

# ◆ THE BLUE BADGE ◆

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## **Seattle Promises to be A-1**

The Combat Infantrymen's Association 2010 National Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn SEATAC International Airport October 21-24. Many hotels were considered before the Holiday Inn was chosen. Hotels as far away as Fife, WA were considered, also in Federal Way, and Tacoma. Some hotels who responded to the bid did not have all of the facilities that are required; some did not have space during the time frame we wanted. In addition to price, there were other considerations as well. Downtown driving conditions were considered, as was difficulty in finding the hotel; complimentary airport shuttle service is high on many of our members list of important hotel features; also the availability of complimentary meeting and banquet rooms. All things considered, the Holiday Inn offered the best all-round program, and the proximity to the airport and its easy access from major highways sealed the deal. We are confident you will be well satisfied there.

Please make your plans now to attend this great event in the American Pacific Northwest. With the Reunion Manager working closely with the members from Washington, you can count on this being one of the best reunions ever.

We ask your cooperation by registering in advance through ML & RS, Inc and to stay with the group at the host hotel. The hotel will not accept individual call-in reservations and offer you the reunion rate.

Although the entire itinerary has not been developed yet, we can offer you a glimpse of what we hope will be on the final agenda. The in-hotel package will offer the Welcome Reception, three breakfasts, a Washington themed dinner buffet on Friday night and more formal banquet on Saturday night, with the memorial service as part of the banquet. Friday we hope to have a trip to Ft Lewis scheduled; and after the business meeting on Saturday a visit to downtown Seattle with a stop at the space Needle, Pike's Fish Market (both are Seattle landmarks) and an informative narrated tour of the city. Make your

## STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

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Each member is encouraged to communicate with the Blue Badge. Give us your ideas, comments, and complaints. Give us your human interest stories, share personal memories from your days in combat and the aftermath. Tell us what your unit is doing. Because of the volume of mail received, sometimes we cannot print all of the letters. But be assured that every letter is read and considered. Space is also a consideration. The Blue Badge must be printed in multiples of four, i. e. 8 pages, 12 pages, 16 pages, etc. sometimes we have too much for, let's say 20 pages, but not enough for 24 pages, some things may have to wait.

The Blue Badge is not a political tool. Articles portraying a political position or negative or demeaning to another member will not be printed. We do not accept any type of advertising, and we will not promote commercial products. Finally, articles, poems, etc which are not the original work of the sender, must be accompanied by the author's permission before it can be published in the Blue Badge.

Remember there is a cutoff date for items to be published.

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## Procedural Changes!! New Effective Immediately

One of the delays that causes some confusion and aggravation among members is sometimes perceived as a lack of response to the member needs. The staff works hard to answer your questions, act on your requests, and in general be responsive to your needs. One of the problems encountered is requests being sent to the wrong place. In order to simplify the process, the following **new from last issue guidelines** have been established. **Please use them:**

- Articles to be printed in the Blue Badge including letters to the editor; poems, personal stories, etc,
- Items pertaining to the annual convention
- Taps notices
- Address changes
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### Commander' Column

*Earl Kennedy*

Dear Fellow Combat Infantrymen:

It is with great honor that I have served you in this fine organization during the last few months. It has been quite a learning experience and everyday is full of emails, phone calls, applications and financial work.

We are working on a new website and trying to improve the way business is conducted. This is all done with volunteers and I choose to let each of the staff have my space during this issue. I welcome all of these wonderful volunteers on board. We need all of the help that we can get. I want to thank each and every one of them. I especially want to thank Larry for the fine work of upgrading the data base, Jim for his excellent recruiting efforts and the Auxiliary for helping so much by typing the welcome mat. I also want to thank all of those who donated. Each and every donation will be put to good use by our nonprofit organization. We recently donated old clothing inventory to Haiti, approximately 5000 dollars worth. We are trying to re-write and upgrade our Bylaws. Cecil Wooten and Lou Orlando thank you tremendously. John Bartlett of West Virginia is the volunteer coordinator for the scholarship program.

To the entire Team-Thank You.  
Commander Kennedy



### Deputy Cdr 's Column

*James Bourgeois*

Greetings from the Great Pacific Northwest! I can hardly believe it has already been three months since our National Conference and Elections. As the National Deputy Commander, I must admit it has been a very busy time. During these past few months, I have been working closely with Commander Earl Kennedy and would like to share some insight regarding increasing membership and raising funds. We all need to work towards accomplishing the primary mission of our Association and we can only accomplish this by working on improving CIB Membership. It is the primary mission of each and every member to look for new membership and recruit! It is amazing with all the Soldiers who have earned a CIB since WW II; the strength of our association is only about 5,000. That is a very small percentage compared to the estimated strength of Soldiers who have earned their CIB total over 150,000! Typically, members do not join on their own ... rather; they join after being "invited or recruited" to join the organization. We must raise funds for our organization and I strongly believe we can accomplish that by effective membership recruitment. Personally, I was very successful with recruiting by setting up information/recruitment booths at various locations (VFW, VA Hospital, PX, Commissary, or special events). Soldiers love to talk to Soldiers ... and Infantry Soldiers will stop at a CIB booth – I guarantee it! I challenge all members to step-up and be counted on and challenge each of you to recruit at least one new member per month. This past month, I located 31 new members for possible recruitment – each of you can do the same, if not more. Our Commander will be able to evaluate which units have an effective membership recruitment program based on the number of applications received. If you are interested in finding new members and/or have recruitment ideas,

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**Ladies Auxiliary's Column**  
Vicky Kennedy

We have just started mailing out the new membership pins. They were designed by our first national president, Ann Yamrus. The design was approved at the convention held in Branson, Missouri in October, 2009. The pin is available by joining the Ladies Auxiliary. Membership is available to any wife, daughter, mother, granddaughter, sister, etc. of a CIB awarded veteran. Memberships range from annual to lifetime. If you are not already a member, please consider joining. If you are already a member, please encourage other women in your area to join in honoring the men who sacrificed dearly to give their all for our freedom and the freedom of others. A Ladies Auxiliary application can be found in this Blue Badge.

Newly appointed national staff of the Ladies Auxiliary include; Alice "Kay" Watts, Vice President, Ann Yamrus, Secretary/Treasurer, and Patricia Jones, Chaplain.

February is "Heart Month". Take care of you and your loved ones by having regular blood pressure checks, eating healthy and exercising five times a week for at least thirty minutes.

You've heard about the chicken who crossed the road to see what was on the other side, but have you heard about the turkey who crossed the road also? He did it so nobody would call him "chicken."

If you have a better one send it!

## Our View

Larry Eckard, Editor Blue Badge

It hardly seems possible that three months have passed since the convention and elections in Branson. Please read the bios of the newly appointed Association Officers. They have their work cut out so please support them just as you have those who served in the past.

There are going to be some changes recommended, especially in the structure of the Association and the way memberships and renewals are handled.

A revision to the Constitution and By-Laws is being proposed also. You will find a copy of the proposed changes elsewhere in this issue. There are some significant changes in the draft. You owe it to yourself to take time to read the draft and decided if you agree with the proposed changes. There will come a time when you will be asked to vote—yea or nay—to approve or reject the draft. Be informed, and vote accordingly.

You will also see an entire page is devoted to moving into the electronic age. We are wasting a lot of money on postage and printing—money that we could put to better use by spending it more wisely. If you have the capability to do so, there is no reason not to download and print your own—sure it is different—sure it takes a little effort, but you have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping the Association, plus you will have access to the latest edition weeks before receiving it by mail.

Some may argue that the returned Blue Badges help keep the mailing list current; but the Blue Badges returned due to incorrect addresses do not provide the new address—it simply says that the address on file is incorrect.

It is the responsibility of the individual to keep the data base manager advised of his address changes. It is not the responsibility of the data base manager to track down people, so keep your address current. The Blue Badge is not forwarded so even if you file an address change with the Postal Service— and the next issue is not

mailed to an incorrect address. Keep us posted when your address changes or you will find yourself without your Blue Badge.

Downloading and printing your own copy of the Blue Badge **WILL NOT** prevent you from voting by mail. Instructions on voting will not be addressed here; but you can be assured you will be provided instructions on how to vote when a ballot is included in the Blue Badge.

I want to again stress that every item, article, letter, received by the editor is read and considered for publication. The one exception is that an unsigned letter will rarely, if ever be considered for publication.



Take a look at the above photograph; that is the stack of membership applications and/or renewals from 2008 and 2009. For some reason hundreds of them were not entered into the data base. As a result every single app or renewal had to be looked at to see if was posted in the data base, and if it wasn't, it had to be posted.

In the spirit of openness, you need to know that task is completed, but it was necessary to hire a temp data entry person to do the work. That is going to cost the Assoc several hundred dollars, but there was no other choice - update the data base or not. With permission of the Commander and Staff it was done.

## XO's

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please feel free to contact me at cell phone: (253) 224-0817 or email at: [jabemk32@aol.com](mailto:jabemk32@aol.com) Take the challenge of new membership ... our organization and its members deserve it! Thank you all for your contributions and continued membership.

# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## 31 OCTOBER 2009

### LODGE OF THE OZARKS, BRANSON, MO

1. Executive Board members present: Commander Ray Yamrus, Chief of Staff Chuck Henry, Finance Officer Robert Saxton, Chaplain (Father) Leo Hetzler, Blue Badge Editor Larry Eckard.
2. The meeting was called to order by Commander Yamrus at 0900 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Hetzler gave the opening prayer.
3. Commander Yamrus advised the membership present that the Executive Board Meeting was not conducted on 30 October because there was no quorum.

#### **4. NEW and OLD BUSINESS:**

The following is a compendium of discussions/motions that were made by various members, seconded, and carried by the General Membership.

- a) That the minutes of the October 2008 General Membership Meeting (GMM) be accepted as written in the Jan-Feb-Mar 2009 Blue Badge.
- b) That the tabled motion (from 2008 GMM) to change the Association name to Combat Infantry Badge Association is considered. This generated significant discussion that was primarily against a name change. This motion was put to a vote and failed to carry. The Association name remains unchanged.
- c) That the Finance Officer's Report not be accepted/approved until a detailed report on the specific entries are provided. (Note: An audit was conducted for the years ending September 30, 2008 and 2009 by Johnson & Rennie, LLC, Certified Public Accountants. Copies of the audit were available at the GMM).
- d) A lively discussion took place regarding the Blue Badge (Quarterly Association Newsletter). Complaints were made that many members did not receive them. Requests were made for Extra copies to aid recruiting. It was revealed that a large number are USPS returned each quarter because of undeliverable addresses. Also it was noted that in the rear of the Blue Badge are guidelines covering requests for address change, failure to receive an issue, and requests for additional copies.
- e) That the Life Membership Dues be changed as follows:  
  
Life Membership Dues shall be \$300 for applicants between the ages of 17-40 years, \$250 between the ages of 41-64, and \$150 for applicants 65 years or older.  
  
Life Membership Dues will be distributed as follows:  
50% to Blue Badge Escrow Fund  
25% to National Headquarters  
25% to new members unit
- f) That elected or appointed officers at the National Headquarters be prohibited from holding office in a subordinate unit with the exception of the Chaplain.
- g) That the current office of Finance Officer/Quartermaster be separated and be held by two different members. That the current Finance Officer incumbent be relieved of his duties and remain as Quartermaster. That the 2009-2010 Commander appoint a new Finance Officer to

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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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complete the two-year term of the relieved Officer. A Finance Officer election is to be held in October 2010 for a two-year term which begins in the even-numbered year.

## **5. ELECTIONS:**

This year's election for National Commander and Deputy Commander utilized written ballots (last page of the Jul-Aug-Sep issue of the Blue Badge) and show-of-hands votes by those attending the Branson reunion if they did not vote by mail-in written ballot. Also the floor was opened for nominations.

Election results: Commander – Earl Kennedy

Deputy Commander – James Bourgeois

## **6. SELECTION OF FUTURE REUNION SITE:**

A show-of-hands vote by the Membership for the 2012 Reunion site resulted in the selection of Nashville, Tennessee. Previously selected were Tacoma, Washington for 2010 and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for 2011.

## **7. The meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.**

## NEW! HOT OFF THE PRESS QM



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Color Graphics is excited about partnering with Combat Infantrymen's Association in providing logo'd wear and products. We are currently developing a website to make the products available online for easy ordering. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the CIA.

Sincerely,  
Fred & Debbie Gustafson  
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## TOP 10 CW

10. I Hate Every Bone In Her Body  
But Mine
9. I Ain't Never Gone To Bed With an  
Ugly Woman, But I Woke Up With  
A Few
8. If The Phone Don't Ring, You'll  
Know It's Me
7. I've Missed You, But My Aim's  
Improvin'
6. Wouldn't Take Her To A Dogfight  
'Cause I'm Scared She'd Win
5. I'm So Miserable Without You, It's  
Like You're Still Here
4. My Wife Ran Off With My Best  
Friend And I Miss Him
3. She Took My Ring and Gave Me  
the Finger
2. She's Lookin' Better with Every  
Beer

And the Number One Country &  
Western song of 2009 is...  
"It's Hard To Kiss The Lips At  
Night That Chewed My Ass All  
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**Chaplain's  
Corner**



**Father Leo Hetzler, CIA Chaplain**

Born in Rochester, N. Y. on Sept. 7, 1925, I enlisted at 17 and served in the 86<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 343rd, Co. B. We fought in both the European and Pacific theaters: from the attack on Cologne to the Ruhr Pocket, then south to seize Wurzburg and on into Austria. We were then sent to the Pacific as part of the first wave invading Japan but ended in the Philippines, capturing 2500 Japanese.

Five months after discharge, I entered a Catholic order, the Basilian Fathers, whose main work is in education but also with parishes and missions (in Mexico and South America). I received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Toronto, a S.T.D. from St. Michael's University, and a Ph. D. from Cornell, preparing me for teaching English Literature at St. John Fisher College (Rochester) from 1959 on. Among authors I write articles on are G. K. Chesterton and Max Brand (Frederick Schiller Faust).

I submit these IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS to the membership and board of officers.

- MAKING OUR ASSOCIATION BETTER KNOWN AND INCREASING MEMBERSHIP AT A NATIONAL LEVEL AND AT A LOCAL LEVEL

In addition to continuing the different avenues we have been pursuing, we should seek further

suggestions from our new Deputy Commander James Bourgeois and discuss these. Available National funds will, of course, be a problem. Therefore local companies should play an active role in making the Association known and in increasing membership.

- A SHARING AMONG ALL LOCAL COMPANIES OF IDEAS THAT WORK WELL WITH THEM.

For example, my Rochester Company always has as its First Item under "New Business" the reading by one of the members of some incident from his Army experiences. This is followed by a discussion in which parallels from others' experiences are mentioned. We find that this helps us to know one another better and is also a welcome change of pace coming half way through the meeting.

- SEEK TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Now that we have a Ladies Auxiliary, our Conventions can better be looked upon as a true "vacation" opportunity. Our coming October Convention is a good instance. Since Seattle offers so much to see and do, one could even extend one's stay another day or so: a city waterfront with ferries to Victoria, Pike's Market with 3 more floor below, an elevated train from downtown to the Worlds Fair grounds with its Museum of Science Fiction, an Old Town with a 19<sup>th</sup>-century underground city, and so on.

I encourage the members we haven't seen in a couple of years to come back into the fold, you will love the new atmosphere.

# Taps

The Blue Badge was notified of the death of the following Combat Infantrymen's Association members. The entire association sends our deep sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased member.

Uricchio, William  
Died 10/06/09  
Southwick, MA  
HQ 1 1 NE  
Reported by spouse, Wanda

Clark, Roy E.  
Died 12/27/09  
HQ 1 1 KS  
Reported by Charles Klenklen

Rabalais, Hillman P  
08/08/09  
C 1 1 NY  
Reported by William Love

Florio, Dominick  
05/15/09  
Staten Island, NY  
B 2 2 NY  
Reported by Rom O'Connor

Pearson, Roy  
01/10/10  
Toledo, OH  
Ohio  
Reported by his wife

Herrick, William C  
Date not reported  
Tacoma, WA  
Reported by HQ 1 1 WA

Mason, Howard  
12/16/09  
Kendallville, OH  
Reported by Fr Leo Hetzler

Jones, Wilbur  
11/04/09  
Sardis, OH  
Reported by his wife

Kleaver, Otis  
09/18/08  
Marquette, MI  
Reported by his wife

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# NOTICE TO ALL UNIT COMMANDERS

Please, unit commanders at all levels, look over the unit Commander and XO lists found on pages 3, 4, and 5. If you and your XO are still in the position as shown and all of your information is correct, then you don't need to do anything. If either you or your XO are no longer in the position shown, or if any of your information is incorrect or missing, please let the Editor/Data Base Manager know so the additions/corrections can be made. Be sure your listing contains the following information:

- Your position and name*
- CO HQ 1 1 AL (example)
- Street Address
- City, St, & Zip code
- Phone number
- E-mail address (if any)

A new master roster will soon be made available to all unit commanders. It is incumbent on you as unit commanders to make sure your info is correct so that when you receive your roster, it will be updated and current. By the way your roster will be on CD or DVD, not printed. If you don't have a computer your local library can help you. This is one more step in refining our records keeping. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

# From the Reunion Manager

As you have read elsewhere the 2010 Combat Infantrymen's Association convention will be in Seattle, Washington. Because of the large number of members from the West Coast, we hope to have a large

crowd on hand. As usual there will be some business to discuss but unlike Branson, there will be some planned activities to acquaint you with the Pacific Northwest. We are hoping for a visit to Ft Lewis and probably a tour of downtown Seattle, the Space Needle, Pikes Market, etc. Every member and spouse or other guest are invited and will be welcomed, please make your plans to join us.

Many things go into the planning of a convention; one of the toughest is guesstimating how many people will attend and how many rooms to reserve for the Association. If too many rooms are reserved, the unused rooms must be paid for – not by the Association – but by the Reunion Manager; and this has happened within the last two years. If too few rooms are reserved, it may be necessary to place late registrants in a neighboring hotel. No one wants either of these things to happen. You can help to avoid either situation by following a few guidelines.

First, pre-register through ML & RS, Inc instead of making your own reservations. Even though you stay at the same hotel individually reserved rooms are not counted in the group total.

Second, please stay in the host hotel, not at a place down the street. That place down the street may be a dollar or two less expensive, but it is costing other CIA members more. Complimentary hospitality, meeting, and banquet rooms are awarded based on the number of rooms paid for. For example, in Colorado Springs there was no common hospitality room because the number of members staying at the host hotel was not sufficient to justify a complimentary hospitality room; and attendance at the Friday night dinner was so low, that banquet room had to be paid for. If you stay in another hotel, you are not contributing to the cost of the so called complimentary rooms, in essence making it more expensive for everyone else.

Pre-registering is really helpful because banquet, meeting, and hospitality space is allocated based on the

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## Reunion Mgr

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number of people registered on the cut-off date. We can run out of space if there are too many walk-ins. It would not only help the Reunion Manager, it will help everyone else if you will pre-register for the activities you want to participate in. So please don't arrive unannounced and expect to be accommodated, or don't wait until you are on site before deciding to attend some of the functions. Something so simple can have a huge impact, please pre-register and please stay at the host hotel.

## MEET THE NEW FINANCE OFFICER

I am Robert W. Hickey, CPA. I graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School in 1966. I attended college for less than one semester and quit because I did not know why I was there.

I sat around home in Rochester, NY and waited to be drafted. That day came in January 1968. I attended basic training at Ft. Dix New Jersey and was one of only two lucky trainees to be assigned to Fort Polk Louisiana for Advanced Infantry Training. I was selected to attend Non Commissioned Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning Georgia for further infantry training. I graduated as a Staff Sergeant E-6 in September of 1968 and was re-assigned back to Fort Polk for my OJT.

I finally arrived in Viet Nam on February 17, 1969, my 21st birthday. I was assigned to Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry of the First Infantry Division. I served as a Platoon Sergeant and as a temporary Platoon Leader until October 1969.

I was then assigned to Division Training Command in DiAn for the rest of my tour. I returned home in

January 1970 and 10 days later was enrolled at the State University of New York at Albany.

I graduated in 1974 with a degree in Economics and went on to become a CPA. I have practiced as a self employed CPA ever since. I married my wife Peggy in 1987 and was blessed with a son, Robbie in 1988.

I have been a Life Member of VFW Post 8495 in Perinton, New York since 1974 and a Life Member of the CIA since 1999. It was and continues to be an honor to be asked to serve as the National Finance Officer.

## WAYNE WATTS

Wayne Watts, former National XO and candidate for National CO was appointed as Chief of Staff by Commander Earl Kennedy. Wayne brings years of experience to the staff and looks forward to serving the Association.

I am emailing you a short Bio of myself for the Blue Badge. I would like to say again how proud I am ALL our new Executive board members and how they have stepped forward to take charge of their posts. I feel that our Association is in for some great things over the next few years and with all members being positive and NOT dwelling on the past, our Association will be able to take its place of honor again.

Wayne is 67 years old and was born Alabaster, AL. He entered the US ARMY July 1960. He went through Basic training at Ft. Jackson, SC, and then went to Ft. Eustis, VA. From there he was shipped to Ingrandes, France at the start of the Berlin build-up. After thirteen months in Berlin, was shipped to Ft. Benning, GA where he was assigned to the 11th Air Assault. From there, he went to Baumholder, Germany for a two year assignment to the 8th. Inf. Div.

Afterwards he went back to Ft Carson, CO and was assigned to 5th. Inf. Div. He went to Vietnam for his first tour in 1967-1968. Then he went back to Ft. McClellan, AL as a Drill Sgt. with the AIT Bde. He was sent to the 3rd Army NCO Academy as senior Drill Sgt. He then went back to Vietnam for a second tour assigned to 11th ACR (1971-1972). He finished his Army career at Ft. Jackson as Senior Drill Sgt.

Wayne joined the Shelby County Sheriff in 1972 and retired in 2005. In the Sheriff's Office served in all positions except political posts. Wayne started as a basic rookie and went through all ranks and rose to Division Commander. He was Commander of Investigation, Operations, and Corrections. After successfully building a Maximum Security Jail for the county, Wayne retired in 2005.

Wayne and his wife moved to and built a new home in Harvest, AL. Since that time he has been active in many military activities. He is the past National XO CIA, past Commander Alabama, and is presently Chief of Staff CIA National.

He is married to Kay and has two sons and two daughters, 11 grand children and two great-grand children.

Wayne says, "The Combat Inf. Assoc. is my number one job because of what it means to all of us that earned "THE BADGE"

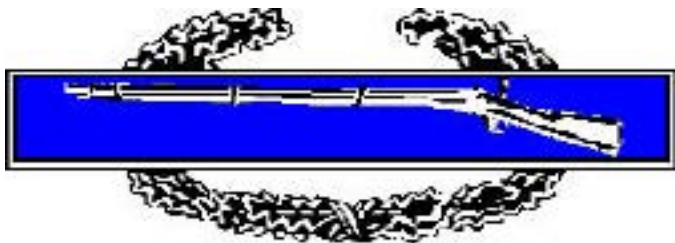
## INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP OFFICER— ADMIN

Vince was drafted into the army on Nov 3, 1952. After 16 weeks of infantry training at Indian Town Gap Military Reservation, PA he received orders for the Far East Command (meaning Korea). In Korea he was assigned to Dog Company, 23rd Inf

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# Pace Setters



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The NYS Combat Infantrymen's Association is proud to announce the dedication of the Combat Infantry Badge Monument that took place on December 7th, 2009. The new monument is located on Madison Avenue outside the door of the Capitol Museum in Albany, NY. We were proud to have NYS Corp Commander, Dom Esposito; our National Commander, Earl W. Kennedy from Florida; and our Chief of Staff, Wayne Watts from Alabama in attendance. We were also grateful for the presence of all other CIA members who attended this most important dedication. Below are pictures of the installation of the monument.



*Pictured at the monument are (l to r) National Chief of Staff Wayne Watts; NYS Commander Dominic Esposito; and National Commander, Earl Kennedy.*



*Members of the New York State Combat Infantrymen's Association gather around the monument. Many of these loyal members regularly attend the CIA Convention.*



*A full picture of the monument is shown at the left. The monument was placed at the Capitol Museum in Albany, NY. The right photo shows NYS Commander Dom Esposito shaking hands with one of the visiting dignitaries.*



# MORE PACESETTERS

## NY PARTICIPATES IN VA WARD PARTY

Eight members of New York's Combat Infantrymen's Association participated in a Christmas Ward Party at the Montrose VA Hudson Valley Hospital, Montrose, NY.

CIA participants included veterans from four wars NY State Commander Dom Esposito (WW II), Francis Grady (Korea) Co C 2 2 NY Commander David Hall (Vietnam), Richie Gilbert and Frank Turner (Iraq).

Other members, Charley, Mario, and Tony were also present but their last names and wartime service are not available—sorry guys!

It is easy to see from the smiles that our CIA members were having a good time. Take a special look at Francis Grady (below left) and the silly little grin he is wearing—or is it because of the girl with her arm around him? Which is it Mr Grady????



*Let to right are Francis Grady, Julie Anderson, CTRS (Recreation Therapy Mgr at VA Hudson Valley HCS, Richie Gilbert, Frank Turner*



*Shown let to right are David Hall, Francis Grady, Charley, Dom Esposito, Mario, and Tony.*

## CIA MEMBER INDUCTED INTO HOF



On September 2, 2006 CIA member Lazaro O. Camarillo, III of Corpus Christi, TX became the 14th veteran to be inducted into the Maxine Flournoy 3rd Coast Squadron Hall of Fame. Then on September 19, 2009 he became the first Vietnam veteran to be inducted into the Museum. The mission of Third Coast is to establish and maintain a permanent presence in the community so as to preserve and illustrate the history of those men and women who served in the past and still serve in today's military.

Mr Lazaro O. Camarillo, III was born and raised in Brownsville, TX. He was drafted into the Army on March 6, 1968, beginning his stint of service with boot camp at Fort Polk, LA. Following basic training he went directly to Ft Benning, GA and jump school. His next assignment was a Ft Bragg, NC with the 325th PIR, 82nd Abn Div. After additional infantry training Lazaro found himself in the Republic of Viet Nam with Charlie Company, 2/501st Inf, 101st Abn Div. It was here that he earned his CIB. During his tour in Viet Nam, he participated in named battles, Airborne Hill, Hill 654, hand Hamburger Hill.

Mr Camarillo served his country proudly and honorably, and received his honorable discharge in late February 1970. He knew he had a duty to serve his country and He "just did his job" as a 11B light weapons infantryman. He rose to the rank of Sergeant and earned a bronze star with "V" device for valor. Congratulations to this Pacesetter!



## DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

It is no secret that the Combat Infantrymen's Association could use some financial help. If you would like to help the Association meet its financial commitments your help would be appreciated. As you can see below some members have stepped up and offered their support, if you are in a position to assist, send your contribution to the Associate Finance Officer, Earl Kennedy. His address can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Just for the record, our Commander is not just sitting idly by waiting on donations. He has named a Membership Officer just for Recruiting. This officer will concentrate solely on recruiting new members, especially our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. A strong effort is also being made to obtain renewals from members who let their annual membership expire.

## DONATIONS RECEIVED BY COMMANDER KENNEDY STARTING IN 2009

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## BRADLEY IS NEW SJA

PHILIP R. BRADLEY

I was born and raised in New Haven and later Hamden, Connecticut. My family moved to Cleveland, Ohio where I finished High School. I then attended Ohio State University for 1½ quarters, volunteering mid-quarter into the Army in December 1942. I received my orders to report in January, sworn in March 1943, at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was formed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where I was assigned to Hdqtrs. Btry. 897<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bn. We new arrivals were all privates. There was a full cadre who put us through basic, unit and advanced unit training.

We then maneuvered in Louisiana. During the last week of the maneuver, all of our private soldiers were shipped out to England to become replacements for the D-Day Invasion. We received fillers to bring the Division up to full strength at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

The 75<sup>th</sup> fought in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. I was an enlisted Artillery forward observer with 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 289<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. When we had reached the Rhine River, I had an OP at the top of a big distillery cooling tower. On being relieved, my radio operator and I filled bottles with fluid the identity of which we did not know and corked them and brought them to Hdqtrs. Co. supper that evening with Hdqtrs. Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. All the officers and some enlisted men around a huge dining room table with the Colonel slightly tipsy, he jokingly awarded medals to all present until he came to my Captain and me. He said, "What's the highest medal you can give an artilleryman; the Combat Infantryman's Badge."

At discharge at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, I learned that I had been detailed Infantry for a few days at some point after we crossed the Rhine River and learned for the first time that I had been awarded the CIB.

I returned to Ohio State University and did undergraduate work and attended Law School.

I volunteered into the Army Reserve and was commissioned 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Judge Advocate Generals Corps in 1956 and retired in 1976 as Lt. Col. Thereafter, I was in the Retired Reserve. In 2001 I requested a recall to Active Duty after 9/11, but when the Assistant JAG of the Army called me and learned that I was 79 years old, he thanked me and expressed his feelings that I might be a tad too old for recall.

I am happy to be of service to our association.

With best regards, Lt. Col. Philip R. Bradley, USA Ret.

## MEMBERSHIP ADMIN

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Regt, 2nd Inf Div where after only 8 months he was promoted to Staff Sergeant. During this 8 month period he also earned the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, Korean Service Medal, U.N. Service Medal, the Syngman Rhee Presidential Unit Citation.

He returned the United States in April 1954 and released from active duty on November 3, 1954.

Vince married in 1955 and has four children, two boys and two girls. Now, just a few years later he has nine grandchildren.

In civilian life he was a Police Officer, rising from the rank of Patrolman to Chief of Police. He is a member of numerous police and military organizations, including the International Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association, the VFW Post 2342, Ft Lee, NJ, 2nd Inf Div Korean War Veterans Alliance as well as the Combat Infantrymen's Association.

Vince has received numerous honors during his police career. He resides in Ft Lee, NJ.

## Poet's Corner

This poem was written by a soldier stationed in Hawaii during the filming of the movie "From Here To Eternity." He was not an infantryman, but was one of the "extras" who had a role in the film. As one of his friends, your editor did suggest to him there is a difference in playing an infantryman in a movie, and being a real one. Anyway, we thought it was an interesting piece of work.

### THE OLD ARMY

Close your eyes and you will see,  
The heroes of "From Here to Eternity."

Those were the days when we were young;  
We played a part ---- Though deeds unsung.

Dressed up in their Army gear....  
1953 was a very good year.

Schofield Barracks was the scene—  
Where they stood tall, so lean.

Although they endured no battle scars,  
In truth, they were not even the stars.

Yet, they received a number of thanks,  
For they were the Soldiers in the ranks.

On our laurels, we did not rest,  
Portraying two of our nations best.

The film industry so proudly salutes  
These Helemano Warriors and Gallant Galoots.

Always on call to "Pass in review",  
Reflections of Hawaii and World War II.

Years passed quickly, for time truly flies,  
Gerard has retired beneath Texas Skies.

While Tozzi says that "Life is grand!"  
Enjoying the tranquility of Maryland.

Their past, present, and future will  
always convey:  
Helemano...The Old Army...  
and heaven, someday.

By Ezio M. Tozzi

*SGM (Ret) Tozzi recently celebrated his 80th  
Birthday.*

### The American Flag

The flying of the American Flag  
Gives us the freedom to brag  
Our Nation is the home of the free  
We are what other Nations strive to be  
As citizens we have many rights  
We respect them with all our might  
Many nations have tried to bring us down  
But have been defeated on many a ground  
Our flag has been through many a battle  
All of these conflicts we have had to settle  
All people are welcome to come  
No matter what country they are from  
But there are rules you must obey  
If your plans are to stay  
Get a job, learn English and  
Become an American Citizen.  
God Bless America  
*Written on October 12, 2007  
By James G Cook*

### MEMORIES OF THE PAST

In basic training we were taught to fight and kill  
We spent many hours learning this skill

The front lines in Europe was my destiny as you will see  
Central Europe and Germany were the battles for me

Before each assault was made I prayed to our Lord  
That our mission be successful with few casualties our reward

My prayers were answered and we won the war  
Our mission completed, we were going home but what is in store

Glad to be back home with family and friends  
But thoughts of war will never end

At the front I saw action I will never forget  
Death and destruction all around and to think I never got hit

Many years have passed thinking I could forget the war at last  
But sometimes at night I have visions of the past

Soldiers laying wounded and screaming from pain  
Praying for help and hoping they were not dying in vain  
Some got help yet others died where they lay

Some made it home but in a Vet Hospital they will stay  
WAR IS HELL

*Written by James G Cook, WW II Combat Infantryman*



# Welcome Mat

A warm welcome to all new Combat Infantrymen's Association members. If you have joined since 01 Oct 2009 and your name does not appear below, contact the Membership Officer. Names are not listed in any particular order.

Carroll G. Ellis, Jr  
2/502, 101st Abn Div  
Vietnam - HQ 1 1 NE

Thomas Blankenship  
Co E, 1/17th Cav, 1st Cav Div  
Vietnam HQ 2 1 NC

Roland Gignac  
21st Inf, 24th ID  
Korea HQ 1 1 NE

Michael Fowler  
HQ Co 4/9th Inf, 25th ID  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

Robert P Botschaffer  
Co E LRRP, 1/502, 101st  
Vietnam - HQ 1 1 NE

David S Weick  
MACV Advisory Team  
Vietnam Nat HQ

David J Booth  
Co C, 1/180th Inf, 41st BCT  
Iraq HQ 1 1 OK

Gil Pajo  
C Trp, 10th Cav, 4th ID  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

Danny J Sheets  
Co A, 1/5 Cav, 1st Cav Div  
Desert Storm Nat Hq

Daniel Huffman  
4/39th Inf, 9th ID  
Vietnam HQ 2 2 MI

James Lollar  
Co D, 2/5th Cav, 1st Cav Div  
Viet Nam Nat HQ

William Krug  
3/506th Inf, 101st Abn Div  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

John B Seville  
Co C, 2/16th Inf  
Vietnam Nat Hq

Whealor Darisaw  
Co A, 2/27 Inf, 25th ID  
Vietnam HQ 1 1 WA

Frank Anders  
Co A, 1/5th Inf, 25th ID  
C 1 1 TX

Roger Rood  
Co B 2/47th Inf 9th ID  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

Hector Ramos-Figueroa  
Co B 2/18th Inf, 24th ID  
Desert Storm Nat Hq

Daniel P McClure  
Co K, 3/179Inf, 45th InD  
Korea HQ 1 1 WA

Raymond Ross, PHD  
Co B, 58th AIB, 8th AD  
WW II NHC

Robert Ragsdale  
2/27th Inf, 25th ID  
Vietnam Nat Hq

Robert E Dalton  
Co D, 7th Inf, 3rd ID  
Korea Nat HQ

Richard L Melli  
2/27th Inf, 25th ID  
Vietnam A 1 1 FL

Donald Reaveley  
Trp C 2/5th Cav, 1st CD  
Korea NHC

Robert Cassidy  
Co F, 2/35 Inf 25th ID  
Korea Nat Hq

Michael L Manna  
HQ Co, 3/9th Inf, 2nd ID  
Korea HQ 1 1 WA

William L Dudas  
Co G, 2/38th Inf, 2nd ID  
WW II A 1 1 FL

Marvin Reichman  
Co K, 3/21st Inf, 24th ID  
WW II NHC

Roberto Fortuno  
Co A, 14th Inf, 25th ID  
Korea Nat Hq

Lloyd F. Pitman  
Co E, 31st Inf, 7th ID  
Korea H 2 2 OH

Arthur L Payne  
Co A, 1/36th Inf, 7th ID  
Korea A 1 1 FL

Donald Hathaway  
Co F, 2/160th Inf, 40th ID  
Korea NHC

Norwood Fowler  
3/65 Inf, 3rd ID  
Korea Nat Hq

Barry Wood  
Co A, 2/8th Cav, 1st Cav Div  
Vietnam HQ 1 1 NY

William H Wallace  
2/503 Inf, 173rd Abn Bde  
Vietnam Nat HQ

Elvert Pooler  
313th Inf, 79th ID  
WW II NHC

Wayne Hearn  
Co D, 2/12th Inf, 25th ID  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

Arnold Kahn  
Co G, 2/35th Inf, 25th ID  
Korea A 1 1 FL

Robert J Milmore  
WW II HQ 1 1 WA

Tim Culberson  
1/50th Inf, 173rd Abn Bde  
Viet Nam NHC

Paul Gargis  
25th Inf Div  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

David Segars  
Co F, 2/9th Inf, 2nd ID  
WW II HQ 1 1 AL

J. D. Williams  
307th Inf, 77th ID  
WW II HQ 2 1 CA

James Dible  
104th ID  
WW II HQ 2 1 CA

Douglas Brock  
Co C, 1/5th Inf, 25th ID  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

Joseph J Todisco  
Hq 2/15th Inf, 3rd ID  
Korea HQ 1 1 WA

Kenneth Bemowski  
Co, C, 3/22 Inf, 25th ID  
Vietnam HQ 1 1 WI

Peter Aguilar  
1/31st Inf 7th ID  
Korea HQ 2 1 CA

David Conboy  
Co C, 1/179th Inf, 45th ID  
Korea Nat Hq

Paul Birschbac  
Co C, 2/22nd nf, 25th ID  
HQ 1 1 WA

David L. Bowman  
HQ 10th Mtn Div  
HQ 1 1 WV

Ronald Rowe  
Co B 1/327th Inf, 101st  
Desert Storm Nat HQ

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Philip Randazzo  
Co C, 3/4th Cav, 25th ID  
Viet Nam Nat Hq

Charles Gary  
196th LIB  
Viet Nam A 1 1 SC

Oreste Piattoni  
168th Inf, 34th ID  
WW II Nat Hq

Herschel Raney  
Hq 2/5th Cav, 1st Cav  
Korea Nat Hq

Anthony LaFerrara  
Co L, 3/7th Inf, 3rd ID  
WW II Nat Hq

Dominic Feeney  
Hq 35th Inf, 25th ID  
Korea Nat Hq

Kenneth Rogers  
Co D 1/27th Inf, 25th ID  
Viet Nam  
1/5th RCT Korea Nat Hq

Curtis Elder  
5th RCT  
Korea Hq 2 1 CA

## CIA MEMBER ATTENDS

The Florida SE Chapter of the Battle of the Bulge had a successful 65th anniversary luncheon according to George Fisher (Co B 1 1 FL), chapter founder and President. The guest speaker was Col Marshall Goby who served

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## Taps

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**Following are deceased members of SW FL Co A. all were reported by Dan Sankoff.**

Stone, Walter R  
07/07/08

Hale, Richard W  
02/18/09

Smagala, Edward J  
06/25/09

McKinley, Charles W  
07/31/09

Ezen, Henry  
12/25/09

Porter, Robert W.  
12/24/08

Penermon, Morris  
02/27/09

Reahard, Richard S.  
07/28/09

McMaster, Hubert F.  
12/18/09

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multiple tours in the present war zones.

Luncheon guests included troops who recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, along with their families. As each soldier was introduced they received a standing ovation.

"Our roster now boasts a membership of 234 heroes of the bloodiest battle of WW II, and the majority proudly wear the Purple Heart and/or Bronze Star" Fisher said. The CIA was represented by Fisher, a member of Co B 1 1 FL.

## BACK TALK

Editor, Blue Badge:

It seems to me that the U.S. government thinks more about the rights of terrorists than the American citizens. We are going to have a trial in NYC for the so called masterminding of the horrific attack on the U.S. on September 11th, 2001. Now the US is going to bring them back to NYC at a reported cost of 200 million dollars a year; just to make sure they get a fair trial. Is there something wrong with this picture?

Let us not forget the terrorists from Yemen which is also going to cost US taxpayers. Also, we have given 65 million dollars to Yemen to fight terrorism. Well, I think that government will use those funds to support terrorism. Let's not forget the USS Cole either. The government of Yemen has done nothing about that, yet.

In the meantime here are American citizens who have lost their homes, jobs, etc; where is their help?

There is no increase in social security, VA disability, or military retiree checks – and maybe not for the next two years.

When our young men and women come home from Iraq and Afghanistan and go to the VA for help; help is not always immediately available. Why is it that the ones who sacrifice for their country always get the short end of the stick?

When is America going to learn to take care of her own? Let's stop worrying about all of these so called friendly countries. Let's build up America again.

Tom O'Connor  
Staten Island, NY  
Vietnam Veteran

## MEMBER INVITED

CIA member James G. Cook of Columbus, KS was invited to tell his WW II story on Fox News Channel 14.

Mr Cook does not feel that he is a hero; rather he says, "I am one of the lucky ones that came home all in one piece. The heroes are the ones still over there, buried in military cemeteries or those who came home only to be confined to VA hospitals or have to endure lifelong treatment for wounds received."

I was inducted into the Army at age 24 in 1944. At the time I was married and had one child. I started, but did not complete basic training at Ft Lewis, WA as a combat engineer. Due to the heavy casualties we were suffering in Europe the powers decided to send our company to Camp Maxie, TX for six weeks of advanced infantry training. After a two week furlough I reported to Ft Meade, MD for shipment to Europe on board the Liberty ship Marine Fox. Their convoy took 12 days before landing in LeHarve, France... Only then were they issued rifles, ammo, and grenades. Mr Cook was assigned to Easy Company, 2nd Bn, 38th Inf Regt, 2nd Inf Div. The company was in contact with the enemy every day from then until the end of the way on 6 May 1945. In addition to the CIB he was awarded the Bronze Star, and other service medals.

## PROCEDURAL CHANGES — IMPORTANT — READ

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Step 3: All Applications, Renewals, and Requests for Transfer go from the National Membership Officer (Admin) to the Data Base Manager, Larry Eckard for records updating. See address on the previous page.

Note 1: In some cases it is possible that applications, etc may go to unit commanders or other personnel first, but these persons must forward them as prescribed above or the system will not be accurate and complete.

Note 2: Address changes go directly to the Data Base manager, Larry Eckard.

Note 3: Lost or replacement card requests go directly to Membership Officer (Admin), Mr Vince Arfuso.

## Recap of Duties

**Trustees** (Alfredo Herrera Chairman & 3 yr member, Joe Liles 2 yr, Clyde Floyd 1 yr member), they will audit all transactions and expenditures of the National Organization and recommend to the Commander any necessary changes and/or improvements needed in order to maintain proper fiscal accountability. Immediately they are charged with examining the entire financial structure to include the Quartermaster procedures and inventory on hand.

**Finance Officer** (Robert W Hickey, CPA) monitors all financial transactions through on line banking, insuring the Association has complete transparency in our established accounting and procedures. The FO will publish this information in a future issue of the Blue Badge.

**Membership Officer (Administrative)** Vince Arfuso is sole authority for approving/disapproving applications and or/transfers and issuing Membership cards.

**Membership Officer (Recruiting)** Charles Campanella is responsible for recruiting policies and procedures.

**Quartermaster** Fred Fiedler; the old quartermaster sales system has been abolished. We are changing to a private vendor system. The new supervisory QM (Mr Fred Fiedler) has located and is working with two new vendors, and more vendors are being added. One vendor also handles the memorabilia items for the 506th Inf Association. He

will gladly print CIB's logos on shirts, etc. You can place your orders to him at Ron Helwig—341 west High St—Middletown, PA 17057-1209. E-mail is rhelwig@verizon.net. Please do not mail old order forms attempting to purchase items.

**Data Base Manager**, Larry Eckard; Maintains the association master data base and the Blue Badge mailing list. These are in fact two separate lists. In the near future updated rosters will be sent to individual commanders.

**Website:** A new website is being constructed. It will have a link(s) to the QM vendor(s).

## MEET THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER—RECRUITING

HIS PROFILE WILL BE IN A FUTURE EDITION

## HELP WANTED!!!

One of the innovations of the Association leadership is the formation of a volunteer advertising Officer for each state. In an effort to assist the Membership Officer in recruiting, this person would send out CIA advertisements, probably in his own state. If you are interested please contact James Bourgeois, National Deputy Commander at 253-224-0817, or by e-mail at [jabemk32@aol.com](mailto:jabemk32@aol.com). James will furnish all of the advertising material. Help out if you can.

## I'M WILLING TO BET

I am willing to bet that a lot of members will read the information on page 35 telling you that you **must** return the coupon to receive the Blue Badge by mail.

Admittedly, there is a possibility that a few members will simply ignore the warning; and perhaps a few others will forget, and maybe a few will procrastinate. We hope not. And there will be few who don't like the idea at all and will refuse to return the coupon (that will only hurt yourself). Please don't do any of the above! Your cooperation is really needed, and we are confident each member will consider his decision carefully.

So there will not be any misunderstanding, a brand new Blue Badge mailing list will be created. As of this minute there is only one person on the new BB mailing list (he got a copy of the draft and sent it in already). Names will be added as the coupons are received

All you are being asked to do is provide your name and address, CIA# and CIA unit and spend forty-four cents in postage.

# EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SIXTH EDITION, AS PRESENTED IN DRAFT 3 OF SEVENTH EDITION, CIA CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS.

LOU ORLANDO, CIA-FL-----CECIL WOOTEN, CIA-AL

NATIONAL COMMANDER EARL KENNEDY, IN EARLY DECEMBER 2009, ASKED US TO REVIEW THE SIXTH EDITION, CIA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND DETERMINE IF THE SIXTH EDITION COULD BE AMENDED TO ACCOMMODATE SEVERAL MAJOR CHANGES. NINE CHANGES ARE LISTED BELOW AND ARE INCLUDED IN DRAFT 3, SEVENTH EDITION, CIA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. BENEATH EACH CHANGE, DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE IN REVIEWING EACH CHANGE.

SIMPLIFY THE CIA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND BRING EACH STATE ORGANIZATION IN CONFORMANCE WITH EVERY OTHER STATE

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGES 1&2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV

PAGES 5, 6, &7, BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III

LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHARTERED STATE LOCAL UNITS TO ONE PER STATE.

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, B. STATE, 6.

PAGE 4, BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I, 2.

AUTHORIZE STATE COMMANDERS TO ESTABLISH, AS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL UNCHARTERED STATE LOCAL UNITS. UNCHARTERED ADDITIONAL STATE LOCAL UNITS WILL FUNCTION UNDER THE CHARTERED STATE LOCAL UNIT.

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, B. STATE, 4.

PAGE 4, BYLAWS, ARTICLE I, 4.

ALL STATE CIA MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE CHARTERED LOCAL UNIT AND WILL REMAIN AS SIGNED TO THE CHARTERED UNIT EVEN IF TRANSFERRED TO A STATE UNCHARTERED LOCAL UNIT

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, B. STATE, 7

PAGE 4, BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I, 2. & 3

EACH STATE WILL HAVE ONE STATE ROSTER LISTING ALL CIA STATE MEMBERS

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, B. STATE, 7.

THE CHARTERED STATE UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMING ALL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROSTER, OF ALL STATE UNITS.

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, B. STATE, 8.

PAGE 4, BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I, 4.

IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES TO ALLOW FINANCE OFFICER TO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF BOTH STATE AND NATIONAL REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND BANK ACCOUNTS. FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL COVER BOTH STATE AND NATIONAL FUNDS.

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 7, BY-LAWS ARTICLE V, 2.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL OF CHANGES/REVISIONS TO OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES, AS NEEDED, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO HAVE THE CHANGE APPROVED BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VOTE.

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**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI, PROCEDURES MANUAL

PAGE 6, BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, 8. c. & d.

AUTHORIZE MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR ALL GENERAL MEETING REQUIRED MEMBERSHIP VOTING. MEMBERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING FOR THEIR VOTES TO BE COUNTED.

**DRAFT 3 CHANGE LOCATION:**

PAGE 2, CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI, 2., h.

**SUMMARY**

IF DRAFT 3, SEVENTH EDITION OF THE CIA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WERE BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE, OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES, AND FINANCE CONTROL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

US ARMY RANK AND RANK INSIGNIA WILL NOT BE USED IN THE CIA TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OR ON THE CIA UNIFORM.

CIA UNIT OFFICER POSITION TITLES SHALL BE:

NATIONAL COMMANDER, NATIONAL DEPUTY COMMANDER, NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

STATE COMMANDER, STATE DEPUTY COMMANDER, STATE CHIEF OF STAFF, STATE CHAPLAIN.

STATE CHARTERED LOCAL UNIT COMMANDER, DEPUTY COMMANDER, CHIEF OF STAFF, CHAPLAIN.

STATE UNCHARTERED LOCAL UNIT COMMANDER, DEPUTY COMMANDER .

ALL STATE ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES ARE PLACED WITH THE ONE STATE CHARTERED UNIT. THE NUMBER OF STATE CHARTERED LOCAL UNITS AND STATE INDIVIDUAL UNIT MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS WILL BE REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY (ABOUT 44%) FROM 45 CHARTERED LOCAL UNITS AND INDIVIDUAL UNIT ROSTERS IN 25 STATES TO ONE CHARTERED LOCAL UNIT AND ONE STATE ROSTER PER STATE.

THE ONLY MATTERS THAT MUST BE APPROVED BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VOTE ARE:

ELECTION OF NATIONAL COMMANDER AND NATIONAL DEPUTY COMMANDER.

CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DUES.

SELECTION IN CONVENTION SITES.

ALL OTHER CHANGES IN OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES ARE IMPLEMENTED UPON APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

MAIL-IN BALLOTS WILL ALLOW ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VOTING. NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER WILL HAVE OVERSIGHT OF STATE AND NATIONAL FUNDS.

DRAFT 3 IS **NOT** THE FINAL DRAFT THAT WILL BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CONVENTION. BY REVIEWING DRAFT 3, EACH MEMBER CAN SEE THE DIRECTION THAT APPROVAL OF DRAFT 3 WILL TAKE US. OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER HAS ELECTED TO PUBLISH DRAFT 3 IN THIS ISSUE (JAN-FEB-MAR) OF THE BLUE BADGE IN ORDER FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO REVIEW DRAFT 3 AND RESPOND WITH COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSES **NO LATER THAN 15MAY2010**. AFTER CONSIDERING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP, THE FINAL DRAFT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JUL-AUG-SEP ISSUE WITH MAIL-IN VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

PLEASE SEND ALL RESPONSES TO: CHIEF OF STAFF

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DRAFT 3

CECIL WOOTEN

**COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
**SEVENTH EDITION**  
 PREAMBLE

FOR DUTY, HONOR AND COUNTRY, WE, THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN SHALL ASSOCIATE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO ENSURE THAT LIBERTY AND JUSTICE PREVAILS. TO STRENGTHEN THE CAMARADERIE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND KEEP ALIVE THE PATRIOTISM, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND MEMORY OF THE SERVICE OF THOSE WHO WEAR THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S BADGE. TO CONSECRATE ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

THIS U. S. ARMY VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE  
 "COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC", HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "ASSOCIATION"

**ARTICLE II**  
**OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE**

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A QUALIFIED VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION EXEMPTED FROM FEDERAL TAX UNDER SECTION 501(c)19 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954. 501(c)19 STATUS WAS APPROVED BY IRS LETTER, DLN: 17053131013008, DATED MAY 27, 1998.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THIS ASSOCIATION ARE:

TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN MEN WHO EARNED THE U. S. ARMY'S COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE (CIB).

TO HOLD REUNIONS AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES, AS THE MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATES, TO PERPETUATE LIBERTY AND JUSTICE THROUGH PATRIOTISM AND COMPANIONSHIP

TO ASSIST ALL VETERANS OF THE U. S. ARMED FORCES, THEIR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, WIDOWS AND CHILDREN, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, GENDER, OR BRANCH OF SERVICE.

THIS ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED FOR A PERPETUAL TERM.

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION, A PERSON MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN PROOF OF HAVING EARNED A CIB.

THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY PROVISION FOR AN AUXILIARY, ASSOCIATE, OR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

THE HONOR ROLL IS TO REMEMBER AND HONOR ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE EARNED THE CIB.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT**  
**A. NATIONAL      B. STATE**

**A. NATIONAL**

THE NATIONAL CIA ORGANIZATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A NATIONAL COMMANDER, DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMANDER, AND NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER AND THE DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMANDER WILL STAND FOR ELECTION IN AN ODD NUMBERED YEAR, FOR A TWO YEAR TERM OF SERVICE, AND WILL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER WILL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING 14 NATIONAL OFFICERS: CHIEF OF STAFF, FINANCE, QUARTERMASTER, BLUE BADGE EDITOR, MEMBERSHIP, MEDICAL, JUDGE ADVOCATE, SERVICE, HISTORIAN, CHAPLAIN, LEGISLATIVE, 1 YEAR TRUSTEE, 2 YEAR TRUSTEE, 3 YEAR TRUSTEE.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE TWO ELECTED AND THE FOURTEEN APPOINTED OFFICERS AND THE

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER. OF THESE, THE THREE TRUSTEES WILL BE NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET EACH YEAR PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE NATIONAL COMMANDER WILL ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE.  
 STANDING COMMITTEES MAY BE ORGANIZED AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO PERFORM SPECIFIC TASKS THAT MAY ARISE.

## **B. STATE**

1. A STATE COMMANDER, STATE DEPUTY COMMANDER, STATE CHIEF OF STAFF AND A STATE CHAPLAIN SHALL GOVERN THE CIA ORGANIZATION IN EACH OF THE FIFTY STATES.
2. THE STATE COMMANDER WILL STAND FOR ELECTION, IN AN ODD NUMBERED YEAR, FOR A TWO YEAR TERM OF SERVICE AND WILL ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CIA STATE MEMBERSHIP.
3. THE STATE COMMANDER WILL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STATE OFFICERS: STATE DEPUTY COMMANDER, STATE CHIEF OF STAFF, STATE CHAPLAIN AND STATE POST 1 COMMANDER.
4. STATE POST 1 COMMANDER WILL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STATE OFFICERS: POST 1 DEPUTY COMMANDER, POST 1 CHIEF OF STAFF, POST 1 FINANCE OFFICER, AND COMMANDERS OF POST 1 SATELLITE POSTS 2, 3, 4, ETC.
5. SATELLITE POST COMMANDER WILL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING SATELLITE POST OFFICERS: SATELLITE POST DEPUTY COMMANDER, SATELLITE POST CHIEF OF STAFF.
6. POST 1 WILL BE THE ONLY NATIONALLY CHARTERED POST IN EACH STATE. ALL UNCHARTERED SATELLITE POSTS WILL OPERATE UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF POST 1 CHARTER
7. ALL CIA STATE MEMBERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF SATELLITE POSTS, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CHARTERED POST 1. POST 1 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING AND MANAGING OF STATE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND STATE BANK ACCOUNT.

## **ARTICLE V DUES**

NATIONAL DUES AMOUNTS SHALL BE SET BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP.  
 STATE DUES, IF ANY, AMOUNTS SHALL BE SET BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP.

## **ARTICLE VI STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES MANUAL**

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL ESTABLISH A STANDING COMMITTEE, HEADED BY THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF, TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A CIA NATIONAL "STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES (SOAP)" MANUAL.

THE CONTENTS OF THE SOAP MANUAL MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CIA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

PRIOR TO THE INITIAL PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOAP MANUAL AND PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT CHANGES OR REVISIONS TO THE SOAP MANUAL, THE PROPOSED CHANGES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

SOAP MANUAL WILL BE TRANSMITTED AND DISTRIBUTED BY COMPUTER, PRINTED COPY, AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR DOWN LOADING FROM CIA WEBSITE.

THE SOAP MANUAL WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS, INCLUDING ASSIGNED AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BONDING ALL NATIONAL AND STATE BANK ACCOUNTS.

DEPOSIT ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO CIA NATIONAL. ALL PAYMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES AND RENEWAL FEES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC." AND SENT TO CIA NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER FOR DEPOSIT.

ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFUND PAYMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLAG CEREMONIES FOR: POST MEETINGS, GENERAL MEETING,

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DEDICATIONS OF MEMORIALS, AND FUNERALS  
 DESCRIPTION OF APPROVED CIA UNIFORM  
 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
 VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS,  
 FOR REVISIONS/ AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP  
 DUES, AND SELECTION OF CONVENTION SITES  
 ANY OTHER MATTERS OR SUBJECTS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SOAP STANDING COMMIT-  
 TEE AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

#### **ARTICLE VII UNIFORMS**

THE PRESCRIBED UNIFORM OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CIA) SHALL CONSIST OF THE STANDARD UNIFORM SELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE DURING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

#### **ARTICLE VIII PUBLICATIONS**

"THE BLUE BADGE", THE CIA QUARTERLY PUBLISHED NEWSLETTER. SHALL BE MAILED TO EACH CIA MEMBER WHO DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER. CIA MEMBERS HAVING COMPUTER ACCESS MAY RECEIVE " THE BLUE BADGE" BY DOWNLOADING FROM THE CIA WEBPAGE. "THE BLUE BADGE" SHALL BE THE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION VEHICLE OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF WILL RECORD, TRANSCRIBE, AND INCLUDE MINUTES OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETINGS IN THE FIRST ISSUE OF "THE BLUE BADGE" FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

#### **ARTICLE IX DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**

SHOULD THE ASSOCIATION EVER DISBAND, ALL ASSETS, INCLUDING ANY FUNDS REMAINING WITH THE FINANCE OFFICER, SHALL BE DONATED TO THE US ARMY EMERGENCY FUND.

#### **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IN WRITING, AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. ANY AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OR MAILED TO EACH STATE POST 1 FOR COMMENTS/ CONCURRENCE. POST 1 INPUT OF THEIR PROPOSED CHANGES AND/OR APPROVAL IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT.

THE CONSTITUTION SHALL REMAIN **UNCHANGED** EXCEPT BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE X, 1.

BY-LAWS, ENACTED FOR THE FUNCTION OF THE ASSOCIATION, MAY BE MADE AND AMENDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE X, 1.

AT THE CONCEPTION OF THE CIA, THE "FOUNDING FATHERS" AGREED THAT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL REMAIN IN ASHEVILLE, NC AS LONG AS THE ASSOCIATION IS IN EXISTENCE. THERE WILL BE NO RECOMMENDATION ENTERED OR VOTED ON BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TO CHANGE THIS LOCATION. THE DESIRES OF THE "FOUNDING FATHERS" SHALL BE CARRIED OUT.

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ EDITION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. WAS ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT THE GENERAL MEETING AT \_\_\_\_\_, ON \_\_\_\_\_.

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THEREFORE, IN WITNESS THEREOF, WE, THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED OUR NAMES.

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMMANDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY COPMMANDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF OF STAFF

**COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BY-LAWS  
ARTICLE I  
CHARTERING OF CIA STATE LOCAL UNITS**

ALL STATE LOCAL UNITS ARE DESIGNATED "POSTS". EXAMPLE: ALABAMA POST 1, AL-P-1.  
CIA NATIONAL WILL CHARTER ONLY POST 1 IN EACH STATE.

ALL CIA MEMBERS IN EACH STATE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO STATE POST 1.

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS MEETING NEARER THEIR HOMES, ADDITIONAL POSTS, POSTS 2, 3, 4, ETC., MAY BE FORMED BY THE COMMANDER OF POST 1. ADDITIONAL POSTS WILL NOT BE CHARTERED AND THE MEMBERS OF AN ADDITIONAL POST WILL REMAIN ON THE ROSTER OF POST 1. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE ROSTER PER STATE. POST 1 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS DIRECTION AND COMMUNICATION, BETWEEN STATE AND NATIONAL, FOR ALL POSTS IN THE STATE.

TO FORM A CIA POST IN A STATE WHICH HAS NO EXISTING ACTIVE POST THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:

COMMUNICATE WITH THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER AND REQUEST REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

HAVE THE NAMES OF CURRENT MEMBERS OR APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR A MINIMUM TOTAL OF 10 MEMBERS TO FORM STATE POST 1.

AFTER THE NATIONAL COMMANDER APPOINTS A "PRO TEM" POST 1 COMMANDER, THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER WILL FORWARD A CHARTER TRANSMITTAL FORM TO "PRO TEM" POST 1 COMMANDER.

AFTER COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHARTER TRANSMITTAL FORM, THE "PRO TEM" POST 1 COMMANDER WILL RETURN THE CHARTER FORM TO THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER WHO WILL:

REQUEST THE NATIONAL COMMANDER AND THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF TO COMPLETE THE CHARTER AND SIGNATORY SHEET AND RETURN THEM TO THE NEW POST 1 COMMANDER.

TRANSFER ALL OTHER CIA MEMBERS LIVING IN THE STATE TO POST 1, MAKING POST 1 ROSTER THE STATE ROSTER

SEND CIA POST 1 NEW MEMBERS THEIR CIA ID CARDS.

POST I COMMANDER WILL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POST 1 OFFICERS:

DEPUTY COMMANDER

CHIEF OF STAFF

CHAPLAIN

**ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION IS OPEN TO ANY PERSON, WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, GENDER, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, WHO EARNED, AT ANY TIME, THE AWARD OF THE U S ARMY COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "CIB".

ALL PERSONS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY BY SUBMITTING EITHER A COPY OF WDGAO 53-55 NOVEMBER 1944, DD 214, DD 214-A, DD 215, FORM 100 OR UNIT SPECIAL ORDERS AWARDDING THE CIB.

UPON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, THE STATE POST 1 CHIEF OF STAFF WILL RECEIVE FROM THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, BY REGULAR MAIL OR E-MAIL, A LIST OF POST 1 NEWLY APPROVED MEMBERS.

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**INELIGIBLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS:**

THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER WILL RETURN ALL CHECKS, PAPERS, AND DOCUMENTS TO ANY PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP AND IS FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE. THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE APPLICANT WITH AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY HE WAS DENIED ADMITTANCE TO THE CIA.

**INELIGIBLE MEMBER:**

ANY MEMBER FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION, BY REASON OF HAVING BEEN FOUND NOT TO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE CIB, SHALL HAVE HIS CURRENT DUES REFUNDED AND BE DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION.

**AUXILIARY AND FEMALE MEMBERS:**

THERE WILL BE NO AUXILIARY TO THE CIA. IN THE FUTURE, SHOULD THERE BE ACTIVE DUTY OR VETERAN FEMALE CIB RECIPIENTS, THEY WILL BE WELCOMED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND AFFORDED THE SAME RESPECT AS ANY OTHER MEMBER WITH THE SAME RIGHT OF HOLDING OFFICE IN THE CIA.

**HONORARY, ASSOCIATE, OR FREE MEMBERSHIPS:**

THERE WILL BE NO HONORARY, ASSOCIATE, OR FREE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION EXCEPT:

DURING THE WAR ON TERRORISM, A COMPLIMENTARY TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE GRANTED TO ACTIVE DUTY CIB HOLDERS UPON APPLICATION AND PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.

UPON APPLICATION AND PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY, A FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE CONFERRED ON ANY MEDAL OF HONOR HOLDER HAVING BEEN AWARDED THE CIB

**ARTICLE III  
ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT**

**ORGANIZATION:**

**ORGANIZATION CHART  
COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

NATIONAL COMMANDER  
NATIONAL DEPUTY COMMANDER  
NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF  
13 OTHER NATIONAL OFFICERS:

FINANCE, QUARTERMASTER, BLUE BADGE EDITOR, MEMBERSHIP, MEDICAL, JUDGE ADVOCATE, SERVICE, HISTORIAN, CHAPLAIN, LEGISLATIVE, 1 YEAR TRUSTEE, 2 YEAR TRUSTEE, 3 YEAR TRUSTEE

**STATE HEADQUARTERS**

STATE COMMANDER  
STATE DEPUTY COMMANDER  
STATE CHIEF OF STAFF  
STATE CHAPLAIN

**STATE CHARTERED POST 1**

POST COMMANDER  
POST DEPUTY COMMANDER  
POST CHIEF OF STAFF  
POST CHAPLAIN

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**ADDITIONAL STATE UNCHARTERED POSTS 2, 3, 4, ETC., AS NEEDED**

POST COMMANDER  
POST DEPUTY COMMANDER  
POST CHIEF OF STAFF POST CHAPLAIN

**GOVERNMENT:**

THE MEMBERSHIP WILL ALWAYS CONTROL EVERY SEGMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION BY RECOMMENDATION OR BY MAJORITY VOTE. THE ASSOCIATION IS NEVER TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY, WITH A MAJORITY VOTE, DEACTIVATE THE ASSOCIATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ANOTHER GENERAL ELECTION CAN BE HELD.

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY TWO ELECTED NATIONAL OFFICERS, (COMMANDER AND DEPUTY COMMANDER). THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF 2 ELECTED NATIONAL OFFICERS, 14 APPOINTED NATIONAL OFFICERS INCLUDING 3 NON-VOTING TRUSTEES, AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER. ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, EXCEPT NON-VOTING TRUSTEES, WILL HAVE FULL VOTING RIGHTS

AT THE GENERAL MEETING, IN AN ODD NUMBERED YEAR, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP, THE NATIONAL COMMANDER AND NATIONAL DEPUTY COMMANDER WILL BE ELECTED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

THE COMMANDER AND DEPUTY COMMANDER MAY SERVE ONLY ONE TWO-YEAR TERM IN THE POSITION FOR WHICH ELECTED. THEY MAY OFFER THEIR NAMES IN NOMINATION FOR ANOTHER POSITION UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PERIOD OF SERVICE.

AFTER AN ELECTED OFFICER IS OUT OF SERVICE FOR TWO YEARS, HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SAME OFFICE. THERE IS NO MINIMUM TIME OUT OF OFFICE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO A DIFFERENT POSITION

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SHALL NOMINATE. ALL CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD VACANCIES AND PRESENT THEIR NAMES TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. THE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS MAY SERVE CONSECUTIVE TERMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER.

**CONVENTIONS**

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR FUTURE CONVENTION SITES. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL SUBMIT A SLATE OF 3 LOCATIONS FOR FINAL SELECTION OF THE SITE AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL APPOINT:

A BUDGET COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN ANNUAL BUDGET

A RULES COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF CONVENTION MEETINGS FOR VOTING ON CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS.

ELECTIONS- REFER TO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI, 2, h AND BY-LAWS ARTICLE III, 6, c, viii  
THE STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES MANUEL, (SOAP), WILL INCLUDE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR:  
USING MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS  
USING MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

THE STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL WILL INCLUDE:

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND DUTIES FOR EACH OFFICER WITH SPECIFIC REPORTS AND RECORDS REQUIRED FOR EACH POSITION.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL OFFICERS SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

**CENSURE AND PUNISHMENT**

ANY OFFICER SUSPECTED OF NOT PROPERLY PERFORMING HIS DUTY MAY BE REQUESTED TO

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SIT BEFORE AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMANDER. THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE ITS FINDINGS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ACTION OR SUSPENSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AT THE NEXT NATIONAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

DISMISS THE CHARGES.

CENSURE THE OFFENDER.

WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF 2/3 OF MEMBERS PRESENT, REMOVE THE OFFENDER FROM MEMBERSHIP

#### **STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES (SOAP) MANUAL**

TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE VI, 1. OF CIA CONSTITUTION, SEVENTH EDITION, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL ESTABLISH A STANDING COMMITTEE, HEADED BY THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF, TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A CIA NATIONAL "STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES (SOAP)" MANUAL.

THE CONTENTS OF THE SOAP MANUAL MUST COMPLY WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CIA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

PRIOR TO INITIAL PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOAP MANUAL AND PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT CHANGES OR REVISIONS TO THE SOAP MANUAL, THE PROPOSED CHANGES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

REVISION TO THE SOAP MANUAL DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL BY A MEMBERSHIP VOTE. REVISIONS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME WITH APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THE SOAP MANUAL WILL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS, INCLUDING ASSIGNED AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BONDING ALL NATIONAL AND STATE BANK ACCOUNTS

DEPOSIT ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO CIA NATIONAL. ALL PAYMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES AND RENEWAL FEES SHALL BE MADE PAYABLE TO "COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC." AND SENT TO CIA NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER FOR DEPOSIT

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DESCRIPTION OF APPROVED CIA UNIFORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR USING MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND REVISIONS/AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ANY OTHER MATTERS OR SUBJECTS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SOAP STANDING COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### **ARTICLE IV UNIFORM**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESCRIBED UNIFORM OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION IS INCLUDED IN THE STANDARD OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES MANUAL, (SOAP).

#### **ARTICLE V FINANCE**

REVENUE FOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE DERIVED FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES, DONATIONS, AND SUCH OTHER SOURCES AS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

SINCE ALL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED BY THE CIA, INCLUDING BOTH NATIONAL AND STATE FUNDS, ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION, RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECORDED AND INCLUDED IN THE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THE ASSOCIATION MUST BE WITHIN THE GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. THE ONLY SALES AUTHORIZED

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BY THIS ASSOCIATION ARE TO BE MADE BY THE NATIONAL FINANCE OR QUARTERMASTER OFFICERS. ALL OFFICER POSITIONS ARE VOLUNTARY. NO MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE PAID ANY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE ASSOCIATION. A MEMBER PERFORMING DUTIES REQUIRED BY THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR NORMAL EXPENSES. MEALS WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED. PURCHASES WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, EXCEPT FOR BLUE BADGE PRINTING/POSTAGE, MINOR AMOUNTS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES, AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS/CERTIFICATES.

#### **DUES**

REGULAR ANNUAL DUES SHALL BE \$25.00 AND WILL BE FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR. DUES WILL BE DUE ON THE ANNIVERSARY MONTH OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES SHALL BE \$300.00 FOR APPLICANTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-40 YEARS OLD, \$250.00 FOR APPLICANTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 41-65, AND \$150.00 FOR 65 YEARS OR OLDER.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

50% TO BLUE BADGE ESCROW FUND

25% TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

25% TO MEMBER'S ASSIGNED STATE POST

A MEMBER WHO CONVERTS FROM ANNUAL TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF BECOMING A MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF \$20.00. IF HE CONVERTS AFTER THREE MONTHS AND BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR, THE MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF \$10.00.

ALL DUES WILL BE PAID TO THE NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER. REFUND CHECKS WILL BE ONLY BE ISSUED TO POSTS WITH AN EIN NUMBER.

POST 1 IN EACH STATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP AND COLLECTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWAL FEES FROM ALL STATE CIA MEMBERS. ALL COLLECTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER.

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**THIS FORM IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH PROPER ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ASSOCIATE FINANCE OFFICER/NATIONAL COMMANDER**

**1-WHAT IS YOUR UNIT DESIGNATION ? - EXAMPLE-H11WA \_\_\_\_\_**

**2-WHAT IS YOUR UNIT'S PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS?**

Street address or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**3-WHAT IS YOUR UNITS EMAIL ADDRESS ? \_\_\_\_\_**

**4-COMMANDERS NAME-----TELEPHONE # -----**

**5-XOS NAME-----TELEPHONE #-----**

**6- HOW MANY MEMBERS ASSIGNED ? -----**

**NO. OF LIFE MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL LIFE AND ANNUAL \_\_\_\_\_**

**7- IS THE ADDRESS FOR REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS THE SAME AS # 2 ABOVE ? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO  
IF NOT THE SAME, PLEASE PROVIDE THE PROPER REIMBURSEMENT ADDRESS:**

Street address or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**8-PLEASE INDICATE THE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES YOU CONDUCTED LAST YEAR ?**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9-PLEASE COMMENT BELOW AS NEEDED-THANK YOU FOR THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP US TO PROPERLY COMPLY WITH 501-C AND BUDGETING PROCEDURES /PLEASE NOTE- REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER PAYMENTS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER WILL DEPEND ON THE PROPER RETURN OF THIS FORM.**



**Ladies Auxiliary  
to the  
Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc.**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Annual Membership: \_\_\_\_ Life Membership: \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of applicant including middle initial – please print or type)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip + four \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail if available: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(state relationship to veteran: wife, mother, etc.) (Name of "sponsoring veteran")

CIB awarded for combat service during the following period(s). Check all that apply.

WWII \_\_\_\_ Korea \_\_\_\_ Vietnam \_\_\_\_ Dominican Republic \_\_\_\_ Grenada \_\_\_\_ Panama \_\_\_\_  
Desert Storm \_\_\_\_ Bosnia \_\_\_\_ Afghanistan \_\_\_\_ Iraq \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Combat unit that awarded the CIB(s) (Co, Bn, Rgt, Div, SF Group) \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary to: \_\_\_\_\_ Request Membership At Large: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State number and location of CIA Unit)

*I hereby apply for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., and I certify that I am eligible as explained above. A copy of the sponsoring veteran's membership card or a copy of the documents (WDGAO 53-55 November 1944, DD 214, DD 214A, DD 215, Form 100 or unit special orders awarding the CIB) verifying my eligibility are attached.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check \_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_

|                                    |                       |   |          |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Make Payable to:</b>            | Annual Membership     | = | \$ 15.00 |
| <b>Ladies Auxiliary to the CIA</b> | Life Membership 16-40 | = | \$100.00 |
|                                    | Life Membership 41-65 | = | \$ 75.00 |
|                                    | Life Membership 66+   | = | \$ 50.00 |

*(Life Membership fees are based on your age during the year you apply.)*

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**Mail this entire form with your check/money order and documents to:**

Ann M. Yamrus  
National Treasurer  
1944 Hillmon Grove Rd.  
Cameron, NC 28326-8773

Phone: (919) 499-4499  
E-mail: [YamrusRayAnn@aol.com](mailto:YamrusRayAnn@aol.com)

**COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E/mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to form a new Company in your area? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Membership Requirements:** The applicant must have been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge as certified to by official notation on the applicant's DD-214, Official Army Orders, or other official documents. Applicant must attach a copy of such documentation to this Enlistment (Membership) Application. Dues are \$25.00 for one year. For a life membership: \$300.00 for ages 18-40; \$250.00 for ages 41-65; and \$150.00 for ages 66 and older.

Date entered U.S. Army: \_\_\_\_\_ Date discharged or retired: \_\_\_\_\_

CIB awarded for combat service during the following periods(s). Check all that apply.  
WWII\_\_\_ Korea\_\_\_ Vietnam\_\_\_ Grenada\_\_\_ Panama\_\_\_ Desert Storm \_\_\_ Bosnia \_\_\_  
Afghanistan \_\_\_ Iraq \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Combat unit that awarded the CIB(s) (Co, Bn, Rgt, Div.) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., and I certify that I am eligible as explained above. A copy of the document verifying my eligibility is attached.

Enclosed is my check\_\_\_ Money Order\_\_\_ Make check payable to:  
Combat Infantrymen's Assoc., Inc.

SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_ CIA Unit Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not write below this line. For office use only)

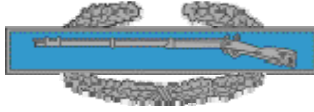
MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK AND DOCUMENTS TO: Earl Kennedy  
8381 Aborfield Ct  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

CIA NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CIA UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This is the only authorized application form. Destroy all others. Revised: 1 January 2009**  
**THIS FORM MAY BE COPIED (but not altered in any way) LOCALLY.**

**COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
National Headquarters  
Asheville, North Carolina



**C.I.A. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

**CIA Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **exp Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CIA Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

This is to remind you that your membership dues are payable on or before \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and mail to the address below. **(Important, you must have your ID number and exp date)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*YOUR E/MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$25.00 for one year. For life membership: \$300.00 for ages 18-40; \$250.00 for ages 41-65; and \$150.00 for age 66 and older (effective January 1, 2008.)

Enclosed is my payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a (check one) annual \_\_\_\_\_; life \_\_\_\_\_ membership.

Make check or M.O. payable to: **COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSN.**

Please mail payment to the Commander of your CIA unit (see listing beginning on page 3 of this Blue Badge.); or if you are a member at large or assigned to National HQ, mail to the Membership Officer (see page 3 of this Blue Badge.)



# BLUE BADGE MOVING INTO ELECTRONIC AGE

Publishing the Blue Badge is an expensive undertaking, and we're not talking about the man hours involved, that is done by volunteer labor. Each quarter it costs the Association thousands of dollars in printing and postage—and there is a better way to do it.

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Beginning with the Apr-May-June issue the Blue Badge will be posted on the ML& RS Inc website (unless the CIA website is up and running in which case the BB will be posted on both sites) by close of business on **May 15th, Aug 15th, Nov 15th, and Feb 15th.** If you have a computer you are strongly requested to participate in the program and download and print your own copy. You will notice several advantages. The BB will be posted on the website immediately after it is sent to the printer for publication, so you will be able to access it at least three weeks before you would receive a printed copy. The copy you can download will be posted in color (photos, etc); obviously if you do not have a color printer you can't print the BB in color, but you can see it in color on your computer screen. Use this issue to see if you can download your copy. Downloading your own copy WILL NOT prevent your from voting by mail.

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