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#### **NEWSLETTER OF THE 31ST US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION**

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#### Around the Corner - Reunion 2021 - Will You be at Rock Island/Moline?

Reunion 2021 is on track. A good number of our members have already put their hat in the ring. Have you set 18 to 22 September as a priority for you and your family to be there? Time is running out. Pick up you ruck and register now. After the





long delays caused by this guy called COVID-19, let's make Reunion 2021 a time to remember. The Quad Cities located along the Mississippi is the ideal location and September is the right time to reunite as Soldiers along with our families. Make the time, make the

promise: "This Polar Bear will be there", and shout out: "You All Come to Reunion 2021. You Hear?"

#### HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM?

So far not as good as we would like! As of 29 July, 87 members/spouses have registered for Reunion 2021. Reunion 2021 looks like it will be a great event. One that we have been waiting for since North Myrtle Beach. The Association needs to know that you and yours are planning to be there. 4-31 will return by the end of August from its deployments in Afghanistan and Kuwait. The Association will host active-duty Polar Bear Soldiers, leaders, and the Shanghai Bowl. Time is short. It's time to act to be at Reunion 2021. – **Pro Patria!** 

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#### ANOTHER FORMER LEADER OF 4-31 PASSES ON

BENNY HASKEL DOBBS, Jr. CSM (Ret.) US ARMY On May 13, 2021, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Benny Dobbs a former CSM of 4-31 Infantry passed away in Benson, NC. Benny, a native of Monticello, KY, entered the U.S. Army on March 11, 1986 and proudly served his country for over 30 years. He earned the respect of his troops and leaders alike. Benny had numerous combat deployments to include Operation Just Cause, Desert Shield/Storm, and twice each to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Over the course of his career, he earned the highest of awards such as the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and two awards of the Combat Infantryman Badge. CSM Dobbs retired from active-duty service on July 31, 2016, where he spent time with his family which were the center of his world. With all the accolades that Benny had earned while serving his country, he would tell you "It's all about taking care of your Soldiers!" He would take care of his troops as his family and



with the same resilience and perseverance that gained him the respect from all that knew him. Not only was he a Soldier's soldier, but he was a man of God and a devoted husband to his wife of 35 years, Carol Sue (Roberts) Dobbs.

#### **KOREAN WAR – 1953 – THE BLOODIEST YEAR**

(edited and extracted from the book "The 31st Infantry Regiment" Chapter 16, pages 227-229)

In 1953, as the Korean War was slowly moving toward an end of active combat and a cease fire was being slowly negotiated in Panmunjum. Because of the difficult and slow negotiating process each side of the conflict (Chinese and North Korean Army and the United Nations Forces), used the battlefield and battlefield actions as a way of enhancing or influencing their bargaining position at the table. This was especially true for the Chinese Forces facing the 7th US Infantry Division and the 31st US Infantry Regiment. In early 1953, the 31st Infantry was online in defensive positions on and around Pork Chop Hill, Old Baldy, and a series of observations points (OPs) and north and south of these two key pieces of terrain. The fierce fighting in this area of the war went on for over six months with constant attacks by Chinese units to take control of the terrain and the 7th Division counterattacking with companies and platoons of the 31st and 17th Infantry regiments to retake all or portions of these battle areas.

The last action of the war for the Polar Bears came on 26-27 July 1953 at OPs Westview and Dale overlooking the Chorwon Valley. The OPs were held respectively by K and I Companies of the 31st Infantry. Westview was a low, bald knob connected to Old Baldy by a saddle ridge. It was only large enough to accommodate a platoon, but the Chinese were determined to take it. They came charging up the hill three nights before the ceasefire was to take effect, lugging huge boxes of ammo and rations, giving every indication that they intended to take the hill and keep it. Pouring wave after wave up the hill, they took half of the hill, but L Company counterattacked, driving them back down the trench line in close quarters combat with grenades, small arms, and occasional rifle butts. When their grip on the last section of trench was broken, the survivors scurried across the barren 200-yards long saddle back to the safety of Chinese lines on Old Baldy. There the remnants of the Chinese forces that were still exposed were chopped to pieces by artillery. For the next two nights, Chinese units probed Westview again and again, losing more men in the process. On Monday night, the defenders, some of whom had hardly slept for four days, felt sure the Chinese would come again to try to retrieve bodies of their dead. At 9:45 p.m., the "Order" came to cease all firing. A minute later, an outguard warned, "They're coming, the Chinks are coming down." No one fired. Weapons that would have been used without hesitation any night before were silent. There was no shouting, no jubilation, only a few muttered prayers and handshakes between men who had seen too many others carried from the battlefield. Suddenly there was peace.







## **Reunion 2021- QUAD CITIES – SEPTEMBER 18-22**

#### REUNION 2021 - DAY ONE - (Saturday: September 18, 2021

1200 - 1700 Arrival -- Registration Desk/Welcome - Holiday Inn Rock Island 2nd Floor

1200 - 1700 The Association Hospitality Room - Salon 3

Evening: Company Dinners - On your own/Unit Dinners.

#### REUNION 2021 – DAY TWO - (Sunday: September 19, 2021)

0700 - 0930 Breakfast Served in Bennigan's

0800 - 1100 Quartermaster Store Open

0900 - 1600 Registration Desk & Welcome Table open

1000 - 2100 The Association Hospitality Room - Open

1000 - 1200 Board Meeting

1130 - 1330 Lunch - You are on your own.

1600 - 2000 Visit Quad City info booth Hallway 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

1730 - 1830 Welcome Cocktail Reception- Hotel Ballroom (Local Mayors to attend) (Cash Bar)

1830 - 2030 Arrival Dinner - BBQ local Flavor Dinner - Hotel Ballroom (Cash Bar in the Buffet Location)

#### REUNION 2021 - DAY THREE- (Monday: September 20, 2021)

0700 - 0930 Breakfast Served in Bennigan's

0900 - 2100 The Association Hospitality Room Open

0900 - 1200 Registration Desk & Welcome Table - Open.

0900 - 1000 31st Infantry Memorial Service - Salon 1&2

1000 - 1130 General business Meeting

1130 - 1300 Lunch - Once again - You are on your own.

1200 - 1600 Quartermaster Open

1230 - 1630 Rock Island Arsenal Tour Meet in Lobby first floor

1500 - 1530 Raffle Drawing & Silent Auction (Last chance to bid in Silent Auction).

1700 - 2100 Celebration Belle Caption & Dance Cruise, Cruise the mighty Mississippi

#### REUNION 2021 - DAY FOUR - (Tuesday: September 21, 2021)

0900 - 1100 John Deere Factory and Pavilion & Store

1830 - 1835 Reunion Dinner Posting of the Colors & Invocation

1835 - 2030 Dinner - After Dinner: Announcements. Introduction, and Guest Speaker

2030 - 2200 Shanghai Bowl Ceremony and Formal Toasts to the 31st US Infantry Regiment

DEPARTURE DAY - (Wednesday: September 22, 2021) - Goodbyes and Check out



# At Various Times:

Channel Cat Water Taxi Various Sites: \$8.00 Hop on Hop Off

> At the Dinner: Salads will be on each table – Multiple Buffet lines will be in service

### Registration Form Reunion 2021 - Rock Island, IL 31st US Infantry Regiment Association September 18-22, 2021

Name:				
Guest(s):				
Home Street Address:				
City:		State:	ZIP Code:	
E-mail:		Phone:		
Company & Battalion of the	31st Infantry:		When:	
If active duty, Current Rank:	_ Post stationed at: _			
Served in Combat Zone: Yes	/ No (Circle)	f Yes, where:		
Will you be staying at Holiday	/ Inn Rock Island Yes	/ No (Circle)?		
Have a car at the reunion? Ye	es / No If needed, are	you willing to assist ir	n local driving?	? Yes / No
Reunion Activity	Cost per Person	X # Participating	=	<b>Event Cost</b>
Reunion Registration	\$40	х		\$
Reunion Arrival Dinner	\$27	x		\$
Rock Island Arsenal Tour	\$15	х		\$
Celebration Dinner Cruise	\$60	х		\$
Reunion Banquet	\$40	х		\$
John Deere Factory Tour	\$15	х		\$
Grand Total				\$

Make checks payable to: 31st US Infantry Regiment Association

ATTN: Joe DeAngelis 3035 S. El Rio Dr., Meridian, ID 83642

Hotel and Travel Information: Total Cost is \$85.00/night incls tax and a Hot Breakfast every morning

**Holiday Inn & Conference Center** 

**Quad City International Airport (MOL)** 

226 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Free airport / Hotel Shuttle

Rock Island, IL 61201

Moline Airport serviced by all major carriers. www.holidayinn.com/rockisland

Reserve Room at (309-794-1212)

Suspense date for Hotel and Reunion 2021 Reservations is September 1, 2021

#### VIETNAM VETS WERE NEVER PROPERLY RECOGNIZED

Richard never really talked about his time in Viet Nam, other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8 x 10 black and white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margret



with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures. A few years ago, Ann Margret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo, so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing. When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted. Richard was disappointed but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home. Ann Margret came out looking as beautiful as ever

and, as second in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it." She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for 'my gentlemen." With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he were the only one there.

That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to be a Vet. I'll never forget Ann Margret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband. Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big, strong husband broke down in tears. "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said.

#### POLAR BEAR DEPLOYMENTS SINCE 9/11

In July 2021, 4-31 Infantry redeployed home from its latest post-9/11 mission which was once again in Afghanistan. A look at the overseas deployments of 4-31 Infantry since the terrorist attacks is in order.

<u>AFGHANISTAN</u> 2001-2002. After the multiple attacks to our nation on September 11, 2001 elements of the 4-31 before the end of the month were on the ground in Kuwait and Qatar. The Heavy Mortar Platoon was deployed in Uzbekistan and later in Afghanistan. C Company was moved to Afghanistan from Uzbekistan and A Company from Kuwait. However, A Company was the first to draw enemy blood for the 31st Infantry for the first time since Vietnam. Before Operation Anaconda was over, the 4-31 command group deployed, and organized Operation Polar Harpoon. This resulted in firefights, the collection of many enemy documents, and the destruction of warfighting materiel. Then all elements of 4-31 headed home.

#### AFGHANISTAN-DJIBOUTI-IRAQ 2003-2004.

After thirteen months back at Fort Drum, 4-31 deployed again. Its elements were scattered to South Asia and Africa. Battalion Headquarters and A Company went to Afghanistan, B Company to Iraq, and C Company and the Mortar Platoon to Djibouti on the horn of Africa. Neighboring Ethiopia formed an anti-terrorism battalion and hosted a detachment of Polar Bears as trainers for the new unit. All 4-31 elements were back at Fort Drum in December 2003 except B Company. The tactical situation in Iraq required them to stay until April 2004.

<u>IRAQ</u> - May 2004-June 2005. 4-31 deployed to Iraq less B Company, which had just returned



from an extended overseas tour a few weeks before. B Company, 1-509th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Polk, joined 4-31 until B Company 4-31 could rejoin the unit in the Kadhimiya District of Baghdad. 1LT Adam Malson of A Company was the only KIA during this deployment. As he attempted to rescue a woman from a burning car, a suicide bomber detonated an explosives vest, killing Malson. In Iraq, Polar Bears manned checkpoints and ran patrols in the district. Later 4-31 soldiers secured Abu Graib Prison from potential terrorist attacks. In addition, they conducted air assaults and raids on enemy strongholds south of Baghdad. After returning to Fort Drum,

4-31 received a Meritorious Unit Commendation for its actions.

IRAQ - August 2006-November 2007. After two weeks on the ground in Kuwait, 4-31 moved through Baghdad to Forward Operating Base Mahmudiyah in the heart of the Iraqi combat zone called by the press "The Triangle of Death." As part of Operation Polar Rock Blizzard, 4-31 searched villages and along canals, recovering weapons and IED components from 125 different locations. The unit's intense raids and road patrols received a violent response from the terrorists with IEDs wounding several Polar Bears. To control the area, 4-31 had to own Route Malibu, pocked by numerous IED craters and vehicle wreckage. A key to that was seizing and holding terrain. EOD personnel worked hard to clear the road, but the 4-31 commander, LTC Michael Infanti was medivacked when his Humvee was hit by an IED. Terrorists gradually lost the initiative in the give and take of combat, but with increasing desperation terrorists hit a night overwatch position along Route Malibu manned by D Company. Of the eight men at the site, five were KIA and three were kidnapped; their remains were eventually recovered. In response, U.S. strength in the area ramped up from 1,000 to 4,000 in less than a week after the kidnappings. The kidnapping strategy of the terrorists ended, but during the 15-month tour, the Polar Bears lost 18 soldiers. The battalion also earned a Valorous Unit Award "for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy."

**IRAQ** - October 2009- June 2010. The 4-31 mission on this tour was both security and the training of Iraqi Federal Police, to prepare them to take over public order and safety. In addition, the battalion provided security for small details of American civilian teams training local Iraqi leaders. There was occasional small arms harassment but no casualties. The successful eight-month tour garnered the battalion another Meritorious Unit Citation.

<u>AFGHANISTAN</u> - 2015-2016. The 4-31 mission on this tour was installation security, a mission which fragmented the battalion. Elements were scattered across the real estate that 4-31 was charged to secure.

C Company was broken up into eight elements of different sizes. During this complex deployment, the 4-31 Commander, LTC Chris Landers didn't have control of many of these elements, even though he was tasked with battalion-level contingency plans. The largest combat action 4-31 became involved in was the Battle of Kunduz, when Islamist terrorists seized control of that city. The C Company detachment helping to secure an installation of a Special Forces A team became involved along with the SF soldiers in the Kunduz battle which lasted four intense days, during which the terrorists suffered more than 200 fatalities.

<u>AFGHANISTAN</u> - Autumn 2018. Based at Bagram Airfield, the battalion was the Theater Response Force for NATO's Resolute Support operation as well as trainers for Afghan defense forces. The Battalion put together two Expeditionary Task Forces, each built around a rifle company with indirect fire and heavy communications capability. Over eighty Polar Bears earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, and all hands who served in this tour can now wear the 10th Mountain patch on their right shoulders.

<u>AFGANISTAN</u> - February 2021- August 2021. To support Operation Freedom's Sentinel, 4-31 was deployed to Camp Dwyer in Helmand Province and elements of the battalion were also deployed to Kuwait. The Polar Bears have been operating as the only conventional infantry unit in Afghanistan, spread out between nine different geographical locations in theater. In addition to training missions the units of the battalion were employed as a quick reaction combat forces to aid Afgan forces where needed. During the deployment, HQ and C Companies completed a 26.2-mile ruck march to show solidarity and respect for the lives the Regiment lost during the Bataan Death March.

If there's one recurring theme in all these deployments, it's the fragmentation of the battalion to fulfill numerous diverse missions and consequent dependence on small unit leadership from the fire team on up. Time

and again this shows up in engagements with the enemy. The Polar Bears stand ready to meet the challenge of the next mission they receive and go wherever that requires.

# A TOAST TO THE POLAR BEARS

Paul Kerchum is registered to attend Reunion 2021 and the "Good Lord Willing and the Creeks Don't Rise" Paul will once again make a short presentation of his experience as a survivor of the Bataan Death March and his time as a Japanese prisoner of war during WWII.

<u>SPECIAL REUNION NOTE</u>: The banquet Guest Speaker at Reunion 2021 will be LTC Christopher Rowe, commander of 4-31. The unit will return from Afghanistan and Kuwait



by the end of August. 4-31 is one of the last combat units deployed in Afghanistan and will be the last major unit to redeploy. LTC Rowe's presentation on 4-31's last deployments promises to be very interesting and a great tribute to our returning Polar Bears.

## **TAPS**



#### Deceased members identified since Newsletter # 99, May 2021

#### **KOREA WAR**

Edward R. Bolton, SSG, Crawfordville, FL, died May 16, 2021, HQ, 3rd Bn, 1950 Carson E. Bunch, SGT, Goodman, MO, died Jan 12, 2021, Co F, 2nd Bn, 1952-1953 Stuard M. Hartman, SFC, Camarillo, CA, died May 25, 2021, Co B, 1st Bn, 1952-1953 John A. Hemphill, MG ret, Steilacoom, WA, died May 21, 2021, Cos I & K, 3rd Bn, 1952-1953 Bernard H. Hoffman, PFC, Merrick, NY, died Nov 6, 2020, Co H, 2nd Bn, 1953-1954 Rudy R. Reyes, CPL, La Puente, CA, died Oct 2, 2020, Co F, 2nd Bn, 1949-1951 Robert C. Whisenhunt, CPL, Grand Junction, CO, died May 21, 2021, HQ, Rgt, 1952

#### **Correction in date died in NL 92:**

Melvin L. "Mel" Pierce, PFC, Hollister, MO, died Aug 3, 2017, Co I, 3rd Bn, 1950

#### **VIETNAM**

Alfred "Al" Harner, SFC, Ashland, PA, died May 24, 2021, Co C, 4th Bn, 1965-1967 Herbert F. Tipton, SP4, Deland, FL, died May 19, 2021, Co B, 4th Bn, 1965-1967

#### **UNITED STATES**

Benny H. Dodds, Jr, CSM ret, Angier, NC, died May 13, 2021, HHC, 4th Bn, Bn CSM, 2010-2012

#### **ASSOCIATE**

Robert A. Houghtby, Sr., Lively, CA, died Apr 22, 2009, Grandfather 1st SGT Arthur C. Houghtby, POW, died May 20, 1942, in CP O'Donnell

Helen F. Mucerino, Phoenix, AZ, died Jan 6, 2014, Widow of CPL Ralph Mucerino, Co A, Korea

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

William H. "Bill" Breeton, Littlefork, MN, HHC and C Co, 4th Bn, 1967-1968

**NOTE:** No deceased members reported from the World War II, Pre-Korean War and Post Korean War eras.

**LEADERSHIP NOTICE:** The Association has leadership positions that need to be filled at the 2021 Reunion. The Board is developing a slate of officers and volunteers who have the time and the desire to join the Board of Directors are needed. Election of officers will occur at the General Membership meeting. Potential positions include Regional Director, Quartermaster, Treasurer, Adjutant, and Committee Slots. If you are willing and able to be part of the Association leadership team, please contact Charlie Tapp or Ron Corson. (Contact # - See Page 10)

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104 Cumberland Dr., Carlisle, PA 1	7013	717-243-5570	<pre>inpsim@comcast.net</pre>	
Southeast Region: (NC,SC,GA,FL,AL,MS,TN,A	·	Noah Halfacre	(LT,E 6thBn,VN, 1970)	
1116 Dundee Ct ,Murfreesboro, TN	37129.	615-892-9246	gimlet3a@gmail.com	
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788 Eagledale Circle, Kettering, OH	45429	937-435-0669	mamahowdy@yahoo.com	
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