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Psychological Operations Veterans Association

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Fellow Psywarriors,

It must have been the altitude. Oxygen deprivation can do things to a man's mind.

But whatever the reason, at our reunion this year in Estes Park, Colorado, the membership named me POVA president.

First, I'm aware of and acknowledge the honor and deeply appreciate your trust and confidence.

Along with that, I'm also very much aware of the responsibility you've given me - the responsibility to continue the growth Duane Yaeger, Jack O'Neil and Chad Spawr accomplished in their administrations.

From the five men who met at the Wall in Washington, DC we've come to a point where we've accounted for nearly 500 of our brothers and sisters, have renewed friendships we knew 30-years ago, forged new long lasting relationships, have extended our family to include the families of our KIAs, and have opened the doors of dialogue, fellowship and mutual respect with our colleagues on active duty.

Duane, Jack and Chad each did a great job in moving the organization forward. Yours are large shoes to fill, gentlemen, and I'll be looking to your wisdom and experience to maintain the momentum.

Next Steps

Building on the vision and energy of the previous administrations, our objectives for the next two years are as follows:

1: To continue to locate those we served with in the Vietnam era, and to include them, and their families, into ours. And for that I'd like to ask all from the Vietnam era to go through their address books and to let us know if you have contact with someone who may not be on our master roster. In our experience, each one knows one, so let's help bring all possible onto the Found man list.

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2: To raise our visibility with and to actively open our membership to psyop veterans of all eras. We currently have two members who served in Psyops during the Korean War, and several who served in Panama, Grenada, and Desert Storm. As the Psychological Operations Veterans Association we recognize, honor, and embrace psyop veterans of all eras.

3: To continue to build the relationship between POVA and active duty Psyop, in both day-to-day activities and in supporting Psyops long term objectives and its perception in both military and governmental circles.

4: To expand the services POVA offers its members. In that regard the Board has approved a proposal which will allow paid members to promote their personal businesses or their non-profit passions via links on our www.psyop.com web site.

For example, POVA Secretary Dick Holzheimer operates his own real estate business in Herndon, Virginia. Walt Willamon, 6th Bn., 68-69, operates a fishing guide service out of Sebring, Florida. If we're in need of services, this gives us the opportunity to give our business to a brother or sister in our organization.

Finally, please let me know if there's something more you think we can do for the organization, our members, or Psyop in general; or how we can further build the relationships we began as comrades in arms.

And once again thanks to all for your vote of confidence. But I still think the altitude had something to do with it...

Rick Hofmann
President
Psychological Operations Veterans' Association

Effective 15 June, we will be at our new address, which is right across the street from our current house. That address is:

3585 Sherborn Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

We plan to keep the same phone number 248-276-2492 and email address spawrtan@home.com, so communicating with us should not be a problem.

So, please make a note in your planners/address books/Rolodexes/etc., for our change of address.

Thanks,
Chad, Linda, Alex, and Ryan Spawr

Financial Report

Balance On Hand April 1, 2000 1494.40

Income

Dues, reunion fees 1630.00

Total 1630.00

Expenses

Flowers Reunion Memorial Service 70.00

Hospitality Room 326.53

Postage Newsletter 115.00

Total 511.53

Balance forward 1494.40

Balance on hand 2612.87

August 31, 2000

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Coburn

Frank Coburn, Treasurer

4th PSYOP Group

(With the assistance of Hazel Coburn)

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Well a big howdy to all of you! We had a great re-union. In the words of Jim Osborne "small is nice too". It was great to see old friends and make new ones. The scenery and weather were great and it was a re-union dear to my heart, as this was the first time Cindy and Sean attended a re-union with me.

They are looking forward to the next one in Washington DC. We did a little something different this year for our KIA'S; we had each veteran place a red rose in a vase after their name was read. Chad's son Ryan and my son Sean also were able to place a rose, both giving great hand salutes. A proud moment for all.

Well, on to veterans' affairs:

Next years cost of living increase for veteran's and retiree's is 2.7% which is the largest increase in many years. This also goes out to social security.

If anyone needs help on claims or contacts with the V.A. please don't hesitate to contact me. I will try to get you on the right road. Please start making plans for Washington DC, as this will be a promise fulfilled from "92" when we said we would go back to the "Wall".

Stay strong my friends,
Loyally,
Jack O'Neil



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Jack O'Neil	<i>Vice President</i> <i>Veterans' Service</i>	(603-776-8253)
Tom Brandt	<i>Historian/Memorabilia/ Design Artist</i>	(630-837-7955)

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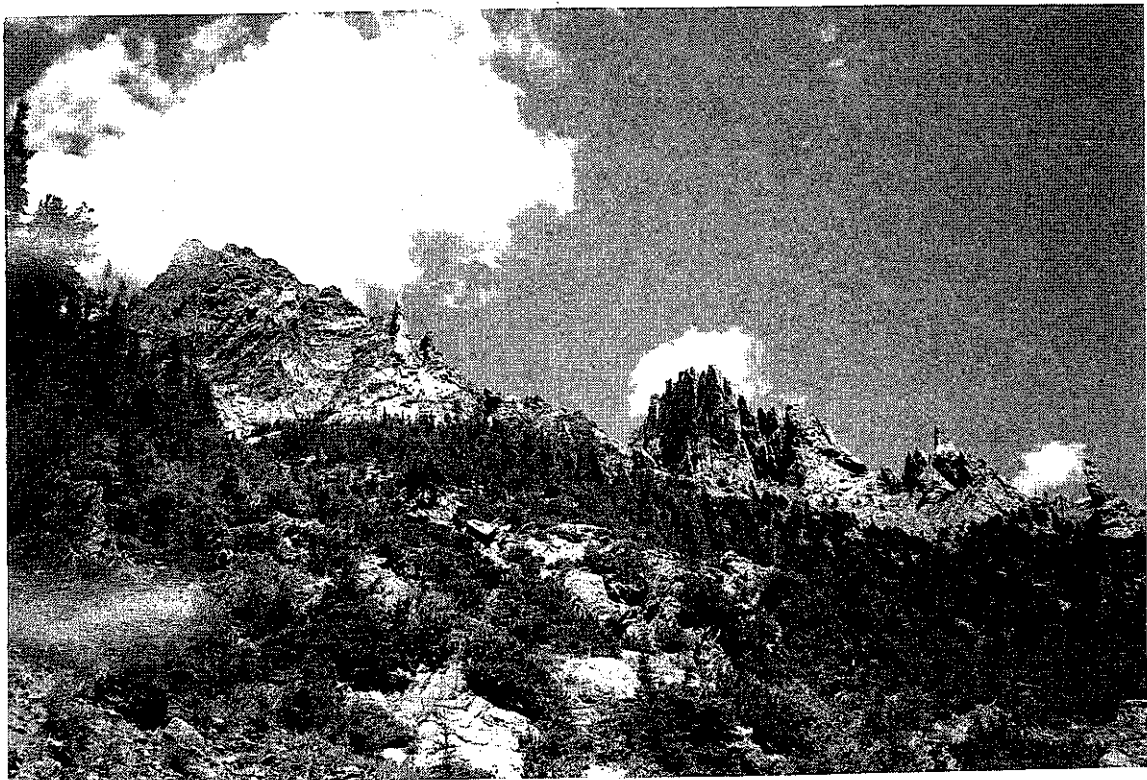
[HTTP://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html)

(Please inform the Newsletter Editor if any of the above telephone numbers are incorrect or have been changed)

YEAR 2000 BIENNIAL REUNION

The Year 2000 Biennial reunion of the Psychological Operations Veterans' Association (POVA) was held in Estes Park, Colorado from 7 - 9 July 2000. The reunion got off to a very interesting start, however, but was able to overcome, adapt, and prevail over circumstances best described as "unique."

As members arrived at the appointed location for the reunion, it was universally discovered that the accommodations gave "rustic" a new meaning. The accommodations were so rustic that virtually everybody took one look and said "no way." Within an hour of their arrival, President Chad Spawr and Vice President Jack O'Neil had taken the situation under control, found a new location in Estes Park with very modern and non-rustic accommodations, and moved the entire reunion to the other end of town. As it turned out, the accommodations were not only much more modern, but in a more scenic part of Estes Park and were less expensive. If you're ever traveling to Estes Park, the "Inn at Estes Park" is an excellent location with a superb staff and services.



Hazel Coburn took over arrangements for our reunion banquet, and by the next morning had made excellent arrangements with the local Holiday Inn to provide a very nice room and excellent dining selections. The banquet was very successful, a feat performed under great time pressure by our own Hazel.....great job!!



Although small by comparison to past reunions, 12 members of POVA convened at 0900 on Saturday morning (8 July) to conduct the Association's business. It was a very full agenda, and we managed to accomplish all of our business tasks within the 3.5 hours we had allotted.



The highlights of the business meeting are as follows:

Charitable Contribution: 2000 contribution will be made to the USO for their continued support of American service members; the 2001 contribution will be made to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans' Association.

Dues Amount: annual dues will increase from \$15 to \$20, and the 5-year membership will increase from \$50 to \$80.

New Life Membership: the current bylaw provision for Life Members will be retitled "Honorary Life Member," and a new category of "Life Member" is created. Effective immediately, a "Life Member" is one who pays a one-time dues of \$200, and is forever thereafter a member of POVA with no further dues requirement. In addition, we agreed that any member on a 5-year membership would be able to apply the remaining balance to the life membership. By the end of the reunion, POVA had enrolled three new "Life Members."

Election of Officers: POVA's new officers for the 2000 - 2002 term are as follows:

President: Rick Hofmann.

Vice President: Ray Ambrozak

Vice President: Jack O'Neil

Secretary: Dick Holzheimer

Financial Officer: Frank Coburn

Newsletter Editor: Al Forgacz

Veterans' Service: Jack O'Neil

Historian: Tom Brandt

Nominations Officer: Dave Missavage

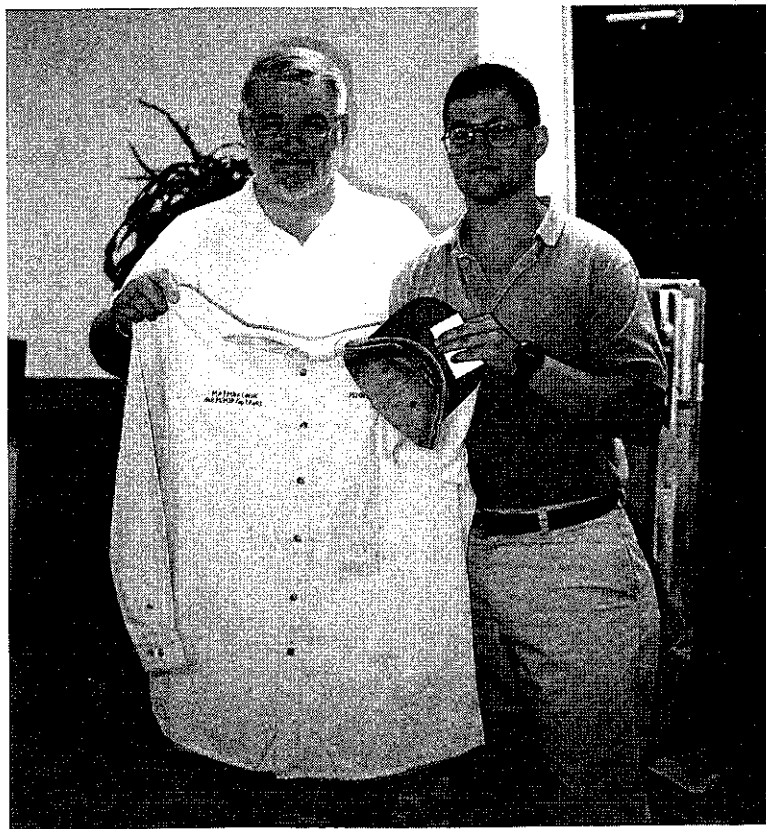
Trustee: Dave Rogers

Trustee: Dave Schultz



Year 2002 Reunion location: we held extensive discussion both before and during the business meeting regarding reunion location. A key element in the location decision is activities for our families; for the veterans ourselves, we could meet in a field and have fun, but our reunions are as much for our families as for us. While many would like to return to Ft. Bragg, we concluded that the family attractions are currently less attractive than other locations. Therefore, we decided that our next reunion would be in the Washington, DC area, with a return to the Viet-Nam Veteran's Memorial. This was the site of our very first reunion as well as the 1992 Reunion. There is so much to see and do in the DC area that we chose this venue both for ourselves and for our families. Details have yet to be resolved, and will be forthcoming.

Update on the PSYOP Regiment: Al Paddock (COL, USA Ret), POVA member and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, gave an update on the Regiment's status. In summary, the key issue holding things up is that of membership. The Army's "purists" argue that only active duty and reserve duty soldiers are eligible for membership; those who are more "reasonable" argue that, since the PSYOP veteran community constitutes the history, tradition, and esprit of the profession, we should also be eligible for membership. There are strong advocates on both sides, but in the meantime, the Regiment continues to lie dormant, neither serving nor expiring. It was clear that POVA's members are concerned about the situation, but are also familiar with how the Army works and are patient. More news will follow....someday....maybe....well, we hope.



4th PSYOP Group Update: We were joined by MAJ Mike Ceroli of the 4th POG, who gave us an update on the planned memorialization of new 4th Group facilities at Ft. Bragg. The Group has solicited POVA to make recommendations for the naming of several new facilities and new streets. Over the past year, POVA has assisted 4th Group in the identification of those psywarriors killed in Viet-Nam, and a decision has now been made to name as many buildings and streets as possible after our KIA's. POVA has agreed to assist in finalizing this memorialization process; we are proud and honored to participate, and to perpetuate the memory of our brothers who paid the price in Viet-Nam. MAJ Ceroli also asked the assembled veterans to continue our tradition

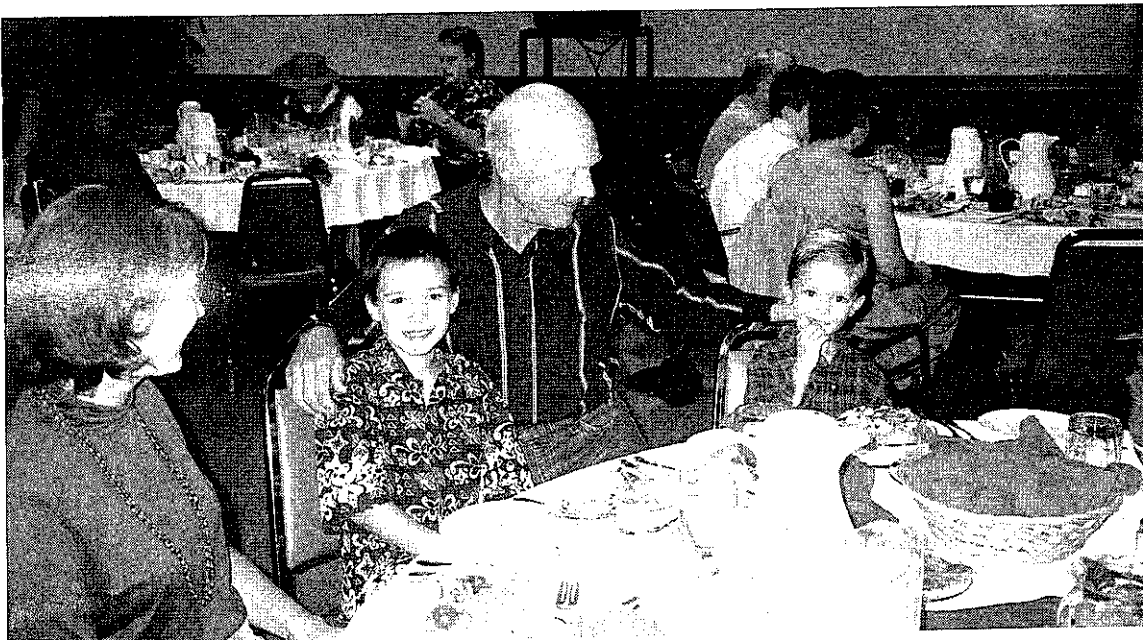
of strong support and friendship with the 4th Group, emphasizing how important our support is to the continued success of PSYOP's as a major contributor to the success of American military operations.

Recognitions: the members made several recognitions of our own members and past officers for their contributions to POVA. Both Chad Spawr and Jack O'Neil were presented "Past President" caps in recognition of their long service to POVA; in addition, Jack was presented with a gavel and base by Chad Spawr in recognition of his service as co-founder, past president, and continuing officer; Chad received a beautiful commemoration from the 4th PSYOP Group for his efforts to organize last fall's "Viet-Nam Staff Ride" which was presented to approximately 350 soldiers of the 4th PSYOP Group by 4 POVA members (Forgey, Ambrozak, Hofmann, and O'Neil). Finally, Rick Hofmann was presented with a "President's" cap in recognition of his election as POVA's new president. After all this love-in activity was concluded, we adjourned and continued on with our fun and merriment.

At our banquet dinner, POVA created a new tradition to recognize those PSYOP soldiers killed in action. Organized by Jack O'Neil, each veteran and the two eldest sons of veterans each took a red rose from a vase. When the name of each KIA was called, a veteran or son carrying the rose returned it to the vase and rendered a salute in honor the soldier. It was a solemn and moving moment, and a brief time for us to remember those who gave their lives in time of war. We have vowed to continue this tradition in future reunions.



For all the early tribulations, the Year 2000 reunion was a great success. Tom Brandt drove all the way from Illinois with his exhibits of Viet-Nam treasures, and made a real hit with our members, families, and other hotel guests as well. Tom's work is truly outstanding, and he brings so much to our reunions with the collections of treasures and mementos of our vanishing youth in Viet-Nam. There are so many memories in his collections, and we are always grateful for his efforts to bring so much for us to share. Tom is truly a brother, a patriot, and a friend.



Estes Park was beautiful. For all who attended and made the Estes Park reunion memorable.... thanks; for those who could not attend, you missed a great location, some exciting moments, and the affection of friends and families. See you in 2002!!

Chad Spawr
Co-Founder and Past President

Letter From Paul Wolf Addressed To Chad Spawr

Hello Chad,

I received the paper today and while reading it I thought I would let you know what one Korean war psywarrior is up to.

First I have over 900 leaflets from the Korean war. The Truman Library heard about them and wanted to look at them. The library is under a big remodeling project and when it opens in November of 2000 they will have a virtual room where they will bring in 50 students and then have them discuss why did we go to war and was it good for us and the world to go to Korea. They have hired a teacher that is going to work up this project. As we sat there with 3 other people I was asked to present a program in November to these 50 teachers and students about psywar during the Korean war. When I was about to leave I was asked to do the program at the Eisenhower Museum in February of 2001. We Korean vets kind of led the way and when I was coming home in 1954 I was told not to unpack as my orders may change to Vietnam, but somehow a group from Ft Bragg was sent to Vietnam and I got to come home. Over the past 50 years I have only found 3 people from the unit I was assigned to. I am proud to try and do this program as I read the articles where you were associated with the regulars that seemed real great. I will write a little article for the newspaper about the project and then a review when it is done if you wish.

Again thanks for being there as I get more information about psywar. A motto at the time when I came aboard was "Have no fear psywar is here". Haven't heard that for awhile I do talk up psywar wherever I go. Korea 50 did mention our unit as the 1st loudspeaker and leaflet Co, but then they go in to the radio and broadcasting unit which was in Japan. I wrote them a letter about being equal anyway we were there and on the front lines where the other fellows were in Japan.

Chad this is long enough. Sorry can't be at the reunion, but if you wish to give out my email to anyone, that is OK. I am going to send it to the paper. I thought I did but must not have.

Take care,
Psywarrior
sgtpaw
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Texas Tech Viet-Nam Oral History Project

Texas Tech University has launched an oral history project designed to capture the history of the Vietnam experience in the words of the very men and women who served in the 'Nam. No matter what we did, or how we did it, we have something to add to the historical record. As many historians interested in WWI and WWII are learning, the best history is from the veterans who served, but these veterans are dying faster than their histories can be collected.

We know what happened in the 'Nam and we need to share it with those who will look at Vietnam in years to come. The "official" and academic histories won't tell our story, won't have our perspective, so we need to provide it for those who will want to know what it was like, how we lived, what we experienced, and how we've lived since.

The process is quite easy, although it does take a few hours to complete. The first part involves completion of a questionnaire. It asks about us before we entered the military, about our training, arrival and service in 'Nam, and our lives since. Tell as much or as little as you like. The second part involves a rather long telephone interview with an interviewer; the interview "fills in" the gaps in the questionnaire, but provides you an opportunity to tell your story as YOU know it.

Many of us don't like to talk about 'Nam, but if we don't share our experiences, who will learn from us? We have nothing to hide and should not keep our knowledge secret to our graves. Enclosed with this newsletter is an information sheet about the Texas Tech project. I strongly encourage all POVA members to participate, and tell your 'Nam experience as it was, and share it with those who will follow us.

I went through the process myself, and am very happy that I did. I shared my history as I wanted others to know it; I encourage you to contribute to the "real" Vietnam record for the sake of those who will come after us.

Chad Spawr



LETTER FROM MAJOR JOHN CHENEY

Well here I find myself in Tusla, Bosnia. Things have changed since Vietnam when I was a 71Q40W, SSG, Feb 69 to Sept 70, 4th PSYOP Group. I am no longer a PSYOP Warrior. I am Headquarters Commandant 49AD, this time around.

We are at Eagle Base, near Tusla, Bosnia. The Army keeps us bottled up here on the bases, except for patrols. There is no alcohol, Lordy, remember the suds in Nam? No mixing with the locals on a social basis. All the new fraternization rules the Army now has kinda takes some of the fun out of it.

The facilities are much improved, as is the food. The food is furnished by a contractor, Brown and Root. It is equivalent to a cafeteria, many choices each meal. There is a large gym with all the facilities and exercise machines and an outside track one can use when the snow is not piled too high. "Sea Huts" are the container rage for housing here. Officer and higher NCO's are two to a shipping container. Lower ranks share a "Sea Hut". open bay type thing 4 to 8 per unit. COL and above have a private container. Latrines are shared and but a few containers away.

There is a small PSYOP staff here. Most unit sections seem to be short of people and PSYOP is no exception. With all the guard duty, and escort missions (most nationals must be escorted in buildings) there is not too much time for real world missions. The PSYOP products I have seen here are the Bosnian Superman comics and the inevitable series of leaflets. More often than not, the PSYOP here is more subtle, billboards, purchased radio ads etc.

Force Protection is very important here. We are fortunate that no bullets are flying here nor the 122mm rockets we all remember so well. We are all armed either 9MM or M16. The Tusla area is mostly Muslim, very friendly people.

I hope to make next year's reunion. (Dear John, That would be in 2002.—Editor)

I am excited about my return to IBM when this is over. IBM has been very supportive. I am proud to work for such a great company as a civilian.

Take care, and give my regards to the PSYOP Warriors at the convention !!!

John Cheney Headquarters 49th Armored Division
MAJ, MI (Formerly Texas Army National Guard)
HQCMDT, SFOR7 Currently, Active Duty

HQCMDT@HOTMAIL.COM

As nomination officer, I appeal to our on-line members, to make note of a change of address and phone for me.

Also inform all of our members who aren't online of this change.

David Missavage
POVA, Nominations Officer
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If there are any other members out there who have an Email address and would like to get on our listing, please let me know. Also inform me of any corrections or changes to the above.

Al Forgacz - Editor

Former fellow 4th PsyOpGp Photographer (Hdqtrts)1968,1969,1970 ——Calvin Crane.

Calvin has maintained his interest in helping Vietnam Veterans and the public to understand the current mythology about our crusade in Southeast Asia. I have personally known Calvin since we served together in 1968. He was a team member on numerous operations on our teams in I CTZ, documenting our missions and helping to build our library files with quality photos for use on our leaflets and posters, etc.

Please welcome him into our community. You may see his

work by doing a search on the internet:

<http://www.flickersfilms.com>

or

<http://longwayhome.net>

Calvin is in need of our moral support at this time as you will see in his current project longwayhome. My hopes are that some of you may know ways which might help him to complete his current mission, as it benefits us all.

Thanks - Dave

Message to a Prospective New Member.

We are essentially a reunion association; we do a little other business, but we are mostly a group of vets and families, including a few Gold Star families, who get together every other summer for a few days, enjoy each other's company, and do a little business. No war stories or drunken revelry, we enjoy the fact that we are alive, we remember our losses, but we mostly enjoy the company of each other and our families. We've been together every other year since 1988, and have recently become more involved with 4th PSYOP Group at Ft. Bragg.

I hope you'll take a minute to consider us and then join. Our dues are only \$20 per year, or \$80 for 5 years. We publish a newsletter approximately quarterly, the content and value of which is directly dependent on our members and officers. We are not a veterans' service organization such as VVA, AL, VFW. We are about enjoying each others' company once every other year, and perhaps doing a little business.

If you are interested, please send your name, address, phone, connection to PSYOPs and the dates of your involvement, Rick Hofmann at richard.hofmann@phwilm.zeneca.com. Rick will send you our application and that will make it as official as it can be. We are a pretty informal Association, and we do have a good time at our reunions.

Sincerely, and Welcome Home
Rick Hofmann

JUST A REMINDER

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

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

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

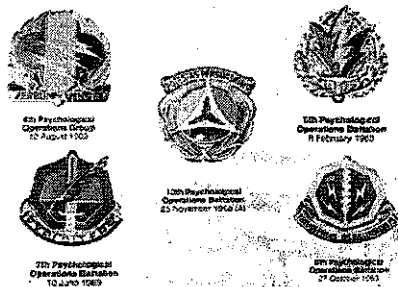
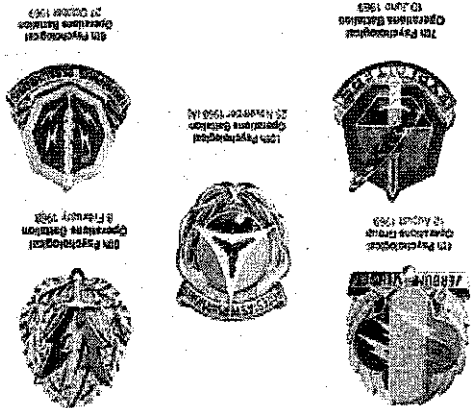
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(To be incorporated with other crests in next newsletter)

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Fellow Psywarriors,

As is usually the case, there is so much to share and so little time to do it. As you know, we are now within a few months of our biennial reunion in Estes Park, Colorado. Doc Forgey has done a great job putting together a superb venue for our time together, and it should be a beautiful location for good friends and families to come together one more time. Information on the reunion is included in this edition of the newsletter.

Our Association has been very busy this year. Relations with the 4th PSYOP Group continue to grow, and we are in increasing demand to share our experiences and history with today's modern PSYOP soldiers. In the past month, four of our members presented a seminar on PSYOP in Viet-Nam to over 150 officers, NCO's and enlisted soldiers of the 4th POG. The seminar was well-attended and both groups benefited from the time together. We are now working with the Kennedy Special Warfare Center leadership to develop a segment on Viet-Nam PSYOP as part of the training for all new PSYOP officers. In summary, we have something substantial to offer to today's psywarriors, and our value has been both accepted and appreciated. You'll find a story on the February seminar later in this edition.

Of perhaps great significance, POVA was a major contributor to a TV special on Psychological Warfare to be aired on the History Channel this spring. I won't tell you which of our members appears in the final edition of the show, but suffice to say that POVA was heavily involved in the design and development of this significant historical documentary.

What I want all of our members and friends to know is that POVA is "on the map." We are involved in so many ways to share our story about PSYOP in Southeast Asia, a story of hard work and commitment and dedication and sacrifice. A story about young men going in harm's way to do the 3 things which are the mission of PSYOP: prevent conflict, shorten hostilities, and save lives. We have a great history and heritage, and that is now recognized. We are involved in exhibits of the leaflets we prepared and disseminated, recognized by the military PSYOP community as a source of expertise and tradition, and recognized by both academia and the interested media as a source of knowledge and history about a relatively unknown "force contributor" to the achievement of military missions. Through the hard work of many of POVA's members, we are truly "on the map."

We have much to do at this reunion's business meeting, and I want to share with you some of the issues we are facing....all must be resolved in a brief meeting, so please come prepared to discuss and help resolve these matters. However, it will not be all business, as we want to have as much good time together as possible. Here are the key issues as I currently see them:

- election of officers for the term beginning in 2000;
- Year 2000 charitable contribution;
- update on the PSYOP Regiment and the Regimental Association;
- selection of Year 2002 Reunion site;
- update on the PSYOP Museum at Ft. Bragg
- naming of Ft. Bragg facilities for PSYOP KIA's

I have decided not to stand for re-election as president of the Association. It is time for "new blood." This has been a labor of love. Since we were founded in 1988, only the original co-founders have served as presidents; as POVA is working hard to be recognized as the reunion association for all PSYOP veterans and supporters, it is time for new leadership to take on the challenges of growth and development. I am proud of the work

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done to date by Duane, Jack, and me, but the time has come to turn this over to a new leadership group.

In closing, I look forward to seeing every one of you in Estes Park in July. If we run out of space, we'll double up; we'll pitch tents; we'll rent trailers. This is OUR reunion, a time to share great memories and friendships. We have much to offer each other, and much for which we can be proud. We have good friends around the world who know who we are, who seek us out as a source of expertise; we are an Association of first-class men and women who did something few ever heard of or would ever understand.

See you in July.

Chad Spawr
Co-Founder and President

I've recently spoken with Stephen Maxner of the Texas Tech University Viet-Nam Oral History Project. Texas Tech has dedicated a center to the study of the Viet-Nam War, and is actively pursuing the collection and preservation of materials from the War, as well as seeking to interview Viet-Nam veterans regarding their experiences before, during, and after the war.

"I strongly encourage all POVA members to contact Steve and arrange to share your experiences; this is truly a way for all of us to add value to the historical record of Viet-Nam. After all, who better to tell our story than us?"

Please read the enclosed flyer, and contact Mr. Maxner; we have a chance to make a real historical contribution that will benefit generations to come. Take the time, and make a difference."

Chad

Letter to Stephen Maxner

I'm pleased to invite you to attend our biennial reunion in Estes Park, CO. Information on the reunion is attached to this message.

I will be pleased to offer you the opportunity to interview those of our members who volunteer to be interviewed. However, we cannot allow any pressure to be placed on our members....their recollections, memories, and feelings are entirely their own. I believe you will find our members willing to work with you, but I cannot allow any form of pressure, no matter how subtle.

In addition, while you are welcome to join us, enjoy our time together, and make a brief presentation during our business meeting, I must emphasize that we do not allow fund-raising by any outside organization, regardless of the purpose. We will not allow ourselves to be used for marketing purposes. This is a reunion of PSYOP veterans, not a marketing or sales opportunity.

I believe you offer a tremendous opportunity for members of our Association to provide their recollections for the benefit of posterity, and will be happy to participate myself. Given our relatively few constraints, you will be welcome to join us and collect recorded memories from any who volunteer. I will have you added to our business agenda.

We look forward to meeting with you and offering you the opportunity to help preserve vital memories for posterity.

Sincerely,

Chad Spawr
Co-Founder and President
PSYOP Veterans' Association
Viet-Nam 67-69

Chad:

Thank you for the invitation and support. I agree completely with the sentiment of both messages I received from you this weekend. We do not attend reunions to plug anything except providing a place for Vietnam veterans to donate their personal papers and memorabilia and to provide an opportunity for those interested to conduct oral history interviews. We would never expect or want any pressure to be placed on people to participate in any of our projects. We only want volunteers.

As far as an associate attending the reunion in July, we have committed to attend 9 reunions between April 5 and July 9 and we are at the limits of our travel budget. At the same time, I recognize and agree with your concern over problems we face with aging Vietnam veterans and so I offer these solutions:

I will do everything I can to attend your reunion in 2002 (let me know when and where)! I will provide as many copies as you want of brochures and flyers to distribute to your reunion attending members. I will provide as many copies as you want of a one page flyer that could be inserted into your newsletter mailing.

See Flyer on Page 9

If this is not feasible, if you are allowed to provide me POVA member names and addresses, we can arrange a mass mailing ourselves. With your approval, I will request from your web master two things:

The creation of a prominent link to our web site to help raise POVA member awareness of our projects. I will send an email message that could be forwarded to your member email list.

Contacting POVA members in the ways listed above will allow me the opportunity to interview some of them by telephone or even in person depending on their location. In addition, I could put interested POVA members on the Vietnam Center Newsletter mailing list so that they are kept aware of our projects and events.

Please let me know what you think of these ideas. As you can tell, I would like to work aggressively in getting word out to POVA members that we are here and would like to help preserve the history of their vital contributions to the Vietnam War.

Thanks for everything.

Steve Maxner
Oral Historian
The Vietnam Archive
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Financial Report

Income

Dues 355.00

Balance forward 1634.40
Balance on hand 1494.40
3-31-00

(With the assistance of Hazel Coburn)

Expenses

Internet Data Tech. Web Hosting 495.00

Respectfully Submitted



Frank Coburn, Treasurer
4th PSYOP Group



Important Phone Numbers for Members & Families

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Tom Brandt	<i>Historian/Memorabilia/ Design Artist</i>	(630-837-7955)
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Credibilis Web Site

[HTTP://WWW.PSYOP.COM](http://www.PSYOP.COM)

Ed Rouse PSYOP's Webpage

[HTTP://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/1012/kia.html)

(Please inform the Newsletter Editor if any of the above telephone numbers are incorrect or have been changed)

PSYOP VETERANS' REUNION
Estes Park, Colorado
7 - 9 July 2000

To be held at the Elkhorn Lodge & Guest Ranch (970) 586-4416
Western Hospitality since 1874

Special room rate to be held until 15 March 2000 for reservations.
Main Lodge ranging from \$85 for two persons to a 2 Bedroom Suite for \$115

Cabins from \$85 for two persons.

And for the more adventurous: tent camping is \$20/night or teepee camping for \$40/night (firewood included in price). Full access to swimming pools, showers, lodge facilities are within five minutes walk of the camping site - routine transportation provided via tractor hauled wagons.

Special Cabins are also available with kitchen, fireplace, which sleep 4 to 6.

Lodge has dining room, full service bar, and the meeting rooms which we will use for our social events, displays, and business meetings.

Special Events for the weekend:

Estes Park is the host of the "Roof Top Rodeo" this weekend. This is a PRCA sanctioned rodeo with some of the best riders in the country competing.

Estes Park is the gateway to the Rocky Mountain National Park, with two main park entrances. This small town is located an easy drive from Denver International Airport (north on I-25 to Loveland, then 24 miles west up Highway 34 through the spectacular Big Thompson Canyon.. The town is loaded with western style restaurants, gift and craft shops, and is the site of the Stanely Hotel - where much of the interior was filmed for the Stephen King movie, "The Shinning."

Special Activities arranged locally:

Fly fishing, river rafting, hiking, mountain biking, ballooning, photography classes and opportunities, riding by horseback or off-road vehicle through wilderness areas, climbing instruction -- there are activities for every interest and level of activity.

Special Activities at our hotel:

Western Barbecue Evening Steak horseback ride, Breakfast horseback ride - as well as the social events planned for the organization within our private lounge and our additional meeting area.

Reservations:

You should call the Elkhorn Lodge directly for room reservations. Special registration information will be sent for the reunion. Sign-up for many of the activities can be done at the time of arrival.

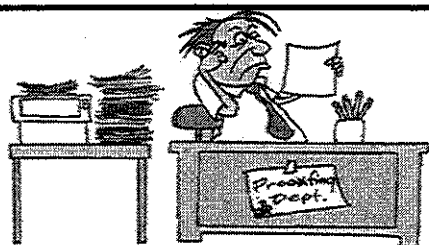
A packet of information concerning the Elkhorn Lodge and the PSYOP Reunion will be sent to all of our membership and identified interested parties later this year.

Keep the weekend of 7 - 9 July 2000 open for our reunion. And plan to take advantage of a genuine Western vacation, complete with real cowboys, a haunted mansion, a Plains Indian vision quest site, a historic resort with all of the trimmings, and lots of PSYOPers milling around the Rocky Mountains!

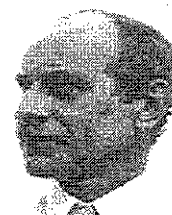
Bill Forgey
Program Chair

Since we are going to be in cowboy country I had planned for the Saturday dinner to be a chuck wagon dinner. The cost of the dinner for the most expensive menu is \$17.50, but it ranges down to 10.50 (children 8.50) depending upon choice. It will be held by a trout pound and served from a chuck wagon and cooked outdoors. Dress should be western -- perhaps prizes for the youngest cowboy, best dressed cowboy, oldest cowboy, etc.? There is a pavilion for shelter from the sun. We have two rooms indoors for either a continuation of the program (if we wish part of it to be indoors, or we can hold the whole evening affair outdoors [which is what I would do weather permitting]). We can always charge more as a fund raiser in addition to the auction. I would suggest, however, that we simply ask persons attending to make a donation to the organization of, say \$10, and do this separately from the actual meal payment. I am paying for the room rental and open bar costs as a donation. There should be no additional costs to the organization for this reunion and the only costs to participants will be the cost of their rooms (with cheaper housing nearby if necessary) and the banquet chuck wagon barbecue as mentioned above. That should make costs very reasonable. There are many activities that could cost more, such as the horse back riding, fly fishing, and rodeo tickets. Get ready for a Western Reunion.

Doc Forgey



*From the
Editor's
Desk*



Dear Fellow Members,

The time is quickly approaching for our bi-ennial reunion. If your planning to come, now is the time to get off your seat and get those reservations in. Please call the Elkhorn Guest Lodge and Ranch directly for reservations as soon as possible. The telephone number is (970) 586-4416 (In case you missed it on top of page 5).

Doc Forgey has informed me that we have a private room scheduled for our use Friday afternoon until Sunday noon. This room can be locked and is adequate for displays and social gathering. We have another room reserved for a general meeting all day Saturday - not that we will meet that long, but it allows us to adjust the meeting time as needed. I presume it will meet with approval to state that there will be a social Friday with slides, etc., and the business meeting will be Saturday AM. Numerous activities can be scheduled after people arrive - from fly fishing, barbecues, hang gliding, trail hiking, scenic drives or to see one of the largest rodeos in the west. **If its Western - its happening at Estes Park that weekend!**

There will be a \$15 attendance fee per vet. This is to manage expenses. As we know dues are ALWAYS slow and ALWAYS behind. A \$15 attendance fee per vet is not unreasonable.

Al Forgacz
Editor in Chief

Dear Al,

Howdy! This is just a quick note to let you know my new snail mail address also new E-mail address. Hope you and your family are well. Are you still the Newsletter Editor? If so, you may print my E-mail address in the newsletter and pass on snail mail address and phone numbers to anyone. Thanks!

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I've been working at night at our hospital. Admin Mgr., it's like a night CQ job. Drop me a note when you get a chance. Take Care. Don V.

The Psychological Operations Veterans' Association

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C. V. (Chad) Spawr
Viet-Nam 1967-69
Co-Founder and President

6 December 1999

Lieutenant General William Tangney
Commanding General
U.S. Army Special Operations Command
Fort Bragg, NC 28310-5200

Dear Lieutenant General Tangney,

I am writing on behalf of efforts to memorialize the major contributions of MG Robert McClure to the art of special warfare. The Psychological Operations Veterans' Association (POVA) strongly supports naming the USASOC Headquarters after MG McClure. As you know, it was through the vision and tenacity of MG McClure that US military special operations have achieved their tremendous respect and capability as force multipliers in the modern American military force structure.

I firmly believe that MG McClure defined the vision for modern American special warfare; through his powerful leadership, the Special Warfare Center was created at Ft. Bragg in 1952. Today's USASWCS is a living testimony to the power of that vision; the capabilities of today's US Army's psychological operations, civil affairs, and special forces derive directly from his commitment to special warfare as a powerful contributor to modern military doctrine.

On behalf of the Psychological Operations Veterans' Association, I encourage your support of the proposal to name the USA-SOC Headquarters in honor of MG McClure. Modern special warfare owes its very existence and continued success to the vision he created for its role in the modern American force structure.

Sincerely,

C. V. (Chad) Spawr

We are now able to acquire the new PSYOP Regimental crests which have been adopted for the PSYOP Regiment. It is the crest worn on the Class A uniform, and is authorized for normal wear by Army PSYOP personnel. The crest is a really first-class design and is beautifully made.

Several of our members have expressed an interest in acquiring the crest, and I am now able to order them for our members. If you are interested, please send me your name and address, and the number of crests you would like. I will accumulate the orders, and then place a one-time order to take advantage of group pricing.

To cover all related costs, the crests are \$5.00 apiece; this covers purchase, shipping, and the cost of mailing them once I receive them. Send me your name, address, and a check for the cost of each crest.

Chad Spawr, President
PSYOP Veteran's Association
1326 Kingspath Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

If you prefer to wait, I will try to have a small supply of crests available at the Biennial Reunion next July.

Sincerely,
Chad Spawr

Christmas Formal Ball of the 4th PSYOP Group in Ft. Bragg

As you know, I attended the Christmas Formal ball of the 4th PSYOP Group in Ft. Bragg. I was the guest of honor and the dinner speaker, and spoke on the practice of PSYOP in Viet-Nam compared to the practice of PSYOP today. Because it was a celebration of the Holidays, I chose to keep my remarks short and concise.

The Formal was outstanding. There were approximately 400 people in attendance. Soldiers dressed in mess dress or dress blues, the ladies in evening dresses or gowns. I wore a black suit and my service decorations. I participated in a receiving line with the COL, CSM, and their wives. As guest of honor, I sat with COL St. John, his wife, the new Group Command Sergeant Major and his wife, and other guests. We were entertained during dinner by a brass ensemble from the 82d Airborne; after dinner we were entertained by the 82d Airborne Choir...both groups were outstanding. A ceremonial cake was cut with a saber by COL St. John and the youngest soldier in the room, a 4th Group tradition.

Following an introduction by COL St. John, I spoke briefly to the assembled group. Believe me, it was an emotional moment for me to address these people who do today the work that we started so long ago. At the conclusion, COL St. John presented me a beautifully framed plaque bearing a poster of a 4th POG soldier with PSYOP scenes depicted, surrounded by all the Regimental, Group, and battalion unit crests. It is a truly beautiful memento of a great evening, and it is proudly displayed on the wall of my den.

I then presented a plaque to COL St. John and the 4th PSYOP Group. The wording of the plaque, suggested by VP Ray Ambrozak, is as follows:

Presented to the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) by the members of the Psychological Operations Veterans' Association to commemorate and strengthen the bonds between PSYOP soldiers past and present.

**11 December 1999
Fort Bragg, North Carolina**

At the conclusion of the program, COL St. gave me the honor to receive the salute of the color guard to retire the colors. I did this with great honor and appreciation....it was a most moving evening. Following the program, the entire 4th Group celebrated with dancing. It is truly a fun group of folks.

I have written letters to those who were responsible for the success of my trip to Ft. Bragg....COL St. John, MAJ Todd Wheeler who was my Escort Officer, LTC Tom Liptak who directed arrangements for the Formal, and CPT Lewis Doyle who provided housing for me with his family.

It was truly an outstanding weekend, and a great opportunity to continue developing our excellent relations with the 4th PSYOP Group.

Sincerely,
Chad

Hi All:

As of 23 March I will have a new address and e-mail account.

I am retiring from the Federal work Force after 37 years which had it's ups and downs but mostly ups. Pat and I will be moving to Jacksonville AL. this is so we will be closer to all the grandchildren and the family. Pat retired in Sept. I was suppose to retire then also, but the government didn't like the idea, so I had to stay the extra six months. I hope to see everyone in Colorado for the reunion in July. I hope everything is still a go I am waiting for some information so I can make my plans.

My new Address will be: Michael R. Belki
3601 Pleasant Valley Road
Jacksonville, AL 36265
e-mail: gaylynn@cybrtyme.com

Bless you all.
Mike

The Psychological Operations Veterans Association Oral History Project at The Vietnam Archive

Dear POVA Members:

My name is Steve Maxner and I am the Oral Historian at the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University. The Board of Regents at Texas Tech created The Vietnam Center and Archive in 1989 to help foster study of the Vietnam War and to promote the preservation of materials related to the war. One of our major projects is to collect and preserve materials belonging to American servicemen and women who served in the Vietnam War. We receive collections large and small, from many boxes to a handful of letters and photographs. All collections are treated equally and are stored in acid free folders and boxes and in temperature and humidity controlled environments to ensure the materials are well preserved for future generations. Most of our donors agree that this is better than the old footlocker in the attic, basement, or garage. As a result of our efforts, the Vietnam Archive is one of the largest Vietnam War archives outside of the National Archives system with millions of documents, photographs, slides, movies, and other materials. Students, scholars, and the general public are able to utilize these materials at our central location and donor family members are always welcome to visit the archive to see their family members' collections. For more information, please visit our web site: <http://www.lib.ttu.edu/vietnam>

Oral History Project

The Vietnam Archive has also undertaken to collect oral histories from Vietnam War participants. Due to another commitment, I will be unable to attend your reunion this year. But I would like to start collecting POVA oral history interviews as soon as possible and will do everything I can to attend your reunion in 2002. If you are interested in conducting an oral history interview, please visit the following web page: <http://www.lib.ttu.edu/vietnam/oralhistory.htm>. Complete and submit the online form and you can expect to hear from me shortly thereafter. Or, if you prefer, you can email me directly at lism@lib.ttu.edu, call me at 806-742-9010, or complete the form below and mail it to us. Also, please feel free to contact me if you are only interested in donating materials to the Vietnam Archive.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon and to meet you at your 2002 reunion!

Respectfully Yours,

Steve Maxner
Oral Historian

The Vietnam Archive
Special Collections Library Room 108
Lubbock, TX 79409-1041

Please mail completed form to the address above.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Please briefly describe your Vietnam Service: (units, dates, positions, major events, awards, etc...):

Are you interested in: Oral History Interview Donating Materials Both

Staff Ride Strengthens Bonds Between POVA and Active Duty 4th Psyop

By Rick Hofmann

I don't know how it is between other veterans organizations and their active duty counterparts, but the bond between Psyop veterans and the new Psyop professionals are becoming warm, strong, and woven with a deep mutual respect. The most recent Ft. Bragg Staff Ride proved that beyond all doubt.

A Staff Ride is essentially a day of "stay sharp" classes, presentations and briefings where active duty professionals can get the latest information on psyop programs, doctrine, techniques and technology.

On Feb. 4 of this year the 350-seat training auditorium was nearly filled with active duty Psywarriors from as far away as Alaska, all of whom had come to hear what "The Ancients" had to say.

The hospitality and kindness expressed by LTC Paul Mullin, Major Tom Evans, and their staff, and especially Capt. Dave Albanese and SFC Richard Keith were vast, innumerable, and on-going. We couldn't have asked for better, more considerate hosts.

But sitting there before the presentations started, we really did have to wonder what we could possibly say that would be of value to the men and women of modern Psyops. After all, they have 30 more years of Psyop doctrine development to work from, 30 more years to refine their combat and public affairs techniques, and 30 more years of technical innovation at their disposal.

Earlier in the day Ray Ambrozak, Bill Forgey, Jack O'Neil and I got a glimpse of just how far psyop technology has come in a tour of the new print and electronic media center. THAT was a revelation.

Computerized Everything

For those of us in the printing end of psyop, it was interesting to note that pre-press skills are largely obsolete. There wasn't a darkroom, negative or stripping table in the whole place. Computers do it all now. Artwork is generated by computer. That art is color separated by computer, then sent directly to the computer driven presses.

And there wasn't a single carbon arc rod in the whole place either. The computer burns the plates right on the press. So much for the cameraman, stripper and plate maker MOS.

Multiple campaign veteran SSG. Peter Rimar told us distance is no object to the computer-to-press imaging process.

"In Kosovo," he said, "we requested artwork from the center at Ft. Bragg via a secure satellite version of e-mail. The artists here would generate the art using Adobe Photoshop or Corel Draw, and send it back to us by e-mail for approval. The finals were then sent to the presses in Kosovo in realtime."

The presses, by the way, weren't the moving van sized monsters we used in Vietnam, nor were they the small job multi-1250's we used. The new presses are high-speed high volume machines mounted on modified Humm-Vs. As are cutters and bindery operations. As are 50,000 watt radio and TV broadcasting studios.

So with the modern technology, Psyop can now drive a handful of Hummers up a C-130 or C-5 ramp, fly to the target site, and set up complete print and audiovisual production facilities, complete with generators and satellite uplinks, in a space the size of your average convenience store parking lot.

A far cry from trying to earn respect as a valid combat element in Vietnam, Psyop is now called upon to be the US spear point in International hot spots.

So with that as a backdrop, the thought remained: what could we possibly offer?

But there they were, these Majors, Captains and Lieutenants, senior Sergeants and Specialists, reaching across the years to touch our experience, and hopefully to get some value from those of us who went before.

Earliest Operations

Ray Ambrozak began by describing the philosophy, challenges, strategy, and clandestine nature of the earliest Psyop activities in Vietnam - the Special Operations Group building and operating the first region's psyop radio station. Ray also described scrounging radio tubes on the civilian market and runs to Hong Kong to find parts to keep that and subsequent stations on the air.

To the surprise of the audience, Ray also described some profound, little known insights into the history of US involvement in Southeast Asia, and how close Psyop came to being written out of existence by an Army cost cutting program.

Supply and Security

Dr. Bill Forgey, S-4 for the Original 6th Psyop Bn. and later the 4th Psyop Group in Vietnam told about the challenges of keeping the unit supplied with the tools we needed to get the job done. Bill said that during his tenure the unit increased capacity from 125 rolls of paper per month to more than 1,000 rolls.

He said that between the demands of the web fed and Multilith presses, psyop actually affected the price of paper in the US. Seems we demanded so much we caused a stateside shortage, so the price on the civilian market went up.

Bill also addressed the challenge of providing adequate security to Psyop facilities, an element still very much a concern to modern Psyopers.

Audience Analysis and Printing

My presentation involved an analysis of all the audiences we had to deal with in Vietnam, possibly the most diverse and complex audience composite ever - and a snapshot of how we dealt with the demands for leaflets on a day-to-day basis.

From the audience responses, some of the challenges of production priorities, deadlines, personnel, supply, and even leaflet waste disposal haven't changed a great deal over the years.

Field Ops

Co-founder and POVA past president Jack O'Neil rounded out our presentation from the perspective of the field team member, in the field, under arms, in harms way. Jack described what it's like to walk on the cutting edge of psyop, where doctrine is determined as field team members make second-by-second decisions, and what it's like to take the weapon out of the enemy's hands, and to take them out of the fight - alive.

"The responses immediately after your presentations," said Capt. Dave Albanese, "and feedback during the following week, shows your presentations provided some valuable insight for those of us on active duty. To some the sheer volume of what you did with the tools you had made an impression. Others found some comfort in knowing that some of the issues we're facing today are the same ones you had to face back then - that some of the challenges are the same even if the faces, technology and opponents are different.

"Most of all, I think, the most important thing the Psyop Veterans did by being here was to give a sense of history, tradition and perspective to what we're doing today."

To keep that tradition going, and to further strengthen the bonds between POVA and the active 4th Psyop Group, Capt. Albanese and SFC Keith have been invited to attend our reunion this July in Estes Park, Colorado, and to make their own presentations to bring our Association up to speed on current Psyop objectives, doctrine, techniques and technology.



SSgt Rimar, Doc Forgey, Ray Ambrozak, Jack O'Neil, Capt. Dave Albanese, Rick Hofmann

Sidebar Notes: Dr. Bill Forgey holds the distinction of serving more consecutive time in a combat psyop role than any other person. Bill served the original 6th Psyop Battalion, and subsequently the 4th Psyop Group, continuously from August 9, 1966 to Dec. 15, 1968 a duration of 2 years, 4 months and six days.

Leaflet Production records: Lacking the record from Vietnam. Modern Psyopers used Kosovo as the high water mark for leaflet production: 100 million leaflets produced and distributed in 70 days.

That demand took the audience somewhat off guard, I think, learning that in the mid and late 60's, 4th Psyop routinely produced 600 million leaflets every 30 days.

Sidebar II

The whole concept of "transient barracks" has changed drastically since our day. Rather than the iron beds with minimal mattresses we knew in the old days, Ft. Bragg now features "the Airborne Inn," for all intents and purposes a high rise hotel. Rooms not only feature private baths, undreamed of in the old world, but also in room phones, cable TV, a personal size refrigerator, ceiling fan, iron and ironing board, and front desk wake-up service.

The most amazing feature about the new concept of transient barracks and something my old top sergeant never **EVER** provided, was a mint placed carefully on the pillow of the bed that somebody else made.

Will wonders never cease?

Hofmann

Sp 4 Tani Paterson, right , explains the new Humm-V mounted radio and TFV broadcasting facilities to Ray Ambrozak, left, and Dr. Bill Forgey.



Capt. Albanese, Jack O'Neil, and SFC Keith, planning the next "Staff Ride".

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* New/Corrected

If there are any other members out there who have an Email address and would like to get on our listing, please let me know. Also inform me of any corrections or changes to the above.

Al Forgacz - Editor

Gentlemen:

POVA has added another project to our growing list of activities. The president has asked me to put together a "Then and Now" scrapbook of our members, which will include two photos and a short text. With your help and kind cooperation, we can build a unique product which will be a valued keepsake for members and a source book for what POVA is all about. One photo will be from your days as a psyoperator and the other a current photo to show how well you've aged. That's the easy part. What will make this book something of greater value will be a short informal paragraph or two about each of the photos. Give us something about the psyop experience (what's happening in the photo, reflections on the tour - an "I'll never forget" experience). Add to that a few lines on what is going on now with job and family for the current photo and that will complete the package. I am ready to accept your contributions to the project as soon as you can put it together. Mailing address is Ray Ambrozak - 718 Coyote Circle, Harker Heights, Texas 76548-2170. The e-mail address is Ray.Ambrozak@prodigy.net <<mailto:Ray.Ambrozak@prodigy.net>>. If I could receive a significant number of these by say 1 May '00 the first edition could be presented at the Estes Park convention. If submissions are slow, we will ask that they be brought to the convention for publication later. The earliest possible submission would be appreciated and to be sure that this a viable use of our time and energy, please reply to me within one week of receipt of this message if you intend to participate in the project.

Ray Ambrozak

Message to a Prospective New Member.

We are essentially a reunion association; we do a little other business, but we are mostly a group of vets and families, including a few Gold Star families, who get together every other summer for a few days, enjoy each other's company, and do a little business. No war stories or drunken revelry, we enjoy the fact that we are alive, we remember our losses, but we mostly enjoy the company of each other and our families. We've been together every other year since 1988, and have recently become more involved with 4th PSYOP Group at Ft. Bragg.

I hope you'll take a minute to consider us and then join. Our dues are only \$15 per year, or \$60 for 5 years. We publish a newsletter approximately quarterly, the content and value of which is directly dependent on our members and officers. We are not a veterans' service organization such as VVA, AL, VFW. We are about enjoying each others' company once every other year, and perhaps doing a little business.

If you are interested, please send your name, address, phone, connection to PSYOPs and the dates of your involvement, to me and to Rick Hofmann at richard.hofmann@phwilm.zeneca.com. Rick will send you our application and that will make it as official as it can be. We are a pretty informal Association, and we do have a good time at our reunions.

Our next reunion will be at Estes Park, CO, around the July 4 holiday in 2000. Hope you can make it. If I can answer any other questions for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, and Welcome Home

Chad Spawr
President
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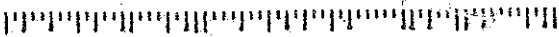
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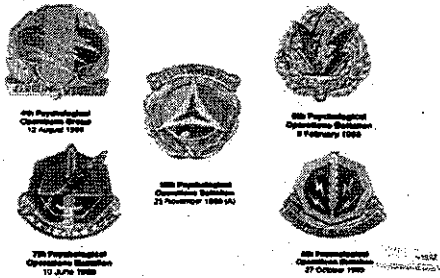
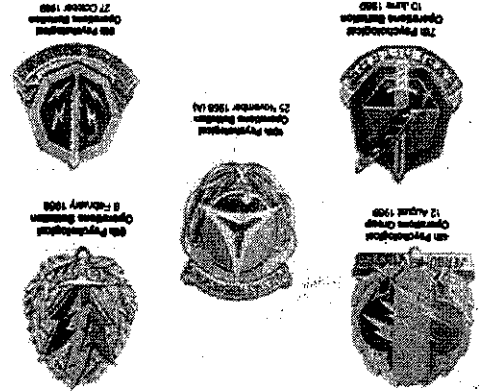


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