



Safeside Newsletter

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WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME

More than 250 years have passed since our nation's Civil War. Much has changed since then. The one thing that has remained constant throughout our struggles, wars and deployments is our joy to see our warriors return home.

Back in 1863, an Irish-American songwriter wrote a little ditty that has become a theme for many of our conflicts. It spoke of the day when Johnny would return home from the battlefield. Many of you might have caught yourself humming or whistling the notes of, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again."

Today, it isn't only Johnny coming home, but also, Jane. Things are a little different than they were 250 years ago. Recently, Johnny and Jane didn't come marching home...they flew home in an

Atlas Air Charter jet, something that Civil War Johnny couldn't have imagined in his wildest dream. The mode of travel was different, but the emotions were the same, as friends and family greeted the 822nd Base Defense Squadron and 820th Combat Operations Squadron, upon their recent return from deployment. The hugs, kisses, handshakes and tears were readily abundant, as the troops marched into the Hangar and were finally given the Command they were waiting for..."DISMISSED!"

The Safeside Association commends every member of the 822nd BDS and 820th COS for their exemplary service and want to say, "WELCOME HOME."



I missed you!



Freedom Bird

TAPS

- Frank Flores---821st CSPA
- Sebastian Jenkins---822nd BDS
- Joe Uhlenkamp---1041st SPS(T)
- Terry Gallivan---822nd CSPA
- Frank D. Willingham---823rd CSPA



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2017 Reunion

The 2017 Safeside Reunion is tentatively scheduled for Nov 6-8, in Valdosta, GA/ Moody AFB.

Our host, the 820th Base Defense Group, determines the actual dates, based on mission requirements.

See you there.

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See Us on Facebook

Our Facebook page is open for business

We are currently 1,500 plus members strong and counting. Not a bad start for only six months in service !! Our Facebook page was developed as a joint effort of the 820th BDG and The Safeside Association. The purpose is to help bring all Safeside units both current and past together. It is not intended to replace the individual Unit pages but rather to provide one consolidated page for all who served in Safeside. It is a way to communicate events, reconnect and reminisce with old friends. You will find it full of current stuff that is happening right now as well as stories and photos from past deployments. This includes fascinating stories and photos of our founders, the 1041st. Members are encouraged and always adding photos and stories of both todays and yesterdays activities. The Safeside Association has posted hundreds of reunion photos from as early as 1996 through the last reunion at Moody AFB in 2015. To date we have

over 3,500 photos that are sorted in albums by Unit. Check it out, you may even find a pic of a younger version of yourself !

Our Safeside page will be THE PLACE to get up to date information on the reunion scheduled for 2017. Chatter with old friends and find out who is coming. Encourage those on the fence not to miss this epic opportunity to get together with their Safeside brothers and sisters. Remember, you have the capability to add members to the page. Simply click on the add members icon and add away. Only our members have the connections to get the word out. Let's all work together and hit 2,000 members by year end. ... and remember to post those photos !!

..... "Joined to Fight"

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Facebook is just one of many social media venues available in this world of instant communications. We hope everyone visits and contributes to our page. Remember, our page is the Heritage Page. It is all about you and your legacy, going forward. We have hundreds of photos, showing our mission and the brave men and women who have performed them in the past and continue to perform them today.
Visit your Safeside Heritage page today. Don't hesitate to post your photos.

Train Like You Fight

"The more you bleed during peace, the less you bleed during war."

Col P. Neal Scheidel, HQ USAFE/SP circa 1982

Colonel Scheidel was referring to the need to conduct rigorous training, during peace, in order to be prepared for war.

Colonel Scheidel was the first career Security Police Officer, promoted to Brigadier General

The Prez Sez

Jerry Nelson, President



Hooah /
 'hu:ɑ:/ is **military slang** Originally HOOA used by US Army Airborne in World War II meaning "Head Out Of Ass" and was a spin off of Radio Operators HUA "Heard Understood Acknowledged" as the term spread throughout the Army it became more of a general meaning "anything and everything except 'no.'"

My Fellow Safeside Brothers and Sisters,

First, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It is always amazing how fast time flies. This year, we have several projects that will be of interest to everyone. As your President, I am very excited about where we are and what we have ahead of us. I will do my best to provide detailed information in this letter and in other newsletter articles about those plans.

Sherry and I were able to attend the Vietnam Security Police Association Reunion in Tampa, FL in October. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit with many old friends and made some new ones. As always, the relationship with our Brothers and the sense of Brotherhood throughout the events was wonderful. We had several Safeside members' in attendance. The visit to MacDill AFB, FL was memorable and visiting with the troops was very nice. The next VSPA reunion is in San Antonio, TX, October 4-8, 2017. Anytime we have a reunion in San Antonio, we have a large turnout. I strongly encourage you to make an effort to attend. There are numerous locations to visit that are of interest to all of us. If you have questions, please give me a call

or send me an e-mail.

We will have our Safeside reunion in Valdosta, GA on November 6-9, 2017. Pete and I have already started planning all activities and making all necessary arrangements. We will be staying in the newly renovated Holiday Inn. Room contracts have already been arranged. We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1041st SPS (T) and the 20th Anniversary of the 820BDG. While formal celebrations will take place earlier, we, as an Association, will celebrate during the reunion. In addition, we are making a special effort to ensure we have plenty of time to spend with the troops from the units during the BBQ. Please start making your plans now to join us. There will be further details in the near future.

In 2016, I had the opportunity to attend the 1041st SPS (T) reunion in Lytle, TX. I attended a gathering at the home of Richard and Julie Geer. She is the daughter of our departed Ranger Bill Revell. They had built an outdoor covered patio in his honor and it was beautiful. It was a grand day. There will be more information about the event in a later article. It was easy to see why the 1041st was so successful;

they are a wonderful group that truly enjoys each other's company! I had a wonderful time visiting with them.

Several years ago, Dave Pierson, 821 CSPPS, and I attend the dedication of the VSPA Bench at the Air Force Museum at Dayton, OH. We discussed the possibility of Safeside having some lasting presence at that location. In late 2016, our Board of Directors voted to approve design and fund-raising for a Safeside Bench at the Defender statue at the Museum. Additional information will be presented in an article in this newsletter.

Lastly, I was recently selected by the Air Force Museum Foundation to serve on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. This will allow me to help preserve the history and legacy of Air Force Air Police, Security Police and Security Forces. It is an honor to serve and there are lots of plans to update the facility. As those things happen, I will update you.

It has always been an honor to serve this Association. If I can be of assistance, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I am always available!

Jerry R. Nelson

Job Offer — Big Pay, Little Work

All Board Members were elected at our 2015 Reunion for a period of three years. Our By-laws are being changed to make terms of office are to be for four years, since we only meet every other year.

However, the office of Vice President will be available next year. Pete Villarreal will have held this position for thirteen years, and has decided that its time for younger members to step up. All interested members should make their intentions known at our scheduled business meeting during the 2017 Safeside Reunion. The pay is excellent, and we can negotiate a raise for those who may be over qualified. Duties of the VP are listed in our website, at the link: "By-Laws." Additionally, anyone interested can submit questions to Pete at 907-388-6942.

Starting salary is Zero Dollars per year but it doubles each year, after that.

The Veep Speaks

Pete Villarreal, Vice President

Its official – our Safeside Reunion is scheduled for Nov 6 – 8 2017. Base Camp will be the Holiday Inn. Information regarding reservations, registration and such is forthcoming. Our host will be Col Kevin Walker, who was previously assigned to the 820th. Before returning to assume Command of the Group. It's exciting to have our officers return as the Commander!!

The 820th Base Defense Group is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017. The Group stood up at Lackland AFB on Mar 17, 1997. A celebration is planned for that day and I'll get the word out when I get any information.

Our 1041st Security Police Sq (T) celebrated its 50th anniversary this year in Texas. They had a great turnout, and our 1041st SPS (T) Board of Director has provided an article for this Newsletter.

We had our 2016 Board of Director's Meeting at Moody AFB on Aug 1. I got to meet my 823rd BDS adopted troop, Airman Ameera McCray. Three of us stayed an extra day to talk to the troops, and on Aug 2 myself, President Jerry Nelson and 821st Board of Director David Pierson visited the 822nd BDS Commander, Maj Julia Jefferson. We chatted and later during the week

she joined the Association! Hooah! We then addressed the 824th BDS Ghost Walkers; Jerry brought them up to date on our activities, and I briefed them on our Adoption Program. David Pierson's adopted troop was in the audience. – what a pleasant surprise. We got to meet Major Warren, the 824th BDS Commander. Several interesting articles are included in this Newsletter. We look forward to seeing many of you at our next Safeside Reunion.



Vice President Pete Villarreal, with his adopted troop, Amn Ameera McCray

Jumping Without a 'Chute

Making the transition from military life to the civilian world can be tough. The Safeside team has made a service available that can help you make that transition effectively. Two Safeside members, Brent French and Hamish Smith, will work with you to discuss your transition plan, review your resume, and help you navigate the change. Brent and Hamish both served in Security Forces and were initial members of

the 820SFG when it stood up in 1997. Brent left active duty in 1999, served in corporate leadership roles, and continues to serve as an O-6 in the USAF Reserves; Hamish also left active duty at the same time, and has served in leadership positions across the corporate sector. Brent specializes in higher education, IT hardware, and software development. Hamish specializes in healthcare, IT implementations

and business development. They have a wealth of experience they want to share with Safeside members when it comes time to leave the USAF.

They are standing by to help. You can reach them at Hamish.Stewartsmith@gmail.com, and befrench@wpi.edu, and feel free to connect with them on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/brentfrenchph> and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/hamishalasdair>.

The young patriots now returning from war in Iraq and Afghanistan and other deployments worldwide are joining the ranks of veterans to whom America owes an immense debt of gratitude.

[Steve Buyer](#)

Adopt a Troop

"As a Safeside Association member I have had the privilege and honor to connect with the following deployed "Defenders" from Moody: Timothy Lott, Joel Johnson and Christopher Williams.

We exchanged several emails while they were deployed and I pray each is doing great.

There are two things I regret: First, not always knowing if packages arrived or were delivered, (and I do appreciate the challenges with mail that way-- especially packages); and two, that Margaret and I have not been able to meet each of the Defenders personally---hopefully we will at the 2017 reunion.

If either of you see your name here, a short note would be fantastic---it would be so good to hear from you.

Thanks for your service to our great country and---Godspeed

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Safesiders Wash “The Wall”

Gary Jones

It was still dark, as I left Arlington, headed for downtown DC. Even at 5:30, in the morning, there was considerable traffic. I sipped on my coffee, as I took my Exit, at 14th Street and drove down past the Holocaust Museum, the Washington Monument and the African-American History Museum. I turned West on Constitution Avenue and caught a glimpse of the White House on my right. In just a few short minutes, I had covered so much of our Nation’s history. I continued driving West, until I got to the Federal Reserve, where I did an illegal U-turn, as I have done so many times in the past and parked at the 21st Street entrance to the National Mall.

I walked down a dimly lit path, until I reached the East end of the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial (aka “The Wall”). My eyes got misty, as they always do, as I looked down this beautiful piece of art—a fitting tribute to the more than 58 thousand men and women who died in Vietnam. I thought about old friends, a cousin and even those I never knew. I was especially mindful of the Air Police/Security Police, who made the supreme sacrifice. Heroes all. There was Captain Reg Maisey, posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross, for his extraordinarily heroic actions at Bien Hoa (pronounced “Ben Wah”) Air Base; A2C George Bevich, posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions at Tan Son Nhut (pronounced Tahn Son Noot) Air Base; SSgt Terrance Jensen, posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions at Da Nang Air Base. There are the nineteen Security Policemen, who perished when their helicopter crashed (possibly due to hostile fire), while on an air assault mission to recapture the U.S.S. Mayaguez, taken by hostile Cambodian forces. “The Wall” is the final resting place for many Air/Security Police and my pas-

sion is to ensure they are not forgotten.

As daylight started to appear, so did “the troops.” The crew consisted of grizzled and aging Vietnam-Thailand Veterans, Desert Storm Vets, Iraq/Afghanistan Vets, Spouses, children, a Scout Troop and others, who just cared.

Twice a year, Eagle Chapter, Air Force Security Forces Association, sponsors an event to wash “The Wall.” The Park Service never has the funds or enough people to properly maintain many of our Nation’s most precious monuments, so Volunteers step up to help. We gathered at the flag pole, by the Three Soldiers statue, under the watchful eye of Abraham Lincoln, just yards away, in the Lincoln Memorial. After introductions and a short safety briefing by the Park Ranger, Vietnam Security Police Association Chaplain Jim Stastny, provided the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. I gave a brief history lesson of “The Wall” and some of the Heroes, for the benefit of our young people. The most important lesson is that every one of the more than 58 thousand names on “The Wall,” is more than just a name. They were Brothers, Sisters, Husbands, Fathers, Uncles, Cousins...all loved and missed by their families. Every name has a story. May their stories always be told.

I want to give a special shout out to the Safesiders, who participated in the wash. Dick Clower, 1041st SPS(T); Kevin and Sherrie Ball 822nd SFS (now 822nd BDS); Bill McGraw, 821st and 822nd CSPS; Rich Nucifora, 821st CSPS and me, 822nd CSPS. None of the Safesiders just drove down the block to participate. Dick drove from PA; Kevin and Sherrie drove from Delaware; Bill drove

from the outer banks of MD; Rich drove from CT and I drove from SC.

After completing the wash, Chaplain Stastny led the group in a prayer of thanks and we rendered a hand salute to our fallen Brothers and Sisters. R.I.P.

“It’s silly talking about how many years we will have to spend in the jungles of Vietnam when we could pave the whole country and put parking stripes on it and still be home for Christmas.”

—Ronald Reagan, October 10, 1965, interview with the Fresno Bee during his California gubernatorial campaign.



L to R: Dick Clower, 1041st SPS(T); Sherrie Ball, 822nd SFS; Kevin Ball, 822nd SFS; Gary Jones 822nd CSPS; Bill McGraw, 821st and 822nd CSPS; Rich Nucifora, 821st CSPS



A photo of one of the many mementoes, left at “The Wall” every year. Our Military Working Dogs performed courageously then, as they still do today.

Adopt-a-Troop

Dave Pierson

In April of 2015 Kathy and I attended the reunion at Moody AFB and were fortunate enough to meet with the 824th. We played golf with the troops and attended a dining out in one of the hangars. Us old guys were seated on the side during the water fight for our protection. However, someone from our group picked up a water balloon and tossed it into the mix and we were now involved. What a great night and the fun we had with the troops will not be forgotten.

We were given the opportunity to adopt a troop from the group when they were deployed two weeks later. So we began a communication with AIC Chase Elliot. We found out he was from the Phoenix area and as we were going there for spring training we picked his brain for places to go and places to eat. He gave us a few restaurants to try. We found one and it was great. It is nice to have local input.

When Chase mentioned he was at the golf tournament in April he said he was wearing red, white and blue golf shorts and sporting a big mustache. We searched through our pictures and found one with him in it. Now I knew who to look for when I attended the board meeting at Moody AFB in August.

At Moody in Aug. Safeside President Jerry Nelson addressed the troops. He introduced the board members present. By that time I had spotted Chase in the crowd, actually I spotted the "stach" and knew it had to be Chase. When I was announced I pointed at him and he pointed at me. After the presentation Chase came down to meet me. He asked where Kathy was and I told him that she doesn't come to the board meetings only the reunions

We had just enough time for a few pictures and for him to thank us for the goodies we sent. All of the "adoptees" seemed to really appreciate the correspondence with us old troops. It was very nice to meet Chase, because very few of us ever get to meet the troop that we adopted.

We still keep tabs on Chase on Facebook and he seems to be doing well. I still owe him a beer though; or.....maybe he owes me one. I like that idea better.

Dave Pierson
821st CSPS



Our "adoptee," Chase, 824th BDS (in the patriotic red, white and blue shorts)

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Hello to all my fellow Safesiders. The holidays over and that means membership dues are due for the members who pay yearly. Dues remain at \$15 per year. Life memberships are available. The cost depends on your age. See our web site for Life Membership fees.

New members receive a bumper sticker, a pin and a membership card. Other items are available in the PX. If you are wondering if your dues are payable just look in the lower left corner of your membership card. If the year date is 2016, the answer is yes. Yearly dues become due on the first of January of each year. If dues are not paid by the first of March you will be removed from the membership roster. You must be a paid member to attend the reunion coming in 2017.

Please pay for your membership with Pay Pal on the Association website. You may also mail your payment to:
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Some of you may not think it important to join the Association. You will think differently in the future. When you want to locate a friend you served with in Safeside and have no way of contacting them. If you fill out an information sheet and keep the data current you will always have a point of contact, the Association.

Please refer any questions about membership to me at: retiredadams@gmail.com

Hope to see you at the reunion and please become a member of the Safeside Association.

Rick Adams, Membership Chairman, 823rd CSPS

Let Them Eat Cake...

By Jerry Nelson

This story is written in honor of one of our favorite Rangers, Larry Wallace, more appropriately called Ranger 2 of the 1041st SPS (T). The information for this story came from Ron Scammerhorn, who is also a member of the 1041st.

Larry had, on numerous occasions, informed all the 1041st members about this wonderful strawberry cake that someone had made for him. He would go into great detail explaining it to everyone. One day, Ron was coming out of Walmart in Paris, TN when he was approached by an unknown lady. She asked Ron did he know Larry Wallace. Ron said it was difficult to admit; however, he did finally tell her he knew Larry. She was excited and explained to Ron that she was the one who made his favorite strawberry cake. When Ron explained that he would see Larry at the next reunion in Texas in October 2016, she was very happy. She asked Ron, if she made Larry a strawberry cake would Ron take it to him. Of course, Ron said he would deliver it to Larry.

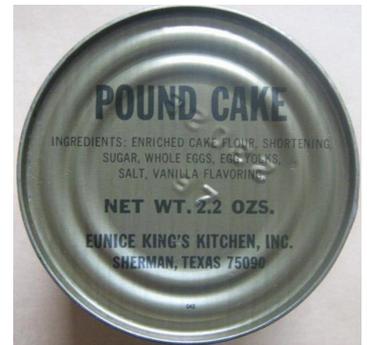
Once delivered to Ron, he packed his car and headed to pick up Ranger Jimmy Hall for their trip to Texas. Ron stated that his greatest mistake was telling Larry that she had made him the cake. Larry called daily to check and ensure that he still had possession of it. Ron assured Larry that he

had it and was heading to Texas. Ron did admit that once he arrived in Bessemer, AL, he and Jimmy Hall did celebrate by sampling a piece of the cake. Ron and Jimmy both admitted that the cake was as good as it was bragged to be. Of course, they did not inform Larry of the sample they had enjoyed.

As I understand it, Larry continued to call after leaving Bessemer, AL to ensure it was still with them. Ron, Jimmy and the rest of the 1041st had heard about this delicious cake and assumed that once it arrived, they would be offered a sample. Well, as the story goes, once it was presented to Larry, Ranger Two made a tactical maneuver to his room with the cake. As the days continued to pass by, Larry never mentioned anything about the cake. Apparently, after much harassment, on the final night at the hotel, Larry brought it down and allowed everyone to have a piece. I have provided a picture of Ranger 2 with his prized cake. I also managed to get the recipe and will let everyone know how good it is.

Larry, we love you Brother! I am only having a little fun about the experience. All the information gained in this story comes from Ron and if something is wrong, take it out on him. I would like to say how honored I was to have the opportuni-

ty to spend some time with the 1041st during their reunion. I had the time to brief them on our Association's activities and our upcoming reunion in November 2017. It is easy to see why you guys were so successful. I look forward to seeing many of you at our reunion.



Ranger 2 (aka Larry Wallace) enjoying his strawberry cake.



PRESERVING OUR LEGACY

Jerry Nelson, President

Several years ago, Dave Pierson and I attended the dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Security Police Association Bench at the Air Force Museum, Dayton, Ohio. While walking the grounds, we discussed the possibility that someday there would be something to recognize the history of Operation Safeside and the Safeside Association. We agreed it was very important that we have a lasting memorial to the sacrifices of our men and women. It would be a lasting testament to our legacy.

I am very proud to announce that your Board of Directors voted unanimously to plan, design and fund a Safeside Bench at the Museum of the United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The bench will represent all elements of the 1041 SPS (T), the 82CSPW and the 820 BDG. It will be built on the grounds of the Air Force Security Forces Association's Defender statue. At the statue, there are benches from the AFSFA, SAC Elite Guard and the Vietnam Security Police Association. Once we have the design approved, we have reserved the last open spot for a bench.

The bench will be identical to those depicted in the pictures, except for the information will be about Operation Safeside and the Safeside Association. All Safeside units will be represented. We have hired a graphics artist to assist in our effort and are diligently working on the development and design. This endeavor will cost the Association approximately \$5,000.

We solicit your help to build this lasting monument to all our service in the defense of our country. You may donate at our web site at <http://www.safesideassociation.org/main/memorial-bench>, by clicking on the "Donate" button, which will link to Pay Pal. You do not have to have a Pay Pal account to donate. Donations may also be sent to our Treasurer, Ray Silhavy, 2834 Red Maple Drive, Katy, TX 77494. If paying by check, please make it out to Operation Safeside, Inc., and annotate the memo section with Safeside Bench Donation. The Safeside Association is an IRS tax exempt 501(c)(19) organization. As such, your donations are tax deductible.

As noted earlier, we are extremely excited about this project and look forward to its completion. When we have completed construction, we are planning an out of cycle Safeside Reunion in Dayton, OH to dedicate the bench sometime in 2018. That will be a special event and would love for everyone to attend.

With your help, we hope to complete construction of our bench in early 2018. We will dedicate the bench at a special, out of cycle, Safeside Reunion in Dayton, OH, in 2018.

Pictured below are photos of benches already in place. Our design will be similar, but will represent our Safeside units.



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The Safeside Association, Inc., is a non-profit organization, chartered in the State of Texas. The Association is formed for the purpose of promoting fellowship among its members; preserving and protecting the history and heritage of the Safeside Squadrons, Group and Wing; and performing charitable works, as determined by the membership and officers of the Association.

The Association does not discriminate on basis of race, color, creed, gender, sexual preference or national origin.

The Association is governed by its By-Laws and a Board of Directors, elected by its Members.

The Association is a tax exempt organization, in accordance with I.R.S. rule 501(c)(19). As such, any donations to the Association are tax deductible.

A Work of Art and History

We recently received word from Alan Moore, 822nd Combat Security Police, that his son-in-law had created a wood carving of 822nd CSP patch, and Alan wanted to donate it to the 822nd BDS at Moody AFB.

We contacted the 822nd BDS Commander, Lt Col Jefferson, and learned that the Double Deuce was nearing completion of their Unit Learning Center/Heritage Room. Lt Col Jefferson felt that the carving would make a nice addition to their displays and expressed her thanks for the donation.

Alan Moore received Safeside training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He deployed to Bien Hoa, Vietnam in October, 1968. Alan designed the original 822nd CSPS patch, which serves as the basic design of the 822nd Base Defense Squadron patch. The legacy of the 822nd lives on, thanks to Alan.

