



**You are invited to attend RIDE AT A GALLOP,
a special 1/9th Cavalry Mini-Reunion within the VHPA's 34th Reunion
to be held at the JW Marriott Indianapolis from
Sunday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 5, 2017.**

RIDE AT A GALLOP is a collection of historical presentations, DVD showings, and seminar type discussions given over a multiple day period primarily for those who served in or have interests in the 1/9th Cavalry in Vietnam. In addition to having a dedicated hospitality room (3rd floor room 306) for the duration of the Reunion from 1 pm until about 4 pm daily, the VHPA will provide a section of the main ballroom to the 1/9th Cav for PowerPoint presentations, showing video clips, and having focused discussions. This area is open to anyone attending the Reunion and can accommodate 500 if needed. The goal is several short (15 - 25 minute) sessions each day and to let each troop have at least one slot per day. Here is the current DRAFT schedule:

Sunday, July 2

CW2 John Flanagan	Summary of the 1/9 th Cav history & Introduction to the presentations
SGT Barry McApline	Bravo Trp ~ Being in the Blues Oct 1966 to Oct 1967
CW2 Walt Gutsche	Bravo Trp ~ Flying Scouts over the Bong Son 1966-1967
CW2 Rudy Ribbeck	Charlie Trp ~ Life & Times of a gunship crew at LZ Two Bits 1966 - 1967

Monday, July 3

SGT Thien	Bravo Trp "Kit Carson" Scout 1966 – 1967 & coming to America after the war
SP4 Jim Hohman	Charlie Trp ~ The Battle of Hoa Tan (1) 6 March 1967
CW2 Walker Jones	Charlie Trp ~ Navy rescues Army ~ OH-6A shot down 13 July 1970 rescued by Navy
CW2 Dirk Kretschman	Charlie Trp ~ How a gunship AC earns a DFC flying a slick into Khe Sanh
LT Tom Agness	Apache Trp ~ Changes in air cavalry recon tactics when aircraft changed
CPT John Powell	Charlie Trp ~ Base camps & battlefields – then and now

Tuesday, July 4

LT Mike Sprayberry	Tribute to Bravo Trp MIAs Whitmire, Gervais, & Martin 1 May 1968 in the A Shau
Little Sister Julie Kink	How to get in touch with Gold Star Family members from the 1/9 th Cav KIAs
Matt Brennen	Writing books on the 1/9 th Cav

Wednesday, July 5

Open

Material from the Squadron Headquarters, HHT, Delta Troop, plus Echo and Foxtrot Troops will be MOST WELCOME!

Who to contact to schedule a presentation or to ask questions?

- Bravo Troop – John Flanagan 270-319-6166 <jflanaganconsult@aol.com>
- Charlie Troop – Walker Jones 662-347-7133 <cavalierwalker@yahoo.com>
- HHT, Apache Troop and anyone else – please contact Walker Jones mentioned above

Here are some important details about how to register and how to sign up for a session!

- Not a former pilot ~ not a problem! Everyone is welcome! Everyone pays the same fees and receives the same service regardless of rank or duties in Vietnam.
- Go to www.vhpa.org, then **Reunion Information** (2nd item in the column on the left). Tons of details: How to get from the airport to the hotel, how to get a hotel room, schedule of events, how to register for the Reunion, how to buy tickets for VHPA tours, view the Morning Report (registered attendees), etc., etc., etc.

But Wait ~ There is more!

- ✓ At no cost to you, **Witness To War** is conducting oral history interviews during the Reunion. Sign up NOW to schedule your 90-minute session. You get three DVDs and the results are filed with the Library of Congress.
- ✓ VHPA Calendar Editor, Mike Law, will display all fourteen (14) photo published about the 1/9th. If you are interested in having yours published, now is the time to meet Mike.
- ✓ Every registered attendee receives complimentary copies of the handouts and photos. For example, the Battle of Hoa Tan (1) material is 38 pages.
- ✓ The VHPA will video record all the RIDE AT A GALLOP proceedings and presentations. The material will be edited and burned onto a DVD available a few months after the Reunion. You will be able to order copies at the Reunion.
- ✓ Information will be available to all interested parties on how to donate physical items (documents, letters, flight helmet, photo albums, etc.) to The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech.



We Can, We Will



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Questions or want to
give a presentation?**

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