



**The U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association
Space/Treasure Coast Chapter
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Commander's Message



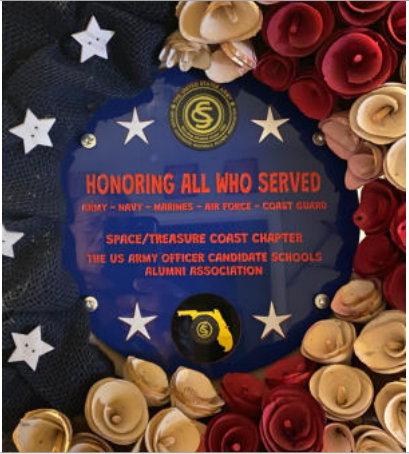
Happy Holidays! It has been a busy couple of months. Highlights include adding nine new members, sending a “care package” to a Chapter member deployed to Iraq, holding our second annual holiday party at my house, and sponsoring a hole for the Good Deeds Foundation Veterans and Military Support Golf Tournament. Thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and participation.

New Members

Welcome to Emory Deason (Infantry 70-67), Dave Schollman (Infantry 006-65), Gary Poh (Engineer 518-68), Norm Easton (NJNG 030-66), Nick Panarella (Infantry 503-68), David DuPont (Infantry 503-68), Henry DiGiacinto (Infantry 503-68), Dr. Leon Pye (Infantry 503-68) and Cheryl Becker (BIOCC 001-83). Special thanks to Nick for recruiting his classmates. We now have 40 members!

VMC Veteran's Day Events

Tropical Storm/Hurricane Nicole disrupted STCC plans to present a wreath and man a presence at the VMC Veterans Day events. Here's the wreath center plate we created; we will use it for Veterans Day 2023.



Deployed to the Sandbox

STCC's youngest member, 1LT Logan Herd, is on active duty with TF Saber in Iraq. Remembering the joy and comfort "care packages" brought us in RVN, we wanted to provide the same to Logan and his team. Our first "care package" - bath wipes - was delivered and we are planning to send more goodies to our deployed warriors. We also got Logan and his team hooked up with Project Yellow Ribbon for additional care packages. If you think of something to include, and/or are interested in donating, please contact Phil Kearns who is coordinating STCC assistance. As always, our thoughts are with you and your comrades, Logan. Be safe!



Holiday Party

Great turnout for our second annual holiday party! A total of 20 members, spouses and significant others showed up at the McCall's on 9 December. Kudos to new members Nick Panarella and Henry DiGiacinto for making the trek from Jupiter and West Palm Beach and, as always, Steve and Gretta Kenney for driving down from New Smyrna Beach to attend.



Nick, Rob and Henry



GDF Golf Tournament

Thanks so much to Tom Rozek for organizing STCC participation in the Good Deeds Foundation Veterans and Military Support Golf Tournament, which was held 10 December at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. The event supported worthy local veterans, servicemen and women and their families. STCC member donations sponsored the 2nd hole of the Dolphin Course and helped make this the most successful GDF golf tournament of the past eight years. Roy and Sharon Pinette, Tom and Rob participated. Thanks to all members who contributed to this very worthwhile event.

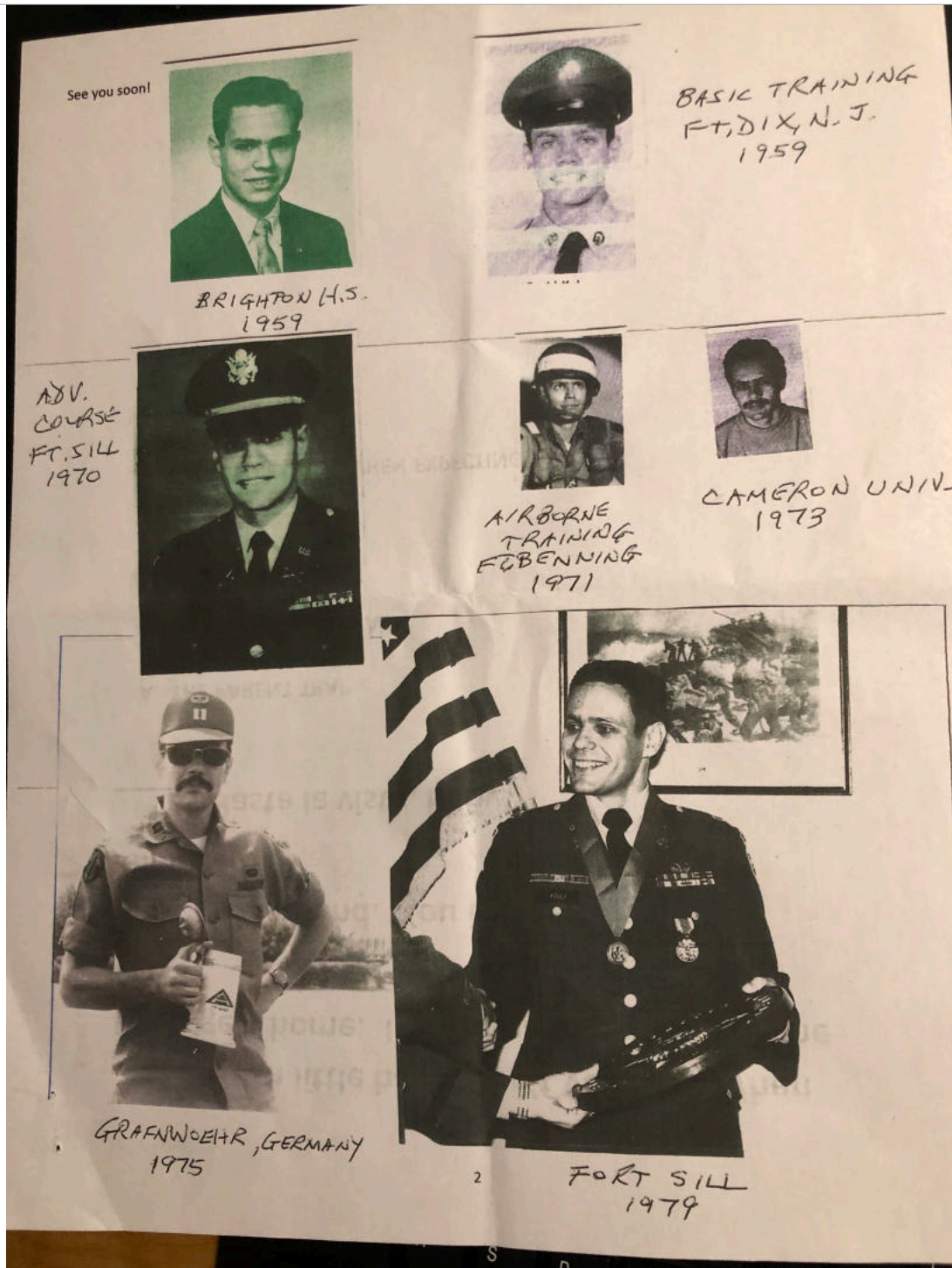


Wreaths Across America

On 17 December we will have the opportunity to honor our brothers and sisters on Wreaths Across America Day. As you may know Phil's OCS 6-65 class lost 17 killed in action; this is believed to be the most of any OCS company during the Vietnam War. Last year he presented wreaths to honor his fallen classmates. STCC will join him this year to honor our fallen comrades.

Chapter Member Spotlight

We thought it might be fun to spotlight STCC members in our newsletters. We twisted Dave Kobey's arm sufficiently to make him volunteer as our guinea pig. (Dave says the lower left photo is his fav! Can you say "dapper?") Who wants to volunteer next?



Dave Kobey was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1942. He went through the Boston Public Schools system, graduating from Brighton High School in 1959.

In July, 1959, Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army and, following basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, was assigned to a Nike Ajax battery in Nahant, Massachusetts. This was followed by air defense artillery assignments at the Army Air Defense Command Post (AADCP) at Fort Banks, Massachusetts, and then Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) at Stewart AFB, New York. He then was assigned to a Nike Hercules battalion in Baumholder, Germany. Following his return to CONUS at Fort Meade, MD, he applied for, and was accepted at the Artillery and Missile Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, OK.

Upon graduation from OCS in 1966, Dave remained at the Artillery School, as an instructor of radar operations for two years, and then spent the next year in a composite 8"/175mm artillery battalion, based in Tay Ninh, Vietnam. He then attended the Artillery Officers' Advanced Course at Fort Sill, which was followed by Airborne and Ranger training at Fort Benning, GA, after which he took command of a battery in an Honest John rocket battalion at Fort Sill, which was in the process of testing and converting to the Lance missile.

Dave completed work on his bachelor's degree at Cameron University, Lawton, OK, completed work for Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and then took command of a battery in an 8" artillery battalion in Augsburg, Germany. Upon return to CONUS, he assumed command of a battery in a Pershing missile battalion at Fort Sill, followed by a stint as Chief of the IG Inspections Branch at Fort Sill and, while there' completed work on his Master of Arts in Management degree at the University of Oklahoma. This was followed by consecutive tours as Commander of the Military Entrance Processing Station, Newark, NJ; Chief of the Mobilization Plans Branch at MILPERCEN, Alexandria, VA; and then Professor Of Military Science at the University of Connecticut.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1989, Dave remained in Connecticut, dealing with insurance, then real estate, and then investments, ultimately earning the designation of Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

In 2004, Dave and his wife Peggy relocated to the Indian River Colony Club, Viera, FL.

Special Recognition

Special recognition to new STCC member Emory Deason for providing class summaries to STCC members. This is an important first step in locating and contacting long-lost classmates. Well done!

OCSAA Membership

Remember that membership in STCC is free, but we do need to be members of The US Army Officer Candidate Schools Alumni Association. Annual Membership is \$55, Lifetime Membership is \$300. You can convert Annual Membership to Lifetime with credit for years paid as an Annual Member. If you have an Annual Membership, please upgrade to Lifetime. If you do not have a TUSAOCSAA membership, please join. Here's the link on how to do so: <https://ocsalumni.org/join-us/>

STCC Website

If you haven't checked our website (ocsalumnispacecoast.com) recently, you might want to take a look. We're trying to keep it informative and up to date.

Get Well Soon!

Our thoughts go out to Bill Crock who is on the mend from some recent health issues. Get well quick, Bill!

Next Meeting

Probably mid-late February or early March. Informal polling indicates a preference for a business/social format similar to our October meeting. Stay tuned for details.

Final Thoughts

As always, if there is something we could be doing better, or shouldn't be doing, please speak up! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!