

**FIRST BATTALION  
FIFTEENTH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

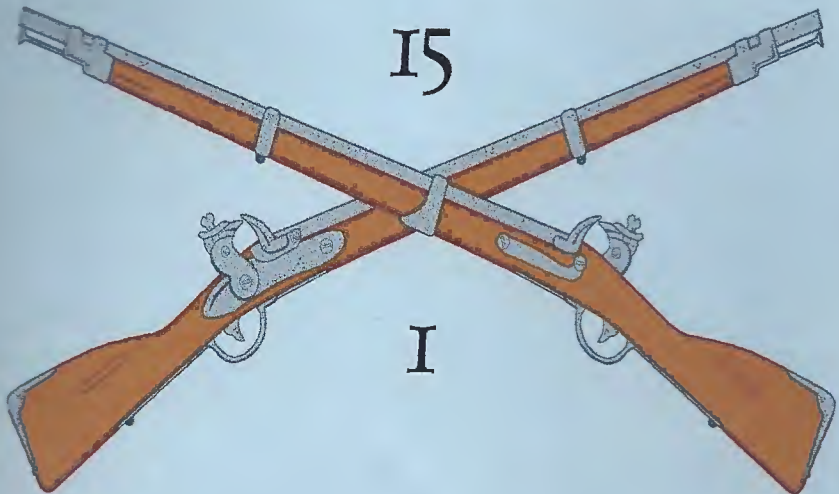


**CHANGE  
OF  
COMMAND  
CEREMONY**

**17 JULY 1996**



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The Officers, Noncommissioned Officers  
and Soldiers of the  
First Battalion, Fifteenth Infantry Regiment

**"CAN DO"**

Welcome You to the  
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Honoring

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

EDWARD M. COOK III

on his departure as Commander  
and Welcoming

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

ADDISON D. DAVIS IV

on his Assumption of Command  
on this

Seventeenth Day of July

Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Introduction

Presentation of Roses

Sound Off

Honors

Inspection Of Troops

Presentation of Command and Colors

Honors To The Nation\*

Change of Command

Remarks

Posting of Colors

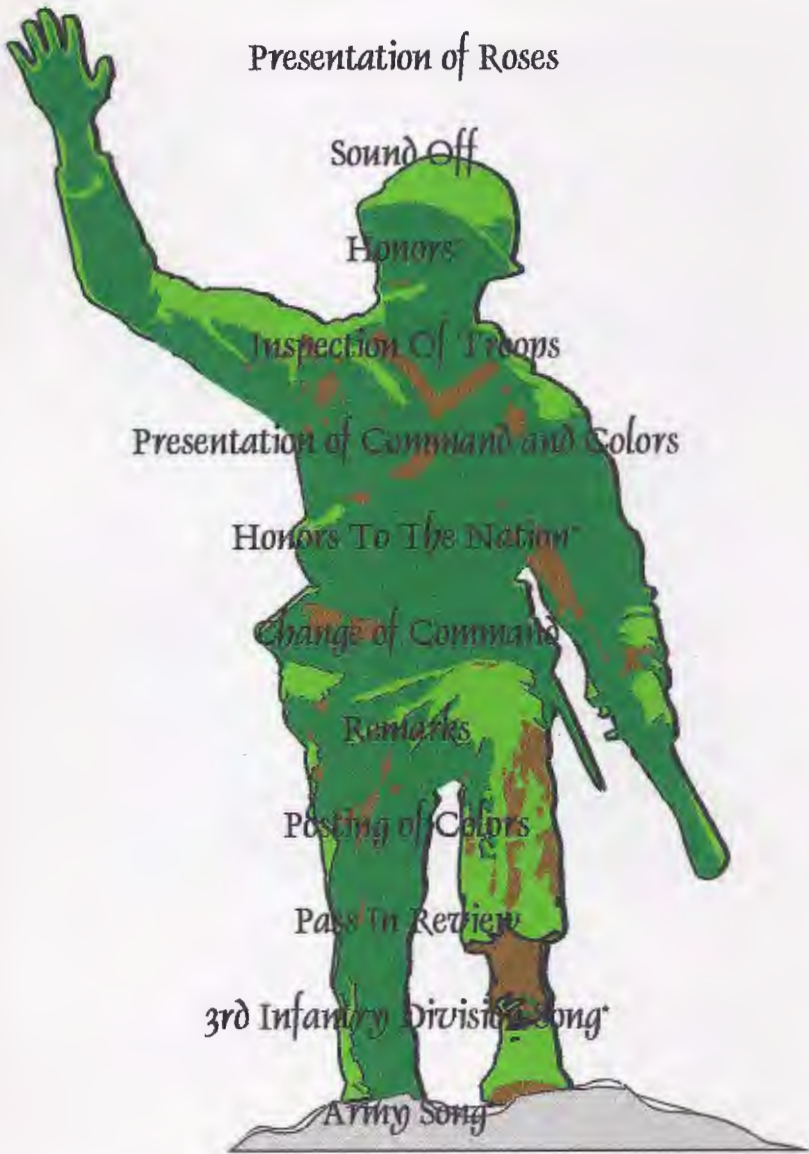
Pass In Review

3rd Infantry Division Song\*

Army Song

\* Please Stand

Conclusion



## PARTICIPANTS

*Reviewing Officer*

COLONEL STEVEN P. SCHOOK

*Outgoing Commander*

LTC EDWARD M. COOK III

*Incoming Commander*

LTC ADDISON D. DAVIS IV

*Battalion Sergeant Major*

CSM HUBERT KEY JR.

### BATTALION STAFF

*Executive Officer*

MAJ Ricardo R. Riera

*Adjutant (S-1)*

CPT Curtis W. Price

*Intelligence Officer (S-2)*

1LT James K. Swanson

*Operations Officer (S-3)*

MAJ Roger L. McDonald III

*Logistics Officer (S-4)*

CPT Patrick L. Walden

### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY "HURRICANES"

*Commander*

CPT Lawrence J. Wark

*First Sergeant*

1SG Douglas L. Hall

## PARTICIPANTS *Continued*

### ALPHA COMPANY

"GATORS"

*Commander*

CPT John M. Brown Jr.

*First Sergeant*

iSG Tommy L. Jones

### BRAVO COMPANY

"BUSHMASTERS"

*Commander*

CPT Joseph H. Gammon

*First Sergeant*

SFC Lance W. Burdette

### CHARLIE COMPANY

"COBRAS"

*Commander*

CPT Paul J. Wille

*First Sergeant*

iSG Rickey D. Thomas

### DELTA COMPANY

"WARRIORS"

*Commander*

CPT Robert A. Rasch Jr.

*First Sergeant*

iSG Michael H. Barksdale



## OUTGOING COMMANDER

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD M. COOK III

Lieutenant Colonel Edward M. Cook III is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Eastern Washington State University where he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant of Infantry in May 1978. He is also a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, and the Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Sciences from Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.

LTC Cook has served in CONUS, Korea and Europe. His assignments include; Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Scout Platoon Leader and Adjutant, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Boeblingen, Germany; S-3 Air, S-3, Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry, and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana; S3, 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry, Camp Casey, Korea; Executive Officer, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; G4, Warplans, III Mobile Armored Corps; S3 and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas; and Staff Officer, Resource Analysis and Integration Division DCSOPS, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

During his tenure in command the Battalion deployed on Operation Vigilant Warrior to Southwest Asia, NTC Rotation 95-II, and twice to Fort Stewart for Bradley Gunnery.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the parachutist badge, and Expert Infantryman's Badge. His foreign awards include the Canadian Parachutist Badge and the French Commando Badge.

LTC Cook and his wife, Kelly, have a daughter, Andi, and a granddaughter, Alex.

## INCOMING COMMANDER

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADDISON D. DAVIS IV

*Lieutenant Colonel Addison D. (Tad) Davis IV, was born in Columbus, Georgia. He holds a Bachelors in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York and has a MPA from Harvard University. LTC Davis' military schooling includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the NATO Peacekeeping Course, and the Armed Forces Staff College.*

*LTC Davis' first assignment was with the 82nd Airborne Division. From 1980-1982, he served as a platoon leader and company executive officer in the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and participated in the planning and execution of numerous joint special operations deployments. From 1982 to 1985, he served with the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), first with G-3 Operations and Training, then as a rifle company commander, and finally, as Aide-de-Camp to the commanding general.*

*From June 1986 to June 1988 and from July 1989, LTC Davis served at the Pentagon. He was initially assigned to the Joint Staff as a Politico-Military Planner in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate. He was then assigned as a strategist and later became the Executive Assistant to the Director of Strategy, Plans, Policy and Joint Affairs, DCSOPS, Headquarters, Department of the Army.*

*From June 1992 to August 1994, LTC Davis served in Germany with the 1st Armored Division as Operations Officer for the 4th Battalion, 8th Infantry. Later, he was Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the Division's Third Brigade Combat Team.*

*LTC Davis' previous assignment was as the Executive Officer for the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies at Garmisch, Germany. In addition to his duties as the Executive Officer, LTC Davis also served as lecturer in the Center's College of Strategic Studies and Defense Economics.*

*LTC Davis is the recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, with oak leaf cluster and the Army Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He holds both the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Army General Staff Identification Badges, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab and Master Parachutist Badge. LTC Davis is married to the former Diane Ellen McGuire. They have two daughters, Sarah and Amy.*



# Fifteenth Infantry Regimental History

The 15th Infantry was initially organized on 16 July 1798. The regiment remained in the Army reorganization of 1815 until being reactivated in 1847 for service in Mexico. After storming the walls of Chapultepec, the regiment returned to the U.S. for deactivation in August 1848.

The 15th was reactivated on 3 May 1861 with headquarters in Newport Barracks, Kentucky. Before the end of the Civil War, the regiment fought 22 major engagements, including Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Murfreesborough, and Atlanta. The regiment's crest includes the acorn, the symbol of General Thomas's XIV Corps, and the mountains of stone to symbolize the Corps' firm stand as the "Rock of Chickamauga". The four acorns represent the four major engagements.

Following the Civil War, the 15th Infantry served on occupation duty in Alabama until 1869. The Regiment was redeployed to the West, serving in Missouri, New Mexico, the Dakotas, and Colorado. The 15th participated in campaigns against the Ute Indians of Colorado and against the Mescalero Apaches before relocating to Fort Sheridan in January 1891.

With the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, the regiment moved to Huntsville, Alabama, on 12 October for intensive training. It sailed from Savannah, Georgia, on 27 November 1898 for Nuevitas, Cuba, for occupation duty. On 5 January 1900 the regiment sailed home to be posted throughout upper New York State and Vermont.

On 16 August 1900 most of the regiment arrived in Tientsin, China, for service against the Boxer Rebellion. The 3d Battalion was ordered to Manila in September 1900 to assist in suppressing the Aguinaldo Insurrection. By April 1902, the balance of the regiment joined the 3d Battalion in the Philippines and saw considerable action against the insurgents. In September 1902 the regiment sailed for Monterey, California, where it built the current Presidio.

In 1905, the regiment was again posted to the Philippines. When the 15th returned to the U.S. in 1907, it was assigned to Fort Douglas, Utah. In November 1911, however, the 2d Battalion returned to Tientsin, China, as part of the international peace-keeping mission designed to protect civilians during the Chinese Revolution. The remainder of the regiment followed in 1912. Much of the 15th Infantry's tradition comes from the 26 years in China. The dragon on the regimental crest and the pidgin English motto "**Can Do**" symbolize the China service. During World War I, the regiment was often close to combat in China.

The regiment left China for Fort Lewis, Washington, on 2 March 1918. On 12 January 1940, the regiment was assigned to the Third Infantry Division. On 24 October 1942, the 15th Infantry and the division sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, destination French Morocco. For the next 31 months the regiment fought with absolute distinction through French North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. By 9 May 1945, the 15th Infantry had 16 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. World War II casualties included 1,633 killed, 5,812 wounded, and 439 missing in action.

On 1 December 1948, the 15th was transferred from occupation duty in Germany to Fort Benning, Georgia. As part of the Third Infantry Division, the regiment sailed for Korea on 31 August 1950. The regiment covered the withdrawal of X Corps from Chosin Reservoir in 1950, fought north to the 38th parallel in 1951, and fought in the Kumsong sector until the armistice was signed. At the time of the truce, the 15th had seen action in eight major campaigns and added three more Medal of Honor recipients.

On 3 December 1954, the regiment returned to Fort Benning. In 1957, the 1st and 2d Battalions were assigned to Germany as part of the Third Infantry Division. The 3d and 4th Battalions were deactivated in December 1965.

The 15th Infantry regimental headquarters, and the 3d Battalion were reactivated at Fort Stewart, Georgia, on 25 August 1989, as part of the 24th Infantry Division. From 20 August 1990 through 22 March 1991, the 3d Battalion participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm to free Kuwait from Iraqi oppression. Since Desert Storm, the Regiment has deployed units to Somalia, Macedonia, and Haiti. On 16 February 1996, 1st Battalion returned to Fort Benning, Georgia, after almost 40 years of overseas service in Germany. When duty calls, the 15th Infantry "**Can Do**".

# The Dogface Soldier

I wouldn't give a bean to be a fancy pants Marine

I'd rather be a Dog-Face soldier like I am;

I wouldn't trade my old OD's for all the Navy's dungarees

For I'm the walking pride of Uncle Sam;

On all the posters that I read it says the Army builds men,

So they're tearing me down to build me o-ver a-gain

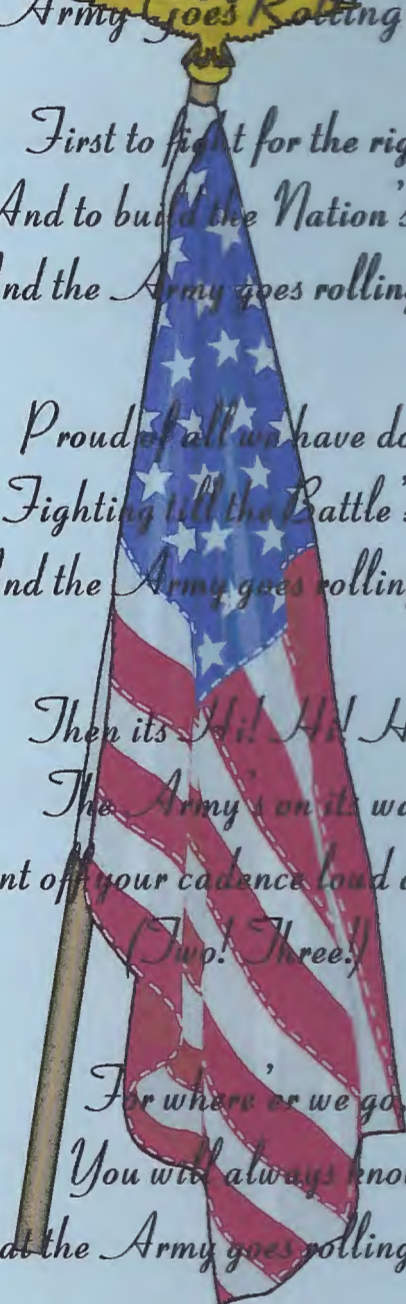
I'm just a Dog-Face soldier with a rifle on my shoulder

and I eat raw meat for breakfast e'v'ry day,

So feed me am-mun-i-tion, keep me in the Third Division,

Your Dog-Face soldier boy's O-Kay.

# The Army Goes Rolling Along



First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might  
And the Army goes rolling along.

Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the Battle's won  
And the Army goes rolling along.

Then its Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way,  
Count off your cadence loud and strong  
(Two! Three!)

For where'er we go,  
You will always know  
that the Army goes rolling along.



**"CAN DO"**

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