

THE PACER

An American story

CHAPTER 12

By DAVID PARAMORE

By that time, I had only about 10 days until I was scheduled to leave Vietnam for good to head back home.

I talked to Sgt. Richardson about when my last day would be with the PBR Unit, and we decided that because I had to return to my original unit (A Company, 1st of the 8th Cavalry) to officially clear out before heading home, I could leave the unit on February 25, 1969.

I said my goodbyes to Sgt. Richardson and the rest of the guys in Quin Nhon on the morning of Feb. 26, 1969, telling Kenneth Swanson that I would write to his father and let him know when I was coming to pick up the pieces of the PA-20.

He asked me to hold off, if I could, until he was home so I would have help. He only had about six months left in-country at that time.

I was able to catch a ride with a convoy of trucks headed to Pleiku.

From there, I caught a Chinook to An Khe, where the 1st Cavalry Division was based. From the heliport I was able to find the 1st of the 8th's rear area and got a cot for the night in their transient barracks.

Travel to this point had taken

up most of the day, and I did not start clearing my paperwork and gathering up my war souvenirs until the following morning -- Feb. 27, 1969.

Before going to bed that night, one of the orderlies showed me where the closest bunker to my barracks was located.

He told me that while Charlie had left them alone lately, they were due for a good rocket or mortar attack.

His words would prove prophetic. At about 3 a.m., I was awakened by a ground shudder and a loud "WHOOM!"

Instantly awake, I was in my boots and on my way to the bunker by the time the second round landed.

While the impact area was 100-150 yards away, these sounded like 122mm rockets.

If you have ever lived through one of these rocket attacks, you know that is still too damn close!

After listening to about three more rounds come in, all was quiet. We waited in the bunker for about another 30 minutes before deciding Charlie had shot all that he had brought that night and that it was safe to go back to bed.

Damn! Three days before leaving Vietnam, and I had been subjected to one more rocket

attack! Would this crap never end?

I slept in until after 7 a.m. the next morning and made it to breakfast just before the mess hall closed. Coffee, real scrambled eggs, bacon and toast hit the spot!

Now it was time to go get cleared to go home. I went over to the company orderly room just after 9 a.m. and reported in.

It was the morning of Feb. 28, 1969, which meant I had just three full days before I boarded that jet headed back to the real world.

I told the desk sergeant my name and that I was reporting in to be processed back to the USA.

He looked up my records and asked about my time with the 18th MP Brigade. I told him it was miles above staying in the field and sleeping on the ground every night.

He gave me some paperwork and told me to help myself to coffee while he let the captain know I was there.

I poured a cup of black coffee in a reasonably-clean coffee cup and settled in to wait. I had mostly finished my coffee when the desk sergeant's phone rang.

I had not heard that sound for almost a year. He told me the captain would see me now and motioned toward a door labeled "Officer of the Day," instructing me to knock.

"Enter," I heard a voice say, before I opened the door to see one of my former platoon leaders, Lieutenant Ingersoll, now wearing

captain's bars.

I noted his promotion and congratulated him before he asked what I had been doing since he saw me last.

I recounted to him about being shot in the head and how that had ultimately led to my TDY assignment with the 18th MP Brigade and the PBR unit at Quin Nhon, ending with the fact I was processing back to civilian life.

Capt. Ingersoll said they had me in the queue to be processed back to the states and asked if I had ever considered staying in the Army? I politely, but firmly, replied, "NO, sir!"

I told him when I was released from service I was going back to school.

We chatted a bit about our time in the 1st of the 8th and some of the missions we completed together. He told me what he knew of my former 1st Squad teammates, which was not a lot.

Finally, he told me I needed to go see the supply sergeant, gave me another typed paper to put in my files and instructed me to get an orderly to take me to Supply.

I saluted and wished him well, before he told me he only had five weeks left in-country himself. That was the last time I would see Capt. Ingersoll.

The desk sergeant got an orderly to take me to Supply. There was one other guy going with us, and we would travel to that area by Jeep, as it was quite a ways -- almost completely across the compound.

We motored over to the supply tent and found a staff sergeant busy with another guy trying to get

processed back home.

He opened a file cabinet and pulled out my supply file. The Army keeps records of everything. After looking through my file, he told me I had already turned in all my gear about three months ago. I told him about my TDY excursion with the 18th MP unit, and he signed me off as cleared.

I asked him about my personal items lock up and my footlocker, containing the things I had been keeping in the rear area to take home.

He went back to my file and pulled another folder, as I was telling him about the T53 Chinese rifle and the bent-up steel helmet that had saved my life.

When the runner returned with a footlocker with my name stenciled on it, the supply sergeant took a master key from a ring on the desk and opened the locker to reveal it was completely empty.

Someone had taken my shot-up steel pot and my Vietnamese compass, along with everything else inside! The only items that had been logged in were the steel pot, the compass and a Marine K-Bar knife from WWII that I had taken off of a VC we had killed in the field.

There was no recourse. My war trophies were gone...just gone. But at least I still had the T53 back at the armory, where I would pick it up the next morning when I left An Khe for Cam Ranh Bay -- my point of departure to the world.

The supply sergeant had me sign a paper noting the missing items, stating the locker had been locked and was opened in my presence. I was returned to our

orderly room by the Jeep and went to lunch at the Mess Hall.

After lunch I went to the EM Club that opened at 2 p.m. and had a beer while listening to the jukebox. It was actually just a reel-to-reel tape player that had come from the PX, but there was some good music that led to me staying for a second beer and talking to anyone that came in.

I eventually made my way back to the transit barracks and wrote the last letter I would write from Vietnam.

I would drop it in the mail the next day, and without a doubt, it would beat it home.

I took a shower and a nap, then returned to the club for a burger and another beer at dinner before heading back to the transit barracks to go to bed.

I turned in around 9:30 p.m. and slept until about 6 a.m. the next morning. Charlie did not interrupt my final night of sleep in An Khe.

Editor's Note: *The Pacer, An American Story* was written by local author David Paramore as a fundraiser for Point of Grace (POG) Christian School. The Pacer is available for purchase on Amazon as a paperback or Kindle e-book download, with all proceeds going to support the expansion of POG. Kindle Unlimited members can download the book for free and support the POG expansion by way of Amazon paying a "royalty" on each download. Visit www.thepacerstory.com for more information.




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LEGALS

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Application for Permit by: Florida Department of Transportation 1109 South Marion Ave WWTF Lake City, Florida 32025 FILE NUMBER FLA011830-006-DW3P

TAYLOR COUNTY FDOT - US 19 TAYLOR REST AREA

NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

Enclosed is Permit Number FLA011830 to operate the FDOT - US 19 Taylor Rest Area WWTF, an existing 0.010 MGD annual average daily flow (AADF) permitted capacity extended aeration wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The facility consists of three aeration basins with a combined volume of 12,000 gallons, one 6,000 gallon chlorine contact chamber. Wastewater residuals are transported to American Pipe Tank, Inc, RMF for further treatment and final disposal. This permit is issued under Chapter 403, Florida Statutes. Monitoring requirements under this permit are effective on the first day of the second month following the effective date of the permit. Until such time, the permittee shall continue to monitor and report in accordance with previously effective permit requirements, if any.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

Petition for Administrative Hearing
A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant and persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. You cannot justifiably rely on the finality of this decision unless notice of this decision and the right of substantially affected persons to challenge this decision has been duly published or otherwise provided to all persons substantially affected by the decision. While you are not required to publish notice of this action, you may elect to do so pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(10)(a), F.A.C.

The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. If you do not publish notice of this action, this waiver may not apply to persons who have not received a clear point-of-entry.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests

are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation
Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Judicial Review

Once this decision becomes final, any party to this action has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S., by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190 with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel (Station #35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000) and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice must be filed within 30 days from the date this action is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

EXECUTION AND CLERKING

Executed in Jacksonville, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thomas G. Kallemeyn

Permitting Program Administrator

Attachment(s):

1. Permit No. FLA011830

2. Notice of Permit Issuance for optional newspaper publication

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy clerk hereby certifies that this document and all attachments were sent on the filing date below to the following listed persons:

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FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FILED, on 29NOV2021, pursuant to Section 120.52, F.S., with the designated Department

Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Shonathuray Buie

Clerk

June 29, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

A REBECCA NEWMAYER

Last known address of:

12041 Odell Musselswhite Rd

Perry, Florida 32348

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Perry, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Perry Newspaper

Dana Southerland

Taylor County Supervisor of Elections

P O Box 1060

Perry, Florida 32348

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida College will hold a summer workshop on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the NFC Board Room in the Student Center (Bldg. 9), 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. For more information, an agenda or to request disability-related accommodations, contact the President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or email wheeler@nfc.edu. North Florida College is deeply committed to the safety of our trustees, employees, and community members who may choose to join us. This in-person Board workshop will follow CDC guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing. If you would like to attend this meeting, please notify Michelle Wheeler by phone 850-973-1618 or by email wheeler@nfc.edu at least one day prior to the workshop, so we may provide the proper accommodations and spacing for this gathering. NFC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION.

Case No. 2021-316-CP

In Re: The Estate of:

NELSON EDDIE EZELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of NELSON EDDIE EZELL, deceased, whose date of death was November 08, 2020; File Number 2021-316-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, Florida 32348. The name and address of the personal representative and her attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice has been served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate

must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: July 14, 2021.

SALLY ROBERTS

Attorney for Personal Representative

Florida Bar #102816

P.O. Drawer 2026

Perry, Florida 32348

Phone: (850) 838-7272

HELEN L. EZELL,

Personal Representative for the Estate of

NELSON EDDIE EZELL, deceased

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Ricky Bobby's Towing LLC gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on Aug. 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. at PO Box 1182 Perry, Fla., 32348-1182, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Ricky Bobby's Towing LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

19UYA2250XL010087 1999 Acura

1C3CDFB88ED776173 2014 Dodge

1FMZU32E9XB30530 1999 Ford

1J4NTT1FB1BD170613 2011 Jeep

3VWD67AJ9GM296317 2016

Volkswagen

MAJ3P1TEJXC243889 2018 Ford

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING,

JULY 20, 2021

TO: LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: ROBERT EDWARDS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, JULY 20, 2021 IN THE SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. CONSENT ITEMS

3.01 APPROVE REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM AT NFCC FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: JACKSON WARD, JALEN HILL, & RILEY EDWARDS

3.02 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SPECIALIZED EDUCATION ASSOCIATES, LLC

3.03 APPROVE 2021-2022 LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS: (1) RECOMMENDATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL, NON-INSTRUCTIONAL, SUBSTITUTE WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS/ASSISTANTS

4.02 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH

ACCELIFY/FRONTLINE EDUCATION

4.03 APPROVE THE 2021-2022 LAFAYETTE K-12 COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED READING PLAN

4.04 APPROVE 2020-2021 ANNUAL SREF INSPECTION REPORTS

4.05 APPROVE 2021-2022 FUNDRAISERS FOR LHS

4.06 APPROVE SIGNATURES FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTS FOR LES AND LHS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

4.07 APPROVE THE LCSD INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY PLAN 2021-2022

4.08 APPROVE 2021-2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ADVERTISING

4.09 APPROVE BOY & GIRLS CLUB TO RENT A BUS FROM THE DISTRICT TO TAKE STUDENTS ON A FIELD TRIP TO WILD ADVENTURES ON JULY 31, 2021

4.10 APPROVE CYBER INSURANCE POLICY QUOTE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

4.11 APPROVE PAYMENT OF FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021-2022

4.12 APPROVE LES & LHS STUDENT HANDBOOKS FOR 2021-2022

4.13 CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPIOID LITIGATION

4.14 CONSIDER AND APPROVE ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT WITH TERRELL HOGAN YEGELWEL, PA, REGARDING NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

4.15 CONSIDER AND APPROVE STATEMENT OF CLIENT RIGHTS REGARDING REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT AND NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

4.16 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS