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ALAMO SCOUTS Newsletter

The U.S. Sixth Army Special Reconnaissance Unit of World War II

ALAMO SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Tucson, AZ

"We didn't envy the Alamo Scouts one bit. To paddle toward a dark shore in enemy territory at 2 in the morning in a rubber boat--that took a special breed of man. We were happy to stay on the boat."

-Bill Lambdin PT-546

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Alamo Scouts Reunion, 2009

The 2009 Alamo Scouts Reunion was one to remember. Hosted by historian and long-time Scouts supporter George Eaton at the Stony Creek Inn in Moline, Illinois from May 13-17, the annual gathering was a fun-filled blend of sunshine and rain, laughter and tears, and friendships revisited and made anew. Although only three Scouts, Bill Littlefield, John Geiger, and Bob Buschur were attendance, some 40 family and friends attended, including first-timers Ralph Kleeberger (PT-379) and his wife Lee Ann; Lily Sycip-Borger (civilian evacuee from Fuga Island) and her husband Ron; Bas Opdenkelder, the son-in-law of a Dutch family rescued by Scouts at Cape Oransbari; Audrene's relatives Jim Hall, Peggy Fay, Ellen Kome and Jim McConnell; and Les Zedric, Lance's father.

ASA Historian Lance Zedric (left) is presented a surprise award by his daughter, Ariel, while the ASA Executive Director Russ Blaise looks on.

Guests began arriving on Wednesday, but due to doctor's orders, reunion stalwart Terry Santos was absent from the check-in table, but George and Russ Blaise filled in admirably. Although Terry couldn't attend, he did call several times and maintained order and decorum from his command post located in his home in the heart of San Francisco. We expect to see him back at his familiar post next year. That night guests were on their own for dinner but did enjoy the amply stocked Hospitality Suite, where the hot tub served as a field expedient cooler for the wide assortment of beverages procured by our willing and capable host. Kudos to George.

On Thursday everyone awoke to beautiful weather and congregated in the motel dining room where they enjoyed reading about the reunion in local newspapers and feasting on the endless supply of sausage, bacon, eggs, coffee and more at the breakfast bar. Afterwards, George swooped in and marshaled everyone onto the bus for a 70-mile odyssey to Grand Detour, Illinois (which it was) for a visit to the home and original blacksmith shop of John Deere, the inventor of the first self-scouring plow blade in 1837. To save time the resolute bunch enjoyed dashboard dining on the bus courtesy of Hardees, then returned to Moline for a tour of the John Deere Pavilion where Deere founded his first factory in 1848 using the water power provided by the Mississippi River. The Pavilion featured beautifully restored antique tractors and the latest in modern agricultural machinery produced by the company.

Historian Lt. Colonel George Eaton, USA (ret.), hosted the reunion and donned traditional Scottish dress for the banquet.

Following the tour (and subsequent naps) guests sampled the local cuisine at various eateries and took advantage of the copious amounts of beverage in the Hospitality Suite while viewing the season finale of "Warriors with Terry Schappert" on the History Channel. The topic of the nationally televised program was the Alamo Scouts and featured Bill Littlefield and ASA Historian Lance Zedric. Bill stole the show and was available for autographs afterwards. As usual, attendees stayed up for as long as energy would allow rehashing the events of a wonderful day.

Friday featured another early start as the attendees ate breakfast and congregated in the Hospitality Suite for the business meeting where Audrene announced that the Association is solvent and has enough in its coffers to meet all expenses. Russ displayed the new -

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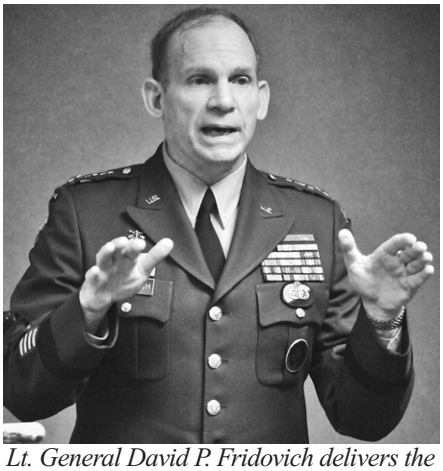
Alamo Scouts Challenge Coin which is being sold by the ASA (see article) and updated the group on progress in finding a permanent Alamo Scouts display at a national or military museum. After a discussion on the fate of the annual Alamo Scouts Reunion, a motion was unanimously passed that the organization would hold its 2010 reunion in Long Beach, California to be hosted by Jerry Littlefield. Upon volunteering to host the reunion, Jerry was sternly warned that "No good deed goes unpunished," and that "It's too late to back out now!" It was also recommended that a timely survey be sent to all members to explore ways to increase attendance and to make the reunions more accessible for all. So, please get those in ASAP. Finally, ASA Historian Lance Zedric reported on last year's successful trip to the National Archives, where Russ and he netted some 400 photographs and ephemera. Lance also updated the group on historical research projects, including an attempt to locate and welcome PT boat veterans of WWII and their families to ASA Reunions (see PT Boats story). The fruit of which was reaped with the attendance of Ralph Kleeberger and his lovely wife Lee Ann, both of whom added a touch of class to the weekend.



Lt. General David P. Fridovich delivers the keynote address at the reunion banquet.

With all old, new, and future business concluded by 9:30 a.m. it was time to have some fun. Our hearty lot hopped on the bus for the rain-soaked drive to the nearby Rock Island Arsenal. Despite the deluge and an overwhelming desire to build an ark, everyone was treated to a fabulously narrated bus tour by George Eaton, Command Historian of the Arsenal (and future tour guide), followed by visits to Quarters One, the elegant living quarters of the Arsenal's commanding generals from the 19th century to modern day, and to the Arsenal Museum, which featured one of the most unique and extensive collections of firearms found anywhere. Of course, lunch at the Arsenal mess hall was "sandwiched" between the tours and left everyone involved even more appreciative of the food they were about to receive that evening.

Upon returning to the motel, guests had time to enjoy the Hospitality Suite and to welcome late arrivals before the much anticipated Reunion Dinner, which was held at the motel in a private dining room. The Director's Reception was held in the lobby prior to the dinner and allowed guests the opportunity to be photographed and to finally meet George Eaton's wife and family. But the highlight of the reception was witnessing George regaled in a traditional Scottish kilt replete with military medals, accoutrements, and appurtenances. For those who were there it was an unforgettable experience, but one well worth the wait!

Following an outstanding dinner, which far surpassed the Kansas City Lobster of Alamo Scout lore, Executive Director Russ Blaise recounted the Alamo Scouts recent induction into the 1st Special Forces Regiment (see story) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and helped Ariel Zedric present her dad, Lance, with a special plaque recognizing his contribution to the ASA. Lt. General Michael Fridovich, commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command, then delivered the keynote address outlining the military situation in Iraq and Afghanistan. *A special thanks to General Fridovich for taking time out of his schedule. It was truly our pleasure in having him attend. Afterwards, Ching corralled everyone, including two ducks who were trying to get out of the rain, into the lobby for a group photo and more camaraderie. All reunion photos may be viewed at www.chingphoto.com. Just click "Find Your Photos" and look for the date.

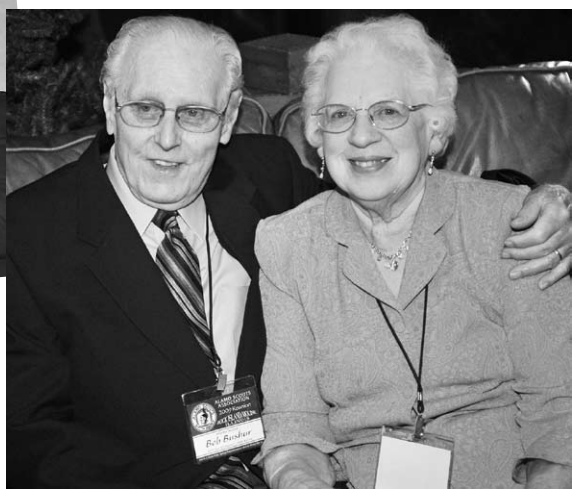
Members of the famed Alamo Scouts of WWII and their families and friends pose for a group photo at the Alamo Scouts annual reunion held in Moline on May 13-16.

The weekend's formal events concluded on Saturday with a narrated river boat cruise on the mighty Mississippi River and a lunch buffet. The rest of the day was spent visiting and checking out the local scenery. For a few, the week culminated with one last return to the Hospitality Suite; for some it was back to their rooms; and for others it was back on the road for home. But for all it was a special week. Given that next year will be the 65th Anniversary of the end of WWII, we encourage everyone to attend the reunion in Long Beach and to help make it one for ages.

More From The Reunion

Alamo Scout Bill Littlefield watches himself on television on Thursday during the premier of the History Channel program, "Warriors with Terry Schappert." Littlefield led 13 missions behind enemy lines during the war.

ASA Executive Director Russ Blaise confers Honorary Membership to Lance Zedric and George Eaton for their long and dedicated service to the Alamo Scouts Association. Thanks guys!



Alamo Scout Bob Buschur and wife Rita.

Bill Littlefield (sitting) with Marilyn Plutae and Laura & Jerry Littlefield.

(L-R) Christine McGowen with Jack Geiger (Alamo Scout) and wife Betty.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army

The U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina inducted the Alamo Scouts, OSS, and First Special Service Force as Distinguished Members of the Special Forces Regiment on April 22, 2009 during a Special Forces Symposium.

On April 21st I flew from Tucson to Fayetteville, North Carolina and joined up with Alamo Scouts Henry L. Adkins, Robert L. Buschur, John J. Geiger, Wilbur F. Littlefield, Mayo S. Stuntz and Conrad M. Vineyard, and their families to attend the 2009 Special Forces Symposium and to represent the Alamo Scouts at a special ceremony inducting the unit as Distinguished Members of the 1st Special Forces Regiment. Army Special Forces Staff Sergeant, Brian Castillo, took me and a few of the Scouts to our hotel before being treated to a barbecue dinner at the Special Forces Association compound where we were joined by veterans of the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) and the First Special Service Force (FSSF or Devil's Brigade), who were also to be inducted.

To our surprise, long-time Special Forces supporter Ross Perot shows up. He was to be awarded the Honorary 'Green Beret' for his "remarkable contributions to the Special Forces community." Perot mingled with the guests and took time to speak with most everyone. Even I got to bend his ear!

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army

The United States Sixth Army Special Reconnaissance Unit
"Alamo Scouts"
is granted and assigned the distinction of

Distinguished Member

of the
1st Special Forces
REGIMENT

Thomas R. Csrnko
Major General, USA
Commanding

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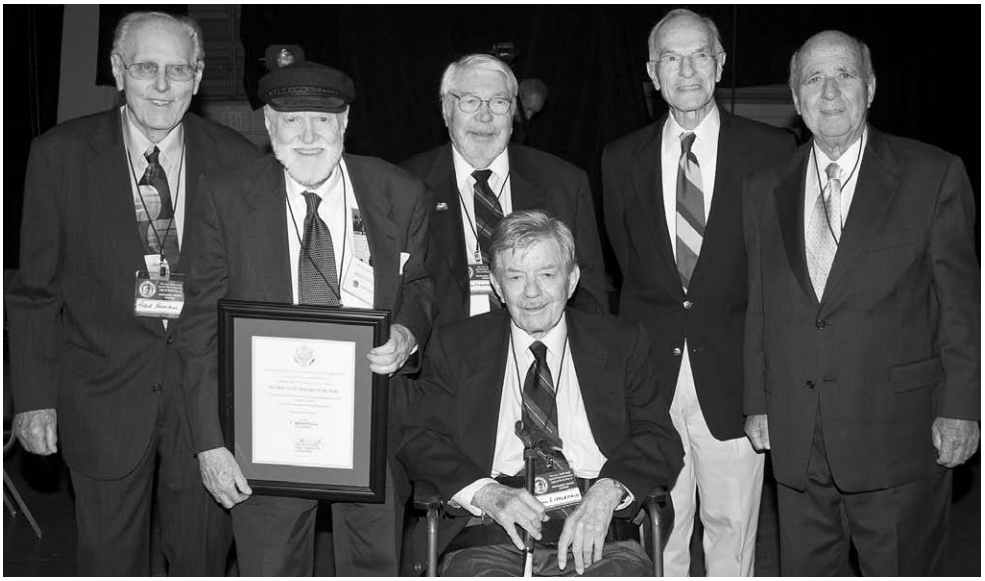
The next morning the entire group visited the Special Forces museum at Fort Bragg and again met up with the OSS and FSSF veterans. Following a nice tour, we left for lunch and returned to the hotel to prepare for the induction banquet at the Crown Expo Center, which also hosted an overwhelming display of modern weapons. With over 1000 people in attendance the banquet was a regal affair marked by pomp and circumstance. Active duty Special Forces soldiers from around the world were flown in to represent their units while others donned period uniforms of the Alamo Scouts, OSS, and Forcemen and performed brief vignettes recounting famous missions that their distinguished forerunners performed. As senior member of the Alamo Scouts in attendance, Mayo Stuntz accepted the plaque of distinction and offered a few remarks, as did representatives of the other units, which totaled more than 80 members. Following informational videos, dinner, and remarks by Perot, the evening concluded with the singing of the Ballad of the Green Berets. Everyone there, Special Forces past and present, was moved by the experience, and I doubt that we'll ever see such a collection of men together again. If so, you'll want to book your ticket early.

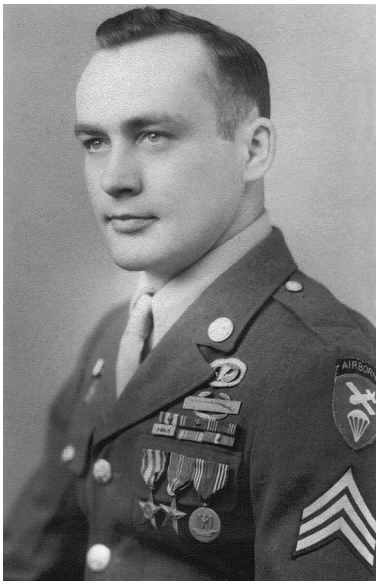
-Russ Blaise



Former Alamo Scouts proudly display the certificate inducting the unit into the 1st Special Forces Regiment. Left to Right: Bob Buschur, Mayo Stuntz, Connie Vineyard, Bill Littlefield (sitting), Henry Adkins, and Jack Geiger.

CCSM Galen Kittleson inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment at Fort Bragg on July 9, 2009.

Command Sergeant Major Galen C. Kittleson was born on August 14, 1924 in Mitchell County, Iowa, near the small farm community of St. Ansgar. Following high school and one year of college, he enlisted in the United States Army, becoming a qualified paratrooper. He was initially assigned to the 503rd Regimental Combat Team in the Pacific Theater, where he earned his first Silver Star on Noemfoor Island for carrying a mortally wounded comrade out of the dense New Guinea jungle. He subsequently volunteered for and was selected for the Sixth U.S. Army Special Reconnaissance Unit, better known as the Alamo Scouts, a forerunner of modern-day U.S. Army Special Forces.



Galen Kittleson, 1945

While serving with the Alamo Scouts, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson began to foment his reputation as a POW camp raider when he participated in two successful prisoner liberations. The first in Dutch New Guinea, where two teams of Alamo Scouts freed the Dutch Colonial Governor and 65 Dutch, Javanese, and French civilians from the Japanese at Cape Oransbari. Four months later in January 1945, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson and the same scout teams, along with 121 Rangers and Filipino guerilla units, liberated 513 Allied POWs - men who had been on the infamous Bataan Death March - from the Cabanatuan POW Camp in a brilliant night raid. The camp, which was 25 miles behind Japanese lines, was garrisoned by 250 Japanese soldiers and was within minutes of 2,000 more.

Following World War II, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson returned to Iowa, married, and went into farming. He stayed home during the Korean War, but in 1956, he reenlisted and was assigned to the 101st Airborne and later to the 10th, 6th, and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) where his reputation as a POW camp raider continued to grow.

During the Vietnam war, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson participated in two raids to liberate POWs. In March 1968, as a Master Sergeant, he led an attempt to find and liberate a fellow Special Forces officer, First Lieutenant Nick Rowe, who was being held by the Viet Cong. Upon his return from Vietnam and while assigned to Fort Bragg, at the age of 45, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson beat out Green Berets half his age and was selected to participate in the attempt to liberate US servicemen from the Son Tay POW Camp outside of Hanoi. This would be his fourth and final raid, and his experience, reputation, and expertise led to his selection to be on the assault element during the raid.

Galen's grandson, Scott Kittleson (right), accepted the award on Galen's behalf. Also in attendance were granddaughter Emily and daughter-in-law Judy Kittleson.

In 1973 he was promoted to Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Okinawa, and later of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Fort Bragg, serving in that position until his retirement in July 1978.

In retirement, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson returned to his rural Iowa with his wife, Darlene, where he enjoyed raising Hereford cattle. He also formed the Boy Scout Troop the "Alamo Scouts" of St. Ansgar, Iowa, in 1982.

Command Sergeant Major Kittleson died at the age of 81 in May 2006 as the only US Soldier to participate in four POW liberation attempts in two wars, and was one of Special Forces' best known and most decorated Soldiers, having earned three Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. A book by former Green Beret and military journalist Charles Sasser, titled "Raider" was published in 2002 and depicts Command Sergeant Major Kittleson's life as a Soldier and POW raider.

During the same ceremony, 110 soldiers donned their green berets for the first time.

Alamo Scout Olympian

Horses lend us the wings we lack ~Author Unknown

Major Borg, US Army, was a three-time Olympian in Dressage.

Since 1992 in the ongoing search to uncover the hundreds of men who graduated from one of the nine classes at the six Alamo Scouts Training Centers, the name Robert J. Borg kept popping up. Robert Sumner had heard of him but couldn't place the face. To Mayo Stuntz the name rang a bell but he couldn't put a finger on it. For me he was a ghost, a historical phantom who stuck out his tongue and thumbed his nose at me. That is, until after a mere 16 years of searching revealed that the enigmatic Major Borg, US Army, was a three-time Olympian in Dressage, a fancy kind of horse training dating to the Renaissance. In fact, Borg won an Olympic Silver Medal in the 1948 Games in London, which is still the highest U.S. finish in history, and he coached and participated in the Equestrian events at the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games. Borg also won a Silver Medal at the 1955 Pan American Games. Although he was paralyzed in 1959 when a horse fell on him, he continued to teach riders and train over 600 horses from a modified wheelchair at his farm in Oxford, Michigan until his death in 2005. This was all great information, but what did it have to do with the Alamo Scouts? Sure, Borg was a military man, fluent in three languages, served in the Southwest Pacific during WWII, and was a three-time Olympian. So what? Wasn't everyone?

Major Robert J. Borg

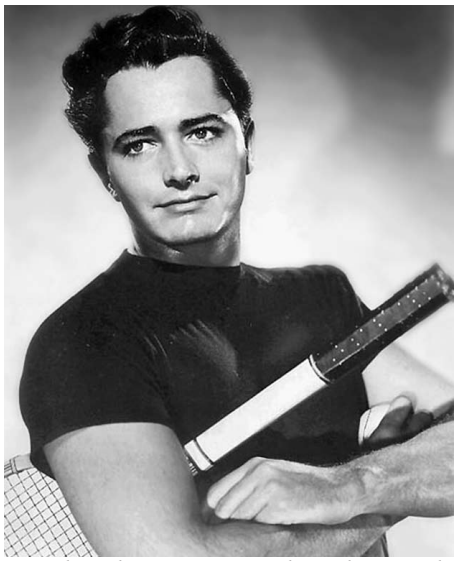
Then it happened. In 2005, a darned Alamo Scouts patch appeared for sale on Ebay, with the seller claiming that it belonged to Borg. Aha! Armed with new information and buoyed with hope, the hunt was back on. After several unsuccessful attempts at contacting the seller, it was back to trolling the internet. First, emails were sent to the U.S. Olympic Equestrian Team, followed by letters sent to the sport's national magazine; then phone calls were made to Borg's daughter, and finally pleas made to my psychiatrist (not really). But all were in vain. Finally, a revelation—when all else fails use the Freedom of Information Act. Bingo! Several weeks later pages from Borg's DA 66 File were safely in my chubby little fingers. The elusive Borg participated in training as an Observer during the fourth class at the ASTC Hollandia. A notation in his file reads: "Completed Scouting and Patrolling School Alamo Scout Training Center July-Sep 1944." Mission Accomplished. And there you have it, straight from the horse's mouth. *-Lance Zedric*

In the Spotlight

What do actresses Ursula Andress, Linda Evans, and Bo Derek have in common? Yeah, yeah, everyone knows that they were among the most beautiful women in world and that they looked amazingly alike, but the answer is that they were all once married to Alamo Scout Derek Harris—later known as John Derek, the renowned Hollywood actor and producer. Derek graduated from the 8th Training Class and was returned to the 112th Cavalry following training. Derek passed away in 1998.

Another Alamo Scout also enjoyed success in Hollywood. Charles A. Pratt, a graduate of the 4th Training Class. Pratt returned to his unit after graduation and was later wounded and declared missing in action. Eventually, he returned to his unit and received the Bronze Star. During his career, Pratt produced several hit movies, including Willard, Ben, the Walking Tall trilogy, The Reincarnation of Peter Proud, You'll Like My Mother, and The Great Santini, as well as producing numerous movies for television. Pratt died in 2005.

His son, Charles Pratt, Jr., is also in show business and is a successful writer-producer and has worked on Melrose Place, Beverly Hills 90210, General Hospital, All My Children, Desperate Housewives, Cruel Intentions and others.



Derek Delevan Harris, aka John Derek

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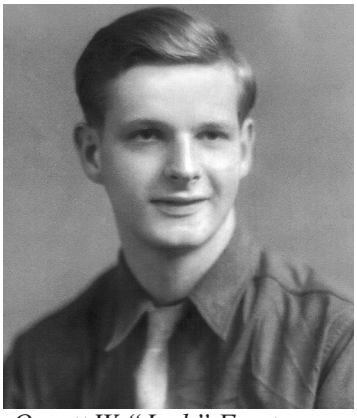
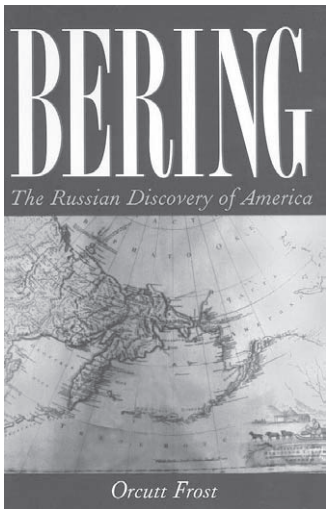


Orcutt W. "Jack" Frost

Following his days as ASTC clerk at Subic Bay, Orcutt W. "Jack" Frost went to Japan and worked for Army Intelligence. Afterward, he graduated from the University of Illinois and later become Professor of Humanities at Alaska Pacific University and is an authority on Vitus Jonassen Bering, for whom the Bering Strait is named. In 2003, Frost's book, "Bering: The Russian Discovery of America," was published by Yale Press. Orcutt and his wife reside in Medford, Oregon.

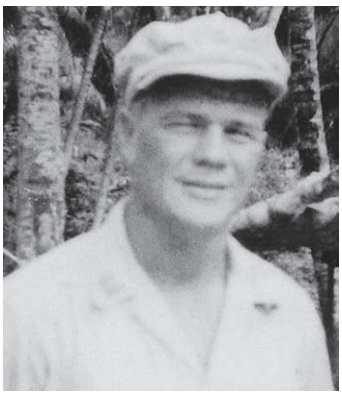


Bering: The Russian Discovery of America

The Alamo Scouts Association recently lost two of its long-time members and most colorful personalities with the passing of William F. "Bill" Barnes and Henry "Snake" Baker. Each man possessed that rare ability to make a person think that they were the most important person in a crowded room and the twinkle in their eyes made one wonder what they knew that everyone else didn't. They both enjoyed successful careers while in the military and afterward.

Bill Barnes was destined for a life in football. As a member of the University of Tennessee Volunteers, he played on the 1939 team that did not allow a point all season before losing in the 1940 Rose Bowl to USC. When WWII broke out Barnes entered the Army and joined the Alamo Scouts, where he was a member of the first graduating class and was retained as a team leader. Barnes Team was the contact team during the first Alamo Scouts mission on Los Negros. Barnes then led his team on a mission at Male River, New Guinea before General Gill of the 32nd Division personally requested his return to serve as his aide. Barnes later led a battalion and left the military as a major. After the war Barnes returned to football and held several coaching positions before being named Head Coach at UCLA in 1958, where he led the team to the Rose Bowl in 1962. Barnes remained at UCLA until 1966 then retired from coaching, though he continued to scout for the NFL. In 2001 Bill was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

UCLA football players carry Coach Bill Barnes off the field in 1964 after a 10-7 victory over USC.



William F. Barnes

Henry "Snake" Baker was a true southern gentleman who never seemed to get in a hurry or to get too excited about much of anything. To hear him speak about his experience in the war one would think he peeled potatoes at a Boy Scout camp in New Jersey. Far from it. Baker graduated from the Citadel in 1943, and on a bet, marched in the graduation exercise without shoes—having painted his feet black. After commissioning and attending the first class of Commando Combat School at Fort Cronkite, California and a secret camp in Australia, he traveled to occupied Luzon aboard the submarine Nautilus months before the Allied invasion, where he worked with guerillas conducting sabotage against the enemy, including blowing up three trainloads of troops and equipment by fusing captured Japanese artillery shells. In April 1945 Special Intelligence selected him to attend the ASTC, where he graduated from the 7th Training Class and was retained as an instructor. Baker attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant and was awarded a Silver Star and Bronze Star. After the war he returned to his hometown of Asheville, North Carolina where he enjoyed a successful career as an insurance executive. When pressed several times how he earned his nickname, he simply smiled and said, "They just kind of gave it to me. I have no idea why." Given his reputation as a slow-talking, fast thinking country boy with a devilish personality and a wry grin, that is highly unlikely.

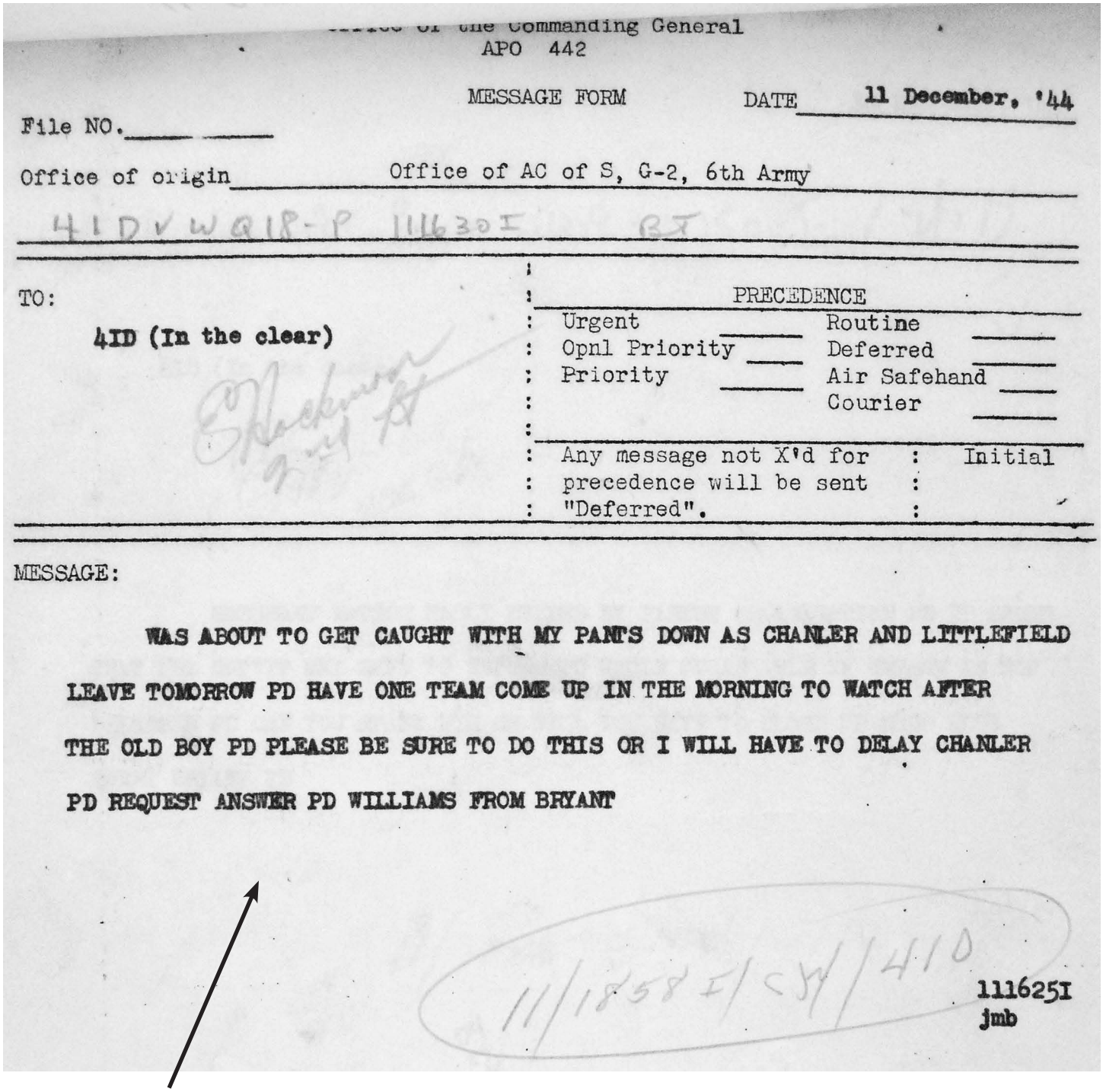
Henry "Snake" Baker

If you know of a former Scout who went on to acclaim in their profession, drop us an email at zee61@aol.com

-Lance Zedric

ALAMO SCOUTS BODYGUARD REQUEST

This message was a request for a team of Alamo Scouts to serve as escort/bodyguard for General Krueger. LITTLEFIELD TEAM had been off a mission for about a week at the time and CHANLEY TEAM was due to go on a mission to Biliran Island the next day. LITTLEFIELD TEAM then went on a mission to Poro Island on 13 December 1944. Not sure which team "got volunteered for this duty," but neither had it for very long.



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WAS ABOUT TO GET CAUGHT WITH MY PANTS DOWN AS CHANLER [Chanley] AND LITTLEFIELD LEAVE TOMORROW. HAVE ONE TEAM COME UP IN THE MORNNG TO WATCH AFTER THE OLD BOY [Krueger]. PLEASE BE SURE TO DO THIS OR I WILL HAVE TO DELAY CHANLER [Chanley]. REQUEST ANSWER. [to Mar. Homer] WILLIAMS FROM [Maj. Richard] BRYANT.

Photo Request

Group photos from the Alamo Scout Reunion for 1983 (Seattle), 1987 (Kansas City), 1989 (Dallas), 1991 (Orlando), 1992 (Asheville), 2003 (Houston), 2007 (Denver).

On Patrol at PT Boats, Inc.

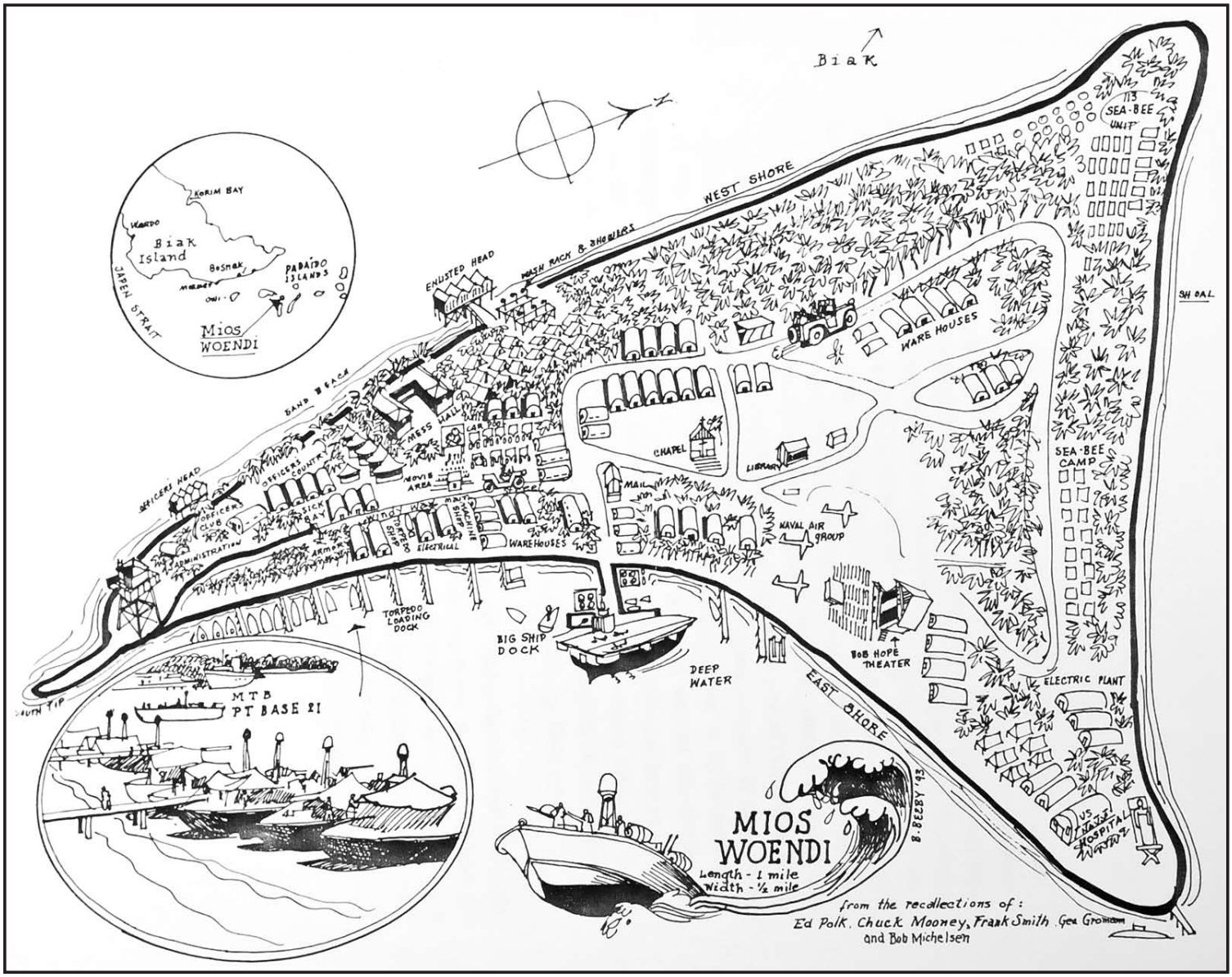
One of several rooms at the PT Boats, Inc., National Headquarters.

For a long time I had wanted to dive headfirst into the archives of the National Headquarters of PT Boats, Inc., in Germantown, Tennessee to see what secrets the files of the Mosquito Fleet would reveal. This June, I received an invitation from Alyce Guthrie, PT Boats Executive VP, to do just that. I arrived early and spent a full day there without stopping to eat, drink, or even go to the bathroom. Perhaps not indulging in the former had something to do with the latter, but the true reason was probably the unbridled joy at having full access to several large cabinets of records, monographs, letters, and an entire room containing over 10,000 photographs, not to mention the thrill of fondling the scores of war souvenirs and memorabilia. Moving at breakneck speed armed with a digital camera, lots of anticipation, and no cell phone, I scanned the files of every Motor Torpedo Boat (MTB) squadron which served in the Southwest Pacific Area for mention of the Alamo Scouts. To my dismay, I found only one by name reference to the Scouts and two identifiable photographs containing Alamo Scouts in the several hundred files I inspected. But what I did find were several squadron rosters and hundreds of potential men to interview. To many this may seem a daunting project and a waste of time, but being the duly appointed ASA Historian and of somewhat questionable sanity, that's what I do! But the greatest thing that I discovered was that PT Boats, Inc., founded James M. "Boats" Newberry, has been going strong since 1946. Naturally, the ravages of time have culled their numbers and they continue to struggle against time, rising operational costs, and diminishing financial support, just as the ASA and similar organizations have, but there remains a burning desire among the staff to preserve and perpetuate the history of a relatively small group of elite men, much like the Alamo Scouts, who dared step into harm's way in distant lands so that more than a half century later the rest of us can enjoy the warm, gentle waters of their sacrifice. We cannot forget that these men of the Mosquito Fleet proudly risked their lives to support the Alamo Scouts in some forty identifiable missions and contributed substantially to the Scouts incredible record of never having lost a man. Our sincere thanks to PT Boats, Inc., for their hospitality and for their ongoing commitment to their vets. Please visit their website at: www.PTboats.org or call (901)755-8440.

-Lance Zedric

Allyson Bethune, editor of the PT Boats "All Hands" newsletter is hard at work preparing for this summer's national PT Boat Reunion in Washington DC.

Two Alamo Scouts (foreground) ride aboard PT-127 after a mission. One of the men standing might be a Scout officer. Anyone recognize these guys or know which mission? Drop us a line. (Photo courtesy of James McNamara of strikehold504th.com)



Above is a hand drawn representation of PT Base 21 on Woendi Island. Woendi was home to several PT boat squadrons during operations against the enemy in New Guinea, and a frequent stopping point for Alamo Scout teams going to and returning from missions aboard the PT boats.

Challenge Coins

Alamo Scouts challenge coins are here! Order as many as you like. They make great gifts and there's room on the edge to inscribe the name of your Alamo Scout or loved one.

NECROLOGY

Herbert E. Wolff	William F. Barnes	Henry "Snake" Baker
April 17, 2009	April 23, 2009	June 15, 2009

Director
Colonel Robert S. Sumner (Ret), *pro perpetua*
November 15, 1921 - August 3, 2004

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