BLUE SPADER Newsletter

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"LET HIM BEAR THE PALM WHO HAS WON IT"

Greetings Blue Spaders

Must open this edition of newsletter comments by recognizing the passing of a former Honorary Colonel of the 26th Infantry Regiment, Colonel (Retired) Rudolf H. Egersdorfer. Many of you know him as a highly decorated combat veteran. More than a few of you know him as a mentor and a champion of leader development. The most fortunate of you know him as a personal friend who never backed away from a challenge or a comrade. We all know him as the Honorary Colonel who saved our Association from extinction. Our sincere condolences and love go to Rudy's great lady, Joanne. I suspect there will be many Rudy toasts and stories in Colorado Springs this summer. *Let Him Bear The Palm Who Has Won It*

I urge every Blue Spader to join us in Colorado Springs, 19-22 June 2013 for this year's reunion. We have a beautiful venue; exciting activities; and a dynamic banquet speaker. Registration form and information are included in this newsletter and at our web site. The Crowne Plaza Resort is ready to take your room reservation and is providing first class reunion support. Whether you take part in our tours and activities or strike out on your own, Colorado Springs is an interesting and picturesque location; a must see part of our country. We have a number of new members and first time reunion attendees signed up and looking forward to meeting all of you.

We will hold our annual Association Business Meeting during the reunion. In addition to membership and financial reports, we will discuss and vote on a number of initiatives to include:

- Execution of the electronic newsletter for interested members
- Modifying our constitution to sustain federal tax exemption
- Modifying our by-laws to clarify member address requirements
- Expanding our constitution and by-laws to address and document actions and policies necessary for Association operations between business meetings.
- Discussion and decision on the future and content of the Blue Spader Web Site
- Issues from the floor or received from members

Whenever and wherever Blue Spaders gather, it is a good thing. See you in Colorado Springs.

John Brown, HCOR

Good Reading...

- **The Blue Spaders** by Carl Bradfield (Facebook - Vietnam Era Blue Spaders) is in lighter tones, available through Amazon Books, Barnes & Nobel, the Cantigny First Division Foundation, and Gibsonia Baptist Church (web site).
- The 1st Division Museum has published a new edition of the book Blue Spaders. It will be on sale at the reunion in Colorado Springs.

- *Please note that the 1st Division Museum is usually willing to pay for new articles or information.*

From the Honorary Sergeant Major

Fellow Spaders, it's almost that time again. While we've made pretty good strides in getting the word out to those of you not as "seasoned" as others of us, we really want to see what we need to do to get a good turnout of young-uns (as CSM Mac would say) this year in Colorado. I've heard from a few of you who are going to try and make it, I encourage you to do so – and again, if there are travel arrangements that can be shared, it can only increase your enjoyment.

With all the talk about cutbacks and sequestration there are comments regarding the size of the active force. There are some difficult decisions to be made in the future regarding who stays and who goes – both individual Soldiers and units. I encourage everyone reading this to educate him or herself on what this means to the Soldiers still serving and get involved in the process to make your voice heard. I also encourage each of you to become a more active member in the Association and to get as many Spaders as possible to join. There are valuable lessons to be learned from our WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War and current Veteran brothers that we need to learn – lessons that will prove valuable in the months and years ahead as the Army struggles to find its path with ever dwindling resources and opportunities.

So, Bottom Line (not) Up-Front – if you can make it, get your butts to Colorado. If you can't, look out over the next year and see if you can make the next one. Car pool, share a room, whatever. And to the best of my knowledge, there has never been a case where kids were not welcome – bring them along. We have some real honest-to-God heroes in our association, and each and every one of them a Spader at heart – willing to share a story, lend an ear or shoulder. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it, and if you can't, rest assured I'll hoist at least one for you in spirit.

"Once a Blue Spader..."

Of Note...

Links of Interest

Association of the United States Army (AUSA) www.ausa.org

Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Benefits: www.vba.gov/VBA

For more information on the Blue Spader Association visit http://www.bluespader.org

For more information on Blue Spader visit to Ft Knox: http://www.dvidshub.net/news/91004/old-and-new-blue-spaders-re-unite-connect-share#.UBXCS119kaA#ixzz223Z0szsC

Editor's Notes:

* I solicited help from members who have stories to tell and want to thank all who have contributed. Keep'em coming!
* **From:** RAYMOND Zitur <raydon320@sbcglobal.net> I noticed a request from Al Hodell for a story about Ted. I was Personnel Sgt Major in Bamberg from 1950 to 1954 and worked closely with him and was honored to be a close friend until his death.. Visited him many times in Chicago and he visited us here in El Paso also. If anyone wants to write an article about him I would be happy to provide some input if they so desire. Always happy to receive the Blue Spader newsletter and would be happy to hear from anyone who served in Germany during my time there. Best wishes!!!!!!!!!!!!

26th Infantry Regiment Association

2013 Reunion Registration Form

Crowne Plaza Hotel (www.cpcoloradosprings.com)

2886 South Circle Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

(Revised March 6, 2013)

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This REUNION is hosted by the **Regimental Association** (AR 600-82). The reunion and all its component functions are private, and are not open to unregistered guests. Association membership is not a requirement for registration. ALL Blue Spaders, assigned or attached to any element of the 26th Infantry Regiment at any time, and if not presently in service, were honorably separated, are encouraged to join the Association **prior** to registering for the reunion. **For MEMBERSHIP Information** go to www.bluespader.org. Print and mail membership application form separately and in advance of the Reunion Registration Form.

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Reunion Events (All times are Approximate)

Wednesday June 19, 2013	Arrival, Registration
	CP and Silent Auction (Cascade, Breckenridge & Aspin Rooms)
Thursday June 20, 2013	Arrival and Registration continues
	CP and Silent Auction (Cascade, Breckenridge & Aspin Rooms)
	Group A: Echo Canyon River Rafting ETD: 0730 hrs
	Group B: Royal Gorge Bridge ETD: 0800 hrs
	Santa Fe Buffet (Salons A&B of Colorado Grand Ballroom
	CP after Dinner
Friday June 21, 2013	Arrival and Registration continues
	Air Force Academy AND Pike's Peak Cog Railway
	CP and Silent Auction (Cascade, Breckenridge & Aspin Rooms)
	Evening: Company Activities
Saturday June 22, 2013	Business Meeting (Pike's Peak Rooms I & II, 1st Floor) 9 AM
	Silent Auction Close-Out and collection
	CP
	Rampart Buffet (Salons D thru G of Colorado Grand Ballroom)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Call the Crowne Plaza Hotel **(1-800) 981-4012** to secure your room reservation as part of "**The 26th Infantry Regiment Association"** using a major credit card. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will honor reservations received BEFORE 11:59 PM, May 20, 2013. The daily rate *including* 9.4% tax is $119.25 per night (Single & Double); $130.19 (Triple); $141.13 (Quadruple). Poolside rooms are an additional $10/day. There will be a $75 fee for early departure. These rates will be available 18 through 23 June. Parking is complimentary

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Phone Number to call in case of ADMINISTRATIVE EMERGENCY after arrival: 703 599 6480

REUNION INFORMATION* * * * *RETAIN PAGES 1 & 2.

AIRPORT-HOTEL TRANSPORTATION

Complimentary Airport Shuttle (INCOMING) departs airport every hour on the hour, no advanced reservation required at 5:00am to 11:00pm. OUTGOING advance reservations with the Crowne Plaza Concierge (house phone # 1775) are encouraged.

CHECKING-IN

After checking into the hotel and being assigned a room locate the Reunion Check-in Table on the 2nd Floor and check-into the Reunion. You will be given an envelope containing (at a minimum) name badges and holders, state reunion pin, tickets for the activities that you have registered for, local information, a **detailed schedule of events**, and an Emergency Notification Information card.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

(Wednesday through Saturday)

Hospitality Suite aka The Command Post, "CP"; Association "Supply Room"; and the Silent Auction (Aspin, Breckenridge and Cascade Rooms, 2nd Floor)
Local (3 mile radius) Shuttle: Front Desk/House phone #1775.

THURSDAY

Group Tour A: Depart 0730 hrs, Echo Canyon River Rafting 0800 – 1230 hrs approx. Food available for purchase on-site.
Group Tour B: Depart 0830 hrs, Royal Gorge Bridge 0830 – 1230 hrs approx.. Food available for purchase on-site.
Santa Fe Buffet. Chicken Fajitas, Carne Asada, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans. Salons A & B of the Colorado Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor..

FRIDAY

Group Tour: Depart 0830 hrs, Air Force Academy **and** Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Lunch included. Return late afternoon, Friday Evening: Respective Company activities.

SATURDAY

Regimental Association Annual Business Meeting (Pike's Peak I & II; 9:00 AM). Open to all.
Closing of Silent Auction (12:00 noon)
Rampart Buffet: Roasted Chicken Chasseur, Peppered Beef and Mushroom Ragout, Rice Pilaf and Roasted Baby Red Potatoes. Ballroom 2 of the Colorado Grand Baallroom, 1st Floor
Buffet Lottery: For each Rampart Buffet reservation you are entitled to one entry of a three digit lottery number (000-999). The winning number will contain all 3 digits in the prescribed sequence. There may be multiple winners.
Group Photographs following the Buffet.

AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Colorado Springs World Arena - 0.3 miles
U.S. Olympic Training Center - 4.1 miles
Seven Falls - 4.5 miles
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo - 4.9 miles
Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun - 4.9 miles
Manitou Springs - 8.7 miles
Garden of the Gods Park - 9.4 miles
Cave of the Winds - 9.9 miles
Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame - 10 miles

FROM: (NAME)_____
(ADDRESS)_____
_____
(EMAIL)_____(phone)_____

Registration and Event Fees

Association Membership Number: _____ Dues Status:_____(see mailing label on Newsletter)
Member; Spouse; Family Members; Guests **$15 each** # pers__ x $ 15.00 =_____(a)
Non-Member; Spouse; Family Members; Guests **$35 each** # pers__ x $ 35.00 =_____(b)
Thursday Echo River Canyon Rafting - - - - - - - - # pers__ x $ 75.00 =_____(c)
Royal Gorge Bridge # pers__ x $ 55.00 =_____(d)
Santa Fe Buffet # pers__ x $ 34.00 =_____(e)
Friday AFA & Pikes Peak Cog RR - -- - - - - - - -# pers__ x $ 65.00 =_____(f)
Saturday Rampart Buffet - - - - - - -- - - - - - - # pers__ x $ 38.00 =_____ (g)
GRAND TOTAL (a) or (b) +(c) or (d)+(e)+(f)+(g) = $ _____

Rampart Buffet Lottery Number (3 digits each/1 per person)_____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST BLUE SPADER REUNION? (YES) (NO)
WHEN DID YOU SERVE_____WHAT COMPANY WERE YOU IN_____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND A COMPANY GATHERING (NO)(YES) Company?_____
PRINT NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR ON THE REGISTRATION BADGES.
1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

How many children under 12 years of age?_____

What will you be bringing for the Silent Auction? _____

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: BUS CAPTAINS, REGISTRATION DESK, PHOTOGRAPHERS, ASSISTANT BAR TENDER,
SUPPLY ROOM ASSISTANT, COMPANY MEETING COORDINATOR
[ ]**YES**, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO _____ DURING THE REUNION.[ ] NO

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Payments and Registrations are due not later than May 18th 2013.
No Cancellations/Refunds after June 1, 2013.
Make checks payable to "*26th Infantry Regiment Association*"
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>***Mail Check and this page (completed)***. <<<<<<<<<<<<<<

TO: 26th Infantry Regiment Association
1675 Scott Blvd., #107
Santa Clara, CA 95050

FOR FINANCE OFFICE use only ROOKIE ?_____ Lottery Number(s):_____
NAME : _____ Member yes / no; # of persons registering _____
1st. Tour:#_____; 2ND Tour #_____ Buffet:#_____; 3rd Tour: #_____;Rampart Buffet: #_____.
Amount Received $_____ Check #_____

-We Need Your Response-

Newsletters by Email

Since mid-2009 the delivery time for the quarterly newsletter by bulk mail has lengthened to 40+ days. To speed delivery and at the same time reduce printing and mailing costs, delivery by email is being offered.

The newsletter would be sent as an email attachment to a member's personal email inbox using Adobe in *.pdf* format at approximately 85 MB.
PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME:_____**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:**_____

POSTAL ADDRESS:_____

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EMAIL ADDRESS:_____ **TELEPHONE NUMBER**_____

[] Please change delivery of my newsletter to my email address.

[] Please continue delivery of my newsletter by postal mail.

Because the provision of this new email service is an internal and unfunded cost to the Association it is being offered ONLY to Annual Members whose dues are current (i.e., paid up as of last January), and to Life Members.

Mail this page to: 26th Infantry Regiment Association, 1675 Scott Blvd., # 107, Santa Clara, CA 95050

SIGNATURE:_____**DATE:**_____

Status of The Newsletter by Email Survey

This issue of the Blue Spader Newsletter carries the third and final publication of the Survey. As of March, 76 replies have been received...41 opted for the Email option... 35 opted to remain with the postal option. If you are eligible and decide to participate in the survey, please follow the directions on the form. Please do NOT submit duplicate replies and do not send emails in lieu of the response form. This only creates delays and wastes time. Depending on technical issues, implementation of the Email option will be completed this year.

Taps for Blue Spader Heroes

- SFC Albert G. Noseworthy; V-HHC Monroe, MI Life Member #475
- PFC Sam Messina, C Co, 1943-45, Life Member#249
- COL Rudolph Egersdorfer, Co A, RVN; 66-67; Silver Star, Purple Heart; Life Member #109

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Zavesky, A Company, VN Jan - Dec 1969 Chicago, IL, #2083
Phillip E. Zachman, Co K, 1949-1951 Bamberg, Germany Carmel, NY #2085
Gary Blackford, Alpha Co, 1973-74, Goeppingen, Germany Salina, OK #2086
William E. Winstead, Cos A, D, HHC; 1960-65 Ft Riley and Baumholder, GE; Life #2084; Marina, CA
Jesus Novoa, C Company, 1960-62, Baumholder, GE #2042 Nipomo, CA
James Fitzpatrick, 1954-55, Bamberg, GE Life #2082
Peter L. Juvet, B Co, 65-66, Fort Riley, KS #2088

We signed up 40 new members in 2012 !

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Dear Mike--
I wanted to let you know of a wonderful thing that has happened in our town- Rome City, IN.
I don't know if it is something you might be interested in but I thought I would share it with you. On Oct. 16, 2012 our local Post Office held a ceremony renaming the post office after our son SPC Nicholas S. Hartge. NIck was killed in Iraq on May 14, 2007. How very humbled he would be to know this honor was given to him. Here is a link to a youtube video from that wonderful day: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPSqiOjmiQQ

Also - thank you for including me in the membership. What an honor for me. I do so love reading the newsletter. Nick was so very proud to be a Blue Spader!

That's it! I am just so proud of this great honor NIck has been given. Thought I would share with you. Take care and enjoy the week ahead.

Lori Abbott
Proud Mom of SPC Nicholas Hartge

New Battalion Executive Officer

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am the new XO in 1-26 IN. I just moved back to the US on the 8th from Command and Staff College in Australia. I am very excited about being part of this storied unit and I look forward to working with all of the NCOs and Soldiers.

I have 39 months in Iraq (27) and Afghanistan (12). I have served in 1st Armored Division, V Corps LRS(C), and as a company commander in the 506th where I commanded C and HHC/1-506th, both in Afghanistan in 2008-2009.

My wife, our three daughters, and I will be living on post at Fort Knox.

I look forward to working with you and the association as we prepare for our next mission to Afghanistan.

Relentless!

Mike

Michael Todd Eliassen
Major, Infantry
Executive Officer
1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment "Blue Spaders"
Fort Knox, KY 40121
Comm: 502-626-9743

New Command Sergeant Major

CSM Victor E. Fleek is a native of Dillsboro, Indiana. He entered the Army in December of 1983. His duty assignments include 3rd BN 75th Ranger Regiment, 508th Airborne, Panama; 501st Airborne, Alaska; 2nd Squadron 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson; CMTC, Hohenfels, Germany; University of Dayton, ROTC, Dayton, Ohio; 1st BN 5th Cavalry, 1CD, Fort Hood, TX. He has served as RTO, FDC, Squad Leader, Drill Sergeant, Mortar Squad Leader, Mortar Section Sergeant, Branch Chief PLDC, Mortar Platoon Sergeant, Observer Controller, First Sergeant, Senior Military Instructor, Operations Sergeant Major and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

Awards and decorations include: CIB, EIB, Master Parachutist, Drill Sergeant Badge, Bronze Star (1OLC), MSM(5OLC), ARCOM(5OLC), AAM (2OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit & Meritorious Unit Awards, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon(3), and NATO Medal.

LIGHTER MOMENTS IN THE VIETNAM WAR
by
CARL BRADFIELD

The Tonka Toy

That's what we called the M-16 Rifle with its lever adapter that changed it to automatic fire, or M-15 A. We didn't like that funny looking weapon when we swapped the M-14 for it, and certainly didn't trust it. We didn't even have cleaning equipment for it all the way up to the day I left the country in October, 1966. It was issued around January, or February 1966, and only took a couple of grains of sand to jam it up. The most worrisome feature on our brand new untested department store toy, before anyone in the Blue Spaders had fired it, was the stock-- Made by Mattel. We were ordered to give up our trusty M-14 for this?

That morning in Camp Weber, after Bravo Company and the others lined up at the supply tent to make the exchange, we walked back to our bunks to check it over and gripe. Then the Platoon Sergeant entered our tent with his new issue to instruct us on the weapon. Problem was, he didn't know much about it and had no faith in it, either. But he stammered through a lecture on the basics of the M-16 with the entire platoon gathered about, largely reduced because of casualties by then, and reached another roadblock. There were no cleaning rods or bore patches for it and the M-14 bore patch was too big to fit into the barrel of that Tonka Toy. So, old Sarg came up with a makeshift solution.

After a few trials and errors, the sergeant took an M-14 bore patch, cut it into four squares, unraveled a piece of commo wire (only one strand would fit into the M-16's bore), tied the patch to it and slid the wire into the breach until it dangled out of the other end. But we couldn't do this in reverse, through the muzzle. Each time we cleaned rifles after that we had to funnel the single piece of commo wire and patch into the breach, pull it through and do it again from the beginning (pay attention now, there will be a test on this). And each guy carried a cleaning devise like this in our packs as throughout 1966.

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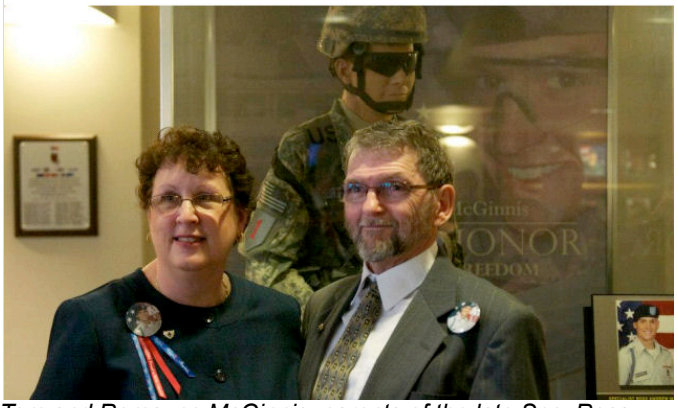
Editor's Note: cleaning rods for the M-16 did arrive, were carried and used.

* Another view on Jim Decker's article in last issue.

I was also with the 26th in October of 1962, becoming a Blue Spader in March of 1961. I have a little different recall than Jim of the Cuban Missile crisis. Having just arrived at Fort Benning just weeks before, we had been issued the 7.62 weapons (M14 & M60). Being one of the very few battle groups with the M14 rifle and M60 machine gun that was state side, we heard that we were not going to be part of the invasion force into Cuba because of problems with ammo re-supply. Tom Dilorenzo

Soldiers, Family and friends gathered on December 7th at the headquarters for the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, to honor the heroism and selflessness of Honor of Medal recipient Spc. Ross McGinnis who died six years earlier in Iraq. "Throughout history, every generation looks at the next generation with great trepidation," Lt. Col. William Jacobs, commander of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, McGinnis' battalion, said. "They wonder if they can trust the next generation to do the hard right over the easy wrong. We often say things like, 'I don't understand these new kids' or 'they just don't make men like they use to,' but Ross McGinnis is a reminder that we are wrong."



Tom and Romayne McGinnis, parents of the late Spc. Ross McGinnis, stand before a mannequin replica of their son after he was presented as a Medal of Honor recipient.

In MEMORIAM

Rudolf H. Egersdorfer, affectionately known as 'Rudy', former Honorary Colonel of the 26th Infantry Regiment PCS'd 17 February 2013. He would have been 81 on 25 June. His wife, and friend of 31 years, Joanne E. Moore (Major, USAF [ret]) was with him when he passed. Joanne was Rudy's confidant and supporter in all matters, and her enthusiasm, loving care and iron perseverance contributed greatly to Rudy's being able to complete a full and meaningful life.

Colonel Egersdorfer was born in Nuremberg, Germany. In the aftermath of World War II, 26th Infantry soldiers in Nuremberg helped him emigrate to the United States, where he joined the U.S. Army. Rudy loved all his assignments in the Army, and earned professional respect and friendship among all with whom he served. Those whose lives he touched will miss him.

In particular, those of us who knew and worked with him the 26th Infantry Regiment Association will remember that were it not for his humorous and innovative leadership, and his financial acumen, the Association probably would not exist in its present form. He and Joanne threw themselves wholeheartedly into rejuvenating and expanding an organization started by our WW II vets.

Rudy's career in the U.S. Army spanned 33 years, beginning as an enlisted soldier and retiring as full Colonel. He served in Vietnam twice, and held key positions in TRADOC and USAREUR. He is the recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart, the Commander's Cross, Order of Merit, Federal Republic of Germany, and more than 25 other US and international medals.

Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia at a date to be announced. Expressions of sympathy may be made to 26th Infantry Regiment Association, 1675 Scott Blvd, #107, Santa Clara, CA, 95050.

"Let Him Bear the Palm Who Has Won It"

Tom Galvin Remembers Rudy...

"My initial impression of the First Division encampment at Di An in June 1966 was that it was flat, hot, and devoid of shade. Worse yet, I would spend five days there with nothing to do while I waited for transport up to the First Brigade and further reassignment.

But for most of the five days it was lay in the sweltering shade of the tent and wait. The Officers' Club was just another large tent, but the bar didn't open until 5 pm. And on Tuesdays, at 5pm, the circuit sniper would fire a single round through the roof of the tent. Admittedly, it was more an annoyance than an assault. If for no other reason than that the dual line of bullet holes that closely paralleled the axis of the tent's ridge pole was directly over the bar, allowing the falling rain to inflect maximum harassment.

My tent-mate was a most interesting officer, Captain Rudolf "Rudy" Egersdorfer. There are two things I clearly remember about him from those days. In his briefcase he carried a black and white 8 x 10 photograph of his wife { He brought a brief case to war ? - - this was a person that I could learn a great deal from}. The other thing I remember was his telling me about his being conscripted as a young boy into the Hitler Youth in 1945.

Rudy and I were both assigned to the First Battalion, Twenty Sixth Infantry. I, obviously, as a platoon leader. Rudy became the S-2, Battalion Intelligence Officer. The next day, June 9th, a truck took us back to Tan Son Nhut. Then, an Army Caribou cargo airplane flew us to the airstrip at Phuoc Vinh."

Alpha and Charlie commanders, Rudy and Brian, discuss follow-on actions morning of 1 April 1967 after Battle of Ap Gu.

26th Infantry Regiment Association
Membership Application [Eff:1/1/2013]

Do Not Use This Form to Renew Your Membership

PLEASE PRINT

Name_____ Spouse/ "Other"_____

Mailing Address:_____City, State, ZIP:_____

Phone:_____ E-Mail:_____

Company(s) assigned to with 26th INF_____ Dates:_____ Location(s)_____

Duty Assignment with 26th INF_____ Most Recent Rank:_____ Current Active Duty: (Y) (N)

Permanent Address (if different)_____

Permanent City, State, ZIP:_____

Current Profession/Occupation/Assignment:_____

Signature_____Date:_____

Dues Enclosed_____ Contribution:_____ Total_____ (Tax Deductible)

MEMBERSHIP #_____(*office use only)*

Complete and mail with check to: 26th Infantry Regiment Association, 1675 Scott Blvd., # 107, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Annual Dues: $15. After 12 months of membership, renewable every January.

Life Membership: Non-Active Duty $250. Active Duty E1-E5: $100; E6-E9: $150; WO1-O3: $250; O4-O10:$300

When implemented, I would prefer to receive my newsletter by: Postal service ___ or Email___

Blue Spader Merode Memorial

Again, we want to pass on Albert's request for support and/or assistance with this project. The completion and inauguration are planned for 29 November 2014, the 70th anniversary of the **Battle of Merode**! Albert says they have a lot of work to do around the site next to the end of the muddy trail which reached the town from the edge of woods.

This is a project that the Association supports.

If you would like to donate or get further info, contact Bill Fischelis, the project treasurer:
bfischelis@yahoo.com

"No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great—Duty First!"

Honoring their father, George Wolfe, his daughters, Laurie and Amy, "The Wolfe Cubs", have re-opened the Blue Spader Supply Room.

Place orders by email to **lwolfe26@knology.net**,

or write to: Laurie Wolfe
1021 Moore Road, Columbus, GA 31904

This service is available only to members of the 26th Infantry Regiment Association.

The 2013 Reunion Banquet Lottery

With every banquet meal ordered on the Reunion Registration Form *before the deadline* comes an free entry in the Banquet Lottery to win back the cost of the meal. For each meal ordered GUESS at **a 3 digit number**. The winning number will be announced at the Saturday morning Business Meeting. The odds of guessing the correct number and winning a free meal are 1 in 720. Multiple winners are possible. No person in the Association will have knowledge of the winning number prior to the Official Announcement.

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ITS FREE ! ! !

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