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LATE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. Sorry I have not gotten news out sooner. We have had a death and several illnesses that I have not reported.

CALL & PRAY FOR:

Roger Bray surgery. Roger had extensive back surgery in late September, a 6-hour procedure.
Lewis Robards & Katha; C Co; 4598 Bolen Huse Rd, Memphis, TN 03128; 901-388-9982; lung cancer 3/10; lfrobards@att.net. He's doing well and is hoping to be at the 2011 reunion in San Antonio.
Andy Roy is going back to the hospital. 322 Squantum Rd, Jaffrey, N.H. 03452; 603-532-7565; vietroy789@aol.com

WADE CRAWFORD DIES. Wade's grandson, notified me that Wade died of bone and prostate cancer in early October. **Crawford**, Wade I & Ollie, B Co; 17031 NW 18th Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33056; 305-623-0640, 75; Korea CIB; wadeicrawford@gmail.com

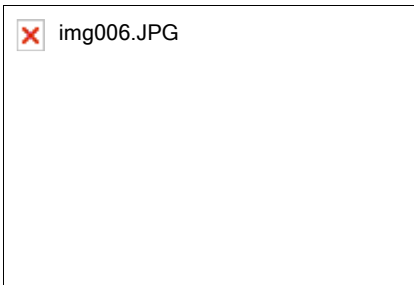
FOUND. Jerry Downard found: **Quasinick**, Lawrence (Larry); C Co Wpns, 6/66 +- 6/67; 1459 W. 9th St, Jacksonville, Fl. 32209; 904-353-0950 squasnick@comcast.net

UPDATE:

J.D. Corbett's email is: jd143703@att.net His PC crashed and he lost a lot of data.
Tyrone Nock's new email is: wldnlt4tyrn@aol.com
James M. Richardson new email: mackrae99@windstream.net

RAY RAMIREZ HONORED. Congresswoman Linda Sánchez Names Whittier Man First "Veteran of the Month"

Washington, DC—On Friday, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez kicked off her new veterans' outreach program by naming retired U.S. Army Sergeant E-5 Raymond Ramirez of the City of Whittier as the 39th Congressional District's first "Veteran of the Month." Mr. Ramirez is the first recipient of the award and was chosen by the newly created Veterans Advisory Council.



Mr. Ramirez began his military career in 1964 when he enlisted with the U.S. Army and was immediately deployed to Vietnam. He was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the first major ground combat unit of the U.S. Army to serve in Vietnam. Mr. Ramirez exhibited courage and heroism while in combat, earning him awards and medals including the Combat Infantry Badge and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster. His unit also received the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) for assisting the U.S. Marines in the fall of 1966, and the U.S. Army Meritorious Unit Citation. Upon his return from Vietnam

in June of 1967, he was assigned to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, TX.

"Mr. Ramirez' dedication to our country is inspiring and I was pleased to honor him today," said Congresswoman Sánchez. "It's vitally important that we never forget the sacrifices made by our

fighting men and women. I look forward to recognizing a new veteran each month."

Later, Mr. Ramirez attended Rio Hondo College and California State University, Los Angeles. He then worked for several years in the defense industry and then the County of Los Angeles and the City of Commerce for over 25 years.

He is currently an active member of the American Veterans Post 113 (Irwindale, CA) and the Association of the 173d Airborne Brigade, where he is the former President of the Western States, Chapter 10. Notably, he serves on the board of directors for the 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation whose "sole mission" is to build a 173d Memorial "on a piece of American soil."

To honor Sergeant Ramirez' hard work and dedication to his country, he was presented with a flag flown over the capitol in his name. The presentation took place at Congresswoman Sánchez' Cerritos office Friday.

Congresswoman Sánchez' "Veteran of the Month" program is coordinated by her Veterans Advisory Council, comprised of distinguished veterans from across the district. Each month, a veteran will be recognized for their service overseas and here at home. For more information regarding the "Veteran of the Month" program please contact Mr. Jamie Zamora at Jamie.zamora@mail.house.gov or (562) 860-5050.

4/503d WEBSITE - ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW. We can always have a reunion by going to our wonderful web site. Our webmaster, **Peter Klausner**, is always adding news and photos you have sent in. It also has:

* Links to VA and other sites.

* Lists by name of everyone we have found from each company.

Go to [Sign In](#) and add your name and comment. Some short comments in the 4th Battalion Stories came from the things you have said as you signed in. Looking for a lost buddy? Add that to your comments.

* If you want to contact Peter directly, here is his email address. logpc@comcast.net

The website broke 10,000 hits in September. Who would have guessed.

2011 REUNION IS A 'GO' THANKS TO JOHN PRATT AND BILLY ROBINSON. John Pratt and Billy Robinson in San Antonio will host the 4th Battalion reunion in 2011. We are still working on details.

2010 REUNION PHOTOS FROM DAVE LOOMIS. Here are some photos of the reunion on my facebook. Hope you enjoy them. <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2041167&id=1334991766&l=fdc34f6cec>

HOME DEPOT DISCOUNT. From **Randy Clausen**. Home Depot, at least in my home state of Minnesota, offers Vets a 10% discount on their purchases. I found this out by accident when talking with a store manager about sales prices in general at which time he responded by saying, "we offer a 10% discount to all Vets". They don't advertise it though so a Vet wouldn't know unless they found out in a roundabout way.

NEW 173D MARKER AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. From **Ken Smith**.

On 2 May 1998, the Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade dedicated a Memorial stone and tree in Arlington Cemetery to commemorate the heraldry of the Brigade and honor the fallen. The Society leadership felt that years of trying to get the Brigade reactivated would be unsuccessful, so the marker was inscribed with activation/deactivation dates and focused solely on Vietnam.

Within two years, the Brigade Color was unfurled in Italy and the vaunted "Wing and Bayonet" patch reappeared on the shoulders of a new generation of Sky Soldiers. In recognition of their valor and staying power, the Association leadership -- spearheaded by Sigholtz Chapter President Terry Modglin and Project Officer Ed Anthony -- have the task of replacing the original memorial stone with one that reflects more accurately the history and status of the Brigade. The symbols on the new marker will remain basically the same including the Australian and New Zealand crests. Some of the Vietnam specific wording will change.

The current 173d Airborne Brigade Association officers, in their wisdom, have declared the Arlington Memorial a Sigholtz Chapter responsibility and have assigned the Chapter responsibility for raising the \$3,000.00 needed for this project. Consistent with past practices, including the funding of the original Arlington marker, the Chapter will solicit donations from individuals rather than using Chapter dues for this project.

Arlington Cemetery Officials have approved the changed wording and Ed Anthony, who was project officer for the 1998 effort, has contacted the craftsmen who will produce the new marker. Chapter leaders plan to dedicate the new stone in May 2011. But **we need your support to make this happen.**

MG Williamson, with then-Chairman of the JCS, General Hugh Shelton, one of our own, presided at the 1998 ceremony. While MG Williamson will not physically be with us at the 2011 dedication, he will be there in spirit. In his honor, in memory of our comrades with whom we had the privilege of serving, and recognizing the valor, service, and sacrifices of our Sky Soldiers currently serving, I ask for your financial support for this project. We are not looking for large donations but want to spread the cost without pain.

Please make checks payable to the "Sigholtz Capitol Chapter" and marked "Arlington Memorial" and mail to: PO Box 15133, Arlington, VA 22215-0133. Contributions to the Memorial may be deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code and each donation will be acknowledged.

Ken Smith
Treasurer, Sigholtz Capital Chapter

50,00 NAMES. Song by **George Jones.**

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