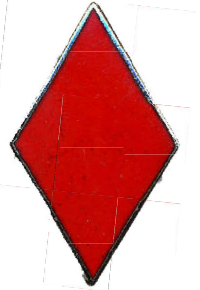




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Reunion 2022 is coming be there

This year is our 21st reunion. The first reunion was in 2001 after 9/11 and was attended by 17 troopers and their wives. Our hospitality suite was in Bob and Sherri Taylors suite at the old Stardust Hotel and Casino, Our banquet was at the Venetian restaurant, a small little place off the strip. We dined and drank and talked into the evening. Earl Schorpp did his famous band of brothers speech then it was time for the photo. In the photo Dennis Perrino is holding a proclamation naming the day A Troop 4th Squadron 12th Cavalry day in Las Vegas. Everyone was glad they came and renewed old friendships and made new ones with troopers from different years in the Troop. My personal story started on the first day of the reunion. As Linda and I walked into the Stardust lobby I noticed two people that seemed familiar, and they were. Jim Clark and Wally Mendoza. In a heartbeat there were three old friends hugging with maybe a tear or two, just happy to see that we were still alive and well. I think the emotion shook Linda a bit but quickly she became a part of a grand new experience.

This new experience has continued on for 22 years. Reunions come and the experience grows with each passing event. We have become not only a brotherhood but a family wives and girlfriends have joined into our experience as well.

They have become a sisterhood, they can now understand why we do certain things and they know they are not alone. They put up with us and that can be a big chore.



The very first A Troop reunion Sept 2001 Las Vegas, Nevada.
Front Row L-R Merle Reed, George Gersaba, Dennis Perrino, Wally Mendoza, and Warren Swinford. Middle Row L-R Tom McPhee, Earl Schorpp, Jim Miles, Jim Good, and Keith Eaton. Back Row L-R John Sharpe, Jim Clark, Jim Rinaldi, Bob Taylor and J.T. Tillman.
Not pictured, Ken Dye

The friendships rekindled and made through these reunions, have opened up our lives to many new experiences. It seems no matter where I travel, I have a brother. And if time permits, someone to break bread with and enjoy their company.

With many of our brothers comes a knowledge of the workings of the VA and how to get help if needed. We have teachers, law enforcement officers, lawyers, farmers, car dealers, race car crew chiefs, and people in businesses big and small. Our group encompasses everything it means to be an American and a Veteran.

I know I am rambling on, but until you experience a reunion you will always wonder "what if". The past was an experience we shared, the present is where we live now and the future is yet to be determined. People will say, we are all entering our golden years and we are losing our brothers and sisters every year. Make an attempt to make it to a reunion, all it can do is open up your soul and your mind and let you know that 68 thru 71 was the begining of something special. Keith

Reunion Registration Form

Trooper Name _____	Registration Fee	\$50.00 _____
Platoon/Year _____	No Registration fee for Guests	
Guest Names _____	Banquet @ \$50.00 per person _____	

_____	Total Cost	_____
_____	Ladies Luncheon	(No Cost)
_____	Number of Attendees	_____

Please make your checks out to : **A Troop 4/12 Cav** Mail Checks to: Keith Eaton
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Columbus, Ohio 43229

Reunion 2022 Las Vegas , Nevada

We will be returning to Las Vegas for our 21st Reunion. The reunion will be hosted by the 1st Platoon's Jim Rinaldi and Ken Dye, at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, from Wednesday October 5th thru Sunday October 9th. Our room rate this year will be available two days prior to the reunion and two days after our event. We will have a Hospitality suite from Wednesday 10/5 thru Saturday 10/8. The Banquet will be Saturday night 10/8

Room Rates: The hotel has added a new tourist rate on to the cost of the room. Our room rates with all fees and taxes will be \$74.81 Weekdays and \$147.38 for Friday and Saturday.

To make your reservations either go on line to (www.GoldCoast.com/Groups) or you can call 888-402-6278. You must use our ID# AT4J22C to get our Troop room rate. The Cut off date for registrations is September 3, 2022.

Hope to see you all there. Rag

If you have any Questions contact Jim Rinaldi at 585-314-8782 or my home phone 585-392-6288

Extra Bonus first two New Troopers

For the first two newbies to register at the Hotel, A Troop will cover your bill for your room from 10/5 to 10/8. This has been a way we can help people that have not been able to attend for any reason. Plus it's kind of like a carrot to a horse it's to get you to attend a reunion and see that it's not as bad as you think. Those of us that have been attending have formed bonds that will last our life time and beyond. Don't be shy come and help us enjoy your company

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A Troop Is

What is A Troop 4/12 Cavalry, we are a loose group of Veterans that happened to serve in the same unit during the years 1968 through 1971.

We spent our year or more traveling all over Quang Tri province, From Wonder Beach to FSB Nancy To Quang Tri and Camp Red Devil From Cam Lo to C@ and Con Thien and from Qua Viet and Jones Creek to the area Near the Rock Pile and Khe Sanh. We rode in APC's and Tanks we worked in the motor pool, supply, and the mess hall. But the one thing we had in common was being a part of a single Troop from the 4th Squadron the 12th Cavalry Regiment. At our reunions all that matters was that during that period of time we were there, and no one can ever say we didn't do our part. Come and join us again. Vegas 2022 will be a great time for all of us.



Two of our regular attendees at our reunions
Jim Good 3rd Platoon 69-70 and Mary
Oscendowski friend of Ted Whipple Passed
since our last reunion they will be missed

Thanks for your Service

This year is the end of an era, our longtime treasurer Neal Smith is retiring from the post due to some medical matters. He will be missed and no one person will be able to fill his shoes. Neal was going to make this years reunion his last hurrah but as we all know life doesn't always allow us to do what we want to do. Neal will be in Washington D.C. where his brother will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on October 5th.

Neal we will miss you but we know family comes first, your second family A Troop thanks you for your years of service to the Troop.

The new team handling the treasurers job will be Bob Kerin (124 Turnstone Ln, Lake Fredrick, Va. 22630) and Bob Taylor (P.O. Box 2152 Globe ,Az. 85502).

Bob and Bob will be starting our new treasurers office after the reunion so any donations can be sent to them after October 9th 2022.

More Images from the past

Can you ID any of these Troopers let me Know whom ever
ID's the most could win a prize

Keith Eaton

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