



The Shako

The Official Newsletter of 'The Cleveland Grays'

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Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday October 22, 2007

Social Hour starts at 6:00

Business Meeting at 6:45

Speaker's Presentation at 7:00

RSVP~ Voicemail or email by NOON 10-21-07

**Acclaimed author and Vietnam
Army Nurse Corps Veteran**

Mary Reynolds Powell



In 1970, twenty-three year-old Army nurse, Mary Reynolds boarded a plane bound for Vietnam. Uncertain and alone, Mary had no idea what lay ahead.

Almost thirty years later, Mary tells of that year in her life: a year of discomfort, fear and anger, as well as courage, hope and love. She includes the stories of seven of her friends, among them a dust-off helicopter pilot, an infantry captain, a Vietnamese aide, a drug counselor, and an emergency room nurse, who were with her in Vietnam.

"A World of Hurt: Between Innocence and Arrogance in Vietnam" describes a war "winding down," while thousands still died. The survivors discovered that their perspectives about war, their country and themselves were forever changed.

Some of what she has shared in this book is her own feelings while other parts are those from some of the people she came to know while stationed at the 24th at a combat Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh, Vietnam.

Mary interviewed seven other individuals for *A World of Hurt* besides including her own personal stories of what it was like for her in-country and upon her return to the states. Stephanie Genthon Kilpatrick, John Miller, Frank Chamberlin, Son Dinh Nguyen, Chris Slavsky, Terry Corneil, Doug Powell and Mary shared so much in this interesting perspective 171-page book.

These individuals shared a lot with Mary who has now shared it with her readers. Their stories will amaze you as they all came from different lives as well as parts of the country. They all had feelings about the war before and after they served their country.

Retired Army Colonel David Hackworth wrote in his Foreword *"Mary Reynolds Powell's powerful book is the perfect antidote to blow the revisionists out of the water-with the facts eloquently presented....Frequently...I found tears running down my face."*

Mary Reynolds Powell, RN a graduate of Columbia University, served as a U.S. Army nurse at the 24th Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh in 1970-1971. Since her return from Vietnam, she has worked in community health and community issues in four different states.



She received a Master of Arts in Urban Sociology from the University of Colorado. Today she lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio with her husband Doug, whom she met in Vietnam, and their three children. ☆

Grays Benefit tickets on Sale Now!

“G.I. Jive” Swing Dance info is in the mail



In addition to the usual Grays “Shako” newsletter, a special mailing has gone out to our membership detailing the special “V.I.P.” ticket offer.

Once again, Terry Kitchen’s magnificent Big Band ensemble will be providing the dancing grooves.

The Dance portion of the program takes place Saturday November 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Cleveland Grays Armory.



The proceeds from this event will benefit Cleveland Grays Armory preservation efforts and the USMC Lance Corporal Andrew Nowacki Memorial Scholarship Fund. ☆

On-going ties with 107th Cavalry

“The Cleveland Grays” and “107th” have an intertwined and storied history



For many years, the officers and soldiers of the Ohio 107th maintained close ties with the Grays Armory and its militia forebears. Current Grays President Bill Roediger’s father served with these well known Ohio horse troopers~

STANLEY I. ROEDIGER (9 Nov. 1910-1 Jan. 1998) was a sergeant with the Mounted 107th Cavalry “A Troop” prior to World War II.

Just recently, a generous benefactor named *Anne Engel*, helped to maintain the historic links between these two military organizations. Mrs. Engel’s father, Lieutenant Colonel James R.

Harroff, also saw service with 107th, and she was kind enough to graciously donate his military memorabilia, war-time artifacts, books, and personal effects. James Harroff joined the military in 1933, and served during the war in the Pacific Theatre; he mustered out and returned to civilian life in 1946. Mrs. Engel and President Roediger found common threads in their fathers’ military backgrounds, and they spun many yarns during their cordial visit.

We can expect to learn more about the intertwining history of our “sister company” because the Armory’s Museum Chairman, *Dr. George Vourlojianis* (author of the Grays Militia history) has just completed his latest book, a history of the 107th Cavalry....Look to future newsletters for more details about the book. ☆



We note the Passing of a Fellow Gray ~

David Steven Hodesson, 60

Dave Hodesson, passed away last month on Monday September 24, 2007 at his North Olmsted residence.

On Wednesday, September 26 close friends, immediate family, and representatives from the Grays organization attended his memorial service in Youngstown at the Children of Israel Cemetery.

David was born March 23, 1947 in Youngstown, Ohio ~ a son of Bernard and Temma Weber Hodesson.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and later served as a member of the Ohio National Guard. In civilian life, Dave worked for The Youngstown State University Police Department. He was active with the Children of Israel Congregation, and the Cleveland Grays. Before his recent health problems and assisted-living limitations, Dave enjoyed volunteering with the Grays during National History Day events. ☆

Volunteers Needed ~Save the Date!

SATURDAY November 3, 2007...Clean-Up Day with luncheon scheduled 9:00-3:00. Call to let us know if you can make it!