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Fifteenth Infantry Regiment
"The Old China Hands"



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Old China Hands,

Our Association and Regiment have suffered a grievous loss –former President, former Membership Chairman, Distinguished Member of the 15th Infantry Regiment, retired Army Major John Burke lost his fight with cancer on 23 March. I was fortunate to be able to attend the funeral, as did Association Vice President Tad Davis, Honorary Regimental Command Sergeant Major Mark Baker, former Association President and Trustee Mike Horn, and former 1-15 Rear Detachment Commander Steve Miller. No one did more for the Association and Regiment over the past 20 years than John Burke –he was our go-to-guy and he never missed a sendoff or a welcome home of our Can Do Soldiers at Fort Benning and he made the trek to Fort Stewart, too. We extend our deepest sympathy to Elizabeth Burke and John's family.

As you will read in LTC Minami's report on 3-15 Infantry's current activities, our active duty Can Do Dragons are busy and spread across the globe! We have a great deal to be proud of and I have told the battalion that the Association continues to stand ready to assist as requested.

The Association and battalion rear detachment are working on the set-up of the China Room in the battalion headquarters. There is a lot of work to be done and the battalion is still awaiting the arrival of display cases to allow the collection to be fully displayed. I am confident it won't take long until 3-15 IN has the pride of the Regiment up and running!

John Campbell is leaving no stone unturned building membership through contact with major veterans' organizations, unions, and other important organizations. He is using the macro-method, but each of us must use the micro-method –we need to reach out to our old buddies from our time in the Regiment and get them into the Association. I am also happy to welcome our new Dragon editor, Andrew Lerch, who has taken on this important post while still on active duty, with lots of TDY, and two young children at home! Thank you, Andrew.

Tad Davis has done great work in coordinating our Regimental Dinner in September during the Society of the 3d Infantry Division Reunion in Harrisburg, PA. I encourage all of you to participate in the Reunion as ours is the only Regimental Association still active within the Society. We also have some important work to do at our Business Meeting to be held there.

Getting membership numbers up is not enough. Reading the Dragon and buying an occasional raffle ticket are not enough. Our members must become active in Association affairs. The Association has been running on autopilot for years as our trustees are on listening silence and over half our appointed positions remain empty. Your current leadership continues to act in the best interests of the Association and the Regiment, but we are well outside our Constitution and Bylaws.

We will be holding elections this year. I will appoint a Nominations and Elections Chairman and announce him in the next edition of the Dragon and expect a slate of candidates to be announced over the course of the summer so you can vote on them by the Regimental Business Meeting in September 2016 in Harrisburg. New blood and new ideas will hopefully prove more adept at eliciting greater participation from our membership. Can Do! Tim

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Taps



William R. Dugger Osis, CA SP/4, C CO, 1 BN, CW, 1970-1971 DOD 12/18/2015 Reported by Rich Heller	Joseph Aiello Hudson, MA T/SGT, MED CO, REGT, II, Mar 43-Nov 45 DOD 01/08/2016 Reported by Tim Stoy
William K. Wayne Seneca, NY TSGT, M CO, 3 BN, II, Mar 45-Apr 46 DOD 01/13/2016 Reported by his daughter, Linda Eastman	Nino L. Mancino Fairmont, WV SSGT, A CO, 1 BN, CW DOD 03/03/2016 Reported by Tom Heitzer
Roger H. Murphy Crossville, TN SGT, HHC, REGT, Oct 51-Oct 1952 DOD 08/27/2015 Reported by Tom Heitzer	John T. Burke Phenix City, AL MAJ, G CO, 2 BN, Sep 51-Jul 52 DOD 3/23/2016 Reported by Henry & Penne Burke
Bruce P. Farris Eatonton, GA SGT, D CO, 1 BN, Apr 53-Jun 54 Reported by John Campbell	

NOTICE

We have two AWOL Members that we cannot locate to send them the DRAGON. We received their DRAGON back undeliverable and cannot find a forwarding address. If any of our members know of their whereabouts, please let the Database Administrator know by contacting Tom Heitzer at 314-650-4692 or theitzer001@charter.net.

Alexander Carabarin: Last known address was Ft. Benning, GA. He was a PVT in A CO, 1 BN in 2014.

Robert H. Reavis: He was a SPC in HHC, 1 BN from July 2004-?

NUMBER OF MEMBERS BY PERIOD

NUMBER OF CHINA HANDS	0
NUMBER OF WWII MEMBERS	43
NUMBER OF KOREA MEMBERS	136
NUMBER OF COLD WAR MEMBERS	76
NUMBER OF OPERATION IRAQ FORCES	26
NUMBER OF REGULAR FORCES	36
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	15
TOTAL MEMBERS	332

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE

REGULAR LIFE	244
REGULAR ANNUAL	73
ASSOCIATE LIFE	12
ASSOCIATE ANNUAL	3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	332

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New Members	
Charles R. Caswell Rockford, MI SGT, HHC, 1 BN, OIF, 2004-2007	Patrick L. Walden Arlington, VA CPT, D CO & HHC, 1 BN, CW, Jul 96-May 98
Fred Vallinanos Milton, FL E/5, C CO, 1 BN, CW, 1957-1959	Matthew J. Martinson-Reinstated Richmond Hill, GA CPT, A CO, 3 BN, OIF, July 05-Sept 06
Douglas D. Herbert-Assoc. LM Washington DC Father, Col George Faye Herbert served with 15th Infantry in China 1924-1927	Theodore E. Filandrianos Quincy, MA PFC, A CO, 1 BN, CW, July 78-Aug 80
Cornelius O. Penn Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD CPT, D CO, 3 BN, RF, Dec 10-Jun 15	George Staley Jamaica, NY CPL, C CO, 1 BN, CW, Sept 81-Mar 83

15TH INFANTRY REGIMENTAL DINNER AT THE SOCIETY OF 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION, HARRISBURG, PA, 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association will once again host their annual Regimental Dinner on 23 Sept 2016 in conjunction with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Reunion at the Best Western Center City in Harrisburg, PA. The dinner is open to anyone and will provide a great evening of reflection on our history, entertainment, and reminiscences. Dinner will consist of a "Tour of Italy" buffet. The cost is \$35.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity).

6:00 - 6:30 PM: Cocktails (cash bar)

6:30 - 9:00 PM: Dinner & Program

Go to our website <http://www.15thinfantry.org> and fill out the online reservation and pay for attending the dinner or fill out and mail in the form below and pay via check.

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Guest: _____

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Reservations and payment must be made by September 16, 2016

Active Battalion Update: 3-15 Infantry Battalion Conducts Operations on Three Continents

The CAN DO Battalion has been very busy since returning from Christmas Block Leave. The Battalion was notified early in January that elements of HHC, Charlie, Delta, and Golf Companies were deploying to train Ukrainian Infantry Battalions. In addition, Bravo Company made final preparations to replace Alpha Company at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. After notification, the Battalion immediately began preparations to deploy. We conducted a Battalion-level range density, Platoon Live Fires, Soldier Readiness Preparation, Rapid Fielding Initiative clothing and equipment issue, and equipment pack-out. Charlie Company conducted a change of command on January 28th, bidding farewell to CPT Tyler Horan and welcoming CPT Tom Olmstead. CPT Olmstead recently served as the Battalion Assistant S3. CPT Horan's next assignment is IBOLC Company Commander at Ft Benning, GA. In addition, on February 5th, the Battalion said goodbye to CSM Carns and welcomed CSM Dow. CSM Dow comes to the Battalion from 1-30 IN BN, where he previously served as the Operations Sergeant Major. CSM Carns made the Brigade Command Select List and will assume responsibility of Joint Task Force – Bravo in Honduras.

On February 1st, Bravo Company deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti where they are assigned to Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa. After a successful RIP, Bravo and Alpha Company completed the Transfer of Authority (TOA) on February 17th. Following the TOA, Bandit Soldiers executed their first validation and were exposed to Embassy operations and diplomatic considerations, which will prepare them for their complex operating environment. Apache Soldiers landed safely on February 23rd at Ft Stewart, GA and were reunited with their families. They will conduct reintegration and then take some well-deserved leave.

After one week of opportunity leave, TF 3-15 IN deployed on February 14th and arrived in Ukraine the following day. The Battalion then executed a world-class RIP with 1-91 CAV, 173rd Airborne Brigade at the International Peace Keeping and Security Center (IPSC). Following the RIP, TF 3-15 IN began preparing for the first four weeks of training. Preparation consisted of building classes, translating them into Ukrainian, rehearsals, and familiarization with Ukrainian weapons and vehicles. Leaders and Soldiers spent countless hours embedded with our Ukrainian partners and Canadian Allies learning about each weapon system and vehicle that the 2-25 Airborne Battalion, our first rotational unit, will bring to training. TF 3-15 IN will train the 2-25 Airborne Battalion for nine weeks. The first three weeks of training will mirror an Expert Infantry Badge train-up. The 2-25 Airborne Battalion will train Combat Lifesaver (CLS), Individual Movement Techniques (IMT), Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM), Camouflaging Self and Equipment, and Land Navigation. In addition, the 2-25 Battalion Staff will train on staff functions, TOC operations, tactics, warfighting function integration, and the military decision making process (MDMP). Training for the 2-25 Airborne Battalion started February 29th and the TF 3-15 IN Leaders and Soldiers are motivated and excited to begin.

After an extensive core-competency focus on individual tasks during weeks 1-3, the Battalion will shift the training focus for the 2-25 Airborne Battalion to collective-level. The 2-25 Airborne Battalion will conduct situational training exercises from the Squad/Section-level through Battalion-level. In addition, they will execute Squad/Section, Platoon, and Company live-fire exercises. The Battalion Staff will conduct an intensive training path focusing on MDMP. They will conduct three weeks of MDMP practical exercises that culminates in a command post exercise. They will then plan and control the Battalion situational training exercise which will serve as their culminating event. The training rotation will end on 29 April 2016 with a closing ceremony.

Following the closing ceremony, TF 3-15 IN will execute recovery for approximately 10-12 days and then prepare for rotation two. During recovery, the Battalion will conduct a staff ride and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation trips to allow the Leaders and Soldiers to experience the unique culture and learn the history of the region. In addition, we will share lessons learned and refine the program of instruction in preparation for rotation two. The Battalion will also execute a change of command bidding farewell to LTC Nathan Minami and welcome LTC Lafran Marks. LTC Marks currently serves as the 3rd Infantry Division Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Spread across three different continents, 3-15 Infantry Battalion Soldiers continue to showcase great discipline and dedication to duty and their country. We look forward to sharing experiences and learning from our Ukrainian partners and NATO allies. The lessons learned during this deployment will pay dividends during our training at home station.

CAN DO!

LTC Nathan Minami & CSM Tom Dow



SGT Joshua Phillips, a squad leader in 1st Platoon, supervises range operations.

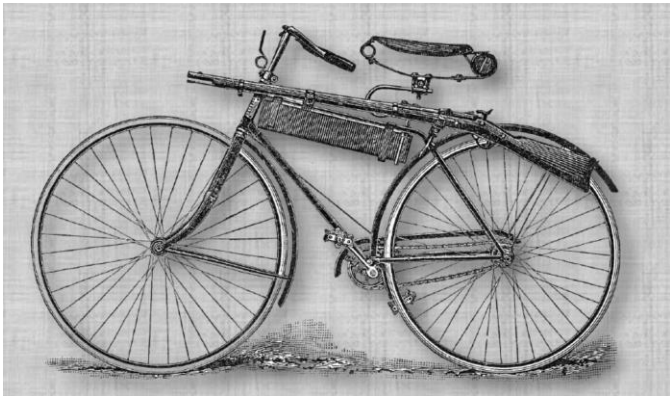


PFC DiFranks familiarizes himself with Ukrainian weaponry as PFC Jenske critiques his firing stance.



CPL Thomas Fox and fellow Black Lion Soldiers learn BMP capabilities from our Ukrainian Partners

Regimental History: 15th Infantry Bicycle Experiment in 1891



In 1891 bicycles were being used on nearly all roads at favorable seasons of the year between the Atlantic and Pacific. "I consider it quite important to demonstrate their [bicycles] ability by practical use in the military service" was General Nelson A. Miles, as commander of Department of Missouri, appeal for permission from the Secretary of War to continue experimentation. General Miles started experimentation with bicycles at Fort Sheridan, Illinois with the 15th Infantry in late 1891.

General Miles' first experimentation began November 25, 1891. Colonel Robert E.A. Crofton, commanding the 15th Infantry at Fort Sheridan, was ordered to organize a detachment of one officer (1st Lieut. Will T. May) and nine non-commissioned officers to conduct experiments using bicycles to be furnished by the Pope Manufacturing Company (makers of the COLUMBIA bicycle, pictured above) at no expense to the government. In January 1892, the Office of the Adjutant General admonished General Miles for violating Army Regulations by testing equipment for military use without the approval of the Secretary of War; however, in February 1892, General Miles received authorization from the acting Secretary of War to resume his experimentation with a Bicycle Corps.

Pope published its own Cycle-Infantry Drill Regulations in 1892 in an attempt to foster military bicycle use. It was complete with drill formations and bugle calls for bicycle mounted infantrymen and a full-page advertisement for the Columbia Light Roadster, touted as, "the Soldier's Standard Bicycle" and "the only cycle used in regular military service in the Army." The manual also included the text of General Miles' address to the League of American Wheelmen on the merits of military cycling, which was given at a dinner

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honoring Charles L. Burdett on May 31, 1892 in Chicago. General Miles noted that on the previous day soldiers from the 15th Infantry had conducted a successful practice march from Pullman to Chicago on bicycles.

Little else is recorded about the results of the 15th Infantry's experimentation. In 1895 Major General Miles was named Commanding General of the Army. In his first annual report to the Secretary of War in 1896, Miles recommended one full Infantry regiment be equipped with bicycles. It was his intention, "to use to some extent troops stationed at different posts to make practice marches and reconnaissances, and thereby obtain a thorough knowledge of their own country, especially the topographical features, conditions of roads, sources of supplies and all information of military importance." The most well-known proof of concept for Army bicycles came in 1897 with the black 25th Infantry Regiment's 25th Bicycle Corps traveling by Spalding bicycles from Fort Missoula, Montana to St. Louis, Missouri – 1,900 miles! Although hailed as an impressive achievement, the Army dropped the bicycle concept for the Infantry. But it all started with 1LT Will T. May and the 15th Infantry Regiment at Fort Sheridan, Illinois in November 1891!

Soldier's Account: My Capture and Military Service in Korea

By Iler Dean Denmark

After graduation from Benedictine Military School in June 1949, I was very fortunate to complete one year of college at Armstrong College in Savannah before our National Guard outfit was activated in 1950. Following a brief stint in El Paso, TX, several of our outfit applied for OCS and were accepted. I went to Ft Benning, GA for several months and completed officer training graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant. I then went to jump school and completed six jumps before I decided that I would prefer to serve in the Infantry. Then it was off to a training command for a few months before assignment to Far East Command. I was assigned to the 15th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division. I arrived on the line in the Chorwon Valley of Korea in late October 1952.

My first combat action was on November 5th on a hill about a mile forward of the main line of resistance (MLR). The Chinese attacked en masse that first night and the moon was full. The enemy made a frontal attack, surrounded the hill, and attacked from the rear. Seeing we had very little chance against such overwhelming odds, I decided to order my platoon to escape down a sloping side of the hill into the valley. That way, they could go to an old railroad bed and back to the MLR with a password to safety. I covered their exit with grenades and was about to leave myself when the medic called me to help with the commo man who was injured earlier. I went and pulled him to safety and gave him to the medic. We tried to escape down a path that led to a dead-end, right below the overhang of the hill. It ended where we had to go up or down and it was too late to head to the valley.

I decided to wait there in hopes of not being detected. We waited at least an hour while all the barrages I had called for were earsplitting 105mm shells going off in the valley on the other side of the hill from where we were holed up. Then three Chinese with burp guns came down from above, which was about 20 feet in front of me. I thought it best to try to save the medic, the ammo man, and myself so I raised my carbine and surrendered. After they stripped me of my grenades, my carbine, and ammo, I turned to go with them back up the hill. I thought they shot the medic, but he had already shot himself with morphine, played dead, and got away with it. I took my commo man, Fetty, and went to the other side of the front of the hill where they gave me a paper that Mao Zedong had ordered to be given to all prisoners. I carried Fetty several miles north to the first stopping point where we were separated, given some water, and rested.

After everyone had a good look at me, they took me to the first interrogation point, which was early on the first day of my capture. After showing me that their burp guns could shoot a bullet through my flak jacket, we got down to a pattern of serious interrogations that lasted late into the night. Finally, they shoved me into a tunnel, which was pitch-dark. I felt my way along where bunks had been constructed and they were filled with Soldiers. I finally found an empty one and fell over into it. I paused to try to remember the interrogation that I had gone through. I was so tired that I decided I needed to rest for the next round that would arrive with dawn, so I asked God to give me rest and was out like a light.

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I woke up fresh to another long day of questions amid threats. After they finished with me, they took me further back to a bunker with other GIs. There I met Ernie Kovatch, captain of the Indiana football team in 1950. He was lying on rice straw and was very depressed since he had a wife and a baby girl back home. I met a Navy commander, a pilot, and a black Soldier. He was lying in the back of the bunker badly wounded. A bullet had gone through both calves and gangrene had advanced to a dangerous level. I did what I could to help him, but my efforts were in vain. This pattern went on for the months that followed. We stood in the below-freezing cold, endured hours of interrogation, picked lice off of one another, and routinely tried to get warm.

At one of the earlier points, another officer from my outfit was captured, and when he heard I was Denmark, he said I was quite a hero back there for getting my men to safety. I said I only did my duty. His name was Alan Meyer from Massachusetts. We were close buddies and I have tried in vain to find him. We were finally repatriated on Sept 2, 1953 during which I had lost 40 lbs. When I got home, everyone wanted to know my story. Telling a story that no one could possibly understand was very hard for me to do.

When I got home, my nephew, who first got me into the National Guard when I was a young man, kept telling me to check into the VA. I didn't want to talk about my experiences and I didn't. Finally, 36 years later I did. After going through POW protocol for nine years, they finally adjudicated my case, said 100%, and closed the file. It is only looking back that I can see how the experiences impacted my life.

About a year after I returned they gave me a Silver Star. I went down and picked it up and put it in a drawer where it is until this day. I think all men who love our country do what they need to do and would do it again to preserve our freedom.

Obviously, this is an abbreviated account.

Iler Dean Denmark, September 12, 2015

Chaplain Message

To most people the "Dark Hours" represent the time between the sun setting in the evening and when it appears again the next morning. Unfortunately, to others the Dark Hours represent the time of personal challenges. The challenge to remain alcohol and drug free; to face and fight personal problems and/or the challenge is to realize one's own worth.

During the day time hours, the mind and body are kept busy by activities and, during the nighttime hours, the body normally rests to get prepared for the next day. It is those dreaded hours in between that present a challenge. This is when the mind tends to wonder and worry caused by uncertainty, fears, lack of hope and/or low self-esteem.

The current treatment for such patients is to schedule a 30 minute appointment, prescribe drugs and then schedule another appointment for the future. This "Band-Aid" approach may look good on paper, but it does not solve the problem or provide a solution.

As a combat veteran, who has seen the horrors of war, we need a solution to address these negative challenges—a solution that is effective for the military and non-military alike.

Currently, one veteran commits suicide every hour. The pattern is not to talk to anyone about their plans to end their life. If they attempt to make an appointment to address their situation, that appointment is usually not kept. It is too late!

For over 20 years, I served as a chaplain at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos, California. For 15 years, I also served as Pastor of the Day at the Crystal Cathedral and Shepherd's Grove Community Church

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in Garden Grove, California. Serving in both of these positions allowed me to meet numerous active duty military personnel, veterans and civilians experiencing the lonely feeling of frustration and hopelessness. We at Echo Hope Now have found the solution. It is a website that is available 24 hours every day where a hurting person can visit, in privacy, at their convenience, and free of charge. It is a website that can be viewed on a computer, smart phone or other devices. It is a website that provides hope and comfort.

The website is www.echohopenow.org. We at Echo Hope Now realize that a hurting person does not care how much you know until they know how much you care.

This website provides, not only words to read, but videos that address most, if not all, people problems. Our goal is to provide a solution, free of charge, that will provide the hope and encouragement that we all need.

New DRAGON Editor Message

Dear DRAGON Readers,

I have volunteered to serve as the editor of the quarterly DRAGON newsletter. I found putting together my first edition to be a rewarding experience and I look forward to assembling future editions. I especially took pause when inputting the "Taps" section and Iler Dean Denmark's story. It made me think a little bit about each name and what each Soldier's experience may have consisted of.

Just a small amount of background on the new editor (so you know who to blowup when you find a mistake), I served in 1-15 IN from Feb 06-Feb 11 as the Battalion S1, Platoon Leader in Iraq, Battalion S4, and Battalion Rear Detachment Commander. I currently serve as an Army Nuclear & Counterproliferation Officer with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Nuclear Survivability Division at Ft Belvoir, VA.

During my time as the 1-15 IN Battalion Rear Detachment Commander, I was especially proud to take our Soldiers on a Staff Ride to the Chickamauga National Battlefield, a battle in which the Regiment played a prominent role. This Staff Ride also included Association veterans led by John Burke, a great Soldier and member of the Association. As a Rear Detachment Commander, I could always depend on John. To echo LTC Stoy, he will be missed by all.

If you have any articles or suggestions for newsletter improvement, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-767-2780 or andrew.g.lerch.mil@mail.mil. Can Do! Andrew

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