion registration* and product sales
Group bus tour 'Historic Savannah Experience' [Including
Lunch at Paula Dean's & Afternoon Wine Tasting \$89 per person]
Alternate: Historic Savannah Trolley Tour \$20 per person
Board of Directors Meeting
Evening hospitality

Friday July 9th

Daily reunion registration* and product sales
***NEW* Commemorative stamp cancellation planned**
Bus trip and Memorial service at Ft. Jackson & Ft. Pulaski \$10 person
Evening hospitality

Saturday July 10th

Daily reunion registration* and product sales
Annual business meeting & election of officers
Luncheon banquet and guest speaker \$35 per person
Evening Hospitality
Chinese Auction and Fundraising

Sunday July 11th

Morning service and farewells
Breakdown of hospitality room

* There is a onetime reunion registration fee of \$10 per family to cover incidentals.

Trip availability on first come basis, be sure to pre-register ASAP to guarantee a place. The hospitality room will be set up with chairs, tables and audio-visual equipment. We will provide beer, soda and snacks (donations accepted) and will hold a 50/50 fundraiser for the Quad-50 restoration project each night. Try to bring a home-made item, patriotic item, or "re-gift" something you've gotten that's nice but can't use for the Saturday night auction.



NDQSA Newsletter

National Dusters Quads and Searchlights Association
February 2010



President's Message Bruce M. Geiger – May 16, 2010

As you may have expected, I am experiencing mixed emotions as I sit down to write this last newsletter message of my two year term as President of NDQSA. I am of course extremely proud of our officers and board members for the progress achieved through their cooperative effort, and sharing of ideas and input from our membership. They have selflessly participated in regularly scheduled Board teleconferences and brainstorming sessions. The tedious task of formulating a new set of Bylaws to replace our outdated 21 year old Constitution is already bearing the fruits of our labor. For the first time in our Association's history elections have been opened to all dues paying members rather than the limited number who are able to attend our annual reunion and business meeting. A slate of officers has been included on the mail-in ballot by the Nominations Committee; however there remains the option to vote for write-in candidates of your choice for each office. In little more than one week since the mailing of election ballots to over 270 of our 2010 dues paying members, we have already received over 125 completed ballots which will remain sealed to be tallied at our July meeting. I strongly urge those of you who may have forgotten to send in your annual dues to do so ASAP, which will enable us to mail a ballot to you before the deadline for your participation in the election process.

The Federal Trademark Registrations for our NDQSA name, pseudonyms and logos are in the final stages of approval as of this writing. Our financial status is very healthy. Treasurer Allan Penwell has done a terrific job implementing a professional accounting of our Association's bookkeeping system and financial records which are distributed to our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. We have recently updated our 501(c)19 Tax Exempt Status with the IRS and have submitted our annual tax returns.

The publication of our History Book has been a monumental accomplishment and has been extremely well received by our membership as evidenced by brisk sales from our second printing. I have received dozens of congratulatory emails and phone calls from across the country with praise for this exceptional achievement.

This could not have happened without the selfless effort and perseverance of Paul Kopsick and his book committee volunteers. Paul has also been responsible for our much improved newsletter quality and the improvements in our Association's membership database.

The San Antonio reunion last summer was a great success and was our best attended ever! Although I am experiencing some expected anxiety putting together this year's reunion in Savannah, initial reports indicate we are well on our way to exceeding last year's attendance record. Our newly formed women's auxiliary group has helped plan exciting activities, and this year promises to be a most memorable reunion that you won't want to miss. I encourage anyone who has not made hotel reservations to do so ASAP as the deadline is rapidly approaching. Also, I urge you to send in your pre-registration forms right away (available in the newsletter or online) so we can accurately plan for event buses, banquet seating, and other reunion logistics, thus avoiding disappointment for anyone.

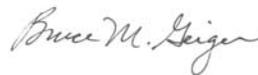
Our new NDQSA Challenge Coin and pins are on hand and look terrific! They will be going on sale beginning at our July reunion and will be available thereafter by mail order. We are working on prototype samples of new patches and embroidered jackets with individual weapons systems that can be produced if member interest is sufficient to meet production minimums.

After a seven year hiatus, NDQSA is proud to be planning our fifth and final Operation Gold Star trip to Vietnam. We will be escorting three Gold Star Mothers, tentatively in March 2011, and are currently recruiting NDQSA members who have an interest in making the trip to Vietnam at their own expense. If you are interested in participating, please Contact Bob Lauver for details.

I am pleased that we have raised our active dues paying membership to its highest level since our organization began 29 years ago; however I remain disappointed that fewer than 20% of those on our current roster are paying annual dues. I am a member of other national veterans' organizations including the Khe Sanh Veterans which currently boast a 65% active dues paying membership from among their roster of over 3000 names. NDQSA's modest \$25 annual dues allow

the Association to remain financially healthy while continuing to print and mail newsletters and rosters, support wounded soldiers and veterans causes, fund weapons systems restoration projects and other worthy causes of interest to our members. I am hopeful that the legacy of my term as President will include a much higher number of dues paying members. Please, send in your dues today!

Finally, I want thank the membership for your support and trust in allowing me the honor and privilege to serve the NDQSA as its President. You have made it possible for us to put divisive issues behind us and to reinvigorate our membership, to encourage the ideas and participation by all of our members, to implement professional, transparent and effective governance and leadership, and to create an Association that all our members can truly be proud of.



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**National Dusters, Quads, Searchlights
Association, Inc.**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on 23 April 2010. Conducted by Joint Phone Conference

At 11:05 PM EST, DQS president, Bruce Geiger, began the meeting by announcing the business agenda for the phone conference. The officers who successfully logged onto the joint phone conference to participate in the business discussion included:

Bruce Geiger, President bmgeiger@aol.com
 Bob Lauver, Vice-President rhlauver@juno.com
 Paul Hanson, 1st Vice-President phanson1@comcast.net
 Sam Hopkins, Secretary sampat1964@suddenlink.net
 Allan Penwell, Treasurer a.penwell@comcast.net
 Ed Allen, Past President *email not working*
 Joseph Belardo, Director fishpopjoe@yahoo.com
 Bob Cuce, Director quadguy57@yahoo.com
 Duane Gettler, Director dgettler@iowatelecom.net
 Paul Kopsick, Director dqshistorian@cox.net
 Clyde Larsen, Director clarsen1168@wowway.com
 Dave McCray, Director sooner3@cox.net
 George Nagelschmidt, Director *no email*
 John Huelsenbeck, Advisor sjfarms46710@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT: Prior to the phone conference, Allan Penwell electronically submitted a detailed financial report of the NDQSA accounts. The total assets as of 3/31/2010 were \$50,549.85, with

\$15,422.53 dedicated for Operation Gold Star (OGS), and \$35,127.32 available for use in the operating budget. The association is in positive shape financially after having paid for the NDQSA challenge coins. Since the 2009 revenues exceeded \$25,000, the association will have to use a longer IRS report form which is due May 15, 2010. IRS Form 990 will be filed by the treasurer. Attendees at the reunion will likely have to pay the Georgia state sales tax since the IRS non-profit does not exempt the association from such taxes in most states. Donations of \$750 from 30 members for the Quad .50 restoration project have been received. The officers agreed that invoice orders for purchases of association merchandise will be paid directly by the treasurer.

ELECTIONS: A sample ballot with biographical information and photos of the nominees has been prepared for issue to the dues paying membership for voting in May.

IRS TAX EXEMPT STATUS: The IRS has approved the NDQSA 501 (c) (19) nonprofit tax exempt nonprofit status which was required after the association became incorporated in 2008. Prior to 2008, the association was an exempt unincorporated veterans group, but incorporation, the IRS required NDQSA to file for a new EIN for reporting purposes.

UNIT MERCHADISE: The order for the challenge coins and unit pins has been bought and received. The prices for selling the coins and unit pins for direct sales (including postage and handling), and at the reunion were set as follows:

Item	Direct Sales	Reunion Price	Quantity
Coins	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	700
Lucite	20.00	20.00	100
Pin set	8.00	7.00	500

Don Wolfe and Duane Harvey were grateful for the coins they have received from the Association.

The NDQSA has sold 158 books totaling \$8300 from the second printing of the publication, thereby recovering 70% of the second publishing costs already. Our current profit from second printing sales is \$1026.17. There are 185 books left for future sales and donations.

Ed Wilmarth is compiling an inventory of the association merchandise that is stored with him. He will supply an undated accounting after he receives the next association merchandise orders.

Bob Lauer reported about the production cost estimates he has obtained from one vendor for association jackets with embroidered designs of the weapon systems of the NDQSA. The jackets could either have an embroidered patch sewn on them, or the design could be sewn directly onto the jacket. The association prefers to have members place orders directly with a vendor, rather than make organization purchases of jackets for merchandise resale. Joe Belardo will contact vendors in New Jersey who specialize in embroidered products to get other price estimates for the jackets.

REUNION COMMITTEE: The hotel reservations are better made by calling the Marriott Riverfront directly in order to get the reunion room prices. So far about 60 rooms have been already been reserved. The NDQSA guaranteed room contract has been increased from 80 to 85 reservations for the peak nights of 8 & 9 July. There has been a lull in room requests that needs prompting and promoting among the membership. Only 40 reunion registrations have been received. Those members who have made room reservations will be contacted to insure that they also send in their reunion registrations to obtain accurate estimate about event participations. Bob Lauer has made arrangements for the remembrance service on Friday. Bruce Geiger will choose the Saturday banquet menu soon. Paul Kopsick is working on having an official stamp cancellation for the reunion. Approval was given for Paul Kopsick to spend up to \$500 on printing 20x30 inch posters of key NDQSA historical activities for reunion displays. Approval was also made to allocate \$1500 in matching funds for member donations made to restore Quad .50 equipment. Sam Hopkins proposed that a donation be made by the association to a local area charity or service program that benefits veterans or their families. Bob Lauer agreed to identify such a project for the membership.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE: Paul Kopsick reported that 270 members have paid their 2010 dues. He anticipates that 325 membership directories need to be printed at a cost of \$861.25+tax at Kinko's. Postage per copy for mailing is \$2.41. The directory, membership card, and election ballot will be batched together in one mailing. The total cost will be approximately \$1600.

RECORDS REPOSITORY AND QUARTERMASTER STORAGE: While a permanent repository for permanent records and organization possessions is being developed, all official materials should be sent to the current NDQSA mailing

address in Fairfax, Virginia. Eventually the items of historical value will be donated to the Army Artillery Museum at Ft. Sill once it is located there, and when the NDQSA membership are too few or too old to continue using them. Sam Hopkins has consulted with Ed Allen about locating official papers that previous officers might be able to provide to the association. Ed has found two photo scrap books donated by Leon Johnson for the association memoirs that will be forwarded for storage. Careful distinctions will have to be made about what items that have been displayed at reunions were the personal property of individual members, and which things were intended to be gifts to the association.

OPERATION GOLD STAR: Bob Lauer reported that there are three Gold Star Mothers who have been verified as being fit to travel to Vietnam. Three or four escort volunteers are needed for this trip that has been tentatively scheduled for March 2011. The probable cost will be \$3500 per person for a 10-12 day tour. The Gold Star Mothers Association has chosen a site to build their memorial and have asked the NDQSA to make a pledge for this project. This pledge request will be submitted to the membership during the annual business meeting at the reunion.

Minutes Recorded by Sam Hopkins, Secretary NDQSA
Approved by, Bruce Geiger, president NDQSA

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DO YOU WANT TO REVISIT VIETNAM?

Second Call, Vietnam Duty Station Tours

NDQSA is looking to collect the names of individuals who would be interested in making a trip to Vietnam for the purpose of tourism. The emphasis of this trip would be to revisit those sites of interest to the attendees. Where and what would be visited would depend on who is attending and when they served.

This concept is in the preliminary stages of planning and would take place at a time **subsequent to** the final Gold Star Mothers trip. If you are interested in making either of these trips please contact Bob Lauer at rhlauber@juno.com or (570) 374-1699 Include information about those sites of most interest to you.

I REMEMBER...

We would like to have your remembrances of buddies during the war so we can honor them in the newsletter. Please contact the historian and record your tributes to them. dqshistorian@cox.net 202-262-9560



Last Call Operation Gold Star

NDQSA is attempting to organize a final trip to give Vietnam Gold Star Mothers the opportunity to walk in the final footsteps of their sons or daughters. Three Mothers have expressed an interest in making the trip with the possibility of more. It is anticipated that this mission would begin in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) with the first casualty site at the Cambodian border in the Mekong Delta (Moc Hoa). The other sites are in the area of Da Nang and Quang Tri. The trip is tentatively scheduled for no earlier than March 2011.

The Gold Star Mothers who have expressed a desire to go to Vietnam are Frances Turley from Missouri, Iris Walden of Tennessee, and Dorothy Schafernocker from Texas. Their families have affirmed that the Mothers are capable of making the trip. NDQSA members James Smith, Luke Clark and family, Bruce Geiger, Bob and Sue Lauver, Steve Moore and John Huelsenbeck have all expressed some degree of interest in acting as escorts. The anticipated date of the trip continues to be March of 2011. Information will follow as details are firmed up.

NDQSA is continuing to confirm escorts for this trip. Please contact Bob Lauver at rhlauber@juno.com or (570) 374-1699 to express interest. You will never regret making this trip and you will treasure the experience forever.

Ladies Auxiliary of the DQS Association

For all the ladies that did not attend the 2009 San Antonio reunion, we are organizing a Ladies Auxiliary of the DQS Association. The purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary is to help the DQS Association in any way

needed, to welcome all new and current members to the reunions and to keep you informed of the planned activities. If you did not provide me with your email address in San Antonio, you can still do so by emailing me directly or calling. I'm looking forward to the 2010 reunion in Savannah, GA and hope that if you haven't been to a reunion in the past, that you consider joining us in 2010.

I am looking for volunteers to help with the sign in tables and selling of shirts, hats etc and tickets for the Chinese Raffle. I'm looking for volunteers with or without scrapbooking experience. I'm also looking for volunteers to help type or proof read and do internet searching. If you can help with any of these activities, please email me at meshad@windstream.net or maryseverin55@yahoo.com. NOTE, when emailing me please put DQS in the subject line.

To keep you up to date on the Savannah Reunion, I have been working with a tour company in Savannah to arrange for a true Historic Southern Experience.

On Thursday I have arranged for a city tour, with lunch at Paula Dean's Lady and Sons restaurant here you will have a delicious "Southern Lady Buffet". After lunch we will have a tour of the Owens Thomas House and a private tour of the John Duncan Home and Antique Store followed by a wine reception in this lovely home. Our group will be intrigued with Mr. Duncan's charming stories about Savannah, as he is a well-known historian in the area and was part of the "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" phenomena. As an alternative, a Trolley Tour of Historic Savannah (without lunch or wine tasting) is also scheduled at the same departure time on Thursday.

Just a reminder, we need prize donations for the Chinese Raffle. Try to bring a home-made item, patriotic item, or "re-gift" something nice you got but can't use for the Saturday night auction. Proceeds will go to the restoration of the Quad 50 gun truck or other association causes.

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Calling All NCOCS Sergeants



Reunion 2010, Savannah, is all about Quads and Lord knows enough of us had the opportunity to put our talents into making them do their jobs. Join us at the reunion and bring all of your NCOCS photos, letters to MOM, and diaries while at the school

and in Vietnam. I am hoping to piece together the time lines of the school, participants of "ALL" classes, stories of the laughs and tears, of all NCOCS grads.

I have recently been informed that the searchlight guys out of Ft. Sill also had NCOCS classes. We would be please to meet with you as well. Please help us out by taking the time to put your stuff in the car and bringing it to the reunion!!!

This is our best opportunity to finally get the story together for the first time. DQS has its history, now it is time to tell our little known part of that history. See you there!!!

Paul D. Hanson, class of 1-71 (the last class).
610-909-0632 pdhanson1@comcast.net

NDQSA HISTORY PICTORIAL BOOK

A 2nd printing of ~230 copies of our book has been received and from now on, all book orders will be made through NDQSA and not Turner Publishing. NDQSA have already sold and shipped ~106 copies of the 2nd printing of the book and we expect to sell any remaining books at the 2010 reunion. **If you cannot make the reunion and are considering getting a book at some time in the future...DO IT NOW!** We do not know if there will be enough demand for a 3rd printing.

NDQSA is offering a pricing schedule that both encourages new book sales and rewards those that supported the book throughout the long production process. New single book orders will be \$60, and orders for multiple books will be priced at \$55 each. Anyone that bought a book during the first print run can "reorder" additional copies for \$50 each. The price of the book includes 1st Class shipping and vinyl covers, which was about the same price as the book during the first printing.

NOTE: Profits from the sale of the book will be used to distribute copies of the book to selected places where military history and Vietnam War studies are preserved and taught. Also to select individuals and organizations involved in supporting NDQSA goals. A copy of the book was sent to each surviving Operation Gold Star Mother. We also wish to make some copies available to those DQS Vets of limited means. Please help us identify places and individuals to gift a copy to.

Use the roster update form on the back page to make an order or use the form from the website:

http://www.ndqsa.com/2nd_printing_order_form_revised.pdf

ONLINE PHOTO COLLECTION OF DUSTERS

I have been making Duster models for some time now and recently got in contact with a guy, Jerzy Krzeminski from Gdynia, Poland. He has put together a reference album of 363 photos or dusters and posted them on the web at the following location:

<http://picasaweb.google.pl/zippo132/M42DusterInVietnam?feat=directlink#>

I was amazed to see some photos of my own in his collection and I am wondering how he got access to them. Many are from our own NDQSA web site, but I am more interested in the photos that I have never seen before. I think if you look hard enough you will see someone you knew in these photos.

There isn't much information on the sources of the photos or what they represented but still it is a fascinating trip down memory lane for all you Duster guys. Check out the photos and if there are one or more that you a familiar with, please note the frame/picture number and send me an email with what you know of the events in the photo.

I would also like to start a project of trying to get registration numbers off of these and other photos still in your personal collections. If you can read the registration number off a duster and know its battery number, please send me an email and enclose a scan of the duster.

There were only about 100 Dusters in use at the same time in Vietnam; allowing for destroyed Dusters and ones sent back for refurbishing, so maybe 200 of the ~3700 Dusters produced were actually used in Vietnam. We should be able to construct a list of them if everybody helps. Remember they start with either a 12-letter-#### or a 40228####.

SILVER STAR RESEARCH PROGRAM

- Paul Kopsick, NDQSA Historian



A bit of a switch-er-roo this month. Instead of a Silver Star story, I wanted to fill you in on our research into the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to one of our mates.

The DSC is the second highest valor award of the military services and while we do not have complete records of these awards, we have determined that a member of the D-71st

Quad-50s was awarded the medal. Here is the citation:

Sergeant Jeffery G. Jarman D-71st ADA (MG) US Army

For service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Jeffery G. Jarman, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Battery D (Machine Gun), 71st Artillery, II Field Force Artillery.

Sergeant Jarman distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 May 1969 during a coordinated rocket and ground attack on Husky Compound at Xuan Loc. Shortly after midnight, from his position on a quad fifty-caliber machine gun, Sergeant Jarman detected a large North Vietnamese force advancing on the perimeter and immediately directed fire on the assaulting troops. As the battle continued, he realized that the compound's other quad fifty-caliber gun had fallen silent. Fearing that the emplacement was in danger, Sergeant Jarman dashed across the fire-swept base to reach the other weapon. Observing that the position had received a direct rocket grenade hit, he quickly removed one casualty to safety. Returning to extract the second wounded gunner, Sergeant Jarman was shot in the shoulder by an enemy soldier who had penetrated the perimeter. Using his good arm, he fired his M-16 rifle killing three hostile invaders and routing the remaining aggressors.

While Sergeant Jarman provided suppressive fire, members of the gun crew moved the casualties to a nearby 105 millimeter howitzer position to receive medical treatment. Only after he had expended his ammunition did he withdraw to the howitzer where he assisted the artillery crew in cutting fuses and dispensing ammunition. Suddenly a rocket impacted next to the howitzer, wounding several of the crew members as well as Sergeant Jarman. Despite his multiple wounds, he braved the incoming fusillade to drag several critically wounded men to the next howitzer position. When all of the casualties had been moved, he continued to fire on the enemy until rendered unconscious by his wounds.

Sergeant Jarman's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Bob Stevens of H-5/2d '69 and others have been looking into the Jarman DSC award for several years now and I have been looking for him in various web bases search engines. We finally got a copy of the award thanks to Gates Scoville (Bn XO) and were later able to confirm that Sgt. Jarman had passed away in August of 1988 in Michigan. There are some people named Jarman that live in Niles, Michigan but they had not returned messages left for them.

Jeffery Jarman was born on 7Jan1949 so that would have made him just 40 years of age when he died. Bob Stevens ponders that the fact that the Army knew he died makes him wonder if he was still on active duty at the time. If he had left the service, it seems unlikely that they would have been aware of his passing. On the other hand, had he died on active duty, why would they refer to him as "Mister" instead of "Sergeant"?

So we have confirmed that we have a DQS DSC awardee; but regrettably we cannot honor him in person.

If anyone knows where he is buried or if you have any photos of him while with D-71 we would appreciate knowing.

FSB Husky (YT 46-08) Several km E of QL-1, at or near Xuan Loc AF, 13 km NNE Blackhorse Basecamp, 47 km ESE Bien Hoa AB and 40 km N Nui Dat. HQ, 199th LIB/hvy arty base, Long Khanh Pr., III Corp.

*** NEW MEMBERS * NEW CONTACTS ***

We are very pleased that we continue to locate and bring into our Brotherhood, new members and contacts. 67 new names since the last newsletter. If they were in your unit, why not use the email link and welcome them to the Association.

[Clark Murray](#) 1/44 '70-71\
[Robert Hunter Jr.](#) B-C-1/44 '68-70 Member
[Frederick Mitchell](#), D-71 '70-71
Willie C. Ford, D-5/2 '67-69
[Michael Remaly](#), D-4/60 '70 Member
[Dewey L. Parker](#), A-5/2 '66-67
[Robert Badger](#), H-5/2 '67-68 Member
Anthony Squarito, B-4/60 '70-71
Bill Wassell, I-29 '67-68
Roland Laverdiere, H-1/44
[Vernell Varnado](#), B-4/60 '68-69
Michael Hopkins, A-5/2, B-4/60 '67-69
[John A. McGee](#), D-1/44 '69-70
[Dino Perez](#), E-41 '67-68 Member
Oscar Melendrez, D-4/60 '69-70
A J Liner, B-29, 67-68
[Chris "Tiny" Darling](#), B-4/60 '70-71
[Frank Proulx](#), B-29 '66-67
[Terry Loomis](#), H-1/33, G-65 '68-69 Member
[J D Leverett](#), D-5/2 '68-69 Member
[Gilbert Ferrell](#), 1/44, 1/41 '67-68 Member
[Chuck Weber](#), 4/60, 5/2 '67-68 Member
[Mario Baeza](#), A-1/44, '68-69
Larry Souther, D-4/60 '67-68
[Hershel Brown](#), B-4/60 '67-71
[Nathaniel R. Banks](#), B-4/60, D-5/2 '70-71
William Musser, D-5/2 '70-71
Dennis Hall, A-5/2 '69-70
Donato Mora, B-29 '69-70
[Israel Casas, A-B-4/60 '70-71](#)
[Dennis Martino](#), B-4/60 '70-71
Robert Swanson B-5/2 '66-67
[Ken Hamilton](#), B-4/60 '70-71
[Richard Brueckman](#), H-5/2 '68-69
John W. Langston, B-4/60 '70-71
[Jan C Obryan](#), I-29 '67-71
[Rod Cole](#), A-1/44 '70
[Stephen Minter](#), B-1/44 '70-71
Charles R. Carey, B-4/60 '70-71
James A. Howard, B-4/60 '71-72
Kevin Stiles, '70-71
[Charles M. Wood](#), B-29 '70-71
[Patrick Trench](#), B-4/60 '70-71
[James Peterson](#), B-4/60 '70-71

Robert Doyle, B-4/60 '70-71
[Clifford Vaske](#), B-29 '70
[Jimmy Walker](#)
[Michael Bove](#), H-4/60 '69-70
[Dick Ray](#), C-6/56 '66-67
James Chaney, D-6/56 '66-67
[Rick Pfeiffer Jr.](#), A-5/2 '68-69
[John Noe](#), C-1/44 '68-69
[Tom James](#), D-1/44 '69-70
[Lew Glaspey](#), C-6/71 '67-68
[Duane Skidmore](#), A-4/60 Member
Edward Foehl, B-5/2 '68-69
[Roger Giza](#), B-4/60 '70-71 Member
John Meenagh, G-55, '68-69
[Robert Bethke](#), H-A-5/2 '67-68
[James Varcho](#), H-5/2 '68-70
Carl Drost, NCOCS Arty
[Donald Hanson](#), B-5/2 '66-67
[James T. Bryson](#), H-4/60 '67-68
Charles W. Howell, ?-4/60 '67-68
William Schildberg, B-29 '69
Ronald Deboer, H-4/60 '70
T. Keith McKissick, I-29, '69-70
Charles Wendling, H-4/60 '70
[Denny Dewitt](#), A-4/60 '67-68
[Mike McNabb](#), B-1/44 '66-67
[Rick Look](#), E-41 B-4/60 '68-69

+++ **RECENTLY PASSED** +++

We honor and mourn those that have passed.

Carl E. Thorp, B-4-60 '70-71 5Nov04
Vernon Blackburn, H-5/2 23Mar05
Marcus D Rowe, B-4/60 'x-71 20Dec07
Willie Sindab, D-5/2 '67-71 Jun09
Charles E. Skinner, D-1/44 '68-69 17Sep09
Larry Thacker, G-29 '67-68 11Oct09
Fred Taul, A-1/44 '67-68 17Dec09
John Libby, B-4/60 '70-71 20Jan10
Sandy Brzezinski, wife of Wayne, B-4/60

NDQSA MEMBER ROSTER UPDATE

One of the most important services an Association can provide its members is the ability to contact other members and to find men they served with. The NDQSA Contacts List (aka the Roster) is such a resource. Unfortunately, it takes a lot of work

and cooperation to maintain such a resource, even with the advent of the World Wide Web.

The reality is that an individual's contact information is a dynamic thing. Area codes change. Zip Codes change. Addresses change and of course email addresses change.

If you have not paid your annual dues in the last few years, you can be sure that some part of your contact information is no longer correct. Even if you received this newsletter by mail, your address might not be exactly correct, and other facts may also have changed.

Whether you send in your dues or not, **please do this NOW**, or at least real soon. We just want to be able to contact you and to allow for other vets to contact you.

If we can reduce the number of names that require verification of contact information, it will be a big help. The 2010 roster will be as up to date as possible when distributed to active members.

Every newsletter that is returned for a bad address costs us \$1.51 in return postage costs and another \$0.61 to remail it if we get in touch with the guy and get a new correct address. That is on top of the original printing and mailing cost of the newsletter. So please keep your mailing address and other contact information up to date.

The following is a partial list of returned newsletters that we have not been able to find current contact information on. **If you know any of these men please have them contact us:**

Anthony Colca, C-5/2 '66-68
William Colca, B-1/44 '67-68
Ronald Griffin, G-29 '67-68
Richard McCrossan
Wally Owens, C-1/44 '68
Rich Lemay, B-1/44 '69-70
Steve Barrett, A-5/2 '66-67
Drew Myers, H-4/60 '70-71
Thomas Richardson
John Dolesi, I-29 '67-68
Robert Daniels, G-29 '69-70
Robert Altig, H-5/2 '68-69
Joseph Vitola, H-1/44 '66-67
Roger Kuzniar, '69-70
Leonard Buck, H-6/56 '67
Robert Longstaff, C-6/71 '68
Mel Knifone, D-1/44 '66-67
Tom Robinson ? NM

We would also like to confirm which units you served with and when you were in Vietnam, so include your unit(s). If you are looking for someone, if you know of someone that may not be in our list, please provide that information too. We want to be a resource to as many of our fellow ADA vets as we can locate.

Please help us make our Roster the best it can be. Do it now, please! - Thank You

QUAD 50 RESTORATION PROCEEDING!



Robert Ratliff, of the Houston TX area, is the fellow attempting to reconstruct a quad .50 gun-truck. He restores military vehicles as a hobby and participates in various historic displays at various venues, including air shows, schools, special events, parades, and other events. He also runs History Fanatics as a non-profit organization. History Fanatics is just as it sounds - an organization devoted to "Keeping History Alive." You can view the website at www.HistoryFanatics.net.

To assist his efforts to preserve a part of our history, the NDQSA Board of Directors has agreed to help Robert by matching the donations of NDQSA members that have sent donations to the restoration project as part of their 2010 dues. The BOD has authorized up to \$1,500 in matching funds at this time.

We are pleased to report that over \$900 have already been collected from some 30 Active members. The treasurer will be cutting a check for ~\$2,000 to send to History Fanatics when we coordinate the correct entity's name to put on the check.

We hope that Robert can find additional sponsors out there to get the project further along. Also that NDQSA members, especially quad guys, will step up to the plate and add a donation with future dues payments.

The goal is to have a mobile reconstruction of our type of gun truck available for future generations to admire. Thus preserving our history, service and sacrifices. We will attempt to keep up with Robert and his progress on the project and report back to the group.

NDQSA has arranged for you to make a donation for the Quad-50 restoration with your 2010 dues payment. That will save you a check and a stamp. Simply enter an amount in the space provided on the dues/roster form and add it to your total. We will make sure it gets to Robert ASAP!

INFORMATION TO SUPPORT VA CLAIMS

-Paul Kopsick, NDQSA Historian

One of my most important tasks as historian has been to help guys with their VA claims. All too often I get a call or email wanting to know where they can get records of events that could support their claims with the VA. Guys often think that everything ever recorded by the Army is being preserved somewhere and all you have to do is ask for it. To that I say...HA!

There are many factors that determine if and where some record or document was preserved or where it might be. Suffice it to say, presume that it does not exist, because apparently the VA assumes that too.

If you were involved with an event that entailed a Duster, Quad or SLT engaged with the enemy or firing their weapon, there is a good chance that information was recorded and reported in the quarterly ORLL or Operational Report Lessons Learned. Typically, but not always, if the guns were fired or fired at, it was reported. Hopefully it showed up in the ORLL for that period. It would list the date, location and brief summary of the action. No personal names were recorded.

Now the question is whether the specific ORLL exists for you unit and timeframe. A good portion, but not all of the ORLLs have been located for the three major Battalions and attached Quad and SLT batteries. G-55 and H-29 and B-29th for some time periods are not so lucky.

I am working with DTIC in trying to get as many of the ORLLs from our units available online (for free). If they can be downloaded from DTIC, anyone should be able to review the ORLLs for any mention of a particular stressor event.

For example, while doing a search on ORLLs at http://www.carrscompendiums.com/ccSEA/ALL/ccSEA_LL1970.html I found an entry for 5/2 Arty and then went to the DTIC website at <http://oai.dtic.mil/oai/oai?&verb=getRecord&metadataPrefix=html&identifier=AD0511004> and entered the AD document ID number I found on the previous site page. You have to retype in the new AD number over the current one in the http box at the top of the page and press enter. This should get you to the ORLL for the 5/2nd for the period ending 1May1970.

I hope to get all the ORLLs in the NDQSA archives listed with DTIC. They already have a few ORLLs that I did not have access to.

Now this is just a start, but if you can find a mention of the attack or battle you were in in the

ORLL, you will have made a big step in verifying the events of your claim. If there is no mention of the event you will have to try and locate other guys that were also involved in the event and try to reconstruct the event from their recollections.

Really, the ORLLs are your best chance. There are some After Action Reports still preserved but they are few and far between. This is why it is so important for everyone to search through their holdings for and documents, newspaper clippings, letter home, etc that contain information related to specific events during their tours. As the historian I am ready and able to archive any and all documents and to have them on hand should the need arise.

Some scrap of paper you have, could be the difference between a guy getting or not getting a VA check for the rest of his life.

=== NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS ===

Many of the new contacts that have found us have some amazing stories to tell, stories about battles and incidents that I never knew about and did not get into our history book. A lot of you guys out there are still hesitant to come forth and talk about events. I urge you to please consider getting your memories down on paper and digging out those old photos and clippings.

Specifically for now, I would like to get in contact with those guys with involvement or firsthand knowledge about the following events:

The 1/44th's battles along Rt. 9 '68-69;

The 4/60th's battles at Dak To '67-68 and Oasis '69-70, Ap Phu Quang/Phu Nhon Apr71;

The 5/2nd's losses at FSB Blue '70 and Illingworth Apr69.

This of course includes the attached quad and SLT batteries as they were major parts of many of these events.

However don't all call at once. Get your materials together, contact me and we'll set up a time so I am prepared to discuss things with you. If you can get me scans or copies of your material ahead of time, it will help. I am willing to work to preserve your story, but only if you are ready and willing to share them.

M42A1 DUSTER RESTORATION

-Paul Kopsick, Historian

I am so pleased to be able to report to the association that the future of the M42A1 Duster as a working example of the weapon system has been dutifully and painstakingly assured by the hard work and financial resources of the Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles (VMMV).

A few months ago I got forwarded an email from our webmaster Richard Shand that he got from a group in Manassas, Virginia wanting information on the correct lettering for Vietnam era Dusters. I quickly contacted them to see what they needed and was amazed to find out that they had just about completed the full restoration of not one, but TWO M42A1 Dusters!



I arranged to go out to “the farm” the next week and when I got there I was shocked to see two Dusters, side by side in the workshop in pristine condition. I mean like right off the assembly line at the Cadillac Plant in Cleveland, Michigan back in 1956!

Not even the ones at Ft. Bliss or the ones we pimped out for IG inspection back in Nam looked this good. The sound of the engines turning over, the smell of the exhaust, the warmth of the freshly painted metal skin in the sun brought me instantly back to my tour of duty.

In retrospect, it was real nice to see the M42A1 Duster from Ft. Snelling back in Rochester, MN during the 2008 reunion. It was well worn, past its prime, crying out for care and preservation, but few places have the equipment, manpower, knowledge and money to do full scale restorations. The NDQSA has already made a nice donation to Ft. Snelling to assist in its care.

It was also an honor for me to work with our late buddy Miles Magness of Midland, Texas on his restoration of the Duster at the CAF Museum. That one was a “static” non-running Duster, much like those sitting in front of VFWs and American Legion Halls around the country. He was so proud of the volunteers

that worked with him to sandblast, paint and restore their Duster, a T-141 version. I was proud to work with him to label their Duster in honor of Sgt. Mitchell Stout’s track from C-1/44th.

But this was different; here are two Dusters, in their prime, OD green, white stars and with their Army registration numbers: 12C126 and 12H224. What is even more incredible was that one of the tracks had some early unit designations on it that were revealed as they slightly sandblasted away the layers of paint. What was visible was “4A4ADA60” and “4A1ADA44” and the number B-221 on track 12H224. So the only way this tack could have had unit designations of one of our units, would have been if it was used at Ft. Bliss during the original battalion start-ups in 1966 and/or subsequent AIT trainings through 1971. So some of us may have actually trained on one of these vehicles.



We have not been able to determine if either one saw actual service in Vietnam, although it would seem unlikely.

To give you a feeling for the amount of work involved and resources expended, here is a link to the May 2010 newsletter of VMMV.

<http://vmmv.org/newltr/nl61.htm>

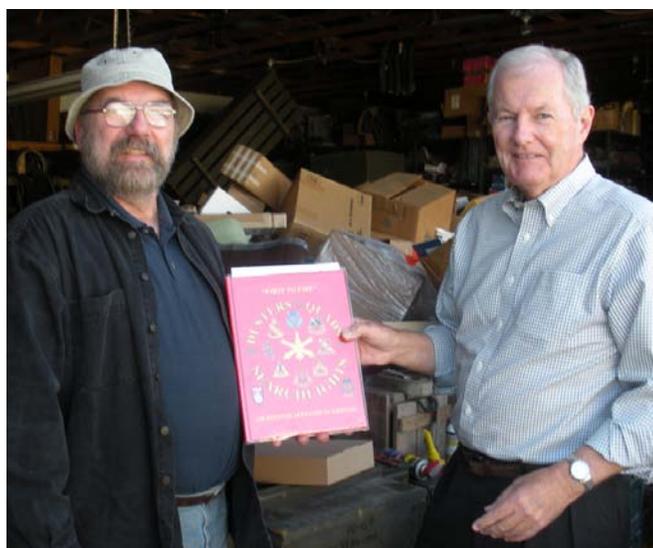
They have a wonderful slide show of the before, during and after of the restoration, along with a few photos I gave them from the NDQSA Archives. You must check it out. These men have done an incredible job and I am so glad that I got involved in the project, after it was essentially completed. If I had known about it earlier, I probably would have been so distracted, I would not have finished our history book on time.

Still all they really wanted was knowledge of how things worked and how they were used. I made my personal archive of technical and field manuals available to them and continue to work with them on historical and technical questions. They are very keen to get things right and with two dusters, they can have one marked out according to Army regulations and still have one that can be made up to represent some of the more colorful artwork we attribute to our Vietnam era

crews. I hear they are leaning to the busy Twin-40s art work on B-232 of 4/60th (see page 21 of the history book). It would be a fitting tribute to the “Nose-Art” legacy of men and their war machines.



My initial contact at VMMV was with their operations manager, Marc Sehring. The two other full-time “conservationists” are Alan Berry and Jason Wood. Mike Panchyshyn worked on the rewiring of the Dusters and was amazed to discover that it have unique servos and gears reminiscent of the naval bofors tied together for anti-aircraft defenses. If anyone knows these systems, he wants to talk to you. Mike is also their webmaster.



Paul Kopsick presenting a copy of the NDQSA History book to Allan Cors of VMMV

The whole “Tank Farm” idea was started by Allan Cors in 1989 when he started restoring a jeep. Allan Cors had a lifelong interest in military history and years of collecting a wide variety of historic artifacts that relate to the subject. In 1982, the acquisition of a WW II jeep initiated the passion for military vehicles. Dodge command cars, weapons carriers, GMC and White trucks followed. In 1984, Allan met fellow collector, Fred Ropkey. Fred's support and guidance were critically important in opening new vistas for this new endeavor. The first tank was acquired in 1985 and the collection of operational military vehicles has grown dramatically since then. Allan's collection is shared with the public under the name, Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles.

The VMMV is located at the “tank farm”, a grass airstrip and several adjoining properties located in

Prince William County in northern Virginia. Here the vehicles are restored and maintained for the collection. It is also the site of the VMMV's Open House events that have been held since 1991. On these occasions, the vehicles and other historic artifacts are demonstrated to support and enhance the speeches made by the veterans who served their country with this equipment. In addition, there are other special programs that are provided for current members of the armed services, veterans groups, research organizations, youth groups and charitable institutions. The collection is shared, also, with the public at air shows, parades and veteran reunions.

The facility has expanded over the past 12 years to include well over 100 vehicles, BIG vehicles, from all over the world. Our earlier listing of locations that were reported to have M42A1 Dusters had listed VMMV as having two Dusters. However they were in very bad condition and not put on display.

They did have a fully restored M-19 which was the twin-40mm tracked vehicle used late in Korea. I remember seeing it at an open house at the farm several years ago. They also had the M-16 halftrack with the dual and quad-50's with the old “tombstone” style ammo cans. Each year they hold an open house and display the vehicles and equipment to the public. It is a great show and a magnificent assemblage of equipment.



M-19 twin 40 mm AWSP

Now for the big news, the VMMV is hooking up with a new museum being planned for the DC/Quantico corridor. It is called The National Museum of Americans in Wartime or NMAW. Their website is: www.nmaw.org and the museum is in the design phase and hopes to open in 2014. There will be a portion of the open air museum devoted to the Vietnam War and we hope to have one of the Dusters prominently displayed as part of the “hand-on” displays.

In the mean time, I have been granted access to the Tank Farm during working days to continue the final restorations on the Dusters. It would be possible to have others visit with me or for them to become volunteers in their ongoing projects and to assist as docents during displays of the Dusters. So if you are within driving distance of DC with time on your hands and want to help, contact me. I have also been assured that during the Veteran's day activities, they would invite NDQSA members out to the farm to share stories and knowledge about the Duster. Maybe go for a little ride around the farm? It is located just west of Quantico base and their wonderful Marine's Museum. Sounds like a day trip to me.

If everything goes as planned, 2014 might be a good year to hold our 31st reunion in the Washington DC area.

So you quad-50 guys don't feel left out, they have a spare M-55 mount sitting in the back shed that needs to be restored. Either as a trailer mount or maybe as a guntruck. If we could get a group of quad-50/truck mechanics together for the project, I think I can sell it to Marc and the guys. If you are interested in such a project and would like to help organize it, please contact me.



I am sure if there was a spare Xenon SLT lying around somewhere, they would be glad to go 3-for-3 and do a searchlight jeep too. Then all we would need is a Vulcan and a tracked HAWK missile carrier. Hah!

The sky's the limit and ADA "Rules The Skies"

NDQSA CHALLENGE COIN and PIN

We have completed the design and purchase of a beautiful challenge type coin for the NDQSA. It acknowledges the association and shows the unit crests of all the air defense artillery and attached artillery units that served in Vietnam.

The coin is 1.75 inches in diameter and has a small flat plate on the back side that can be engraved or stamped with a name or unit designation. The cost per coin by mail will be \$10 which includes shipping.



The pins are smaller than the coins, 1.25 inches in diameter and will be sold in pairs of front and back at the price of \$8 per pair including shipping. The pins have the typical pin back fasteners but does not have the flat blank plate on the back side of the pin.

The coins and pins will go on sale at the July reunion and there will be a limited number of the challenge coins encased in a clear Lucite block available at that time. Unfortunately it is a limited supply and we do not believe there will be any left over for general sales.

We will accept orders for the coins and pins starting with the release of this newsletter, but orders will not be shipped until after the reunion. See the multipurpose order form on page 15.

YOU CAN STILL PAY YOUR 2010 DUES!!

Look at your mailing address on this newsletter; if you see a four digit number, it is the year for which you have paid your dues. If you DO NOT see a date, you are not considered to be in Active status.

If you get your newsletter via email only and are unsure of your status, email the Historian.

Remember only Active members get to vote in that year's elections. (contact us if you have any questions)

2010 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / ROSTER UPDATE FORM/ BOOK ORDER

(tear off this page and mail the top half in with your up to date contact information and unit history)

Roster Contact Information (Please print)

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email(s): _____

Home Phone: () -

Alt. Phone: () -

Service Information (Vietnam)

Dates of 1st tour (m/yr): ___/___ to ___/___

Dates of other tour (m/yr): ___/___ to ___/___

Primary MOS: _____

Primary Unit: _____

Attached to: _____

Names of bases: _____

Rank (final grade while in Vietnam)

Grade: Officer: _____ NCO: _____ EM: _____

Valor Awards

PH () DSC () SS () BS/V () ACM/V ()

If you were awarded a Silver Star send the historian a copy of the citation for the archives.

Would you agree to get future newsletters by email or from the website to save on printing and mailing costs?
Yes ___ No, please mail it ___

To be sure you get the newsletter via email, tell your email program to accept emails from:
dqshistorian@cox.net and ndqsa@cox.net
If you have changed your email address recently send an email to the historian.

DUES – DONATIONS – BOOK ORDERS

Circle payment for: (2010) (2011) (2012) (2013)

Dues: \$25 per year (Jan-Dec) \$ _____

Donation for Quad-50 restoration: \$ _____

Book order: single book @ \$ 60 _____

 multiple books @ \$ 55 _____

 reorder @ \$ 50 _____

Challenge Coin: ___ coins @ \$10 _____

NDQSA Pin Set: ___ sets @ \$8 _____

TOTAL _____

Make check(s) payable to NDQSA

Mailing address: NDQSA,
PO Box 2903,
Fairfax VA 20031-2903

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If you want to order any jackets, T-shirts or hats use the product sales form on the website. www.ndqsa.com
or http://www.ndqsa.com/2008_Product_Sales.pdf

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - 2010 NDQSA ANNUAL REUNION - SAVANNAH, GA

To help in planning for reunion activities please pre-register now and send in fees for the following activities:

The Thursday historic tours (#2 and #3) are an either/or choice (see page 10 for details). Only sign up for one. Everyone going to the Friday memorial services is expected to sign up for the bus transportation.

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| 1) Registration fee (per family) | # | \$ 10.00 |
| 2) Thursday Historic Savannah/Paula Dean Bus Tour (\$89 per person) | x _____ | _____ |
| 3) Thursday Historic Savannah Trolley Tour (\$20 per person) | x _____ | _____ |
| 4) Friday Bus transport Ft. Jackson memorial service (\$10 per person) | x _____ | _____ |
| 5) Luncheon Banquet with Guest Speaker and Awards (\$35 per person) | x _____ | _____ |

Please return this page with payment if you plan on attending Total \$ _____

Circle days that you are planning to attend/reserve rooms: July 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13

We are expecting our largest turnout ever this year and we do not want turn away people from any of the events. Seating will be assigned on a first come basis, so please pre-register to help us plan accordingly. The luncheon menu has not been finalized but will take into consideration typical dietary options. Should something unforeseen happen and you are unable to attend the reunion, you will receive a refund.

Make your separate pre-registration check payable to NDQSA and return to: NDQSA, P.O. Box 2903, Fairfax, VA 22031-2903. Also make your hotel reservations ASAP to insure room availability.