



# The Viet Nam Triple Deuce, Inc.

An Association of 2 Bn. (Mech)

22nd Infantry Regiment

Viet Nam Veterans

Together Then.....Together Again!.....

Thanks for Being There...&...Welcome Home



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## President's Message

My name is **Ken Schulte** and I'm the newly elected President of the Triple Deuce. Dick had asked me if I'd be interested in serving in this capacity and the next thing you know I'm writing this column. For those of you who don't know me, I served with the battalion from January 1969 to January 1970 in A Company 3rd Platoon. If you were there during that time the track I drove at the end was called the "House of the Rising Sun". I've been a member of the 22 Infantry Regiment Society for about 5 years and have been at the reunions since Omaha. The Triple Deuce is very near and dear to my heart because all of you and I have a bond that can't be broken! That bond is one of the greatest assets we all have. I only hope we can get more of our Brothers to make it to the future reunions so we can grow the size of the bond we all share.

Speaking of reunions, wasn't Seattle great?!!!! **Lynn Dalpez** and all the west coast Deucers did a great job putting on a wonderful weekend for all of us. The accommodations were excellent and the events were wonderful. The Seattle reunion set the bar pretty high for Atlanta in 2011 but I know the regiment will be ready for a great time once we get there.

That's about it for my first time. Up here in Minnesota when it comes to October, November and December I like to be hunting, fishing, hunting, fishing, I think you knew what I mean. Unfortunately I also need to work so I better get back to it. Take care all you and have a great Thanksgiving and Holiday season. Remember to enjoy the freedom we all fought for!!!!

**Kenny Schulte** A 69-70  
(Lumpy)

## Dick's Closing Comments

Just a note to thank the Board, the membership, and everyone else in the Vietnam Triple Deuce family for your support of this organization and my part in it for the last four and a half years. Congrats to **Ken Schulte** for his election to the Board, and I know you have selected a great guy to the President job. I also want to thank **Joe Esser** and **Lon Oakley** for their help with the many communications of my Board time, and I look forward to many more conversations with you as Chief Locator for a while. In that capacity, I ask you all to contact me with ANY suggestion in the area of locating our Brothers who still don't know about us. No idea is a bad one until tried, and proven, so hit me with anything you can come up with. Again thanks to you all, and hoping to see you in Atlanta.

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## Editor's Comment

What an honor! I just rode with the Patriot Guards

The **Patriot Guard Riders** are a patriotic group who attend the funerals of members of the U.S. Armed Forces at the invitation of the deceased's family. Although initially founded by motorcyclists, the organization is open to anyone, regardless of political affiliation, veteran status, or whether they ride or not. The only prerequisite is "a deep respect for those who serve our country; military, firefighters, or law enforcement"

The group was initially formed to shelter and protect the funerals from protestors from the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Ks. who claim that the deaths of U.S. service members in Iraq and Afghanistan are divine retribution for American tolerance of homosexuality The Patriot Guard positions itself to physically shield the mourners from the presence of the Westboro

protesters by blocking the protesters from view with their motorcade, or by having members hold American flags. The group also drowns out the protesters' chants by singing patriotic songs or by revving motorcycle engines.

The group's mission quickly expanded to include the funerals of law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, all first responders, and any active duty member or veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces from all previous wars and conflicts and is now largely focused on recognizing and honoring the sacrifices of deceased soldiers as well as their families and loved ones.. (Wikipedia)

The honored soldier, Army Sgt. Joel Murray died September 4, 2007 in Iraq when a bomb destroyed the Humvee he was in. Murray was in his second tour of Iraq. His father and grandfather are veterans. This ceremony was to honor him at the dedication of a monument in his small hometown.

We, the Vietnam era veterans, were not welcomed home. We were met, in many cases, by angry hostile protestors.

Life is a choice. We can watch the brave young men currently returning and say It's not fair when we were treated so badly. or we can say This is how it should be. Knowing the right choice we welcome the young ones into our fold knowing that they too will deal with the demons of war. They too will need the support of Brothers.

See you in Atlanta where we can continue our process of welcoming Brother's home. Until then keep the phone calls, e-mails and personal contacts going Anyway, that's how it seems to me.

**Dan Streit D/69**

## Invitation from the 12<sup>th</sup> Evac

The 12th Evac Reunion in San Antonio will be Nov. 2011. For information contact William C. McDill at [NOVATOWCM@aol.com](mailto:NOVATOWCM@aol.com). I guarantee that they would be glad to see anyone they treated in the Cu Chi facility

**Jim Nelson C 67-68**



“The Distinguished Member of Vietnam Triple Deuce award is presented to **Dave Milewski** by outgoing President **Dick Nash** at the Seattle reunion. Dave’s many contributions to the organization cover the entire time frame since VN222 was begun in 1996. Congratulations Dave (and Judy).

## Agent Orange

Here is some important news I just came across. It is a current list of AGENT ORANGE PRESUMPTIVE CONDITIONS.

### Mad Doc A, HHC 65-67

#### Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions

1. Acute and Sub-acute Peripheral Neuropathy
2. [Angiosarcoma](#)
3. Alveolar Soft Part Sarcoma
4. Adult Fibrosarcoma
5. Bone Pain
6. [Chloracne](#)
7. Clear Cell Sarcoma of Aponeuroses
8. Clear Cell Sarcoma of Tendons and Aponeuroses
9. [Congenital Fibrosarcoma](#)
10. Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans
11. Marriott Seattle Airport
12. Epithelioid Malignant Leiomyosarcoma
13. Epithelioid and Granular Malignant Schwannomas
14. Epithelia Sarcoma
15. Extra skeletal Ewing’s Sarcoma
16. [Hemangiosarcoma](#)
17. Hodgkin’s Disease

18. Infantile Fibro sarcoma
19. [Leiomyosarcoma](#)
20. Marriott Seattle Airport
21. [Lymphangiosarcoma](#)
22. Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma
23. Malignant Ganglioneuroma
24. Malignant Giant Cell Tumor of the Tendon Sheath
25. Malignant Glandular Schwannoma
26. Malignant Granular Cell Tumor
27. Malignant Hemangiopericytoma
28. Malignant Leiomyoblastoma
29. Malignant Mesenchymoma
30. Malignant Schwannoma with Rhabdomyoblastic Differentiation
31. Malignant Synovioma
32. Multiple Myeloma
33. Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
34. [Porphyria Cutanea Tarda](#)
35. Proliferating (systemic) Angiendotheliomatosis
36. Prostate Cancer
36. Respiratory Cancer
37. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)
38. Synovial Sarcoma
39. Type II Diabetes

## The Inside Track

I hope all attendees of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS Seattle Reunion had a good time. It was a very high honor for me to be chosen as the Chairman of the reunion, and to work with the many “Deeds, Not words” people that helped us in pulling it off. Even the weather god kicked in with some very nice, if not rare, sunny Pacific NW weather for us. I’m sure that I will pay for that this coming winter.

The Public Affairs office at Fort Lewis, WA came through for us big time. My contact, Matt Hinkle, at the Public Affairs Office bent over backwards to provide us with a complicated, whirlwind tour of the fort. Timing for the various stops along the way had my blood pressure pegging the meter, but Matt and his crew came through for us. The chow that we were served on post sure as heck wasn’t what we were served when we were training in Fort Lewis back in 66. It was great, and all you could eat too. ... even ice cream cones for crying out loud! I tried to re-up, but the Army hasn’t changed enough to let a 63 year old trigger happy Mech. guy back in for any reason. Ah well, it’s probably for the best, but I would like to take a shot or two at those Tally Bums in Afghanistan, and get to know the worlds most beautiful SFC at the 1/94<sup>th</sup>

Arty unit that we visited. She was real nice to us too, and represented to me just how much the Army has changed since we were in.

Hooking up with Art & Lee Beltrone and the Marking Time group's presentation of the Vietnam Graffiti display at the Washington History Museum in Tacoma was a great addition to our reunion. Seeing the memorabilia from the USNS Nelson M. Walker troop ship that took the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to Vietnam, including all the 22<sup>nd</sup> IR soldiers, tied in perfectly with our theme, "Walking the walk that the 22<sup>nd</sup> IR walked on its way to the Vietnam War." It sure brought back some memories for me. We surely were crammed on the Walker like a bunch of sardines weren't we?

CBS Producer Nicole Marx, along with CBS News Correspondent Randall Pinkston, interviewed some of us for an upcoming (at this writing) Veterans Day prime time CBS TV show. ("Lynn, Randall asks, "what's it like to go to war in a ship like the Walker?" I respond, "It sucked Randall, but thanks for asking.")

The Marriott Seattle Airport employees headed up by Keith Anderson came through for us in a big way as well. ...and how about that Hospitality Room!? The day that I first saw it, I knew it was exactly what we needed. Many of the Marriott employees told me of the honor that they had in serving our needs.

**Betty Brenneman**, A/2/22 Spouse (Dwight's wife), taking charge of the Ladies Breakfast allowed the Reunion Chairman to live another day. Many of the wives told me of their appreciation for the event, and the great job Betty did. It was held on a raised patio around the swimming pool that has many live trees in amongst the tables and chairs which offered kind of a secluded feel to the place.

Many thanks to **Rich Miller**, C/2/22 Original, and his group that brought in the colors for the Saturday night banquet. They were dressed in the period uniforms from the wars that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Reg. served in. Based on the amount of pictures taken of them by the members, it was a huge success. Rich dressed in a Spanish American war uniform. I didn't know he was that old, or that he could still fit in his uniform.

My roommate **Steve Cowlthorp**, C/2/22

Original, and I do not want to talk about the thumping that **Skip Fahel**, B/2/22 President of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS, gave us on the golf course the Wednesday before the reunion started. I guess letting the boss win is a good idea, but Steve and I were NOT letting him win...he just went and did it on his own!

Many thanks to the many people who helped me pull the reunion off. My Charlie Company Brothers who helped to keep things lively in the Hospitality Room, including a show down between our former CO's, **George C. White III**, and **Roger Frydrychowski** about where exactly Soui Tre, or Fire Support Base Gold actually was. None of us that was there could figure out which had won the argument because we sure as hell didn't know where we were at the time...some big clearing in war zone C in Vietnam is all we knew. Still, a lot of things fell into place for me, and others as far as I can tell, about that day that won us the rare, and prized, Presidential Unit Citation.

Meeting the guests from the 2/12 Inf. Reg., and 2/77<sup>th</sup> Arty, along with a lone tanker from the 2/34<sup>th</sup> Armor that were also at Soui Tre, was something very special for us all. **Joe Engles**, 2/77 Arty Walker Original, talked about their appreciation of the Triple Deuce, Charlie Company especially as we came into the battle right where Joe and his group were, was not only interesting, but helped many of us to put that day in perspective. "Please keep in mind, that if you were not ruthless in dispatching the enemy that day, none of us would be here today to tell you of our appreciation." This is not an exact quote from Joe, but that is what was conveyed by him, and agreed upon by our Brothers of the 2/77<sup>th</sup> Arty who attended with him. Along with the guys from the 3/22 I.R., those veterans held on at Soui Tre while looking death straight in the eye, until we could get there to help them out. To be thanked by men such as this is an honor, to be sure. Remember, the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS invites guests to our reunions, so put the word out to come join us as did the mighty men from, 2/77 Arty, and 2/34 Armor.

I am very flattered that you members re-elected me to a Director's position once again,

and the Directors reelected me to be your Vice President again. Coming from guys like you, I am honored beyond belief.

Congratulations to **Ken “Lumpy” Schulte** for being elected as the Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. President. The vote was unanimous. We got the guy that we wanted for the position whether he wanted it or not.

I have instructed Ken to keep in mind that the Vice President doesn't really do anything except kick the President's butt if he tries to retire from the position. Further congratulations go to our reelected Directors, **Jim May**, Tres., **Dan Streit**, NL Editor, and **Jim Nelson**. Ken and I round out our Board of Directors. Thank you members, for your trust in us.

A very special thanks goes to our former President **Dick Nash**, A/2/22 and HHC/2/22 1969 for his outstanding leadership these past years. Don't worry, Dick isn't going anywhere. If he tries, we will hunt him down and drag him back to us. Sorry Dick, but as Jim May told me once, “You know too much to be let out of our sight.”

Our next reunion will be held in Atlanta GA. **Bob Babcock**, 1/22 Original, and past 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS President will be the Reunion Chairman. We are going to see the brand new US Army Infantry Museum just outside of Fort Benning, GA. Bob tells us that this place is huge, and filled to the brim with artifacts and displays that are awesome. The date isn't firm yet, but figure on April 2011 as being close. Shoot, at our age, 18 months will feel like tomorrow, so start planning now. Fort Benning is where the Airborne guys get their wings. I told Bob that Mech. guys do not jump out of airplanes so don't get any bright ideas about setting up a jump for us—else you might get jumped Bob.

Veterans Day is coming up pretty quick as I write this. I think I'll go march in a parade or two, and flash my Triple Deuce colors all over the greater Portland Oregon area along with my buddies of the local 25<sup>th</sup> Division Veterans Group. Wear your colors with pride guys. You are part of a little known Infantry Regiment that has honors that surpass many of the more popular military units portrayed in books and movies. Tell all you meet what “Deeds, Not Words”

means. Times have changed and people want to honor you, as well as our fallen Brothers, who we remind citizens of, as well as reminding them that freedom ain't free. ...to support the troops that are fighting, getting hurt, and dying for our freedom right now, far, far away from home. God bless them all, and God bless you guys too. You are the greatest.

Deeds, Not Words.

**Lynn W. Dalpez** C 65-67  
(aka The Kool Aid Kid)

## Thoughts About the Reunion

After the best reunion ever I have been thinking of all that happened. Allow me to reflect on some of the high points.

### Who wasn't there?

We missed Awb. He was the heart and soul of previous reunions. We missed Ival. (please see the comments in the Taps section)

### Who was there?

There were numerous first time attendees.. Ruth Crocker, Mildred Ingram, Fran Greenwood were with us Seven active duty soldiers from Fort Carson and two from Ft. Lewis attended. Two hundred and eighty five were in attendance.

### What do I remember as the highlights

After the hospitality room my memory will be taxed but

The carving of the Hemingway Turkey is always a meaningful ceremony. The Empty Chair tribute is always moving. The banquets with their good food, Brotherhood and festivities are memorable The awarding of the Distinguished Members of the Regiment and Honorary Members of the Regiment are apt tribute to deserving people. The tour to Ft. Lewis with the walk through of the barracks, eating in the DFAC (dining facility aka Mess Hall), the visits to the museum (both at Ft. Lewis and in Tacoma) was educational as well as reminiscent.

### On a Personal Note

If you saw Gary Hartt in the hospitality room hovering over a table with maps like a infantryman planning his attack. . . he was planning a four day trip through Oregon for me and the wife. He highlighted routes, noted points of interest and suggested schedules. Thanks to Gary we saw some of the most beautiful country ever. One of the advantages of having our reunions in different parts of the country is we get to see places and experience things we might otherwise miss. Look out Atlanta. . .here we come. (Oh yeah. . .riding the hotel shuttle, the connecting bus, the light rail, the monorail and ascending the Space Needle was way out of my comfort zone . . .thanks to Mick and Cheryl for that experience. )

Dan Streit D/69

## **Awb Norris Remembered**

I can't remember the year, maybe it was 2000 or 2001. Co C 3/22 had a reunion in Baton Rouge LA at a Holiday Inn.

The reunion organizers Chuck Boyles and others had rented a van which I borrowed to drive a load of veterans and their wives to New Orleans to the French Quarter. I got familiar with the roads which was good because of later circumstances.

Two nights later when the reunion was winding down Awb mentioned that he was not feeling well. He thought his bad stomach pain was caused by eating some hot peppers.

He made arrangements with two people to be taken to the airport at New Orleans and went to his room to pack. Neither individual came to his room to pick him up. Awb was feeling worse and it was now 2 A. M.

Sharon and I had turned in much earlier but were located in the same wing of the hotel as Awb.

All of a sudden there was a knock on our door. I got up but nobody was there. Now I was awake so I decided to go out to the railing on the outside of the building and watch the occasional car go by down ton the street.

After about 10 minutes out of the corner of my I saw Awb pushing his suitcases to the stairwell. I went over to him and asked what he was doing. He told me about the painful situation and that his ride had not come. I asked if he had knocked on our door and he said he had not. I told Awb I would drive him to the New Orleans airport as he wanted to get back to Florida and see his doctor. We got to the airport in time to catch his flight

The next day he was operated on for an aneurysm which saved his life.

Who knocked on our door?

Jim Nelson C 67-68

## **Finding Lost Brothers/Family**

In 1992, or thereabouts, a thought rumbled through my brain. We had lost a couple of guys in a 14 Jan. 1969 engagement and I wondered if Jim Martin had left a wife and kids behind. Jim was WIA that day and died at the 12th Evac. on the 28th. In the early 90's there was an organization that helped vets find other vets and families of guys who were killed called 'In Touch'. They gave me pertinent info on Jim like his hometown but said it might take them as long as two years to find the family.

Well, now that idea had finally seeded in my head, I wasn't in any mood to wait two weeks let alone two years. Jim came from a small town in Washington State and I figured how many Martin's could there be? A page and a half with three columns in each page to be exact!

I found Jim's family on my second phone call! Actually it wasn't that hard. Jim went by his middle, as many people do, and after making one call, a checked out Merle Martin and there was one listed. I tell people I'm half Polish - half Crazy - and part Detective! Although there wasn't much detective work.

Anyways, I called the number and an older woman's voice answered the phone. It turned out to be Jim's Mom and I told her that I served with her son and had a few pictures of him and would she like them. The call was a lit-

tle awkward after that because I didn't have anything else to say and we hung up.

Almost immediately I thought I had just screwed up by bringing all that pain back into her life and I was sorry I had made the phone call. As a God fearing man, I decided to leave it in His hands and if He wanted anymore conversations between us, He would have to have Jim's family respond.

Three days later I received a six page hand written letter (I still have it) from Jim's Sister, Connie. She wanted to know everything about her baby brother and would I please write back soon! And yes send the pictures!!!

Connie explained that Jim was able to get leave to be at her wedding and then off he went to Vietnam. That was the last she saw of her brother and because it was such a painful experience, no one in her family talked about it. They just stuffed it inside and went on with life.

Twenty-four years later, here comes Pete with his good intentions and opens it wide open! I'm very glad I did though. After writing for six months my wife and I decided to visit them, with their permission of course, and Jim's Mom put us up for the weekend we were there. Her husband was in a nursing home and we enjoyed each other's company right away. Connie took us to see Jim's grave and I got to chop some wood for Jim's Mom before we left.

On Sunday we walked across the street to church and enjoyed worship with a small town congregation. Connie told me as we left that the visit had been good for her. I knew it had been for me. As I was walking to the car I was thinking, "Finally...something good had come out of my time spent in Vietnam!"

I don't want to be presumptuous, but I'm pretty sure the visit was good for Jim's Mom too. Perhaps in some way, her son had finally come home. I could tell she had peace in her heart. Jim's Mom has since passed away but Connie and I still write once a year. I doubt I'll ever get back up there but I'm sure glad I made the effort.

The reason I'm telling you this is last year (2008) another brain wave shot across my

head! It's pretty rusty up there as it doesn't get much use! Because Jim Martin's experience turned out so well, how about it happening again with another family?!?

I had read in the Triple Deuce Newsletter that someone had written in about an ambush on 6 March 1969 and knew a track driver by the name of Lovitt, who was killed that night. I had met Lovitt only once or twice and we never said anything more than hi, so I didn't know him that well.

My track had hit a mine on 25 January 1969 and blew me out of the war, so I didn't know he was killed until much later after I came back to the world.

Anyways, I put my detective hat back on and found out David Glen Lovitt's hometown and started making some calls. On the third call I was talking to his Aunt and after explaining who I was and what I was trying to do, she gave me David's sister's phone number!

Talking to David's sister, Patti, was almost a replay of Connie's interest. Guys the women are interested in their brothers and fathers and cousins. They want to know. And if we have any information that can help them reconcile their loss, we should do our part. Perhaps that was one reason we were sent to Vietnam?

I don't wish to plaster Patti's phone number for all the world to see so if you have any pictures of Lovitt or served with him, please contact me and I will give you Patti's info. If you didn't know David but knew someone else it might behoove you to consider looking up their home state and town and doing some detective work. I really don't believe it will hurt...anymore then it does now. Perhaps you can be of some comfort and add to your résumé of those you helped in Vietnam. Good things happen when you help others. May our good Lord richly bless you!

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A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Mar.70 to Dec. 70

### Robert J. Labadie

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## Helloes & Comments

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B Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Dec. 65 to Sep. 67

Comments: Ray would like to locate **Baker, Barney, Davis, Monday, Reese and Howard.**

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HHC & C Co.,4<sup>th</sup> ID, 65 to 67

Comments: I am an Old Member re-joining"

## Taps

**Gerald L. Dorr** C Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 2-68 to 4-68

Passed away from Cancer on 7-15-09

Jerry was in C/2-22 for a few months in early 1968 and left the Company because of combat wounds. His call sign was, 'Fullback Charlie 2-6'.

**David G. Binder**, C 67 -68

Good morning,

I am writing to you in hopes that something might be posted on your website. My father, **Lt. Gerald (Jerry) Dorr**, served in the Triple Deuce in Vietnam. With the exception of the 2008 reunion in DC, he attended all of the reunions over the past 10 years, and they were so very important to him.

After a two year battle with throat cancer, he passed away on July 9, 2009 in St. Louis, MO. As many veterans can relate, my father told us stories of coming home to insults, scorn, and disrespect after he risked everything to serve his country. Attending the reunions and spending time with fellow veterans helped to bring him peace. I would like to inform those who knew my father that he was laid to rest with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Oct. 5, 2009. Thank you,

Aimee Green  
(314) 681-0386



Hello to All!

Just received an e-mail from the family of  
**Michael P. Morris!**  
A Co,4th, & 25th ID, 67 to 68

Mike Morris was my ammo bearer and good friend, it took us over 32 years to finally meet again and then this!!! I left the Triple Deuce (2/22nd) in September of 1967 and Mike took over my gun and with in the next day or two the unit was in an afternoon ambush and he received his first Purple Heart!!!

I will never forget Michael....

**Ed Davis**

A Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Mar. 67 to Sep. 67  
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I am very sorry to report the passing of one of the Triple Deuce's Medics who worked with Charlie Co. mostly. **Charles A. "Chuck" Kells**, of Republic Washington. Chuck passed away on Aug. 12th, 2009, and was buried with honors in his hometown. God's speed Chuck. We'll all be together again one day for our eternal reunion.

**Lynn Dalpez C 65 -67**

It is with great sadness I have to inform everyone of **Rich Hole's** departure from this earth. He like many of his fellow Vietnam Vets had diabetes from Agent Orange exposure. The immediate cause of death appears to be a heart attack which is fairly common with diabetes related complications. Richard was drafted from his hometown in Northern Minnesota in Dec 1965 and did basic training with C/2/22 and after basic became a cook with Alpha Co. of the Triple Deuce. On Sept 22, 1966, he boarded the troopship US General Nelson M Walker with 5000 troops of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division for a 20 day voyage to Vietnam. He was a caring cook that helped make the one nightly hot meal sent to the troops in combat as good as possi-

ble. He never forgot his fellow draftee soldier buddies and was saddened by their suffering. Occasionally he rode on the helicopters with the nightly chow and stayed over night in the infantry loader area and returned with the mermite cans to base camp the next morning. He also had the unpleasant but necessary task of acting as escort for the body of his cousin Mark Holte, a Charlie Co Vietnam KIA to Minnesota and then returning to Vietnam. He left Vietnam in Sept 1967 and then worked 40 years for the Burlington Northern Railroad. Rich Holte got reconnected with his army buddies at the San Antonio reunion and made every reunion thereafter including the Seattle reunion.

Rich Holte is survived by his daughters, Diane Holte and Mrs. Brenda Grandstrand and one grandson, Payton. He will be buried in his hometown in Northern Minnesota.

Cards of condolences can be sent to:

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Triple Deuce Benevolent Fund  
c/o Jim May, Treasurer of the Vietnam Triple Deuce  
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In addition to **Rich Holte**, Alpha Co. has lost **Dennis Alexander** (Michigan), **Mike Morris** (Michigan), **Thomas Lyons** (Ohio), and **Ival Lawhon** (Missouri) in 2009.all of which were with A/2/22 in 1967.

With Great Respect, Rich may you rest in peace.

**Gary Hartt A65-67**  
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I drove to Fargo, ND, to attend the services for **Rich Holte** yesterday. I was so pleased to see that **Rich Wylie** and **Lou Gross** were pallbearers. Rich would have been very touched by that. It was nice to see the guys, but certainly not under those circumstances. Wylie and Lou said the wake was really a nice tribute to Rich. They said his daughter, Brenda, read many pages of memories of her dad, some funny, some very poignant.

It was a very nice service. Rich has a very large family, which took up more than a quarter of the church seating. The little church was full; a really nice tribute to Rich. In the hallway, as we signed the guest book, there was a display of many photos of Rich and photos Rich had taken of his travels and of his family. There were some he had taken of his trip to the Seattle reunion included in the display.

During the service one of the guys who worked for many years on the railroad with Rich said he was glad that the obituary mentioned that Rich always liked to have the last word. Every time they discussed anything, this guy said that just when he thought the conversation would be over Rich would say, "Yeah, but...". This guy said it happened so often that Rich's nickname became "Yeah But" at work. The guy had been very close to Rich and was quite choked up when he spoke of him.

Themis Waddington also attended from Connecticut.

Micki  
Wife of **Larry Hansen** A/2/22,

Got a call last night from **Lou Gross**. He and **Rich Wylie** met in Ohio Sunday AM and made it to Minneapolis driving and should be in Fargo by Monday after noon. They will represent Alpha 222 at **Rich Holte's** memorial service. Also I contacted **Jim Neeley** on Saturday and he emailed the Minnesota C/2/22 guys **Van Karg** and **George Dahl** for me and they will also try to be at Rich Holte's memorial service.

**Rich Miller** said he would call **Leroy Henning** who was a good friend of both **Mark Holte** (C/2/22 KIA) and Rich Holte. Rich told me something about Leroy I did not know. Once each year for the past 40+ years he visits with the mother of Mark Holte and Rich Holte's aunt. Such good deeds should not go unnoticed. I am so very proud of my fellow Triple Deucers.

**Gary Hartt.**  
A 65-67



**Ival V. Lawhon, Jr.** died on October 3, 2009 in his home town of St. Joseph, Missouri after a long, valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 61. Ival was born in St. Joseph, Mo. In 1948, graduated from Central High School and later went to college at Arizona State University where he earned his BS degree in Radio & Television Broadcasting. He and his wife (Renee) had been married for 30 years. After his military service in the US Army Ival completed his college degree and returned to St. Joseph, Mo. where he had a 31 year career with the local newspaper (the *St. Joseph News Press*) as a photojournalist. He also taught photography for 31 years at Missouri Western State University.

Ival served in the US Army, Infantry, for 2 years during the Vietnam War. After training, he went to Vietnam and served with the 2nd Bn. 22nd Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the "highlands" area. With that unit, Ival participated in several major campaigns and received the following awards/ medals for his honorable

combat service: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, US Vietnam Campaign Medal with 4 battle/ campaign stars, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (individual award), Vietnamese Service medal. While in the 2/22 Inf. Regt. His unit also received the Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry- unit award and the Vietnamese Civic Actions ribbon. In recent years, Ival also received the State of Missouri Medal for Vietnam service. Earlier this year, Ival went to Ft. Drum, NY where he visited his old unit (2/22nd Inf. Regt.) and was presented a certificate from the Secretary of the Army recognizing him as a "Distinguished Member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment

Mr. Lawhon took a job at the News-Press in 1977 and stayed for 31 years, retiring in 2008. With his camera bag and large lens, he became a common figure at fires and crime scenes at any time of day or night. "For many people, Ival Lawhon was the newspaper — in the photos he took, in his demeanor, in his curiosity and professionalism. Everybody at the paper should aspire to emulate Ival in those respects," Dennis Ellsworth, executive editor of the News-Press, said. For his accomplishments, he was named a 2009 inductee into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was scheduled for Oct. 22 in Washington, Mo.

The National Press Photographers Association honored him with a first-place award in its 2003 competition. He won numerous state awards and developed a passion for shooting fires and other breaking news.

Mr. Lawhon had his photographic work displayed in libraries and other venues, including the Muchnic Gallery in Atchison, Kan.

## Guest Books Hits

Name: **Dennis Coffey**  
Email: [dgcoffeypot@embarqmail.com](mailto:dgcoffeypot@embarqmail.com)  
Date: 07/26/09  
Phone: 423-335-1443

Comments: Everyone check out [www.screamingeagle.com](http://www.screamingeagle.com) for a fantastic event in-

cluding all of us Vietnam Veterans It's a welcome home ceremony that's way overdue. See you there.

Name: **Michael Thomas Gragg**  
email: [michaelt@bellsouth.net](mailto:michaelt@bellsouth.net)  
Date: 08/11/2009

Comments: RVN Dec. 69, Dec. 70. HHC Flame until Nov. 70 then with H troop, 17th Cav. Arrived back in the world Dec. 25, 70. I just found this site thought I'd just say hello.

Name: **Albert Caputo**  
Email: [AL\\_CAP@MSN.com](mailto:AL_CAP@MSN.com)  
Date: 08/14/2009  
Phone: 509-315-5133

Comments: I was in A company Triple deuce 1970. God bless you all.

Name: **Skip Fahel**  
Email: [Eqf15@aol.com](mailto:Eqf15@aol.com)  
Date: 08/21/2008

Comments:  
I received a telephone call from Fannie Williams, the wife of **Arthur Williams** who was with HHC 2-22 and wounded at the Burt. Arthur is bedridden and would like to talk with those that served with him. His nickname was "Kingfish" Please email me and I will forward the e-mail that Fannie has sent me and the contact information.

Name: **CJ Simpson**  
Email: [cacie1@optonline.net](mailto:cacie1@optonline.net)  
Date: 09/01/2009  
Phone: 631 447 1271

Comments:  
Hey Brothers, sorry I missed the Seattle Reunion. I will definitely make the next years. It's been a tough year '09. Lot's of unexpected things happened Hey, **Gary Hartt**. Love you guys. I finally finished the book Lolita. Never got to finish it on the USNS Walker. Hey, Mario. let's get HQ and ACO stuff on the website;

Name: **Charles E. Weidner**  
Email: [weidner@slac.stanford.edu](mailto:weidner@slac.stanford.edu)  
Date: 09/09/49  
phone: 510-537-2732 650-926-8700

Comments: Another great reunion guys . It was sad yesterday flying home knowing were a year and a half away from the next one. Is it too early to book my room. Atlanta 2011. Hope to see you all there

Name: **Larry S Watson**  
Email: [watson-222@hotmail.com](mailto:watson-222@hotmail.com)  
Date: 09/11/2009

Comments: Today is 9-11-2009, Praying for the Victims, Hero's, Survivors, Our Troops, and Our country, Land of the FREE Stay Safe and Alert VN 222 1968 1969 B Co 2nd Plt

Name: **Robert G. Maurer**  
Email: [herman1966@aol.com](mailto:herman1966@aol.com)  
Date: 09/17/2009  
Phone: 631-588-4559

Comments: I served with 222 Mech Infantry 4th Infantry Division from December of 1966 until September 1997. I was in HHC as a radio operator. I had flaming red hair and was referred to as red. I am looking for **Joe Pascarella**, **Ray Zaharotas** better known as the Greek, Both Hartts, Big and little. Griggs, Hlaudy.

Name: **David Milewski**  
Email: [dmilew@aol.com](mailto:dmilew@aol.com)  
Date: 10/03/2009

Comments: **Joe Schwallie** from B company stopped me during my drive the other day. He saw my license plate and holder. We had a great chat.. He can be reached at [jkschwallie@aol.com](mailto:jkschwallie@aol.com)

Name: **Dick Nash**  
Email: [nash222@frontiernet.net](mailto:nash222@frontiernet.net)  
Date: 10/12/09  
Phone: 309 537 3536  
Comments: Another fantastic reunion just over.

We missed many of you, but Atlanta will be a great chance to get together to dedicate the monument to our fallen in 2011. PLAN ON IT. Thanks to you all for putting up with me for the last four and a half years, and congrats and thanks to Ken Schulte our new Prez. Deeds Not Words

Name: **Lynn Dalpez**  
email: [dalpezc222@yahoo.com](mailto:dalpezc222@yahoo.com)  
Date: 10/13/2009  
Comments: Dick, It was great working with you as our President. I also send congrats to **Ken "Lumpy" Schulte** for becoming our new President. I hope you briefed him on the fact that the Vice President doesn't actually do anything, other than pull a few fast ones on the President that is. Thank you all for coming to the Seattle reunion. See you in Atlanta.

Name: **Dick Nash**  
Email: [nash222@frontiernet.net](mailto:nash222@frontiernet.net)  
Date: 10/19/2009  
Phone: 309 537 3536

Comments: Hey guys, don't forget to send **Dan Striet** a few lines about your experiences at the Seattle reunion for the newsletter. Many a guy has told about looking into the outfit after reading those accounts from someone else. They really help find our Brothers. Help if you can.

Name: **David Korenman**  
Email: [misterk914@aol.com](mailto:misterk914@aol.com)  
Date: 11/03/2009  
Phone: 718 872 6133  
Comments: Dec '66 Fort Lewis to Dau Tang Bravo 2 Mech 22 Inf

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