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VIETNAM, 1965-1972

FOR HE TODAY THAT SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME SHALL BE MY BROTHER FROM THIS DAY TO THE ENDING OF THE WORLD

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Delta Vet Receives Distinguished Service Cross

52 years later Frank Crary receives Nation's second highest award for Heroism

Over a half-century after Delta's Recon Platoon battled a company of the North Vietnamese Army at the confluence of two branches of a small stream in the Ia Drang Valley, the Commanding General of Fort Huachuca, Arizona presided at a ceremony recognizing the heroism of one of Delta's soldiers.

Frank Crary of Tucson, 19 years old at "Two Streams," now 71, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross before a crowd of military and civilian dignitaries

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that included two Delta veterans with Frank that day in 1966.



Photo Credit Mike Christy/Arizona Daily Star Chuck Rose will never forget Frank, or that day. "I was pinned down by that machine gun. I wouldn't be here if he hadn't taken out that machine gun."

Bob March, the Recon Platoon's RTO at Two Streams in 1966, was at Huachuca for the ceremony. It was over five years ago that Bob took it upon himself to "right this wrong" and began the arduous task of obtaining the recognition of the United States for Frank's heroism. (See "The Project," page 11) Mike Van Kirk was at Huachuca to honor his friend; he had happily missed the Two Streams battle, the result of an earlier wound. Colonel John Gergulis (Ret), Delta's 1st Commander in Vietnam represented all Delta's Vietnam Brothers. Vice President Tom Kjos represented VETERANS OF DELTA COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH CAVALRY (VIETNAM).

Commanding Officer LTC Andrew Kiser and CSM Shelly Jenkins, of the 1st Battalion 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Divison, flew in from Ft. Hood to help recognize one of their own. Major General Robert Walters had the honor of pinning the DSC medal on Frank.

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The **Distinguished Service Cross** is the second highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of the United States Army. It is awarded for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.

Actions that merit the Distinguished Service Cross must be of such a high degree that they are above those required for all other U.S. combat decorations excepting those for the Medal of Honor.



Mike Van Kirk, Chuck Rose, Frank Crary, John Gergulis, Sandra Trebbe, Bob March - Photo Tom Kjos

The President of the United States, authorized by Act of Congress, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Private Pirst Class Prank M. Crary, United States Army

FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN ACTION 7 APRIL 1966 AS A SENIOR RIFLEMAN FOR COMPANY D, 1st BATTALION, 12th CAVALRY, IN VIETNAM. ON THIS DAY, THE BATTALION **RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON WHILE IN PURSUIT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS,** ENCOUNTERED A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE IN CAMOUFLAGED FORTIFIED POSITION. MEMBERS OF THE RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON WERE PINNED DOWN AND TAKING HEAVY CASUALTIES FROM INTENSE ENEMY FIRE, INCLUDING A CREW-SERVED MACHINE GUN. **PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CRARY IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION OF THE MACHINE GUN AND BEGAN** RETURNING FIRE, ATTEMPTING SUPPRESS THE ADVANTAGE OF THE ENEMY. THEN, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, AND WITH TOTAL DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, HE JUMPED UP AND RAN MANEUVERING TOWARDS THE MACHINE GUN POSITION. IN DOING SO, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CRARY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO COUNTER-FIRE FROM NEARBY NORTH VIETNAMESE CAMOUFLAGED POSITIONS, WHICH HE METHODICALLY ENGAGED AND NEUTRALIZED. CONTINUING HIS ONE MAN ASSAULT, HE FLANKED THE ENEMY MACHINE GUN, ATTACKING AND KILLING THE ENEMY. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CRARY'S VALIANT ACTIONS TURNED THE BATTLE, ALLOWING THE REMAINDER OF THE RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON TO **NEUTRALIZE OTHER ENEMY POSITIONS. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CRARY'S EXTRAORDINARY** HEROISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 1⁵¹ CAVALRY **DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.** (Continued on page 11)

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#1's Corner



My Brothers in Arms we are quickly approaching time for our Reunion in San Antonio. There will plenty of rejoicing during the time we have allotted to gather. We will celebrate seeing the faces of those we have not

seen in a year's time or longer.

We celebrate the accomplishments of the Executive Board for we have worked diligently to create an organization you can be proud of. We established a relationship with the 12th Cavalry Association to receive Tax Deductible Donations.

We created a Mission Statement and By-Laws for the Organization, available on our website or at the reunion for those without internet access.

I sincerely appreciate the experience of working with a group of dedicated individuals who tirelessly worked to complete the aforementioned tasks, as well plan for the reunion. There is still work to be done and willing workers are required to press on to reach many more positive accomplishments. I truly desire that we strive to "Always be Prepared."

I also bid you a farewell as this will be my last article on the Corner.

"Boot to Boot"

Dwight D Edwards

Website Update Bob March

Since the last Newsletter update there have some notable additions to the website.

• Several Delta Troopers have sent in photos to be included. There are new web pages for the following: Steve Chestnut (Recon 66/67), Rod Milroy (69/70), John Gergulis (first CO, 65/66), Ken Wessollek, (71/72) and Bruce Meyer (70/71). Still looking for names to go with faces on many of these photos, so take a look and send me ID's of names and places that you remember. More than 250 new photos have been added to the website.

• There is now a a page showing the menu and Christmas messages from the chain of command for Christmas 1971. Pretty fascinating. The Army always had a knack for writing menus more impressive than the meal. (Forwarded by Fred Mac Lennan from Rod Milroy.)

• Check out the page reporting on the Frank Crary DSC award. It was a great ceremony put on by the Army at Ft. Huachuca AZ on May 22, 2018. Lots of news articles. This is a big deal. (See article in this edition of the Newsletter.)

• Added a page showing photos and some interesting notes from James Neeley and Chuck Rose about the recent visit to Vietnam of our Delta Troopers. Thanks to Chuck Rose, Walter Wilzak, John Gergulis, and James Neeley for providing photos.

• Updated some of the stories on the Firefights and Historical Events page (Khe Sanh, Two Streams, and others). Always worth checking out. IF YOU HAVE INPUTS, LET ME KNOW PLEASE. We want to hear YOUR story. Will be conducting interviews for more stories at the reunion in September, and via telephone. Delta's website address is: http://www.cattrack6india.com/

The general popularity of the web site continues. A new record was set in May 2018 with 5111 visits to the Delta Company website viewing 11182 pages and almost 75000 files downloaded. Amazing!

$1/12^{\text{th}}$ Documentary Film is in Production

You need to be part of the story! Be interviewed for the documentary already in production about the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam. Brother Thomas Lon Crabtree writes, "We want your story. To have the Production Team in San Antonio we need to know that enough veterans will participate." Call Thomas at 432-853-4851 or email mmctlc3@aol.com or any D Company contact (see back page) and say, "I am in!." Then join us in San Antonio. Reserve your room at the el Tropicano. Mail in your registration. Book your flight or gas up the car. Don't delay.

Order a DVD of Episode 1 (\$15) from Thomas Crabtree, 195 Buzz Street # 18 Branson, MO 65616

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well boys, it's just 2 months until our San Antonio Reunion. I hope that you have already finalized your plans to attend. For those of you who have not registered or are deciding whether a reunion is a good thing to attend after all these years; you have to trust me, your Brothers in Arms will make it an enjoyable experience for you and your family.

The feeling of renewing friendships with those with whom you served is unique to anything that I have felt in other aspects of my life. The difference this time is that the beer is iced, there is indoor plumbing, the eggs are real, no guard duty, no leeches or monsoon season, and no one is shooting at you. The guys I served with have also instituted a few reunion contests. Most Wrinkles, most hair loss, and ugliest. The latter of which I am the reigning Champion.

So, come on, sign up and attend. I will bet you a beer you cannot take my Championship from me. I look forward to seeing all the vets that have attended previous reunions and for those of you attending for the first time, there is no better place to be an FNG. Good Health

Fred Mac Lennan

DELTA REUNION UPDATE

With two months to go, those who have registered and/or who have accommodations include: 63 VETERANS AMD OTHER MILITARY PLUS SPOUSES, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS & FRIENDS, TOTALING MORE THAN 100 ATTENDEES.

Many more of our Brothers are telling us they will attend. Let's "pull out the stops." *Our room block is filling fast, and must be <u>reduced at the end of July.</u> So don't delay.*

OTHER CAVALRY REUNIONS

The 12th Cavalry Regiment Association Reunion, September 11-16, 2018 at the Welk Resort in Branson, Missouri. Details at http://www.12thcav.us/

FIDDLER'S GREEN

We're surprised but pleased that, after adding 81 Brothers to the roll in April, we know of none who have gone to *That shady meadow green, the eternal resting place known as Fiddler's Green.*

HELP WANTED

Volunteers (I know, I know!) are needed for officer and board elections to be held in San Antonio in September. There will vacancies on the board and open officer positions. Please volunteer if you can help, or suggest a Brother who would be good.

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TET AT QUANG TRI - FEBRUARY 1, 1968

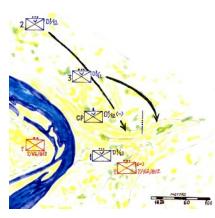
By early afternoon on 1 February 1968, Quang Tri City had been largely secured by the ARVN 1st Infantry Division. The main attack by the K4 battalion of the 812st Regiment, 324th Division (PAVN) had failed. K4 and K6, tasked to reinforce, were dispersed in small groups south and east of the capital.

The NVA was on the run from the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Brigade, which had air assaulted its companies into positions east of the city. One of those was D Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, commanded by Captain Richard Kent. Delta air assaulted from LZ Suzie, 10 kilometers southwest of Quang Tri, to an LZ 3 kilometers northeast of the city, on February 1. The company began moving to the southeast, keeping the Song Nhung river to its right, 1st Platoon in the lead, then the command group, 3rd Platoon, and 2nd Platoon, searching for the fleeing enemy.

At 1436, the 1st platoon was engaged by a platoon of the 812th Regiment's K6 Battalion dug into spider holes along a low sandy ridge just beyond a swale that drained to the shallow river on the company's right. The NVA platoon commander had placed one of his squads across the



Nhung where it could place fire up the swale. CPT Kent called for the Brigade Scouts' helicopters. Already in the area, the H-13s arrived quickly.



While Kent went up for a look, the other helicopter engaged the enemy that could be seen from the air. Returning from his aerial recon, Kent had located Lieutenant Laurence Keys, the wounded 1st Platoon Leader, and with SP4 Renny Parker, his company-net RTO, went forward to retrieve Keys. They reached LT Keys's RTO, SP 4 Darrel Shellie, seriously wounded, and the platoon's medic, PFC Billy Wright, already dead, but not Keys, before they were themselves wounded. Keys, Kent, and Parker survived their wounds; Shellie did not. Kent was now out of communication. LTC Daniel French, the battalion's commander, arriving overhead in his C & C Huey, asked Delta RTO Ron Redalen to "Get your six," something SP4 Redalen could not do, explaining "I don't know where he is."

The platoons not in contact would maneuver to engage the enemy on their own. Third Platoon, next in the order of march, was led by 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Kjos. Hearing the firing ahead Kios keyed his handset. "I'm taking 3rd Platoon around to the left" and

Hearing the firing ahead, Kjos keyed his handset, "I'm taking 3rd Platoon around to the left,"and swung wide while advancing so SSG Rudolph Ford's 2nd platoon could fill in on the right. The 3rd's platoon sergeant, SFC George Wright, now anchored the company left, overlapping the dug-in enemy. With the two platoons on line and fire across their front, Kjos could see that the enemy was dug in along a low ridge running toward the southwest. There was only one move: cross through the swale, then swing to the right, up a rise to the dug-in enemy line. (continued on page 9)

DELTA VETS RETURN TO VIETNAM

Ten Delta veterans and spouses (1965-66 John Gergulis, Chuck Rose, Sam Watson, and Walt Wilczak; 1967-69 George & Thuy Davey, James & Sandra Neeley; 1970-71 David Hendrickson and Frederick Lange) spent two weeks in Vietnam visiting the places our company fought. They were joined by another eight, including veterans of other 12th Cavalry units.

Arriving and leaving from Saigon, the group, led by Dave Macedonia (101st Abn, Vietnam) visited Tay Ninh, Pleiku/Dak To, An Khe, Bong Son, Hue, Quang Tri, Khe Sanh and the A Shau Valley.

CHUCK ROSE'S VIETNAM VISIT

In April I returned to Vietnam for the first time in 53 years along with other soldiers who served in the 12th Cavalry 1965 -1971. The two-week tour included I, II and III Corps, visiting cities, fire bases, Special Forces Camps, US Military Bases, and locations where our units had combat engagements. For some of those former military sites, access was prohibited as they have not been cleared for unexploded ordinance. At the A Shau Special Forces Camp we were allowed access only to the old runway area. The camp had not been cleared, an ongoing process throughout Vietnam. We saw several EOD trucks. US military bases, camps and fire bases were destroyed - and cleared - after the war except for some runways that are now airports, a main street, or used to dry harvested crops.



Chuck and "Dad" make a friend



"Firefight Bar" Owner, rear in red; Province Chief, right rear; Foreground, Dave and Carol Macedonia

Vietnam is no longer like I remembered it. The mud-wall-thatched-roof homes are replaced by cinder-block with metal roofs. Even the Montagnards have wooden-wall-metal-roof homes built (as before) on wooden pilings. Old two-lane and dirt roads are now 2 to 4 lane major highways. Black pajamas have been replaced by brighter colors. Firebases are overgrown with jungle.

The Vietnamese people were very warm and welcomed us with open arms everywhere we traveled. Old NVA soldiers approached us, shook our hands or hugged us. One told us, "your country

sent you here to fight us and our country sent us here

to fight you, but that was a long time ago." "Welcome back to Vietnam." Even Vietnamese active duty military were friendly and courteous.

George Davey had the coordinates along Highway 9 in I Corps where his 1st platoon of Delta Company was engaged during the relief of Khe Sanh. What's there now? A goldfish pond, the centerpiece of an upscale bar. So we all sat down, ordered a drink, remembered those who were lost here over 50 years ago. Bicycles are replaced with legions of 125 cc motorcycles. Everyone 18 years old and older seems to own a motor scooter or motorcycle! Only school children and old people still ride bicycles. I enjoyed this trip immensely and would like to go back again. The 16 hours airplane ride, however, is a "Butt-Kicker"! July 2018 6



Rear L-R: Bob Gentry, Fred Lange, David Hendrickson, Chuck Rose, Lee Cunningham, Nick Macedonia, David Macedonia, Samuel Watson, Sandra Neeley, Carol Macedonia; Front L-R: Nick Priest, George Davey, Thuy Davey, Kin Lo, Susan Lo, John Gergulis, Walt Wilczak, Vietnamese Tour Guide, James Neeley



In the Central Highlands Delta Veterans Salute their Fallen Brothers

L-R: Chuck Rose, Sam Watson, Walt Wilczak, Kin Lo, John Gergulis

Grandview veteran revisits war zone 50 years later

(Excerpted in part from an April 19, 2018 article in the Cleburne Times Review by Jessica Pounds)

ames Neeley of Grandview, Texas was a student at Rice University in Houston when he was drafted into the Army in 196. Like the rest of us, soon after AIT he was on his way to Vietnam. "I flew into country in Cam Ranh and got my assignment, [to the 1st Cavalry Division]," he said. Serving in D Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, James was wounded twice. "The second time I was wounded I was medevaced out to Japan and then Brooke Army [Medical Center in San Antonio]," he said. "Somebody had set off a booby trap and I got some shrapnel on me. The wound itself wasn't too serious, but my arm was paralyzed for awhile. It took several years before I was able to gain full use of it."

When Neeley thinks back to Vietnam, he remembers brave men who the exemplified the definition of courage. "We were all kind of scared to death at the time," he said. "But the thing that I was impressed with most - and still am no matter how frightened we were, or how hard the went ahead and did it.



tasks we had to do, we just Occasionally they held a small ceremony. "We would have a beer, pour some out around flowers placed on the ground," James said. "Then we would salute."

ames and his wife Sandra "found out about a reunion for the company [Delta] I was in," she said. Several people had the idea of getting together and going on a trip to Vietnam." Sandra Neeley thought it would be great for her husband to revisit the country. "They wanted to customize their trip to try to go to places the men had actually been," she said.



SGT Neeley, an NVA Veteran, LT Davey

From the beginning of the trip, Sandra Neeley said she could see a spark begin to ignite in her husband. "There was one man [George

Davey] who was there the same time James was, but they had been in different platoons," she said. "On the plane, they helped each other remember things because they had the same experiences, even though they didn't personally know each other then."

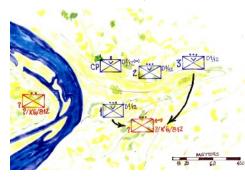


ames Neelev said. "they [the Vietnamese] were still grateful to us for being there...They attributed a lot of the success they are having now to what they learned from Americans while we were there."

ames was able to visit several places where he served. He found the bridge where La Vang Bell Tower he had guard duty, a river near a field he remembered, and a bell tower where he stood night duty.

The couple also got to visit Vietnamese restaurants, statues, landmarks and much more. "James thought it's so good how well [the Vietnamese] have done," Sandra Neeley said.

(continued from page 5) With the enemy engaging the 1st platoon to its front, 3rd platoon would be approaching the rear of the NVA line. The 3rd would face the pinned-down 1st with the NVA in between; risky but a risk worth taking.



LT Kjos, on the right of his platoon where it tied in with 2nd, said, "We need to take out those spider holes." "I'll go, L-T," answered SP4 Gangon, 2nd Platoon. SGT James Neeley heard the

exchange, "Gangon was the only one crazy enough to go along." LT Kjos, said, "Follow me." Gangon close behind, the two dashed across the swale, bullets snapping around them. Squad Leader SSG Ed Johnson brought more of the 3rd across. Kjos and Gangon led the rush up the rise, the platoon taking on the enemy hole-by-hole. As they reached the enemy line from the east, the 1st engaged the NVA from the west. The battle ended, the company recovered the wounded for medevac and retrieved the two KIA's.

Later, with Captain Donald Orsini replacing the medevac'd Captain Kent, Delta withdrew a short distance to establish its night defensive position. The Brigade Scouts had returned to search the area and reported 25 - 35 NVA in a trenchline 800 meters to the south. An H-13 picked up D Company Forward Observer LT John Kirby, who from the air adjusted and fired a heavy artillery barrage. In the short, sharp battle, D Company had accounted for 15 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 3 AK-47 rifles, and 4 SKS rifles.. Delta suffered 2 KIA and 3 WIA.

Two NVA seen wading the Nhung were killed by machine gun

With Delta was medic PFC Billy Lee Wright, 19, a 1966 graduate of Haywood Co. High School, Tennessee. Billy was from Stanton, where he attended the Church



of Christ. In high school, he worked at the Kroger's in nearby Brownsville on afternoons and Saturdays. Billy graduated in 1966, went to work for American Air Filter, enlisted a year later. He was an ardent fisherman and hunter. "Billy picked me up every morning for school," wrote his friend Pat English years later. "He would drive around at night with me on the hood of his car hunting for rabbits. He was a good friend and I miss him a bunch."

Billy's sister, Deb Wright Patterson, was 10 years old when Billy went to Vietnam, "I have sweet memories, of him letting me tag along when he visited Evelyn (Evelyn Caldwell, Billy's girlfriend in high school). I loved them so."

Basic training at Fort Benning was followed by medic training at Fort Sam Houston. PFC Billy Wright was in Vietnam, a medic with the 1st Cavalry Division, eight months after enlisting. Awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor, Billy Lee Wright is on the Wall at Panel 36E, Line 63. *Billy's story thanks to Professor Al Claiborne*, *PhD, Wake Forest University*

fire from the perimeter. At 2300, 20 NVA with mortars were engaged attempting to cross the river. In the morning, the company moved south to sweep the area of the artillery barrage. Several NVA were engaged by small arms and ARA resulting in 5 NVA KIA. At 1330, the company was ordered to support A Company in contact 4 kilometers northeast. Arriving at 1630, the battle had ended, and a joint perimeter was established with Alpha. Both companies were extracted the following day.

During the 24-hour period, D Company accounted for 42 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA. Not included were the estimated 25 killed by LT Kirby's evening barrage, where drag marks in the sand and a dead NVA wrapped in a poncho indicated the enemy's usual removal of his dead from the battlefield. The rapid defeat of the NVA regiments that assaulted Quang Tri City was one of the most decisive

during the Tet offensive, permitting the allies to devote more resources to the struggle for Hue.

Delta, 1st Battalion, 12th Calvary Reunion San Antonio, Texas, 6-9 September 2018

El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel HOTEL _ (http://www.eltropicanohotel.com/) Rooms are \$127.00 per night including all taxes and fees, with 2 free breakfast buffets. There will be no resort fee and WiFi is free. Rooms are available at this rate for three days before and after the reunion. (See booking information on page 1.)

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION – A trolley runs every 15-20 minutes with a stop just a block from the hotel, making all of downtown easily accessible. A Double Decker Bus stops in front of the hotel every 20

minutes for a "hop-on, hop-off" tour of San Antonio.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 6 September – Check into hotel and register. Welcome Dinner at VFW Post 76. Hospitality Suite in the Trinidad Room open from Thursday afternoon through Saturday night.

Friday, 7 September – In the morning attend Lackland Air Force Base Airman Graduation Parade then visit Fort San Houston Quadrangle & Museum. Lunch at Mi Tierra Restaurant, shopping in the Mercado (Mexican market), or tour Downtown San Antonio.

Saturday, 8 September – Memorial Service and Company General Membership Meetings or Wives' VA PTSD & Benefits Briefing in the morning, take a tour of the Alamo or a downtown tour in the afternoon. Our Banquet in the evening will be a very special event!

Sunday, 9 September – Departure day.

Delta's success finding at its Brothers-in-Arms has made its reunions bigger and better every time. 72 veterans gathered in Tucson in 2017, and we plan to exceed that at San Antonio in 2018. Reunions of the Regiment and Division have never attracted that many Delta Vietnam Veterans.

San Antonio is where you're most likely to see that friend of a halfcentury ago.

Take a Boat Tour or Stroll along San Antonio's River Walk





Two Doubles Room at el Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel

THE PROJECT

In 2013 Bob March began the project to recognize Frank's heroism. The advice of C Co. 1/12th veteran Doug Warden helped get the project off to a good start. Since a retroactive award of a DSC literally takes an Act of Congress, Senator John McCain's office was contacted. The response: "resolve privacy act issues" to go further.

By 2014 that hurdle had been conquered; *Instructions for Submission* and Frank's *DD 214* were in hand. Frank now knew "something was up," but not what. Data collection and research began with guidance of AR 600-8-22 using the National Archives, internet and other resources.

The submission had to include:

•Narrative of terrain, weather, and the friendly and enemy situation

•Eyewitness statements

•Chain of Command Endorsements. With commanders dead or missing, this took months of research and documentation

•Compiled $1/12^{th}$ history near the time of the event

•Drew detailed maps

•Drafted the "Proposed Citation"

Cover letter, *DA FORM 638*, and 37 pages of supporting information submitted to the Army with Sen. McCain's endorsement, Aug 2015.

The Secretary of the Army confirmed by letter in June 2017 that Frank "will be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross."

Frank's DSC included in the Defense Authorization Act, passed House and Senate, signed into law by the President 12 Dec 2017.

After five years, on May 22, 2018, Frank Crary was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross at Fort Huachuca, Arizona



Frank Crary & Major General Robert Walker on the Alvarado Hall stage during the award ceremony



Bob March, whose project it was to obtain recognition for his friend's valor, greets Frank & Sandy after the ceremony

DELTA COMPANY'S VIETNAM LEGION OF VALOR Specialist Four FRANK CRARY Dislinguished Service Cross Pleiku Province April 1966 Specialist Four ROGER HATTERSLEY Dislinguished Service Cross Binh Dinh Province December 1966 Specialist Four Allen Lynch Medal of Honor Binh Dinh Province December 1967 Captain DONALD ORSINI Dislinguished Service Cross Binh Dinh Province December 1967 (deceased) Specialist Four BRIAN TIERNEY Dislinguished Service Cross (posthumous) Quang Tri Province May 1968 Sergeant RODNEY EVANS Medal of Honor (posthumous) Tay Ninh Province July 1969 Specialist Four JOHN BACA Medal of Honor Phouc Long Province 10 February 1970

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