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Third Infantry Division (2004-Present)

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“New Association President’s Acceptance Remarks”

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Headquarters Company, 5-7 Cav (September 1967-January 1968)

Commanding Officer, Bravo Company, 5-7 Cav (January-February 1968)

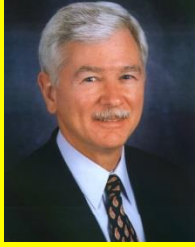
Thank you very much, General Edmonds, for your kind introduction. And thank you even more for your outstanding leadership of our association during the past 12 years and through six reunions.

My name is Howard so please call me that. I take energy from your presence here tonight and I hope to meet as many of you in person as I can. I welcome email messages from anyone and my email address is htprince@earthlink.net. Not earthlink.com.

I didn't join our association at our reunion here in Colorado Springs in 2006 to seek an elected office. No, I joined for the same reasons I think you did: to rejoin our brotherhood, to renew friendships, to fill in some of the blanks in what I knew of our war experiences, and to continue the healing.

It is a high honor and it will be a great privilege to serve as your association president. When Maury Edmonds asked me if I would serve, I told him I did not seek a position as an elected officer but I would serve if asked. Maury's shoes have left footprints too large to be filled by any successor, so I simply pledge to you that I will do my best to serve the interests of our members and nothing else.

This association has been so well led and is so successful that the watchword for a new leader at this point must be continuity, not change, although I hope we will continue to find ways to serve our members better in the future. We have a very strong team of association officers and I expect and intend to lean on them and to learn from them. I also would love to hear your ideas about how to make our association even better in the years to come and I ask for your help and support as we go forward together.



HOWARD T. PRINCE II

Prince began his Army career as an infantry officer in the 1st Battle Group, 187th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in January 1963. He later joined the 5th Battalion, 7th US Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in South Vietnam in September 1967. He was initially assigned to the battalion staff as the S-2/Asst. S-3 and then served as the Commanding Officer of Bravo Company until he was wounded for the second time and medically evacuated to the United States on February 21, 1968 during the TET Offensive. After a lengthy convalescence and rehabilitation he earned a PhD in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin before joining the permanent faculty at West Point where he served until his retirement. His military awards and decorations include two awards of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal for Service, two Bronze Star Medals for Valor, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. During his Army career he also earned the Ranger Tab, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Expert Infantryman Badge. After serving for over twenty-eight years in the United States Army, he was advanced on the retired list to the rank of Brigadier General and presented with the Distinguished Service Medal upon his retirement in 1990.

At present Prince has an appointment as a Clinical Professor and holds the Loyd Hackler Endowed Chair in Ethical Leadership as a faculty member in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs (LBJ School) at the University of Texas at Austin. He joined the LBJ School in September 1999 and was the founding Director of the Center for Ethical Leadership. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the Texas Excellence Teaching Award as the outstanding teacher in the LBJ School for AY 2001-2002 by nomination of the student body. In 2008 he was chosen by The Eyes of Texas, a student organization, for The Eyes of Texas Excellence Award for outstanding contributions to student life.

Previously he served as the founding dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Professor of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond, where he was responsible for the development of the first undergraduate leadership degree program in the world from October 1990 through June 1996. He then held the George and Virginia Modlin Endowed Chair as Professor of Leadership Studies as a faculty member through June 1997. Before going to Richmond, Prince was the Professor and Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York from July 1978 through September 1990 where he developed both graduate and undergraduate leadership programs and was instrumental in reshaping leader development throughout the U. S. Army.

Prince is an accomplished educator and leader who has held positions of increasing responsibility throughout a lifetime of public service. He has been active in promoting leadership education and leader development on the national and international levels for many years as a consultant and speaker. In 1996 the Association of Leadership Educators honored him with its Distinguished Leadership Service Award. Division 19 of the American Psychological Association, the Society of Military Psychology, presented him with the John R. Flanagan Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2009.

A 1962 honor graduate of West Point, he also holds the Master of Arts degree in International Relations from American University. During 1965-67 he studied economics, history, law, political science and sociology at the University of Bonn in Germany as an Olmsted Scholar, and earned the PhD in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975. He is a clinical psychologist and a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He is also a graduate of the U. S. Army War College. In 2006 he was selected for the highest honor given by West Point to its alumni, the Distinguished Graduate Award.