



# The Leaflet Drop

The Newsletter of the PSYOP Veterans Association  
(POVA)

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Fellow Psywarriors,

Planning is proceeding for the 2018 Biennial Reunion. POVA Life Member Howard Patrick has done a great job finding accommodations for us. This issue of the newsletter will give an overview of the current status of our planning.....lots to do, so progress looks slow, but it is moving well. There is much yet to do, but we will have an excellent reunion for all in attendance. POVA will periodically post updates on our website ([www.usapova.org](http://www.usapova.org)), as well as in the newsletter,

**C. V. (Chad) Spawr**  
**President**

## **Update on 2018 Reunion Planning**

**Reunion Dates:** **Thursday through Sunday 19-22 July 2018**

**Reunion City/State:** **Cleveland, OH**

**Accommodations:** **HQ Hotel: Marriott Cleveland East - 26300 Harvard Road - Warrensville Heights, OH 44122**

### **Alternate Hotels:**

**Extended Stay America - Beachwood, Orange Place NORTH, 3625 Orange Pl. - Beachwood, OH**

**Extended Stay America - Beachwood, Orange Place SOUTH, 3820 Orange Pl. - Beachwood, OH**

**CONTACT INFORMATION AND RATES ARE STILL BEING FINALIZED. DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTELS YET!**

## **Early Reunion Planning Agenda**

While arrangements are ongoing for the July 2018 Biennial Reunion, more planning is also being undertaken for each day of the reunion itself.

Here is the general overview of events that will open our Reunion on **Thursday 19 July**:

- Any time of this day: Arrival, check-in and Registration.....hotel Lobby
- POVA Product Sales offerings
- **1600 - 1730 hours:** Reunion "Welcome Reception"; cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.....main lobby salon
- **1900 - 2000 hours:** Officers' Call.....hotel lobby area (to be defined)

As our planning progresses, we will publish additional information here and on our website ([www.usapova.org](http://www.usapova.org)). More to follow.

### **POVA's new Flag has arrived**



***l-r Miss Gia Hoa Ryan, Life Members Chad Spawr, Howard Patrick, Joseph Meissner  
New POVA flag displayed at 2018 POVA Reunion Planning Session at HQ Hotel***

We are very excited to introduce POVA's new organizational flag, a traditional military symbol of an organization's presence. Designed by POVA's Board of Directors, the flag was manufactured by a vendor endorsed by the Army's Institute of Military Heraldry to assure all colors, designs, etc., conform to proper military standards and specifications. The new flag will be formally introduced at the 2018 Biennial Reunion in Cleveland.

At the request of some POVA Board members, POVA is exploring our ability to have smaller versions of our new flag available for our members. Details to follow.

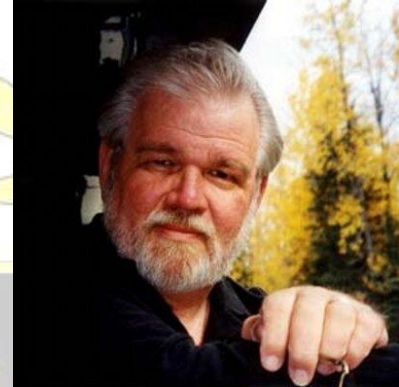
### **Meet Your POVA Board Members**

Many of our fellow Psywarriors have met one or two of our POVA Board members, but in all likelihood, most of us have not met personally. To make our Association a bit more "personal," we have added pictures of our Officers and Trustees (the "Board") to our website ([www.usapova.org](http://www.usapova.org)). If you haven't met these smiling guys who are leading this

awesome ship of state into a bright future, check out the website. If you'd like to send in a picture of yourself, send it in and we'll put it up on our upcoming "POVA Members" page.

Of course, many of us will meet each first-hand next July in Cleveland, so this is a good way to see who we are to make our introductions a bit more "personal."

So, who are these three outstanding POVA Board Members?



How does one group of guys get so good looking?

### **Newly Found Picture of 8<sup>th</sup> PSYOP Bn CO from Viet-Nam**

POVA continues to attract new members who have collections of documentary and photographic "treasures" that continue to illuminate and demonstrate the people involved in the excellent work we did while military PSYOP.

New POVA member Rick Levine, a professional photographer today, was a military photographer assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> PSYOP Battalion in Nha Trang, Viet-Nam. Rick has shared some significant documents recently, including this picture of former Battalion Commander LTC William J. Jacobs.

If anybody has any idea where we can locate LTC Jacobs, we'd love to reconnect him with Rick.



**LTC William J. Jacobs  
CO, 8<sup>th</sup> PSYOP Bn, Viet-Nam**

### **POVA Celebrity Members**

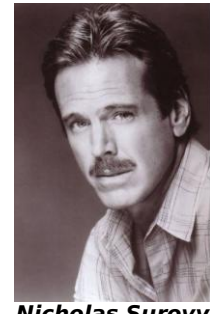
POVA has recently learned of three celebrity Psywarriors from our past. Hollywood TV and movie actor James Sikking, formerly playing a police lieutenant on "Hill Street Blues," served at Ft. Bragg with the 4<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Group. In addition, noted author Winston Groom, author of "Forrest Gump," served with one of our PSYOP Battalions in Viet-Nam. TV character actor Nicholas Surovy, who has played in several roles, most notably as detective Stark, served in Viet-Nam with the 6<sup>th</sup> PSYOP Battalion in 1968-69. Pictures on next page.



**James Sikking**



**Winston Groom**



**Nicholas Surovy**

**POVA'S Life Members**



POVA's Life Member ranks continue to grow, and with this newsletter, have now reached 117 "Lifers." Welcome to new Life Member **Brett Cox**.

- David Affleck \*
- Jack O'Neil \*
- N. "Tony" Newcomb\*
- David Schultz
- David Albanese
- Alfred Paddock
- John Cheney
- Arlo Despain
- William Forgey
- Eric Hersh
- Rick Hofmann
- Stanley Michelsen
- Hammond Salley
- James Osborne
- C. V. (Chad) Spawr
- Leon DeHaven
- Jim Danger Fisher
- Dennis Smiser
- Rich Hosier
- Curtis Boyd
- Carrie Spivey-Vernon
- Lawrence Dietz
- Mike Stoeckert
- Ray Ambrozak
- Roxanne M. Merritt
- Miguel Hobbs
- Ferdinand Irizarry II
- Joseph Meissner
- Floyd Turnquist
- Steven N. Collins
- Richard Caplin
- Matthew Robbins
- J. David Missavage
- B. Michael Paschkes
- Benjamin Tipton
- Timothy Fitzpatrick
- Kelley Jhong
- Paul Lawrence
- Robert A. B. Curris
- Thomas Sweeney

- Ramon Pangelinan
- Donald Miller
- Alan Byrne
- Daniel Ammerman
- John-Matthew Urby
- Carl Lostracco
- Kenneth Bennett
- Patrick J. Dillon
- Mary Martin
- John Yanikov
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- Lucas J. W. Donnelly
- Alfred Forgacz
- Jesse C. Manning
- Raymond Knagge
- Andree Navarro
- Andrew M. Paparella
- Tristan Macauley
- Timothy Huening
- Reginald Bostick
- Bruce E. Leahy
- Denton Poe
- Dorothea Burke
- Darrell J. Weatherford
- Robert A. Martinez
- Howard R. Charbonneau
- Carrell Van Deacon
- Benjamin F. Rogers
- D. Scott Lene
- John A. Hardaway
- Raymond Hackler
- Monique Guerrero
- Xavier Colon
- Jody J. Hall
- Russell B. Price
- Peter J. Running
- Harold Isom
- Ronald Deese
- Timothy Wallace
- Judith Harriman Kofoet

- Mary Alice Nice
- Ned Lynch
- Bethany C. Aragon
- Frank E. Coburn
- Jack Guy
- Joel Krall
- Nicholas Israel
- Raphael Trujillo
- Jeremiah D. Trench
- Craig Champagne
- Annie Hilton
- Ann Turner
- Eric Kreitz
- Mark Stets
- Nancy Stets
- Jared Tracy
- Gregory Seese
- David Rosa
- Robert Kratoska
- Howard Patrick
- Jacob Enke
- Julio Villa
- Jay Glenn
- Stephen Barger
- Thomas Vandling
- Dianne Vandling
- Elizabeth Vandling
- James Vandling
- Michael Vandling
- John Venhaus
- Corey Brown
- Jack Summe
- Herbert Friedman
- Richard Durant
- Nicole Vacciani
- Derrill de Heer
- Anastasios Fountis
- Brett Cox

\*Deceased Life Member

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