





4TH PSYOP GROUP  
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PANAMA GRENADA

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Dear Fellow "Hindbenders,"

**SORRY ABOUT THE DELAY IN GETTING THIS ISSUE TO YOU!!** Seems our intrepid editor, Chad Spawr, was in the process of finishing graduate school, and was bogged down in the process of completing his final graduation project. He finished on June 18, and is now the proud holder of a Masters degree in Business Administration. Chad also left his position in May as chief labor negotiator for Wisconsin's Governor Tommy G. Thompson, and is now Director of Human Resources for Amcast Industrial Corporation's Meta-Hold Division in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Congratulations to Chad on a couple of major accomplishments.

A hearty "Congratulations" to all the men and women of the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) who participated in Operation Desert Storm. They undoubtedly had a great deal to do with all the Iraqi "Chieu Hoi's" who came across Allied lines. That will be a difficult record to break.

The response from several of you regarding our last article on our KIA's in Vietnam was greatly appreciated, and will be passed on to David Schill who is researching all KIA's in the Vietnam War.

We also will be introducing a new section in the newsletter called PSYOP TRIVIA, and begins with a two issue supply provided by Mario Villanarzo (245th Co). In addition, we invite all members to send along any interesting trivia about PSYOPs in Vietnam (it wasn't trivial, we agree). All submissions should go to Chad or to me. We will list all those who answer them correctly in the following issue. Please, in English as much as possible, or some of our members with VN language capability may have an unfair advantage.

We are seeking consensus from our members regarding the membership status of people who were IDY to the 7th Group in Vietnam. Several folks in that former status are interested in joining us. One interesting case was ILT Mike Merkel, a IDY who was killed when the Vietcong blew up the Pleiku radio station. Another man on IDY who was injured in Nam has also asked about membership. Others include MACV PSYOPs, Marine Civic Action Groups, and USAF Special Operations types who flew our missions.

Expanding the categories of membership could have a very positive effect for the organization, and help us to become even more effective on behalf of our members. Contact Duane with your thoughts.

On a more personal note, I have to share with you my thoughts about my own future as President of "Hindbenders." By the time of our 1992 Washington reunion, I will have spent five (5) years as your President. We have worked hard to build this organization from a group of five 6th Battalion "Hindbenders" at the Vietnam Memorial to a general roster of over 200 veterans. Prior to that, I served three years as Secretary and President of a VVA Chapter.

In plain fact, I am tired and need to turn the reins over to a successor. I will make myself available to help whenever possible, and will continue to work on the locator and on Jessie Carroll's case, but I simply cannot continue my present role in the organization. It is time to turn it over to another "Hindbender." I plan to speak with Col. Al Binkley soon to discuss his service as "nominating officer" for the next reunion's business meeting. I may consider running again in 1994, but we need to rotate leadership so the organization doesn't become "Duane's" group, but our group.

Your continued respect, friendship, and understanding are greatly appreciated as always.

Sincerely,  
Duane

\* Please remember that Vietnam War veterans of the 4th PSYOP Group will always be the only persons eligible for Charter Membership.

ME TOO, FROM CHAD!

This may not be the most opportune time, but the time has come for me to put aside the "Hindbenders" Newsletter. It is rapidly becoming the victim of time and career change. Accordingly, like Duane, I'll no longer be able to continue writing the newsletter on my PC after the 1992 reunion. I've been writing and editing the newsletter from its first days almost five years ago, and it has been a labor of love.

Little has been more important than writing and editing for a very special group of people. Unfortunately, it is more than I am able to continue handling. The torch of leadership must be passed from Duane and I to others who can bring different ideas and fresh talent to our vibrant and growing organization. Thanks for your support.

LZ D & G

Duane recently spoke with David Grieger, owner and operator of D & G (formerly LZ D&G). Dave has an excellent line of pins, hats, patches, etc., including kitchen sinks and Jane Fonda urinals. Dave was a chopper pilot in Nam and flew PSYOP leaflet drops. His sales brochure lists several reunion organizations, and "Hindbenders" is included. If you are interested in receiving David's brochure, his address is:

D & G  
PO Box 12105  
Columbus, GA 31907-0802  
(404) 563-7646 (0700-1200 hrs)  
FAX (404) 568-7843

JESSE CARROLL UPDATE

It seems that the further down the road we travel, the bigger the obstacles become. In plain fact, Jesse's US Senator, Strom Thurmond, has done absolutely nothing to

help Jessie. On three separate occasions, Thurmond's office was asked for specific assistance, but they apparently are treating Jessie as many Vietnam veterans are used to being treated.

As an alternative, Duane and Chad have contacted their own state representatives and President Bush. We have received assurances that assistance will be provided by Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina; the letter to the President was referred to the VA, and they say they'll respond to us in writing. Duane contacted Illinois representative Glenn Poshard, and appeals to Massachusetts Senator John Kerry are being made by Rod Fritz and Jack O'Neill.

Jesse's former battalion commander, Ray Deitch (6th Bn), will take a trip over to the Federal Records Repository at Suitland, MD, and see if he can try locating the needed records. Any other volunteers to help in the Virginia-DC area should contact Ray directly.

#### A NEW LOCATER

With our next reunion rapidly approaching in June 1992, we have taken on Jim Russell of Delaware, OH, as our new locater. This will allow Russ Kelly to spend more time planning our next reunion's details. Hopefully we can announce some details in the September newsletter. Jim will do a good job for us. Welcome aboard, Jim.

#### MEMBERSHIP CARD CHANGE

When founded, our Association had three categories of membership cards: Associate Membership, Regular Membership, and Charter Membership. To simplify our system and save costs, we will now consolidate our card categories, using a single card with the appropriate membership category marked on the card. The whole issue of membership status and categories will be a primary topic for our next reunion's business meeting.

#### 1991 DONATIONS

Our last quarterly newsletter forgot to mention that "Mindbenders" made a \$100 donation to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. The Project hopes to dedicate the new memorial on Veteran's Day, 1992. The Vietnam Women's Memorial will be located in Area I, the monumental core on the Mall in Washington, DC.

#### TRUSTEE ON THE BALL

During a recent conversation with Duane, Dave Rogers (6th Bn) suggested that we might be able to improve the face of our newsletter if donations were \$300 or more. In truth, \$300 to \$500 would be less than the cost of producing four professionally designed newsletters. The total cost for a year of professionally produced newsletters is around \$1000. We'll need more members and more money to publish the newsletter with a more professional method. We need to make our donations as part of our tax-exempt status and consistent with the type of organization we are.

#### THANKS FOR THE RENEWAL

Ray Gailer (7th Bn) reports that we have achieved a 90% membership renewal rate for 1991, with only about eight members electing not to return to full membership status. Thanks again for your support.

#### NEWS FLASH

We have received a call from CPT Stu Wahlers, S-3 of 6th PSYOP Bn at Ft. Bragg. He is writing a paper on "peasant superstitions," and wondered if any Vietnam veterans recalled any particular superstitions from their days in the 'Nam. A few "Mindbenders" have already contributed some recollections, but if there are some superstitions you remember, jot them down and forward them to Duane. Always a pleasure to assist other "Mindbenders."

#### INS, OUTS, & INS AND OUTS

Quite a heading for an article, but particularly appropriate these days! Seems that Al Binkley (6th Bn) had retired from the Army, then retired from Holley Replacement Parts. LTC Binkley was reactivated to help with Family Assistance Operations for the State of Tennessee during Operation Storm. He is operations officer for a group of 41 retired Army and National Guard personnel assisting families during the crisis.

The "outs" of the day go to Assistant Newsletter Editor Mike Charlton, who is in the process of retiring from the Army. Mike immigrated to the US from Wales, joined the Army as an EH, went to Vietnam with the 244th Co, completed OCS, and went back to 'Nam with the 7th PSYOP Bn. Good luck, Mike.

The "Ins and Outs" honors National Guardsman Michael Vey (8th Bn) who was activated by the New Jersey National Guard, and deployed into Iraq on the "end-around" with the 82d Airborne. Mike's family is anxiously awaiting his return.

#### KIA NAME CHECK

Bill Jordan (244th Co) informs us that when SSG Terwilliger and Specialist Sills were killed in Vietnam, the Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Ft. Bragg was notified. GEN Milloy, former CG of the Center, ordered that those killed in action would be included on the Special Warfare Center Memorial at the Chapel. By contacting the Chapel, we hope to close the issue of how many of our brothers were lost in Vietnam. Thanks again to Pete Crow, Rick Elben, Mario Villamarzo, and Larry Sparber for their help in closing this chapter.

#### TDY TALE

Duane was recently contacted by Rick Conklin of Dayton, OH, who had recently read the article about PSYOP's in Vietnam magazine. Seems Rick was sent TDY from 7th PSYOP Group to Vietnam to work with the 15th Detachment (a MACV unit? Anybody know?). He worked at Firebase Alpha near Gio Linh with 5th Special Forces when his print van was blown up. This happened in October 1969, and Rick was medevaced to Japan then to Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver. If anybody has any information to help Rick with any related details, please contact Duane. (Rick is one of those potential members mentioned at the start of this newsletter.)

#### HELP WANTED

Dave Ellis (245th Co) has resigned his services as our "Mindbenders" Designer/Artist for personal reasons. We have a couple of pieces of work to be done, so if you know somebody who can help us out, please contact Duane directly.

**A SPECIAL MEMENTO**

Attached to this newsletter is a photocopy of a very special patch. It was designed by Gary Taylor for himself and Rick Elben (7th Bn) not long before Gary was killed. It is a special memento for Rick, and should be special for all of us who feel the loss of our brethren in Vietnam.

**PSYOP TRIVIA #1**

How do you get 25 volts from a PRC-25 in order to power a Vietnam vintage 250 watt loudspeaker and amplifier?

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR "MINDBENDERS" AND FAMILIES**

Mindbenders' Hot Line:  
Chaplain Bill Mark

617-275-7500 (Home)

617-527-2365 (Work)

618-242-3647

617-687-1323

Duane Yaeger

Jack O'Neill

Mindbenders Newsletter Editor

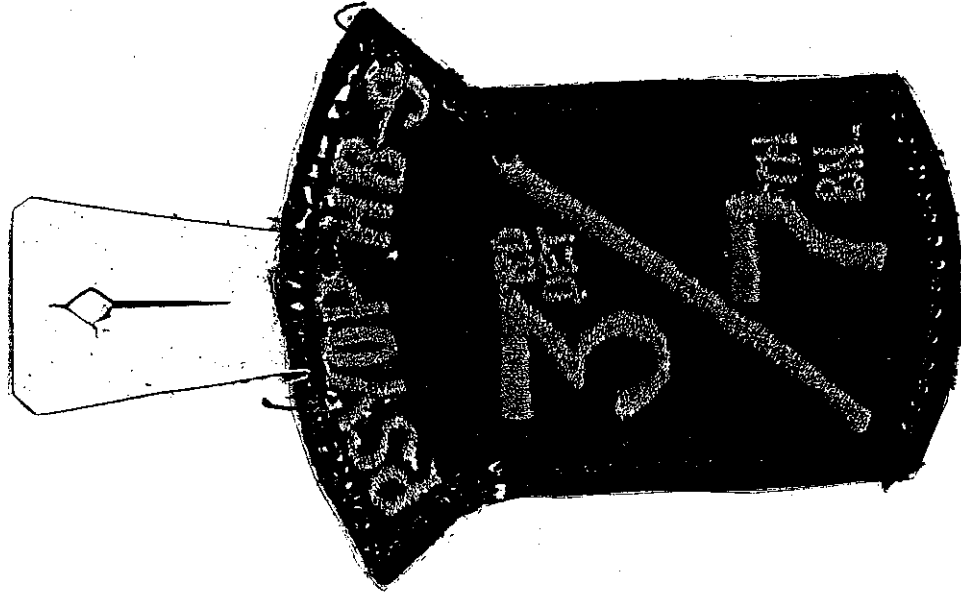
Chad Spawr

414-242-7817

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*For those who are not with us...*

*Please don't forget that not all of America's POW/MIA's from the Southeast Asian war are not accounted for yet. These men are our brothers. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers. "Mindbenders" is for them as well as for us.*



MIKE LUDWICH ATLANTA CONSTITUTION



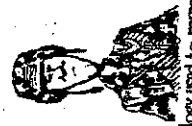
Technology used to home in and destroy enemy targets.



Technology used to knock out incoming enemy missiles.



Technology used to evade radar and knock out enemy command and control centers.



Technology used to remove enemy from territory.



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# "MINDBENDERS" NEWSLETTER



Newsletter of:  
The 4th PSYOP Group  
Vietnam Veterans' Association

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Dear Fellow "Mindbenders",

Recently the POW/MIA issue has been headline news again. For those of use who served in Vietnam, it only rekindles reminders that we will continue to feel the pain of our experiences for many years to come. The Vietnam POW/MIA issue is one that may never be solved, much like the 20,000 POW's captured by Germany in World War II that were taken to Russia, or the 954 POW's that were kept by North Korea.

Without becoming too involved or controversial on this issue, I will say only that our government must now feel that the 80 or more live POW's our government left in North Vietnam must now be dead. They have repeatedly said they believe there are none left alive. Yet, in 1982, Henry Kissinger admitted that the only way he could get a treaty in 1973 was to accept an agreement that contained a list of POW's which was short 80 plus names of servicemen known to be live POW's. The government felt this was a "small" sacrifice for peace. I am sure if rolls were reversed, they would have felt differently.

No quick solution has or will come on this issue, but I also believe that as long as there is hope that **one POW is still alive** in Southeast Asia, Korea, China, or Russia and they wish to return home, we should keep trying to help them return. I for one believe that there is still **at least one** still alive.

I was in Washington D.C. that Veterans' Day weekend in 1984 for the dedication of "the statue" and heard then President Ronald Reagan say that there would be a full accounting of our POW/MIA's. I was also there the night before as 30,000 Vietnam Veterans lit candles and chanted, "Bring our brothers home -- NOW ...!"

Many do not believe there has been a full accounting. Some of us believe there has been a cover-up. Most importantly, the U.S. Government has not convinced many; and **that** is the key. It is time for the U.S. Government to convince us that all of our POW/MIA's are **fully** accounted for.



President Dyane Yaeger at  
home in Illinois.

## Agent Orange

I have also been asked to address the agent orange issue to our membership by one of our members. Wayne Wardwell is one of only two Vietnam Veterans from Vermont who have received compensation for Agent Orange. Wayne's point is well taken and I only wish that we could produce a Newsletter that could cover all the twists and turns this litigation has taken or will no doubt continue to take. The different medical problems, such as Lupus and non-Hodgkins lymphoma caused by the dioxins are another Newsletter in itself. Please forgive me if I seem to be dodging the issue, but I feel what is needed is one person who is willing to act as our Agent Orange Liaison so that proper time can be allotted to Newsletter updates and questions which individuals might have. Hopefully, we will be able to find someone to do the job.

## Mindbenders "Staff" Positions

I have also enclosed in this issue a list of all the positions that this Association should try to fill, as well as a job description of each, so that you (the membership) can see what is expected in the event that you would like to submit your name for nomination to a board position or accept a staff position. If you already hold a board or staff position, and would like to retain that position, please contact me (Duane (618) 242-3647).

I have already arranged for David Schultz to take over for Chad Spawr as Newsletter Editor with this issue. Although this transition was set for your vote in June of 1992, Dave offered to relieved Chad during the interim and Chad accepted. While I thank Dave for filling-in, I send a very special thanks to Chad Spawr for many years for dedicated service as Newsletter Editor that involved his efforts beyond those normally associated with our Newsletter.

In addition, Rik Hofmann has taken over as Roster Officer from Chad and has worked to update the roster, while printing the mailing labels that allowed this Newsletter to reach you.

Hopefully, filling some transitional holes early will make it much easier to fill out a full slate of staff and office nominees prior to the reunion in Washington D.C. during June 1992.

I am sure that by eliminating the hardest workload long before the reunion will provide for a very enjoyable reunion and a very smooth transition.

Sincerely,

Duane

# "Mindbenders" Board/Staff Job Descriptions

## BOARD MEMBERS

President: The job of the President is to manage and preside over all Association activities. One of his primary duties is to write up any and all information he deems important for the quarterly newsletter. He shall also be responsible for special projects, such as magazine articles or other contact-type roles, that a President should fill. In the past, President Yaeger has filled-in on some vacant slots and delt with some veterans affairs issues. He will continue with these projects as long as necessary.

1st Vice-President: The primary responsibility of the 1st Vice-President is to monitor the President and Association's progress, as well as performing one of the duties of the Association listed below.

2nd Vice-President: The duties of this position are the same as those of the 1st Vice-President.

Secretary: The duties of the Secretary are to aid the Association by providing typed copies of any important nature that will be mailed or faxed to him. The Secretary should also attempt to keep some semblance of orderly minutes at the Reunion Business Meeting every two years.

Treasurer: The Treasurer should have a good book-keeping background. The Treasurer's duties are to "keep the company books" and to file at least a yearly report (quarterly reports are nice, but would not necessarily be reported to the membership). He shall receive membership dues and inform the Membership Chairman as to who shall receive membership cards. (In the past, Ray Gaier has managed the duties of Treasurer and Membership Chairman quite well. Yet, the reduced workload achieved by splitting the responsibilities should provide an advantage for the Association. -- Daune)

Trustees (Two): These two position have no specific duties other than to oversee all Association activities and recommend actions or improvements.

## STAFF POSITIONS

Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor will be responsible for proof-reading and editing material sent in for publication by the President and other Association members. He should also use discretion in including material in the Newsletter from any source which might be controversial in nature. The Newsletter Editor should have a strong background in desktop publishing and have access to a printing/copying facility. (Note -- Any member submitting material of a controversial nature should have the material reviewed by at least two Board Members prior to submission to the Newsletter Editor. In addition, a disclaimer should be included with each issue of the Newsletter.)

Assistant Newsletter Editor: This person shall assist the Newsletter Editor in any

possible way. Such duties could be to copy, staple, attach labels, and mail all Newsletter issues to the members.

Nominating Officer: One year after the last reunion (and prior to the next reunion) the Nominating Officer should begin to develop a list of nominations and appointments for all positions of the 4th PSYOP Group "Mindbenders" Association. Such list should include anyone who has shown interest or would accept nomination or appointment for another term.

Historian/Memorabilia: His duties shall be to maintain any and all materials pertaining to the 4th Psyop Group history for the Association. In addition, this person will be asked to present such materials for display when possible.

Design Artist: The Design Artist will be called upon to do any art work he is capable of doing for the Association.

## DUTIES

The following duties are those which need to be filled by people who feel they best fit the role and have a couple hours a week maximum to perform them on an ongoing basis. You do not necessarily have to be a Board or Staff Member to perform these duties, but it would be helpful if the 1st Vice-President, the 2nd Vice-President, and the two Trustee Board members could each fill one of these roles. Again, the most important factor is if you are capable of doing the job.

Locator: This is a very important task and would be difficult to explain fully in the space allowed in this Newsletter. The main objective is to take informational leads on former 4th PSYOP Group members and attempt to locate them.

Veterans Affairs: This role should be filled by someone who has a working knowledge of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Administration, and contacts with service officers of at least one veterans service organization. This person would be evaluating whether cases involving our members are able to be "fought and won".

Public Information Officer: Whenever it becomes necessary (which is not very often) for the Association to provide news releases or tapes to radio stations concerning reunions, or any other media contact type situation, the Public Information Officer will have that responsibility. He should have a very good working knowledge of radio, TV, and newspaper procedures. Contacts in the media would be a bonus.

Membership Chairman: The duties of this person is to mail out renewal reminders at the beginning of each year and, through coordination with the Treasurer, issue membership cards. He shall also be responsible for receiving and determining yearly or permanent hardship membership.

Roster Officer: The Roster Officer shall maintain a membership roster spreadsheet on a computer with the capability of producing separate rosters from detachment through group size upon request. The Roster Officer, upon receipt of a self-addressed envelope, shall mail the requested roster to the member. The availability of particular rosters will be included in each issue of the Newsletter, rather than including the general membership roster periodically. This will save space and cost.



Agent Orange Liaison: This person shall be responsible for submitting any updates on Agent Orange to the Newsletter Editor. These updates should also include occasional descriptions of symptoms, to include those for Lupus and non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. He shall also be responsible for responding to any inquiries made by members.

Reunion Chairman: The duties of the Reunion Chairman are to make preparations for the next reunion. This person should probably be from the general vicinity of the next reunion site.

### **In the Fold**

Three "Mindbenders" have already submitted their names for nomination or appointment to positions for next term starting June 1992.

First is Duane Yaeger who is submitting for the nomination of Vice-President. He has selected the duties of Locator and Veterans Affairs. As well as his familiarity to the Locator position, and the possible continuation of the Jessie Carroll case, he will be able to assist the new President at every turn.

Also submitting for appointment to the position of Newsletter Editor is Dave Schultz of Mattituck, New York. Dave has full computer desktop publishing capabilities at home.

Finally, Rik Hofmann of Wilmington, Delaware has submitted for the duty of Roster Officer. Rik also has full computer capability to generate rosters and already produced the mailing labels used for this issue and the enclosed Membership Roster.

### **7th Battalion Leads**

Recent conversations with Wayne Wardwell and "new arrival" Bill Marx has brought about information regarding as many as 100 veterans of the 7th PSYOP Battalion. Bill has informed us that several early contacts have shown an interest in attending the Washington D.C. reunion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance as of June '91 -- \$2,207.88

Outanding Bills -- None aware of.

Total Members -- 82

As you can read from the financial status, our Association is in good shape. Two donation were made, (1) to the Korean War Memorial and (2) to the Vietnam Women's Memorial. In addition, dues were lowered effective January 1991 from \$25.00 to \$15.00 per year. Our current records indicate 40 members are overpaid for 1991 having

paid \$25.00 annual dues prior to the reduction. These members have several choices: (1) Pay \$5.00 for 1992 in January (you have a \$10.00 credit); (2) Let me know as soon as you can that you wish a \$10.00 refund for the 1991 year; (3) The Association will accept any donation you may care to make. If you file a long form to the IRS, the Association is a non-profit organization. The 40 members overpaid (as of 25 June 91) are listed below\*. If I inadvertently forgot anyone, please let me know and advise me of your choice as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Gaier, Treasurer

\*Overpaid members include: R. Jones, R. Kelly, R. Christenson, M. Carlton, F. Riordan, D. Fieler, R. Gaier, W. Jordan, R. Peterson, P. Crow, R. Kegriss, R. Holzhiemer, B. Goodwin, R. Fritz, W. Woodrum, J. O'Neil, H. Salley, D. Rogers, H. Charbonneau, J. Osborne, W. Forgey, T. Katagiri, J. Wojcik, M. Villamarzo, D. Lee, W. Wardwell, J. Cheney, W. Garvey, A. Clobridge, G. Grant, W. Hayes, R. Stotts, H. Fruman, W. Morzov, G. Conley, G. McFarlane, M. Redmond, M. Loofe, J. DeSanza, S. Wells.

### **Added Note of Appreciation**

Ray Gaier, who has been our treasurer since our first official meeting in Denver in 1989, has also announced his retirement as Association Treasurer as of the June 1992 reunion in Washington D.C.

Ray was responsible for doing all the paperwork necessary for gaining the Association not-for-profit status as well as running a very clean and tidy house for our treasury. His help and expertise will be sorely missed. Thanks again, Ray!

### **Washington D.C. Reunion Information**

We are presently running into problems picking a hotel for our next reunion mainly because of low attendance at our last two reunions.

We have contacted a Days Inn in the area north of D.C. which has good rates. It is a new hotel, but any banquet or reception would have to be catered and there would be only enough seating for 100 people at a banquet.

Because we do expect more people at this reunion than at the others [(1) more interest in Washington D.C.; (2) interest by new people from the 7th Battalion; and (3) possible attendance by families of our Killed In Action] we must ask something of our membership that has been very risky for the leadership in the past, but is absolutely

necessary. We must again ask you to please contact Duane at "Mindbenders" HQ with a letter, post card, or phone call informing him if you PLAN to attend and how many plan to accompany you. Please remember when making your decision that we will have reduced hotel and are in the process of arranging Reunion Group reduction rates with American Airline (our 1989 reunion airline). If the total is well above 100, we will consider another hotel which can handle a larger number. If the total is just over 100 we will book the Days Inn.



Most hotels "block" rooms for groups. Days Inn will "block" as few as 20 rooms, whereas most others would insist on larger "blocks" before they will let us have a banquet room or meeting room without additional charge. We apologize for asking you for such an early commitment, but please remember that this is not a registration.

In the past, our locator has contacted someone on occasion who has been aware of the Association and was receiving a copy of the Newsletter from someone else. Therefore, we at "Mindbenders" HQ do not always know how many of you are out there. This also makes our reunions that much harder to prepare. Therefore we are asking you to help us by notifying Duane of your plans as early as possible because we will not be able to have last minute registrations. Hopefully, we will receive enough commitments to be able to give you a more definite plans soon that will make your 1992 Washington D.C. reunion and visit to the wall a very memorable one.

### KIA List Follow-up

"Mindbenders" HQ is still trying to come up with a final and complete count of how many of our 4th PSYOP Group brothers were killed in action. Following information received from Bill Jordan, Duane Yaeger contacted the Chaplain's Office at the JFK Special Warfare Center Chapel. He was informed by a sergeant there that the names on the memorial do not list the unit (ie. Special Forces, PSYOPs, etc.) to which these people belonged at the time of their death.

We have, therefore, contacted COL Ray Deitch (Ret.), former 6th PSYOP Battalion Commander, for his assistance on this matter. Ray is a defense contractor and is at the Pentagon on a semi-regular basis. It is hopeful that he will be able to visit the Pentagon casualty section and find the very important information we are seeking.

### Are You Getting Your Newsletter?

We have asked this question before and undoubtedly if you are not getting your Newsletter you would not know we are asking. In any case, though, if you have not received your Newsletter by the middle of January, April, July, or October please let us know and we will get you another copy.

These have been some instances in which issues were mailed but failed to arrive. This has led us to believe that they were not receiving the proper care from the U.S. Postal Service. So -- if you do have problems in the future, please let us know.

## Next Reunion Site

In an earlier issue we asked for ideas for a possible 1994 reunion site. We have had no replies to this request, as of yet, so we are still interested in your suggestions. Perhaps those "Mindbenders" living on the West Coast, in the Southwest, the South or the Southeast would like to suggest a site near them.

## PSYOP Trivia

Last quarter's trivia question was: "How do you get 25 volts from a PRC-25 radio in order to power a Vietnam vintage 250 watt loudspeaker and amplifier?"

Answer: You figure out where on the PRC-25 you get 12.5 volts and place it in series with a second PRC-25. Then you tape them together with gun tape (green army tape) with two pig tail wires sticking out -- one wire being the ground and the other providing 24-25 volts.

New question: The year is 1966 and you are in Pleiku in the Central Highlands of II Corps. Your unit has one paper cutter blade with a sharp edge and a second blade that has become dull after cutting many freshly printed leaflets. How do you get the dull blade sharpened professionally?

## Thanks for the "Goodies"

Although we have not as yet been able to use most of the material some of you have sent in (and forgotten who sent some of it to us), we hope to include them in future Newsletters. [Editor's Note: I have access to a scanner that can convert images into computer graphics that I can insert into the Newsletter. This is how I was able to incorporate the cartoon and several other items in this issue. Although color is tougher to copy (Duane's picture), I would be happy to attempt anything you wish to send. Any material sent to me (Dave Schultz, P.O. Box 624, Mattituck, New York 11952) will be copied and returned to you as soon as possible.]

## New Members

New member of "Mindbenders" this year include Scott Clutter (6th), Richard Hofmann (Old 6th), William Larson (7th), David Schultz (8th), David Sentor (8th), and Everett Tyson (4th Gp).

## Last Roster in Newsletter

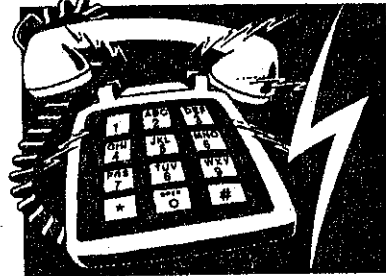
Please check the updated membership roster included with this issue for additional information regarding all current members. This will be the last time a Membership Roster will be included in the Newsletter. In the future, any request for rosters should be made to Rik Hofmann, 5 Van Dyck Drive, Wilmington Del. 19809.

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request. A listing of types of rosters available will be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter.

## Important Phone Numbers for "Mindbenders" and Families

### "Mindbenders" Hot Lines:

Chaplain Bill Mark	(617) 275-7500 (work)
	(617) 527-2365 (home)
Duane Yaeger	(618) 242-3647
Jack O'Neil	(617) 687-1323



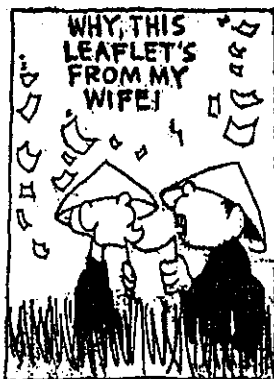
### "Mindbenders" Newsletter Editor:

Dave Schultz	(516) 298-9340
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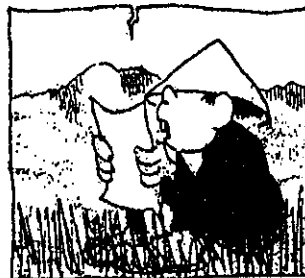
## COMING NEXT ISSUE:

**Update of major developments in the Jessie Carroll Case!**  
**More Reunion information.**  
**More names for nominations.**

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\*DEAR NGUYEN! YOU CAN COME HOME NOW. WAR IS OVER! YOU WIN!



\*MOTHER WILL NOT STAY WITH US ANYMORE.



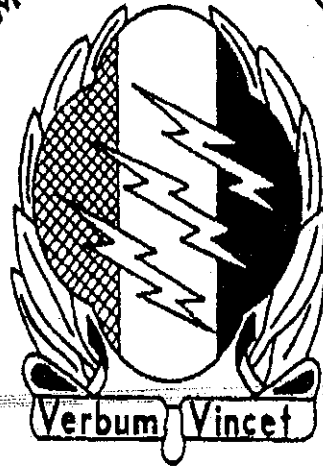
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From Stars & Stripes circa 1968

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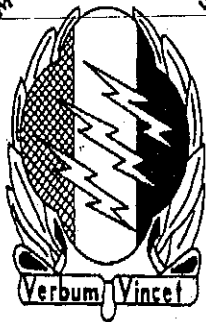
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# "MINDBENDERS" MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PSYOP UNIT SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP: NEW RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$15.00 annually. Please make your check payable to "Mindbenders". All enrollments received after November 1 will be applied to the following year's dues.

Please mail this completed form and your enrollment check to:

Ray Gaier  
6421 Hemingway Road  
Huber Heights, Ohio 45424

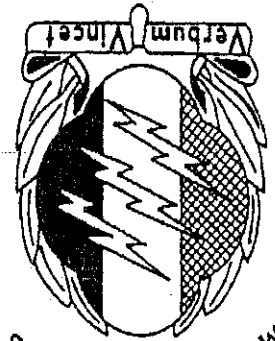
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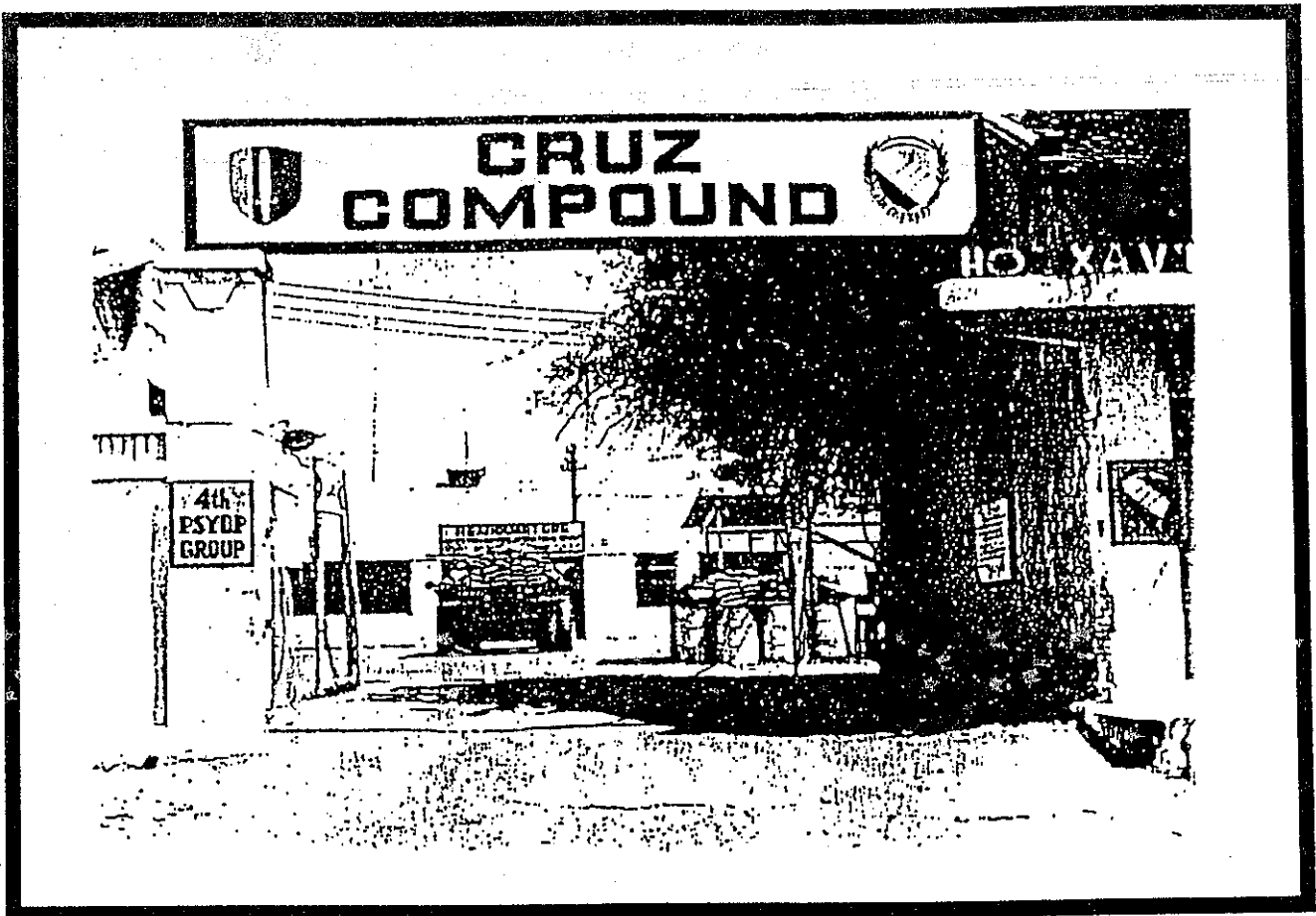
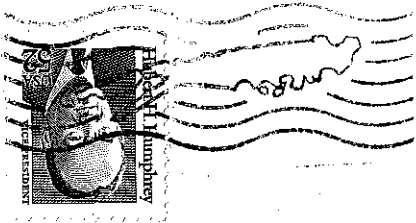
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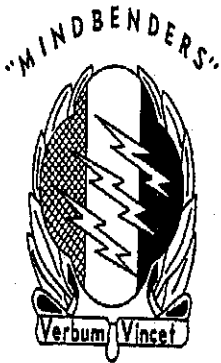
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# "MINDBENDERS" NEWSLETTER



Newsletter of the 4th PSYOP Group  
Vietnam Veterans' Association

Volume 4, Number 4

December 1991

Dear Fellow "Mindbenders",

The holiday season is once more upon us and for some of you this will be the fourth time I have wished you a *Happy Holiday Season* in this manner. It will also be my last Holiday greeting via the *Newsletter* for at least two years as I turn over the reins of "Mindbenders" to someone else next year. I suppose that means that next year I'll have to start buying Christmas cards again.

Last year I sent special greetings to those of you that I spent my time with in Vietnam and who made my time there much more pleasant. This year I would like to particularly wish a very, very *Happy Holiday* season to those of you past and present who have assisted me in the formation and operation of 4th PSYOP Group "Mindbenders" and our *Newsletter*. Your help and support has been so important and meant so much to me that these words of thanks can only partially express how I feel.



President Duane Yaeger

I do hope that you will all continue to support the next "Mindbenders" President in the same manner as you have supported me to make his time in office as memorable for him as it has been for me.

So to each and every one of you "Mindbenders", I wish a *Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year!*

In addition, we at "Mindbenders Headquarters" wish to extend a very special holiday season's greeting to those men and women who are past and/or currently on active duty with the 4th PSYOP Group (ABN) following *Desert Storm*. Most of us can readily identify with your thankful feelings this season following your unknown anticipation of a year ago. Our "hearts and minds" join you in celebration.

We are also finally able, in this issue, to present our complete information on "Mindbenders" III -- Trip to the Wall Reunion. We at "Mindbenders" hope you like what you see and will begin to make your plans to join us.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience last issue due to our change in *Newsletter* editors. Chad Spawr has been my right hand man these last four (plus)

years, and we would probably still have a handwritten *Newsletter* for a long time if it had not been for Chad. Dave Schultz's issue was excellently received. Now, if he can just learn to spell Duane! Thanks again to both of you.

Merry Christmas,

Duane

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

I am sincerely sorry for the "typo" under Duane's picture in the last issue. Yet I felt that I more than made up for that mistake by reducing Duane by ten pounds when I "adjusted" his picture for the Newsletter. Of course, he did not tell you about that mistake.

Seriously, Duane is fit and trim, and truly dedicated to our Association. One of many tributes to his efforts, on our behalf, is that we already have more than a third of our members committed to attend the "Mindbenders" III Reunion in Washington D.C.

### CORRECTIONS

In addition to the above mentioned misspelling, I received a card from David Senter (10th PSYOP Bn) requesting a correction in the spelling of his last name and in the listing of his unit in the roster. Therefore, please adjust your roster regarding Dave's unit from the 8th Bn to the 10th. Rik Hofmann had his name spelled properly. I won't mention who provided the "Senter" misspelling.

After receiving Dave's card I called him and had a reunion of sorts. Shortly thereafter, Dave sent me a long letter outlining his time in Vietnam and his feelings regarding his experiences then, and now. I deeply appreciate his honest thoughts as they greatly parallel my own feelings.

He shared that he was, "not ashamed to have been a part of PSYOPS ... I feel we saved a tremendous amount of lives, but will never get the credit for it." Yet, he seemed to realize a sense of unit pride for the recognized job done well by the 4th GROUP during *Desert Storm*.

Dave also expressed a great interest in finding, and including, more "Mindbenders" from the 10th Bn. In his letter he included the name and address of his "best buddy" from the 10th in the hopes of getting him involved in our Association. So check out the New Members, David Senter. Charles Cappel has joined you, and us! Happy Holidays and Reunion to both of you! (And another thanks to Duane's dedication!)

Anyone who wishes to reach Dave Senter during the winter months (especially past members of the 10th Bn) should write him until mid-March at 793 Walkerbilt Rd., Lot B-11, Naples, Florida 33963-1535. Thank you, Dave!

### FINAL APOLOGY

When I originally accepted the position of *Newsletter* Editor, my "tour" was scheduled to begin during August 1992. When I volunteered to finish Chad's run, I did not expect my earlier professional commitments as a teacher and contract negotiator to interfere. Unfortunately, they have (we are still negotiating). Therefore, I am sorry for any sense of delay you have experienced in receiving this *Newsletter* (due mid-December).

## *Jessie Carroll Update*

On October 4th and 5th, Duane Yaeger met with members of the State Council of Illinois for the Vietnam Veterans of America National Service Organization. During breaks and off-time during the two days of Council Meetings held in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Duane was able to speak with Service Representatives Larry Rodgers and Rich Wiater, as well as, Representative-at-Large and Medal of Honor recipient, Al Lynch, regarding the Jessie Carroll disability case.

The most important finding was a November 1989 ruling that charged the Veterans Administration to prove any veteran's claim for compensation to be false beyond a single witness.

In the case of Jesse Carroll, previous information sent to the Army Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri regarding the 5th Medevac was found to be incorrect (due to time span) and has been refiled for records from the 15th EVAC Hospital.

Rich Wiater, State Service Representative for Illinois Vietnam Veterans of America, and Duane Yaeger are filing to other appropriate agencies for the appropriate records in this case. An orthopedic surgeon has also been contacted as an expert witness.

If proof of Jessie's admittance to the 15th EVAC Hospital is found, Duane and Rich Wiater believe that Jessie Carroll will have a winning case with the Veterans Administration regarding his disability compensation.



### *"Mindbenders" III Reunion Information June 18-21, 1992*



#### **A. Airline Information:**

American Airlines is pleased to confirm the following arrangements for our group's travel needs.

1. Please make your individual reservations through American Airlines Meeting Services Desk toll free number 1-800-433-1790.
2. When making your call please use Star Code Number 502627V.
3. The group name to be used is Fourth PSYOPs "Mindbenders".
4. Valid travel dates shall be from June 16 to June 23, 1992.
5. The discount rates shall be:

--40% off regular coach fare for U.S. seven day advanced purchase. (This includes continuous 48 states, Hawaii, San Juan, Saint Thomas, and Saint Martins.)

--35% off regular coach fare for Canada (7 day advanced purchase.)

--5% off applicable fares. This does not apply to or from Canada. All tariff rules apply.

6. There will be a \$30.00 cancellation fee on discounts off full regular coach fares. Discounts are valid on round trip tickets only (unless otherwise stated.)

## **B. Hotel Information:**

The Marriott logo is written in a stylized, cursive font with a registered trademark symbol.

1. Group rates have been arranged at:

Baltimore/Washington International Merriott (BWI)

1743 West Nursery Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21240

Phone -- 1-800-228-9290

2. Room rates are \$58.00 per room/double occupancy (That is \$58 for one person, or \$58 for two people. Up to four may share a room without additional charge.)

3. Shuttle available every twenty minutes from Baltimore/Washington International airport and train station.

4. Hotel is located 35 minutes drive from Washington D.C. and includes a pool, exercise room, restaurant, etc.

## **C. General Reunion Information:**

1. The registration fee per person shall be \$35.00 prior to May 31, 1992. The fee will increase to \$40 per person until June 13th, and become \$45 per person after that date. This fee is to cover the Friday reception, the round trip bus fare (and flowers) to Washington D.C. on Saturday, and the banquet (plus DJ) on Saturday night. There shall be an additional \$10.00 registration fee for each child attending the reunion.

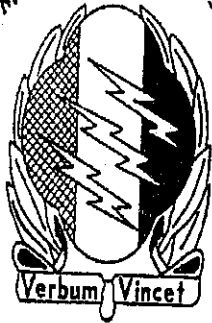
2. Anyone who has served in the 4th PSYOP Group (overseas or U.S.) is welcome to attend. Any family member of a brother lost in action is welcome to join us to attend all reunion functions, but we must ask for a registration fee for any activity you attend, other than our visit to "The Wall". Anyone who served in any of the PSYOP units in Vietnam prior to the expansion and redesignation to 4th PSYOP Group is also welcome to attend. Anyone who served in any other PSYOP units (ie. MACV, etc.), civil affairs, or civil action groups are also invited to attend.

3. All general information about the reunion will be sent to all those on the general roster.

4. Flowers for the memorial service are being prepared by Harvey Fruman (8th BN) of Baltimore, Maryland.

5. A bus service has been contacted for prices for the one day use to and from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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# "MINDBENDERS" III REUNION ENROLLMENT FORM

Please make check payable to "Mindbenders Reunion"  
and send it (along with this completed enrollment form) to:

Duane Yaeger

238 Cottonwood Drive

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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*(Please Print)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN (under 12)

RETURN PRIOR TO MAY 31, 1992: Enclose \$35.00 per adult/\$10.00 per child.

6. We will hopefully arrange for a Color Guard from the D.C./Virginia/Maryland area to provide the Colors and a military escort for the ceremonies.

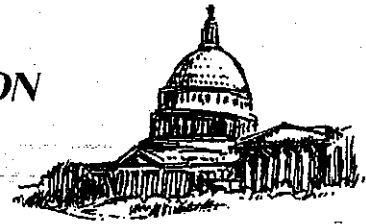
7. During the reunion, we want all of you to know that you are not obligated in any way to attend the business meeting, the memorial services, or to march in any formation at the Memorial.

This is a reunion and no one is obligated to join the Association in order to attend. Although we would particularly like to see you at our reception on Friday evening, June 19th and have you join with us for the banquet on Saturday evening, June 20th, no one should feel obligated to attend any of the planned activities.

Some have also stated that they may not feel comfortable going to "The Wall" on Saturday, June 20th. We will not pressure anyone to go if they do not want to go. If you wish to discuss this further, please use one of the Hot Line numbers listed on the last page. In fact, if you wish to discuss any issue related to your service, these numbers are always available to you.



**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**  
**"MINDBENDER" III REUNION**  
**JUNE 1992**  
**TRIP TO "THE WALL"**



**Thursday -- June 18: Early Bird Day** -- A good day to get together with your friends and get in some visiting and site seeing.

**Friday -- June 19th:**

10:00 A.M. -- Registration desk will open

2:00 P.M. -- "Mindbenders" Business Meeting. In order to have time on Saturday for the trip to "The Wall", we will have to have this meeting on Friday.

4:00 P.M. -- Registration will close for the day.

7:00 P.M. -- Reception (hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)

**Saturday -- June 20th:**

9:00 A.M. -- Registration desk reopens

10:00 A.M. -- Bus/buses load for trip to Washington D.C.

11:00 A.M. -- Approximate beginning time of service at the Vietnam Memorial

11:30 A.M. -- 2:30 P.M. -- Free time in Washington D.C.

2:30 P.M. -- 3:00 P.M. -- Load for trip back to Marriott

6:00 P.M. -- Cocktail hour (reunion photos to be taken)



7:00 P.M. -- Reunion banquet with guest speakers

8:30 P.M. -- Fun time continues. We hope to have a DJ in place for your pleasure.

### **Sunday, June 21st:**

This day is set aside for get togethers and last goodbyes. Some of us will remain for relaxation, a swim, or good food.

## ***BROTHERS LOST IN ACTION***

In preparation for our Washington D.C. reunion we have been trying to contact the families of our brothers who were lost in action. At present we have located five families of the 12 known to be lost in action.

To date we have located the relatives of SP4 Darel L. Sills, SP5 William C. Gearing, Jr., SP4 Jeremiah June, SP4 John E. Lynch, and SP4 James Pastore.

Attempts to find the relatives of 1ST LT John Blanco, SP4 Gary Taylor, and 1ST LT John E. Miller are still in process while all attempts to locate the relatives of 1ST LT Mike Merkel and SSG Rodger Terevilliger have been fruitless.

SSG Pedro Cruz, for whom Cruz Compound was named, was from Agana, Guam. So far we have not yet attempted to make that connection due to telephone distance considerations.

As for the family of 1ST LT John Sanford Martin, we do not know positively the name of his home town as the town listed in the directory is an incorrect spelling and could be one of two Florida cities in a high population area. The city we recieved was Oklala. Yet further investigation revealed the city could be Ocala or Oklawaha, both cities that are north of Orlando. This, combined with a common last name like Martin, has compounded our search.

In speaking with the family of John Lynch, we have found that there are lingering questions with them regarding John's death. The incident was recorded as a non-combat related incident because the helicopter reportedly flew into power lines.

This incident ocured in Long Khanh Province as the helicopter left LZ Rock. Many conversations with Jack O'Neil (who was later on the scene) over the last five years have always brought out the point that there were no power lines (particularly in a remote area or at a LZ) and that the chopper had been brought down by small arms fire.

The family is only concerned in whether or not John deserves the Purple Heart. There is some preliminary investigation under way at this time.

If you can provide *any* information that might help us to find the families of our lost brothers, please contact Duane immediately (618-242-3647).

## REUNION ADVERTISEMENTS

"Mindbenders" Reunion Association has so far contacted *The Army Times* and the Vietnam Veterans of America newspaper, *The Veteran*, regarding our up-coming reunion. *The Army Times* ad has probably run a few times and the V.V.A. ad will probably run early in 1992.

We also hoped to run a reunion information number through the new "Vet Line" of the American Legion early in 1992. Yet, until this "Vet Line" is operational without the costly "900" number, we advise you to stick to our "Hot Line" numbers for the latest information.

Rik Hofmann is also arranging to have the reunion publicized over one of the nationally syndicated "oldies, but goodies" systems.

Dave Senter has had the Reunion publicized in a statewide New Hampshire newspaper which does make its way throughout the country. Dave says the paper runs a good sized section of veteran and active service related information. (Please see a note regarding Dave Senter and the 10th BN earlier in this Newsletter.) The VFW magazine would not accept any reunion information other than WWII at this time due to the 50th anniversary. They did not advise if this rule is to be in effect for the next four years.

## ALPHA LOG

Rik Hofmann has recently submitted to Duane Yaeger a logged report on 4th PSYOP Group personnel compiled from many old *Credibillis* articles. The *Credibillis* was the 4th PSYOP Group Newsletter during the Vietnam era. Additional material was compiled by Dave Missavage (also from the *Credibillis*), Chris Christenson (from officer's rosters), and many other sources.

The report lists the names of 1,919 4th Group personnel and 29 other U.S. Army personnel. There are a total of 2,047 personnel including other U.S. service branches, Thai Army, Korean Army, Phillipine civilians, U.S. civilians, 73 Vietnamese personnel, and three unit mascots.

At present, there are over 250,000 bits of information in Rik's log. Although the log is far from completed, it has already amassed some amazing information about members of the 4th PSYOP Group. One particular case is 6th Bn member William Emerson who logged enough air combat support missions to add 10 oak leaf clusters to his air medal. Another bit of information reported that Major Thomas Price found a mine in Saigon. We assume that no gold was discovered.

Duane is now sending along to Rik some more information that is less complete (last names, nicknames, etc.), which may begin to fill in some of the personnel history gaps.

If you sit down at the Reunion and go through this book, you will undoubtedly

have memories come flashing back about people and places. Hopefully, you will make notes to share with Rik to add to our history. (Editors Note: As soon as I finish and mail this *Newsletter*, I plan to look through my boxes of military memorabilia, orders, letters, etc. I will photocopy any information with names of other PSYOP personnel listed and send it to Rik Hofmann, 5 Van Dyck Drive, Wilmington, Del. 19809. I urge you to spend an hour or so and do the same.)

Thanks again, Rik, for an outstanding effort to piece together our 4th PSYOP Group history.

## ***ROSTERS***

We would, again, like to remind you that if you would like to have a copy of your battalion roster (includes company and detachment personnel), please contact Rik Hofmann, 5 Van Dyck Drive, Wilmington, Del. 19809. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request.

## ***NOMINATIONS AVAILABILITIES***

Rod Fritz has recently informed "Mindbenders" HQ that he will allow his name to be submitted for nomination to a second term as Vice President of "Mindbenders". Rod's specialty and choice of duty is Public Relations. Rod has been a radio announcer in the Boston, Mass. area for many years and brings a good understanding of the media and public relations to the Association.

Dave Rogers, one of our Trustees, has also informed us that he will consider submitting his name for nomination for a second term.

Also, we now have an Agent Orange Liaison. Wayne Wardwell has graciously volunteered to assume the position and file a quarterly report for the *Newsletter*. Hopefully, this will answer and update the questions and concerns of those interested in the Agent Orange issue. Considering the unprecedented length of this issue, Wayne's thorough reports will begin with the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

## ***SURPRISING MAIL DELIVERY***

A short while ago Duane Yaeger received a package in the mail from the 4th PSYOP Group (ABN) -- Dissemination Battalion (Ft. Bragg). Enclosed was about a half a ream of paper with our letterhead on it. There was no accompanying letter -- only a return address. Duane responded with a letter thanking the Battalion for thinking of us and congratulating the 4th Group once more for the job well done in the Persian Gulf/Kuwait. Although it is still a bit of a mystery to Duane, the material was greatly appreciated.

## POETRY

We received this poem along with others by Geoffrey Stamm. Geoff served with the 7th BN toward the end of the Vietnam War. He gave us permission to share this Christmas poem with you.

### CHRISTMAS MORN

He was born in a manger  
In a land far away  
He arrived that morning  
To show us the way

He came to bring truth  
And an end to all strife  
He brought the keys to the kingdom  
And Eternal life

To come to the Father  
We must go through Him  
If we believe in Jesus  
Light will come from the dim

He died upon a cross  
To atone for our sin  
All He asked in return  
Was that we give our hearts to Him

He brought light to the world  
On that first Christmas morn  
The Heavens rejoiced  
The day that Christ was born



Geoffrey Judson Stamm  
4777 Skinner Road  
Mantua, Ohio 44255

## TRIVIA

### Last Issue's Question and Answer:

**Question:** The year is 1966 and you are in Pleiku in the Central Highlands of II Corps. Your unit has one paper cutter blade with a sharp edge and a second blade that has become dull after cutting many freshly printed leaflets. How do you get the dull blade sharpened professionally?

**Answer:** You get your soldier with the most connections in HHC in Saigon and put him on a milk run to Saigon, where he is being waited on at Ton Son Nhut by a buddy. They run the blade to the Saigon Post and pay them to sharpen it for you. The next day (Oh, boy, a night on the town!), the buddy drops him off at the airport to catch another long C-130 ride to Pleiku. Mission complete!

### New Trivia Question:

Name the three unit mascots listed in *Credibillis* issues. (Thank you, Rik Hofmann, for providing this question.)

## NEW CONTACTS

The following new contacts have been made since our last *Newsletter*: Kurt Wahlbrink, Charles Cappel, John Parker, Alan Scully, Jim McCausland, Hugh West, Roger Stefans, Owen Kent Nordvig, Connie (McDonald) Thompson, and James W. Oden. If you recall any of these individuals, or served in the 4th PSYOP Group with one and wish to reestablish contact, please call Duane (618-242-3647).

## NEW MEMBERS

Charles Cappel (10th Bn) 6529 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri 63139  
Alan Scully (7th Bn) 180 Appleman Court, Inwood, West Virginia 25428

## RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!

It is once again time to consider renewing your membership in "Mindbenders". For those of you who would like to consider the option of life-time membership, that issue has been temporarily postponed at previous business meetings for fear that such

memberships at this point could bankrupt the Association at a later point, as small as we are right now. This issue will be discussed again at our June reunion meeting.

If you have not yet sent in your renewal application and check, please take the time now to continue to be an important part of our Association. Dues are \$15.00 annually and are tax deductible. Please circle "renewal" as you fill out the form at the end of this Newsletter.

There are some of you who have prepaid your dues for 1992 and shall be receiving your 1992 cards soon, if you have not received them already. Those prepaid are: Ray Deitch, Al Binkley, Mike Vey, Jim Russell, Taro Katagiri, John Cox, Robert Vockrodt, Wayne Wardwell, and Jim Hilton.

Hardship memberships are available on a yearly basis for those veterans who find themselves extremely physically/financially limited at the time of application. Such inquiries should be directed to Dave Rogers, 801 Pocahantas Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324 (502-863-4870).

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