

# BUFFALO SOLDIERS

## TROOPER LESLIE KEOWN

Born in East Chicago Indiana where he lived until the age of three. His parents moved to a small farm town named Dyer also in Indiana. After spending his childhood there along with three younger brothers, at eighteen he joined the United States Marine Corps. Most of his time in the Marine Corps was spent as a infantry man in combat. After a second trip to the Republic of Viet-Nam he was discharged and returned to his Midwest home town in 1970. For the next ten years he worked at the American Oil Company as a machinist in Whiting Indiana.

From 1980 to 1982 missing the military life he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves. In 1982 he reenlisted back to active duty with the Marines. After 25 years of service as a Infantry Staff Non-Commissioned Officer he retired from the U.S. Marines. During the 25 years of service in the Marine Corps he was awarded the following personal awards: One Certificate of Appreciation, and Two Meritorious Mast. The Republic of Viet-Nam Gallantry Cross with Large Bronze Star, Two Navy Achievement Medals, One Navy Accommodation Medal, and Five Good Conduct Medal, along with numerous Unit Citations and Ribbons. In civilian life he retired from Lockheed Martin Corporation as a contractor attached to Naval Special Warfare Group 1 (Navy Seals), Camp Michael Monsoor Campo, California.

Currently enjoying retired life as horse rancher and the owner of the Broken Wheel Ranch. He has two daughter and a lot of grandchildren. He has memberships in The 1st Marine Division Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, 9th & 10th Horse Cavalry Association, U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), American Quarter Horse Association, National Rifle Association (NRA), Single Action Shooter Society (SASS) and currently sits on the Board of Directors for Camp Lockett Event & Equestrian Facility (CLEFF).

