

THE PACER

An American story



CHAPTER EIGHT

By DAVID PARAMORE

After I was released to return to my unit, I spent about two weeks in our rear area.

The 1st Battalion was still located in I-Corps at the time, and we were on LZ Sharon, just outside the city limits of Quang Tri City.

I still had stitches in my scalp, and while I was up and mobile, I was given several small tasks in the form of "light duty."

I retrieved the steel pot that had saved my life and placed it with the rest of my personal things, mostly war souvenirs that I would take home when I finished my year in country.

The things I had collected included the T53 Chinese bolt-action rifle I claimed when our squad located that arms cache out west of LZ Pedro, my steel pot with the very large dent that I was wearing when I was shot, a few North Vietnamese

coins and a compass with Vietnamese writing on it.

One thing I found very odd was the fact that my steel pot would no longer fit over my head -- even without the liner installed!

The dent, resembling half of a softball, was simply pushed in so far that my head would no longer fit.

That helped explain the two-week long headache.

Eventually my stitches were removed, and I was getting close to returning to active duty, which would mean heading back to the field.

I was reading the bulletin board one day when I noticed a posting for an engineer position on a PBR in Quin Nhon Harbor. PBR stood for "Patrol Boat River," as well as for Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, but in this case, it is the former we are talking about.

I asked our officer of the day if I could bid on it, and he asked if I had any experience with boats.

I told him I was from the Florida Gulf Coast, where everyone had a boat, knowing that if given the chance I could fake it until I had the position.

I did not want to go back to the infantry unit, humping all day and sleeping in the mud.

I was allowed to place my name in contention for the engineer position on the PBR, and of the two of us that bid on the job, I was selected because I had been in Vietnam for one day longer.

By this time, I had been in country for almost nine months, all of it spent with A Company, 1st of the 8th Cavalry.

My days primarily consisted of waking up in the morning behind a foxhole that I dug the night before, eating a breakfast of C-rations and moving out

through some of the most inhospitable terrain on earth.

Sometimes we were in jungle so thick you could barely see 10 feet.

Other times we were in areas that resembled New England in the winter, due to Agent Orange stripping all of the foliage from the trees -- can you believe we were told the stuff would not harm us!

I was put on TDY (temporary duty) with the 18th MP Brigade -- the unit operating the PBRs in Quin Nhon Harbor.

This was an MP unit because their primary mission was seen as a police action.

Our duties were basically to keep the civilian population of Quin Nhon from stealing everything that was unloaded in the harbor and intended for the U.S. Army and the war effort. Quin Nhon had a huge harbor at that time, as the U.S. was still building up its forces in Vietnam, and the 18th MP Brigade operated five PBRs from a small dock just behind the waterfront proper.

The day I arrived at the unit, its strength was just about 25 strong. Our detachment commander was a staff sergeant E6.

My rank at that time was E4, and because of my time-in-grade, I was placed as the second-highest ranking man there.

My remaining time in Vietnam was spent on and around the water of Quin Nhon Harbor.

We kept two PBRs crewed and active both day and night. We worked two 12-hour shifts per day, including a 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. day shift and a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. night shift.

After the first couple of days assigned as an engineer on one of the boats, I was asked to take the night shift as a night duty officer.

My position kept me in and around our command/radio shack all night, which was located on shore at the end of our dock.

I made sure the radio operator stayed awake all night and that the radio logs were kept current. The two PBRs active on each shift were crewed by four soldiers -- yes, soldiers, not sailors!

Each boat had a coxswain, an engineer, a bow gunner and a stern gunner.

The coxswain was in command of the boat and made all decisions while on the water.

The engineer was in charge

of keeping the boat operating.

The gunners manned the boats armament, which consisted of twin fifties up front -- a pair of electrically aimed and fired 50-caliber machines -- Ma Duce x 2.

The guy in back had a pedestal-mounted M60 belt-fed 7.62 machine gun, as well as a hand-cranked 40mm grenade launcher that operated very similar to Mr. Gatlin's machine gun from the Civil War.

Each man had his own personal M16 and a 1911 Colt 45 automatic pistol as well.

All in all, these 34-foot fiberglass boats packed a very nasty punch.

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LEGALS

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Name in which assessed: Samantha & Melanie Lyles
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 12th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2021
Signature: Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court

**TDA 21-011
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Citrus Capital Holdings, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 1135
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R06696-000
Described as Dekle Beach Gulf Front Unrecorded Subdivision Lot 14 no metes and bounds description less 1/2 interest in oil, gas and mineral rights. Taylor County Official Record Book 484, Page 906 subject to Life Estate in Official Record 610 page 56. Located in Section 27 Township 07 Range 07 Containing .10 acres MOL

Name in which assessed Milton P Sumrell
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2021
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

**TDA 21-014
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Certificate Number: 296
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R02635-000
Described as Perry Heights Subdivision Lots 13 & 14 Block 11 Taylor County Official Record Book 353, Page 900. Located in Section 13 Township 04 Range 07 Containing .31 acres MOL

Name in which assessed Marlene B Doyle
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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Certificate Number: 302
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R02703-000
Described as Perry Heights Subdivision Lots 15, 16, 17 & 18 Block 4 Taylor County Official Record Book 276 page 180, book 422 page 105 CT, book 769 page 316, book 778, Page 719 Containing .61 acres MOL

Name in which assessed Ruben J Cabrera / US Bank Trust NA
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Certificate Number: 358
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R03083-600
Described as El Rancho Subdivision Lot 7 Block C Taylor County Official Record Book 440, Page 705. Located in Section 23 Township 04 Range 07 Containing .26 acres MOL

Name in which assessed: Sugar LLC
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Name in which assessed: Sadytril Bishop
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FINAL DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN-BUILD) FOR**

42 degrees West 102.72 feet then run North 51 degrees West 62.69 feet then run North 59 degrees West 565.82 feet then run North 57 degrees West 232.78 feet then run North 65 degrees West 66.25 feet then run South 86 degrees West 51.42 feet then run South 74 degrees West 430.81 feet then run South 77 degrees West 323.18 feet then run South 85 degrees West 109.21 feet then run North 82 degrees West 87.7 feet then run North 59 degrees West 86.68 feet then run North 49 degrees West 217.39 feet then run North 52 degrees West 257.37 feet then run North 60 degrees West 72.41 feet then run North 26 degrees East 1303.31 feet then run North 26 degrees East 377.18 feet then run South 1138.65 feet then run East 2648.6 feet then run South 1319.06 feet to a point of beginning subject to & together with easements. Taylor County Official Record Book 671, Page 250 Official Record 775 page 268. Located in Section 31 Township 02 Range 08 Containing 74.52 acres MOL

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TAYLOR COUNTY FIRE - STATION 2 FACILITY
The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals from Design/Builder Firms for the Taylor County Fire - Station 2, a Design-Build Improvement Project.

Qualified Firms desiring to provide the required Design-Build products or services must submit five (5) packages in a sealed envelope or similar package marked "Sealed Proposal for Taylor County Fire - Station 2" to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida, to arrive no later than 4:00 P.M., local time, on July 16, 2021. All Proposals MUST have the respondent's name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Proposals will be opened

and respondents announced at 9:00 A.M. local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on July 20, 2021, in the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347.

Proposal information MUST be obtained on-line at the following website address: www.taylorcountygov.com/government/county_bids/index.php. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at the Administrative Complex located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347.

The County reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all Proposals, to cancel or withdraw this solicitation at any time and waive any irregularities in the solicitation process. The County reserves the right to award any contract to the respondent which

deems to offer the best overall service; therefore, the County is not bound to award any contract(s) based on the lowest quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive any minor defects in the process and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the County's best interest. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to assign a local business preference in an amount of five (5) percent of the proposal price pursuant to Taylor County Ordinance No. 2003-12. No faxed Proposals will be accepted.

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