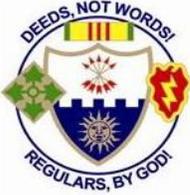


Viet Nam Triple Deuce



REUNION SPECIAL EDITION

April, 2023



We wanted to update everyone on the upcoming reunion before the next newsletter goes out. If you haven't registered and made your hotel reservations, now is the time to do it.

David Allin, DMOR
A/HHC 1969-70

CHANGES

Due to Bob Babcock's continuing recovery from heart surgery, the sponsor for this year's reunion will be Lon Oakley. As previously announced, the hotel hosting the reunion has changed to the Hilton Double Tree. Also, on May 11, 2023, Ft. Benning's name will be officially changed to Ft. Moore.

Travel to and from 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion at Columbus, GA May 2023

Traveling to Columbus, GA is a costly and difficult undertaking. Flights are limited. My advice is to travel to the Atlanta, GA Airport and then on to Columbus and the hotel via Groome Transportation.

Groome Transportation is a well-established company with schedules that will meet practically every need. Book your Groome travel by going to the Groome web site at groometransportation.com. Once you are at the site you will see BOOK A SHUTTLE. Click on that space. Then select Columbus, GA as your destination. Click on that and proceed to book your travel. Once you enter the date of your arrival you will see that there are shuttles leaving every hour. You can book your return by going back to the site and booking your return to the Atlanta Airport from the Columbus location. Groome has shuttles leaving Columbus starting at 2:30 AM and every hour thereafter. The cost of the one-way fare is \$47 per person when booked online. The cost is \$57 per person if you book at the pick-up point. And you may not be able to get on the shuttle if it is booked up. Be sure to leave plenty of time for your return to the Atlanta Airport. Travel time is 1 hour and 20 minutes. Again, plan on getting back to the Atlanta Airport well in advance of your flight departure time.

Here are some details on how to find the Groome Shuttle once you have arrived and picked up your baggage. You must go to the "Delta" or the "South" side of the airport and go through Gate S-6. Once outside, cross the walkway and look for the Ground Transportation signage and go to that site. Groome Shuttles are large vans that are well marked. The driver will have your name on a list of booked passengers. Your luggage will be placed in the van and all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the ride.

Getting from the Groome lot to the hotel will be taken care of by the hotel or Groome. The hotel's shuttle is under contract and may be taking pilots and crew either to or from the Columbus Airport. This only happens three times a day. The good people at Groome have told me that we need not worry because they will get us to

the hotel and pick us up as becomes necessary. If there is a question about Groome bringing you to the hotel, your contact at Groome is Mike Hansen.

The phone number for the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel is 706-327-6868

The phone number for Groome Transportation in Columbus, GA is 706-324-3939

Jim May, HMOR

Prov., Co 1968

FRIDAY REUNION TOUR UPDATE

Here are the latest proposed details for the Reunion Friday 5/19 tours. Remember we will have bus transportation and the tour bus transportation is FREE! Plan on joining us after breakfast as we travel out to Ft Benning's 198th Infantry Training Brigade who will serve as host to us for a visit. NOTE: We want to leave hotel NLT 0830hrs. The 198th Infantry Training Brigade motto "WE BUILD THE INFANTRY" explains their current mission to train and prepare new Army soldiers to become the Infantrymen of the future to assume the combat mission out on "Freedom's Doorstep." Scheduled at this time is a morning visit with 197th IN BDE's Bravo Company 2-47th Infantry who will be at Eagle Tower Sand Hill. An EST (Engagement Skills Trainer) will be on site to treat us to a handicap friendly event that involves observing training and participating in a hands-on experience for all. (NOTE: Bob Babcock reminds us that the 47th Infantry was assigned to 4th ID in WWI)

After our morning with the heroes of the 197th, we will bus out to the National Infantry Museum for an "on your own lunch" at either the snack bar (first floor) or NIM's Fife & Drum Restaurant (second floor.), followed by "self-guided" tours of the museum and grounds. Our schedule at NIM ensures everyone will have plenty of time to tour exhibits inside the museum and of course highlights of the outside displays tied to the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Those outside displays include Heritage Walkway Section 22A where over 125 pavers are dedicated solely to heroes of the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Also of interest is the "Sacred Ground" on Inouye Parade Field, where soil from every major US war is on display. You can visit the WALK OF HONOR where our 22nd Infantry Regiment Memorial Monument sits. There are at least 30 other monuments (to include 4ID and 25ID) of other Army units along the walkway. We are hoping to have WWII Company Street available for inside viewing which is located just down from Inouye Field. (NOTE: Thanks to Karen Harrison of NIM, who will have a couple of carts to travel up to monument area as needed) Finally at end of the day (1700hrs) we gather at our Memorial Monument for an observance of the 20th year anniversary of deployments of 1/22 to Iraq and 2/22 to Afghan at Retreat Call. Former 22nd Infantry Battalion leadership, from that era, will be in front of the monument to deliver some brief comments. After that we will observe moments of silence as the honor and call the names of the fallen of the 22nd Infantry from Iraq and Afghanistan. Those names are listed on Panel Four of the monument. Retreat will then conclude our visit. After Retreat is observed we will have a few minutes for any last-minute photos before we board buses back to hotel. Again If you haven't already done it, please indicate you will be joining us for the Friday tour(s) so we can get good head count for buses

Lon Oakley Jr.

Order of the Red Ant Award

This is a reminder to bring your ORA Medals to the reunion so you can wear them as you please.

This also a reminder that ORA 's will awarded on Friday evening after the evening meal. If you know of anyone who will be attending the reunion that is qualified to receive an ORA, please let one of the VN 222 Officers know who the candidate is and get the candidate ready to tell his story.

**Jim May, HMOR
Prov., Co 1968**

Reunion Loan Program

The Board of Directors has created a Reunion Loan Program for the purpose of providing Financial Assistance to Members who wish to attend a reunion. Here's an outline of how the **Program** works:

1. Funds will be available for lodging, reunion registration, 22 IRS Reunion activities including tours and banquets. And incidental expenses. Incidentals include breakfast and lunch expenses.
2. No cash advances will be made. Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. will pay all approved items directly to the provider. This does not include incidental expenses. The Treasurer will be responsible for incidental cost.
3. No bar expenses or room service charges will be considered as **Program** expenses.
4. The Member taking the loan and the Treasurer will agree to loan repayment schedules. There are no timetables for repayment and there are no interest charges.
5. The Board will, 12 months before the next 22 IRS Reunion, determine the amount that is to be allocated for the **Program** and the number of Members allowed to participate.
6. Selection will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis.
7. The identity of the Member taking the loan will not be announced or in any way made public.

So, if you have been considering coming to a Reunion, but haven't because your budget won't allow for it, well here's your chance to come and visit with your Vietnam Triple Deuce Brothers. The funds we have in the Treasury are intended for this type of use and nothing would please your Combat Brothers more than to have you come to the Reunion. You earned the right to be at a reunion. Come and join us.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the **Reunion Loan Program** should contact me. Remember, this is a "first come, first served" arrangement.

**Jim May
Treasurer
(207) 634-3355
jlmay@tds.net**

LIMITED NUMBER OF SECTION 22A PAVERS

The National Infantry Museum has confirmed there are only 25 paver spaces still available in our own Section 22A along Heritage Walkway. As of today our Regiment has over 125 pavers in the ground. If you have an interest you can still get one in BY REUNION TIME. Please see the attached form we used for our 2021

Veterans Day Dedication Ceremony to put in your request. Cost is \$200 (tax deductible) which includes a personal “mini” replica of your paver. Pay no attention to any dates on old form.

TO GET PAVER IN GROUND APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT NIM NLT APRIL 24, 2023.

Please send form, your check/credit card/money order payable to the National Infantry Museum Foundation at below address:

National Infantry Museum Heritage Walk Paver Program
ATTN: Karen Hoffmann (PAVERS AND DEDICATIONS)
1775 Legacy Way Suite 220
Columbus, GA 31903

Also if you will email me (Ldo82288@icloud.com) with copy of your form I will add you to our 22A list and we will do our best to help track your paver placement.
PLACE NOW...ONLY 25 SPACES LEFT IN SECTION 22A

Lon Oakley Jr



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date 2023	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room
16-May-23	_0900	1700	Set-up and Hotel Coordination	Conference Foyer
17-May-23	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer
18-May-23	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer
	_0700	_0730	Golf Preparation	Conference Foyer (depart 0730)
	_0900	1400	Golf	Maple Ridge GC
	_0900	1800	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	(Non-Golfers) See Listing
	1900	2000	Hemingway Turkey	Azalea Ballroom
19-May-23	_0900	1800	Registration	Conference Foyer
	_0830	_0900	Bus Tour of Ft Benning meet in Foyer	Conference Foyer
	_0900	_0930	Bus Tour to Ft Benning 197th Bde	Enroute
	_0930	1200	Visit with B 2/47th IN- 197th BDE	197th Bde Area
	1230	1330	Lunch at 197th DFAC	197th Bde Area
	1200	1230	Bus Tour to National Infantry Museum	Enroute
	1330	1630	Self guided tour National Infantry Museum	NIM
	1630	1650	Move to 22nd Infantry Monument	Enroute
	1700	1730	Reading of fallen 22nd Infantry Iraq/Afghan	Walk of Honor
	1730	1800	Bus Tour to Doubletree Hotel	Enroute
1900	2300	Buffet Dinner (ORA/DMOR/HMOR Presentation/Raffle)	Azalea Ballroom	
20-May-23	_0900	1100	22nd Society then 2-22nd Society Business Meetings	Azalea Ballroom
	_0900	1000	Lady's Breakfast (Coffe, juice and pastries)	75 person room
	_0900	1500	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	See Listing
	1700	1800	Bus to NIM Dinner	Enroute
	1900	2300	Dinner, NIM viewing	NIM
21-May-23	_0800	1200	Memorial Service & Prepare for Departure	Azalea Ballroom then Foyer
17-21 May 2023	1200	2400	Hospitality Room	Azalea Ballroom



NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM PAVER PROGRAM



22D INFANTRY REGIMENT SOCIETY

The Museum has set aside a section of commemorative pavers for past and present members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society in Section 22A on Heritage Walk. As a special incentive, the National Infantry Museum is offering the Society a special discounted price of \$200 (\$50 savings). With each paver purchased, you will receive a 2" x 4" miniature replica for your desktop. Any extra funds submitted will be used to help support the National Infantry Museum Foundation. Pavers will be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, if purchased by September 15, 2020.

I would like to purchase ____ 4" x 8" engraved granite paver(s) at **\$200** each, which includes 1 complimentary miniature replica. Additional replicas can be purchased for \$25 each. Certificates are available for \$10 each.

Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____

Print clearly and double-check your spelling. Maximum three lines, 20 characters per line, including spaces. Please provide documentation for any awards listed.

Additional replicas: \$25 ea.

Certificates: \$10 ea.

Visa MasterCard American Express Money Order Check
(Payable to National Infantry Museum Fdn.)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____ Cardholder Signature _____

Purchaser Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Sample

Sample

Mail form and payment to:
National Infantry Museum Heritage Walk Paver Program
1775 Legacy Way Suite 220
Columbus, GA 31903

**SP4 DENNIS LUIZ
"PALOOKA" 1968-69
A CO. 2/22D INF-RVN**

**DAVID R. CROCKER JR.
CAPT A CO. 2/22D INF
KIA MAY 1969 VIETNAM**

If you have any questions, please contact Ilene B. Kent at 706.685.5813, or email ikent@nationalinfantryfoundation.org

www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org/pavers

<p>Name to be Displayed on Certificate:</p>	
<p>List dates, units, and highest grade of service in a 22nd Infantry Regiment unit. Ex) Jun 1967-Dec 1967, B/1/22/4, SGT</p>	
<p>Short narrative on your total military service to include Reserve, National Guard, and other service.</p>	
<p>a. Date and place of entry into service</p>	
<p>b. Date and place of Basic and AIT training</p>	
<p>c. Other Unit assignments</p>	
<p>d. Date and place of discharge from service</p>	
<p>Highest Grade achieved in military</p>	
<p>Date and Place of Retirement from Military Service, if applicable</p>	
<p>List of Military Awards and Decorations received by nominee</p>	
<p>Narrative on Civilian Occupations and Civic Activities, if applicable. Include dates.</p>	
<p>List your Activities to preserve History and Traditions of the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Include items such as locating veterans, offices held, and involvement with reunions, website, and newsletter</p>	

Distinguished/Honorary Member of the Regiment – Background Information 4 August 2018

Name of nominee:

1. Explain nominee's tenure with the 22nd Infantry Regiment:

--Tenure dates

--Positions held

--Deployments / combat or equivalent

2. Describe contributions nominee provided to the battalion:

3. Describe the support the nominee has provided to the 22nd IRS (if any; is nominee active, if so, what has nominee contributed to the 22nd IRS)

4. Provide any unique non-Regiment/non-22nd IRS contributions (such as support to Veteran or equivalent organizations)

**22nd Infantry Regiment Society
2023 Reunion Registration Form**

Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus, GA

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

- I served with 22nd Infantry Regiment in: _____ Company, _____ Battalion, _____ Division
 Dates served: _____
- I served in support of the 22nd Infantry Regiment: Unit: _____ Dates served: _____
- I did not serve/support the 22nd Infantry Regiment

Reunion Registration (Information for name Tags): Member or Associate member: Guest under 18, no charge

Reunion Registration

First name	Last Name	City/ State
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Transportation [Reservations for tours must in received by May 1, 2023]

Do you need handicap bus? : Yes / No (Circle one)

Friday Bus to Fort Benning Num: _____ @ No charge
 Ladies Activity Num: _____ @ No Charge
 Guest Registration Fee Num: _____ @\$10 ea. (No Charge for members)

Meals

Friday Buffett. Num: _____ @ \$40.00 ea. **Total: \$ _____ Friday Evening**

Busses to National Infantry Museum provided: Num: _____ @ No Charge

Saturday Banquet	Num: _____ @ \$40.00 ea.	Total \$ _____
Chicken Florentine	Num: _____ @ \$43.00 ea.	Total \$ _____
Scottish Salmon	Num: _____ @ \$45.00 ea.	Total \$ _____
Beef Short Ribs	Num: _____ @ \$35.00 ea.	Total \$ _____
Vegetarian	Num: _____ @ \$35.00 ea.	Total \$ _____

Totals: \$ _____ Saturday evening

Optional Donation to offset Reunion Cost (Hospitality Room)

Total \$ _____

Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund

Total \$ _____

Purchase of Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Num: _____

Total \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Registration form must be received by Martin Oelkaus: NLT 1 May 2023

\$ _____

Send PDF & Check to: 22nd Infantry Regiment Society
 C/O Martin Oelkaus
 Post Office Box 3258
 Independence, MO. 64055-8258

Send PayPal Payment to: 22nd Infantry Regiment Society
 At: moelklaus@aol.com
 Upon completion, please email your 2023
 Reunion Registration PDF to: moelklaus@aol.com

Send Zelle Payment to: 22nd Infantry Regiment Society
 At: 816-805-0845
 Upon completion, please email your 2023
 Reunion Registration PDF to: moelklaus@aol.com